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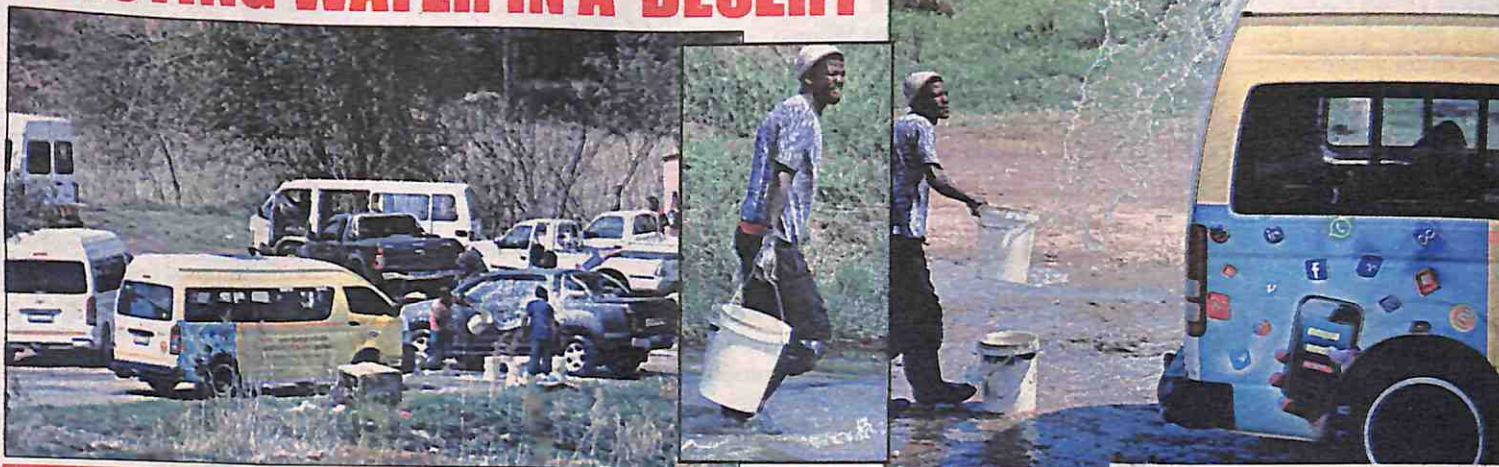
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# EX-LUBOMBO RS JACK MBINGO IS DEAD

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

## FORMER Lubombo Regional Secretary Jack Mbingo is dead.

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● He passed on last Friday following a long battle with diabetes. The passing on of Mbingo was confirmed by his son, Dennis who is the Chief Executive Officer at First National Bank (FNB).

National Bank (FNB). Mbingo worked under then RA Logwazela Tfwala between the year 1991 and 2001. Mbingo had a long career in senior government roles

that lasted nearly 40 years before his retirement in 2001.

**Appointed**  
It would be recalled that Mbingo became Commissioner of

Cooperatives from the late 70s to 1991, upon which he was appointed Lubombo RS.

### Creation

He was also instrumental in supporting the creation of many cooperative societies in the country and promoting greater government involvement in the early years of the cooperative movement in Swaziland. Mbingo has lived to see some

of his children rising to leadership positions both under government and non-governmental organisations.

These include Micro Projects Director Sibusiso Mbingo, FNB CEO Dennis Mbingo, First Secretary for the Swaziland Mission at the UN Kenneth 'Bhobabhoba' Mbingo and Mbabane Senior Prosecutor Mbutfo Mbingo.

## Education minister blasted over E5m broken promise

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

### MINISTER for Education and Training Phineas Magagula came under serious attack yesterday for not honouring the promise he made to SCU.

Magagula has been accused of not walking the talk as he promised to give E5 million in this financial year to Swaziland Christian University (SCU), something that did not happen.

This did not go down well with the lawmakers. They took turns in blasting the minister for reducing himself to a person who liked blabbering.

This was during the tabling of the first quarter performance report by the minister before members of his ministry's portfolio committee, which then debated it. The portfolio committee is chaired by Hosea MP Thulani Masuku.

Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe urged Magagula to write a letter of apology to the Korean sponsors who came here to build a university, with an intention of improving the education of the country.

Shongwe went on to present a document, which he said was signed by Ministry of Education and Training Principal Secretary (PS) Pat Muir.

"In this document, the ministry promised to give E27 million for five years. Up to this minute, this has never happened. I now want to take this message to the King to find out if this was the right thing to do for the ministry," Shongwe said.

The legislator went on to say if a certain amount of power had not been taken away from Parliament, drastic actions would be taken to correct this matter.

"Kube lephalamende lena ayiphakuhwanga, kukhona beku-fanele kwenteke. Utangiva ke lova SiSwati kutsi ngitsini," he said in SiSwati.

Shiselweni II MP Mthokozisi Masuku also complained of what was happening at SCU. He said this was one of the things that decreased the standard of education in the country.

He said something should be done to correct the situation. The same thing was raised by Hosea



**BLASTED: Minister of Education Phineas Magagula.**

MP Thulani Masuku. He wanted to know when the situation would be resolved at SCU.

Mtsambama MP Richard Simelane wondered if the proposed transition of William Pitcher Teacher Training College and Ngwane Teacher College to a university would be successful.

"If we fail to take care of the universities we have right now, I doubt if we will be able to take care of these universities we are proposing," he said.

In response, Magagula said he would not be able to write the letter because his ministry did not even know of any donors.

"We were only informed of donors who had come to work in the country, but we were never involved in any dealings with them.

"I do not know why I would write the letter," Magagula said.

He said on the E27 million issue, there was an addendum that stated that the E27 million would only be given if it was available. The minister then said there were many issues they had to iron out first with SCU before their relationship could be smooth.

## Home Affairs worst performer, angry MPs wash their hands

**THE continued poor performance by the ministry of home affairs has greatly disappointed members of parliament.**

The legislators told Minister Princess Tsandzile they had run out of ideas on what to do in order for the ministry to provide service to the masses as required. Ngwempisi MP Veli Shongwe said he was so angry he was unable even to express himself.

He said, however, he would try to calm down so that he could express his frustration at the hands of the ministry. Shongwe said the ministry did not involve them in its activities, yet at the end of the day people at the grassroots level demanded answers from them as their official representatives.

He said the ministry organised several national events which needed people to participate but failed to inform them. Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini concurred with Shongwe. He said in one of these events people from his constituency were stranded without transport to ferry them home.

He said they telephoned him at midnight and accused him of being unhelpful, yet he was not involved at the early stages of the event planning.

He said he had to in turn call the minister who, fortunately, was able to organise transport for the stranded Nkwene residents. He did not mention the national event they were attending.

Mhlume MP Sifiso Magagula said he was also very disappointed with the

way the ministry performed.

He said the immigration department was the worst performer. Magagula said he was surprised that the ministry made no mention of its negotiations with South Africa on the extension of operating hours for Mananga border gate. He said that border gate was so busy it deserved to be opened 24 hours a day. The minister's response was that the extension of opening hours was a matter that the Swaziland government could not decide on and conclude all by itself.

She said the Republic of South Africa was supposed to agree on the proposed arrangements, adding that they had been negotiating with them for many years without success.

## E2MILLION TRUCK LYING IDLE

**MP Veli Shongwe asked Home Affairs Minister Princess Tsandzile why a truck that was purchased for more than E2 million was lying idle at the ministry.**

Shongwe said the truck was meant to bring the ministry's services closer to the people but that was not happening anymore, despite the wild outcry in the rural communities for services.

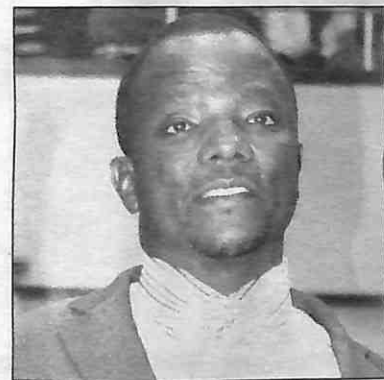
"There is no quality service delivery to the people and the truck has become very useless," said Shongwe angrily. He said those who were in need of the civil registration services always approached them demanding answers.

When they try to drive them to the ministry to seek assistance, he said,

they were turned away. His main concern was that the ministry frustrated even orphaned and vulnerable children by refusing them basic services such as birth certificates and national identities. He said they did so by demanding unreasonable witnesses, sometimes long departed parents of the children.

Shongwe further alleged that there was a South African farmer who was freely crossing into both Swaziland and South Africa without using any formal entry point.

Shongwe said the farmer around Ngwempisi area owned a farm that extends into the country. He said he grows vegetables and has the sole right to cross into Swaziland anytime he felt



**WANTS ANSWERS: MP Veli Shongwe.**

like without stamping his passport while Swazis were harassed for using the informal settlements. He challenged the minister to explain the arrangement the farmer had with the immigration department if at all there was any.

## SWAZILAND UNDER SIEGE BY ASIANS

**WITH the continued influx of Asians into the country, coupled with a looming religious war, Nhlambeni MP Frans Dlamini said the country was now under siege.**

Dlamini said the government, through the ministry of home affairs must act on the matter fast and decisively to prevent the imminent catastrophe. "What is the ministry doing to calm the situation?" asked MP Dlamini.

He said of greater concern to him was that some of these religious groups were known not to be tolerant, so much so that they could harm those opposed to them. He said already Bishop Steven

Masilela was leading a faction of Christians under the Council of Swaziland Churches, warning his followers not to participate in the recently announced public feasting by the other religious group.

### Occupying

Dlamini warned that in a few years' time more Asians would be occupying the legislature.

The Nhlambeni MP also wanted to know what would happen to the Asians who had already been granted Swazi citizenship yet they entered the country illegally in the first place.

The minister said it was possible to

withdraw the citizenship from anyone once it was established that he obtained it through fraudulent means.

Mtfongwaneni MP Mjulukko Dlamini said, there was a need to reconsider the decision the country took to allow the freedom of religions.

Dlamini asked the minister if the Christian religious leaders were acting at the ministry's instruction to inform Christians not to eat the meat that was provided by the other religion.

The minister said her ministry was never involved in the matter and that the church leaders were doing so on their own.

## Why Chief Immigration Officer not appointed

**MP Mjulukko Dlamini asked the minister to explain why he was not appointing a chief immigration officer since the position had remained vacant for too long.**

Dlamini said all the concerns by the MP regarding the immigration department should

have been taken up by the chief immigration officer. Dlamini said the ministry has now established what he termed a Friday Committee, which he said had assumed the responsibilities of the chief immigration officer.

He asked the minister if this committee had

been gazetted and how much power was vested on it.

The minister's response was that the position of chief immigration officer had been given a lower grade and they were now in the process of improving the position's grade.

Dlamini said what was even shocking was that government was failing to repatriate those they had been found to be in the country illegally.



# 'BOGUS' TEACHER STEALS E1 MILLION FROM GOVT

## COVER STORY

By Linda Jele  
High Court

**THE police fraud and commercial crime unit arrested a teacher for allegedly siphoning over E1 million from the Teaching Service Commission (TSC).**

Thabisile Nokwazi Tsela, aged 52 years, from Etjebovu Primary School near Mankayane was arrested by the Mbabane Police and charged with fraud for the offence she allegedly committed in 1994 when she was hired by the TSC as a teacher.

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It was said, in the charge sheet, that she induced the TSC to a loss and prejudice of E1 081 887.97 in the form of salaries, due to the said misrepresentation.

She was arrested on September 15, 2016 and made her first appearance

before the Mbabane Magistrate's court on the following day where she was remanded into custody.

She was kept at the Sidvashini Correctional Facility pending committal to the High court for trial.

She yesterday instructed her attorney Sabelo 'Chicken' Dlamini from NMK Attorneys to file an urgent bail application before the High court. In her affidavit, she stated that she is a single parent of five children, three of whom were minors and one a schol-



**PRESIDING: Principal Judge Stanley Maphalala.**

ar.

"My continued incarceration will not only be detrimental to my job, but also to the well being of my entire family and my future. I am advised and verily believe that all issues sanctioning a person's liberty are by their nature urgent, in particular because I am presently gainfully employed as a teacher since 1994," she said.

She undertook not to evade trial

once freed on bail since she only has one place of abode, being Ntandozi in the Manzini region.

She also submitted that the police had already finalised investigations on the matters, therefore, her released would not jeopardise their work.

The matter was before Principal High Court Judge Stanley Maphalala and the office of the director of public prosecutions did not oppose the application to be admitted to bail. Bail, was by consent of the two parties, fixed at E50 000.

Tsela was ordered to pay E3 000 cash and provide surety to the value of E47 000. She was directed to report to the police on a monthly basis and surrender her passport to the investigating officer.

She was warned against applying for another passport or leaving the country pending finalisation of her criminal trial, unless she has been granted permission by the court.

## TB places SD at top high burdened countries

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**TUBERCULOSIS (TB) has placed the country at the top high burdened countries in the world.**

This has been revealed in the ministry of health first quarter budget performance report tabled in parliament.

The report states that Swaziland's current estimates of tuberculosis prevalence are 605/100 000 population, placing the country at the top high burdened countries in the world.

It states that estimated incidence is currently at 733/100 000, and estimated TB-related mortality (excluding HIV) has stabilised at approximately 51/100 000 population over the decade.

"The TB/HIV co-infection rate among incident TB case has remained above 80 percent and equally challenging is the increasing burden of drug-resistant TB in the country," it is stated in the report.

The report further reveals that TB detection baseline is at 38 percent, while the target is 80 percent and between April and June they were at 60 percent. It however states that the treatment success rate's baseline is at 79 percent and the target was 78 percent while between April and June the treatment rate was at 81 percent.

The report further states that the ministry has introduced TB active case finding program.

"There is active case finding project which aims at conducting proactive door to door TB screening in communities.

The focus of this project is to identify TB index cases at health facilities then actively conduct contact tracing whereby all contacts will be screened for TB and ultimately linked to care if they screen positive and diagnosed with TB. Under this project a total of 369 Active Case Finders were trained and regional and national coordinator were recruited to oversee the whole project.

The report states that between April

## ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (MTB).

Tuberculosis generally affects the lungs, but can also affect other parts of the body. Most infections do not have symptoms, known as latent tuberculosis. About 10 percent of latent infections progress to active disease which, if left untreated, kills about half of those infected. The classic symptoms of active TB are a chronic cough with blood-containing sputum, fever, night sweats, and weight loss. The historical term "consumption" came about due to the weight loss. Infection of other organs can cause a wide range of symptoms.

Tuberculosis is spread through the air when people who have active TB in their lungs cough, spit, speak, or sneeze. People with latent TB do not spread the disease. Active infection occurs more often in people with HIV/AIDS and in those who smoke. Diagnosis of active TB is based on chest X-rays, as well as microscopic examination and culture of body fluids.

Diagnosis of latent TB relies on the tuberculin skin test (TST) or blood tests.

Prevention of TB involves screening those at high risk, early detection and treatment of cases, and vaccination with the bacillus Calmette-Guérin vaccine. Those at high risk include household, workplace, and social contacts of people with active TB. Treatment requires the use of multiple antibiotics over a long period

of time. Antibiotic resistance is a growing problem with increasing rates of multiple drug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB). Tuberculosis may infect any part of the body, but most commonly occurs in the lungs (known as pulmonary tuberculosis). Extrapulmonary TB occurs when tuberculosis develops outside of the lungs, although extrapulmonary TB may coexist with pulmonary TB. General signs and symptoms include fever, chills, night sweats, loss of appetite, weight loss, and fatigue. Significant nail clubbing may also occur.

### CAUSES

The main cause of TB is *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, a small, aerobic, nonmotile bacillus. The high lipid content of this pathogen accounts for many of its unique clinical characteristics.

It divides every 16 to 20 hours, which is an extremely slow rate compared with other bacteria, which usually divide in less than an hour.

*Mycobacteria* have an outer membrane lipid bilayer. If a Gram stain is performed, MTB either stains very weakly "Gram-positive" or does not retain dye as a result of the high lipid and mycolic acid content of its cell wall. MTB can withstand weak disinfectants and survive in a dry state for weeks.

In nature, the bacterium can grow only within the cells of a host organism, but *M. tuberculosis* can be cultured in the laboratory.

(Sourced from Wikipedia)

and June the National TB Hospital had 1 168 number of out-patients vis-

its. There were 57 admissions, 45 discharges and 9 deaths.

## 2 Mozambicans fines E500 each for peeing in town

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane

**TWO Mozambican nationals learnt the hard way that peeing in town is unlawful after they were each fined E500.**

Following their arrest for peeing behind the shelters at the Mbabane bus rank, Albert Ntsinini and Tito Mhlanga shifted the blame to one police officer they called Xaba.

They accused him of hating them for no apparent reason while adding that their arrest was organised by him just to spite them.

However, that did little to save them as the Swazi National Court ordered the police officer leading evidence to be removed and asked for the security guards to replace him as they are the ones

who caught the culprits red-handed. Actually, the accused persons who displayed a rebellious attitude after making it clear that there was a personal agenda against them with the police, made their first appearance in court on Monday but had to be turned back after the court asked for the security guards to lead evidence instead of the police officer. It is said the two refused to pay the E60 fine they were initially ordered hence the matter escalated to the court.

"I would like to know where was the police officer when we allegedly urinated at the bus rank as only the security guards approached us," Ntsinini said.

Court President Chief Lembelele sentenced the two to a fine of seven months in jail or pay E500 to gain their liberation.

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## FEES MUST FALL PROTESTS

# Wits Campus students stone the Great Hall

JOHANNESBURG -

Protests took a turn for the worse on Wits campus yesterday afternoon, when a number of students threw rocks and stones at security guards on the steps of the Great Hall.

The Wits University student protest over fees spread from the main campus yesterday morning as police fired stun grenades at protesters.

Students marched from the Braamfontein campus to the education and medical campuses in Parktown.

The university has decided not to suspend its academic programme, despite hundreds of students protesting. It says protesting students will be arrested if they do not comply with orders from police and security personnel.

At least 31 people were arrested on the morning when a group of protesters blocked entrances to the Braamfontein



**FED UP:** Students stand on the steps of the Great Hall at Wits University yesterday after throwing stones at security guards.

campus, but were later released on a warning. The students are demanding that fees not be increased next year.

## Sweltering

Through the sweltering Pietermaritzburg heat, blind student Sandile Madlala stood at the front of a group numbering the hundreds that marched in protest over a prospective University of KwaZulu-Natal fee increase.

The students, roused by the chorus of struggle songs, amassed outside

Pietermaritzburg's provincial legislature to demand free education. This after the announcement by Higher Education and Training Minister Blade Nzimande that tertiary institutions could hike their 2017 fees by up to eight percent for those who could afford it. Students who qualify for NSFAS or whose families earn above the NSFAS threshold, but who are unable to support their children to access higher education, will experience no fee increase in 2017. *eNCA*

## NMMU CLOSED AFTER STUDENTS PROTEST

PORT ELIZABETH - Students at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University protested at the main entrance yesterday.

They blocked the entrance at a traffic circle on University Way in Summerstrand.

The SRC said it would shutdown the institution together with students, to protest the 2017 fee increase announced by Higher Education Minister, Blade Nzimande.

The South African government insists that "well-off" families will have to cough up for the increase in fees for 2017, which Nzimande capped at eight percent.

On Monday, the minister announced tertiary education institutions across South Africa

were now permitted to individually determine the level of their 2017 fees increase.

In a statement, the NMMU SRC said some of the immediate issues that needed to be addressed, included students who were granted down-payment must be cleared of their debt, and given allowances.

"The students have expressed the fact that what the minister has announced does not address the problems our students are facing, we all agreed that the poor and missing middle are systematically excluded through the lack of funding. We will only be liberated through free quality education for the poor."

*Africa News Agency*

## 'Tell Steve Biko I died fighting for free education'

JOHANNESBURG - Wits students have abandoned plans to march toward the Hillbrow Police Station, resolving instead to make their way back to the main campus to hold a meeting on the way forward.

"Media, please assist, we are scared of police and are asking for you to act as a buffer so we are not attacked," said Khuthadzo Ramukhadi, a student leader at the university.

Several students held placards demanding free education in their life time, some screaming that police were attacking them while they fought for their rights.

"I am going to tell Steve Biko I died for free



education," one yelled. Students told journalists that police had said they would allow them to walk to different campuses, but met them with force earlier and were fearing the same would happen if they tried to return to their main campus. *News24*



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# Confusion as two financial statements presented

Stories by Linda Dlamini  
Mbabane

**THERE was some confusion during the Municipal Council of Mbabane annual general meeting when two different sets of financial statements were presented.**

The confusion came to the fore

during a question and answer session, where prominent businessman Walter Bennett asked a question as to which financial statements were being discussed at the AGM as he was in possession of different sets of these.

"I am not sure which financial account you are speaking of as there seems to be two different sets of

financials for the Council. I have one in my possession that is different from the one which has been presented here today," Bennett said. Municipal Council of Mbabane Mayor Benito Jones, in response said, "the financials that have been presented here today are the ones in the annual report, which are an extract, or rather have been extract-

ed from the comprehensive financial document which you speak of.

What you have are the detailed comprehensive results that appear in that document and the one that are being tabled here today are the same." At that point the mayor asked Bennett to sit down and give others a chance to pose questions. Dalriach East resident, Siphon Dlamini asked why there were two financial reports. "Please kindly furnish me with the comprehensive financial statements as they are more detailed than the ones being tabled here today," he said. "I thought we have come to discuss the contents of the comprehensive

financial statement but we find ourselves discussing the other financial statements," he said.

Former Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) President Sibongile Mazibuko also asked to be furnished with the comprehensive financial statement.

Chief Executive Officer Gideon Mhlongo said members of the public were free to seek clarification about the financial statements, and the contents thereof with the Municipal Council of Mbabane Finance Director Nhlanhla Vilakati.

However, he said this was not the forum to discuss the issue.

## Council sets turn around time to fix faults

**THE Municipal Council of Mbabane has encouraged residents to visit their offices if they come across faulty infrastructure around the city.**

Municipal Council of Mbabane Mayor Benito Jones said, "The Council has set a 24-hour response time to fix any issues that residents of the municipality have laid to them. This is part of the speedy service delivery we have committed ourselves to render to the residents of Mbabane."

Jones was speaking at the Municipal Council of Mbabane Annual General Meeting held at the Mountain Inn yesterday.

Zone Six resident Martha Dlamini during the question and answer session, complained about the lack of bus shelters around the city. "The state of some of the bus shelters is deplorable, what is the Council doing about this? Also I have observed that some of the street lights around my area have not been functioning for a while," she said.

Dlamini further alerted the Council to the number of potholes around the city and asked why they were not being attended too.

Jones said the problem was firstly, limited resources and secondly residents do not inform the Council about the problems that arise.



**24-HOUR: Municipal Council of Mbabane Mayor Benito Jones.**

"We as a Council strive to repair and maintain infrastructure but we do not know all the points that need to be repaired," he said. Jones encouraged residents to inform the Council if they encounter faulty infrastructure. "The Council is here to serve you residents however, it is difficult to serve if we are not informed of where the problems are," he said. Another resident of Mbabane complained about the traffic congestion in the city,

especially around five in the afternoon. "Are there any plans in place for the Municipality to do something about the traffic congestion? It is affecting the business people around the central business district," he said. Municipal Council of Mbabane Chief Executive Officer Gideon Mhlongo responded by saying the Council is looking at various initiatives that are aimed at channelling traffic towards other outlets.

## WOMAN BASHER SKIPS COUNTRY TO SA

Stories by Wonderboy  
Dlamini  
Siteki

**THE man who is reported to have brutally assaulted the mother of his child with a bush-knife is said to have skipped the country to neighbouring South Africa.**

This publication yesterday reported on an incident where a teacher at Mphundle High School was attacked and brutally assaulted on Sunday, allegedly by the father of her child who was in the company of two other men. The incident is said to have also left other teachers at the school traumatised as their colleague was assaulted in their presence at the teachers' quarters. Information gathered is that the man, who has since been identified as Sabelo, crossed the border to South Africa where he is also employed.

This was after he freed the woman whom he had also kidnapped and taken to Ezulwini, where the assault continued.

Apparently, the man resorted to the heartless bashing after accusing the woman of cheating with another man who is her colleague at the same school.

According to close sources, the man issued death threats directed to the woman, saying he would return to finish her off if he continued to get information that she was still in intimate contact with the said male colleague.

At the moment, the woman has asked not to say anything concerning the matter as she stated she was still finding it difficult to come to terms with the incident. Meanwhile, police have urged members of the public to seek professional assistance and counselling whenever they encountered such misunderstandings in their relationships.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati, said their doors were open under the domestic violence department to assist couples who could be facing problems in their relationships.

## Inter Agencies loses E1.5m to Corban

By Linda Jele  
High Court

**INTER agencies (Pty) Ltd has lost an application for an order to direct Corban Electrical and Electronics to pay E1.5 million.**

The companies had entered into an agreement where Inter Agencies sold a plot situated in Manzini to Corban Electrical and Electronics for E3.5 million.

However, the figure escalated to E5 million after Corban Electrical had failed to pay the amounts on the agreed dates. Corban Electrical later paid E3.5 million after it was funded by Standard Bank, leaving E1.5 million outstanding.

According to the agreement of sale, the amount was to be paid within a specified period and failing which, it was to be payable in full on demand by Inter Agencies or the agreement

would be cancelled and the paid amounts forfeited to cover damages. Inter Agencies then filed an application seeking an order for payment of the balance before the High Court and later filed an application for summary judgment.

A summary judgment is an order issued where one is owed and the other party is said to be without a defence.

Corban Electrical opposed the application and the matter was heard by High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe. The judge agreed with submissions made by Corban Electrical that Inter Agencies had not complied with the agreement which stipulated that they should first issue a written demand before instituting court proceedings.

"There is no disputing the fact that the plaintiff (Inter Agencies) did not issue a written demand affording defendant a reasonable time after it

failed to pay in terms of the agreement before it instituted the summons, claiming the outstanding amounts.

It is a fact that without any demand whatsoever, the plaintiff issued a summons and claimed payment of the outstanding balance," Judge Hlophe said.

The judge dismissed Inter Agencies' contention that the summons it had issued amounted to a demand. The judge said the demand contemplated in the agreement was a condition precedent to the issuance of the summons. He said even though Corban Electrical breached the agreement by failing to pay the balance in instalments as agreed, it was not open to Inter Agencies to claim the outstanding amounts without complying with the agreement first.

He dismissed the application and ordered each party to pay its own costs.

## Man arrested for sjamboking another

**A man of Mbadlane has been arrested and charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm after he whipped another with a sjambok.**

Robert Shongwe (50) allegedly wrongfully and unlawfully assaulted Nkosinathi Madzinane with a sjambok while at Esiweni Primary School.

Apparently the two men had gone to the school for a meeting when they eventually had a misunderstanding which resulted to the whipping.

The accused person appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso yesterday. When his rights to legal representation were explained to him, the accused elected to get the services of an attorney.

The matter was then postponed to October 26, 2016 pending setting of a trial date in the presence of his attorney. Meanwhile, two Mozambican men also appeared

before the same court after they were charged with contravening Section 7 as read with Section 8(1) of the Opium and Habit Forming Drug Act 37/1922.

Bernardo Manhique and Jose Jameson were nabbed at Mhlumeni Border Post while in possession of 1.78 kilograms.

Looking at the amount of the dagga, the senior magistrate first enquired how it was carried. It transpired that the dagga was in a bag belonging to the first accused person.

The second accused was subsequently discharged while the first accused pleaded guilty to the charge. In mitigation, the accused told the court he was asked by a friend back in Mozambique to bring him the Swazi herb.

He was accordingly found guilty by the court and was sentenced to four months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine.



# MANZINI NEWS

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## AGAINST ALL ODDS: MNZ COUNCIL TRYING HARD TO DELIVER SERVICE

If one takes into account the amount of rates money that Manzini property owners owe the local government (in excess of E70 million) it should be appreciated that the Municipal Council of Manzini is really trying – trying hard to deliver service to its stakeholders.

A number of tarred roads which had developed potholes have been patched – within the city centre and in the neighbourhoods. In fact, the maintenance programme is still ongoing.

Council hopes that the ratepayers who have not yet settled their rates bills will do so as soon as possible so that more ground can be covered in terms of service delivery.

E70 million is a lot of money and if it can be paid in full a lot can be done to improve service delivery in the vibrant Manzini municipality.

### Services

Council aims for nothing less than to deliver satisfactory services to the citizens of Manzini but the success thereof is highly dependent on whether or not property owners do pay their due rates.

Of course, the Rating Act, 1995, is clear on what should happen to rates defaulters but your caring Council has resorted to opt for that avenue as the last resort.

Council is so grateful to the ratepayers that have been loyal and exhibited love for their city by paying their rates.

It is through their effort that Council has managed to deliver service thus far.

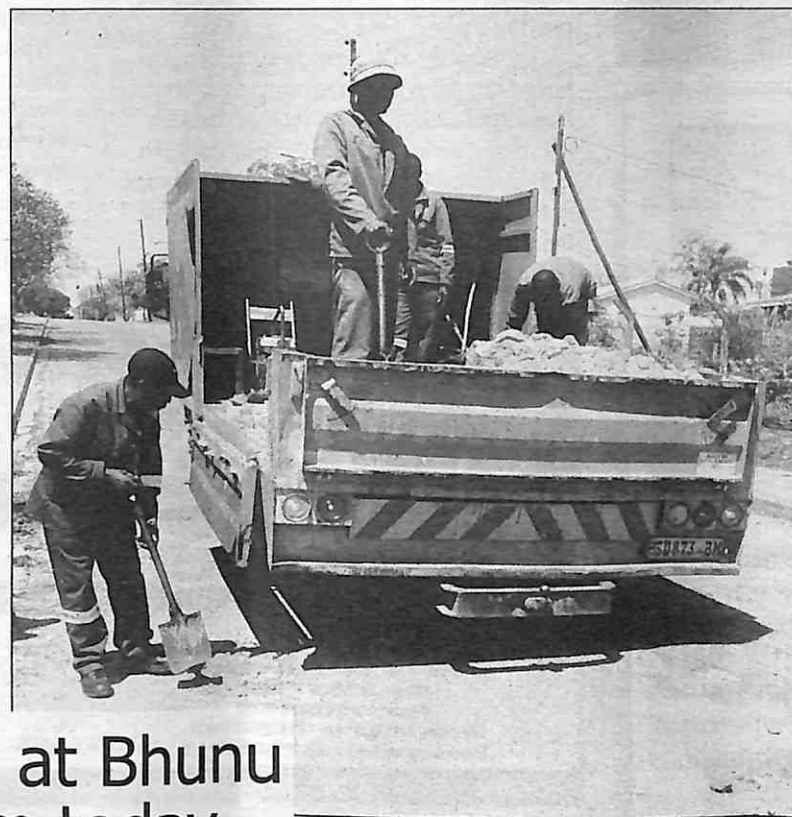
May Almighty God bless their sources of income.

The pictures (right) are a highlight of some of the service delivery work that is currently happening in the beautiful city of Manzini; particularly with regards to road infrastructure. More ground can be covered if those who have not yet paid their rates can do so as soon as possible.

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**NEW LOOK:** Tarring of the famous Mantayi road which connects Ludwala with Sihlahleni in Ngwane Park Extension is near completion, as with Mthombothi, Gundvwini and Mkhaya.



**OOPSI!** If all Manzini ratepayers can pay their outstanding rates, there would be no pothole patching by sand in Manzini. Please pay up and make Manzini a better municipality.

## ...YOU ARE INVITED: MANZINI AGM TOMORROW MORNING

**A**LL Municipal Council of Manzini stakeholders, including the business sector, parastatals that have a presence in Manzini, the financial services sector, non-governmental organisations, public transport associations, youth organisations, sports organisations, charitable organisations, associations of the disadvantaged members of the community, religious organisations, the education and health sectors as well as associ-

ations of informal traders are invited to the 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held at The George Hotel tomorrow, 7:30am.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the annual performance report of Council, including a report of independent auditors, to stakeholders.

This is one of many ways through which Council shows that she is accountable to the stakeholders that

she serves.

Stakeholders will be given an opportunity to comment on the performance report so that Council can improve in service delivery going forward. Copies of the Annual Performance Report are already available at the Council Reception area for those who may want to see it before the meeting.

Soft copies are also available on request. See you there dear stakeholder!..



**COATES VALLEY:** An employee of the Municipal Council of Manzini busy patching potholes in Acacia road, Coates Valley, using a compactor.



**COME RAIN OR SUNSHINE:** Municipal Council of Manzini employees hard at work unblocking storm water drains along Logwaja street in Extension 6.



**PERFECT ROAD PATCHING:** This is how the road portion between Ludwala and Stanley bridge in Ngwane Park looks like following recent maintenance works by Manzini Council.



**A HARDWORKING COUNCIL INDEED:** Fairview North residents recently heaped praise on Manzini Council for the ongoing tarring of a number of roads in their township.

## ...Rates kiosk at Bhunu Mall as from today

**I**N an effort to bring the rates pay point closer to ratepayers, the Municipal Council of Manzini will, with effect from today, set up a rates kiosk at the Bhunu Mall.

The kiosk will be located near the entrance to Jet Stores and will be operational every month, from the 20th to the last day of the month between 8am and 4:30pm.

The aim is to bring the rates pay point closer and closer to ratepayers so that they do not have to travel all the way to the rates hall for payment. However, no cash transactions will happen in the kiosk. Only payment by swiping, cheque or

debit order will be accepted. The Rates Hall will still be available and ready to receive ratepayers who prefer it for payment. Ratepayers who wish to know how much rates is outstanding in their accounts will also be assisted at the kiosk. Same with those who will want to update their contact details. Manzini ratepayers are encouraged to make use of this latest innovation. It is meant to make rates payment simpler, better and faster. Ratepayers are also urged to make use of the many other methods of rates payment, including Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and monthly installments.



# Civil servant conned E130 000 through 'Gumtree'

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

A civil servant based in Mbabane is living to tell the tale after he was conned a hefty E130 000 through Gumtree's online classifieds site, in a bid to buy a top of the range Ford Ranger.

Gumtree South Africa is an online classifieds site with 1019185 live classified listings. Individuals list free classified advertisements or buy and sell for free.

The government employee is said to have seen the advert on Gumtree and quickly made contact with the advertiser who identified

himself as Chris.

A source close to the matter said after he made enquires he was told that the car is in Westonina in Johannesburg.

"On the advert the car was sold for E180 000 and he thought he had found a bargain since a new Ford Ranger goes for about E350 000 while a second hand's market value is around E250 000. After contacting Chris, he tried to negotiate for a lower price and after some back and forth negotiation, Chris eventually lowered the price to E130 000 and he became more excited," said the source.

The source further said Chris asked the civil servant to pay E10 000 holding fee, which he paid. He said after a day, the civil servant was

further asked to pay a further E25 000 holding fees, since Chris claimed his boss was not happy with the E10 000 holding fee was too little yet many people were interested in buying the car.

"The civil servant called the 'boss' who confirmed that he required additional money to keep the car for him. After confirming with the 'boss' he deposited a further E25 000 into ABSA account," he said.

After a week the civil servant is said to have deposited the balance of E95 000 and later sent a confirmation slip of his deposit. After confirming receipt of the payment they are said to have arranged for a pick-up in Westonina.

"On the agreed date, the civil servant drove to Johannesburg in company of a friend to pick up 'his car,'" added the source.

Upon arrival they discovered that the address they were given is someone's home-stead and the owner denied any knowledge of any one bearing the name Chris. "They then contacted Chris who gave them an alternative address, and upon reaching that address Chris was nowhere in sight and his cellphone was off till today."

The matter was then reported to the Swaziland Police and they are still in a process of liaising with their South African counterparts.

On another hand, a farmer was also conned about E60 000 after he bought hay bales on Gumtree. The farmer is said to have paid the hay bales into a Nedbank account and he was promised that a driver will be deliver his bails to Swaziland. The agreed date the farmer is said to have waited at the border and the driver never pitched up.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati has confirmed the reports yesterday.



## Loaded bus in near blaze at Vikizijula

By Ackel Zwane  
Phonjwane

THERE was panic and despair when passengers aboard Mahle Emakholo Bus Services nearly caught fire after its braking system failed sending those on board running wild in an attempt to get off the moving bus.

It was shortly after 2pm that the Dicapoli bound bus from Manzini came to an abrupt stop after fumes originating from the right rear tyre entered through the windows. No one appeared willing to share the nasty experience after all appeared shocked including the crew.

The bus services Manzini, Siphofaneni,

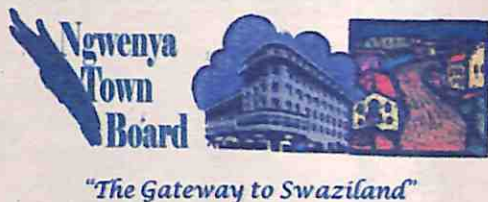
Sithobela, Nkonjwa and areas near Ndunayithini towards the banks of the Ngwavuma River.

After stopping at the bus stop near Vikizijula grocery, in Phonjwane, passengers milled out of the bus before one of the crew members, most likely the driver, alighted with the fire extinguishing cylinder to douse the smoke while the stench from the failed brakes filled the air.

No sooner had the bus stopped that smaller passengers carriers arrived from different directions to ferry the passengers as it had become evident that the bus would no longer be continuing with its journey.

There were no injuries at the scene even though mainly school-going children looked traumatised.

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Date	Target Group	Venue	Time
Saturday 24 September 2016	Ngwenya Business Community, Ngwenya Farm owners and all residents	Ngwenya Meeting Hall	2.00 p.m.

Please note that your input is important to the Board as it continues to deliver services. Your attendance of the meeting is crucial to make submissions. Kindly note that if for some reason you are unable to attend the meetings, kindly drop us your suggestion through an e-mail on [ngwenyatown@realnet.co.sz](mailto:ngwenyatown@realnet.co.sz). For more details or clarification, please dial 24424634 during working hours

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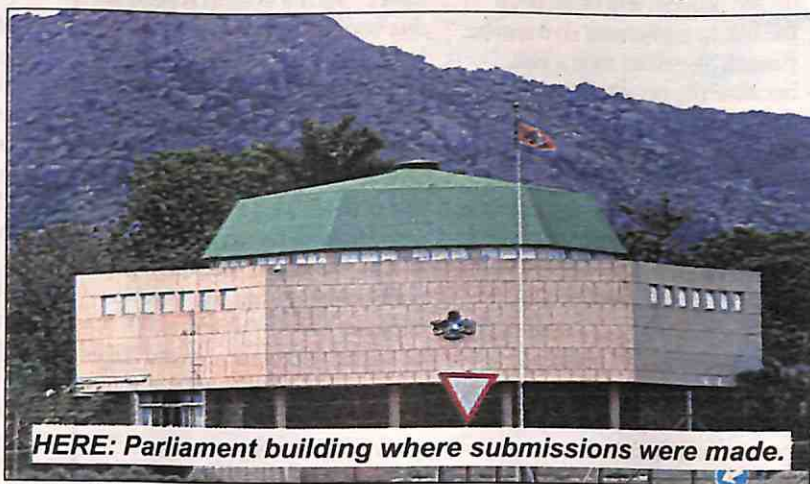
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# SHISELWENI MPs BLAST TINKHUNDLA MINISTER

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

● MPs wanted to know why they were always overlooked when there were events that were graced by His Majesty King Mswati III, at Makhonza in the Shiselweni region



HERE: Parliament building where submissions were made.

**MINISTER of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduzuzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini was heavily accused of sabotaging Shiselweni MPs.**

This was during the tabling of the first quarter performance report by Dlamini. He tabled it before portfolio committee members of his ministry. The MPs wanted to know why they were always overlooked when there were events graced by His Majesty King Mswati III at Makhonza in the Shiselweni region. The MPs used an example of when there was an official opening of the Amitofo Care Centre.

The King officially opened the facility last week. The King was also having dinner with business people in the Shiselweni region last night, the MPs claimed they were not invited again.

They could not take it anymore, hence they decided to throw a salvo at the minister.

Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala was the first to raise the issue. He blamed both the minister and Shiselweni Regional Administrator (RA) Themba Masuku. He said the

RA should have invited them because they work in close cooperation with him.

"What is unfortunate is that if we do not attend these events, we are portrayed in the media as people who boycotted these events yet we were not invited," Thwala said.

#### Respect

He went on to state that the MPs should be given the respect they deserved because they were the pinnacle of the constituencies, which the system relied on to function.

He strongly accused the minister and the RA of killing the Tinkhundla system of governance by not recognising them as the integral part of the system.

The Zombodze Emuva legislator said they also got information through the grapevine that there would be another major event tomorrow at Shiselweni. Again, the MPs complained of the fact that they were not invited.

Thwala narrated of an incident where one Shiselweni MP had his access to the Inkhundla centre compromised.

"The MP wanted to be given keys so that he could have access to the centre at any time. He wanted to have time to interact with the people of his constituency because in most instances, he would be in Parliament and his home was hardly accessible. This was because it was almost far away from the centre and there were dogs at the home. He was told he had to apply for the keys. My question is: were those having the keys made to apply?" Thwala said.

#### Cases

Thwala said there were many such cases in the region, where people had to see MPs outside the Tinkhundla centres because they did not have keys to the centres.

He said this was not good. Contrary to what was expressed by the Shiselweni legislators, the minister was praised by Dvokodvweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini.

"We work very well with the ministry and during the events that are attended by the King we are recognised and given the respect we deserve.

For that, I thank the ministry and the RA for the Lubombo region (Sylvia Mthethwa)," Dlamini said.

His sentiments were shared by Lugongolweni MP Joseph Souza, who also praised the minister and his team for taking care of his constituency.

Shiselweni II MP Mthokozisi Kunene accused the minister of meddling in issues of his constituency. He said the minister had a problem with accepting the fact that Shiselweni II had another person as a Member of Parliament; which was him in this case.

Kunene said Dlamini would sometimes convene people from his constituency without involving him.

He then said he envied Dvokodvweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini, who had praised the minister for working well with them as MPs from the Lubombo region.

He said he wished the situation was the same for Shiselweni region, where they were overlooked when there were important national assignments.

In response, the Tinkhundla minister apologised for the situation the Shiselweni MPs were finding themselves in. He also stated that Maseyisini, which is his Inkhundla, was a neighbour to MP Kunene's constituency, which is Shiselweni II.

The minister said he would sometimes embark on projects in his constituency, where he would rope in people from his neighbouring constituencies such as Zombodze Emuva, Shiselweni II and Gege.

He apologised for any inconvenience caused by such arrangements.

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## 10 NATIONAL NEWS

# Multi-partism dragged into Micro-Projects Bill

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**MEMBERS of Parliament are worried about the Swaziland Community Development Bill, 2016 that is now having multi-partism dragged into it.**

Multi-partism is a term used to refer to multi-party democracy.

Such a system is currently not allowed in the country, because the constitution states that Swaziland will be run by the Tinkhundla system of gover-

nance.

The issue of the Bill was raised strongly during the tabling of the first quarter performance report of the ministry of economic planning and development, by Prince Hlangusemphi, who heads the ministry.

The minister was tabling the report before his ministry's portfolio committee, which was chaired by Dvokodvweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini.

The first MP to voice his comments about the matter was Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini.

"I have heard that other minis-

ters want to hijack the Bill. We call upon the minister to speed up the process and bring back the bill to parliament so it can be passed. We need such a Bill because the people in our constituencies want it," Dlamini said.

## Effect

He noted there was information to the effect that the supporters of such a Bill were supporters of multi-party democracy.

Dlamini said the Bill had nothing to do with any political philosophies of a person, but only to develop the lives of the people in their constituencies.

Dlamini's sentiments were shared by Dvokodvweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini, who said they expected the Bill to be passed because Micro-Projects did a good job. He said the political opinions had nothing to do with the matter.

"If there is a political philosophy I strongly support, it's the Tinkhundla system of governance. Such a system is good for this country and I do not think how it can be said we want the Bill because we support multi-party democracy," Dlamini said.

Prince Hlangusemphi said the Bill had nothing to do with political orientations, but they were only making the activities of Micro-Projects to be within the parameters of the law. This was because Micro-Projects was doing projects that required huge amounts of money and that was outside the parameters of the law governing the organisation.

## MPs worried about stalled bills

**MEANWHILE the MPs expressed concern about the Bills stalled by government yet are supposed to be passed.**

The Bills in question are to be tabled by different ministries before the august House. The ministries included tinkhundla administration and development, economic planning and development and that of commerce, industry and trade.

The MPs expressed their worries mainly because some of these bills were at advanced stages with their enactments. Workshops have been conducted on some of the bills, like the

one that seeks to convert Micro Projects to a parastatal. The bill was known as the Swaziland Community Development Bill, 2016. A workshop was conducted for the parliamentarians back in June. That was intended for the purposes of them to understand it so when they pass it, they understand its intention.

Another bill that worried the MPs is the Citizens Economic Empowerment Bill, 2016. The ministry for commerce, industry and trade was responsible for it. The first MP to raise the issue of the bill was Mayiwane MP Eric Sifiso Matsebula. The MP

advised minister for commerce, industry and trade that the bill should be sped up as it would empower people on starting and managing businesses, so as to improve the economy of the country. Nkhamba MP Menzi Dlamini also said the economic improvement of the country lied on the empowerment of the people of the country.

He said without them being at the forefront in running the economy, it would be difficult to turn the economy around for the better.

Minister Gideon Dlamini assured the MPs they were doing something about the Bill as they had to come up with regulations to support its enact-

ment. He admitted it was an important Bill, which could empower the citizens.

The Tinkhundla Administration Bill was also another burning issue for the MPs. Some legislators even sympathised with Minister for Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi Dlamini. They told him things were not going well within his ministry. Matsanjeni North MP Phila Buthelezi even suggested that Dlamini should consult with his ancestors (*kuhlabela labaphansi*).

He also urged him to pray to God and reconcile with any person he may have wronged within his ministry or cabinet.

## Water, sanitation in schools under spotlight

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**WATER and sanitation in schools will be amongst the major topics to get prominence during the Joint Water and Sanitation Sector Review (JRS) three-day conference starting today.**

The seminar will be hosted by the ministry of natural resources and energy. Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama, during a press briefing held at the ministry, said the JSR conference would review progress made on set targets in the water and sanitation sector. The minister said the event would also highlight bottlenecks and come up with strategies adding it would give priority to issues of rural and urban sanitation which included water sanitation in schools and clinics.

"Other issues to be addressed in technical session includes water resources management, rural water supply, urban water supply, policies, strategies and environmental legislators," she said.

She said the JSR would involve all the ministries involved in the water and sanitation sector, such as



**BRIEFING: The Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama flanked by the Principal Secretary Winnie Stewart and Under Secretary (Technical) Dumsani Mngomezulu during a press briefing. (Pic: Gugu Simelane)**

the ministries of health, natural resources and energy, for water resources development and management and ministry of agriculture for irrigation.

"Government is funding this event in collaboration with the cooperating partners, such as the European Union (EU), UNICEF, Thirst Project, Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) and Water Aid," she said.

Mashwama said the ministry had targets to ensure that every person in the county accessed improved water and sanitation by 2022.

"However, as a sector we do not have a common plan to work from to achieve these targets. We also lack a strong monitoring and review process to see if we are on track to achieve these. There are a number of challenges we face, such as lack of water resources, as shown in this drought, and the sustainability of our rural water supply services. This is the first of an annual process of planning and review that we, as a ministry, together with other key ministries, are lading in convening," she said.

The JSR was expected to

strengthen sector coordination, align various plans and activities around the common goal of universal access to services for citizens and address some of the key issues.

She further revealed that the ministry would also host the River and Environmental Management Corporation (REMCO) initiative.

"REMCO is a collaborative framework between operational water management institutions in the three riparian countries, Swaziland, South Africa and Mozambique with primary focus on the Incomati river basin.

REMCO seeks to strengthen the capacities of the already existing governance structure for the Incomati River through the established Tripartite Permanent Technical Committee (TPTC) of the three riparian states," she said.

The conference would be attended by water management stakeholders. Issues to be discussed included strengthening of the cooperation between in the Komati Basin with the assistance from Germany and Netherlands.

"Technical sessions will focus of water governance, climate change and disaster risk reduction, innovation and research gender mainstreaming in the water sector rural water supply, urban water supply and improving policies, financing and monitoring," she said.

## Buhleni teacher charged with assault, fined E2 000

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**A school teacher from Buhleni has been arrested for bumping into his lover with his car after she started flirting with other men and escaped from him.**

Celumusa Msitsini from one of the schools at Buhleni was arrested after he assaulted his girlfriend Khanyisile Mvubu after she dumped him at a bar to be with other men. The incident happened late Friday evening at a bar at Buhleni. Msitsini stated that he and his lover were drinking together and were having a good time.

"We were both drinking and having a good time. I was busy buying Mvubu drinks when we both got too drunk and she disappeared from me. When I eventually found her after 20 minutes, to my surprise she was drinking, flirting and laughing with another man. I confronted her, but she left me and continued to speak with two other men," he said before Magistrate Simangele Mbatha. Msitsini stated he stopped enjoying himself and watched Mvubu hoping she will not disappear with any of the men into the public toilet.

"I stopped drinking and watched her flirt with two other men and when she was finished, I dragged her outside to where I had parked my car. A serious argument ensued and I asked her why she escaped from me to be with these random men. I got into my car and reversed," he added. Msitsini stated when he reversed, he bumped into Mvubu by mistake as he did not realise she was still standing behind his car. "I was angry and drunk and I got into my car to reverse it, only to bump into her. I had not seen her behind the car, it was an honest accident and I did not mean to bump into her," he said. Msitsini was arrested for assault by the Buhleni police who were called to the accident scene by an unknown person. He pleaded guilty to the charge of assault. Mbatha sentenced Msitsini to four months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay a fine of E2 000. The magistrate stated the reason the sentence was so lenient was because she respected the fact that the accused was a civil servant thus did not want to place his job in jeopardy.

## Young man fined E3 600 for traffic offences

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**AN 18-year-old young man from Fairview has been fined E3 600 for driving while under the influence of alcohol.**

Mxolisi Dlamini, who has been employed at a carwash based in Malanti after he dropped out of school in 2015, did not only drive the Honda Fit whilst under the influence of intoxicating liquor but he had no valid driver's licence. He also drove recklessly along the Malanti gravel road and knocked down a pedestrian, Phumlile Nyamane (18) of the same area, thus contravening some sections of the Road Traffic Act No.6 of 2007.

He appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati and he pleaded guilty to all the three charges laid against him. The court found him guilty as per his plea. He was sentenced to pay a fine of E2 000 for count one, a fine of E800 for count two and another E800 for count three.

However, the court ordered that counts one and two run concurrently.

Dlamini said he was sorry for his actions adding he was trying to raise money for himself at the carwash as he lived with his grandmother. He had also visited his victim in hospital to check on her.

Dlamini had pleaded with the court to be lenient with him while promising he would never repeat such an offence ever again.



# NAPSAWU committed to fighting corruption

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE National Association of Public Servants and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) has committed itself to fighting corruption in the country.**

The union has embarked on an anti-corruption campaign themed "Together we can fight corruption".

NAPSAWU invited anti-corruption stakeholders to a workshop where they were intensely educated corruption, and how it affects the economy of the country.

Stakeholders that took part in the workshop included the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA), Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSPS) Crime and Fraud Unit.

NAPSAWU General Secretary Celumusa Tembe said the union took the decision to commit itself on the

campaign because corruption affects them more.

"We are public servants and are directly affected by corruption as we are paid by the government. However, the perception amongst the public is that public servants are the most corrupt people. We are here to get educated and find out how and where we can lend a helping hand towards the fight against corruption that is slowly ravishing the economy," he said.

Tembe said the union has dedicated the week to the Anti-Corruption campaign. He said tomorrow NAPSAWU will engage in a march in the capital city centre and they will march to the Anti-Corruption Community offices and Prime Minister's office to deliver an Anti-Corruption declaration.

During the workshop, Majahonkhe Ngozo Education Officer at ACC told NAPSAWU members that government needs to make policies on receiving of

gifts by public officers.

"There are many types of acts of corruption, some may be viewed as minor and innocent. A person may give a public officer E50 for appreciation for efficient and quick service delivery.

That act may viewed as innocent act but imagine if that individual comes to the office every second week for services and keeps on appreciating the services rendered by E50.

If that same person comes again with an illegal request the next day, would that public servant not compromise his or her ethics and bend the law to help someone who always appreciates his/her services?" he wondered.

Ngozo said his office does not encourage accepting of gifts, presents or money for any reason. He said once an officer gets used to getting 'thank you' for rendering services they then become accustomed to it.



**SMILE: NAPSAWU General Secretary Celumusa Tembe flanked by the union members during the workshop held at Thokoza. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)**

## Inefficiency a major contribution to corruption

**INEFFICIENCY in public offices has been cited as one of the major factors that contribute to corruption in the country.**

Participants in the workshop agreed that inefficiency in public officers forces members of the public to resort to bribing public officials into giving them the deserving service that they ought to be getting in the first place.

"Being short-staffed can also lead to corruption, sometimes the ratio is difficult to work in and some people use their financial muscle to have service rendered to them fast," said Ntokozo Dlamini. Ngozo said corruption could be as simply as letting other people jump the queue. Nurses present at the workshop said they are always caught up in the middle when they are expected to let relatives or high profile people jump the queue and leave seriously sick on the queue just to service a person who only has a minor flu.



**FOLLOWING: SRA's Daniel Dlamini and Paulete Tfwala listening to the proceedings.**



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## Police warn about online scams

**POLICE have warned NAPSAWU members against engaging in online shopping.**

Mpendulo Dlamini from the RSP Fraud Unit said the unit has recently had many cases where Swazis have been scammed from online purchases. "The cases vary but mostly its purchases of cars," he said. Dlamini said they must be vigilant in all purchases that they undertake especially to other countries. He said the authenticity of the company one is dealing with must be verified outside of what have been provided.

"Have the address of the company verified. We advise that when you want to undertake business in South Africa you drive and verify all the facts before paying the money," he said.



**POSE: NAPSAWU members posing with the anti-corruption stakeholders at the end of the workshop.**

Dlamini also warned against purchasing land on Swaziland National Land (SNL) without having gone through all the tradition channels that one is supposed to follow when they purchase SNL. He further advised to have a monetary transaction documented and always have

a witness. "Card skimming cases are also prevalent and you must be vigilant when making any form of transaction, especially when you have to pay using a portable speed point. Make sure that your bank card is not taken away where you cannot see it," he warned.

## Report corruption to toll free 800 8000 – SRA

**Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) has encouraged the public to report tax evaders through their toll free number.**

The toll free number is a 24-hour number and it takes calls from both landline and cellphone free of charge.

SRA's Director of Internal Affairs Daniel Dlamini said the number is private as anyone can call anonymously and it will remain anonymous. "We urge the public to utilise the toll-free line to

help report tax evaders. The whistle blower will not be asked to give their identity," he said. Dlamini said presently SRA does not have a whistle blower policy but it is on the cards. He said tax evasion erodes the tax base and it must be dealt with. He said SRA is currently promoting voluntary submitting of taxes. He further said, to keep corruption at bay SRA has no gift policy. He further encouraged anyone who wishes to buy

outside the country to always be familiar with SRA customs rules and regulation before they cross the border to limit cases of misunderstandings when they have to pay customs duties.

He further advised any business which is in debt with SRA to engage the office on a payment plan and avoid involving 'middlemen' for paying their debts. "You can never cheat the system," he said.



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## STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEMS OF SWAZILAND (SNPAS) PROJECT Landscape Programme Consultancy National Consultant(s)

<b>Title:</b>	Landscape Programme Consultancy
<b>Country of Assignment:</b>	Swaziland
<b>Starting Date:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Duration of Assignment:</b>	40 working days

### BACKGROUND

Swaziland's formal Protected Areas (PAs) cover approximately 4% of the country's total land area, and are relatively rich in biodiversity with their share of endemism as represented in various ecosystems. Furthermore, the country has set targets for the conservation of its ecosystems and species in line with the National Development Strategy (Vision 2022) and other international targets such as the Aichi Targets under the auspices of the Convention on Biological Diversity. While some of the critical ecosystems and species are found in existing PAs, some are found in areas where there is prone to unsustainable utilization and overexploitation of resources, thereby threatening livelihoods and impeding sustainable development.

The Strengthening National Protected Areas Systems (SNPAS) in Swaziland is a six years (2014-2020) Project funded by GEF aims at developing, expanding and effectively managing the capacities of Swaziland's PAs network in order to adequately protect the biodiversity. This will be undertaken through the "landscapes" approach towards sustainable development and will involve integrated land and natural resource management that transforms the current PA patchwork into network and enhance vulnerable communities' livelihoods, in particular those adjacent to the PAs.

The SNPAS Project has been organised around three components: (i) knowledge-based platform operationalised at the national, regional and community levels to address current and emerging threats to PAs and biodiversity conservation; (ii) Expansion of PA network, and (iii) strengthening PA functioning through improved conservation management and operational support for existing and new PAs, including both formal and informal. PAs will be established and managed in critical biodiversity areas as clusters, integrating different sites that are managed by the Government of Swaziland (GoS), the private sector and local communities and enable a matrix of complementary land-use activities across board.

The SNPAS project is being implemented through the Landscape approach which seeks to provide tools and concepts for allocating and managing land to achieve social, economic, and environmental objectives in areas where agriculture, and other productive land uses compete with environmental and biodiversity goals taking into consideration the effects of climate change.

In this regard, the technical services of a team of consultants/consultant to develop Landscape Programme which will include the development of the following programs: Community Based Natural Resources and Management (CBNRM), Wetlands Management, Invasive Alien Plant Species (IAPS) control and management and Sustainable Land Management (SLM) for existing PAs and adjacent communities, for both formal and informal settings, are being sought.

### OBJECTIVES

To develop programmes for Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM), Sustainable Land Management (SLM), Wetlands Management, Invasive Alien Plant Species (IAPS) Control and Management that would enable strengthened PA and biodiversity management in the country.

### SCOPE

The assessment will encompass stakeholder consultations, desk-top reviews, data collection and field work capturing of data. This data and information will then be used to inform the development of the CBNRM, SLM, IAPS and Wetlands Management Programs.

### SPECIFIC TASKS

Working under the guidance of the Swaziland National Trust Commission (SNTC), Project Steering Committee (PSC) with day-to-day support from the SNPAS National Project Manager, the team of consultants/consultant will specifically have the following tasks:

- Develop two (2) Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) Programs:**
  - Review and document lessons learnt from national, regional and international CBNRM programs and initiatives for improved livelihoods;
  - Facilitate identification of CBNRM potential sites and priorities two sites with the SNPAS Project - Malolotja, Lubombo, Mkhaya-West and Ngwempisi;
  - Develop a CBNRM program with a significant inclination to improvement of livelihoods of communities in adjacent to PA in the two sites prioritized above. The program should have a clear logic framework on activity inputs, and achievement of the outputs and outcomes;
  - Develop guidelines for the implementation and monitoring of the CBNRM Programs in the two sites prioritized above; and
  - Develop guidelines for monitoring of CBNRM Programs.
- Develop A Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Program**
  - Review and document lessons learnt from national, regional and international SLM Programs;
  - Design and develop a program to support scaling-up of SLM activities to mitigate impacts of degradation in the four clusters of the SNPAS Project - Malolotja, Lubombo, Mkhaya-West and Ngwempisi. The program should have a clear logic framework on activity inputs, and achievement of the outputs and outcomes;
- Develop An Invasive Alien Plant Species (IAPS) Control and Management Program**
  - Review and document lessons learnt from national, regional and international IAPS Programs;
  - Develop a Program for the establishment and implementation of a sustainable mobile alien invasive species harvesting, milling and removal business in communities and protected areas. The program should have a clear logic framework on activity inputs, and achievement of the outputs and outcomes;
  - Identify areas in the four clusters of the SNPAS Project - Malolotja, Lubombo, Mkhaya-West and Ngwempisi to participate in the program
- Develop A Wetland Management Program**
  - Review policies and legislation on wetland protection and management;
  - Review and document lessons learnt from national, regional and international Wetland Programs;
  - Develop a program for wetland protection and management demonstrating strategic biodiversity and income generation options. The program should have a clear logic framework on activity inputs, and achievement of the outputs and outcomes;
  - Identify areas in the four clusters of the SNPAS Project - Malolotja, Lubombo, Mkhaya-West and Ngwempisi to participate in the program; and
  - Develop baselines and guidelines for determining the economic value of wetlands.

The Consultant will convene at least one national stakeholder consultation that is the inception meeting/consultation within two (2) weeks from contract signature and the final draft report validation meeting.

### Deliverables

- An Inception Report and a Work Plan with activity timelines and methodology for the drafting of the Landscape programme produced within five (5) days of signing the contract.
- Validated CBNRM, SLM, IAPS and Wetlands Program Document with clear log-frame and actions and in particular indication on the wealth creation and distribution from the programs

### DELIVERABLES

The Team of consultants/Consultant will be responsible for the undertaking of the assessments through both technical and multi-stakeholders' consultations ensuring participation and deliver on the following reports:

Deliverable	Date
Submission of the Inception Report	By 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
Inception Meeting	By 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
Approval of the Inception Report by the Project Steering Committee	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
Consultations with national stakeholders at all level	October to November 2016
Progress Reports for approval by the Project Steering Committee	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Validation of draft Reports by the national stakeholders.	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Submission of the final draft Programs	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Approval of the Final Report by the SNPAS Technical Advisors, Project Steering Committee and the Project Board.	By 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2016

The deliverables listed above will be facilitated by:

- Fortnight Reports to the SNTC through the National Project Manager
- Monthly Progress Report to the Project Steering Committee

### Level of Effort: Landscape Development Programme Consultancy

40 working days spread through October to November 2016

The Consultant will perform their duties from their preferred bases and communication done through e-mail, telephone and fax correspondence combined with short, focused in-country missions (as approved in the approved Inception Report work plan). The division of tasks will be clearly outlined in the inception report allowing for adequate time between desk review, data collection, consultations, drafting and thorough full engagement of national counterparts and the Project Management Unit based at the SNTC. Frequent communication, and advisory services with the other team members, is expected from the Consultant. UNDP-CO and UNDP/GEF RTA as and when challenges emerge during the implementation of the planned activities.

### EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES

The candidate should have the following qualification, experience and competencies, Landscape Development Programme Consultant

**Education:** A postgraduate degree (Masters or higher) in a subject related to Natural Resources Management, Environmental Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Land-use and Management or related field.

**Experience:** At least 10 to 15 years of experience working on management of natural resource/community and working on income generation interventions will be an added advantage; Working experience with national or regional institutions concerned with natural resource management and environmental protection is a plus; Advisory experience in PA management; Demonstrated strong analytical, research, presentation, and report writing skills.

### Core Competencies:

- Demonstrates integrity by modelling the UN's values and ethical standards.
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### Functional Competencies:

- Proven experience in Natural Resources Management in Africa/southern Africa and in support to country process implementation.
- Strong knowledge of Biodiversity Conservation and knowledge of the policy and institutional capacity for the PAs.
- Experience in working with local and international stakeholders.
- Strong knowledge of actors of actors in biodiversity conservation, Swaziland PAs and Community Tourism.
- Comprehensive knowledge and experience in working on Sustainable Land Management Programs.
- Experience and/or knowledge of developing sustainable IAPS control and management programs.
- Experience in working with multi-disciplinary teams

### IMPACT OF RESULTS

This results will enhance effective implementation of the CBNRM, SLM, IAPS and wetland management programs in the project clusters within protected areas and communities. This will enhance further research and monitoring of biodiversity / conservation management through piloting of these programs. Successful implementation will allow for replication and up-scaling in other areas.

### SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

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### ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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# STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEMS OF SWAZILAND PROJECT

## Sustainable Financing Consultancy

### Inter/national Consultant

<b>Title:</b>	Sustainable Financing Consultancy
<b>Country of Assignment:</b>	Swaziland
<b>Starting Date:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Duration of Assignment:</b>	30 working days
<b>Assignment Contact Person:</b>	Mr. Thulani Methula National Project Manager SNPAS Project Management Unit: Swaziland National Trust Commission Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs E-mail address: thulani.methula@undp.org

#### BACKGROUND

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At the epicentre of the SNPAS project is creation of sustainable livelihoods for income generation opportunities while addressing biodiversity conservation, revolving around PAs. This requires an assessment of both biodiversity and ecological, and 'business' capacities for both the existing PAs and surrounding communities to support wealth creation opportunities through informed planning. In this regard, the technical services of a Sustainable Financing Consultant are being sought to develop the 'business' case fundamental through selected financial mechanisms and capacity building to lead to an increase in the financial benefits of protected areas, informal PAs and adjacent communities.

#### OBJECTIVES

To develop sustainable financing mechanisms through improved management of protected areas and capacities for ecologically biodiversity viable entities.

#### SCOPE

The consultant will conduct a capacity need assessment and develop score cards and business plans, for entities and communities under the Swaziland National Trust Commission, SNPAS Project. This will be undertaken with an aim of attracting the investment needed to establish long-term sources of income to the existing PAs, newly established PAs and the Informal PAs, and both private or in community land.

#### SPECIFIC TASKS

Working under the guidance of the Swaziland National Trust Commission (SNTC), Project Steering Committee (PSC) with day-to-day support from the National Project Manager/ Project Managers, the consultant will specifically have the following tasks:

- Conduct an analysis of the potential of increasing tourism as a source of PA finance, in particular tourism business and market chains (national, regional, and international best practice);
- Identify the goods, services and markets as well as economic values of protected areas in Swaziland;
- Identify existing PAs, informal PAs and new PAs, in both communal and privately-owned land capacity needs for sustainable financing, listing major challenges for development and management of business plans;
- Using information from the Land-use and Planning and the Socio-economic Assessments conduct a feasibility review for viable income generating activities (IGAs) for PAs and the communities in the PA buffer zones as well as the four cluster areas: Ngwempisi, Mkhaya, Lubombo and Malolotja;
- Develop strategies for improved local communities and private land owners to support business planning and management process in existing PAs, informal PAs and new PAs, in both communal and privately-owned land, with financial streams for women and the youth.
- Develop 18 business plans for the prioritized PAs, Informal PA, Community Conservancy and newly established PAs. The business plans should include; present situation; institutional environment; the planning process; service strategies; long-term financial planning; identification of new revenue generation opportunities and capacity development;
- Develop a Sustainable Financial Score Card and management systems (with SMART indicators) to measure the sustainable gains for the country.

The Consultant will convene at least two national stakeholder consultations that is the inception meeting/consultation within four (4) weeks from contract signature and the final draft report validation meeting.

#### DELIVERABLES

The Consultant will be responsible to deliver on the following:

Deliverable	Date
Submission of the Inception Report	By 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
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Submission of the final draft Report	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
The Final Report the Technical Advisors, Project Steering Committee and the Project Board (Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs)	By 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2016

The deliverables listed above will be facilitated by:

- Weekly Reports to the SNTC through the National Project Manager
- Fortnight Progress Report to the Project Steering Committee

Sustainable Financing Consultancy: 30 working days spread through September to December 2016 for developing work on sustainable financing mechanisms for PAs at National and Regional, private sector, conservancy and community levels, and establish baseline measurement of targets achievement.

The Consultant will perform duties from a preferred base and communication done through e-mail, telephone and fax correspondence combined with one (1) short, focused in-country mission (as approved in the approved Inception Report work plan). The division of work plans will be clearly outlined in the inception report allowing for adequate time between desk review, data collection, consultations, drafting and through full engagement of national counterparts and the Project Management Unit based at the SNTC. Frequent communication, and advisory services with the other team members, is expected from the Consultant. UNDP-CO and UNDP/GEF RTA as and when challenges emerge during the implementation of the planned activities.

#### EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES

The candidate should have the following qualification, experience and competencies,

**Education:** A postgraduate degree (preferably Masters or higher) in a subject related to economics, environmental economics, Natural resources Economics, Sustainable Development Financing, Development Studies or related discipline.

**Experience:** At least 10 to 15 years of experience working on management of natural resource/community and working on income generation interventions in developing countries will be an added advantage; More than 5 years' experience with the development of sustainable financing mechanisms and business expertise, including experience preparing business plans for PAs and communities; Working experience with national or regional institutions concerned with natural resource management and environmental protection is a plus; Advisory experience in PA management; Demonstrated strong analytical, research, presentation, and report writing skills, and; Knowledge of Swaziland and Regional biodiversity conservation institutions would be an advantage.

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- Skills in facilitation and coordination, including high level government consultation, with strong communication and inter-personal skills.
- Sound judgment and strong client and results orientation.
- Treats all people fairly without favouritism.
- Fluency in English and knowledge of Siswati will be an added advantage.

#### Functional Competences:

- Proven experience of the Protected Areas in Africa/southern Africa and in support to country process implementation.
- Strong knowledge of Biodiversity Conservation and knowledge of the policy and institutional capacity for the PAs.
- Strong knowledge of actors and experience with Swaziland PAs, Tourism and Biodiversity sectors.
- Strong knowledge of the Sustainable Utilization of Natural Resources and approach to Conservation Management

#### IMPACT OF RESULTS

This results will help in the implementation of financial strategies and sustainable income generation through utilisation of biodiversity goods and services in the country.

#### SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Interested and qualified candidates may submit their application together with a letter of interest and pertinent documents on-line at <http://jobs.undp.org>, or to the [registry.sz@undp.org](mailto:registry.sz@undp.org) or physically handed to the UNDP offices (5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lilunga Building, Somhlolo Street, Mbabane) on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 marked Sustainable Financing Consultancy.

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OLD WOMAN'S LAND

**THE umphakatsi of Emvembili has forced a 78-year-old widow out of her land as it collaborated with the late chief's sister.**

Gogo Sphelile Dlamini has been given 10 days to vacate her home-stand situated at Ntfontjeni, to her neighbour Telive Dlamini who is the sister of the late chief Solani Dlamini.

It is said Telive Dlamini allegedly wants to give the land to her son Nhlanhla Simelane who is a policeman. The old woman's second son, 32-year-old Fana Sibandze said last week Tuesday to his shock he woke up to find five men dividing his late father's land with two wooden poles.

The men placed the poles at different points of the property effectively dividing it into two. "I was so shocked to wake up and find these men placing wooden poles at different points in my late father's land. They stated that they had been sent by the *Umphakatsi* to divide the land," he said.



**MARKING:** One of the poles placed by men to divide the Sibandze home-stand.



**EVICTED:** 78-year-old Gogo Sphelile Dlamini forced off her land by her neighbours who are related to late chief



**SHOCKED:** Fana Sibandze son of Gogo Dlamini.

Sibandze said the land dispute had originally started after his father passed away in 2010, and had left the land to his wife (Gogo Sphelile Dlamini).

He said in 2010 the Sibandze family heard rumours doing the rounds that their neighbours were

interested in the land and intended to grab it. The issue was reported and heard by the Mvembili Umphakatsi Secretary Sihogo Mavuso. "Since my father passed away, our neighbours have been trying to take our land by force and they have now used the *Umphakat-*

*si* to force my mother to surrender her land. Since 2010, we have been desperately seeking help from various authorities including the *Umphakatsi* but we have been largely ignored because we are no bodies in the community," he added.

Sibandze stated that he has been ignored by the *Umphakatsi* thus was forced to take his case to *Ndabazabantu* offices in Pigg's Peak much to the disgust of the *Umphakatsi* secretary Sihogo Mavuso, who allegedly stated that since the Sibandze's have involved *Ndaba zabantu* the *Umphakatsi* would no longer be involved.

"I went to the *Ndabazabantu* offices in Pigg's Peak to report the matter, as I was not being entertained by our *Umphakatsi* where I met Poko Mamba who called Mavuso to order him to go back to the *Umphakatsi* and discuss the matter. Mamba noted that it was illegal for the *Umphakatsi* to grab the land in such a manner unfortunately, they have not yet called me for a discussion date," added Sibandze.

Sibandze stated that the reason he received such harsh treatment from the *Umphakatsi* was because Telive Dlamini was related to the late chief.

According to Gogo Sphelile Dlamini the land has been for the Sibandze family since the 1950s.

On that note, Pigg's Peak *Ndabazabantu* Poko Mamba confirmed the issue involving the Sibandze family and stated that the issue was under discussion. He said it was still too early to give details of the issue out to the public.

Secretary Mavuso declined to comment and Telive Dlamini also did not want to comment about the land dispute when approached.

## HHOHHO PEOPLE CRY FOUL OVER BAD ROADS

**THOUGH E650 million for the national budget 2016/17 was allocated to construction and rehabilitation various road networks in the country, people from Bulembu and Pigg's Peak are worried as it seems the former roads will never be attended to.**

Chairman of the Pigg's Peak Mini and Bus Association Vuyani Dlamini noted that people had to hike to and from Bulembu.

It is said the estimated 150 residents who lived in the Bulembu area had officially gone for three weeks without any form of public transportation.

"The often forgotten residents of Bulembu have now gone three weeks without any form of public transportation, and that in itself is unacceptable. Honestly how do they live as Bulembu is 11 kilometres away from Pigg's Peak?" Dlamini wondered.

Dlamini stated that another road system that was extremely bad was the road system between Pigg's Peak and Matsamo via Horo Ntfontjeni and Lufafa.



**ROUGH ROAD:** Section of a bad gravel road in Hhohho.

"These roads are hazardous especially now in the rainy season, they are unattractive to kombi operators thus there are fewer operators willing to service those routes.

Residents of the mentioned areas have to wait long hours for public transport to come and transport them to their respective destinations. Transport to those areas then overloads as residents are in a hurry to get to their various destinations."

Other roads that needed urgent attention were the roads between Buhleni and Mhlangatane.

Dlamini said the poor road conditions from Pigg's Peak to Bulembu

have ruined six kombis in the year 2016 alone. No kombi owner wants to have a kombi on the route as they all fear the poor road conditions.

"We appeal to government to at least rehabilitate the road as it is unattractive to the operators who are now refusing to have their kombis there.

Other roads that also need upgrades are between Horo Ntfontjeni, Lufafa Buhleni and Mhlangatane. All these require serious government attention as the residents who live in these areas are finding it harder and harder to commute to and from town."

Peak Timber Forests still  
to release fire report

**THERE is still no damage report from Peak Timbers about the wildfire that ravaged the Peak Timber Forests about a month ago.**

Nearly one month ago, the skies over Pigg's Peak were black with smoke as a very large wild fire that reportedly started over Mkhumbane, spread over Ndeva and Emlembe.

The cause of the wildfire, according to senior sources, was an arson attack but the damage report on the fire itself has not yet been realised by Peak Timbers.

Peak Timbers Public Liaison Officer Nhlanhla Nxumalo said the report would only be made available after the insurance company was satisfied with its findings. Nxumalo stated that the insurance company had to be satisfied first with its findings then they would make the

damage report public.

Nxumalo said the wild fire would inhibit the company's social projects as the money lost due to the wildfires would have to be re-directed elsewhere.

**Means**

This then means that the people of Hhohho might lose more social projects if the company continued losing money.

"It's a sad situation as we all lose if wildfire destroys our forest, what this means is that as the company loses money through wildfires, we have to get it elsewhere to boost our social responsibilities and initiatives like the Lihananadza clinic.

If we lose money from our core business in the forest, where then will we get money for our social responsibilities as people are burning our forests?" he said.



# SNUS engages legal services for charged UNISWA SRC

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**THE Swaziland Union of Students (SNUS) has roped in the services of an attorney to represent University of Swaziland Kwaluseni Students Representative Council members who have been charged with disorderly conduct.**

The charged SRC members are Brian Sangweni (President), Sphehile Shota Simelane (Director of Health), Pholani Lex Nxumalo (Director of Canteen) and Sandile Berry Dlamini (Chairperson).

SNUS has asked students not to be despaired by the victimisation from the institution.

The four were charged after a class boycott which took place following a joint meeting at Kwaluseni Campus where students resolved to boycott classes until their issues were addressed.

SNUS President Thembelihle Dlamini said the charge stated that on September 7, the four acted in common purpose as they allegedly blocked traffic at Kwaluseni main gate. During the boycott, UNISWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane informed this publication that the act



**TAKEN ABACK: UNISWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane.**

was unusual because as a university they were not aware of it.

Simelane said they just saw students convened under trees demonstrating.

Soon after that, the vice-chancellor issued a memo advising students who would partake in the 'illegal' boycott that the university would take measures against them.

**Kindly**

SNUS has not taken kindly to the allegations as they stated this was a tactic by the university working with government to suppress the students

from voicing out their grievances. According to the SNUS president, they have already hired a lawyer to help them with the matter.

"They must drop all the charges laid against our leaders, lest they face the might of the students," Dlamini stated.

The president also urged all students in the country to rally behind their colleagues. Dlamini said as SNUS they believed the four students were not guilty of any charge laid against them, however, were being persecuted for refusing to be puppets of the university administration.

He said the university was, intimidated because of the students consistent refusal into submitting to the administration's repression.

The president said their colleagues were slapped with charges because of their persistent struggle against corruption, poor quality of education and mostly by standing firm to the resolutions of students.

"We therefore advise all our colleagues not to despair, for these are signs of an administration that has run out of ideas, one that is crumbling yet resisting to succumb," Dlamini stated.

## Solitary confinement cell most painful punishment

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak



**ORDER: Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.**

**A 16-year-old minor who has been serving time in a solitary confinement cell for about five months awaiting sentencing has said this was the most painful of all punishments.**

In an interview, the minor said he did not care if he was found guilty or innocent, all he wanted was to get out of the solitary confinement cell.

"I miss school and I might go mad in that cell all by myself. I do not care what happens to me now as I have already suffered enough for all my sins," the minor said, adding he had already spent five months and 27 days in the solitary cell at the Pigg's Peak Correctional facility. This is because he is too young to be detained with adult prisoners.

The minor was originally arrested on March 23 for theft as he was accused of stealing five pairs of sneakers worth E4 000 from Musa Manzini of Luhlangotsini.

The minor's father appeared before the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court to request bail for the minor which was

set at E2 000 in July by Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini. However, the minor's father could not raise the bail money, forcing the minor to continue his time in jail.

The minor had appeared regularly at the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court for remand hearings dressed in his school uniform.

He asked the magistrate in July to be allowed to spend time in an adult prison fearing he would go mad if he continued to spend time alone.

The minor again re-appeared in the same court but before Magistrate Simangele Mbatha, only to be told to go back to the Pigg's Peak Correctional facility until October 3, for his sentencing.

## Child-headed family asking for help

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**A 16-year-old girl of Nsalitje has dropped out of school to look after her family.**

Lethokuhle Dlamini dropped out of school at the age of 14 and was followed by three of her other siblings.

The youngest child in her family was six years old, and was able to attend school because of the implementation of the Free Primary Education (FPE).

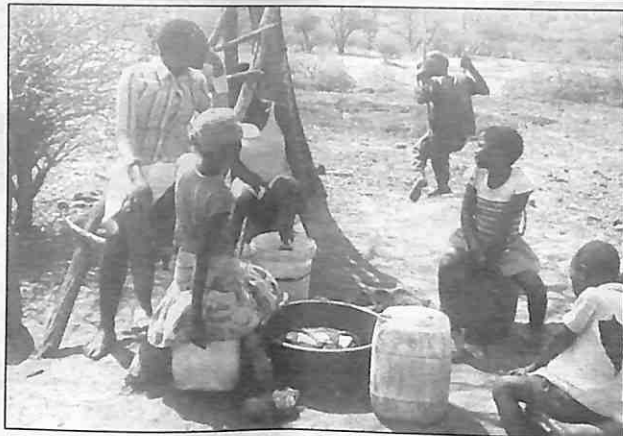
However, with the current drought which had resulted to a shortage of food, she too would drop out of school. The six-year-old needs school uniform.

The homestead has two dilapidated stick and mud houses, which could fall on them anytime.

"We have been living in these houses since the demise of my father, and I had to drop out of school to take care of my siblings.

I have been heading my family since the age of 14, and we survive by asking from our neighbours for whatever they could offer us. At times we go to bed on empty stomachs," Lethokuhle said.

"I met this family as I go around helping people and I



**PLEASE HELP: The Dlamini family members headed by a 16-year-old minor at Nsalitje.**



**HOVEL: The two dilapidated stick and mud houses, which could fall anytime.**

was touched by their plight, especially since it is child-headed," a Good Samaritan Mncedisi 'Billa' Dlamini said. He then urged willing citizens to come through for this family and provide building material, money, food, clothes and even pay for the children's education.

"She might have sacrificed her teenage years of being care free and young for the

sake of her family. However, we cannot sit back, relax and watch her sacrifice her education because it is fundamental," Dlamini said.

Anyone willing to help with any donations can contact Mncedisi 'Billa' Dlamini at 7637 5190 or 7836 5233.

The family has two girls age 12 and 16, as well as two boys aged five and seven.



## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI

### TENDER NOTICE

### TENDER NO. 52 OF 2016 / 2017

### PREPARATION OF THE 2016 / 2017 SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLL

The Municipal Council of Manzini wishes to invite suitably qualified firms of property valuers to prepare the Supplementary Valuation Roll of immovable properties in the Manzini Urban Area.

Tender documents may be collected from the office of the Town Treasurer in the Municipal Council of Manzini civic offices after paying a non-refundable fee of E300.00 (Three Hundred Emalangeni). Interested firms are requested to collect the appropriate documents beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 between the hours of 0830 and 1600 hours.

Completed tenders should be sealed with the following address clearly printed on the front:

Tender No. 52 of 2016 / 2017  
Town Treasurer  
Municipal Council of Manzini  
P.O. Box 418  
Manzini

Tenders should be deposited in the tender box located in the office of the Town Treasurer Personal Assistant, Municipal Council of Manzini Civic Offices. They should be submitted not later than 12:00 noon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.



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## 16 NATIONAL NEWS

# Govt commits to quality education

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE** ministry of education and training has committed to ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all by 2030.

This commitment was made during the launch of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) four yesterday at Sibane Hotel.

Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula said the launch of SDG four was very important to the ministry as it demonstrated the commitment to the SDG and the initial work that needs to be done under it, in the next 15 years.

SDG four states that the 193 member states of the United Nations must ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all by 2030. Magagula said the goal clearly indicated that as a country, there would be need to place the focus on increased and expanded access, equi-



**COMMITTED:** Education stakeholders holding up a banner during the SDG 4 march, prior to the official launch yesterday. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)

ty and inclusion quality and learning outcomes at all levels within a life learning approach.

"By so doing, we will be ensuring a brighter future for our children which will ultimately result in improved standard of living for our citizens and sustainable growth of our economy," he said.

The minister said with SDG four and its targets, the world has set an ambitious and universal education agenda for the period from 2015 to 2030. "As a country we need to strive to ensure such by 2030," he added.

The minister further said primary

education net enrolment rate currently stands at 97.5 percent.

"Swaziland ranks high on the Education for All Development Index. Government and its partners must be applauded for its achievements. The first SDG four target focuses on an even deeper challenge, that of extending achievements to secondary education and effective learning outcomes.

This should be relevant not only to Swaziland but also to many other countries in the region and indeed in many developed countries as well," he said.

## SDG 4's targets

**4.1** All girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes.

**4.2** All girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so they are ready for primary education.

**4.3** Ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university

**4.4** Substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.

**4.5** Eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous people and children in vulnerable situations.

**4.6** Ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women achieve literacy and numeracy.

**4.7** Ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human right, gender equality, promotion of a culture and non-violence global citizens



**COMMITTED:** Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula making his remarks.

and appreciation of culture diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development.

**4. A.** Build and upgrade education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environment for all.

**4. B.** By 2020, substantially expand globally the number of scholarships available to develop countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing states and African countries, for enrolment in higher education including vocational training and information and communication technology, technology, technical, engineering and scientific programmes, in developed and other developing countries,

**4. C.** Substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in development countries, especially least countries and small island developing states.

## 'Devil forced me to steal door frames'

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

A 32-year-old labourer from Mvuma in the Hhohho region has told the Magistrate's Court the devil forced him to steal door frames.

Nhlanhla Msitsini alleged to have been visited by the devil in his dreams who ordered him to steal two new door frames worth E750 each, belonging to Happy Ndlovu who also resided at Mvuma. The incident happened on Friday at the Ndlovu residence at Mvuma.

"The devil was in my dreams the night before, and ordered me to steal the two new door frames I had seen at the Ndlovu homestead.

I was hired as a labourer at the Ndlovu homestead two weeks before to help build a new kitchen and a bedroom. The devil in the dream advised me to go to the tool shack where Happy Ndlovu, one of the residents of the homestead, had placed two new door frames that she bought from Build It together with other building material like cement bags and tools," he said in court.

Msitsini said he then proceed-



**TOUGH LOVE:** Magistrate Simangele Mbatha.

ed to steal the two new door frames which were heavy and impeded his escape in the process.

"I got to the Ndlovu homestead late in the night and went to the tool shack to steal the frames, but they were heavy thus I could not escape on time and was nabbed," he said.

Msitsini pleaded with Magistrate Simangele Mbatha to give him a lesser sentence because he was lured by the devil. Magistrate Mbatha sentenced the accused to one year in a correctional facility if he failed to pay a fine of E2 000.

## Over 400 new members join Philani Maswati

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**OVER 400** people have joined Philani Maswati Charity Organisation to assist destitute Swazis.

This development was revealed by Chairman Lutfo Dlamini on Sunday during a meeting held at the Global Village. The meeting was aimed at welcoming new members of the non-governmental organisation and enlighten them about its operation.

Dlamini informed the new members not to make the mistake popular with many that of thinking the organisation was run by government. He said Philani was an NGO affiliated to the Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) and they get funding from donors and members who fork out money from their own pocket.

Among one of the new members who joined the entity was Mahlangatja Indvuna YeNkhundla, Mduduzi Fakudze.

Dlamini said they need more people to join the organisation so they contribute with ideas on what projects they could engage on in raising funds to be used to help those in need.

The chairman said the organisation came into existence due to efforts made by Her Majesty the Queen Mother (Indlovukazi).

Dlamini said they started by helping out the elderly but over time they changed and helped out other mem-



**EXECUTIVE:** Xolile Hlophe, Lutfo Dlamini, Gcinile Buthelezi and Andiswa Nxumalo during the meeting for Philani Maswati new members at Global Village on Sunday (Pic: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



**WELCOME:** The members of the organisation listening to the Chairman Lutfo Dlamini.

bers of the community.

He added that recently they embarked on building houses for those who could not afford to and slept in dilapidated structures.

This year alone they had built about 10 houses for the disadvantaged citizens. Dlamini said they were aware that good rains were expected thus hoped for a better yield of crops.

The chairman said they would soon be engaging the public so they get to know what they are doing. He said in one area, people stole the organisa-

tion's maize from the fields because they were not even aware that the crops were meant to be used to help those who were in need.

The organisation's Public Relations Officer Andiswa Nxumalo invited more people to join the organisation. She stated that the joining fee for new members was E20 and then a yearly subscription of E100.

Nxumalo said the money was used to pay for projects and other administrative costs.





# FEATURES & OPINION

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**MACFORD WELCOME SIBANDZE**  
(DIRECT DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM)

## GOSPEL STAR LINDA DLAMINI: PORTRAIT OF A YOUNG MAN RISING!

**"I came to win, to fight, to conquer, to thrive. I came to win, to survive, to prosper, to rise.....!"**

These powerful, energetic, prophetic, poetic, futuristic words might have come from the bubbly diva from Trinidad (Nicki Minaj) but they fit like a glove to describe young dynamic gospel star, Linda Dlamini.

This down to earth, visionary young man has definitely come to this world for a mission: to win and rise! And within a short but long journey of hustling, in this cutthroat gospel industry, Dlamini, at only 23, has finally arrived to put his footprints in the sands of time!

On the surface, it looks like the road Linda has travelled to register his name in the cultural industries is an easy one, that can be travelled by anyone with vocal cords. It looks like anyone who can sing his lungs out, to the applause of friends, can do it. But many have travelled this road and never made it. Many, with big ambitions gave up along the way. Others don't want to give it a go but give up even without trying. Because in reality the road to success, just like the road from Gethsemane to Golgotha, is rocky and thorny. So to travel the road, which Linda travels everyday, just like Christ, one has to invite and invest heavily in the spirit-the spirit of no surrender!

The spirit of no give up! Because it is not for the faint-hearted but those who are intrinsically motivated- those who have so much faith and a strong belief patience is bitter but the fruits is sweeter! And Linda is one of those courageous young men who believe in the God of time! Those who believe in order for one to succeed, he needs to 'linda' (wait) a little bit until God says so! And I believe God has said so now

### GENESIS OF THE REVELATIONS

Like many stars, it all started at Sunday school at a tender age of five, then pre-school and primary school. By the age of eight he was singing in morning assembly and it continued at 13 at high school. As fate would have it, he joined school choir from Form One up to Form Five. Besides that, he was active in the school drama specialising

in the field of music. Linda was so good and I came across him while I was MP for Manzini North.

Leading a group of talented learners at Hillside, he sang up a storm. Mesmerised by the good act, I donated E1 000 because the group took my breath away. And Linda, even, at that tender age, he must have been 16, was already showing signs of maturity and leadership. I later met him and he told me he was doing backings for mega star Timothy Myeni (Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors). It then dawned to me, at that instance, that really he was destined for greater things.

### SOLO ARTIST

After cutting his teeth and paying his dues in a number of gospel groups, the fruit was ripe for harvest. Its history that on May 7, 2016 he launched his debut album (Double Launch) that was well received locally and in surrounding areas. The album is titled 'Konke Kuzolunga' and has the popular track 'Angeke Ngulahlale Lukholo Lwami' and 'Konke Kuzolunga'. These two songs receive rotational airplay in both local and neighbouring Mpumalanga and KZN.

The launch of his album saw a host of colourful artists in one room. They included a cream of the crop of local artists such as Magawugawu, Frans Dlamini, Nothando Hlophe, Maculuvu and Lundi. His leadership quality, with Manager Pastor Skhumbuzo, prevailed when he unveiled two powerful MCs, (The magnificent Zodwa Thwala and the hilarious Tjovitjo) who are now in great demand in the gospel fraternity. To put ice on top of the cherry, he brought gospel big wig Derrick Nzimande (LIVE) for the first time, in a long time in the country.

### THE WINNER

Linda is the recipient of the prestigious National Arts and Culture Award as Best Male Artist of the Year and poised to bag more awards locally. And with the inroads he makes in the industry, I would be the least

surprised if he is nominated in the regional awards or even scoop the Crown Gospel Award. Within a short space of time, Linda has performed almost everywhere in the country and his rich repertoire makes him to perform almost every week. He has also raised sky high the Swazi flag in as far as Tanzania and has performed in Mozambique, Lesotho, Botswana and in a number of high profile events in South Africa. Through networking, he has pending invitations from England, France, Uganda and Nigeria.

### DIVINE HEALING MINISTRIES

And who would have conceived and given birth to this megastar than big mother of ministries, Divine Healing Ministry? This is a ministry known for excellence in many spheres of the gospel such as spreading the Word through revivals and inviting high profile persons to minister. So in Divine, Linda has a

captive audience and a space to grow his faith. This is the place that has not only sharpened Linda's skills as a performer but also preached to him the gospel of humility. Thus by all standards, relatively young Linda has shown a degree of maturity among his peers and today he stands tall in the podium of success.

### DR. BISHOP NASH

Amidst a number of people who influenced him such as his Head teacher Mr. Michael Simelane and teachers at Hillside High in Manzini, Linda points out Dr. Bishop Nash as his mentor and spiritual father. He attributes his humility and street-smart acumen to the founder and overseer of Divine Healing Ministries.

Besides the robust marketing of his art, we can safely say that Linda also learnt a thing or two in the wardrobe department from Dr. Nash, as the Bishop is an immaculate dresser of note. So the good Dr. has injected Linda with the penicillin of a good dress sense.

### PASTOR SKHUMBUSO

Linda has sincere gratitude to Dr. Nash's son, Pastor Skhumbuzo Shongwe who is his Manager. Shongwe, a master strategist, who knows what a turn around strategy is, has put all his energies in making sure that the young Linda reaches greater heights. It's easy for

Shongwe to achieve this, because he has been responsible for a number of big successful gospel gigs in the country, either direct or behind the scenes.

This include gigs by Rebecca Malope, Pure Magic, Vuyo Mokoena, Deborah Frazer, Lundi, Joyous Celebration, Siphos Makhabane, Kekeletso, Benjamin Dube, to name but a few and a series of local gigs. So he knows the industry inside out! Like father, like son, Pastor Skhumbuzo also knows how to look good! So Linda won't run short of mentors in the style department! A glance at Linda's wardrobe shows that the young man takes lesson from his mentors! (Umswenko-Sidl'ukotini)

### COLLABORATION - SWAZI PRIDE

Linda has always loved collaboration as an artist and he has done so already with the Swazi Praise Team, which is an invitation of local stars. This group is made up of 12 highly talented Swazi artists under Leserato Events- executively produced by Mandla Nxumalo. Linda renders his popular song 'Angeke Ngilulahlale Ukhohlo' which is track five in the 12 song album. In South Africa he wishes to collaborate with other artists such as Israel Mosehla.

### FUTURE

Linda prays to God that he achieves his dream of being a powerful gospel artist, not only in the country but regionally and in the whole of Africa. He also sees himself owning his own gospel stable and recording company. With such accolades, he hopes to give a hand to those from previously disadvantaged backgrounds. He believes the best way to touch God's heart is to give to those in need.

This humanitarian gesture dates its origin from home through his generous mother. And it is at Divine Healing Ministry that he is equipped with the skills of philanthropy (caring) as the church has a humanitarian and charity programme of more than 20 years. With such spiritual energy, the visionary young man is destined to touch the open sky!



A DYNAMITE: Young up coming gospel star Linda Dlamini.

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## ON THIS DAY

...SEPTEMBER 21

1792 - The French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

1784 - "The Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser" was published for the first time in Philadelphia. It was the first daily paper in America.

1893 - Frank Duryea took what is believed to be the first gasoline-powered automobile for a test drive. The "horseless carriage" was designed by Frank and Charles Duryea.

1897 - The New York Sun ran the "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" editorial. It was in response to a letter from eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon.

1931 - Britain went off the gold standard.

1931 - Japanese forces began occupying China's northeast territory of Manchuria.

1937 - J.R.R. Tolkien's 'The Hobbit' was first published.

1941 - 'The Second Mrs. Burton' premiered to the entire CBS Radio Network.

1948 - Milton Berle debuted as the host of "The Texaco Star Theatre" on NBC-TV. The show later became "The Milton Berle Show." Berle was the regular host until 1967.

1948 - 'Life With Luigi' debuted on CBS Radio.

1949 - Communist leaders proclaimed The People's Republic of China.

1957 - 'Perry Mason', the television series, made its debut on CBS-TV. The show was on for nine years.

1961 - Antonio Abertondo swam the English Channel (in both directions) in 24 hours and 25 minutes.

1964 - Malta gained independence from Britain.

1966 - The Soviet probe Zond 5 returned to Earth. The spacecraft completed the first unmanned round-trip flight to the moon.

1970 - 'NFL Monday Night Football' made its debut on ABC-TV. The game was between the Cleveland Browns and the New York Jets. The Browns won 31-21.

1973 - Henry Kissinger was confirmed by the US Senate to become 56th Secretary of State. He was the first naturalized citizen to hold the office of Secretary of State.

1981 - The US Senate confirmed Sandra Day O'Connor to be the first female justice on the US Supreme Court.

1981 - Belize gained full independence from Great Britain.

1982 - National Football League (NFL) players began a 57-day strike. It was their first regular-season walkout.

1982 - Amin Gemayel was elected president of Lebanon. He was the brother of Bashir Gemayel who was the president-elect when he was assassinated.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



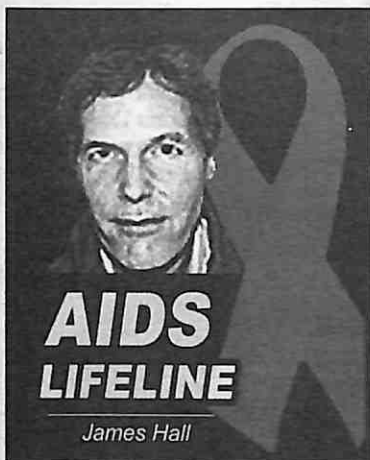
Jason Derulo (Pop Singer) - SEPTEMBER 21 1989 (27 years old)



Kareena Kapoor (Movie Actress) - SEPTEMBER 21, 1980 (36 years old)



# A MYTH DISPROVED: CONDOMS DON'T REDUCE SEXUAL PLEASURE



**NO device is more effective to prevent HIV infection, which is a sexually-transmitted infection, than the condom.**

Prophylactics (condoms) originally provided a modern means of preventing unwanted pregnancies and blocking sexually-transmitted infections.

The arrival of AIDS gave new urgency to the use of condoms.

Readers of this column need not be reminded that condoms in Swaziland have been unpopular for some time.

The reasons people dislike the devices are not unique to our country, and have much in common to the reasons condoms have been rejected elsewhere in the world. It all boils down to this: condoms have been unpopular because men and women find them unnatural, an artificial barrier that stands in the way of pleasure during intercourse.

One common complaint is that condoms cause a man to lose his erection.

Is there merit to this complaint? Or is this a just a belief that has taken root - in other words, just something placed in someone's head.

The answer can only come from a respectable and credible scientific study. People's opinions matter, but in the end these are just



beliefs, or a matter of faith, if they cannot be supported by facts. But where shall facts about condom use be found? Only through the rigours of a "by the book" and closely monitored study can any real facts be obtained.

## Intercourse

The matter is not just whether condoms make people's physical experience during intercourse less pleasurable. More is at stake during our current AIDS crisis, particularly in our country where HIV is wreaking such personal, social and economic damage. If people can be presented with facts on the way the body responds to condoms, this will help persuade reasonable people to decide to use condoms. Such a decision is a life or death choice for the man and his partner. Clearly, a study is required.

Because of the central importance condoms play in preventing HIV transmission, a study was undertaken, and its results were published last week in the publication 'The Journal of Sexual Medicine.'

The study undertaken at the Indiana University's Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction tested

about 500 men under the age of 40. The research found that 16% of these men complained of occasional difficulty maintaining erections, but with further testing it was found they had this complaint with or without using condoms. They experienced erectile dysfunction as a physical condition unrelated to condom use.

In other words, the problem was with the man physically, not with the condom.

## Problems

However, the men blamed the condom for their problem. This has probably been the case as long as condoms have been available: men disappointed at their inability to maintain an erection find the condom to be a convenient excuse or scapegoat.

This information is passed on to others, and the condom acquired the reputation of inhibiting a man's sexual performance.

However, a related study found that younger men inexperienced with condom use did experience temporary loss of erection, "but only in the first minute" until the man became used to and forgot about the condom.

"Condom-associated erection

problems have been a very under-researched topic," said Dr. Cynthia Graham, co-author of the Kinsey Institute study on the effects of condom use and sexual activity. "Increasing evidence suggests, however, they may influence whether condoms are used correctly or from start to finish of sex."

The study found, "The lack of research into the broader issues which could impact penile function means that little of the link between a man's psychological state and future performance has been uncovered, but men who first experience loss of erection when they use condoms might worry about [difficulty] experiencing erections more generally and hence be more vulnerable [to erectile problems]."

The study looked at other data to discover that in the US, where all the study subject resided, about 16 percent of American men under 40 reported occasion problems maintaining an erection.

One reason, particularly amongst young men inexperienced with wearing condoms, is that more than a third of the men involved in the study had never been taught how to use a condom correctly. Researchers felt this could be a major factor in young men believing that using a condom will cause problems for them during intercourse.

Said Dr. Graham, "It's troubling that so many men are lacking basic knowledge when it comes to condom application, calling into question the efficacy—or even existence of—sexual education in schools."

"Without adequate grounding in how to practice safe sex, the risk of unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections remains that much higher—a consequence that could easily be allayed by putting sexual health provisions in place," she said.



# 1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

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FEBRUARY 2016



**By Colani Hlatiwako - Swaziland**  
(One Billion Rising Africa Regional Coordinator)

**PUT in the most simplest of terms solidarity means unity in pursuit of a common goal.**

This article however, requires that I make my own analysis and interpretation of WHAT SOLIDARITY MEANS TO ME.

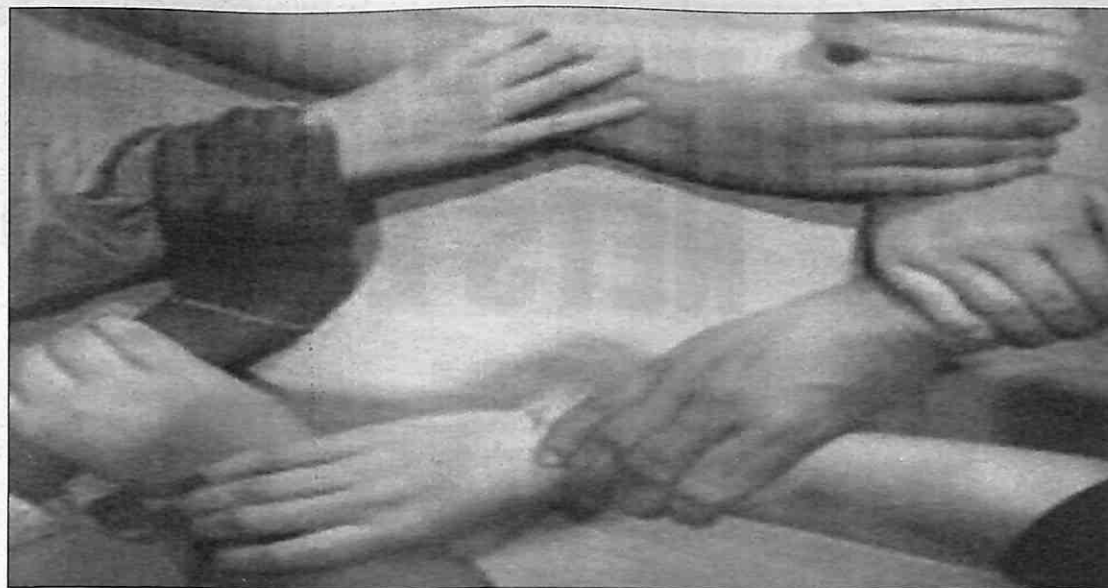
Naturally, when one is expected to write what she thinks on a particular subject, it becomes inevitable to appreciate the circumstances and material conditions that informs her ideas and her tools of analysis.

It can never be enough to make academic definitions of solidarity without talking to the real issues confronting women and hence the need for solidarity.

I was born and raised in a small village in rural Swaziland. As a young girl growing up in a poor family, I experienced what I now call 'a school of life for any well-meaning feminist'. I refuse to accept a status of being a victim

## WHAT SOLIDARITY MEANS TO ME

● Providing girls and young women with a better future is a better way to improve families and communities



who hopelessly accepts patriarchy and its oppressive apparatus. Mine is calling for a revolution for the total emancipation of women against all forms of oppression.

Because I have already mentioned that I am calling for a revolution against the total emancipation of women from all forms of oppression, I also want to make the assertion that to me, solidarity is a potent weapon of the revolution. One may ask what I mean by saying solidarity is a potent weapon in waging the struggle against patriarchy? Clearly when women are not united and are unorganised patriarchy wins!!! What this means is that men are in fact organising women to unconsciously participate and perpetuate their own oppression.

The next assertion that I want to make is that solidarity without consciousness of the issues is like owning a car without an engine. I want to argue that it is a duty of all of us sisters to understand the dif-

ferent struggles fought by women all over the world and own these struggles as our own struggle. Solidarity calls us to feel and share the pain and suffering of others in Africa and the world because what they are fighting for is what affects women and that must be enough to make me take up their issues as my own issue and express their suffering at any given platform.

Solidarity is also an act of selflessness and sacrifice. This means that in the cause of giving solidarity, expect to lose privileges that come with complying with the systems that entrench suffering and

oppression of women and girls. It also comes with being given labels and called all sorts of insults by society.

Solidarity means to me if those insults and name dropping will water the fruit of women's liberation, then I have no problem being

called whatever because mine is standing up for the truth no matter how infamous it may be.

To me solidarity is also an act of love for humanity. It is an appreciation that we as women are discriminated solemnly on the basis of our sex.

Based on our sex, society wants us to accept that we are lesser humans and that the violence waged against women is justified and a part of life. To me, anyone who rejects this narrative and actively takes action to end patriarchy has a love for humanity and respects the dignity of all human beings.

Lastly, solidarity to me goes beyond formal structures from one individual to another. It is not a policy issue but principle.

May I also take this opportunity to Invite all of you to the One Billion Rising campaign launch. Theme: "Solidarity against the exploitation of women"

Venue: Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre (Manzini)

Date: 23rd September 2016

Time: 9.30am to 1pm

#RISE4REVOLUTION!!!!

Lastly, solidarity to me goes beyond formal structures from one individual to another. It is not a policy issue but principle.

SNIP

## When learning is both difficult and dangerous

Five years after Cabinet took the decision to intervene, as service delivery on Eastern Cape schools had disintegrated, no real progress has been made, write Lisa Draga and Daniel Sher.

Carlisle Bridge Primary School is a smattering of windows and rainwater pipes near Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape. Pupils and teachers are without electricity, the school is supplied with water by harvesting rainwater and the only decent toilets were funded by a local taxi owner.

For a school like this, the Minimum Norms and Standards for School Infrastructure regulations hold the promise of a liberating education system as enshrined in the Bill of Rights.

Under the deadlines prescribed by the Norms and Standards law, Carlisle must be replaced by a new school, built of appropriate



materials and supplied with the necessary basic services by November 29. But it's clear that this will not happen.

In fact, of the 24 schools the Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDoE) planned to build in the 2015/16 financial year, only three were actually built.

Service delivery is happening at a grindingly slow pace.

Underlying the failures of service delivery is a weak administration, short of skilled technical staff and permanent, principled leadership, suffering from highly inefficient budgeting and expenditure processes and besieged by corruption.

The long-standing education crisis in the Eastern Cape has not abated.

In 2011, the total collapse of the education system saw pupils left stranded without transport and many of those able to reach schools were forced to go hungry once there.

These transport and nutrition services were stopped after the department had massively overspent, leaving the province's pockets empty.

Rotting roofs, collapsing classrooms and other dire school infrastructure made learning difficult and often dangerous.

In March 2011, the cabinet made the decision to intervene in the administration of the province in terms of Section 100 of the constitution.

Section 100 allows the national executive, as an extreme measure, to temporarily assume the functions of a province if service delivery has disintegrated. *The Star*

## Wit and Wisdom

● We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future - George Bernard Shaw

● For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone - Audrey Hepburn

● The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing. - Socrates

● The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. - Lao Tzu

● Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful. - John Wooden

● If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it - Michael Jordan

● Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching - Satchel Paige

● It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see. - Henry David Thoreau

● If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there. - Lewis Carroll

● Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

● Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment. - Jim Rohn

● It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen. - John Wooden

● Whatever you do in life, surround yourself with smart people who'll argue with you. - John Wooden

● A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. - Nelson Mandela

● By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest. - Confucius

● The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails. - William Arthur Ward

● Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures. - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

● A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them. - John C. Maxwell

● We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far. - Swami Vivekananda



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## VITALS

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

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 20 SEPT 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.9650	14.0150
British Pound/SZL	18.2076	18.2728
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.2615	7.2868
Swiss Franc/SZL	14.2529	14.2894
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3057	1.3230
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.5338	10.5757
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.5803	10.6142
Mozambique Metical/SZL	5.6193	5.3686
Euro/SZL	15.6101	15.6660
Gold	1,315.4300	
Oil	46.3300	

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Moving Forward

By Linda Dlamini

THE Municipal Council of Mbabane has recorded a profit of E4.2 million for the financial year 2015/2016.

According to the Municipal Council of Mbabane annual report 2015/2016, the council recorded a revenue of E83 million which is an increase from the E76 million of the previous financial year.

The report said grants and subventions were around E3 million and other operating income was just over E13 million which took the grand total of income to be E100 million.

With regards to expenditure the council said the staff costs were around E43 million, depreciation was E13 million and other operating costs were E39 million.

"Thus total expenditure for the year was around E95 million," reads the report as part.

# MBABANE COUNCIL NETS E4.2m PROFIT

The council said the operating profits for the year were E4.2 million which represented a turnaround from last financial year where the council reported a loss of E3.3 million.

## Financing

"Finance income; income derived from financing like interest from bank account, increased from E4.2 million to E5.3 million. Finance costs decreased from E1 million to E805 000 which likely further boosted the council's coffers," the Council said.

Meanwhile, council also announced that it had maintained

its credit rating for securing debt. "Council's rating was again left unchanged from what it was in the previous financial year with the following results.

For its ability to service its long term financial obligations, Council obtained BBB+, meaning that over and above being able to repay its maturing long term financial obligations, Council is also considered a safe place for investment.

For its ability to service its maturing short-term financial obligations, the Council obtained an A3, meaning that its financial statements exhibit reasonable cer-

tainty for timely payments.

The credit rating was conducted annually to measure council's relative ability to honour its unsecured maturing financial obligations as at the end of each financial year and one year into the future," reads the report as part.

The rating agency noted that the council's rating would improve if its size and scope of operations were to increase and if it was able to raise sufficient funding to finance all of its planned capital expenditure; preferably through grant funding as borrowing could result in a rise in its gearing and pull down its rating.

## E9 000 worth fuel for SwaziBank Auto Easy promotion winners

By Manqoba Makhubu

SWAZIBANK gave away collective fuel prizes worth E9 000 to two lucky winners of the auto easy promotion, dubbed, 'Drive Away Today.'

The bank ran the promotion between mid-May and August and the winners were announced yesterday at the bank's head office auditorium in Mbabane.

The grand prize winner for the competition was an officer from the national archives, Kholekile Mthethwa, who won 12 months fuel worth E6 000. The runner-up was Thulasizwe Sandile Matsenjwa who is employed by M.A Dlamini Consulting Engineers. He won six months fuel, worth E3 000.

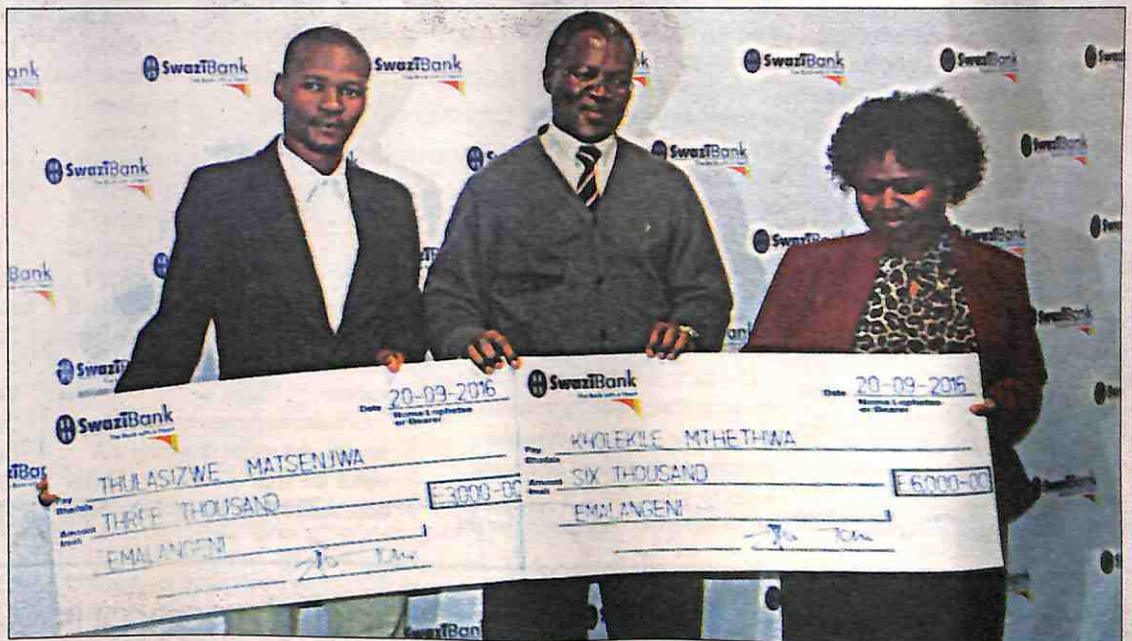
The two winners were determined after a raffle draw conducted by the bank at the end of the promotion according to SwaziBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele.

Entrants were expected to secure vehicle finance for their 'dream car' and stand a chance to win fuel for 12 months valued at E6 000, or fuel for six months valued at E3 000.

Lukhele said the bank offered customers an opportunity to buy vehicles of up to 10 years old, "and we offer the most flexible terms in the market."

He said the essence of the promotion was to enable existing and potential customers to enjoy flexible terms of acquiring their dream cars and stand a chance to win prizes.

"During the promotion cus-



**WINNERS: Thulasizwe Matsenjwa and Kholekile Mthethwa with SwaziBank MD Zakhele Lukhele, after accepting their cheques during the bank's Auto Easy Promotion Prize Presentation, held yesterday at the bank's head office auditorium in Mbabane. (Pics: Manqoba Makhubu)**

tomers were able to purchase new or used vehicles on flexible terms, which included a no deposit arrangement and extended repayment period," he said.

In essence, he said the finance also included insurance, which was part of the loan.

The grand prize winner, Kholekile Favourite Mthethwa who said she joined the competition after she saw an advert on television, said her experience as she went through the loan process was pleasant.

"It was stress free, very transparent and with no hidden requirements. I was not required any deposit. What I saw on television, is what I got. Thank you very much SwaziBank," she said.

She said at first she could not actually believe that she won, "I am not that fortunate when it comes to winning. I only started to believe that I might have won when I was called for confirmation and my doubts were further proved wrong when I arrived here as I was ushered into this room."

The winners had a rare opportunity to sit and dine with the bank's managing director.

Thulasizwe Sandile Matsenjwa, who came second, said he was very grateful to God for the mercy He shone upon him, "I am still out of words to describe how I feel at the moment."

He urged Swazis to strengthen their relationship with the 'nation's bank,' saying it has

affordable rates.

Meanwhile, SwaziBank MD Zakhele Lukhele congratulated the winners and further thanked the bank customers for supporting the promotion by buying vehicles during the promotion period.

"I must say the promotion was a success and I am certain that those who brought vehicles during the promotion period are happy and do not regret doing so."

He said although the campaign ended, the bank would continue to finance vehicle and ensure competitiveness in terms of turnaround time on applications, flexible terms and charges.

"I urge our customers and members of the public to utilise this service of the bank," he said.



# Mbabane council assets up 7% to over E600 million

By Linda Dlamini

**THE Municipal Council of Mbabane has recorded a total assets base increase of seven percent from E565.4 million during the previous financial year to E605.1 million.**

According to the Municipal Council of Mbabane annual report 2015/2016 this increase was largely due to an increase in property, plant and equipment due to roads rehabilitation, mainly Gwamile street widening, and an increase in cash balances due to delays in use of funds received from the World Bank for further roads rehabilitation.

"Trade and other receivables balance, which is the amounts owed to

the Municipal Council, went down since central government paid in full all rates due by her rates by the end of the financial year.

Collections from private rates debtors went up by seven percent from 69 percent to 76 percent of total private rates debtors," reads the report in part.

The Municipal Council said under the Swaziland Local Government Projects (SLGP) the Council completed the construction of phase one of Gwamile widening in ward four.

"The completed section of the road is about 400m and it includes Mantsholo and Pine Valley intersection, and the total cost of the project was E15.7 million.

The next phase of Gwamile widening will be constructed in the

financial year 2016/17. To be constructed under this project will be the bypass road," said the Municipal Council.

It further mentioned that when completed, the upgraded road would be 2.1 km in length and would improve the traffic flow into the central business district from Fonteyn, Thembelihle and pine valley area.

Also under the SLGP, the Council said it completed the installation of Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights along Dabede and Zwide Street in the CBD at a total cost of E700 000.

"Under Council Funded Projects, the rehabilitation of a section of the Pine valley road, which is 1.4km, was completed in ward nine and ten at a total cost of E20.1 million,"

the Municipal Council said.

The Municipal Council said in addition, a number of other capital projects were completed in the financial year 2015/16 at a total cost of E3.58 million.

"Rehabilitation of sidewalks along Betfusile and Mdzimba Avenue with a total length of 300m and the total cost was E350 000.

The side-walks were installed with guide blocks to assist visually impaired persons to use the side-walks without any obstructions. Since the program for installation of guide blocks was started, guide blocks have been installed in the following streets, a portion of Gwamile Street, Mahlokohla Street, Mdzimba Avenue and Betfusile streets," reads the report in part.



**APPLAUDS: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development PS Clifford Mamba.**

## Housing ministry wants suitable structure at old bus rank

By Linda Dlamini

**THE Ministry of Housing and Urban Development says a proper structure, suitable to the location, should be built at the old bus rank.**

Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Director of Urban Government Tito Simelane, on behalf of Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Principle Secretary Clifford Mamba at the Municipal Council of Mbabane annual general meeting held at Mountain Inn yesterday.

Mamba also applauded the private sector for the excretion of buildings that improve the skyline of Mbabane.

"The constructions of buildings by the private sector that continuously change the capital's skyline are indeed developments worthy of applause," he said.

Mamba said the ministry was pleased with reports that the old bus rank would follow suit, subsequent to the removal of the informal trading shacks which were a serious eyesore, just this time last year.

"We will follow developments on this prime site and where we can be of assistance, ensure that it is speedily developed with a structure worthy of the location," he said.

Mamba said one other challenging landmark is the unfinished structure belonging to the SASCCO which has remained incomplete for many years now, also blotting the city skyline and being a serious eyesore and hazard.

"A common solution needs to be found as a matter of urgency to see to it that the structure is complete. As government we are very much concerned at this state of affairs and have been actively seeking a solution to ensure that the building is completed," he said.

On another note, the PS said the Municipal Council of Mbabane as the capital city of the Kingdom was expected to lead by example.

"This annual general meeting therefore, is but one such example. It underscored the importance of accountability, the government of the Kingdom of Swaziland, through the Swaziland Local Government Project has, as one of the four components on capacity building for local authorities, community engagement," he said.

Mamba said this aspect of capacity building is to ensure that local authorities in the country execute this part of their responsibilities to the required standard so that it eventually becomes entrenched in practice.

## EYA ENTRY DEADLINE FINALLY SET ON SEPTEMBER 30

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO) has finally set September 30 as the new deadlines for the 2016 edition of the Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (EYA) entry.**

This follows after SEDCO postponed the initial deadline which was supposed to be in August 26.

"The new deadline is September 30 and we are expecting the judging to begin in October," said SEDCO Marketing Manager Fanelwako Fakudze.

Fakudze said they were encouraging all prospect competitors to submit their entry forms before end of business on the aforementioned date.

"Businesses can submit their forms in our regional offices or even town council offices as we also work with them. I would like to emphasise that failure to submit the forms before or during the stipulated deadline will rule out their possibility to participate in the competition," he said.

### Road shows

SEDCO has conducted road shows which were held across the country to motivate and sensitise the public about the benefits of joining the awards.

Fakudze said they were many benefits attached to the awards, which amongst other things include exposure to potential markets, exposure to world class standards, best business practices and to gain financial assistance for growth and expansion of their business through the prize money.

He said the response from businesses was increasing each year and they were expecting the numbers to further increase this year.

Fakudze said amongst other things, the awards judging criteria



**GRATEFUL: Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) Managing Director Dorington Matiwane.**



**WINNER: Sifiso Ginindza receiving his brand new car keys from the PM during last year's awards.**

looks at tax compliance, good governance and proper bookkeeping.

Last year's winner Envirowise, outperformed the over 70 SMMEs that joined the competition to claim the 2015 crown of the competition.

Enviro Wise walked home with a Ford Ranger single cab, an

investment plan valued at E15 000 from African Alliance and website design valued at E10 000.

This year's edition of the awards was launched in July by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini, who was however, represented by Principal Secretary Jinnoh Nkambule.

SEDCO Managing Director Dorington Matiwane said they were very grateful to the sponsors of the event who embraced this noble idea and supported it throughout.

"We would not have really been able to hosts the awards without their support, that is why we are really grateful for their ongoing



# Sasfin sees 29% growth

JOHANNESBURG - Sasfin Holdings on Monday reported a 29 percent increase in headline earnings per share to 731.27 cents for the year ending in June, up from 566.74 cents last year, despite the tough economic and weak market conditions.

Sasfin said while the South African banking industry was taking strain from the weak economy, escalating regulation, technological disruption and cyber-crime, it remained resilient and well capitalised.

## Liquidity

The group expanded and diversified its funding base, resulting in a surplus liquidity position of R1.910 billion, albeit lower than the R2.618 billion in 2015.

Sasfin's deposit and funding



base grew, with improved diversification, mix and maturity profile, to R7.303 billion, up from R6.892 billion last year.

Total income grew by 25.1 per-

cent year-on-year, driven by impressive revenue generation in the Business Banking and Wealth divisions.

Business Banking delivered a

solid set of results with profit for the year growing by 32.6 percent to R156.294 million, from R117.857 million in 2015.

The key factors contributing to this performance were the strong revenue growth of 41.1 percent and the integration benefits arising from the Fintech acquisition.

Sasfin acquired control of Fintech as a whole in June, which also increased its costs by 19.8 percent to R828.316 million.

A final ordinary share gross cash dividend of 188.82 cents per share was declared, up from 147.47 cents last year.

Sasfin is a banking and financial services group, offering tailor-made products and services to entrepreneurs, corporates and high-net worth individuals.

*Africa News Agency*

## Gordhan investigation

'needs to be done quickly'

NEW YORK - Splits within South Africa's ruling African National Congress may cause it to lose power at the next national elections in 2019, according to a senior cabinet member.

"If the situation stays as it is, the risk of losing power is there," Malusi Gigaba, the Home Affairs Minister, said in an interview in New York on Monday. "The ANC is divided. The centre doesn't seem to be holding. We need to address that."

While the ANC has dominated South African politics since the end of apartheid in 1994, it is facing rising discontent as the economy barely grows and unemployment stands at 27 percent, among the highest levels globally. The party suffered its worst electoral result to date in municipal voting on August 3, when it lost control of the cities of Johannesburg, the main economic hub, Pretoria, the capital, and Port Elizabeth.

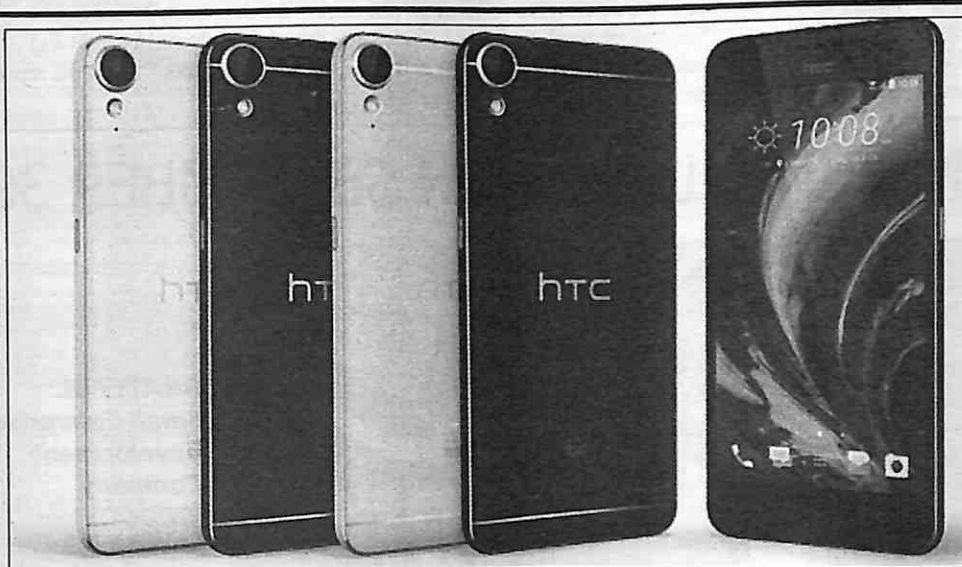
"The elections drove a cold and brutal message that we can never take the support of the people for granted," Gigaba, 45, said. "You have an unprecedented level of people who are feeling pessimistic, who feel the country is not going in the right direction. They say there are no jobs, there are high levels of corruption, crime is high."

The party's divisions have been worsened, according to Gigaba, by a police investigation into Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan, which may lead to his arrest. President Jacob Zuma has dismissed Gordhan's request to fire the nation's tax chief for insubordination and delayed his attempts to install a new board at the loss-making state airline.

*Bloomberg*



**ACKNOWLEDGES:** Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba.



**NEW ART:** On the heels of Apple's jet black iPhone 7, HTC has unveiled a new art-deco inspired handset with a striking black and gold design. The HTC Desire 10 Lifestyle features a distinctive new metallic gold trim that outlines the phone's matte finish. The Taiwanese phone maker's new handset sports a seamless full glass front which includes a 5.5-inch screen. The HTC Desire 10 Lifestyle features a distinctive new metallic gold trim that outlines the phone's matte finish. (Daily Mail)

## Outperforming rand dips under R14/\$

CAPE TOWN - The rand broke through the R14/\$ ceiling yesterday as the emerging market currency made its fourth straight day of gains against the dollar.

"The last time we were below R14/\$ was on 8 September, but that for a very short time," said Umkhulu Consulting analyst Adam Phillips yesterday. "I think the normal monthly forex offering from exporters, a tiny helping hand from offshore yield players (bonds also had a good day), selling of dollar at the end of the third quarter and concerns as to what to expect from the Federal Reserve Bank meeting topped the list."

By 09:00, the rand was up 0.32% at R13.99/\$, 0.35% up at R18.23/£ and 0.34% up at R15.63/€. "The rand is running hard, making its fourth straight day of gains against the dollar yesterday and its sixth straight day of relative



outperformance," said RMB analyst John Cairns yesterday. "As we set out yesterday, you might question if the gains are justified but there is no reason to doubt, or try and fade, the trend."

Phillips said South Africa's political situation might be calming down. "I think it would be wrong to ignore what has gone on," he said. "(Finance Minister Pravin) Gordhan has remained in the saddle in terms of the recent announcements on SAA and I think we have to assume he is

going to be around to table the finance ministry's medium-term budget in late October.

"However, it remains to be seen if he is around when the rating agencies make their decisions. I think that could be a good reason for the strength in the rand because exporters have been holding on, wondering what has changed."

"They would be right in their thinking and all it took was for a few to sell and others were forced to. That is why I believe the recent moves are a short-term phenomenon." *FIN24*

## 'R5bn SAA guarantee staved off risk for all SOEs'

CAPE TOWN - If South African Airways had not received a R5bn going concern guarantee, it would have posed a systemic risk to all state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in South Africa, Deputy Finance Minister Mcebisi Jonas said yesterday.

Jonas, who made a few introductory remarks, was part of a delegation from National Treasury and SAA who briefed Parliament's Standing Committee on Finance on the airline's preliminary financial statements for 2014-15.

He said SAA would have been unable to finalise their financial statements without a guarantee. "But it would have been prudent to give that kind of support without first mitigating the fiscal risk."

Jonas pointed out that SOEs' financial position poses a significant risk to South Africa's fiscal position. In fact, the financial well-being of all CEOs is being taken into account when rating agencies assess South Africa's credit risk.

Before handing over to acting CEO Musa Zwane, Jonas said the R4.7bn guarantee SAA received put the airline in a position to finalise sets of financial statements for both 2014-15 and 2015-16.

The 2015-16 financial statements would be finalised before September 30, Jonas said.

*Fin24*

## PwC warns of platinum shortage

JOHANNESBURG - Auditing firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has warned that the platinum industry was unlikely to meet the demand for the precious metal in the medium term.

The firm on Monday released a report claiming the supply would be subdued as a result of a lack of investment in the industry.

The report was in line with previous studies on the platinum industry that noted that a deficit in platinum supply would deepen.

Andries Rossouw, PwC's partner in assurance, said the lack of investment due to the low price environment and industrial action from 2012 to 2014 would continue to put pressure on the existing supply deficit. "South Africa's platinum miners had to cut costs and reduce capital expenditure in order to survive in the hope that normality will return to the platinum sector," he said. The report notes how despite substantial investment in platinum mines in the last 15 years, supply had been on a downward trend since 2006. It said the levels of investment started decreasing as far back as 2008 in contrast to capital expenditure by the overall global mining industry, which only started decreasing in 2013.

"Platinum miners' struggles are not dissimilar to those flowing throughout the South African mining industry - cost pressures, declines in commodity prices, and low or negative profit margins."

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# ONE-UPMANSHIP DISGUISED AS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

HAVE you been through the extreme endurance test that is 'Entrepreneur's Day'? This parent has:

Entrepreneur's Day, and there is a special place in hell for the person who thought this would be a good educational experience. For those of you who have not experienced this particular hell, the kids make some products, set-up a stand and sell the products to other kids.

Sounds good, right. Except when the teachers let the children pick their own groups and then [they] switch, disband and reform groups faster than alliances on a reality TV show.

The products change on a weekly basis, until a week beforehand I had to intervene and say: "This is what you are making".

Then I had to go out and spend my money (which in theory I should get back, but who are we kidding), assist in the making of the goods and then go to the school and help set up the stand. At what part is the child in charge of this process?

Oh yes, and I have a massive deadline at work so I can't just take half a day off and make everything pretty for them.

I was there this morning to set up a gazebo and there were stands there where the children were running a generator. A GENERATOR! Are you kidding me?

Any person who thinks that the kids are going to do this on their own clearly has not met many grade seven children, who are like ADHD goats at the best of time.

*It's not a chance to score, to show-off, or for parents to work off their own need to excel. It's supposed to be about children learning valuable skills for life. That can surely be done without turning Entrepreneur's Day into a twice-yearly nightmare of stress and expense and competitiveness for parents.*

Essentially this is a project that is custom-made for children with over-achieving parents.

To which another parent replied:

Dude. You have no idea. My son goes to a school in [northern Joburg]. There were stands there where the gazebos were branded with the group's name, complete with teardrop banners and full printed menus.

There was a group selling Emoji pillows for R150. Please tell me whose pocket money paid for that? Some were flighting adverts, others had machine-printed flyers, one had a series of jumping castles.

Said another:

All school projects should be geared towards getting the kids to put in maximum effort, and the parents should simply be there in a scene-setting capacity (taking them to the library or setting up those tricky gazebos).

For something like this, the playing fields should be levelled, for example, everyone gets a budget of R500 or whatever, and then they have to

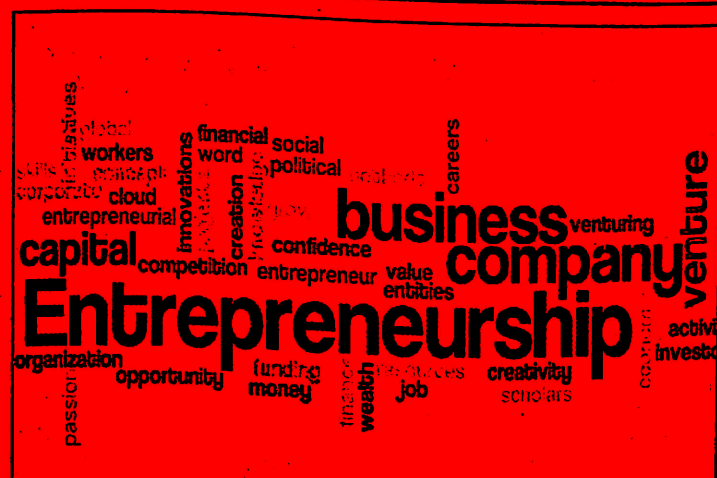
show how they used that money and made the most of it, etc. All this really does is illustrate how in a capitalist society, trust fund babies excel over those from more humble backgrounds.

Exactly. I once did a story on the entrepreneurial focus at a couple of upmarket schools, and I was appalled. Each of those schools had scholarship programmes, so there were children of domestic servants or (in one case) a nearby township studying there.

It was plain even then (about eight or ten years ago) that a kid who didn't have a wealthy helicopter parent (or one who could afford to delegate the role of helicopter parent) was going to be crushed by the experience.

Training for real life? Yeah, right. I would prefer that any child of mine delayed that kind of agony to a time when they had just a 'leeeetle' bit of maturity.

But the big question, for me, is how does any of this teach entrepreneurship, rather than one-upman-



ship? You could do that with a much simpler scenario: four groups per class, each with a budget of R300 to R500 (keep it low) to make and market simple things like lemonade, muffins and homemade bracelets from el cheapo wooden beads (which they are assigned – no choice in the matter).

In an initial experimental period the kids make, say, lemonade from two lemons, cost the lemons, sugar and electricity, and work out what each drink will cost and what you can charge. Everybody shares this in class, makes suggestions and so on.

Teacher points out missed input costs like labour or cups, for example, talks about the environmental costs and how that affects your choice of cup, and asks how you'll 'market' this lot – do you have budget for a poster or labels? (Parents are STRICTLY forbidden to contribute anything other than advice, and instructions on how to use the popcorn-maker.)

Finally, you have a much more down-market day where the children are supervised and taught how to keep tally of and

secure their money. (I hear in one case, for example, the cash on a stall managed by Grade 2s somehow went missing. Surprise!) All profits go into a kitty for something the class chooses to do. (Fun social responsibility project, I'd hope, where other things can be learned?)

The scenarios I've seen described must be very poor learning experiences; certainly they're unlikely to teach responsibility – or lead to a great feeling of achievement – if parents are forking out and pitching in to that extent. And how much do they learn of the basics? As one mom wrote: "... if they make a profit they will be happy and if they make a loss they will be devastated. But they will have no idea why this happened."

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## 7 principles of work success

**THE Happiness Advantage: The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology that Fuel Success and Performance at Work**, by Shawn Achor.

This book, published six years ago, succinctly captures seven principles that will enhance anyone's work life. While many of the ideas are found elsewhere, this is an engaging summary account. If you take the advice to heart, you will have a distinct advantage in the workplace. I will share just three principles.

The first is the debunking of a myth. The myth is that if you work hard, you can achieve success in your chosen field, and once you achieve success, you'll be happy. The success could be the raise in your salary or position in the organisation, status or great wealth.

Ground-breaking research in the fields of positive psychology and

● *Finding anything in your day at work that makes you feel happier will make you more productive.*

neuroscience has demonstrated unequivocally that there is a relationship between success and happiness – however, not in the direction we commonly assume.

Meta-analysis of happiness research of over 200 scientific studies on nearly 275 000 people demonstrates that happiness leads to success in nearly every area of our lives, from marriage to health, and more specifically in our careers and businesses.

Success does not lead to happiness; happiness leads to success! Success is not the cause of happiness: it is the result of happiness as evidenced by literally thousands of scientific studies. This explains the title of the book – The Happiness Advantage.

One simple illustration was an experiment with four-year-olds that demonstrated the positive effects of happiness on solving puzzles. Some of the children were first asked to recall events that made them happy, and the others were simply asked to solve the puzzle. In the lives of four-year-olds, the event that made them happy was recalling the jelly they had at lunch, and this made them more successful. Similarly, happy recollections had a positive effect on the accuracy of doctors doing a complex diagnosis.

Finding anything in your day at work that makes you feel happier will make you more productive. While this may seem simplistic, the scientific evidence is unassail-

able, and it would be ridiculous not to use this insight. That is why sophisticated companies cultivate working environments where employees experience small bursts of happiness – sharing birthday cake or a quick game of pool.

You, too, could do this in your business. Another principle for improving happiness and consequently success, author Shawn Achor calls 'the Tetris Effect'.

In one study students played Tetris, (a shape-forming computer game) for hours. For days after the study, some participants literally couldn't stop seeing the world as sets of Tetris shapes, from books on tables to actually dreaming about shapes falling from the sky.

This effect is called a "cognitive afterimage", very similar to the dots in your vision seconds after someone takes a flash-photograph of you.

Achor describes work he had been doing with the tax accountant KPMG, to help their tax auditors and managers become happier. These are people who spend eight to 14 hours a day finding errors in

tax forms and like the students who had played Tetris, their brains were becoming wired to look for mistakes. "When they went home to their families, they noticed only the Cs on their kids' report cards, never the As."

The problem is being unable to compartmentalise abilities: athletes who can't stop competing with their friends or families, and managers who can't stop micro-managing their children's lives. This is the negative Tetris Effect.

Imagine a way of seeing that constantly picked up on the positives in every situation – the Positive Tetris Effect: "Instead of creating a cognitive pattern that looks for negatives and blocks success, it trains our brains to scan the world for the opportunities and ideas, that allow our success rate to grow."

Armed with positivity, the brain is open to possibility. "We can train our brains to let in these messages that make us more adaptive, more creative, and more motivated – messages that allow us to spot and pounce on more opportunities.



# Focus on SA scene

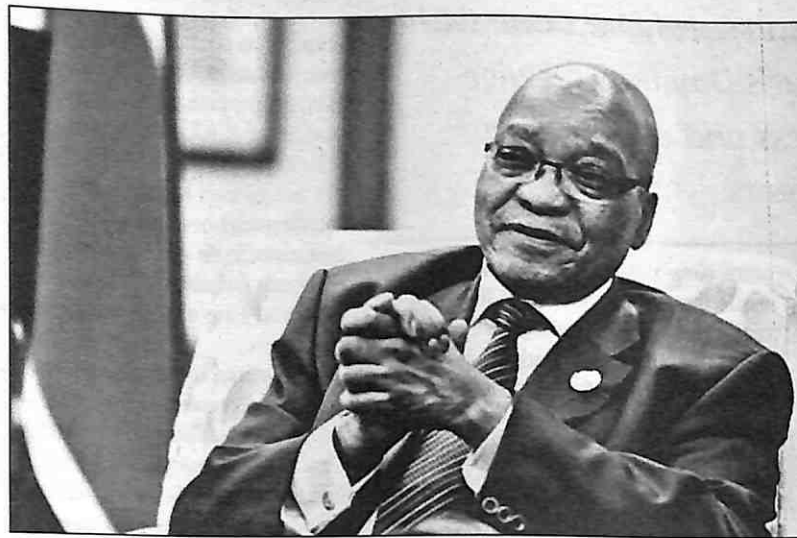
## PRESIDENT ZUMA URGES STATES TO TACKLE FORCIBLE DISPLACEMENT

**GENEVA** - President Jacob Zuma told the United Nations that South Africa continues to afford forcibly displaced persons the "right to live wherever you like and the right to work, study and access social services".

In his address at a high level summit on refugees and migrants, he called on member states to do the same, saying: "Our common humanity requires that we respect each person's human dignity in equal measure. No instance should enjoy more attention and concern than the other."

South Africa, Zuma told the gathering in the General Assembly Hall, is "the largest single recipient of asylum seekers" in sub-Saharan Africa, and the country "recognises that in order to adequately address the forcible displacement of people, we must address the root causes of this phenomenon".

"Under-development is a key driver of the displacement of people and in turn can lead to armed conflict," he



**URGES:** President Jacob Zuma.

said.

### Conflict

"A concerted global effort to address the questions of under-development and armed conflict should therefore be a central focus of all member states.

He noted the African Union's aspiration "under its Agenda 2063 to

silence all guns by 2020" and said the continental body had "made strides in efforts to prevent and end conflicts through our involvement in high-level political mediation and conciliation efforts as well as contributing to peace-keeping and peace-making missions".

*TMG Digital*

## Madonsela urges students to fight social injustice 'with their minds'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Public Protector Thuli Madonsela urged students to "use their minds" to fight social injustice in the way writer Sol Plaatje fought the system "with his mind".

"Social injustice matters, it matters now and everyone deserves social justice. As long as there is injustice somewhere, sustainable peace cannot be experienced anywhere," Madonsela said on Monday.

The outgoing public protector was speaking at the dialogue sessions with students and staff of North West University in Mahikeng.

Plaatje was a South African intellectual, journalist, writer and the first general secretary of the South African Native National Congress, which later became the African National

Congress.

Madonsela said the difference between the old and new state was that the former would not listen to people but the character of the new state, as envisaged in the Constitution, made accountability by those exercising public power central while entrenching citizen participation.

She said young leaders had the power to make a difference as they carried the dreams and hopes of South Africans.

"Young persons can fast-track the delivery of the South African dream without bricks, stones and fire and when normal dia-

logue fails, they can make use of other constitutional avenues such as the public protector, the South African Human Rights Commission and petitions, among others," she said.



**FREE ADVICE:** Public Protector Thuli Madonsela.

## Hlaudi wants another SABC job

**PARLIAMENT** - SABC Chief Operating Officer Hlaudi Motsoeneng is refusing to go.

There are growing calls for him to resign after the Supreme Court of Appeal in Bloemfontein (SCA) threw out his application for leave to appeal a High Court ruling that his appointment to the post was irrational and should be set aside.

Motsoeneng wants the SABC to give him another position at the public broadcaster if he is removed as chief operating officer as directed by the court.

His lawyer indicated on Monday that Motsoeneng would not appeal the SCA judgment in the Constitutional Court because there were no constitutional issues to raise with the highest court in the land.

The SCA found on Monday that Motsoeneng's appointment was invalid and irrational. The court said his appointment must be set aside.

On Monday, Motsoeneng's lawyer, Zola Majavu, said his client was waiting for the SABC to decide his fate.

SABC spokesman Kaizer Kganyago said a decision on the judgment had not been taken. "Our lawyers are studying the judgment and they are not in a position to give us what the way forward will be."

Last year, Judge Dennis Davis ruled in the Western Cape High Court that given the adverse findings of Public Protector Thuli Madonsela against Motsoeneng, it had been irrational on the part of Communications Minister Faith Muthambi to appoint him as COO in a permanent capacity.



**NOT BACKING DOWN:** SABC Chief Operating Officer Hlaudi Motsoeneng.

## Pupil killed 'for making noise in church'

**DURBAN** - A Grade 10 Nothando High School pupil in northern KwaZulu-Natal, was stabbed to death at a church service on Friday evening.

Ntokozi Ncube, of KwaMhlabuyalingana, was allegedly stabbed by his friend and died at the Mboza clinic.

It is alleged that Ncube was playing with other friends and causing

noise during the service.

His father, Mabili Ncube, said he was shocked and hurt that his son was killed for playing with others.

"What I heard is he was playing with others, slapping them in the faces and one of his friends asked him why he was beating others.

"He pulled a knife and stabbed him in the chest and he fell. His friends took him to the Zamazama Clinic

and then to Mboza after they could not get help at the other former," said Ncube.

Provincial police spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Shooz Magudulela, confirmed the incident. He said the suspect was arrested and charged with murder. He will appear in the Manguzi Magistrate's Court soon.

*Daily News*

## 92% of public service senior managers filed electronic disclosures

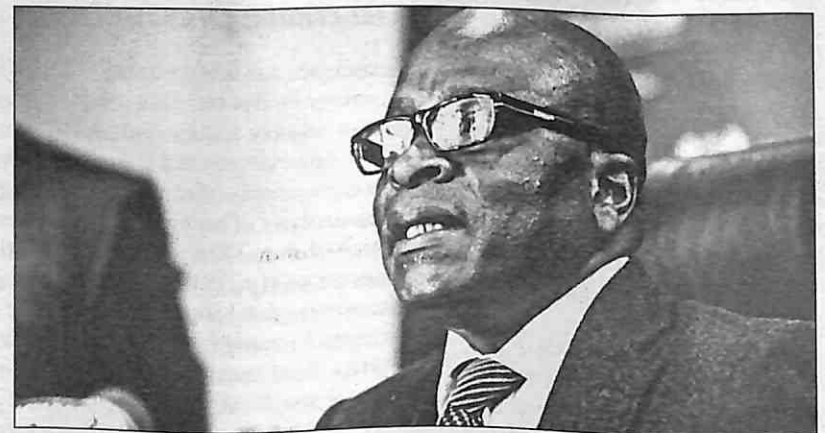
**JOHANNESBURG** - Minister of Public Service and Administration Ngoako Ramatlhodi told Parliament that 8 943 senior managers in the public service filed electronic disclosures of interest between 2015 and April of this year.

The minister detailed this in a written response to a parliamentary question from Democratic Alliance MP Andrius van der Westhuizen. This comes on the back of perceived impunity among public service who fail to submit financial disclosures.

### Submitted

Ramatlhodi said out of a total of 9 689 senior management staff members in national and provincial government offices, 92% had submitted an electronic financial disclosure since the launch of the electronic submission system in 2015.

"We have strengthened the requirement to disclose electronically in the



**REVEALS:** Minister of Public Service and Administration Ngoako Ramatlhodi.

PSR (Public Service Regulations) 2016. Employees will disclose manually only under exceptional circumstances, which will have to be authorised by respective heads of departments," he said.

Ramatlhodi said the Public Service Commission retains the responsibility to conduct verification of financial disclosures and manage any conflicts of interest for all members of Senior Management Service. *TMG Digital*



# DEGREES OF DRUNKENNESS

- University students hit the bars (and later the floor) as Freshers Week gets underway with a bang
- In Manchester, home to 80,000 students, security has been increased
- They will gather in evidence of anti-social behaviour during nights out

**MANCHESTER** - A new wave of students started at university this week but there were the same old drunken scenes across the country.

Teenagers were spotted crouching in alleyways and rowing with friends in wild scenes of drink and debauchery during Freshers Week.

In Manchester, home to 80 000 students, security has been increased to manage the mayhem.

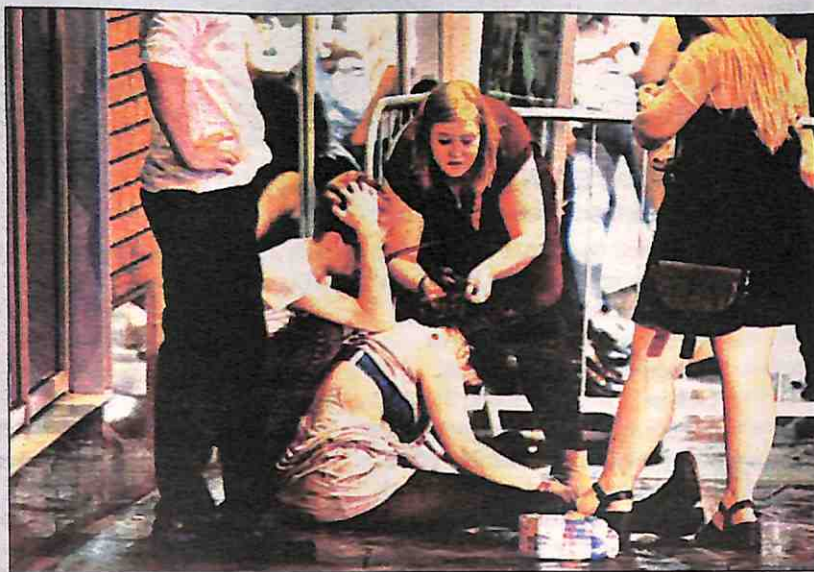
University bosses in the city have hired two security guards to act as 'visible guardians' during key dates in the first academic term, including Freshers' Week and Halloween.

They will provide reassurance to residents while acting as 'professional witnesses' gathering evidence of anti-social behaviour - and presenting it to campus bosses who will then take action.

The scheme is designed to end the rowdy parties which have plagued neighbourhoods for years.

Local councillor Rebecca Moore said the move - thought to be one of the first of its kind - will be mutually beneficial to both students and neighbours.

She said: "They will act as a visi-



**DRUNKEN MASTERS:** Teenagers were spotted crouching in alleyways with friends in wild scenes of drink and debauchery during Freshers' Week. (Pics: Daily Mail)

ble guardian and a professional witness who can gather evidence of any problems.

This scheme will be good for a lot of residents and for students as it will hopefully make them feel a bit safer.

Most students are good neighbours and it's a shame that a minority

cause problems. We hope this pilot scheme will be beneficial for everybody."

The pilot scheme will run until November 5.

It comes after university bosses rejected a resident plan for a 'student levy' to fund patrols and security in the leafy suburb.



**CHEMICALLY OFF-BALANCED:** A new wave of students started at university this week but there were the same old drunken scenes across the country.

Residents suggested that an annual £5 student levy could fund a £400 000 night patrol to tackle rowdy parties, crime and litter.

But the idea was rejected by university bosses who said a scheme to tackle 'negative behaviour' were already in place.

And police chiefs admitted that they would not be able to deploy sufficient numbers of officers to tackle the issues even if a levy was imposed.

But the University of Manchester and Manchester

Metropolitan University have now promised to fund patrols by security staff.

In a joint statement, the universities said: "As part of the ongoing commitment to positive community relations and enhancing cohesive communities, both Manchester Metropolitan University and the University of Manchester will be jointly introducing a night-time response pilot scheme aimed at addressing any issues relating to anti-social behaviour by students."

*Daily Mail*

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## BRIEFS

## UN says CAR clash killed six people

**BANGUI** - The UN peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic on Monday revised a death toll for weekend clashes in the heart of the nation down to six. "The total number of people killed was six," Minusca force chief Herve Verhoosel said in a statement, adding an investigation into the deadly violence was under way.

AP

## Tension between royal family, ruling Islamists

**RABAT** - Tensions have erupted between Morocco's royal establishment and the Islamist ruling party, with the Islamist justice minister complaining of "weird" goings-on in the run-up to a parliamentary election next month. Mustapha Ramid accused his government colleague Mohammed Hassad, a technocrat appointed by the royal palace as interior minister, of monopolising decisions on organising the election and failing to consult with the justice ministry. Unlike rulers in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya who were overthrown in Arab Spring revolutions in 2011, Morocco's King Mohamed VI rode out popular protests while ceding some authority to the government, which has been led for the past five years by the Islamist Justice and Development Party (PJD).

AFP

## Zim civil servants face tough time

**HARARE** - The payment of salaries for thousands of Zimbabwe's public servants for this month will spill over into the next as government battles the effects of a failing economy. Employees of the military were to get their salaries yesterday, while the health sector and police will be paid on Tuesday next week. However, teachers, pensioners and other civil servants will be paid in the first week of October.

Reuters

## France presses Kabila for elections date

**UNITED NATIONS** - France on Monday voiced deep concern over unrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo as it urged President Joseph Kabila to make clear a timetable for elections. Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault called the situation in the DRC "very dangerous and extremely worrying" amid deadly clashes ahead of plans for a major opposition demonstration.

AFP

## Tourist killed by elephant in national park

**MOMBASA** - An Italian tourist was trampled to death by an elephant while photographing the animal at the Tsavo National Park near the Kenyan coastal town of Malindi on Sunday, police said. Malindi police boss Muchangi Mutava said on Monday that the 66-year-old man was attacked by the elephant near the Swara Camp he stayed in on the Kulalu ranch in the park. The tourist spotted the elephant at a water point a few metres from the camp.

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# GAMBIAN INTERIOR MINISTER FIRED, REPLACED WITH COUP PLOTTER

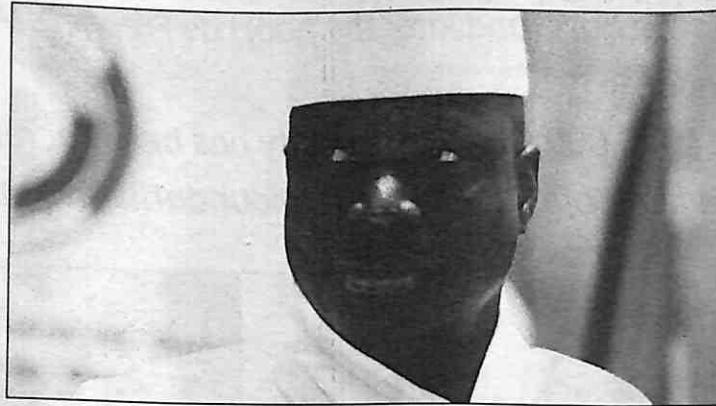
**BANJUL** - Gambian President Yahya Jammeh has fired his interior minister and replaced him with a military officer previously convicted of plotting a coup against him, in the latest unpredictable move from the West African strongman.

A press release read over state television on Sunday night said long time minister Ousman Sonko would be replaced "with immediate effect" by Momodou Alieu Bah, who helped mount a 2006 coup against Jammeh.

Jammeh has fended off several attempted coups since coming to power in 1994 via the same method.

Bah had previously served as finance director for the Gambia's armed forces, and hails from Lamin, a village close to the capital, Banjul.

He was sentenced to 25 years in jail in 2006 following the



**APPOINTED:** Newly-appointed Gambian Interior Minister Momodou Alieu Bah.

attempted overthrow but granted amnesty in 2010 after he testified during the trial of the chief of defence staff of the Gambia Armed Forces, Lieutenant General Lang Tombong Tamba.

Bah's sacked predecessor Sonko was previously a member of the presidential guard and protected Jammeh when he was threatened

with a separate coup attempt in 2000, rather than joining other guards mounting an insurrection.

Sonko had served as interior minister since 2006 except for his brief 2012 appointment as ambassador to Spain, a decision that Jammeh reversed one week later.

Sonko's profile was still avail-

able to view on the Gambian government's website on Monday, but had disappeared by the evening.

Last week the United Nations human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein said he was "alarmed" by reports of violence against protesters, and the torture and unexplained deaths of detainees in the Gambia, warning of "serious repercussions of any further decline in the situation".

Jammeh is expected to win a fifth term in a December election, and his regime is regularly accused by rights groups of arranging the forcible disappearance of opponents.

Since independence from Britain in 1965, Gambia has had just one other leader, Dawda Jawara, who served until the current president toppled him in a 1994 coup.

AFP



**DUTY CALLS:** DRC police move to clear a barricade mounted at an intersection near Echangeur de Limete as opposition activists marched to press President Joseph Kabila to step down. (Daily Mail)

## Govt denies claims Mutharika suffered cardiac arrest

**LILONGWE** - The government of Malawi has denied social media rumours claiming that President Peter Mutharika suffered a cardiac arrest.

According to a Nyasa Times report, Mutharika had been reported as having "good health" while reports confirmed that he was currently in New York attending the United Nations General Assembly.

Francis Kasaila, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation in the country, dismissed the claims, assuring Malawians that Mutharika was enjoying



**ALL IS WELL:** Malawian President Peter Mutharika.

his stay in the United States. Describing the Malawian leader as "very strong and healthy", Kasaila expressed his suspicions that the rumour was spread by mem-

bers of the opposition who had malicious intent.

The development followed on shortly after social media posts surfaced saying the southern Africa country leader was down after being affected by cardiac arrest.

Mutharika has since been captured looking fit and vibrant while mingling with dignitaries in New York.

False reports on the state of Mutharika's health have caused the president to recently seek regulation regarding social media recently.

News24

## Six killed in ambush by Boko Haram militants

**ABUJA** - Suspected members of the Islamist militant group Boko Haram killed six people in an attack on a commercial convoy being escorted by the army in Nigeria's north eastern state of Borno, the military said on Monday.

Boko Haram has killed more than 15 000 people and displaced 2.4 million across Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger and Chad during a seven-year insurgency aimed at creating a state based on a radical interpretation of Islamic law.

Nigerian army spokesman Sani Usman said suspected elements of the group who were foraging for food had ambushed troops escorting the commercial vehicles from Damboa to Maiduguri, a journey of around 50 miles (80 km).

"Unfortunately, five civilians lost their lives at the incident and another died on the way to the hospital," said Usman.

"Three soldiers also sustained injuries." Boko Haram controlled a swathe of land in northeast Nigeria around the size of Belgium at the start of last year, but has been pushed out of most of that territory by the Nigerian army, aided by troops from neighbouring countries.

The militants have nevertheless continued to carry out suicide bombings in northeast Nigeria and neighbouring Cameroon, Niger and Chad.

On Saturday, Niger said its soldiers and Chadian troops had killed 38 Boko Haram fighters. Reuters



# World News

## CLINTON ACCUSES TRUMP OF HELPING ISIS RECRUIT FIGHTERS

PHILADELPHIA – Democrat Hillary Clinton on Monday accused Republican rival Donald Trump of helping Islamic State militants recruit more fighters as bomb blasts in New York and New Jersey made national security a top concern on the US presidential campaign trail.

Trump, meanwhile, said Clinton's "weakness" while Democratic President Barack Obama's secretary of state had emboldened terrorists worldwide to attack the United States.

Both candidates tried to use the attacks to flex their national security credentials, with world leaders gathering in security-heightened New York for the annual United Nations General Assembly.

Clinton said Trump's rhetoric against what he calls "radical



**IT'S HIM:** Democrat, Hillary Clinton has accused Republican Donald Trump of helping ISIS recruit more fighters.

Islamic terrorism" is helping Islamic State, also known by the acronym ISIS.

"We know that a lot of the rhetoric we've heard from Donald Trump has been seized on by terrorists, in particular ISIS, because

they are looking to make this into a war against Islam rather than a war against jihadists," she told reporters in White Plains, New York.

The Trump campaign responded by saying Clinton bears some

responsibility for the violence by not persuading Obama to leave a residual force of US troops in Iraq when she was his secretary of state from 2009 to 2013.

Obama and the Iraqi government failed to reach agreement at the end of 2011 on extending a US Iraqi status of forces agreement, and most American troops were withdrawn.

Trump has sought to tie Clinton to the decisions of the Obama administration.

"Hillary Clinton's weakness while she was secretary of state has emboldened terrorists all over the world to attack the US, even on our own soil. They are hoping and praying that Hillary Clinton becomes president so they can continue their savagery and murder," Trump said on Facebook. He did not give specifics.

Reuters

## Trump jr compares refugees to poisoned sweets

WASHINGTON - Donald Trump jr. has posted a message on Twitter likening Syrian refugees to a bowl of poisoned Skittles.

Seeking to promote his father's presidential campaign, the

younger Trump posted a tweet featuring a bowl of the sweet Skittles with a warning.

"If I had a bowl of skittles and I told you just three would kill you, would you take a handful?" said the tweet on the verified

@DonaldJTrumpJr handle.

"That's our Syrian refugee problem," said the post, which caused a stir and negative tweets on the internet into yesterday.

Young Trump's tweet said,

"This image says it all. Let's end the politically correct agenda that doesn't put America first."

His father has advocated sharply restraining immigration and has accused opponent Hillary Clinton of advocating acceptance of tens of thousands of refugees.

AP

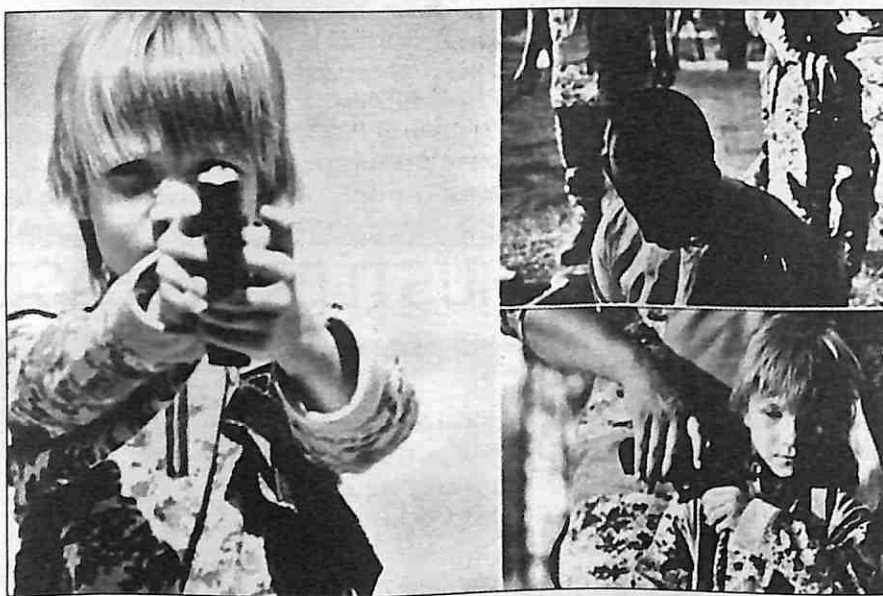
## Florida declares neighbourhood Zika free

FLORIDA – US health officials on Monday urged pregnant women to consider putting off non-essential travel to Miami due to the Zika virus even as they lifted a travel warning for one neighbourhood.

Earlier in the day, Florida's governor declared the neighbourhood of Wynwood Zika-free and invited visitors to return.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention left in place a travel warning issued on August 19 for nearby Miami Beach even as it discontinued one issued on August 1 for Wynwood due to local transmission of the mosquito-borne virus that can cause serious birth defects.

"We want to continue to emphasise to pregnant women that they still should consider postponing non-essential travel for all of Miami-Dade (County). That is still in effect," CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said. AP



**CHILD ABUSE:** A shocking new video from ISIS shows an angelic-looking blond boy being handed a gun and forced to execute a prisoner in cold blood in Iraq. The latest stomach-churning piece of ISIS propaganda is believed to have been filmed recently in the city of Mosul in northern Iraq. The Iraqi Army and Kurdish fighters are planning to liberate the city - which has been in ISIS hands since the summer of 2014 to this year. The boy is seen holding a gun (inset) and then firing it into the back of the prisoner's head. (Daily Mail)

### BRIEFS

Bombing suspect 'wanted visa for wife'

NEW YORK - A New Jersey congressman says the Afghan immigrant arrested in the New York-region bombings contacted his office from Pakistan in 2014 to help get his pregnant wife a visa. Rep. Albio Sires said that Ahmad Khan Rahami emailed his office from Pakistan in 2014 seeking help because his wife had an expired Pakistani passport. Sires said his office wrote a letter to the US embassy in Pakistan to check on the status of the case and that the woman eventually received a visa. He says he doesn't know if she ever came to the country and the FBI didn't answer when asked on Monday. Sires says he contacted the FBI about the encounter on Monday after Rahami was named as a person they were seeking for questioning.

AP

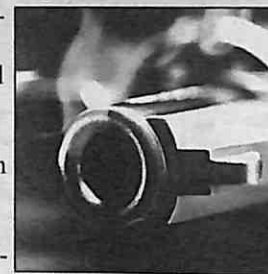
28 000 teachers fired in Turkey

ANKARA – Turkey has fired almost 28 000 teachers and suspended more than 9 000 others for suspected links to the failed July coup and Kurdish militants, Deputy Prime Minister Nurettin Canikli said Monday. Hours after some 18 million children finished their first school day since the July 15 coup bid, Canikli said a total of 27 715 had been dismissed from the profession this summer.

AFP

2 arrested after young girl shoots herself

MIAMI - Two young Florida children were killed in separate weekend shootings, including a four-year-old girl who was shot while playing with a gun she found on a bed, authorities said on



Monday. Investigators on Monday announced the arrest of a 16-year-old boy and the uncle of four-year-old Amirra Jacques, who apparently found a gun on a bed in a Riviera Beach home on Sunday night. The gun discharged while the girl was playing with it. She was taken to a hospital but died a short time later.

AFP

Merkel admits mistakes on refugees

BERLIN - German Chancellor Angela Merkel pledged Monday that there would be no repeat of last year's "chaotic" border opening to refugees, after a stinging loss for her party in Berlin elections. Even as she defended the "political and ethical" decision to let in one million asylum seekers in 2015 in the face of a potential humanitarian catastrophe, Merkel admitted mistakes that she would avoid in future.

"If I could, I would turn back time many, many years to better prepare myself, the federal government and all those in positions of responsibility for the situation we were rather unprepared for in the late summer of 2015," Merkel said.

AFP





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# MORE SA CHORAL GIANTS TO FALL

As Regional Eliminations move to our shores

By Simon Shabangu

**THE regional eliminations of the Old Mutual National Choir Festival moves to Swaziland this Sunday with some of South Africa's giants having fallen off from the top ten in the Large Choir Category.**

Latest log standings show that Gauteng Choristers is languishing at the bottom of the log with the likes of Free State Chorus, The Sounds of Joy Choral Society and Voices of the Nation facing a serious threat of elimination from the lucrative choral music extravaganza.

## Elimination

The elimination takes place at Esibayeni Lodge, Esangweni Hall where five local choirs in the large section will be battling for a spot in

## THE STANDINGS

### LARGE CHOIR LEAGUE STANDINGS AS AT 10/09/2016:

Log Position	Choir Name	Total marks
1	Easten Cape Police Choir	184.66
2	NWU Serenaders	180.33
3	Sound of the Nation	178.00
4	Kopano Chorus	176.33
5	African Chorus	175.76
6	North West University Choir	175.67
7	Voices of the Nation	172.00
8	The Sounds of Joy Choral Society	165.33
9	Free State Choristers	163.67
10	Gauteng Choristers	161.00

### Dates and venues for the remaining regional championships:

Swaziland	Sunday	25 September	Esibayeni Lodge – Matsapha
Western Cape	Sunday	2 October	Artscape Main Opera House – Cape Town
Mpumalanga	Saturday	8 October	Civic Centre – Nelspruit

the top ten to take part in the finals to be held in Johannesburg in December.

The local choral music association

under the leadership of Vusi Maziya aka Jozana has encouraged local choirs to aim for the top spots in the log as opposed to competing among

themselves.

Their target is to qualify at least three choirs in this 39th instalment of the most celebrated choral music competition.

The local elimination is the most anticipated among choral music fanatics as local choirs are known to be competitive, having qualified two choirs to the finals for two consecutive years. Defending champions is Mbabane Methodist Church Choir who will be competing with His Majesty's Correctional Services Choir, Manzini Choir, Sweet Sounds and Royal

Swaziland Police Choir.

Things are different though for the 11 choirs competing in the standard category as champion in this category gets automatic entry to the list of choirs to compete in the finals come December.

The one winning choir will join African Sweet Melodies



National Choir Festival

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(Gauteng), Belcanto Singers (Eastern Cape), Diamond City Chorus (Northern Cape), Chitungwiza Harmony Singers (Zimbabwe) and Prince Mshiyeni Choir (Kwazulu Natal), Gaborone Youth Singers (Botswana) and CUT Choir (Free State) which have already secured their places in the finals.



## Shota confirms Jukes' spin and drifting sessions

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**SOUTH African artist, producer and businessman Mnqobi 'Shota' Mdabe confirmed that he will be present at the comeback of Juke's famous spin and drifting sessions at 'Kamjuda' in Nhlanguano in October, 1.**

The spin and drift session is hosted courtesy of Kool Swazi Entertainment.

"I am so fond of Swaziland; the last time I was here was just a month ago and I was promoting a young Swazi designer and launching our partnership.

"This time around, I will be present to do the usual; I promise much respect to those who will attend. It will be a hot and steamy show and I will be presenting new songs," said Mdabe.

According to Kool Swazi Entertainment's co-founder Mfundo 'DJ Mfundo' Mbhamali, the area where this event will be held is owned by Nhlanguano's popular businessman known as Mjuda and his place has been magnificently renovated and can accommodate close to 10 000 people.

## SPINNERS

The spin session will commence at 3pm until 9pm and they will be headlined by the following teams:

### SOUTH AFRICA

- Feel It Am Here
- Poison
- 360 Boys
- Bhuzuzu
- Maventer
- Fingers
- Sthwashtwa

### SWAZILAND

- Team Swazi
- Suid Crew
- Swazi Machine
- Matsapha Crew
- Team Salim
- Masina Brothers
- Team Icr
- Revolution Crew
- Eddie
- Ghetto Ruff

"After the spin and drifting session there will be an after party headlined by South Africa's Shota and he will be supported by; Master P, Mfundo, Lady Cream, Deepmotion vs Freestyle and many more," said Mbhamali.

Pre-sale tickets are already available at E80 at the T-Junction Bottle Store at Nhlanguano. Revelers will pay E100 at the entrance.

## SPRING BRIDAL FASHION WEEK

By Majaha Nkonyane

**AS the seasons are changing and we welcome spring, couples and fashion lovers will be thrilled to know that Sibane Hotel will Host a spring Bridal Fashion week and exhibition, the event is scheduled for October 01.**

The event will be a full blown fashion experience that will start with a fashion exhibition at 14:00. Later on there will be a fashion show that is scheduled 18:00, this is where models will be showcasing different designs.

The fashion show is promising to be an interesting one with local Comedian Mduduzi 'Mdura' Dlamini

hosting the show as an MC for the night. The fashion show will also award attendees with gifts such as wedding packages and cakes.

## Happy

"We are happy to be hosting this event that will be showcasing some of Swaziland's finest designers, we would like to encourage everyone to come see the beauty of our local designers on the night. People who will be attending will also stand a chance to win great prizes", Leisure Marketing officer Samu Ngwenya said.

The event will have entertainment for the attendees and will also have a guest makeup artist Khosi Shabalala. She runs a cosmetic brand make-up, that is all about sprinkling magic for

all occasions and all looks. She caters for all makeup needs.

On the night she will be showcasing her artistry capabilities as far as showcasing to woman that make-up is for everyone and can be tailored to suit every personality, demonstrating it to everyone.

The show will also have a guest Speaker, who will speak on grooming young gentleman out there. He will deliver a speech on how young men can take care of themselves and also keep up in the fashion industry. He will also share how young men can balance being the best for themselves in their society. He will further speak on how to stay fit and relevant to everyday changes while keeping up with the latest trends.

## PRO HUSTLER RELEASES ANOTHER SINGLE

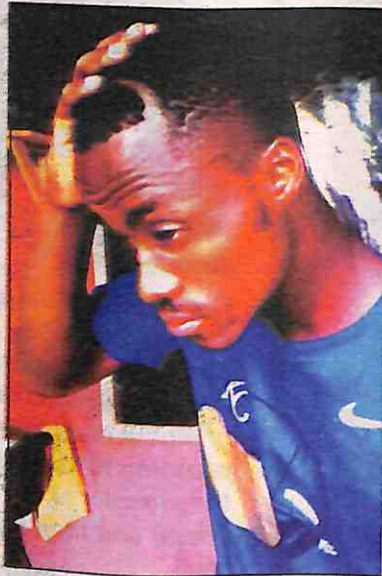
By Phumelele Mkhonta

**UPCOMING local hip hop artist S'manga 'Pro Hustler' Mavuso has dropped yet another hit track titled 'Scoop'.**

The track which was recorded by Moving Technology and released on September, 12 has already aired on local radio stations.

Mavuso is originally from Sandleni in Hlatikhulu and has moved to Matsapha to pursue his dreams; part of which is starting off his career in music.

According to Mavuso, the title of the song was motivated by continuity in life; the fact that life



goes on.

"Scoop means to lift and move

something with a quick continuous movement. I carefully chose the title 'Scoop' because I believe that with it I will scoop myself a place in the heart of Swazi hip hop fans. After my first single 'Gold Rush', I permeated the media but many people thought it was a phase. So by 'Scoop', I am proving myself and people wrong because I am not going to fade.

"What makes this track special is that it was released on my birthday. The video is still being recorded and has yet to be released. The track was produced by Da Coolest DJ and the video directed by Dr Vile," commented Mavuso.



# IMPROVED SITTING ARRANGEMENT FOR UPCOMING DOUBLE LAUNCH

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

ATTENDEES to the Swazi Praise and Spirit of Praise Double Launch will be thrilled to know that sitting arrangements to the show has been made more comfortable for everyone.

The venue for the show scheduled for October 8 will be Mavuso Trade Centre Hall 1, the floor plan developed for the show demarcates the venue according to ticket prices.

Moreover, the demarcation of the floor makes it comfortable to watch the whole show without obstructions.

The normal set up in the hall as experienced in previous show would be that other attendees be placed behind the building pillars. Leserato Events Management is bringing the event together with Prestige Events, which is an entertainment stable based in South Africa.

"We have created a different floor plan that makes it comfortable for everyone attending to be in a good position to watch the whole show comfortably. "We have also numbered the seats to have order in the sitting arrangements during the show. This will also encourage everyone to buy tickets early thus get a comfortable seat," Leserato Events Manager, Sjabulile Vilakati said.

The shows tickets have been categorised into three starting with Silver

## ...Voting process improves

THE voting exercise for the guest artist to perform at the Swazi Praise and Spirit of Praise Volume 6 double launches, have picked up momentum in the first week.

With only a week in the voting process, participants to the competition have shown great interest by sensitising people to vote for them.

The voting process is through an SMS, where people who are voting send the name of the favourite artist to 64500 and the SMS cost E1.50.

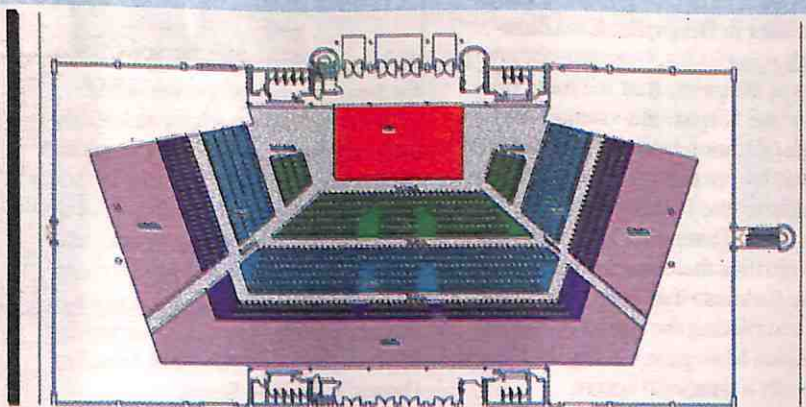
The competition opened on Monday and will close September 30 at midnight.

"It is exciting to see so many votes

in the first week of the competition. We would like to encourage everyone to continue voting for their favourite artist," Leserato Events Manager Sjabulile Vilakati said. The top five results will be released weekly on VOC radio station. The first week of votes stand like this:

1. S'hlangiwe Dlamini - 126
2. Senzo Gamedze - 104
3. Sihle Mamba - 97
4. S'phiwo Ndlangamandla - 81
5. Africa and Lindo - 37

The competition is an opportunity for guest artists to present their talent alongside Swazi Praise and Spirit of Praise.



VIP area at the back row. The middle row is for the Gold VIP area and the front row made up of the first five lines

will be the Platinum VIP area. Each section comes with gifts and an opportunity to meet and greet artists.



MR NICE: Swazi Boy's Mthunzi 'Shadow' Zwane.

## Lucrative entrance for students at 18-hour Spring Bash

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**TERTIARY learners who want to attend the Swazi Boy/Mega Sound Spring Bash have been given a 30% discount on ticket prices to the show.**

The Spring Bash will be held on Saturday at Ronde Vu, at Esibayeni Lodge starting at 12 noon till late.

According to Swazi Boy's Mthunzi 'Shadow' Zwane, the organising team came to this decision to accommodate students at this event as some prices are steep for them.

"We have decided to give the students a discount since we all know they are learners and not earners yet they want to have fun when on a break from their books.

"We all have been students

before and know the struggle for finances whilst we all wanted to have fun.

We felt the 30% discount will do justice.

"The Spring Bash will only feature top local entertainers and will definitely be the only place to be this coming Saturday. Our target is 2 000 people so we are appealing to all Swazi fun lovers to support us by all means by attending and paying at the gate. This is for the future of the Swazi entertainment industry hence we are appealing for support from the public," said Zwane.

There will be two dance floors; one with all Swazi Boy deejays and/or artists and the other with Mega Sound deejays and/or artists.

Entrance fee is E70 for students, E100 general and E300 for VIP and all the tickets would be available at the door.

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All Semester One students  
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Tuesday 20th from 08:00 am

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Graphic Design  
Architecture  
Creative Multimedia  
Music Design

### Business Management and Globalisation

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International tourism  
Hotel Management

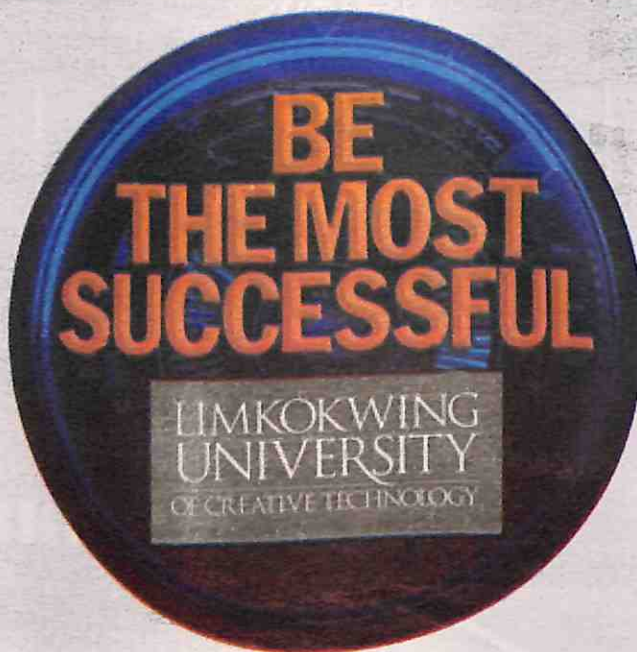
Wednesday 21st from 08:00 am

### Information Technology

Information Technology  
Business Information Technology

### Communication Media and Broadcasting

Journalism and Media  
Events Management  
Public Relations  
TV and Film Production



Orientation Days are as follows

Thursday 23rd from 08:00 am

Friday 24th from 08:00 am

Requirements for registration

STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING WITH THEM

- NATIONAL ID
- ACCEPTANCE LETTER
- E100.00 REGISTRATION FEE
- E150.00 SRC REGISTRATION FEE

PROOF OF PAYMENT WILL BE REQUIRED FROM NON-GOVERNMENT SPONSORED STUDENTS. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR STUDENT PASSES OR VISAS





## HIGHLIGHTS

ADVENTURES OF BABYSITTING  
FRIDAY 17:25 | DISNEY CHANNEL (303)

Two teen rival babysitters, Jenny and Lola, team up to hunt down one of their kids who accidentally runs away into the big city without any supervision. Don't miss the premiere of

Adventures in Babysitting on the 23rd September at 17:25! As well as this, catch an exclusive preview of a brand new and upcoming Disney Channel series Bizaardvark straight after.

PAUL O'GRADY'S ANIMAL ORPHANS  
FRIDAY 20:00 | ITV CHOICE (123)

Being a parent is tough. Feeding, changing and protecting helpless youngsters, is demanding and exhausting work. But when the babies are abandoned wild animals, there are some very unusual challenges.

A team of experts are giving Mother Nature a helping hand to raise the tiny animals and return them home to the wild. Before they can be released, they must

be fed and cared for by their surrogate parents, which means making raw fish smoothies for baby penguins and wiping the bottoms of, not so little, elephants. Presenter Paul O'Grady travels to South Africa, Zambia and Borneo, meeting some of these animals that have been orphaned in the wild. Hilarious and adorable, Animal Orphans is a show with family at its heart.

IN the age of wireless headphones, dabbin and memes, Mzansi Magic presents its first teen drama, **Is'thunzi**, which premieres on the Monday 10 October at 20:00.

Set in the fast-paced world of South Africa's born-frees, Is'thunzi will unpack the complexities that teenagers are faced with from all walks of life and the choices they are forced to make on their journey to adulthood.

Leading a group of girls who refer to themselves as Ninjas, the drama unfolds when we meet the go-getter and sassy Winnie (Saints and Sinners's Thuso Mbedu) who dreams of marrying a rich and famous rugby player. However, her dreams are dashed when she's exiled to go live with her strict aunt in Bergville, KwaZulu-Natal.

It is in Bergville that we meet the rest of the Ninjas: the young wife Londi (Zikhona Bali) who defies her in-laws by returning to school to get her matric; the misunderstood creative spirit Thishiwe (Makgotso M) who terrifies the community because of the darkness that befell her family, and completing the squad is Noxolo (Yolanda Msingane), a shy and smart girl with a shameful secret.

Together, the girls help Winnie to snag her prince while also searching

I'STHUNZI ON  
MZANSI MAGIC

for their own happily-ever-after.

"We have told so many stories over the years, but had not fully explored the lives of Mzansi's youth - Is'thunzi will do just that. This drama will dissect what it means to be young and full of potential but having to overcome financial, social, and cultural barriers in order to make something of yourself," said M-Net's Head of Drama, Reneilwe Sema.

Joining this vibrant ensemble for thrilling 13 episodes are veteran

actress Nandi Nyembe, Sdumo Mtshali, Bohang Moeko, Mbali Maphumulo, Pallance Dladla and new comer Thulane Shange.

Follow Winnie, Londi, Noxolo and Thishiwe as they pursue their dreams and form a bond that will not only push them over the edge, but also grow them in ways they never could have imagined.

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## JIM CARREY RELEASES STATEMENT AGAINST LAWSUIT

HOLLYWOOD - Jim Carrey's statement

"What a terrible shame," Carrey wrote in a statement. "It would be easy for me to get in a back room with this man's lawyer and make this go away, but there are some moments in life when you have to stand up and defend your honour against the evil in this world. I will not tolerate this heartless attempt to exploit me or the woman I loved," Carrey wrote. "I really hope that some



CLEAR THE AIR: Jim Carrey.

day soon people will stop trying to profit from this and let her rest in peace." Coroner's officials ruled the 30-year-old makeup artist's death a suicide. Burton and White married in 2013. A coroner's official told reporters that the pair were separated and planned to divorce, however Burton's attorney Michael Avenatti declined to characterise their relationship beyond saying they were legally married at the time of White's death. **News 24**

## THINGS ARE AWKWARD BETWEEN SPICE GIRLS - MEL C

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles - Mel C

says things are "awkward" between the Spice Girls.

The 42-year-old singer decided to join Victoria Beckham in refusing to take part in a reunion of the famous girlband with Mel B, Geri Horner and Emma Bunton and has admitted that not everyone took the decision well.

She told *Event* magazine: "It's a bit awkward at the moment to be honest. It's going to be, isn't it? But I do know we'll get past it. We've all been through

so much together, and we're these five

girls who did this incredible thing and that will unite us forever. "My nightmare is that people think I'm turning down the Spice Girls because I think my own album is going to be bigger. I don't. I know it won't be."

Although Mel - who turned down "a couple of million pounds" to reunite with the band - loved being in the Spice Girls, eating disorders and depression left her emotionally fragile during her time with the group. **News 24**



UNCOMFORTABLE: Mel C.

## FANS SNAP UP PRINCE TRIBUTE CONCERT TICKETS

ST PAUL - Fans have snapped up tickets to next month's Prince tribute concert in St Paul.

Tickets to the October 13 concert went on sale at 10:00 on Monday via Ticketmaster and the box office at Xcel Energy Centre. The *Star Tribune* reports tickets were gone instantly. The tickets ranged from \$19.99 to \$152.50.

Stevie Wonder, Christina Aguilera, Chaka Khan, John Mayer and Tori Kelly are among performers



IN TRIBUTE: Prince.

lined up for the concert sanctioned by Prince's family. Prince's family originally planned to hold the show at the new NFL stadium in his hometown of Minneapolis. However, organisers said last week that it will be at the smaller Xcel Energy Centre in St Paul. **Dailymail**

## KHLOE, SPOTTED SHOPPING WITH NEW BAE



BAE THINGS: Tristan Thompson with Khloe Kardashian.

CAPE TOWN - Khloe Kardashian and her rumoured boyfriend Tristan Thompson were spotted out shopping in Florida.

The couple looked happy as they walked around holding hands. After a late lunch they reportedly then headed back to their hotel. While Khloe



and Tristan haven't confirmed their relationship, their PDA displays definitely prove they are an item.

The latest display of affection happened at a Kanye West concert. Khloe shared a video kissing the NBA basketball star on Snapchat. **Chanel 24**

## SA Celebrity News

## NKALAKATHA: A SONG THAT SHAPED A NATION

JOHANNESBURG - The song that united a nation in dance, Mandoza's *Nkhalakatha* was undoubtedly one of the most historical songs to be produced in Mzansi.

When *Nkhalakatha* dropped in 2000 with that hard-hitting bass, it changed the kwaito genre forever, leaving no dance floor empty when it was played, it soon became a township anthem. It didn't take long for it to progress into our own



RIP MDZ: Danny K and Mandoza.

national party anthem, that was colour blind and every race enjoyed the song. The jam was dropped at a time when South Africa was learning to unite and adapt to its newly formed democracy. Mandoza and Gabi Le Roux's creation was more than just a party anthem, it was the perfect anthem to represent a rainbow nation. **Drum**

## CASSPER NYOVEST SLAMMES FAKE DISASTER REPORT

JOHANNESBURG - Rapper Cassper Nyovest slammed fake reports warning about looming disaster at his upcoming

#FillUpOrlandoStadium event on October 29.

Reports on social media attributed a dire warning from the leader of the Synagogue Church of All Nations (SCOAN), Prophet TB Joshua in which he allegedly warned Cassper of a tragic accident that would

happen on the day of his show with the headline '12 000 people will die in Orlando Stadium.'

"Last year there was a white sangoma who said I went to see him, now it's this fake story. I want to publicly break every curse every dark heart has sent my way. #FillUpOrlandoStadium will be a success. In the name of Jesus," Cassper said in a tweet. **Drum**



UNSHAKEN: Cassper Nyovest and TB Joshua.

## D' BANJ JOINING MABALA NOISE

JOHANNESBURG - New record company Mabala Noise Entertainment has been the talk of the town after signing local entertainers Riky Rick, Khanyi Mbau, Gigi Lamayne and Nasty C. Now, according to sources, Mabala Noise Entertainment has added Nigerian artist and host of Lip Sync Battle Africa D'Banj to their list.

"D'Banj has already signed the contract but they will not admit to it as yet," said the source. Hloni Gumede, Head of Communications at Mabala Noise said, "People might have seen D'Banj hanging out with Mabala bosses and assumed we signed him. He's our friend and we've shared ideas with him like we do with a lot of people in the



CHANGING STABLES: D'Banj.

industry. That does not mean we have signed him," Gumede said. Gumede lashed out, saying he is tired of people questioning every move that Mabala Noise makes. **Move**

## LESLEY, ANDILE STILL MADLY IN LOVE



LOVEBIRDS: Andile Gaeleshiwe and Lesley Musina.

JOHANNESBURG - Muvhango actor Lesley Musina and presenter girlfriend Andile Gaeleshiwe cannot keep their hands off each other. After being on and off in 2015, they look much happier and comfortable. The pair could not keep their hands off



each other at this past weekend's White Star celebrity Cook-off held in Witbank, Mpumalanga. Manaka Ranaka also attended the event with her boyfriend Thabo Monareng. **Drum**

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

TODAY



DESPERATION: Fezile.

Duma is stunned by the Dlamini's new lobola request. Iris finally loses her cool with Jabu. Fezile tries to contact Qondi.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



RECONNECT: Sechaba.

Sechaba and Lerato try to reconnect but their issues weigh heavily on them. The new shebeen launches its reopening but it gets shut down as quickly as it opened. Nikiwe offers Sechaba a raise.

Muvhango

TODAY

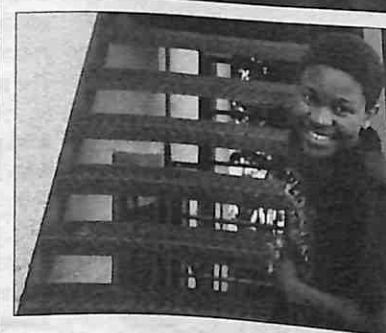


ADVICE: Khomotjo.

Khomotjo tells Siyabonga that she needs to go on a road trip. Vusi and Thandaza make peace. Rendani nearly ruins Gizara's surprise for her.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



REFUSAL: Emmanuel

Jamaica and Titus clash because Zachariah won't go home. Emmanuel refuses to break up with Sindiswa. Doc accuses Bongi of sleeping with Denzel. Cuba and Zodiwa hatch a desperate plan.





## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

**Capricorn** - There could be some communications difficulty with a customer today. You realise that if you are not challenged you cannot grow—you swallow hard and move forward. You learn from the difficult situations that seem to call out to you for your aptness.



**Aquarius** - This is a special time when you may notice that everything is going your way. Circumstances seem to bend to your will and things have a way of working out smoothly. There are real opportunities to complete and work out difficulties and projects that require both long-term effort and a high degree of discipline.



**Pisces** - You need to live in an ordered environment, whether it is a work, school or home situation. You can become quite frustrated when too many different matters grab your attention.



**Aries** - You may be especially dynamic and assertive. There is a lot of enthusiasm and drive available for whatever you want to accomplish. You could be most persuasive with others and may find that the ideas or feelings you have will get great reception.



**Taurus** - There could be some worry about not being useful or being left out of the scheme of things today. This can be eased by jumping in with both feet and putting your thoughts into action.



**Gemini** - The energies are working in your favor in all areas of your life. If you are not a boss or owner of a company, you might consider this a good time to request a raise or promotion.



**Cancer** - You may not appreciate the emotional energy of someone you meet today—patience. You may be in the mood for deep and penetrating conversations or thoughts, especially with a close friend, but you are wise to wait and allow things to develop on their own. You may be pleasantly surprised at what one or two positive words will do to help move things into a positive direction.



**Leo** - The middle of this week may find you daydreaming. Be particularly vigilant when signing contracts or performing duties that are made up of little details. You may have a hard time being clearheaded right now. Thoughts and ideas that come may be inappropriate or misleading.



**Virgo** - This could be a challenging day, but one in which much can be accomplished. The challenges may only be your desire to compete with yourself in some area.



**Libra** - General good feelings with a sense of support and harmony make this a happy time. If it makes sense you love it and if it does not you feel guilty about it: that's what it's like now.



**Scorpio** - You could find it difficult to gain any free time for yourself today. The pressure is on in the workplace. Time limits and time schedules may have you huffing and puffing.



**Sagittarius** - Before you act on a new idea today, consider the sources of your information. Make sure a new method or idea is a sound one by checking facts.



## BABY BLUES



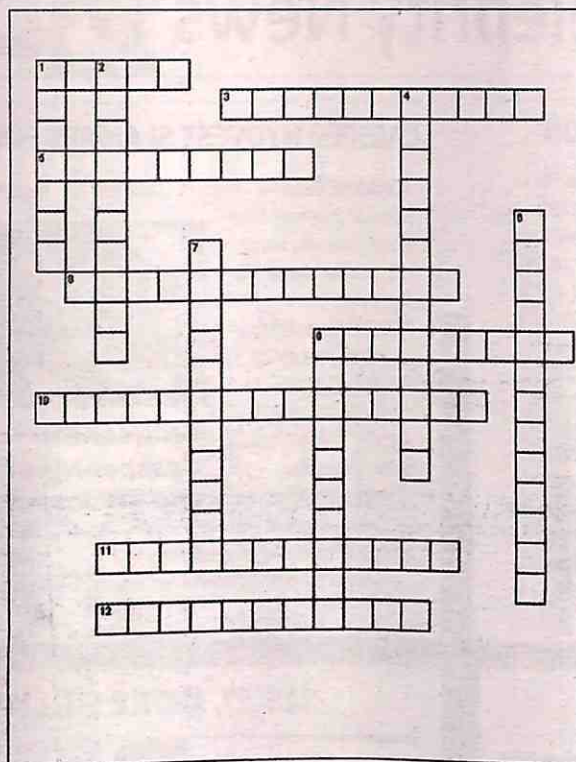
## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## PUZZLE CHOICE



## Across

- Eddie Murphy is the voice of Donkey in this 2001 movie (5)
- Connor Rooney in the 2002 movie, Road to Perdition (6,5)
- Faye Dunaway is Evelyn Mulwray in this 1974 movie (9)
- Harvey Shine in the 2008 movie, Last Chance Harvey (6,7)
- Nathan Algren in the 2003 movie, The Last Samurai (3,6)
- Director of the 2004 movie, The Terminal (6,9)
- Lady Sarah Ashley in the 2008 movie, Australia (6,6)
- Richard Gromberg in the 2003 movie, It Runs in the Family (4,7)

## Down

- Jessica Alba is Nancy Callahan in this 2005 movie (3,4)
- 1980 movie starring Robert De Niro as Jake La Motta (6,4)
- Daisy in the 2008 movie, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (4,9)
- John Connor in the 2009 movie, Terminator Salvation (9,4)
- 2003 movie featuring characters Marlin, Dory, Gill and Bloat (7,4)
- Jack Nicholson is Jack Torrance in this 1980 movie (3,7)

## LOL

## How many, which one

A teacher is teaching a class and she sees that Johnny isn't paying attention, so she asks him, "If there are three ducks sitting on a fence, and you shoot one, how many are left?" Johnny says, "None."

The teacher asks, "Why?" Johnny says, "Because the shot scared them all off." The teacher says, "No, two, but I like how you're

thinking." Johnny asks the teacher, "If you see three women walking out of an ice cream parlor, one is licking her ice cream, one is sucking her ice cream, and one is biting her ice cream, which one is married?"

The teacher says, "The one sucking her ice cream." Johnny says, "No, the one with the wedding ring, but I like how you're thinking!"

## USELESS FACTS

- The longest word comprised of one row on the keyboard is: TYPEWRITER
- You can't kill yourself by holding your breath.
- The average person spends 12 weeks a year 'looking for things'.
- The symbol on the "pound" key (#) is called an octothorpe..
- The dot over the letter 'i' is called a tittle.
- Ingrown toenails are hereditary.

BRAinteasers  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Yesterday's brainteasers

1. The man who made it doesn't want it. The man who bought it doesn't need it. The man who needs it doesn't know it. What am I talking about?

Answer: A coffin.

2. This word I know? Six letters it contains. Take away the last .... and only 12 remains. What

is the word?

Answer: "Dozens"

## Today's brainteasers

1. Yellow I look and massive I weigh. In the morning I come to brighten your day. What am I?  
2. I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. Who am I?



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Takhona, Grade 7, Khanyisile

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## 'Balotelli turned down Champions League'

NICE - Mario Balotelli chose Nice over a move to Champions League side Lyon this summer, according to the French club's president.

The Italian striker was left short of options after Jurgen Klopp made it apparent that his Liverpool career was over, eventually signing for Nice on the final day of the transfer window.

But Nice President Jean-Pierre Rivere says Lyon, who finished second last season and have started this season with a win in the Champions League, were also in for the striker come deadline day.

"Yes, Jean-Michel Aulas (the Lyon president) has attempted to recruit Balotelli," Rivere told L'Equipe. "I learned the day before but it's okay, it's part of

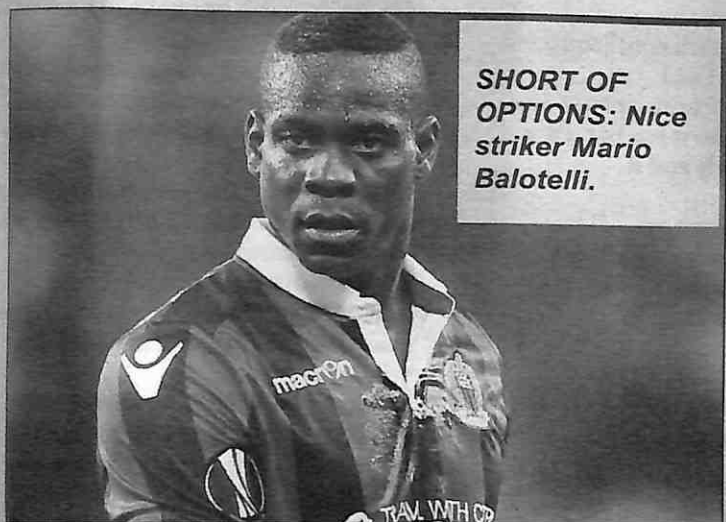
the game. "Signings like Younes Belhanda and Balotelli, you want to do in June but it is not affordable. So you prepare, you work and try to finish at the end."

Balotelli has made a good start to life at Nice, with the club second in Ligue 1, and ahead of champions PSG by a point.

Had he gone to Lyon he would probably be behind striker Alexandre Lacazette in the pecking order, while at Nice he has started twice, scoring a brace on his debut.

And Rivere has praised agent Mino Raiola for making the move happen, while playing down Raiola's claims in Sportsmail this week that Balotelli will return to the Premier League at some point.

*Dailymail*



**SHORT OF OPTIONS:** Nice striker Mario Balotelli.

## Torres relishing Barca showdown

MADRID - Fernando Torres believes Atletico Madrid's travel to Barcelona tonight is just the right time after emphatically bouncing back with three wins over the past week.

The showdown is the first major clash of the La Liga season but, despite their free-scoring form, both sides face the prospect of being cut adrift from league leaders Real Madrid even at this early stage. "It's a good time to visit Barcelona," Torres said after netting twice in Atletico's 5-0 thrashing of Sporting Gijon on Saturday. "It seems like they are playing as we have become accustomed to. They are the most difficult opponents we have faced in the last few years without a doubt and we know how difficult it will be. "But when you are winning and playing well it always gives you that little more confi-

dence."

Atletico scored 10 times and kept three clean sheets in seeing off Celta Vigo, PSV Eindhoven and Sporting in eight days.

However, they already trail city rivals Real by four points after disappointing draws against Alaves and Leganes to open the campaign. "We just needed to find the goals because we have been consistent in the way we have played despite the two draws in the first two games," added Torres. "The team is confident and now we have the toughest game we have had until now." Despite dumping Barca out of the Champions League twice in the past three years, Atletico haven't won at the Camp Nou since Torres scored twice in a 3-1 victory during his first stint at the club in 2006. *AFP*



**READY:** Atletico Madrid's Fernando Torres.

## Platini set for UEFA compensation

SWITZERLAND - Ex-UEFA president Michel Platini could receive a cash compensation from European football's governing body, even though he is serving a four-year suspension for corruption.

German newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung yesterday claimed that Platini could yet receive a pay-out as part of a severance and retirement package.

UEFA confirmed to AFP that Platini no longer receives a salary, but the matter of any remuneration will be discussed. "The overall matter of his remuneration since his suspension will be addressed by the UEFA Executive Committee in due course following advice and proposals from



**PAY-OUT:** Ex-UEFA president Michel Platini.

the newly-formed UEFA Compensation Committee and Legal experts," UEFA said in a statement.

Platini was originally suspended last December by FIFA's ethics commit-

tee from any football-related activity, which was reduced to six years on appeal, then to four years by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Platini and former FIFA leader Sepp Blatter are both under criminal investigation by Swiss prosecutors over a \$2 million payment that Blatter authorised in 2011 for work carried out a decade earlier without a contract. Platini was elected to a third five-year-term in March 2015, but was suspended last October over the payment and never returned to his office. He officially resigned in May.

Last week, the 62-year-old French football legend said his "conscience is clear" with regard to any wrong doing and has said that he will continue the fight to clear his name. © *AFP*

## 'Father Christmas' Mbalula dishes out Paralympic bonuses

CAPE TOWN - South African Sports Minister Fikile Mbalula was at it again yesterday, taking on the form of 'Father Christmas' as he dished out cash bonuses to Team South Africa's Paralympic medalists.

The team returned with 17 medals to show for their efforts - seven gold, six silver and four bronze - and Mbalula had good news for everybody who had contributed to that tally at yesterday's team arrival at OR Tambo International.

All gold medalists would receive an additional R100 000 per medal to accompany the R400 000 that had initially been allocated, while an extra R80 000 was given to those

who had won silver and an additional R30 000 to those who had won bronze to go with the R200 000 and R80 000, respectively, they had already won.

A bonus of R150 000 was also given to any athlete who broke a world record. It means that South African sprinter Charl du Toit was in for a serious pay day. Having won two gold medals - in the 100m T37 and 400m T37 class - including a world record in the former, Du Toit now stands to collect well over R1 million for his efforts.

The athletes will no doubt be grateful for the extra money, but Mbalula's generosity did not go down well with everyone. *Sport24*



**FATHER CHRISTMAS:** South African Sports Minister Fikile Mbalula.

## Le Clos recalls 'horrendous' day in Rio

CAPE TOWN - South African Olympic medallist Chad le Clos had a lot on his mind heading into the 2016 Rio Olympics and trying to secure gold was definitely a challenge he was willing to face.

Despite picking up two silver medals, one race in particular stood out for the South African - his podium-less performance in the 200m butterfly. It was the event in which he was the defending champion after

trumping Michael Phelps in London in 2012. Unfortunately for the 24-year-old, he had to be consolidated with a fourth place finish in 1:54.06, as Phelps picked up his gold with a time of 1:53.36. Soon after the race, a heartbroken Le Clos was unable to face the media and walked past the group of South African journalists waiting for his comment.

Eventually, Le Clos admitted he wanted to cry, but didn't, with his dad

Bert saying: "Le Clos' only cries when we win. We don't cry when we lose." In an interview with YOU Magazine, the Olympic medallist said the 200m race was one he'll regret for the rest of his life. A little more than two weeks after competing at the Rio Games, Le Clos bounced back by winning 200m butterfly gold in the FINA Swimming World Cup legs in Paris, Berlin and Moscow. The fourth leg of the FINA Swimming World Cup continues in Beijing on September 30.

*Sport24*

## Nadal, Farah defend medical records after latest hack

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM - Rafael Nadal and British Olympic great Mo Farah said they have nothing to hide after their medical records were the latest to be leaked by a cyber-hacking group on Monday.

They are among more than 60 international athletes, including 17 from the British team at the Rio Olympics, who have had their medical files - mostly therapeutic use exemptions (TUEs) - published online by the so-called Fancy Bears, who have hacked into World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) records.

There is no suggestion that any of the named athletes - among them some of the biggest names in sport - have done anything wrong.

Spanish tennis ace Nadal and four-time Olympic champion distance



runner Farah were shown to have used TUEs in the past to gain permission to take substances that figure on WADA's banned list.

TUEs can be issued to athletes who have an illness or condition that requires the use of normally prohibit-

ed medication. "When you ask permission to take something for therapeutic reasons and they give it to you, you're not taking anything prohibited," Nadal, a 14-time Grand Slam winner, told Spanish media.

*AFP*





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## 'Sundowns will fight all the way'

**PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns attacking midfielder Khama Billiat insists his side will face the challenge head-on, ahead of their CAF Champions League's clash with ZESCO United.**

This could be a defining week for Sundowns, who have a date with destiny on Saturday with a place in the CAF Champions League final up for grabs.

But before that, there is the not so small matter of dealing with Chippa United in the second leg of the MTN8 today at Lucas Moripe Stadium.

The first leg ended goalless. However, Billiat is confident that Sundowns will come unscathed in this testing week.

"We are fighters. We were born to fight. We will fight all the way. Anything in front of us, we take that battle head on," Billiat told reporters. *Sport24*

## Highlands Park out to ease pressure on Komphela

**JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs will make a short trip to the East Rand to face Highlands Park tonight.**

Amakhosi have had a tough start to the season, with just one point to their name after a defeat and a draw in their opening two matches of the season.

In fact, Chiefs have recorded just a single victory in their last 16 competitive matches to pile more pressure on the beleaguered 49-year-old coach, who hopes to turn things around soon.

They will, however, consider themselves unlucky to have drawn their previous league game against Platinum Stars, but Komphela would be pleased with his team's second half performance.

He is likely to make changes to the team starting against Dikwena, with George Lebese expected to take Edmore Chirambadare's place

on the left hand side of the pitch.

Siphiwe Tshabalala and Keagan Buchanan are also fit and available for selection, but whether or not Komphela will risk playing them against Allan Freese's side remains to be seen.

Chiefs are currently placed 12th on the log with a single point from their opening two matches. They have scored twice and conceded thrice in the process.

Meanwhile, Highlands Park will be looking to add to Komphela's woes and further strengthen their grip in their top eight early on.

The Lions of the North got their season off to a great start, beating Baroka FC 2-1 at the same venue last week Wednesday.

Freese will be banking on the experience of Collins Mbesuma and Charlton Mashumba upfront to try and give the shaky Amakhosi defence a scare, while Tapuwa Kapini's form



### NO PRESSURE: Steve Komphela.

could well come in handy for the newly promoted PSL side.

Highlands find themselves in sixth place with three points gained at the expense of Baroka.

The two teams will be meeting for the first time in the PSL era.

The last time Chiefs and Highlands Park crossed swords was in 1979 in the MainStay Cup final. Chiefs beat Highlands Park 5-3 in the two-legged final that year.

*Goal*

## I'm done proving myself to Orlando Pirates fans - Gcaba

**JOHANNESBURG - Often ridiculed by Bucs faithfuls for his 'clumsiness' in defence, the hard-tackling defender has pretty much had to earn the club fans' trust over the years as he was not their cup of tea.**

But there is no denying that the previous 2015/2016 campaign was one of evolution for the 30-year-old defender who was one of the Buccaneers staggering performers, making 27 appearances in the league and nine

other appearances in cup competitions.

"At first it was a bit hectic because a lot of people didn't have that much confidence in me," Ayanda Gcaba told *Goal*.

"But that thing of saying I must prove people wrong and stuff, for me it has passed and now I am playing regularly and it feels really good.

"It gives me the confidence to say now I can focus on improving my game, work harder in order to retain my place in the starting 11," he added.

"And to regain the confidence I once had and just continue playing my game. Every time I am out on the pitch, I know I must give it my all, I must work hard for the team and give 120% for the team to win.

"And you know how people are, people will always criticise

whether you are doing good or bad and I am used to that now and just have to focus on myself and try to help the team."

The former Bafana Bafana defender adds he has not shifted his focus on improving his game and helping Muhsin Ertugral's troops win silverware.

"For me the most important thing is to up my game because last season I had a good season," he continued.

"As a team we went to so many cup finals but then we didn't win any and this season we just have to apply ourselves better.

"We just want to apply ourselves in a good way and try to win some silverware."

*Goal*



DONE ENOUGH: Ayanda Gcaba.



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# GUNDOGAN ADMITS KLOPP HELPED HIM JOIN MAN CITY

MANCHESTER - Ilkay Gundogan has claimed Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp advised him to move to Manchester City due to the Premier League playing style suiting the midfielder.

Gundogan, who worked with

Klopp at Borussia Dortmund for four seasons and won the German double in 2011-12 as well as reaching the Champions League final in 2013, joined City in the close season and scored on his debut on Saturday against Bournemouth.

"To be honest I asked his advice, if the Premier League was the right thing for me," he told Sport Bild magazine.

## Perfect

"He said 'yes' and believed I would feel very well here and that

the playing style would be perfect for me. "It was good to have my impressions confirmed." The 25-year-old, who had a year remaining on his Dortmund contract, was City's first signing after Spanish coach Pep Guardiola became the

new boss at the Etihad Stadium. Gundogan was still injured at the time, having dislocated a kneecap in training in May that ruled him out of the 2016 European Championship in France.

*Daily Mail*

## FIXTURES

20:45	Northampton Town	v	Manchester United
20:45	West Ham United	v	Accrington Stanley
20:45	Fulham	v	Bristol City
20:45	Southampton	v	Crystal Palace
20:45	Swansea City	v	Manchester City
20:45	Queens Park Rangers	v	Sunderland
21:00	Stoke City	v	Hull City
21:00	Tottenham Hotspur	v	Gillingham

## Kane facing two months on the sidelines

LONDON - Tottenham Hotspur striker Harry Kane could be out of action for the next two months after suffering an ankle injury, according to several reports.

Kane suffered the injury during his side's 1-0 win over Southampton on Sunday. The 23-year-old scored the only goal of the match in the 59th minute, but fell awkwardly towards the end of the match and had to be stretchered off the pitch.

He was seen leaving White Hart Lane wearing a protective boot and on crutches.

While Tottenham have yet



SIDELINED: Harry Kane.

to confirm the severity of his injury, reports suggest that he sustained ligament damage, which could rule him out for six to eight weeks.

Should Kane be sidelined for two months, it will be a big for the Spurs as they will be without their star striker

for matches against Manchester City, Leicester City and Arsenal.

## Injury

If the injury turns out to be less serious that initially thought, Kane may only be out for as little as 10 days.

*Sport24*

## I can be Manchester United's No.10 - Rashford

MANCHESTER - Marcus Rashford says he is ready to play as a No.10 for Manchester United if called upon by manager Jose Mourinho.

The England international has played as a winger or forward since breaking into the first team at Old Trafford last season, but he regularly featured in a deeper role with United's academy.

Wayne Rooney has been

deployed behind Zlatan Ibrahimovic so far this season but has failed to make an impact, with Mourinho reportedly ready to drop the struggling captain.

## Responsibility

And Rashford has now indicated his willing to take on the 30-year-old's responsibility as creator-in-chief for the senior side.

"I don't regret playing in the No.10 role because it

means now I can still play there if I need to," Rashford told Inside United.

## Front

"[Playing as] No.10, on both wings and up front as well. It means I have more in my armoury when it comes to the matches.

"I used to look up to players who would dribble at people, creating chances, scoring too.

*Goal*

## Mikel admits he is considering leaving Chelsea

LONDON - John Obi Mikel has admitted that he is ready to talk to clubs in January if Chelsea fail to offer him a new deal.

The Nigeria international has entered the final year of his contract and can begin negotiations over a Bosman move at the beginning of 2017.

He has so far struggled to get into Antonio Conte's side after playing in the latter stages of the Olympics football tournament in Rio,






I'M READY: Obi Mikel.

where he helped his country win bronze, and he accepts that his time at Chelsea could be coming to an end.

"I have one year left [on my contract]," Mikel told *Goal*.

*Goal*

**Strengthening the National Protected Areas System of Swaziland (SNPAS) Project**  
Community Liaison Officer (National only)

<b>Location:</b>	Swaziland
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2016
<b>Type of Contract:</b>	Service Contract
<b>Position level:</b>	SC 6
<b>Starting Date:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2016
<b>Duration of Contract:</b>	12 months (renewable annually based on performance)

**BACKGROUND**

Swaziland's formal Protected Areas (PAs) cover approximately 4% of the country's total land area, and are relatively rich in biodiversity with their share of endemism as represented in various ecosystems. Furthermore, the country has set targets for the conservation of its ecosystems and species in line with the National Development Strategy (Vision 2022) and other international targets such as the Aichi Targets under the auspices of the Convention on Biological Diversity. While some of the critical ecosystems and species are found in existing PAs, some are found in areas where there is prone to unsustainable utilization and overexploitation of resources, thereby threatening livelihoods and impeding sustainable development.

The Strengthening National Protected Areas Systems (SNPAS) in Swaziland is a six-year (2014-2020) Project funded by GEF, aims at developing, expanding and effectively managing the capacities of Swaziland's PAs network in order to adequately protect the biodiversity. This will be undertaken through the "landscapes" approach that will involve integrated land and natural resource management that transforms the current PA patchwork into network and enhances vulnerable communities' livelihoods, in particular those adjacent to the PAs. The SNPAS Project has been organized around three components: (i) knowledge-based platform operationalised at the national, regional and community levels to address current and emerging threats to PAs and biodiversity conservation; (ii) Expansion of PA network, and (iii) strengthening PA functioning through improved conservation management and operational support for existing and new PAs, including both formal and informal. PAs will be established and managed in critical biodiversity areas as clusters, integrating different sites that are managed by the Government of Swaziland (GoS), the private sector and local communities and enable a matrix of complementary land-use activities across board.

Community mobilization and participation is central to the SNPAS Project to address biodiversity conservation through the landscape approach in the four (4) clusters: Ngwempisi, Malolotja, Mkhaya and Lubombo. The services of one (1) Community Liaison Officer (CLO) is required to facilitate activity implementation in the project areas ensuring full participation and benefit by community members from the SNPAS Project for the Ngwempisi cluster.

**OBJECTIVES**

The Community Liaison Officer working with the Project Managers will facilitate the establishment of sustained networks with traditional leaders and communities in the clusters and ensuring participation and ownership of the SNPAS activities. This will be enabled through a better understanding of the community roles, and stewardship over outcomes, which centre on enhanced conservation management and economic growth.

**SPECIFIC TASKS**

The Community Liaison Officer (CLO) will work under the Project Managers with guidance from the National Project Manager and the Swaziland National Trust Commission (SNTC) and:

- Mobilise communities to be aware, participate and own the SNPAS Project activities and outcomes.
- Establish and sustain networks with community traditional leadership advocating for a better understanding of the different roles and responsibilities of all the stakeholders in the Project implementation.
- Assist in the mapping of all the SNPAS Project Clusters, Chiefdoms and Communities.
- Facilitate the SNPAS Chiefdom Development Plans and Community Participation Strategy, establishing SMART indicators for the various communities' activity for measurability of outcomes.
- Facilitate the community organization and participation in the Project assessments: GIS, Biodiversity, Land-use, Sustainable Financing etc.
- Ensure effective coordination of project activities and collaboration working closely with development partners, including the government, community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other UN Agencies to enhance complementarities, in particular at community level.
- Facilitate establishment of at least one (1) Community-based Natural Resource Management (CBRM) initiatives/models in the country.
- Provide capacity building for the communities, and other relevant technical staff from the government, NGOs and private sector for the development of landscape management initiatives.
- Support the tracking and documenting of lessons learnt for the project and assist in making recommendations for achievement of better outcomes.
- Organise regular meetings with the communities and PMU.
- Prepare and present monthly and quarterly progress reports at community level.
- Perform other tasks as may be requested by the PMU.

**EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS**

The desirable applicant(s) should have the following qualification and experience:

**Education:**

- At least a Bachelor Degree in social, development studies, eco-tourism, conservation management, biodiversity management, business management, land-use planning, agricultural or related. Knowledge of Geographic Information System (GIS) applications would be an added advantage.

**Experience:**

- At least 2 years working experience in community based natural resources management.
- Experience working in PA management, conservation management will be an added advantage.
- Ability to effectively network and coordinate a multidisciplinary team of community members.
- Demonstrated experience in project organization and ability to serve as an effective negotiator.
- Basic knowledge in business planning, ecotourism management, conservation management.

**Competencies:**

- Good client orientation skills.
- Be a team player-ability to maintain good working relationships with colleagues and clients.
- Good writing and communication skills including the ability to prepare clear reports.
- Computer skills, in particular mastery of all applications of the MS Office package and internet search.
- Good command of English and knowledge and fluency in SiSwati.

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

Interested and qualified candidates may submit their application together with a letter of interest and pertinent documents on-line at <http://jobs.undp.org>, or to the [registry.sz@undp.org](mailto:registry.sz@undp.org) or physically handed to the UNDP offices (5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lilunga Building, Somhlolo Street, Mbabane) on or before 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016 marked as follows: SNPAS Project: Community Liaison Officer - Ngwempisi Cluster.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only those candidates that are short-listed for interviews will be notified.
- Qualified female candidates are encouraged to apply.

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**LIVERPOOL** - The bad-boy midfielder says he met with Gerard Houllier where he promised to join the Reds.

Crucial to the deal was Steven Gerrard, who allegedly convinced the club to make the deal happen.

But the switch through at the last minute after Houllier was sacked.

Writing in his book *No Nonsense*, which is released this week, Joey Barton said: "Had things panned out differently, I could have made the obsessive debate about the mutual suitability of the Gerrard-Lampard axis redundant. 'From what I gathered, Steven Gerrard agitated to get Liverpool to sign me in 2004, because he felt we had the potential to forge a partnership.'

"I met with Gerard Houllier at Melwood, and agreed everything verbally. 'A deal was close to being concluded but then he was sacked that summer. It was never revived.'

Liverpool went on to sign Xabi Alonso instead - a man who was the victim of Barton's two-footed tackle in 2009. He explained in an extract published by the *Liverpool Echo*:

"Xabi and I had history. He blamed me for knocking him out in what he thought was a deliberate clash of heads in one of our earliest contests,



and I blamed him for stealing my move to Liverpool. 'All that remained to be agreed with City was the fee, when Rafa Benitez took over from Gerard Houllier. 'I was in Dubai when I was informed that he had instead decided to sign a kid from Real Sociedad who had just broken into the Spanish national team. 'That turned out to be £10.7m well spent. Xabi is one hell of a player, whose passes have a great range and accuracy.

"Whenever we played, I sought to get the game on my terms, which

were relentlessly physical. '(In 2009) Thirteen minutes remained. Liverpool were two up, cruising and playing keep ball. Then Kop conducted an incessant, infuriating chant of 'Ole, ole, ole!'

"Xabi retained the ball near the corner flag fractionally longer than was prudent. 'That gave me the opportunity to fly in, and disguise my malicious intent as best as I could.

"Alonso milked the moment with a barrel roll. I expected a yellow and was shown a red."

*DailyStar*

## Wawrinka needs to be 'more consistent'

**NEW YORK** - US Open winner Stan Wawrinka needs to be more consistent to go up to the next level, according to his coach Magnus Norman.

The 31-year-old Wawrinka has been coached by Swede Norman since 2013 and together have won three grand slam singles titles: the 2014 Australian Open, 2015 French Open, and the 2016 US Open. He ended significant losing streaks against Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic as well as earning rare wins over Swiss compatriot Roger Federer.

In an interview, Norman acknowledged the one problem with his charge was that Wawrinka was very up and down in 2016 losing in the Australian Open third round and in the second round at Wimbledon along with several other upsets in



tournaments. "(He's) very much up and down and that's something we

work on every day, more or less every day," Norman said. "Still haven't found really the key, (the way) he can be a little bit more consistent. But when he's on, when he's playing a lot of matches, I think he's tough to beat." Norman added that he felt that world No. 3 Wawrinka had the weapons, when he was on-song, to defeat world No. 1 Djokovic more often just like he did in the US Open final recently.

**Hit**

"Stan is one of the few who can really hit through Novak if he has a good day. Even if I think of this tournament (US Open), Stan played a little bit differently than other grand slams. 'He played with a little bit more margin, a little bit more defensively. That's something we talk about," he added.

*Sport24*

## Guardiola blasts Toure agent

**MANCHESTER** - Pep Guardiola says Yaya Toure will not feature for Manchester City until he receives an apology for Dmitri Seluk's recent outbursts in the media.

Guardiola left Toure out of his Champions League squad for this season and Goal understands City were keen to move the Ivorian on if they could find a willing buyer in the summer transfer window.

Seluk, Toure's agent, told the press a day after his exclusion from that squad that the decision "humiliated" his client, and that "if City don't win the Champions League then I hope Pep has got the balls to say he was wrong to humiliate a great player like Yaya." Guardiola, however, has not taken kindly to the comments, and said on the eve of City's League Cup clash with Swansea City that Toure will play no part, and that he can

expect to be left out until the Toure camp reaches out to the City boss and his players to make amends.

"It was so difficult for me to put him out in the Champions League," Guardiola said. "So difficult. I know him, I know he's a good good guy, but it was difficult for me as well to put Aleix Garcia out, [they are] the only two players that are out, because the list is the list.

"But the day after his agent spoke. In that moment Yaya is out. Until Mr Dmitri Seluk comes back in the press conference, or his friends in the media, [until] he has the courage to call me, or go to the media and say he apologises to Manchester City, the first one, the second one is his teammates and after the trainer.

"When that happens, Yaya will be part of the group and he will have the same chance to play all the games. Because I cannot accept, as a coach,



**HITS: Manchester City Coach Pep Guardiola.**

every agent when his player doesn't play goes to the media and speak and speak and speak. 'I know how Dmitri Seluk loves Yaya Toure, if he loves me, show me and apologise to Manchester City what he did in the [media]. I cannot imagine in my period when I was a football player, my manager going to the media and speaking against Johan Cruyff, about this and about that.' *Goal*

## Ronaldo, Bale look sharp in training

**MADRID** - Cristiano Ronaldo and Gareth Bale continue to look sharp in training as they prepare for a shot at history with Real Madrid tonight.

Ronaldo missed the victory at Espanyol on Sunday with flu and Bale was rested after complaining about a hip problem but both players are available to Real head coach Zinedine Zidane for the clash with Villarreal.

The pair seemed to be in good spirits during a session at Madrid's training ground yesterday, with both playing a full part under Zidane's supervision.

Los Blancos currently top La Liga, having won each of their opening four league matches.

Zidane's men hold a three-point lead over Barcelona going into the visit of the Yellow Submarine, who have eight points from their four outings to date and are unbeaten this term.

Bale and Ronaldo will be hoping to inspire their side to the La Liga record for consecutive vic-

tories when Villarreal arrive in Madrid tonight.

Ronaldo certainly appears to be in a relaxed mood ahead of the game. The Portuguese winger posted a picture of himself inside his Bugati after yesterday's session, along with the caption: 'Back home after training feeling good'. The win against Espanyol was Real's 16th in a row in the competition - setting a club record and drawing level with the best ever sequence in the division, which was posted by Pep Guardiola's Barca side in 2010-11. The current streak bettered a Real record which had stood for 35 years. Miguel Munoz's 1960-61 team enjoyed 15 victories on the bounce.

"It's nice to get the record - it comes from the work all the lads are doing, they're doing phenomenally," Zidane said.

"The most important is to keep picking up points, as La Liga is very long." *Dailymail*



**GOOD SPIRIT: Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo.**

## Ancelotti wants long Bayern stay

**BAYERN** - Ahead of tonight's top-of-the-table Bundesliga clash at home to Hertha Berlin, Bayern Munich coach Carlo Ancelotti says he has found a true 'family' at the Bavarian giants.

"There are clubs which feel like a business and clubs which feel like a family. Here, it's a family," the Italian, who has coached at Paris Saint-Germain, Chelsea, AC Milan and Real Madrid, said at the launch of his autobiography in Munich.

"I want to remain here more than two years," he added, although he has a three-year contract which expires in June 2019.

Ancelotti replaced Pep Guardiola as Bayern's head coach this season.

He has steered the Munich giants to the club's best start this season with a perfect record of six wins from six, scoring 23 goals and conceding just one.

He has already lifted his first silverware, when Bayern won the pre-season German Super Cup at Borussia Dortmund last month.

His main task will be achieving what Guardiola failed to do in his three-year tenure - winning the Champions League, a feat Ancelotti achieved with both AC Milan and Real.

Second-placed Hertha and league leaders Bayern are the only teams in Germany's top flight with 100 percent records after the first three matches ahead of the Allianz Arena clash.

Hertha have lost their last nine league matches in Munich and last posted a Bundesliga victory in the Bavarian capital in 1977.

Bayern welcomed back Philipp Lahm, David Alaba and Mats Hummels from illness in yesterday's training session, while Thomas Mueller returned on Monday. All four missed Saturday's 3-1 comeback win against Ingolstadt.

Ancelotti revealed Bayern defender Jerome Boateng will make his first start of the season after coming off the bench late on against Ingolstadt.

The centre-back picked up an injury at June's European championships when Germany lost in the semi-finals to France.

"He will start, I think he's ready." Winger Arjen Robben is set for his first appearance, but only off the bench, "but he'll come on for the second-half, he can play 54 or 30 minutes," added Ancelotti.

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# Weekend Sports Results

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<b>MTN Premier League</b>			<b>MTN National First Division</b>		
Swallows	1	0	Madlenya FC	0	0
Highlanders	0	0	Tycoons	2	2
Leopard	1	0	Malanti Chiefs	4	4
Tambuli	1	0	Vovovo	1	1
Pirates	0	0	Hub Sundowns	1	1
Sundowns	1	1	Amalanda FC	1	1
<b>Esibayeni Under-17 League</b>			<b>Esibayeni Under-17 League</b>		
Wanderers	3	1	Sundowns	1	1
Red Lions	4	2	Leopard	2	2
Green Mamba	4	0	Sea Birds	0	0
Moneni Pirates	0	5	Swallows	5	5
M.Wanderers	3	1	Manzini Sundowns	1	1
<b>Hhohho Regional Football Association</b>			<b>Manzini Regional Football Association</b>		
<b>Milky Max Mbabane Juniors League - U13</b>			<b>Manzini Regional Football Association</b>		
Pmt	0	2	Stumbo's XI	1	0
Amawele	0	0	Malikems	1	2
Real Tec	2	0	Cosmos	3	0
Junior Stars	3	0	Nyakeni Heroes	0	3
Dark City	1	0	Boyane Aces	6	2
Humane	0	2	<b>Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League</b>		
Sivutsa	1	2	Rail united	3	1
Supersport	3	0	Magwanyane	0	0
<b>All Out Lobamba Juniors League - U13</b>			Illovo	0	2
Umilo	1	2	Black swallows	2	1
SUB	0	3	Lubhuku Liverpool	1	1
F. Reaction	0	0	Umbombo flyers	6	0
F. Stars	0	3	Ngcina fc	1	3
Majukujuku	0	3	Juventus	3	0
U15	0	1	Darkies	2	0
F. Reaction	0	1	<b>Eastern Zone</b>		
Power Stars	2	1	Samampela	2	3
			Mpolonjeni	2	2
			Real Galaticos	1	1
<b>V. Lions</b>			<b>Phophonyane</b>		
Z. Aces	0	3	Khanjana	3	2
F. reaction	0	2	<b>Futis Nkhaba League</b>		
Tinyosi	3	2	Nkoyoyo	3	0
Y. Bombers	0	2	Shooting Stars	9	2
Majukujuku	3	0	Majotini	3	3
<b>Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League</b>			Atletico	2	7
Flying Stars	1	2	Super Stars	0	2
Mbabane Celtics	1	2	Celtics	3	2
Real Tec	5	4	Bafana	2	1
FC Vaal	3	3	<b>Sompisi Ntfontjeni League</b>		
White City	0	2	Uprises	4	2
Thembelihle	4	1	Mbabatane	2	1
Pot O Gold	3	1	Express	2	2
Mbabane Arsenal	3	1	Liverpool	2	1
Pine Valley	0	1	Teenagers	2	2
<b>B. Division</b>			Hellenic	0	1
Darkies	3	1	Ntintinyane	1	3
Mpolonjeni	1	1	<b>Manzini Regional Football Association</b>		
Rangers	1	8	Stumbo's XI	1	0
<b>Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League</b>			Malikems	3	2
<b>Southern Zone</b>			Cosmos	3	0
Gordon Stars	1	2	Nyakeni Heroes	0	3
Tinyosi	4	0	Boyane Aces	6	2
Sibuyeni	0	0	<b>Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League</b>		
V. Killers	1	1	Rail united	3	1
Swazi Sun	3	1	Magwanyane	0	0
<b>Northern Zone</b>			Illovo	0	2
Manchester	1	2	Black swallows	2	1
M. Arsenal	2	2	Lubhuku Liverpool	1	1
Vultures	0	0	Umbombo flyers	6	0
Ndeva	1	1	Ngcina fc	1	3
19 Celtics	0	1	Juventus	3	0
Mvuma	0	2	Darkies	2	0
Ndlalambi	1	2	<b>Eastern Zone</b>		
<b>Shark Mhlantane League</b>			Samampela	2	3
<b>Western stream</b>			Mpolonjeni	2	2
Silercity	1	2	Real Galaticos	1	1
Manchester	0	1	<b>Phophonyane</b>		
Movers	3	1	Khanjana	3	2
Celtics	0	0	<b>Futis Nkhaba League</b>		
Aces	1	0	Nkoyoyo	3	0
Chelsea	3	2	Shooting Stars	9	2
Fighters	2	0	Majotini	3	3
			Atletico	2	7
			Super Stars	0	2
			Celtics	3	2
			Bafana	2	1
			<b>Sompisi Ntfontjeni League</b>		
			Uprises	4	2
			Mbabatane	2	1
			Express	2	2
			Liverpool	2	1
			Teenagers	2	2
			Hellenic	0	1
			Ntintinyane	1	3
			<b>Manzini Regional Football Association</b>		
			Stumbo's XI	1	0
			Malikems	3	2
			Cosmos	3	0
			Nyakeni Heroes	0	3
			Boyane Aces	6	2

## LOGS

## STANDINGS

### MTN Premier League log:

Teams	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Manzini Wanderers	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
Mbabane Swallows	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Royal Leopard	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Tambuli	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Manzini Sundowns	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Sea Birds	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Mbabane Highlanders	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Red Lions	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Green Mamba	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Young Buffaloes	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Midas City	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Moneni Pirates	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

### National First Division

Position	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Malanti Chiefs	2	1	0	1	4	0	4	4
Hub Sundowns	2	1	0	1	4	1	3	4
Matsapha United	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	4
City Warriors	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
Mbabane Citizen	2	1	1	0	5	5	0	3
Sikhalo Se-Afrika	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	3
Hlatikhulu Tycoons	2	1	1	0	3	5	-2	3
Bad Boys	2	0	0	2	3	3	0	2
Vovovo	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Madlenya	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
Amalanda	1	0	1	0	1	2	-1	0
Ludzeludze Brothers	1	0	1	0	0	4	-4	0

### Esibayeni Lodge U-17

Team	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Mbabane Swallows	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
Green Mamba	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Red Lions	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Manzini Wanderers	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Young Buffaloes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midas City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mbabane Highlanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tambuli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Royal Leopard	1	0	1	0	2	4	-2	0
Manzini Sundowns	1	0	1	0	1	3	-2	0
Sea Birds	1	0	1	0	0	4	-4	0
Moneni Pirates	1	0	1	0	0	5	-5	0

### MP Sikhumbuto Timpisini Regional League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Mbabane Swallows	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	6
2 Soccer Rose	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
3 Golden Arrows	2	1	1	0	4	1	3	4
4 AK 47	2	1	0	1	5	3	2	3
5 Stone Breakers	2	1	0	1	3	1	2	3
6 Mshweni	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
7 Star Wanderers	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
8 Red Lions	2	1	0	1	2	5	-3	3
9 H Pirates	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
10 Zamalet	2	0	1	1	1	5	-4	1
11 M.Swallows	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
12 Njakeni	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
13 Ngonini	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
14 Blue Birds	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
15 Mv. Sundowns	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

### MP Sompisi Ntfontjeni Football League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Trounge	2	2	0	0	8	1	7	6
2 Zibonele	2	1	1	0	5	2	3	4
3 Express	2	1	1	0	6	4	2	4
4 Uprises	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
5 Barcelona F.C.	1	1	0	0	5	2	3	3
6 Mbabatane	1	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
7 United Aces	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2	3
8 Liverpool	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
9 Royal Madrid	2	0	1	1	4	6	-2	1
10 Teenagers								

11 Black Stone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Chelsea	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
13 Hellenic	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
14 H. Pirates	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
15 Ntintinyane	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
16 Seven Up	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

### Buy Cash Pigg's Peak Football League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Citizens	2	2	0	0	6	3	3	6
2 Rise n Shine	2	2	0	0	4	1	3	6
3 Phophonyane	2	2	0	0	3	2	1	6
4 Mangwanani	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
5 Mpolonjeni	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
6 Khanjana Rovers	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
7 Pigg's Peak United	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
8 Hotspurs	2	1	0	1	8	9	-1	3
9 Bush Bucks	2	1	0	1	7	8	-1	3
10 White Killers	2	0	1	1	2	7	-5	1
11 Mhlathuze	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Morning Stars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13 Supersports	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
14 Mhlathuze United	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
15 Thuluzobona	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0
16 Mhlathuze United	2	0	0	2	0	2	-2	0
17 Peak Forest Utd	2	0	0	2	3	6	-3	0

### Shark Mhlantane Regional Football League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Swallows	3	3	0	0	6	1	5	9
2 M. United	3	2	1	1	6	2	4	7
3 Rovers	2	2	0	0	4	0	4	6
4 Xi Men	3	1	2	0	2	1	1	5
5 Home Defenders	3	1	1	1	5	0	5	4
6 Seven Stars	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
7 Liverpool	3	1	0	2	4	6	-2	3
8 T. Wizards	3	1	0	2	3	6	-3	3
9 Tigers	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
10 M. Bombers	3	0	1	2	4	4	-2	1
11 New Castle	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1
12 Cosmos	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0
13 Makweya	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0

### Western Stream

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Arsenal	2	2	0	1	5	1	4	6





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2. Khoza Batista Sikhumbuzo	Defence	2704535	10.08.2016	09h45
3. Shabangu Bonginkhosi S.	Health	4797054	30.07.2016	10h30
4. Mzileni Sebenzile Fikile	Police	3322550	29.07.2016	11h15
5. Magongo Mcolisi Wandile	Health	300074176	01.08.2016	12h00

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1. Shabangu Themba Peterson	Education	3195734	14.08.2016	09h00
2. Bavenda Bongani Mc/Allister	Health	3284126	26.07.2016	09h45
3. Dlamini Makhosini	Agriculture	2361679	11.08.2016	10h30
4. Mkhonta Lomgicelo F.	Education	6532105	26.07.2016	11h15
5. Sihlongonyane Polycarp M.	King's Office	9257742	28.07.2016	12h00

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Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Ngobese Sibusiso Cyprian	Correctional	3720611	17.08.2016	09h00
2. Nkumba Cecilia Zodwa	Health	4910664	15.08.2016	09h45
3. Dube Fikile Mandisa	Health	39909741	08.08.2016	10h30
4. Sifundza Bheki Simon	Education	8933870	13.08.2016	11h15
5. Dlamini-Mamiza Jane L.	Public Service	3497957	19.08.2016	12h00

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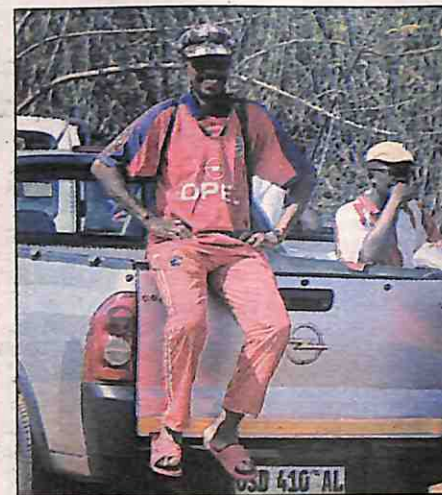
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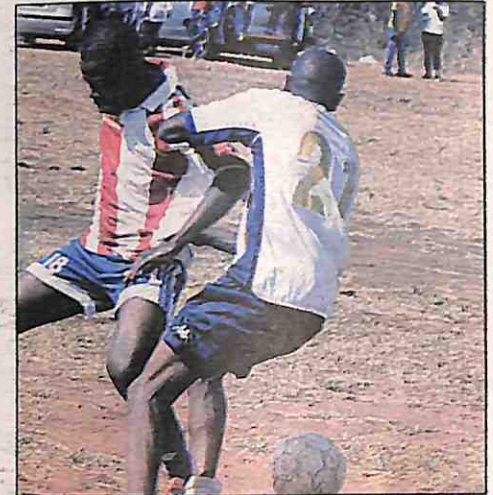
## SOCCER SUPPORTERS



**UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE:** Supporters from Leopard, Swallows and Manzini Sundowns who attended the supporters social games aimed at fighting against violence in stadiums during the 2016/2017 season. They played a number of friendly games at Matsapha USDF Sports Ground. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



**SWAY SWAY:** Swallows fan John Matsebula smiling for the lenses.



**IT'S MINE:** Players battling for the ball.



**SHOT:** A Sundowns fan unleashing a shot while a Swallows fan closes in.

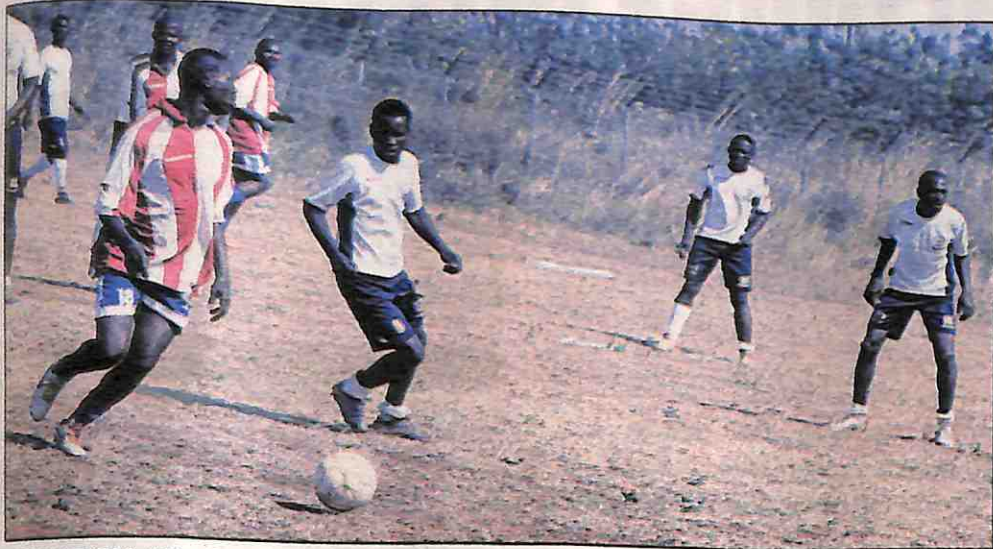
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20:45 Southampton v Crystal Palace  
20:45 Swansea City v Manchester City  
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# AGAINST VIOLENCE TOURNAMENT



**IN ACTION:** Mbabane Swallows and Manzini Sundowns fans in action during their friendly match.



**TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:** Leopard's Fana Masina, Mduduzi Msane, PLS' Dumsani Nsibandze, Zweliso Nxumalo and Sundowns' Thanda Hadebe posing for a group photo.



**SUND-AWANA:** Sundowns fans posing before the start of the game. They lost 3-1 to Swallows.



**BIRDS FANS:** Swallows supporters team posing for a group photo.



**PEACE:** Leopard fan Photoza Simelane pleaded for friendship and peace among fans during the 2016/2017 season.



**ALSO THERE:** Mbabane Swallows National Supporters Secretary Jackson Dlamini posed for the camera.



**INGWE MABALABALA:** Leopard fan Zweliso Nxumalo couldn't miss out.

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● Manchester United are considering a January move for Real Madrid's 24-year-old Spain midfielder Isco. (*Daily Mirror*)

● United boss Jose Mourinho is set to drop captain Wayne Rooney, 30, after the England forward failed to impress against Watford. (*Sun*)

● Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp says he does not have a number one goalkeeper as he prepares to give summer signing Loris Karius, 23, his competitive debut at Derby County in the EFL Cup. (*Guardian*)

● Left-back Luke Shaw, 21, is not happy Mourinho publicly criticised him after the 3-1 defeat at Vicarage Road. (*Times - subscription required*)

● Mourinho is ready to sell defender Phil Jones in January, with Liverpool and Arsenal both interested in the 24-year-old. (*Sun*)

● Tottenham fear England striker Harry Kane, 23, will be out for up to two months with an ankle injury. (*Daily Express*)

● Chelsea boss Antonio Conte could already be under pressure after owner Roman Abramovich held a meeting with club executives following the defeat by Liverpool. (*Daily Star*)

● Rangers midfielder Joey Barton, 34, believes he would do a better job as England manager than Sam Allardyce or Roy Hodgson. (*Daily Mail*)

● Manchester City and Barcelona will move for Arsenal's Spain defender Hector Bellerin, 21, in the January transfer window. (*Daily Mail*)

● Everton have initiated contract talks with 23-year-old striker Romelu Lukaku as they try to secure the Belgium international's long-term future. (*Liverpool Echo*)

● Sunderland say there was nothing sinister about defender Patrick van Aanholt's late withdrawal from Sunday's 1-0 defeat at Tottenham, but have yet to clarify the exact nature of the "medical reasons" behind the 26-year-old's absence. (*Northern Echo*)

● West Ham have postponed contract talks with manager Slaven Bilic until he is able to turn around the club's poor form. (*Daily Telegraph*)

● Napoli have confirmed Chelsea summer target Kalidou Koulibaly, 25, has signed a new long-term contract with the Italian club until 2021. (*Evening Standard*)

● Swansea manager Francesco Guidolin's position is under threat. The 60-year-old's side have failed to win in the league since the opening day of the season and face Manchester City, Liverpool and Arsenal in their next three league games. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Stoke are bottom of the Premier League, but chairman Peter Coates says manager Mark Hughes has the club's "full support". (*Daily Telegraph*)

# 'BIRDS' OFF TO A BRIGHT START IN ESIBAYENI LODGE U-17 LEAGUE

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - MBABANE**  
Swallows launched their E200 000 Esibayeli Lodge Under-17 campaign with a glittering start after beating Moneni Pirates 5-0. This was during the opening matches played at UNISWA Sports Ground over the weekend. Another interesting encounter saw Correctional Services side Green Mamba beating Manzini Sea Birds 4-0 at the same venue.

Red Lions were a surprise package as they beat Royal Leopards 4-2 in a nail-biting encounter, while Wanderers came back from a goal down to win the Manzini derby 3-1 against Manzini Sundowns.

However, other games could not be played because some players were not registered with the PLS. PLS Development Officer Banele



**BOYS:** Green Mamba posing for their group photo before their match against Manzini Sea Birds at Uniswa Sports Grounds. They managed to beat them 4-0.

Masondo said they were only allowed to feature teams with registered players.

"All will be sorted in the next games as far as registration of players is concerned."

Interviewed after the Green Mamba versus Sea Birds game, national Under-20 coach Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini said he was impressed

with the standard.

"There is a lot of talent here and some of these players can do well in the junior national team. They just need proper coaching and guidance, otherwise, I was impressed. I want to applaud both PLS and Esibayeni Lodge for initiating this project, these boys are our future starts," said Dlamini.

## Way inn, Police College, Bel Air leading in MRPA zones

By Sibusiso Masilela

**POOL - GIANTS** Way Inn, Police College and Bel Air are currently sitting at the top of the log in their respective Manzini Regional Pool Association zones.

This is after the end of the first round games played over the past weekend.

Way Inn top the Malkerns Zone with 31 points after recording nine straight wins in the current campaign.

Police College are also leading the chasing pack in the Matsapha Zone with 17 points after securing seven wins while Bel Air are sitting at the top of the Manzini Zone log with 12 points after three straight wins.

MRPA Chairman Muntu Dlamini confirmed the logs yesterday.

He said they were happy with the progress of the game so far and pleaded with teams to continue with the same spirit.

"The standard is high and I

must say that we are headed in the right direction. The future of the sport looks bright and we are happy."

He said they would soon announce the dates of the second games in the three respective leagues.

"We have wrapped up the first round games in all zones and are still going to meet and discuss a way forward with the relevant committees," he said.

Dlamini said they would release more information in due course.

### MALKERNS ZONE

Team	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	Points
1. Way Inn	9	9	0	156	69	87	31
2. France	9	6	3	144	81	63	26
3. Macembe	9	6	3	123	102	21	22
4. Anka Eagles	8	5	3	119	81	38	21
5. Mankayane	8	5	3	114	86	28	20
6. Bhunya	9	5	4	108	117	-9	18
7. Nicks Pool Club	9	4	5	105	120	-15	15
8. Stairs	9	3	6	92	117	-25	13
9. Bhunya 2	9	1	8	88	137	-49	6
10. Suns of Kings	9	0	9	66	159	-93	4

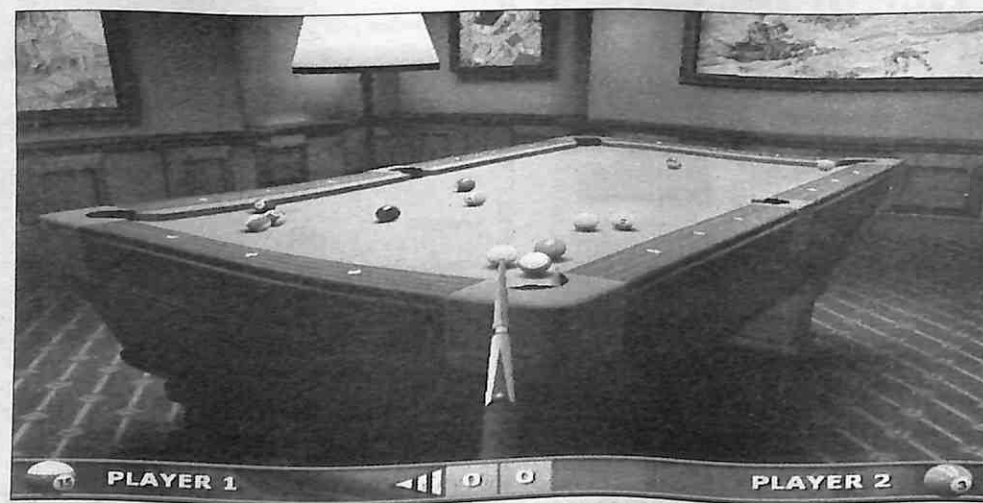
### Matsapha Zone

Team	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	Points
1. Police College	5	5	0	80	45	35	17

2. Ludzeludze Tigers	6	4	2	84	66	18	15
3. Figaredo	5	4	1	67	58	9	13
4. Garrison	6	3	3	71	79	-8	11
5. Uni-K	6	3	3	70	80	-10	11
6. Figaredo 5	6	1	5	65	85	-20	8
7. Ludzeludze Lions	6	0	6	62	98	-36	5

### Manzini Zone

Team	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	Points
1. Bel Air	3	3	0	54	21	33	12
2. Scandza	2	2	0	38	12	26	8
3. George	3	1	2	36	39	-3	4
4. Gundwini	3	0	3	14	61	-47	0
5. Legends	1	0	1	8	17	-9	0



### WEEKEND RESULTS:

#### Esibayeni Under-17 League

Wanderers	3	Sundowns	1
Red Lions	4	Leopard	2
Green Mamba	4	Sea Birds	0
Moneni Pirates	0	Swallows	5
M.Wanderers	3	Manzini Sundowns	1

### ESIBAYENI LODGE U-17

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Mbabane Swallows	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
Green Mamba	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Red Lions	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Manzini Wanderers	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Young Buffaloes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midas City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mbabane Highlanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tambusi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Royal Leopard	1	0	1	0	2	4	-2	0
Manzini Sundowns	1	0	1	0	1	3	-2	0
Sea Birds	1	0	1	0	0	4	-4	0
Moneni Pirates	1	0	1	0	0	5	-5	0

## All set for Mahindra Swaziland semi-finals

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - FOUR Juniors teams will be looking to make it through to the finals of the annual Mahindra Swaziland this weekend.**

Hhohho Regional Football Association Development Officer Sibonangaye Dlamini said the semifinals games would be played on Saturday.

"We have now entered the semi-finals stage and it is quite interesting to note that both semi-finalists in the Under-15 and 13 will be derbies involving teams from Nkwalini. We are expecting fireworks in all the games," said Dlamini.

### Pleaded

Dlamini pleaded with the teams to keep time so that all the games could finish on time.

"We want to finish early so that we give way to other teams to utilise the venue."

He invited fans to come in their numbers to support their respective teams.

The first Under-15 game will see Hurricane face-off with Supersport at 8:30am with the second match pitting Junior Stars up against All Stars at Police Sports Ground.

United Sports Ground will host the Under-13 games where Dark City will take on PMT while Super Sports have a date with Hurricane.

The knock-out tournament is sponsored to a tune of E10 000 with each category receiving a package of E5 000.

### THE FIXTURE:

#### Saturday at Police Sports Ground

Under-15			
SuperSports	vs	Hurricane	8:30am
Junior Stars	vs	All Stars	10:30am

#### Saturday at United Sports Ground

Dark City	vs	PMT	8:30am
SuperSports	vs	Hurricane	9:30am



# MBONGENI, 'SHANA' MAZIYA DOUBTFUL FOR SUNDAY CLASH

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCKER – MANZINI**  
Wanderers are working around the clock to have both Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya and Mbongeni Motsa available for their home match against defending champions Royal Leopard this coming weekend.

Both players sustained ankle injuries on Saturday during the MTN Premier League clash against Moneni Pirates where the hub giants triumphed 2-0.

Manzini Wanderers General Manager Patrick Gamedze, confirmed the latest developments.

"Motsa and Maziya are currently undergoing treatment after sus-

taining injuries in our game against Pirates on Saturday. We are hopeful they will recover in time for the Leopard game on Sunday," said Gamedze.

When asked about the missing Zimbabwean duo of Frank Makarati and Tafandzwa Javarani, the GM said they were back home attending to personal errands but they were expected back to training today (yesterday).

Gamedze said their focus was now on the next game against Leopard.

"We will not get carried away by the Pirates win but put our focus now on the next game,

which we want to win. It will not be an easy game but we will be all out for a win. We respect them as defending champions but will give a good fight

inside the field of play," said Gamedze.

Gamedze then urged their fans to be patient with the management.

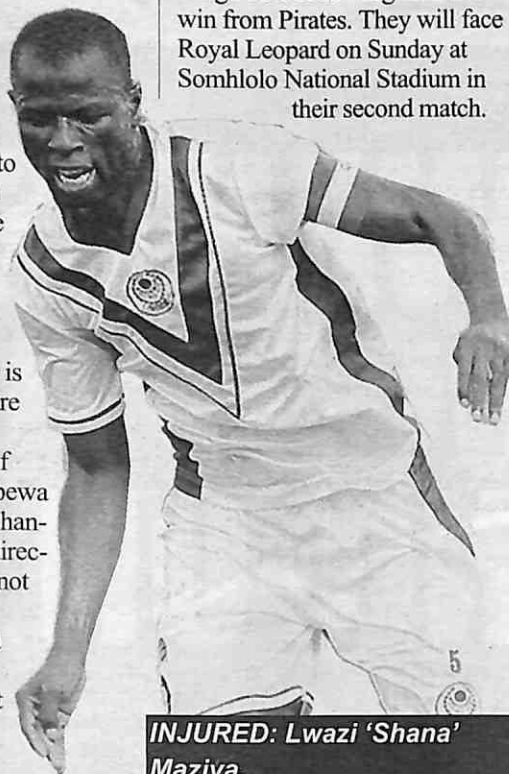
"We are rebuilding this brand so I plead with our fans to support us. Clement Mdluli will continue to be in charge of the team until the directors decide otherwise. The current technical bench is doing well and we are proud of them."

He said the issue of coach Julius Chakupewa being at school was handled by the team's directors, so fans should not worry.

"We want to win a trophy this season and with the support of our fans we can achieve that man-

date," said Gamedze.

Wanderers started the league on a high note following their 2-0 win from Pirates. They will face Royal Leopard on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium in their second match.



**INJURED: Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya.**

## 'Bucs' secure work permits for foreign players

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCKER – MONENI Pirates supporters** will heave a sigh of a relief after the team secured the work permits of their new international signings, including former Malanti Chiefs winger Sihle Ndaba.

This means the black and white outfit will on Saturday parade five international players including the South African contingent comprising of Doctor Mabothe, Njabulo Shongwe, Peter Mabaso and Gliffot Mmolotseli.

These players missed the 'Sea Robbers' league opener against Manzini Wanderers where they suffered 0-2 defeat at the hands of their cross-town rivals.

The team's Public Relations Officer Thami Dlamini, confirmed these developments when contacted yesterday.

He said all their players would be available for selection when the 'Buccaneers' welcome Manzini Sea Birds in their second league outing slated for the Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday.

"We have finally received the papers of all our international players who missed the Wanderers match. We are happy that all our players will now be available for the match against Sea Birds this weekend."

Dlamini then urged their supporters to continue rallying behind the team in their numbers as the boys were ready to bring back the glory days in the team.

The Premier League returnees are also working around the clock to release the supporters' merchandise that will be supplied by South African sportswear company Kappa.

## Von Rooyen now Sea Birds TD

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCKER – EVEN** though it has not been officially announced yet, Manzini Sea Birds have appointed Gcina Dlamini as their new head coach with Von Rooyen Magagula set to assume the role of Technical Director.

A source close to the matter revealed that the technical changes were implemented a few days back but both Dlamini and Magagula had not yet assumed their new roles.

When contacted on the matter, Sea Birds Director Sicelo Mkhonta confirmed the changes and the fact they had not yet assumed their positions.

"Gcina has been doing the CAF Licence B course and we are waiting for him to get his results. Until then, the players are under the guidance of Magagula; he is currently training them and will be sitting on the bench as the coach. Once everything has been finalised, Gcina would take the role of head coach and Magagula will be the team's Technical Director," he said.

Sea Birds played Manzini Sundowns in the opening games of the MTN Premier league on Saturday at Manzini Club and the game ended in a 1-1 stalemate.

This coming Saturday, the team will be looking for their first victory in the campaign when they face-off with Moneni Pirates at Mavuso Sports Centre.

## FA wants License A coaches next season

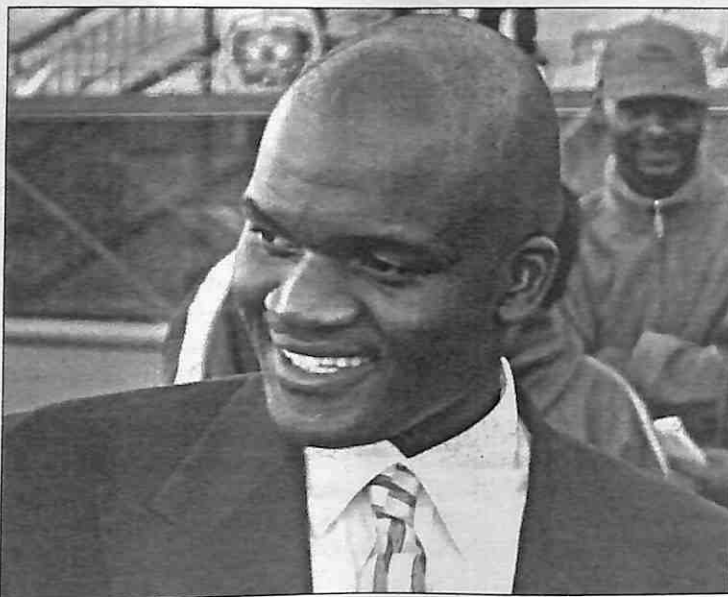
Stories by Sabelo Majola

**SOCCKER – THE National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) will implement a programme that will require local coaches to have License A for them to be eligible to lead a Premier League team next season.**

Only the assistant coaches will be allowed to have License B in the elite league.

NFAS CEO Frederick Mngomezulu said initially they wanted all the PLS coaches to have a Pro License but they could only implement that if current License A holders were over 30.

Only 22 local coaches have License A and currently there is no local coach, who holds a Pro



**AT WORK: NFAS CEO Frederick Mngomezulu.**

License. Mngomezulu said teams should be spoiled with options as far as getting a coach

is concerned hence they couldn't implement the Pro License because 22 people is not enough

a number for them to put the programme into practice.

"We want to implement the standards in the lower divisions, especially at the Super League so that they take the culture with them to the top league. We are training individuals from each lower division team so that by the time they get promotion, they have acquired the necessary paperwork. We are going for Pro License in the elite league in future and those holding License B will mentor the Premier League Reserve League," he said.

First Division teams' head coaches and their assistants will have to hold License B to be eligible from next season. License B holders will be required to have License C. Pro License will be introduced in 2018, as per CAF regulations.

## ...Foreign coaches should be better than Swazis

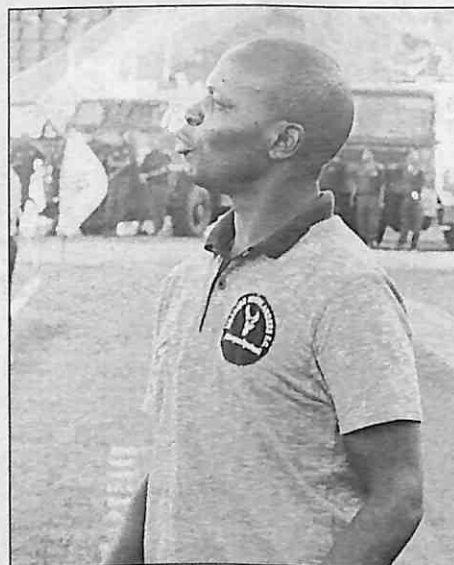
**SOCCKER – THE Football Association has made a recommendation to local teams, who opt for foreign coaches to go for individuals that are more qualified and have the necessary paperwork.**

CEO Mngomezulu said they would remain strict on regulations guiding coach's requirements and it would help local teams to go for the best and qualified tutors if they decide

to look outside of the country. "We do need foreign coaches in the country because they bring that African feel and even international football.

What we don't recommend is for clubs to hire foreign coaches without making proper inquiries about their qualifications as we would remain strict with the necessary paperwork required of elite league coaches," he said.

Currently, there are four foreign coaches in the local elite league. Mbabane Highlanders are under the guidance of Malawian born Meck Mwase while Correctional Services side is mentored by Zimbabwean Herbert Maruwa. PLS rookies Tambuti are led by Alou Badara from Mali while Manzini Sundowns is coached by Godfrey Tamerepi from Zimbabwe.

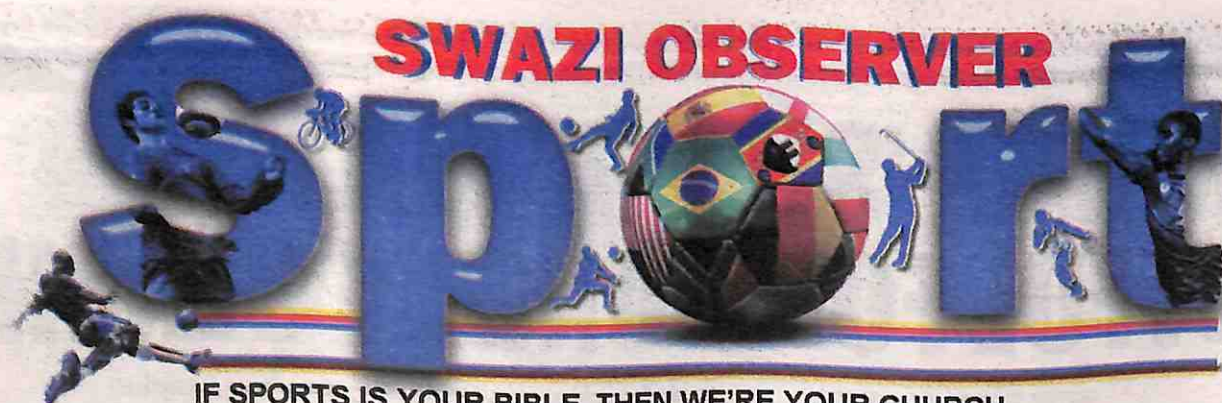


**FOREIGNER: Mbabane Highlanders coach Meck Mwase.**



## YESTERDAY

Ajax Cape Town	1-1	Polokwane City
Orlando Pirates	0-0	Cape Town City
Baroka FC	0-2	Bidvest Wits



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## SWALLOWS CAMP NEWS...

# MIKE WANTS E100 000 SIGNING-ON FEE

- Dubai bound player still doubtful for Sunday derby
- 'Birds' says they are still waiting for his clearance



By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – MBABANE** Swallows proposed deal for Mike Mohammed has stalled because the Ghanaian striker is reportedly demanding E100 000 from the capital city giants ahead of his much awaited return to the team.

Swallows have been locked in talks with the former Maritzburg United front man over a move to rejoin the 'Birds'.

The team remains interested in the striker but his demands could prove to be an impediment.

Meanwhile, Mike started training with the team two

weeks ago, as he prepares to make his appearance for the club again.

A reliable source said both parties had reached a stalemate in negotiations with Swallows reluctant to meet the E100 000 asking price.

**No Secret**

"The team has made no secret of their desire to resign the striker before the closure of the transfer window, but so far their efforts have come up short.

"The player wants E100 000 signing-on fee from the team yet he is expected to jet out of the country to Dubai in December to join an unnamed club."

The source, however, said negotiations were still ongoing

and the player could settle for a lesser fee.

Hopefully, for all parties, a resolution to this saga will be made.

Sought for comment, Mbabane Swallows Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Manana said all he knew was they were still waiting for the player's clearance.

**Rejoin**

"We are still waiting for his papers and are hoping to get them before the end of the week," he said.

Mohammed returned in the country to rejoin the red and white glamour side after he was deemed surplus to requirements by the Pietermaritzburg based ensemble where he fell out of

favour with German coach Ernst Middendorp at the end of last season.

However, despite a wealth of appearances last season, Mike eventually fell down the pecking order.

The player, who previously played for Manzini Wanderers before joining the 'Birds' has been tipped as replacement for AS Vita bound Felix Badenhorst.

The Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati-led charges will be minus the services of the suspended pair of Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze and Sanele Mkhweli when they take on their sworn rivals Mbabane Highlanders on Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.



## 'KOKI', MWASE DECLARE WAR

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – MBABANE** Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati and his counterpart in Mbabane Highlanders mentor Meck Mwase, have declared war on each other ahead of the MTN Premier League Mbabane derby slated for the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Both coaches are gunning for maximum points and bragging rights are also at stake as it is known that the most decorated match in the land is more than just three points.

A match between the two sides always divides the nation and the same is expected this time around.

They will be meeting for the third time in less than two months.

The outspoken Mbabane Swallows coach said they would continue where they left off against the 'Black Bull' whom they handed a 3-1 drubbing in the second leg of the Castle Premier Challenge played a fortnight ago.

**Mission**

"This is a must win match for us since we are on a mission to win the league and our journey will have to go past Highlanders. It won't be an easy match but we have a mandate of collecting maximum points in every game and will do just that against Highlanders."

His Highlanders counterpart Mwase said it was time they turn their fortunes against Swallows, who recently knocked them out of a cup competition.

"It is a must win for the team since we need to protect our reputation and brand in the derby. We are going to fight for a win on Sunday. We respect Swallows but we don't fear them and the boys are geared up for the match and ready for war inside the field of play," he said.

Swallows started off their league campaign with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Young Buffaloes while Highlanders were held to a barren draw by a stubborn Red Lions last weekend.

## Pirates survive CTC onslaught

**JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates and Cape Town City played out a goalless draw in their Absa Premiership clash on last night.**

The Buccaneers were dealt a blow early in the clash when Gift Motupa picked up an injury, forcing coach Muhsin Ertugral to bring on Morrison in his place in the eighth minute.

Muhsin Ertugral's charges struggled to stamp their authority on the encounter, having given up possession on numerous occasions. Cape Town City created more chances than their hosts in the first 25 minutes as Lebogang Manyama and Given Mashikinya threatened to score after positive end-up play. The first real shot

on target came at the other end of the pitch where Riyad Norodien stung Shu-Aib Walters' hands with a low drive in the 40th minute.

The Mother City outfit started the second half brightly, creating a flurry of chances, the first of which fell for Judas Moseamedi whose effort lacked conviction and was comfortably saved.

Shortly thereafter Manyama unleashed a shot that was again well saved by Mhlongo, but the follow-up was fired wide.

Ngoma kept Mhlongo busy once again when his shot was deflected on target, but the goalkeeper reacted well to make the save nonetheless.

Another opportunity fell for



**SCUFFLE:** Tendai Ndoro of Orlando Pirates and Thabo Mokeke of Cape Town City during the Absa Premiership match. (Gallo Images)

the travellers in the 71st minute when Matthew Sim pounced on the loose ball, but he could only fire it wide of the target.

**Chance**

Pirates created a rare chance for themselves in the 79th minute. Tendai Ndoro beat one defender on his way towards the City box,

and shot wide, instead of looking to pass to a teammate on his left.

Manyama was on target again for Eric Tinkler's men in the 88th minute when he curved a free kick towards Mhlongo's bottom corner, but the gloveman made the save and the sides played out to a goalless draw. **Goal**

## MTN PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURE:

Saturday at Mavuso Sports Centre			
Manzini Sea Birds	vs	Moneni Pirates	2pm
Manzini Sundowns	vs	Midas City	4pm
Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Red Lions	vs	Tambuti	2pm
Green Mamba	vs	Young Buffaloes	4pm
Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Manzini Wanderers	vs	Royal Leopard	1.30pm
Mbabane Swallows	vs	Mbabane Highlanders	3.30pm