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SILAMULELE NGWENYAMA - SENATE PRESIDENT GELANE

By Sabatha Dlamini
Lobamba

HIS Majesty King Mswati III is the only competent authority to solve parliament standoff

The king's intervention in the ongoing leadership battle in parliament is the only viable solution, says Senate President Gelane Zwane.

Expressing her concern on the continued standoff in the House of Assembly that has ultimately grounded parliamentary business in both legislative chambers, Zwane said they have since placed their hopes on the Head of State for a permanent

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solution.

The dispute, she said, has reached a stage whereby it was beyond the control of the presiding officers, herself and Speaker Themba Msibi.

Asked what prevented her and Msibi as joint presidents of the CPA to convene the organisation's local branch meeting and thrash their differences at once, Zwane said that was near impossible.

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Asked if the matter has since been

reported to the king, Zwane responded: 'Naye Uyativa letigil!' meaning the noise that reverberate through the House reached the king's ears.

Be that as it may, however, she said they had officially reported the matter to the King. She said Msibi was compelled to take up the matter with His Majesty because the whole dispute revolved around him personally.

The members of the House of Assembly are reportedly working on moving a motion of no confidence on Msibi that would, if successfully passed, would see him vacating the position of speaker.

During the last sitting, the House was adjourned indefinitely after debates over the discussion of the CPA leadership dispute became chaotic. During that sitting, Msibi attempted to kick out of the chamber two legisla-

tors.

These were Kubuta MP Njabulo Mabuza and Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini for allegedly defying his orders to sit down.

The MPs, whose only crime was to seek recognition from the presiding officer, refused to heed Msibi's order.

The speaker ordered parliamentary personnel officers to forcefully remove the two MPs from the chamber but failed. He met resistance from not only MPs Mabuza and Dlamini but the rest of the House, which dismissed Msibi's instructions as without any legal basis. The parliamentary officers Msibi unleashed to the MPs were threatened with violence and they chickened out, resulting in the fingered MPs remaining in the chamber until it was abruptly adjourned indefinitely.

Ex-MP, principal get 5 years in jail but...

Stories by Linda Jele
High Court

FORMER Zombodze Emuva MP and ex-Evelyn Baring High School principal heaved a sigh of relief when they were sentenced to a wholly suspended five-year sentence for theft of close to E25 000 from the school.

Johannes Ndlangamandla is the former MP of Zombodze while Themba Dlamini was the principal of the school.

Ndlangamandla was the Director of Educum Suppliers Investments, a company that was used to steal money from the school under the pretext that it had supplied stationery.

High Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba convicted the two for theft of money from the school after they forged documents and claimed that Ndlangamandla's company Educum Suppliers Investments had supplied stationery, when it was not true. They had initially been tried on seven counts, but Judge Mamba acquitted them on the six counts on the grounds that there had been not enough evidence to prove a crime.

He said the case had been inadequately investigated by the state.

On the count of E24 740 theft, Ndlangamandla, Dlamini and Educum Suppliers Investments were found guilty for the crime committed on September 14, 2009. The judge said from the evidence led by the crown, it was clear that the offence was fraud.

He said, however, the law did not allow him to change the charge and convict them for fraud.

"I say fraud because the allegation and evidence that the crown led suggested Ndlangamandla, in his capacity

as Director of Educum Suppliers Investments, issued an invoice for goods supplied to the school well knowing that no such goods had been supplied to the school and Dlamini paid the amount stated in the invoice well knowing that no goods had been supplied to the school. Both the invoice and payment were false and therefore, fraudulent," the judge said.

Ndlangamandla, the court had been told, had sent the director of Hart Suppliers one Muzi Dlamini to collect on his behalf a cheque from the school.

He told Muzi that he, as a member of parliament, could not deal with the school directly because they were barred from doing business with government entities. Therefore, there had to be a third party involved in order for his company to be paid for its purported services rendered.

Invoice

The former principal had also said he had kept the invoice from Hart Suppliers in his briefcase because he wanted to investigate Hart Suppliers' relationship with Ndlangamandla's company because he had never dealt with it before.

Judge Mamba said there were anomalies in the invoice that had been brought to court as evidence.

The telephone numbers displayed had eight digits when the country used seven digits at that time. This, he said, suggested the invoice had been prepared after the relevant date and backdated.

He also said another witness had testified that she was sent to withdraw a cheque on behalf of Ndlangamandla while another had said the cheque was issued in the name of Hart Suppliers.

Judge Mamba said the evidence by the accused was false, an afterthought and a fabrica-

Convicts given 3 days to pay back the money

THE High Court has given the three accused three days to have paid back E24 740 they stole from Evelyn Baring High School.

Judge Mbutfo Mamba directed that the money should have been deposited by close of business on Friday. He further directed that Ndlangamandla's company, Educum Suppliers Investments, should pay E3 000 as fine for the offence of theft, not later than Friday.

The application to re-imburse the school for the loss had been made by the legal representatives of Themba Dlamini and Johannes Ndlangamandla, Noncedo Ndlangamandla and Ben J Simelane, respectively.

The attorneys submitted that the two were first offenders and had learnt their lesson.

Simelane said the six years in which the convicts waited for sentencing was traumatic in their lives and this served as punishment. He proposed that the court should con-



CONVICT: Former Zombodze MP Johannes Ndlangamandla appends his thumb signature after he was sentenced with the help of Senior Crown Counsel Khumbulani Mngometulu. (Pic: Linda Jele)

sider imposing a partly suspended sentence.

"Even though the application for restitution has not been made by the state, the accused are making that offer to make good the loss suffered by the school. The court may also postpone sentence for a period of three years or consider granting them an option to pay a

fine," Ndlangamandla said.

Simelane said the charges had been hanging on their heads for about six years. He also said an option of a fine would not be inappropriate.

"This court has a whole lot of conditions to impose, but a custodial sentence should be the last resort," Simelane said.

Theft case cost ex-MP 2013 elections

JOHANNES Ndlangamandla's failure to return to parliament was the public's punishment for the theft charges that hovered on his head.

This was said by his lawyer Ben J Simelane when mitigating for a lighter sentence before High Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba yesterday.

"His campaign in 2013 was easily shot down as a result of the charges hanging over his head. He started being punished by the public as early as 2013. He has served the country as Member of Parliament between 2008 and 2013. He had an ambition to go further, but could not due to the charges," Simelane said.

He said the former MP was now a farmer, dealing on poultry and vegetables.

tion.

He convicted them on the grounds that the crown had proven beyond reasonable doubt that the three had committed the crime.

He sentenced them to five years imprisonment that was wholly sus-

pending for a period of three years. The judge said the suspension of the sentence would be in effect only if they would not be found guilty of a crime where dishonesty is an element.

Advocate Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila

You lucky shameful lot - Judge

HIGH Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba told Johannes Ndlangamandla and Themba Dlamini to count themselves lucky that they were not charged with fraud.

He said the manner in which the offence of theft was committed amounted to fraud because they not only stole the money from the school, but forged documents in a bid to hide their crime.

"However, that doesn't derogate that what you did was a serious offence, especially Dlamini who was the principal and Ndlangamandla who was at the time, a member of parlia-

ment. You should have acted exemplary," the judge said.

He said, in sentencing the two, he had taken into account their personal circumstances, namely that Ndlangamandla was a 56-year-old man while Dlamini was aged 63 years.

He also said he considered that they were willing to compensate the school for the loss they caused.

"It is a shame that at such stage of your lives, you found yourselves in this situation. I will take into account that for the better part of your lives you abided by the laws," Judge Mamba said.

represented the former school principal in the matter on the instruction of lawyer Noncedo Ndlangamandla. Manzini based senior lawyer Ben J Simelane appeared on behalf of Johannes Ndlangamandla and his company.

MTN INVESTS E1.7 MILLION IN 21 DAYS

COVER STORY

Stories by Nomfundo Sifundza
Mankayane

SWAZI MTN wrapped up its 21 Days of Y'ello Care in style yesterday, with E1.7 million invested into the campaign.

This is money that Swazi MTN and its partners invested during the campaign, which was themed 'Investing in Education for All' and in which the United States Embassy was a key partner, together with 18 other companies.

The campaign was wrapped up at Ndwandwe High School in Mankayane in an event graced by the American Ambassador Lisa Peterson as the highlight of everything. Although she did not stay for long, Peterson came through to have a first hand look of the different projects that have been rolled out as part of the 21 days campaign.

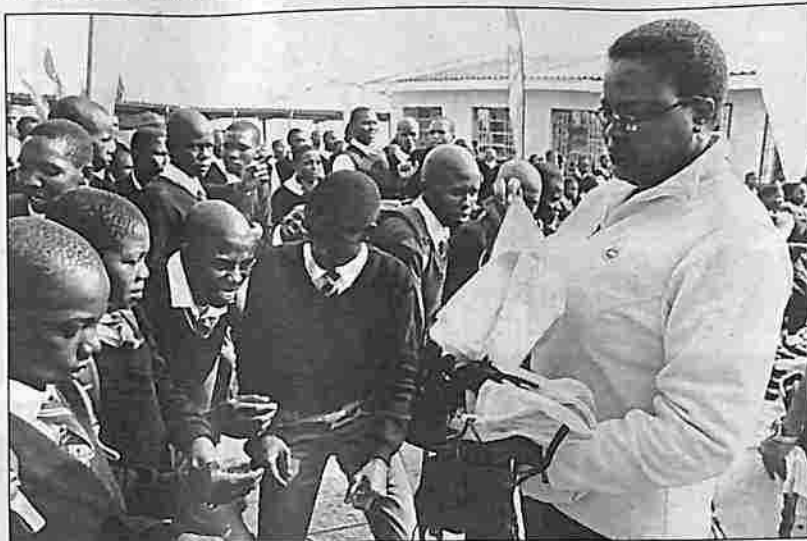
According to the Corporate Communications Manager Mandla Lumphondvo, the E1.7 million investment includes the budget set aside by Swazi MTN to run the initiative, which includes E765 000 (\$50 000) won as last year's runner-up prize for successful participation in the 21 Days of Y'ello Care.

This amount has been re-invested into the campaign this year.

"Additionally, resources came from close to 20 companies who contributed various amounts of money to meet different needs in the schools," Lumphondvo revealed, further adding that there were also licences for different software which were donated by the companies who have provided and designed the software.

The corporate social investment initiative, undertaken through the 21 Days of Y'ello Care, was established by MTN 10 years ago. The campaign is run across 22 countries with MTN

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Y'ELLO BAGS: An MTNer giving away bags to Ndwandwe pupils.

operations, from June 1-21 every year. Amongst other aspirations, the campaign attempts to mobilise staff, and companies who come in as partners, to participate in high impact projects which seek to improve quality of life of people in rural communities, particularly schools. The main project for the 21 Days of Y'ello Care this year focused on robotics, coding and programming. It seeks to mobilise young people into innovators, and creators of ICT products.

The American embassy provided eight LEGO robotics sets used by the schools during these 21 Days of Y'ello care. At least 900 primary and high school pupils in rural schools received basic training on coding, programming, and robotics for 16 days during the 21 Days of Y'ello Care with the assistance of Mandla Sithole, a teacher from Lusoti with a sea of experience in this area.

...Macmillan chips in with E250 000

AT Ndwandwe High School the campaign was characterised by motivational presentations from Macmillan Chief Executive Officer, Busi Simelane whose company donated E250 000 worth of books, and information technology (IT) accessories.

These will make it easy for pupils to conveniently study, wherever they could be, as long as they have access to a tablet, or laptop.

Zoya Technology Solutions Chief Executive Officer Dumisa Manana, who grew up in Mankayane, encouraged the pupils to do their best so they could make something meaningful for their lives just as he did. Manana told the pupils he had two engineering degrees and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) at 30 years and indicated he is a living testimony that they can become what they aspire to

be. Manana's motivation was complemented by Mduduzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane, a gospel musician, who proved extremely popular with the audience.

He also challenged the pupils to work hard, so they can become what they aspire to be. Simelane explained how he walked for long distances because he valued education.

"Much as I knew I was talented as a singer, I knew I would never live on music alone; I needed a qualification, which is why I am a qualified teacher now, having started off as a temporary teacher," he explained. Additional remarks were made by Swazi MTN's Head of Corporate Services Sibusiso Nhleko who also challenged the pupils to prioritise education and wished them well in their studies.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS DURING THE CAMPAIGN

During the 21 Days of Y'ello Care Swazi MTN's Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini announced that 30 young people from six communities under Pigg's Peak Inkhundla will be amongst the first to benefit from an employability enhancing online training.

The training is provided by Swazi MTN in collaboration with Microsoft. This was during a motivation session at Gobolondlo Hall, organised by Pigg's Peak Member of Parliament Jabulani Mabuza, who is also Minister of Environment and Tourism. Swazi MTN donated clothing, and books worth E8 000 to Nhlejeni High School. The clothing and books were mobilised through Swazi MTN's marketing department who invited all staff members to make a contribution during the "Charity Begins at Home Campaign."

The Charity Begins at Home Campaign was a first-of-its-kind build-up towards the launch of the 21 Days of Y'ello Care.

Through this internal initiative, MTN staff was encouraged to contribute books, and clothes which were subsequently donated to Nhlejeni High School.

In partnership with PC Systems, Swazi MTN renovated a computer laboratory at Lavumisa Primary.

The renovation included painting computer lab ceiling, fitting floor tiles, and fitting of six broken glasses in the laboratory.

SUSTAINABILITY

To ensure sustainability of projects rolled out within the 21 Days of Y'ello Care, Swazi MTN has provided training to MTN staff, and teachers from participating schools. Additionally, partnerships have been

established with relevant and skilled companies to ensure there is on-going technical support. Some of these companies include Microsoft, and Edit Microsystem, which are both from South Africa.

PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Preparations for next year's 21 Days of Y'ello will start right away. Already, there are companies who have indicated interest in being part of the 21 Days of Y'ello Care next year. Interestingly, there is also one private school that intends participating in the campaign as a partner, and not a beneficiary. That underscores the level of interest, and impact generated by the 21 Days of Y'ello Care. Swazi MTN is already open to companies who want to be part of this life-changing experience.

Senate grounded, Gelane worried

By Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

PARLIAMENTARY business in the country's senior legislative chamber, Senate, has been grounded.

Senate President Gelane Zwane yesterday decried the continued payment of senators by the state while they are lying idle without any business to attend. Zwane said the ongoing stand-off in the lower chamber, the House of Assembly, has directly and negatively affected them.

The House of Assembly, comprising mainly direct representatives of the people, is currently embroiled in a bitter disagreement with its leader Themba Msibi. The quarrel emanates from an unresolved leadership dispute of the Swaziland Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). The entire local branch of the CPA was dismissed from office by the membership in a Special General Meeting.

The membership consists of both senators and members of the House of

Assembly. That decision was overturned and dismissed as without any legal basis by Speaker Msibi and Zwane, resulting to the ongoing altercation that has made carrying-out of parliamentary business impossible since then. Speaker Msibi has made two consecutive attempts to convene a sitting of the House with the view to resume their legislative mandate but all in vain. The House members, led by a group of about nine legislators who served in the disputed local branch CPA executive, vowed to ground all operations until both Msibi and Zwane succumbed to their demand to accept the removal of the CPA executive from office.

Subsequently, the legislators want an election of new executive committee for the CPA local branch that would be without Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini, who is considered a puppet for Speaker Msibi.

The House of Assembly has been reduced into a battlefield for the CPA leadership wrangle and, the effects of that rivalry have spilled over into the Senate. Senate President Zwane said: "Our sole responsibility is to debate and



WORRIED: Senate President Gelane Zwane.

pass laws. And that is dependent on whether we get Bills from the House of Assembly." With the complete suspension of government business by members in the House of Assembly in favour of fighting over the CPA leadership, Zwane said they were currently getting nothing from that chamber.

"We don't touch any Bill until and unless it has been attended to by the House of Assembly. If they are not doing anything, as is the case now, we automatically have no business to attend to as well," said Zwane.

She decried that the legislators, both MPs and senators, were currently drawing undeserved salaries from the public purse. "Lokuhhola nje sibe singenti lufu, akuhambi kahle!" she said in vernacular.

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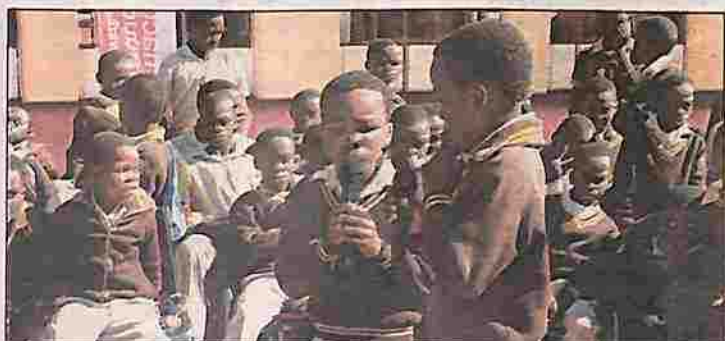
WHAT TO DO: Mandla Sithole briefing the MTNers about what they were expected to do after arriving at Edlozini Ararati Primary School on Monday. (Pics: Thandeka Ndlangamandla)



FEEDBACK: The school's Chairman Absalom Masilela with MTN's Lando and Betel discussing the day's activities.



MTN OUR HERO: Edlozini Primary Headteacher Khanyisile Dlamini thanking MTN for what they did for the school and the pupils.



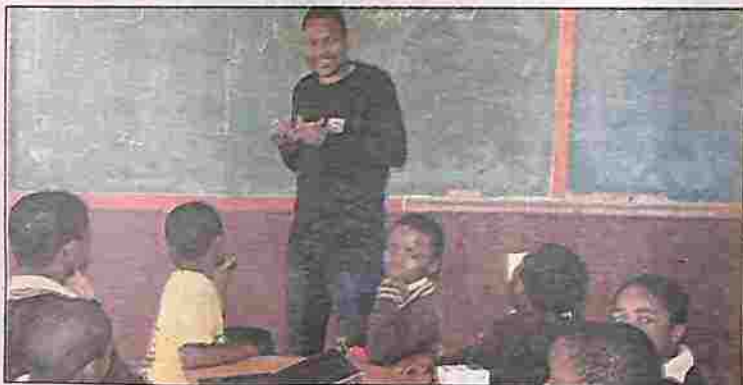
HITTING A NOTE: Lethu and Excellent Simelane got everyone emotional when they were asked to sing during the event.



PAINTERS: MTNers and Kukhanya staff got down and dirty as they painted a block of classrooms.



BE PROUD OF YOURSELVES: Family Life Association of Swaziland's (FLAS) Thobeka Kunene decided to have some fun with the pupils before teaching them about life skills.



CREATIVE MINDS: Morrison Sithole from the US Embassy teaching the pupils about robotics before engaging them on practicals.



PROUD PARTNER: Lucky Nxumalo from Stealth Security Services thanking MTN for partnering with them on the project.



GAWUZELA: Mduzuzi Simelane also took part in the 21 days of Y'ello Care campaign last day at Ndwandwe High School. (Courtesy pics)



BAGS: An MTNer giving away bags to Ndwandwe school pupils.

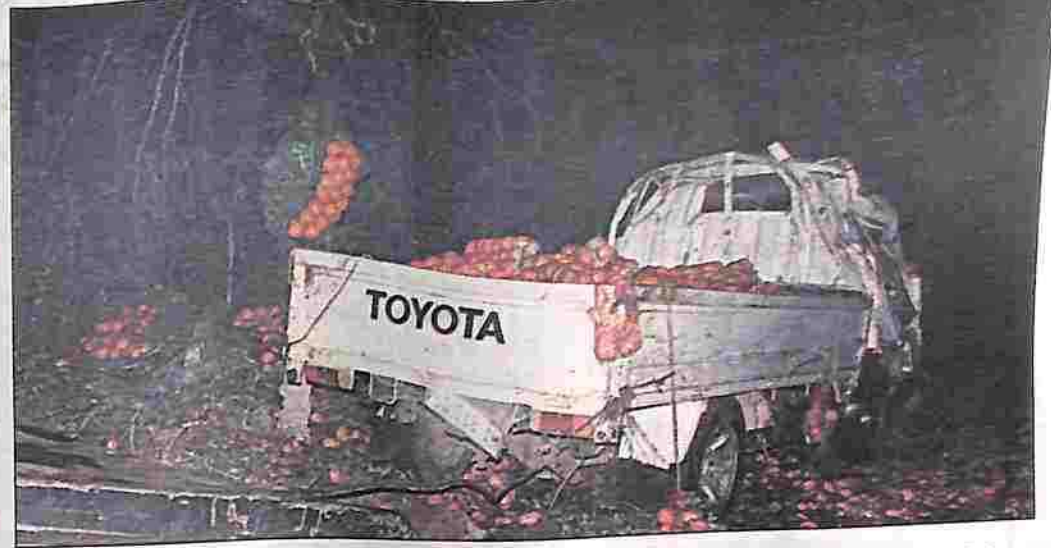


AMUSED: American Ambassador Lisa Peterson gestures as she gets an explanation of how the robotics have been used.



THIS IS HOW IT IS DONE: Macmillan's Nomcebo Dlamini explaining how pupils could revise subjects from their own cellphones by ingesting a memory card with revision exercises.

TRUCK LOSES CONTROL...OVERTURNS AT MALAGWANE



FRUITLESS ACCIDENT: Three occupants of this mini truck are lucky to be alive after its driver lost control along Malagwane Hill and capsized at Swazi Inn yesterday evening. Good Samaritans were found loading oranges back onto the truck after they were spilled all over as the occupants were on their way back from South Africa, where they bought the goods. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)



SALVAGED: The father of the sole female occupant taking belongings of the hurt passengers, which included the Islam holy book Quran.



VITAMIN C: Some of the oranges found at the accident scene.



INSPECTING: A traffic police officer at the accident scene.



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6 NATIONAL NEWS

Monkeys terrorise Mbabane residents

Stories by Samukelisiwe
Ginindza
Mbabane

MONKEYS are said to be terrorising Pine Valley and Dalriach East residents to the extent that they now live in fear for their safety.

The monkeys are said to attack residents situated in the areas in groups, eating everything they can lay their hands on. It has been revealed that the monkeys come from bushes nearby and usually invade the homes in the vicinity in search for food.

Municipal Council of Mbabane Information and Public Relations Officer Lucky Tsabedze confirmed this yesterday, stating that they have been receiving numerous calls from the residents complaining about such.

"The residents say the monkeys come in barrels

then cause chaos in their properties, such as spilling rubbish bins outside and inside their compounds," he explained.

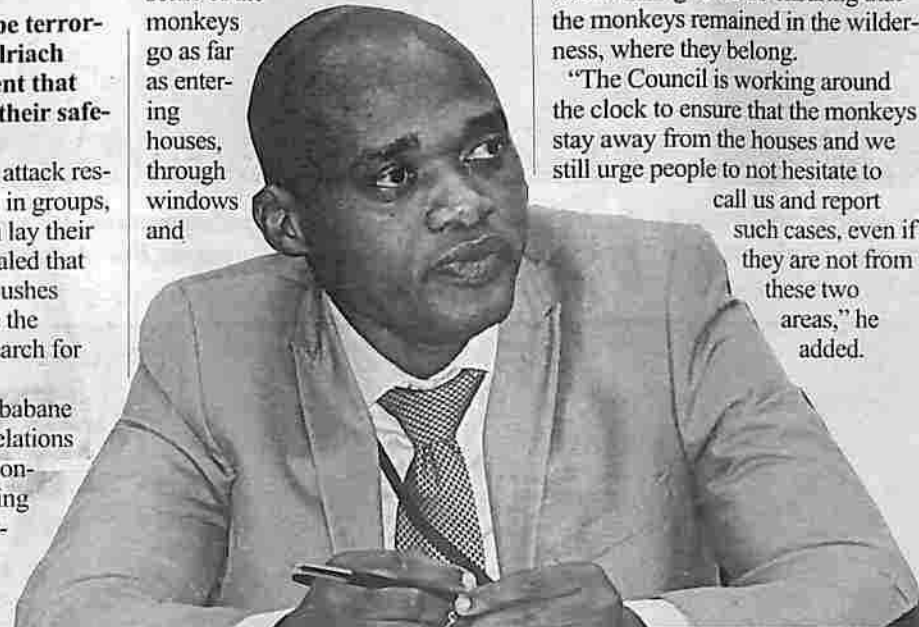
It has been previously reported that some of the monkeys go as far as entering houses, through windows and

doors if left opened.

Since monkeys behave more like humans, they can even open refrigerators and easily peel fruits.

Tsabedze assured that the Council was working towards ensuring that the monkeys remained in the wilderness, where they belong.

"The Council is working around the clock to ensure that the monkeys stay away from the houses and we still urge people to not hesitate to call us and report such cases, even if they are not from these two areas," he added.



MONKEY BUSINESS: Mbabane Municipal Council Information and Public Relations Officer Lucky Tsabedze.

Council puts down 58 stray dogs

THE Municipal Council of Mbabane has put down 58 stray dogs in the city in two months.

This was confirmed by newly appointed Information and Public Relations Officer Lucky Tsabedze, who said they would be continuing to shoot stray dogs on sight.

Most of the time these are dogs that have no owners or those that have owners but terrorise residents. These were shot during the months of May and June.

In May alone, 34 dogs were put down while so far this month they have shot 24. All uncontrolled dogs are said to be put down, especially if

they threaten the lives of Mbabane residents. "We will be continuing to do this exercise around the city, as we respond to calls from people living within the city boundaries," Lucky said. Tsabedze added that stray dogs were the city's common problem, especially since most of them attacked people. "People are mostly attacked by stray dogs in the mornings when they are rushing to work and school and in the evenings when they are coming back," Tsabedze explained.

He added that the drive would also see the council impounding stray cattle which are found roaming

around the city and next to the roads.

"Cattle in the roads are one of the major causes of accidents around the city and the country at large, hence we will be impounding them," he said.

He added that so far this month the council has impounded 40 cows while last month 29 were captured.

Owners of the cattle usually collect them from Ngwenya, where the council keeps them. "Illegal traders and people practising public indecency, that is, smoking and peeing in public will be prosecuted and put to order," he emphasised.

Nkonyeni manager demands E108 000 for unfair dismissal

By Linda Jele
Industrial Court

A manager of Nkonyeni Golf Club House was fired from work after he allegedly got drunk at work and stole an employee's cellphone.

Samuel Mkhalihi had been appointed a Bar Manager at the golf club house until he helped himself to the company's alcohol stock leading to him getting drunk while at work. He was also accused of having stolen a cellphone belonging to one of the employees.

His services were terminated by letter dated July 1, 2013 after he had been found guilty in a disciplinary hearing which was confirmed on appeal.

He has instructed Sithole Magagula Attorneys to challenge the dismissal before the Industrial Court. He has argued that it was procedurally and substantively unfair, therefore, he should be compensated close to E108 000. The Nkonyeni Golf Club House is yet to file its responding papers in the matter.

It was claimed that he was employed in December 2006 on a permanent basis and after a year promoted to the position of bar manager. It was argued that before the dismissal, he had never been demoted from the position of bar manager.

He submitted that his services were unlawfully terminated and despite an appeal, the employer confirmed the termination.

"It must be highlighted that the applicant was unlawfully found guilty of theft of a staff member's cellphone and allegedly being found drunk after helping himself to company stock. The applicant denies the charges that were preferred against him on grounds that there is no tangible evidence to prove same," read the application for unresolved dispute.

It was submitted that Mkhalihi insisted that he was wrongly convicted of allegations unknown to him.

The matter, it was stated, was reported to CMAC and a certificate of unresolved dispute was issued.

"The applicant also claims that he also performed storeroom duties which were com-

pletely different from those of the bar manager which he was confirmed for in the first instance. He seeks compensation of E27 126," it was stated.

It was alleged that the company fraudulently withheld the money due to Mkhalihi for the storeroom duties he allegedly performed.

He further sought an order directing the company to pay him E37 332 in respect of underpayments due to him since 2012 and E40 800 for long service since he had been working for the company for six years.

He further asked for an order to be paid E2 246 and E892.32 in respect of notice pay and leave pay, respectively.

The matter is pending before court.



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Donated food splits refugee camp

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

ASYLUM seekers at Malindza Refugee Camp are up in arms over food which was donated to the institution by the Roman Catholic Church on Saturday.

Some of the refugees are of the view that the food was unfairly distributed by the administration, causing serious division amongst them.

Boycotting

This has also resulted to the refugees boycotting food at the camp since Monday after lunch.

According to a source close to the matter, some of the food which was donated by the

...Asylum seekers boycott food in protest over unfairly distributed food

Catholics has been distributed to the households while some was kept for use in the main kitchen.

The refugees, however, are demanding that the administration should distribute all the food to each household.

Prepared

Normally, food which has been donated to the institution is prepared at the main kitchen where everyone at the camp would have a meal during breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The purpose of the use of the main kitchen is meant to benefit mainly the children and all those

who have been at the camp for less than three months.

In fact, the institution only takes full responsibility to asylum seekers who have been in the country for a period not exceeding three months.

Aggrieved

The keeping of some of the donated food at the main kitchen is said to have caused the current division amongst the refugees as those who have been at the camp for more than three months are said to be aggrieved.

The aggrieved asylum seekers are said to have approached the

camp manager on Monday and lodged their complaint. They are said to have subsequently ordered their children to stop taking meals at the main kitchen after realising that the camp manager was not was ready to heed to their demand.

"Since yesterday we have not been taking food from the main kitchen due to the misunderstandings between some of us here and the administration," said one of the refugees.

Convened

For the better part of the day, the administration of the institution convened into a number of meetings as they attempted to address the matter.

For this reason, Camp Manager Phindile Nkambule could not be reached for comment as she was reportedly attending to the meetings.



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Council has said it before and will say it again; that should all those who own property in Manzini urban area - undeveloped plots or developed properties - pay their due rates in full, there would not be any complaints about the provision of service in Manzini municipality. Therefore, Council pleads with those who have not yet paid to please do so as soon as possible. Council utilises the rates money to provide service to the municipality.



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...THANK YOU NGWANE PARKERS FOR ATTENDING IDP FEEDBACK MEETING



...Important meeting for Coates Valley residents tomorrow evening!

THE Municipal Council of Manzini invites you to an urgent and important meeting where you will be given an update on progress in the delivery of projects in Coates Valley.

It is during this meeting that you will be required to reconfirm whether or not you still need the development you had asked for in previous meetings.

You will also be informed of the results of a World Bank assessment regarding service delivery performance by Council so that you know how Council is performing. Most exciting is that the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) will also be there to take all your concerns/complaints regarding water and sewer.

During the meeting you will also be able to check how much you are owing in rates as well as reduce or clear your outstanding rates by swiping your bank card (debit or credit card) right at the meeting. This

...Yes, it's winter but please attend without fail

will save you the trouble of driving all the way to the Rates Hall to pay rates. Just bring your bank card and you will be able to pay your rates at the meeting.

You will also be able to update your rates account details such as postal address, telephone numbers and email (if applicable). This is a very important meeting. Yes, it is cold these days but please make sure you don't miss it for anything.

You may also ask a member of your household to represent you if you already have commitments.

The meeting will run not more than one hour 30 minutes.

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TIME: 5:30PM

...SIGA invites you to shukuma with municipal employees this Friday

OVER 200 employees from the 13 municipalities in Swaziland will on Friday sweat it out in Manzini as part of the build-up to the 2016 annual Swaziland Inter-Municipal Sports Association (SIGA) games which will be hosted by Manzini municipality on the July 1, 2016.

The Shukuma exercise, which is meant to publicise the games as well as show the municipalities' readiness for them, will see the employees engaging in various fitness exercises such as aerobics.

Time

The shukuma exercise will be staged at the parking lot in Manzini's President Centre shopping complex. The President Centre is the shopping complex which houses the KFC out-

let opposite Estel House. Limited parking will, however, be available for customers of the shopping outlets within the complex.

Success

The event will begin with a march from the Municipal Council of Manzini offices to the President Centre at 1pm and run until 4pm.

Top officials from the ministries of sports, culture and youth affairs as well as that of the housing and urban development will also participate in the shukuma exercise.

The Swaziland National Sports Council has also joined hands with the municipalities towards making the event a success.

Members of the public are invited to participate in the shukuma exer-

cise so they can mingle and interact with municipal workers and top executives in a relaxed atmosphere.

Activities

Members of the public are further invited to the main event on the July 1, 2016 wherein the 13 municipalities will be competing against each other in various sporting activities including soccer, netball, volleyball, darts, pool, table tennis, marathon, 5km walkathon (for employees over 50 years old), *umlalaba* and the draft mind game.

The 13 municipalities are Pigg's Peak, Ngwenya, Mbabane, Ezulwini, Malkerns, Matsapha, Manzini, Mankayane, Siteki, Vuvulane, Lavumisa, Hlatikulu and Nhlalano.

PHILILE SHONGWE BECOMES A PRINCETON AFRICAN FELLOW

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

A former Waterford Kahlaba student Philile Shongwe has made the country proud and joined the 2016-2017 Princeton fellowship class.

Philile joined other 48 fellows who were selected from 428 applicants, a very competitive 11% placement rate.

The group will be working with 31 organisations including two new PiAf fellowship organisations, Young Love based in Gaborone, Botswana and Help Age International based in Nairobi, Kenya.

They will be living and working

in 15 countries in Africa.

Philile is a fellow with African School of Economics, Benin Yale University Class of 2016. She graduated with a BA in Global Affairs and French. She speaks French, Intermediate Mandarin Chinese, siSwati and Zulu.

Work

She intends to return to work in education policy or the non-profit sector in Southern Africa. Through various fellowships at Yale, she has been able to travel to Paris, Beijing, Shanghai and London for intensive language study and research.

She has previously interned for the Alliance Française office in Mbabane, Swaziland where she



HOISTS SWAZI FLAG:
Philile Shongwe.

tutored French students. She has also volunteered as a language and reading tutor in various care

centers in Swaziland such as the SOS Children's Village.

She has most recently interned at Africa Health Placements in Johannesburg, South Africa as an Educational Entrepreneurial Project Initiator where she drafted a business model and training programme for a new education initiative that was launched at the beginning of 2016.

Philile is thrilled to be joining the African School of Economics in Benin where she will be a research assistant, and she looks forward to learning more about Francophone West African culture and speaking lots of French.

She has just completed her orientation on Princeton University's campus earlier this month.

Hotel fires cleaner for stealing cheese

By Linda Jele
Industrial Court

A cleaner lost his job only after a year for allegedly stealing a loaf of cheese from the Happy Valley Hotel.

Sandile Fakudze of Nkhanini at Lobamba has taken the hotel to court seeking an order to be reinstated and paid arrears wages or given maximum compensation for alleged unfair dismissal. He has instructed a representative in Ephraim Dlamini to file the case before court.

He has alleged that he was employed on February 1, 2014 as a cleaner and worked until July 6, 2015 after he had been found guilty of stealing a loaf of cheese. His duties, it was alleged, entailed cleaning the kitchen and restaurant as well as taking care of table cloths.

The applicant alleges that he was about to knock off when he went to empty the dustbin and was found in possession of a loaf of cheese that was hidden in the refuse bag. The applicant denies that he had purposely placed the loaf of cheese in the refuse bag for personal gain, it was stated.

Fakudze claimed that he demanded proof from video footage which was to determine whether or not he had been near the refrigerators prior to the recovery of the cheese loaf.

He claimed that the cheese had been taken by another employee from the company's stock room, but the company never investigated.

He claimed that during the hearing, he asked for a video footage, but he was not afforded that and in protest, he walked out of the hearing. He claimed that he was found guilty of the offence and dismissed, but he appealed. The appeal was dismissed as well, he claimed.

He said he lodged a dispute to the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) and a certificate of unresolved dispute was issued.

He claimed that he was unfairly dismissed therefore, he should be paid E1 500 notice pay and E18 000 as maximum compensation for unfair dismissal.

In its replying papers, the hotel stated that Fakudze had pleaded guilty to the offence of theft and told the hearing that he was not alone when he stole the cheese.

The hotel is represented by SV Mdladla and associates in the matter.

"The applicant (Fakudze) had pleaded guilty to the offence as charged therefore respondent deemed it unnecessary to provide further evidence hence not necessary to avail camera footage," read the hotel's papers.

The matter is pending before court



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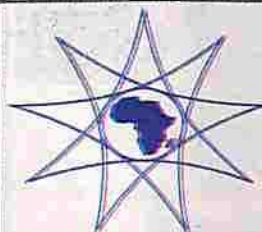
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8 SWAZIS AWARDED OBAMA'S LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

EIGHT young Swazis successfully participated in the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Programme which lasted for four weeks at Midrand, Gauteng Province in South Africa.

This was the third YALI regional programme which is similar to others across the African continent having started from May 11 to June 16. YALI was launched in 2010 by US President Barack Obama, in an effort to invest in Africa's future leaders.

The eight who participated in the regional leadership course, third cohort, were selected with a total of 130 others from 14 countries of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), where they were taught leadership skills among three criterion.

These criterion were business and entrepreneurship, public management and governance and civic leadership programmes.

These young leaders were Nkosingiphile Myeni, who is the Communications Officer at the Coordinating Assembly of NGOs (CANGO), Nhlanganiso Gama who works as a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at Aids Health Care Foundation, Tiyaandza Dlamini, Director of Hands Holding Foundation, Lusanda Shiba of the Australian Volunteers International, Temalangeneni Dlamini who is a Volunteer for the African Union Procurement division in Ethiopia, Lusito Tsela who is a former graphics design student at Limkokwing University Thulani Shabangu who works as a Health Information Officer at the Ministry of Health, Malaria Control Programme and Mbongiseni Dlamini, who works as Food and Beverages Supervisor at the George Hotel.

According to Myeni, the programme referred as President Obama's brain-child is proving its worth and will forever remain one of his legacies because of its genuine aim of evoking leadership skills among the next African generation.

"I can confirm that I was a participant of the YALI programme. I was very fortunate to have been selected and was humbled by those responsible for the selections as I can attest that I came out a better person taking with me leadership skills which I hope to use for the betterment of the entire nation wherever I am involved," he said.

Myeni, who was in the civil leadership programme, said although he could not speak for the other participants, he had the idea that they all had similar hopes and dreams for the country, especially the youth which he aims to be working closely with.

"Being awarded a certificate is one thing but the most valuable thing I took from the programme is the network created with like minds in the SADC region as well as the information by the facilitators of the programme.

When you look at the entire African continent, one thing similar is the number of young people which makes



TERRIFIC 8: The Swazi youth group which has been awarded with President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative Certificates. Nhlanganiso Gama, Mbongiseni Dlamini, Tandzile Dlamini, Lusanda Shiba, Temalangeneni Dlamini, Lusito Tsela, Thulani Shabangu and Nkosingiphile Myeni. (Pic Gugu Simelane)

the continent the youngest populated one. The continent's population comprises of over 60 percent of people below the age of 35. Most of them do not have jobs which is worrying. Hopefully, we the youth could be included in policy making and decision making if Africa aims to solve the youth problem," he said.

Shabangu, who also participated in the programme, said if African leaders still fail to recognise the youth as important stakeholders in policy formulation it really is

a shame in that a leader of another continent saw the desperation of the youth to complement development by taking the initiative to build their capacity.

The training on leadership coincides with the youth month, which is June.



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2. Masuku Sibongile Sarah	Education	3756308	02.06.2016	09h45
3. Mtsetfwa Agrineth Siphwe	Education	4531689	17.05.2016	10h30
4. Nxumalo Sipho Mandla	Education	2632069	03.06.2016	11h15
5. Dlamini Lindiwe Maggie	Education	4165008	01.06.2016	12h00

TUESDAY 28 June 2016

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Mdululi Sithandwa Bavelile	Education	300029781	18.05.2016	09h00
2. Ngcamphalala Reuben Boy	Police	7089435	30.05.2016	09h45
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TSC urges principals to be disciplined

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE Teaching Service Commission (TSC) has urged principals to train their pupils like eagles in order to have good leaders of tomorrow.

The mind lecture was attended by over 100 school principals from around the country.

Speaking during the opening of the International Youth Fellowship



DISCIPLINE: TSC Executive Secretary Mduzuzi Nkambule.

Education Leaders Forum Schedule for principals at The George Hotel

yesterday, TSC Executive Secretary Mduzuzi Nkambule said teachers are faced with a lot of challenges these days and as people that are responsible for training future leaders they must learn to have discipline.

Nkambule said it does not matter whether someone is old or young but everyone needs to train his mind.

Thulani Masina, who was MC for the day, said the meeting will benefit the principals because as the country moves towards attaining

vision 2022 there is a need to have developed leaders by helping improve their minds.

Masina stated that IYF saw it fit that in order to help the principals hone their leadership skills they must get a professor from Korea who will conduct mind lectures.

"In order for the country to progress it must also have leaders who are well trained," Masina stated.

He added that it is for the first time that a doctor from Korea has been called to the country to train princi-

pals.

Masina said over 500 teachers have already received training so that when they climb up the ladder of success they will be ready for the challenges.

He said such mind lectures will help teachers to have a strong mind and be ready for any challenges that they might be faced with.

He added that the training will bring about honest and dedicated principals who will bring about development in their schools, lives and families.

Correctional signs MoU with Namibia, South Sudan

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) has signed memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with two Correctional institutions in the African continent.

The department through the Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has signed MoUs with the Namibian Correctional Service and the National Prisons Service of the Republic of South Sudan. The memoranda are aimed at strengthening the cordial relationships that exist between the three correctional organisations from the three countries.

HMCS first signed the MoU with the Namibia Correctional Service during a signing ceremony held at the Summerfield Botanical Gardens. HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase signed the MOU on behalf of the department while Namibia Correctional Service Commissioner General Raphael Hamunyela signed on behalf of his organisation.

Signed

The second MoU was signed between HMCS and the National Prisons of the Republic of South Sudan. The signing ceremony took place at the S&B Restaurant in Matsapha. Lieutenant General Andrew Monydeeng Kuot signed the MOU on behalf of the National Prisons of South Sudan while Ntshangase signed on behalf of HMCS.

Addressing guests during the signing ceremony, Ntshangase said the cooperation between the three correctional institutions was an ongoing process meant to strengthen the working relationship between the three entities through the sharing of experiences and challenges in correctional work.

He noted that the goals they have set as the three leaders of these organisations could only be achieved if they paid particular attention to the needs and challenges facing the correctional system within the SADC region and the larger part of the African



TOGETHER WE STAND: Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase and Namibia Commissioner General Rafael Hamunyela signing the Memorandum of Understanding between the two Correctional Services at Summerfield Botanical Gardens.

continent.

"The main aim as a collective was to optimise the opportunities for the rehabilitation of offenders by identifying unique roles which we need to play as correctional administrators to enhance peace and social cohesion in the communities through excellence in correctional services and related practices.

We hope this cooperation will help the three entities towards adopting correctional practices that conform to the goals and objectives of the African Correctional Services Association (ACSA) as well as complying to the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Offenders as adopted at the First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders held in Geneva, 1955," said Ntshangase.

Ntshangase explained that the Memoranda of Understanding will define how the three organisations shall strengthen their ability to learn from each other as well as enhance their strengths in focal areas such as: Training, Security Management, Education, Human Resource Development, Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration, Learning and Knowledge Management, Research and Development.

The signing of this memoran-

dum of understanding comes at the wake of numerous exchange programmes that have already taken place between His Majesty's Correctional Services and the Namibia Correctional Service. The most recent being that of three instructors from the Namibia Correctional Service who came to equip His Majesty's Correctional Services officers with new foot drill skills in preparation for the recently held Correctional Services Day and Passing-Out Parade event.

Last year, 2015, the Namibian Correctional Service also sent officers to conduct an exchange programme with HMCS on the rehabilitation programmes for offenders.

In the same year, 2015, another team of health practitioners from the Namibian Correctional Service also visited the country to conduct a benchmarking exercise on the management of tuberculosis and other health conditions at His Majesty's Correctional Services Centres. Republic of South Sudan Lieutenant General Andrew Monydeeng Kuot praised the standard of corrections within His Majesty's Correctional Services, saying the memorandum of understanding will enable his country's Prisons Service system to learn a lot from the Swaziland experience in correctional work.

He said his country has been in war in the past 50 years thus depleting the country's economy into almost non-existence. He together with his delegation had an opportunity to visit some of Swaziland's Correctional Centres and was impressed with the local corrections infrastructure and the overall prison environment. He said he was especially pleased to observe the humane treatment offenders receive from local correctional officers.

Lieutenant General Monydeeng explained that prisons in South Sudan were still under-developed and elected to call them places of containment than prison institutions due to the poor standard compared to those from Swaziland and other African countries. He said much of their time and energy as officers was consumed by the ongoing war in their country, saying this contributes immensely to the poor standard of corrections in that country. The Lieutenant General said after training as a prison officer, he spent more than 20 years serving his country in the war.

Betterment

Ntshangase said the MoU will form the basis for the two correctional organisations to develop in all spheres for the betterment of officers to improve service delivery and achieve other set out goals and objectives.

It will open doors for officers to share ideas and continental perspective and will also accord them an opportunity to learn from each other. Ntshangase also mentioned that the MOU was also aimed at strengthening sharing of knowledge, skills, competences, best practices as well as establishing exchange programmes in an effort to improve the dispensation of the Corrections Services mandate.

Ntshangase announced that the memorandum of understanding will accord the National Prisons of South Sudan an opportunity to send its officers for training at the Correctional Services Staff Training College. He said this will give the officers from the two correctional organisations an opportunity to share and exchange culture, heritage and customs as Africans.

Your support made a difference, says Stuckie

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE Association of People with Albinism in Swaziland sends its heartfelt gratitude to the people who made their recent campaign a success.

The International Albinism Awareness Day was celebrated last week Friday during a march to raise awareness of the plight of people living with albinism.

During the awareness people with albinism called on the government to protect them because they say they are 'hunted down like animals'.

Public Relations Officer of the local association Stuckie Motsa thank the following companies and organisations: Swaziland Printing and Publishing, Royal Swazi Convention Centre, Destiny Music, Wood Ford Car Hire, Slomo's Corporation, Galp 4 Ways, The Oxtail Pot, M.A Construction, Ocean Basket, Moneni Spar, Nandos, Spar Buy and Save, Swazi Observer, Swazi TV, Swaziland Broadcasting Information Services, Times of Swaziland, Kasi Theatre Production, P.S Studios & Promotions, Mbabane Alliance Church, Mohau Wasechaba Clinic, Home Made Cake. Motsa said the association hopes to maintain the relationship that they have started with the above companies.

"Through their support we will be able to achieve our goals.

One of the key goals is that of registering an organisation that will deal specifically with issues of albinism," she said. Motsa said God shall bless all the companies that made the awareness a huge success.

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SWAGAA condemns intimate-partner violence

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

WITH numerous incidents of violence experienced by women at the hands of their intimate partners reported in the media, Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) has condemned these horrendous acts.

SWAGAA Communications and Advocacy Officer Slindelo Nkosi said history has taught them that the common form of violence experienced by women was performed by their sexual partners, which was either a husband or an intimate male partner.

Generally

"Through the extensive community based programmes executed by SWAGAA, it has been revealed that the public generally does not understand the dynamics of intimate partner violence, therefore, the abuse or violence is normally not recognised until such time one is murdered by another," she said.

Nkosi said women should know that intimate partner violence



STOP IT: SWAGAA
Communications and
Advocacy Officer Slindelo
Nkosi.

referred to any behaviour within an intimate relationship that causes physical, psychological or sexual harm to those in the relationship.

Nkosi explained that abusive behaviour comes in many forms and

almost always results to acts of physical aggression.

"Women should be conscious of all types of abuse so to know when it occurs.

Psychological abuse such as intimidation, constant belittling and humiliating is the beginning of a pattern," she said.

She further said various controlling behaviours such as isolating a person from their family and friends, monitoring their movements, and restricting their access to information or assistance is a major red flag.

Slapping.

Nkosi said women should not take slapping, hitting, kicking, beating, forced intercourse and other forms of sexual coercion lightly because once it starts often than not it never ends.

She further said economic empowerment would be the saving grace for most women who find themselves in these situations.

In most cases these women are economically dependent on those who victimise them and this has major implications for both the dynamics of abuse and the approaches to dealing with it hence the need for women economic empowerment.

Domestic Violence Bill to protect men as well

SWAGAA Communications and Advocacy Officer Slindelo Nkosi has revealed that the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill of 2015 presently being advocated for will not only address the violence inflicted against women and children but also protect men as well.

As one of its main objectives, she said the bill seeks to strengthen and consolidate certain common law and statutory provisions so as to adequately provide for the successful dealing of sexual offences and domestic violence cases in a non-discriminatory manner and also provide adequate protection to all complainants.

"As it is, the law seems to be

protecting women but we have had instances where men suffer violent behaviour from their female sexual partners. A number of these cases whereby men are violated by their partners but do not receive complete judicial support have been noted. The norm is that men are much more likely to be attacked by a stranger or acquaintance than by someone within their close circle of relationships, but we have seen a light escalation of men abused by the intimate partners," she said. Nkosi said the bill of 2015 therefore seeks to adequately address the phenomenon and further commended the good and responsible men who protect their families and loved ones.



SCOPING MEETING

Asakhiwe (Pty) Ltd intends to develop Retail Centre on plots 273, 274, 275 and 276 at the intersection of MR2 and the road to Croydon, south of Ebuleni town centre measuring 25,739m².

The proposed development is a single storey Retail Centre, comprising 7,336m² of lettable shop space, 600m² of market stalls, 642m² of office space, plus public facilities and general circulation.

Interested and affected parties, the public from Fontoje, Emefasini, Mkhuzweni, Herefords and Encatsavane are hereby invited to a **Public Scoping Meeting** where their views and concerns about the development may be aired. This will ensure that their views and concerns are included and addressed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the proposed development.

This meeting has been arranged in fulfilment of the Environmental Audit, Assessment, and Review Regulations, 2000 and will be held at **10.00am** on the **02nd July 2016**, at Ebuleni Resource Centre next to Build It Hardware.

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Documents will be on sale from LUSIP, Siphofaneni office between 0830 hours and 1100 hours from **Thursday, 23 June 2016 to Wednesday, 29 June 2016**. No documents will be sold after the compulsory clarification meeting, scheduled with the representative of the Employer, for Wednesday, 29 June 2016 at the SWADE Big Bend Site Office, next to Lismore lodge, towards Matata, starting at **0900 hours**.

Completed Tender forms, Tender Guarantee, Bills of Quantities, Certified copies of Tax Clearance, Trading license, CIC Registration Certificate, Form C and Form J endorsed by the Registrar of Companies must be submitted on the closing date together with the tender document at SWADE Head Office at the 4th Floor Dian'beka Building. All tenders shall be opened at SWADE Head Office. The closing date for submission of tenders is **Friday, 29 July 2016 at 1400 hours**. Tenders must be sealed and addressed to the Chairman of the Projects & Tender Committee. A tender must remain open for a period of 90 days from closing date for the submission of tenders, during which period the tender may not be amended or withdrawn and may be accepted at any time by SWADE.

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(CLOCKWISE) CONQUERERS: Participants pose after climbing to the top of Ndzindza Mountain. KODAK MOMENT: A participant looks into his camera. RESTING TIME: A seemingly tired DJ Lindz takes a rest while browsing her phone.



MLAWULA-MAGADZAVANE CHALLENGE WALK, THE GREATEST TOURISM EXPERIENCE

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini
Mlawula

THE Mlawula-Magadzavane Challenge Walk is expected to be the greatest experience of tourism in the history of the Lubombo region.

A recently formed organisation, Eco Lubombo Organisation (ELO) will on Sunday host the 'mother of challenge walks' through the mountains of Mlawula.

The walk is in three categories being; the 21kilometres, 6km and 4km respectively.

ELO last Sunday hosted journalists from various media houses to

have a feel of the challenge walk.

The scribes then embarked on a 6.7km walk which was described by many as a greatest experience of tourism. The purpose of the pre-walk was also to brief the media on the objectives of the challenge.

It was reported that the main objective of the organisation was to promote ecotourism and biodiversity conservation in the Lubombo landscape, while strengthening the resilience of its resident communities in the face of increasing environmental and economic challenges.

It is championed by Regional Administrator Sylvia Mthethwa in collaboration with the Swaziland

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National Trust Commission (SNTC), Siteki Town Council, Police Crime Prevention Unit and other strategic partners.

ELO Secretary Bheki Thusi had reported that proceeds of the walk

and other upcoming events would be used in coordinating tourism, conservation and sustainable livelihood projects under the umbrella framework of the Eco Lubombo Programme (ELP).

The proceeds would also be used in charity projects to help alleviate the numerous challenges which are faced by the region.

Thusi said the organisation had a strong focus on the participation of

the communities in making the objectives come to fruition.

The organisation's fundamental strategy was to engage and empower communities through an intensive participatory planning process, which integrates enterprise development with ecosystem management.

ELO was of the view that this would allow for the identification, promotion and funding of ecotourism, eco-agriculture and other sustainable livelihood opportunities that enable communities to best use their natural resources assets and strengthen their resilience to adapt to present and future environmental challenges.



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START POINT: SBIS's Lindelwa Mafa taking the lead at the starting point.



HELPING HAND: Swazi Observer News Editor Kenneth Dlamini and Rogers assisting other participants climb past a rock.



HERE WE START: Dlamini also took part on the journalists' tour walk at the Mlawula Trails on Monday.



GROUP PHOTO; Participants took time to pose before the beginning of the walk. (R) SNTC Marketing and Public Relations Officer Xoliswa Mkhonta poses for a photo with Swazi Observer acting Marketing Manager Siphesihle Mkhonta and SBIS radio DJs Lindelwa Mafa and Ntfombitanele Motsa-Dube during their arrival at SARA Camp, Mlawula on Sunday.



ELO contributes to region's economic growth

THE initiative, which has been undertaken by the Eco Lubombo Organisation (ELO), is expected to make a significant improvement to the economy of the region and the country at large.

The organisation, as it is situated near the borders separating the country from Mozambique and South Africa, was looking at engaging these neighbouring countries in tourism adventures.

ELO is also aiming at making good use of the KM III International Airport to improve trade between the neighbouring countries.

This was said by the organisation's Public Relations Officer Wendy Hleta during a recent interview. Hleta said they were also looking forward to developing Siteki town to a city

as it is the hub of the region. The proximity of the KM III airport, and the Mhlumeni Border Gate which operates 24 hours, offer significant opportunities for the town.

The region also stands at a good position along the borders as the country and its neighbouring South Africa are known as prime adventure for cultural destinations, while Mozambique's southern coast is rapidly building on its enormous potential. This is expected to help the region grow rapidly as well.



LAST MILE: Others participants walk the talk, as they approach the top. (L) **ON TOP OF THE WORLD:** A lady participant takes a moment to admire the view.



WE ARE ENJOYING: Participants took time to pose on the trails.

ADMIRING: These ladies admire the scenic view before completing.

NEVER LATE: Other participants trailing behind.



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Maid escapes just before being murdered

Stories by Samukelisiwe
Ginindza
Macetjeni

A 63-year-old woman of Sigcaweni lives to tell her own tale as she literally escaped from being murdered.

It is suspected that her captors were going to use her body parts for muti purposes.

Sigcaweni is found in the drought stricken Lubombo region.

The woman who survived death said she was offered a lift at Gilgal, on her way back to Manzini after spending a weekend with her family.

She said the 'generous' car was a white van driven by a man, and another as a passenger.

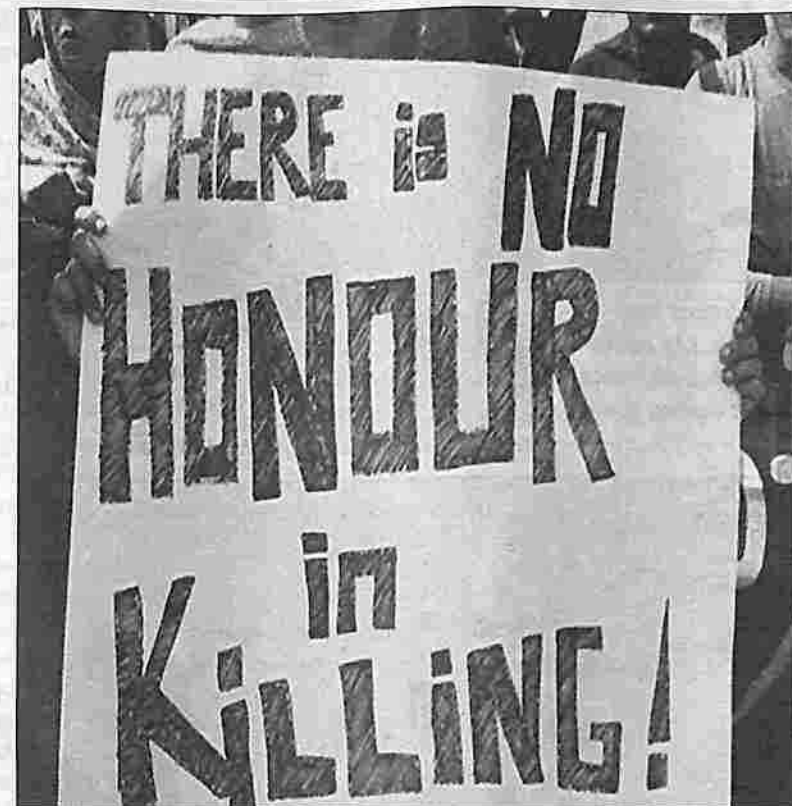
Heading

Irene Dlamini*, a domestic worker said the car instead of heading to Manzini, it changed direction at a very high speed to Timbutini, to a thick forest in that area.

"I was traumatised and shocked and could not stop the car. When it finally stopped, the two men came out, held me and were about to put a sock in my mouth so as to gag me," she said.

Dlamini said her captors had an array of weapons in the car and a cooler box. She said she suspected that the cooler box was used to carry people's body parts.

"They had different weapons in the car, but I remained calm. When I asked them if we were in Manzini, they rudely ordered me to shut up and I oblig-



ed," she added.

The woman said she was tied to a tree in the midst of a thick forest.

"As they prepared their tools so as to deal with me, a herdboy confronted them and asked what they were doing with me. Instead of responding, the men ran off and the boy untied me and we walked back to the main road at Mkhuzweni," the woman said adding that she was captured last week Sunday.

She said she had to ask for the lift as there was no transport since it was a Sunday. She claimed that her would-be-murderers had informed her that she would die that Sunday.

As she narrated her ordeal, Dlamini's son Siyabonga* was close to tears.

She said the boy who saved her life was estimated to be 18-years-old.

The survivor mentioned that she is still traumatised by the ordeal.

Decomposed body found in the same area

A few days after Irene Dlamini was saved from men who had told her that she will be killed, a decomposing body believed to be of a woman was found in the area where Irene was tied.

This was revealed by the sur-

vivor who said she got such news from people of the area.

Thick

Dlamini was reportedly tied to be killed in a thick forest at Timbutini, an area which is under populated and home-steads are sparsely located.

SURVIVOR LOSES JOB

IRENE Dlamini says she could not continue with her journey to Nhlambeni to work the day she was captured as such her employers replaced her.

She said since she could not call her employers after her ordeal, instead she went back home as she was too traumatised.

"I could not even call my employers and when my son finally did after a week or so,

they told him that they have replaced me," she explained.

She said she is back job hunting as she still has to pay for her son's school fees, who is now in high school.

"I am looking for a job to pay for my son's school fees, he will now suffer as he values education and I am the only parent he has, after his father passed away," the woman said.

*NOT THEIR REAL NAMES

Stay away from lifts

By Nomfundo Sifundza
Sigcaweni

THE woman who was kidnapped by two men in the Lubombo region says people should refrain from unknown lifts whatever time of the day it is.

The woman pleaded with everyone to avoid lifts from strangers as one may never know where that car would take them.

"I was prepared to be murdered and for those few minutes I lost speech as I was scared for my life. I could not shout nor enquire from the kidnappers why they were taking me to a forest far from my place of destination," she said.

The woman also pleaded with the member of parliament from her constituency to see to it that the area had access to public transport on quiet days like Sundays and holidays as her attack occurred on a Sunday.

Bucopho helps drought affected families from his pocket

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

AS the drought take its toll in some areas, Bucopho of Nkomonye under Sandleni constituency has resorted to feeding his community members from his pocket as no aid was coming their way.

This reporter was told that the Bucopho of the area Boy Nhlabatsi has been distributing food parcels to people of his constituency as they could not reap any harvest from their fields.

However, Nhlabatsi said his generosity should not be misinterpreted. It is said some said he was 'dishing out' help to the poor because he was gearing up for the 2018 elections.

"I know that others are to start speculating that I am doing this to garner support for the 2018 elections, that's not the case. I started doing this a long time ago and this time around its because of the plight of a number of families. There are a number of families who have been greatly affected by drought thus I decided to intervene," said Nhlabatsi.

Nhlabatsi said his family was

not spared by the drought but they were coping.

"The people here are estimated to be over 2 000 and over half of them are struggling. I have therefore decided to make other means of assisting them. Most importantly, these people need food and water," he said.

Nhlabatsi said most of the community members were old people who had no one take care of them.

Nhlabatsi said he would soon distribute mealie-meal to identified families adding that he had set aside a budget of E5 000 to buy maize soon. "I will then take the maize to a local hammer mill and then distribute the mealie-meal to the identified families with the assistance of the local caregivers and rural health motivators. I have also planned to distribute rice to others and this comes from my own pocket," said Nhlabatsi. Nhlabatsi said he was aware that government alone could not manage to reach all the areas affected by drought.

"We cannot always expect everything from the government as its overburden already. We can also do something to help," Nhlabatsi said.

Rented house turned to a sex den?

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

RESIDENTS at Siphumelele, a suburb near Mathendele Township in Nhlanguano have alleged that within the area, there is a house used as a brothel or sex den.

The house is reportedly occupied by people believed to be employed by an organisation which was deployed to collect data in communities.

The house occupants are both males and females, they are tenants in the house. It is said the owner also lives around Nhlanguano.

Raised

Neighbours are alleged to have raised concerns on what takes place in the house with some parents claiming that some of the occupants had loose morals.

One of the residents said they were now fed up with what was taking place in that house as the occupants' conduct was unacceptable. "It is a serious concern and we fear our children could end up joining this group of people whose conduct is very embarrassing. A lot of things are taking place there.

Mind you, males share the house with females and you wonder why the two sex groups were made to



share a house in the first place. The occupants also make noise when we are resting or sleeping in our homes, at times, they drink and become noisy throughout the night," said the resident.

Aware

The residents said they were not sure if the employer was aware of the activities taking place in the house.

Another resident said it was a norm to see different faces getting into the house in pairs which made community members suspicious that apart from being a rented house, it was used for other things.

"It's our suspicion as we some-

times see people going there in twos. We suspect the house has been turned into a sex den," another resident said.

Worry

Some of the residents said their other worry was not just the noise coming from the house but the arrangement as the tenants were males and females.

"The house occupants are both males and females, even in a boarding institution it does not happen that females live together with their male colleagues.

We wonder if the parents of the tenants are aware of what is taking place there," the concerned resident said.

Bee keepers profits plunge

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlango

THE 2015/16 drought took its toll on bee farming businesses as bee keepers have felt the effects of the dry season.

In the Shiselweni region, bee keepers are also faced with a similar predicament encountered by livestock and maize farmers.

Shiselweni Beekeepers Association Regional Chairperson Nqamiso 'Skipper' Mamba said they have been greatly affected by the drought such that they could not take anything to the market.

He said their markets included shops such as supermarkets and other establishments specialising in honey and its products.

"It will take time for us to recover from

drought, right now, we have nothing to take to our clients and it means a major blow for us.

We have not managed to harvest much just like other farmers specialising in maize and livestock. It's a setback to the association," said Mamba. Mamba said as an association, they would work on a plan to avoid experiencing similar problems in future. He said the beekeeping business, needs commitment and with natural disasters like drought, they would have to find other methods of going about the business.

"It's a wakeup call, it means we have to do a research and perhaps engage experts who can shed light on how best we can go about this business even when there is drought. We were caught off guard and it is important that we consult so that when things like this hap-

pen in future, we are prepared.

Right now, we feel embarrassed when the establishments we have been supplying with our products tell us that they have no honey in their shelves.

Our families as well, just like it has happened with the others, are feeling the pinch already," said Mamba.

Mamba said his association would decide on a suitable date for members to meet in order to discuss how best they could deal with the situation they have found themselves in.

"It's important that we have a meeting where solutions should be found. It's important that we meet and not hope that things would return to normal when we don't even know what the future holds for us. As an association, we are in this together and it is



HONEY AM HOME: Shiselweni Beekeepers Association Regional Chairperson Nqamiso 'Skipper' Mamba.

therefore important we work on plans of overcoming such situations," said Mamba.

Baha'i youth empowerment programme to stretch countrywide

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

YOUTH members from Baha'i, in Mbabane have been given a chance to empower themselves by an organisation called Swaziland Low Income People's Organisation (SLPO).

This emanated from the Commonwealth local government forum which introduced the Local Economic Development (LED) programme in the country back in 2014.

Benefitted

At least three municipalities including that of Mbabane, Manzini and Matsapha benefited. After being part of the pilot project,

Mbabane Councillor John Dlamini under SLPO started working with the Baha'i youth with the aim of empowering them.

Dlamini is the coordinator of the organisation and he liaised with their international partners, Slum Dwellers International (SDI).

"We encourage people to work together, save money together for a purpose.

Generating

We also teach them on doing income generating projects," Dlamini said.

Currently, the organisation has built a structure at the place where about 10 young people are making a living through a fence producing project they started recently.

Dlamini said through the fence making project they managed to impact positively, some

of the young people from the area.

He said they were not only now making a living out of this project but they were also professionally trained for it.

Borrowed

"Currently we have seven members, even though our organisation is mainly about women, we do work with men and this project has two young men," he said.

However, Dlamini said there could be a stumbling block for them as the machinery being used was not theirs, it was borrowed.

"We have stopped taking orders now because the owner of the machinery will be taking it this week.

Our aim is to have our own fence-making machine. We wish to get more assistance from organisations or interested individuals," Dlamini added. He added that as a result, work has been halted at the site.

Expertise

"We even get agriculture experts or any other persons with expertise in various areas to train the youth as there are no jobs.

We have mobilised savings groups in three regions now with only Lubombo left out for now," he added.

He said their main purpose is to teach people to develop themselves and their communities.

Corporate Place rooftop launches more events

By Sizwe Dlamini
Mbabane

CLOSE to 150 locals graced the Mbabane Corporate Place rooftop for the re-launch of the wooden putter miniature golf course.

The re-launch event was organised by four young entrepreneurs from the Sustainable Development Management International

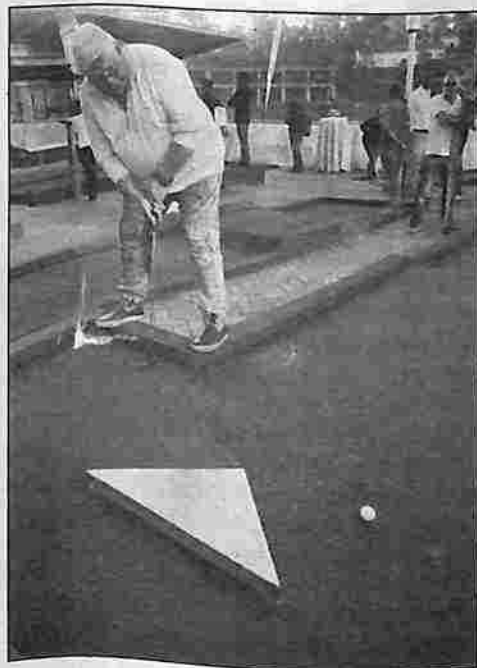
(SDMI) group.

SDMI is an event management company and has now taken ownership of the mini golf course at the Corporate Place. Event Organiser John Isaacs said their main objective was to relaunch the golf course and drum-up interest in the sport.

Also at the event was 24-year-old visual artist Mpendulo Dhlamini who was doing paintings at the event and also showcased paintings from his collection.



ARTISTIC: Artist Mpendulo Dhlamini also showcased his work at the event.



TEE: Corporate Place CEO Allen Forbes showing his golf skills.



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Proposals are hereby invited from suitably qualified consultants to undertake a Census Survey for the LUSIP II Project. The LUSIP II Project is a continuation of the Lower Usuthu Small Holder Irrigation Project (LUSIP) whose goal is to improve the standard of living of the population in the Project Area through an environmentally and culturally sustainable process. LUSIP II will command an irrigable area of 5,750 hectares (ha). Of this area 5,217 ha is new development. The balance of the area has already been developed but will in the future receive water via the canal system to enable the users to cut down on pumping costs as the area is currently being irrigated from the Usuthu River.

The LUSIP II project area covers three (3) chiefdoms; Ngcamphalala II, Mngometulu and Matsenjwa. The main objective of the assignment is to collect and compile detailed data on the number, distribution and characteristics (demographic and administrative) of the whole population within the LUSIP II Project Development Area (PDA).

The Request for proposal document is obtainable free of charge from the SWADE LUSIP II Extension Offices (Big Bend) or may request a copy via email from lusip2@swade.co.sz. Queries relating to the issue of these documents, administrative and technical matters may be addressed to Ms Nokwanda Sithole, Tel No. +268-2363 6648/9 or e-mail nokwandas@swade.co.sz.

The closing date for the submission of proposals is **Thursday, 7 July 2016 at 11:00 HRS** at the SWADE Head Offices in Mbabane, 4th Floor Dianubeka Building. **No document will be accepted after the closing time and date.**

The lowest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted. No reasons will be given for non-acceptance or rejection of any tender.



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12 AFRICAN COUNTRIES COMING FOR SANU SOCIAL MEDIA SEMINAR



BRIEFING: SANU Vice Chancellor Professor Winnie Nhlengethwa addressing the media regarding the upcoming Social Media Seminar hosted by the Association of African Universities. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

UNIVERSITIES and colleges from over 12 countries in Africa will convene in Matsapha next Tuesday for a social media seminar organised by SANU in collaboration with Association of African Universities (AAU).

SANU is the Southern Africa Nazarene University.

The seminar will see communications and marketing officers from educational institutions, private corporate and public organisations being capacitated on social media utilisation for educational and business purposes.

AAU's Nodumo Dlamini and

SANU Vice Chancellor Professor Winnie Nhlengethwa on Monday briefed the media on the upcoming second social media marketing seminar.

It has been scheduled for June 28 to 30, at Esibayeni Lodge.

Platforms

Nhlengethwa said the seminar would introduce participants to the various social media platforms, compare these and present possible areas of applications in business settings.

She said the public must attend because organisations need a robust social media strategy that would be aligned to other organisational strategies.

Nhlengethwa said teachers



BRIEFING: Professor Nhlengethwa addressing the media.

would benefit from the seminar as they would be taught on how they could utilise the social media to improve teaching and conduct research online. They would be able to access books that were not even available at the local libraries.

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VIDEO CONFERENCING: Professor Nhlengethwa engaged in a video conferencing with Nodumo Dlamini, an AAU representative, during the media briefing.

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'ALLOW STUDENTS TO USE CELLPHONES IN CLASS'

SANU Vice Chancellor Professor Winnie Nhlengethwa says she admired the fact that most scholars had access to mobile phones.

She had noted that almost everyone in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries had access to cellphones, especially students from tertiary institutions.

She said therefore it would be much better for institutions to take classes to the students instead of lecturers going to class by using cellphones to reach the learners because they carry them all the time.

Unfortunately

"Most universities and colleges unfortunately do not allow pupils to use their phones in class, which is a pity. The usage of mobile phones in class could enable students to check and confirm if what is being taught by that lecturer is true or not. Students could verify research," Nhlengethwa stated.

She said social media continued to change the way consumers of African higher education chose brands, products and services.

Therefore staff must know how to keep these conversations going.

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FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK

MACFORD WELCOME
SIBANDEZE

(DIRECT DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM)

THE title of my article can be grossly misinterpreted, as it creates the notion of the monster apartheid in 1976, lying hopelessly in its dead bed, somewhere, in Ward 19, yet the stubborn predator held itself together for yet another 18 years till 1994 when it coughed its last breath.

However, June 16, 1976, is important for three reasons. One, it stripped bare and exposed apartheid for what it really was—brutal and vicious! Two, it sent a political VVIP invitation card to everyone to join the struggle.

Three, it created a sense of optimism to many as time was running out for the unhappy regime. It was only a matter of time before the wreaths were mercilessly thrown on the carcass of the monster.

Talking of optimism reminds me of a local political icon I interviewed 10 years ago.

He told me of an interesting story about Oliver Tambo, then ANC president, who frequently held meetings with King Sobhuza II. The political icon said that he always enjoyed the company of Tambo because he had unmatched, overwhelming optimism, that was so infectious. Tambo, he said, was so optimistic that he confided to the late King that 'they would be taking over next year.'

Meaning 1977 and he truthfully meant it, you could see in his eyes, yet it had to be many years of arrests,

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torture, killings, sanctions, boycotts, unrests, displacements, before freedom was finally realised.

Just like Lucifer, apartheid was not your ordinary push over-the type of boxer who easily throws the towel after some hard beatings. Apartheid was a gruesome monster that was built on two slippery pillars: Love and Hate!

Love for oneself-Afrikaner Nationalism and hate for all that is Black. The hate extended to all but Afrikaners! In other words even the French, British, Jews, Indians, etc could not escape the hate! Though, the Boers were 'aliens' themselves, who arrived in Africa through an accident of history, in 1652 (led by Jan Van Riebeeck) they felt comfortable in the confine of their spaces and jealously guided against 'aliens' hence the Great Trek.

Since 1915, five years after the formation of the Union of South Africa, the NP has been the ruling party in South Africa, however the apartheid policy of legal and social racial segregation became policy with the 1948 and 1955 elections with players like Verwoerd on the driving seat. Apartheid's premise on the promotion of Afrikaner Culture culminated in introducing Afrikaans as a medium of

instruction. And this led to the historic June 16, 1976 Uprising.

The 70s belonged to fearless revolutionary, Steve Biko, who was the leader of the Black Consciousness Movement. Biko was a thorn in the flesh of the apartheid regime as he ploughed seeds of rebellion against the ferocious government.

He did a lot of behind the scenes in



WHERE THE END BEGAN: The famous June 16 picture of Hector Pieterse being carried by Mbuyisa Makhubo who mysteriously disappeared.

what led to the June 16 tragedy as he had so much influence to then student leader Tsitsi Mashinini who was at the helm of the student protest. That's why the regime felt that Biko was a better threat in the grave than in prison.

It is history that he was clobbered to death in prison with the official report stating that he committed suicide. But this intensified the struggle because that which is crooked cannot be made straight by repression. The rise of Biko as an icon has to be understood from two perspectives.

One that he became prominent during the period of the 'lull' when political parties were silenced through bans. So he became the voice of reason!

Two, contrary to the message of the parties, his was more than just the evils of segregation.

He transcended apartheid as he premised on human dignity. Had Biko lived, he would still be fighting (if not swallowed by politics) because human dignity, inequalities-bucket system toilets, match box houses, overcrowding, etc still exist.

Biko, Mashinini and a number of student leaders of the time were not members of ANC, PAC or SACP thus none of them can lay claim to June 16. These were activists who were

mobilised to fight a stubborn raging bull that wanted to culturally colonize blacks through language.

But this cannot be entirely true.

Maybe the masses were not briefed on the curriculum of events on the fateful day but not the leaders! They knew exactly what they were doing because through the sermons of prophets like Mandela, Tambo, Lembede, Sobukwe, etc, the seeds of defiance were ripe for harvest. It was only a matter of time before the ship wrecked! And time came, in a cloudy cool morning of June 16.

At the time the Mandelas were languishing in jail for about 12 years. More atrocity was on Sobukwe: After finishing his term in Pretoria, a cabinet decision 'sentenced' him to Robben Island! No jury! No Judge! No Prosecutor! No Defence!

Even in Robben Island he wore the tag of being the most dangerous prisoner. So in jail he had to be dehumanized and he was! With the struggle icons silenced behind prison walls, the new kids on the block took the baton and ran the race.

It is not like June 16 was the worst massacre! Not at all! History books record Sharpeville, led by PAC in 1960, March 21, as worse because 69

died in one day! Until recently the number of deaths in one day in June 16 has not been clear. But now it records 176 in the aftermaths of the uprising spread all over the country.

But what June 16 did, so glaringly, was to draw the eyes of the world to see apartheid from a different perspective. That it was Dracula-Inkhosi yemadimoni!

What needs to be understood is that for all its atrocities apartheid wore a mask of a legitimate government. Unlike other regimes, it had multi party, elections, parliament, opposition, cabinet, judiciary and a government! These are ingredients of a legit government so there was no legitimacy question. It also created homelands 'so that blacks would have their own governments ruled by their own people! Again a good camouflage for the world! So the engine of Project Apartheid was oiled by educated elites who strategised for longevity in the hope of postponing its death!

Thus it also wittingly used communism as a bait to manipulate the world. The West's hate for communism worked to its favour as it sold the

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notion that ANC and PAC, and worse, SACP, AZAPO, AZANIA, MK, etc., were notorious communists that needed to be stamped out. Thus in Mandela's Rivonia Trial Speech, he plays 'hide and seek' about the ANC's relations with the communist party as it was a 'dangerous liaison.' It is not a coincidence that when communism crumbled and crushed under Gorbachev in the late 80s and early 90s, the writings were also on the wall for apartheid.

It had lost its bait as communism was no longer a threat to world peace as perceived by the West.

With June 16, apartheid reached a point of no return and created global empathy as the world could not understand how a whole government can shoot to kill children as young as 12 without remorse. It was unmasked and the world saw it through the bone. Police were 'labelled' as 'enemies' in the townships! Hate flew all over the place as the fearless, weaponless, youth declared war.

They were met with brute force-arrests, killings and thousands got displaced to surrounding countries spreading the message of the 'Boer Serial Killer' in the South! Even those who had no care for politics were invited to join the struggle.

Many went to exile and joined political formations. Many trained for war to fight the oppressive regime.

So June 16 became a defining moment-an invitation to politics as it was imminent that the apartheid machine was in a killing spree whether you were ANC or PAC, AZAPO or SACP, but even a toddler on her mother's back was not safe as long as she was black. So it was a call for action and the people responded to the call. Biko was hunted down, arrested and killed.

Regime

His sin: Throwing out some spicy shade to the regime! Fearlessly telling it off! The hate intensified! The iron balloon burst in the face of the regime! But this is not your average loser! She strives in deniability! Arrests, displacements, killings and unrests-became the order of the day.

But the regime was no fool, it saw its end, so it made cosmetic changes to mollify the opposition and undermine its uncooperativeness by forming a Tricameral parliament for coloureds and Indians in 1983-to separate them from the disenfranchised blacks. That was bringing a problem to problems not solutions. And anywhere in the world, if you play with fire you get burnt. Apartheid got burnt!

This gave impetus to UDF, an umbrella group of anti-apartheid forces.

What followed was a disastrous period in South African political history-a country in downward spiral-total unrest, riots, an ungovernable state, coupled with internal and external pressures. (NGO's/Sanctions) While trying to cling to power, the government issued a state of emergency in 1986. However, it backfired and led to total chaos. Secretly there were private negotiations between the government and opposition which led to the release of political prisoners notably the Rivonia Trialists. And on February 11, 1990 Mandela was released from prison and the whole world celebrated. From June 16, 1976, it took a whole long decade or more for freedom to be achieved but it would have taken longer had it not been for the brave fearless youths who made such selfless sacrifices with their lives.

While you cannot easily kill an anaconda with sticks, what June 16 did, and successfully, was to weaken its corrosive venom. Today's youth faces another fierce monster; vicious cycle of poverty, unemployment, corruption, HIV/AIDS, inequality, sexism, economic stagnation, migration, globalization, ignorance, class, spiritual thuggery and of course BLESSERS!

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AIDS LIFELINE

James Hall

TO improve survival rates for people who contract Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB), the World Health Organisation (WHO) is rolling out new and uniformed treatment, beginning with 14 countries throughout the world. Two of these are in Africa: Burundi and Rwanda. Swaziland is on the list and this is huge and promising news.

What happens when viruses mutate and evolve in their capacity to resist drugs that have been toxic and fatal to them? Human beings die who have no alternative to these drugs. There is nothing to viruses like TB that if left unchecked will kill their human hosts.

TB is a curable disease. This is most fortunate because TB is the leading opportunistic disease in Swaziland to threaten people living with HIV and AIDS. Indeed, most Swazi TB patients are HIV-negative, and the disease is very widespread throughout the country.

As long as the disease is detected in its early stages, treatment can begin and the patient will recover. If treatment is delayed, serious illness results and the chances for survival are diminished.

However, treatment depends on the effectiveness of TB drugs to eliminate the virus. Some viruses have evolved to be immune to the drugs' lethal effects. The reason is complex but has to do with improper usage of drugs by patients. As a result MDR-TB came into being shortly after the HIV and AIDS epidemic started straining Africa's healthcare systems.

MDR-TB is not a crisis in Swaziland, but is a fearful threat and a nightmarish prospect here and the rest of Africa. All healing depends on medicine, whether the traditional concoctions brewed by healers or products purchased at chemist shops or dispensed in clinics and hospitals.

If these stop working because

they are harmless to the viruses they have killed in the past, the system collapses along with the health of the human race.

For this reason, medical science is working on new TB medicines that are potent even against MDR-TB. The significant news this week is the WHO trials underway with some of these drugs.

The new treatment consists of patients taking a combination of tablets and injections. The treatment is streamlined, up to a half less time than the current MDR-TB treatment that is available. The new regimen will have a patient under treatment for nine to 12 months. At present, treatment takes from 18 to 24 months, in other words up to two years.

These drugs are costly. All new medicines are costly, until they are mass produced and the cost goes down. However, the beauty of the new MDR-TB treatment is that it is significantly cheaper than what is now available. The drug costs US\$1 000 per patient for the entire treatment.

True, when converted into emalangeni this is over E15 000.

However, the treatment that has only been available up to now for MDR-TB costs US\$15 000 per patient, which after conversion brings it to an unaffordable. E225 000. This is much more than most individuals can afford to pay, and indeed would cripple the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare if government had to shoulder the cost of a mass outbreak of MDR-TB.

Also, under currently available MDR-TB treatment, some patients are required to take as many as eight tablets a day and undergo an injection every day.

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However, MDR-TB can take almost two years to treat with drugs that are injected into the patient and can cause very serious side effects. These side effects include deafness, mental illness and poisoning of the liver. All are extremely serious conditions.

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WHO cuts down on the number of tablets required. The treatment was being fine-tuned as a standardised treatment regimen is the subject of experimentation in 14 countries.

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Certainly something must be done. According to WHO TB data from 2015, of all people who contract MDR-TB, less than half of them survive, 52% died.

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Women in HIV serodiscordant relationships less likely to take PrEP consistently

By Michael Carter

Experiencing intimate partner violence is associated with an increased risk of poor adherence to HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among women in serodiscordant relationships in sub-Saharan Africa, investigators report in the online edition of the *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*.

Overall, 16% of women experienced intimate partner violence

(IPV) and this increased the risk of sub-optimal adherence to PrEP by 50%, when measured by either pill count or plasma tenofovir concentrations. "This is the first study to examine the association between IPV and PrEP adherence," write the authors. "Women who reported IPV in the past 3 months had an increased risk of low PrEP adherence." PrEP has been shown to reduce the risk of infection with HIV in a range of populations, including gay men, heterosexual

men and women and injecting drug users. WHO therefore recommend PrEP as part of comprehensive HIV prevention programmes targeted at high-risk populations.

The effectiveness of PrEP is related to adherence. Intimate partner violence has been associated with higher HIV incidence, reduced condom use and sub-optimal adherence to antiretroviral therapy. It is therefore possible that intimate partner violence may also affect adherence to PrEP.

Investigators from the recent Partners PrEP study therefore analysed data obtained from 1785 HIV-negative women in serodiscordant relationships and enrolled in the study. At monthly face-to-face interviews, the women were asked to report their experience of verbal, physical or economic intimate partner violence.

The investigators assessed the relationship between partner abuse and sub-optimal adherence to PrEP. www.aidsmap.com

YOUTH TALK



By: Sizwe Vilakati,
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THE government has failed to implement components of the African Youth Charter hence there is no realising vision 2022 without policies addressing the youth problem, argues the youth themselves.

The youth of every country face challenges peculiar to their environments; though often youth challenges seem to be a global phenomenon. While there is a thin line that separates youth from one country to the next, they are unified by the African Youth Charter which came into force in July, 2006. The spirit of the charter is to inspire State parties to domesticate the charter itself into national youth policies with aims of addressing challenges faced by the youth at national level.

As defined by the African Youth Charter as well as the Swaziland National Youth Policy, youth is anyone between the ages 15 to 35.

The African Charter espouses a progressive redress for young people. With Swaziland having adhered to the call for national policy development, this gave birth to the Swaziland National Youth Policy (SNYP) of 2009.

Similar to the African Youth Charter, the Swaziland National Youth Policy has called for the establishment of 'Youth Leaders', a body based at each of the 55 tinkhundla.

Bodies

The principal function of the bodies is to liaise with the Swaziland National Youth Council (SNYC) and the ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs.

At another level, another critical body, the Parliamentary Youth Portfolio Committee whose task involves being an interface between parliament and the youths, envisages an oversight of the review process of the youth policy; development of policy implementation guidelines and; developing a plan of action.

The SNYP also recognises youths affiliated to Non-Governmental Organisations referred to as the Youth Development Consortium, whose terms of reference are not stipulated save to acknowledge their unproven extensive experience in working with youth and on youth development issues.

On this basis, SNYP sees the Youth Development Consortium as a contributor during policy review and development of action and implementer.

Why aren't these implemented? There are so many international instruments that are taken into consideration and recognised by the SNYP.

They give hope for the future of the youth in the country. These include

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the United Nations World Programme of Action for Youth and Commonwealth Youth Charter amongst others.

Reading the SNYP, one gets convinced of a better standard of living and dignity for the youth of Swaziland.

Strides have been made by the government towards security rights and dignity for the youths in terms of policy and institution in the form of the sports, culture and youth ministry. However, the said ministry does not have a specific youth vision nor a strategy in place to implement youth related programmes which then renders the realisation of youth development and dignity a pipe-dream.

The government has failed dismally considering that the Parliamentary youth portfolio Committee; youth leaders at constituency level; and the Youth Development Consortium are institutions not operational.

These institutions become critical in the implementation of the SNYP which seeks to domesticate the African Youth Charter as well as the Commonwealth Youth Charter, amongst others.

It remains a question therefore whether there is any commitment towards the true realisation of the predicaments the youth and the spill over effects this has on them and the nation. The prevailing youth situation has no tailor made policies on the ground.

It says a lot about where the country sees itself in future, especially at constituency level.

The Swaziland Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, has a glaring gap in that it does not address youth as a vulnerable population group save only to make mention of other vulnerable groups such as women, children and workers.

The Swaziland population comprise of 43% youths with 265 919 residing in rural areas and 94 605 in urban areas left in the dark.

With the highest number of young people in rural areas, a structure that facilitates policy influence is critical as stated by the national youth policy.

It has been often said there are African solutions for African problems; similarly youth solutions can only be offered by the youth.

The body of constituent youth leaders needs to be put in place urgently to begin to explore some of the challenges young people face on the ground.

They have no access to health services, poverty alleviation and employment incentives. Rather, they are poor, sick and unemployed.

Ravaged

The sero-surveillance report, 2006 shows that 26% of youths aged 15 - 19 are ravaged by HIV/AIDS, with 40.3% aged 20-24 and 48% for 25-29 age groups. Though a decline in HIV/AIDS has been proclaimed by government departments and agencies, one believes that young people are still the highest hit.

With an increase of OVC, child headed households, poverty and no hope for employment; one is not alarmed by the increasing number of youths resorting to prostitution in the Manzini - Matsapha corridors.

The issue of private prostitution has increased too in recent years. Human trafficking and brain drain, premarital sex and single parenthood thrive with the current social conditions. Another sore reality for the youths is the issue of poverty and unemployment which has been well articulated on paper with promising recommendations but without an action plan neither resource for implementation.

This year's budget speech, just as previous ones, has omitted the youth as a special population group like OVC, disabled and the elderly.

The government has been silent on setting up programmes to curb the issue of youth unemployment and poverty; instead have exacerbated the

issue through the proposed scholarship policy.

The labour market is hostile to the youth.

The Labour Force Survey, 2007 revealed that over 80% of the youth are either unemployed or underemployed, as compared to 44.8% urban youth. We cannot pride ourselves with the little percentage of youth in employment, knowing very well that they are exposed to underemployment.

They are kept in jobs with little value in terms of career growth and financial sustainability. Many are exposed to other social ills to supplement the little they earn due to the burden of having to remit their dependant family members.

The ministry of labour and social security has done little to regulate foreign investors and business sector, rendering the Swaziland labour market the cheapest in the region as revealed in a report by Freedom House.

As the youth of this country, we dream of the day when the government and relevant stakeholders will begin to implement the National youth policy and ensure setting up of institutions and programmes such as the Parliamentary Youth Portfolio Committee; the youth leaders at constituency level and; the Youth Development consortium as purported by the Policy.

The Youth Development Consortium is not necessarily the prerogative; however the motivation on government's side is to provide an enabling environment for youth organisations to form, register and thrive as per the national and regional youth policies.

As the International Youth Day approaches (August 12), one was enticed by this year's theme: 'Youth Civic Engagement'.

Youth engagement is a way of organising and involving youth to be better served.

It is critical to involve the youth because they know more about themselves than anyone else will ever know.

Their unique perspective makes them valuable partners in efforts to improve outcomes. When youth are successfully engaged, whether at the individual case level or the administrative level, everyone benefits.

We can argue that resources are channelled for better solutions, based on reasoning than imagination. In turn, this guarantees a positive youth development strategy.

Positive youth development is the name given to a philosophical approach for working with youth that facilitates youth engagement. It emphasizes that youth engagement is a process. This process begins with recognising and acknowledging youth participation to provide lasting solutions.

(Sizwe Vilakati is the Treasurer of the Swaziland Youth Network)

ON THIS DAY

...JUNE 8

1558 - The French took the French town of Thioville from the English.

1611 - English explorer Henry Hudson, his son and several other people were set adrift in present-day Hudson Bay by mutineers.

1772 - Slavery was outlawed in England.

1807 - British seamen board the USS Chesapeake, a provocation leading to the War of 1812.

1815 - Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated a second time.

1832 - J.I. Howe patented the pin machine.

1868 - Arkansas was re-admitted to the Union.

1870 - The US Congress created the Department of Justice.

1874 - Dr. Andrew Taylor Still began the first known practice of osteopathy.

1909 - The first transcontinental auto race ended in Seattle, WA.

1911 - King George V of England was crowned.

1915 - Austro-German forces occupied Lemberg on the Eastern Front as the Russians retreat.

1925 - France and Spain agreed to join forces against Abd el Krim in Morocco.

1933 - Germany became a one political party country when Hitler banned parties other than the Nazis.

1939 - The first US water-ski tournament was held at Jones Beach, on Long Island, New York.

1940 - France and Germany signed an armistice at Compiègne, on terms dictated by the Nazis.

1941 - Under the codename Barbarossa, Germany invaded the Soviet Union.

1942 - A Japanese submarine shelled Fort Stevens at the mouth of the Columbia River.

1942 - In France, Pierre Laval declared "I wish for a German victory".

1942 - V-Mail, or Victory-Mail, was sent for the first time.

1944 - US President Franklin Roosevelt signed the "GI Bill of Rights" to provide broad benefits for veterans of the war.

1945 - During World War II, the battle for Okinawa officially ended after 81 days.

1946 - Jet airplanes were used to transport mail for the first time.

1956 - The battle for Algiers began as three buildings in Casbah were blown up.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



CORY GUNZ(RAPPER) - June 22 1987 - 28 years old.



LEE MIN-HO(TV ACTOR) - June 22 1987 - 28 years old.

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VITALS

Prime Rate 10.5%
First National bank

Inflation Rate 8%
Central Statistical Office

Mortgage Rate 9.5%
Swaziland Building Society

Bank Rate 7%
Central Bank

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 20 June 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14,9632	15,0132
British Pound/SZL	21,8186	21,8915
Japanese Yen/SZL	6,9792	7,0018
Swiss France/SZL	15,6045	15,6420
Botswana Pula/SZL	1,3706	1,3797
Australian Dollar/SZL	11,1296	11,1743
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11,6509	11,6452
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	4,0299	3,6852
Euro/SZL	16,9795	17,0362
Gold	1,282.5500	
Oil	45.9600	

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Moving Forward

ONLY PROJECTS OVER E200 MILLION FOR FOREIGN CIVIL CONTRACTORS

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

THE Construction Industry Council (CIC) says foreign civil contractors should only tender for contracts above E200 million or only where a specialised skill is involved.

The ceiling for building contractors is over E120 million, and E4 million for electrical contractors.

In addition to that, CIC Manager Research Development and Training Winston Bhila said foreign firms should not be awarded a contract for any construction works unless it undertakes the construction works in partnership or jointly with a Swazi company.

Bhila was speaking during the CIC stakeholders meeting held yesterday at the Royal Swazi Hotel, Gigis Restaurant, Ezulwini.

"A person who contravenes this section commits an offence according to the Construction Industry Act No. 14 of 2013 Section 41.1 and 41.2," he said.

CIC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nhlanhla Dlamini this was done to stimulate sustainable growth and participation of the emerging sector in the industry.

"The mandate of the CIC is to promote, develop the construction industry in Swaziland, and give priority to Swazi firms and companies," he said.

Asked if that would not be in contrast with the council's mandate of the industry's skills development, Dlamini responded to the contrary saying that should not be done at the expense of struggling Swazis.

The council has also introduced a new grading and categorisation process.

Bhila said the process was determined by the contractors financial

...The ceiling is E120 million for building contractors and E4 million for electrical contractors



LIMITING: CIC Manager Research Development and Training Winston Bhila.



STIMULATING GROWTH: CIC Chief Executive Officer Nhlanhla Dlamini making his presentation.

NOT COMPLIANT: Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela making his remarks during the CIC stakeholders meeting. (Pics: Manqoba Makhubu)

THE construction industry, which is one of the sectors trusted to drive economic growth, is amongst non-tax compliant ones.

This is according to the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela based on a recent tax gap analysis recently conducted by the authority.

Masilela was reacting to the CIC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nhlanhla Dlamini's pre-

sentation, where the latter said the council registered 646 contractors and 107 consultants by mid-June 2016.

"I have to check my register to see if we have the same figures," he said teasingly.

Responding, the CIC CEO said the council would work around the clock to promote compliant behaviour.

"This has been brought to our attention by SRA and we are considering addressing the issue

application.

Meanwhile, available capital referred to the sum of total equity and retained income or any form of surety from recognised banking or financial institutions.

Adding, Bhila said incapable contractors could consider registering joint ventures to achieve a combined category.

"Under this arrangement two or

more contractors with the same categories results to the next higher category, whereas two or more contractors in different categories results to the highest category in joint venture," he said.

However, he stressed that contractors not registered under the CIC should not be awarded or undertake any construction project in Swaziland.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY NON-TAX COMPLIANT SECTOR

so that we can bring balance in terms of economic development which is one of our strategic objectives," he said.

Adding, Dlamini said they were considering staging a workshop on tax compliant.

The low compliant rate of the construction sector is alarming, especially because construction indicators reflect increased activity in this sector, while other sectors remain subdued.

According to the CBS gover-

nor's monetary policy statement 2016, the implementation of public infrastructure programme is expected to keep the construction sector vibrant in the medium term.

In 2015 the number of buildings approved by all municipalities increased by 23.3 percent.

With that said the sector's tax contribution to the economy remains critical.

FINCORP FINANCES OVER 80 000 BUSINESSES

By Linda Dlamini

THE Swaziland Developmental Finance Corporation (FINCORP) has provided credit to over 80 000 Swazi nationals.

This translates to over E3.1 billion cumulatively given out in credit to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and general finance.

FINCORP Group Managing Director Dumisani Msibi said the corporation has touched the lives of close to six percent of the population.

Speaking during the resources mobilisation programme for development finance institutions held yesterday at the Happy Valley Hotel, Ezulwini, Msibi said the institution has been able to double its investment within the Swazi economy using financial resources they mobilised in the last four years.

"This we believe has resulted in increased contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), financial inclusion, creation of jobs and finally the reduction of poverty levels in communities," he said.

Achieved

This was achieved through increasing their network branch from two to six branches thus increasing their workforce from 56 to 103, which alternatively saw an increase in clients from 9 000 to 16 000.

"As a result investment has increased from E480 million to over E1 billion in 2016 and because of this profitability has reached unprecedented levels," said the MD.

He said feedback received from various sources suggested they were the leading SME development agency in the country both by way of outreach and value of financial assistance offered to this sector.



BOSS: FINCORP Group Managing Director Dumisani Msibi making his remarks.



MY TAKE: Developmental Finance Expert Siyanga Malumo also had something to say.



PICTURE US: Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Development Finance Resource Centre (DFRC) Resource Mobilisation Programme For Developmental Finance Institutions representatives pose for a group photo. (Courtesy pics)

"In the last four years we were able to mobilise resources in excess of E474 million through various sources but largely through the Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX) where we made our maiden listing of a E300 million Medium Term Note, which was adequately subscribed up to E252 million, which represents an 84 percent uptake," he said.

He reassured his belief that the stock exchange was one platform where companies could be able to raise capital.

"Stock exchanges are a platform for resource mobilisation. However it is often ignored and underutilised in most developing countries yet it has great potential," he said.

Forum

In a previous forum the MD suggested that the exchange would be a good way for firms that are expanding to use the financial markets to fund their expansion.

Referring to the training session Msibi said he was a strong

believer in training.

"As DFIs we can only effectively and efficiently deliver on our developmental mandate if we better equip our personnel with the relevant skills and I believe this training course is one of such initiatives," he said.

"After all our core business is financial intermediation which effectively means mobilising resources from surplus economic agents to deficit economic agents which is our clients and in some cases projects," he said.

'Youth can boost agric productivity'

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) says a lot needs to be done to promote farming as a deliberate career choice among the youth to promote a professional sector that is productive and profitable.

Leaders of farmers' organisations in Southern Africa unpacked this subject during the recently held SACAU annual conference held last month in Swaziland, under the theme 'Youth, Technology and Agricultural Transformation.'

In a statement sent by SACAU, the organisation said engaging the youth would provide greater opportunities to modernise agriculture and make it more productive and competitive.

SACAU said this was critical given that according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), young people aged 15 to 24, contributed up 14 percent of the global population. Speaking during the conference, SACAU CEO Ishmael Sunga said it was time to change perceptions of agriculture in order to bring in a younger generation into the sector.

Population

"With an ageing farming population and low productivity, youth are vital in improving agricultural productivity," he added.

SACAU said therefore, farmers' organisations must promote farming as a career choice as this would ensure participation in agricultural activities by the youth.

The organisation said in order to enable transformation, the sector would need to be professionalised, particularly with respect to the development of a new generation of farmers.

"The youth, who are viewed as the potential users of modern ICTs, could be used as a key to drive transformation in farming," said Sunga.

The launch of the SACAU annual conference was also attended by Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

Dlamini also attested that the youth was critical in agriculture development.

"The deployment of ICTs in agricultural development is perhaps the catalyst that is needed for the involvement of the youth in this sector," said the prime minister.

SACAU said farmers' organisations must build bridges between the relatively inexperienced young farmers and the older farmers who have invaluable experience.

FINDING GOOD PROJECTS TO INVEST IS DIFFICULT - SADC EXPERT

By Linda Dlamini

SOUTHERN African Development Community (SADC) Finance Resource Centre (DFRC) Siyanga Malumo says the difficulty in finance is not raising capital, but it is finding a good project to invest in that is difficult.

Malumo was speaking during the launch of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Development Finance Resource Centre (DFRC) Resource Mobilisation Programme for Developmental Finance Institutions held at the Happy Valley Hotel, Ezulwini yesterday.

He is currently in the country to interact with delegates from SADC on resource mobilisation.

"With regards to capital markets it requires

rigorous due diligence, the investors will scrutinise your whole company with a fine tooth comb. With donor funds there is less scrutiny and what is important here is to be able to touch them so they could be able to cough up the funds," he said.

The expert boasts of over 37 years experience in resource mobilisation. He said he helped to raise over E15 billion in capital.

"In 1984, I was one of the first people to go to China and try and raise funds there; people thought I was crazy but look what is happening today. I was able to be ahead of the trend," he said.

He said generally there were two ways to raise capital; through capital markets and donor agencies.

Malumo in 2006 reportedly acquired, jointly with fellow Zambians, the Copperbelt Energy Corporation, a joint venture subsidiary of

Cinergy of the United States of America (USA) and the National Grid of the United Kingdom (UK).

The company supplies electricity to the mining companies on the Zambian Copperbelt, which consume 60 percent of Zambia's electricity. This was the first time on the African continent that Africans acquired a utility and raised over E6 billion without government support or guarantees.

Such was the pioneering nature of this transaction that it received the 'Deal of the Year in Africa' award in the utilities sector, from Project Finance in March 2007 in London.

Meanwhile, Fincorp Group Managing Director Dumisani Msibi said he wanted to pay tribute to the SADC DFRC Secretariat for choosing the Kingdom of Swaziland to be the host country for the training course.

"Allow me to also extend a warm welcome to

all our visiting participants from the other SADC countries," he said.

"Many people may not be aware that SADC DFI Network is actually a subsidiary institution of SADC economic block established under the SADC Finance and Investment Protocol (FIP) hence the network is ultimately accountable to the SADC Council of Ministers through the Intergrated Committee of Ministers which feeds the heads of state," said Msibi.

The MD said investors who are agents of surplus capital were increasingly becoming selective and more demanding when it comes to making a choice of investing their funds.

"Furthermore, where capital is availed, it is provided at short term periods yet development finance by nature demands long dated capital and often against a demand for exponential returns on investment," he said.

Contractors registrar support risk management

By Mangoba Makhubu

CONSTRUCTION Industry Council (CIC) Board Chairman Dan Dlamini says the registrar of contractors' objective is to support risk management in the tendering process and to reduce the administrative burden to clients.

Currently, CIC has registered a total of 646 contractors and 107 consultants.

Dlamini was speaking during the CIC stakeholders meeting held yesterday at the Royal Swazi Hotel, Gigi Restaurant, Ezulwini.

He said the organisation's mandate is to maintain standards and to mitigate risks to clients, as well as promote best practice in drawing up model contract clauses which support emerging contractors, grow jobs through labour



FOLLOWING: CIC Board Chairman Dan Dlamini and his assistant David Manyatsi following the proceedings.

intensive methodologies and support training and skills development.

"I believe that it is our responsibility as clients and professionals to award projects in a manner that promotes transformation,

sustainable growth and development," he said.

Adding, he said the CIC has a critical role to play in defining the rules which guide procurement in the construction industry.

He said it was for this that CIC

was in the process of developing a standard of uniformity for construction procurement.

"The standard will guide the industry on how construction procurement should be done in order to promote transformation, stimulation of sustainable growth and generally to protect clients," he said.

However, he also emphasised that contractors also have a role to play in ensuring that there's value for money that they had invested and most importantly to ensure that they deliver contracts to the best of their abilities thus reducing risks faced by project owners. He asked stakeholders to assist CIC.

"The CIC cannot succeed alone. It is through effective and meaningful partnerships that we can achieve skills development, contractor development, the development of suppliers and manufacturers as well as professions," said Dlamini.



MY TAKE: Swaziland Water Services Corporation's Nontombi Maphanga asking a question.



MY QUESTION IS: Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF) Chief Executive Officer Cleopas Dlamini also voiced his query.

BUSINESS EXTRA

South African to head up global Bitcoin Foundation

JOHANNESBURG - Cape Town based venture capitalist Llew Claassen has been appointed as executive director of the global Bitcoin Foundation.

The Bitcoin Foundation, which was founded in 2012, aims to promote the use of the cryptocurrency.

Claassen - who is described as a technology startup "go-to-market strategist" - joins another South African, board member Vinny Lingham, as part of the Bitcoin Foundation.

Both Claassen and Lingham are partners of local investment firm Newtown Partners. But in a press statement, Lingham said he recused himself from the board vote owing to his "long business relationship and friendship with Claassen".

Nevertheless, the board still voted in Claassen who replaces



NEW BOSS: Llew Claassen.

outgoing Bitcoin Foundation executive director Bruce Fenton.

Claassen's appointment as executive director is effective from July 1.

"Broadly speaking, we're the oldest and largest Bitcoin advoca-

cy group globally," Claassen told Fin24.

"I'll be working with our Board, the developers, customers and other ecosystem players over the next few weeks to put together a plan that enables us to increase the adoption of Bitcoin worldwide," Claassen added.

Vinny Lingham - who shot to Silicon Valley fame in the US when he sold his virtual gift card service Gyft to First Data for over \$50m in 2014 - has also commented on Claassen's appointment.

Lingham now heads up US-based identity protection startup Civic.

"I've known Llew for many years and have worked with him in several capacities," said Lingham in a statement.

"I think he will be a perfect fit for the organisation as we build on the significant progress we have

made," Lingham added.

Meanwhile, Claassen's appointment at the Bitcoin Foundation comes amid the cryptocurrency coming under particular focus in the last few weeks over its surging price.

Over the last month, the price of Bitcoin on South African linked exchange BitX has increased almost 40% from R7 496 on May 22 to R11 169 on June 21 amid weaknesses in China's Yuan and an impending halving event for miners of the currency.

But the cryptocurrency has started to experience a downward turn this week as on Tuesday, the price of a Bitcoin on BitX had fallen around 14%.

"I think that short-term fluctuations in the Bitcoin price are short-term signals of a combination of market sentiment and a short squeeze and no indication of long term market value," Claassen told Fin24.

MTN Appoints Swazi Educated Non-Executive Director

By Linda Dlamini

SWAZI educated Nkululeko Leonard Sowazi has been appointed to the MTN Group Board of Directors as a Non-Executive Director effective August 1, 2016.

Currently, Sowazi is the chairman of Kagiso Tiso Holdings (KTH) a leading South African Investment holding company with an excess of E15 billion in assets and a net asset value of E10 billion.

This is according to a media release issued by MTN Group Corporate Affairs on Monday.

In the release it was also communicated that the group has appointed Godfrey Motsa as new vice president of MTN South and East Africa.

"Motsa has been appointed by the countries in the SEA Region (excluding South Africa) to oversee the operations in those regions with effect from July 1, 2016."

This means that Motsa is the new boss of MTN in the Southern African region including Swaziland.

"Godfrey was previously Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vodacom DRC Congo and ceo of Vodacom Lesotho. He brings 10 years of experience of telecoms in the region to MTN. He has various other commercial experience," reads the statement as part.

Resolved

These changes in the management structure of MTN come after the group just successfully resolved a dispute with the Nigerian government regarding a fine of over E 50 million.

"The appointment of new executives and the expansion of the roles of others, together with the appointment of additional non-executive directors, details of which are set out hereunder, will achieve the objective of strengthening management, enhancing governance, and aiding strategy in the Group," reads the statement.

In the statement the group further said they had hired Rob Shuter as the new group President and CEO.

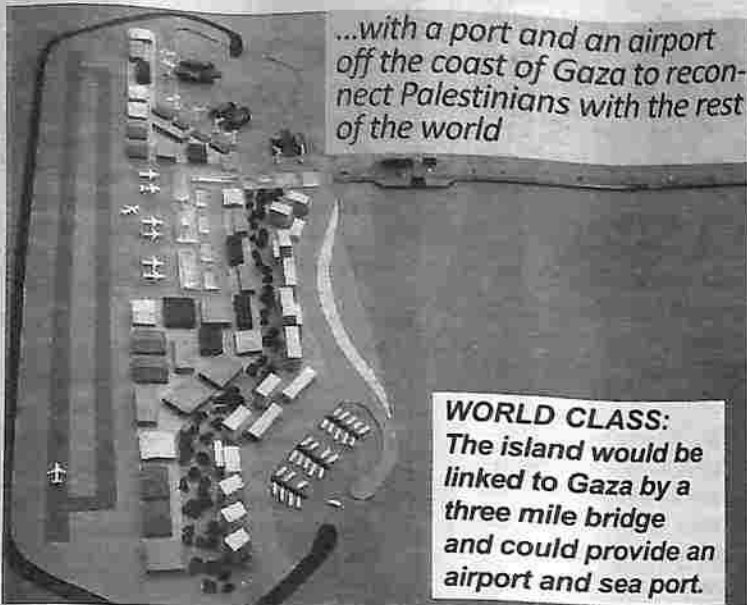
Currently Shuter is the current ceo of the European Cluster at Vodafone Group.

"MTN is confident that Rob will bring experience and new insights to the ceo role having had many years in the telecoms sector both in Africa and Europe as well as in banking where his expertise will help as MTN continues to develop its new business strategy," the group said.

Swazi has had significant exposure to listed and non-listed boards, with owner managers or with professional managers, and as Board Director has had varied and extensive experiences in M&A and management transformation. He sat on the Nominations Committee, Audit & Risk Committees at Exxaro, Aveng and now Grindrod, where he is an independent Director for one of the very first times in his long and respected career.

The statement further highlighted that as of April 30 2016, MTN Group recorded 230.3 million subscribers across all its operations. MTN has a presence not only in Swaziland but also in Afghanistan, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Republic, Iran, Liberia, Nigeria, Republic of Congo (Congo-Brazzaville), Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia.

ISRAEL PLANNING TO BUILD \$5 BILLION ARTIFICIAL ISLAND



...with a port and an airport off the coast of Gaza to reconnect Palestinians with the rest of the world

WORLD CLASS: The island would be linked to Gaza by a three mile bridge and could provide an airport and sea port.

ISRAEL - A \$5billion island could be constructed by Israel to connect Gaza with the rest of the world.

The Israeli government's security cabinet is debating the proposal which is backed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The island would be linked to Gaza by a three mile bridge and could provide an airport and sea port.

Yisrael Katz, a top deputy of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said Israel had no objection to easing the Gaza blockade as long as its security needs are met. Israel would supervise security checks but the island would otherwise be run by Palestinians and the international community. "I do

not think it is right to lock up two million people without any connection to the world," he said. "Israel has no interest to make life harder for the population there. But because of security concerns we can't build an airport or seaport in Gaza." Israel destroyed Gaza's original airport during the second Palestinian uprising and its small seaport is not large enough to handle container ships.

The country and Egypt imposed a blockade on Gaza after Hamas seized power in 2007. The blockade is still in place because it prevents arms from reaching the Islamic militant group, which has fought three wars against Israel since the takeover.

Dailymail



INVESTMENT: Coke's new bottling plant in Mozambique. (Citizen)

Coca-Cola opens \$130m Moza plant

MOZAMBIQUE - Muhtar Kent, Chairman and Chief Executive of The Coca-Cola Company, said the company had been investing in Africa for almost 90 years.

Coca-Cola's SA Bottling Company (SABCO) has announced the official opening of a new world-class facility near Maputo in Mozambique. The plant, built over three years at a cost of \$130 million, is the largest green-field facility in Coca-Cola SABCO's history across its seven-country regional market in Africa. The plant's 300ml glass bottling line - capable of bottling 48 000 bottles per hour - is the largest bottling line in SABCO's regional footprint that includes Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda.

Investment

In a statement, Coca-Cola SABCO said the opening of the bottling facility was part of the company's ongoing investment in world-class manufacturing capabilities on the African continent.

Mozambique's President Filipe Nyusi said Coca-Cola was one of the first global companies to invest in the country after independence. "Its investment in job creation and the growth of skills in Mozambique is testament to the company's commitment to assisting us grow the economy of the country. We would like to congratulate Coca-Cola on the opening of this technologically advanced bottling plant," Nyusi said at the inauguration of the plant. *citizen*

Mitsubishi expects annual loss

JAPAN - Mitsubishi Motors Corp (7211.T) expects to post a net loss this financial year over its mileage cheating scandal, hurt by compensation costs and a slide in vehicle sales, Kyodo news agency reported yesterday.

The automaker said last week it planned to give owners of four minivehicles close to \$1 000 in compensation for its overstating of mileage readings, part of reimbursement costs that will total at least \$600 million. Mitsubishi, which has said it expects a charge of 50 billion yen (\$480 million) this business year due to compensation costs, declined to comment on the report. The report did not cite sources.

The automaker in April admitted to overstating the mileage on four of its minivehicles, including two models it produced for Nissan Motor Co (7201.T). The scandal, which the company has blamed on pressure to deliver competitive readings and poor supervision of testing processes, has led to plans for Nissan to take a one-third controlling stake in the embattled automaker.

Separately, Japan's government said sales of Mitsubishi vehicles with overstated mileage levels could resume. *Reuters*

Volkswagen faces shareholder wrath at AGM

FRANKFURT - Embattled German auto giant Volkswagen will face the wrath of its shareholders at its annual meeting today as it struggles to steer itself out of an unprecedented engine-rigging scandal.

Nine months after the "Dieselgate" affair, when it emerged VW had installed emissions-cheating software into 11 million diesel engines worldwide, the former paragon of German industry is still nowhere near drawing a line under its deepest ever crisis.

The costs of the affair are still incalculable and it is not yet known whether VW's own internal investigation will pinpoint the major culprits behind the scam.

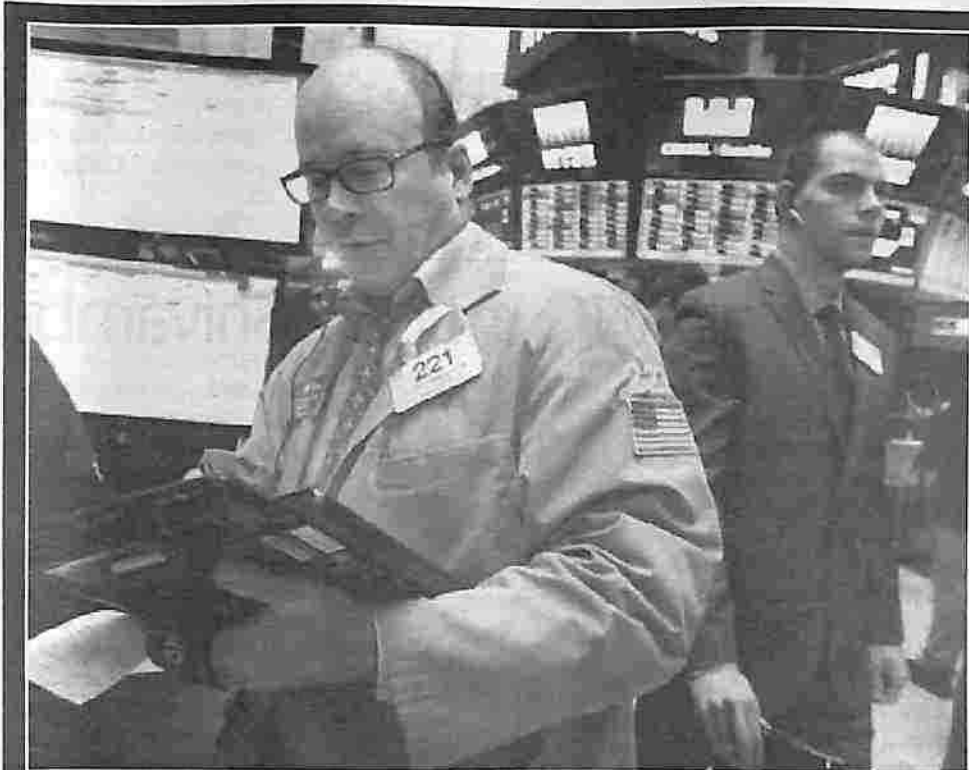
But small shareholders are likely to use the upcoming AGM in the northern city of Hanover to let off steam at the way management has handled the affair, even if the power those shareholders wield remains limited. They hold just 11 percent of the voting rights in VW, while the founding families Porsche and Piech hold 52 percent, the regional state of Lower Saxony 20 percent and the Emirate of Qatar 17 percent.

Ulrich Hoeker, head of the DSW association of small shareholders, told AFP he has been attending the company's AGMs for the past 20 years and he expects this one to be "very different, very contentious".

"There will be very little discussion about the group's operating performance. It will focus almost solely on the diesel engine scandal and claims for compensation," he predicted. *AFP*



TIME IS NIGH: German auto giant Volkswagen will face the wrath of its shareholders at its AGM today.



BUSINESS: Trader Peter Mancuso works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Monday. US stocks jumped this week as investors grow more optimistic that Britain will remain in the European Union, and banks are rising on the prospect of higher interest rates.

Obama pitches in to help sell TPP trade deal

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama made a plug on Monday for the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal to a group of 2 400 investors looking at locating business in the United States, saying the deal would help boost the global economy.

Trade has become a hot-button issue in the Nov 8 presidential election campaign, with presumptive candidates from both parties voicing objections to the 12-nation TPP deal that Obama wants the US Congress to sign off on before his time in office ends on Jan. 20.

Both the Republican and Democratic presidential campaigns have tapped into populist scepticism about the benefit of trade deals on jobs and wages, particularly in the manufacturing sector.

Obama tried to dispel the economic gloom-and-doom coming from the campaign trail, extolling the recovery of the United States from recession.

"I don't mind being America's pitch man," Obama said in a speech at the SelectUSA Summit. "In seven months or so, I'll be on



TO HELP: US President Barack Obama.

the job market, and I'm glad I'm going to be here. I'm going to get on LinkedIn and see what comes up," he quipped. Obama argued that while there are legitimate concerns about boosting wages and improving working conditions, ultimately global trade can help connect people from around the world and reduce poverty. *Reuters*

Focus on SA scene

They can't bring a Zulu to lead us - Tshwane residents

PRETORIA - Residents of Atteridgeville, Tshwane, have lashed out at the ANC's decision to put forward Thoko Didiza as mayoral candidate for the city, saying a Zulu person from KwaZulu-Natal cannot be brought in to lead them.

"The ANC cannot bring a Zulu person to rule Pedi, Tsongas, Shangaans and Vendas," a taxi driver told News24 yesterday.

"What does she know about Pretoria? Where was she born in Pretoria? She must go back to KZN."

Large-scale protest erupted in parts of Tshwane on Monday following the ANC's announcement of Didiza as the party's mayoral candidate.

At least 19 buses were set alight and City of Tshwane workers had to be withdrawn from several townships for their safety.

Yesterday, residents of Tshwane townships returned to the streets to continue protesting. Maunde Street in Atteridgeville has been blockaded with burning tyres and debris. Residents have chased away journalists, saying they don't want media in the area.

The Darspoort tunnel in Pretoria West is also closed due to protest action.

Information coming out of Hammanskraal indicated that the N1 has been blocked by protesters. A police officer in the area says all lanes at Phumulani Toll Plaza North have been closed.

News24

Rand pauses after strong run on diminishing Brexit fear

JOHANNESBURG - The rand was little changed yesterday morning as the rally in the global risk assets paused after a strong run on Monday, spurred by diminishing concern of Britain possibly leaving the European Union (EU).

"Markets will be wary to dive into risk assets completely until we have a clearer idea after Thursday's referendum, but wild swings can be expected with every twist in the saga," said Phillip Pearce, a trader at TreasuryOne.

The rand rallied as much as more than 2% on Monday, taking its lead from the overseas markets that saw the British pound make a strong comeback after polls suggested that the support for the UK to remain in the EU had gathered momentum.

Asian share markets were mixed this morning, as were commodity prices, suggesting a degree of caution in what is still expected to be a volatile week.

Copper was up 2% to \$4,645 per ton while Brent crude dipped but managed to hold above the \$50 per barrel area.

The weaker rand stokes inflation, which is expected to have picked up to 6.3% year on year in May, from 6.2% in April. Statistics SA will release the figures on Wednesday.

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SIU AND NPA LIED TO PROTECT LINDA MTI - DA

JOHANNESBURG - "The DA has fought the appointment of Danny Jordaan's criminal pal, Linda Mti, since it was first proposed a few months ago," said the DA's mayoral candidate for the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Athol Trollip.

Trollip said, "ANC candidates list represents corruption, declining service delivery and unemployment".

Mti was recently appointed as head of head of safety and security for the metro by mayor Jordaan.

"The African National Congress is not serious about

fighting corruption having appointed an individual who is the subject of a multi-billion rand fraud and corruption investigation."

The DA, in May, said the NPA had failed to meet a 14-day deadline it gave it to respond to the party's inquiry as to why former correctional services commissioner Linda Mti was not prosecuted in 2009 for alleged corruption and fraud.

The request was made to NPA head Shaun Abrahams by Trollip.

Mti was found guilty of drunk and negligent driving in 2008 and has also been

implicated in alleged tender fraud and corruption involving around R1.5-billion by the Special Investigating Unit.

Trollip last month said the DA would file a Promotion of Access to Information Act application with the NPA to have the NPA's record of decision made public as to why it has not prosecuted Mti.

"As a convicted criminal and alleged fraudster, there is no place for Linda Mti in the higher offices of our Metro government," Trollip asserted.

TMG Digital

'Extortionist threatens Oscar with gang rape and violence'

JOHANNESBURG - The family of Oscar Pistorius Monday said they had been threatened with extortion relating to the case of the convicted former athlete who is facing prison for the murder of his girlfriend.

An unknown person threatened to have Pistorius gang raped in prison, unless the family paid for evidence that would undermine the prosecution case against him, said family spokeswoman Anneliese Burgess.

Specifically the person sent messages to a Pistorius family member seeking payment in exchange for evidence that the prosecutor had paid a witness who testified against the athlete at his sentencing hearing last week.

The text message was sent to a cousin of the double-amputee, Arnoldus Pistorius, on June 16, the day after the end of the former athlete's pre-sentencing hearing.

Burgess said the anonymous person began making threats when the cousin did not respond to his demands, including to have Pistorius raped when he goes back to prison. "These included threats that he would arrange for Oscar to be beaten up and gang raped in prison," said Burgess in a statement. AFP

Arrest all ANC thugs - Shivambu

JOHANNESBURG - In the wake of the ANC saying the opposition might be to blame for riots in Tshwane, some opposition parties have called it 'factional thuggery'.

The leaders of different political parties condemned the violence allegedly committed by ANC members in the City of Tshwane.

This comes after the ANC selected Thoko Didiza as the Tshwane mayoral candidate for the August 3 local government elections. The anger over what some say was a flawed selection process led to about 20 buses being burnt because they want "Sputa," the nickname for incumbent ANC mayor Kgosiemo.



OPPOSITION: Floyd Shivambu.

Ramokgopa, to be the mayoral candidate.

The DA called for calm in the area, and condemned factions within the ANC for

allegedly destroying the property. "Tonight I call for calm in the City of Tshwane after the violence that erupted in Atteridgeville, Mamelodi, Soshanguve and Hammanskraal today - over the ANC's imposed mayoral candidate, Thoko Didiza - escalated this evening," DA mayoral candidate for Tshwane, Solly Msimanga, said on Monday.

The EFF also called for the arrest of all people who took part in the destruction of infrastructure and burning of buses.

"The police must arrest all ANC factional thugs who are burning buses in Tshwane before they burn schools like they did in Vuwani. citizen

SABMiller CEO to get R1.2bn payout

CAPE TOWN - SABMiller CEO Alan Clark will get a R1.2bn (£55m) payout when Anheuser-Busch (AB) takes over the company, the Financial Times revealed yesterday.

Crunching the numbers from SABMiller's annual report released on Monday, the UK-based finance publication said while Clark's remuneration fell 17% to £5.9m (R128.7m) in 2016, the share awards due to him overshadow this pay. The R1.6trn takeover deal, which will be debated at South Africa's Competition Tribunal from today, will likely be completed by around September, analysts told the FT.

"At that point, Clark - who became chief executive just over three years ago - stands to reap the benefit of share awards during his 26 years of employment at SABMiller, giving him a £55m payout in vesting shares and options," the FT said.

This amount is massive compared to the R300m the Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) claimed Clark would get, when they told Fin24 they would take the matter of share options to the Constitutional Court.

Fawu wants AB InBev and SABMiller to pay R1.5bn - just R300m more than Clark will receive - to all its members as a once-off payment. FIN24



RICH MAN: SABMiller CEO Alan Clark.

Speakers call for war on drugs at Zinde's funeral

JOHANNESBURG - Former South African Broadcasting Corporation board member Hope Zinde's funeral service was held in Pretoria.

Mourners, who include close family members, relatives and friends - among them high-profile politicians and celebrities - gathered at the Hellenic Community Hall in Hatfield for a final send-off to Zinde.

A number of media outlets were covering the funeral. Her coffin left her family home in Mamelodi, east of the capital city, yesterday

morning for the Hellenic Community Hall, where the main service was to be held before she will be interred at the Pretoria East Cemetery in Garsfontein.

The 50-year-old Zinde, a former TV and radio personality, was found dead in the boot of her car at Pecanwood, an upmarket housing estate in Hartbeespoort over the weekend her son, Mark Oarona Zinde, 23, has been arrested for her killing. He is yet to undergo psychiatric evaluation. The Zinde family said they will support and not

condemn him.

He is also facing a charge of possession of illegal drugs.

African National Congress deputy secretary-general Jessie Duarte, Minister for Small Business Development Lindiwe Zulu and former Tshwane mayor Father Smangalis Mkhathshwa paid tribute to Zinde at the funeral.

Most speakers directed their messages of support to Zinde's mother, Audrey Zinde. "We need to celebrate this wonderful woman," Duarte said. "She never gave up on anything. Hope needed no validation to be Hope Zinde. She was Hope Zinde." Zulu called for communities to wage a concerted fight against supply of illegal drugs. TMG Digital

'Dead' man comes back to life

CHINA - A middle-aged man who was declared dead four years ago has returned to his village home in central China, leaving his family in shock.

The 59-year-old, named Ma Jixiang, had gone missing in 2009 and was confirmed by police in 2012 to have been killed in a traffic accident, reported the People's Daily Online.

His family had cremated the dead body, which was believed to be his, before burying the ash at the village of Tanjialong in Xiangtan county, Hunan Province.

Ma suffers from mental illness, according to the article.

His family reported him as missing to the local police station in 2009 after he disappeared while being looked after by his cousins.

In 2012, the family were informed by the traffic police squad of nearby Hengshan county that Ma could have been killed in a traffic accident.

The body of the victim was described unrecognisable, so the authority arranged DNA profiling between the victim and Ma Jianjun, Ma Jixiang's sibling.

The analysis concluded that it could not "exclude the possibility the unnamed body and Ma Jianjun share the same paternal kinship."

The report led Ma's family, who had been searching for him for three years, to be convinced that he had passed away.

A police report also confirmed him as the victim of the road accident, which took place on February 7 of that year.

Ma's family cremated the body of a victim of a traffic accident, believing it to be Ma Jixiang's, and buried the ash under a lavish tomb in February 2012, the report said.

Before the cremation, five of Ma's family members went to the funeral house to identify the body. They thought the body looked "quite similar" to Ma Jixiang.

The village family had spent thousands of Yuan (hundreds of pounds) building the luxurious graveyard for Ma, complete with handrails, totems of dragons and phoenixes and two golden lions, hoping he could live well in his afterlife. On December 22, 2015, Ma's family were stunned when the 59-year-

...Villager who was thought to be killed in a traffic accident and 'buried' by his family returns home



WASTED EFFORT: Ma Jixiang's family buried the body believed to be his under an extravagant tomb. (Daily Mail)

old was taken back to his home by officials of the village of Tanjialong.

The man had been kidnapped and sold to an illegal brick factory to do hard labour, according to China's Democracy and Law Times.

He had been forced to work in the factory for three years before being released due to his weakening health and inability to undertake heavy work, the report said.

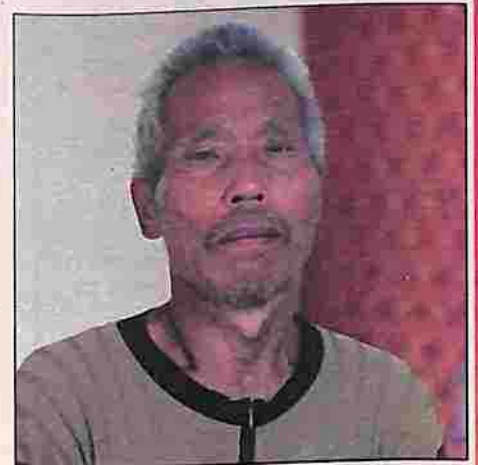
Ma had been homeless for "a few months" on the streets of Hengyang in Hunan Province, according to his own accounts.

He was later taken to a shelter to which Ma recited his registered home address.

The shelter contacted the official of Tanjialong village who arranged him to be taken home.

Later his village arranged he stayed in a local care home.

It remains unclear why the local police had decided to declare his death in 2012, especially because the DNA report did not confirm his identity directly. While Ma's family slowly came to accept the reality, they felt greatly



'RESURRECTED': Ma Jixiang (pictured), from China, had been missing since 2009 and was declared dead.



TRUE IDENTITY: Ma, who had been sold to work in an illegal factory before becoming a homeless person, was sent back home after he recited the address on his ID card.

lives in another world without his real name," said a member of Ma's family. On February 7, 2016, Ma visited "his own" graveyard to commemorate the fourth anniversary of death of the road accident victim, who remains unidentified.

Daily Mail



NEW LIFE: The 59-year-old, who reportedly suffers from mental illness, now lives in a care home.

humiliated for having laid to rest a family member who was still alive - a taboo for families in rural China.

Ma's nephew said if it wasn't for the fact that they had been given false information by the authority, they wouldn't have cremated and buried a living cousin. They were concerned about the identity of the man who they had buried. "His family must have been searching for him for years. He is poorer because he

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Boko Haram kills two in village raid

NIGERIA - At least two people were killed in a Boko Haram raid on a village in northeast Nigeria on the border with Cameroon. The attack happened in Wumbi in the Kalaballe district of northern Borno state and forced hundreds of residents to cross into Cameroon, they said. "Boko Haram gunmen attacked our village around 4:00 am (0300 GMT) and killed two people while everybody crossed the river into Cameroon," resident Konto Yamani told AFP by telephone. "They came on 10 motorcycles and fired indiscriminately, which jolted people out of their sleep, before they began to set our houses on fire after looting our food stocks." *AFP*

EU agrees to boost Libya naval mission

LUXEMBOURG - EU foreign ministers on Monday agreed to boost the bloc's anti-people smuggling operation in the Mediterranean to include training of the Libyan coastguard and enforcing a UN arms embargo. Ministers also agreed to extend Operation Sophia's mandate by one year to July 2017, a statement said, as the European Union tries to control a flood of migrants from North Africa and beyond trying to get to Europe. "The Council (of member states) extended until July 27, 2017 the mandate for EU NAVFOR MED Operation Sophia, the EU naval operation to disrupt the business model of human smugglers and traffickers in the southern central Mediterranean," a statement said after the ministers met in Luxembourg. *(AFP)*

'Refugees in urban areas must also leave'

NAIROBI - The Government of Kenya has announced that all refugees, including those living in urban areas, must leave the country by November this year. The announcement came as a total surprise to the refugees living in urban areas such as Nairobi, who had assumed they were not affected by the November deadline that had earlier been given to Somali refugees living in the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps. The Principal Administrative Secretary from the Ministry of Interior, Joseph Irungu dropped the bombshell at celebrations held in Nairobi to mark the World Refugee Day, which is observed on June 20 worldwide. *ENCA*

Only waged 'oral' battles - Ex-first lady

IVORY COAST - Ivory Coast's former first lady Simone Gbagbo on Monday told the court trying her for crimes against humanity over deadly election violence in 2010-2011 the only battles she ever fought were 'oral'. At the resumption of her trial in Abidjan after a week's hiatus, Gbagbo denied any contact with the militia that hunted down supporters of her husband Laurent Gbagbo's rival, current President Alassane Ouattara. "I was not in contact with any death squads," she said. *timeslive*

SA to amend extradition law

GABORONE - The South African government has proposed new amendments to the Treaty on Extradition to allow for the extradition of criminal suspects to Botswana where they face the possibility of the death penalty, among other judgments. According to cabinet minutes published in the South African government portal on June 8, Pretoria said it would soon amend the Treaty on Extradition to facilitate extradition requests from Botswana in order to improve law enforcement cooperation and ensure that South Africa does not become a haven for fugitives. *enCA*



FORMER CONGO VICE-PRESIDENT CONVICTED OF MURDER, WAR CRIMES

THE HAGUE (AP) - The International Criminal Court yesterday convicted former Congolese vice-president Jean-Pierre Bemba on crimes of murder, rape and pillage for acts by his militia in the Central African Republic in 2002-03.

The judgment was hailed as a landmark in the fight against impunity for sex crimes in conflict. Bemba's unanimous conviction marked the first time the court has convicted a suspect based on his

role as a military commander. It also was the court's first judgment recognising rape as a war crime and a crime against humanity.

Bemba, 53, is the highest-ranking person yet convicted by the court.

He showed no emotion as Presiding Judge Sylvia Steiner read out the long judgment highlighting the horrific crimes by his militia.

He will be sentenced following a separate hearing. His defense

lawyers can appeal. Steiner outlined a litany of rapes by members of Bemba's militia, the Movement for the Liberation of Congo, after it was deployed to the Central African Republic to help forces loyal to then-President Ange-Feliz Patasse fight rebels led by Francois Bozize.

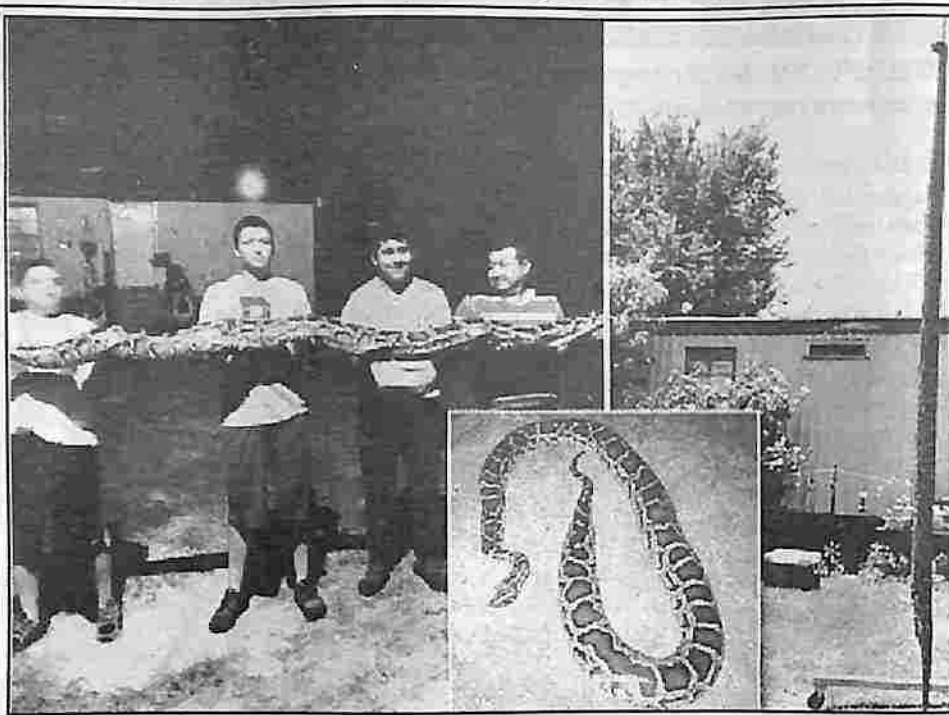
Ultimately

Bozize's forces ultimately won and he replaced Patasse as president. Steiner said women, girls and men were targeted by Bemba's

forces, often with multiple soldiers raping women and girls in front of other family members. In one incident, a man's wife was gang raped and when he protested he, too, was raped at gunpoint.

"Entire families were victimised," Steiner said. "Victims included the elderly men, women and children." Bemba was convicted even though he spent much of the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Associated Press



STRANGE VISITOR: An Oklahoma teen woke up from a nap on the couch to find a 14-foot long python in his backyard. JC Lara, 15, said he couldn't believe it when he opened the front door of his house in the town of Cement and saw the enormous snake locked in a standoff with his barking dog. Lara woke up his father, Carmelo Lara, who killed the snake with three shots while his wife assisted by shining light with her cellphone. *(AFP)*

Families of EgyptAir crash victims to get compensation

CAIRO - EgyptAir said on Monday advance compensation payments of \$25 000 will be offered to families of the 66 people killed when one of its planes crashed into the Mediterranean last month.

The payments are separate to those expected from insur-

ance companies on behalf of various parties depending on the investigation into the disaster.

The Airbus A320 operating Flight MS804 from Paris to Cairo disappeared from radar screens between the Greek island of Crete and the north coast of Egypt on May 19.

Among the passengers were 30 from Egypt, 15 from France, two Iraqis, two Canadians and one each from Algeria, Belgium, Britain, Chad, Portugal, Saudi Arabia and Sudan.

Seven crew and three security personnel were also on board. *AFP*

Three dead as gunfire erupts in C. Africa capital

BANGUI - Three people were killed and hundreds forced to flee their homes after gunfire broke out on Monday in the capital of the Central African Republic.

The violence follows the kidnapping of six policemen last weekend, blamed on a rebel group based in the Muslim quarter of Bangui.

It was unclear if the fighting

was connected to the kidnapping.

The gunfire erupted in the capital's predominantly Muslim PK5 neighbourhood and forced hundreds of residents from their homes, an AFP correspondent said.

Police said three people were killed in the gunfire.

Witnesses said soldiers from the United Nations Mission for

CAR were also involved in the fighting, but it was not clear who else participated.

The Minister of Public Security Jean-Serge Bokassa demanded "the kidnappers release the hostages in the shortest possible time," according to a statement broadcast on Radio Ndeke Luka.

AFP

Congo declares yellow fever epidemic

CONGO - DR Congo on Monday declared a yellow fever outbreak in the capital Kinshasa, home to more than 10 million people, and in two other western provinces.

Health Minister Kabange Numbi said 67 cases — including five fatalities — had been confirmed in the provinces of Kinshasa, Kongo central and Kwango after an inquiry into more than 1 000 suspect cases.

"The epidemic has hit 67 people. To date, five fatal cases have been registered," Numbi said.

He said the overwhelming majority of cases were linked to an Angolan outbreak that has killed more than 300 people since December.

Citing some 2 500 suspected cases in Angola, the World Health Organisation said last month that cases of the deadly disease had spread to neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya and even China.

Aid groups earlier this year voiced concern about poor health facilities and vaccine shortages limiting Angola's ability to cope with their first significant outbreak since 1986.

There is no specific treatment for yellow fever, a viral hemorrhagic disease transmitted by infected mosquitoes and found in tropical regions of Africa and Latin America's Amazon region.

The disease is transmitted by the same mosquitoes which spread Zika and dengue. Samples from suspected cases have been sent for analysis to laboratories of both the Congolese Institute for Biomedical Research and the Pasteur Institute in Dakar, Senegal.

Numbi appealed for fundraising efforts to bolster a campaign already under way against a disease whose spread the government has been monitoring on a weekly basis. *timeslive*



World News

Croatia parly votes to dissolve, election by mid-September

CROATIA - Croatian deputies on Monday voted to dissolve parliament, paving the way for an early election by mid-September, after Prime Minister Tihomir Oreskovic lost a vote of confidence last week.

The dissolution of parliament "will become effective on July 15," speaker Zeljko Reiner said, after which a new election must be held within 60 days.

The dissolution was backed by 137 deputies in the 151-seat assembly.

The right-wing government led by Oreskovic, a former pharmaceutical executive with no party affiliation, fell after only five months in power, inflicting a serious blow to the main party in the coalition, HDZ.

Cobbled together after indecisive November polls, the fragile coalition was beset by internal disputes between HDZ and its junior partner, Most, amid concerns over Croatia's shift to the right.

The political crisis escalated last month with a conflict of interest affair involving Tomislav Karamarko, the powerful HDZ head and deputy premier. A national ethnics watchdog ruled last week that Karamarko had a conflict of interest due to a business deal between his wife and a lobbyist for Hungary's oil group MOL. **TIMESLIVE**

More than 130 000 Haitians face deportation

HAITI - More than 130,000 people of Haitian origin living in the Dominican Republic risk deportation because it is nearly impossible for them to renew their temporary residency permits, a migrant aid group official said.

From June 2015 to May 2016, 106 000 Haitians were deported or left the Dominican Republic, according to the latest statistics from Amnesty International. The International Organisation for Migration found that 1 516 unaccompanied minors were expelled from the Dominican Republic during that time, in violation of an agreement with Haiti in 1999.

A 2013 Dominican Republic court ruling said people born there to parents without legal residency would no longer be considered Dominican. Most are of Haitian origin.

The Dominican Republic began enforcing the policy last summer. Some of those deported had never lived in Haiti. The decision has hurt ties between the two countries that share the island of Hispaniola. **AFP**



DEPORTATION: More than 130 000 people of Haitian origin living in the Dominican Republic risk deportation.

Gun control bid fails in US Senate after Orlando massacre

WASHINGTON - The US Senate on Monday defeated a string of gun control measures including one aimed at expanding background checks for individual gun sales, a blow to reform efforts in the wake of the Orlando massacre.

Four amendments - two Democratic and two Republican - were introduced and received votes. All four failed to pass the 60-vote threshold necessary to advance in the Senate.

The legislation was accelerated last week when Senator

Chris Murphy staged a 15-hour marathon Senate speech pressing for common sense gun control in the wake of the attack on a Florida gay club that left 49 people dead.

Checks

Murphy's amendment, which would have expanded background checks for individual gun sales to include those conducted at gun shows or online, failed to clear the procedural hurdle, going down 44 votes to 56.

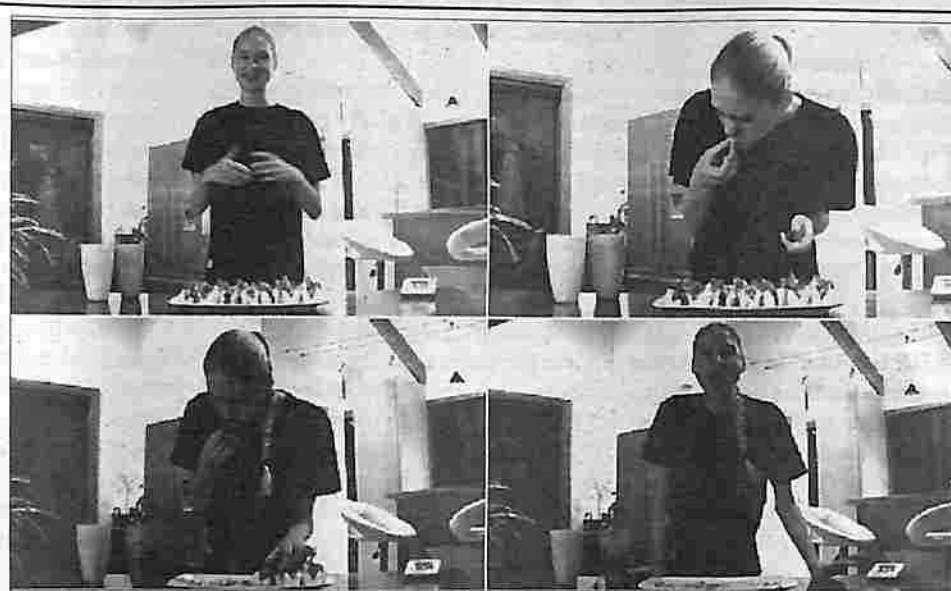
A Republican measure expanding funding for the background check system

also failed to advance, as did a Republican effort to authorise court orders that would delay gun sales by 72 hours for people on terror watch-lists or "no-fly" lists to allow authorities to investigate the would-be purchasers.

Democrats had felt that the measure was not restrictive enough.

The fourth defeated measure, by Democrat Dianne Feinstein, would have prevented gun sales to people featured on "no-fly" terrorism screening lists.

AFP



FAST EATER: New Zealand-based model and size six competitive eater, Nela Zisser, has in the past devoured everything from Big Macs to burritos, in super-fast times. In her latest challenge, the 23-year-old has taken it upon herself to demolish 20 Chinese steamed buns (or bao) in as quick a time as is humanly possible. Ms Zisser manages the challenge in a cool three minutes, 33 seconds.

'Israel not yet ready to ratify nuclear test treaty'

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday that Israel supports a treaty to ban nuclear testing, but signalled his country was not yet ready to ratify a UN pact adopted by the UN nearly 20 years ago.

Netanyahu's office issued a statement on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty after he met Lassina Zerbo, the head of the Vienna-based organisation which oversees it.

The CTBT, adopted by the UN General

Assembly in September 1996, bans all nuclear explosions.

Israel, believed to be the Middle East's sole if undeclared nuclear power, signed the treaty in 1996, but has yet to ratify it.

The statement quoted Netanyahu as saying:

"The state of Israel supports the treaty and its goals and has, therefore, signed the treaty."

"The prime minister added that the issue of ratification depends on the regional context and the appropriate timing." **AFP**

Muslim, gay rights leaders take on Trump

CHICAGO - The leaders of Muslim and gay rights groups in Chicago, one of America's biggest cities, on Monday joined forces to slam Donald Trump in the wake of the Orlando massacre, saying now was not a time for divisions.

On June 12, 49 people were killed and 53 others wounded in the shooting at a gay nightclub in the central Florida city. The shooter Omar Mateen, a 29-year-old Muslim American of Afghan descent, was killed in a shootout with police. Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, has since renewed calls

for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the United States and controversially suggested on Sunday that profiling of Muslims was not off the table.

In Chicago, which has both a large Muslim population and a vibrant lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, leaders said Trump's comment were divisive and unproductive. "We're scared, because it starts rhetorically, and then more people accept it if you don't nip it in the bud," Ahmed Rehab, the leader of the Chicago chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, told **AFP**. **AFP**

BRIEFS

Firefighter dies battling huge forest fire

NICOSIA - A firefighter died on Monday after being crushed when his truck overturned as he tackled a large forest fire that continues to rage out of control on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, so far scorched 15km² of trees and countryside. President Nicos Anastasiades said in a written statement that he was devastated at the news that Andreas Sophocleous succumbed to injuries and two other firefighters who were in the vehicle were seriously hurt. Another firefighter remains in critical but stable condition after suffering head injuries when his vehicle overturned in a gully in an earlier accident, while his colleague sustained a broken arm. **NEWS24**

NY police charged with corruption

NEW YORK - Charges brought against four men arrested Monday in a widening city corruption probe include lurid claims that a police department commander roomed with a prostitute during a Las Vegas trip as businessmen spent tens of thousands of dollars to ensure uniformed officers were available as their private security force. Two high-ranking New York police department officials and a police sergeant who oversaw gun license applications were among the latest arrests in a case that has cast a cloud over the nation's largest municipal police force. **News24**

Fingerprinted in bid to remove President

CARACAS - Venezuelans queued to get fingerprinted Monday in a crucial phase of efforts to force President Nicolas Maduro from power, after food shortages sparked deadly protests and looting.

Thousands of Maduro's opponents lined up to submit their fingerprints so electoral authorities can authenticate signatures on a petition calling for a referendum on his rule. The procedures, due to run until Friday, could make or break the bid to hold a recall vote on Maduro. **ENCA**

Death toll in Mexico clashes rises to 10

OAXACA - The death toll from violent protests in Mexico's southern state of Oaxaca rose to 10 on Monday as the authorities vowed to investigate whether police were responsible for any deaths. Seven civilians died of bullet wounds in Asuncion Nochixtlan and another person was killed by an explosive, Oaxaca chief prosecutor Joaquin Carrillo said. Officials had earlier reported six deaths in Asuncion Nochixtlan, where police said they were ambushed by an unidentified armed group after officers removed barricades set up by teachers protesting an education reform. None of the dead were teachers, Carrillo said. **AFP**

Woman on trial for leaving baby to die

SAINT-OMER - A French woman went on trial on Monday for abandoning her baby daughter on a beach at the mercy of a rising tide, which swept in and killed the infant. Fabienne Kabou, 39, described as highly intelligent but believed to be suffering hallucinations and depression, travelled with her daughter from their home in Paris to the northern resort town of Bercq-sur-Mer in November 2013. She enquired about the local tidal forecast before leaving 15-month-old Adelaide near the water on the vast sandy beach on a wintry night. The baby's lifeless body was discovered early the next morning by prawn fishermen. **AFP**



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MTN GIVING AWAY 100 TICKETS TO JOYOUS CELEBRATION SHOW

● This will get the customer to bring their partner or friend to enjoy the show

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

JOYOUS celebration fans will be elated to learn that Swazi MTN is giving away 100 double tickets to the show.

Having announced Nothando Hlophe as one of the acts on the night, customers that have the gospel star's song 'Khulugcobo' as their caller tune stand a chance to win tickets to the show.

Nothando's fans just need to SMS 'START 5066863' to 1013 for E5 and the song will be the ring back tone for a month. Besides Nothando's song, MTN customers can also choose any song from the gospel Top 10 and still win the tickets.

"It is exciting that Swazi MTN has engaged in such a process.

"If it were according to us, everyone would be getting a free ticket.



"By giving away double tickets, we are allowing the customer to bring their partner or friend to enjoy the show.

Initiative

"More than anything, we appreciate this initiative and invite everyone to be part of it," the show's PRO Pamela Zwane said.

Special packages for fans that MTN Swaziland and Destiny Music have

stored up for them will be announced on Friday. There will also be a super fan reward activity during the show, whose details will be shared at a later stage.

"Meanwhile, tickets are selling very well at the outlets. We have been seeing some good movement since last week and we applaud MTN Joyous fans for being proactive and getting their tickets early," Zwane added.

It's all systems go for Itallo's concert - Indibano

By Tenele Dlamini

ALL is set for Itallo's big concert on Friday.

This was confirmed by the organisers of the event, Indibano Jazz Club.

According to Indibano's Sibongiseni Mamba, all invited artists were already in the country and have begun their rehearsal in preparation for the big night.

"The mouth-watering line-up consists of the Swazi trumpeter Itallo, the hosting artist, South African vocalist Vuyokazi Tshaya, Botswana songbird Kearoma Rantao, South African guitarist Paseka Tefu and bass guitarist Bheki Masina," Mamba said.

He added that Paseka and Bheki are not new to the Swazi music scene, as they have both performed with Itallo in the past.

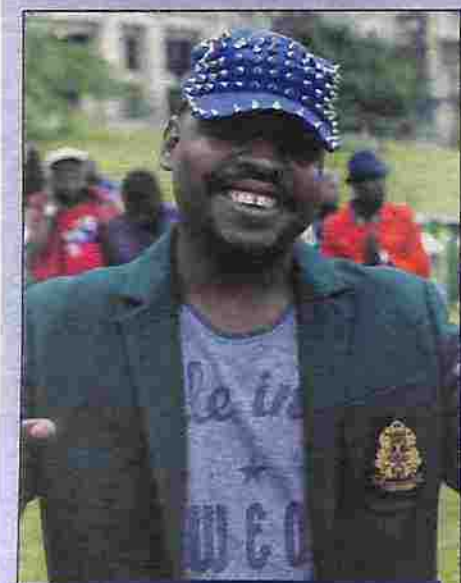
"Meanwhile, Kearoma is a household name in the jazz music industry in Botswana and has performed in the country alongside some influential names in the Southern African jazz scene such as Caiphus Semanya and Letta Mbuli, to name a few. Vuyokazi, an experienced song writer and singer who has been nominated for prestigious awards in South Africa,

including a Metro Award, will mesmerise the audience with her melodic jazzy voice, which has seen her backing celebrated Afro pop singer Nhlanhla Nciza and others," he said. According to Mamba, the group, having arrived in the country by road from South Africa, immediately got into studio in Manzini where they will stay until Friday, where they will be working on their joint as well as individual performances."

"One of the things this concept seeks to achieve is to introduce the artists to the different audiences across the Southern African region. For example, in Botswana many may not know a lot about Itallo and conversely, in Swaziland, very little might be known about Kearoma. But through this collaboration, each of the artists will be introduced to new markets," he said.

The Indibano's mouthpiece also said some local artists have also been roped in to perform at the event. The show will be at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre. Tickets are available from Nando's outlets in Manzini, Matsapha and Mbabane, as well as from Waterman Swaziland at the Gables in Ezulwini.

Road to sibhaca, indlamu finals ends next month



COMING: SA artist Professor.

Professor to make up for his no show

FOLLOWING the Durban based musician Mkhonzeni Langa better known as Professor's no show, the artist has considered a make up show for his Swazi fans on July 29 at Solanis Shisanyama.

This was revealed by Solani's Banele Mtsefwa. Professor is brought here courtesy of Mega Sound.

The stable's Director Samkelo 'Zulu D' Zulu, said Professor would deliver a sterling make up performance and fun lovers are encouraged to attend this show. Mega Sound DJs and artists will also be performing alongside the international act on the night.

Tickets will be available at the gate at E50 normal and E150 for VIP.

THE nationwide sibhaca competition that has been running in all four regions of the country has reached its peak.

The finals are billed for Somhlolo National stadium on July 9.

A total of 53 teams with over 318 players participated so far in the elimination stages.

"We would like to thank teams

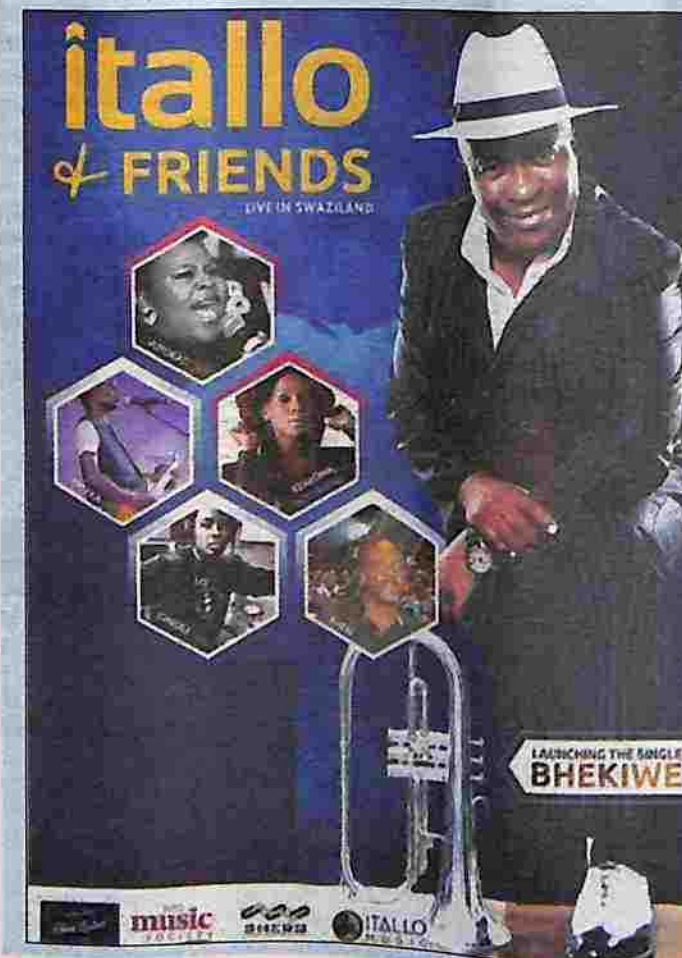
that participated in the competitions, especially those that come from different communities.

Teams are encouraged to thoroughly prepare. We would also like to encourage the public to support their teams as we uplift culture in the country," SNCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini said.

A total of E40 000 worth of prizes are up for grabs.

TEAMS TO COMPETE IN THE FINALS

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PHILANI MASWATI ROPES IN TOPS SPAR FOR BIGGEST BRAAI

By Majaha Nkonyane

IN a continuous attempt to beat the world record currently held by Poland on the Biggest Braai, Philani Maswati continues to partner with companies to increase participation numbers.

Strategic efforts by the charity organisation include schools visits by Chairman Lutfo Dlamini.

The visited schools include Zombodze High, St Francis High and St Francis Primary.

The charity organisation in its drive to raise funds and awareness for the Biggest Braai working hand-in-hand with Tops Spar will engage in a road show scheduled for Buhleni on



SHISA NYAMA: Matsapha Municipal Council during last year's competition.

Saturday.

"We encourage Buhleni folk and neighbouring communities to attend without fail as there would also be prizes to be won," Dlamini said.

As part of the roadshow, the attendees will be treated to different performances from Drum majorettes, the police brass band, veteran musician Mshikishi, to name a few.

Alliance Francaise to host 12 local artists

Stories by Tenele Dlamini

THE Alliance Francaise de Mbabane will on Saturday host 12 local music artists at the organisation's premises, at an event titled 'Fete de la musique'.

According to information provided by the French organisation, the artists will feature at an open mic session where they will perform for an hour.

Those interested are urged to register and can bring along their friends.

Patrons have been promised great entertainment on this day as they will be thrilled with different performances consisting of poetry, hip-hop, RnB and traditional music.

Children have also been encouraged to attend and try out their skills on available instruments.

The organisation's Samkelisiwe Ndlangamandla said interested parties would also be offered an opportunity to participate in try outs.

"Anyone interested in participating in the instrument tryouts will do so with the John Phillips Music School. The event begins at 11am till 5pm," Ndlangamandla said.

Organisers have also urged the public not to miss the LOOP session with Ralph, where instrument try outs are recorded.

Clow-dee to release, launch single

SWAZILAND based artist Clody 'Clow-dee' Tchomba is set to release his brand new mix tape that will feature the song 'Unscathed' on Friday at the Swaziland Theatre Club.

The artist is not new to the gospel rap music scene as he has previously toured the country's high schools, performing for the youth, while spreading the Word of God.

The title of the mix tape, according to Tchomba, means 'unharmed' or 'untouched', which best describes the artist's present state, as he has persevered with his music career, regardless of all the negativity he often received.

"The launch will start at 6pm. Producers on this project include myself, 909 and Black Man. Artists who will also be performing include K-Mac, Lee Mix, the Spindoctors and myself included," he said.

The young talented artist also added that they expected Tom Carrington, a well known rap artist from South Africa to grace the launch.



MAKING IT BIG: Clow-dee.

"In August, I will be touring South Africa and performing at cities like Nelspruit and Cape Town, although the exact venues are yet to be confirmed," he stated.

Entry at the door will be E40 and E50 payment will ensure patrons get a copy of his mix tape.

NEWS EXTRA

I'M STILL CHRISTIAN - BOITY

JOHANNESBURG - Actress and TV presenter Boity Thulo confirmed that she is a sango-

Sowetan. She said her training took five months to complete at the village of Berseba in the



North West and her mentor sent her to the village. "I was ready. I knew there would be three reactions, they

Boity says her being a traditional healer will not affect her Christian beliefs. Speaking to the Sowetan, Boity said; "I do go to church and pray to God. My traditional healing is personal to me and its between me and my family." Boity revealed that her sangoma name is 'Kgosigadi Dabulamanzi'.

"I consider myself to be a queen, hence 'Kgosigadi' and 'Dabulamanzi' is my traditional name as a healer," she told

would be very happy for me or confused and disappointed. But that doesn't faze me, because I'm speaking out expecting nothing. It's for my sanity and to stop speculation and being asked about this over and over again".

Drum

Muvhango's Buhle on ideal man

JOHANNESBURG - Muvhango actress Buhle Samuels, popularly known for her character's name Matshidiso, says she is not fazed by perceptions people have about her.

In an interview with True Love Magazine the July issue Buhle explained how she feels saying; "Unfortunately, people think I'm stuck up because I'm reserved. Other people's assumptions have nothing to do with me and realising that early in my career has helped me stay out of trouble. I'm also working on getting my music out there as I'm recording an album. It's tough, especially with the long hours I work at Muvhango. Rejection is the name of the game. I know it's not personal. Everything is seasonal and happens in God's time."

Buhle is one of those celebrities who hardly puts her private life on social media and in the interview

she told the magazine why. "My private life is the only thing that belongs to me. I don't expect people to understand it, and I don't want them to. So I don't discuss anything concerning that part of my life. Keeping it private is the only way to deal with a relationship as an actress," Buhle explained. And even though she didn't confirm whether or not she is in a relationship in the interview, she did give a glimpse of what her ideal guy would be like. "My ideal man, however, is a down-to-earth, ethical guy. He has to be respectful and kind. Drum



International Celebrity News

'PEOPLE DON'T RECOGNISE ME'

Game Of Thrones' Gemma Whelan insists fans STILL have no idea who she is

LOS ANGELES - She may be part of one of the world's most popular TV series.

But Game Of Thrones actress, Gemma Whelan, has revealed that people still don't know who she is and is often not recognised.

The 35-year-old screen star has starred in the HBO fantasy series as fierce warrior, Yara Greyjoy, since 2012.

However, speaking on ITV's Good Morning Britain yesterday she revealed that her role hasn't had a dramatic impact on the rest of her

life. She said: "People don't really recognise me. It's happening a little bit more now because I've more to do this season."

"Game Of Thrones perhaps influences what auditions I get but it's hard to tell."

Secrets

But even when people do know who she is, Gemma said she would never reveal the secrets of the show or what to expect in upcoming episodes.

She said: "A lot of people are like 'don't spoil it for me' but I wouldn't

anyway.

"I'm well trained in keeping sh*t about things."

Although she admitted that Game Of Thrones would not be heading off screens any time soon, the actress is also working on British sitcom, 'Upstart Crow'.

The BBC Two programme focuses on Shakespeare as he tries to make a name for himself while also being a family man.

The series first aired last month and has already been compared to a new Blackadder. Daily Mail



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE?: Game Of Thrones actress Gemma Whelan, 35, said people are beginning to recognise her more for her role as fierce warrior Yara Greyjoy.

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Tamanna

Today at 17:00 on Star Plus
(453)

'S1/E129 - 1/129'. The story

of Dhara and her childhood, marriage, divorce and life after divorce. The common thread that connects these phases of her life is her passion for cricket.



The Voice

Today at 18:30 on M-Net
(101)

'S9/E1 - The Blind Auditions

1 - Part 1". Gwen Stefani returns with fellow judges Blake Shelton, Pharrell Williams and Adam Levine for another thrilling season of the Emmy Award winning singing competition.

Car Crash Couples
Tonight at 21:15 on MTV
(130)

The race continues in Amsterdam where the cracks are well and truly starting to show. After Stephanie and Hunter's relationship hits breaking point, they are left picking up the pieces and trying their best to repair the

damage. This hasn't gone unnoticed by the other couples who have now formed a 'we hate Steph and Hunter' alliance. As the race moves into Germany, things are looking up for singles Joey and Frida, who are finally working together as a team. Could this be the start of a new romance

Orange Is The New Black
Tonight at 21:00 on M-Net
Edge (102)

'S4/E1 - 4/1'. Golden Globe nominee Taylor Schilling stars as Piper Chapman in this critically acclaimed



dramedy that follows the exploits of a thirty-something-year-old woman trying to survive prison.

NEW SEASON OF IDOLS SA

THEY are young, they are hungry and they are coming for you! South Africa, are you ready?

Now that the four-city audition tour is done and dusted, Mzansi Magic is ready to unveil the country's new crop of wanna-be popstars in Season 12 of Idols SA. As the countdown to the new season edges closer and closer, Idols enthusiasts are going to be thrilled when the revamped version of Mzansi's music talent shows is revealed.

For the first time in the show's history, Mzansi Magic will become the exclusive home to Idols SA.

Mzansi Magic's Nondumiso Mabece said the move was a perfect fit for Idols SA. "Idols is Mzansi's longest running music talent spectacular and will fit right in with the rest country's best reality shows including Date My Family, Our Perfect Wedding and Utatakho among others. Mzansi Magic is undoubtedly the home to local content that is compelling, captivating and authentically South African, and we welcome Idols SA with great excitement!"

To celebrate the move, Mzansi Magic introduced another Idols SA first when they opened the doors to the newly revamped Wild Coast Sun's theatre for the gruelling Theatre Week, allowing friends, fam-



ily, fans and Idols SA loyal supporters the opportunity to cheer on their favourites and give them the confidence boost they so desperately needed in this vocal duel of their lives.

It wouldn't be Idols SA without the melodrama; and this year delivers on the tears, the tantrums, the excitement and great singing voices. All this, accompanied by the judges' colourful commentary.

There's Randall Abrahams' famously caustic tongue, Unathi Msengana's river of tears, Gareth Cliff's deadpan critique and Somizi Mhlongo's effervescent personality and tongue twisting terminology.

And lest we forget that there's more to Idols SA than just vocal pageantry,

Telkom is back as the headline sponsor, with Ford making yet another turn as the car partner while Truworths continues to transform the amateur singers into stars on stage as the official clothing partner.

After auditioning close to 10 000 aspirant singers in four cities over a gruelling cross-country audition tour, enduring long hours of anxiety and rehearsals during Theatre Week, and finally whittling down the singers to the 16 who will captivate Mzansi's imagination during the live broadcast, it's safe to say the Idols XII is going to be the best season yet!

Idols SA Season 12 will be broadcast on Mzansi Magic, DStv channel 161 from Sunday July 17, 2016 at 17:00.



The Governor on EbonyLife TV

COMING to your screens in July is The Governor!

EbonyLife TV has discovered a female deputy governor who has so much fight and determination to make it to the top. But why don't we know anything about her? A woman who exceeds the norm has been creating boundaries that no man has ever surpassed, alongside the enemies that detest change. With newly thought-out plans that upsets the political cabal which she now dwells in, how will she fair? EbonyLife TV presents to you a new drama series anticipated to get tongues wagging, The Governor!

Angela Ochello is portrayed by Caroline Chikezie, a British-born actress and producer who is known for her roles in the British drama series Footballers Wives, As If and Torchwood, not forgetting Aeon Flux

(2005), Eragon (2006) and The Sweeney (2012).

Other notable actors include: Bimbo Manuel - who is known for his role in the 2014 film October 1, Tango With Me and The Kingmaker - Taiwo Obileye, Kunle Coker, Lord Frank, Jude Chukwuka, among others.

The producer, Quinty Pillay, voiced: "When all efforts culminate into beautiful locations, a dedicated crew, a phenomenal cast...the path leads you to a sensational series - The Governor. Her quest for change is brutal."

Director Ema Edosio said: "The Governor is a series that combines class, strength, determination and heart. It is smartly written with brilliant performances. It was an honour working on such an inspirational story."

Rockville returns

MZANSI Magic viewers around the country have been yearning the return of the renowned high stakes drama, Rockville.

The wait is finally over, as season four promises higher drama, more action, and twisted plots from Sunday, July 10.

The famous series, which contrasts the worlds of northern Joburg, with the adrenaline-filled, bustling streets of Soweto, sees popular stars such as Shona Ferguson play JB, Connie Ferguson as Mavis, Gail Mabalane as Vicky, and Boitumelo Thulo as Mpho return for another season alongside other senior cast members. This season also sees new characters debut with Sello Maake Ka-Ncube appear as the new villain, Rolex, and Themba Ndaba as the crooked police officer, Ngema. Another welcome inclusion is Ayanda Thabethe as the sultry temptress, Aliyah. M-Net's Head of Drama, Reneilwe Sema commented on what's in store for viewers, "The theme this season is 'journeys to redemption'. Mavis tries to redeem broken family bonds, while JB, who has lost everything, is desperate to reconnect with loved ones in the midst of startling historic revelations."

A first for Rockville, this season also tackles a pertinent socio-economic issue which is currently very topical in South Africa - that of teenagers dating older, married men.

"This season is set apart from previous editions, in that we now have two main villains, whose paths eventually cross - making for some intense clashes," Sema added.

Rockville season four premieres on Mzansi Magic (DStv Channel 161) on Sunday, July 10 at 20:00.

International Celebrity News

JoJo Fletcher cries on The Bachelorette

LOS ANGELES - JoJo Fletcher confirmed she was on *The Bachelorette* for the right reasons on Monday after her suitors read tabloids suggesting otherwise.

The 25-year-old real estate developer was informed by a producer that the guys read gossip magazines featuring claims made by her ex-boyfriend that she still loved him.

"If she's still in love with that dude then what are we doing here?" pondered Alex Woytkiw. JoJo began to cry when she read the piece.

"I don't deserve people like that



CRY BABY: JoJo Fletcher.

in my life," she sobbed, before reassuring the men of her 'pure' intentions.

Mail Online

Cliff Richard reveals how it wrecked his health

PORTUGAL - For Sir Cliff Richard, it should have been the happiest of days. It was a sunny morning in Portugal, where he owns a farm and a vineyard, and he was packing for a trip with his sister Joan and some friends to visit associates in the wine world elsewhere in the country. Lunch was planned. Then came a call from his apartment block manager back home in the UK, alerting him to the fact that the police had a warrant to raid his home in Berkshire. Shocked and bewildered, he had no idea what it could be to do with. Why would



RECOVERING: Cliff Richard.

he have? As a decent, law-abiding citizen, all he thought was that he must help the police with whatever they wanted. "I said to him: 'Please let them in. I don't want them smashing the door down because they have the right to do that.'"

Mail Online

Blake Lively reveals her growing bump

LOS ANGELES - She's several months along with her second child, and Blake Lively has mastered the art of maternity glamour. The 28-year-old *Gossip Girl* star looked stunning on Monday as she made her way to an appearance on 'The Tonight Show' starring Jimmy Fallon. Blake cut a radiant figure in a fitted blue off-the-shoulder dress which showed off her burgeoning bump. The actress teamed her frock - which had a cut-out section under her chest - with a pair of delicate pointed stilettos and subtle jewelry.



BUN IN THE OVEN: Blake Lively.

Her wavy blonde locks were tied into a high ponytail, which showed off her glowing complexion.

Mail Online

'I didn't diss Kim Kardashian, we're good!'

NEW YORK - Model Amber Rose insists she said nothing foul about Kim Kardashian in a recent interview, despite reports to the contrary. Last week (Jun 16) The New York Daily News published an article in which Amber slammed the entire Kardashian family, with the 32-year-old having been quoted as saying: "Let's face it. The only reason these girls have a career is because their older sister had a little fun on tape".

The tape she allegedly referred to was Kim's infamous sex tape with Ray J that was leaked to the



WE'RE GOOD: Amber Rose.

public in 2007, the same year her successful family reality television programme *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* premiered.

Mail Online

SA Celebrity News

Durban July goes ekasi!

UMLAZI - This year, Umlazi residents will be able to watch the Vodacom Durban July from their township. A public viewing area will be made available on July 2 for the first time at King Zwelithini Stadium, while the race takes place in Greyville. Mabala Noise Entertainment and Umlazi Township Tourism have organised the event, where performers will include artists like US singer Chris Brown. The tourist organisation's Sbi Nduli said residents will feel as if they are



READY TO ROCK AND ROLL: Bonang.

at Greyville. "There will be a fashion show section and people will be able to bet for their favourite jockeys."

Daily Sun

The J. Cole concert was the place to be!

JOHANNESBURG - The Castle Lite Unlocks J.Cole concert was by far the most highly anticipated event on Joburg's social calendar.

The rapper brought his classic hit 'Dreams' to life on Saturday night at the Ticketpro Dome as he captivated more than 20 000 of his fans with his stage presence and charisma.

For one night only the 'Love Yourz' hip hop sensation wowed concert goers that had waited with bated breath to see him live since the big



SUPER STAR: J. Cole.

announcement of his coming in March. Castle Lite FILLED the Dome. Many come from all over South Africa for this once in a lifetime event. *Daily Sun*

Atandwa not over finding out the kids weren't his

JOHANNESBURG - Actor Atandwa Kani who was married to 'Our Perfect Wedding' presenter Tembisa Mdoda says the devastation of finding out that the twins he raised for about four years with Tembisa is going to take years to get over. Atandwa opened up about the subject while discussing a role he plays in the movie 'The Suit', where he plays a man who finds his wife in bed with another man.

"When I found out that the twins were not mine and they



FAMILY AFFAIR: Atandwa and Tembisa Mdoda.

were literally 'ripped' from my life, there was no resolution to that. Its going to take years for me to get over that," Atandwa said while speaking to East Coast Radio host Bongani Mtolo. *Daily Sun*

Proverb and bae enjoy a night out

JOHANNESBURG - Over three months ago media reports were rife that Idols producer and host had found love in the arms of former Miss SA Liesl Laurie. The two have not confirmed whether they are a couple or not but have been spotted out a few times. The pair's recent outing was at the Empire series party with Taraj P Henson and Terrence Howard at Harem, and this weekend they were together at the J Cole concert. "They are definitely a couple, they always arrive together. I



FEELING GOOD: Proverb.

saw them at the Harem party recently and also at the concert," a source tells DRUM. Proverb divorced his ex wife Onareloni late 2015, after allegations that she had cheated on him. *Drum*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

The Ngwenyas apply pressure on Samson. Mpiyakhe prepares for a looming retaliation. S'Khaleni manages to land himself in the dog house.



READY: Mpiyakhe.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Calvin fights for his life. Between a rock and a hard place, Gabriel makes a desperate decision. Lerato is increasingly concerned by Kamohelo's aimless ways.



CONCERNED: Lerato.

Muvhango

TODAY

Mulalo is not happy when he sees Mulimisi and Shonisani together. Vusi is getting increasingly jumpy about his stalker - but he won't tell his mother. The Mukwevho family in Joburg get some shocking news.



NOT HAPPY: Mulalo.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Puleng steps up her effort to get the DNA tests done. Suffo tells Niki that Busisiwe will be going with Ntombizodwa to KZN. Doc drags Zinzi back home, but when she escapes, Doc says it's time for drastic measures. Mampho is devastated when Zolani says she's fired.



STEPS UP: Puleng.

When the dog's name is "Danger" but they still say "Ngena, ayilumi"



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn
December 22 – January 19



There is a tendency to be too strict with yourself, to insist that whatever does not contribute to security and other long-term goals is trivial. Your outward seriousness and no-nonsense approach to things is obvious to all. This deliberate sense of responsibility comes across and is central to your personality—others can see that you are an achiever. Everything is run through your checkpoint to see if it holds up and can pass the test.

Aquarius
January 20 – February 18



You will not be able to remain impersonal today. You are a great doer and others accept your commanding nature—you always seem to have the right answers. You are a good leader and higher-ups do not forget this quality. Your life path involves cutting through appearances and superficialities and laying bare the reality of a situation. You will make much progress in the business world. You may be guiding someone younger than you in matters of importance without even realising it.

Pisces
February 19 – March 20



Your mind is ever on career and family. This may not make some of you the most communicative and social animals as you may prefer to avoid crowds and large gatherings. You must realise that teaching, lecturing or guiding others can be most rewarding, and you have a talent in that area. Given to grand gestures and dramatic scenes, you love teaching in any form; you are very regal. You can also be most generous to a fault.

Aries
March 21 – April 19



Join in and assist with a group project this day, especially if you are given a choice. Supervisors or higher-ups are watching and making decisions. Your expertise will be greatly appreciated and who knows, these higher-ups may decide that you are the right one for the raise or the change in job. This afternoon you may be more than a little eager to buy things.

Taurus
April 20 – May 20



Right now, the key to getting through this day involves attending to nagging details—perhaps, something neglected. Everything external and business-oriented should prosper, if your attention does not sway. There will be events today that will make it easy for you to have breakthroughs and find new solutions to old problems. This afternoon may be the time to put a finish to those nagging details.

Gemini
May 21 – June 21



Getting personal with you can be a problem. You are polite but you give away no secrets. This rule applies to work but sometimes it takes a while for you to warm up to people outside of work. One big plus for you is that when you become friends, your friends are lifetime friends. Today's work is focused and when work demands you team up with a group... You are a good team player. A co-worker enjoys a few min-

utes to take a break and you notice the sketchpad that is bursting full of this person's sketches...

Cancer
June 22 – July 22



You have excellent taste and could be expert in all matters of art and discrimination. There could be a temptation to purchase a large item today. You can always pick out the valuable and worthwhile. You value and appreciate all that is fine and beautiful. Be very careful in obligating future money that may be needed for housing or insurance. There is, perhaps, an interest in an older person this afternoon.

Leo
July 23 – August 22



Your employment situation is due for reorganising and reconstruction. Positive changes are happening. You are at your most practical and what happens now may have a lasting effect on your life direction. If anyone needs help, you are the first to step up and help. Others help you when you need help. This could be with some mathematical difficulty or some transportation situation concerning supplies.

Virgo
August 23 – September 22



Although conservative and sensitive on the outside, you are tough as nails on the inside—as anyone can testify who gets to know you very well. The fact is you like attention and have a real need to be at the centre of any group. Your business grows because of your passion and belief in your type of work. Your more sensitive style hides a strong, aggressive and quite confident nature.

Libra
September 23 – October 23



Your sense of discrimination, when it comes to practical issues, is excellent, as usual. You value clearheaded thinking in others and may find yourself working with several, very sharp individuals today. You express enthusiasm toward your work. You love large-scale organisation and your success in your career or business will always be close to your heart.

Scorpio
October 24 – November 21



For today, emotional drama is valued rather than avoided. Your appetite for action is probably well known and well noted. Acting, sports, outdoor activities and everything physical are high on your list of favorites. Consider organising a baseball, hockey, bowling or other group sports team.

Sagittarius
November 22 – December 21



There is a question of some lost item but with very little research it may be found that someone on vacation just forgot to turn in some work project before leaving at the beginning of the week. This afternoon you might bring family members together to decide the next vacation; that is, if you are not already boarding a ship. Leisure activities after work can help keep your mind and physical well-being in a positive place.

BABY BLUES



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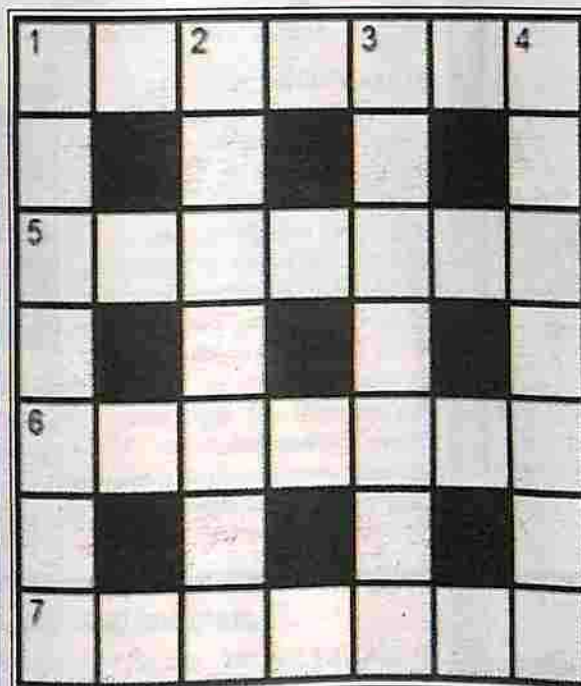
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Mini Crossword - 08

PUZZLE CHOICE

Puzzle Choice



Down

- Parody
- Craftyness
- Recount
- Stringed instrument player

Across

- Terse
- Other than plant or animal
- Japanese art of paper folding
- Lack of care and attention

LOL

WORMS

A father was trying to teach his young son the evils of alcohol. He put one worm in a glass of water and another in a glass of whiskey. The worm in the water

lived, while the one in whiskey curled up and died. "All right, son," asked the father, "what does that show you?" "Well, Dad, it shows that if you drink alcohol, you will not have worms."

USELESS FACTS

- Illinois has the most personalised licence plates of any state.
- Ohio is the only state not to have a rectangular flag. It's a pennant.
- Dominica, Mexico, Zambia, Spain, Kiribati, Fiji and Egypt all have birds on their flags.
- The Dominican Republic has the only national flag with a Bible in it.
- Cyprus has a map on its flag.
- Nepal is the only country without a rectangular flag (it looks like two pennants glued on on top of the other)

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What does this say?

HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH

A. High Five

2. When I'm young I'm tall
When I'm old I'm short
When I'm alive I glow
Because of your breath I die

What am I?

A. A Candle

Today's Brainteasers

1. Rough and gray as rock,
I'm plain as plain can be.
But hidden deep inside
there's great beauty in me.

What am I?

2. I'm as light as a feather
yet an average man can't
hold me more than one
minute. What am I?

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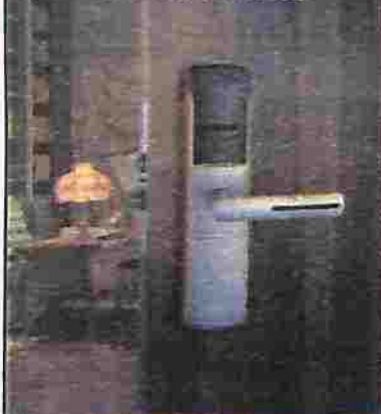
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BOK VERMEULEN TO MISS IRELAND SERIES DECIDER

JOHANNESBURG - Injured South Africa No. 8 Duane Vermeulen has been ruled out of the series-deciding third Test against Ireland in Port Elizabeth on Saturday.

The Toulon forward was forced off the field last Saturday during the opening half of a Test in

Johannesburg with an elbow tear.

"He will be out for between two to six weeks, depending on how the injury responds to treatment," said Springboks doctor Konrad von Hagen.

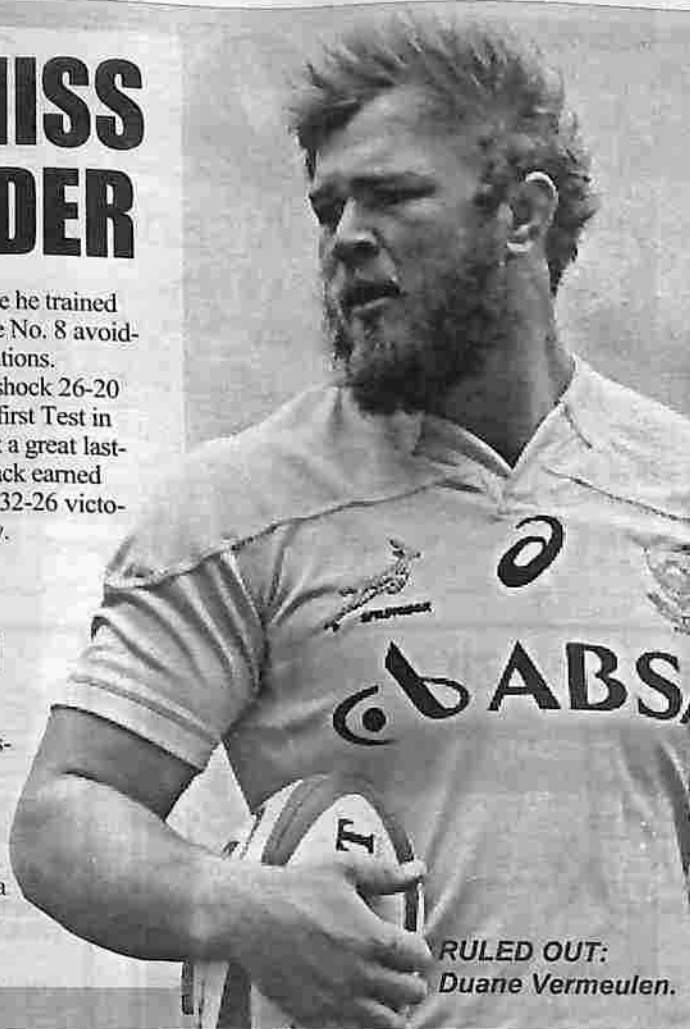
Replacement

Obvious replacement Warren Whiteley is receiving treatment for a shoulder

injury and while he trained on Monday, the No. 8 avoided contact situations.

Ireland were shock 26-20 winners of the first Test in Cape Town but a great last-quarter comeback earned South Africa a 32-26 victory last Saturday.

AFP



RULED OUT: Duane Vermeulen.

Boks release 3 players from squad

CAPE TOWN - Springboks coach Allister Coetzee has released three players from the squad ahead of the third and final Test against Ireland at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in Port Elizabeth on Saturday.

Kick-off is at 17:00. With the series tied at 1-1, Coetzee has elected to release hooker Scarra Ntubeni and scrumhalf Nic Groom (both Stormers) and flyhalf Garth April (Sharks) to their respective franchises. The remaining Springboks

continued their preparations yesterday morning with an extended training session at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium. *sport24.*

F1's big teams eyeing Perez for 2017

CAPE TOWN - Baku, Azerbaijan - Sergio Perez is not dismissing speculation he is in the running to replace Kimi Raikkonen at Ferrari for 2017.

The Mexican has been showing the way to 2015 Le Mans winner and Force India team mate Nico Hulkenberg this year, and scored two podium finishes in the past three races.

Perez showing his worth

Force India deputy principle Bob Fernley said after Perez's first podium of 2016 in Monaco in May: "No, I think we'll be all right."

Fernley was referring to early speculation that Perez, also sponsored by common Ferrari backer Carlos Slim, might get some offers to leave Force India by the end of the year.

"I think Sergio's happy where he is," Fernley added.

But that was before Azerbaijan, and

Perez's second podium this year that has given new life to the Ferrari rumours.

Development

The 26-year-old knows Ferrari well, having been a development driver at Maranello and a race driver at Ferrari-powered Sauber before getting the call up by McLaren in 2013.

Perez said in Baku: "To be honest I'm not really into these rumours. I have said it before that I am

happy at Force India, but for the future who knows what will happen? We are still in the early part of the year to make any decisions for later in the year."

Another silly-season rumour is that, if McLaren-Honda does not retain him for 2017, Jenson Button's first team in F1, Williams, is interested in snapping up the now 36-year-old.

Williams' deputy boss Claire Williams told Britain's Sky: "Button back at Williams is a great headline."

"Of course he is going to be an attractive proposition if he is available." *wheels24.*



STEPPING DOWN: Mignon du Preez.

Dominic intends to down two British world champs

LONDON - Down go two British world heavyweight champions for the price of one this Saturday night. So predicts one Dominic Breazeale.

This large American gentleman who will occupy the opposite corner to Anthony Joshua in London's O2 Arena believes he can spring the knock-out surprise which will also ram Tyson Fury's insulting words down his throats.

Fury, who defends in next month's rematch in Manchester the multiple titles he wrested from Wladimir Klitschko, describes Breazeale thus:

"Another of these big American lumps who couldn't make

it at basketball so turned to boxing but can't fight and is looking to go down from the first jab and bank the pay cheque." That is a reference, also, to Charles Martin, the quite awful IBF champion who Joshua relieved of that title in double-quick time. Breazeale, upon his arrival in England, counters: "I'm not the same. I'm a real fighter. Joshua and me are two knock-out artists, both undefeated. But he's had it easy. It's not going the distance but he's not sure to win. If I land the big shot first, I go home with his belt. And will come out fighting."

Dailymail



BLOW BY BLOW: Anthony Joshua, will face Dominic Breazeale at the O2 Arena in London on Saturday night.

Keagan Girdlestone breathing after horrific crash

CAPE TOWN - South African-born professional cyclist Keagan Girdlestone has regained consciousness following a horrific crash in Italy earlier this month, but his long-term health is unclear.

According to the Stuff website, a post on his Facebook page said the 19-year-old was breathing on his own after being placed in an induced coma.

He was having some difficulty breathing as one of the nerves controlling his diaphragm had been damaged.

Girdlestone came close to death on June 5 after suffering serious injury in a high speed crash with a



BACK TO LIFE: Keagan Girdlestone.

support vehicle in the Coppa Della Pace race, near Rimini in northern Italy.

He crashed through the rear wind-

screen of the car after it braked suddenly and later experienced a cardiac arrest while in hospital.

sport24

USGA regrets 'distraction' of delayed ruling

LOS ANGELES - The USGA, which slapped Dustin Johnson with a controversial one-stroke penalty on Sunday, issued a statement on Monday saying it regretted "the distraction" caused by the way it handled assessing the penalty on the eventual winner.

It was the United States Golf Association's attempt to quell the backlash from their decision to wait

until the end of the round to penalise Johnson.

"Upon reflection, we regret the distraction caused by our decision to wait until the end of the round to decide on the ruling," the statement read.

Rulings

"It is normal for rulings based on video evidence to await the end of a round, when the matter can be discussed with the player before the

score card is returned.

"While our focus on getting the ruling correct was appropriate, we created uncertainty about where players stood on the leaderboard after we informed Dustin on the 12th tee that his actions on the fifth green might lead to a penalty."

Johnson won his first major championship at Oakmont Country Club by three shots, but the final two hours of the tournament were played under a cloud of uncertainty.

AFP

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Pogba's best is yet to come - Arsene Wenger

PARIS - France's Paul Pogba has yet to show his full potential and it remains too early to judge the midfielder, Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has said of his compatriot.

After subdued displays in his first two Euro 2016 Group A outings against Romania and Albania, the 23-year-old produced an improved performance in the goalless draw against

Switzerland on Sunday as unbeaten France topped their pool.

Speculation

Pogba made 48 appearances in all competitions for Juventus this past season, leading the club to a Serie A and Coppa Italia double as well as fuelling speculation of a big-money move away from Turin.

"He'll be the player that we expect

at 26. That he's not bringing everything that we expect of him, it's normal at that age. I don't know any player who carried the French team at 23 years of age. None," Wenger told British media.

"Now that he's going through a maturing period, we start to cast doubt on him. It's the mental test in the career of a top player." **REUTERS**

FIXTURES

TODAY			
Iceland	vs	Austria	Stade De France 18:00
Hungary	vs	Portugal	Parc OL 18:00
Sweden	vs	Belgium	Allianz Riviera 21:00
Italy	vs	R. of Ireland	Stade Pierre-Mauroy 21:00
SATURDAY			
Switzerland	vs	Group C Second Place	Stade Geoffroy-Guichard 15:00
Wales	vs	3rd Place Group A/C/D	Parc des Princes 18:00
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BALE OFF THE BEERS

as Wales soak up plaudits

TOULOUSE - Gareth Bale insists Wales will be staying off the beers but said the tournament debutants will happily soak up the plaudits as they wait to find out their last 16 opponents at their 'amazing' Euro 2016.

On only their second appearance at a major finals following their elimination to a Pele winner for Brazil in the quarter-finals of the 1958 World Cup, Wales have returned to the international football stage with a bang.

A 3-0 rout of hapless Russia on Monday made amends for a 2-1 defeat to England and fired the Dragons to the top of Group B after England were held to a goalless draw with Slovakia.

Wales had to wait

until yesterday or today to find out if they meet the third-placed finisher from Groups A, C or D.

But while celebrations are on ice, Real



OFF: Gareth Bale.

Madrid forward Bale said they will happily enjoy the moment before Wales turn their attention to trying to qualify for the last eight at the Parc des Princes in Paris on Saturday.

"We're professionals," Bale said when asked if the Welsh team would celebrate by downing a few beers.

"We're going to enjoy the moment, but come Tuesday, come the next day, we'll see who we get and start to prepare. We don't know

who we have yet. I'm sure that once we know, we'll look at that game and that game only."

AFP

'We've put Welsh football on the map'

PARIS - The Arsenal midfielder says the Welsh team can play without pressure after achieving their target of making the Euro 2016 knockout stages.

Aaron Ramsey believes Wales can be proud of what they have achieved so far at Euro 2016, but insists they do not have to be satisfied with merely qualifying for the last 16.

Arsenal midfielder

Ramsey scored the opening goal as Wales recorded a 3-0 win over Russia on Monday, a result that clinched top spot in Group B.

Disappointment

Neil Taylor and Gareth Bale also found the net as Chris Coleman's side made sure they extended their stay on French soil.

Ramsey was particularly pleased with the way the players responded from the

disappointment of their last-gasp 2-1 defeat to England, who had to settle for second place in the group after a toothless goalless draw with Slovakia.

"We wanted to come to this competition and really make a statement, put Welsh football on the map and show what we are capable of doing. I think we've done that," he told ITV. *goal*

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The conference will be held at the Royal Swazi Sun in Ezulwini and is designed to showcase the journey of the Swaziland HIV and AIDS response since disease discovery in 1986 to the present and future. It will also serve as a pre-conference for the International AIDS Conference that will be held in Durban, South Africa on the 18th - 22nd July 2016. This conference shall be graced by His Excellency the Prime Minister of Swaziland Dr. Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini. The objective is to build networking and dissemination opportunities for government, community, and leading Swazi and international researchers.

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- Treatment, care and support** which include research around the treatment cascade (e.g. compliance), innovative drugs and complementary and alternative therapies (including Traditional Health Practitioners)
- Systems and synergies** which will focus on HIV and AIDS mainstreaming, health systems, community systems and other sectors including decentralization of the response, role of civil society and academic institutions.
- Leadership and Policy** that will entail discussions on political leadership, traditional leadership, laws, policies, partnerships and collaboration.

Registration is now open and delegates are requested to pay a nominal registration fee of E350 for locals and US\$ 40 for international participants, by electronic transfer. Registration closes once a limit of 600 people is reached or on the 25th June 2016 at 1600hrs. Download the registration form the National HIV and AIDS Conference website: (<http://www.nercha.org.sz/conference>); fill-in the form and send it to: tengetile.dlamini@nercha.org.sz; and on receipt of an invoice, proceed and make payment into the following account:

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Leicester City sign Hernandez

LONDON - Leicester have agreed to sign Sporting Gijon defender Luis Hernandez on a free transfer, the Premier League champions confirmed yesterday.

Hernandez will join Claudio Ranieri's side on a four-year contract when his current deal with the La Liga side expires at the end of June.

The 27-year-old becomes



NEW HOME: Former Sporting Gijon defender Luis Hernandez.

Leicester's first signing of the close-season as Ranieri bolsters his squad for their title defence and maiden Champions League campaign next season.

"Leicester City Football Club are delighted to announce that Spanish defender Luis Hernandez will join on a four-year deal, starting on 1 July, 2016," a statement on the club's website read.

Hernandez, a product of the Real Madrid youth academy, played 140 games for Gijon

and helped them preserve their La Liga status on the final day of the season.

He will join up with his new teammates when they return to training in July and could feature in Leicester's pre-season campaign, which includes matches against Barcelona, Paris Saint-Germain and Celtic as part of the International Champions Cup.

Leicester are also reported to be ready to make an improved offer of £30m for Watford striker Troy Deeney.

The Foxes have already had bids of £15m and £25m rejected by the Hornets.

AFP.

VAZQUEZ CLOSE TO WEST BROM TRANSFER

LONDON - Palermo forward Franco Vazquez could be on his way to the Premier League this off-season, according to club Vice President Guglielmo Micciche.

The Baggies are in talks to sign the Italy international this summer following a string of fine performances in Serie A last season by the Argentine-born attacker.

Vazquez joined Palermo in 2012 from Argentine outfit Belgrano, where he graduated from their youth academy.

The 27-year-old - who was born and raised in Argentina - has since gone on to make his international debut for Italy, while making over 100 appearances for Palermo.

But now it appears he is close to a Premier League switch, with West Brom among those interested in the Italian.

"Our sporting Director, [Rino] Foschi informed us that he's in talks with some English clubs regarding Franco Vazquez," Micciche revealed.

"I think West Bromwich Albion are among those. The discussions are moving forward."

"The President [Maurizio Zamparini] has established a price which is, in our view, appropriate for the player's value."

While Micciche would prefer a move abroad, he confirmed there has been interest from fellow Serie A clubs.

"The more plausible idea is a sale abroad, because it's hard for someone in Italy to meet Palermo's demands," he said.

"I can confirm there were talks with Milan, but the phase Milan are going through [negotiations for a sale] is slowing things down and could be a deterrent."

Goal.

EPL backs vote to stay in EU

LONDON - Footballing powerhouse, the Premier League, weighed into the EU referendum debate on Monday, saying a departure from the Brexit would go against the "openness" of the league and all of its clubs.

"Nobody bears the scars more than me of having to go and negotiate in Brussels and try and organise things a little bit in our interests in terms of the European machine," Premier League

Executive Chairman Richard Scudamore told BBC radio.

But he added: "Ultimately you can't break away, you can't just pull out, you have to get in and negotiate and try and organise and try and influence."

"There is an openness about the Premier League which I think it would be completely incongruous if we were to take the opposite position," he added.

Scudamore criticised the position taken by Brexit campaigners, who have argued that leaving

the EU would allow Britain to "take control of its destiny".

"That doesn't seem to sit very well when you travel the world like we do, being welcomed because of the fact that we are open for business, open for discussion, and open for cooperation," he said.

The Premier League generated £3.3 billion of revenue last season, according to a report by Deloitte, and has worldwide television contracts worth £8.3 billion.

Outside of the EU "we would just be, I think, respected less around the world for not wanting to

be part of something," Scudamore said.

But 'Vote Leave' spokesman Robert Oxley said: "EU rules hurt both our ability to develop homegrown talent and restrict access to the global talent pool."

"That's the worst of both worlds for football fans and the teams they support," he said, adding that money saved from paying into the EU budget could be spent on encouraging more grassroots sports.

AFP.



IN SUPPORT: Premier League Chief Executive Richard Scudamore.

Ibrahimovic would be a 'great addition' - De Bruyne

CAPE TOWN - Manchester City midfielder Kevin De Bruyne believes that the Premier League would benefit if Zlatan Ibrahimovic were to join Manchester United.

Ibrahimovic has been heavily linked with a move to Old Trafford after he opted to leave Paris Saint-Germain following four successful seasons.

Not only does De Bruyne think that Ibrahimovic will do well under Jose Mourinho, who was recently appointed as United's new manager, but he also feels as if the Swedish sensation will adapt to life in England relatively quickly.

"I think it will be good for him," De Bruyne, who is cur-

rently representing Belgium at Euro 2016, told reporters.

"He's lived already in a couple of cities, so I think he will take care of himself."

"I personally like it very much, so I'm happy with the way everything's going over there. That is, for me, very important. He's a great addition, so that's good for the league."

While speculation is rife that the 34-year-old is on the verge of signing a deal with the Red Devils, Ibrahimovic's agent, Mino Raiola, said the striker was yet to make up his mind on where he wants to play next season.

Sport24

Wanyama completes Spurs medical

TOTTENHAM - Kenyan international Victor Wanyama has successfully completed his medical at Tottenham Hotspur and is expected to pen a four year deal and was to be unveiled later yesterday.

Wanyama is currently finalising personal terms as he awaits to re-join his former manager Mauricio Pochettino, SuperSport.com can exclusively reveal. Spurs and Southampton agreed 11 million pound deal for the move that sees the Kenyan skipper as the first player to be signed in the transfer window to help bolster the side that finished third in the EPL in the 2015/2016 season.

Wanyama arrived in the UK from Kenya on Sunday night and had his medical on Monday evening. He is expected back in Nairobi today to continue with his holidays before pre season.

He has had a chequered career that has seen him play locally in Kenya for Country Bus, AFC Leopards, JMJ Academy before he moved to Sweden where he had a short stint at Helsingborgs before moving to Germinal Beerschot where he was spotted by Scottish giants Celtic.

Wanyama later moved to Southampton where he has been for the last three years.

Supersport.com

Manchester City agree deal with Arteta

MANCHESTER - Mikel Arteta is joining Pep Guardiola's Manchester City backroom team.

Former Arsenal captain Arteta has agreed to become one of Guardiola's coaches next season, with the appointment to be confirmed imminently.

The Spaniard has rejected the Gunners' attempts to keep him at the Emirates Stadium. Arsenal offered Arteta a coaching role in their academy.

Sportmail revealed Guardiola's move for his countryman earlier this year; the pair are close from growing up together in the Barcelona academy.

The news will come as a

blow to Arsenal, who believe Arteta has the potential to become a top-class manager.

But the opportunity to work alongside Guardiola has proved too enticing an opportunity to turn down.

Daily Mail.



DONE DEAL: Mikel Arteta.

WATFORD TO DISCUSS TROY DEENEY'S FUTURE

LONDON - Watford were to hold a meeting yesterday about the future of striker and captain Troy Deeney.

Leicester have offered £25million for the 27-year-old but will increase their offer if given further encouragement.

Watford are weighing up whether a bid of around £30m will be enough for them knowing they also have to pay a

20 per cent sell-on to Walsall, Deeney's previous club.

Owner Gino Pozzo would want to make a substantial profit should he agree to sell the fans' favourite and knows finding a replacement would not be cheap either.

Watford do expect to sign Isaac Success from Granada and Seko

Fofana from Manchester City.

Leicester, meanwhile, have made an £11m offer for Burnley defender Michael Keane.

Though former club Manchester United have no sell on clause, they would expect a training fee should Burnley agree to sell the 23-year-old.

Daily Mail.



Ertugral lures Ajax duo to Pirates

CAPE TOWN - Orlando Pirates have announced an agreement has been reached for the services of Ajax Cape Town duo Abbubaker Mobara and Riyaad Norodien.

The defender and midfielder will become Muhsin Ertugral's second and third transfer addition since becoming the club's new head coach.

Pirates have already signed Ghanaian forward, Bernard Morrison from AS Vita Club.

"I am pleased to announce the successful negotiations between ourselves and Ajax Cape Town over the services of Mobara and Norodien," said club chairman Irvin Khoza on Orlando Pirates official website.

"We have been given the go-ahead to make contact with both players and finalise personal terms.

"Obviously, with someone like Mobara currently in Namibia with the South African national team, we will only be able to finalise with him and his representatives when he returns from international duty. However, we will be finalising soon with Norodien."

The club chairman said that with these players heading to Johannesburg, some players will have to make way.

"The club will be making an announcement next week regarding the players who will be released," confirmed Khoza.

Meanwhile, Ertugral is due to arrive at the end of the week to finalise matters ahead of the start of pre-season.

The players and rest of the technical staff are expected back on July 4. *Sport24.*

Aces confirm Rosslee as Director of Football

CAPE TOWN - Mpumalanga Black Aces have confirmed that former Ajax Cape Town head coach Craig Rosslee has been appointed as Director of Football.

It's been a busy few weeks for new club owner John Comitis after several announcements pertaining the once Mpumalanga club, who has since moved to Cape

Town. While Orlando Pirates announced Muhsin Ertugral as their head coach,

Comitis was quick to lure Eric Tinkler to pen a deal as their new mentor.

Prior to Tinkler signing a deal, Ian Taylor was also roped in as an

assistant coach with Calvin Marlin

signing a fresh three-year deal with the club as their goalkeeper coach.

Confirmed

According to KickOff, Comitis confirmed that Rosslee will form part of the growing backroom staff that will be built in the Mother City ahead of the new Absa Premiership campaign.

"Yes, I can confirm that Craig Rosslee has joined us and will serve as Director of Football," said Comitis. After serving as the Urban Warriors coach, Rosslee went on to mentor Moroka Swallows as well as AmaZulu.

Sport24.

APPOINTED: Former Ajax Cape Town head coach Craig Rosslee.

FC Cape Town part ways with Investec

CAPE TOWN - Investec and FC Cape Town have reached an agreement to go their separate ways.

The news of the end of their relationship comes as somewhat of a surprise, as the Mother City-based NFD club only announced a five-year project with the international specialist banking and management group last year.

A statement has been issued confirming the end of the partnership for Investec and the African Beasts.

Following a consultation process with all parties con-

cerned, Investec has come to a mutually agreed, natural separation point with its sponsorship of FC Cape Town.

Says Investec's SA Head of Group Marketing, Janet Larsen: "We have not taken this decision lightly. Investec will honour all contractual obligations with the team in order to manage a smooth transition. We remain committed to community and youth development through sport and wish FC Cape Town well going forward."

FC Cape Town's chairman,

Errol Dicks, added: "While FC Cape Town appreciates the professionalism, energy and flair that Investec brought to this partnership, the club's infrastructure remains in place to continue to grow and develop professional football in South Africa."

As reported by the Siya crew yesterday, FC Cape Town confirmed Marshall Munetsi's move to Orlando Pirates, among other developments taking place at the club.

Soccerladuma.

'I want Chiefs target Mphahlele to stay at Mamelodi Sundowns'

PRETORIA - Pitsi Mosimane has reiterated his desire for Ramahlwe Mphahlele to remain at Mamelodi Sundowns, but admits it is out of his control.

Mphahlele's future has attracted widespread interest with the Brazilians captain heavily linked with a move to Absa Premiership rivals Kaizer Chiefs.

The 26-year-old defender's current deal with Sundowns officially expires at the end of the month, with Mphahlele yet to decide where he will be plying his trade in the 2016/2017 season.

Amakhosi are said to have offered Mphahlele a bumper package which would increase his monthly wage to over R100 000 a month. Sundowns are reluctant to match the offer despite the defender reportedly keen on remaining at Chloorkop.

Successful

On Sundowns return to South Africa from their successful Caf Champions League assignment in Algeria, Mosimane reiterated his desire for Mphahlele to remain at the club, but insists the final decision lies with the Sundowns hierarchy and not the technical team. "Yes we need Rama...I'd like Rama to stay in the team, but now the issue is beyond me," Mosimane told the media.

"It is Rama and the club management, and his agents. It is beyond me and my technical team. "It is part of football, what is happening is normal...it happened to [Elias] Pelembe, [Katlego] Mphela...it is normal. If he thinks he wants to sign he will sign...he knows it. Mosimane acknowledged Chiefs interest in the player: "The challenge is...I hear Chiefs are breaking the bank. What can you do? Rama must get what he thinks is right for himself. It is his future, he served me well as a captain and played all the games when he was available. *Goal.*

Acting PSL CEO welcomes Magesi, Kings United

CAPE TOWN - The acting Premier Soccer League acting Chief Executive, Mato Madlala has welcomed newly promoted National First Division (NFD) clubs Magesi FC and Kings United.

The two clubs were promoted at the ABC Motsepe play-offs which ended on Sunday afternoon. They will now form part of the 32 members of the National Soccer League (NSL).

This is the first time any of these two clubs have been members of the NSL.

"We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our two new members, Kings United and Magesi FC for this great achievement in their history," Madlala said.

"We welcome them to the NSL family and we look forward to working closely with them."

"Through our induction process which includes the PSL Compliance Manual that covers a number of important aspects of club management from staging a fixture, security, marketing, football related matters, media and broadcast, we will equip Magesi FC and Kings United with the necessary knowledge and expertise expected at this level."

Magesi FC will be the second club from Limpopo in the NFD together with Black Leopards. *Goal.*

Khoza confirms talks with former Bafana Bafana captain Pienaar

JOHANNESBURG - The former Tottenham Hotspur and Borussia Dortmund midfielder disclosed that he was keen to join Pirates as he remains a supporter of the Soweto club

Orlando Pirates chairman Dr Irvin Khoza has confirmed that they are in talks with former Bafana Bafana captain Steven Pienaar.

The creative midfielder is currently a free-agent after parting ways with English Premier League outfit Everton FC at the end of the recent 2015/16 season.

Bucs are targeting Pienaar as another

high profile signing following the signing of legendary Bafana striker Benni McCarthy from West Ham United as a free agent in 2011.

"We have been talking to Pienaar to see if he's available to play for us. If he is we will pursue him," Khoza said in The

Sowetan.

"Benni did well when he was with us, and he helped us a lot," the Bucs club boss added.

Meanwhile, former Ajax Cape Town star Pienaar has already revealed that he is keen to play in the Soweto derby which features Pirates and their main rivals Kaizer Chiefs.

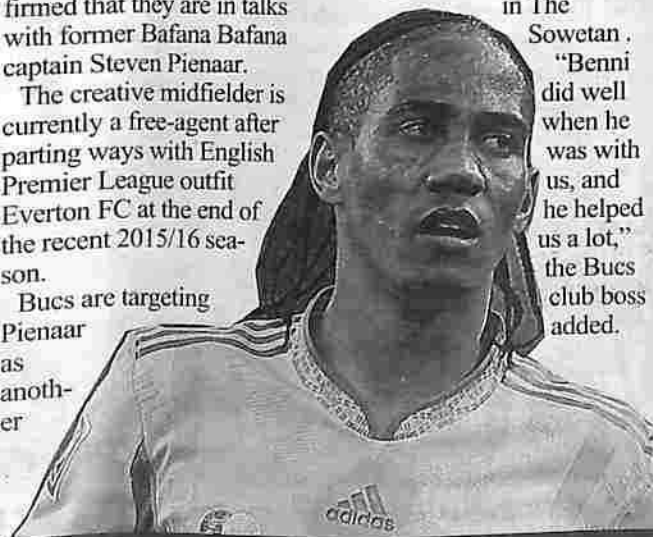
"The idea of playing in [the Soweto Derby game, you know, really appeals to me," he told TMG Digital.

"It is, after all, the biggest game in South Africa. I have spoken to a lot of Chiefs and Pirates players and they go on about this game.

"And with me being an Orlando Pirates fan, it is obviously a game that interests me.

"My friends always tell me when they've played in the game that, wow ... just the atmosphere in the stadium alone is something else. Everyone wants to be part of something like that."

Goal.



TARGETED: Former Bafana Bafana captain Steven Pienaar.

Bafana Bafana bracing for SD in COSAFA Cup semi

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana are bracing themselves for a tough 2016 COSAFA Castle Cup semi-final match against surprise package Swaziland today at Sam Nujoma Stadium.

Swaziland progressed to the last four after beating Zambia 4-2 on penalties in the quarter finals, the same result in Bafana Bafana/Lesotho encounter. Swaziland coach Harris Bulunga played under the leadership of Bafana Bafana head coach Shakes Mashaba during his tenure in Swaziland and the meeting tomorrow will literally be a teacher versus student scenario.

"This should be another interesting match," Mashaba said. "Swaziland has had a great run in the COSAFA Cup finishing top of Group A.

"We expect a very fast game as they have some very talented and physically strong players. But our mission here is beyond this tournament. This is the squad that will be going to the Rio Olympics and shaping that squad into a winning team begins here."

Bafana Bafana will be without defender Kwanda Mngonyama and midfielder Phumlani Ntshangase. The two have been released from camp after suffering long term injuries. Gift Motupa will also not be available for the match after receiving a red card in the match against Lesotho last Saturday.

This semi-final will be played at 17h00 local time (SA time 18h00), on Wednesday June 22 2016 at Sam Nujoma Stadium in the Namibian capital of Windhoek. *Kickoff.com*

SIBONELO SAVINGS MEDIA TOURNAMENT PICS



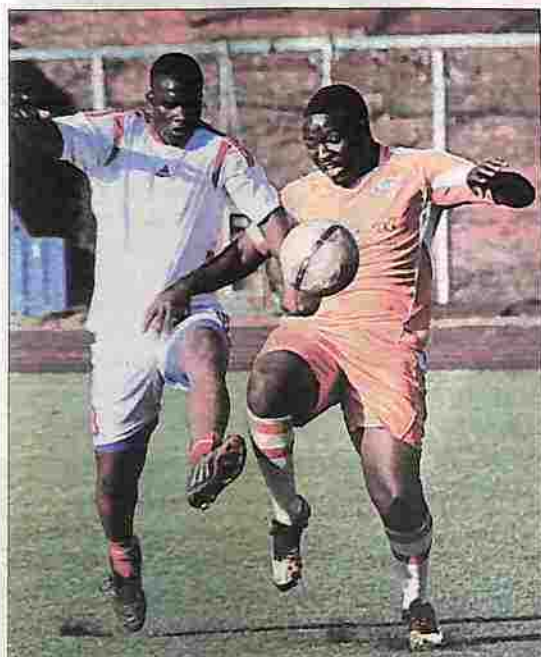
FROM BEHIND: Swazi Observer XI's Wandile Mkhonta, wins the ball from Times XI's 'Magesh' while Maxwell Dlamini looks on during the Sibonelo Savings Media Tournament at Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



FOR THE BEST TEAM: The trophy on display.



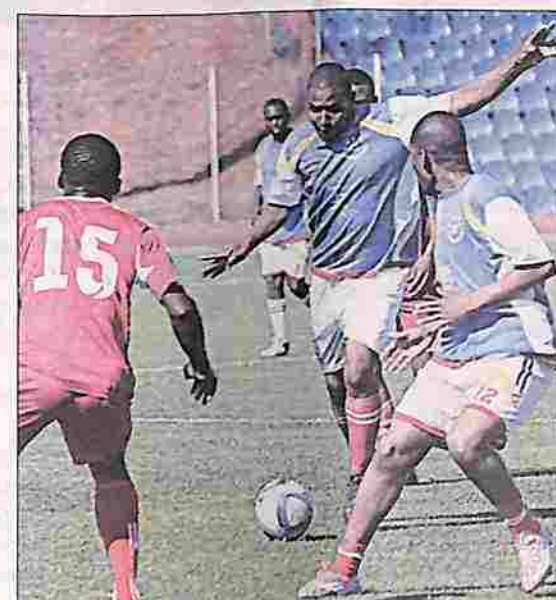
CAN'T PASS: Times XI's Lindelwa Masuku blocking Wandile's way.



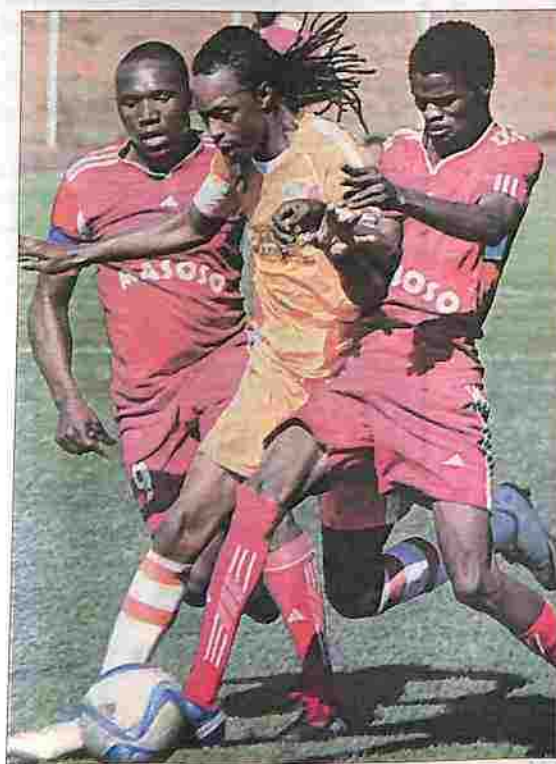
50/50 BALL: Observer's Wandile Dlamini and Swazi TV's Phathizwe Msibi battling for the ball.



CUT THE CHAINS OF POVERTY: Sponsors Sibonelo Savings staff members watching the games.



MOVE: Observer defender Abel Matsebula making a clearance.



TUSSLE: Times players Phinda Mavuso and 'Magesh', trying to mark Swazi TV Striker 'Taribo' Bhembe.



SONKHE SIKHATSI: Channel S team getting ready for their game against VOC.



NO WAY: Observer XI's Bongani Sibandze marking Swazi TV's Mangaliso Masilela.



VOICE OF THE NATION: Swazi TV team posing for a group photo.



MY BALL: SBIS players and Channel S in action.

FIFA FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT COURSE IN PICS



MANAGEMENT: FIFA Tunisian instructor Mahmoud Hammami posing with NFAS President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa and some of the participants during the opening ceremony of the five days football administration management course on Monday at the Technical Centre.
(Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



REMARKS: The NFAS President Mthethwa welcoming participants and facilitators.



FACILITATOR: FIFA instructor Mahmoud Hammani delivering his address.



SIBLINGS LOVE: Hlobisile Vilakati with Mbabane Swallows head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.



ALL EARS: Mbabane Swallows Technical Director Aaron 'Katalala' Mavimbela and FA's Vusi Khoza listening to speeches.



PRESENT: Referees Association Secretary Jabulani Motsa could not miss out.



LISTENING: Elvis Mgabhi with PLS executive member Sicelo Mkhonta formed part of the gathering.

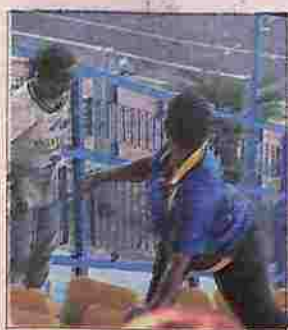


CONCENTRATION: Vusi Dlamini and Premier League of Swaziland accountant Phillie Matsebula were also there.



ATTENTIVE: Vusie Mkhonta and Elphas Ngcamphalala are also attending the course.

SIBONELO SAVINGS MEDIA TOURNAMENT SUPPORTERS' CORNER PICS



ALL OUT: Swazi Observer supporters Khulile Makhubu and Lungile Ngcamphalala in a jovial mood. (above) Lungile joined by a fan.



OBSERVING: Swazi Observer supporters watching the games.

football talk

all your latest world football news

● Champions League winners Real Madrid have opened talks to sign France midfielder Paul Pogba, 23, from Juventus, according to the player's agent. (*Marca*)

● Premier League champions Leicester are ready to pay £30m for Watford striker and captain Troy Deeney, 27, having had two bids rejected. (*Telegraph*)

● Manchester United coach Ryan Giggs, who is expected to leave the club, is a contender for the manager's job at Championship side Nottingham Forest. (*Mirror*)

● Giggs may be overlooked for the job at the City Ground with Forest's owners hoping to appoint a foreign coach. They have contacted Spaniard and former Olympiakos boss Michel. (*Nottingham Post*)

● New Chelsea manager Antonio Conte is plotting a £57m move for Lazio winger Antonio Candreva, 29, and Italy team-mate and Juventus defender Leonardo Bonucci, 29. (*Sun*)



● Liverpool are planning a bid for Newcastle and England winger Andros Townsend, 24. (*Mirror*)

● Manchester City are also interested in Townsend, who has a release clause of around £10.5m. (*Telegraph*)

● Everton have opened talks over a £16m deal for Porto's 24-year-old Cameroon striker Vincent Aboubakar. (*Daily Mail*)

● Leicester City and France midfielder N'Golo Kante, 25, looks set to leave the Premier League champions with the Foxes targeting an £11.5m deal for Nice midfielder Nampalys Mendy, 23. (*Daily Star*)

● West Brom are keen on signing Newcastle United's 26-year-old France midfielder Moussa Sissoko. (*Birmingham Mail*)

● Former Manchester United manager Louis van Gaal, ex-Ajax head coach Frank de Boer and Andre Villas-Boas are in contention for the vacant AC Milan job. (*La Gazzetta dello Sport*)

● Milan striker Fernando Torres, 32, will sign a one-year deal with Atletico Madrid, where the Spaniard spent last year on loan from the Serie A side. (*Marca*)



SNSRC BLESSES CRICKET WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Sibusiso Masilela

CRICKET - THE Swaziland Cricket Association (SCA) will host the 2016 Women's Regional Championship next month.

The two-day event will be hosted at the Malkerns Country Club and will start on July 1 and end the next day (July 2).

Four teams representing the different regions Lubombo, Shiselweni, Manzini and Hhohho

regions will participate in the Championships.

Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane said it pleased the council to have their members participate in such tournaments.

"As council we always encourage participation in sports. Our members are fully aware of that and the Cricket Association is on the right track. What pleases us even more is seeing the Cricket Association go out of its way to

host the Women Regional Championship as we are fully behind gender equity even in sports.

Encourage

"We must applaud the Cricket Association for their vision and in the same breath encourage the rest of the associations to follow suit. Everyone must ensure that we provide the platform and environment for sports to grow in the country" said Ntiwane.

He disclosed that for the players to be able to play for the designat-

ed regions, they had to prove that indeed they were born in that particular region or live in that area.

"Players will be required to provide identity cards or any legit document such as a water or electricity bill, birth certificate as proof of residence.

"They will be transported and accommodated. Worth noting is that all games will be played in the T20 format. The standard ICC playing regulations will apply during the Championships," Ntiwane said.

RSP crowned Black Eagles champs, bags E15 000

By Sanele Jele

NETBALL - ROYAL Swaziland Police are the champions of the Black Eagles Netball Tournament. For their achievement, the team received E15 000.

This was during the tournament held over the weekend at Hunters field Stadium, in Katlehong where more than 26 teams participated.

There were 10 female teams and 16 male teams.

The ladies category was divided into two groups with each group consisting of five teams.

The male category had two groups of 8 teams.

This was confirmed by RSP General Secretary Simangele Motsa yesterday.

Proud

"We are happy to announce that our team did us proud in South Africa. The ladies team went all the way to win the finals against Black Eagles. The final score was 31-27," Motsa said.



WINNERS: The RSP netball team posing.

She said the male team finished fourth in their group.

"The male team also managed to reach the semi-finals of the tournament and we are also proud of them."

She said this tournament was an

eye opener for them as they learnt a lot of things.

"We last won the tournament in 2014 in Lesotho. I am happy that we did it again against the hosts."

Motsa said they had also been invited to another tournament to be

held in August at Kwazulu Natal, South Africa.

"We are, however, yet to confirm our participation in this tournament. We want to make sure it does not clash with our league matches," she said.

SCANDZA BEAT THE GEORGE HOTEL IN 'BATTLE OF DEBUTANTS'

By Sibusiso Masilela

POOL - MANZINI Regional Pool Association debutants Scandza started off their 2016 campaign on a high note after beating fellow newcomers George Hotel 17-8 in a league encounter played on Saturday night at Manzini Pool Club.

The Siphofaneni-based team proved too strong for the hub side which also had their first game of the season in the Manzini zone.

Bel Air showed no mercy for Legends as they beat them 18-7 while Figaredo



maintained their winning streak with a hard fought 13-12 win over Tigers.

The action continued in the Malkerns zone where Macembe recorded a 14-11 victory over France. Giants Way Inn were at their usual best as they beat Mankayane 17-8. Bhunya had to dig deep in their reserves of

THE FULL RESULTS:

Manzini Zone			
Scandza	17	George Hotel	8
Bel Air	17	Legends	8
Tigers	12	Figaredo	13
Uni K	11	Police College	14
Malkerns Zone			
Way Inn	17	Mankayane	8
France	11	Macembe	14
Nicks	15	Sun of Kings	10
Bhunya	13	M. Eagles	12

Local tennis players for Botswana Open

By Sibusiso Masilela

TENNIS - THE Swaziland National Tennis Association will next month send a team to represent the country in the Botswana Motor Centre Open slated for July 16 in Gaborone.

SNTA has already selected the team that will compete against other SADC countries after the Batswana's forwarded an invitation to their local counterparts last week.

SNTA Secretary Neaba Mkhalihi confirmed the latest development, mentioning that they would be staging a mini competition to prepare for the international contest.

"We have already select-

ed the team and the players comprises of Morris Dlamini, Allen Mathonsi, Masiza Ntshangase and Mandla Zwane."

The squad is currently holding their training sessions at the UNISWA, Kwaluseni courts in readiness of the upcoming games. "We are looking at staging a preparatory tournament on July 9 where we will be assessing the players ahead of the trip."

Mkhalihi further thanked all the coaches, who attended a technical meeting at the OlypAfrica Centre on Saturday.

"We were happy with the attendance as we had a chance of discussing technical issues ahead of the new season set to kickoff later next month."

SIHLANGU OUT TO END BAFANA BAFANA DOMINANCE

By Sibusiso Masilela

Tonight: Sihlangu vs Bafana Bafana
Sam Nujoma Stadium, 6pm

SOCCER – NATION'S pride Sihlangu Semnikati will be looking to end Bafana Bafana's dominance over them when the two countries clash in the 2016 COSAFA Cup semi-final encounter this evening at the Sam Nujoma Stadium.

The Harries 'Madze' Bulunga-led side is yet to win against the South African outfit.

Sihlangu come into this game after their 4-2 victory over Zambia in the penalty shootouts on Sunday.

Bafana Bafana booked their place in the last four after a hard-fought victory over Lesotho.

The two teams have met on six occasions, with South Africa claiming five wins, drawing one and losing none. Sihlangu have conceded 13 goals in the process and only scored two.



They will be all out to turn the tide around this evening.

The two countries first met in the year 2000 when Delron Buckley netted a first half brace in the quarter-finals to see off Sihlangu and book a semi-final spot for Bafana

Bafana.

The SA team continued with their dominance two years later under the guidance of current mentor Ephraim 'shakes' Mashaba where they beat Sihlangu 4-1 through goals from Teboho Mokoena

(brace), Jabu Mahlangu and Stanton Fredericks while Siza 'King Pele' Dlamini scored the lone goal for Sihlangu Semnikati.

Bafana again claimed a narrow 1-0 win over Sihlangu in the last semi-finals of the same competi-

PROBABLE STARTING XI

1. Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza
2. Sifiso Mabila
3. Sanele Mkhwebu
4. Machawe Dlamini
5. Siyabonga 'Msholoz' Mdluli
6. Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu
7. Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko
8. Mxolisi 'General' Lukhele
9. Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa
10. Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst
11. Tony 'TT' Tsabedze

tion through a first half strike by Benson Mhlango, sending the South Africans through to the final. Unfortunately, they fell at the last hurdle, losing 6-5 on penalties to Botswana.

Buoyed by their recent run in the past two-year COSAFA Cup unbeaten run, Sihlangu Semnikati will be out to end their jinx over South Africa, who last beat them 3-1 last year during an international friendly at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Goals from Thulani Hlatshwayo, Thabo Mnyamane and Mandla Masango silenced the over 8 000 home crowd, who were consoled by a Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst strike.

All these records are now history for the revamped Sihlangu Semnikati, who will be looking at rewriting history books by reaching their first ever finals and further bring joy to the passionate Swazis, who are fully behind the national team. *Etindvukwini majaja!*

Mnz Sundowns start 2016/17 preparations

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – MANZINI Sundowns will this weekend start their 2016/17 season preparations with a two-day trials exercise at the Manzini Club.

The 'Kappa Boys' will be offering a chance to local youngsters, who want to be part of the team next season. The players are expected to converge at the venue in their numbers on Saturday and Sunday.

The team's Public Relations Officer Muzi Matsenjwa said the event would start at 9am in both days when contacted yesterday. "We will be conducting trials where we will be scouting for players, who will be playing for the team next season."

Assessed

He invited every Swazi player, who wanted to be part of the team, to come and try their luck. "The trialists will be assessed by a panel of coaches led by Musa Manyatsi. Our supporters are also allowed to bring players from their respective communities," he said.

Matsenjwa said outstanding players would then undergo a week long assessment from next Monday until Friday.

"The coaches will then choose the best from the pool of players, who will then join the rest of the team when we begin our pre-season training on July 4."

Sundowns will take on league champions Royal Leopard in the upcoming Castle Premier Challenge set to kick-off in two months time.

'Nkomishi' attracts foreign praise on good form

Stories by Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows shot-stopper Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza is among the COSAFA Cup goalkeepers, who have stolen the show so far in the competition.

This follows a dramatic weekend of COSAFA Castle Cup quarter-finals action.

The resilient goalkeeper and Reyaad Pieterse of South

Africa both saved two penalties each in the shoot-out to lead their sides to 4-2 victories over Zambia and Lesotho on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Penalty

Ginindza went on to score the last and winning penalty for Sihlangu that saw the Harries 'Madze' Bulunga charges qualify for their fourth semi-finals of the tournament after 13 years.

Ginindza has started in all four games for Sihlangu in

the tournament and conceded only two goals in the 2-2 stalemate against Zimbabwe's Warriors.

Sihlangu have a date with Bafana Bafana whom they are yet to claim their first victory over in the competition.

If Sihlangu win tonight, they would march to their first finals of the tournament and face the winner between Mozambique and Congo. Both semi-finals will be played at the Sam Nujoma Stadium this evening.

their COSAFA Cup run in Rustenburg last year was enough to plant hope that Swaziland could win the competition.

"We came here with a mandate to reach the knockout phase, but of course, do draw inspiration from what Namibia did in Rustenburg. We did say that once we were in the knockout stage, anything could happen," he said.

Bulunga said they knew they would be up against a quality South African combination but believed his side had a chance of another upset in the tournament.

"SA have a very experienced coach in Shakes Mashaba. He must have watched our quarterfinal, and would plan for how we play. But, we also watched them against Lesotho. We spotted a few loopholes we can capitalise on," said Bulunga.



DRIBBLE: Felix Badenhorst became a 'burden' for Seychelles defenders to mark as he dribbles past them.

'TT' warns SA on sturdy Felix

SOCCER – SIHLANGU captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze has tipped Bafana Bafana to keep a sharp eye on Mbabane Swallows teammate and COSAFA Cup current top scorer Felix Badenhorst.

The two national sides will lock horns in the semi-finals of the COSAFA Cup at Sam Nujoma Stadium at 6pm today.

"TT" said 'Fela' would be a constant thorn on the opposi-

tion defenders.

"He is comfortable on the ball. He is a good header of the ball. He has good runs and an eye for goal. He is a very good second striker and a match-winner. I enjoy playing at the same club with Felix because I know what I'm going to get from him," said the captain.

The team's head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga hopes for the best outcome from the match as he said

Ndlazi tips Sihlangu over Bafana Bafana

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – SOUTH African coach Kenny Ndlazi has tipped Sihlangu Semnikati to beat Bafana Bafana in the COSAFA Cup semi-finals encounter to be played this evening at the Sam Nujoma Stadium.

The former Manzini Wanderers and Manzini Sundowns mentor said Sihlangu's work rate in the tournament would be their cutting edge.

"They have been doing well in the tournament and against the Ephraim 'Shakes' Mashaba-led side that struggled to beat Lesotho in the quarterfinals, I think Swaziland will win."

He said Sihlangu were a better prepared team. "Swaziland stand a better chance seeing that they have played more games in the tournament."

Unstoppable

"This has helped the team to gain momentum and I think they are now unstoppable. Bafana Bafana have quality players in their team but they are still adapting to the environment," he said.

Ndlazi further said the two countries played a similar passing game something that would make the match more exciting. "It will be an open game as both teams have talented players and the fans will certainly witness top shelf football throughout the 90 minutes."

One can commend Sihlangu coach Madze Bulunga for recalling Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko, who has lots of experience in the COSAFA Cup. By so doing he added more depth and quality in the Swazi team," Ndlazi said. Sihlangu will be looking to advance to their first ever COSAFA Cup finals at the expense of the three-time champions.

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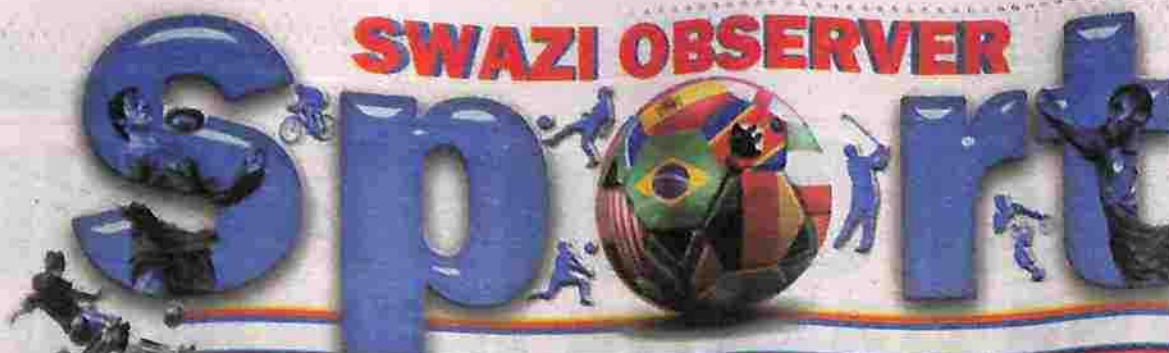
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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS YESTERDAY

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Ukraine	0-1	Poland

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES TODAY

Hungary	vs	Portugal	18:00
Iceland	vs	Austria	18:00
Italy	vs	Republic of Ireland	21:00
Sweden	vs	Belgium	21:00



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PM ASKS VICTOR GAMEDZE TO HELP HIGHLANDERS

SOCCER - PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini has called upon Mbabane Swallows boss Victor Gamedze to join arch rivals Mbabane Highlanders after transforming the 'Beautiful Birds' into a local football power house over the past years.

The PM commended Gamedze for his achievement and efforts in football and asked him to jump ship and help the 'Black Bull' reclaim the glory days.

Dlamini said this during a press conference held at the Cabinet offices yesterday where FNB handed an E240 000 incentive to Sihlangu Semnikati.

"We are happy for you as we've noted what you have achieved at your club Swallows. You have won so many trophies and I have even lost count. Just last season, you won four trophies and this says a lot about your administration skills. You have also worked very hard for the transformation of local football."

He said it was time for Gamedze to help other teams.

"You now have to join Highlanders and help them win trophies like Swallows," Dlamini said.

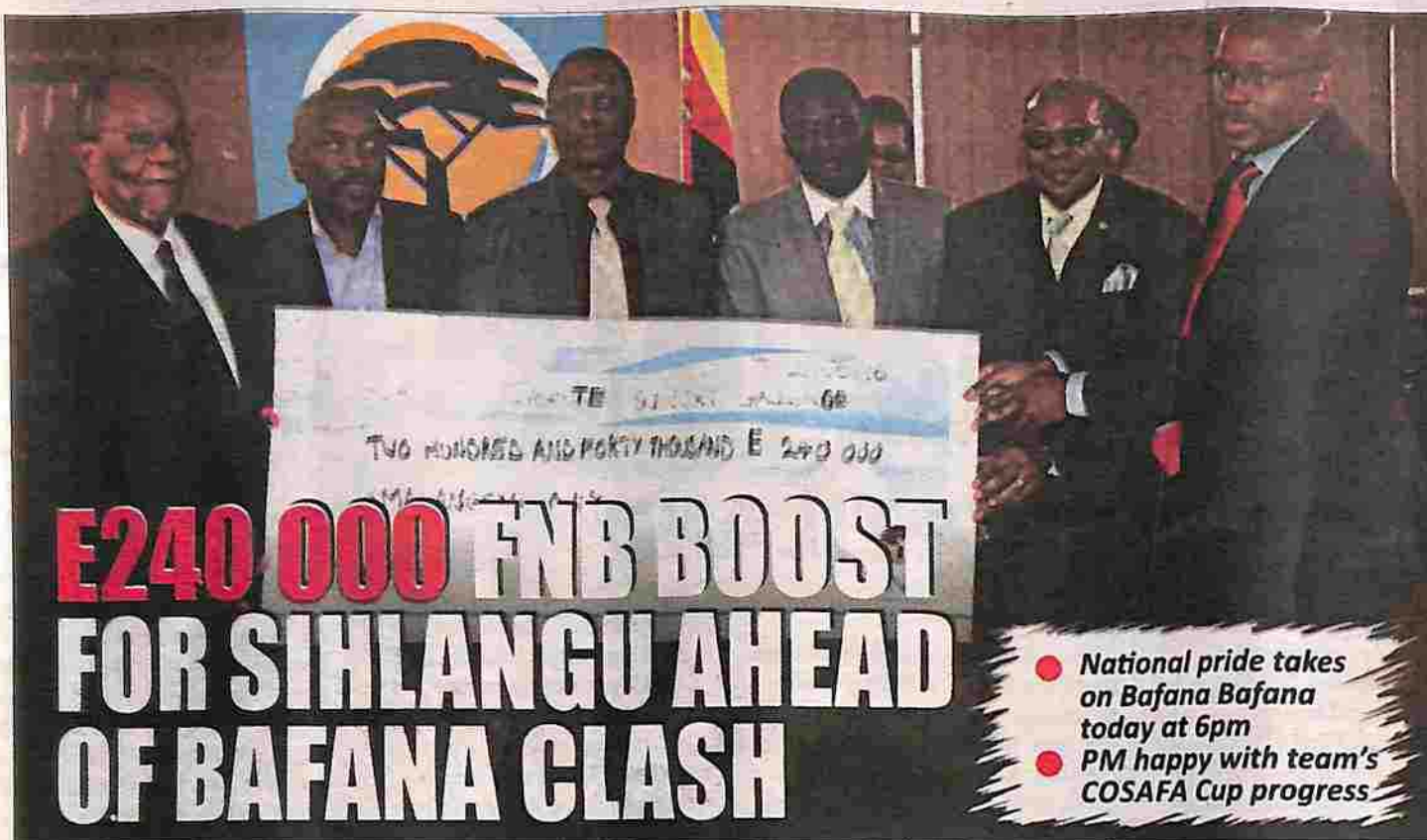
The premier's statement brought reptilious applause among the attendees including Gamedze, who represented the National Football Association of Swaziland in his capacity of being the Vice President.

Dlamini said Gamedze had a proven track record in as far as football administration was concerned.

Gamedze last season led the 'Beautiful Birds' to four trophies in one season in the King's Super Cup, Castle Premier Challenge, SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup and the SwaziBank Cup.

have in the past seen some teams collapsing soon after winning trophies due to some internal infighting among the leaders over the monies." He said this hindered the development of the sport. The chairman further advised his colleagues to rectify their mistakes whenever they have failed to achieve their desired goals at their respective teams.

"There is no shortcut in football and one needs to always go back to the drawing board and do some self-introspection after their downfall."



E240 000 FNB BOOST FOR SIHLANGU AHEAD OF BAFANA CLASH

- National pride takes on Bafana Bafana today at 6pm
- PM happy with team's COSAFA Cup progress

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - HOW CAN WE HELP YOU? Nation's pride Sihlangu Semnikati yesterday received a major boost ahead of today's COSAFA encounter against Bafana Bafana after they were handed a E240 000 incentive by the First National Bank (FNB) Swaziland.

The financial institution delivered the incentive to the Premier Minister Sibusiso Dlamini during a press conference held at the Cabinet offices yesterday. The event was graced by cabinet ministers. FNB Chief Executive Officer Dennis Mbingo said they were touched and impressed by Sihlangu's good run in the regional showpiece hence felt they needed to motivate the team.

"We are very much proud of our national team and we decided to offer this assistance while they are still in Namibia. We also applaud

other local companies that have financially assisted the national team."

He then urged other companies to join hands in helping the team.

"The money is aimed at encouraging the team to continue working hard in the competition and further make the country proud."

Mbingo also mentioned that they were currently in football talks with football authorities. "As a bank we are also considering helping in the development of sports in the country in the near future."

When receiving the sponsorship, the prime minister thanked FNB for the kind gesture which he said would go a long way in encouraging Sihlangu to do well in the ongoing competition. "The national team belongs to the King and we are grateful to have received the sponsorship. The King is passionate about football and we are optimistic the team will do well. We have seen the King attending foot-

ball games and that goes so much to show how passionate he was about sports." He then praised the national team for good behaviour during the tournaments that were graced by Their Majesties.

"We are also very proud with Sihlangu's performance in the COSAFA Cup and are confident they will continue to make us proud against Bafana Bafana tomorrow (today) following this donation by FNB, who have also helped government in many sectors."

Motivating

Also making his remarks was the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Vice President Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze, who said the money would go a long way in motivating the team during their stay in Namibia.

"We are very grateful with the donation as it will go a long way in assisting the team in the competition. The team has already

incurred huge expenses since they arrived in Namibia. We are also humbled to stand before the honourable ministers, who need to understand the huge costs of catering for the national team."

Gamedze said it was important for the whole country to unite and offer the necessary support to the squad as they were representing the nation in the COSAFA Cup.

"The national team is all about the country's pride and glory and we should all work towards achieving that main goal."

Gamedze said the two-week stay of the national team in Namibia would cost close to E2million if they catered for everything.

"As is now we have already spent over E600 000 and without the financial backing of stakeholders and companies, this figure could rise to over E1.8 million."

This is inclusive of flight tickets, accommodation and food among other necessities.

GAMEDZE'S ADVICE TO OTHER ADMINISTRATORS

SOCCER - PREMIER League of Swaziland Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze says football administrators should be prepared to move beyond the ordinary.

He said apart from having a vision, one should have the drive, determination and energy to see their goals to fruition, despite all challenges.

"With this, one can then dream of winning trophies at their respective

clubs." He called upon his colleagues to have passion and set goals instead of expecting financial gains through the sport.

"You should set personal priorities as leader on what you want to achieve through the team not to be in leadership in order to solve personal agendas against one another. Such usually ends up in one being frustrated and wanting to pull out of the sport."

"You need to develop cutting

edge theories and strategies to make your way up in the world of football. Competing against someone, who is not aware you are in competition, is the major downfall."

Matters

He said the best thing was to set one's goals and then compete against yourself.

"I have a selfless and tireless work ethic which drives me to make certain that the team matters

are handled. It is simple as that."

Gamedze made it clear that he was not making any profit in football but was in the game only for the love of the sport and his vision to transform local football.

"Incase we get something it should go to the players. Personally, I find pleasure in getting the trophies but the money should go to the players as they also have responsibilities to cater for such as family. However, we