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GELANE, THEMBA SNUB PSB SWEARING IN AGAIN



IN CHARGE: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini and Attorney General Majahenkhaba Dlamini posing with Parliamentary Service Board members during the long awaited swearing in ceremony of the Parliamentary Service Board (PSB) yesterday. House of Assembly Speaker Themba Msibi and Senate President Gelane Zwane were not present for the second time. (Pic: Lucky Simelane) STORY ON PAGE 2

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GELANE, THEMBA SNUB PSB SWEARING-IN AGAIN

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Lobamba

● We promised King that the passing of the Parliament Service Act would end Parliament problems – PM

SENATE President Gelane Zwane and Speaker Themba Msibi again snubbed the swearing in ceremony of the Parliamentary Service Board (PSB) yesterday conducted by Attorney General Majahenkhaba Dlamini.

In the presence of Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, the PSB members were sworn into office.

There was no reason why Msibi did not avail himself for the ceremony. Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini said both presiding officers were informed in writing and also in person about the swearing-in ceremony. Dlamini said Senate President Gelane Zwane, as an excuse for not attending the ceremony, told them she was busy with Senate committee meetings, promising to avail herself in due course to be sworn in.

Speaking soon after the swearing into the PSB office of the members, the prime minister explained that they had carefully considered the national constitution in carrying out the whole exercise.

Narrating the events leading to yesterday's swearing-in ceremony, he said the attorney general helped draft the Parliamentary Service Act of 2015



WHERE ARE YOU: Gelane Zwane and Themba Msibi.

that was subsequently passed by both houses of parliament. After the passing of the Parliamentary Service Bill by Parliament, the prime minister said he, together with Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini, Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini, Deputy Senate President Ngomuyayona Gamedze and Speaker Themba Msibi, sought audience with the King to request him to assent to the Bill so that it could be passed into an Act of Parliament.

Squabbles

The prime minister said His Majesty the King asked them specifically if the passing of that Bill would bring to an end the squabbles he had heard were taking place in parliament, to which they all responded to the affirmative.

The PM said based on the commitment they made to the king to end the

political squabbles in parliament he now expected harmony in the legislature. He said the roles were clearly defined on who was suppose to do what in parliament, stating that the PSB was accountable not to himself, but to the Joint House Committee, a constitutional body comprising of members from both Senate and the House of Assembly. The prime minister said the PSB and Joint House Committee should, therefore, work jointly and collectively, with the Joint House Committee focusing on the welfare of parliamentarians while the PSB would concern itself with the welfare of parliamentary staff members. The PM witnessed the swearing in ceremony and after that left, hoping that Zwane and Msibi would avail themselves to be sworn in as well, as required by law. The members who

Senate Deputy President Ngomuyayona to lead PSB

SOON after the swearing-in ceremony, the PSB conducted elections for its chairperson and office of the Senate President won with an overwhelming majority.

This practically means Senate Deputy President Ngomuyayona Gamedze will effectively chair the Board until such time the substantive Senate President decides to be sworn into office. Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini did not witness the elections but had hoped that Msibi and Zwane, wherever they were held up, would avail themselves on time to be sworn in because the law required that they be present. But that was never to be as the two presiding officers continued with their own parliamentary business within the same building where the elections were conducted until they were concluded. The elections were conducted by Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini. Dlamini said the voting exercise was very simple and would be by the use of a secret ballot. The PSB members Senator Prince Kusa Dlamini, MP Mjuluko

Dlamini and Trusty Gina were the only eligible voters. Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini and Senate Deputy President Ngomuyayona Gamedze did not vote because they represented their respective offices which the votes had to determine which one took the chairmanship role first between the office of the Speaker and that of the Senate President.

Absence

In the absence of both Zwane and Msibi, basically the PSB members had to choose between Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini and Senate Deputy President Ngomuyayona Gamedze. And all three voting members chose Gamedze. Announcing the voting results, Ndvuna Dlamini said: "By popular vote, the chairman of the PSB is the Senate President". Dlamini made it clear that they were not electing personalities but the office; with regard to yesterday's elections the members elected to have the office of the senate president to chair the PSB for this parliamentary session, not the senate president herself.

were sworn in are Deputy Senate President Ngomuyayona Gamedze, Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini, Senator Prince Kusa

Dlamini, MP Mjuluko Dlamini, Trusty Gina and Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini, who will be Secretary for the Board.

Prime Minister expecting results

WITH the swearing-into office of members of the Parliamentary Service Board, Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, as minister responsible for government business in parliament, has already set targets for the PSB.

Within the next three months, the prime minister said the PSB must

have a report to be submitted to the Joint House Committee which shall in turn submit to him for tabling in both the Senate and the House of Assembly. The prime minister said the Head of the Legislature, His Majesty the King, shall also be briefed by the minister responsible for parliamentary affairs because the

King could not be expected to personally come to parliament but had delegated his powers.

He said the PSB had a heavy task ahead of it, in that they were expected to embark on an exercise, where all parliamentary staff members would have to indicate if they wanted to continue working in parliament. He explained that their welfare would be taken care of by the

PSB and that the employees could choose to remain parliamentary employees or be deployed to the civil service. He said those wishing to retire would be allowed as well. The PM said they appreciated that parliament now had a legal advisor in Lunga Dlamini, who he thanked for his contribution especially during committee meetings. He said parliament must pass laws that

would make the environment conducive for job creation, laws that would help the poor and mitigate the drought situation. Before they embarked on that exercise, however, Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini told the PM that the PSB members would have to be taken for a retreat, whereby they would be given an insight into the institution's strategic plan.

SRA legislations might have to change – finance minister

By Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

IT seems the legislation governing the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) might have to be amended in order to allay the complaints expressed by the Swazi nation ever since the authority started operating.

Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini said that parliamentarians would have to get an opportunity to make their contributions when the amendment bill had come to Parliament because it was apparent that the nation had been complaining in the way SRA had been operating.

This was during the budget debate. Worth noting was that SRA officials were not present during the course of the budget debate. "Officers from SRA are not here not because they are afraid to be here, but maybe because they have been held up by other assignments," Dlamini said.

The finance minister said this after the senators had complained bitterly about the way in which SRA was operating. Senator Princess Phumelele expressed her worry on how SRA operated. She noted that the authority had a tendency of just stating the amount of money owed to it by people.

The princess said that she once asked Minister for Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini to convene a business indaba, especially for those whose businesses have been closed by SRA.

She said that the purpose would be to find out why SRA was doing such to the Swazis.

"I think SRA is now killing businesses of Swazi people in the way they are operating. I was once told by its officers that I owe E260 000 yet as far as I am concerned, I had paid that money," Princess Phumelele said.

She stated that the legislation that governed the institution needed to be amended. What brought laughter

to the senators was that just when the princess was done with her submissions, there was a letter written to her which is said to have reminded her of money she had to pay to the authority.

It was not clear why she had to pay the money, but she was seen holding it and saying the letter was reminding her to pay money to SRA. Senator Prince Kusa said the way in which SRA was taxing the Value Added Tax (VAT) was worrying and confusing.

Prince Kusa said such was rife in the construction industry. He said these people would be working on tenders given to them by government in most instances. "What is worrying is that government takes a long time to pay these people and when SRA wants VAT, they are forced to pay from their pockets," Prince Kusa said. Senate Deputy President Ngomuyayona Gamedze said he did not want to talk about SRA because he feared that a letter reminding him of the money he owe would have reached him by today.

ILO deadline Thursday, MPs see no urgency

By Sabatha Dlamini
Lobamba

THE country's chances to regain its AGOA status and recover thousands of jobs in the textile industry have been blown away by parliamentarians, who refused to do a 10 minute workman's compensation (Amendment) Bill.

Desperate attempts by Labour and Social Security Minister Winnie Magagula and her portfolio committee chairman Jan Sithole to bring to the attention of the legislators the importance of fast-tracking the Bill failed yesterday.

The country is currently in the International Labour Organisation's Special Paragraph (ILO) and to be removed from that paragraph and improve its chances of regaining its AGOA status, only a few amendments need to be made in the Bill and MPs refused to do that arguing that they had not read the Bill. A Bill is a legal draft tabled in parliament for debate and is subsequently passed into law.

The workman's Compensation (Amendment) Bill of 2015, which the MPs had to attend to, is part of the

benchmarks the country has to meet for acceptance into the AGOA benefiting countries. All that parliamentarians needed to do was give themselves a few minutes to include domestic workers and members of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence as beneficiaries in the Workman's Compensation Act.

Deadline

The deadline for Swaziland to meet these requirements is March 24, 2016. That effectively means we are only left with tomorrow to meet the Thursday deadline, but it only took a motion by MP Marwick Khumalo to suspend the parliamentary business on the basis that they had not read the Bill. Khumalo was supported by Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini. A counter motion by Lobamba and Nhlambeni MPs to counter the Khumalo's motion forced Speaker Themba Msibi to put the matter to vote.

A majority of the MPs voted that the matter be deferred to a later date and Msibi adjourned the House until March 31, 2016, a date on which the deadline would have long passed. By yesterday, MP Sithole and the minister were negotiating with the Speaker to convene parliament at an earlier date to try to salvage the situation, as opposed to the end of next week.

NO BUMPER PAY IN APRIL FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS - SNAT SG

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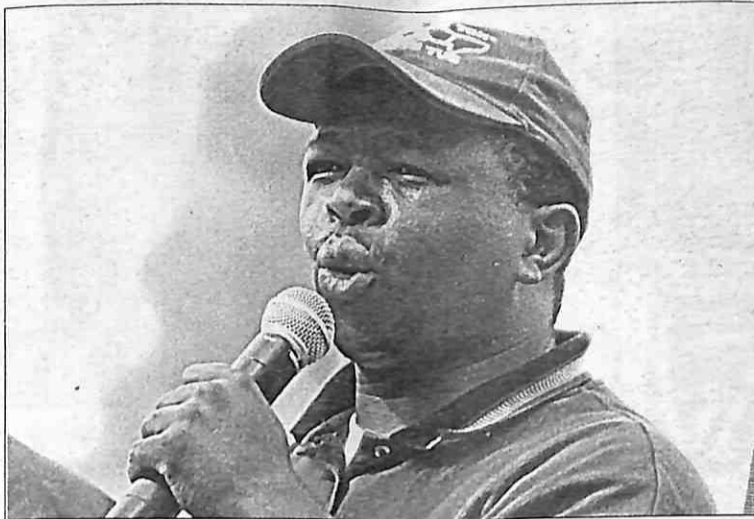
CIVIL servants will NOT smile all the way to the bank come April.

Swaziland National Association of Teachers Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga yesterday revealed that the talks which they expect to commence this week with the Government Negotiation Team (GNT) will not be an overnight thing.

To be exact, Mhlanga who is part of the Public Sector Unions team, said civil servants should hold their horses and be patient as they envisaged that the process of negotiating the terms of the Salary Review could never be completed within the next two weeks.

For the review to be implemented in April, it would have to have been completed before the start of April to allow the treasury department enough time to effect any changes in their system.

The promise that they would smile all the way to the bank was made by the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini last year



NO BUMPER: Swaziland National Association of Teachers Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga.

September and the buzz word within the civil service has been that they would get increased salaries with more benefits next month.

Recommendations

"If we agree to the recommendations, we have made and hope to table this week, the process might only be completed in June," Mhlanga said.

He assured that they wanted to be thorough and not leave their members feeling short changed after the realising that they could have

negotiated for better conditions. "In 2004, we were unable to properly scrutinise the review and negotiate further as there was no time and our members were left bereft with conditions not well suited for a review," Mhlanga revealed.

Patience

He said it was time for patience as they wanted to be thorough and not later regret agreeing to a mistake riddled review.

"For example, when you look at the first part of the report, it tells

...We are waiting for unions to come - Madlopha

WITH less than nine days to the month of April, government is still to receive correspondence from public sector unions stating that they were ready to start negotiating the salary review recommendations.

In the absence of agreements on the terms of the review, government cannot effect the recommendations by LCC Capital Consultants which unions received about 27 days ago after wrestling with government through protests and threats to down tools.

Ministry of Public Service Principal Secretary Evert Madlopha said he was unaware of when the unions would return as they had not communicated with his office.

"I haven't received any communication from the unions," he said.

When asked if there were any time frames to be observed by the unions in getting in touch with

government, he said there were none.

"They will notify us when they are ready," the PS said.

When asked about the meeting of the salary review negotiation team, Swaziland National Association of Teachers Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga said they were given the first and third Wednesdays of the month hence they were going to government this Wednesday.

Unaware

When asked whether they had communicated this with government, Mhlanga at first revealed that he was unaware as he was out of the country last week.

He promised to call his counterparts within the other unions and ask them about any progress made during his absence.

During the return call, Mhlanga stated that he would write the letter and have the other members sign it this morning before sending it to government.

you that a person pegged at C1 will get an increase of 60 percent but when you read further on where there is a breakdown of figures, those notched there end up getting much less than the 60 percent stated," he said.

Further, Mhlanga revealed that he was bombarded by teachers

asking him whether the review would be effected and he had told them to be patient.

He said their upcoming meeting would comprise of them delivering their recommendations to government as there was nothing that could really be discussed prior to reading them.

Police need 150 motor vehicles ASAP

● 147 out of 297 are running but unroadworthy

Stories by Linda Jele
High Court

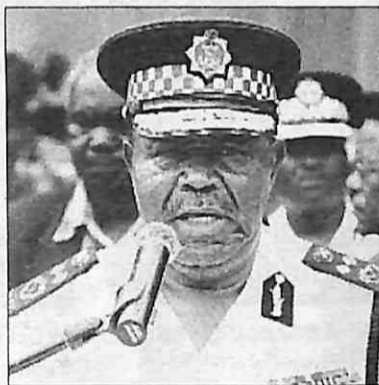
NATIONAL Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula, has said the Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSPS) needs about 150 motor vehicles.

He said the lack of vehicles in his department was prejudicial to the entire security of the country.

He has said the service currently had 147 running motor vehicles, most of which were unroadworthy. He said the service was supposed to have 297 running motor vehicles. He claimed the running motor vehicles were in a pathetic state of repairs. He said this was because a majority of the remaining working vehicles had exceeded the five-year Government Replacement period. This means the motor vehicles should have long been removed from the roads. He was justifying the need to have the police service buy new motor vehicles in the tender being challenged by the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) which wants it set aside.

Magagula said his organisation did not have enough vehicles to enable the police to render quality service to the public.

"The procurement of the vehicles will be in the best interest of serving the members of the public," he said, adding that the figure of available motor vehicles translated to 48 percent of operational vehicles at the disposal



CAR SHORTAGE: National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula.

of the organisation.

He claimed the ratio was far below the set international benchmarks required for public service organisations, which stood at least 70 percent.

He said the state of affairs in the police service was that it was grounded and operations completely paralysed.

Respond

He submitted that this raised cries from members of the public that because the police failed to respond to distress calls promptly and this put the lives of the people at risk.

"On many occasions, depending on the nature of the emergency reported, police officers had been forced to hitch-hike from good Samaritans, which made a mockery of the police service, not to mention the delay in reaching an incident. Suffice, therefore, to emphasise that given the current cri-

...Why I prefer Toyota - Commissioner

"WE never submitted to the applicant that we wanted the Toyota brand, but had proposed to the Swaziland Government Tender Board, because Toyota had previously supplied us with the required utility vehicles which are also easy to maintain."

These are the words of the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula denying that he said he wanted the motor vehicles tender to be awarded to Toyota.

The SPPRA CEO Bongani Motsa had alleged that he advised Magagula, in one of their meetings, that it was illegal to choose a brand and that the limited tender to buy the motor vehicles, Magagula said Motsa's issue with the mention of Toyota was neither here nor there because the police were advised that it was impossible to procure the Toyota brand. He said the police were now ready to accept any motor vehicles as soon as possible to enable the organisation to execute its duties accordingly.

sis, any further delay would exacerbate the already dire situation much to the detriment of security in the country," he said.

Magagula made the statement in a supporting affidavit to that of the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Finance Bheki Bhembe.

SUPREME COURT TO DEAL WITH MNGWENGWE, NOMFUNDO'S PATERNITY CASE

By Linda Jele
Supreme Court

THE Chief Justice will appoint a full bench to hear the case between Anti-Corruption Commission boss Advocate Thanda Mngwengwe and Nomfundo Tsabedze.

This was announced by Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala yesterday. The bench will hear the application filed by Nomfundo Tsabedze seeking clarification to the July 2015 judgment the Supreme Court issued directing her. Mngwengwe and Tsabedze's child to undergo DNA tests to determine if he is the father. She insists that he is, but he has denied and claimed that he is not. Tsabedze has claimed that the tests were doctored, therefore, wanted another test conducted in a different clinic other than the Lancet Laboratories Swaziland.

The CJ said the Supreme Court bench that handed down the July 2015 judgment comprised three judges, therefore, a full bench would have to hear the new application for clarity and further application. He noted that Tsabedze had also sought a prayer compelling Mngwengwe to avail himself to



undergo the tests.

Mngwengwe's lawyer Mangaliso Magagula said Mngwengwe was not opposing the application, but would file papers to respond to some of the allegations.

Court

Maphalala directed that Mngwengwe's lawyer should have filed answering papers not later than April 1, 2016. He ordered Tsabedze's lawyer Nhlanhla Ginindza to file replying papers on or before April 15, 2016.

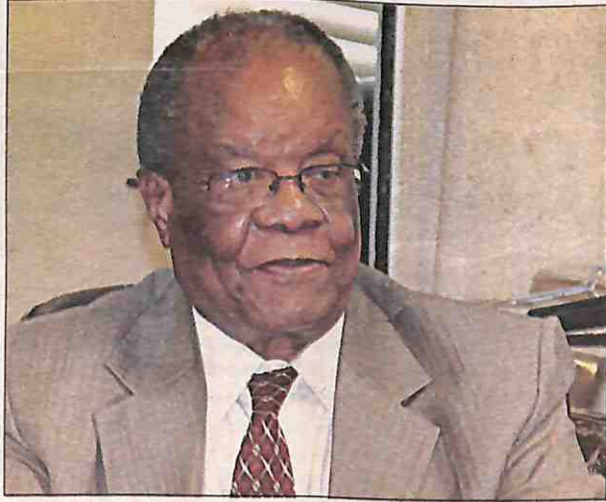
The matter returns to court on April 24, 2016 for the setting of a hearing date. Maphalala said he would in the mean-time appoint the judges to hear the matter.

"We cannot forget that there is a child involved who should know who her father is and be maintained. That makes the matter urgent," he said.

4 PICTURES

FINAL: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini speaking during the long awaited swearing in ceremony of the Parliamentary Service Board (PSB) in Parliament yesterday but House of Assembly Speaker Themba Msibi and Senate President Gelane Zwane were not present for the second time.

(Pics: Lucky Simelane)



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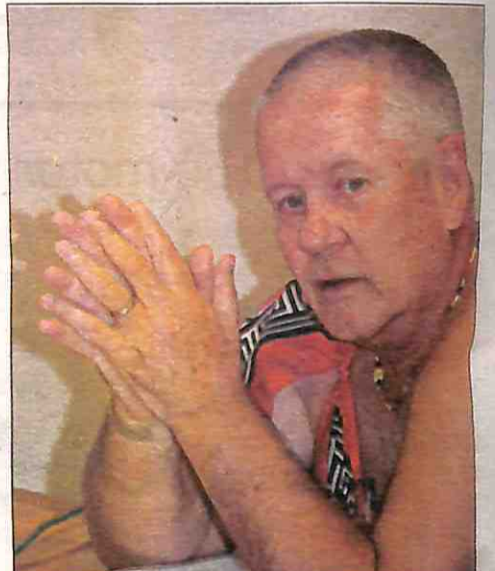
CONGRATS: Members of the PSB shaking hands with members of the Joint House Committee after the swearing in.



WAITING: Senator Princ Kusa Dlamini, MP Mjuluko Dlamini and Trusty Gina getting ready for the swearing in.



WE MEET AGAIN: Attorney General greeting the PM.



WE THANK YOU: Senator Mike Temple also had something to say.



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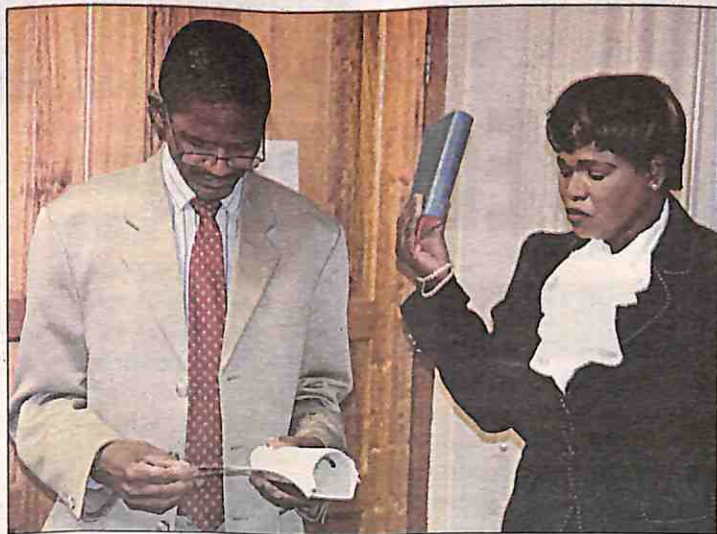
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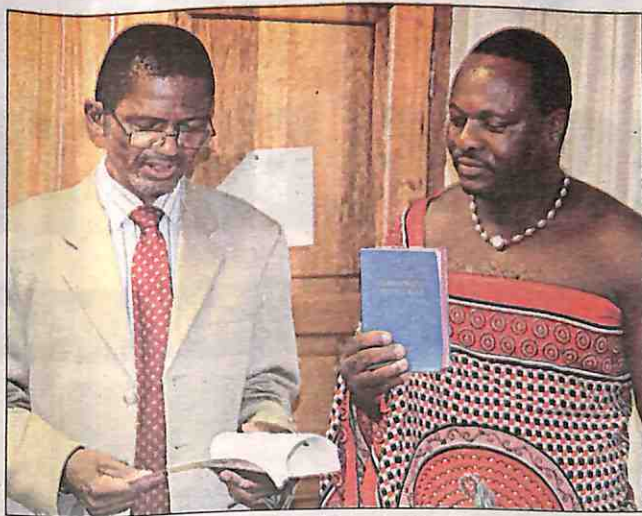
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OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE BOARD (PSB)



ME TOO: House of Assembly Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini was also sworn in.



MY TURN: MP Mjuluko Dlamini being sworn in by the AG.



CAN'T MISS OUT: Clerk To Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini also had his turn.



NOT LEFT OUT: Trusty Gina following the AG's lead.



INGOMUYAYONA: Deputy Senate President Senator Ngomuyayona Gamedze was the first to be sworn in by Attorney General Majahenkhaba Dlamini.



PRESENT: Joint House Committee members MPs Thuli Dladla and Njabulo Mabuza at the ceremony.

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GOVT GOES AHEAD WITH E170 MILLION FLEET TENDER

...process at an advanced stage despite Toyota being disqualified

Stories by Linda Jele
High Court

GOVERNMENT is going ahead with the E169 million tender to purchase 400 motor vehicles for different departments.

This is despite the pending court case where the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) has filed an application before court challenging the tender.

This was said by the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Finance Bheki Sibonangaye Bhembe in an answering affidavit filed before the High Court yesterday.

Government is opposing SPPRA's application to set aside the tendering process and Carson Auto has also filed an application to be joined as a party in the application.

SPPRA argued that the tendering process was illegal because the agency was never involved as per the provisions of the Procurement Act of 2011.

Bhembe alleged that government complied with the 2011 Act as read together with the Procurement Regulations of 2008, because it sought and was granted authority



HERE: High Court of Swaziland.

by the Central Tender Board to use the limited tendering process to source the motor vehicles for government.

He alleged that the process was at an advanced stage.

The PS further claimed that Toyota had been disqualified from the process for alleged failure to comply with some conditions. However, Bhembe did not state which companies still qualified in the limited tendering process.

"I state that authority for use of limited tendering was sought and granted by the Central Tender Board having satisfied itself that the procurement met the conditions for use of same. This was in line with the Procurement Act read together with the Public Procurement Regulations of 2008," Bhembe said.

He denied SPPRA's assertion that all public procurements needed to involve the agency.

"I state that not all public procurements require the involvement of the agency such that its exclusion renders whatever transaction that is questionable and illegal," Bhembe said.

He argued that there was no need to involve the agency in the tender because the Central Tender Board had granted the Principal Secretary in the ministry of Public Works and Transport, Makhosini Mndawe, authority to use limited tendering in the purchase of the motor vehicles. He said such authority was in compliance with the Procurement Regulations of 2008.

Claimed

He also claimed that the purchase of the vehicles was in compliance with the Procurement Act of 2011 and Public Procurement Regulations of 2008.

He also quashed the agency's argument that the Procurement Act of 2011 stipulated that the agency had to be involved when there was a deviation from the normal tendering process. He submitted that Mndawe did need to seek permission for the deviation because he had been granted authority to use limited tendering.

He also argued that the

E200 000 threshold can be ignored

THE E200 000 threshold when purchasing items through limited tendering can sometimes not be complied with.

PS Bheki Bhembe said this when responding to the CEO of SPPRA Bongani Motsa's argument that government had flouted the public procurement regulations of 2008 by employing limited tendering yet failing to respect the E200 000 threshold.

"I state that there are instances where the threshold set out in schedule two of the regulations may be exceeded."

Procurement Act of 2011 recognised the use of other methods of procurement other than open tendering, where the conditions for use of an alternative method have been met.

"The agency has overlooked Section 42 (1) of the 2011 act, which provides that a procuring entity shall use one of the methods specified in the public procurement regulations for all procurements.

"I am advised that this pre-supposes the use of any other method that is specified in the public procurement regulations provided the procurement meets the conditions for use of alternative methods," Bhembe said. "The procurement process is at an advanced stage. Consultations between government and the applicant (SPPRA) were made through numerous meetings and correspondences exchanged," he said.

...Older regulations used in E169m car purchase

THE absence of regulations for the Public Procurement Act of 2011 has forced government to rely on older regulations to buy the E169 million worth of motor vehicles for its departments.

This has been alleged by Bheki Bhembe, the principal secretary in the ministry of finance. He was responding to an affidavit by SPPRA Chief executive Officer (CEO) Bongani Motsa's arguments that the tender to buy motor vehicles through limited tendering was illegal and government had been advised to stop.

Motsa had said the tender should be set aside because it was in contraven-

tion with the SPPRA Procurement Procedures of February 2016.

Bhembe submitted that Motsa's advice was misconceived because the Procurement Act of 2011 did not have regulations yet. He claimed that the regulations existed only in draft form as they had not yet been passed into law.

"I am advised that in the absence of the regulations that should accompany the Procurement Act, the Central Tender Board rightfully had recourse to the public procurement regulations of 2008 as the Procurement Act cannot operate effectively in the absence of regulations. The procurement reg-

ulations of 2008 have legal effect as it made under the Procurement Act of 2011," Bhembe said.

Effectively

He said SPPRA could not operate effectively in the absence of regulations to regulate public procurement.

"I am advised that the use of the public procurement regulations of 2008 is in conformity with Section 65 (2) of the Public Procurement Act of 2011 which provides that where appropriate different regulations may regulate central government bodies, public enterprises and local government," Bhembe said.

Sisulu moved after refusing Guptas, says Shivambu

JOHANNESBURG - The EFF's Floyd Shivambu has alleged that Lindiwe Sisulu was moved to another portfolio after she refused a request from the Gupta family.

Shivambu, the deputy president of the Economic Freedom Fighters and its Parliamentary Chief Whip, said Sisulu was moved from the defence ministry to her current position as minister of human settle-

ments after she refused to accede to an aircraft deal made by the Guptas.

Shivambu made the revelation while addressing an EFF rally in Uitenhage, to remember the victims of the Sharpeville and Langa massacres, eNCA news channel reported.

The allegation comes as various officials claimed they were offered positions by the Guptas, with some also having to vacate their

positions after refusing their requests.

Deputy Finance Minister Mcebisi Jonas said last week that the Guptas told him he could become the minister of finance if he acceded to certain requests, notably if he fired officials who stood in the way of their plans.

ANC MP Vytjie Mentor also revealed that she had been told she could become public enterprises minister

if she halted SAA's flights to India so the Guptas' airline would take over the route.

Revealed

Former GCIS Themba Maseko revealed at the weekend that he was ordered to channel his department's adspend to the Guptas' New Age newspaper. He lost his position a year after he refused.

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SITEKI TOWN COUNCIL

PREPARATION FOR THE SITEKI INTERGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Proposals are hereby invited from suitable and qualifying local registered Environmental Management Consultants for the preparation of an integrated Waste Management plan for the Siteki Urban Area.

Tender documents are obtainable from Monday the 21st of March, 2016 during office hours (08:00hours and 16:45hours), at the physical address; Siteki Town Council Civic Offices, Jacaranda Avenue at the accounts office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of E300-00. A mandatory site meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday the 30th March 2016 at 10:00hours whereby bidders are to convene at Siteki Town Council Civic Offices Board Room.

Completed tender documents must be submitted by 12:00 noon of 22 April 2016 at Siteki Town Council Civic Offices after which the tenders will be opened. Tenders are to be submitted in an enclosed envelope, signed, sealed and marked "Tender No. 04 of 2015/2016 - Preparation of Siteki Intergrated Solid Waste Management Plan" and addressed to:

The Town Clerk/CEO
Siteki Town Council
P.O. Box 57
Siteki

The following attachments should accompany the tender document, Valid Tax Clearance, Valid Trading License, Certificate of Incorporation, Current Form J and original receipt of Siteki Town Council.

The Council does not bind to accept the lowest or any tender. No late or telegraphic tenders will be considered.

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TOWN CLERK/CEO

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DROUGHT LEAVES COUNTRY IN ECONOMIC DOWNFALL

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siphofaneni

SWAZILAND is yet to suffer huge economic challenges as a result of the El Nino phenomena which has been experienced in many parts of Southern Africa between the 2015/16 summer season.

The impact of the climate phenomena has been greatly felt as the country is still experiencing a wide range of water shortages causing crop failure. The dying of domestic and wild animals as well as a drastic reduction of irrigation in the sugar belt and other commercial crops are some of the effects of the drought.

As a result, the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs as well as that of natural resources and energy have been dealt a major economic

blow. Minister Jabulani Mabuza during the triple commemoration of world forest, water and meteorological days which was held at Lubovane Offices said the drought situation had created a number of economic challenges for the country.

Loss

This ranged from unavailability of potable water for irrigation, deforestation and loss of jobs.

It is recalled that recently, one of the biggest companies under the sugar belt put a number of employees on lay-offs due to reduced water for irrigation.

He said as of now, government was working on numerous intervention plans to cope under such changing climate conditions.

Mabuza said the value of forest in Swaziland was not only realised

through the economic gains but also its importance in the availability of water resources.

Scientific studies indicated that forests played a significant role in promoting rainwater infiltration to recharge groundwater through their rooting system and also contribute to minimising erosion in catchments.

The minister said it was, therefore, important to invest in tree planting and encourage communities and younger generations to plant and preserve trees. He also stated that the importance of water was also highlighted by statistics which indicated that about 1.5 billion of the world's population is employed in water dependant industries such as agriculture, forestry, energy, building and transport.

The country has about 80 000 hectares of land under irrigation with a total of 928 200 million cubic metres

used annually for irrigation purposes. However, he said it was unfortunate that due to the prevailing drought, approximately 47 000 cattle have died as grazing

lands went dry. Farming, as a main source of income for many Swazis, this is said to have impacted on the livelihood of many.

...Minister donates trees to three schools

MINISTER of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulane Mabuza has donated 300 trees seedlings to three schools under Siphofaneni constituency.

He said the ministry had realised the importance of planting as many trees as possible in the country. This was one way of enhancing tourism, thus its campaign to encourage people to plant trees.

Mabuza said government was working in collaboration with the global community to find a global solution to the problem of climate change.

The schools which benefitted from the donation of trees were, St Philips, Lanjane and Hlutsi

High Schools. Mabuza said government, through the planting of trees contributed towards the global solution of climate change.

As a result, the minister said government, through the forest department in his ministry would also be distributing 1 500 trees to various areas. He further urged different institutions to come forward and collect trees from the department for planting after making certain arrangements.

Meanwhile, Mabuza also donated a total of E2 000 to 10 elderly people to be selected by MP Gundwane Gamedze from the 10 chiefdoms which makes up the constituency.

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TENDER INVITATION

Tenderers are invited from local contractors registered with the Construction Industry Council for the five different projects listed below:

1. Masekweni Low Level Bridge (only contractors under category C5 & C6)
2. Rehabilitation of Mbangave-Zondwako Footbridge (only contractors under category Sr)
3. Rehabilitation of Mlindazwe Footbridge (only contractors under category C5, C6 & Sr)
4. Rehabilitation of Mathuneni Footbridge (only contractors under category C5, C6 & Sr)
5. Mahlatsini Community Low Level Bridge (only contractors under category C6)

Prospective tenderers are to meet at the **MPP Offices on 24 March 2016 at 0900hrs** for a compulsory pre-tender briefing. A compulsory site inspection will take place on 29/03/2016, meeting place at New Village Sports field at 0930hrs.

Tender documents together with drawings may be obtained from:

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Microprojects Programme office
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Swaziland

From **0900 hrs on 24-03-2016** upon payment of non-refundable cash amount of E300.00 (Three Hundred Emalangeni).



Bonafide tender documents should comprise the following:

- ✓ A completed set of Tender Document
- ✓ Valid CIC Registration
- ✓ A completed set of Tender Document
- ✓ A tenderer's valid tax clearance certificate (for Government Tender)
- ✓ Original General Receipt as proof of purchase
- ✓ Certified copy of original Trading Licence
- ✓ E1000.00 (One Thousand Emalangeni) Refundable Tender deposit in a form of a Bank Guaranteed Cheque
- ✓ Certified copy of a valid Labour Compliance Certificate from the Ministry of Labour
- ✓ VAT Registration Certificate
- ✓ Submission of a current Company Form J, stamped by the Registrar of Companies, and
- ✓ Submission of a current Company Form C, stamped by the Registrar of Companies
- ✓ Certified copy of identity documents for Directors listed in Form J

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Swaziland,

By the closing date **01-04-2016 at 1400 hrs** for public tender opening.

Inquiries should be addressed to Tel: 2404 0199 Mr Sikhumbuzo/Ms Celiwe

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE PROPOSED COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY BUSINESS CENTRE AT NDOLOVUNGA – SHISELWENI REGION

Tenderers are invited from locally registered Building Contractors, under Category B4 only, for the Proposed Completion of a Community Business Centre at Ndllovunga. Only firms that can clearly demonstrate that they have previous experience and capacity in executing similar works will be considered. The qualification process will include the evaluation of personnel capabilities, equipment capabilities, financial standing, previous experience and current work load.

Bonafide tenders should comprise the following:

Certified copy of a valid registration certificate issued by CIC

- A completed set of Tender Document
- A tenderer's valid tax clearance certificate (for Government Tender)
- Original General Receipt as proof of purchase
- Certified copy of original Trading License
- E500.00 (Five Hundred Emalangeni) Tender deposit in a form of a Bank Guaranteed Cheque
- Certified copy of a valid Labour Compliance Certificate from the Ministry of Labour
- VAT Registration Certificate
- Submission of a Company current Form J, stamped by the Registrar of Companies, and
- Submission of a Company current Form C, stamped by the Registrar of Companies
- Certified copy of identity documents for Directors listed in Form J

Tender Documents will be available from **10:00am on Wednesday, 23rd March 2016** and may be collected from:

Microprojects Programme
Suite 102, Dlan'ubeka House, Corner of LaLufadlana & Mdada Streets
Mbabane

Tenderers are advised to pay a **E 300.00** (Three Hundred Emalangeni only) non-refundable amount at the Government Revenue Office and should use code 233/1201/04199/G51299 when making payment. Companies are advised to consult Microprojects Unit office on the availability of tender documents prior to payment. **The unit will not be liable for the refund in the event one pays for unavailable tender documents.**

There will be a compulsory site inspection on **Tuesday 29th March 2016**. Tenderers are advised to assemble at Mbukwane Junction, Mahamba Road (after Montigny Factory) at 09:00am, then we proceed to site. Please note that Tenderers who will not attend site inspections will not be evaluated.

• Date and place of tender submission: **Thursday 31st March 2016** at the Office of the Employer
 • Time for submission...: **09:00am PROMPT** Swaziland time
 • Opening.....: **09:05am** Swaziland time

Completed tenders should be delivered in a sealed envelope to the Microprojects Office and the envelope should only show the Project Name, Project Number and addressed to:

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8 NATIONAL NEWS

E20M LOST THROUGH FINANCIAL CRIMES

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

NATIONAL Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula says the country's economy loses about E20 million yearly through cyber space oriented crimes.

Magagula said this during the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between RSP and the Swaziland Bankers Association (SBA). The event held at the police headquarters also saw the launch of the media anti-financial crimes and fraud campaign for the Easter holidays.

He said on average, every year, there were around 400 recorded cases of financial crimes which are cyber space related cases, adding that this translated to 33 cases per day. "This illustrates the serious economic threat posed by financial crimes, in particular cyber space ori-

ented involving fraudulent transaction and manipulation of banking systems and processes. The total yearly financial loss incurred by the economy from all these cases is around E20 million, a figure which is significant for an economy the size of Swaziland. In the arena of the landela phenomenon, around 16 cases are recorded per year, with money averaging close to E700 000 stolen," he said.

Magagula said cyber-crimes, which were crimes conducted through the medium of the computer and internet entailed the manipulation of the banking systems and procedures.

This includes, amongst others, fraudulent electronic funds transfers, cloning and skimming of bank cards, fraudulent electronic banking instructions and fraudulent purchasing of commodities through the internet.

"The birth of this MoU heralds a new dawn in our collective desire to confront the financial



SEAL: National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula and Swaziland Bankers Association Chairperson Fikile Nkosi signing the MoU while SAB members look on. (Pic: Gugu Simelane)

crimes head-on, and reverse the damage they are causing on the socio-economic fabric. To ensure that they are counteracted effectively, we saw the need to develop joint strategies and enhance our collaborative mechanisms, which is what the MoU seeks to foster," Magagula said. He further said because of the MoU, cases of

financial crimes would be accorded priority status in terms of investigation.

"The signing of the MoU with the bankers association also denotes a further emboldening of the unified law enforcement response against crime cartels, as we already have similar agreement with the Central Bank of Swaziland's Financial Intelligence Unit, which focuses on Money Laundering and Financial of Terrorism cases," he said.

Magagula said the launch was aimed at sensitising the public through various media platforms on financial safety and measures that people and businesses could employ to avoid being victims of financial crimes.

...Financial crimes syndicates becoming sophisticated

SWAZILAND Bankers Association (SBA) Chairperson Fikile Nkosi says organised crime structures are becoming sophisticated both local and globally.

She said they also appear to be adapting multinational corporation trends, including modern business practices and latest technologies to suit their criminal intent.

Nkosi said there was a need, therefore, for a unified, social and law enforcement response. Nkosi said the MoU they signed with RSP, brought about a realisation that the fight against commercial crimes could not be won without key stakeholder collaboration.

"In this MoU, the two institutions have agreed to collaborate in a number of ways, which includes deterring, disrupting and counteracting domestic financial criminal activities and transnational organised financial transactions. We will develop a joint strategy for combating bank related and cash in transit crimes," she said. Nkosi further advised bank customers to follow precautions so as to protect themselves this Easter and beyond.

"Customers should memorise and guard their banks cards, treat the bank card as cash, be alert around an ATM, check the ATM for any fraudulent devices attached and look out for hidden cameras," she said.

NEED FOR CYBER LAWS IN COUNTRY

POLICE and the Swaziland Bankers Association (SBA) will advocate for the crafting and enactment of a dedicated legislation focusing on financial crimes that are cyber oriented.

He said at present there was no legislation in place, which was a serious bottleneck to efforts curtailing this form of criminality.

"We will also support the Swaziland Communication Commission, which is currently in the process of crafting a SADC model law on data protection, electronic transactions and electronic commerce targeting computer and cyber crimes," said Magagula.



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PLANS IN PIPELINE TO DECLARE HLUTI A TOWN

By Starsky Mkhonta
Hluti

THERE are plans to declare Hluti a town.

This follows numerous calls that Hluti, which is a sub-region, deserves to be upgraded to a town status. Those in the forefront of this 'crusade' include the business community of the area led by Bahle Sibandze.

Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza, when reached on the matter, said such an issue was given the attention it deserves.

He mentioned that the ministry

“It is a process and we have to bear in mind that an area does not automatically become a town without considering a number of things”

had already started engaging relevant authorities and stakeholders on the possibility of upgrading Hluti to a town.

“It is a process and we have to bear in mind that an area does not automatically become a town without considering a number of things. We are doing something as regards upgrading Hluti to a town and it's not like such an issue is not given any attention. As I speak, we have in place plans of visiting the area with the purpose of assessing and

finding out what should be done first before we implement the idea of considering this route,” said Mabuza.

The minister, who also doubles as Mhlambanyatsi member of parliament, stated that the office of the regional administrator (RA) should be one of the major players in the discussions.

“We are planning to visit Hluti and we have already hinted to the RA office that there is a need to go and give a look at that place. I am



MOVING FORWARD: Minister Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza.

fully aware of the anxiety that the community has about their area, but let me assure anyone concerned that we are doing something,” said the minister.

Mabuza also highlighted that some of the things to be implemented were determined by the availability of funds. He said a number of factors could decide the fate of any area.

“An area is declared a town or city once all the logistics and plans have

been exhausted fully. Things like resources as well as a number of other things have to be considered before that decision is endorsed,” said Mabuza.

Meanwhile, Sibandze, who is the chairman of the Hluti business community, said they were ready to address government or the minister on the issue.

He said it was saddening that for a long time, Hluti had been left out and it deserved to be upgraded.

“We have been denied chances of seeing investors coming here because we are not a town. There can be job opportunities created should this area be upgraded to a town.

“We have done our own research and it's just that we are not taken serious. It's unbelievable that focus is given to areas that have just risen few years ago when Hluti has been in existence for years,” said Sibandze.

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I saw Sigodvo kill the young girl - ritual murder accused

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Piggs Peak

A suspect in the recent Nyakatfo ritual killing says he was not involved in the despicable act but instead he watched from a distance while Nyakatfo traditional healer Themba 'Sigodvo' Mnyambo with another man identified as Manana commit the act. The accused, who was interro-

gated by a South African mob and admitted that he watched behind the curtains while the two performed the ritual killings inside a garage at Mnyambo's residence in Nyakatfo.

The accused was asked by the mob if he saw the body of the missing child and he responded

saying he only saw the head after peeping through the garage window.

The accused told the mob that he came to Swaziland to fetch Mnyambo so they could go

back to South Africa to an area known as Schoerman.

He said upon arrival at the healer's home, he found the two busy decapitating what looked like human flesh.

The accused said the two did not want him to come inside the house because they did not trust that he would keep their secret.

The accused told the mob that he saw the healer's acquaintance, Manana digging a pit inside Sigodvo's garage adding that, is where they allegedly buried the child.

The accused said the two allegedly killed the child as he saw her head which the two carried.

He alleged that the two used a hacksaw to cut off the baby's

head and continued to put it inside a cardboard.

He stated this was because Sigodvo gave him some concoction when they reached South Africa and he could tell by its smell that it was not animal fat.

The accused said this then made him suspicious after 'Sigodvo' was arrested adding that he (accused) went to Mnyambo's place and searched the indumba, where he found the hacksaw and a box which they left the last time they were there.

He said he also noted that inside the box there was something which looked like human brains. The accused swore on his life that if he failed to lead the mob to where the body was located they must kill him.

He stated this was because Sigodvo gave him some concoction when they reached South Africa and he could tell by its smell that it was not animal fat.

SNIP

Phathaphatha advises accused against blaming devil, witchcraft

By Sizwe Dlamini
Mbabane Magistrates Court

MAGISTRATE Phathaphatha Mdluli has advised an accused who was found driving an unroadworthy car and bump into another vehicle not to blame the devil or witchcraft for his bad luck.

Sabelo Ndwandwe told the magistrate that an accident he was involved in was caused by Satan and witchcraft and asked the court to pray for him.

Ndwandwe was charged with causing an accident and driving an unroadworthy vehicle, on Friday morning at the satellite turn off at Mvutshini.

Ndwandwe told the court that his Nissan 1400 had been in good condition all day until he tried to make a turn at Mvutshini.

He further informed the court that all of a sudden his brakes failed and he crashed into the back of a parked Hyundai.

Ndwandwe told the court that he needed serious prayer because the accident was all Satan's fault.

"Satan is trying to kill me because I recently became a Christian and people are using witchcraft on me thus causing all my bad luck," he said in court.

Magistrate Mdluli advised Ndwandwe not to blame Satan or witchcraft for the accident.

"Black people have always had faith long before settlers came on ships with the written religions, we succeed or fail based on what we believe," the magistrate said.

Ndwandwe said a witchdoctor had told him that his bad luck was being caused by the devil.

Mdluli dismissed Ndwandwe's claim and advised him against visiting witchdoctors.

He ordered Ndwandwe to appear before the court on April 26, for judgement.

GOVT ALLOCATES MONEY TO LOCAL SCOUTS?

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Pigg's Peak

MINISTRY of Public Works and Transport Under Secretary Naniki Mnisi has commended the good work done by the scouts movement in the country despite that they are not paid.

She said she used to meet with scout members during royal events adding that they worked with dedication and devotion without expecting anything in return.

Mnisi said their dedication and work ethic touched her and she pledged to support them where she could.

The US was speaking during the Africa Scout Day event held at Mgululu Primary over the weekend.

However, she noted that scouts were not given the treatment they deserved.

Mnisi said it was shocking that



SCOUTS MOVEMENT: From right Ministry of Public Works Under Secretary Naniki Mnisi, Chief Mphatfwa and other dignitaries posing for a group photo.

some scouts were given meagre allowances of E50 when going to educational trips in countries like Dubai.

Mnisi said the members would be expected to use that money to buy food adding that the painful part was that during some events,

scouts worked on empty stomachs even when there was food provided for them.

Mnisi said she could not tell other government departments how to conduct their business but she promised to communicate with relevant authorities so as to address

this issue.

Mnisi stated that she had already engaged Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala, who promised to look into this matter.

Meanwhile, Nkosinathi Nxumalo who is on the training department concurred with Mnisi, he stated that government allocated funds for the scouts movement but that money would be diverted.

Budget

"We do not even know how much was left in last year's budget," Nxumalo added.

Nxumalo said it was worrying to see some officials claiming E500 per hour in travelling allowances while scouts were expected to spend E50 for the whole week.

Nxumalo said worth noting was that on these trips, scouts did not just go there for fun but to acquire knowledge which they then came back to apply. The scouts then made a huge difference in the communities they lived in.

'People want to be leaders but don't have what it takes'

LUDLAWINI Chief Prince Mphatfwa commended the leadership skills displayed by the scouts movement in the country.

He said what scouts were doing was good, considering that they worked tirelessly without expecting anything in return.

The chief said scouts did not get any incentives like sitting allowances or whatsoever but they continued dedicating themselves to what they did.

He noted that the problem with people these days was that they wanted to be leaders yet they are failing to be under the leadership of others.

"Banengi labatsandza kuhola eveni kepha abakwati kulandzela," Prince Mphatfwa stated in vernacular.

Meanwhile, Ndzingeni Member of Parliament (MP) Jeremiah Ndwandwe, who is part of the sports portfolio committee was also present during the event.

He assured scouts that he would raise their grievances in parliament. Ndwandwe said he saw for himself how scouts struggled sometimes to get to events due to lack of transport.

TO LOBBY: Chief Mphatfwa (left) listening to Ndzingeni MP Jeremiah Ndwandwe during the Africa Scout Day at Mgululu over the weekend. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



'Marikana a repeat of Sharpeville'

JOHANNESBURG - The Marikana shooting was a repeat of the Sharpeville massacre 52 years earlier, DA leader Mmamane said at a Human Rights Day event on Monday.

"We stand here because none of us ever thought that what we saw in Sharpeville would be repeated in Marikana, where the government we thought we democratically elected mowed down our own people," he told party supporters at the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Sharpeville.

On 16 August 2012, police shot dead 34 striking miners at Lonmin's platinum mine in Marikana, North West.

On 21 March 1960, apartheid police killed 69 people who were protesting against the country's pass laws outside the Sharpeville police station.

Flanked by DA Gauteng leader John Moodey, Vaal mayor Bongani Baloyi, and the party's Gauteng mayoral candidate Herman Mashaba, Mmamane was anointed by the pastor of the church. He went down on his knees as the pastor put his hands on him. *News24*

Ndlalambi murder accused complains of unfair treatment

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Pigg's Peak

IN a new development, murder accused Nganono Dlamini has lodged a complaint of not being treated fairly by the police.

Nganono is the second accused in the murder case of a soldier. Bongani 'Yuki' Tsabedze from Ndlalambi.

Nganono and two of his brothers, Khokho Dlamini and Lindo Dlamini are alleged to have in fatally stabbed Tsabedze in a brawl.

During his court appearance yesterday before Principal Magistrate Joe Gumede the accused stated that during the

Warrant discharged after murder accused hand themselves in

THE warrant of arrest that was issued against the three has since been discharged after they handed themselves in.

The three were charged with contempt of court after they failed to show up in court early this month.

fight he was stabbed with a spear in the chest.

Nganono told the magistrate that he had to be admitted to hospital for quite a number of days, where he was treated for stab wounds.

The accused said he reported

However, during their court appearance yesterday, they stated that they were not aware that they were supposed to appear before the Pigg's Peak magistrate court as they were now based in Sphofaneni.

They stated that they were only made aware of the matter after

they read about their warrant of arrest in the newspapers. The senior magistrate commended the accused on their actions of coming back to report to court on their own accord. He told them that what they did was highly commendable and they should keep it up.

the matter to the police, but did not get any response as they (police) have kept quiet about the matter. Nganono expressed his disappointment in the justice system, saying it seemed like it had a tendency of taking sides.

However, the magistrate advised the accused to report the

matter to the desk officer as it was every citizen's right to lodge a complaint regardless of whether that person was an accused person or not. Gumede said the accused had a right to know about the progress of the case he opened with the police as a complainant.

Mkhuzweni folks grow dagga in their homesteads

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Pigg's Peak

TWO residents of Mkhuzweni have been arrested for cultivating dagga plants in their homesteads.

The first accused to make his appearance before the magistrate was Galela Gumedze (56), who was arrested for cultivating 100 dagga plants at his homestead.

Gumede told the court that he was a father of eight children and he pleaded guilty to the charge. He said he was currently unemployed.

However, the old man promised the court that he would desist from such an activity because he had seen that it was a crime.

Gumede was ordered to pay a fine of E1 500 and his wife, who was also present in court, paid the fine.

The second Mkhuzweni resident to appear before court for the same charge was Siphon Ndzimandze (53).

He was arrested for growing six dagga plants at his place of abode. Ndzimandze pleaded guilty to cultivating dagga without a valid licence so. In his mitigation, he said he was forced to cultivate dagga because of certain circumstances.

He told Principal Magistrate Joe Gumede that he had seven children, whom he was looking after. He stated that the prevailing drought was not making things easier for him, adding that since he was unemployed, he decided to cultivate the illegal herb. The magistrate condemned the action of the two men, stating that they disrespected His Majesty King Mswati III by committing such crimes. Gumede said the King had just visited the place recently during the Buganu Ceremony at Buhleni whereas they (accused) were committing such acts. In passing sentence, Gumede ordered Ndzimandze to pay a fine of E1 000.



Stampede at Juris Manufacturing Company

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

THERE was a stampede at the Juris Manufacturing Company in Nhlanguano when some of the close to 2 000 employees got injured after a security guard sprayed teargas inside the entity's canteen.

It is reported that the employees had just knocked off from work and were inside the canteen, where a body search exercise is conducted before they leave the premises.

Source

An impeccable source said the security guard decided to spray the teargas, resulting in the employees screaming while others jumped and rushed out of the building. The source said the incident which threatened the workers' life happened last Wednesday.

"Others fell and they were trampled on as the workers rushed out before they could inhale the smoke and fumes of the teargas. "Some experienced difficulty in



STILL INVESTIGATING: Police mouthpiece Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

breathing.

"The situation became ugly as some of the employees were sprawling on the floor and crying while others would sustained bruises and slight injuries.

"They accused the security guard of wanting to kill them," the source said.

One of the employees said some the workers were rushed to

hospital after inhaling too much of the teargas.

An emergency 977 ambulance was called and it rushed some of the employees to Nhlanguano Health Centre.

Their families were alerted.

It is said the relatives were heard shouting after learning that an irresponsible security guard was behind the fiasco. Others said action should be taken against the company.

It is also reported that police were called and they recorded statements.

Doctors

"A number of us were given pass out today to see doctors as the pain was unbearable," one of the employees, who was returning from hospital said.

Meanwhile, it is said the employees had always been complaining that they were being harassed each time they had to leave as they were to pass through the checkpoint which sometimes delayed them.

"The queue is long as all of us have to be searched before leav-

ing. There are those who rush for transport. On Wednesday, the stampede was caused other we realised that the security guards were slow and we started shouting.

Guard

"The the security guard's mistake was spraying the teargas, which led to us running all over as we felt this was not different from suffocating us to dead," said another employee.

It is said management and police are investigating the matter.

Efforts to get comments from the management were unsuccessful. Police mouthpiece Superintendent Khulani Mamba said police were still investigating the matter.

"We are still busy trying to find out what happened. We are told that it all started when the employees were preparing to leave for their homes. The report I got is that an ambulance from the 977 emergency took some of the workers to hospital," said Mamba.

Lawyers advised against not showing in courts

Stories Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Pigg's Peak

PRINCIPAL Magistrate Joe Gumede has warned lawyers who have a tendency of coming to court late to desist from such a habit.

Gumede said this when addressing an attorney who showed up in court late and made excuses of unforeseen circumstances that had held him up. The principal magistrate, who expressed his dis-

pleasure caused lawyers who come to court late, stated that they (magistrates) were not paid by attorneys to sit around and wait for them (attorneys).

Attorneys

This is not the first time lawyers have been blasted by magistrates as just recently, Magistrate Simangele Mbatha lashed out at an attorney for not informing the court when he decided to terminate services for his client. Mbatha said attorneys could not do as they please in

court but they must follow proper procedure.

The lawyer was not the only one who was called to order in court as a Grade 10 South African pupil also got a tongue lashing from the magistrate for not dressing properly during his remand court appearance.

The pupil went to the dock with his shirt hanging.

He was advised that next time he makes a court appearance, he should dress properly.

SECURITY GUARD FINED E500 FOR REVERSING, DAMAGING CLIENT'S CAR

By Sizwe Dlamini
Mbabane Magistrates court

A 23-year-old security guard from Msunduzi has been fined E500 for reversing his client's car at Mona Flats.

Maxwell Ruby Dlamini, a security guard at Awesome Security, the appeared before the magistrate's court for driving a client's car without a licence and causing an accident.

The incident happened last Friday morning at Mona Flats. Dlamini told the court that he was instructed by his client to



PRESIDING: Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli.

move his vehicle, which is a silver Ford Focus.

He explained that his clients would regularly ask him to

move their cars.

Dlamini stated that on this faithful day, he reversed the Ford into another car belonging to Haddi el Naiad.

The police were immediately called by Naiad.

Dlamini was charged for causing an accident and driving without a licence.

Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli told Dlamini that his clients were wrong to instruct him to move cars for them.

Mdluli said Dlamini's security company should pay him extra for the valet car service that he is providing.

Dlamini was sentenced to three months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay the E500 fine.

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WELL DONE: SNCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini presenting gifts from the arts and culture office to Chief Bhelokwakho.

MPINI FOLK CELEBRATE

By Simon Shabangu
Mpini

MPINI Chief Bhelokwakho has congratulated the area's group, Emajaha aseMpini for winning the Ingwenyama Cup Culture Competition.

The team brought home a trophy and E7 000 cheque, which the chief paraded before his people during the Mpini's first ever *ummemo* ceremony on Saturday.

He encouraged his subjects to visit the chiefdom and bring forth ideas on how best to develop the area.

The chief said it would be important for the residents to familiarise themselves with their *umphakatsi* and participate in all its activities.

He said they must also be active in cultural activities so that they could win more awards.

He encouraged the team to continue winning in future competitions.

Meanwhile, Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC) Chief Executive Officer Stanley Dlamini seized the moment and lectured the people of Mpini about the council's mandate. He said SNCAC promoted culture in the different chiefdoms around the country.

He congratulated the chief and people of Mpini for hosting the ceremony and urged them not to lose track of their culture.



VICTORY: Mpini Chief Bhelokwakho displaying the trophy and cheque won by the area's emajaha during the Ingwenyama Cup Culture Competition. This was during the area's *ummemo* ceremony at the Mpini Royal Kraal on Saturday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

Dlamini said culture defined the Swazi people and distinguished them from the rest of the world.

Activities

He said Swazis must know and honour their chiefs at all times and participate fully in the activities of the community.

"The trend is that people only go to the chief when they want stamps and signatures for particular documents. Others do not even know their chiefs,

which is an embarrassment because these are our traditional structures through which we access all forms of help.

Deliberating

"People only know that chiefdoms are places for deliberating on conflicts and disputes, yet that is not supposed to be the case," he said.

The CEO encouraged other chiefs to invite his office in similar events or in case they want to host such event.

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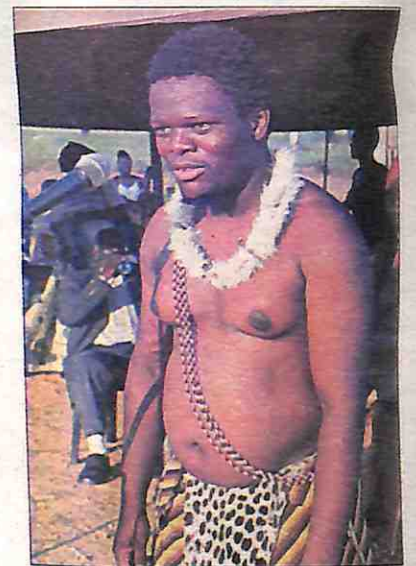
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VOTE OF THANKS: Chief Bhelokwakho addressing the gathering.



MC: Umbutfo Longadvumi directing proceedings of the day.



INGADLA: Imbali doing ingadla during their performance.

INGWENYAMA CUP CULTURE COMPETITION VICTORY



KIYO: Emajaha taking a leap forward during the rendition of umgubho songs.



BOMAKE: Lutsango performing for their chief.



KUTSAMBA: Inkhosikati LaMngometulu from the umphakatsi doing the kutsamba.

He stressed that his office was available to help when there was a need.

Chief Mshengu of Macetjeni congratulated his Mpini counterpart for the success of the event, urging the community to support their ruler and retain the

peace that exists in the area.

Delighted

The area's Indvuna Zamindlela Dlamini, on the other hand, said they were happy that for once, the area had such an important ceremony where the people gathered in a joyful and happy

occasion.

He said this was the first of its kind over many decades.

"We thank our chief for making this event possible and we pledge our continued support to him and many of his future plans and ideas to develop the area," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE



RE: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 2300 HA OF VIRGIN LAND INTO IRRIGATED SUGAR CANE PRODUCTION AT HOMESTEAD SECTION OF IYSIS- EIA REPORT

A public notice is hereby published in terms of section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment report and formulated a Comprehensive Mitigation Plan for the proposed development of 2,300Ha of virgin land into irrigated sugar cane at Homestead Section of IYSIS Ranch.



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

1. Swaziland Environment Authority offices- Rhus Office Park, Mbabane
2. Simunye National Library
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6. Sikhunyana High School
7. Vuvulane High School
8. Nokwane Primary School

Interested and Affected parties are requested to submit comments and/or objections as per the Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations, 2000. Written submissions should be directed to the Executive Director, Swaziland Environment Authority, P. O. Box 2602, Mbabane. Fax: 4041719, email: ceosec@sea.org.sz

The deadline for submission of comments is 27th April 2016.

Ensuring the integration of environmental concerns into Swaziland's development

World Health Organization
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VACANCY NOTIFICATION:

<p>VACANCY NOTICE NO: SWZ/SSA/05 TITLE: Human Resource for Health National Professional Officer</p> <p>GRADE: NOB CONTRACT TYPE: Special Services Agreement (SSA)</p>	<p>DATE: March 2016 APPLICATION DEADLINE: 19 March 2016</p> <p>DUTY STATION: Mbabane, Swaziland DURATION OF CONTRACT: 12 Months</p>
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OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAMME

Overall, the HRH Officer will provide technical and administrative support to the HRH Unit in accomplishing the planned capacity building and technical support interventions as well as the HRH component of PEPFAR regionalization program.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES

Under the Supervision of the Health System Strengthening Officer in WHO Swaziland, the incumbent will:

- Provide technical support and mentoring to selected MOH staff maintains the different HRH databases including the HRH vacancy and the Human Resource Department s.
- Support the Human Resource for Health Management Committee (HRHMC) in carrying out its mandate (recruitment, promotions etc.).
- Provide administrative support to the HRH component of the program in preparing for key events and meetings.
- Support the regionalization process in the HRH units.
- Collect and collate HRH data from different sources including primary and secondary sources, enter data into the different soft wares and under the guidance of the HRH advisor carry out data analysis and presentation.
- Prepare and present HRH reports at the weekly staff meeting
- Maintain an up to date calendar of key activities and meetings for the HRH component.
- Work with the HRH advisor in accomplishing key program activities particularly, in preparing the request for new positions, conducting HRH assessments, building capacity for HRIS data use etc.
- Ensure safe storage and retrieval of key HRH documents and corresponds in both hard and electronic copies

EDUCATION (QUALIFICATIONS)

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FUNCTIONAL SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE:

- Proficient in Microsoft Office Applications (Excel, Word and Powerpoint)
- Strong interpersonal skills - ability to build and maintain good relationships with project stakeholders
- Exceptional attention to detail and willing to work against tight timelines
- Ability to work independently and display initiative
- Flexibility to travel within Swaziland.

EXPERIENCE

- At least 5 years relevant experience in communicable diseases prevention and control or on immunization programmes, vaccine preventable diseases surveillance and immunization data management.

LANGUAGES

- Excellent knowledge of English, and SiSwati.

WORKING CONDITIONS

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- Willingness to accept additional responsibilities.
- Willingness to work overtime as required.
- Willingness to travel throughout Swaziland to work with partners and key stakeholders, as required.

REMUNERATION

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APPLICATIONS

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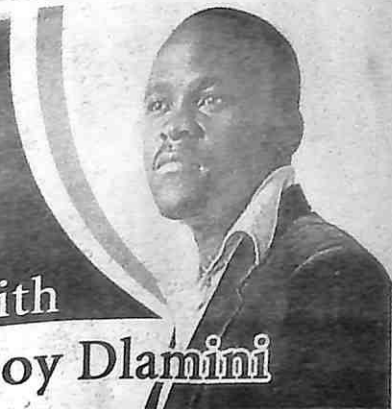
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Region making strides in eradicating TB

THE Lubombo region is doing a commendable job in eradicating TB in the society, both on the elderly and children.

The region boasts an 85 percent rate of successfully curing TB without recording fatalities. This was revealed by Regional Public Health Matron Khanyisile Nkabindze during the TB commemoration day held at KaLanga SOS on Saturday.

Speaking during an interview, Nkabindze reported that the region had taken the issue of TB as a priority which needed to be treated as a matter of emergency.

As a result, she they had also put in place equipment which enabled staff members to conduct tests and give results on the same day in almost all health facilities which also includes clinics.

This is indeed a huge development as in the past, TB would be tested only in hospitals and the results would be available a few days after the medical test had been conducted.

Nkabindze said staff members, including assistant nurses were now well trained on how to conduct the tests and further initiate the treatment process.

She stated that at least 80 percent of health facilities in the region were equipped to handle TB cases without having to refer patients to other facilities.

The region, through its community outreach programmes has also managed to educate people about the importance of testing and adhering to TB treatment despite the side effects which may start showing immediately after

enrolling to treatment.

She said educating the public about such factors had greatly enhanced adherence to treatment, resulting the decline of TB related deaths.

She disclosed that the percentage of patients who enrolled for treatment and further adhered to doctor's prescriptions was incredibly increasing.

"We also visit key population areas such as the refugee camp at Malindza, correctional facility and other areas which dense population," said Nkabindze.

She stated that such areas required frequent visit as they were normally having great numbers of people staying together, a practice which could influence the spread of TB. Other partners who are said to be making magnificent contri-

bution towards the fight against TB include companies which have their workers staying together in large numbers.

These included the sugar belt companies such as Illovo and RSSC. Nkabindze said the companies had established health facilities situated within their premises to look on cases such as TB and other diseases. These facilities also have ART departments which are able to tests and initiate treatment for HIV. "I must say that we are very happy with the support we get from other stakeholders who have taken up the responsibility to look after the health of their employees," Nkabindze said. She appealed to members of the public to keep the environment as clean as possible to avoid the spread of TB.

football, it is such programmes that ought to dispel that notion.

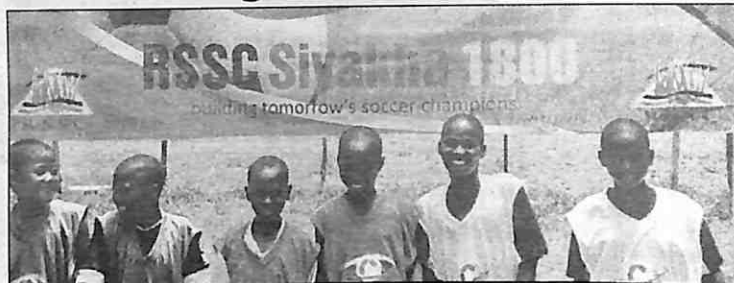
Through this tournament, the region has shown signs of tremendous improvement thanks to the commitment shown by the relevant stakeholders. A positive impact has also been seen in the refereeing aspect as those young players given the opportunity to officiate are a marvel to watch, and are slowly gaining the confidence, which is, of course, an integral part of the refereeing profession. They seem to be now well versed about the rules of the game and procedure which are followed by match officials.

RSSC Siyakha Under 13 League continues to thrill

THE RSSC Siyakha Under 13 league which kicked off last month continues to thrill football fans in the sugar belt and surrounding areas.

The battle for honours amongst the teams intensifies by each passing game. A fierce competition has been witnessed in the different leagues of late and there is no wonder the games now attracted scores of football followers who rally behind their beloved teams.

With the ladies still showing a lot of courage in the male-dominated sport, the football stakeholders



YOUNG CHAMPS: Some of the under 13 girl players pose for a photo with the RSSC banner.

have all the reason to smile for there also is a bright future for women football in the country.

Much against the fact that the Lubombo region is regarded as a less-developed region in terms of

Diarrhea cases reported at Sibovini, Magwanyana

FOLLOWING the recent rains received in many parts of the country, cases of diarrhea have been reported at Sibovini and Magwanyana areas.

The two areas have over the past eight months depended on Loyiwe Dam for drinking water which they also shared with livestock.

This has posed a health hazard to the residents of the areas as the water would always be dirty and possibly infected. To add to the prevailing predicament, the residents also walk very long distances to the same dam with dirty

water. Community health motivator Solomon Nkwanyana has reported that an alarming number of children with diarrhea have been reported after the rain which was experienced about two weeks ago.

This is said to be more likely caused by the dirt which has been swept from the surroundings and into the river which still serves as the only source of drinking water. Luckily, there have been no deaths reported as a result of the diarrhea outbreak in the area. Nkwanyana said they were currently doing everything to educate



UNHEALTHY: This is the Loyiwe Dam which residents of Sibovini and Magwanyana share with livestock. This has resulted to diarrhea outbreak in the two areas after the recent rain.

residents about the importance of boiling water before it was consumed, especially by children. Residents are also urged to rush children to health facilities when-

ever they start showing signs of diarrhea. Nkwanyana further appealed to residents to keep their surroundings clean to avoid new infections.

Chieftaincy disputes to stall development at Sibovini area

THE unending chieftaincy dispute at Maphungwane Chieftom seems to have the potential to deny residents of the Sibovini area an opportunity to have a new primary school allocated there.

Sibovini is a small community which falls under Maphungwane umphakatsi where Chief Maliwa Maziya is the reigning ruler.

A greater fraction of residents under this chieftom are defiantly refusing to accept the said chief as the rightful ruler of the area despite the fact that he was rightfully endorsed as chief by the country's authorities some years ago.

Last Friday, the fight between the two factions took to another level as residents of Sibovini attempted to turn away officials from the ministry of education and training who had come to the area to inspect a

piece of land which was earmarked for the establishment of a new primary school.

The officials who were in the company of Bandlancane from the umphakatsi were to meet with residents of area to recommend the allocation of the school.

However, the gathering was also attended by members and well known leaders of the opposition faction who intended to 'spoil' the proceedings as they claimed to be the rightful people who should have been consulted first.

Their attempts were, however, unsuccessful as some other residents stated that they desperately needed the new school, and therefore could allow anything to prevent them from getting such.

The approval of the land by the ministry of education and training was, however, not successful on the day as it was pointed out that there were some logistics which had not been properly undertaken. Indvuna Mosis Mbuli confirmed to the Lubombo News that the approval of the land could not be finalised on the day. Mbuli said the official pointed out loopholes which needed to be attended to.

"We were informed that there are some few logistics which we need to look at as the umphakatsi before the piece of land is approved," said Mbuli.

Currently, children from the area walk very long distances to school, thus the need for a new school in the area.

The officials, who were in the company of Bandlancane from the umphakatsi were to meet with residents of area to recommend the allocation of the school.

Snip

GOVT HAS STEPPED UP RESPONSE TO TB

By Sicelo Maziya
KaLanga

MINISTER of Health Sibongile Simelane-Ndlela says government has stepped up response to Tuberculosis (TB).

Government has also articulated it in the recently launched five-year strategic plan which has major focus on active case finding.

The minister was speaking during the World TB Day commemoration at SOS children's Village at Kalanga on Saturday.

She said the five-year strategic plan was aimed at ensuring early detection and initiation of appropriate treatment for those with TB.

"It also aims at reducing the risk of poor treatment outcomes and the adverse and social economic consequences of TB.

"The strategy aims at reducing the transmission of TB with the ultimate goal of reducing future incidence, in line with the global end TB strategy," the minister said.

The minister said the ministry of health would be working with all stakeholders as they implement innovative methods of finding TB cases in the communities and then link them to care.

Using index cases, household and other close contacts would be systematically screened for TB.

This activity would also target key risk populations such as people living



FOR HEALTH: WHO Representative Dr Tigest Ketsela Mangestu addressing the gathering at The TB Day at Kalanga (Pic: Wonderboy Dlamini)

with HIV, current and ex-miners who are exposed to pre-isposing factors.

Adding, she said in the context of continued efforts to bring services closer to the people, in the area of TB, mobile units were procured so as to act as an outreach, to hard-to reach areas and underserved communities.

Simelane said the units would be fully equipped as they would come with digital x-ray and gene-xpert so as to help diagnose people on site. The clients would also be linked to the clin-

ics for continued care.

The minister also acknowledged that TB still a life threatening challenge in the country despite a declining on its cases.

She said the theme for 2016, 'Unite to End TB' was testimony to such a challenge.

The slogan encouraged everyone to reach out to every community as the country was moving towards eliminating the disease as a health problem.

Challenges

It called for everyone to aggressively scale up efforts to address the challenges and integrate TB into a wider health and community system approach, to eliminate poverty and build healthy sustainable societies.

Adding, she said the commemoration this year marked five years since TB was declared an emergency in the country.

The minister said government remained committed to continue strengthening efforts towards TB control in line with the post 2015 end TB strategy.

The minister said the new strategy was a 20-year strategy to end the global TB epidemic with the vision of a world with zero deaths, disease and suffering due to TB.

She also recognised the contribution of all development partners who have been consistent in their commitment and support to Swaziland so as to address the TB/HIV dual epidemic.

...WHO pledges continued support to SD in health issues

WORLD Health Organisation (WHO) Country Representative Dr. Tigest Ketsela-Mangestu says the international entity remains committed to work with development partners so as to provide technical support to government in a bid to address all health challenges in Swaziland.

She said as the country and world enter an era of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), paradigm shift was expected in all sectors, including health.

She said to further reduce the TB burden, detection and treatment gaps must be addressed, funding gaps closed and new tools developed and used.

"There is a need for increased investment in accelerated implementation of innovations at country level as well as research and development of new tools for TB care and prevention that are essential, its elimination.

We congratulate Swaziland for introducing advances in TB diagnostics and implementation of interventions like intensified care finding, infection control and isoniazid prophylaxis, the which have contributed to significant achieve-

ments in the fight against TB," she said.

She said the country needed to acknowledge that progress against tuberculosis depended on action within and beyond the health sector. This would help address the social and economic determinates of disease, including expansion of social protection and overall poverty reduction and that all stakeholders need to unite against TB.

Implement

She said stakeholders needed to join hands to implement, monitor and evaluate all intervention aimed at ending TB in Swaziland with high-level of commitment and adequate financing.

Ketsela-Mangestu said there would be a need for full engagement of wide range of stakeholders so as to prevent the persistence of high incidence rates of tuberculosis within specific communities or geographic settings. She said there is a need to seek out new partners who could leverage effective commitment and innovation within and beyond the health sector in order to end TB in Swaziland

The goal is to end the global TB epidemic by implementing the 'End TB Strategy'.

MDR TB is not a death sentence-survivor

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

HAVING been diagnosed with the multi-drug resistant TB (MDR) is a death sentence as one can still be cured of the disease.

This was said by one of the survivors of the MDR TB during a TB commemoration Day held at KaLanga SOS on Saturday.

He is also an ex-miner, who has been fully cured of MDR after successfully taking a one-year treatment on a daily basis.

Invited

He was one of the invited speakers to motivate other people to test for the disease timeously in order to avoid complications. It was pointed out that some infected individuals, mainly men were reluctant to going to the hospital for medical check-ups until a time when their illnesses complicated.

The survivor urged former underground workers to make it a common practice to visit health facilities to check on their health.

He said former miners were more likely to be attacked by TB

due to the conditions they were working under while still employed. Sharing a room with an infected person without taking proper precautions was said to be also one of the factors that influences the spread of TB.

Revealed

It was also revealed that statistics also indicated that some people who were mainly diagnosed with MDR were more likely to default treatment due to the lengthy period of treatment and its side effects. However, infected individuals are encouraged to persevere throughout the treatment process so as to avoid unnecessary fatalities.

"TB is curable, and I am a living testimony as I have been cured of the complicated type of the disease," said he said. He then appealed to government to reinforce its effort to eradicating TB by supporting the infected persons. He pointed out that some people defaulted treatment due to an acute shortage of food. Medically, it is said that a patient of TB must have enough food to be able to take medication accordingly.

MAN [21] ABDUCTS 18-YEAR-OLD GIRLFRIEND

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Pigg's Peak

A 21-year-old man of Mzimbene has been arrested for allegedly taking a young lady against her father's will.

Mciniseli Matsebula is alleged to have taken the young woman aged 18, with the intention of having sexual intercourse with her. He was arrested and charged with abduction.

According to court records, Matsebula appeared before Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini, he made it clear that he intended pleading guilty to the charge.

When asked how he was related to the teenage girl, Matsebula said the young lady was his girlfriend. Dlamini asked the accused how he would avoid interfering with the complainant if admitted to bail since they were in a relationship.

The accused said they had since

broken up. The magistrate further enquired from the accused how he was coping with the break up and he responded that he had accepted it.

Dlamini commended the accused's act of accepting the break up. "You did well, in some places they buy knives and kill each other," the magistrate was quoted as saying. Matsebula was remanded back to police custody and was advised to come back to court tomorrow, for his remand hearing, the trial date was set for April 13.

More transport operators want to service Nhlangano/Sicunusa road

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

THE Road Transportation Board (RTB) is currently inundated with applications from public transport owners who want to service the Nhlangano/Sicunusa road.

Currently, the road is given a facelift and the applications have been

pouring in since the project commenced.

However, the RTB, which is under the ministry of public works and transport, no longer entertains the applications as indicators are that those who had applied for permits are enough already.

The upgrading of the road kicked off in 2013.

Once the tarring of the road is, it would take few hours to travel from

Nhlangano to Mbabane or Manzini cities compared to the present arrangement, where in the preferable route was the Yith Abantu Highway.

It is said the transport owners were itching to see the project finish so that they start servicing the neat road thus making money. Most of the public transport owners who have shown interest, are kombi owners. It is now a fact that routes

are now dominated by kombi vehicles these days with a few buses in some instances.

A member of the local kombi association in Nhlangano, who preferred anonymity, said applications to service the said route started pouring to RTB on the announcement day of the road upgrade.

He said there was little chance that new applications could be entertained.

"Those that will service the roads have already been identified and applications that came after that will not be entertained," said the kombi owner.



SPECIAL EASTER ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT



As we approach the easter holidays, let us be aware that our country's roads will become very busy, increasing the chances of fatal road crashes and even permanent disabilities in many. If we are cautious; use our roads with respect, obey traffic laws and road signs, we can avoid most of these road crashes.

Recent statistics indicated that 160 people die on our roads every year with 45% being pedestrians. Our economy also suffers greatly as the productive members of society are lost through the road crashes every year. Let us think about many breadwinners who are whisked away from their families, leaving orphans and traumatised dependants. Therefore let us 'think life and preserve the lives of road users'.

Already, the country has beautiful roads hence we have an obligation to make these roads more traversible. We urge motorists to refrain from drinking and driving. We also plead with pedestrians to always use designated crossing areas such as zebra crossings. Parents are urged to keep a close eye on children as they use the road. Many children have died because of this neglect.

During the easter holidays, we appreciate the work done by public transport operators in ferrying members of the public from one destination to the other and i would like to encourage them to continue observing speed limits and loading capacities of their vehicles. They should 'think life and preserve the lives of passengers'.

To everyone travelling outside the country during these holidays, whether by public or personal transport, we wish you a safe journey. Please drive carefully and observe territorial traffic laws.

Beloved citizens, let us also make sure that we remove hazards on the roads, especially stray animals. Be warned that untended livestock is very dangerous to motorists in broad daylight and more life threatening at night.

We wish you safe travel to and from your places of worship and holiday destinations. 'slow down, save a life'. It could be your life.

I thank you.

Umlayeto wendvuna wetekuphepha emgwacweni ngesikhatsi seliphasika wetfulwa yindvuna yetemsebenti nekutfutsa

Maswati lamahle, njengoba sesiyafika kuwo emaholidi agudu, asati kutsi imigwaco yalelive itabe iphitisitela ngalokuphindziwe. Kulesi simo, nato tingoti temgwaco titabe tifungatsa litfuba lekulimata labanye betfu. Kumcoka kutsi sitivikele letingoti.

Tinombolo tetingoti temgwaco titsi asifake umfutfo wekutivikela, ngoba bantfu labasishiyako ngemnyaka ba-likhulu nemashumi lasitfupha. Emashumi lamane nesihlanu ekhulwini alabo bantfu afaka ekhatsi labahamba ngetinyawo. Umnotfo walelive uyatsikametiseka ngekuhamba kwalabo labasenemandla ekwenta umkhicito. Simo siba sibi kakhulu nakulimata labo labondla emakhaya, ngoba kwandza tintsanzane. Ngako-ke cabanga ngekuhambuleka kwempilo bese uyanakekela.

Live letfu liyatichenya ngemigwaco lese-zingeni leliphupho la-2022. Noma kunjalo, sinensayeya yekukhuphula tekuphepha kulemigwaco. Kuso lesikhatsi sagudu, sincusa bachubi betincola kutsi bangacali batsintse emanti ladzakisako. Siphindze sincuse labahamba ngetinyawo, ikakhulu bokhewana kutsi linani letimotolo litawubaphocelela kutsi basebentise tindzawo letibekelwe kuwela lemigwaco. Kungaba ngemabhadvubhadvu, emabhuloho noma lapho kubonakala kahle khona

uma ngabe kungasiwo umgwaco wesi-kontiyela.

Kulamaholidi agudu, asitsatse lelitfuba lekudvumisa umsebenti lomuhle lowentiwa banikati betincola tekutfutsa ngekunetisa tidzingo tesive kulamaholidi. Sicela bashayeli baletincola bachubeke ngekuhlonipha litubane lelibekiwe emgwacweni kanye nekulayisha ngelinani lelingilo. Khumbulani bumcoka bekulondza timpilo tebagibeli ngaso sonkhe sikhatsi.

Kulabo labatawutsi bavakashele ngaphandle kwalelive, basentisa timoto letitfwala sive nome tabo. Sinifisela luhambo loluphephile. Khumbulani kugcina imitsetfo yemigwaco yalawo mave leniwavakashele.

Maswati lamahle angigcine ngekuwayisa ngemfuyo emgwacweni. Yatini kutsi imfuyo lengenamelus iyingoti kulabasentisa umgwaco emini nasebusuku. Sinifisela luhambo loluphephile nisaya emasontfweni nasetindzaweni tekutijabulisa.

Siyabonga nine bekenene.

ROAD SAFETY TIPS FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS:

PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE (PSV) DRIVERS:

Before setting out on your journey:

1. Plan your trip (route, stops and estimate realistic travel time).
2. Ensure that you have a valid driver licence and public driving permit.
3. Check and ascertain the validity of your Public Service Vehicle Permit and your variation in case your vehicle has been hired.
4. Conduct a pre-trip inspection on your vehicle and ascertain if your vehicle is roadworthy. Check all mechanical, electrical and body features.

During your trip:

1. Obey traffic rules and regulations.
2. Avoid road rage. Do not fight permit violators. Simply report to the Road Transport Inspectors and the Royal Swaziland Police.
3. Stick to the correct speed limit.
4. Ensure that you rest after every two (2) hours. You can rest for at least 15 minutes before you proceed with your journey.
5. Drive defensively / lookout for pedestrians, stray animals and other hazards along the road.
6. Avoid drinking alcoholic beverages and other intoxicating substances.
7. Do not use your cellphone while driving. Texting may lead to fatal road crashes.
8. Avoid overloading. Besides the damage inflicted on your vehicle, it

may be difficult to control an overloaded vehicle.

PRIVATE VEHICLE DRIVERS:

1. A majority of road accidents are caused by private vehicle drivers.
2. The heaviest part of Traffic on the road is normally private vehicles.
3. Private vehicle owners should yield to each other.
4. Over-speeding is a big no for all types of vehicles, especially in heavy traffic. Slow down and keep a safe following distance.
5. Obey all traffic signals, especially at accident prone areas such as cross roads and junctions.
6. Overtake cautiously.
7. If your passenger has not provision of a seatbelt in your car, that is an overload.
8. Do not risk engaging an unlicensed driver to operate your vehicle.

HINTS ABOUT YOUR ATTITUDE:

1. Accidents are not the only cause of death on the roads, so is road rage, be patient and considerate and courteous. Respect one another and preserve the gift of life.
2. Do not react to provocation by other drivers nor attempt to provoke them.
3. Do not use your flash lights or use your horn in order to pass or to get attention from other drivers.
4. Maintain a safe following distance avoid tailgating and offending other drivers.

VEHICLE SAFETY HINTS:

1. Tyres should always be checked for correct air pressure and wear and tear.
2. There must be sufficient tread on tyres for them; to operate efficiently.
3. Wheel balancing and alignment should always be checked.
4. Always fill up the windscreen washer container with soapy water to clear the windscreen of bugs and road debris. Cracked windscreens should be replaced.
5. Brakes should thoroughly before setting out on your journey.
6. Lights and headlights should be in good working order and be properly adjusted to avoid blinding oncoming vehicles.
7. Mirrors should be adjusted properly while vehicle is still parked.

PASSENGER ROAD SAFETY TIPS:

1. Choose a safe public transport, not a fast one.
2. Do not force your way into an overloaded vehicle.
3. Call 999 in case you witness overloading cases.
4. It is an offence to disturb the driver while he is executing his duties.
5. Do not drink alcoholic beverages in public transport. Respect other passengers.
6. Avoid insults and vulgar language in public transport.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY HINTS:

1. Before crossing the road, you have to stop, look, listen and think. Look to your right, left and right again, and cross if it is clear.
2. Cross the road at designated spots such as pedestrian crossings, pedestrian bridges, stop signs and traffic lights. On gravel roads, you can cross at clear stretches where you can easily see oncoming vehicles.
3. Never assume the drivers can see you. See and be seen during the day and even during the night. At night, you can wear bright and reflective clothing.
4. Do not violate traffic signals, especially robots. Never cross on red light and even the amber (orange light), wait for green.
5. Pedestrians should assist the vulnerable groups such as children, adults and even the disabled.

COUNCIL'S GOAL IN TERMS OF REDUCING ROAD ACCIDENTS OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS:

1. Our goal is to initiate a zero tolerance towards road crashes.
2. Zero fatalities on the road.
3. Significant decline in road accidents that lead to serious injuries.

POST-CRASH CARE:

In case of a Road Crash, call:

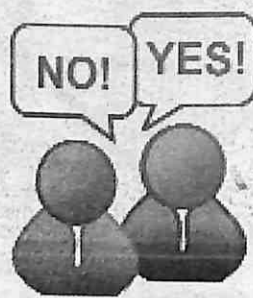
999 for Police
977 for EPR Ambulance

933 for Fire and Emergency Services



Let us have accident free holidays.





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ON THIS DAY

...MARCH 8

1784 - The Emerald Buddha is moved with great ceremony to its current place in Wat Phra Kaew, Thailand.
1790 - Thomas Jefferson becomes the 1st US Secretary of State under President Washington.
1809 - Charles XIII succeeds Gustav IV Adolf to the Swedish throne.
1871 - William Holden of NC becomes 1st governor removed by impeachment.
1882 - Edmunds Act adopted by the US to suppress polygamy, 1 300 men later imprisoned under the act.
1888 - English Football League established.
1907 - The new Boer government in the Transvaal passes an Asiatic Registration Bill, that restricts immigration from India.
1917 - The USA is the first nation to recognise the new government of Russia.
1922 - The Rand Rebellion in Southern Africa, which started as a strike by white mineworkers and became an armed rebellion against the state, is brought to a brutal end by the police.
1933 - FDR makes wine & beer with up to 3.2% alcohol legal.
1941 - Jimmy Stewart is inducted into the Army, becoming the first major American movie star to wear a military uniform in World War II.
1947 - President Harry Truman signs executive order calling for loyalty
1958 - Faisal succeeds Saudi as king of Saudi-Arabia.
1964 - Barbra Streisand appears on the cover of NY Times Magazine section.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



1976 - Reese Witherspoon, American actress (Pleasantville, Legally Blonde, Sweet Home Alabama), born in



New Orleans, Louisiana
1985 - Mike Jenkins, American football player

FIVE LEADERSHIP CENTER



... With Kholwaphi Mdziniso

Guest Writer

DELEGATING in an organisation enables or prepare one for future leadership roles and free up more time in your own schedule so you can do other things.

Delegation is the key to a successful organisation. Sharing responsibilities keeps members interested and enthusiastic about the group. You may be reluctant to delegate because you want to make sure the job is done right (your way) however, that may take longer to accomplish the task than you doing it yourself. It will also help your health while improving the quality of the end project. But you can make members feel unimportant and become apathetic if you don't share the responsibility of making the organisation a success.

Delegating benefits both the group and leader.

Advantages for the group:

- Members become more involved and committed
- More projects and activities are undertaken
- A greater chance that projects will be completed
- Increased opportunities for members to develop leadership skills
- Chance to fill leadership roles with qualified, experienced people
- The organisation operates more effectively

Advantages for the leader:

- Not being spread too thin and therefore is less likely to burn out
- Gaining satisfaction from seeing members grow and develop
- Acquiring more experience in executive and administrative functions

The best time to delegate:

SHARING RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH DELEGATING

● Delegation is the key to a successful organisation. Sharing responsibilities keeps members interested and enthusiastic about the group.



- There is a lot of work
- A member has particular qualifications for or interest in a task
- Someone can benefit from the responsibility
- Routine matters need attention
- Details take up too much time and have to be divided

There are times when delegating should not be on the card;

- The task is something you would not want to do (menial work)
- Someone is under qualified or overqualified for the task
- The work is your own specified responsibility
- The area is big or is an unsolved problem, issue or matter dealing with the personal feelings of another or with confidentiality - the "hot potato"

Ways to Delegate:

- Ask for volunteers by a show of hands or pass a sign-up sheet for a particular project. (Interest is a great motivator!) However, this method can be impersonal and you could get "stuck" if none signs up.
- Appoint or suggest someone. Sometimes a member lacks self-confidence and won't volunteer; appointing him/her demonstrates your confidence in them.
- Assign through a committee. This takes the pressure off an individual and reinforces organisational structure.
- The 'best fit' of person with the task is the most effective. Try to spread the enjoyable and responsible tasks around, giving more

members status and value.

Guiding principle for effective delegation:

- Choose the appropriate people by interviewing and placing your members carefully. Consider his/her time, interest and capabilities. Specific responsibilities to be delegated to a particular person must be appropriate for the growth of that person at that time.
- Explain why they were selected for this task.
- Delegate segments that make sense; not bits and pieces of a task, but share the "big picture". People like to know how their segment will help the larger programme.
- Discuss the task at hand. Discuss ideas; mutually set goals and objectives.
- Whenever possible, give those who will be responsible for carrying out a program a voice in the decision-making. Do not lower standards; don't insult your members!
- Define clearly the responsibilities being delegated to each person. Explain what is expected of them and what the bounds of authority are. Be sure an agreement is reached on areas where the person can function freely. The end result is important, not the various steps. Everyone accomplishes tasks differently.
- Find out how you will know when they need help. Make sure they understand you are willing to assist but must first be told when and how you can help.

Give accurate and honest feedback. People want and deserve to know how they are doing. This is both an opportunity for giving satisfaction and encouraging growth. Allow for risk-taking and mistakes.

■ Support your officers and committee chairs by sharing information, knowledge and plans with them. It is incredible how many errors are made simply due to a lack of information. Share in their failures as well as their successes.

■ Delegate. Most responsible people do not appreciate someone looking over their shoulder, or taking back parts of their assignment before they have a chance to do it. As a leader, it can be hard for you to "let go;" you like being in the driver's seat. Let them do the job! Delegating does not eliminate work, it simply changes it. As you delegate appropriately, a multiplier effect occurs.

■ Follow up. Check periodically to see if people have any questions regarding how a project is supposed to be done. This will also let you know how that individual is progressing on the task. There is a fine line between delegating and following-up.

■ Evaluate. You must not overlook the need to evaluate and measure the extent to which actions conformed to plans, if the plans went well or if the original plans were appropriate and worthwhile.

Use appropriate feedback techniques. One of your most important roles as a leader is to help your members to learn and grow through both their successes and their failures! Your members are your greatest resource. Let them create and turn their creativity into inter-action.

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AS we are about to remember the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, it is imperative for us to revisit the reasons why He had to suffer such a brutal execution.

There is a terrible disease called amnesia which can befall anyone.

It remains a mystery what the causes of this disease are. When a person is struck by amnesia, he or she will forget everything.

This loss of memory is so bad that a person forgets the names of their spouses, children and loved ones. You'd forget things you attained through education and all schools of learning. It would seem as if the church of the 21st century is suffering from amnesia.

The church seems like it has forgotten everything about the gospel and the reason why Christ was crucified.

There is a vast difference between Christ and the Christians of today. The message that the church is preaching today seems entirely different from the message proclaimed by Christ and the early church.

It seems as if the focus of the gospel has moved from the Lord and we now concentrate on ourselves more. Surely He died for the redemption of our souls from eternal condemnation. For us to see whether the church today fully understands the cross of Calvary, we might have to commence with the things that Jesus Christ didn't die for.

Jesus Christ didn't die so that people could become famous as they preach about Him. His plan was not to create a platform for those desiring to become celebrities.

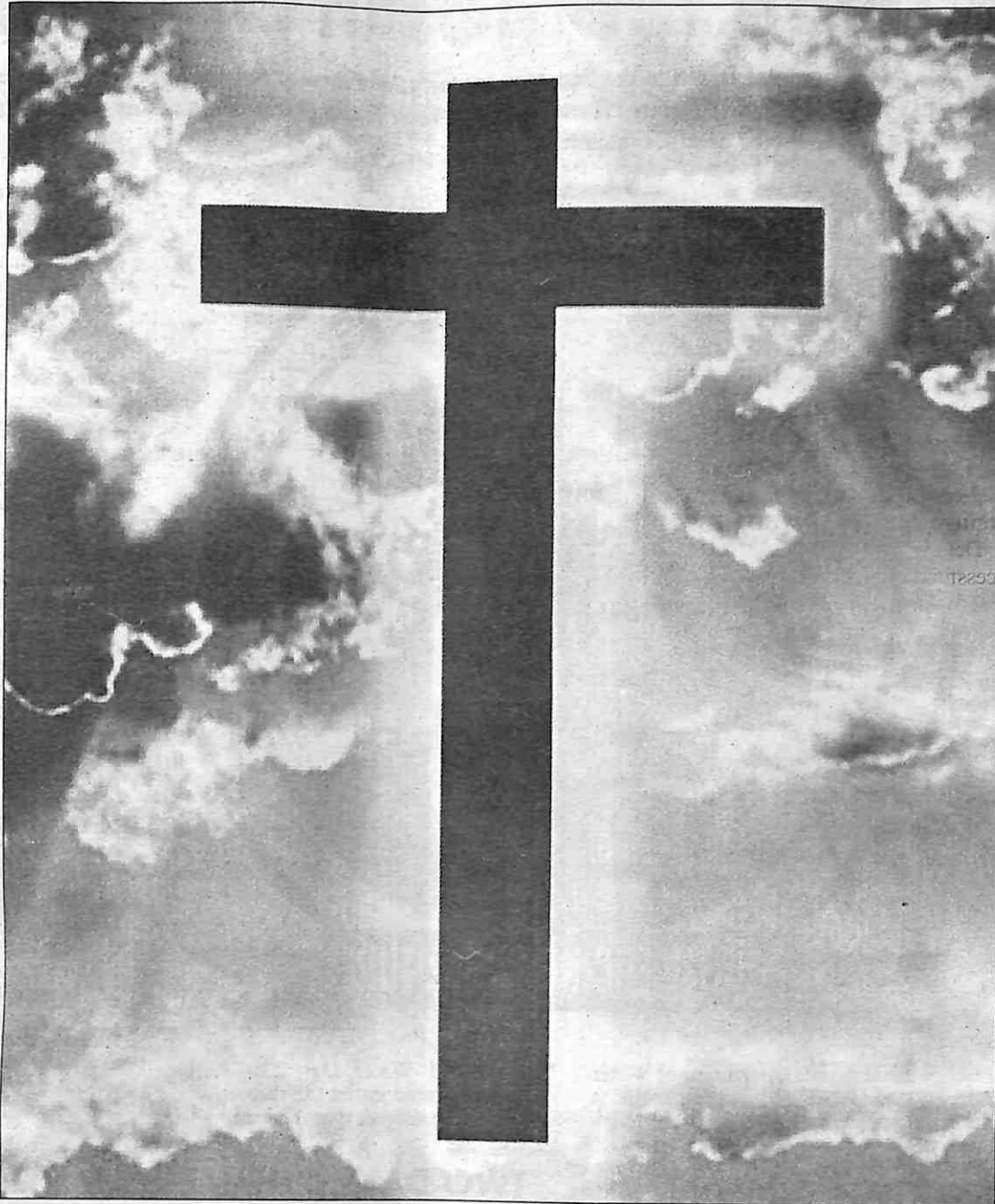
Today everyone wants to become a pastor and be on television because it's not about the powerful work He did on the cross anymore, but rather about the powerful sermons that can be produced about His death on the cross.

There is a sort of 'holy war' among ministers as to who is the most anointed or greater. It has nothing to do with who has a larger audience on his channel.

He didn't die so that ministers could take from the poor in order to become rich.

CHRIST DIDN'T DIE FOR YOU TO BE FAMOUS

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Today you have to pay ridiculous amounts of money in order to have a one on one meeting with the 'man of God'.

Prayer on its own seems not to be sufficient as you need to purchase products such as holy anointing oil, anointed water, anointed stickers and pictures just to name a few.

Not many think of planting back into the communities that need so much assistance in our poverty stricken society. His blood was not shed so that Pastors live large and in charge, driving luxury cars and living in posh dwellings. He didn't die so that pastors could charge churches where they are invited to minister humongous amounts of money.

It has become so serious that ministers can easily cancel long standing appointments because another church has made a better offer for his services.

Some of the prices charged

are sometimes too high compared to the services rendered.

This amount is required by the minister before he does what he was requested to do and the money must be deposited into his bank account before he leaves his home.

Robbery

We can safely conclude that sometimes it's mere robbery done in the name of the Lord. He didn't die so that pastors could compete as to who attracts the biggest crowd.

His death had nothing to do with people dressing up as if they are attending a beauty contest on the days set aside for worship. He didn't die so that we can build architectural wonders and say that our buildings look 'holy'.

He didn't die so that people's rights could be exploited in the name of performing miracles.

People strip their clothes, eat grass meant for animals and women are touched on their

private parts during healing sessions.

His sacrifice on Calvary was not so that churches could be turned into places of business where ATM's and swiping machines are brought into church services so that no one has an excuse for not giving an offering. People are threatened by ministers that if they don't give certain amounts of money that they will be cursed in their financial lives.

In conclusion for this week, I submit to all readers that Jesus Christ didn't die for anyone's selfish ambitions.

Jesus Christ made a statement in **Matthew 21 verse 13**: "And he said to them, 'It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are turning it into a den of robbers!'" (NET).

As we remember Christ's death this coming weekend, let's seek to know the truth of what He actually died for.

In our next edition, we'll look into why He died.

Wit and Wisdom

1. "God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners." — **Søren Kierkegaard**
2. "A sense of humour is the only divine quality of man" — **Arthur Schopenhauer**
3. "Stop asking God to bless what you're doing. Find out what God's doing. It's already blessed." — **Bono**
4. "For those who believe, no proof is necessary. For those who don't believe, no proof is possible." — **Stuart Chase**
5. "Love is the only future God offers." — **Victor Hugo**
6. "We may be surprised at the people we find in heaven. God has a soft spot for sinners. His standards are quite low." — **Desmond Tutu**
7. "God is the same everywhere." — **Leo Tolstoy**
8. "I have to believe much in God because I have lost my faith in man." — **José Rizal**
9. "It's our faith that activates the power of God." — **Joel Osteen**
10. "Only God is awesome." — **Shane Claiborne**
11. "You are not what others think you are. You are what God knows you are." — **Shannon L. Alder**
12. "One day I'll have my appointment with death, and every day I call out to God to see if I can reschedule for a later date." — **Jarod Kintz**
13. "Your prayer for someone may or may not change them, but it always changes YOU." — **Craig Groeschel**
14. "We were given the Scriptures to humble us into realizing that God is right, and the rest of us are just guessing." — **Rich Mullins**
15. "Any faith that must be supported by the evidence of the senses is not real faith." — **A.W. Tozer**
16. "There is a God part in you. The consciousness. The pure Self. Learn to listen the voice of that Power." — **Amit Ray**
17. "We sinned for no reason but an incomprehensible lack of love, and He saved us for no reason but an incomprehensible excess of love." — **Peter Kreeft**
18. "You are the perfect creation of God. Don't allow you to be down. God is experiencing through you." — **Amit Ray**



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Celebrating Three Themes in One Day



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The World Water Day 2016 theme "Water and Jobs" is closely related to the Forestry sector's 2016 theme "Forests and Water" which is amongst the world's major employer whilst the meteorology 2016 theme "Hotter, Drier, Wetter" also places emphasis on water-related jobs and how these are threatened by the observed and predicted changes in climate.

This year will see the celebration of three very important days being commemorated in one day namely; The World Water Day, International Day of Forests and the World Meteorological Day 2016.

This therefore means that this year's event will observe stakeholders from three diverse yet connected sectors coming together to discuss key issues that need to be addressed.

Commemorated Days

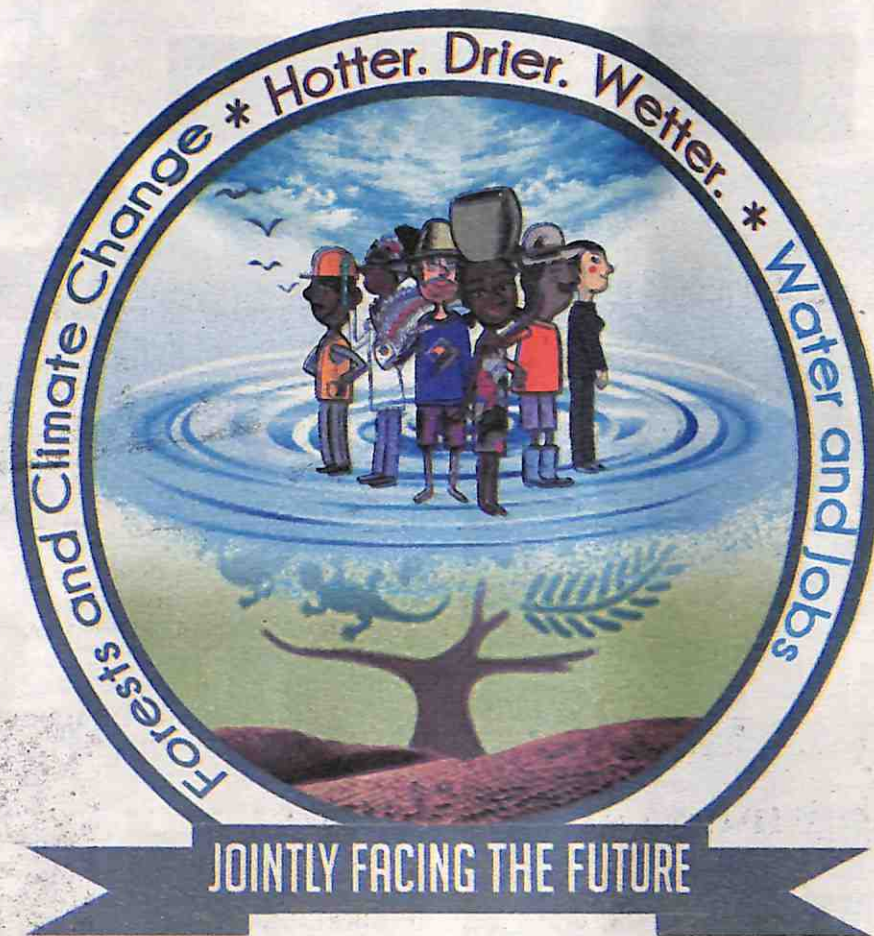
The International Day of Forests is an official annual event that is commemorated on the 21st day of March following a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on November 28, 2012. The 22nd March of each year has been designated by the United Nations General Assembly as the International World Water Day. This day tries to remind people about the significance of fresh water and to promote sustainability for fresh water resources management. On the 23rd March, World Meteorological Day is celebrated all across the world by the United Nations member states meteorological organizations every year.

Forest & Meteorology

The theme for the International Day of Forests for the year 2016 is "Forests and Water" highlighting the importance and the role of forests in sustaining water supply to enhance livelihoods and social wellbeing of human societies worldwide. On the other hand, the Department of Meteorological Services will also be commemorating the World Meteorological Day 2016 under the theme: "Hotter, Drier and Wetter - Face the Future". This theme was chosen to illustrate the reality of climate change. Such extreme temperatures also affect the ecosystem. It highlights that, without urgent action to cut emissions, the trend on increasing temperatures and the frequency as well as intensity of extreme events will accelerate.

Collaboration

Seeing the relations of these themes to water and also due to the fact that these important dates in the environmental calendar happen to be commemorated within three consecutive dates in the month of March (21st, 22nd and the 23rd), the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources &



Energy through the Department of Water Affairs considered and further took a decision to commemorate these days jointly.

World Water Day 2016

DAY TWO SYMPOSIUM

The Department of Water Affairs will convene an indoor symposium jointly with its partners and stakeholders on the 22nd March 2016 as has been the custom in preceding years. This day will comprise of indoor presentations and panel discussion from the water sector, the Water Youth & Business Forum in line with the theme 'Water and Jobs'.

The World Water Day 2016 will be commemorated under the theme "Water and Jobs", a subject that is closely related

to Forestry as this sector is amongst the major employer of the world's population. The Meteorology theme of Climate Change is also closely related to the water theme as water related jobs are greatly affected and threatened by the observed and predicted changes in climate. It was on the basis of this connection therefore a strategic decision was taken to host one joint event to raise awareness on all these issues.

Events For Two Days

The events will start at Phonjwane and proceed to Siphofaneni Town, eventually ending at the Lubovane Dam where the congregation will assemble for the main event to commemorate the three International Days.

Phonjwane & Siphofaneni

At Phonjwane community, the participants will observe and appreciate conserved forests and water sources. At Siphofaneni Town, public awareness will be raised on water and climate change issues. The event will culminate with planting of trees at the Lubovane Dam offices ground by the Guest of Honour and Dignitaries to mark the day's commemoration followed by speeches.

In addition to this commemoration, the Department of Water Affairs will also convene an indoor symposium jointly with its partners and stakeholders on the 22nd March 2016 as has been the custom in preceding years. This day will comprise of indoor presentations and panel discussion from the water sector, The Water Youth & Business Forum in line with the theme 'Water and Jobs'.

TWO DAYS' COMMEMORATION PROGRAMME

A Road Show

A Road show will be held at Siphofaneni Town starting at 08.30am until 10.30am.

There will be short presentations around the town to create public awareness on the value of conserving these natural resources. Companies and organizations are encouraged to pitch stalls around the venue and display whatever they would like to share with the public.

Question & Answers session

There shall be questions and answers to the general public and promotional materials such as (trees, t-shirts, caps etc) will be won. The water sector youth (Swaziland Water Youth Forum) will also participate with drum majorities and Pelepele will be there to build momentum during the event. We shall be very strict on time due to the main event of the day. Organizations are encouraged to fly up high their banners and make themselves visible. Let us get Siphofaneni packed.

Phonjwane Forest project

Running concurrently with the event at Siphofaneni Town, there will be a short visit to Phonjwane community to raise awareness on the value of natural forest protection. The site is just adjacent to the road down to Siphofaneni, there will be a banner next to the road where interested people can stop by.

Main Event

The main Event will be held at Lubovane Dam Offices. This event will start at 11.00am sharp.

The event will be marked by key speeches and entertainment. We are expecting the Honourable Minister for Natural Resources and Energy, Jabulile Mashwama to also officially open the Lubovane Dam offices.



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SWAZILAND'S ECONOMY SIZE OBSTACLE IN FDI ATTRACTION

Stories by Linda Dlamini

UNIVERSITY of Swaziland (UNISWA) Political Analyst and Lecturer Dr. Mark Chingono says the size of the local economy is an obstacle for attracting foreign direct investment.

He said the local market was too small and that could discourage big companies from coming and investing in the country.

"However, that's good for local companies as they provide the goods and services that multinational firms could be providing and thus contribute to the economy," he said.

He also said the fact that the

Swaziland had a small economy does not mean that Swaziland has small markets.

"Through the trade agreements the country does have access to other markets," he said.

Recently the negotiations for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) economic partnership agreement (EPA) with the European Union (EU) were completed, thus allowing Swazi companies to export to European Union, subject to the ratification of the agreement.

Economic partnership agreements (EPA) are development-focused trade agreements negotiated between countries and in this case it is an agreement between SADC and the EU.

"Preferential Trade Agreements are gradually being phased out and replaced with Economic Partnership Agreements, which are more in line with WTO principles," Chingono said.

Asymmetric

EPA are reciprocal, but asymmetric trade agreements, where the EU, as one regional block, provides full duty free and quota free market access to EPA countries or regions.

"Whether or not Swaziland directly benefits from these trade agreements depends partly on what it does to attract investors" said Chingono.

He said issues like infrastructure, laws and regulations regarding investment and the speed with

which business licences were processed were all key things that investors note when making an investment in a developing country.

"Another issue is that of minimum wages and the level at which it is at affects whether Swaziland is a good investment destination," he said.

The analyst said local companies could access the larger EU market where their goods would be sold in a very favourable foreign exchange environment.

"Another benefit of the agreement is that should South Africa increase its imports from the EU, its SACU pool deposits will also increase, and this will definitely benefit Swaziland," he said.

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VITALS

Prime Rate	9.75%
First National bank	
Inflation Rate	7.3%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	8.75%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	6.5%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.30 per litre
Replacement	E11.35 per litre
Diesel	E11.25 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.45 per litre
Engen Garage	

SWAZIBANK CONTRIBUTES E90 000 TO ENACTUS

SWAZIBANK has donated E90 000 to Enactus as part of the bank social corporate responsibility programme.

SwaziBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele said the bank was proud to be associated with Enactus and they believed that there would be strong synergies that would be created through this relationship.

"SwaziBank practices corporate social responsibility as a means of contributing towards the improvement of living conditions of the communities it operates within," he said.

He said the bank strived to be a socially responsible organisation by subscribing to the principals of good corporate governance.

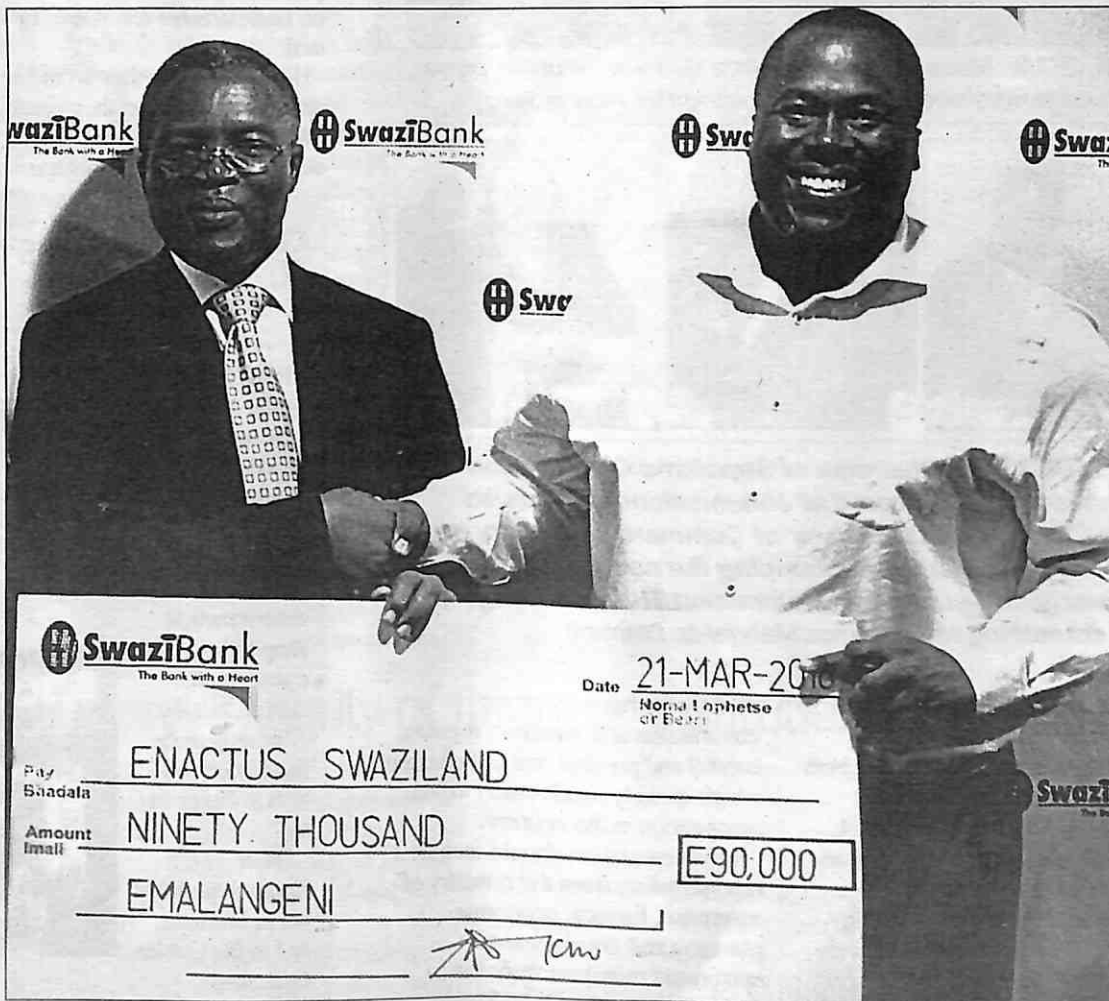
Lukhele said the bank regularly ploughed back to the communities it operates in despite challenging economic conditions.

"We are also aware of the magnitude of the needs of our society and the organisations we contribute to," he said.

He said they hoped their little contribution would go a long way towards assisting the organisation to achieve its goals.

Meanwhile, Enactus Country Director Bongani Langa said over 15 000 people had benefited thus far through the efforts of Enactus.

"We are delighted at the banks generosity and will ensure that this money is put to good use, while it may seem like a small donation to the bank, however, to us it is a very big donation and the money will go a long way in



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: Swazi Bank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele handing over the cheque of ninety thousand to Country Director of Enactus Swaziland Bongani Langa at the bank's headquarters yesterday. (Pics: Mangaliso Dlamini)

funding key endeavours for our organisation," said Langa.

"Initially, when SwaziBank first sponsored Enactus it was a E10 000 sponsorship, in the last six years SwaziBank has sponsored us to the tune of E90 000 and this

tells that the work we do is important to the bank, he said.

Enactus is an international non-profit organisation dedicated to inspiring students to improve the world through entrepreneurial action.

The organisation creates a platform for teams of outstanding university students to create community development projects that put people's own ingenuity and talents at the center of improving their livelihoods.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 04 March 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	15,5834	15,6334
British Pound/SZL	22,0668	22,1376
Japanese Yen/SZL	7,2844	7,3046
Swiss Franc/SZL	15,7154	15,7499
Botswana Pula/SZL	1,3807	1,3929
Australian Dollar/SZL	11,4756	11,5202
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11,6198	11,6519
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	3,0481	3,2303
Euro/SZL	17,0653	17,1201
Gold	1,262.2000	
Oil	35.8400	

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SIBUSISO MOTSA BOUNCES BACK AS CHAIRMAN OF SCC

By Manqoba Makhubu

SIBUSISO Motsa has bounced back as chairman of the Swaziland Competition Commission (SCC) board of commissioners.

Motsa had served three consecutive terms with the board; he served as chairman in his first term, vice chairman to former chair Nkongo Hlatshwayo in his second term, and has currently bounced back as chairman.

He also owns a 26-years-old accounting firm, Sibusiso Motsa and Associates in Manzini.

Speaking during the announcement of the new board yesterday at Swaziland Competition Commission (SCC) offices at Sidwashini in Mbabane, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini urged the new board to put the interest of the country at the forefront of their operations and add value to the citizens and the business community of the country.

"We have an investor roadmap unit (IRU) to ensure that business and investors are well taken care of, therefore, we urge you not to become an obstacle, but add value to the local business sphere so that the business community can have confidence in you, such that investors could count on you," he said.

He said as the global business environment was constantly changing, with economies becoming more open, the country would count on the board to ensure that small and medium enterprises (SMEs) were prepared to compete with international business stalwarts.

"We are in the process of ratifying a number of economic partnership agreements and regaining our African Growth Opportunity (AGOA) eligibility, all these new opportunities will create a new challenge which then calls for fortifying and looking out for our SME sector to ensure that trade liberalisation does not kill our small businesses," he said.

He urged them to set time apart during their orientation to talk about corruption, stating that its occurrence probability was high given that there were always a lot of incentives flying around and easily available within the business environment which might then create a stumbling block either for the board or staff members.

"Your work of promoting healthy competition requires that you conduct the business of the Commission with the greatest of fairness and integrity so that your actions and decisions should not just be fair and just but should be seen as such by all parties. Your actions must not just be corrupt free but must be seen as such by all, this goes for both the Commissioners and the secretariat individually and as a collective," he said.

He urged the board to create and maintain good relations with the chief executive officer's office and the business community to fast track adjudication of competition cases as

NAME OF COMMISSIONERS

	NAME OF COMMISSIONER	POSITION	SECTOR
1	Sibusiso Motsa	Chairman	Private Sector
2	Bongani Mdluli	Member	Swaziland Consumer Association
3	Nozipho Mnisi	Member	Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE/CC)
4	Walter Matsebula	Member	Association of Economics
5	Steven Ntshalitshali	Member	Swaziland Institute of Accounts
6	Nobuhle Matsebula	Member	Legal - Ministry of Commerce
7	Mabandla Manzini	Member	Law Societ
8	Maqhawe Mnisi	Member	Ministry Economic Planning and Development
9	Promise Dlamini	Member	Ministry of Finance



ONE TEAM :Minister of Commerce Gideon Dlamini pose with commissioners after announcing the new board.



1. LEADERSHIP: Chairman of Swaziland Competition Commission (SCC) board of commissioners Sibusiso Motsa. 2. REMARKS: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini announcing the new board. 3. CEO of Swaziland Competition Commission Thabsile Langa also had something to say. (Pics: Mangaliso Dlamini)

in business wasting time could be detrimental. "Prolonged cases without closure are not good for both the affected businesses and its customers as it creates a perpetual state of uncertainty at a great cost to business and national economic performance. Failure to conclude cases at a speed commensurate with the dictates of business directly and negatively affects economic growth and job-creation," said Dlamini.

He said the board should also ensure that stakeholders would be educated so that they could know competition regulations as a proactive measure to avoid unnecessary conflicts. He thanked the outgoing board, led by Nkongo Hlatshwayo and challenged the incoming board to strive for continuous improvement.

According to the Competition Act

of 2007 the function of the commission is to monitor, regulate, control and prevent acts or behaviour which is likely to adversely affect competition in the country.

Its representation should include a representative from the ministry of enterprise, finance, economic planning and development, nominated members from the Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE&CC), Economics Association of Swaziland, Swaziland Consumer Association, Swaziland Institute of Accountants, and the Law Society of Swaziland.

The minister said all these organisations were represented and he was confident that the board would deliver as per the expectations set by the ministry.

'SCC has never received substantial budget allocation'

INCOMING Swaziland Competition Commission (SCC) Board of Commissioners Chairman Sibusiso Motsa says the commission had never received a substantial budget allocation since its establishment in 2007.

He was interviewed shortly after the official inauguration of the new Swaziland Competition Commission (SCC) board of commissioners by Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini yesterday at the Swaziland Competition Commission offices at Sidwashini in Mbabane.

In 2014/15, the commission was allocated only about E3.9 million, the allocation increased to about E4.5 million in 2015/16, and the recent 2016/17 allocation estimates remained flat.

Consecutive

As a result, Motsa who had served three consecutive years as a board member said the commission had been all along depending on unsustainable revenues and this had affected the commission's performance.

"When the commission was established in 2007, government had no money and from there, the commission had never been properly financed so it has been really hard to achieve our full potential as we depended much on unsustainable revenues," he said.

He said as again they would be drawing up a budget they needed government to eliminate the degree of uncertainty that has

been haunting the commission in the previous years.

"However, whatever the case we are prepared to work with what we will finally get," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the new board members, Motsa thanked the minister for having confidence in them and further assured the minister that they would engaged the private sector to find ways of speeding up their adjudication procedures as per the minister's request.

"We will do everything to ensure that we do our utmost best to run this institution," he said.

Meanwhile, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini said although government had no money, but the ministry has pledged for a budget increase.

He also urged the commissioners to find strategic ways of generating revenues.

On another note, SCC Chief Executive Officer Thabsile Langa thanked the minister for appointing the new board.

She said they would do everything at their disposal to ensure that they met timelines.

"We want to be taken serious by our international counterparts since they know what we are doing, and they are following our cases," she said.

She said this was crucial as the commission exist within other international authorities.

SCC is also an affiliate to the Common Market of Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Competition Commission.

Sportscene opens new shop in Mbabane

By Sikhulisile Vilakati

SPORTSCENE a store under Foshcini Group (TFG) will open at the Swazi Plaza in Mbabane next Wednesday.

Foschini Country's Area Manager Sphiwe Tsela said this would be the third sports-scene franchise shop to be opened in the county, but the 12th shop under the TFG extension in the country.

Other Sportscene shops are in Manzini and at the Gables Galleria in Ezulwini.

Tsela said their retail garments ranged from footwear, clothing and accessories.

"We have brands such as Nike, Adidas, REDBAT, PUMA and many more, especially the latest trends," she said.

She said the shop would bring smiles to young people espe-

cially as they loved fashion and trendy style.

"The clothes that we will be selling to our customers range from funky vibe clothes to smart casual, just what our clientele need. We are looking at having all kinds of people who will support us from low income to high income clientele as we provide only what our customers need," she said.

She said the sportscene brand was positioned as a destination of choice for women and men seeking fashionable, current apparel and footwear, offering

good value in an environment that was modern and friendly as well as vibrant. "We strive to be leaders in the fashion and lifestyle sectors of the retail industry in Africa. With our diverse brand we push the boundaries of the retail industry in new and innovative ways which helps us to achieve the brand's goal, affordable clothing for everyone," she said.



CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN BUYING A FINANCIAL PRODUCT

THE practice of buying and selling a financial product involves an agreement between the seller and buyer in the form of a contract.

Such a contract is sometimes referred to as an adhesion contract because the terms and conditions are set by one of the parties, and the other party has little or no ability to negotiate more favourable terms and is thus placed in a "take it or leave it" position. As a consumer of any financial service; should it be credit, investment, insurance and many more you need to understand that buying a financial product or service, you are actually getting into a contract with the seller.

The legality of a contract

In order for a contract to be considered valid, the minds of the parties engaged in it must meet upon all of the essential elements of the



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contract sought to be enforced, and the acts to be done must be clear and unambiguous to most importantly the consumer.

It is the duty of the consumer to ensure that he/she reads and fully understand the terms and conditions of the contract before they sign up.

Failure to do so may lead to the consumer losing some of his or her privileges in the contract.

Consumers are, therefore, advised to be aware of their rights and responsibilities as stated in the contract because breach of such could lead to unfavourable situations against them.

Consumers may seek profession-

al legal advice before signing a contract with a financial service provider.

Dealing with legitimate financial service providers

Consumers are encouraged to buy financial service products from registered service providers who have traceable physical addresses. This limits the possibility of buying financial service products from bogus individuals or entities that are not regulated and may not issue you with a written down contract. As a consumer, you should insist on having a copy of the contract as that is your fundamental right. Do

not rely on oral agreements as such may be hard to prove when problems arise between the financial service provider and you as the consumer.

Terms and conditions

In a contract, there are terms and conditions that state the enforceability of the binding agreement between the financial service provider and the consumer. For example; if a consumer has bought an insurance policy for a car to cover against any loss that may occur in respect of the car, he needs to understand the extend of cover being provided by the insurer and the conditions upon which cover would be guaranteed.

He or she is expected to conform to the terms and conditions which were otherwise drawn by the insurer. The terms and conditions may even spell out the obligations of the consumer towards the financial ser-

vice provider.

Service providers on the other hand have a duty to explain to the consumer the terms and conditions of the contract and not to pressure the consumer to sign up until he is ready to.

Addressing contractual differences with your financial service provider

In every business transaction complaints are bound to arise. This is same with financial service providers. If consumers encounter differences with their financial service providers they are expected to first engage them in order to find a mutual solution beneficial to both. If such is not successful, consumers are encouraged to approach the FSRA and lodge complaint after filling the necessary documentation as may be required.

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Drive for energy producers

CAPE TOWN - Business is to play a bigger role in securing Cape Town's electricity needs to counter national power supplier Eskom's load-shedding impact on profits.

Cape Town mayor Patricia de Lille said business would work with the local government to use renewable energy technology to generate electricity. She was scheduled to address business organisations at a meeting Sunday night.

De Lille said Eskom's power cuts, as part of its plan to spread a short-supply of electricity across the country, had led to "many periods of job-killing".

"If we want to continue on the upward trajectory of economic growth and job creation in Cape Town, we need to act now to make our city and province energy secure," she said.

"We cannot leave the future of energy security in the hands of Eskom.

We no longer want to merely be distributors of electricity but want to become energy creators as well."

De Lille said the city had previously simply bought electricity from Eskom and then distributed it.

She said the city now had various projects to create a new model to generate and distribute energy.

"This allows household and businesses to play a part in providing the solutions to our energy shortfalls while building local resilience for the future."

The city had signed "small-scale embedded electricity generation contracts" with Black River Park Investments, as well as with 17 other major commercial customers and 43 industrial customers. They could feed electricity into the city's grid.

De Lille said the city did not want residents to go off the grid, but to use PV (photovoltaic) panels to become energy producers. "We are also lead-



BUSINESS TO PLAY BIG ROLE: Cape Town mayor Patricia de Lille.

ing by example in our operations by retrofitting lights in buildings, as well as traffic and street lights," she said.

Eskom this week said there had been no load-shedding for more than seven months and no planned power cuts were expected in autumn and winter.

Weekend Argus

ANC urges SA to defend integrity of financial institutions

PRETORIA - The ANC says it wants the country to defend the integrity of its financial institutions.

The ruling party's secretary general Gwede Mantashe told reporters in Irene, outside Pretoria that the ruling party's national executive committee had received a presentation from its economic transformation committee which had focused mainly on measures how to build confidence in SA's economy and stimulating growth.

"This was supported by a briefing from comrade Pravin Gordhan on the recent investor roadshow undertaken by the National Treasury," Mantashe said.

He said the ANC was committed to a mixed economy of public, private and social sector which aimed at seeing

more spending being directed towards economic growth, job creation and the protection of social services to the poor.

The integrity of the country's financial institutions was also pivotal, he said.

"The NEC agreed that the country must defend the integrity of our financial institutions and that the organisation must work to ensure continued macro-economic stability," he said.

South Africa was experiencing challenges of weak economic growth, unemployment, high inflation and inequality, Mantashe said.

Such challenges were exacerbated by the current drought and water shortages, he added.

Despite this, government had taken decisive action to encourage ongoing

investment in the economy.

"Some of the measures include addressing electricity supply issues, continued action to identify and reduce any regulatory processes that may impede or delay investments and enabling increased investment by South Africa in the rest of the continent."

Mantashe said the NEC had also agreed that fiscal sustainability was still a priority and that South Africa needed to stabilise and lower its debt to Gross Domestic Product ratio.

The ruling party also endorsed government's commitment to cost-cutting measures announced by President Jacob Zuma and Gordhan in the 2016 State of the Nation Address and the Budget Speech respectively.

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SA is Africa's hub of private banking

HARARE - South Africa is the hub of private banking in Africa with holdings worth about \$72bn, according to a recent report.

A Research and Markets report entitled The Africa 2016 Wealth Report identifies South Africa - mainly Johannesburg - as the continent's biggest centre for private banking. The country is the continent's second-largest economy after Nigeria, but has witnessed currency weakness in the past few months.

Anchored

Its financial sector is anchored by strong banks such as Barclays Africa, Standard Bank and Nedbank among others that have spread their tentacles further into African markets.

As these South African firms look for further growth in other African countries, they are propping up employment and economic activity away from home, said economists.

But this has not deterred South Africa from becoming the biggest centre for private banking. "South Africa has a robust banking system that is well hedged by robust regulation and oversight by institutions such as the Reserve Bank," said Economist Moses Moyo.

According to the report, about \$125bn of African wealth is tied up with wealth management companies.

However, wealthy Africans

outside South Africa "tend to keep their funds in traditional holding centres such as the UK, the Channel Islands and Switzerland".

Dubai has also become another popular destination, especially for the wealthy in North African countries. Estimates are that the African private banking market will grow by 7% per annum over the next 10 years.

"The most promising emerging African markets for private banking are Ghana and Kenya. Around US\$28bn is tied up in venture capital companies and foundations that are linked to the wealthy," researchers at the company said.

Interestingly, many in Africa use these venture capital companies and foundations as vehicles to transfer money to the next generation.

The report identified people who live in Mauritius as the wealthiest individuals in Africa, with as much as \$21 700 in wealth per person per year. It also highlighted that Zimbabweans are the continent's poorest, with \$200 per person per year.

Zimbabwe, previously the bread basket of southern Africa, is battling a prolonged economic crisis that has led to job losses, company closures and declining consumer spending. The country has also suffered bank failures in the past few years.

Fin24

Focus on SA scene

KENNY: JUJU IS A 'DOG'

JOHANNESBURG - The Sushi King's black Rottweiler became an instant celebrity on Friday.

That's when the controversial businessman posted a photo of 'Juju', the dog, on social media.

Kenny named his dog Juju - after the EFF Commander-in-Chief, Julius Malema.

And he did so in retaliation, after the political Juju released a song titled #ZuptaMustFall on Thursday. The song was released on YouTube, and uses the EFF's protest chant in Parliament during the State of the Nation Address earlier this year.

Malema invented the name 'Zupta'. EFF sources claimed the song aims to raise awareness and mobilise all people to speak in one voice in the demand that #ZuptaMustFall.

But Kenny fought back with his beloved bitch. He shocked Instagram followers with pictures of her.

The message read: "My Dog Juju has grown so much, even the



CELEBRITIES: The Sushi King and his dog 'Juju.'

belly is so big. She's so loyal to her master who feeds her. One thing about Juju is she knows when to bark at potential intruders and when to impress me and

the boys... unlike some humans. Shortly thereafter, some applauded Kenny for indirectly labelling Julius a dog. Speaking to the SunTeam on

Friday, Kenny expressed his love for his dog.

"I've had that dog since it was young and the name Juju is a nice name for a dog. The part about the big belly is for Julius! Remember how in 2013 he had a tiny belly compared to now. Now he's got a big belly," he said.

Kenny added: "If we compare Juju the human and Juju the dog, they're both loyal. The dog is loyal to me and the human is loyal to his masters in England."

He continued: "Malema has characteristics of a dog. He barks everywhere, in Parliament he's always barking. In Polokwane he barks in taverns."

"He wasn't in Parliament on Thursday, so his masters in England told him to do something, so now he's done a song just to make noise."

Julius Malema was not available for comment. He had not responded to messages and SMSes sent to him by the SunTeam at the time of going to print. *Daily Sun*

Bring proof on the Guptas - Mantashe

JOHANNESBURG - The ANC expressed its full confidence in President Jacob Zuma after a much anticipated meeting of its top leadership ending on Sunday, but also came out in support of those who spoke out against the Gupta family.

The ruling party called on members with proof about the Gupta family interfering in the running of the country and allegedly appointing ministers to come forward with the information.

"Politically they will be protected which is why we want them to come forward. I want to demystify the notion that if you come forward you are immune from any action in the organisation. For example, I'm a minister and I came forward and there is a reshuffle and I'm reshuffled. Will that be seen as punishment? We can't allow disclosure to be used as protection but politically the ANC will protect them," said secretary general Gwede Mantashe.

Deputy Finance Minister Mcebisi Jonas and former MP Vytjie Mentor have claimed that they were offered Cabinet positions by the Gupta family. The pair went public with the news and the ANC Youth League called on the mother body to recall Jonas. Mantashe said that would not happen. *Daily Sun*



WILL PROTECT THEM: ANC secretary general Gwede Mantashe.

'Info on Guptas' influence will determine action

PRETORIA - The ANC says the type of information received on the Gupta family influence in government will determine the type of action to be taken.

"We will hear people talking and we will compile a list and call them to come and explain what happened. Once we have the information, it can only be that information that determines what action is to be taken," secretary general Gwede Mantashe told reporters in Pretoria.

"Running an organisation is based on a principle of establishing truth from facts. You don't just take information because it is sensational."

Mantashe said the NEC had instructed officials and the national working committee to gather all pertinent information about the allegations. The NEC meeting came on the backdrop of a turbulent week for the ruling party and President Jacob Zuma.

Revelations by Deputy Finance Minister Mcebisi Jonas and former MP Vytjie Mentor that they had been offered Cabinet positions by the Gupta family, saw the public and some party members calling on the NEC to take action against Zuma.

Mantashe said the issue was being taken seriously and called on those with evidence to come forward.

"The ANC calls on all members who have information to approach the secretary general's office. The NEC will develop a Code of Conduct for ANC members doing business with the state," he said.

News24

DA wants answers from Muthambi

PRETORIA - The Democratic Alliance yesterday said it wants answers from communications minister Faith Muthambi on questions related to the Gupta family.

These questions, the party said, will be asked if Muthambi is summoned to give a "full briefing on recent developments at the public broadcaster".

First up will be a query about apparent political meddling that led to the canning of the 'On the Record with Vuyo Mvoko' show, which, the DA said, "would

have...portrayed the African National Congress (ANC) and President Jacob Zuma in a "negative light."

The cancellation came ahead of a punted "live show on state capture and the Guptas", and was announced in a Twitter post by Mvoko - a contributing editor at SABC News - on Thursday. vuyo mvoko @vuyo_mvoko tweeted: "Regret to announce that there'll be no #OnTheRecord on #sabcnews tonight. #OTR_404 is no more. Thanks 4 support. Apologies for abrupt end."

"The DA has been reliably informed that it is indeed correct that the show was pulled off air following Mvoko's insistence on doing his job, and discussing on his show what was the most important story in the news cycle at the time," the party said.

It added that "Mvoko had angered SABC bosses and Luthuli House when he was 'too tough' on North West ANC Chairperson and Premier, Supra Mahumapelo - a known close ally of President Zuma, during an interview earlier in the week". *Times Live*

SA almost certain to face junk status by end of year

CAPE TOWN - Political analyst Daniel Silke believes South Africa is highly likely to face a credit downgrade to junk status this year, although such a move is not yet imminent.

In a studio interview with News24Live, Silke pointed out that a downgrade by Moody's will take South Africa formally to one notch above junk and not to junk status itself.

"But it's a sign to the other rating agencies - to Standard and Poor's and to Fitch - who themselves might

downgrade us and they of course are simply one notch above junk, so if they downgrade us, we are effectively junk.

"This could occur during the course of the year, mid-year, latter part of the year.

Direction

"I don't think it's absolutely imminent and I think the rating agencies themselves might be looking for some degree of political direction to see where the country is going, but it's very possible that by the end of this year we may well see a ratings

agency downgrade and that would push us to junk level."

This carries extremely serious implications, said Silke, with the biggest issue the cost of raising capital, whether it is from government, municipalities who need to raise capital on global markets or the business sector. He made the point that private sector institutions themselves will also face a downgrade as a result of the national downgrade.

News24

Pravin slams 'crony' Guptas

DURBAN - Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan has slammed the detractors of his deputy, Mcebisi Jonas, and warned against allowing a 'single family' to determine the fate of 55 million South Africans.

Gordhan, speaking during an ANC opinion-makers forum in Durban on Sunday, also criticised the timing of the probe into his tenure as head of the SA Revenue Service, saying it reflected badly on the country at a time it was hosting rating agency representatives.

"Political uncertainty, which is the kind of thing that the Hawks are engaging in, does not help our country and we have said so in public," he said.

Without mentioning the infamous Gupta family by name, he cautioned citizens to make sure that "no single family or group or individual must determine the fate of 55 million citizens of the country".

Gordhan said the phenomenon of cronyism was everywhere in the world - this was well documented.

"So don't think you are unique in South Africa, but we have to find a unique formula in South Africa that we don't allow what is supposed to be to the benefit of 55 million people to be captured by a handful of people. That is what we have got to be careful about."

The Mercury



“WATER AND JOBS”



An estimated one thousand seven hundred (1,700) local Swazi's have since gained employment within the newly established farming businesses in the LUSIP Project Area.

The economy of Swaziland in its nature is agri-business based, with some reports stating that subsistence farming employs over 60% of the national population. The huge investments made by GOS in bulk water infrastructure, and the establishment of irrigation farming businesses facilitated by SWADE has seen an increase in these figures, as well as significant growth of household incomes in and around projects such as LUSIP.

An estimated one thousand seven hundred (1,700) local Swazi's have since gained employment within the newly established farming businesses in the LUSIP Project Area.

- Seven hundred and ninety two (792) people have since gained permanent employment, and eight hundred and seventy six (876) are under seasonal/part time employ.



• The project envisages continued significant growth following that only

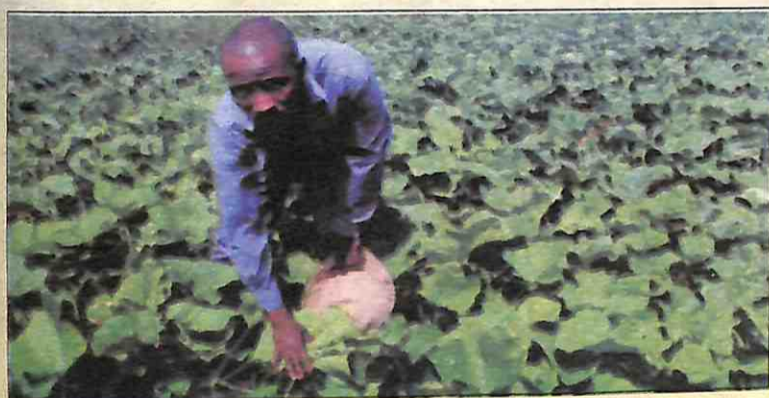
(59) fifty nine farmer companies are operational – against the (95) ninety five

which have been formally registered. Whilst a larger group of people

from the project area is not directly employed, it is important to note that they are also receiving a steady stipend in the form of annual shared dividends. To date a staggering E 5,119,720.00 has been shared across the LUSIP schemes by individual shareholders, and wage payments in the project area have gone just over 13 Million since inception. NB: There is a recorded total of 1,980 people already receiving shared dividends annually.

SWADE also has, as an immediate objective and strategic deliverable, the mandate to ensure sustainable improvement in environmental health in her project areas to ensure that the population derives the full benefits of agricultural commercialisation. Providing sanitation facilities and access to clean water has been of major impact across the LUSIP project area. To date, 2186 households and 14,646 individuals now have access to clean and potable water.

Continued Viability of Farming Enterprises – for continued employment

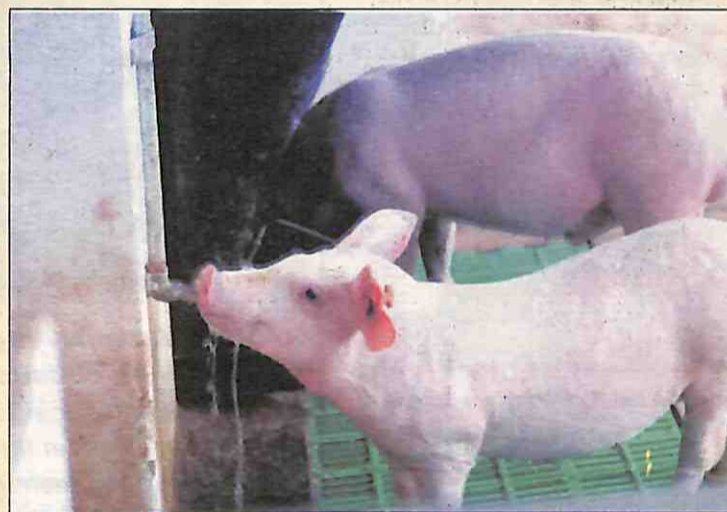


“Sustainability” remains the key word for all the farming enterprises. The project therefore is in the process of establishing a sustainable business mentoring mechanism. This is through

strengthened relations with more permanent bodies in the industry, signed agreements and the assigning of responsibility to these institutions to provide various services at a later stage.

Institutions such as the MoA, ILLOVO, SSA, NamBOARD and other relevant stakeholders including the private sector, are some of those that have been identified as suitable to stay on with the farming businesses.

The LUSIP model is such that a hundred percent extension services and mentoring shall be afforded to the farming enterprises, in the first two (2) years of business establishment. In a typical sugarcane scheme, this would be for the first two harvests, after which, the scheme is expected to hold the fort on its own. During this period, support is given in areas of agronomy as well as the business aspect. The formation of the LUSIP Farmers



Organisation (LFO), is also a stride towards ensuring that issues of governance, full and fair representation of all FC's is addressed at all forums, i.e. when negotiating discounts for members and reducing prices for

bulk purchases. The LFO shall also participate and influence Government in its review of legislation that relates to agriculture, whilst sourcing additional funds for all LFO activities.

Women's and Youth Involvement:



Although women are evidently the most active and provide most labour resources for food production in

the fields, they unfortunately do not have access (land owning rights) to most of the fields/land they labour on. This being

inclusive of the youth. However this has not been the case at LUSIP. There are indications that 41% of shareholders in the

Farmer Companies are women, whilst around 54% are below the age of 40. These figures are positive indications that the project

has somewhat provided significant opportunities to these known “disadvantaged” groups of Swazi's on Swazi Nation Land.

World News



Obama first to set foot in Cuba for NINE DECADES

HAVANA - The Obamas' tour of Old Havana was nearly a washout on Sunday evening as a deluge of rain came down minutes after they landed in Cuba for an historic three-day visit to the communist country.

The first family pressed on, despite the stormy skies, strolling through the Plaza des Armas as they huddled under umbrellas and they made their way to the Museo de la Ciudad, the museum of Cuba's capital city and on to Havana Cathedral.

President Obama's family - particularly his daughter Sasha - looked less than pleased as they perched underneath their blue and black umbrellas. As the Obama's taxied towards their motorcade, the president wrote on Twitter: 'Que bolá Cuba? (What's up Cuba?). Just touched down here, looking forward to meeting and hearing directly from the Cuban people.'

Cuban dictator Raul Castro did not greet the Obamas on the tarmac, leaving the country's foreign minister to conduct the greetings and handshakes instead. Castro has a meeting with the U.S. president tomorrow morning, but Obama will not come face-to-face with former leader, Fidel Castro.

As he arrived in the country, Obama admitted that Cuba had work to do to correct its poor human rights record, but said: 'Change is going to happen.' *Daily Mail*



HISTORY MAKER: Obama's huge security detail surrounded the president and his family as they walked through Old Havana during the historic visit.

'Civil war' in UK govt

LONDON - A top British eurosceptic minister who quit over welfare cuts launched a damaging attack on Prime Minister David Cameron on Sunday, exposing deep tensions within his government ahead of June's referendum on EU membership.

In his first interview since resigning, Iain Duncan Smith accused Cameron of trying to reduce Britain's budget deficit through benefit cuts which were unfairly hurting poorer voters while protecting older, often richer ones.

Duncan Smith, who last month became one of the most senior of Cameron's Conservatives to say he would campaign against the premier for Britain to leave the EU on June 23, denied his shock resignation was about Europe.

But the man who led the Conservatives from 2001 to 2003 admitted that Cameron and his finance minister and close ally George Osborne had stopped listening to him. "This is not some secondary attempt to attack the prime minister or about Europe," Duncan Smith said in a BBC television interview, adding he quit because he was "losing that ability to influence events from the inside." *Reuters*

Mugabe warns Tsvangirai not to trip over step

HARARE - President Robert Mugabe, whose red-carpet stumbles are well known, warned his main opponent Morgan Tsvangirai to be careful not to trip on a step at a plush hotel in Harare recently, a newspaper reported on Sunday.

The ageing Zimbabwe leader tripped twice in public last year, sparking a slew of internet memes.

Mugabe, 92, appears to have attempted to stop his former prime minister and bitter rival suffering a similar indignity, according to a report in the privately owned Standard.

The newspaper quoted Tsvangirai as saying: "This



WARNED: Morgan Tsvangirai.

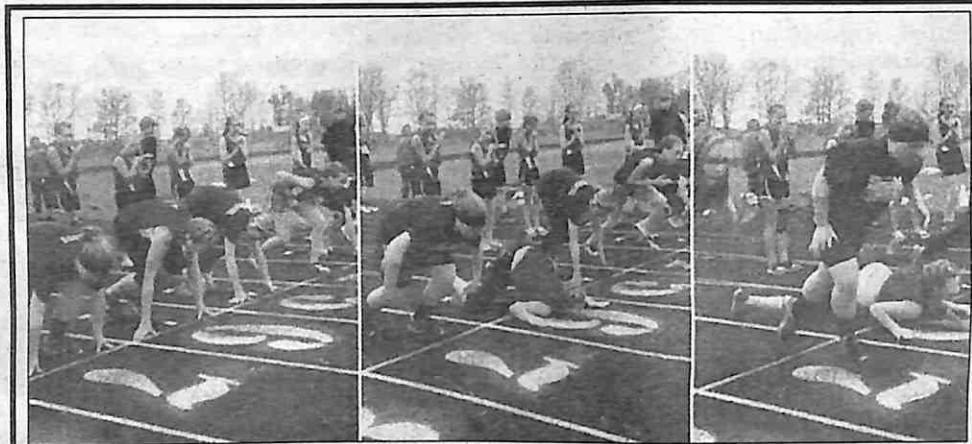
other day I was with Mugabe at [Rainbow Towers Hotel] and he said to me, 'Tsvangirai will you please watch out this step.' "You will fall down if

you are not careful," Tsvangirai quoted Mugabe as saying. It is not clear what event the two were attending.

There has been debate on social media in Zimbabwe this week over whether the hilarity occasioned by the #MugabeFalls hashtag in January 2015 was actually a form of internet bullying.

Tsvangirai, speaking at a rally on Saturday, said Mugabe "wants to die in power," the Standard reported.

The Movement for Democratic Change leader turned 64 10 days ago. He was photographed sharing a birthday cake with his wife Elizabeth Macheke. *News24*



RACING: Makenna Kroge, from Green Bay, Wisconsin, has been captured making a disastrous start to her track race. The video starts with Kroge, diligently positioning her hands behind the chalk line in lane six and slotting her feet into the starting block (left). Just as the gun goes off, however, the teenager can be seen moving upwards, before her arms give out and she crashes face first into the ground (middle). The fall causes her to collapse once more, before she scrambles away, awkwardly shrugging when a concerned woman asks if she is okay. *(Daily Mail)*

Victim's children sue TB Joshua, Lagos, others

ABUJA - The two children of a South African, Kalambaie Wa Kalambaie, who died in the September 12, 2014 Synagogue Church Of All Nation's building collapse have filed a suit at the Lagos State High Court in Igbosere, seeking compensation in the sum of R 8 772 000 from the church's founder, Prophet TB Joshua, and others.

The claimants, Bulungu and Nora, three and six years old respectively, said the R 8 772 000 compensation they are seeking would cater for their cost of living from September 12, 2014 when their father died to September 11, 2014 when the deceased would have been 70 years old.

Apart from Joshua, the other defendants in the suit filed

through their lawyer, Chief Bolaji Ayorinde (SAN), are the Registered Trustees of SCOAN.

Also joined as defendants in the suit are the engineers who built the collapsed building, Messrs Oladele Ogundeji and Akinbela Fatiregun, and their companies, Jandy Trust Limited and Hardrock Construction and Engineering Company.

The other defendants in the suit are the Attorney General of Lagos State and the Lagos State Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development.

The claimants are urging the court to declare that it was the negligence of the defendants that led to the death of their father, who had a company before his death.

They are also seeking to be paid a separate N30m to cover the cost expended on filing the suit.

The minors and their mother, Amina Busseh Bashi, a citizen of the Democratic Republic of Congo, are seeking a declaration of the court that the defendants failed in their responsibility of ensuring the safety of their father who came within their domain in 2014.

They are urging the court to hold that the Lagos State Attorney General and the Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development failed in their duty of regulating and ensuring that the six-storey building belonging to SCOAN was fit for habitation.

The fresh suit has yet to be assigned to any judge. *AFP*

BRIEFS

7 Italians, 2 Germans crash dead

ROME - Seven Italians and two Germans were among the 13 young female students killed in a weekend coach crash in northeastern Spain, a regional official said yesterday. The victims of Sunday's crash, all aged between 19 and 25, also included a Romanian, a Frenchwoman, an Austrian and a student from Uzbekistan, Jordi Jane, who heads up interior matters for Catalonia, said on the radio. *Reuters*

Suspected French jihadist charged

PARIS - A suspected French jihadist with possible links to the Islamic State group was charged with plotting an attack in France and remanded, a judicial source said. The 28-year-old French-Moroccan named as Youssef Ettaoujar was known to police as he was one of the first to be convicted of trying to travel to Syria. He was arrested last Wednesday on suspicion of plotting "violent acts" against France. He has also been charged with fraud. Two men and a woman arrested at the same time have been released without charge, the source added. *Reuters*

Saudi offers \$1.5bn to fund projects

CAIRO - Egypt said that Saudi Arabia has offered \$1.5bn to help finance economic projects in the Sinai Peninsula, as Riyadh continues to bolster its ties with Cairo.

Saudi Arabia, a staunch supporter of President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi's regime, has previously offered billions of dollars in aid to Egypt since the 2013 ouster of Islamist leader Mohamed Morsi. In December, Riyadh pledged \$8bn in investment and aid to Egypt over five years, but it was unclear whether the Sinai offer was part of this. Egypt's International Co-operation Minister Sahar Nasr signed a "\$1.5bn agreement with the Saudi Development Fund for developing projects in the Sinai Peninsula", a ministry statement said. *Reuters*



Zanzibar votes in re-run election

ZANZIBAR - Voting began in Zanzibar on Sunday with security tight and an opposition boycott in place for the re-run of October's election in Tanzania's semi-autonomous islands, cancelled due to fraud allegations. The Zanzibar Election Commission (ZEC) cancelled the results of the first poll but diplomats said they saw no evidence of the "massive fraud" alleged. Most polling stations opened on time at 7:00 am (0400 GMT), with voters lining up peacefully but turnout was expected to be low in opposition strongholds after the Civic United Front (CUF) urged its supporters not to participate. "I am happy to vote again. *AP*

Senegal referendum to reduce presidential term

DAKAR - Senegalese residents are voting on a referendum that would see some sweeping constitutional reforms including a reduction of the presidential term from seven to five years. The election commission says more than 5 million people are expected to vote to determine if more than a dozen reforms will be adopted. The referendum proposed by President Macky Sall is in stark contrast to other heads of state in Africa trying to change constitutions to remain in power. *AFP*



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High Tea ladies a new empowerment platform for women of Lubombo

By Sicelo Maziya

THE women of Siteki are making waves with their High Tea meetings. They have joined hands to help each other on different aspects of life and issues that affect women.

Nonhlanhla Sigwane-Bulunga when asked how they met said they met after realising that women from the region were not always given platforms for empowerment thus excluding them from the cultural changes of the women in the country.

Vibrant

The High Tea members said they had a vibrant town, with equal opportunities as the other municipalities, and with their movement they anticipated that they could position themselves well for the future.

The High Tea Movement is working together to increase their understanding of themselves as women and share ideas so they could be self-sustainable as opposed to always relying on the male species for the rest of their lives. This was said by Prisca Lusenga-Chambers.

Hloniphile Kunene, the Marketing and Reservation Manager at the Siteki Hotel said the High Tea women's initiative



DRESS TO KILL: Ladies dressed to the nines in their glamorous outfit at the Siteki High Tea, on Saturday (Sicelo Maziya).

had been born due to the void the Lubombo region had in empowering women in all aspects of life. Hloniphile said the region lack platforms that catered for women to discuss their challenges and achievements. She said the region was neglected when it came to women empowering women from various levels of society and many such opportunities were mostly reserved for the Mbabane

—Manzini corridor population added Hloniphile Kunene. "Our High Tea initiative is a new movement earmarked for women from all levels of life, you can realise with the different aged groups, Lusenga-Chambers said. We want to empower each other on education, career, business, investment opportunities, home front issues, community matters that have effects on women," she stat-

ed.

Lusenga-Chambers also said the High Tea movement was geared towards the sharing of crucial information and ideas to solve marriage issues in the best possible way, where the children were not affected by the tension at the home front.

Nonhlanhla Sigwane-Bulunga also added that they shared important life experiences of raising children as well as sharing different situations they faced as married women and they were also preparing those still to get married.

At their meeting, the High Tea woman warned and advised each other on many aspects of life and also shared ideas that touched on issues pertaining to a woman's need for happiness.

Notice

Children will be the first to notice the friction at home. Louis Munro warned that an unhappy woman is like a wounded tiger as there was always trouble.

Khanyisile Dlamini-Mhlanga said all they wanted was to help each other grow. We want to have our space without looking down upon men and understand society always had set standards for women to conform to unwritten rules," he said. They said while society changed, such changes on women were still frowned upon.

Lusenga-Chambers acknowledged that some women got into matrimony to get rich, she, however, warned that it was not always the case as you would end up being unhappy in that relationship.

She said while you got into that get rich marriage, you would turn to forget about yourself as an individual, upgrading yourself and that would lead to unhappiness.

Lusenga-Chambers also observed and warned the young members that men don't like women who do not have a backbone, she said men need women who were firm and can stand their ground. Lusenga-Chambers said men pretended not to like such women but ended up marrying those ladies.

Coined

Prisca Lusenga-Chambers said men wanted women of character, they coined such women as not selfish but self-ful as by being firm, you are happy inside out and can take care of yourself first.

They did agree that it took a lot of challenges to achieve such state of mind.

The High Tea ladies observed that they got into marriage at a tender age and often lost their identity in the process.

They said woman needed to understand that they needed to pamper themselves as well so that they didn't find their marriage or relationship as complicating yet they were the first sources of such stressful relationship because they didn't think about their individuality within the relationship.

They also observed that most woman always make a mistake of helping others without thinking about pampering themselves to distress.

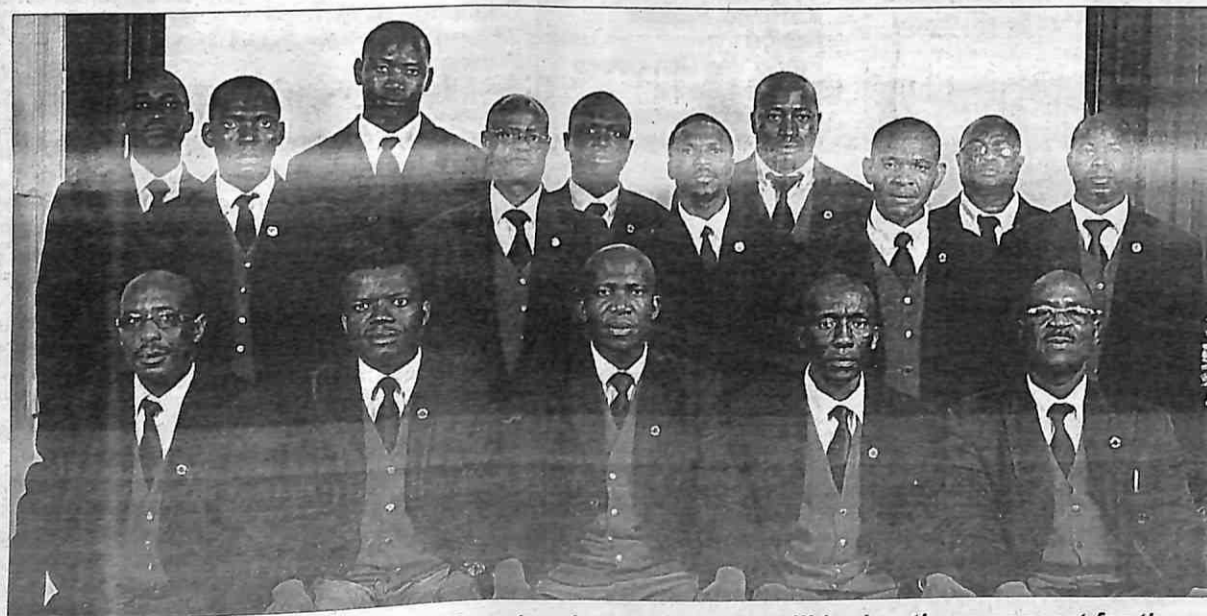
AMADODANA ASELWANDLE TO LAUNCH NEW ALBUM

Stories by Tenele Dlamini

THE Amadodana Aselwandle, a local gospel group will be hosting a concert for the purpose of launching their new album, from the 30th March to the 1st April, which will be a star studded all night event, starting from 6pm until 6am the next day.

According to the gospel group's manager, Mcebo Nkambule, Amadodana Aselwandle will perform their songs alongside a host of other invited local and international groups.

"Song after song will be performed, one after the other at this all night concert and there would be the ministering of the Word of God," said Nkambule. Amongst the supporting performing acts, the manager said they have invited a few Swazi based groups as well as South African artists and preachers of the Word. He listed these as being; Amadodana Asewesile from



LAUNCH: Amadodana Aselwandle, a local gospel group will be hosting a concert for the purpose of launching their new album, from the 30th of March to the 1st of April.

South Africa, husband and wife duo of Butho and Yolanda Vuthela from the Eastern Cape, The Police Gospel Messengers, Amadodana AkuMatsapha, Ukuthokoza

Kwamadodana amongst others. "Many more similar South African gospel groups are expected and the total number is 15. A guest minister, Rev. Sidwell Mogothu

from the Methodist Church in South Africa will provide God's Word," stated Nkambule. "We are also expecting to grace this event, Thandeka Gqutha from Rustenburg,

...Christian group is all about social responsibility

NKAMBULE revealed that one of the initiatives of the gospel group was social responsibility and that the members of Amadodana Aselwandle and other Christians in general had embarked on what was called the; Dress a Child project, which is giving back to the community.

South Africa," he added.

The list of ministers of God's Word has further been enriched with the presence of other local preachers also from the Methodist Church in Swaziland.

Emphasised

He further emphasised that all people from various walks of life had been invited to this all night concert, especially lovers of music.

The venue will be at the Mfanyana Hall and E50 will ensure entry.

DIVINE HEALING MINISTRIES NOW OPEN FOR HOSTING PUBLIC SHOWS

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza

THE Divine Healing Ministries under Bishop Nash Shongwe has finally opened for hosting shows.

The bishop stopped the hosting of shows in 2014 after felt people were not respecting the house of the Lord.

After over a year of not holding public shows at night at the church, gospel artist Linda Dlamini will be holding his live CD and DVD recording as well as a double CD launch at the church on May 7.

Security

This was confirmed by Dlamini, who is also a member of the church.

Dlamini will be the first artist to host a show at the venue after its gates closed in mid 2014.

"I feel honoured to have such an opportunity, as it means my bishop trusted me with this event enough to open the doors wide and let the public come in for the show and I hope we won't disappoint him," Dlamini said.

He stated that to keep up to their promise of not letting the bishop down, they would ensure tight



DOUBLE LAUNCH: Gospel artist Linda Dlamini.

security through the services of The Devil Kicker security.

"This is one reason why the public should rest assured that their safety will be prioritised and we send a warning to those who will come with different agendas as they will stand no chance, since all forces will be out to get them and put them to justice," he added.

It is also worth noting that this will be Dlamini's first launch, even though he boasts of two albums under his belt.

Idol

He will launch both his first album titled 'Bothisocedile Satan' and his latest titled

'KonkheKuzolunga'

The event will be graced by a number of local and South African gospel artists, some of whom Linda grew up listening to. "It is amazing when I think of the fact that I will be sharing the stage with some of the big guns in the industry, especially those that I grew up idolising, such as Derrick Ndzimandze, who I can say installed the love of gospel music in me," Dlamini revealed. The stage will also be graced by the likes of Lundi Tyamara, Shongwe Nekhuphuka, Derrick Ndzimandze, Emagawugawu, Phathwakahle, Police Gospel Messengers, Lizwi Myeni,

Ndawonye Christ Worshippers, Amaqhawe Ezulu (Durban), Scelimphilo (Zion) and Sphiwo Ndlangamandla.

This launch will also see former Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Macford Sibandze performing. Sibandze confirmed his performance, stating that he was no newbie in the music industry as he had performed with Soul Friends and Sibongile Shongwe. "I also came in second in 1997 during the SWAMA/Sony talent search competition that was organised by SWAMA President Lutfu Dlamini, wherein I got the opportunity to meet the late Lucky Dube and Richard Siluma," he said. Sibandze will perform two or more songs, which are his original composition and were composed over 20 years ago. "My talent knows no boundaries as I can do almost everything pertaining to the arts, culture, writing, producing, creative plays, directing and composition," Sibandze revealed. Sibandze has also recently ventured into acting and is currently busy with rehearsals as he wants his contribution to leave a mark. Entry will be E50.

Swazi MTN to host MTN BushFire High, Primary Schools Festival launch

By Tenele Dlamini

SWAZI MTN will be celebrate and launch this year's BushFire High Schools and Primary Schools Festival that was initiated in 2010.

The festival was meant to the to expose students and teachers to the 'language of arts', instill confidence and inspire creative self-expression.

This is according to the Projects Officer at Swazi MTN, Seipati Jonga, who in a written statement, extended an invite to the media to this event, which would serves as a press briefing.

"The festival is supported by MTN BushFire and European Union," said Jonga, who further added that the launch would begin at 8:30 am on Thursday, April and will be held at the MTN Head Office Auditorium, Mahlalekhukhwini House, in Ezulwini. Jonga added that it was their wish to invite the media in particular, to come and celebrate with them at this launch on the mentioned date.



MZANSI HEADLINES

Bonang goes global

JOHANNESBURG - FIRST she conquered Mzansi. Now Bonang Matheba has taken on the world!

According to a report in Timeslive, the 28-year old has just been appointed a global ambassador for cosmetics house Revlon. Now Bonang's face won't just grace local Revlon outlets, but will appear as part of

international campaigns for the beauty brand, becoming the first South African to do so.

The first South African to do so, Bonang joins the ranks of superstars like Halle Berry and Emma Watson. The star's first break with Revlon happened three years ago when she became the face of Revlon South Africa.

Daily Sun

Kelly to feel out of this world in the Diamond City

JOHANNESBURG - IT will be a weekend to remember when top musicians flock to the annual Diamonds and Dorings Music Festival in Kimberley.

The event will be held from Thursday to Friday and will see award-winning artists like Zonke Dikana, Kelly Khumalo, Lira, Zahara, Motswako's self-proclaimed first lady Fifi Cooper, Durban-based hip hop group WTF, Naked DJ and Metro FM's Tbo Touch share the stage during the four-day extravaganza.

Speaking to Sunday Sun, 999 artist Kelly said she's ready to

perform at the much-anticipated event.

"It'll be my second time at the event. It's quite an experience. The treatment artists receive at the event is out of this world compared to what we normally get from event organisers.

"Sometimes you find artists are being compromised with everything - from travel bookings to the backstage and even on stage.

"The organising team has worked tirelessly to ensure artists are treated as important people. I had a good time before and hope to enjoy myself once again," said Kelly. Daily Sun

SAFTAS - WINNERS

Best Student Film
Ana, Patrick & Nicholas
AFDA

Best Achievement in Make-Up and Hair Styling - TV Comedy
ZANews: Puppet Nation

Franci Van Den Heeve
Best Achievement in Art/Design - TV Comedy
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Rethabile Ramaphakela
Katheho Ramaphakela
Salah Sabiti
Tumi Osei-Tutu
Mpho Osei-Tutu

Best Children programme
Challenge SOS
2 Blonds And A Redhead

Filming
Best Youth programme
Ispani
Blue Wizard Productions

Best Achievement in Make-Up and Hairstyling - TV Drama
Donkerland
Nicola Roodt

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Sune Jansen

Best Achievement in Art / Design Production - TV Drama
Swartwater
Marna Heunis

Best Achievement in Sound - TV Drama
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End Game
Nicola Comminos
Jeremy Briers
Jack Esterhuizen
Karien Goosen
Gugulethu Sibandze

Best Achievement in Cinematography - TV Drama
Soul City
Tom Marais

Best Achievement in Scriptwriting - TV Drama
Geraamtes In Die Kas
Joshua Rous
Luke Rous

Sandra Vaughn
Corine Du Toit
Best Reality show
Ultimate Braai Master:
The roads less travelled
Cooked in Africa Films

Best Magazine Programme
Mooiloop!
Blue Marble
Entertainment

Best International Format Show
Clash of the Choirs SA
Endemol South Africa
Best Achievement in Make-Up and Hair Styling - TV Soap
Binnelanders

Elzette Van der Schyff
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Catherine Stewart
Libby Dougherty
Craig Higginson
Jacob Ntshangase
Gillian Breslin
Desiree Maarkgraaff

Best Factual /Educational programme
Think Big
The Bomb Shelter
Best Current Affairs /
Actuality Programme
Safe Haven
Combined Artists
Daily Sun

EARTH HOUR



LOL: Attendees laughing their lungs out as comedian Mdura jokes during the earth hour commemoration at Gables on Saturday. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Girindza)



PUT YOUR LIGHTS UP: After the lights were switched off, the lights were put up.



LIGHTS OUT: SEC staff dancing up a storm to Billy Brand's music.



CAN'T HOLD IT: Ladies enjoying the good beat.



VETERAN: DJ MBO made them dance.



REMARKS: Acting SEC MD Meshack Kunene delivering his speech.



THE YOUNG SHALL GROW: Even the young people joined in.



TAKEN: Takhona enjoying herself.



COMEDIAN: Mdura demonstrating how the nae nae started in church.



PLAY: Sisonkhe Drama association delivering a moving play.



POSE: Andisiwe Ngwenya and Thandazile Mngomezulu strike a pose.



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NEWS

KING'S SPEECH



HIGHLIGHTS



WITNESS

WHEN: Today,
TIME: 05:30
CHANNEL: Al Jazeera (406)
Single mother, Irina, is desperate to give her 4-year-old daughter, Stefi, a better start in life, in Bulgaria's Rose Valley. Irina is a munitions worker in a weapons factory - measuring and packing gunpowder into artillery shells. She is moving from her parent's rural village to town, to be closer to her work, even though she is not sure

how she will be able to afford it. Now she has to pay the rent, bills and Stefi's kindergarten fees. Her only respite is singing, a talent taught to her by her late grandfather. She uses this gift to sing for extra money in local restaurants. As the rent and bills stack up she is forced to take on a third job offering high interest loans to equally desperate friends and family. Will she be able to afford her first month's rent? This is an intimate story about poverty and the price a mother is prepared to pay to ensure a better life for her child.

ANNA OLSON: BAKE

WHEN: Today, |
TIME: 17:00
CHANNEL: Food Network (175)
Indulge in the culinary delights of the distinguished pastry chef Anna Olson, as she whips up some masterful recipes, in a showcase of her baking talent. From baking basics, right up to expert dishes, Anna has the insider tips and tricks to create the



perfect pastries. In her debut season, tune into Anna's debut season this March on Food Network. Premieres Tuesday 22 March at 17:00 CAT.



SCOOBY-DOO

WHEN: Today,
TIME: 18:00
CHANNEL: Studio Universal (112)

The old Mystery Inc gang are reunited as they each pursue their own investigations into the odd happening on at an island resort.

LIVE AT THE APOLLO

WHEN: Tonight, |
TIME: 21:05
CHANNEL: BBC Brit (120)

"S11/E1". 'Chatty Man' Alan Carr is your host as he introduces two of comedy's biggest stars: the fabulously funny Francesca Martinez and rising comedy star Nish Kumar.



WE ARE GIVING BACK: NO DSTV PRICE INCREASE IN SWAZILAND

OUR subscribers are our biggest asset, so we are going to do our bit to ease the difficult financial times.

We've decided to absorb some of the pain and NOT impose a price increase on any of our DStv bouquets in April as we usually do. Barring any further external economic shocks, we do not anticipate a price increase in 2016.

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Compact Plus	-	E470.00
Premium	-	E699.00

when we launched two new SuperSport channels in order to bring the EPL, La Liga and the EURO 2016 tournament to DStv Compact subscribers and we are not stopping there.

This April, DStv channels will showcase the best and latest upcoming new seasons of popular series including the highly-anticipated Season 6 of Game of Thrones starting

on M-Net Edge, Express from the US, along with the brand new telenovela, Hush, on Africa Magic Showcase and The Voice: Nigeria. Subscribers will also be spoilt for choice with a variety of local and international entertainment shows available on their DStv bouquets including a new telenovela on Zee World, East Meets West while a 'Wedding Season' film marathon theme on Universal channel will warm viewers' hearts with its selection of romcom titles. More themed film marathons await on Studio Universal where 'Manscape', 'April Fools', 'Getting Away With it' and a Steven Spielberg marathon will provide plenty of laughs and thrills.

Fear the Walking Dead Season 2 returns

AMC will debut Season 2 of Fear the Walking Dead (#FearTWD), the companion series to the global hit The Walking Dead, on Monday 11 April at 03:10 CAT - minutes after the AMC US premiere - with a repeat later than evening at 20:00.

AMC can be seen on channel 140. AMC has released an exclusive interview with the drama's executive producer and showrunner, Dave Erickson. Discussing the dramatic development of the series and some of the new season's ocean-set scenes, Erickson's insights into the Mexico-based production are revealed alongside the drama's brand new Key Art.

Executive produced by showrunner Dave Erickson, Robert Kirkman, Gale Anne Hurd, Greg Nicotero and David Alpert, Fear the Walking Dead stars Kim Dickens as Madison, Cliff Curtis as Travis, Frank Dillane as Nick, Alycia Debnam-Carey as Alicia, Ruben Blades as Daniel, Mercedes Mason as Ofelia, Lorenzo James Henrie as Chris and Colman Domingo as Strand.

Production

The series from AMC Studios is currently in production on Season 2 in Mexico at Baja Studios, home to some of the greatest ocean-set films in recent years. Fear the Walking Dead will air its second season of 15 episodes in two parts, beginning with the first seven episodes starting in April with the remaining eight episodes airing later in 2016.

Season 1, which achieved record-breaking performance worldwide including the highest-rated first season of any series in US cable history, ended with Madison, Travis and their extended family taking temporary shelter in Strand's gated estate overlooking the Pacific Ocean. As civil unrest continues to grow and the dead take over Los Angeles, Strand pre-



RETURNS: "Fear the Walking Dead": AMC set to debut season 2 in April.

pare to escape to "Abigail," his large yacht moored offshore.

Viewers can catch up with a marathon of Season 1 starting at 21:25 on Sunday 10 April leading into the Season 2 premiere episode at 03:10 on 11 April.

In the following exclusive interview, Dave Erickson reveals some exciting details for the first time about the new season.

Hooked

How is Fear the Walking Dead distinct from The Walking Dead and is it easy to become hooked on Fear if you've never seen The Walking Dead?

It's definitely easy, and you don't have to know anything about The Walking Dead to become hooked on Fear. Speaking with lots of people - with the actors, the producers and some viewers - they all agree that the way we approached the story means you don't need any prior knowledge of the comics or the other series.

But we've structured it in such a way that if you are a fan of the original graphic novels and you watch The Walking Dead, you'll immediately recognise the mythology and you'll see how the stories are layered. But you'll also appreciate the differ-

ent approach that Fear takes; the different point of view it has.

For Season 1, we talked quite a lot about the idea that we were covering the timeframe in which Rick Grimes was in his coma at the very outset of The Walking Dead.

Viewers were getting a window on what he missed. But if you actually look at the breakdown of Season 1 of Fear, it wasn't a case of ending on a final frame in the finale from which you could have cut to Georgia just as Rick was about to wake up.

Interesting

If you look at the timing, we're actually still shy of that point by a couple of weeks. So, what's interesting in how we structured the first season and as we head into the second season, our family has been relatively insulated.

We've gone from their realisation that things are falling apart and that the world is changing in the first few episodes to the arrival of the National Guard and essentially being stuck in an internment camp. They were trusting that things were being repaired in the world outside. So, it wasn't until the finale that they saw how things were falling apart in such a profound way.

★ *Celebrity* ★ *Watch* ★

'Throwback to my skinny days!'

LOS ANGELES - She's happily married and the mother of two photogenic young children.

But there are some things about her old life that Kim Kardashian misses - with her pre-baby figure at the top of the list.

The 35-year-old shared 'a throwback to my skinny days' on her website

KimKardashianWest.com on Saturday. The images showed her at her thinnest, modelling for an Australian newspaper eight years ago.

"This shoot I did for the Australia Sunday Times was so much fun—a throwback to my skinny days in 2008!" wrote Kim.



GONE ARE THOSE DAYS: Kanye West and Kim Kardashian.

"We flew all the way to Australia and I was soooooo jet-lagged but somehow made it through!" The pictures showed her cuddling up to a kitten, variously dressed in a PVC skirt and bralet, and pink bustier. *Mail Online*

Kris Jenner, toyboy Corey cuddle up on the red carpet

LOS ANGELES - They have been dating for almost two-and-a-half years, since being spotted together in October 2014.

And on Saturday, Kris Jenner brought toyboy Corey Gamble as her date to the Daily Front Row's Fashion Los Angeles Awards in West Hollywood.

60 year-old Kris showed off her girly side in a feminine, all-black ensemble.

The Kardashian matriarch paired a fitted, sheer sweater with a full, A-line skirt that featured tulle detailing.

Kris added a pair of tights and cutout booties before accessorising with a sparkling bracelet,



CUDDLE: Kris Jenner.

white watch, earrings, rings and a purse.

Boyfriend Corey, 35, layered a light-coloured dress shirt under a blazer, before adding a pair of jeans and sued shoes to complete his look. *Mail Online*

Jennifer Lopez dazzles as she shows off her toned figure

LOS ANGELES - Jennifer Lopez looked every inch the style winner at the Daily Front Row Fashion Los Angeles Awards on Sunday.

The 46-year-old looked heaven sent in a shimmering long-sleeved white dress that, while it featured a modest hemline, hugged her eye-catching hour-glass figure.

Not content to let her white dress be the sole eye-catching article she donned, Jennifer was also more than happy to show off her large collection of jewelry, which added a golden touch to her ensemble. She also carried a small rectangular gold clutch and



DAZZLING: Jennifer Lopez.

elevated her height with a white pair of heels with a pointed heel. *Mail Online*

'I was crying my eyes out'

LOS ANGELES - Former The Wanted star Tom Parker has said he is 'overcome with emotion' at his engagement to Kelsey Hardwick.

The 27-year-old pop star, who recently took part in Channel 4's The Jump, has been dating the actress since 2009.

"I feel like the happiest man in the world," he told Hello! magazine as he announced his forthcoming nuptials.

The Bolton-raised musician opened up about the moment he went down on one knee for his carefully orchestrated proposal, which took three months to plan. "There was a trail of rose petals



EMOTIONAL: Tom Parker.

leading to the TV where I'd set up a montage of all our pictures from the day we met until now," he said. *Mail Online*

Ciara attends Fashion LA Awards with fiancée

LOS ANGELES - Her NFL player beau Russell Wilson recently put a ring on it.

But it was not Ciara's new accessory that had heads turning at their latest outing together.

The 30-year-old singer stunned in a very low-cut number at the Daily Front Row Fashion Los Angeles Awards private dinner on Sunday evening.

The newly engaged couple were definitely dressed to impress as they dined at celeb-favourite Mr Chow in Beverly Hills.

Ciara wore a black number featuring a see-through skirt and low V-cut neckline which showed off



IN LOVE: Ciara.

plenty of her cleavage. Perhaps the most important piece that she wore for the occasion was her eye-catching engagement ring which she accepted from the Seattle Seahawks quarterback just over a week ago. *Mail Online*

Kim Kardashian shows off post-baby body

LOS ANGELES - While she may have missed the main event, Kim Kardashian made sure to attend the Fashion Los Angeles Awards post dinner on Sunday.

The 35-year-old reality star headed to Beverly Hills' eatery Mr Chow to mingle with some of the fashion crowd with husband Kanye West.

Wearing a black sequin dress, Kim made sure to blend in with the other guests who kept to a monochromatic colour scheme.

The mother-of-two wore her brunette locks loose, showing off glossy highlighted ends and displayed immaculately applied makeup as usual. *Mail Online*



BABY BODY: Kim Kardashian.

John's ex who vanished has been secretly living in Mexico

MEXICO - More than a decade after his mysterious disappearance, investigators claim the former partner of Olivia Newton-John has been found alive and well in rural Mexico - where he lives with a new girlfriend.

Former cameraman Patrick McDermott, the on-off boyfriend of Australian star Olivia, was presumed dead after vanishing while on an overnight fishing trip off the coast of San Pedro in 2005, leaving behind his wallet and keys.

Independent investigations dating back more than half a decade suggested McDermott faked his own death and relocated to Mexico, owing \$10 000 in unpaid



CHEATER: Olivia Newton-John Patrick McDermott.

child support to ex-wife Yvette Nipar for their son, Chance.

Weekly magazine Woman's Day now claim fresh evidence points to him settling down in a remote part of the country with a European girlfriend. *Mail Online*

Britney Spears shows off her lithe physique

LOS ANGELES - Her gruelling concert schedule has whipped her into the best shape of her life.

And Britney Spears gave her fans a treat on Sunday when she shared a bikini snap while sunbathing at home, showing off the results of her hard work. The 34-year-old pop star donned a bright yellow as she stretched out by her pool showing off her lithe physique.

It was quite the picturesque setting for the star as she relaxed in the stunning grounds of her



SEXY: Britney Spears.

home, making the most of a break from her Las Vegas residency, Piece of Me.

She captioned the snap 'Just chilling' along with a sun emoji.

After soaking up the sun for a bit, it was time for a spot of golf with her son Jayden, 10 and niece Lexie. *Mail Online*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Mpiyakhe confronts Bhekifa's spirit. A powerful inyanga arrives to assist the Zungus. Meanwhile, Skhaleni starts collecting money for lobola



CONFRONTATION: Mpiyakhe.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



BREAKS DOWN: Katlego.

Katlego breaks down to Barker and he assures her he's got her back. Aphiwe discovers Calvin's new dangerous turn to drugs. Samantha finds herself in front of a half-naked Brad with Tiffany in the same room

MUVHANGO

TODAY

Mulimisi sees death looming in the royal house. James and Nonny learn a mystery buyer has bought Lerumo's Basadi shares. Teboho catches everyone by surprise when she moves back into Mulalo's house unannounced.



LEARNS ABOUT BUYER: Nonny.

RAYTHU CITY

TODAY



TAKEN ABACK: Nikki.

Sabelo gets out of jail and is not pleased to find that Gadifele has moved in. Doc is furious that Sifiso has not sorted out the copyright issue on the Ghettdreamz track. Niki's taken aback to discover that David has moved his hookers into Zer011.

PICTURE OF THE DAY



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 - January 19 - There could be difficulties in the workplace at this time. It is important to communicate your ideas to co-workers and those who work under you; ask for feedback, if necessary. This is a time to be watchful in order to nip any problems before they begin. Working with others should be profitable. You may be chosen as the person for a particular job. Your directional abilities are good.



moving day—many things can be accomplished. Apply caution and care in business dealings—both the physical and financial realms are important today. Time out for a little exercise could be as simple as running up and down a flight of stairs. Self-discipline and a sense of self-worth become important issues in your life as a new phase begins. A fear of asserting yourself can hold you back—as can coming on too strong. The trick is in learning to strike a balance and make the most of your personal talents as well as to work within your limitations.



Aquarius January 20 - February 18 - Ambitious schemes and the pursuit of success and status take on a high priority. This brings a focus on the practical, the successful and the sensible. The meek may inherit the earth, but the shrewd will collect the rent. You should take every opportunity to get outside and enjoy the natural world. Work will seem easier and you should feel more relaxed once you engage in some sort of health-related activity on a regular basis. Humdrum or high-stress professional responsibilities take a backseat this afternoon.



Leo July 23 - August 22 - You may be in a serious and practical mood today. Hypothetical ideas are not for you just now. You would rather know the real value of something in order to find its right place. This is a period when you take your work most seriously. A lot of time and thought goes into getting things scheduled. You will be good at polishing up details, whether as part of a project or an organisation. You know instinctively what needs to be done to make something work. The broad picture can wait for another day.



Pisces February 19 - MARCH 20 - It may seem that your emotions are taking over in your dealings with others today. This can cloud reason, so probably it is not the best day for delicate deal making. However, mental patterns and skills play a major role in today's events. Work to develop your highest potential in these areas. This may not be a day when you feel like standing up to the world alone; you appreciate the support of your team or those close to you. You are more than willing to repay them in kind. It is an excellent time to solicit the help of others, though it's important that you truly know the needs of your company or business before asking.



Virgo August 23 - September - Your intellect is sharp, making it a good day for study or work. You may, however, feel that you are giving more than you are receiving in your job identification. It may be time for an employee review; if so, play it cool and list your goals and accomplishments. They will advise you and in this discourse, you will gain more than you think. It is important to effectively communicate your ideas to co-workers and those who work under you so that people will see you are an achiever. Work to put your plans into action; for action is where your words gain meaning.



Aries March 21 - April 19 - To you dreamers of impossible dreams, you just might make them come true today. Do not let your high spirits get too far ahead of the discipline and attention to detail necessary to make any dream a reality. It is possible to find someone that will back you in your ideas. When you let others know of your ideas. Keep a few parts of the idea to yourself until a contract or legal agreement can be created and then signed. It's best to rely on facts rather than feelings, especially when an expensive mistake might be the outcome.



Libra September 23 - October 23 - If ever there was a day to work with groups, this is it. You could be most persuasive as well as expressive in your communications. Others will listen to your ideas, plans or proposals. Your acute sensitivity to other people's moods could enable you to fine-tune those moods as you would a violin. With your charisma, you could obtain anything you wish to obtain or sell anything you wish to sell to people—they will think you have done them a favour! You love being around people, especially those to whom you are emotionally attached. Better yet, old friends with whom you can reminisce.



Taurus April 20 - May 20 - There are some powerful energies spilling into your life in unpredictable ways. The actions of today will have long-lasting effects. This is a great time to be with others and work together. Your talent fits the requirements for a special job. Your management and directional abilities are in high focus. Your inner resources and emotions are accentuated. Expect a sense of support and goodwill from those around you. Intensity rules! Colours are brighter, images sharper, music more moving.



Scorpio October 24 - November 21 - This is your lucky day! Schedule that conference, give that lecture and plan for that business trip. Whatever you do today, your ability to make things run smoothly should produce excellent results. Working with and discussing ideas with co-workers can be most beneficial and rewarding. You enjoy working in partnerships or group activities.



Gemini May 21 - June 21 - The accent for this day is on sociability. This should be one of those nice days when everything goes well, great for business transactions as well as for social get-togethers with lighthearted conversation. Any past tensions can easily be straightened out. You could be most persuasive with others and eloquent in your discourse with others. The situation is a natural for self-expression and lends itself to your particular ideas. Though you may prefer to be around old friends, you certainly will not close the door on making new ones today.



Sagittarius November 22 - December 21 - Your effectiveness in the workplace may have been hampered by your heavy schedule. Your physical energy is really high as well. If you simply cannot get away from that desk, try jogging before breakfast—or schedule in a game of handball at lunch. Work it off or you could wind up irritable and argumentative. Say what you mean and mean what you say. Pay particular attention to the political situation in the workplace—it could have a big influence on your job performance. Your own requirements may appear to separate you from where the rest of the gang is headed.

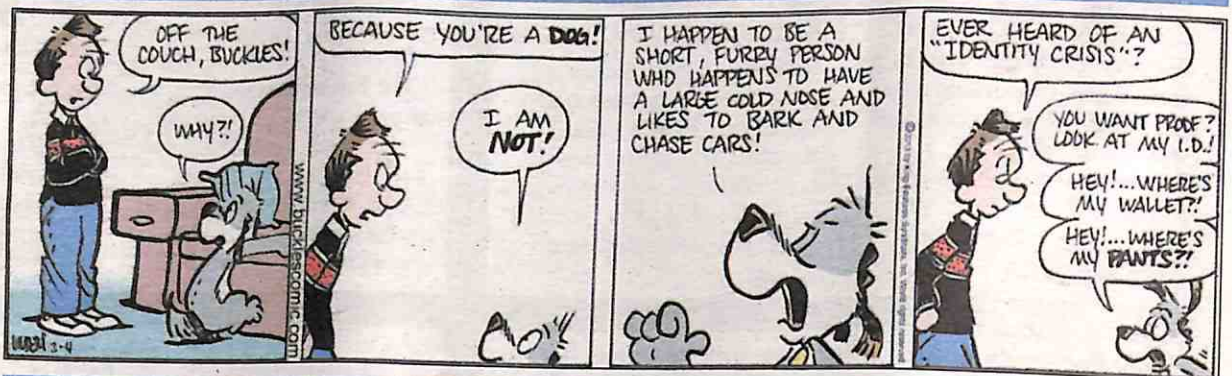


Cancer June 22 - July 22 - This is a very fast

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LOL
Laughing Out Loud

There were three guys talking in the pub. Two of them are talking about the amount of control they have over their wives, while the third remains quiet. After a while one of the first two turns to the third and says, "Well, what about you, what sort of control do you have

over your wife?" The third fellow says "I'll tell you. Just the other night my wife came to me on her hands and knees." The first two guys were amazed. "What happened then?" they asked. "She said, 'get out from under the bed and fight like a man!'"

USELESS FACTS

- Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1/10 of a calorie.
- The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
- Studies show that if a cat falls off the seventh floor of a building it has about thirty percent less chance of surviving than a cat that falls off the twentieth floor. It supposedly takes about eight floors for the cat to realise what is occurring, relax and correct itself.
- Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every 2 weeks otherwise it will digest itself.
- The citrus soda 7-UP was created in 1929; '7' was selected after the original 7-ounce containers and 'UP' for the direction of the bubbles.
- 101 Dalmatians, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp, and Mulan are the only Disney cartoons where both parents are present and don't die throughout the movie.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's Brain Teaser

- What do you call a frog with no legs?
A. It doesn't matter- he won't come anyway.
- He who builds me doesn't want me, he who buys me doesn't use me, he that uses me doesn't know he's got me.

What am I?
A. A coffin.

Today's Brain teaser

1. In a drawer you have black socks and white socks. They are not stored away in pairs. Without looking, how many times will you have to reach into the drawer to come out with a matching pair?

2. 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?

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VALENCIA 0-2 CELTA VIGO:

FANS CALL FOR NEVILLE'S HEAD AS VALENCIA LOSE

VALENCIA - The Mestalla has spoken. Gary Neville substituted Paco Alcacer to a cacophony of whistles and yells in the 79th minute.

And in the 80th John Guidetti scored. The fans turned on the Valencia manager, screaming for him to leave the club, waving white handkerchiefs.

This was the first time the Los Che supporters had gone for the coach. There has, of course, been the odd pockets of disgruntled support who have called for Neville's head, but not the stadium as a whole, not like this.

Instead of heading off on Monday to join up with the England camp, where he is assistant to Roy Hodgson, Neville has delayed that until Thursday night. "The two or three million people in Valencia need my attention this week," he said. "I feel it's the right thing to do."

Neville explained he had just spoken to Roy Hodgson as well as to club officials, making the decision



HEAD MUST ROLL: Furious fans chanted for Gary Neville (l) to leave after Valencia suffered 11th league defeat on Sunday. (Daily Mail)

in the wake of this defeat, although he insisted it was not taken in 'panic'.

Commitment

"The last thing I want is for people here to say Gary Neville lacks commitment, because it's not something that's even been said about me in my life," he said.

That cannot always be said of his team, although for well over an hour this was an interesting, end-to-

end clash, with both teams having chances to score, Valencia moreso than Celta Vigo.

Flicked

However, a long ball, cleverly flicked on by Fabian Orellana for Guidetti, right after Neville introduced Negredo for Alcacer, was enough to break a defence that now hasn't kept a clean sheet in the league for 20 games.

Daily Mail



RECORD BREAKER: The Welshman (left) poked into an empty goal after Benzema (right) had chipped the ball over the advancing Sergio Rico. (Daily Mail)

Gareth Bale breaks record in Spanish football

MADRID - Real Madrid's BBC forward line may be back in business just in time to save the club's season. Gareth Bale, Karim Benzema and Cristiano Ronaldo all scored in a 4-0 win over Sevilla.

It's too late for them to put pressure on Barcelona in La Liga but this trio took Real Madrid to Champions League glory two seasons ago and they may be finding their form to do the same this time around.

Bale, Benzema and Cristiano have been overshadowed by Barcelona's Lionel Messi, Neymar, Luis Suarez front three this season but Bale was out-

standing during the 70 minutes he spent on the pitch, Benzema matched him and although Ronaldo missed a penalty he made amends with the all important second goal.

On this showing Bale, who will not join up with Wales on international duty next week, doesn't need a rest. And Real Madrid don't need a new goalkeeper either.

Penalty

Keylor Navas saved a first half penalty and kept a clean sheet despite Sevilla throwing everything at him as they tried to get back into the game.

Daily Mail



NUMBER ONE: Novak Djokovic celebrates after winning his fifth career Indian Wells title on Sunday. (Daily Mail)

Djokovic picks up fifth title with win over Milos Raonic

NEW YORK - World No 1 Novak Djokovic produced sublime form to clinch an unprecedented fifth men's title at Indian Wells with a 6-2 6-0 demolition of big-serving Canadian Milos Raonic in the men's final on Sunday.

The 28-year-old Serb broke his out-of-sorts opponent twice in the first set and three times in the second to wrap up victory in one hour 17 minutes on a blazing hot afternoon at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in California.

Australian Open champion Djokovic improved his stellar record for the year to 22-1 as

he tied Rafael Nadal with a record-equalling 27th ATP Masters 1000 crown.

Djokovic, who beat long-time rival Nadal 7-6(5) 6-2 in the semi-finals, also maintained his perfect record against Raonic as he won their sixth career meeting.

Worst

"Best match of the tournament for me today and probably the worst for Milos," Djokovic, an 11-time grand slam singles champion, told ESPN after the trophy presentation. "He was not feeling his best and I wish him a speedy recovery".

Daily Mail

VILLARREAL DENIES BARCELONA VICTORY

BARCELONA - Villarreal fans sang: 'hands up this is a robbery' as a disastrous performance from referee Jose Maria Sanchez played its part in denying them victory over Barcelona.

Barça took an early lead through Ivan Rakitic but then whistler Sanchez took over getting almost all of his big decisions wrong in an awful first 45 minutes in which he should have sent off Gerard Pique, and mistakenly awarded Neymar a penalty.

"It was not a penalty," said Villarreal keeper Sergio Asenjo after the game. "The linesman is 15 metres away and he should have seen that. But this team never gives and everyone saw that."

Towel

"We said to each other at half time that we were going to start the second half as if it was still 0-0 and we did that. Many teams would have thrown in the towel." Referee Sanchez had shown 38 yellow cards and two reds in his last four

games before this one and he booked Pique early for a foul on Samu Castillejo. But he then failed to spot handball from the same player when he went to ground tackling Denis Suarez.

The Barcelona loanee broke clear and had he got past Pique, Villarreal had three players honing in on Claudio Bravo's goal. The defender used both hands to stop the ball but the referee failed to spot the infringement.

Daily Mail

Serena Williams stunned by relentless Azarenka

NEW YORK - Former world number one Victoria Azarenka took advantage of an error-strewn display by Serena Williams to win her second BNP Paribas Open title with a 6-4, 6-4 victory in Sunday's final at Indian Wells in California.

The 26-year-old Belarusian broke the top-seeded American in the opening game of the first set and twice in the second before wrapping up the win in just under 90 minutes in front of a stunned crowd at the sun-baked Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

World No 1 Williams, seeking a third title at Indian Wells after winning her second a distant 15 years ago, was badly let down by her forehand, though she did mount a late fightback and broke Azarenka in the eighth game of the second set for 3-5.

The American came close to leveling with Azarenka, serving for the match, wobbling at 15-40 but the

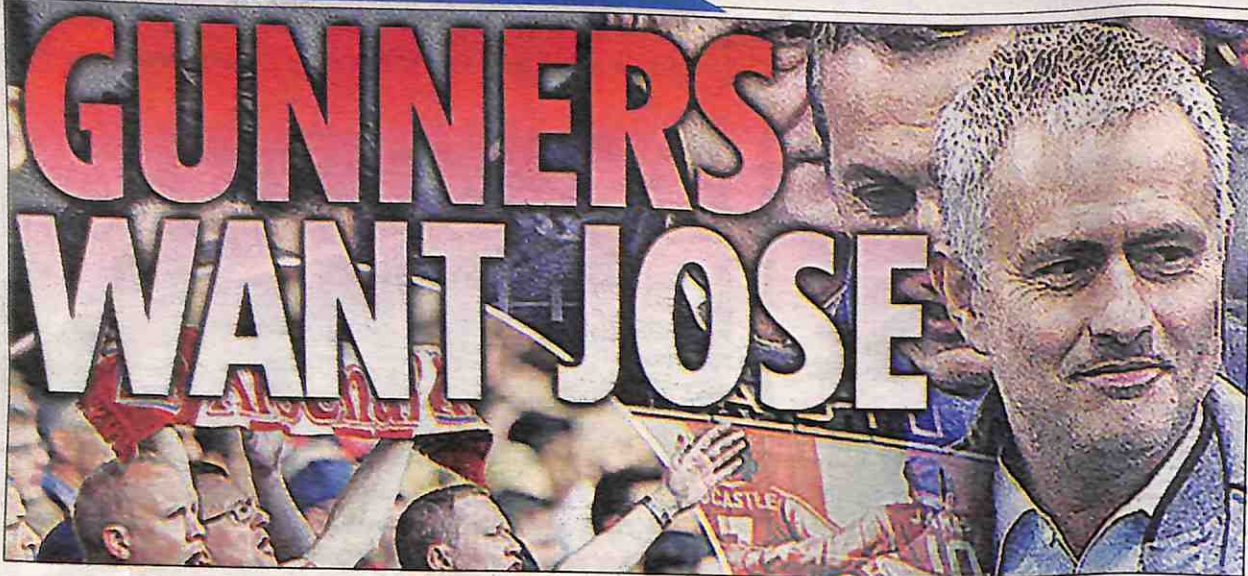


NO HARD FEELINGS: Serena Williams jokes with Victoria Azarenka having been defeated in straight sets in the final in California. (Daily Mail)

Belarusian fired an ace, got to deuce when Williams hit a backhand long and clinched victory when her opponent hit a forehand service return long. A visibly emotional Azarenka,

the 13th seed who claimed her first Indian Wells crown in 2012, was able to celebrate her fourth victory over Williams in a WTA final.

Daily Mail



LONDON - Arsenal are plotting a sensational move for Jose Mourinho, according to stunning claims in Spain.

The former Chelsea boss has been linked with a move to Manchester United with Louis van Gaal's future in serious doubt.

Spanish newspaper El Pais yesterday even went as far as claiming Mourinho had signed a pre-contract agreement to become the new United boss.

But according to Fichajes, a Spanish news outlet specialising in gossip, the

Gunners want Mourinho themselves.

It's claimed Arsenal are still in the hunt for Mourinho following United's uncertainty. The Gunners are reportedly tired of Arsene Wenger's lack of silverware and see the Portuguese as the ideal replacement. Wenger took charge at Arsenal in 1996 but has failed to win a Premier League title since the 'Invincibles' season in 2004.

Mourinho recently revealed he's keen to return to management this summer. Speaking at an event in Singapore last month, he said: "I

always feel that it's better to wait, not to rush, better to be calm, to wait for the right moment, the right move.

"I feel that starting the next season with a new club and project is probably the best thing for me.

"It's quite a funny career. I am the English champion, and I still have no job. "I read so many different things. One day it says I go to China, another day it says I go to Italy, and people say I'm back to Inter Milan. I'm here - probably, you are saying I will go to the Singapore national team."

Daily Mail

Pellegrini storms out of interview after derby defeat

LONDON - Manuel Pellegrini marched out of his post-match television interview on Sunday as the pressure began to take its toll following a 1-0 defeat in the Manchester derby.

Marcus Rashford's first-half strike left Manchester City clinging to fourth place in the table, one point ahead of Manchester United and West Ham in the race for Champions League places.

But Pellegrini denied that City's season has been derailed by the move to replace him with Pep Guardiola this summer. When asked on TV about his team's recent slump, he stormed off, saying: "I'm talking about the game and nothing more."

City also have an injury crisis with Joe Hart and Raheem Sterling likely

to miss next month's Champions League quarter-final with Paris Saint-Germain after both picked up injuries yesterday.

City were already missing skipper Vincent Kompany, who is out for at least a month with a calf injury.

Sky pundit Graeme Souness insisted Pellegrini's impending departure had undermined his position.

"He's tried to be really professional with what he's said and how he's acted, but deep down he will be really hurt by being shown the door here," said the Scot. "Don't tell me the announcement that he's going has not affected this football club.

"When you go back to the start of the season and they dish out the two-year contract to him, do you think the players are stupid enough not to

know it's just a smokescreen with all the talk about Guardiola?"

"They're a yard short and that's the difference between winning games and not winning them. Look where they are in the league. City have been drifting." Pellegrini's side have won just four out of 11 games since Guardiola's appointment was confirmed at the start of last month.

Asked if a return of four points from a possible 18 suggested he had lost control of his squad, Pellegrini replied: "I don't think I've lost any control. The attitude of the team today reflects they are all involved.

"It is not the best way to finish the season. Maybe one thing can be linked to the other but I am happy with the attitude. The players are focused." *Daily Mail*



UNDER PRESSURE: Steve Komphela.

'It wasn't to be for Chiefs'

JOHANNESBURG - Steve Komphela says Kaizer Chiefs went to Abidjan to win their encounter against ASEC Mimosas but they didn't achieve that and crashed out of the competition.

Chiefs were knocked out of the CAF Champions League by ASEC on Sunday.

Needing at least a goal to force the game into a penalty shoot-out, Chiefs once again failed to find the back of the net and eventually lost the tie 1-0 on aggregate, after they lost the first leg 1-0 at FNB Stadium.

"We came here to score and win the encounter, but it wasn't

to be. We didn't get a victory here and that's why we are eliminated from the CAF Champions League,"

Komphela told the Chiefs official website. Chiefs' exit from the Champions League means they face the prospect of ending the season without silverware.

Amakhosi lost the finals of the MTN8 and Telkom Knockout, before losing to arch rivals Orlando Pirates in the first round of the Nedbank Cup.

They currently trail log leaders Mamelodi Sundowns by 13 points with seven matches to go before the end of the season.

Times Live

Pirates can go to Africa next year

JOHANNESBURG - Andries Sebola believes that Orlando Pirates will be able to finish in the top three and can play in Africa again next season.

Based on Pirates current form and that of their closest rivals, the former striker says that the timing of their resurgence has made a return to continental competition a likely scenario.

"They picked up at the right time when some of the teams they are competing with are dropping points," he told the Siya crew. "I know after losing to Wits things were disturbed but with the remaining games

they can still do it."

Sebola has predicted a third place finish and says that Pirates participation in Africa will not only benefit Eric Tinkler's side, but the country as a whole.

"They can finish third and qualify for the Confederation Cup next year which will be good for the team and the country," he observed.

With seven games remaining this season, Orlando Pirates are 11 points adrift of third-placed Platinum Stars in seventh place on the PSL log.

Daily Sun

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Tender Reference: 38of 2016/2017

The Ministry of Health now invites sealed Tenders for the Supply and Delivery of Uniforms for the Health Workers.

Tenders must be accompanied by a receipt for E300 (three hundred) which should be paid at any government Revenue Offices; Account number is 451-2101-21990. Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

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"The Secretary to the Tender Board
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P.O. Box 38
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The Envelope must be clearly marked with the following words; Ministry of Health, Tender No. 38 of 2016/17 for the Supply and Delivery of Health Workers Uniform "Do not open before Friday 29th April, 2016 at 9.00 am".

Tenders must be delivered to the offices of Tender Board, Treasury Building, P. O. Box 38, Mbabane, Swaziland, by Friday 29th April, 2016 at 9.00 am and deposited in the Treasury Tender Box.

Tenders received in time by the date and time for submission will be opened at the Treasury Building immediately at 9.00 am on Friday 29th April, 2016. Late, telegraphic, electronic and faxed tenders will not be considered. Tenderers may attend the opening procedure.

The documents specified in the Instructions to Tenderers including the copy of current Tax Clearance Certificates, Trading Licence, Form J, Form C, Labour Compliance Certificate for local tenders, Swaziland Provident Fund (SNPF), Employer Compliance Clearance Certificate for local tenders and Tender Security must be enclosed in the tender envelope.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Pre-bid meeting shall be held on Wednesday the 6th April, 2016, at 09.00am in the conference room situated at the Central Medical Stores, Matsapha, Swaziland.

For further information and collection of tender documents contact the Procurement Unit, at the Central Medical Stores, Plot 77, King Mswati 111 Avenue, Matsapha Industrial Estate, Matsapha, Swaziland. Telephone No: 25184111/25184496/25184373. Send your request for a soft copy of the bidding document to procurement.swazihealth@gmail.com and copy.sncedile@gmail.com

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

VACANCY

FORESTER

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for appointment to the above post in the Civil Service tenable in the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The candidate must have:-

- A Diploma in Forestry from a recognized training institution with at least two (2) years working experience

RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES

- To coordinate, supervise and implement forestry extension programmes in the field at regional and sub-regional level
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- To liaise with NGOs, schools and other implementing partners on forestry related issues
- To sensitize and educate communities on forestry programmes
- To encourage communities to establish individual and community tree nurseries
- To do rehabilitation of degraded land
- To implement Agroforestry activities and assist communities to plan, establish, sustainably manage and utilize woodlots and wattle stands
- To disseminate information to communities on sustainable forest management practices and technologies for achieving sustainable utilization, conservation and development of forest resources
- To coordinate collection of nursery soil for seedlings production
- To perform any other official duties that may be assigned by her/his immediate Supervisor

SALARY

The basic salary is on Grade C3: E98, 679 rising to E111, 064 per annum

APPLICATION FORMS

They are obtainable from:

The Executive Secretary,
Civil Service Commission,
P.O. Box 158,
Mbabane.

The candidate's Curriculum Vitae and copies of certificates of the required qualifications must accompany applications. Candidates must complete CSC Form B or Form C for serving officers. Candidates who do not have the above qualifications should not apply because their applications will not be considered.

CLOSING DATE: 11th April, 2016

DOC11619



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

VACANCY

PLANT & TRANSPORT MANAGER

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for appointment to the above post in the Civil Service tenable in the Ministry of Public Works and Transport.

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

The candidate must have:-

- A Diploma in Transport Management and Planning or any other relevant and equivalent qualification
- Experience in Transport Management and/or Transport Planning
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, a commitment to teamwork, leadership and motivational skills
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DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- To monitor plant/vehicle operations in compliance with the Government regulations (Stores Regulations - Part II)
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- To monitor transport/plant machinery spending to ensure that the expenses are consistent with the approved budgets of the Ministry
- To oversee and review the day to day scheduling of the transport/plant operations
- To carry out any other official duties that may be assigned by her/his immediate Supervisor

SALARY

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'MEN DESERVE MORE PRIZE MONEY THAN WOMEN'

NEW YORK - World No 1 Novak Djokovic believes men should be awarded more prize money than women following a row sparked by comments from chief executive of Indian Wells, Raymond Moore. Speaking ahead of the BNP Paribas final between Victoria Azarenka and Serena Williams, Moore said the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) was a 'lucky organisation' which 'rides on the coattails' of the men. Seeming to overlook the 21 grand slams won by Williams - more than the 17 won by Roger Federer and 14 by Rafael Nadal - Moore added: 'If I was a lady player, I'd go down every night on my knees and thank God that Roger Federer and Rafa Nadal were born, because they have carried this sport. They really



INEQUALITY: Novak Djokovic says men should earn more than women as Raymond Moore apologises for comments. (AP)

have.' Moore later apologised for his comments that were in 'poor taste and erroneous' but the damage

had been done by then and Djokovic added fuel to the fire. Speaking after his straight-sets win over Milos Raonic in the

men's final, the Serb said women deserve the money they get, but men should fight for more because their game attracts more viewers. He said: 'Obviously it's a very delicate situation. Women deserve respect and admiration for what they are doing. You know, equal prize money was the main subject of the tennis world in the last seven, eight years. I have been through that process as well so I understand how much power and energy WTA and all the advocates for equal prize money have invested in order to reach that. I applaud them for that, I honestly do. They fought for what they deserve and they got it. On the other hand I think that our men's tennis world, ATP world, should fight for more. *Daily Mail*

Buffon pays tribute to team-mates

JUVENTUS - Gianluigi Buffon has thanked all of his Juventus team-mates individually after setting a goal-keeping record for the longest run without conceding a Serie A goal. The Italian legend, 38, overtook Sebastiano Rossi's record of 929 minutes without conceding for AC Milan - set in the 1993-94 season - in the fourth minute of Juventus's 4-1 over local rivals Torino. Andrea Belotti's second-half penalty for Torino ended his run at 974 minutes but Juventus went on to secure a comfortable victory, keeping them three points clear at the top of Serie A. Buffon posted a message on Facebook after the game with the introduction: 'No record comes down to a single man and you can't be number one outside of the group. So I'd like to thank...' He then compliments each of his team-mates - Paul Pogba 'doesn't live football, he invents it' and Sami Khedira is 'always the right man in the right place'. 'And finally our coach, a winner in the temple of winners!' he concludes after a long list of tributes. Buffon, who joined Juventus in 2001, is the most-capped Italy play ever and has been ever-present for his club this season at the age of 38. *Daily Mail*

Azarenka back into world top 10

NEW YORK - Victoria Azarenka has returned to the world top 10 for the first time since August, 2014 on the back of her win over top-ranked Serena Williams in the final of Indian Wells on Sunday. A former world No 1 herself, the Belarussian has struggled with injury and motivation over the last two years, but has been gradually working her way back and her victory moves her up seven places to eighth. Going the other way is Maria Sharapova. The Russian is injured and under the cloud of a failed drug test and she has fallen out of the top 10 for the first time since January, 2011. Elsewhere Agnieszka Radwanska is back up to second place thanks to her run into the semifinals at Indian Wells, but she trails well behind the dominant Williams. *Daily Mail*

WTA WORLD TOP 20

1. Serena Williams (USA) 9 505 pts
 2. Agnieszka Radwanska (POL) 5 775 (+1)
 3. Angelique Kerber (GER) 5 700 (-1)
 4. Garbine Muguruza (ESP) 4 776
 5. Simona Halep (ROM) 3 960
 6. Carla Suarez (ESP) 3 800
 7. Petra Kvitova (CZE) 3 698 (+2)
 8. Viktoria Azarenka (BLR) 3 595 (+7)
 9. Roberta Vinci (ITA) 3 540 (+1)
 10. Belinda Bencic (SUI) 3 450 (-2)
- AFP



Mayweather living 'The American Dream'

LAS VEGAS - He's been linked with a return to the ring ever since he hung up his gloves but Floyd Mayweather has once again reiterated his decision to retire from boxing by posing with large wads of cash. The undefeated former boxer, who retired after defeating Andre Berto last September, has taken to his Instagram page again to insist he's enjoying his life away from sport. But this time the 39-year-old American ensured his followers could understand why he's enjoying his retirement by posing near stacks of cash and posting a lengthy caption. Mayweather, who urged his Twitter followers to 'please



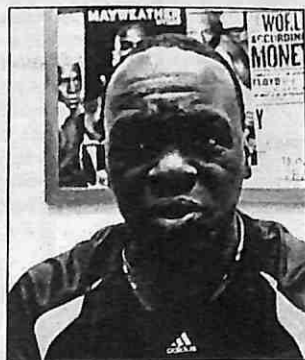
MAKE MONEY: Floyd Mayweather has stood by his retirement saying he is living the American Dream. (AP)

read' the post, has revealed he is 'blessed to wake up every morning, certain that

my bank accounts are growing'. *Daily Mail*

Mayweather's uncle tells Conor, Rousey to shut up

LAS VEGAS - Jeff Mayweather, the uncle of recently-retired boxing legend Floyd, has criticised UFC fighters such as Conor McGregor and Ronda Rousey for insulting his nephew - and says it is proof that they need him to help promote the sport. Floyd Mayweather retired in September 2015 with a perfect record of 49-0 after a starred 19-year professional career, winning his first world title in 1998 and moving up through five weight classes. His comfortable win over Manny Pacquiao in Las Vegas in May 2015 - billed



SUPPORTIVE: Jeff Mayweather. (AP)

as the 'Fight of the Century' and the most lucrative in the sport's history - secured his status as the premier boxer of his generation. UFC's Conor McGregor made the headlines by men-

tioning Mayweather in the build-up to his recent fights, claiming he would 'dismantle him in seconds' if they ever fought. The Irishman was forced to tap out in his most recent outing against Nate Diaz in early March and Jeff Mayweather believes his 'little moment of fame' is over. 'They want to make it like Conor McGregor is so great because he went up and got his a** whooped,' the boxing and UFC trainer told FightHype.com. 'Wow! That's great? You went up and got your a** whooped. *Daily Mail*



'He is the best in history'

BARCELONA/DOHA - Former Barcelona captain Xavi has admitted that observing his former side this season is 'making him drool,' while comparisons between him and Lionel Messi are 'a load of balls.' After winning a remarkable La Liga, Copa del Rey and Champions League treble with Barca last term, Xavi headed to Qatari side Al Sadd after 17 years in the Catalan club's first team with whom he won 24 trophies. And from his base in Southwest Asia, 36-year-old Xavi has told La Vanguardia, 'Barcelona have what they need to keep winning'. Having lifted eight league titles, three Champions Leagues, two UEFA Super Cups, three Copa del Reys, six Spanish Supercups, and two FIFA Club World Cups, Xavi is well aware of what it takes to win titles while playing scintillating football. And he revealed, 'the way the team plays makes me drool, they're at a stratospheric level', assuring that Messi is currently in his best years: 'I felt at my best between 28 and 32 and he's looking after himself better than ever, he's spectacular'. Xavi also said that it makes him laugh when people say 'Messi is playing like Xavi? What a load of balls, Messi plays like Messi, he does whatever he wants, he does everything well and is the best in history. *Daily Mail*

Weekend Sports Results

Compiled by Sanele Jele

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

Midas City	2	Malanti Chiefs	2
Red Lions	0	Young Buffaloes	5
Green Mamba	2	Manzini Sundowns	1
Mbabane Swallows	1	Bad Boys	1
Royal Leopard	1	Sea Birds	1
Mbabane Highlanders	0	Manzini Wanderers	2

MTN NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION

Manchester United	1	Hellenic	0
Ubombo Flyers	1	Tambuti	3
Ludzeludze Brothers	0	Mbabane Citizens	0
Amalanda	5	Sikhalo	2
Moneni Pirates	0	Madlenya	0
RSSC United	1	Kontshingila	0

PLS RESERVE LEAGUE

Manzini Wanderers	1	Sea Birds	2
Royal Leopard	3	Midas City	1
Manzini Sundowns	0	Mb Highlanders	0

SUNDAY

Malanti Chiefs	2	Young Buffaloes	1
Red Lions	2	Mbabane Swallows	2
Green Mamba	2	Bad Boys	2

WOMEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Leopard	5	Mbekelweni	0
Highlanders	0	Swallows	2
Divas	3	Mhlume	2
Wanderers	3	Buffaloes	2

SUCSA NQ & NF Investments League Results

Soccer (men)			
Police College	3	VOCTIM	1
Correctional College	2	SANU Health	1
Correctional College	2	Ngwane Park	0
SANU Health	4	Ngwane Park	0
Limkokwing University	1	SANU Education	0

NETBALL

Police College	60	VOCTIM	6
Correctional College	54	Ngwane Park	5
SANU Education	37	Limkokwing	10

VOLLEYBALL (MEN)

Police College	2	VOCTIM	0
Limkokwing University	2	SANU Education	1

VOLLEYBALL (LADIES)

Correctional College	2	SANU Health	0
SANU Education	2	Limkokwing	1

HOOHO REGIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane Juniors League U15			
Hurricane	0	All Stars	1
Mphalati	3	Classic	0
Hellenic	3	Junior Stars	2
Supersport	4	Umbelebele	2
Lusoti	3	Checkers	0

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Southern zone			
Umbelebele	5	Vusweni Killers	1
Vovovo	8	Sibuyeni	0
Tinyosi	3	Pot O Gold	0
Wizards	0	M. Invaders	0
Swazi Sun	2	Gordon Stars	0
Northern zone			
B. Swallows	2	Star Wanderers	0
19 Celtics	2	Ndeva	1
Vultures	1	N. Swallows	0
Bush Bucks	1	Arsenal	2
Mvuma	5	Ndlalambi	2
Horo	3	Fast Movers	0

Bakhanyisele Mabalala Maphalaleni- Regional League E 30 000

Western stream			
Killers	1	Manchester	2
Professionals	1	Junior Stars	4
Umkhokha	0	Y. Lovers	9
Rangers	1	Experience	6
Liselesele	0	Blue Birds	2
Khulungwane	0	Barcelona	1
Hotspurs	4	Young Stars	0
Billy Ocean	4	Thuluzobona	0



Eastern Stream

Rollers	2	Academy	2
Siphambanweni	1	Sunrise	1
Hill Stars	1	Early Sunset	2
Lunkanka	4	L. Pirates	1
Mighty Birds	2	Happy Fighters	4

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane Regional Football Knock-out E 50 000

Mb. Celtics	1	Mpolonjeni	1
Dynamos	0	Imbembe	3
Corporation	4	Sandla	1
Flying Stars	0	Amawele	3
Movers	0	D. Action	6
Never Die	0	Junction	4
Real Tec	2	White City	0
Arsenal	3	Mphalati	0
PMT	2	Thembehle	1
Rangers	0	Pine Valley	1
Wailers	1	Manzana	4

Futis Nkhamba Regional Football League E 15 000

Promotion			
BAfana	5	Tycoons	1
Crocodiles	0	Nkoyoyo	0
Shooting	2	Manyisa	2
MAjotini	3	Dribbling Stars	0
Aletico	1	Loxion Lions	0
Swazi Aces	1	Celtics	1
Barcelona	1	Super Stars	1

MP Sikhumbuto Timpisini Regional League 25 000

Promotion			
Red Lions	3	H. Pirates	1
Matsamo	3	Mv. Sundowns	0
Stone Breakers	2	AK	0
Zamalek	1	Elegence	0
Mshweni	0	Mb. Swallows	0
Golden	1	Vusweni	0
B.Division			
Kudweleni	3	MV All United	0
Sikhaleni	2	Combustion	1
Juventus	5	Young Swallows	2
Njakeni	9	Y. Bombers	1
Blue Birds	10	Superstrikes	0

Buy Cash Pigg's Peak Regional League E30 000

Promotion			
Mangwaneni	3	PP United	2
Professionals	2	Hotspurs	0
Thuluzobona	4	White Killers	1
Pachanga	2	Khanjana	0
Peak City	1	Phophonyane	5
Mpolonjeni	1	Mhlatane	5
Supersport	2	Citizen	2
Morning Stars	1	Mhlolo	3
Magwaneni	2	Mpolonjeni	1

Post Construction Sigangeni League Regional League E30 000

Northern			
Burning Spear	3	United Stars	2
Ntsetse	1	Total XI	1
Community	4	Sithobela	2
Cannibals	2	M. Eagles	0

Heroes	13	Xi Rangers	1
SD Civils MenU	2	Express	0

Southern Stream

Kupheleni	4	M. Chiefs	0
M. Celtics	1	U. Eagles	2
Sigangeni	1	Makhwane	2
Villa Sport	1	Kangaroo	0
L. Nationals	1	Junior Stars	1
M. Celtics	7	Kupheleni	3
Makhwane	0	Real United	1

Ntabenezimpisi Regional League E15.000

Promotion			
Skom Boyz	2	Y. Professionals	1
Hungry Lions	1	Manchester	1
Sundowns	6	City Cosmos	2
Special Killers	0	Buhleni Aces	1
Mduez	2	Seven Stars	1
M. Arsenal	0	Sigodlo	2
Kappa Kappa	2	Super Stars	0

Mbakelwa Mhlangatane Regional Football League

EAST			
Fighters	0	City Stars	2
Aces	2	Weirma	2
Chelsea	2	Silvercity	0
Zinyane	2	Celtics	1
Professionals	3	Democracy	1
Manchester	1	Thuluzobona	1

Umnoffo Fertiliser Ndzigeni Regional Football League

Super Aces	2	Academy	0
Gebhulas	2	Darkies	1
Red Sea	1	Blue Birds	1
Happiness	2	Lozaza	2
Winners Park	2	Supersport	1
White City	2	Arsenal	0
Mpumalanga	0	B. Rebels	1
Professionals	0	Sweet Banana	2
Liverpool	0	Celtics	0
Young Stars	1	Young Chiefs	0

Sigcaweni Football League

Thuluzobona	4	Hotspurs	2
Wizards	0	Bombers	0
Young Lovers	1	Easy Choppers	0
Heroes	2	XI Experience	0
Emashekeshe	2	Classic	5
Warriors	1	T.K Zee	2
Sisonke	1	P.G Rangers	2
D.XI	1	Aces	2
Lubhuku	1	Mdumezulu	3

Shiselweni Regional Football Association

Shiselweni Southern Super League			
Sibovu	2	Mazomba	0
All Nations	1	Rangers	2
Manchester	3	Makhwelela	0
Black Mashuba	3	Fast XI	2
Wanderers	5	Mahlalini	1
Amagagasi	1	Black Pirates	0

Shiselweni Northern Super League

Blue Birds	0	Tycoons	2
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NK.Sundowns	5	Pieterse XI	1
Young Movers	3	Sandleni	0
White Killers	3	Mbotjeni	1
Home to City	1	Thuluzobona	2
Power Stars	0	Black Aces	4

Shiselweni Forestry-Nhlangano Promotion

Makhonza	4	Mashekesheni	1
Matimatima	1	Mkhitsini Killers	1
Golden Hawks	1	NHO Sun	0
Inter Milan	2	Mashoneni	2
Sprinters	2	Sea Robbers	1
Shooting Stars	1	Mvela	0
Mahlanzze	4	Makhosini	0
XI Peace	1	Vusesweni Killers	1

Simosakhe-Hlatikhulu Promotion

TP Mazembe	0	Liverpool	1
Red Swallows	1	XI Stars	1
Magele	3	Pirates	0
Never Die	2	Black Aces	0
Young Killers	0	Kwendzeni	3

Langa Brick Malindza Zonal E35 000

Liverpool	4	Zamalek	0
Black Mamba	4	Seven Stars	0
Gabi Gabi	3	Lubhuku	1
Malahleni	2	Sigodlo	1
Bhelebane	1	Siweni UTD	0
Malindza UTD	2	Home Sweepers	2
Promising Stars	0	Emahlokhloko	0

Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League

Brave lions	3	Crooks	3
Illovo	2	Barcelona	1
Mpumelelo	1	Magwanyane	2
Darkies	1	Railways	2
Callies	0	XI man	0
Red lions	2	CPL	1
Crystal Palace	0	City Warriors	2
Samampela	1	Aces	0

RSSC Siyakha Under-13 Tabankulu league

Tabankulu FC	2	Tabankulu Celtics	0
Rovers	3	Tabankulu Callies	0
Equator	1	Tabankulu FC	1
RSSC Siyakha Northern zone league			
Tabankulu FC	1	Young Killers	0
Equator	3	Peace makers	2
Revalations	3	Tongaat	0

Sulutane Derrick Transport E20 000

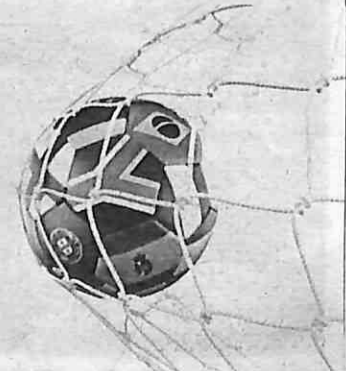
Thula	3	Calabash	1
Rebels	4	Arsenal	0
Barcelona	2	Tigers	1
Umsech	4	Rangers	1
Clay	1	Emalanda	1
Dynamos	2	Tkzee	0

Siteki Junior League -Under 13

Black Stars	4	Shinning Stars	0
Young Fighters	0	Mpumalanga	0
Moyeni	2	Young Stars	0
Golden	2	Sikhalo	0

Lubombo Eastern zone

Boys to Men	3	Classic	1
GSH	3	Lukhula	1
Sparrow	3	Tiger Boys	1
Wenela	3	Chillies	2
Matsetsa	3	Zebbras	2
BBS	1	Eastern Pirates	0
Rollers	0	Madrid	0
Six to Six	2	Mpolonjeni	0
Ngcina	6	Heroes	1



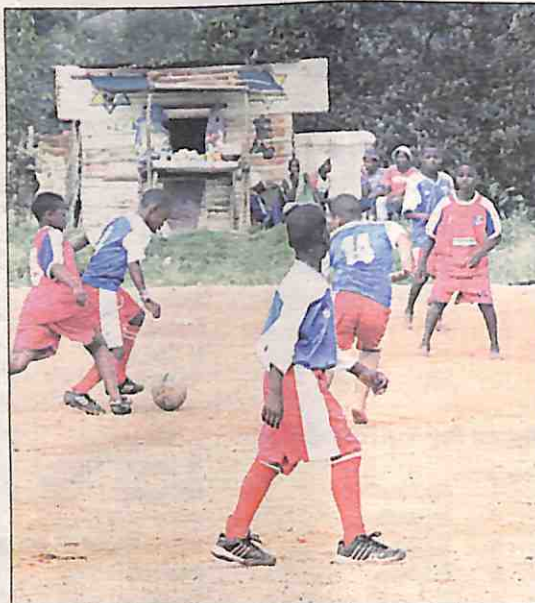
MILKY MAX UNDER-13 JUNIOR LEAGUE



CAMERA SESSION: Hurricane FC with coach Isaac Sihlongonyane during the Milky Max Under -13 Junior League Games on Saturday at Msunduzi Sports Ground.



SPECTATORS: Dave Litchfield and Parmalat employers watching the games.



SWAYI SWAYI: Mbabane Swallows Under-13 pose before their game.



ALL SET: Mpolonjeni FC before their match.



MINE: Mpolonjeni Killers FC's Sne Ntshalintshali trying to head the ball.

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YOUNG TALENT: A Mpolonjeni Killers player negotiates his way past Mbabane Swallows players.

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SCHOOLS ATTEND RSSC SIYAKHA WORKSHOP

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - OVER nine Lubombo primary schools sports teachers attended a grass-roots workshop conducted by FA Technical Director Bhekisisa 'Bizzah' Mkhonta at Simunye last Friday.

Under the 'Siyakha Grassroots Festivals' sponsored by Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC), the teachers were equipped with development skills focussing on young children. Programme Coordinator Sicelo Nene said the event was a huge success as a total of 150 children took part in the workshop.

"We are very happy with the turnout as the teachers showed passion in executing their duties together with the kids, who enjoyed themselves during the demonstrations."

During the exercise, the children were categorised



DEVELOPMENT IS KEY: FA Technical Director Bhekisisa 'Bizzah' Mkhonta addressing the teachers who attended the workshop. (Courtesy pics)

into different groups of 10 per station, where they were trained on different football skills.

Exercises

They would now and again rotate all the stations to cover every aspect of the exercised. "This effectively means that during the rotation, every child would have practised all the skills by the end of the

event. The children were taught about the basic skills of football, including passing the ball, dribbling and ball control while they were also taught to score in a tournament-like category."

Nene further thanked the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) for supporting them in the initiative.



JOB WELL DONE: The pupils and their teachers posing for a group photo after their training at Nokwane.



THIS IS HOW IT'S DONE: Zakhele Myeni of Mafusini Primary taking the pupils through their paces during the workshop.



LET'S PLAY: The teachers kitted out for the training session.



MY BALL: Passionate pupils taking part in the training that was held at Nokwane Primary School.



LET'S GET READY: Mkhonta with recently appointed regional TD James Kunene dressing up.



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MPs ARE BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

TO be perfectly honest, we should not waste time responding to the diatribe of members of parliament who appear to be either a confused lot or ignorant of matters football.

In fact, the truth is that some members of parliament, like Owen Nxumalo should know better. But based on his recent questions regarding issues surrounding the governing of football, especially the PLS Governors structure we could be tempted to think that MP Nxumalo has never served in the board of governors structure.

That he has and is a legislator, but also asking such questions as the one he asked last week concerning what should happen when a PLS governor loses his status of being in a club or when the club is relegated should worry us about the integrity of our legislators and motive thereof. It should also worry us if MPs themselves reason or if they bother to research because this should be basic. It should also worry us because the MP has asked the most basic question that should not have even been contemplated.

This is basically so because first and foremost, the MP should know better that the PLS is not answerable to parliament and that at best parliament should worry itself about is the sports council more than the issues of governance of the Premier League of Swaziland.

It is very saddening and disturbing to see our politicians continue being on the case of the PLS, which is an affiliate of the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS). The sports council is the organisation that MPs should worry about mainly because it is funded directly by the taxpayer. That an MP, who should have experience of the operations of the PLS, should not waste our taxes by asking such a mundane



MUST KNOW BETTER: Owen Nxumalo.

question, but he should inform us of his agenda.

The MP definitely appears to be pursuing a personal agenda or vendetta against the PLS if not its chairman.

The reason for this assumption is clear, Nxumalo should know better than to venture in such issues that he is inviting such a spotlight on himself because there is nothing to substantiate such imposition into the PLS.

However, if we were to entertain his interest, we would have been happier to hear him praise the PLS for its successful staging of the Ingwenyama Cup, not least because that event was recent and was the buzz of the week.

But it was also the obvious thing concerning the PLS because not only have the organisation achieved this, but His Majesty the King deserves such accolades on a tournament named after him. But what do we get? We get pot-shots at the PLS for God knows why!

But this makes sense; not so long ago, the same MPs questioned how the PLS managed to raise such an amount of money for this very tournament.

It forces us to think that it is true that the MP is pursuing a personal agenda against the PLS and forgetting to focus on the more important things they were actually elected for.

The MPs should focus their energies on the more important matters or to just spare us all and go straight for the PLS chairman because it is clear that's who they are gunning for.

This is especially true if we are to consider the submission by the other MP, Sikhumbuz, who is actually a disgraced executive member of the Women Football Association.

His interest makes it all the more believable that MPs do not know what they are talking about.

But they are busy talking about things beyond their scope and comprehension.

They must stick to playing marbles.

One of the two MPs once said the current sponsorships in local football were too much as they stood at E12 million per season.

Mr MP, how can you say E12 million is too much when other countries are competing for about E10 million in their respective leagues. Your statement really made you look like a football enemy because the PLS is trying to take the country to another level in as far as the King's vision 2022 is concerned through the beautiful game.

PLS executives always run helter skelter looking for sponsorships as they try and improve local football.

Their efforts have played a major role in helping national team Sihlangu climb the success ladder in the international football scene. We are all celebrating as a country now that Sihlangu is doing well, but the efforts by the PLS are still not embraced by our beloved politicians, *kahleni bekunene*.

Good luck Sihlangu Semnikati

FRIDAY will see the national team Sihlangu Semnikati battle with Zimbabwe's Warriors in the AFCON 2017 where the nation's pride is still fighting to qualify for the first ever finals of the continental showpiece to be held in Gabon next year.

This will be a defining moment for Sihlangu as they will face the same opposition in two outings in less than four days. The first leg will be on Good Friday at the Somhlolo National Stadium while the second leg will be played in Harare on Easter Monday.

The nation's pride needs to hammer the opposition here at home and fight at least for a draw in the return match.

It will take proper planning from the technical bench led

by home grown tactician Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, who has done well since taking over the reins from Valere Billen. Our qualifying destiny will be determined by our tie against Zimbabwe, who are also sitting on four points in Group L.

There shouldn't be any unrealistic expectations on the team, but we expect them to do well against the Warriors, especially at home. We have to inspire them to represent the country with aplomb.

The 'Warriors' as Zimbabwe are fondly known, may have international players in their squad with the likes of Knowledge Musona, Khama Billat, Mathew Rusike and Willard Katsande among others but that should not worry us or cause any panic. We have watched spirited performances displayed by Sihlangu in their previous assignments and we should bank on that.

Our main target remains a long-term one, building a competitive Sihlangu outfit that will take on the world in the 2022 FIFA World Cup, which is His Majesty King Mswati III's wish.

So the AFCON is not a cul-de-

sac, but only the beginning of a journey.

The home side have managed to match powerhouses like Nigeria, who paraded European-based players in Idion Ighalo, Ahmed Musa and Kelechi. The local boys gave a gallant performance in both ties before losing 2-0 on aggregate in the 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

We need to continue the path of rewriting history.

Sihlangu were at it again in the opening games of the AFCON where they made headlines in the continent with the famous 2-1 win over Guinea where we were never given any chance before the match as the West African country also had France-based

players in their squad.

The gallant Sihlangu were not discouraged by the big names as they went on to get a famous away victory in Morocco.

Every Swazi citizen must cram the Somhlolo National Stadium to support the boys and further accompany them as they will be going for round two next Monday in Zimbabwe.

The boys should continue with their never-say-die attitude and conquer the Warriors in order to make our dream for Gabon a reality. Good luck Sihlangu Semnikati, we are fully behind you.

Before I depart, let me voice my disappointment with the National Football Association of Swaziland, following the late cancellation of the Sihlangu / Lesotho friendly matches which were scheduled for Mayaluka and Somhlolo National Stadium over the weekend.

I expect the FA to organise the friendly games on time to avoid such situations. I feel pity for the passionate Swazi football fans who were left disappointed at the Mayaluka Stadium after the match was cancelled.



Observer Sports Desk wins big in Ingwenyama Cup awards



THE BEST OF THEM ALL: Ingwenyama Cup Best Photographer Lucky Simelane receiving his award.

THE Swazi Observer Sports Desk was one of the winners at the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup awards dinner, coming away with the Best Print Media, Best Editor and Best Photographer awards.

We view this as a reward for perseverance and dedication to developing the domestic game in the country. With a new team pioneering in sports news reporting, we have not wavered from our cause of providing up to the minute coverage of the Ingwenyama Cup and other tournaments, especially in

terms of updating and giving factual information to the public.

Our commitment is to ensure that we continue working hard in the development of sports in the country and we do that with the enduring mind of helping to yield substantial results in this regard.

Forward

We want to forward our sincere gratitude to the panel of judges, who saw it fit to hand us the three respective awards and it will go a long way in motivating the Observer Sports Desk team to do even much better and

keep striving to see local sports endeavours uplifted.

We will continue to humble ourselves to our readers and dedicate ourselves to giving fair and sensible news without fear or favour. We welcome criticism with a positive mindset and we strive to do better.

To His Majesty King Mswati III, we salute you Mbangazitha for the revolution you introduced which entails blending football with culture. Indeed, your wisdom is taking us to greater heights.



WINNING TEAM: Swazi Observer Reporter Sabelo Majola receiving a E10 000 cheque and trophy for being Best Print Media and Best Editor Awards (E6 000) from Lubombo Regional Administrator Sylvia Mthethwa.

PLS CEO MAZIBUKO LAMENTS SIHLANGU ABANDONED FRIENDLY

By Sanele Jele

SOCCKER - PREMIER League of Swaziland (PLS) Chief Executive Officer John Mazibuko has come out to say it was of great importance that Sihlangu plays a friendly game before clashing with Zimbabwe in the upcoming AFCON 2017 qualifiers.

The Harries 'Madze' Bulunga-led charges were supposed to play Lesotho in a friendly match but the visitors failed to honour the match due to technical reasons.

The friendly match was slated for Mayaluka and Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. It was announced at the eleventh hour that Likuena were not available for the match. Reporters from this publication had to go to Mayaluka Stadium only to find that the game had been called off.

Mazibuko made these remarks at Voctim Sports Ground during the PLS Reserve League played on Sunday.

"Well this friendly could have been vital for the national team in their preparation for the AFCON 2017 qualifiers. It could have been a determination factor for the coach to assess their readiness for the

● It could have been a determination factor for the coach to assess their readiness for the Warriors' game.



SETBACK: PLS CEO John Mazibuko has lamented Sihlangu's failure to play a friendly match as a great loss.

Warriors' game. On the other hand, we cannot blame anyone," Mazibuko said.

The CEO said Zimbabwe were strong opponents but was hoping the nation's pride would do well.

"Zimbabwe are strong opponent but despite us not playing a friendly game I still believe in our team which I am very optimistic the boys will do us proud."

On another note, Mazibuko said he was pleased with the way the PLS Reserve League was progressing.

"We are very pleased with the progress in the PLS Reserve League. It has been very competitive and we applaud these teams. We are happy because the Premier League teams are promoting some of their players to the senior team and that encourages continuity."

CAF grant Zimbabwe venue change for AFCON

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCKER - THE Confederation of African Football (CAF) has given Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA) a green light in their quest to have their Africa Cup of Nations qualifier clash against Swaziland played at the National Sports Stadium instead of Rufafo.

The Warriors have been using Rufafo for their home matches in both the Nations Cup and African Nations Championship assignments but following recommendations that were

made by Zimbabwe head coach Callisto Pasuwa to ZIFA, the Association agreed to have the Warriors clash against Sihlangu moved to the National Sports Stadium.

With Sihlangu using the artificial turf at Somhlolo National Stadium in staging their home games, Pasuwa believes taking the Swazis to the wider pitch and on the natural grass will work in their favour when they host them.

The National Sports Stadium is the biggest in Zimbabwe with a capacity of 60 000. Previously, CAF competitions Division Director Shereen Arafa

had written to ZIFA last month advising them that the National Sports Stadium is currently not regulated to stage matches under the supervision of the continental body. In response, ZIFA Chief Executive Jonathan Mashingaidze wrote to Arafa requesting the continental soccer body to send an inspector to assess the suitability of the National Sports Stadium to staging the Warriors' Easter Monday clash.

CAF eventually gave them the green light and the match will be staged in the giant facility which has previously been closed for renovations.

'Xavi's AS Vita face SA 'Downs CAF CL

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCKER - SWAZI international Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo's AS Vita club from DR Congo will now face South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns in the Orange CAF Champions League second round tie.

This comes after the Kinshasa-based outfit advanced to the next round on a 2-1 aggregate after playing to a 1-all draw against Ferraviaro on Sunday in Maputo, Mozambique.

The Florent Ibenge-led charges now have a date with the Tshwane-based side in the weekend April 8-9 at the Lucas Moripe Stadium before the return match to be played on the weekend of April 22-23 at the Stade De Marty in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



CHALLENGE: AS Vita Club will take on Mamelodi Sundowns in the CAF Champions League second round.

If AS Vita advances to the next round, Mkhontfo will get a chance to play in the group stages of the continents premier club competition.

Joined

Mkhontfo has already joined national team Sihlangu in camp as they prepare for the AFCON 2017 qualifier match slated for Good

Friday at the Somhlolo National Stadium before the return match to take place at the National Sports Stadium in Harare on Easter Monday.

'Xavi' is expected to lead the nation's pride attacking fire powers in their quest to qualify for the AFCON finals to be held in Gabon next year.

Lesotho 'fired up' over 'secret' friendly with Swaziland

Stories by Sabelo Majola

SOCCKER - LESOTHO Under-20 squad was in the country to play a friendly match with the local national team and it turns out people in Lesotho were not aware of the game.

Makoanyane XI, as the Lesotho national Under-20 side is affectionately known, played two friendly games against Swaziland this past weekend at Somhlolo National Stadium with the home and visiting side drawing the first match which ended 1-1 and the second ending 3-1 in favour of the local team.

However, it appeared not many people were aware of these fixtures, which form part of the team's preparations for the 2017

Africa Cup of Nations Under-20 tournament to get underway in June..

"The public deserves to know what is happening in as far as the national teams are concerned, while publicizing such developments also help market the sides to the business community.

Issues

One of the issues sponsors consider when deciding where to put their money is the mileage they would get from associating themselves with an activity.

Sneaking the national sides out of the country is not exactly what a sponsor of that team would be happy about because this simply means their brand is not getting exposure to a very critical public," reads a statement from the Lesotho Times.

Warriors defender Costa honoured, boost for team

SOCCKER - LAST week was an incredible week for Zimbabwean international Costa Nhamoinesu.

The defender was honoured for his good performances as Sparta Prague progressed in the Europa league with a win over Lazio.

According to information sourced from Zimbabwe publications, Costa was named in the Europa team of the week alongside players such Borussia Dortmund Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, Sevilla's Joste Antonio Reyes and Liverpool's Philip Coutinho.

His journey in the competition continues after Sparta were drawn to face Villarreal.

However, Nhamoinesu did not stop there, on Sunday

he was on the score sheet in one the biggest matches in the Czech Republic - The Sparta Derby.

Nhamoinesu is quickly becoming Zimbabwe's best current player in Europe, quite an achievement for a player, who once turned out for ZPSL teams Masvingo United and Darryn T.

Nhamoinesu's impressive form as well as that of other Warriors players could not have come at a better time for the Zimbabwe national team. The Warriors have started camp with Nhamoinesu expected to join the squad as they prepare to face Swaziland in two must win ties.

Swaziland are joint top of the Group L on 4 points with Zimbabwe.



HONOURED: Zim defender Costa Nhamoinesu.(I)



We need four points against Zim- 'Madze'

SOCCER - SIHLANGU head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga says the squad will atleast need four points against Zimbabwe in order to boost their chances of qualifying for their first ever AFCON finals to be held next year in Gabon.

Bulunga told FIFA.com that getting four points from the two ties would boost his charges of advancing to the finals of the African continent football showpiece.

"The two games against Zimbabwe are essentially a do or die for us," said Bulunga.

"If we can come out with at least four points from those two games, then we can start dreaming about AFCON. If we were to qualify, it would go down as one of the biggest upsets in world football. For us, it is about believing that we can do it," he said. Bulunga further said qualifying for the AFCON finals could become history for the passionate Swazi nation.

"Swaziland is a very small country, but the people here are crazy about football. The nation wants to see their team at the Africa Cup of Nations. They're used to seeing other countries playing there but not their own. If we were to qualify, it would be something that the nation could celebrate as a whole. To qualify would be almost like winning the tournament," he further said.

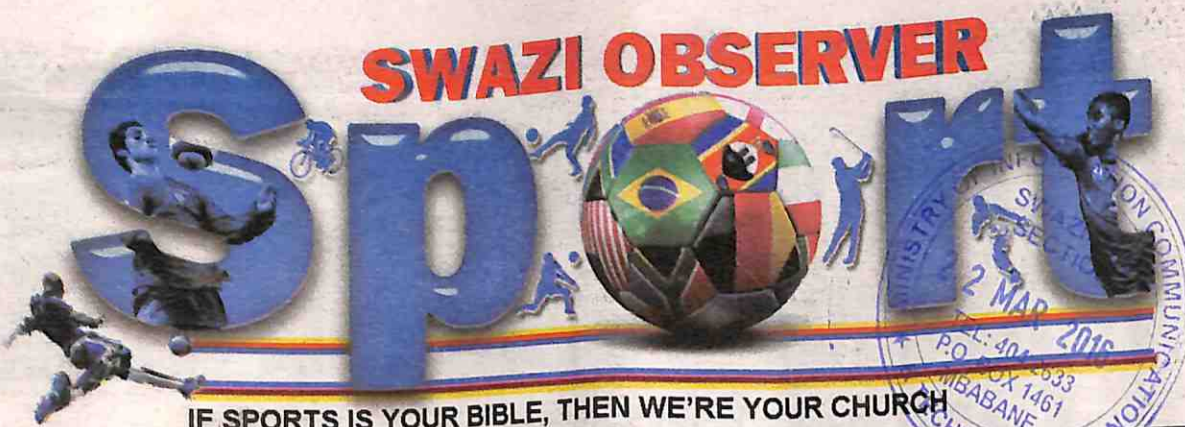
Elphas Ngcamphalala leads Sihlangu delegation

SOCCER - National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Executive Member Elphas Ngcamphalala will be Sihlangu's head of delegation when the squad travel to Zimbabwe for the AFCON 2017 return leg qualifier slated for Harare next Monday.

NFAS Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngometulu confirmed this development when contacted yesterday.

"Ngcamphalala will lead the team to Zimbabwe as the squad will depart on Saturday morning and will arrive in Harare in the evening. We are still working on the travelling logistics," he said.

The nation's pride might travel by road to Johannesburg where they will connect a flight to Zimbabwe at the OR Tambo International Airport. The second leg will be officiated by referees from the Comoros as the Harries 'Madze' Bulunga charges will be looking to complete a double over the Calisto Pasuwa-led 'Warriors'.



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STAGE SET FOR SIHLANGU, ZIM AFCON QUALIFIER CLASH



● E30 to watch first leg at Somhlolo National Stadium ● Zimbabwe expected to arrive tomorrow ● Return leg to be played on Easter Monday in Harare

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - THE stage is now on for national team Sihlangu Semnikati as they will take on Zimbabwe in the AFCON 2017 qualifier slated for Good Friday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The nation is invited to cram the venue in their numbers to support the boys as the nation's pride is fighting to secure a place in the finals of the continents showpiece to be staged in Gabon next year.

The country will be hoping that the boys do the job against the 'Warriors', who are expected to parade their European-based players in their camp.

Underdogs

Despite being the underdogs in Group L, which also includes Guinea and Malawi, Sihlangu shocked the international football fraternity after beating Guinea 2-1 in Morocco as they are currently sitting at the summit of the log with four points in two games.

NFAS Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngometulu invited the nation to attend the match in

great numbers to support the nation pride.

"We urge all Swazis to come and support the boys as they battle with Zimbabwe in their quest to qualify for the finals to be staged in Gabon.

"We are confident that the team will make us proud in both matches as the team has been in fulltime camp since March 14," he said.

The CEO further said all the players were already in camp, including DR Congo-based player Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo. "We hope the players will not

pick any injuries as we want all of them to be available for selection on Friday.

This will give the technical team enough depth in choosing the starting XI."

Mngomezulu said the Zimbabweans were expected to arrive in the country tomorrow including the match officials from Angola.

"We are yet to get full detail on their arrival but we are anticipating Wednesday or Thursday.

"However, we are communicating with our counterparts from ZIFA," he said.

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