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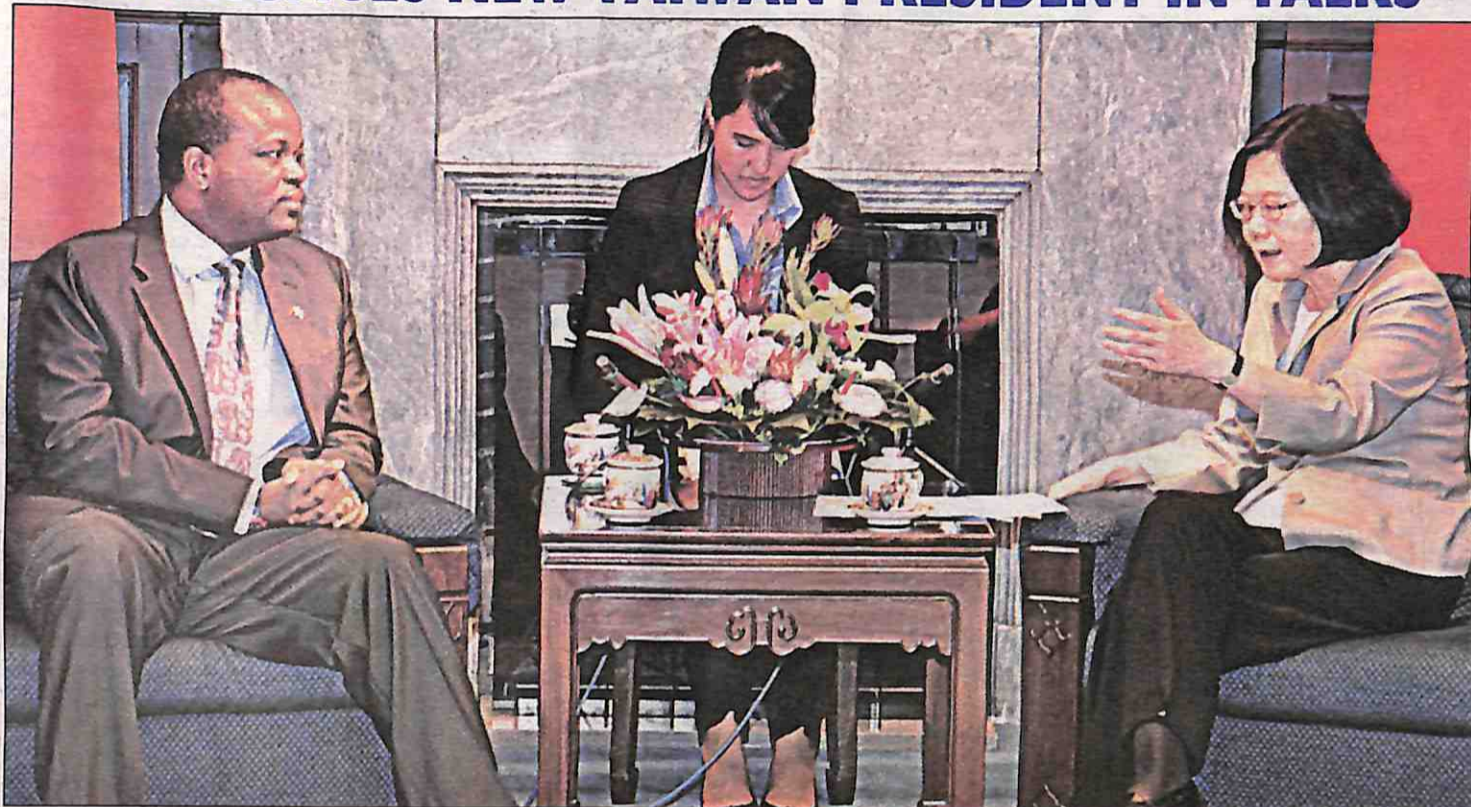
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## KING ENGAGES NEW TAIWAN PRESIDENT IN TALKS



His Majesty King Mswati III and the new Republic of China on Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen engaged in serious talks after the inauguration ceremony. MORE PICTURES ON PAGES 4-5. (Pic: State Photographer Len Mohale)

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## CLARIFICATION

# JABULANI NXUMALO DEFENDS PUBLIC ORDER BILL, 2016

STORIES BY MLONDI MPANZA

Long time unionist, Jabulani Nxumalo has defended the Public Order Bill of 2016 stating that calls against it seek to cause anarchy in the country.

He said such views were naive and mischievous, and further wondered how a civilised society could not have rules and code of conducts.

The Swaziland Economic Improvement Workers Union (SEIWU) mouthpiece said such confining, shallow and limited thoughts ought to be ignored with the contempt deserved as they were designed to reverse the gains this country has made thus far. The Bill has been receiving criticism from different sectors since it was made public with a certain group of the political sphere holding that it came with stringent conditions.

But Nxumalo, a former victim of the Public Order Act of 1963 to be repealed by the new Bill when passed into an Act, shared that the proposed legislation was a great improvement from the original legislation because it sought to address all the loopholes the former had.

### Transition

"We are a state in transition, just like all nations, systems and organisations of the world. The over-arching reforms from all angles must be guarded and nurtured by us all citizens of Swaziland for our own peace, cohesion and

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Manzini North MP Jan Sithole, Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi and Jabulani Nxumalo.

socio-economic as well as political transformation."

He said the generation of today owed the next generations to make a better and sustainable, peaceful country that would always enjoy peaceful status with the international cooperation of partners.

### Assist

Therefore, he said advocating for the total removal of legal and legislative instruments that would assist the country remain relevant to the above scenarios was simply tyranny of the highest order which should be ignored. He wondered what has gotten to people.

Nxumalo also stated that the

road ahead beckoned for everyone to keep striving to the extent of even sacrificing some of the comfort zones to build this country into a better one.

### Served

By so doing, he said he believed they would have selflessly served the country and history shall pass judgement in their favour. Their children will also not kick at their graves out of anger and frustration that they betrayed them during their time.

Nxumalo was arrested several times with other unionists that included Manzini North MP Jan Sithole and Speaker of the House of Assembly

Themba Msibi under the Public Order Act of 1963.

"Respect, honesty, good-faith negotiations, patriotism, loyalty and being realistic with researched facts and figures shall be our operative basis as the citizens of this kingdom," he said.

He added that he participated in the crafting of a number of Bills in the country; hence felt the Public Order Act amendment was on the right track.

He urged all the critics of the Bill to read, understand and correctly interpret its intentions within the context in which it is being shaped.

"Rights which are open-ended are not rights but tyranny tactics to oppress and bully others into submission of sinister motives and or agenda," he said.

Adding, Nxumalo said rights go hand in hand with the respect of the next person, duties and tolerance of diverging view-points.

"Utmost good-faith negotiations or dealings, responsibilities, obligations, national ideals, cultural and moral values systems also form part of the proper understanding of rights," he said, adding, "National cohesion is vital, even in times of trying circumstances or conditions and hardships. There is power in unity."

Nxumalo said the legislative reforms currently underway in parliament were in keeping with the national constitution, the National Development Strategy and the Investor Road Map. He added this was also in line with the Swaziland Local Government Project, the Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Decentralisation Programme and other national developmental initiatives individually and collectively, as entrenched in the preamble of the national constitution and the fundamentals of vision 2022 and beyond.

"I'm also a bona-fide Swazi citizen who aspires to enjoy his full rights but with me having first surrendered my obligations and duties of being responsible or answerable and accountable to the community I live to serve and the nation I live to honour," he concluded. The prime minister's portfolio committee chaired by MP Thuli Dladla is currently collecting public views on the Bill that has been criticised by a section of Swazis.

Among those who have appeared before the committee is businessman Walter Bennett who called for the involvement of all Swazis in the drafting not only of this Bill but all proposed laws.

Justice Minister Edgar Hillary came under fire after describing the Bill as a legislation to ensure freedom of association.

## Bill has good intentions for Swaziland - Nxumalo

Meanwhile, unionist Jabulani Nxumalo said the Bill had good intentions for Swaziland, amongst which was to meet the benchmarks stipulated in the requirements to retain the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA).

The country is expected to provide full passage of the act to allow for the full recognition of freedom of assembly, speech and organisation.

It is for this reason Nxumalo said the amendment of the Bill was a good step and had clear intentions for the country which did not deserve such criticism.

He also said the Bill was in the same spirit with Section 25 of the constitution and it further sought to strengthen and enforce this particular section.

This is despite assertions by

### THE PUBLIC ORDER BILL

Will repeal and replace the Public Order Act 1963; promote and protect public order, public health, public safety and public morals; give effect to the fundamental rights of freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of expression embodied in the Constitution of the Kingdom of Swaziland; pro-

vide for notification and consultation in respect of public gatherings; provide for the regulation and prohibition of public gatherings and public events; delimit and regulate the powers of the police during public gatherings; define and proscribe certain public order offences; and to provide for incidental matters.

the Institute for Democracy and Leadership (IDEAL) that the Bill was in violation of the section.

### Powers

IDEAL argues that under no circumstances should the Royal Swaziland Police national commissioner have powers to prohibit gatherings.

IDEAL believes grievances

concerning public gatherings should be addressed by the courts for recourse and not the national commissioner.

Moreover, Nxumalo said the Bill was simple and straight forward in that it advocated for peaceful and systematic protests.

He said this was in great contrast to the previous act in that

it stipulated that protesters needed to seek authority before they could have a protest march; however, the current Bill states they have to make a seven day notification of their intention.

Nxumalo said all those criticising the Bill had no leg to stand on as he was a victim of the Act which saw him arrested in 1996 and therefore it was not the monster it is portrayed to be.

"None of those making noise about the Bill have been on the receiving end of the Act. I am a victim of such legislation which saw me locked behind bars at the Zakhele Remand Centre in 1996 together with Jan Sithole, Themba Msibi and Richard Nxumalo whilst we were with the then Swaziland Federation of Trade Unions (SFTU)," said Nxumalo.

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# APOSTLE JEREMIAH NOW SELLING 'DUBAIS'

STORIES BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

After being over and out financially for several years, Apostle Jeremiah Dlamini has bounced back.

The apostle, who has made headlines in the country's local newspapers for many misfortunes caused by his financial woes, received a cash gift of over E150 000 from a renowned international man of God.

The benevolent prophet who wished to remain an anonymous donor, presented Dlamini with this money to allow him to start a business which will sustain him and his family financially.

## Revealed

The 'donor' is known to this publication but will not be revealed as per his request to the apostle.

Apostle Jeremiah confirmed receiving the much needed gift in an interview, saying they saw this gesture by the man of God as a miracle which happened immediately after he was involved in a car accident with his wife Nolwazi.

"We have been through a lot and everyone thought it was over for us when our cars were being attached, the children owing school fees, my church closed down, amongst many other things that happened. God was watching because soon after the accident, the man of God initiated a meeting where he offered us cash to start a business. He advised that I do not spend it on myself but invest in something that would bring in money and I did so" he said.

## Business

Apostle Jeremiah has since started a business with his wife, called Jerenok Import and Export Motors which deals with buying and selling of imported cars.

The name Jerenok was derived from their names Jeremiah and

...receives over E150 000 from a prophet, purchases 12 import cars



Apostle Jeremiah Dlamini with his wife Nolwazi.

## ...quits his church, again

Apostle Jeremiah has again severed ties with the church he founded, the Faith Christian Fellowship in Manzini.

He returned to the church last year after several years of absence as he was ousted by a faction which supported his estranged wife Sibongile and frowned upon his relationship

with Nolwazi.

He revealed that he was now focusing on his church in Nsongweni where he would be opening the branch officially soon.

He revealed that he started at the Nsongweni branch every Sunday morning and later attended the Mbabane one later during the day.

Nolwazi. The couple has already purchased 12 of the imported cars and some of them have already been sold locally.

## Process

The *Sunday Observer* has also learnt that Apostle Jeremiah and his wife are in the process of construct-

ing bedsitter units in Nkoyoyo which will be rented out.

Reports about the apostle in the past have been negative including, along with a local prophet being locked out of the premises they rented after they allegedly failed to pay rent.

## Trials brought us together - Nolwazi

Meanwhile, Apostle Jeremiah's wife Nolwazi says the trials and tribulations they have been through with her husband brought them closer to each other.

She said she appreciated all the tests they had gone through because they were able to deal with them together as a couple, and have come out stronger.

"If you love a man for who he is, you will easily stick with him through every situation and I am glad we have been through such together. People spoke all sorts of things about me saying I was a curse in his life and such situations bring you closer to God because when you have absolutely no one else to turn to, you turn to Him fully," she said.

Nolwazi said one of the important things she learnt from the dif-

icult times they went through was to love her husband's children as much as she loved him such that one sacrifices the little they have for them.

The apostle jumped in to say how they called his wife a 'curse' saying he would never be successful as long as he was still married to her. He said naysayers also claimed it was only a matter of time before she left him during the period where he was suffering from financial troubles.

"Everything we went through is a testimony for me to say that God has remembered us after all. His promises in the Bible are what kept me going and I am grateful He has shown Himself in our lives. I hope people will learn from our testimony that even when God is silent He is watching," added Nolwazi.



The miracle baby with her mother.

## ...Apostle back with more miracles

Apostle Jeremiah Dlamini grew to fame for miracles that he performed in the country during his services. The man of God has also returned to hosting his once popular TV programme, which is aired on Channel Swazi, where he prays for people and interact with the viewers. Following his return to the programme, a woman from Manzini has come out to testify how the apostle once changed her child's life over nine years ago.

According to her testimony,

her child was developing very slowly and was unable to speak, hear, sit or walk at the age of four but after taking her to the apostle she started to show signs of recovery. The woman who came out to thank Dlamini recently upon seeing him on the TV programme, said her child was now 13 years old and had developed fully.

Speaking during the interview, the apostle said the public should expect more of such miracles as he never lost his anointing while going through his predicaments.

## Baby Mommas' money taken by buses

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

The first week of every month sees women teaming to the different Magistrate's Court offices in order to get their children's maintenance cheques only to be confounded by hassles of trying to convert them to cash.

## Issued

Regardless of where the women come from, cheques issued by the Treasury, the government department responsible for issuance of civil servants' salaries, are collected from the main regional Magistrate's Courts and can only be converted to cash at the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) in Mbabane.

An alternative option would be to take the cheque and deposit it at a

bank and then wait for a few days while it clears.

Interviewed after cashing her cheque, Thobile Mamba of Ndzingeni, said she had travelled all the way to Mbabane because she needed the money the same day.

"I am yet to have patience of depositing it and finding that I have been charged for the deposit," she revealed.

## Transport

She gets a cheque of E300 per month for her six-year-old daughter and spent about E90 on transport per trip.

"It would cost me about E30 per month on bank charges and E20 transport to and from home on the day I collect the cheque from Pigg's Peak and another E20 to go and withdraw the money in any case,"

she explained her rationale behind travelling to Mbabane.

She explained the money was never enough but the court awarded her the meagre amount after considering that the father of her daughter had other children.

## Remaining

"I can't even buy her food for the month with the remaining money," she said adding she tried to leave the cheques uncollected for a period of three months once and found that one had expired and had a difficult time getting the money.

"I wish the Central Bank had regional branches so we could have easier reach of their services," she said.

Another mother revealed that she travelled from Siphofaneni to cash

the cheque on a monthly basis.

"I could deposit the money as we have ATMs (automated teller machines) in Siphofaneni but since I get the cheque from Manzini Magistrate's Court where the case was heard, I then travel from Manzini to Mbabane to get the E1 000 for two children," she said while preferring to remain anonymous.

## Children

She uses E92 on transport in her quest to get money for her children on a monthly basis.

She decried the cheque arrangement and said it would be better if they received cash from their different constituencies or Post Offices.

"It is like we are punished for taking these defaulting men to court," she said.

Responding to enquiries concerning the number of branches

the CBS has, Head of Strategy and Communications Zithulele Gina said; "Only the Mbabane banking hall is used for cheque encashment."

On the other hand, the Acting Accountant General Dumsile Ngwenya revealed they had an agreement with only the CBS which catered for the cashing of cheques valued up to E10 000.

## Arrangement

She explained they did not have the same arrangement between banks and or the Post Offices for cashing cheques which mothers could take advantage of.

Concerning the validity of cheques, she said they were all valid for 120 days and on expiry, replacement of the cheque could be sought in writing from the accountant general through the agency, such as courts, acting on behalf of the mothers.

# KING PAYS COURTESY



President Tsai Ing-wen gestures as she converses with His Majesty King Mswati III during the King's courtesy visit to the new Taiwan president. (Pics: Len Mohale, State Photographer)

BY KING'S OFFICE CORRESPONDENT

**H**is Majesty King Mswati III yesterday morning held brief talks with new Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen which marked the last official engagement in Taiwan.

The talks were held behind closed doors. Swaziland and Taiwan share a 48-year history of diplomatic relations.

During her inauguration, the new president thanked the leaders of the 22 nations that have bilateral relations with Taiwan for their longstanding assistance and for giving them the opportunity to participate in the



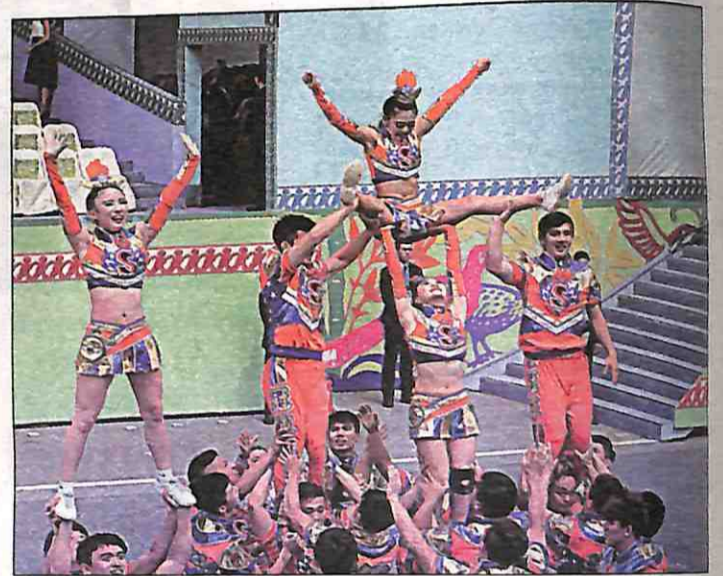
His Majesty and Inkhosikati LaMahlangu at the ceremony.

international community. She said going forward, through

governmental interactions, business investment and people-to-people co-



The King and Taiwan president posing with members of the local delegation.



Part of the entertainment during the inauguration.



His Majesty and Inkhosikati LaMahlangu conversing during the proceedings.



The Swazi delegation at the Presidential palace during the courtesy call by His Majesty on President Tsai Ing-wen.

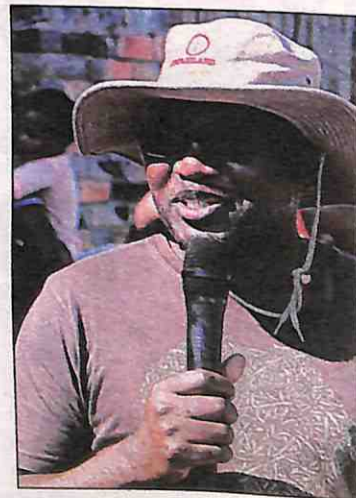
## SWAZI BEVERAGES FAMILY FUN DAY



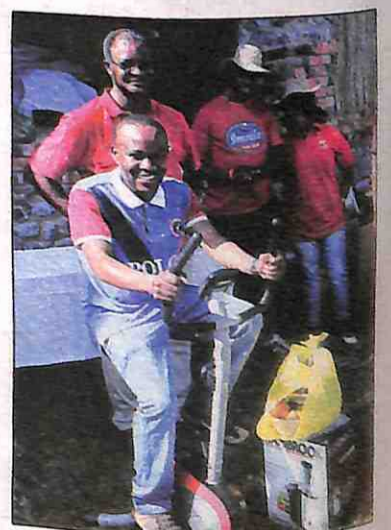
Ellen Dlamini receiving a five years certificate of service from Swaziland Beverages MD Zama Kunene during the company's family fun day at Riders Ranch yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



Some of Swaziland Beverages staff and their family members who were present.



Swaziland Beverages Corporate Affairs Director Mpumelelo Makhubu making his remarks.



Mfundo Dlamini was awarded for being first in the weight loses programme in the male category.

# CALL ON NEW TAIWAN PRESIDENT

laborations, the Taiwan government would continue to share its experience in economic development to build lasting partnerships with its allies.

## Support

President Tsai said the new government would support and participate in international cooperation on emerging global issues including humanitarian aid, medical assistance, disease prevention and research, anti-terrorism cooperation and jointly tackling transnational crime.

Among those in attendance during the courtesy call on the president

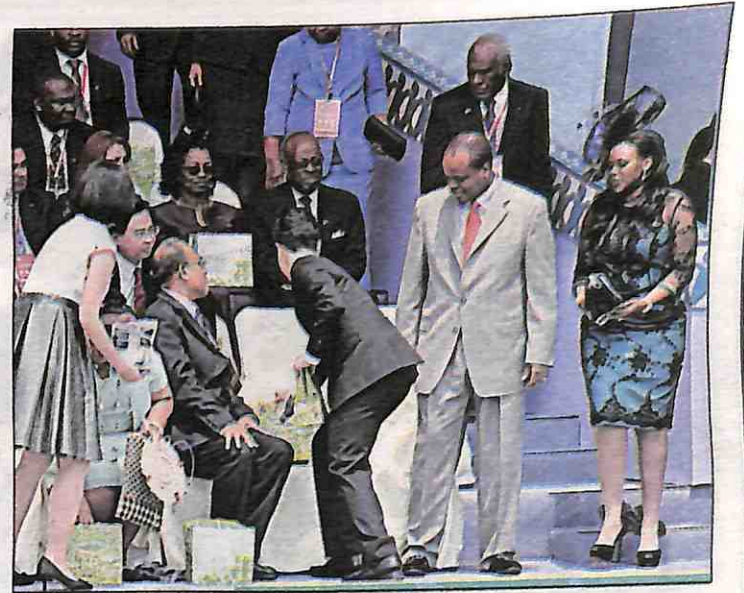
were Inkhosikati LaMahlangu, Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze, Public Works Minister Lindiwe Dlamini, Home Affairs Minister Princess Tsandzile, Prince Matatazela, Princess Sikhanyiso, Chief Mphatfwa, King's Private Secretary Mbongeni Simelane, Swaziland Ambassador to Taiwan Thami Dlamini and Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development Bertram Stewart.

## Inauguration

His Majesty was guest of the

Republic of China on Taiwan to the 14<sup>th</sup> presidential inauguration held on Friday, where multitudes witnessed the first female president being sworn into office.

During his stay in Taiwan, the King was taken on a tour of TECO industries which deals in the manufacture of electrical and mechanical components and also met a group of hotel management consultants to look into the possibility of managing the international Convention Centre and hotel in Ezulwini. The hotel is targeted to accommodate African leaders during the hosting of the African



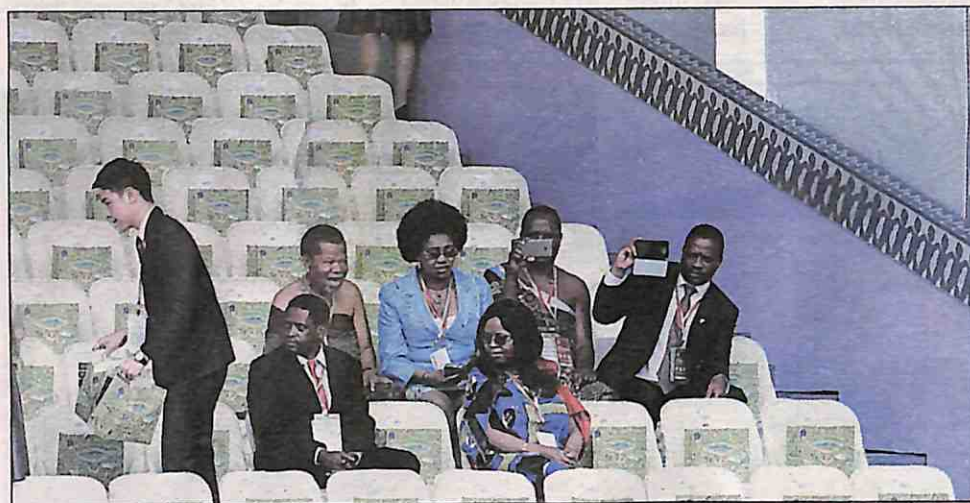
The King and Inkhosikati LaMahlangu about to take their seats to witness the Presidential inauguration performances.



A joint mass choir singing the national anthem.



President Tsai Ing-wen being introduced to the PS at the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development Bertram Stewart.



The Swazi delegation was amongst the first to arrive to take their seats at the Taiwan Presidential inauguration on Friday. From left; Chief Mphatfwa, Prince Matatazela, Public Works Minister Lindiwe Dlamini, Home Affairs Minister Princess Tsandzile, Economic Development Minister Prince Hlangusempi and Foreign Affairs Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze.



First prize weight loses winner in the kids category Lomalungelo Khumalo with the MD.



Third place weight loses winner Patricia Dlamini expressing her gratitude while Kunene looks on.

## ACTING APPOINTMENT



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The Swazi Observer wishes to inform readers, advertisers and all relevant stakeholders that Ms. Siphesihle Mkhonta-Magagula has been appointed to Act in the position of the company's Sales and Marketing Manager. This is effective from Friday 20th of May 2016.

The company has full confidence in her ability to serve well and professionally the interest of both The Swazi Observer and the advertising clients and readers at large. She will be the main contact person for both advertising and circulation business matters.

We wish her all the best in carrying out her duties.

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# ESWATINI KITCHEN SECURES FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION

BY SIMON SHABANGU

In what is set to increase the country's exports and improve access to the international markets, Eswatini Kitchen has been awarded the Food Safety System Certification (FSSC 22000).

According to the certification's website, the FSSC System was designed to provide companies in the food industry with an ISO based FSMS certification that is recognised by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI).

Recognition by GFSI provides worldwide recognition and acceptance by food manufacturers and retailers.

Eswatini Kitchen is a food manufacturer based at Rider's Ranch in Sidvokodvo.

Procurement and Extension Manager Vusi Nkambule said they secured the certification about seven weeks ago after rigorous inspections and interviews by standards officials. The certification defines requirements for integrated

...Company receives 4 500 of tonnes honey order from Japan

**M**EANWHILE, Nkambule said the company has received a 4 500 tonne order from Japan.

"We are still going to meet with the bee farmers so we can get estimates of the supply we will get and then confirm the order. Otherwise there is great demand out there for the honey and the country is not able to meet it.

I would like to urge farmers to consider venturing into bee farm-

ing because there is a market" he said.

Adding, he said their doors were open for farmers who might have honey to come and sell honey to them anytime.

"We call upon anyone who has honey to come and sell to us because there is great need for it. They just have to meet our safety standards before we buy.

We are also looking at ways of how best we can empower the

farmers so that they produce more for us to be able to supply the international market," he added.

He revealed that they were also struggling to get enough supply of producing raw materials for their production of sauces like cayenne paper, onions and tomatoes. These vegetables have been increasingly getting scarce such that Nkambule said they had to import them from South Africa.

processes that work together to control and minimize food safety hazards.

The company was one of the many local organisations which exhibited at the Tourism Indaba in Durban recently.

It was their second attendance of the trade show but the first year for them to occupy a table at the Swaziland stand.

"We are excited about this certification because it will enable us to

penetrate every corner of the world and sell our products. It is also a challenge to us to maintain the health standard within the factory because they do regular inspection to ensure we are still on course," he said.

**Now**

He said they could now safely say that they had added another stopover for tourists who would visit the country because they would also be interested to see

where they manufacture the products which were already flooding the international market and well loved.

Nkambule said the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) was based on existing ISO Standards which reflected companies or organisations' robust Food Safety Management Systems that meet the requirements of consumers.

Nkambule said Eswatini Kitchen had grown from a small cottage



industry to a thriving business that has enhanced lives of underprivileged communities by providing a fair and sustainable income for over 300 people in Swaziland.

It has over the years devoted its proceeds to the Manzini Youth Care initiatives, which supports more than 2 000 marginalised children and young people in the country.

The company currently exports to 15 international destinations including Europe, the United States of America (USA), Australia and Japan to name a few.

Amongst their range of products the most sought after for now is the honey, Swazi Fire Sauce and their marmalade and jam products.

## Swazi Can strike still uncertain

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Swazi Fruit Cannery (Swazi Can) workers remain uncertain of whether they will be engaging in a strike action this week as there have been conflicting reports of the results of the ballot exercise.

The workers who went through a voting exercise recently were anticipating the official release of the results by the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) last week which would determine whether they could engage in a legal strike. While unconfirmed reports indicate that a majority of the workers have voted for the strike, CMAC officials were reluctant to confirm the results of the voting exercise.

However CMAC Executive Director Nathi Gumede said he was yet to receive an official report on the ballot exercise.

"In an ideal situation the ballot exercise should determine how many of the workers are for what is being voted for or not but in this case I cannot say much yet as I am yet to receive the report. Usually such things are not made to be a secret and we engage involved stakeholders," he said.

The workers will have to await the report which will give them a

way forward. Meanwhile, an employee of CMAC appeared to have been traumatised by the hostage incident that happened last week. The worker, who will not be named, took to his Facebook account to speak about the situation, referring to it as 'The lion's den'.

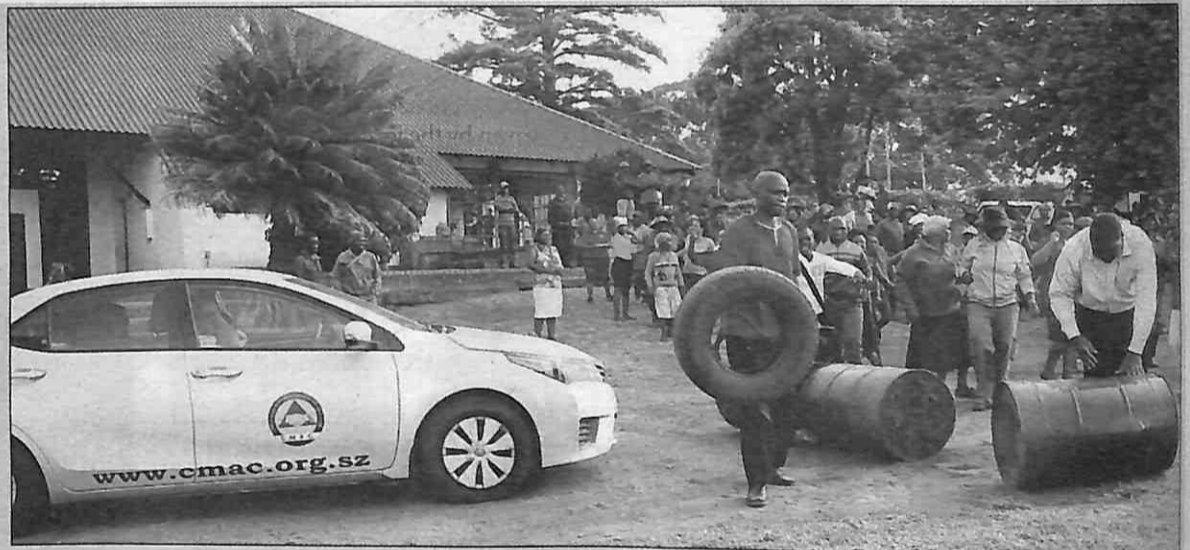
"Went into the lion's den today and let me report that no hostages were taken this time around. Mission accomplished!! #CMAC #Ballot #PeacefulAtmosphere," he posted.

This was after angry workers demanded CMAC officials to count the votes which would determine whether they would be engaging in a legal strike or not.

As reported last week, all hell broke loose when CMAC officials who were facilitating the voting exercise informed the workers that the counting exercise would be conducted on Monday which would mean they would leave with the unsealed ballot box containing the votes for the weekend.

**Shortly**

Chaos erupted shortly after this as the workers who were eager to hear whether they could engage on the strike detained the car belonging to CMAC, blocking it from leaving the area where the exercise was conducted.



CMAC Employees were held hostage by Swazi Can staff members after the voting process for the strike action by the staff. The CMAC officials wanted to leave before the counting of the votes and the staff wanted to hear none of that. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



The angry mob marching to the Malkerns Police Station.

A police officer standing in watch as the events unfolded.

# NO DOG STYLE HERE; MAN DRESSES DOG IN 'COAT' TO PREVENT IT FROM MATING

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

In the absence of canine contraceptives, dog owners in the rural areas have come up with innovative attempts to avoid irresponsible breeding by their pets.

Albert Shabangu of Mnyokane revealed that he loved his dogs enough not to mate them with just about any breed as he then sells the puppies to people in the surrounding communities.

"I have to be assured of the behaviour and temperament of the dogs that I supply and sell," he said as he explained reasons for seeking out manual contraceptives for his bitches.

He revealed that his female dogs were monitored closely and were put away in a maize crib each time they started showing signs of being on heat. "About two to three times a year, I lock them up to protect them from the various dogs which then flock the yard in order to mate with them," he said.

He relented that it becomes a dangerous time for his family as neighbouring dogs would start getting aggressive each time his dogs were on heat and as such, kept the children within the house.

"I used to think that the fences

● *It is to stop the dogs from reaching their intended destination and give me a peace of mind*

would keep them out, but dogs have a one track mind when it comes to mating," Shabangu said, further revealing how some tore through a fence in their attempt to mate.

A dog belonging to a family in Sitsini near Dlangeni was found wearing a make-shift coat recently. When asked about the queer sight, Mngobane Maseko revealed how he was tired of having to feed more dogs than what he bargained for.

"It is to stop the dogs from reaching their intended destination and give me a peace of mind," he said.

### Difficult

It was, however, difficult to ascertain whether the dog was hindered in any manner by the 'coat' as it went about its own natural processes of urination and faecal elimination.

Meanwhile, Swaziland Animal Welfare Society (SAWS) Veterinarian Doctor Simon Elu revealed that these methods were not foolproof as animals did not have reasoning capabilities and were driven by a hormonal need during the breeding seasons.

Referring to the dog in a coat, Dr Elu said such interventions could be easily bitten off by dogs driven by the force

which calls for them to mate.

"The behaviour of dogs during such a time changes and they can possibly bite their owners due to their aggression," he said, adding that such interventions were not reliable.

He said the only reliable manner of stopping dogs from mating and successfully breeding would be sterilisation.

"I have seen dogs jump over two metre fences in an attempt to reach their intended destination.

Some mate

through the fence if they find it difficult to reach each other while others dig under the fence," he said. He further revealed that an owner would have to be very vigilant to note that the bitch was on heat and intervene before dogs could find their way to it.

## Feed dogs well to avoid poisoning

Dog poisoning by burglars is on the rise and dog owners are advised to feed their dogs well.

"Not that it will stop them from being poisoned at all times but it is to ensure that the dogs are not easily enticed," Swaziland Animal Welfare Society (SAWS) Veterinarian Doctor Simon Elu said.

He was responding to questions concerning the increasing incidents which have seen dog owners finding their pets either dead or on the brink of death due to suspected poisoning by burglars.

A top

lawyer based in Mbabane, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, revealed how there were disturbances near his home a week prior to his dogs being poisoned.

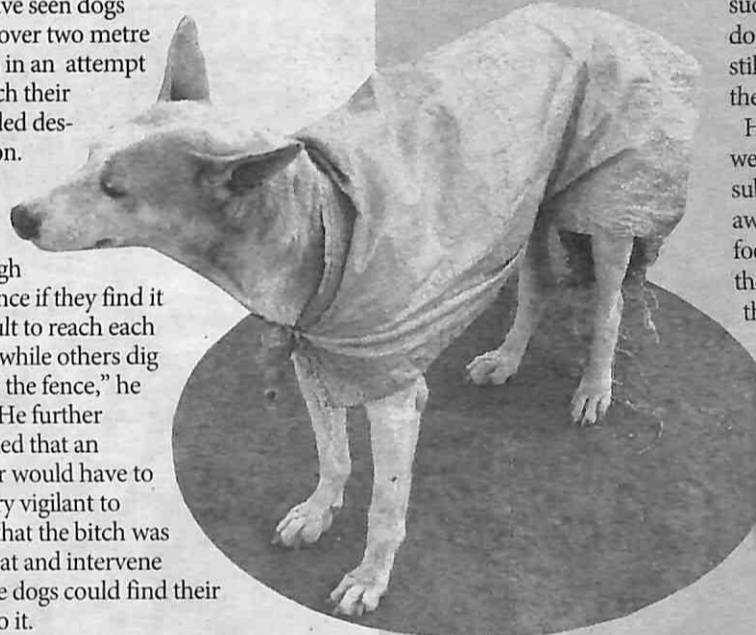
"The whole week we heard the dogs making noise and neighbours were complaining about burglaries or attempted break-ins and we found our dogs dead recently after they were poisoned," he said, revealing that he suspected that the cruel killings were due to the dogs disturbing the burglars even when they went into neighbouring homes.

### Difficult

"It is difficult to mitigate such by just saying feed your dogs as some are well fed and still eat whatever is offered by the thieves," Dr Elu said.

He said ordinarily, dogs were able to detect poisonous substances and would shy away from eating the offered food, however, when hungry, the same animals would eat the poison without having any qualms.

*This dog wears a sack coat secured with wires as the owner tries to stop it from mating while on heat. (Pic: Thembeke Dlamini)*



## The woman's place no longer in the kitchen but in the veld

● *With people having harvested their maize crops, it is easier as we put them into the fields to feed on the stalks. It is easier to keep watch as there are no fields for them to destroy*

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

The scarcity of herdboys has resulted in women folk tending their own livestock.

This phenomenon has been noted countrywide as women bearing rudimentary whips, wearing sunhats and at times with a baby on the back, drive cattle towards pastures in the rural areas.

In times past, the chore of driving cattle was one performed by young men or boys from within the family or community.

"All the children in the community now attend school, so it is left to us to look after our livestock,"



*The sight of women herding cattle has become a norm as herdboys become scarce around the country. (Pics: Thembeke Dlamini)*

Margaret Vilakati of Nhlambeni said. She revealed that it had become difficult to find people willing to be employed as herdboys as it was one of the least paying jobs.

"They are paid about E500 per month and no grown person can afford to live off this amount," Vilakati said.

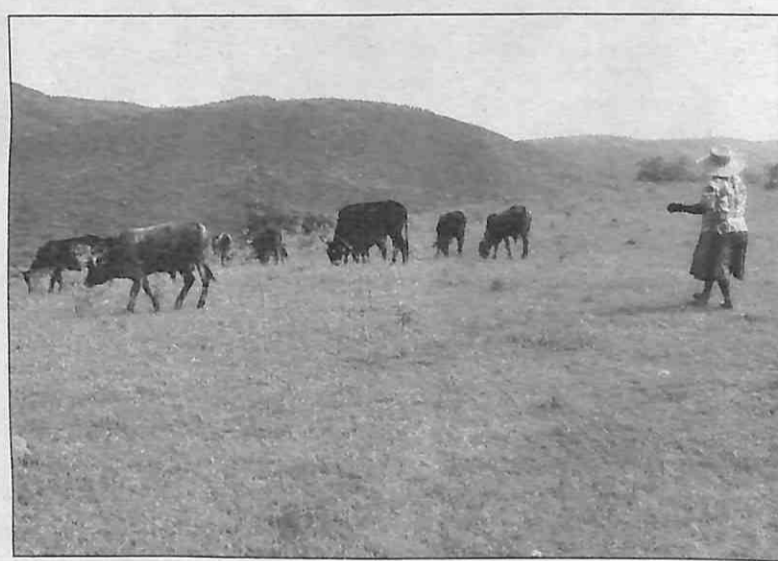
Since she is a house wife, Vilakati said the onus was then on her to look after her cattle.

"With people having harvested

their maize crops, it is easier as we put them into the fields to feed on the stalks.

It is easier to keep watch as there are no fields for them to destroy," she said.

She relented that during the planting season, it was the most difficult time as she had to stay alert in case her herd broke through a fence into a field of maize. "This year was difficult because the grass wasn't plentiful and I had to live with the



worry that they would cause damage," she said.

Vilakati said while the fields had maize, she would wake up and drive her herd to the mountains in line with her vision from her home and then return to do housework while keeping an eye on them.

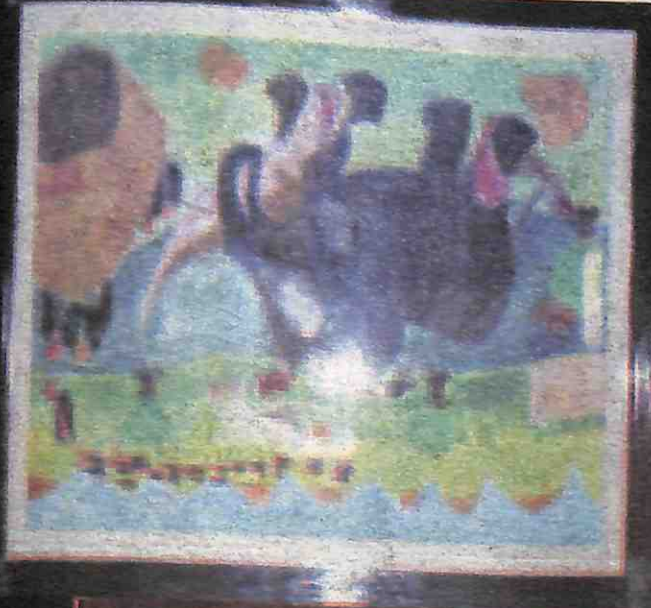
"In the afternoons, I then collect them if the children have not returned from school or are studying for examinations and ensure that they are secure in their kraal,"

she said.

Malindza Community Coordinator Albert 'Seven Days' Tsabedze concurred that there was an acute shortage of herdboys as people were not attracted to the job.

"People are paid little and yet it is a demanding job," he said while revealing that the community members of Malindza relied on community police to keep their cattle away from the roads.

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# INTEREST RATES JUMP TO 7%

BY LINDA DLAMINI

The Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) with the Monetary Policy Consultative Committee (MPCC) on Friday decided to increase interest rates by 50 basis points from 6.5 percent to 7.0 percent.

In a statement released by the CBS, Governor Majozi Sithole said the MPCC's reasons for increasing the rates was, "rising inflationary pressure as inflation increased from 7.8 percent to 8.5 percent, also there is a need to harmonise interest rates in the region, minimise capital flight and harness the effects of increasing unsecured loans."

This decision by the MPCC has come as a surprise to some economists in the country as they had expected rates to remain the same.

University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Economics Lecturer, Health and Trade economist, Sanele Sibiyi, envisaged interest would remain the same as the root causes of inflation represented mostly the supply side factors and as a result a monetary response was unlikely.

"Supply side causes of inflation are usually not responded to by a monetary policy response," he said

Sibiyi added that "an increase in interest rates could have had an adverse effect on consumers as food prices continued to increase, thus an

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Central Bank governor Majozi Sithole.

increase in interest rates would have a double impact on consumers, as it would increase interest rates on loans, ultimately increasing loan repayments, further cutting on the consumer's disposable income, resulting in a slowdown in demand, which could further slow down the economy."

The South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) resolved to hold interest rates steady on Thursday.

In a statement, SARB Governor

Lesetja Kganyago the MPC felt that there is a need to pause in the tightening cycle and decided to keep the repurchase rate unchanged for now at seven per cent per annum.

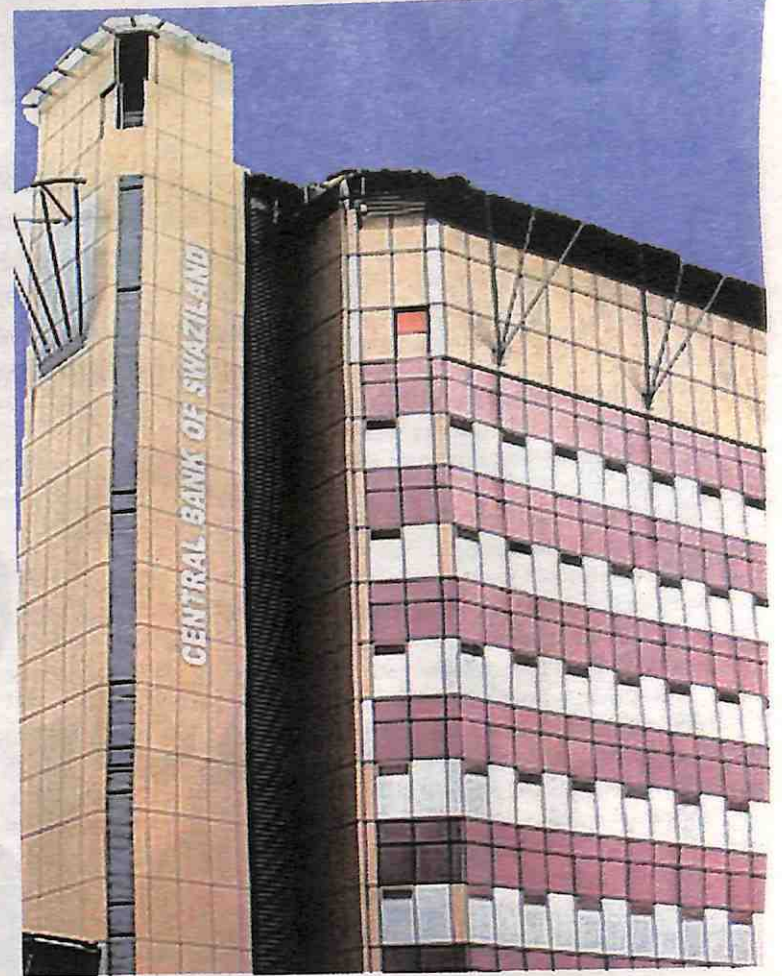
"The committee remains concerned about the inflation outlook and the extended breach of the target. Although the inflation forecast has shown a moderate improvement over the medium term, the risks are still assessed to be on the upside," Kganyago said.

The inflation outlook was shared by Sithole who said, "the bank is concerned about the inflation outlook which is expected to remain elevated for the rest of 2016."

In February this year the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) hiked the interest rate from 5.75 percent to 6.25 percent. In May again the CBS increased interest rates to 6.5 percent.

When consumers pay less in interest, this gives them more money to spend, which can create a ripple effect of increased spending throughout the economy.

Businesses and farmers also benefit from lower interest rates, as it encourages them to make large equipment purchases due to the low cost of bor-



rowing.

This creates a situation where output and productivity increase.

Conversely, higher interest rates mean that consumers don't have as much disposable income and must cut back on spending.

When higher interest rates are coupled with increased lending standards, banks make fewer loans.

This affects not only consumers, but also businesses and

farmers, who cut back on spending for new equipment, thus slowing productivity or reducing the number of employees.

The tighter lending standards mean that consumers will cut back on spending, and this will affect many businesses' bottom lines. This will cause the businesses to reduce the number of employees they have and to hold off on any major equipment purchases.

## Where cents don't count; poor pupils wear money

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

A queer trend has hit the border settlement of Lomahasha and has seen pupils taking to wearing coins as necklaces.

Coins used by the pupils who attend various schools within the area include the new lower denomination coins such as the 50 and 20 cent pieces which are bored using a sharp object.

Well placed sources from the community revealed that they were dumbfounded by the choice of jewellery as it would have made better sense to use recycled material as opposed to money which was something most residents of the area were short of.

"We have seen the youth who wear money and their reasoning has been that they are showing their love for the King," the sources said.

A search for the young men who have taken up the fad as fashionable proved difficult on Wednesday as some people approached claimed that money wearing was out of fashion which was once done by some members of the Jericho sect years ago. Others who claimed to be aware of the boys were reluctant to reveal their identities.

"You would have to return on Sunday to check whether it is still done," two men who were found at Sibonelo Grocery said adding that they suspected that they could be school going children as no sane self sufficient person would dare to do that.

Pupils from Lomahasha Central Primary School said they were aware



of the trend but were reluctant to reveal those who had taken it up as fashionable.

"Siyabati mane sike sekhutwa ngako," they said while sitting near abandoned informal traders' stalls explaining that they were aware of the fad but were scared to reveal their friends as they had been warned about it.

Some vendors exclaimed that they had heard about it and doubted the sanity of the money wearers.

"We are an impoverished community and every cent counts here," they said while pointing to a group of young men who were carrying beer bottles.

"See these young men, they are only carrying those bottles in order to sell them for a few coins. Who in their right minds would then forget the need for money and further bore it for a fad," they asked.

A livid Indvuna Yenkhundla Mncedisi Mahlalela decried the fad complaining that the community had an impoverished majority and the possibility of people defacing money

for fashion purposes was not the image they needed.

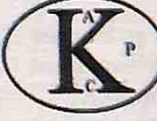
"We have severe drought as well as people who are in dire need for food aid and then we hear this," he said.

He condemned it stating that it would deflect any assistance that could come to the area with people thinking that they had money to show off.

Central Bank of Swaziland Head of Strategy and Communication Zithulele Gina said, "Perforating, cutting, breaking or clipping coins is an offence because once this happens, the coins can no longer be considered legal tender."

He was condemning the act by the young men as he said replacing such coins was expensive for the bank.

"As a custodian of currency in the country, the Central Bank is the only institution permitted by law to interfere with the structure of a coin. The Bank therefore warns members of the public to desist from this practice, and anyone found to have committed this offence shall be duly prosecuted," he said.




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UNISWA STUDENT

'I AM GAY, PROUD'

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Life for any Swazi who is part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) community is not easy as society continues to tip toe around issues of sexuality.

A young man who can attest to this is Melusi Simelane, who has been open about his sexuality from a tender age.

Simelane, a first year student at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA), tells the Sunday Observer that he has been called names for being a homosexual, but he continues to speak proudly about his sexuality.

Asked when he discovered his sexual preference, he says a part of him always knew although he was still young and did not know much about sexuality.

Gay

"In primary school, people used to call me names saying I was gay although I did not know what this was or what it meant. I used to look like a girl and I guess this is what made them call me funny names. It was only when I started to read about it that I started to understand, and I knew right away that I was gay," he says.

Simelane says by then, his parents had passed away and he was living with his uncle, who was the first family member he confided in.

He reveals how he was sent to a boarding school, where he was raped by a fellow school mate, an experience that had effects on his behaviour a few months later.

"After a friend of mine and former school mate had sex with me against my will, I started to act up about three months after that by engaging in sexual relations with more than one partner at a time, such that my grades dropped and my family started to notice the change in behaviour," he says.

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University of Swaziland student Melusi Simelane has opened up about his sexuality.

Simelane recently featured in an international blog called 'Kwacha - The Dawn of Untold Stories' where in he spoke about his experiences after he understood that he was gay.

Incident

In the blog, he is quoted saying there were no structures to support him after the rape incident and he had to learn things such as gay sex on his feet.

"I suppose it has affected the way I look at relationships as I have not had any long lasting relationship with anyone. The truth is it hurts not having someone you can call your soul mate just because you find it

hard to trust anyone intimately. I do have sexual and emotional desires. On the other hand, I also need someone to connect with spiritually but I feel I can never find such a person - I am broken. When someone loves me, I feel violated that I push them away. I suppose being raped by someone whom I trusted with my life ruined my life.

He was one of the first few people I could call my real friend," reads part of the blog post.

Unlike most rape survivors, he says he still keeps in touch with the 'friend' although they never discuss what happened some years ago.

Coming out in university

Melusi Simelane says he never made his sexuality a secret when he started studying at the University of Swaziland, Kwaluseni Campus.

Instead, he was more interested in giving out information to his fellow students, and getting to understand how much they knew about sexuality.

During his first few months at the institution, he dished out questionnaires to fellow students wherein he realised that there was lack of information amongst his peers and his understanding was that people feared what they did not know or understand.

He started to disseminate information through the UNISWA students group found on Facebook, where thousands of students and former students are members.

He says although people never came out to ask him, they talked about this such that they

started to understand that he is a homosexual, and open about it.

Simelane states, however, that although he had always felt safe at the campus where he also resides, he no longer feels safe after a confrontation that nearly turned violent.

"I was passing a group of boys from school and they started to talk and asked if I was the 'gay person' from the university. I reacted in a way that I usually do by turning back to respond to them.

I asked them that I was gay, so what, and one of the guys started to get aggressive. Lucky for me, I was not far from the block where I stay, so some guys from the block came out and intervened. That incident was a first for me and since then I no longer feel safe," he said.

He says he hardly walks around the campus and does not socialise anymore as he only leaves his room for class and to buy food outside the gate.

'Church asked me to stay away'

Melusi Simelane, who grew up in a very religious family, says he was asked to stay away from the church if he 'continued' being gay.

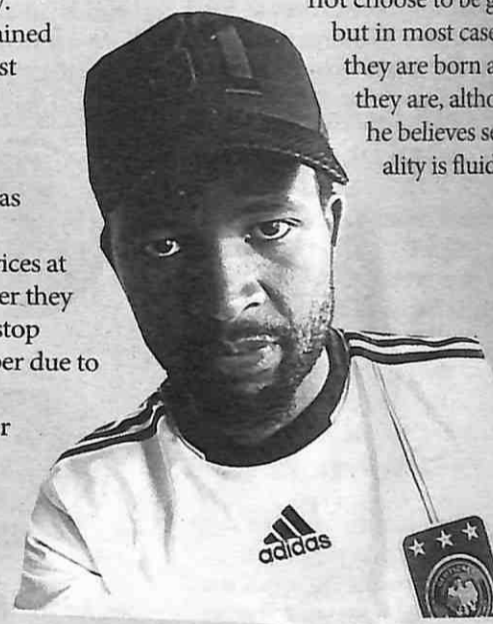
This is contained in the blog post where he was interviewed recently.

He says he has since stopped attending services at the church after they asked him to stop being a member due to his sexuality.

This however is not something he took to heart as he says he managed to

dodge himself of self pity even after this. Simelane says he would not compromise his identity for anything.

He explains that people do not choose to be gay, but in most cases they are born as they are, although he believes sexuality is fluid.



Swazi students make international headlines

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Swazi students studying in world class tertiary institution, the African Leadership University (ALU), are making headlines in international publications as far as the United States of America.

Two students studying at this university were recently featured in American online publication, the Huffington Post, a site which has traffic of over 100 million on average.

Sandile Dlamini and Mpumalanga Zwane were among the few students who were interviewed on values and principles of learning, diversity, leadership and power.

According to a post on their official

site, Dlamini stated during this interview that he would be attending an intensive international program at Tsinghua University for a better understanding of China's success story, and how it can be customised to Africa's circumstances.

Speaking about his first impressions of ALU, he was quoted saying: "As human beings we tend to complain. But ALU is brand new and in progress. I need to be more flexible because if I am complaining, the learner's mindset switches off."

ALU welcomes its students to unleash their potential through an engaging learning experience, where lectures are banned, but critical thinking, team work, quantitative reasoning and debates are facilitated

instead.

The vision of ALU isn't simply to see its alumni progress academically, but to challenge them to declare a mission for their life.

Zwane, on the other hand experienced the symposium differently. She didn't feel comfortable having to go through training on how to present herself.

"I am still trying to find out who I am. But they told us: 'Here are the expectations from the corporate world', and I had to sell myself as the X person. How does this person connect to the person they will hire?" Mpumalanga was already admitted at the University of Witwatersrand, when ALU offered her a place. After being at ALU for

just three months, she is an active member of The Voice, ALU's debate club and The Poetry Society.

She describes 2016 as her year of growth, self-discovery and exploration while her favourite ALU experience so far has been the Seminal Readings course that invites students to intensive reading and discussion sessions. In the interview, she also spoke about identity. She expresses how she chooses to have multiple voices.

"I felt more Swazi in South Africa than in Swaziland because in Swaziland, I didn't have to think about it. Context shapes the person you are. If I decide to be Pan-African, I may lose on the beauty of

Swaziland and vice versa. I choose to have multiple voices."

ALU is pioneering a fresh approach to university education in the 21st century, offering accredited undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in a unique and imaginative way. By integrating students' learning with the real world, empowering students to take ownership of their own learning, equipping each student to think entrepreneurially and employing the most engaging and inspiring teaching methods, ALU has been dubbed 'the university of the future'. This university has no lecturers and over 30 nations are represented on campus, including Swaziland.

# HIS MAJESTY HAILED FOR LEADING FIGHT AGAINST HIV

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

His Majesty King Mswati III has been hailed for being at the forefront of the fight against HIV.

National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) Head of Communication Busi Dlamini said the political leadership in the country had ensured that there were numerous successes to date.

## Presentations

This was during a breakfast meeting with editors on Friday, in which different presentations were made on the upcoming conferences.

Referring to several speeches made by the King, NERCHA said they had ensured successes in the reduction of new infections, in treatment, preven-

tion of transmission as well as the dissemination of information within the country.

his address to the African Union a few months later. He has over the years called for behaviour change as one of the ways the country will be able to overcome new infections in the country.

## Supported

Some of the undertakings by the King include calling for the eradication of HIV by 2022, a statement he made during the State Opening of the Second Session of the 10th Parliament last year which was subsequently supported by United States of America President Barack Obama during



## Committed

During a meeting with UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé in 2010, His Majesty said, "We are committed to help change behaviour to stop new



His Majesty King Mswati III has been hailed for being in the forefront in the fight against AIDS.

infections among our people."

His call for the observance of the *Umcwasho* chastity a few years ago was purposed, in part, to reduce the number of new infections in young girls who adhered to the five year volun-

tary sex ban. The King has been involved in several initiatives such as the Royal Initiative to Combat AIDS (RICA), a non-profit foundation designed to raise funds to combat HIV/AIDS.

## Free Thulani Maseko to attend Oslo Freedom Forum

BY MLONDI MPANZA

Having previously missed the opportunity to speak at the annual Oslo Freedom Forum, Human Rights Lawyer Thulani Maseko has had the same opportunity come his way again and this time he is taking it with both hands.

This is a yearly gathering that promotes democracy, human rights and justice. It starts tomorrow and ends on Thursday afternoon and will feature speakers from all corners of the globe.

Maseko previously missed on partaking in the forum because he was incarcerated at the time it took place and as a result, he had to send his wife, Tanele to represent him.

He had been invited by the Human Rights Foundation (HRH) to speak at the forum.

According to Sibusiso Nhlabatsi who spoke on behalf of the Institute for Democracy and Leadership (IDEL), this was the second time Maseko had been invited to the forum; unfortunately he could not make it last year since he was incarcerated.

"The IDEAL is excited that Thulani will this year be part of the Oslo Freedom forum. He was also invited even last year even though he was in jail and his wife had to stand in for him," said Nhlabatsi.

He said they were honoured and humbled that the world saw and recognised the work that Maseko had done in the human rights discourse in Swaziland.

## Prominent

In the forum's website, Maseko is described as, "a prominent human rights lawyer from Swaziland who was imprisoned for 14 months for his criticism of state corruption."

It is stated that he wrote a series of articles in 2014 with The Nation Editor, Bheki Makhubu criticising the lack of judicial independence in the country.

As a result, Maseko and Makhubu were subsequently arrested, arraigned without legal representation and convicted of contempt of court.

## About Oslo Freedom Forum

The Oslo Freedom Forum is a network of passionate advocates committed to the promotion of human rights across the globe.

From tech experts promoting free expression in Western countries to political dissidents living under totalitarian regimes in North Korea or Cuba, their members are dedicated to finding innovative ways to expand human freedom, from encouraging free expression to advancing rule of law.

During the Forum, these industry leaders and rights

defenders unite for compelling conversations and electrifying presentations that will change their perception of the world.

They believe that all people are entitled to live freely without fear of government oppression.

The Forum was founded on the idea that all human beings have a natural right to live free of political oppression. But that right doesn't defend itself. The Oslo Freedom Forum provides a space for advocates to learn methods for amplifying dissent, using cutting edge technology to challenge tyrants and drive reform.

They provide a platform for revolutionary thinkers to share their ideas and speak truth to power.

They also work to raise the voices of people living under oppressive regimes.

At the Forum, these activists meet with luminaries from dozens of industries and more than a hundred countries in order to share ideas, tactics, and strategies for improving the lives of millions of people around the world.



Human Rights Lawyer, Thulani Maseko

It is also pointed out that Maseko wrote a public letter to President Barack Obama, requesting assistance to be released from jail in August, 2014.

## Granted

Eventually, the duo was released after a more than year behind bars when their appeal was granted after the judge who had presided over their original trial, Judge Mpendulo Simelane, was charged with corruption and 'defeating the ends of justice.'

Moreover, seeing that the two were languishing in jail at the time the forum took place, the HRH wrote a letter to His Majesty King Mswati III pleading that Maseko and Makhubu be freed to allow the human rights lawyer to attend

The duo had been charged with contempt of court in that they had allegedly written contemptuous articles criticising the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Government Vehicle Anti-Abuse Head Bhantshana Gwebu yet the matter was still pending before court.

## Detained

Gwebu had been arrested and charged with contempt of court after he detained a vehicle in which High Court Judge Esther Ota was aboard.

He had found that the vehicle did not have the necessary authority for which it was being used. Gwebu spent over a week in jail before being admitted to bail.



The lawyer was studying papers in a judge's office relating to a client who had been accused of causing an accident while drink driving. He is seen picking up the report revealing the level of alcohol in his client's blood. But the woman in the background, believed to be the judge's secretary, later leaves him alone. The lawyer quietly munches on the evidence while waiting for the judge's secretary to return. *Daily Mail*

## Lawyer EATS incriminating evidence to win DD case

MOSCOW - This is the shocking moment a lawyer ate an important document to help his client.

The incident, in the town of Kyzyl in central Russia's autonomous Republic of Tuva, was caught on CCTV cameras.

The lawyer, who has not been named, was studying papers in the office of a judge relating to a client who had been accused of causing an accident while drink-driving.

He is seen picking up the breathalyser report revealing the level of alcohol in his client's blood. The lawyer first stashes the evidence in his bag but then appears to have second thoughts and takes it out again, nearly puts it in his pocket before ultimately deciding to put it in his mouth and start chewing.

Local media say he managed to

eliminate the most important piece of evidence in the case while the judge and her secretary were out of the office.

When the judge's secretary returned, the lawyer told her the report was missing and that without it, there was no evidence against his client.

The stunned secretary started to look for the missing report, then she called for the guard, suspecting the lawyer had stolen the evidence. The truth was revealed only when she studied the CCTV footage. A police spokesman said: "The lawyer's guilt cannot be denied when you look at the CCTV film."

The hapless lawyer now faces up to two years in prison or a 200,000 roubles (£2,000) fine.

It is not clear whether his client was prosecuted in the absence of the document. *Daily Mail*

# LOMAHASHA:



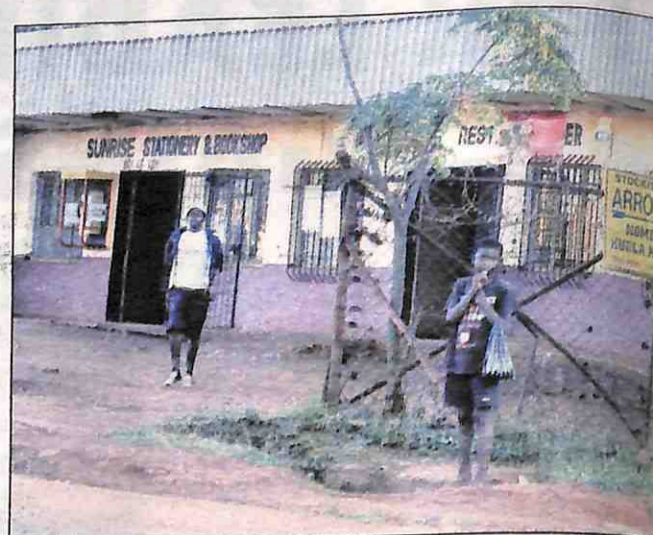
The spring where people from Lomahasha get water after their boreholes ran dry due to the drought that has adversely affected the border-line settlement. (Pics: Thembeke Dlamini)

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

Nestled on the north-eastern end of the country, lies Lomahasha, a busy border gateway settlement leading to Mozambique.

With a population of over 28 000 formed from four chiefdoms, the nearly-a-town-settlement is characterised by bustling economic activity where the majority of people strive to be entrepreneurs.

The epicentre of the economic activity is the Border Post Lomahasha-Namaacha, which has faithfully served travellers since its opening. Situated at the top of the



There are several shopping complexes in the area as Lomahasha has budding entrepreneurs.

Lubombo Range, the settlement boasts of a mix of Swazi and Mozambican influences

as the voices of the inhabitants switch to lingo accepted on both sides of the border.

## Failing businesses

Several entrepreneurs owners have thrown in the towel as they claim the area is not good for business.

"In years past, the area had a lot of Mozambicans coming here but after the opening of Mhlumeni, they now prefer to go to Manzini," a businessman said.

Others complained that business

was not good because most residents in the area were not well off.

### Alleged

Another alleged that others supported Asian nationals better hence the tendency to rent out the shops and licences.

"We sit here for enough money for transport and to restock," informal trader Gcebile Tfwala said.

She said there was little profit to be made as most vendors sold the same things.

### Business

"I am from Maphiveni and I buy vegetables from Vuvulane," she said revealing that their business style was not for the faint hearted as they at times left without selling anything at the end of the day.



A soldier patrols the area near Madzalala pond which was dry until the recent rains.

## Drought brings Lomahasha to its knees

The land has been left fallow in most homesteads of Lomahasha.

"We couldn't plough anything this year due to the drought," Priscilla Nyoni revealed.

She said there were vegetable farmers who have had to take their plots closer to the Mbuluzi River, a few kilometres away after the

Nkalashane River and local ponds ran dry.

"Those closest to Madzalala pond have vegetable plots which failed to yield anything this year after it ran dry," she said.

### Rains

She explained that the water which was found in the pond was from recent rains.

"It rained last week, hence the water you see, otherwise it was dry," she said.

Nyoni explained that this year has been a difficult one due to lack of rains as several families lived off the proceeds from their vegetable sales. "People have had to leave their homes and seek employment," she said.

## There are 15 schools within Lomahasha area

"Mozambicans cross into the country every day in order to attend school here," a soldier found along the border fence said.

He was patrolling a length of fence near the Madzalala pond.

Pupils from Lomahasha Central Primary revealed that everybody in the area attended school due to Free Primary Education (FPE) as there are 10 schools within the constituency. "It is only when people have to go to high school that

problems begin as those with impoverished parents are unable to continue," Ncamsile Hlatshwako said of those who attended the five high schools found in the area.

### Options

She revealed that post high school, people then went to look for work in other towns as there were few options in the area. "Educated people leave this area and only those who have no formal training live here full time," she stated.



The nearly empty shelves disappoint young minds at the Lomahasha library which had its internet facility disabled over six months ago.

## Poor library

Despite displaying want for knowledge, the people of Lomahasha have a nearly empty library to use.

"We don't have many books and there has been no internet for over six months now," Sabelo Dlamini said.

He revealed that he made regu-

lar use of the library in order to read the papers on a daily basis and to study at times.

### Wish

"Most of my friends come to the library and we wish we had more books because we seriously want to better our lives through getting information," he said.

## Rivers run dry

The lack of water has reduced residents of Lomahasha to contend with their livestock as they get water from a natural spring situated less than 100 metres from the boundary fence with Mozambique.

Having previously relied on boreholes, the drought facing the country has left them dry in this area.

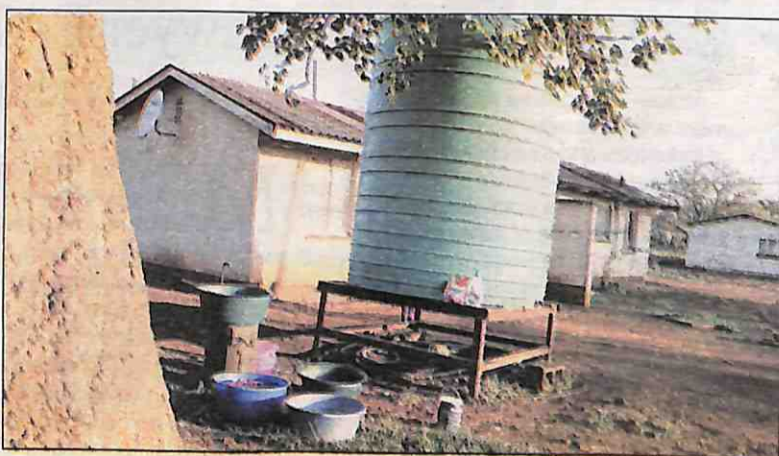
Locals pushing wheel barrows to the spring as well as trucks can be seen late into the night, causing headaches for soldiers manning the fence who are on the look-out for smuggling as well as trafficking of humans and other cross border crimes.

### Water

"They chase us away at night," Mangaliso Nyoni, a truck driver, said.

He was found hauling water from the spring as he headed to his customers.

"Last week it rained so I collect



Government establishments get tankered water delivered regularly as seen at the police camp.

water four times a day. Prior to the rain, I would come here six times in order to deliver to people who need the water," he explained further adding that people had harvested the water for domestic purposes.

### Cleanliness

When asked about the cleanliness of the water, "Well it looks clean," he said with a shrug of his shoulder.

At government establishments,

green tanks tell the story of how despite internal plumbing, people now have to use buckets in order to get water for their sanitation and sustenance purposes.

### Lucky

"We are lucky the water gets refilled every time that the tanks run empty," a woman who was found washing clothes at the police camp said.

# ONCE PROUD, NOW CRUMBLING

● With a population of over 28 000 formed from four chiefdoms, the nearly-a-town-settlement is characterised by bustling economic activity where the majority of people strive to be entrepreneurs.



Signs written *Talho*, which is Portuguese for butcher's shop, are

numerous within the over 10 shopping complexes situated within 500

**Selling water has become big business for Mangaliso Nyoni who comes handy for residents of the drought stricken community.**

metres of the border.

Nearly 100 street vendors dot the roadsides, quaintly selling the same merchandise with very few varying from what is perceived to be some of the most sought after vegetables and fruits. Heavy laden enterprising Mozambican nationals make their way to their home country on foot after either disembarking from buses or after having bought from the neighbouring shops while trucks and vans expectantly wait for people coming into the country to hire them to carry their loads.

## Trafficking, smuggling worries for border residents

Residents closest to the border live in fear of being caught in the cross fire between smugglers and soldiers all the time.

"We have cases of people fleeing soldiers after being noted sneaking into the country and we fear they will one day come to our homes in their cross fire," Priscilla Nyoni said.

She revealed that most people caught usually try to smuggle cigarettes into the country while others attempt to leave for Mozambique with stolen cars.

"We have seen people killed as they try to flee soldiers and that is always traumatic," Nyoni said adding there were cases of children trafficked through the fence as well.

"I am on the lookout for smugglers and a vehicle close to the border line raises concern for us," a soldier on foot patrol said.

He had approached after noting the vehicle from this publication stopping near the Madzalala pond, which is used for irrigation purposes situated about 100 metres from the fence.

He said they had incidences



of car smugglers and people trying to enter the country illegally.

"There are two vehicles which were smuggled into the country in Lavumisa on Tuesday and we are on the look-out for them as the trend is to bring them here as they get taken to Mozambique," he said.

### Crossing

He revealed there was an informal crossing which could be used but was avoided by smugglers as they were always searched to the extent of soldiers having to sift through maize meal in order to curb any incidence of smuggling.

"People who try to get water at night are discouraged as it then becomes difficult to ascertain whether their mission is to get water only," he said while near the spring from which people get their water.

### Incidences

"Cattle rustling incidences have been reduced after the smuggling ring was discovered," Mncedisi Matsenjwa said.

He revealed that this sort of crime was one of the things which bothered Lomahasha residents for some time and investigations revealed that some of the locals were to blame for the crimes.

**Lomahasha Border post is the epicentre of the settlement's economy.**

## Over 9 000 documented people need food aid

A disappointed Indvuna Yenkhundla Mncedisi Matsenjwa explained that residents had previously relied on their land to provide them with vegetables and the staple, maize.

"The drought has dealt them a hard blow because fields and vegetable plots are lying fallow," he said.

He revealed that the spo-

radic rains which fell in the area promised them much but failed to deliver during the critical times of the ploughing season.

### Papers

Showing piles of handwritten papers bearing names and personal identity numbers (PINs) of those adversely affected by the lack of rains as they have been unable to have anything grow on their fields,

Matsenjwa said it was sad there seemed to be no end in sight for the drought situation.

"We are hungry in this area," Selina Nyawo said. Her family lived off farming vegetables and the drought had reduced them to beggars. "I now have to cross over to my parental home in Mozambique in order to get food for my children," she said.

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# TOO MANY CARS, NO PARKING SPACE IN THE BIG CITY

STORIES BY MLONDI MPANZA

The high influx of people from all corners of the country to the capital city to access the different facilities available has come with the high demand for parking spaces.

The demand has notably been proving too much than what the city can take and as a result some motorists end up illegally parking their vehicles in the middle of the road or any area not reserved for such.

This has been common in almost every street around the city amongst which is the busy Bethusile Street in which traffic police officers are always trying all they can to curb the illegal parking.

Motorist, Sabelo Dlamini attributed this challenge to the development of the city which he said increased the demand for its facilities as well.

He said the fact that, unlike the other towns, the capital had almost all the facilities members of the public needed to access.

As a result, they were leaving their different places to visit the capital in order to have access to such facilities and in the process contributing to the high traffic levels and subsequently leading to the scarcity of parking spaces.

"The capital boasts of lots of facilities which Swazis from all corners of the country need to access hence the high influx. For most organisations, they are headquartered in Mbabane, government ministries, banks and all the relevant facilities hence more people are now in the

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**Some motorists prefer parking next to the road leading to the Swaziland Association of Savings and Credit Cooperatives incomplete building. They then walk back to town to access the different facilities.**

capital," said Dlamini.

Another motorist, Sanele Mamba attributed this to the fact that more people now had cars and thus the reason behind the demand for more parking spaces.

He said this was hindering the joys of having a car and working in the capital because they ended up struggling with getting parking spaces.

"Previously, there were enough parking spaces in Mbabane but now this is a different case as the spaces are no longer enough to

accommodate everyone," said Mamba.

When asked about the parking challenges in the capital, the Municipal Council's Director of Corporate Services, Bongani Dlamini said they were having administrative glitches with the parking system which was introduced a couple of years ago.

### System

He said the system was not well managed and monitored in the sense that people would park and leave their cars for longer periods

yet the system should be based on that they park and leave to open up space for the rest of the city's users to access.

"We are aware of the challenges which are basically a result of what I would call administrative glitches which have to do with the management and monitoring of the parking system," said Dlamini.

As a result of this problem, he said they would soon be giving the project to another company which they hope will be able to cut down on the parking challenges currently

being experienced in the city.

Dlamini said they were also hopeful that the new buildings being constructed around Mbabane would also help curb this problem.

This is because there is a policy in place which requires the provision of efficient parking space for its visitors.

He attributed the lack of parking space to the fact that there were too many cars in the capital yet the road length was short and thus could not accommodate high numbers.

"It is unfortunate that the parking space is normally created on the sides of the road and thus there is little or no way to expand it, but the least that can be done is regulating the little available and make it as efficient as possible," he said.

In addition, Dlamini assured motorists this would soon be an issue of the past and extended his apologies to motorists for the inconvenience.

The Municipal Council of Mbabane has previously warned motorists in the city against parking in areas which were not originally meant for parking.

Vehicles wrongly parked ended up being clamped down due to failure to adhere to the regulations.

Whilst the lack of parking space continues to be a common sight in the city, motorists park in areas not meant for parking, such as pavements, pedestrian crossings and yellow lines is on the increase.

This does not only inconvenience and limit the free movement of pedestrians, but it may also lead to fatalities as pedestrians step into the pathway of moving traffic in efforts to manoeuvre around.

Also, these motorists, mostly those who park on pavements are said to damage the City's infrastructure which meant the Council keep fixing one and the same items, which is a waste of resources.



**In the absence of adequate parking space in the capital, cars parked in the middle of the road are a common sight as seen in Bethusile Street. (Pics: MlonDI Mpanza)**



**The Mbabane Market has turned out to be the alternative parking area for some motorists, although it comes with strict rules which only allow for a short period of parking time.**

## Controlling parking on pirate taxi filled Bethusile Street difficult

On another note, the Municipal Council's Bongani Dlamini said managing the parking system on Bethusile Street was difficult.

Bethusile Street is one of the streets filled with pirate taxis which are normally found at any time of the day.

Whilst Dlamini said pirating remained illegal in the country, it

was difficult to control such especially because they were complying with the parking system.

### Motorists

This comes after some motorists felt the pirate taxis were the reason behind the scarcity of parking space as they park from morning till late hours of the night and in the process creating the challenge they have. "The issue of pirate taxis is

complex in two ways; one is that they normally comply to the system thus making it hard to address their issue. Secondly, it is not easy to spot them because they are just like everyone visiting the city," said Dlamini.

Moreover, he said they were in constant communication with the taxi association in efforts to find a solution for the matter.

He said they were hopeful they will soon find a long-lasting solution which would be in the best interests of both the motorists and the Municipal Council.



**These cars were wrongly parked on the stop sign on the exit of Bethusile Street and in the process making it hard for other motorists to see the sign.**

# BUSI BHEMBE REMAINS BOSS AT EZULWINI BOARD

BY LINDA DLAMINI

**E**ZULWINI Town Board has re-elected Busi Mayisela-Bhembe as the Chairperson of the Council.

Bhembe was elected during a Council meeting on Thursday evening at the Municipality's offices.

Bhembe was the only nominated person for the position thus the race for the top post was uncontested. In her address she thanked the council for giving her another term and appreciated the vote of confidence that her fellow counsellors have

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entrusted her with.

"I have remained in this seat for the past two terms which is testament of the fact that I remain the servant of this council and also the beautiful town of Ezulwini," she said.

"During the course of the previous year, together as a Council, we have managed to start and complete numerous projects which were intended to develop our town," she

said.

"However this is not to say that we should become complacent in our duties, we should continue to improve our town serve as a foundation for further development," she added.

Mayisela-Bhembe said during the previous year two major roads were completed and a new sewer system was introduced to entrench the high

standards that the city has set for itself.

"As we all know there are a number of institutions that are choosing to move down the valley to join us here," she said.

"For instance the American Embassy will be moving to the town and this is a feather in the cap of the town as it signifies the confidence that the private sector has in our town," she said.

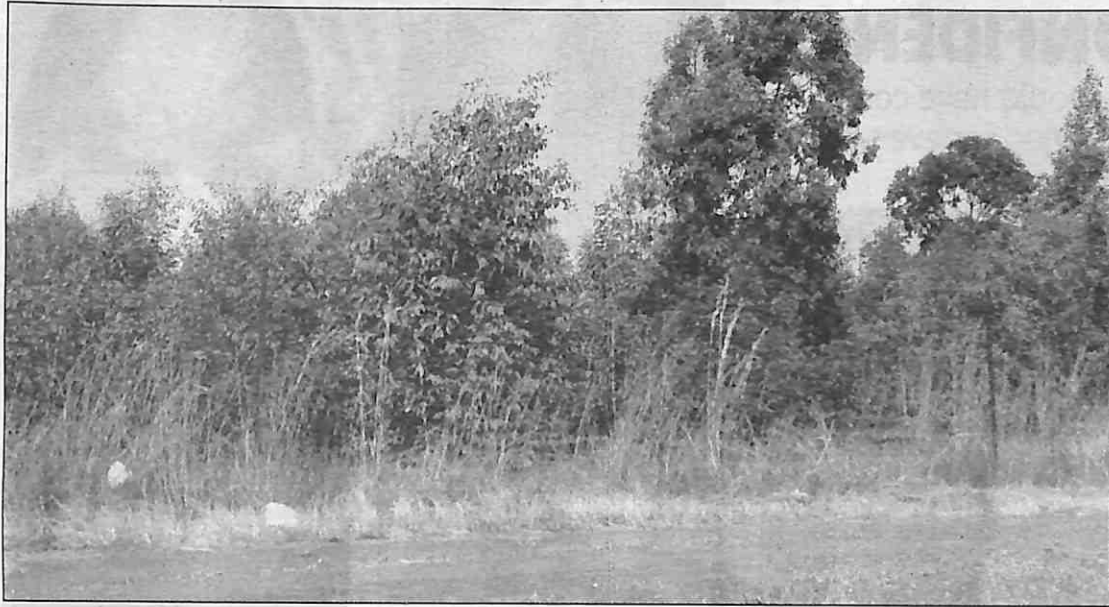
Ezulwini town has developed at an accelerated rate in the last 10 years with a number of large corporates setting up their headquarters, like



Busi Mayisela-Bhembe.

MTN, Swaziland Kirsh Industries (SWAKI) and the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC).

Also shopping complexes have been developed in the town such as The Gables and Corner Plaza.



The forest which has caused tension at the Ngwempisi Inkhundla after part of E12 000 from the sale of its timber was allegedly abused. (Pics: Thembeke Dlamini)

## Timber forest divides Ngwempisi Inkhundla

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

**N**gwempisi Inkhundla Council members are livid as they fight over E12 000, an amount accrued after the sale of timber from a forest which was apportioned the constituency.

The incensed members of the council, which comprised several Bucophos, have gone to the extent of reporting the matter to the Mankayane Police Station as they allege that the Indvuna Yenkhundla Mhlonipheni Msibi and the secretary of the Inkhundla were in cahoots and were spending the money as they wished in furtherance of their personal agendas.

Of note is that these are allegations which are still being investigated by the police and their veracity is yet to be tested in court.

"Msibi does as he pleases where spending the money is concerned and we are worried that we will have to account for money later to our chiefs as we were made to understand that we were supposed to only approve spending for development purposes," the

members alleged.

They further claimed that there was money from *kuhlehla* which was not accounted for as it has allegedly disappeared from the coffers and the explanations on what happened to it are not convincing them.

### Customary

"It is customary for people within the different chiefdoms to show allegiance through taking part in some of the community based initiatives such as weeding the fields which are intended to sustain the least fortunate," the aggrieved members said.

They revealed that those who were unable to attend such duties usually contributed E100 each and this money was supposed to go into a fund which was then administered by the council. They said this money could only be used after a meeting and an agreement which was recorded in minutes was made.

### Wondering

"Instead, we now find ourselves wondering what is happening as the money is seemingly kept in people's pockets without any type of proper accounting. Added to

this, the maize from the fields has been used as a campaigning tool by someone without considering that there are procedures on how it is to be distributed," they further alleged.

The Bucophos members revealed this after a meeting this past week where they were presented with what they labelled as suspect looking accounting which failed to convince them.

They said they had been asking for the statements of account for a while and were shocked by the piece of paper that was presented to them.

"We blame the Indvuna and his secretary as this money is supposed to be in their hands and yet they seem to be fighting within their ranks and we have resorted to reporting this matter as we suspect that fraudulent activity is going on," they said. Police Information and Communication Officer (PICO) Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that there was a case reported at Mankayane and the police were still investigating whether the allegations held any water.

## ...That's nonsense, Indvuna Yenkhundla barks back

**N**gwempisi Constituency Indvuna Yenkhundla Mhlonipheni Msibi has blamed the debacle the Inkhundla finds itself in on inefficiencies by government employees.

Found in his office with the Inkhundla secretary who left for her office when she noted that there were visitors, he laughed when he heard reasons for this publication's visit. Calling her back to the office, he requested that the purpose be repeated in her presence and then further requested that she sit in on the meeting in order for her to clarify some things.

After stating that she was aware that there were issues, she was reluctant to respond to questions, rightfully citing protocol. "I do not have mandate to talk to members of the press and the best person who can talk about this matter is the Regional Secretary (RS) Samkeliso Dlamini," she said despite prompting by Msibi.

After she left the meeting, Msibi revealed that he was shocked about the allegations as there were minutes supporting some of the expenditure which was done since he assumed office. "As a businessman, I try at all times do everything by the book and am dumbfounded by the fact that I am now being blamed," he said. He alleged that there was an ingrained sense of laxity in government personnel who failed to uphold the ideal of the system of governance and as such left room for people to do as they pleased.

### Correctly

"Note me correctly, the system is not to blame, it is the people who fail to make it work," he said. Explaining how the money ended up being used, he said delays in release of the Empowerment Fund resulted in the money being used for things like cutting grass, stationary and cleaning materials.

"You might recall that there was a period where we operated without the empowerment fund which is supposed to be used to buy these things and this resulted in frustration from the same Bucophos who have reported to you," he said. Outlining scenarios, he stated that there were times when there were no papers for printing and this frustrated the council members who were unable to claim their sitting allowances and they then resorted that they buy the papers with the timber money. "This was all recorded in meetings' minutes and I am now shocked at their turn around," Msibi



Mhlonipheni Msibi in his office at the Ngwempisi Inkhundla.

alleged, adding, "Some of them requested loans from the money, personal ones and have been repaying it after the issue of the money came about." He further distanced himself from the statements of accounts which were allegedly prepared by the secretary. "I got to the council meeting and was shocked about the piece of paper which was presented as it was disorderly and didn't make sense. I did not see it prior to the meeting," he said further alleging that the working relationship with his secretary was not a good one.

### Written

"I have written letters to the PS complaining about her conduct and the same Bucophos who now blame me also signed a vote of no confidence against her," he said.

He opened his file showing some of the letters without allowing for close scrutiny as well as the income and expenditure account which had his corrections. "I am unable to give you this as I believe you should have been furnished by those who told you the story," he said after explaining that he did not agree with it in its entirety as it falsely depicted that there was no money left whereas he could only account for about E3 000 as having been used. Manzini Regional Secretary Samkeliso Dlamini confirmed that they were aware of the friction in Ngwempisi Inkhundla and that they were in the process of finding a solution for it.

Minister of Tinkhundla Mduduzi Dlamini, who was called in order to ascertain whether the ministry had received such letters complaining about the secretary as the Principal Secretary Princess Gcebile was unavailable, said he was not aware about the issue as nothing was reported to him.

"I suspect that it was still being sorted at regional level as it is the first that I am hearing about it and the fact that a case has been reported to the police as well," he said.



Nurane Calu and his partner 'Junior' with some of the staff members who represented the rest of the team since the others were on duty. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

## CALU GIVES MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

Galp retailer Nurane Calu has expressed disappointment with the attitude of the ministry of natural resources as regulator of the fuel industry.

Speaking in his personal capacity during his family's thanksgiving which was held at the Royal Swazi Libandla Room on Friday, he revealed that the ministry had not been helpful in their pursuit for justice in the matter where they were being evicted by Galp Swaziland following a myriad of misunderstandings last year.

He blasted the ministry which he alleged claimed to be unable to help them due to lack of legislation after their battle against the contentious franchise agreement resulted in Calu facing eviction.

"The ministry of natural resources was constantly telling us they can't even (sic) as regulators of the industry help us due to lack of legislation and on the other cannot interfere on contractual issues," he said.

"My question is why then did the

### Courts fair in SD

For a change, the courts have been commended for handling a matter fairly.

Galp retailer Nurane Calu gave a glowing review of how the courts handled his matter where he was resisting eviction by Galp Swaziland from his two filling stations. Referring to the High Court as His Majesty's Court of Justice, Calu said it was due to the ruling by the court that they were alive as justice had been served.

"I can proudly say today I am not out of business thanks to His Majesty's Courts of Justice. I am alive together with my family and staff," he said.

He further thanked God and his attorneys from Magagula and Hlophe for a job well done as well as the media for writing about their plight.

He revealed that they were cognisant of the fact that Swazi people loved peace and as such their fight in court was to enable them to claim their power over unscrupulous dealings by their franchiser.

As regulator, the ministry should have come between the two parties and called for everything to halt while looking at the legislation



The Calu business partners and the legal team from Magagula and Hlophe Attorneys who won the case for them in court.

ministry write a letter, advised us to go and sign this new oppressive franchise agreement? On which basis if they couldn't interfere (sic) advised us to go and sign?" he asked.

#### Actions

Detailing some of the alleged actions by the ministry, Calu said he was called two days before the deadline at around 10pm and was advised to convince the eight out of 10 retailers to go and sign the agreement.

Calu further recalled how an official from the ministry had been unhappy with him during a party which was called by the Swaziland Fuel Retailers Association in October 2014 when he blasted the attitude of Galp

Swaziland. Present at that party were Minister Jabulile Mashwama as well as then Principal Secretary Steven Motsa.

Calu's son, Issufo, also expressed disappointment that as regulator the ministry failed to come to their rescue.

"As regulator, the ministry should have come between the two parties and called for everything to halt while looking at the legislation," he said.

However, the Calus divorced the minister from their troubles and stated that junior workers were also not to blame as they were helpful without stating who the official who declined to come to their assistance was.

### Calu family best employer- staff

The Calu family has been hailed for continuing to take care of their employees despite facing problems last year.

Staff representative Sibusiso Nyoni said the troubles that the family faced during their court case against Galp Swaziland did not cause them to retrench or fail to pay them their salaries as well as bonuses despite the costs they could have been going through.

"They paid us our full salaries as though the business was running normally," he said.

Nyoni said they were shocked when they received bonuses in December and further called for other businesses to treat their workers as did the Calu family.

"With such employers, the country

will reach vision 2022," he said.

Prior to this, Nyoni had revealed how they were affected when they heard their bosses were being evicted from the two filling stations which are situated at Eveni and Matsapha. "We thought our lives were over in August when this whole debacle happened," Nyoni said that the over 70 staff members were worried that the eviction order would have adverse effects on their lives and lead to unemployment.

The transparency with which the family dealt with their problems, as they kept the employees in the picture was one of the things they appreciated as other employers could have forgotten about them while fighting such a battle. "They told us everything," he said.



Calu being congratulated by MP Princess Ncengcenge after his speech.



Calu Junior who is a Director in the company with the MC Pastor Senzo Hlatshwayo and businesswoman Thandi Maziya.



Engen retailer Justine Valentin with Galp employees representative Sibusiso Nyoni.



Some of the fuel retailers with their family members.



Senator Lindiwe Ngwenya, MPs Mkhosi Dlamini, Saladin Magagula and businessman Fire Ngwenya were also guests to the Calu family.





# SA LEAVES OUT SWAZIS IN SPECIAL PERMITS

STORIES BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

South African Minister of Home Affairs Melusi Gigaba recently announced that citizens of Lesotho residing in South Africa could now stay in that country legally and Swazi citizens have been sidelined from this.

Due to the fact that there are a number of Lesotho nationals living and working in South Africa, that country has made special permits allowing them to stay there legally.

The Lesotho Special Permit (LSP) is available to Lesotho nationals, also known as Basotho, who have been working, studying or running businesses in South Africa before September 30, 2015.

It is strictly issued to Lesotho citizens who are currently registered in that country's national population register. According to South African reports, the home affairs department noted that there were between 400 000 and 500 000 Lesotho nationals living and working in South Africa and many of them were 'living in South Africa illegally and without proper documentation'.

While thousands of Swazis have also been reported to be working and staying in South Africa, some illegally, such an arrangement has not been made for them.

This was confirmed by both Minister of Foreign Affairs Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze and Minister of

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South African Minister of Home Affairs Melusi Gigaba.

Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile in separate interviews. The princess said they had not had any communication with their counterparts in South Africa.

"I cannot comment on that much because there has been no communication from South Africa on such an issue," she said briefly.

Meanwhile, Basotho nationals in South Africa have flocked to apply for the special permits.

Reports indicate that there have been up to 5 694 successful applications for the LSP although Gigaba continues to encourage more of them

to apply.

Gigaba said the application period for the LSP, which opened this year in February, was valid until December 31, 2019, and Lesotho nationals who qualified for the permit during this period would not be deported.

There are LSP application centres in strategic places across the country where high numbers of Lesotho nationals have been recorded.

Concerning those who have fraudulently acquired documentation, the South African Department of Home Affairs has granted them amnesty as they need to 'regularise their stay'.

"We are not happy with the uptake thus far and wish to urgently appeal to those Lesotho nationals who have not visited these centres to do so and use this opportunity to regularise their stay in the country. The centres are open on weekends to assist applicants to complete the online application process," Gigaba was quoted saying.

"We want to see the Basotho becoming a part of South African society without fear of deportation and to formalise their stay in South Africa, mindful of the contribution that they are making to the economy here and in their country," he added.

## DPM to miss Bishop Nash's imbizo today

Divine Healing Ministries founder Bishop Nash Shongwe will finally return to the pulpit today after being away for over a month following an operation he underwent in South Africa.

The church will host a thanksgiving ceremony to celebrate his return and good health.

Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini was expected to grace the event as a guest speaker, while a number of local artists have also been scheduled to perform.

Dlamini left the country on Friday for an international engagement. He is likely to be represented by Agriculture Minister Moses Vilakati, who is acting DPM.

Gospel sensations Linda Dlamini, Maculuve, Frans Dlamini as well as fast growing group, Ndawonye are expected to spice up the event. This was confirmed by the bishop's son, Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe who said they were very appreciative of the fact that his father bishop was back on his feet in good health.

"Many people were shaken by the bishop's illness and that he was in intensive care unit (ICU) at some point after the operation. Many people were worried after not seeing him as weeks went by and some had

even circulated rumours that he had passed away and we were hiding this. On Sunday (today), the bishop will return to the pulpit and we are basically celebrating that," he said.

Sikhumbuzo revealed that they had slaughtered three cows for the celebration which the congregation would feast on. He also said the bishop, who is also his father, had responded well to medication and fully recovered.

As reported by this publication last month, the bishop was in a critical condition following his operation for an undisclosed illness.

He stayed in ICU for two days after the operation and after spending a few more days in the clinic, he returned to the country and has been away from the church ever since.

Although the bishop had informed the congregation that he would be going for a scheduled operation, there was panic at the church when days turned into weeks with their leader still being away. He spent weeks recuperating at his parental home in Luve and was not seen in public events. He also missed the launch of gospel artist Linda Dlamini, who is a member of his church.

He told reporters from our sister publication the Swazi Observer that he was longing for the pulpit.

## Killer bridge construction halts

BY MLONDI MPANZA

The reconstruction of the bridge that claimed the lives of 14 passengers travelling in a kombi at Mawelawela River two years ago is still not yet completed.

This is despite previous promises made by the Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Makhosini Mndawe that the bridge would be completed around October or November last year.

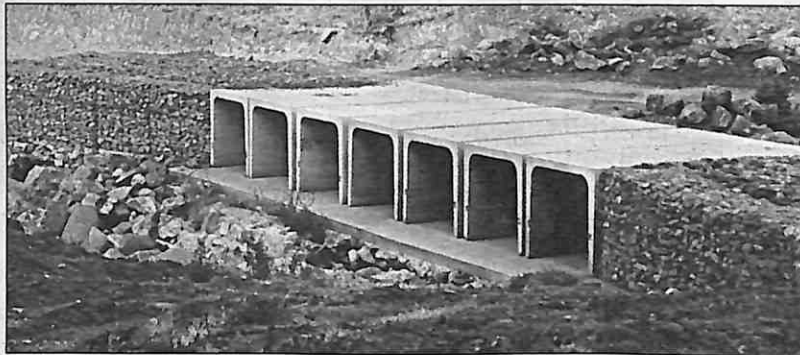
"We anticipate that the bridge will be complete around October/November as we are trying hard to beat the rainy season because this is a sensitive matter," he said in an interview last August.

Nine months later, the bridge has not yet been completed as seen during a visit by this newspaper this past week.

Upon arrival at the site, there was no one or any sign of activity. It seemed as though it had been a while since anyone was there.

The only thing on sight is the ministry's machinery which was notably parked at a nearby homestead, where it is said to be normally parked for security reasons.

When Chief Road Engineer Vincent Dlamini was asked about the project, he said they were working on it, but they had experienced challenges with material hence the construction had



The 'killer' bridge at Mawelawela River that claimed the lives of 14 people in 2014 has been left incomplete due to the unavailability of working material. (Pics: Mlonzi Mpanza)



A vehicle crossing on the low level bridge which is 100 metres away from the 'killer' one. The ministry promised to reconstruct this bridge too, but nothing has been done on it so far.

been halted for now.

"Work is progressing at the bridge; we were just having minor chal-

lenges," he said.

During a visit late last year, residents of Mgazini and Lushikishini were



A truck driving past the reconstructed bridge that has been built in a way that it can stand high levels of water flowing the river. The alternative route was created to make way for motorists while construction takes place.

found hard at work alongside officers from the ministry who were constructing the new bridge after the old one was swept away by floods.

The residents were found collecting stones which were used for the concrete slab before the instalment of the box culverts, which will see the bridge elevated from its previous height.

It was revealed that work started around early August last year in anticipation of the summer rains, which swept away the bridge swept away in 2014.

Amongst those found on site was Lushikishini Bucopho, Sithembile Xaba, who said they had been instructed by the ministry to collect stones to be used as part of the construction project.

The residents said they were

hoping the bridge would be completed on time.

However, they lamented the fact that government often ran out of working material, but they hoped that would not be much of a hindrance to their ongoing project.

The Mawelawela Bridge is at least 100m away from another low level bridge which also poses a danger to the residents also saw as a danger, but the ministry promised to fix both bridges that connected Mgazini and Lushikishini at the Mawelawela River.

Mndawe said they had tried their best to redesign the bridge and come up with an improved version.

He further assured residents that the new bridge would be strong and withstand any storm.



BY STHOFENI  
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## Analysis & opinion

### THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP ERA

# GET MAD TO BE A SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR



African Alliance Partner Sthofeni Ginindza who was the guest speaker addressing the gathering during the Junior Achievement annual fundraising dinner at Royal Swazi Spa last week Friday.

Good evening. Master of Ceremonies, allow me to take a swipe at Jean who has once again managed skillfully to bully me into coming here tonight, enticing me with the potential of getting some deep-pocketed investors for African Alliance.

She knows very well there could be friends of Mossack Fonseca here.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen this fund raising dinner tonight is for a worthy cause and I would encourage invited guests to give generously when called upon to do so.

The chosen venue would to the deep pockets of patrons. I am sure the organisers have ensured that none of us here gets into the next edition of Panama Papers.

Master of Ceremonies, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen; "Until the lion learns how to write, every story will glorify the hunter" – a very poignant and powerful African proverb indeed. This insightful proverb would provide a very rich backdrop for "INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO CLAIM THEIR ECONOMIC SUCCESS THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP" in this ERA OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP; our theme and topic for discussion tonight. The time constraint places certain limitations on how far one could go in doing justice to such an interesting topic.

My presentation, Master of Ceremonies, will attempt to:

- Define entrepreneurship in the broad sense and customise it in our African context,

- Unveil the new parlance for the savvy "Afroterpreneur;" place the conservative definition, as well as our new nomenclature; Afroterpreneur within the context of the emerging "Third Industrial Revolution"; and finally shed light on what

- The requisite attributes and strategies our budding Afroterpreneurs need to be able to claim their economic success through Afroterpreneurism and

- Conclude with the challenges of government and the private sector and the resulting opportunities that would ensure the Afroterpreneurs exploit to their full advantage the endless stream of various worthy, sustainable enterprises this continent, and indeed Swaziland in particular, offers them.

Master of Ceremonies, distinguished ladies and gentlemen. The Afroterpreneurial Lion has now acquired a limited edition Solitaire Mont Blanc pen. He is now about to tell his own story.

It is a story of music and dance, art and craft woven with rich African resources processed in Africa and packaged for markets in Europe, America, Australia and Asia. This is the economic climate our youth should dream of. We expect nothing less for him or her.

It is generally agreed by that an entrepreneur and for tonight an Afroterpreneur, is a person who has the capacity to develop, organise, and manage a business enterprise along with any of its risks in order to make a profit. This broad paint brush definition would be good enough for our approach to the subject. Distinguished ladies and gentlemen allow me to place our own Afroterpreneur in the context of our African proverb. Master of Ceremonies, tonight as the Asian Tigers would represent the savvy entrepreneurs in the East, so would our African Lion be represented by our own Afroterpreneur. By our own definition tonight we have an emerging concept of what an Afroterpreneur is.

Be bold to use Afroterpreneur as our own brand of an Afrocentric driven risk taker who can operate globally and has the capacity and resources to do so. He is not hired as a consultant; he hires consultants.

He has acquired the relevant technical knowledge and skills and therefore has the capacity to succeed globally but has chosen to remain in Swaziland to take advantage of local opportunities.

Master of Ceremonies Distinguished Ladies and gentlemen let us now focus on the attribut-

es of our Afroterpreneur. He or she realises the enormous competition created by the private sector, the provision of world class infrastructure and an enabling legislative environment created by government.

Suddenly going to Europe or America to look for a job is no longer an option. He now goes to these places to look for joint venture partnerships that would promote North-South trade.

The shift in paradigm in respect of how the Swazi Afroterpreneur sees herself is infinitely important because she now understands the concept of Kwame Nkrumah's "African personality" he was referring to Afroterpreneur; the proud African "capable of managing" his own affairs. Our own Sobhuza II spoke of controlling development he was hinting the negative impacts of uncontrolled development could lead to climate change. Thankfully, former president Mbeki gave us the African Renaissance so we are now looking at rebirth of thought and need those following attributes to write our story as the proud African Lion. Indeed we have learned to write.

#### SELF ACTUALISATION

Defining who you are as an entrepreneur demands that you actualise your dream through your unique DNA you have internalised *Ubuntu* and you call yourself Afroterpreneur how do you stand out from everyone else among your peers?

As a young enterprising person you want to actualise your dream. You want to be successful and above all you want to be financially independent. You are constantly asking yourself. Is there a formula for a successful Young Afroterpreneur?

The answer is simple get MAD! Make A Difference. That is what it takes. Do things differently from everybody else even among your peers and always exceed your own expectation through excellence orientation.

You must be driven by passion. You must believe you have one choice and that is to succeed. We as Swazis have a saying: "Litsemba alibulali" - hope does not kill - dare to dream and get MAD.

The paradigm shift in the emerging nomenclature and approach envisaged would require the budding Afroterpreneur to be assertive but charismatically *Ubuntu*; to bring about a culturally rich approach as a competitive advantage ensuring we are clearly identified as a unique business "lions" who have learned to "write" and can tell our own story.

Nissan puts it nicely "life is a journey shift expectations". In this regard it is important to

ensure that your "audacity to dream" and think out of the box is an integral part of the Afroterpreneur. To quote President Obama in his 'Dreams from My Father' and I quote "I never emulate white men and brown men whose fates didn't speak to my own. It was into my father's image, the black man, son of Africa, that I'd packed all the attributes I sought in myself, the attributes of Martin and Malcolm, Dubois and Mandela."

#### AN UNWAVERING PASSION

As an Afroterpreneur your commitment and dedication through excellence orientation in everything you say and do must be consistent.

Remember that "The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night". (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

#### OPEN MINDED DYNAMISM

i. In the 19th century, steam-powered printing and the telegraph, abundant coal and locomotives on national rail systems gave rise to the First Industrial Revolution.

ii. In the 20th century, centralised electricity, the telephone, radio and television, cheap oil and internal combustion vehicles on national road systems converged to create an infrastructure for the Second Industrial Revolution.

iii. The Third Industrial Revolution Today, Europe is laying the ground work for the Third Industrial Revolution. The digitalised communication internet is converging with a digitalised, renewable "Energy Internet" and a digitalised, automated "Transportation and Logistics Internet" to create a super "Internet of Things" infrastructure.

In the Internet of Things era, sensors will be embedded into every device and appliance, allowing them to communicate with each other and internet users, providing up-to-the-moment data on the managing, powering and moving of economic activity in a smart Digital Europe. Currently, billions of sensors are attached to resource flows, warehouses, road systems, factory production lines, the electricity transmission grid, offices, homes, stores and vehicles, continually monitoring their status and performance and feeding big data back to the Communication Internet, Energy Internet and Transportation and Logistics Internet. By 2030, it is estimated there will be more than 100 trillion sensors connecting the human and natural environment in a global distributed intelligent network. For the first time in history, the entire human race can collaborate directly with

one another, democratising economic life.

As an Afroterpreneur you must be you should be thinking with Jeremy Rifkin or ahead of him or you are not going to get MAD enough to succeed in the competitive market.

As an Afroterpreneur you will need a mentor, a role model and more importantly a coach. However, when you are getting MAD these people will not be there. You will think on your feet like Lionel Messi. Find creative ways of scoring goals. May I at this juncture challenge our captains of industry to mentor our budding Afroterpreneurs they need your guidance and wisdom.

#### THE DESIRE TO BE AN EXPERT – EXCELLENCE ORIENTATION

In his quintessential novel published in 1958, Chinua Achebe creates a character who in the modern board room would be angry with his team because they have made the target.

Okonkwo would insist they must consistently exceed his expectations. His son Ikemefuna was in constant threat of his father's presence because he demanded nothing but the best.

One could say he had an exaggerated opinion of himself; but that is the MAD spirit successful Afroterpreneurs are made of. As Brian Vaszily puts it "Falling down is how we grow. Staying down is how we die"

#### HAVE A VISION – A FORWARD LOOKING APPROACH

You must first believe and have immeasurable amount of faith in yourself, empower yourself as an Afroterpreneur in reading and engaging diverse cultures, think of hiring people instead of thinking of being hired; internalise the culture of execution so that you get rid of the culture of entitlement. Be a consistent and dynamic dreamer who turns his dreams into reality because he has faith.

Master of Ceremonies let us now quickly look at the opportunities on the continent and you could extract the challenges within the Swazi context to get MAD as an Afroterpreneur.

We are the continent of hope and promise and our Afroterpreneur must engage the global market with pride and confidence.

Dr Akinwumi Adesina, the President of AfDB has identified his High 5s for the Bank. This ambitious strategy is designed to scale up the banks operations for the continent's transformation. These are:

- Light up and power Africa,
- Feed Africa,
- Industrialise Africa,
- Integrate Africa and
- improve quality of life for the people of Africa

He noted that "three of them would take a quantum leap forward as the Bank unveils new strategies, and a programme to create 25 million jobs for young people over the next decade the agenda is huge.

We want to see nothing less than the social and economic transformation of Africa. We want to unleash massive potential for Africa and for the world." This top most priority of the High 5s speaks to the bank's determination to tackle the severe energy deficit in the continent where 650 million people don't have access to electricity" The opportunities for afroterpreneurship" has been unveiled. Your responsibility is to think and dream big and find your ingenious way of "getting your slice of the economic pie". As Sir Richard Branson puts it "if you are given an opportunity to do something and have no idea of how to do it, accept the opportunity and go and figure out how to do it". In conclusion Master of Ceremonies, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, Dr Akinwumi Adesina has just handed over to you a set of opportunities, for the next decade to create 25 million jobs with the High 5s. What are you going to do as an Afroterpreneur?

I wish to thank the organisers of this event to share some of my bold thoughts and thank you for listening; you have been attentive and indeed a wonderful audience.

# COSPE HERE TO ACTIVATE 'YOUR FIRE'

The annual MTN Bush Fire Festival that ensures Swaziland's attractiveness to the world will kick-off in high spirits.

Along with it, for the first time this year, COSPE supported by the European Union (EU) embarks on a charm offensive to garner support for the advocacy issues including equal rights, access to information as well as several human rights issues.

Slotted for staging along the musically pumped line up, COSPE has been confirmed as one of first time NGOs that keep on taking the lead in partnering with similar events such as the annual MTN Bushfire.

According to the COSPE Swaziland Director, Elena Gentili, the NGO aims to use the event to reach to young and old; local and international people through plenty of entertainment.

"COSPE appreciates the opportunity it has been afforded by the organisers of the event," Gentili said.

"It will help advance what we stand for and support across the 30 countries over the world including Swaziland, whether it is full enjoyment of freedom of expression, passing of laws that allow citizens access to information and the enjoyment of human rights, as gender equality and the abolition of gender based violence."

Freedom of expression, COSPE identified is to be fully interpreted, amplified and communicated so artistically in the Bush fire Festival.

Gentili said the organisation subscribes to the festival's 'Bring Your Fire's call to action that encourages proactive and individual contributions to social change.

This, she said, is the background that the organisation develops the idea to do artistically pass through advocacy.

The Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Bill, Broadcasting Bill (BBI), and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) count among the advocacy issues.

The 10th annual Bushfire will kick-off with the line-up including Ghana's Blitz the Ambassador, Mali's Songhoy Blues, South African's Mafikizolo and Beatenburg as well as multi-award winning rapper AKA, Zimbabwe's legendary Oliver Mtukudzi, and Swaziland's 'Bholoja'. The MTN Bushfire happens at House on Fire in the Malkerns Valley.

## SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY COSPE AT THE BUSHFIRE

### Advocacy Initiatives

COSPE Swaziland



TOGETHER FOR CHANGE



Advocacy Officer, Mbali Dlamini, said the NGO would be running a number of civil society advocacy initiatives including the Broadcasting Bill Initiative (BBI), Sexual Offences Domestic Violence (SODV) Bill Initiative, and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). Dlamini said COSPE would also be having a visibility stall set up in the Barn.

"The stall will show material on the organisation and the work we do in the number of advocacy initiatives," she said, adding that along with the corporate world, the civic work brought about by NGOs such as COSPE would enable spectators the variety to information-

sharing and well as mixed entertainment.

"There will be interactive activities based on the advocacy initiatives performed, the COSPE's involvement in a panel discussion on issues that shave to with the advocacy actions so as to link up to the sustainability theme of 'Bring your Fire'.

"As well, we are proposing that we have international and local artists performing in the festival to drive some key messages dedicated to these advocacy initiatives and a big screen video to fight against gender based violence."

COSPE's advocacy happens through the project called 'Fostering Communication and Cooperation amongst Non-State Actors for the Benefit of Swazi Civil Society', in partnership with Punto.sud and is funded by the European Union.

The objective of involvement in Bushfire is to improve the visibility of the participation and collaboration of None-State Actors and civil society in

the development process of Swaziland.

### 1. The Broadcasting Bill Initiative.

This initiative aims for the enactment of the Broadcasting Bill of 2013 in order to harmonise the whole broadcasting industry. This is the legislation that will be used by the Independent Communications Regulator - once it is in place - when regulating the broadcasting sector, most importantly licensing the functioning of community radio stations. The initiative saw the Swaziland Communications Multimedia Network (SCMN), an association of representatives of community

radio initiatives in Swaziland launching an advocacy action; to influence decision-makers such as legislators, communications regulators and public officials to improve the legislative framework

for community broadcasting; to get community broadcasting onto the agenda of international organisations, civil society, business community and media for further discussion, and; to raise awareness of Swazi citizens about the benefits of community radio for socio-economic and community development. We believe freeing the airwaves would enable Swazis to access information relevant to their needs and interests, while realising their right to freedom of expression. It would also give them a voice, helping community members share ideas and find creative solutions to the challenges of underdevelopment they face within their communities.

### 2. The Sexual Offences Bill Initiative.

The Sexual Offences Bill was first tabled in parliament in 2009. It is acknowledged that countless campaigns and lobbying work has been carried out by organisations, both individually and together (through the Gender Consortium), for this

Bill to be passed into an Act. The Bill was passed in 2013 then was returned with reservations on certain clauses and it was brought back in parliament and tabled as the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill of 2015.

One of the objectives of the Gender Consortium focuses on lobbying and advocating for review and enactment of gender-responsive legislations, including the Marriage Act, the Deeds Act, the Administration of Estates and the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill. This Bill has been in place for almost a decade now. There is a "desperate call" to seek to humanise this Bill through it being passed into an Act. This will enable gender based violence stats in Swaziland which are in alarming volumes attributable to women and children being survivors and volumes of such an inhumane act. Approximately one in four females in Swaziland experienced physical violence as a child, with nine percent of youth aged between 18-24 having been coerced into sexual intercourse before they turned 18. Annual police reports in the country show an increase in domestic violence cases over the years.

According to SWAGAA, there have been 1 525 reported cases of abuse in the 2011/12 fiscal year. These cases were either reported directly to SWAGAA or came through referrals from the Royal Swaziland Police, ministry of education, ministry of health and department of social welfare under the DPM's office. Of the reported cases of abuse, 56% were emotional/verbal abuse, 14% were physical abuse, 13% were financial abuse and 12% were sexual abuse. National statistics, according to the National Surveillance Network, show that 4 129

cases of GBV were reported during the period January to October 2013, 63% of these cases occurred within the home. This Bill represents more than just legislation. It carries hope for the young future of this country. It challenges a nation to rid and emancipate itself from limiting stereotypes that hold back a country from moving towards human and societal development. This Bill needs to be made a law.

### 3. The Universal Periodic Review Initiative.

The UPR is a UN system to review the human rights' situation in each member country (193 states) every four years and a half. Government will be reporting for the second time on progress it has made (on May 10, 2016) so far in implementing various UN human rights instruments recommended by the UN 10 years ago. Civil society has been monitoring government's progress when it comes to the implementation of the UPR recommendations. From June 2015, Swazi civil society, coordinated by Lawyers for Human Rights Swaziland with support from COSPE, undertook a consultative process to examine the state of human rights in Swaziland for the compilation of a civil society UPR report, according to different thematic clusters. In September 2015, after the validation meeting, Swazi civil society submitted this report (through the COSPE advocacy officer) to the Working Group of the UN Human Rights Council, ahead of Swaziland's review under the UPR in May 2016. On April 1, 2016 the leaders of civil society went to Geneva and tabled their statements. COSPE appreciates the integral role played by the local civil society in Swaziland and its relevance in advancing human

rights and sustainable development. This mechanism

promotes an active citizenry and a responsible government working together in ensuring the full enjoyment of sustainable human rights in development as enshrined in

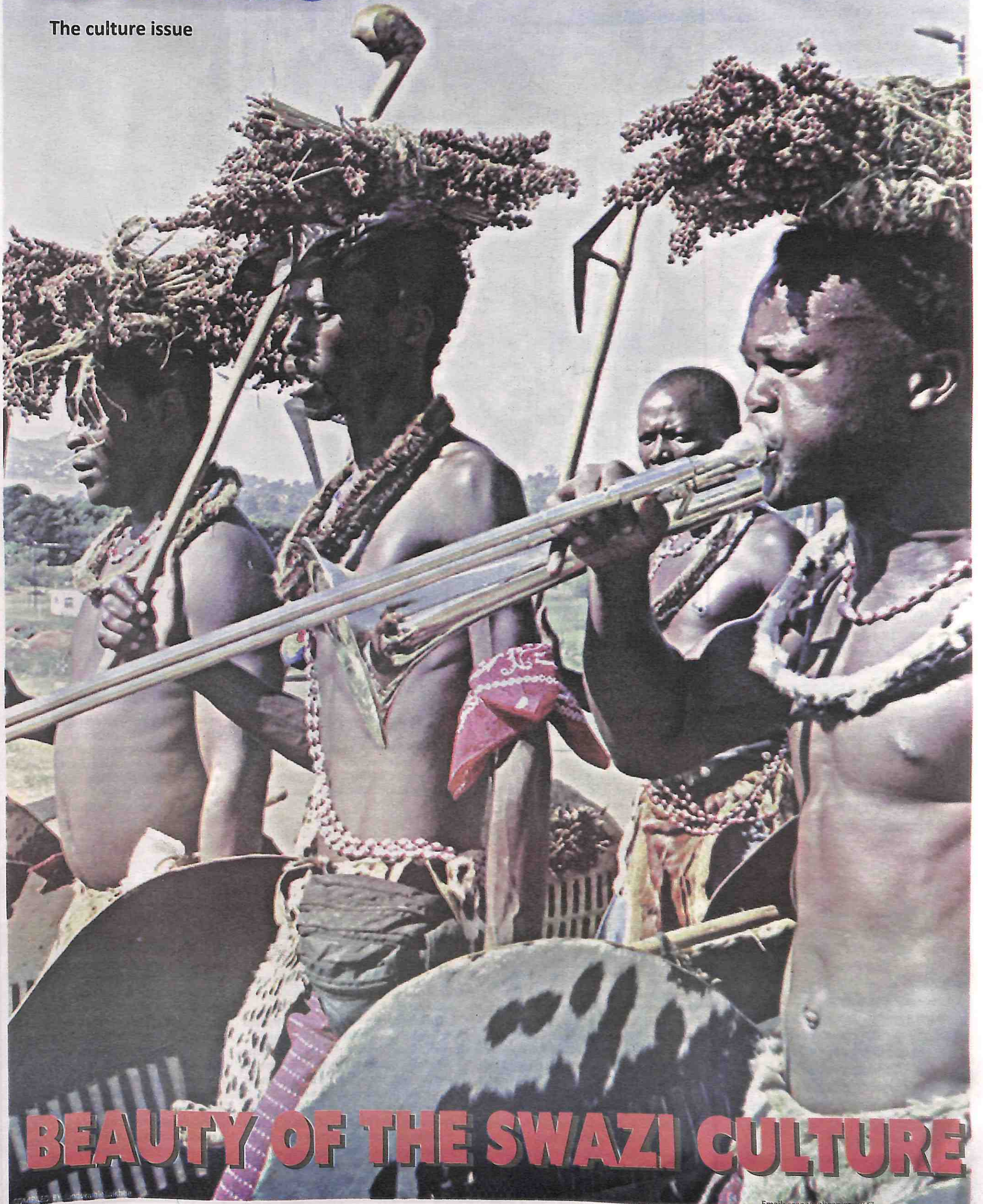
Chapter 3 of the Swaziland Constitution.



DJ Zinhle will be one of the entertainers.

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**Scene**

The culture issue



**BEAUTY OF THE SWAZI CULTURE**

WRITER'S NOTE:

LINDOKUHLE LUKHELE

To be rather honest, doing anything that's culturally related is always a challenge.

I'm from a very religious family and even though my mother never said anything bad about it, it has always been one of those things I never paid much attention to.

I've never attended anything that has to do with culture. But during this issue I was literally schooled about *Imvunulo* and about the Swazi home.

I now know what a Swazi home used to look like before we were modernised. Courtesy of Mantenga Cultural Village I can now say I know just enough.

This week's issue is all about culture. It seeks to remind us of who we are as a nation. It seeks to give us insight about our history. One has to know their history to understand the current situation and possibly predict the future. Our nation is one of the world's luckiest nations in the sense that it has been able to preserve its culture and heritage. Hence we proudly identify ourselves as a Swazi nation. Other nations have become extinct because they did not take their cultural issues seriously.

Our culture has now become an even important component in the economic development of the country. During cultural events like Umhlanga Reed Dance and the Incwala ceremony, tourists usually come to witness the occasion filling up hotels and guest houses. Now we have to appreciate this not for what it does for us financially but for how it improves the lives of the Swazi people. In one of our chats we talk to Sifiso Dlamini, who pointed out that he has been able to support his parents and the entire family through being a dancer at Mantenga Cultural Village. This is validation enough that *kunemphilo emasikweni*.

How we were taught as children that to respect is cultural. People always think of culture as the ceremonies. Culture can't be boxed. It is not just about Umhlanga, Lusekwane and Incwala, there is so much more to it than that. It is what you eat, how you think, how you behave; knowing your praise names (*Tinanatelo*) and knowing that the greatness that was is where the country is headed if we keep and respect our culture.

Happy Africa Month,

Till next time kindly use our email for any suggestions.

# MY CULTURE, MY LIFE



She is the leader of Imbali. She was appointed back in 2012; Nonduduzo Zubuko is still standing strong in her love of culture and serving the royal family and all that comes with it.

When asked why she loves her culture so much, Nonduduzo said she has learnt a lot from our culture.

"We do not give our culture credit enough really. I know how I need to respect and speak to my elders through our culture. Just by responding to the calling of His Majesty to any festival or ceremony, that is respect." Nonduduzo went on to say as *Imbali* leader her job is not only to live by example but to ensure that maidens understand perfectly the difference between respect and rights. She takes pride in her culture and says without culture you are nothing.

She is currently working under His Majesty's correctional service and people at her work station know her as Sergeant Zubuko. With her portable body yet very commanding presence, Zuzu as she is affectionately known, is a straight forward individual.

### Dignity

"I am not going to beat around the bush. I am very honest and that is just me. Since we are talking about culture I would like to educate those individuals who look down on it," she said. "Our culture has been here for years. We are who we are because of it. I

can proudly say being a maiden, not their leader but a maiden and cutting the reed has made me more aware of who I am and who I want to be." She says it has taught her to be responsible because one has to be a girl who carries herself with class and dignity.

"We get taught about how to avoid being trafficked. We are taught about HIV/AIDS, but all in all because of my culture I know I am provoking God for blessings as it says in the Bible that we should respect our kings." Zuzu also encouraged *Imbali* and other individuals to try and avoid the modern meals but opt for indigenous food since as she put it, is healthier, fresh and makes the body to be strong and fit. "You know this beautiful land gives us amazing food. *Tibhidvo, tintsanga, chuchuza, ligusha* are some of the meals we should be eating more as Swazis.

They are healthier and it has been proven so I urge all of us to try and lean more towards this kind of food." Nonduduzo has been *Imbali* leader for about four years now and has been attending and participating in the reed dance for over ten years.

"I pride myself and in my culture but that does not mean I am not a Christian. I know some people have certain beliefs about mixing the two but I can say I am from a Christian family and every year or two we gather and thank our ancestors even when

someone has bought something new like a car," Zuzu said. I am not one to challenge anybody's faith and beliefs but Nonduduzo stands by hers. She made it clear that before anything else people need to understand that being cultural is not all about rituals, but by the respect and how you conduct yourself it shows who you truly are and that is where our culture comes in since such manners are taught when a boy is taking part in *kubutseka* and for girls it is during Umhlanga.

She further explains that what leads to unwanted pregnancies and teenage pregnancies is that girls are lonely. "Maidens should make sure they attend the reed dance because that is what helped me. I saw how great it was meeting with girls from all over the land and making friends with that I have so many friends and people I can relate with such that I do not get lonely." Being a part of this experience teaches maidens on how to be independent. Apart from the dancing there is a lot being taught at the reed dance through *Imbali* Foundation.

Programms such as *Khulisa Umftwana* make it proper for maidens to ask female related questions without the fear of being judged. Zuzu says a person can never run away from who and what they are truly are. "As Africans we are our culture, *nawuwabalekela sitakubita sitsi uyini?*"

# 'BUHLE BENDVODZA TINKHOMO TAYO'

This was said by Trevor Mamba who is the tour guide for Mantenga Cultural Village. He uttered such words when he was talking to tourists from Netherlands, telling them about how a man was considered rich back in the day.

When tourists visit Mantenga Cultural Village they are met with beautiful dancers dressed in their traditional attire. The Mantenga Cultural Village is a mini complex of sixteen huts, each with its own specific purpose; it is built for a Swazi man with two wives, kraals and byres for cattle and goats, reed fences that serve as windbreakers. With the traditional pieces on display, the village demonstrates numerous facets of the ancient Swazi way of life: social, economic and religious as well as beliefs to ancestors.

With all of the above the people living there make the place more relatable, they give it life.

SCENE was privileged enough to have a chat with some of the dancers that stay there.

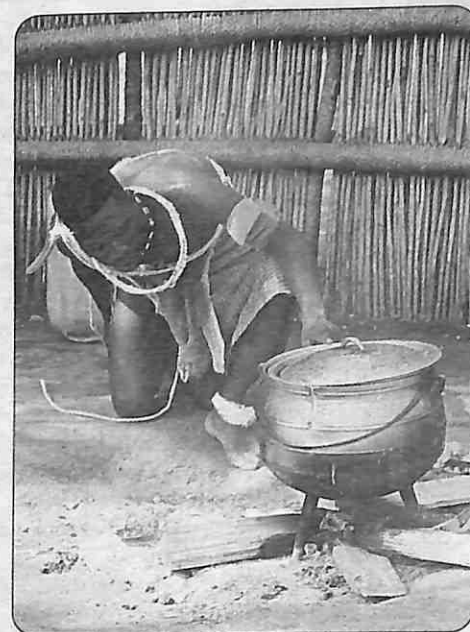
For them dancing is their career, they live off

this, it pays their bills and for that Sifiso says culture is first and foremost his job before anything else. And he goes to say, "Do what you love and you will never have to work a day in your life." He has been a part of the village family for a number of years now and loves every minute of it. When he dances he smiles, one sees the joy in his eyes. That is not all. Sifiso has given his life to the village.

"After I got initiated and given the name Dlangeni since that is where I come from. I decided to take this seriously as I understood perfectly what I was doing. I felt closer to His Majesty and my love of the culture grew."

As they dance and sing, and are obviously the hub of attention, a young girl caught SCENE's attention. A very energetic girl. She did not show any signs of being tired. SCENE

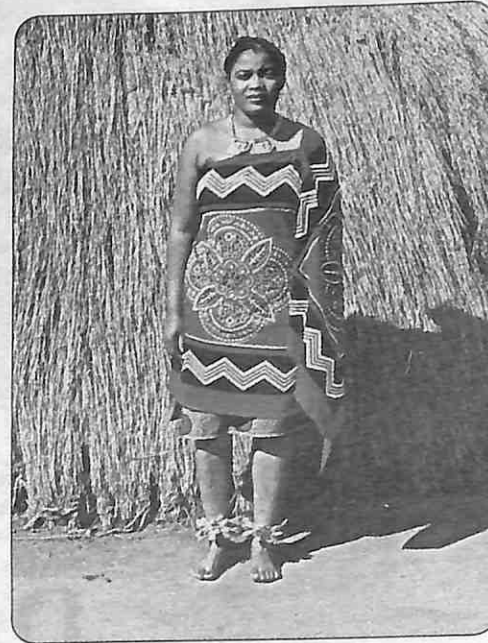
wondered



Sifiso Dlamini

where she gets all that energy from. "If I may say, it is tiring but I love it," Minenhle Lukhele declared. She was asked why she chose this type of job. "I finished school last year and as I was waiting for my results, so I wanted something I could do in the meantime and fell in love with traditional dancing. When I got here I could not dance pretty well. They taught me everything."

Every piece around the place is not there by mistake. The village life is vibrant and energetic and your guide will not only take you through how the huts and traditional items are made, they will also teach you the siSwati words for them. Interaction is encouraged, so try your hand at grinding maize and plaiting mountain grass or join in the Swazi song and dance. An



Minenhle Lukhele

offering of a taste of local food and sometimes brew is made but forget about your cutlery and try it the Swazi way, with your hands! This experience is both informative and memorable - a taste of true Swazi hospitality.

If by the end of your visit you still do not know how a Swazi home should be or how Swazis lived long ago then you did not visit the right place. From visiting the village one experiences the true life of a Swazi homestead. Apparently Swazis were nomads. They moved around and the huts found at Mantenga stand to prove that. They are movable (even though I doubt we would want to move these). Besides all this and being schooled, SCENE loved how this place is not only about tourism but about preserving the Swazi culture.

## INITIATION NAMES

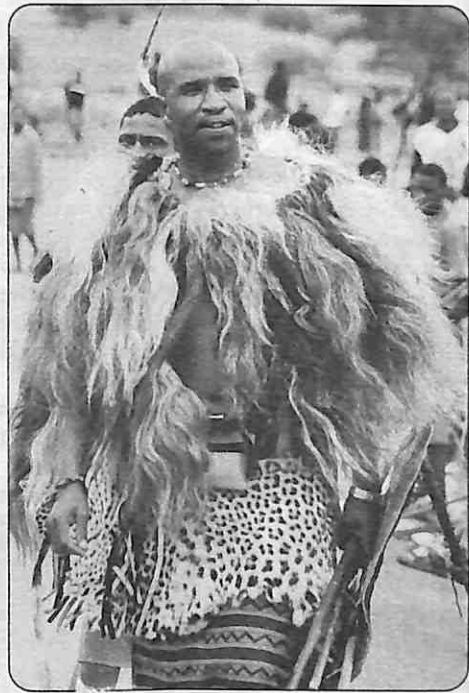
Melusi "Zox" Dlamini



SCENE asked some of our ministers as well as our personalities about their initiation names and how they got them.

**Melusi "Zox" Dlamini** - I have attended cultural events like Lusekwane since I was 12 years of age but I only got initiated in 2010 under the Nyatsi regiment at Ludzidzini. I was given the name Tinkhombhlobo. If I remember very well it had a lot to do with my tattoos which were very much visible on my body since I was in my traditional regalia.

Minister of Tinkhundla Administration & Development Mduduzi Dlamini



**Minister of Tinkhundla Administration & Development Mduduzi Dlamini** - one cannot really put time in such things.

It has its own time and with that said I cannot really state the exact time for my initiation but if I'm not mistake it was in 2005 and Mazombizwe was the name I was given.

**Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze** - Coming for my *kubutseka* during the Incwala ceremony got me my initiation name.

I got initiated back in 1998 at the

Minister of Sports, Culture & Youth Affairs David Cruiser Ngcamphalala



Mpumalanga regiment and was given Malangencwala.

**Minister of Sports, Culture & Youth Affairs David Cruiser Ngcamphalala** - With this mountain in Lavumisa that is well known for its wildlife and where most quarrels happen I got my name.

I got initiated in 2008 and was given Thuthwakazi as my name.

Best thing about it is that it's all historical; it has so much history about it. Even today it is in-between a number of chiefs and has so much life with it.

Swazi Observer Photo Journalist Simon Shabangu



**Swazi Observer Photo Journalist Simon Shabangu** - I was from taking pictures of *Emabutfo* or *Lamnyama* in 2013. So with that I was given the name Tsebulumbutfo.

**Former Mr Swaziland Bonelelwe Makhanya** - I was given the name Magidzandawonye because I was dancing in the same spot.

**Sikhumbuzo Shongwe** - The name I was given during my initiation was Madolobha because they said they had heard a lot about me everywhere around the city (Manzini) so they said named after that.

# THE BEAUTY OF THE



With Swaziland's rich culture and strong traditions, this is a wonderful country to partake in some fascinating cultural activities.

The monarchy and the people of Swaziland actively maintain and preserve a remarkable cultural heritage, allowing visitors to get a better idea of traditional African culture here than pretty much anywhere else in the region. What is seen, including spectacular festivals, has not simply been resuscitated for the tourist dollar but is the real deal.

**Incwala ceremony** - The Incwala ceremony is Swaziland's most important and most attended cultural event. This ceremony has lasted for hundreds of years, and it is one of the last remaining examples of what was previously common practice in many African countries. Its spiritual power is largely lost on outsiders, and many of its inner workings remain shrouded in secrecy. Swazis understand that it is translated as the 'first fruits festival'; however, the tasting of the first of the season's bounty is only one part of this long custom. It is essentially about cleansing and renewal; and above all, celebrating kingship in the kingdom of Swaziland.

Although not a tourism event per se, but visitors are keen with interest in Swazi culture, and are always welcome. However, respect for total privacy is required on certain special days when the nation gathers for its own focus, without outside interference. Every Swazi is allowed to take part in the public parts of the Incwala. Spectators are also permitted, but not actively encouraged, because after all Incwala *ayibukelelwa*; and one may not take photographs except by special permit.

The best day to attend is on day four of the Big Incwala, when the feasting and dancing reach a climax. On this particular day, one will see thousands of people; including warriors in full battle regalia, thronging the royal parade grounds. The songs, dances and rituals that take place inside the royal kraal remain a matter of utmost secrecy and is never recorded or written down. This event takes place around the last week of December or first week of January, and the dates for the event are released relatively close to the time as they derive from ancestral astrology. This means that there is no set calendar date for Incwala.

Dispersing of regiments (**Tingaja**) - These are unmarried male youths who are commissioned by His Majesty the king,

and set off from Engabezweni Royal residence. They march for about 50km to cut branches of the sacred shrub (*lusekwane*) under the light of the full moon, accompanied by *Emabutfo*.

**Dropping the Lusekwane** - The boys place their sacred shrub (*lusekwane*) branches in the national cattle byre. The elders weave these branches in between poles of the "inhlambelo", which is the King's private sanctuary.

In the morning - The young boys cut branches of the black "Imbondvo" (red bush willow or *combretum apiculatum*) and these are added to the "Inhlambelo."

In the afternoon, a bull charges out, the *Lusekwane* boys catch and overpower the beast and return it to the sanctuary.

**Main Day** - All the key players perform in a spectacular pageant inside the cattle byre; the King and the regiments appear in full war-dress and dance to a number of songs. Then the king emerges to throw the sacred gourd (*Luselwa*), which is caught on a black shield by one of the *Lusekwane* boys.

**Day of Abstinence** -

The King sits in seclusion in the great hut (*enhlambelweni*). Then "bemanti" roam the royal capital in daylight hours.



enforcing the rules of this day. No sexual contact, bathing, wearing decorations, sitting on chairs or mats, shaking hands, scratching, singing and dancing for anyone is expected.

**Day of the Log** - The regiments march to a forest and return with firewood. The elders prepare a great fire in the centre of the cattle byre. On it, certain objects are burnt, signifying the end of the old year, and getting into a new one; while the key players dance and sing inside the cattle byre. The king remains in seclusion until the next full moon, when the "*Lusekwane*" branches are removed and burnt.

What is expected during this ceremony

- Females should wear skirts or sarongs (*emahiya*)
- Men should not wear hats or any head gear that is not traditional
- Shoes are worn at the ceremony but not on the dance arena
- take pictures at the ceremony but not of the *Inhlambelo* (king's private sanctuary)
- The expected use of restrooms
- sing, dance, encourage and uphold unity amongst Swazis
- Inform friends and tourists of prohibitions during Incwala.

**Umhlanga Ceremony** - Umhlanga ceremony is another Swaziland's best

known cultural event that, however, has a more open feel of the Swazi culture than the Incwala ceremony. It is an eight-day ceremony, where young, virgin girls cut reeds, present them to the Queen Mother (*Indlovukazi*). These reeds are ostensibly used to repair the windbreakers around the Queen Mother (*Indlovukazi*)'s royal residence. After the presentation of the reeds, then follows the dance in celebration. About 40 000 or more girls take part in this cultural event, dressed up in brightly coloured attire, making it one of the biggest and most spectacular cultural events in Africa.

The most popular festivities kick off on day six, when the dancing gets under way in the afternoon. The young virgins who had set out to collect the reed, come and drop it in groups outside the Queen Mother's quarters then move to the main arena, where they dance and sing their songs. The dancing also continues on day seven, when the king is present. Each regiment dances before the king in turns. Little can prepare one for

the sheer scale of the tradition, where column upon column of girls advance in vast ululating and excitement across the parade grounds of Ludzidzini. Each one of them dissolves in turn into the lively mass of bodies around the royal kraal. Up close, it's an almost overwhelming immersion in noise and colour, as the girls stamp, sing and sway in step, anklets rattling, naked flesh and dazzling costume blurring into a living, chanting display. The warrior escorts, banded in cow tails and clutching knob-sticks and shields, are sternly intent on their duties and seem contemptuous of tourists, but the girls are all smiles. It is Swaziland's biggest holiday and after days of trekking the hillsides, cutting reeds and camping out, the girls are determined to celebrate.

Nowadays, the Umhlanga is well attended as ever. Indeed cultural historians marvel at how its ever-increasing popularity in Swaziland defies the apparent decline of traditional culture everywhere else. This culture offers the visitor a unique experience and leaves one sighing for more. There are no special visitor arrangements; except for a special grandstand to accommodate visiting dignitaries, however, a simple turn up at Ludzidzini leads one to the crowds. Police are there to direct anyone wherever they want to go, and where to park. Usually, permits are required for photography.

Unlike the Incwala ceremony that takes place in December and over to January, the umhlanga cultural event takes place around the last week of August or first week of September. The dates for the event are also released relatively close to the time as they derive from ancestral astrology. This event tends to boost even the tourist industry in the country, as a number of Swaziland accommodations and travel providers benefit at the time of the Reed Dance.

The girls gather at the Queen Mother's royal village. Today this takes place at Ludzidzini, in Sobhuza's time it was at Lobamba. They come in groups from their chiefdoms and are registered for security. Men, usually two or four, accompany them (*tindvuna*), and are usually appointed by the Chiefs. They sleep in the huts of relatives in the village or in classrooms of nearby schools. This is a very exciting time for the maidens.

The girls are separated into two groups, the older group (about 14 to 22 years) and the younger ones (about 8 to 13 years). In the after-

noon, they are dispersed and they march to the reed-beds with their supervisors. The older girls often march about 30 kilometers, while the younger girls march about ten kilometres to cut the reed. If the older girls are sent further, trucks are provided as transport.

The girls cut their reeds, usually about ten to twenty, using long knives. Each girl ties her reeds into a bundle. Nowadays they use strips of plastic for the tying, but those mindful of tradition will still cut grass and plait it into rope and tie the reed together.

In the afternoon, the girls set off to return to the Queen Mother's village, carrying their bundles of reeds. This time, they return at night. This is done "to show they travelled a long way" back to the royal village.

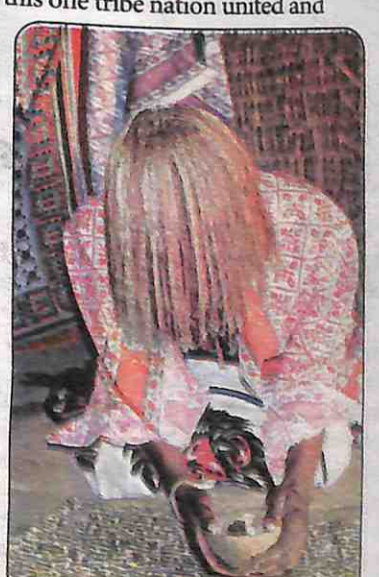
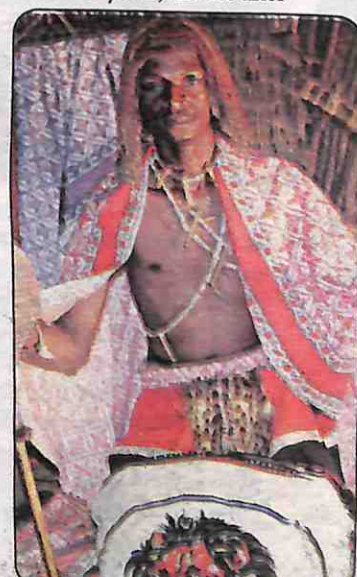
The following day is declared a day of rest where the girls make final preparations of their hair and their dancing costumes. After all that walking, they do deserve that little pampering and rest, in preparation for the dancing to their Majesties.

First day of dancing, from about three to five in the afternoon. The girls come in their groups singing and drop off their reeds outside the Queen Mother's quarters. They move to the arena and dance, keeping their groups and each group singing different songs at the same time.

This is the second and last day of dancing. His Majesty the King will be present, the Queen Mother, the *Emakhosikati*, the entire Royal family and everyone is welcomed to come there and watch the girls dancing. This day marks the end of the reed dance ceremony.

The King commands that a number of cattle (perhaps 20 -25) be slaughtered for the girls. The girls are then given pieces of meat and are commissioned to go back home, and this officially marks the end of the Umhlanga Ceremony.

**The Marula Festival** - The marula festival is another culture that has been around from time immemorial with the Swazis. The cheerful, friendly Swazi people have preserved their rich culture and traditions as a vital element in their day-to-day lives and colourful ceremonies are held every year to celebrate the Swazi traditions. The Swazi people are united by culture and values and the Marula Festival, locally known as '*Emaganwini*', is one of them. Such events have kept this one tribe nation united and





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inseparable, making it the unique destination that it is.

The Swazis are united in song and dance during this festival, particularly the women who are the brewers of the marula beer. It is all about dancing and celebrating the provision of the fruit that is not only used for the beer but also for different purposes such as skin care products. These products are also produced in Swaziland, by Swazi people.

The Marula season begins each year in mid February and continues until May, bringing with it a celebration of the harvest of the marula fruit. Once the green fruits fall to the ground, usually women and children gather and store them until they ripen to a creamy yellow colour. Once ripe, the fruits are then placed into water, with sugar added and then left to ferment into distilled beer. This potent alcoholic mixture is called *buganu*, or marula beer.

The Kingdom of Swaziland celebrates the start of the Marula season with the annual Marula festival. The festival has increased in popularity, and is swiftly becoming one of the country's most exciting traditional ceremonies. Each year King Mswati III and Her Majesty the Indlovukazi, the Queen Mother, make their way to various regions of the Kingdom to celebrate the beginning of the Marula season, together with the Swazi nation.

The largest of these festivals is held at Ebuleni Royal Residence where the royal family join the nation in song and dance. Although the marula fruit is found widely throughout Africa, however, it is most popular and celebrated in Swaziland. It is seen by the Swazi nation as much more than a food source, but the marula is rather regarded as a magical healing ingredient, with huge fertility properties. The King and Queen mother are presented with Marula gifts and some Marula beer from each household. Only after the royal family has had some of the beer, is it permitted for the rest of the nation to join in and drink too.

Because of its many uses, the marula fruit is no longer just used to brew beer in Swaziland. It has been further developed into beauty products as part of Her Majesty, The Indlovukazi's dream of job creation and poverty alleviation initiatives for rural women in Swaziland. Several families in Swaziland have benefited from this initiative.

## About the Marula fruit

- Marula fruit contains four times more valuable vitamin C than oranges.
- Marula edible seed oil is rich in nutritious proteins and minerals and contains active anti-oxidants.
- Marula essential oils are an effective skin conditioner. Its cosmetic and anti-oxidant properties soften, soothe and re-hydrate the skin while fighting free radicals.
- Marula legends abound - from its use as a food source, magical qualities as a healing ingredient, to its virility and fertility properties, as well as the many uses of its bark, leaves, fruit, nut and kernels.

On the first day, the Queen Mother arrives at Buhleni Royal Residence, and the women of the area present bucket-loads of marula fruit harvested over the last week. All the women are dressed in traditional clothing and respect is shown, praise and thanks are given.

On the second day, which is the main day, the King usually joins the Queen Mother and the Marula Brew (*buganu*) is presented to their majesties, who partake of the brew and declare the season open. This is celebrated by song and dance, specific to the occasion.

Following this, marula brew, *buganu*, is officially blessed and may be consumed across the country. A second event of similar rituals is held at His Majesty's Hlane Royal Residence, and the same order of events take place. All this time, the Swazi nation is joined together with their Majesties in celebration of this fruit, in its season.

**K**ubutseka - *Kubutseka* is an official declaration of loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty the King and future kings. It is also officially becoming a member of the King's regiments. *Kubutseka* is a one day event and the life lived there after is called *bujaha*. Males who have undergone this process are given new names, and the naming of the individual is influenced by events surrounding what happened when they *butseka*, their history and/or whatever befell them on the day they were *butseking*.

It used to be older men to go through *kubutseka*. However, nowadays, even young boys go through the *kubutseka* initiation process. It is believed that a male who has not been initiated misses out on a lot of things, more especially on Swazi culture and social responsibility. Someone who has been fully initiated feel so excited about the whole ceremony and is not even ashamed to wear his traditional attire. Though this days, it is worn with style and elegance.

*Emajaha* always take pride in the *kubutseka* custom and one can see that they live for their Swazi Culture. They always declare their undying love for their country, culture and more

than anything else; the monarchy. They just love their culture and everything that comes with it. Then the big question is what exactly is *kubutseka*? Apparently, it is taking an oath of allegiance to His Majesty King Mswati III, it is pledging to serve him without any questions asked, to honour his word and everything that the King believes in, and stand by him and the monarchy with what it stands for. It is not just an oath to the King, but to future kings and the nation at large

When *Lijaha* has been initiated, he is expected to partake in all cultural events. There are not many questions asked by *Emajaha* when the King has summoned them. When

they hear the



sound of the trumpet, they know what it means and they just assemble to where his Majesty has called them to be.

and have that sense of belonging and pride.

Being a member of the regiments teaches *Emajaha* a lot, including respect. Remember, respect is earned not demanded. It is one of the important lessons the regiments learnt from other regiments. There is time to engage with other regiments and that time helps them grow in areas of life where they were lacking or had thought they knew about before the initiation. "*Emalawini inhlonipho ihamba embili, kuyafundziswa nje ikakhulu nekuhloniphana*," said one regiment. Loosely translated as "We are taught respect at *emalawini* and we respect each other there."

Being part of the regiment also boosts one's confidence. A regiment becomes confident, and most of the time no longer seek external validation because of the teachings at *emalawini*.

When *Lijaha* has been initiated, he becomes satisfied with himself and because of that internal satisfaction he oozes with confidence. They are also taught that confidence is not what most people think it to be; arrogance, but it is being comfortable in yourself and loving who you are. Confident people are always nice to other people, and do not expect it any other way.

This makes them self-sustenance, and no longer need external forces to be happy or to survive. They are taught to be independent and to grow as very strong individuals.

In these times, where people have become individualistic, *kubutseka* makes sure that they remain people who care about others.

For regiments, caring about the next person is important and these things are taught more from the brotherhood that exists *emalawini*. Becoming a regiment washes an arrogance bone one had, and leaves a warm and friendly person inside out.

**R**egiment - *Kubutseka* means identifying oneself holistically as a member of a regiment. This means that *kubutseka* is an event, whilst the life after this event is called *bujaha*. There are three regiment houses though; *iNkhanyeti* which predominately is for youngsters. *iNyatsi* which is His Majesty's regiment and *Imigedlelo* formerly known as *Lwembesane* which is for the fully grown. The initiation event can only take place in one of the royal residences in the country, namely *Ludzidzini*, *Ngabezweni*, *Mpumalanga* in *Siteki*, *Buhleni* and *Mbangweni*.

Immediately after the *kubutseka* initiation, follows *kuhlehla*. *Kuhlehla* is done by newly initiated regiments. Then after the period of *kuhlehla*, the regiment is then given *simohlwana*. *Simohlwana* is a beaded necklace worn by regiments who have taken the oath after the *kuhlehla* period. The *Lijaha* takes the oath on a hill like structure which then makes him a full-regiment and it is after then that he gets his *simohlwana*.

When taking the oath, he is declaring that he is fully committed to the King and will die by the King and for the King.

When the regiment has completed the *kubutseka* ceremony, he would be then allowed to join other *Emajaha* or other young men who would then go into *emalawini*.

Not everyone is allowed in the *malawini*. It is a house for regiments only, and if one has not been initiated then they are forbidden to go there. Inside the *malawini*, there is always singing and dancing by *Emajaha*. According to fully fledged regiments, there is always something about *kubutseka* that makes them feel at peace inside,





# MARIAH CAREY PUTS WEDDING TO JAMES PACKER 'ON HOLD'

**L**OS ANGELES - Mariah Carey's fairytale wedding to billionaire fiancé James Packer has been put on hold, RadarOnline.com has exclusively learnt. According to a source close to the 46-year-old diva songstress, "Right now Mariah is dealing with some drama from her ex, Nick Cannon!" As fans of Carey know, she's been involved in a nasty divorce battle with Cannon, 35, who is the father to the couple's five-year-old twins,

Monroe and Moroccan, since their split in 2014. Although Cannon has expressed his support for his ex-wife marrying Packer - whose net worth is \$4.5 billion - his actions speak louder than his words! "Nick refuses to finalise the divorce even though they have been separated for two years now," the insider told Radar. "Mariah says she feels like he is trying to sabotage her wedding and she is just so sick of his bullsh\*t.

As Radar previously reported, Carey had been expected to wed Packer as early as this summer. When asked about the over-the-top ceremony in a recent interview, Carey said, "The most important thing about [the wedding] is the relationship and the connection and the love of it all, but of course I love a grand moment. But we're not going to have tons of people and stuff like that. It's very private." *radaronline*

# Ozzy Osbourne 'ends alleged affair'

**L**ONDON - Ozzy Osbourne has reportedly ended his alleged affair in a bid to save his relationship with Sharon. The Black Sabbath frontman is said to have cut all ties with stylist Michelle Pugh - whom he was accused of cheating on his wife with - in the hope that he can save his 33-year marriage. A source told the New York Post's Page Six column: "His family is very important to him and he's come to his senses. Sharon is Ozzy's whole life; he can't manage without her." However, it is claimed Sharon is still considering divorce after the alleged affair. The source explained: "She'll wait months. It's a huge decision with a lot of moving parts, so she's going to see how everything shakes out before deciding what she wants to do and what is best for their kids." The 63-year-old TV star - who has grown-up children Kelly, 31, Aimee, 32 and Jack, 30, with Ozzy - was left heartbroken three weeks ago when she reportedly searched through her husband's emails and discovered his secret. A source said at the time:



"Sharon found out about the affair by searching through Ozzy's emails. She was upset that he was supporting this woman!" Sharon confirmed she'd split from the Black Sabbath rocker, whom she married in 1982, on her chat show *The Talk* on May 10 when she thanked her fans for their support. She said: "I'm 63 years of age, and I can't keep living like this ... I've been avoiding looking at any pictures or reading anything. I know what's going on. I don't need to read about or see about it. It's like putting salt in a wound. I don't need to ... He's back, and now I'm out of the house." Meanwhile, the infidelity claims sparked rumours Ozzy, who has battled with drugs and alcohol addictions in the past, had fallen off the wagon again. However, although he refused to deny rumours he'd cheated on his wife, he quickly poured cold water on relapse reports. He said: "I have been sober for three and a quarter years. I have not touched drugs or alcohol in that time." *mirror*

# Ciara, Future awarded joint custody over baby Future

**N**EW YORK - According to TMZ, a Los Angeles judge ruled that Ciara and Future share joint custody of their son, Future Zahir Wilburn who turned two on Thursday. A source told TMZ that Ciara and Future had a court date Monday where Ciara and her lawyer fought for sole custody of their child. She's been petitioning for sole custody for months, ever since she filed a \$15 million lawsuit against Future claiming defamation of character over his Twitter rants. TMZ says, "We're told she and her lawyer also trash talked Future to the judge, saying he was a bad person." But the judge didn't seem affected by Ciara's argument. Daddy Future showed up in court to argue for joint custody, and the judge took his side, and eventually ruled in his favor. TMZ adds that Cali law states that both parents have equal power in decisions regarding the welfare of the child, not necessarily the time spent with the child. What do you think, Roomies? Fair ruling? *singersroom*

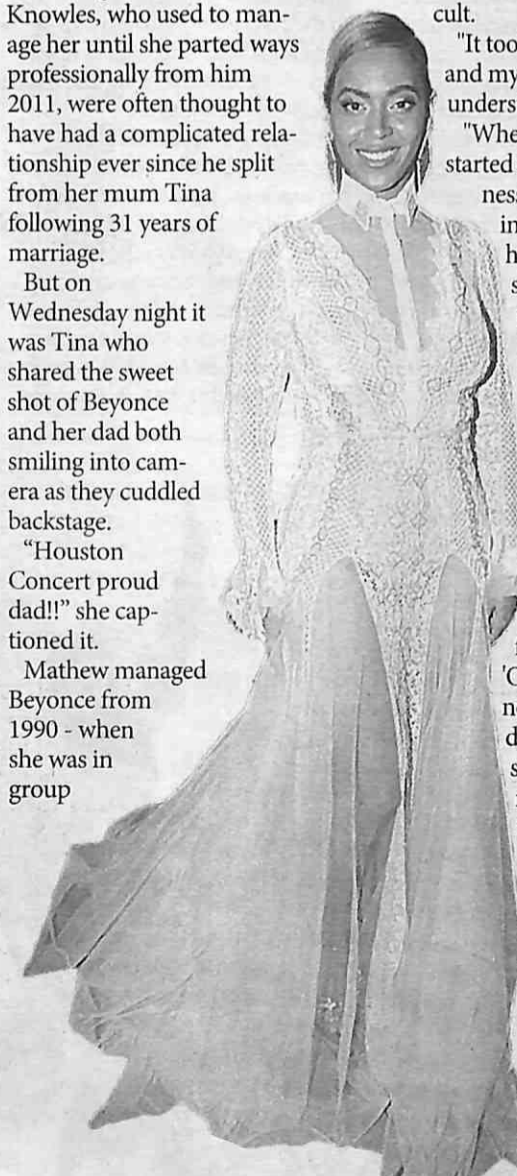
# Charlie Sheen 'believes he's owed \$40million'

**N**EW YORK - Charlie Sheen allegedly believes he's owed \$40million from his TV show *Anger Management*. According to reports, the actor was expecting to get his hands on a few hefty paychecks when the show began airing reruns. However, it's believed he's not seen a single penny - and is now considering taking legal action against FX. TMZ claims that Charlie owns about 30% of the show and has been hounding executives to get his hands on the cash. The website reports that he's been fobbed off with a number of excuses, including that the show ran over budget and encountered 'unforeseen costs'. Read more: Charlie Sheen faces pressure to cough-up alleged unpaid child support Charlie's said to be none too pleased though because he sees the sitcom airing 'day and night'. The 50-year-old apparently feels he should have raked in between \$30million and \$40million so far Charlie has allegedly turned to his legal team for advice and is considering taken action over the missing millions. We have contacted Charlie and FX for a comment. Charlie joined *Anger Management* after he was axed from *Two and a Half Men* in 2011. The sitcom was an immediate success, with the first episode bringing in 5.7million viewers in the US. *Mirror*

# Beyonce poses with dad

**N**EW YORK - Beyonce and her dad have put an end to any speculation surrounding their relationship as they posed together backstage at her Houston concert on Wednesday. The singer and Mathew Knowles, who used to manage her until she parted ways professionally from him in 2011, were often thought to have had a complicated relationship ever since he split from her mum Tina following 31 years of marriage. But on Wednesday night it was Tina who shared the sweet shot of Beyonce and her dad both smiling into camera as they cuddled backstage. "Houston Concert proud dad!!" she captioned it. Mathew managed Beyonce from 1990 - when she was in group

*GirlsTyme* - until 2011. It came a year after he split from wife Tina Knowles after his extra-marital affairs were discovered. Speaking about severing her business ties with her father to Oprah Winfrey two years later, Beyonce admitted it had been difficult. "It took a while for me and my dad to have an understanding", she said. "When I turned 18 and started handling my business more, he went into shock. And we had our issues. I'd say "No" to something, and he'd book it anyway. "Then I'd have to do it because I'd look bad [if I didn't]. We would fight sometimes, and it took about two years, to when I was 20, for him to realise, 'Oh, she is an adult now, and if she doesn't wanna do something, I can't make her do it.'" Two years after Tina and Mathew's divorce, he married former model Gena Charmaine Avery - neither Beyonce or Solange were present. *mirror*



# Hugh Hefner named in new Bill Cosby sexual battery lawsuit

**N**EW YORK - Bill Cosby sex assault accuser, Chloe Goins, may have filed a formal dismissal of her federal lawsuit against the beleaguered comedian just three months ago, but now, the model is back, accusing Cosby for sexual battery, gender violence and other claims stemming from an alleged Playboy Mansion incident in 2008. Meanwhile, newly named defendant, Hugh Hefner, has been slammed with accusations of negligent infliction of emotional distress and conspiracy. "Defendant HEFNER's actions of

inviting and hosting young and impressionable and possibly minor children to his residence, and providing alcoholic beverages and or foreign substances was negligent at the very least," the official court documents read. "Additionally, his act of inviting or housing and introducing Defendant COSBY, the Defendant HEFNER knew or should have known had a history of severe and serial sexual battery and/or possibly rape of women was negligent at the very least, and Defendant HEFNER knew or should have known such actions

would lead to harm of his invitees and Plaintiff." As Radar previously reported, Goins claims she was drugged and sexually abused by Cosby during an August 9, 2008, run-in at the famed mansion of Playboy founder, Hefner. Goins - who began speaking with authorities in early 2015 - claimed Cosby, 78, handed her a drink, and she lost consciousness, only to awaken to find the comedian's mouth on her toes while he was touching himself. He abruptly left after she told him she was uncomfortable. *radaronline*

# TINANATELO TESISWATI

## GININDZA

Nkhosi.  
Ginindza lomphofu netinyawo takhe.  
Ludvonga lwaMavuso waNgwane  
Lolway' eMbolwabuyelela.  
Ludvonga lolwashayaphansi kwafom'  
ingat' etandleni.  
Mamba lendze lesesokosweni.  
Mamba lendze leyakhwacel' umKhwakhwa  
neNgwavuma.  
Sivelelalesimkhon' umatima.  
Sigubudvu singumuntu, singuMswati.  
Ntfulini  
Sango alivalwa ngemvalo,  
Livalwa ngetinhloko temadvodza.  
Nkhosi.  
Gwalagwala!

## HLOPHE

Mabhengu.  
Mkhonkhosi.  
Lukhalolubovu.  
Mahlase.  
Nyoniledlel' egaleni,  
Letinyetidlel' esigangeni.  
Nabonkhosi.

## MAVIMBELA

Mkhololonsundvu netinyawotakhe.  
Macaca awahlalindzawonye,  
Angahlalandzawonye ayankelana.  
Ngubo yengwenyama.  
Mdlomane wetindlovu.

## TSELA

Mambane.  
Mtima.  
Mzomba.  
Nyamatane lengadliwa  
Lowasibekela Ngwane ngelutfuli.  
Wena wabhasangesandla kuMahamba.  
Tisukaletindze tenyamatane.  
Vila lobovu.

## SIBANYONI

Malambule.  
Matsetsa.  
Khotakhulu.  
Dada lelabhula emanti ngemaphiko.  
Nyoni leyakhakabi  
Yabhekisaumlomoesitibeni,  
Labanye batsi yibambeni,  
Labanyebatsi yiyekeni,  
Yenta ngekutsandza kwayo.  
Mhlumayo.

## DLAMINI

Nkhosi.  
Dlamini.  
Wenawekunene.  
Wena weluhlangalwaka Ngwane.  
Sidlubuladlede sakaLobamba,  
Lesisisibadla sibe sibadlubulisa.  
Wenalowabophela l\*\*\* emfuntini,  
Watsi mfatibotala.  
Sidvuba silutfuli,  
Singabancwaba seta nemlandzakati.  
Nyatsi lemphondvo timakhenkhenene,  
Yadl' umuntu wangabamhlabe ngelihloka.  
Vusoleladl' umuntuasesiswini,  
Watsi longephandle wasindza  
ngekutibalekela.  
Mahlal' elukhandzeni lweNyatsi,  
Wentela beNyatsini khona batekubalekela.  
Mangcwangu.  
Samuketi sinembovu kuMalangeni.  
Wen' ungayidli imvulemnyama,  
Wesaba mafinyila.  
Mamba leluhlata levuk' etihosheni  
teLubhalule.  
Nine lenacedza Lubombo ngekuhlehletela.  
Mlangeni longanats' emanti,  
Unatsa ingati yemadvodza.  
Hlubiwakucala.  
Gwalagwala.  
Shumilekutsenga.

## MAGAGULA



## Mtfombeni!

Msutfu!  
Gujw' agodvuke nemhlambi wakhe.  
Sibumbulesikhulu,  
singabasincane sifutekhabonyoko.  
Mavutfwel' ekhatsinjengelihwabha.  
Nkomtwako!  
Sibuyani lesabuya nemaTfombeni.  
Mgongoloti loluhlata longavutfwa netiko.  
Waphekwa nelitjekwavutfwa litjek-  
wasalawena.  
Ngubonene!

## MALAMBE

Mkhwanati!  
Shiba!  
Mkhwanati loluhlata njengencoshane.  
Wena lowadla dzadzewenu watsi  
akanamhlelo akanangati.  
Bushasha tibelitulu leladvuma kabi  
Lidvumelabafanabekwelusa.  
Nkhomo lelele kabi llelengcebeni  
Ngoba idzinga baguculi.  
Mabuyawetindlovu!  
Msutfu

## MALINDZISA

Malindzisa  
Chukama!  
Mtseku!  
Lindza lufu bonkhebalubalekela  
Lumasikisiki.  
Sanjonjo.

## MKHONTA

Mhlungwane loluhlata njengencoshane.  
DlabatsileMtimkhulu.  
Madlingotsi waNene.  
Ntanzi.  
Malobisa.  
Phini lelingakhotfwa ngoba libulala bat-  
sakatsi.  
Nine labahle naliyoshona lilanga.

## MNISI

Mvuleni!  
Nkhophetimayaka!  
Lwandle kwaluwelwa,  
Luwelwa tinkhonjane tona Tiphapha etulu.  
Nine nangenaku Mantjolo Naphuma  
nesikhuni sivutsa.  
Nine beMhlongamvula.  
Gwadlagwadla lomnandzi ngephasi nange-  
tulu.  
Manyovu lobengadzinwa nakusutela.

## MDLULI

**Indlela yekucala**  
Mdluli  
Bhekiswako  
Wena wabhekis' inkhos' elusaseni  
Sukuta  
Luvuno  
Luvuno aluna nhloni  
BakaMdluli abayidliinyama yembuti  
Badla yenkonkoni  
Phika sinamandla  
Mlimi wansindze  
Bantfu balim' emafus' aboGembe  
Mlisana  
Ndzindzindzi  
Mdluli!

## Indlela yesibili

Mdluli  
Bhekiswako  
Phakatsi  
Nselolenkhulu  
Luvuno lolungenamahloni  
BakaMdluli abayidli inyama yembuti  
Badlayenkonkoni  
Mdluli!

## Indlelayesitsatfu

Mdluli  
Sikhandzisa  
Mandzindza kandzaba  
WenaDelila, tinkhomo  
Watsenga emajaha

## Indlelayesine

Mdluli  
Sikhandzisa  
Mkholo lonsundvu  
Lonsundvu ngisho netinyawo takho  
Mbokodvo lenhle legaya bulawube-  
makhosi

## Indlelayesihlanu

Mdluli  
Sikhandzisa  
Semakholo  
Mbokodvolendze  
Lesila labulawu bemakhosi  
Mhlanti wendlunkhulu

## MAVUSO!

Ludonga, Mshengu, Shabalala!  
Ncele, Magudulela!  
Vuso kaNgwane!  
Ncele lekhohlo lase Mzimkhulu.  
Wena owadela ukubusa wakhetha ukuba  
ngumfokazana, ematsaktole kaladlung-  
wane,  
iVuso eladla umuntu asesiswini kwathi lo  
ongaphandle wasinda ngokuzibalekela,  
Mthimkhulu!  
Guliwe kaNgwane!

## MSIBI

Ndlondlo,  
Mabuya, Guliwe  
Ndlondl' eyadl'u bulongwe yalibala,  
Siwela,  
Gasa!

## NXUMALO

Izithakazelo zakwa-Nxumalo  
Zwide kaLanga,  
Ndwandwe, Mkhathsha,  
Okhabangezinde nezimaqhukubezana,  
Nkabanhle,  
Wena wase Gudunkomo,  
Wena owasezikhotheni, ezingakhothi  
ngamlomo, ezikhotha ngomkhonto  
kaZulu,  
Nkomo ayihlatshwa, uyothi ungayihlaba  
yophe amasi njengo mbhelebele,  
Sandla sivikumkhonto njengehawu,  
Hlubi,  
Sandl' esimnene,  
Somaphunga,  
Nonkokhel' abantu bahlatshwe njenge  
zinkomo!

## Questions that need answers...

1. Why aren't business people and companies helping Ling-Ling? We've seen that she is talented can people help this child realise her dream.



2. Can there be something done about these men who keep killing and hacking their spouses. How about a bill that could further protect females?

3. If local promoters are happy about the so called ban of Swazi music on SABC where do they hope to sell most of their music then?

4. Why are people suddenly running around asking others for free Bushfire tickets on this last week, didn't they know from last year the event was coming?



5. Did anyone notice that the #FillUpMavuso concert poster said no tickets on sale at the gate? Why would a promoter do such a thing?



6. While on that, why are people fined so little as E500 for a hit and run?

7. Since when is anybody's faith measured according to their dress-code?

8. With Tinkers back in the game will we get to see the shows and artists that they were known for hosting?

# Behind the Scene

## SWAZI TRADITIONAL FOODS

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BHATATA

Today we decided to take those of you born 'yesterday' back in time in the olden days when the nation fed on the healthiest foods of all times.

People then lived longer and there were not as many diseases as we witness in this day and age, thanks to the traditional meals which our great grandfathers ate then. Some of the places around still serve such meals while other places prepare such meals on special occasions like the culture day and others.

Mantenga Cultural Village at Ezulwini is one such place where the public can still enjoy traditional meals of all kinds. We visited the place and had a privilege to sample some of these dishes. I must say that it was such an honour for me, being the young generation, to see such meals and get to know how they are prepared. Tasting some of the dishes was just an icing on the cake.

We bring you some of the dishes which were of great interest to the eye. *Check it out:*



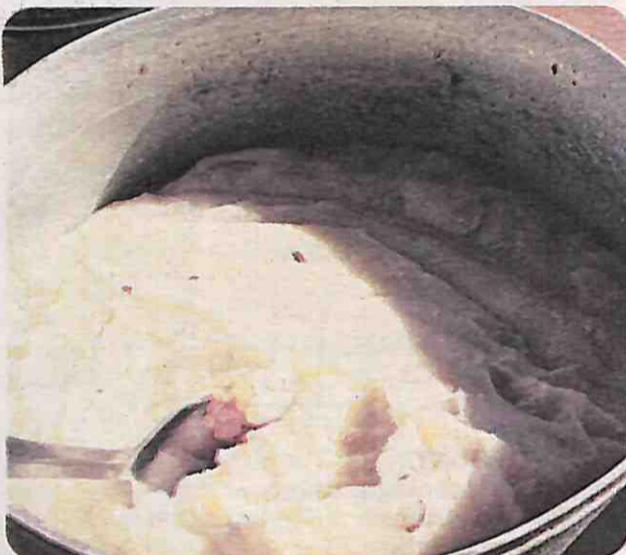
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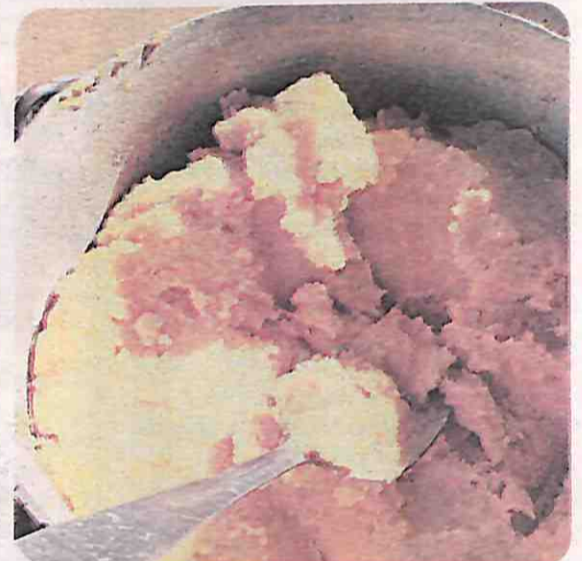
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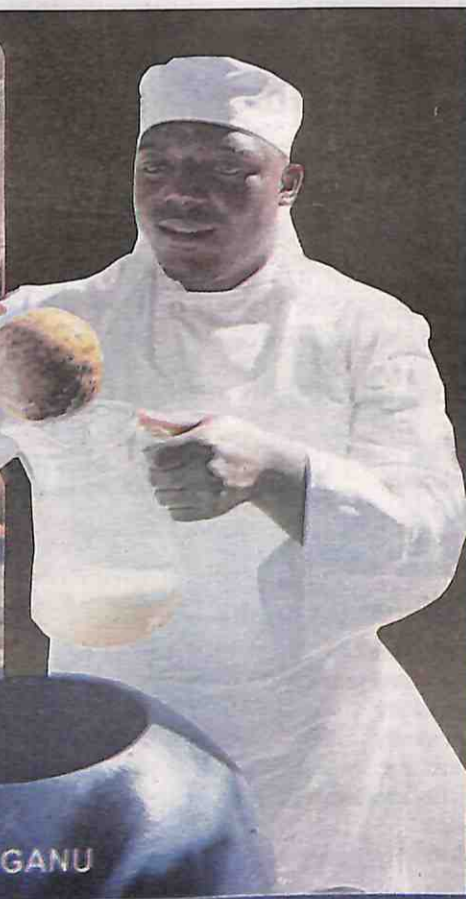
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More than 20 Swazi exhibitors, 17 of whom were housed at the Swaziland stand, shared mixed thoughts on the effectiveness of the just ended Indaba 2016.

The show was held between May 7 and 9, 2016 at the Durban International Convention Centre, in South Africa, and was attended by 1 648 international buyers, and 575 members of the media from all over the world. Nqaba Ginindza, a Marketing Officer at Sibane Hotel says the show has been a great learning curve for them, as they got to engage with numerous hotel groups and players in the hospitality industry mainly for benchmarking purposes. Ginindza said Sibane Hotel would be implementing several new strategies following their gaining of what he termed 'enlightening knowledge', as they seek to increase their occupancy rate throughout the year.

**Market**

The seasonality of hotel occupancy remains an issue to contend with for many lodgings throughout the country, hence thinking outside the box in fiercely marketing themselves becomes quite imperative. General Manager of Nkonyeni Golf Estate, Stephan Lourens, says he held more meetings this year than last year, and says the Indaba remains a vital marketing platform. Lourens says there is a need still to influence visitors to spend more nights in Swaziland. He says he is appreciative of STA's work in this regard, and challenges establishments to complement these efforts by offering world class service.

**Swazi exhibitors reflect on Indaba 2016**

Thandi Mabila and Lindiwe Sifundza of Shewula Mountain Camp say they owe the success of their community tourism project to attending shows at the Indaba. They have attended more than four Indaba shows in the past, and think the quality of speed marketing meetings keeps improving. Also exhibiting at the Swaziland stand was the Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority (SWACAA), whose interest was luring international airlines to consider Swaziland as a route. SWACCA's Assistant Communications Officer, Theminkhosi Nhlabatsi, says most international tourism and travel buyers were fascinated to discover that the new King Mswati III International Airport had the capability to handle any type of aircraft, citing an example of an American cargo airline, which safely landed and took off from the airport early this year.

On the imminent use of the airport by the country's own Swazi Airways, Nhlabatsi says SWACAA plays an enabling and supportive role to airlines and having a national airliner will project the country's aviation industry in a good light, something he strongly feels will attract more airline companies to Swaziland.

ESwatini Kitchens' Procurement and Extension Manager, Vusi Nkambule, is somehow not convinced that he met his objectives, due to what he perceives as dwindling numbers. However, he states that he had quality meetings and promising leads with few buyers he managed to meet. Most buyers he met, he says, were fascinated by the fact that ESwatini Kitchens is empowering local women farmers, whom they train and buy produce from. Big Game Parks' Ann Reilly and



Melusi Dlamini say they had more meetings this year, and are already enjoying huge spin-offs from being part of such international travel expos in the past. They say the fact that Southern Africa is generally peaceful and free from new health related pandemics augurs well with marketing the region as an ultimate tourist destination. They reveal that business at Big Game Parks is booming, and are already contending with issues of scarce accommodation due to unprecedented high number of tourists' arrivals at their various establishments spread throughout the country. Pigg's Peak Public Relations' Officer Pinkie Mahlalela says glory days are back in the former 'Orion Hotel', as tour buses have resumed stopping over at the hotel for a night. She says this follows their faithful attending of previous Indaba and other shows, where the hotel's management convinced tour planners and operators that all was well in the Northern Hhohho-situated establishment. Skyworld Travel Director, Akhona Fakudze, says as a company that provides shuttle services between Swaziland and South Africa, prospects

for growth and diversification are boundless following several meetings and leads achieved at Indaba 2016. He reveals that his company will soon be introducing Maputo and Nelspruit routes, in response to a high demand. He says they are also considering diversifying into arranging organised tours for Swazis to different various destinations within and outside the country, as well as to bring South African visitors to Swaziland.

On the other hand, SiyeSwatini TransMagnific Director Miliswa Mamba, says Indaba 2016 has served as a platform for establishing vital links with international travel planners adding business prospects in the near and long future look even brighter. She was able to convince most of them of her company's anchoring value; reliability. She says her main focus at Indaba 2016 was assuring the travelling world that Swaziland had a robust and efficient transport service industry.

Foresters Arms Hotel Director Ruth Buck feels this year's Indaba was better than last year. Buck says STA is actually doing a lot for the industry, and commends the authority for their

proactive marketing of the country to the world markets. Buck also lauds the work done by Geo-Group UK, STA's marketing partner in Europe, and says their work enables establishments to be visible online since the industry was now heavily internet-based. However, Buck still decries poor signage on the roads as detrimental to the industry, and challenges the economic planning ministry to give equal visibility to all travel and hospitality structures for ease of tourist travel. Royal Villas marketing officers are excited that all meetings they had scheduled were honoured. They say in spite of the decrease, the meetings had better substance than in the previous years. Other exhibitors who reveal contentment with this year's expo included The George Hotel, Swazi Trails, Mantenga Lodge, among others. Meanwhile, STA is delighted that South African renowned travel and tour operator Tourvest has accepted increasing tours to Swaziland, following several meetings held between the two parties. According to STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini, the latest meeting was held during Indaba 2016, where Tourvest indicated that they will be establishing joint ventures with Swazi tour operators aimed at increasing inbound tourism traffic to Swaziland. Dlamini says STA is already working with Tourvest, and believes there exists a scope to do even more with the company in joint marketing. Tourvest, says Dlamini, already packages Swaziland. STA has similar relations with TUI, another world renowned operator.

From these responses, it is evident that attending travel trade and consumer shows such as Indaba 2016 has multiple immediate and long-term benefits to the tourism industry as a whole.



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With growing focus on employee health, corporate wellness programmes are increasingly becoming the order of the day.

Wellness programmes demonstrate to employees that their health is important and that their employers know and care about this aspect. We cannot escape the fact that employers are now expected to create safe work environments, improve employee health and implement strategies that reduce medical costs as well as increase employee morale and on-the-job efficiency.

Many employers, however, still have challenges in accommodating people with epilepsy in the workplace.

**Employers**

The central issues are lack of knowledge about the disorder and epilepsy is perceived impact in the workplace. This ignorance and resulting misunderstanding produces unnecessary fear and anxiety among both employees with epilepsy and employers. Specific concerns regarding disclosure, accommodation, safety and liability then arise, and a vicious circle ensues.

To begin with, a variety of barriers make it difficult or impossible for many people with epilepsy to achieve optimal health and wellness and to take advantage of health promotion services. These barriers may be environmental, structural, and attitudinal in nature.

**Incorporating epilepsy in corporate wellness programmes paramount**

An employer, for instance, often worries over safety, reliability, or liability yet studies on individuals with epilepsy in the workplace do not support these concerns. Some employers also fear hiring individuals with epilepsy because they are concerned about higher workplace insurance rates or believe that employees with epilepsy will use a lot of sick leave. Workplace insurance rates, however, are determined by how hazardous the type of work is and by an employer's overall claims record in the past, not by the physical condition of individual employees. There is no evidence that people with epilepsy are more prone to accidents on the job than anyone else.

One of the most common myths is that extra insurance is needed when employing someone with epilepsy. This is not the case! No special insurance is required. At a basic level, employers should ensure they are covered by public liability insurance and employer's liability. Premiums are only affected by claims, and there is no evidence to suggest claims increase by employing someone with epilepsy.

Employers should be aware of the implications of current legislation in relation to employment equality.

It is, therefore, imperative that an employer be careful not to act on the basis of myths, fears, generalisations, or stereotypes about epilepsy. Instead, the employer should evaluate each individual on his knowledge, skills, experience, and how having epilepsy affects him. In other words, an employer should determine whether a specific applicant or employee would pose a "direct threat" or significant risk of substantial harm to himself

or others that cannot be eliminated or reduced through reasonable accommodation. This assessment must be based on objective, factual evidence, including the best recent medical evidence and advances to treat and control epilepsy.

Unfortunately, a number of employers are often of the idea that they do not need to make any changes until a worker identifies themselves as having epilepsy and requests adjustment. We encourage employers to implement initiatives that will ensure the workplace is epilepsy-friendly before someone requests it.

**Policy**

The advantage of doing this is a workplace which is epilepsy-friendly is one that recognises diversity, and therefore is a workplace that is better for all workers. Having possible adjustments for individuals listed in a collective policy or agreement will make it easier for individuals to ask for, and receive, them when the need arises.

This is fully supported by the Constitution of Swaziland which has enshrined human rights as a fundamental principle within the county's policies, including the establishment of the inalienable right to dignity and participation in civil society.

The valued participation of individuals from all aspects of society is a hallmark of the kingdom's economic prosperity. People with epilepsy and related disabilities have an enormous contribution to make to society and the economy.

Even though barriers to full participation in the open labour market often prevent them from accessing decent employment, reasonable accommodation can play a sig-

nificant role in the conceptual and practical implementation of a workforce made stronger through the inclusion of people with epilepsy and other disabilities.

Significant research also supports the inclusion of people with neurological disorders in the workforce as a source of efficient and effective human resource management. Managing diversity is increasingly seen as a key factor in efficiency, productivity and overall business success in an increasingly global and competitive economy. Hiring workers with epilepsy, thus, could provide access to untapped reserves of talent and promote new sources of ideas, creativity and problem solving. Businesses that embrace diversity are also able to improve operational efficiency and reduce costs due to turnover and litigation.

In ending, we implore companies to incorporate epilepsy as part of their corporate wellness programmes. This will help increase epilepsy knowledge and enhance epilepsy self-management skills amongst employees. It has been observed over the years that thousands of employees in the kingdom are ignorant of epilepsy simply because it has never been integrated as part of their corporate wellness programmes.

If employers and employees can be knowledgeable about this condition that has afflicted thousands of the Swazi people, we believe the stigma embedded to those with epilepsy would be eliminated in the workplace, in particular. This would in turn lead to a healthy productive society fully capacitated on epilepsy management issues, and help decrease the discrimination suffered by those with the neurological disorder.



## MIND THAT ERROR

ADIDI UYO



When the basic micro-elements of writing are not placed properly, the problems they cause may be more of semantics than of syntax. To be sure, the elements we are talking about are words and phrases, as well as punctuation marks.

Take a close look at the following sentence and see whether any of these three elements has been placed improperly in it.

"The media is only the enemy of someone with something to hide."

This sentence is the second in the sixth paragraph of an editorial with the title, "Media spot on about Prasa," The Citizen, November 30, 2015.

Could you place your finger on the element which is occupying an improper position in it? Of course, the element is the word, 'only,' which is supposed to be playing the part of **adverb** in the sentence.

Adverbs, as we know, are modifiers, hence, in that sentence, "only" is the modifying element. But the question is: "Which word is it modifying in the sentence?"

Again, the answer is plain and simple: Given the position of the modifying element in the sentence, "only" is modifying 'the enemy.' Structurally, that is, syntactically, the sentence is seemingly acceptable; but, semantically, something is amiss, something is awry.

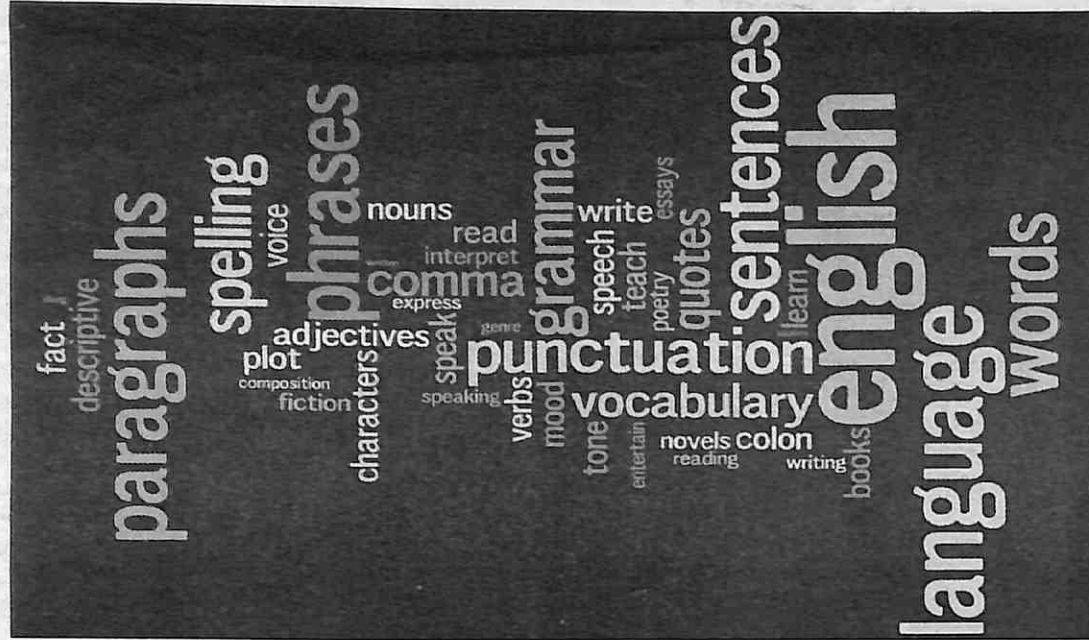
In other words, the sentence is bedevilled by the problem of meaning: What did the writer really intend to say? Let us try to recast the sentence by shifting 'only' from its original position, so that it now modifies another word.

Here we go: "The media is the enemy of **only** someone with something to hide." Now, do you think this is really what the writer intended to say? I'd say, "Yes." I think so because, in this new position, the sentence seems to make more sense than it did with "only" in the previous position, that is, where it was modifying "enemy."

You will concur that the new position is the correct one, especially when you are given the benefit of the thrust of the editorial, which could be easily discerned from its opening sentence that reads, thus: "When the media gets hold of explosive material that threatens to shake things up, it is inevitably attacked."

Right, then, here is the point we are trying to underscore: A sentence may be syntactically acceptable, but good writing is more than a matter of syntax. As one authority aptly puts, the position of a modifying word may be grammatically acceptable, but "it could create a meaning other than that

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intended by the speaker or writer."

You see, modifying elements are crucial to the meaning of sentences, and their importance lies very much in the meaning created or elicited by their positions in sentences.

Here is another example of a sentence with the same modifying element: "Mbabane only has 10 days water." This sentence is actually the headline of a news story in the Swazi Observer of January 19, 2016.

Now, tell me: What does the adverb, "only," do to that sentence? Does it make its meaning clear? Certainly, not! That is because what the adverb is modifying in the sentence is not clear. Is it modifying the noun, "Mbabane," or is it modifying the verb "has"?

If you ask me, I will say it makes sense only if it modifies the essential element in that sentence, which is "10 days." It should therefore be moved from its original position, so that it can correctly modify what it is meant to describe, thus: "Mbabane has only 10 days of water."

If I may indulge you in a spoof, "only" has been described by one lexical buff as "a vagabond of words" - all because it can readily take different positions in sentences and create different meanings. In addition to the two you have seen, consider these other three sentences as manifestations of the nature of this vagabond of a word, "only."

Sentence #1: "Only Mbabane has 10 days of water."  
Sentence #2: "Mbabane has 10 days only of water."  
Sentence #3: "Mbabane has 10 days of water only."

You'll agree that all these sentences are syntactically acceptable. However, their correctness depends on what the writer intends to say, precisely. No doubt, you can see what the position of "only" does to the meaning of each of the three

sentences.

Before we move on to a bigger modifying element, which is the phrase, let us look at one more example of a word that modifies. "Government Chief Vehicle Inspector Vincent Bhantshana Gwebu alleged that he was thoroughly doing his job." This is the lead of a news story with the headline, "Bhantshana tells it all in court," Swazi Observer, May 30, 2014.

"Thoroughly" is the adverb in that sentence, but it has not been placed properly. The undiscerning reader may not find anything wrong with the position the adverb, but we can ask the writer of the sentence a question: "What did you really intend to say?"

Fortunately, the writer answers this question for us in the third paragraph of the news story. The first sentence of the paragraph reads, thus: "The no-nonsense vehicle inspector said what surprised him was that he had done his job **thoroughly** the previous day."

Can you see the position of the adverb, "thoroughly," in the second sentence? It comes right after "job." Compared to its position in the first sentence, which do you think makes more sense - which is more meaningful? And which do you believe is what the writer really intended to say? Well, I believe that when "thoroughly" was sandwiched between the two words, "was" and "doing," it did not make much sense. But when it was placed immediately after the noun, "job," it did make a lot of sense, and I do believe that this is what the writer intended to say from the beginning: "The government's Chief Vehicle Inspector claimed that he did his job **thoroughly**."

From a news story in the Times of Swaziland, February 8, 2016, with the headline, **ZION PRIEST CONFESSES TO SEX WITH DAUGHTER**, comes

this sentence: "The incident happened on New Year's Eve in front of the wife and three other daughters aged 11, nine and six years **at the priest's home at Nkonjwa**."

The highlighted group of words is indeed the modifying element in that sentence: a phrase. Precisely, it is an adverbial phrase place or location. Question: Is this phrase properly placed in the sentence, so that it accurately modifies what it is intended to modify?

Answer: "No: it is not placed properly." Instead of being placed after the ages of the three daughters, this is where it should be placed in the sentence: "The incident happened on New Year's eve at the priest's home at Nkonjwa in front of the wife and three other daughters aged 11, nine and six years."

Tell me, where would you place the adverbial phrase in the following sentence to make it more meaningful? It is a sentence from The Star of April 28, 2016, and it reads: "As Zuma delivered his keynote address, civil-society movements held protests calling on him to resign **in all the country's major cities, including Joburg, Cape Town and Durban**."

Given the position of the highlighted adverbial phrase in that sentence, just what does this sentence mean? Simple: It means that Zuma resigned in all the country's major cities! Lord have mercy, how is that possible? Is that what the writer intended to say? I don't think so. Instead, in the news story, **'HUMBLE YOURSELVES' - Zuma tells leaders to heed calls for removal**, this is what the reporter intended to say, I am sure: "As Zuma delivered his keynote address, civil-society movements held protests in all the country's major cities, including Joburg, Cape Town and Durban, calling on him to resign."

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## JOY NDWANDWE'S ZONE LEADERSHIP

May 25th 2016 is Africa Day, on May 2nd yet again I was taken back to the 70s, 80s and 90s.

I listened to 'white male' compatriots share stories on the massacre of 'black people' by apartheid and Rhodesian regimes. Although my blood boiling, I resisted the outburst, it would have been misrepresented as a bar brawl. I relentlessly tried to influence the conversation about the significance role of ANC in liberating South Africa, sharing my visit to Vakpass Farm of apartheid massacres. And also shared that if the apartheid regime had handed over Ngwavuma to Swaziland, this would have had positive impact on the liberation struggle. My fruitless interventions to this inhumane discussion, as the conversation gained momentum with laughter, recalling names of persons who lived in Swaziland, involved in these atrocities. This was a major revelation affirming how Africa Day is critical for all living in this continent, to provide the space for sharing positive stories and images of Africa.

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This knowledge production of constructive and positive heritage for liberation struggles amends the predominately negative narratives. The doom and gloom has become the dominate paradigm and yet Africans overcame the humiliation, dehumanisation and subjugation for over 500 years. Therefore there is a glorious past, with numerous lessons that can empower future generations not only resilience but also the recovery of stolen legacies.

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reimagine Africa as the cradle of humanity, not only because of Homo-Naledi, but this must be evident in its knowledge production processes. This knowledge, spiritual and struggle heritage must manifest into an innovative Africa as opposed to the consumption of other continents knowledge, spirituality and struggle heritage. I am certain that most readers know about the World Wars than the Adwa Victory that happened in Africa.

Therefore how can we reinforce African Renaissance when deprived of knowledge, spiritual and struggle heritage of this continent? Hence in celebrating Africa Day it's time to reflect. As opposed to only dressing in African clothes, let us reflect on African knowledge that empowers reimagining an innovative Africa. If we could remove these clothes, which are predominately products of modernity, and take steps backwards into the epoch of 100% leather traditional clothing. Thus enabling innovation currently blocked by consuming other continents knowledge, spirituality and struggle heritage, including what we call 'African clothes'.

Africa Day is about the introspection process synonymous to the nakedness of the soul and mind, enabling imagination to manifest into innovation. *Ewu, ngavukwa ngumoya*, my passion for African knowledge embedded within the souls of ancestors, a critical part of the knowledge production and disseminating processes. Thus creating and enabling this reimagining to manifest into an innovative Africa. However, as long as we are enslaved by other continents knowledge, spirituality and struggle heritage this will remain a pipedream.

### Annual Reawakening

This begins with the understanding that Africa is not a poor continent as it is well endowed with knowledge, spiritual and struggle heritage. Africa is the origin of humanity, the cradle of humanity, hence Africans have always known God, the Supreme Being, *Ntlu*. Therefore this notion that we are a dark continent with no religion is a fallacy that must be dug into the graves of its proponents. Africa has contributed to numerous discoveries in mathematics, astronomy, science and technology, and Africa is the origin of universities.

Annual Africa Day should be for researching and empowerment as Africans seeking to reawaken the knowledge, spiritual and struggle heritage.

This day must be for disseminating positive narratives, whilst replacing the dominant negative narratives by reawakening the

knowledge embedded in souls of ancestors. Thus resurrecting the glorious and rich knowledge, spiritual and struggle heritages, as this is why the African Unity Renaissance calls for Africans to unite and stand up together. Africa of doom and gloom is the thing of the past, as the children of the decolonisation era of the 50s and 60s are leading the knowledge production process. We are African Renaissance activists, academics, researchers and scholars committed to resurrect the positive struggles, knowledge and spiritual heritage data to bring about constructive transformation and futures. We welcome our 'white' compatriots into the African Unity Renaissance, as we will not stoop low by participating in reverse racism. We welcome them into the knowledge, spiritual and struggle heritage discourse and dialogue, such that they walk and talk with us as equals, as researchers, academics and scholars.

*Ngavukwa ngumoya*, let us celebrate Africa Day knowing that Africans invented spirituality and religion, and this African spirituality is very holistic. In Egypt it is expressed as *Ma'at* with ethics that guide the human actions and deliberate intentions with truth and justice, honesty. In Southern Africa, the *Aba-Ntu*, people of God were blessed with Ubuntu, spiritually meaning, Being God, as 'ntu' is the agent of God, *Ntu*, and the Supreme Being. *Ubuntu* or *Bunfu Lobuqotfo* ethics for human actions and deliberate intentions provides spiritual foundation for humanity, rooted in the ethos: "I am because you are".

Today we begin the African Unity Renaissance week at the AURNP/UNISA conference, where I present a paper on African Spiritual Heritage, an African Humanism Leadership Theory and Model. This spiritual heritage embedded within indigenous cosmologies and knowledge systems of Egypt, Ghana (AKAN), Ethiopia, and Southern Africa (ABA-NTU). This theory and model will train and mentor future leaders to foster reimagining an innovative Africa, based on African knowledge, spiritual and struggle heritage.

African humanism leadership must be resurrected to decolonise and reconstitute all the systems, particularly leadership and governance institutions.

Happy Africa Day, Say No to Racism, reflect on the words of Pan African Congress leader the late Robert Sobukwe 'there is only one race, the human race.' Africa is the Cradle of Humanity, all continents were populated by children originating from *Mama Africa*, it is time for unity in diversity towards the African we want 2063.

## #WHYISIGN

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I had the honour of being asked to participate in the Asante Stewart Foundation's #WhyISign project that will be visiting Matsesa School for the Deaf on Thursday.

I'm looking forward to this day. My family complain that I'm always reading, and it's true, it's not uncommon to find my head buried deep into a book. Never invite me to be your partner in crime, to rob a bank because you will come out with a bag full of cash, I on the other hand, will come out with a book I accidentally found lying about inside the bank.

Today I was reading a website on facts, "Facts on sleep". It said, "Some deaf people make Sign Language in their sleep", I immediately saw a topic to talk about for my contribution to the newspaper articles we write for our #WhyISign project.

The fact that some deaf people make Sign Language in their sleep speaks volumes about Sign Language itself. I believe it to be true that some deaf people do use Sign Language in their sleep, my belief stems from the many occasions I have seen a deaf person, with his mind seemingly in deep thought and using Sign Language and I would ask what he is saying, and the reply would be, "I was just thinking". Yes, thinking using Sign Language. I never understood it at first, until I immersed myself deep into the silent deaf world.

**WARNING:** If you are a deaf person reading this, I advise you not to memorise your ATM PIN using Sign Language while waiting at an ATM queue, doing so, would be giving away your PIN to a criminal watching from a distance. Sign Language is an integral part of deaf people. Remove it from them and you will be removing something that is very essential. No Sign Language= no deaf people, therefore, if you want to bring deaf people to extinction remove Sign Language. We will be extinct, but not our disability- deafness. We will stop calling ourselves "deaf people", we will call ourselves disabled people. (Don't miss my next article, "Are Deaf People Disabled?")

If some deaf people can sign in their sleep, it can only mean one thing: the language is a language on its own right, driving deaf people not to dream in a spoken language, but to dream in their first language- Sign Language. Therefore, it makes me wonder what stops most countries from recognising Sign Language and make it an official language of their countries, and also introduce it in school curriculum.

Very few countries in the world recognize Sign Language as an official language. Deaf people in those countries are advanced academically and economically, I can only assume that since their language is recognised in their country, a major-

ity of hearing people learn it, making communication easy for deaf people, which in turn opens doors of opportunities for them.

What if Swaziland can recognise Sign Language as one of its own, introduce it in schools curriculum, encourage hearing people to adopt and learn the language? That would be beautiful. The lives of deaf people would be easy. The lives of hearing people would be at a different higher level: a nation that looks after its own is a nation that lives in a different higher level than other nations. Swaziland can be that nation.

Now, let's go back to #WhyISign?

I sign not because I am deaf. I sign because Sign Language is my language and I'm proud of it. It defines who I am, it removes my disability, and it turns me into a superstar. You might be saying, 'superstar my foot'. Have you not noticed that when two deaf people walk in town chatting in Sign Language, all eyes are on them, some in surprise, some in pity and others in envy? It turns them into superstars.

Your pity is not what we want. What we want from you is open mindedness. No deaf person will ever get mad if you stop them to ask how

and where you can learn the beautiful language.

Above, I said, "I sign not because I am deaf". It is worthy to note that not every deaf person knows Sign Language. It's an individual choice, just like it's an individual choice to learn and speak English. When you meet a deaf person, don't assume that he/ she knows Sign Language. Those who don't know the language either write things down or use gestures to communicate and they are classified as 'disabled'.

In 2013, I launched my book, 'Strong Wind', at the ArtsCape Theatre Centre in Cape Town.

At the end of my motivational speech, a man from the audience, walked up to me and gave me a letter he wrote while I was still speaking (by speaking, I mean I was using Sign Language- my hands are my mouth, my eyes are my ears).

In his amazing letter, he wrote that he was born deaf, but grew up never accepting his deafness and his family encouraged him to live a life of 'I am hearing' with the support of hearing aids. At 23 years old, he does not know Sign Language, and that made his life hard. He changed his mind after seeing me on stage speaking and decided to accept that he is deaf and to start learning Sign Language.

I blame the parents. No baby born deaf can decide not to accept his deafness and not learn Sign Language (by the way, babies born deaf don't learn Sign Language, it comes naturally to them).

There are many deaf people in a situation similar to his. It's caused by the belief that Sign Language is inferior. What those parents don't understand is that they are making the lives of their deaf children a living hell and destroying their future. Yes, it is possible to be deaf and successful without knowing Sign Language, but success cannot buy happiness.

Learn Sign Language. Allow your deaf baby to grow up as a deaf person with Sign Language as his/her first language. Are you hearing? Go and learn Sign Language.

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**S**iswati is one language that is rich in words and some of these carry one or more than one meaning. Our culture is vibrant and dynamic.

It continues to accommodate the new setting or circumstances. For that reason it is considered by many as a beautiful and fascinating country. A number of nations have tried to remain rigid and not move with the changing times of society and ended up losing their identity however, Swaziland has emerged to be an exception as it is able to resist the trials and changes it is exposed to. Nevertheless, Swaziland has egressed stronger. Our strength seems to come from the fact that we value our culture and traditions. However, Siswati can be regarded as the most complex language with equally composite traditions and culture. On the complexity of the Swazi culture, there is one subject that has been brought to my attention. Allow me to pen down my analysis on this rather confusing subject, which a majority of us claim to understand it yet we are hitting right below the belt. *Yini umfati? Makoti uba ngumfati nini?* What are the attributes of umfati and how do they differ from those of makoti?

*EmaSwati* believe it is good for a female to bear children in marriage than outside marriage. Before two people fall in love, they became strangers with different backgrounds and personality. *Itolo intfombi lijaha belitini-ka sikhatsi liyikhulumisa. Lenye beyiphela iminyaka lemitsatfu solo ibamba ticintsi.* Somehow he will be delighted that he has found a well principled girl who will show strong character when she is his wife. The two will eventually agree to start a relationship and *lijaha licele intfombi yalo itojuma kubo. Kujuma* was part of the custom and a very important part as it helps the girl know where the guy comes from and whether his father has already built for him *lilawu* where he can take his girlfriend. *Itolo lijaha belikhipha inkhomo yekuyewucela singani salo.* However, having no cattle was not considered as an obstacle, he would go through the *kuteka* ceremony anyway. Years will pass by and the woman's eldest daughter when she gets married her *lobola* is taken by her father to pay *lobola* for her mother. The *lobola* that is sent to her mother's place *sekutisiva siyolobola umfati hhayi makoti.* Some Swazis decided to start with *kucela intfombi*

# UMFATI



followed by *kuteka* ceremony before sending *iobola* to her parental homestead.

There has been an on going debate if it is culturally correct to pay *lobola* for *intfombi* or *kulotjolwa umfati*? Typically, *emaSwati atsi kulotjolwa umfati hhayi intfombi.* It baffles me though if people understand this. What does it really mean? What happens if one favours to pay *lobola* before the *kuteka* ceremony? And what happens if one pays the *lobola* first and allows the girl's family to proceed with the *kuteka* ceremony during *umtsimba*, which is marked as the traditional marriage.

## Makoti

I am fully aware that I have created a dilemma but do not panic. My dear reader, you must be puzzled if all this is wrong? It must be a relief to know that none of this is wrong. What am I saying by that? Hold the thought. Before going any further, one would ask what do Swazis mean when they say *kulotjolwa umfati hhayi intfombi.* Before going any further, lets take a step back and try to understand *kutsi yini umfati? Ubangumfati nini umuntfu wesifazane? Umuntfu wesifazane lotekiwe walotjolwa ubitwa ngekutsi yini? Ngumfati nobe ngumakoti? Lolotjoliwe wangatekwa yena?* Many of us may find this very confusing, it is for this reason I find the necessity beyond any doubt to elucidate some facts and concurrently clarify where needs be.

It was common knowledge in the past that *umuntfu wesifazane losandza kwendza ubitwa ngekutsi ngumakoti.* This word *makoti*, tells us more about of the length the women has been in the marriage. Basically, it shows us that the women is still new in the marriage, still vibrant, enthusiastic, and optimistic.

That explains why *makoti kuba nguye lophekako* whenever there is a family gathering. However, she does not do this by herself, her marital family is sensible enough to give her a child who will help her and also teach her the traditions of her new family. Moreover, *makoti* continues to respect her in-laws, when seated *endlini kagogo makoti uhlala ngenhla.* Furthermore, *makoti akawadli emasi*, she is further forbidden to shout or yell. However, *umfati* is entitled to all of this. These are the few things that hereby distinguishes *makoti* from *umfati*.

In addition to this, as being *umfati* comes with age, it is only reasonable that *umfati* holds the position to educate the new *makoti* in the family about the customs and traditions of the family. *Kuba ngumfati* comes with responsibilities. *Umfati nguye losingatsa umfelokati* and further assist *gogo naku-fihlwa umntfwana lowendlule emhlabeni asandza kutalwa.* *Kuba ngumfati* does not only come with age and time but also includes several stages that have to be undergone by *makoti* before she can be addressed

as *umfati.* These stages can include *kutsi seyaphuma yini inkhomo yemasi, sewalotjolwa tahlajwa tingege, nensulamnyembeti yakhe seyatala* which supposedly means *sikhala sakhe sesavaleka ekhaya kubo.* *Umfati* takes pride of this position as it symbolically means *sewuphelele emendvweni.* It is however so disappointing to learn in our urbanised and westernised society *bomakoti* shy away from *bafati* who through perseverance and determination have stayed with *bogogo* and learnt what it means to be *makoti.* Can our children understand and appreciate the difference between *makoti* and *umfati*? Sadly we have lost the concept ourselves. As long as we marry our wives and lack the courage to orient them with older women who have been long married, we will never regain this concept. Tragically, it will die with the older generation. *Live litawusala lite bafati.*

*EmaSwati akususelaphi kutsi makoti nemfati abayihhuli inhloko uma indvodza isekhona idla emabele?* Gone are the days when people clearly understood that *kuduka inhloko akusiso sidzala kepha yinchubo yesiSwati leyenta makoti abe ngumfati lohloniphekile eveni nasekafike esigabeni sekuba ngumfati kusasa.*

## Challenges

Our culture faces a lot of challenges as it is constantly confused by people. Another alarming issue that has been brought to my attention is what happens to a woman who has only been in her marriage through the *kuteka* ceremony and the husband passes on before paying her *lobola*? Can she be made to wear moaning gowns? According to my understanding and interpretation *kulicala kwenta loko* even if the two have been together for years. The family of the late man must first sit down with that of the bride or send a delegation of men to report that *bacela kumzilisa* because they are ready and willing to pay *lobola* on behalf of the late husband. The woman cannot be fully called *umfati* because *akalotjolwa futsi nemtsimba akawugidzi lokusho kutsi ungumakoti kulowo muti akasiye umfati.* *Umzilisa njani umntfwanemuntfu ungakamloboli?* Does it mean *lelibovu nesiphandla kuphelelisa bufati bakhe? Cha, liciniso litsi nobe ungaya kumuphi umuntfu wesilisa, angeke akujabulele kubona umntfwanake entiwa loko.* More especially because even the practice of *kungenwa* is no longer popular among Swazi's. *Bantfwabebantfu bagcina ngekuzil-*

## All roads lead to Mafutseni today!



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prizes even though every participant will get a medal. In our eyes, everyone participating today is a conqueror – winning the battle against lifestyle diseases such as Type 2 diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular, hypertension, and stress, among others. A few weeks ago we ran an article touching on the World Health Organisation's (WHO) report that 48% of Swazi women, and one in 25 children, are obese. We therefore hope to see a little more women and children in today's race than we saw last year, because women are the cornerstones of our society and children the future.

Cycling also helps to improve muscle tone and strength, increase energy levels, boosts self-esteem

and helps you sleep better. People who don't sleep well are usually lethargic during the day, and are obviously not as efficient at work as those that sleep well. We are just talking in favour of cycling because we are excited about today's event, but any other sport is good for your health and can help you avert an early grave!

## Relations

This coming Wednesday is Africa Day, a day set aside to commemorate African unity. In most African countries it is a public holiday. Even though it is not one here, we still value the importance of the day and the general good relations we enjoy with our fellow African counterparts.

"Africanness" generally involves

having a sense of community, being your brother's (or sister's) keeper and working hard. There's a fascinating story that occurred recently concerning a lady who was in the country from Europe on a short visit. She was walking on the street with her Swazi friend, who we will call Nondumiso and every few kilometres, someone would say, "Sawubona".

The lady from Europe, Mary, asked whether Nondumiso was a celebrity because everyone was keen to greet her. Nondumiso told her she wasn't a celebrity, but people here just take notice of each other and greet the next person.

Mary said in her corner of the world, it's one man for himself. She referred to her neighbour who was

found dead in her apartment after three days of not picking her phone. She called her country of residence the most anti-social state she has ever seen.

## Report

"If you don't network, it might be a year or more before anyone even notices you're dead," she said. Whether this was an exaggeration or not, we got the point. We are very fortunate to have neighbours that look out for us. It is, therefore, quite heartbreaking when Swazis turn against fellow citizens for financial gain.

A case in point is that of a woman who was recently reported to have been trafficked to South Africa to be a sex slave by another Swazi woman. What an unAfrican thing

**T**oday is the day! The Dups Mafutseni Classic cycling race is on and we hope cyclists will find the weather conducive for them to bring their A-game. We hope everyone will have a good sporting day and will make a few friends in the process. If you happen to come across our cyclists as you go about your business, be a sport and cheer them on! Of course, not everyone will win

iswa kulesinye sikhatsi banganikwa ngisho nelifa lemufi. Uziliswelani umntfwanebantfu ibe kutelotimisele ngekumlobola? So do I mean to say labatekiwe bangalotjolwa but must not wear moaning gowns in the event the husband dies? No that is not true, they must wear it but *emaSwati* must know that *licala lelo* and someone must take full responsibility of it. By making her wear moaning gowns, that family is making a full promise they will pay *lobola* for her. That promise must be kept without any hustle.

In conclusion, *siSwati sibanti*. There is a difference between *umfati namakoti* and we must be able to differentiate between the two. *EmaSwati* also use different words to refer to the two which turns to confuse us, especially if we do not understand the responsibilities of each. *Makoti, malukatane, umfati, umlobokati* do they all mean one thing or not? Whilst the grandfather and grandmother can refer to *umfati* as *malukatane*, it does sound like *makoti* is *malukatane*. Can a woman who has spent years in marriage and has gone through all levels of marriage be called *malukatane*? It is a pity that we are losing cattle at an alarming rate. Some of us still have huge responsibility of graduating our mothers from being *bomalukatane* into being *bafati ngalokuphelele*. Do young people today know that *umfana uyamlobola unina, agidze umtsimba ukuze atekuba ngumfati lophelele umangabe uyise waloyo mfana angatange wakwenta loko*? How many of us still value the fact that *make lofe angumakoti angakalotjolwa bantfwabakhe kufanele bamgucule ethuneni lapho alele khona ngobe ngesiSwati usuke alalele kabi abhekephanisi? Kushaywa tinkhomo alotjolwe kuhlatjwe tingenge kuze atewulala kahle nebem-tini kulomndeni longale kwemaliba bamemukele*? How many young people today know that *make wakho nobe angaba mdzala kanganani, uma angatekwanga, walotjolwa akasuye umfati, futsi akasuye makoti, uyintfombi leyatala bantfwana, sigaba sakhe asikho kulowo muti. Asakhumbula yini emaSwati kutsi makoti lofa angakatekwa akangwatjwa angakagcotjiswa libovu? Utekwa asebhokisini, agcotjiswe kuze kutewuphelela bufati bakhe amukeleke lapho ayakhona.*

*Umfati ufa ati* because it is not easy to reach that level in marriage. *Makoti akasuye umfati. Bufati bupheleliswa tigaba latihambako makoti. Makoti uma endzile ekhaya kunini lapho khona angakavumeleki kungena esibayeni futsi kunini lapho avumeleke kungena khona? Leni?*

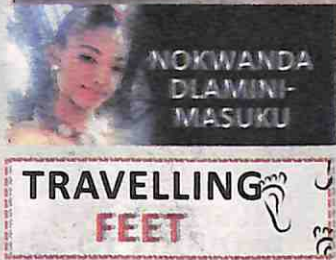
to do!

Being an African involves treating others with dignity, just as you would like to be treated. Treating others with dignity is one of our strongest points at Dups, even if the people have passed on.

It does not even matter who they are, everyone deserves to be treated with respect. In April, Dups cremated about 36 unclaimed bodies. Even though, they were unclaimed, their remains were handled with utmost dignity.

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## Winter warming ideas for you, family or friends this season



Are the chilly winter days keeping you indoors? Are you waiting for the warmer spring days to come so you can go back to enjoying your adventurous, exciting lifestyle? Well, that really shouldn't be so. Below is a list of possibilities for this cold and sometimes wet winter season. So instead of wishing the cold away, make it work for you. Make it count.

**Foresters Arms Hotel:** Drive along the beautiful scenic route as you head towards this establishment in the thick Mhlambanyatsi forests. This place is actually known for its really low temperatures. But Foresters Arms beats the cold weather by having a big, beautiful fire in the middle of the lounge where you can enjoy their various coffees and teas on offer.

Or really get warmed up with something from the bar. They have wonderful meals on offer throughout the week, with a grand finale Sunday lunch. Consider the affordable accommodation offer as well.

Not too far down the road from here is In the Woods. There is also a nice fireplace in the restaurant area, and if you get the right seat, you can look out into the garden.

The trees, majestic mountains and dry leaves all round make looking out the window similar to a moment in perfect art. It's beautiful, peaceful and has a wonderful calming effect on one.

**Ramblas Restaurant:** also offers a warm, comfortable environment to enjoy a meal in with family or friends or both. There is a fireplace in the sitting area and their meals are also guaranteed to warm you from the inside out.

Enjoy drinks by the fire, from herbal teas and coffees or whatever drinks work for you. While you're at it, don't leave without tasting their cheese cake. Yum!

**Malandela's Farmhouse Restaurant and Pub** always has

that warm, 'come-and-spend-the-day-here' type of feel to it. So why not give in and just do that? Enjoy the various meal options on offer, have drinks, enjoy good company, meet new people, make friends and have fun. They also have a guesthouse that a small group can take up. The common sitting area here has a fireplace. Gather around that fireplace and share stories or have a small intimate party of sorts. Sleep? What's that?

**Hawane Resorts** is a small resort up North of Swaziland. There is a backpacker facility as well beautiful, thatched chalets. The restaurant has a fireplace and a nice sitting area, where guests do not have to worry about any formalities.

You can just curl up, grab a small shawl, cover up, read a book and enjoy the fire and maybe a glass of wine, or hot chocolate. Spend the night or have a light meal and leave in the late afternoon.

I also like the intimate guest house at Phophonyane Eco Falls Lodge and Nature Reserve. It is spacious and can be quite convenient for little get-togethers with friends.

Enjoy a meal in their restaurant before relaxing either in the restaurant or in the guesthouse, if you will choose to stay overnight.

**Pigg's Peak Hotel and Casino** may not have a big, warm fire to offer, but they certainly have a warm, welcoming ambience and they will bend over backwards to ensure your visit with them is to your satisfaction.

Consider this one too. There is plenty for the young ones to do. Believe me, you will be ready to leave long before they are anywhere near ready to leave. And yes, they might love you just a little more after their visit here.

So you see, it doesn't matter where in the country your travels take you. There is always plenty to do if you open yourself up to a little adventure.



Human Rights

BY Comfort Mabuza

The establishment of Human Rights and Integrity Commission secretariat brought some glimpse of hope to those of us labouring for the advancement, defence and protection of human rights in the country.

We still remain optimistic there is reason to believe that political will is here to respect fundamental rights and freedoms of the citizens. Human Rights and Integrity Commission is indeed our hope. Unfortunately last December, during Human Rights Day celebration, the minister of justice and constitutional affairs made a statement that remains a great concern to us, "There are no violation of human rights in Swaziland" he declared.

But the opposite is true, there are so many violations in Swaziland that perhaps as a former Chief cop, Minister Hillary sir has not forgotten how he ended up behind bars wearing his uniform by the way, when he together with former security chiefs were suspected to have become a security risk by the Ligoqo regime. I am happy that people like Colonel Mangomeni Ndzimandze, a former Chief of the Army, reminded us of that dark history recently during the homegoing of Rev. Abednego Dlamini, another former soldier, how their rights were violated. Mr Hillary and Ndzimandze have a lot of explanation to give to the nation, what really happened then, when they ended up spending time in Matsapa Maximum Prison. We were watching you sir when presenting an update on the status of human rights in Swaziland in Geneva almost two weeks ago, 10th May to be specific. Some of us cannot be fooled by the good command of the queen's language, but can tell if facts presented are not truthful regarding human rights status here in the country and misleading the international community in the process.

### FREE THE AIRWAVES

The continued failure to liberate the airwaves and allow multiple voices of the citizens to be heard is a great violation of their fundamental rights and embarrassment to the people of the kingdom. Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS) is not a public service broadcaster, but merely a mouthpiece of government.



## FAILURE TO RESPECT, PROMOTE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS MOCKERY OF CONSTITUTION

Even elected Members of Parliament remain banned from utilising this national resource for dissemination of information to their constituencies. Swazi TV remains a failed project which government should be ashamed of, after it has proven to be a drain to the national Treasury and dismally failing to fulfil its mandate.

The less said about its continued failure to make even a dime in profits the better.

It has failed dismally to promote local content and attract advertisement revenue. Its editorial leaves a lot to be desired. Swazis' voices are not being heard and viewers are not provided different opinions on national building process.

The absence of community radio sector and thriving private broadcasting houses, is yet a classic example of how Swazis are being deprived of their rights to access information, which is a constitutional right by the way. When people's rights to access information through the airwaves are denied, then it's like living in a prison. The muzzling of people's views and failure to free their opinions takes us back to the oppressive regimes like that of apartheid next door in South Africa that deprived people access to information. So long as there is no public broadcasting service, community radio stations and private commercial radio stations, people are denied access to information. Freedom of expression must be guaranteed in the airwaves, I hope Minister Hillary reads this, anything else from these then we are being fed propaganda.

### FORCED REMOVALS FROM FARMS

This country now has a constitution and laws that must be seen respected.

When they are violated with impunity, then it makes us look like a banana republic, where some animals are more equal than others. We have read with horror how our very own Swazis are forcefully removed from farms with no regard to respecting the provisions of the law and the very constitution that should be seen protecting them. Our laws are very clear that when people are forcefully removed from farms, then whosoever is behind their removal should ensure they are located in a place where they are not made worse off.

I have no time to comment on how Tom Kirk and Moses Motsa have caused untold misery to people who were declared undesirable dwellers in their farms. I certainly do not have space to tell of the misery of the Nokwane residents who are still without homes following the destruction caused to them in the name of Science Amusing Park. One is not refuting that farm owners have rights too, but surely why then not settle the people accordingly as per the provision of the law? Swazis who have been forcefully removed have not enjoyed the fruits of living in a free and independent nation. What even pains one is the fact that the so called farm owners are Swazis and not foreigners. What about Vuvulane farmers who are being denied to own the land they have worked for over the years as they were promised that they will eventually have it after 20 years? We are watching with keen interest the Madonsa pending forced removals, and I can tell you right now their investments in developing their structures have not been given due attention. These human rights violations with impunity Hillary sir before your very own eyes, don't tell me you don't know, and use the well-known excuse

'Angati.'

### SUSPECTS NOT BROUGHT TO TRIAL IN REMAND CENTRES

As advocates and defenders of human rights we are at pain in stating that one is deemed innocent until proven guilty by a competent court. We have since contacted the remand centres regarding the state of suspects held there with no progress to have their cases finalised. The statistics are alarming Minister Hillary, and if you are not aware please visit these centres to see for yourself what I am talking about. By the way you also did time in prison yourself as a guest to His Majesty's Correctional Services and subsequently you were also once a Commissioner of the same. Why keep these suspects for so long in remand centres without them having their time before the courts to answer for their supposedly crimes committed? We are not saying free them as such, but keeping them waiting year in and year out is a violation of human rights.

Zakhele Remand Centre and Sidwashini Prison in Mbabane are overcrowded and this is a drain to our taxes. Some of these suspects are already losing their minds and psychologically they are traumatised living without knowing when they will ever have their matters addressed at the courts.

Their relatives who are equally affected remain concerned that their beloved ones are forever remanded in these facilities.

If it's a matter of shortages of magistrates, then one wonders why this is the case when we have so many graduates in law who are qualified to become competent officers of the courts and can help solve this over-

crowding and backlog of cases. How then can we go to the international communities and claim all is well in as far as people's human rights are concerned?

### HIGH POVERTY LEVELS AND ELDERLY GRANTS

I am aware there has been no increase in the elderly grants for quite some time now. I am equally aware that government always claims it is a grant not a privilege, but I differ, it's an obligation to care for the elderly. The confession this week by the deputy prime minister that about 300 000 Swazis might die of hunger because government has not released money to mitigate on food aid is a greater violation and the elderly are worse off. I have travelled to remote areas and conducted interviews with the senior citizens, and reality is they live from hand to mouth, with some having to care for their grandchildren who are depended on the grants given. When you hear the stories of the suffering they are subjected to, surely you are moved to tears. I cannot understand why we cannot increase the grants and at least subsidise these for sustaining livelihoods. Perhaps an additional bag of corn, beans and a bottle of cooking oil might just be a lifesaving gesture. These senior citizens have contributed immensely to what Swaziland is today, surely a government that does not cater for them is cursed as it violates their rights.

Will it be too costly to allow the senior citizens free entry to clinics and health centres for health care and medication? It will be prudent to ensure that the remaining years of our senior citizens are taken care of so they die with a smile knowing they felt wanted and appreciated.

## Parents and physical discipline (Punishment)

14, 29:15. These verses speak volumes to us famously so, people of colour and enables us in justifying administering physical punishment on our children. Who wouldn't because that would mean being in defiance with God and no one wants to get onto the "wrong" side of God? When discussing physical punishment, people often say that "whippings" are a kind of atavism from slavery. It is argued that physical punishment can easily escalate and cross the line to abuse and serious injury, particularly when an instrument is used which is the norm when enforcing it. Children become emotionally alienated from parents who hit them frequently. It is very unfortunately true that I missed

out on a relationship with my mother who constantly whipped me but instead mastered a relationship of fear and resentment towards her. Physical punishment teaches that violence is an appropriate response to problems or frustrations with people and such can lead to a cycle of violence and victimisation in the child's future relationships. Research shows physical punishment makes it more likely that children will be defiant and aggressive in the future. Physical punishment puts children at risk of depression and anger management problems. So what should a parent do? Children need guidance and discipline, but what works? Effective discipline helps a child develop self-control by

teaching, guiding, modelling and explaining what is wrong and what to do instead.

Effective discipline starts with our attitudes about children and their behaviour. First, we must remember that children are learning about the world and do not always know, understand or remember adult rules and social norms. Many times parents place children in situations without defining what is acceptable behaviour.

Redirection, discipline or punishment must include an explanation of why a behaviour is unacceptable and what behaviour is expected.

Many times a child's misbehaviour is a mistake in judgment. We hope

our own mistakes serve as learning opportunities- we need to apply this same rule to children. We must curb our anger and allow time to think about what we want to teach.

Positive and proactive discipline strategies work.

For infants and toddlers, distraction, removal and a firm voice work best. Making amends works for older children and adolescents. An appropriate consequence for downloading pirated music, for example, would be to earn enough money to cover the cost of the music and then donate the earned money. Losing privileges resonates with children and adolescents. It is important to lay out expectations and discuss the consequences if they aren't meant. All parents need help at times with discipline issues.



### BEING A PARENT

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I do not want to sound or come across as a heathen or pagan because I am a staunch Christian. I am saying this because my input article may come to others as a defiance to Christian values. It has opened my perspective on the notion that excessiveness may sometimes be harmful, "too much of a thing is dangerous". Let us consider and refer to these biblical scriptures that have always informed physical punishment for the majority: Proverbs 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13-



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## I REMAIN PRESIDENT TO PREVENT REGIME CHANGE - MUGABE

**A**LICE - Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe says he has decided to stay on as president as he wants to prevent regime change that, he says, has been promised by the United States.

Speaking at the Fort Hare centenary celebrations in Alice, Eastern Cape, on Friday, Mugabe said western forces wanted to bring about regime change in Africa.

Mugabe, who has been president of Zimbabwe since 1987, said the United States had said publicly it wanted to effect regime change in Zimbabwe.

"I am hanging on because I want to prevent regime change. It will never come," Mugabe said, to the applause of the assembled guests.

Mugabe, who studied at Fort Hare and graduated with a

Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951, said it had been a long struggle by Africans to prove that they were equal to other races.

He said Africans had proven they could run their own affairs.

"Let products from here truly represent what our elders sought to make students become in life: Leaders of people who were courageous but educated."

Mugabe said when Zimbabwe became independent, he decided that every child had a right to education, not just primary but also tertiary.

He also said he decided to accelerate gender equality, starting with the education of a girl child.

He said Zimbabwe did not have many universities at the time.

He said during 1995 and 2016, a scholarship fund saw 3 679



Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe.

Zimbabwean students completing their studies in South African institutions, 3 010 of whom graduated from Fort Hare.

Mugabe said now that Zimbabwe had 14 universities, the number of Zimbabwean students being sent to South Africa had dwindled.

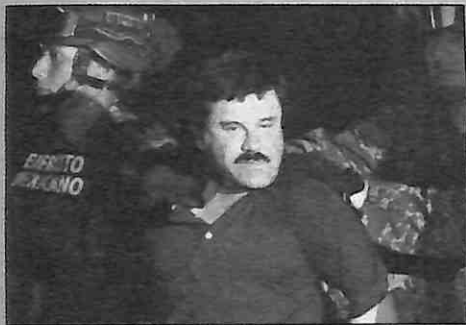
He said he did not want the scholarship fund to die completely.

"Although we have reduced numbers, we will maintain the scholarship to Fort Hare as a tribute of what it has done, its African-ness, the history of the ANC and the making of the African nation. That is the history we share," Mugabe said.

On gender equality, Mugabe said they had a tradition that boys deserved to be educated, and that girls would get married when they turned 18.

"But now, I said 'Let's educate them on an equal basis,'" Mugabe said. *timeslive*

## Mexico grants extradition of 'El Chapo' to US



Mexican drug lord Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman can now be extradited to the US.

**M**EXICO CITY - Mexico has granted the extradition of drug lord El Chapo after receiving guarantees he will not face the death penalty.

Mexico's Foreign Relations Department gave the green light to the US extradition request.

It is believed the notorious narco kingpin will first be transferred to

Brooklyn, New York.

That move could happen as soon as next month.

### Jury

A federal jury in Brooklyn indicted Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman in 2014 on charges of laundering \$14 billion as the head of the violent Sinaloa Cartel, believed to be the world's largest drug-trafficking organization.

The indictment against El Chapo - which translates to 'Shorty' - accuses him of ordering hit men to carry out 'hundreds of acts of violence' including murders, torture, kidnappings and assassinations.

A federal judge in Mexico ruled on Monday that El Chapo's extradition can move forward, with the Foreign Relations Department's rubber stamping the decision.

El Chapo's lawyer has 30 days to appeal.

*mirror.co.uk*

## Secret Service shoots man with gun outside White House

**W**ASHINGTON - A US Secret Service officer shot a man with a gun who approached a checkpoint outside the White House and refused to drop his weapon, the Secret Service said.

The White House was briefly placed on a security alert after the Friday afternoon shooting, which happened within view of sightseers as sidewalks were crowded with families, school groups and government workers.

The armed man approached the checkpoint on E Street shortly after 15:00, and ignored repeated orders from the officer to drop his gun, according to a statement from David Iacovetti, a Secret Service deputy assistant director.

The officer fired one shot at the man and the gun was recovered at the scene, Iacovetti said. The man was transported in critical condition to a nearby hospital, an emergency medical services spokesperson said. President Barack Obama was away playing golf, but Vice President Joe Biden was in the White House complex and was secured during the lockdown, his office said. *AP*

## EgyptAir flight messages showed smoke on board

**P**ARIS - The French aviation safety agency said yesterday that the EgyptAir A320 that crashed into the Mediterranean with 66 people aboard had transmitted automatic messages indicating smoke in the cabin.

"There were ACAR messages emitted by the plane indicating that there was smoke in the cabin shortly before data transmission broke off," a spokesperson of France's Bureau of Investigations and Analysis told AFP.

ACAR, which stands for Aircraft Communications

Addressing and Reporting System, is a digital system that transmits short messages between aircraft and ground stations.

The spokesperson said it was "far too soon to interpret and understand the cause of Thursday's accident as long as we have not found the wreckage or the flight data recorders".

The Wall Street Journal, citing people familiar with the matter, earlier reported that automated warning messages indicated smoke in the nose of the aircraft and an apparent problem with the flight control system. *AFP*



EgyptAir A320 that crashed into the Mediterranean with 66 people.

## Boko Haram burns four civilians alive in Niger

**N**IAMEY - At least six civilians were killed and seven injured in an attack by Boko Haram Islamist fighters in Niger on Thursday evening, according to the country's army.

Four of the victims were burned alive and two were shot dead during the attack near the southeastern garrison town of Bosso, close to the border with Nigeria, according to an army

statement broadcast on state TV and radio on Friday.

Cross-border raids by the Nigeria-based Boko Haram group are not uncommon. In November, Boko Haram killed 18 people and injured 11 others during a raid in the village of Wogom, close to Bosso.

The army said that the fighters struck the village of Yebi at about 10.50pm (2150 GMT) on Thursday, setting fire to the local

market and 10 houses and killing several cattle before fleeing back to Nigeria with two stolen cars.

"Search operations are ongoing in the area to neutralise these terrorists," said the army statement.

In April, two civilians were killed in a suicide attack near the town of Diffa, the regional capital.

- *eNCA*

## BRIEFS

### The Bernie campaign cash down to under \$6m

**WASHINGTON** - Bernie Sanders began this month with less than \$6m in available campaign cash, new finance reports show. The Vermont senator is making his last stand in the Democratic presidential contest, as Hillary Clinton closes in on clinching the necessary number of pledged delegates and superdelegates to secure her party's nomination. Clinton began May with about \$30m.

The new report, covering the month of April, shows Sanders continued to spend heavily, lodging more almost \$39m in expenses. Clinton, meanwhile, spent about \$24m in April, her report shows. *AP*

### Nepali becomes first woman to climb Everest seven times

**KATHMANDU** - Nepali climber Lhakpa Sherpa became the first woman to make seven ascents of Mount Everest, local media reported yesterday. The 42-year-old broke her own earlier record of six ascents when she reached the top of the world's highest mountain early Friday, the Himalayan Times reported. "It's a pathfinder for women like us," said Asha Singh, who has climbed the seven highest mountains around the world. "We follow in her footsteps and it's a huge motivation for Nepali women like me, who are into climbing, which is a mostly male profession," she told dpa on the phone. *dpa*

### At least 16 injured in train crash in Switzerland

**BERLIN** - Swiss police say at least 16 people were injured when a high-speed train crashed into a bus in Interlaken near Bern. Police said in a statement yesterday that the accident happened Friday night at a railway crossing. The statement said that 16 people were taken to surrounding hospitals but that it was not yet clear how severely they were injured. Police are investigating the cause of the accident. *AP*

### Merkel calls for better coordination of aid ahead of UN summit

**BERLIN** - German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Saturday called for better coordination of aid efforts ahead of the first United Nations humanitarian aid summit in Turkey. The two-day meeting, which starts tomorrow in Istanbul, is not about concrete financial pledges, rather it was about better integration of the various stakeholders, she said in her weekly podcast from Berlin. Another aim of the meeting was a more comprehensive overview of aid efforts, such as through the packaging of aid pledges in databanks, she said. It is necessary "to follow whether what has been promised at international conferences is also later done," Merkel said. *dpa*

### Danish MP who called Obama a 'Negro' cancels US trip

**COPENHAGEN** - A senior Danish lawmaker who called President Barack Obama a "Negro" says he won't travel to the United States in September with fellow parliamentarians. The debate about Soeren Espersen's description of Obama on Wednesday took off after a legislator from the opposition Social Democrats tweeted an inaccurate English translation of his words. Jeppe Kofod of the opposition Social Democrats tweeted Espersen had used an even more offensive term for African-American.

### Vietnam frees jailed dissident priest ahead of Obama's visit

**BANGKOK** - Vietnam granted early release from prison to a Catholic priest who is one of its most prominent dissidents, a move widely seen as a goodwill gesture before President Barack Obama arrives on an official visit tonight. The Catholic Archdiocese of the central city of Hue reported on its webpage that it welcomed the return Friday of the Rev. Nguyen Van Ly from prison. Photos on its website showed a frail Ly, 70, being helped off a minibus, kneeling to pay his respects to his senior colleagues, then being led to a room prepared for him at the diocese. *AFP*





## Totti staying at Roma - Club director

**R**OME - Iconic Roma captain Francesco Totti will stay at the capital outfit for a 24th season, the club's general manager Mauro Baldissoni said in a television interview on Friday.

A one-club player with 600 league appearances, the veteran playmaker has had a tense relationship with coach Luciano Spalletti in recent times and speculation had been rife the player would be forced out.

"Francesco will continue to play at Roma and as you all know we want to keep him as part of the Roma family for a long time," he said on the club's in-house TV channel.



Totti's hopes of earning a final year's deal were boosted late in the season when he came off the bench to score late, crucial goals for Roma as they finished third in Serie A.

With some believing this could have been the 39-year-old's final season in Italy's top flight, for his 600th league game in early May fans flocked to the Stadio Olimpico with banners, T-shirts and flags all paying tribute to the longevity and loyalty of 'Il Re de Roma' (the King of Rome) and some declared they had grown up on 'Bread and Totti', as opposed to bread and water.

AFP

Francesco Totti.

## Simeone expects Real Madrid to be cautious in '50-50' final

**M**ADRID - Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone believes Real Madrid will look to defend and hit his side on the break in a Champions League final that is '50-50'.

Simeone's team saw off Bayern Munich in the semi-finals, while their arch-rivals beat Manchester City to set up a repeat of the 2013-14 show-piece in Lisbon, which Los Merengues won 4-1 in extra-time.

Madrid employed safety-first tactics to defeat City 1-0 over two legs, and Simeone expects more of the same at San Siro next week.

"I expect Madrid to approach the game like they did the tie with Manchester City. I think they will be cautious," the Argentinian told reporters yes-



terday.

Casemiro gives them defensive strength. They will play on the counter-attack, like they have been doing in every game in the Champions League.

Madrid were very strong tactically against City and they will put in a similar performance.

"We have a different style altogether. It's fantastic. Our style is something new. We will play our own game and I think it will be an intense game. I respect every-

one's opinion about our style and criticism can help you improve. "We are trying to get the most out of our players with our style, that is all that matters."

"It will be 50-50. We both have an equal chance of winning it. We are determined to win."

Goal

## BARCELONA AGREE REPORTED RECORD KIT DEAL WITH NIKE

**M**ADRID - Spanish champions Barcelona have extended their sponsorship contract with kit suppliers Nike until 2026 in what is reported to be a record deal.

Barcelona, who play the Spanish Cup final against Sevilla today, described the agreement as "a landmark in world football" but did not give any figures.

"The details of the agreement will be reported and will have to



be ratified at the next Club General Assembly,"

Barcelona said in a statement.

However, Spanish media said the deal would surpass the record set

by Manchester United, who left Nike in 2014 to sign a contract with

Adidas worth 75 million pounds (108

million dollars) a season over 10 years.

Mundo Deportivo quoted club sources as saying Barca will receive at least 105 million euros per season, with the sum climbing to 155

million euros (174 million dollars) with win bonuses.

US sports goods giant Nike has been supplying the club's shirts since

1998, with the current deal due to expire in June 2018.

dpa

## Kane, Vardy hope for Turkey chance

**L**ONDON - Tottenham Hotspur striker Harry Kane hopes to get an opportunity to partner Jamie Vardy when England tackle Turkey today in the first of their three Euro 2016 warm-up matches.

Kane's 25 Premier League goals earned him the Golden Boot, with Vardy finishing the campaign one goal behind after inspiring Leicester City to their fairytale title triumph.

The pair have started just one England game together - last October's 3-0 win in Lithuania - but with Wayne Rooney and Marcus Rashford on FA Cup final duty with Manchester United this weekend and Daniel Sturridge expected to be rested after playing for Liverpool in the Europa League final, they may be aligned together again at the Etihad Stadium.

"Jamie has had a fantastic season and scored a lot of goals, so if we are playing together it will be very exciting," Kane told reporters at England's St George's Park training centre this week.

"We are different sorts of players. He has got a lot of pace and can run in behind - that will probably allow me to drop off and get into space."

"If the manager puts us together we will be ready to go and try to score as many goals as we can."

England manager Roy Hodgson is expected to approach Euro 2016 with a two-man strike-force operating in front of a midfield diamond, although he has also utilised a 4-3-3 system on occasion.

With Rooney, England's captain and record goal-scorer, now operating in a midfield role for United, there could be an opportunity for Kane and Vardy to form an enduring partnership up front.

The two went head-to-head in the Premier League title race and Vardy, 29, bared his claws on social media in response to a photograph posted on Instagram by 22-year-old Kane.

Kane's image showed four lions on the prowl - apparently a reference to his team's pursuit of Leicester -

and when Spurs' 2-2 draw at Chelsea gifted the

title,

Vardy retaliated with a picture of Mufasa, head of the pride in the Disney animated film 'The Lion King', sliding to his death.

But Kane said: "We had a bit of banter over social media, but everything is all good."

"Winning the

Golden Boot is always nice. It's something I'm very proud of, but nothing has really been said about that.

"He won the Premier League, so there isn't much I can really say!"

With his United and Liverpool players absent, Hodgson had only 19 members of his 26-man squad at his disposal for training on Thursday ahead of Sunday's match at the home of Manchester City, which is followed by games against Australia and Portugal.

But Liverpool's captain Jordan Henderson took part after being an unused substitute in his club's 3-1 loss to Sevilla in Basle on Wednesday, which followed a month-long absence with a knee injury.

Chelsea centre-back Gary Cahill also trained, having missed the first session of the get-together with a knock.

Turkey are gearing up for their first major tournament since reaching the semifinals at Euro 2008, having failed to qualify for Euro 2012 and the last two World Cups.

Fatih Terim's side face Croatia, the Czech Republic and defending champions Spain in Group D at Euro 2016, after scraping through qualifying as the best of the nine third-place teams.

Sunday's game could feature an international debut for quicksilver 18-year-old FC Nordsjaelland winger Emre Mor, who was born and raised in Denmark, but switched allegiances to Turkey - the land of his parents - earlier this year.

"I think he is a player out of the ordinary," said Terim. "I decided to give him a chance and Turkey can gain a very interesting player."

AFP



Jamie Vardy.

## Zambia name squad for qualifiers

**L**USAKA - Zambia national football team coach George Lwandamina has announced his 23-man squad for the 2017 Africa Cup of Nations qualification match against Group E leaders Guinea Bissau scheduled for June 4.

Lwandamina listed Nkwazi mid-

fielder Steward Chikandiwa, who has top scored in the league with five goals in nine appearances for his club.

Chisamba Lungu and Paul Katema have also been re-called to the national team fold.

Others returning to the national team are goalkeeper Danny Munyao and Evans Kangwa.

The team will play an international friendly match against Togo on May 27 and another against The Gambia on May 30 as part of preparation for the match against Guinea Bissau.

The team is expected to leave for Guinea Bissau via Togo and The

Gambia on Tuesday, May 24.

The squad:

**Goalkeepers:** Kennedy Mweene (Mamelodi Sundowns/RSA), Danny Munyao (Red Arrows), Ra-cha Kola (Zanaco)

**Defenders:** Buchizya Mfune (Green Buffaloes), Stephen Kabamba (Green Buffaloes), Adrian Chama (Green Buffaloes), Davies Nkausu (Free State Stars/RSA), Stopilla Sunzu

(Lille/FRA), Chongo Kabaso (TP Mazembe/DRC), Boyd Mkandawire (Napsa Stars)

**Midfielders:** Steward Chikandiwa (Nkwazi), Paul Katema (Red Arrows), Nathan Sinkala (TP Mazembe/DRC), Chisamba Lungu (FC Ural/RUS), Salulani Phiri (Zanaco), Lubambo Musonda (Gandzasar Karpan/ARM), Rainford Kalaba (TP

Mazembe/DRC), Christopher Katongo (Green Buffaloes), Clatous Chama (Zesco United)

**Strikers:** Collins Mbesuma (Mpumalanga Blackaces/RSA), Winston Kalengo (AC Leopards/Congo), Evans Kangwa (Hapoel Raanana /ISL), Conlyde Luchanga (Lusaka Dynamos)

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## TEVEZ MISSES CUT IN ARGENTINA

**B**UENOS AIRES - Argentina have left Boca Juniors striker Carlos Tevez out of their squad for the Copa America Centenario to be held in the United States next month.

Tevez, who helped Boca reach the Copa Libertadores semifinals on Thursday, was not on the 23-man list coach Gerardo Martino announced on Friday for the June 3-26 tournament.

With Gonzalo Higuain and Sergio Aguero named as the central strikers, Tevez, 32, was deemed surplus to requirements despite having been part of last year's Copa squad in Chile. Argentina, captained by Lionel Messi, are targeting victory in the tournament after failing to succeed at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, where they lost to eventual winners Germany, and the 2015 Copa America as hosts Chile beat them on penalties. Six teams from the Concacaf region comprising North and Central America and the Caribbean have been drafted into the 16-nation event.

Argentina meet Chile, Bolivia and Panama in Group D.

### SQUAD:

**Goalkeepers:** Sergio Romero (Manchester United), Nahuel Guzman (UANL Tigres), Mariano Andujar (Estudiantes)

**Defenders:** Nicolas Otamendi (Manchester City), Victor Cuesta (Independiente), Marcos Rojo (Manchester United), Facundo Roncaglia (Fiorentina), Ramiro Funes Mori (Everton), Gabriel Mercado, Jonathan Maidana (both River Plate),

**Midfielders:** Javier Mascherano (Barcelona), Lucas Biglia (Lazio), Matias Kranevitter, Augusto Fernandez (both Atletico Madrid), Ever Banega (Sevilla), Angel Di Maria, Javier Pastore (both Paris St Germain), Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur)

**Forwards:** Lionel Messi (Barcelona), Gonzalo Higuain (Napoli), Sergio Aguero (Manchester City), Ezequiel Lavezzi (Hebei Fortune), Nicolas Gaitan (Benfica)

Reuters

## Djokovic, Nadal set to meet in French Open semi

**P**ARIS - Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal could meet for the 50th time after they were placed on a French Open semi-final collision course on Friday.

World number one and top seed Djokovic, who turns 29 on the opening day of the tournament today, needs a Roland Garros title to complete a career Grand Slam after losing three finals in four years, including last season to Stan Wawrinka.

Should Djokovic and nine-time French Open champion Nadal meet in the last-four it will be their 50th career clash in a rivalry which began in 2006 at Roland Garros.

Djokovic has the edge at 26-23, claiming the pair's last seven encounters.

Fourth seed Wawrinka is scheduled to take on second seed Andy Murray in the other semi-final.

Top seed Djokovic, bidding for a 12th career major, starts his campaign against Taiwan's Lu Yen-Hsun, the world number 100 who made the Wimbledon quarter-finals in 2010.

Djokovic is seeded to face Tomas Berdych in the last-eight while he could tackle volatile Australian Bernard Tomic in the fourth round.

Tomic was accused by the Serb of lacking commitment after a tame exit at the Madrid Masters last month.

Nadal, who lost to Djokovic in the quarter-finals in 2015, had originally been set to be seeded at five until 2009 champion Roger Federer withdrew through injury on Thursday.

Nadal starts his French Open against big-serving Sam Groth of Australia with a potential quarter-final against home hope, and two-time semi-finalist, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

With his 30th birthday just around the corner, Nadal has arguably the toughest draw of the top men but will be buoyed by a recent return to form which saw him claim the Monte Carlo and Barcelona titles.

Italy's Fabio Fognini, who came back from two sets down to beat Nadal at the US Open last year, is a possible third round opponent.

Reuters

## Sevilla, Reds charged after crowd trouble

**L**ONDON - Liverpool and Sevilla are facing disciplinary action due to the behaviour of their fans during this week's Europa League at the St Jakob-Park stadium in Basle, UEFA said on Friday.

Both clubs have been charged by European soccer's governing body follow-

ing crowd disturbances at the match on Wednesday.

Liverpool have also been charged due to their fans setting off fireworks. Sevilla's supporters have been accused of throwing objects. There were skirmishes between supporters of both teams prior to Sevilla's 3-1 victory in

Switzerland. Liverpool and Sevilla fans were sharing one end of the stadium and when scuffles broke out there was initially only a small stewarding presence in position to prevent fighting. Police entered the terrace minutes later and stood between the two sets of fans.

Reuters

## Brendan Rodgers named new Celtic boss

**E**DINBURGH - Celtic have completed a stunning managerial coup with the capture of Brendan Rodgers on a 12-month rolling contract.

The former Liverpool and Swansea manager is poised to earn a cool £1.7million a year at Parkhead, becoming the highest-paid manager in the club's history.

Set to be formally unveiled to media and supporters at a press conference on tomor-

row afternoon, Rodgers will be handed a £15million transfer kitty to take the club back to the Champions League.

"I am absolutely delighted to be named Celtic manager," said the 43-year-old. "This is genuinely a huge honour for me. I have followed Celtic all my life and to be given this fantastic opportunity and to be part of such a truly great football club is a dream come true.

"I will give my new role everything I have and do all I can to bring our supporters exciting, entertaining and winning football.

"The club has been in magnificent shape in recent years and has collected silverware regularly during this time.

"My objective now, of course, is to continue this work to keep us at the top and again make our mark in Europe." *dailymail*

## Serena targets Steffi in French Open

**P**ARIS - Serena Williams will have a third go at winning a 22nd Grand Slam singles title at the French Open, which would draw her level with Steffi Graf as the most successful female player in the Open era. But to do so, the 34-year-old American will have to achieve something she has so far failed to manage - defend her crown in Paris.

Just three of Williams' 21 Grand Slam titles have come in France - the first in 2002 and then a long gap until 2013 and 2015.

The year after her inaugural French Open title, she lost in three tough sets to eventual winner Justine Henin -- hardly a major upset at that time.

But in 2014 she lost a second round tie to young Spaniard Garbine Muguruza, a defeat that recalled her shock first round exit at the hands of Virginie

Razzano two years previously. That defeat to the lowly-ranked French player resulted in Williams re-dedicating herself to the game under the guidance of French coach Patrick Mouratoglou.

The result has been spectacular with her winning two Wimbledon titles, three consecutive US Opens between 2012 and 2014, one further championship in Paris and the Australian Open in 2015.

Williams, who won her first title in nine months in Rome last weekend, will begin her Paris defence against Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova, the world number 76, who has yet to make it beyond the second round.

The American star insists she is feeling no pressure.

"I think now it's different because I want to win more than I think most people ever, but also I think it's different now because I don't have anything to prove and I don't have anything - it's just a different feeling," she said.

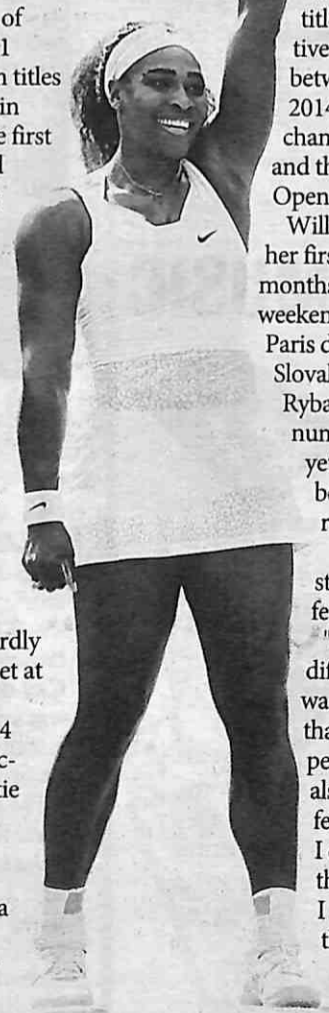
"Whereas five, ten years

ago, oh, I'm defending and I feel that pressure. Now it's like I'm defending, I'm in Paris, it's cool, and I'm having, you know, the time of my life. I'm just happy to be here." The victory in Italy came at an opportune moment for Williams as she had gone title-less since Cincinnati in the buildup to last year's US Open.

There then followed losses in the finals of the US and Australian Opens and a defeat to main rival Victoria Azarenka at Indian Wells.

A fourth round loss to Svetlana Kuznetsova at Miami saw Williams pull down the shutters for a while only for her to roar back to form in Rome. Asked how relieved she felt to finally get another win -- the 70th of her career - under her belt Williams replied: "It feels great. But I mean, I have played, let's see, US Open, Australian, Miami, Indian Wells. So it's only four tournaments. So it's not like I was playing every week."

With two-time winner Maria Sharapova out of the picture under a doping cloud, the opposition to Williams is expected to come from Europeans in the shape of Germany's Angelique Kerber, who upset Williams in Melbourne, two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic, 2014 finalist Simona Halep of Romania, Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska, as well as Azarenka. *AFP*



## Century goal-mark awaits Real trio

**M**ADRID - Real Madrid's attacking trio of Cristiano Ronaldo, Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema need to score twice in the Champions League final on May 28 against Atletico Madrid to hit the century mark for goals this season for the first time.

The previous combined best for the trio, who are known as

the BBC (Bale, Benzema and Cristiano) was 97 in the

2014-15 campaign.

For a sixth consecutive year, Ronaldo found the back of the net more than 50 times in all competitions with his two goals against Deportivo La Coruna last weekend increasing his season tally to 51.

Frenchman Benzema finished second to Ronaldo scoring 28 - 24 in La Liga and four of them Champions League strikes - while Bale scored 19, all of them in La Liga. These were personal bests for both players at Real.







# ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



Moussa Dembele and Diego Costa. (AP)

## I've learnt my lesson - Dembele

**L**ONDON - Tottenham midfielder Moussa Dembele has vowed to curb his aggression and learn to be more composed after receiving a six-match ban for violent conduct.

The Belgium international appeared to gouge the eye of Chelsea striker Diego Costa during their 2-2 draw on May 2 - a result that handed Leicester the Premier League title.

"It was a very emotional game and you react to things and

now I have to learn from this," Dembele told Sky Sports.

"But my intention was not to do something bad to him. It is not in my character to be so emotional.

"I'm disappointed about the six-game ban but I know they want to give a message but I will move on.

"Hopefully we can keep the passion but do it better. We can be proud of ourselves and take the positives into next season."

AFP

**M**ILAN - Claudio Ranieri has received an honour from the Italian president after the soccer manager led rank outsiders Leicester City to the top of the English Premier League.

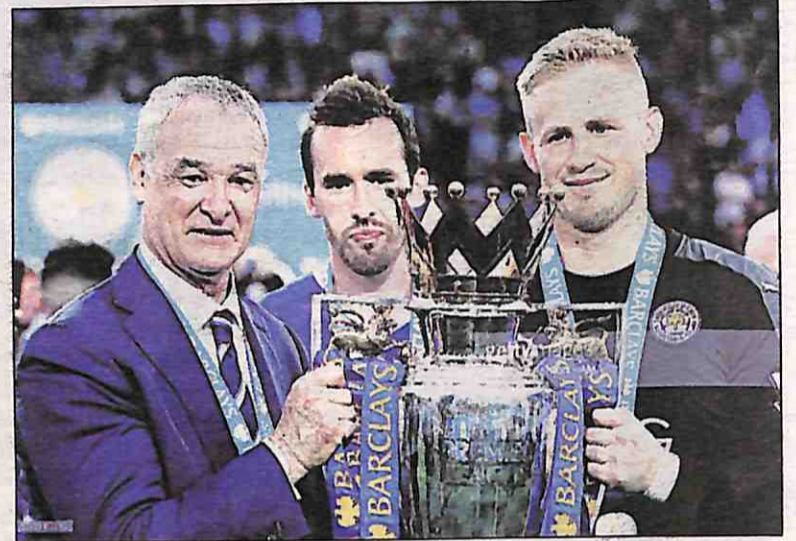
Ranieri, a native of Rome, was made a "Grand Officer of the Order of Merit of the Republic", a spokeswoman for the presidency said on Friday.

Leicester City, at the start of the season, beat the likes of Manchester City, Chelsea and Arsenal to a win that stunned fans of the sport around the world.

When the English club sealed their victory, fans in Rome displayed a banner in Ranieri's honour in the neighbourhood where his parents once ran a butcher's shop.

The 64 year-old has also managed Italian teams Fiorentina, Napoli and Roma, Spain's Atletico Madrid and

## ITALY BESTOWS HONOUR ON RANIERI



Claudio Ranieri poses with Kasper Schmeichel and the Premier League Trophy. (AP)

Chelsea in England.

Other Grand Officers named on the same honours list include "Cinema Paradiso" director

Giuseppe Tornatore, French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve and businessman Alessandro Benetton. Reuters

## Watford appoint Mazzarri as new head coach

**L**ONDON - Watford have named former Inter Milan coach Walter Mazzarri as their new head coach, the Hornets announced on Saturday.

The Italian takes over from Quique Sanchez Flores, who left Vicarage Road after just one year in charge, on a three-year deal.

Spaniard Flores led the side to a 13th-placed finish in their first season back in the Premier League since 2007 and also reached the FA Cup semifinals, where they lost to Crystal Palace.

Mazzarri has also managed Fiorentina, Reggina and Napoli

in a 15-year coaching career, but has been without a club since he left the San Siro in 2014.

"Walter has been the target of a number of approaches for his services, so we're delighted to secure him as head coach here at Watford," Watford chief executive Scott Duxbury told the club's official website.

"We're thoroughly looking forward to working with such a highly-regarded coach, with the progress and development of the club always remaining the highest priority."

AFP



## Rafe Benitez set to be named permanent Newcastle manager

**L**ONDON - Newcastle United are expected to confirm the appointment of Rafa Benitez as permanent manager next week, reports suggest.

Benitez is understood to have spent the last few days finalising potential transfer targets as Newcastle prepare for life in the Championship following their relegation from the Premier League.

According to both The Daily Telegraph and The Times' George Caulkin, talks have progressed well with Magpies owner Mike Ashley and managing director Lee Charnley. Former Liverpool boss Benitez

is understood to want Ashley to make his promises in writing before he commits to the club, which he took over in March after the sacking of Steve McClaren.

Newcastle are in talks to open an overdraft facility in order to fund the Spaniard's expected recruitment drive, while a number of players are expected to be sold.

### Profit

However, the club are unwilling to be bullied into the sale of their high-profile stars, and are insistent on making a profit on the likes of Moussa Sissoko and Daryl Janmaat.

Daily Mail

## Chelsea season 'unacceptable' admits Cahill

**L**ONDON - Chelsea defender Gary Cahill admits the club's Premier League title defence in 2015-16 was completely "unacceptable".

A 1-1 draw against newly-crowned champions Leicester City on the final day of the season saw Chelsea condemned to a 10th place finish - their worst record in two decades.

The side won just four out of their first 16 matches, culminating in manager Jose Mourinho being sacked from Stamford Bridge just six months after winning his third title with the club.

Guus Hiddink was brought in on an interim basis but he could not help as the club were also eliminated from the Champions League round of 16 and FA Cup sixth round.

Cahill acknowledged Chelsea's below-par season was unacceptable but insists the side are determined to turn things around under the incoming Antonio Conte.

"The season was not good at all, it was

obviously disappointing and it didn't go to plan for us," Cahill told the official Chelsea website. "But all we can do now is go again next season."

"We know it is unacceptable for a club like Chelsea to have a season like we have had this year. We take this bad taste in the mouth into next year because we don't want to have it again. "We don't want to have a period of playing football matches for nothing. It is the worst feeling ever so we need to remember this time. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger and we need to be stronger for this."

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Chelsea defender Gary Cahill. (AP)

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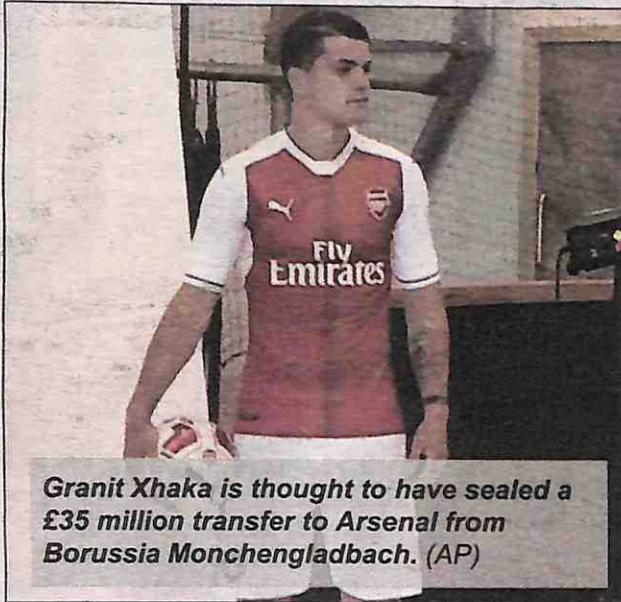
## XHAKA PICTURED IN FULL ARSENAL KIT AHEAD OF MOVE

**L**ONDON - Pictures have emerged of Granit Xhaka wearing Arsenal's home kit for next season ahead of a £35million move from Borussia Monchengladbach.

The Switzerland midfielder arrived in London for a medical on Thursday night and is believed to have sealed a move from the Bundesliga club for a fee in the region of £35million.

Sportsmail reported on Friday that Xhaka was set to undergo a medical at the Emirates but there was still some discussion over the 23-year-old's wage demands.

Pictures of Xhaka in Arsenal's home kit for next season started to circulate on social media yesterday.



Granit Xhaka is thought to have sealed a £35 million transfer to Arsenal from Borussia Monchengladbach. (AP)

When the move officially goes through in the summer, Xhaka will become the latest member of Arsenal's 100 club.

Only a handful of players earn £100 000-per-week or more at the club including Petr Cech, Theo Walcott, Alexis Sanchez. AP

## Man City close in on Real Sociedad's Rulli

**M**ANCHESTER - Manchester City are closing in on a deal for Real Sociedad goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli.

The 24-year-old has been followed by City for over three years and Pep Guardiola wants to bring him in this summer as competition for England's Joe Hart.

Rulli is Argentinian but has an Italian passport. He is on loan at Sociedad from Uruguayan club Deportivo Maldonado and has attracted interest from Barcelona and Valencia in recent sea-



Rulli could provide competition for England number one Joe Hart at City next season

sons. Rulli was outstanding for Sociedad as they pulled off a surprise 1-0 win over Barcelona in April which helped cement his standing

with City's scouts.

He has yet to be capped by Argentina but has been called up for recent squads.

*Daily Mail*

## 'Alexis' recovering his happiness' at Arsenal

**L**ONDON - Alexis Sanchez is "recovering his happiness" at Arsenal, according to former Chile striker Ivan Zamorano. Sanchez joined Arsenal from Barcelona in 2014 for a reported fee of £35 million after struggling to establish himself at Camp Nou.

The 27-year-old is regarded

as one of the Premier League's leading attackers, and ex-Real Madrid and Inter star Zamorano thinks Arsene Wenger is getting the best out of his compatriot.

"I think that Alexis is recovering his happiness. He looks like a happy guy at Arsenal," Zamorano told Omnisport.

"Wenger has squeezed him

and he has taken the best of Alexis. This is very important, because when he comes on the pitch motivated, he make the difference.

"He is the best Arsenal player and one of the best forwards in the Premier League. That means he is working really well."

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# CSKA MOSCOW CLAIM RUSSIAN CROWN

**M**OSCOW - CSKA Moscow regained the Premier League title yesterday with a 1-0 win at Rubin Kazan.

CSKA, who claimed the crown in 2014 but lost out to Zenit St Petersburg last term, got the victory they needed to end the challenge of surprise package FC Rostov.

The capital club went into the final day knowing a win was required and duly delivered. Alan Dzagoev's 19th-minute strike proving decisive, although goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev was called upon to produce a brilliant double save late on.

Rostov won 2-0 at Terek with goals from Christian Noboa and Aleksandr Yerokhin to end two points behind CSKA but will take consolation from a place in next season's Champions League qualifying rounds.

At the other end of the table,

## Tinkler linked to Portuguese side Vitória de Setúbal

**J**OHANNESBURG - Portuguese Primeira Liga side Vitória de Setúbal are reportedly interested in appointing Orlando Pirates coach Eric Tinkler as their new head coach for the upcoming campaign.

Setúbal recently fired Portuguese coach Quim Machado and they are said to be eyeing Tinkler, who was turned out for them between 1992 and 1996.

According to Portuguese media Zerozero.pt, Setúbal have already made contact with former Bafana Bafana midfielder.

"After the termination of the contract with Quim Machado, Vitoria Setubal are now looking for a quick solution in the coaching department and the solution may be somewhat surprising, in a bolder bet," reports Zerozero.pt.

"Zerozero understands that Eric Tinkler, a former player of the club, was contacted in order to find out if he would be available to take over at the helm," the Portuguese website added.

Tinkler guided the Buccaneers to the 2015 CAF Confederation Cup final and he's one step closer to securing his first piece of silverware as head coach with the Soweto giants in the final of the 2016 Nedbank Cup.

**Goal**



Pirates coach Eric Tinkler.



CSKA Moscow players celebrate winning the title.

Dynamo Moscow were relegated their history following a 3-0 defeat at home to Zenit. **Goal**

## La Liga chief hopes Real beat Atletico in Champions League final

**M**ADRID - La Liga President Javier Tebas has admitted that he wants Real Madrid to beat Atletico Madrid in next weekend's Champions League final.

Tebas courted controversy in the lead-up to the first Clasico of the season back in November by declaring that he grew up a Real fan in his native Costa Rica.

And the LFP chief, who has been in post since April 2013, has once again voiced his support for Los Merengues in the lead-up to next Saturday's show-piece at San Siro.

"Atletico's intensity is tremendous and they're a team who are very difficult to score against," Tebas said, in quotes reported by Marca.

## Pieterse bids emotional farewell to Chiefs

**J**OHANNESBURG - Outgoing Kaizer Chiefs goalkeeper Reyaad Pieterse has thanked the club and all associated with it in an emotional farewell on his official Facebook page.

The towering shot-topper, who had his last training with Amakhosi on Friday, will leave Naturena at the end of the season after three years with the Soweto giants.

"So today (Friday) is officially my last training session being a Kaizer Chiefs player, but I just want to say from the bottom of my heart that I appreciate the club for giving me this opportunity and allowing me to showcase my talent," Pieterse said.

"Thank you to everyone that's stuck by me through the ups and the downs, I'll always have Kaizer

"As a Madrid fan I'd like them to win but Atletico are very competitive, create a lot of chances and you never know with them - it may be their moment for revenge." Real will square off



La Liga President Javier Tebas.

again square off against local rivals Atletico in the Champions League final after overcoming their local rivals 4-1 after extra-time in the 2014 show-piece.

Zinedine Zidane's team have won just

one of the 10 Madrid derby meetings since that game in Lisbon.

Antoine Griezmann netted a second-half winner at the Santiago Bernabau to settle their most recent clash in February.

**Goal**

Chiefs in my heart and life. I'm truly blessed and grateful for my team-mates, the staff and the technical team for helping me to grow and become a better person both on and off the field. Love and peace remains one of my motto in my day to day life," he added.

"Thank you to the chairman, Kaizer Moutang, for showing us humility and being a great role model, and very importantly, to the supporters for spending their last (sic) to come and watch their beloved team.

"Thank you, God bless, it's been a great journey that I will never forget. Winning two league titles, the Nedbank Cup and MTN8 cup. Thank you Kaizer Chiefs, and all the best to the club for many years to come," Pieterse concluded. **Goal**

## Injury woes stops Zlatan Ibrahimovic's training session

**P**ARIS - Zlatan Ibrahimovic has struggled to train alongside his Paris Saint-Germain teammates this week due to an ongoing calf problem, his manager Laurent Blanc has revealed.

The Swedish superstar is set to play his final game for the Ligue 1 champions today when they take on Marseille in the Coupe de France final at the Stade de France.

The 34-year-old's contract expires this summer and he has announced that he is not intending to renew the deal.

Although Ibrahimovic has trained separately from the first-team squad this week he is still expected to play in the show piece event.

Speaking on Friday Blanc said: "Zlatan has not been training much this week because he has been feeling pain in his calf. He has done a lot of his work inside.

"But he has got the mental fortitude to be able to play. For a game like this, he can do it on motivation and spirit alone. He has huge mental strength.

"He and the other players will give everything they have to win. They have a winner's mentality, which is exactly what you need to win finals."



Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

With Ibrahimovic's future up in the air, a host of MLS clubs have been linked with signing the veteran striker this summer.

LA Galaxy head coach Bruce Arena declined to comment on rumors linking the LA Galaxy to the Swede.

"I haven't heard anyone talking about that," Arena told the club's website.

"I never comment on players that are under contract with other clubs and that's that."

**Daily Mail**

## Guardiola plans to bring in five new players to kick-off Man City revolution

**M**ANCHESTER - Pep Guardiola is hoping to add up to five new faces to kickstart his revolution at Manchester City.

Although no exact date has been set, Sportsmail understands that the Spaniard will arrive at the Etihad Stadium in early July, and that talks with a number of agreed targets have been ongoing for a number of months and are now at the advanced stage.

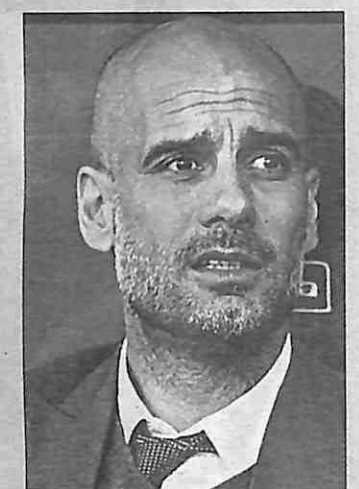
With input from the incoming manager, who will arrive from Bayern Munich, City have identified key areas of the squad which need strengthening and have identified three players for each position.

The club's under-performing defence is a priority. Veteran Martin Demichelis is expected to depart this summer while captain Vincent Kompany continues to struggle with injuries.

While they both improved towards the end of the season, support is also needed Eliaquim Mangala and Nicolas Otamendi.

Despite his injury, Athletic Bilbao's Aymeric Laporte remains a player in which there is serious interest while Everton's John Stones also features heavily on Guardiola's wishlist.

Laporte, 21, broke his leg and ankle while on duty with the France Under 21s in March and is expected to be out of



Pep Guardiola.

action until August.

However, former Barcelona boss Guardiola is a long-term admirer and is pushing for his new employers to bring the talented centre-back, who has a £38.5m buy-out clause, to the Etihad.

Stones, 21, has suffered a loss of form at Goodison Park but he has been named in Roy Hodgson's provisional England squad for Euro 2016 and fits Guardiola's mould of a ball-playing, move triggering presence at the heart of defence.

Manchester United retain an interest in the Barnsley-born defender, however, the prospect of playing for Guardiola and Champions League football puts their cross-town rivals in a strong position.

**Daily Mail**

## BUCS CLAIM TOP EIGHT FINISH AFTER DRAW

**J**OHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates drew 2-2 with SuperSport United in their final Absa Premiership tie yesterday as both sides finished in the top eight. Thabo Rakhale threatened the Matsatsantsa goal early on as he loosed an effort at goal just wide in the first few minutes.

At the other end of the pitch Brighton Mhlongo was tested as Nkhatha directed a shot on target. The rebound fell for Dove Wome, but his shot went over the top.

Rakhale continued to put pressure on the visitors' defence as he combined with Thabo Matlaba, but Ronwen Williams made a solid save.

More chances were squandered at both ends as Rakhale sent an effort over the post after Wome curled an effort over the Pirates goal.

After the interval Tendai Ndoror was given a chance to shoot after he was picked out by Mpho Makola, but his effort went wide of the target.

Williams was forced into an athletic save around the hour mark



Orlando Pirates' Thabo Rakhale.

when Rakhale curled a shot towards the far post as Bucs continued looking for the opener.

### Drawn

First blood was drawn in the 67th minute when Sifiso Myeni produced a cracking strike that found the bottom corner of Williams' goal to give the hosts the lead.

However, SuperSport were back on level terms in the 78th minute as Jeremy Brockie set up Bradley

Grobler who found the back of the net for 1-1.

Bucs restored their lead in the 85th minute via the penalty spot. Phala conceded the penalty and Makola stepped up to convert.

The hosts looked set for the win, but in 90th minute it was 2-2 again as Dean Furman found the back of the net to earn his side a point.

### Kickoff



Bloemfontein Celtic's Lerato Lamola.

## Celtic, Polokwane draw

**B**LOEMFONTEIN - Early goals from Lerato Lamola and Thobani Mncwango ensured that Bloemfontein Celtic and Polokwane City ended 1-1 in their final Absa Premiership match.

There was not much to play for in this match given that both Bloemfontein Celtic and Polokwane City were certain to finish outside the Top 8 and were in no real trouble of relegation.

Yet, the game still started in a very exciting fashion. Celtic stormed into an early lead inside the first minute of the game thanks to a shot by Lerato Lamola. A short corner by Lyle

Lakay found Thapelo Morena who crossed for Lamola and he made no mistake with his shot.

But in the 6th minute, the visitors were back in the game when sharp shooter Thobani Mncwango leveled with a right footed shot following good work by Simphiwe Hlongwane.

A few minutes later Randy Ngobe shot wide of goal as Polokwane kept the pressure on Celtic following their equaliser.

In the final moments of the first half, Aphiwe Lubisi saw his attempt at goal kept out by George Chigova before Randy Ngobe sent an effort over the bar.

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## Downs beat Dikwena to claim points record

**P**RETORIA - Champions Mamelodi Sundowns beat Platinum Stars 1-0 in their last Absa Premiership tie of the season to claim a record points tally.

The hosts started brightly and Anthony Laffor created an opening in the seventh minute with a great pass that picked out Keagan Dolly, but Mzimela made a good save off his shot.

In the 19th minute 'Downs put Dikwena under pressure again as Tebogo Langerman unleashed a shot on goal, but Mzimela was up to the task again.

The deadlock was broken in the 24th minute when Khama Billiat produced a piece of

individual brilliance, beating a few defenders before firing home into the bottom corner.

Sundowns continued pressing forward, creating problems for Stars, but the scoreline remained 1-0 until the break. Pitso Mosimane's men started the second half strongly and Langerman made a penetrating run into the Stars box before shooting with his weaker foot, but it was a simple save for the goalkeeper.

### Level

Dikwena looked set to level matters just shy of the hour mark as they won a penalty after a mistake from Thabo Nthethe. However, Kennedy Mweene pulled off a great save to deny Ndumiso Mabena's spot-kick. *soccerladuma*



Ajax Cape Town's Nathan Pause.

## Pause goal wins it for Ajax

**C**APE TOWN - A second half penalty by Nathan Pause was the difference between Ajax Cape Town and Bidvest Wits in their Absa Premiership clash at Cape Town Stadium yesterday.

Played in front of no more than 500 supporters at the Cape Town stadium, it was going to take a lot to motivate the players put on the field. The dull atmosphere inside the stadium was replicated on the field as both sides huffed and puffed.

Six minutes into the game and Brandon Petersen made a good save with his legs to deny Sibusiso Vilakazi a goal after the Bafana Bafana attacker broke into space on the left side of the danger area. Nathan Pause managed a half volley attempt at goal in the 25th minute, but there was never enough power behind the ball to trouble Moeneeb Josephs. Inside the final five minutes of the half, Ajax's Mosa

Lebusa got into space on the left wing and cut inside the danger area, but instead of staying composed and finding a teammate he got his cross horribly wrong. Moments later and Bidvest Wits hit the upright when Joachim Lupeta's header cannoned off the post following a delightful left wing cross by Sifiso Hlanti.

### Goal

A few minutes into the second half and Wits had the first chance on goal when Hlanti got into space on the left side of the 18 area, but his powerful shot flew over the bar. And moments later, Lupeta saw his close range attempt kept out following an excellent reflex save by Brandon Petersen.

Then in the 50th minute Ajax left winger Riyaad Norodien went down inside the area under a challenge from Nazeer Allie and referee Khulekani Thusi awarded a penalty. Nathan Pause sent Josephs the wrong way to open the score.

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## Chiefs miss out on Confederations Cup spot

**C**APE TOWN - Kaizer Chiefs missed out on a chance to finish third, after they lost 2-0 to Chippa United at the FNB Stadium. Itumeleng Khune came to Chiefs' rescue after 11 minutes, as he rushed off his line to thwart Manzini from close range.

The visitors enjoyed a better start and the eventually took the lead in the 20th minute, as Sali broke through on goal and calmly slotted past Khune.

Chiefs had the chance to level matters in the 30th minute when Tshabalala picked out William Twala in the box, however, the failed to control the ball and Chippa managed to

clear.

Daniel Akpeyi had to be at his best in the 39th minute, as the Chippa shot-stopper produced a fine save to keep out Willard Katsande's towering header.

### Possession

Chiefs had most of the possession statistics in the first half, but could find the back of the net as they trailed at the break.

The opening stages second half proved to be a cagey affair, despite Chiefs once again seeing more of the ball.

However, Steve Komphela opted to make a change 10 minutes into the

second half, introducing Lucky Baloyi for the departing Reneilwe Letsholonyane.

Erick Mathoho should have levelled matters in the 65th minute but the defender, unchallenged, headed over the crossbar from six-yards out.

### Rue

Chiefs were made to rue that miss two minutes later, as Lerato Manzini fired a low effort past Khune to double Chippa's lead 2-0.

Komphela withdrew Tshabalala for the final 10 minutes and introduced George Maluleka, but the score remained 2-0 to Chippa at the full-time whistle.

**Buyani Sali controlling the ball during their match against Kaizer Chiefs.**



Chiefs have now finished the season in fourth and miss out on a CAF Confederation Cup spot.

While, the Chilli Boys end the 2015-2016 campaign in sixth. *soccerladuma*

# SHUKUMA SWAZILAND AT PIGG'S PEAK



Ministers Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza and David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala leading the 5km walk during the Shukuma campaign held in Pigg's Peak yesterday. (Pics by Sanele Jele)



Minister 'Cruiser' in action during the tug-of war. His team lost 1-2 to that of Minister 'Buy Cash'.



The Transformation Body Team posing for a group photo.



Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council's Darius Dlomo making his remarks during the event while Pigg's Peak Indvuna yenkhundla Muzi Phiri looks on.



Players concentrating during a chess competition.



Pigg's Peak senior residents Silindiwe Silindza, Rose Simelane and Jane Vilakati trying their luck with the skipping rope.



Even the young attended the Shukuma campaign.



Swaziland Olympics Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA) mascot Swazingwe also attended the event..



Crime Stop Director Themba Fakudze leading the relay race while the ministers follow closely on his heels.

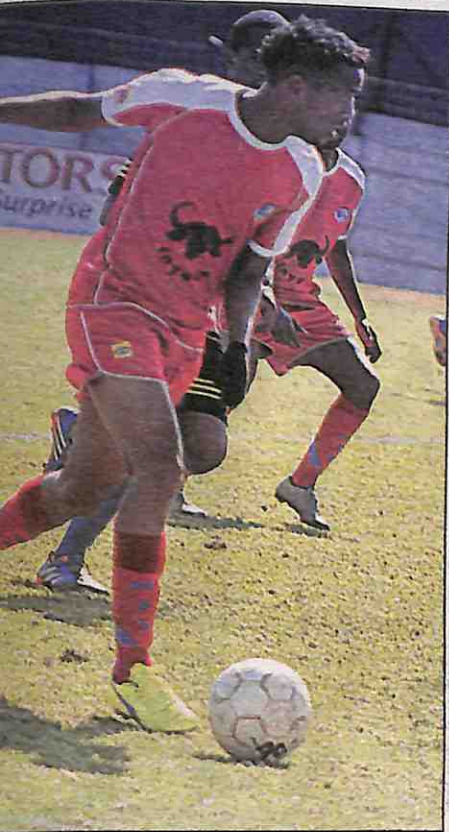


Fontein Primary School athletics teacher Msutfu Nkambule taking athletes through one of the exercises.



Participants in action during the sack race.

# PLS RESERVE LEAGUE



Terrence Martins scored two goals for Mbabane Swallows, beating Midas City 4-0 at Manzini Club yesterday during the PLS Reserve league games. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)



Mbabane Swallows bench focused during the match.



City goalkeeper Lindani Dlamini making a save.



Swallows Malunge Dlamini dribbling past a Midas City defender.



City's Lucky Hlatjwako going for a nasty challenge on Swallows striker Djudlu Maxwell.

## COCA-COLA EURO 2016 TICKET PRESENTATION



Pigg's Peak Boxer Supermarket Branch Manager Lucky Manana receiving the Euro 2016 ticket to France from Swaziland Beverages Sales Manager Arthur Simelane, Internal Auditor Ncamsile Dlamini, Sales and Distribution Director Faith Chaibva and Channel Marketing Manager Mcolisi Dlamini. Manana came out tops in the company's promotion where he managed to sell over 400 cases of Coca-Cola and runner-up is Algani Supermarket. He will leave the country with Judd Chemmt on June 18 and watch the match between Ireland against Germany on June 21 at the Parc de Prins Stadium before watching Iceland and Austria on June 22, all courtesy of Swaziland Beverages. (R) Simelane, Sales Rep Mduduzi Ginindza, Sales and Distribution Director Faith Chaibva, Channel Marketing Manager Mcolisi Dlamini with Judd Chemmt and Lucky Manana after receiving their prizes. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



Sales Rep Mduduzi Ginindza was also awarded as he and a colleague Mangaliso Djudlu were presented with E500 shopping voucher each by Chaibva.



The channel marketing manager delivering his speech at the event.



Simelane, Chemmt and Djudlu posing after the ceremony.

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# 'BOTSOTSO' KHOZA SET FOR RETURN AT RED LIONS



Zwelibandzi 'Botsotso' Khoza.

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**S**OCCER - Former National Under-20 head coach Zwelibandzi 'Botsotso' Khoza is linked with a move back to Red Lions next season. Information gathered is that Khoza will be leading the red and white ensemble next season, replacing veteran Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini who unceremoniously parted ways with the Fairview based side a week before the end of the season.

The former Hellenic coach,

who recently had a stint with South African Vodacom league side Barberton City, was spotted with the team officials during their last match of the league against Manzini Wanderers last weekend at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

A source close to the matter confirmed that talks between the team's management and Khoza were ongoing with the intention of him leading the team's technical bench again.

"He has been identified as the right candidate to lead the team

next season but the parties are yet to finalise the terms of the deal.

He needs no introduction to the team's structures and they believe he is capable of taking the team to greater heights," he said.

Red Lions Public Relations Officer (PRO) Comfort Shongwe declined to commit himself on the matter when sought for comment. "We haven't met to discuss the end of the season report which includes plans for next season as we are currently on a break," he said.

## Zithande gets E3 500 gesture from Link Pharmacy

BY SABELO MAJOLA

**A**THLETICS - Zithande Athletics Club has been boosted with a donation E3 500 courtesy of Link Pharmacy.

The club will use the donation in preparation for the Comrades Marathon scheduled for next month.

The club will get E1 500 worth of nutritious race food to consume before, during and after the race while the E2 000 will accommodate other necessities in their preparations for the race.

Zithande Club founder Nsizwa Thwala expressed gratitude to the company.

### Handy

He said it would come very handy in their quest to do well in the race.

"We really appreciate the donation from Link Pharmacy and it will boost our runners who are going for a five-day camp, which is aimed at making sure they are well rested and fed with nutritious food, something vital in running long distances.

We would also like to thank Builders Discount Centre for their support. These companies are making life easy for us as we are self-funded," he said.

### Willeave

The team will leave for Durban on May 27 and 11 Zithande team members and local runners from other clubs will be attending the popular marathon that commences on May 29.

# Over 300 take part in Shukuma

BY SANELE JELE

**S**PORTS - Over 300 participants took part in the Shukuma Swaziland Programme held at Pigg's Peak yesterday.

The programme, which is an initiative by the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC), started with a five kilometre walk which ended at the newly built Killarney Stadium where a number of other sporting activities were played.

After the walk, Transformation Body Team Instructor Iron Simelane took the excited Pigg's Peak residents through gruelling one hour Aerobics session.

The event was attended by Minister of Sports, Culture and



Swaziland Olympics and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA) Mascot Swazingwe attended the Shukuma Programme in Pigg's Peak yesterday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)

Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala and Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza, Pigg's Peak Mayor Thembi Dlamini-Ngcamphalala, and the town's Indvuna Muzi Phiri, to name a few.

The tug-of-war activity which pitting team Sigwe led by

Minister Ngcamphalala and Team Pigg's Peak led by Minister Mabuza attracted the participants on the day. After battling out for a while, it was team Pigg's Peak who emerged winners beating the opposition to 2-1.

Other exercises included egg race, sack race, relay, chess and playing cards.

Making his remarks during the event, SNSRC CEO Darius Dlomo said they were happy with the large number of people who turned up for the event.

"The turn-up is very impressive and this can only mean we are achieving our goal of educating the nation on the importance of exercise. The main objective of this programme is to keep the nation healthy and this will mean fewer visits to the doctor."

Dlomo said they were targeting 16 constituencies between this month and March 2017. He also thanked the ministers for gracing the event.

"These ministers are role models to many hence why we had a huge crowd today. We want to thank them for taking their time to be with us," he said.

## We have done well this season - Manyatsi

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**S**OCCER - Manzini Sundowns head coach Musa Manyatsi believes they have done well by securing a top eight spot in the recently ended MTN League.

The National Under-17 assistant coach, who guided the team alongside assistant coach Alou Badara, commended his players for showing character by pulling

out of the slump which saw them fight relegation towards the end of the season.

"I think we did well this season by securing top eight finish

despite having to fight relegation up until our closing game of the season. We also reached the semi-finals of the Ingwenyama Cup, which

was a tough competition. We had a young and capable team which can achieve a lot, if kept together for the next two or three seasons."

Manyatsi whose contract with the 'Kappa Boys' comes to an end next month.

He is willing to stay with the Manzini Club side based outfit though.

"It is my desire to continue working with the team for another season and help

them win silverware. Sundowns have become part of my family but my future in the team will be decided by the team's directors."



Manzini Sundowns finished in position eight after beating relegated Bad Boys in their last game of the campaign.

## 'Birds' put pressure on 'Buffs' in Reserve League

BY SABELO MAJOLA

**S**OCCER - Mbabane Swallows stunned Midas City with a 4-0 defeat to put the pressure on leaders Young Buffaloes in the Reserve League.

With only two games remaining before the curtain falls on the campaign, Swallows are now sitting on the third position below second placed Royal Leopard with 16 points.

Two points separate the former from leaders and defending champions Young Buffaloes while Leopard have 17 points. A brace from Terrence Martins and goals from William Kunene and Wandile Ginindza sealed the deal for Swallows at Manzini Club yesterday, handing City their fifth loss of the season in front of hundreds of spectators who came to witness the game. City are second from basement with only three points after managing only three draws in nine games.

Manzini Wanderers also emerged victorious over Manzini Sundowns, winning 1-0 to remain level on points with Swallows but below the latter on the log or goal difference.

Buffaloes face Mbabane Highlanders today at Old Trade Fair Ground and the army side juniors will be looking to extend their lead at the top and make it two trophies this season as



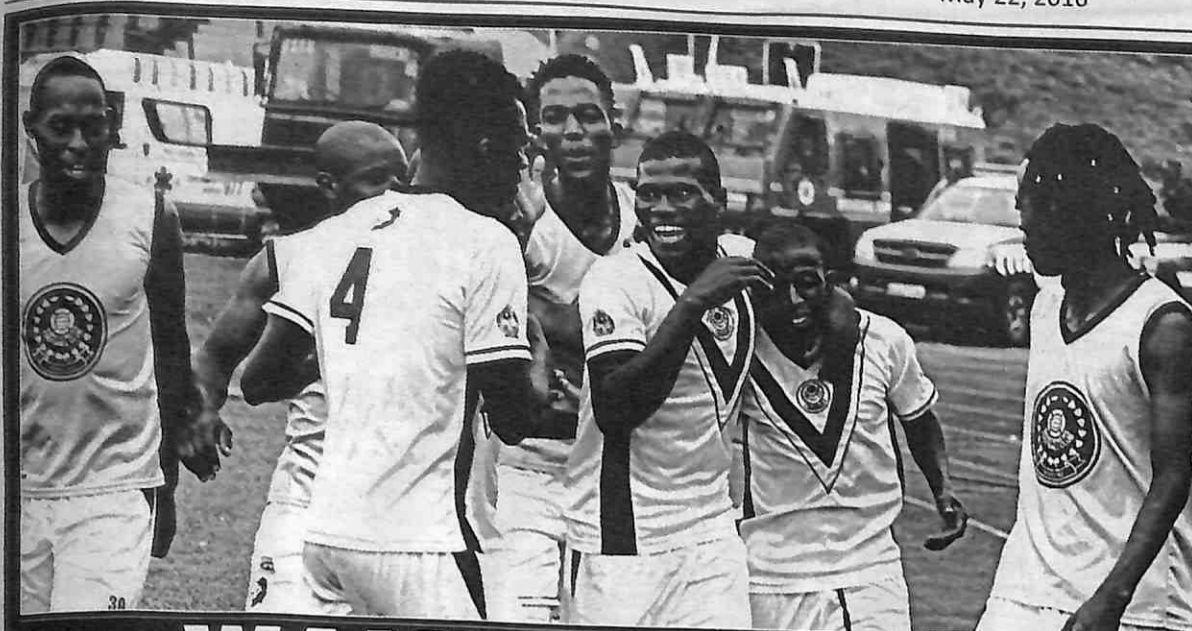
Mbabane Swallows Under-20 players.

they lifted the recently ended SwaziBank Cup tournament. 'Buffs' are known to be more vicious at this stage of the tournament and the game promises to be a thriller.

Top will meet bottom as Leopard will face-off with basement side Bad Boys today at Manzini Club and the latter is still searching for their first win in the campaign while also waving goodbye to the Reserve League since their senior team has been relegated from the elite league.

### PLS Reserve League standings

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Young Buffaloes	8	6	0	2	10	3	7	18
Royal Leopard	8	5	2	1	14	7	8	17
Mbabane Swallows	9	5	2	2	18	5	13	16
Manzini Wanderers	9	5	1	3	8	6	2	16
Manzini Sundowns	9	4	3	2	9	7	4	15
Sea Birds	8	2	5	1	7	6	1	11
Malanti Chiefs	8	2	2	4	7	13	-6	7
Red Lions	8	4	2	2	9	6	3	14
Mbabane Highlanders	8	3	2	3	10	9	1	11
Green Mamba	8	2	3	3	9	10	-1	9
Midas City	9	0	3	5	5	15	-10	3
Bad Boys	8	0	2	5	5	18	-13	2



## WANDERERS GO HOME EMPTY HANDED

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**S**OCCKER – Hub giants Manzini Wanderers have nothing to smile about this season as they walked away empty handed after forfeiting their prize monies earned from both the MTN Premier League and Swazi Bank Cup.

The maroon and white outfit were entitled to E30 000 at the end of the season but forfeited the money due to fines.

This follows a number of disciplinary cases resulting from unsporting behaviour from their supporters during league games.

The 'Weslians' were expected to

get E20 000 league participation fee and E10 000 for finishing in the round of 16 of the Swazi Bank Cup.

### Victims

The team were recently slapped with a E35 000 fine by the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Disciplinary Committee after they were found guilty of attacking PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze during their 0-6 loss to Mbabane Swallows.

PLS Chief Executive Officer John Mazibuko confirmed that the team forfeited their earnings when sought for comment on the issue.

"It is true the outstanding fines were deducted from all the owing teams who were served with letters

before informing them about the move," he said.

Manzini Wanderers Public Relations Officer Sandile 'Ntofo' Dlamini said he was yet to get a full briefing on the matter.

"I haven't received any update concerning the forfeiting of the prize monies but I am aware of such a move by the organisation as they did write to us earlier on," he said. Other teams that fell to victim to this decision by the PLS included Manzini Sundowns, Young Buffaloes and Mbabane

Highlanders who were recently slapped with a E32 000 fine after assaulting Malanti Chiefs official Nomcebo Matsebula at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

## Welcome Vilakati wins MTN Monthly Masters

BY SANELE JELE

**G**OLF – Mpumelelo Vilakati has been crowned the champion of the MTN Monthly Masters for the month of May.

Vilakati recorded an impressive score of 43 points on a count back, beating 47 other golfers that were part of the tournament played at the Mbabane Golf Club yesterday.

Taking second position was Siphohle Mahlalela on 41 points, on third

position was Makhosi Ntombini, Willard Mkwana and Evert Madlopha who were tied on 40 points on a count back.

Welcome Mhlanga was fourth with 39 points and he was followed by Mike Zwane on 38 points.

In sixth position were six golfers all tied on 37 points and these were Albert Mavuso, Tata Dlamini, Mfundo Nxumalo, Adrew Mkhonta, Makhosi Dlamini and Mdu Mtsetfwa.

Nicolas Vilakati, Samuel Richards

and Siphohle Sibozza recorded a score of 36 points.

In the Novelties section, Valentine Maziya recorded the longest drive while Willard Mkwana was nearest to the pin on 2/11. Evert Madlopha was nearest the pin on 8/17 and Bafana Hlophe on 9/18.

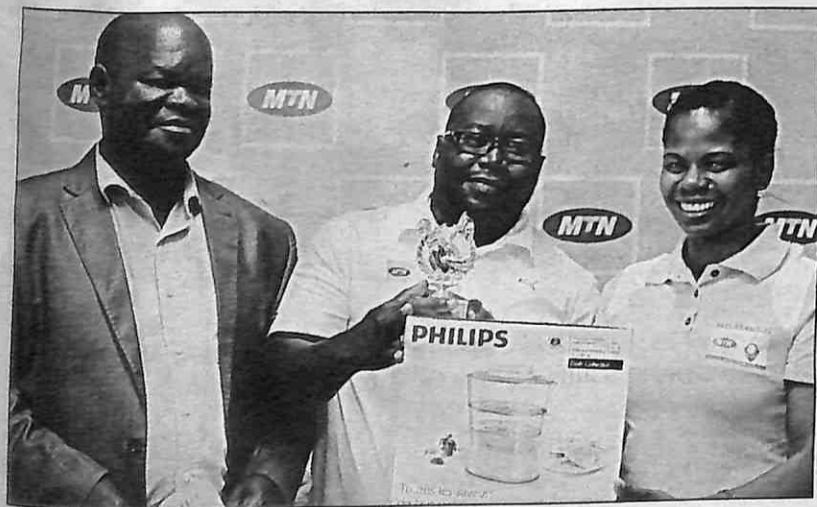
MTN Brand and Sponsorship Manager Fisiwe Vilane thanked the golfers for coming in great numbers during the tournament. "The field today was impressive and we thank the golfers to their continued dedication in the sport," she said.

### The full results

1.Mpumelelo Vilakati	43
2.Siphohle Mahlalela	41
3.Makhosi Ntombini	40
4.M.E Madlopha	40
5.Willard Mkwana	40
6>Welcome Mhlanga	39
7.Mike Zwane	38
8.Albert Mavuso	37
9.Tata Dlamini	37
10.Mfundo Nxumalo	37
11.Andrew Mkhonta	37
12.M.A Dlamini	37
13.Mdu Mtsetfwa	37
14.Nicolas Vilati	36
15.S.Richards	36
16.S.Sibozza	36

### Novelties:

Longest drive: Valentine Maziya  
Nearest 2/11: Willard Mkwana  
" 8/17: M.E Madlopha  
" 9/18: Bafana Hlophe



MTN Monthly Masters May Champion Mpumelelo Vilakati accepts his prizes from MTN's Brand and Sponsorship Manager Fisiwe Vilane, while Mbabane Golf Club's Ronnie Mkhomba looks on. This was after the competition held yesterday. (Pic: Sanele Jele)

## Educate fans on professionalism – Fritz

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**S**OCCKER – Veteran coach Fritz 'Mkhulu' Selbea has called upon teams to educate their supporters on professionalism.

The coach made this call during the Swaziland Football Coaches Association (SFCA) Indaba held at the Caritas Hall in Manzini yesterday.

Selbea said this would go a long way in curbing the supporters' tendency of interfering with the duties of the coach during football matches.

"We are calling upon directors and management committees to organise educational activities that will teach the fans about the role they must play in their respective teams. We need to take a leaf from some European countries where supporters rally behind their teams regardless of the outcome of that particular game," he said.

Selbea further mentioned that this move could play a major role in improving the standard of football in the country.

"Supporters are stakeholders of football therefore they need to be educated on how they can contribute towards the success of the teams instead of telling coaches how to do their jobs," he said.

Another speaker, a Nigerian born coach identified as Mark challenged the local coaches to take up international offers.

"As coaches we want to improve in our careers and this is possible through taking up job opportunities outside our borders. This would go a long way in changing the negative perspective of this profession," he said.

Over 30 coaches attended the Indaba from the Premier League, First Division, and regions as well as National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Technical Director Boy 'Bizzah' Mkhonta.

## Engage directors during match preparations – 'Koki'

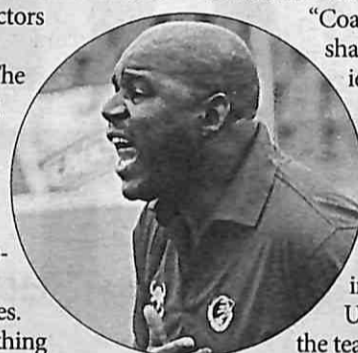
**S**OCCKER – Swaziland Football Coaches Association (SFCA) Vice-Chairman Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati believes coaches need to involve their team directors during match preparations. The award winning Mbabane Swallows mentor said this would help in creating harmony within the teams' structures.

"This is something that can create trust and harmony in the team," he said.

The former Sihlangu coach

also called for mutual respect between the head coaches and their assistants, something he said would work for the betterment of the team.

"Coaches should share roles and ideas when executing their duties in order to create team work and avoid conspiracy and backbiting among each. Unity can help the team achieve its desired results and remain together even in difficult times," he further added.



## Absent coaches to fry – SFCA

**S**OCCKER – Coaches who snubbed the Swaziland Football Coaches Association (SFCA) Indaba will be fined for their actions.

Some of the absent coaches included Highlanders pair of Meck Mwase, Charles Manda, Moneni Pirates Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane, Van Royen Magagula, Ernest Mavuso, David Solopi and Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini and MTN League Coach of the Year Caleb Ngwenya.

SFCA Chairman Anthony Mdluli said only two coaches had asked to be excused from the meeting they held. "The law will take its course on the absent members who did not report because such conduct hinders the progress of the association. We will meet with them to find

out their reasons for snubbing the meeting and thereafter take it from there. Only Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane and Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini reported that they will be held up at work," he said. On another note, the chairman urged members to ensure they sign contracts when engaging in agreements with teams. "Members are encouraged to have professional agreements to try and avoid cases whereby they become stranded after their relationships turn sour with their employees.

This will help both the coach and the team in ensuring that obligations are met at all times," he said.

Mdluli said they would host another meeting on the last weekend of July at a venue to be announced in due course.

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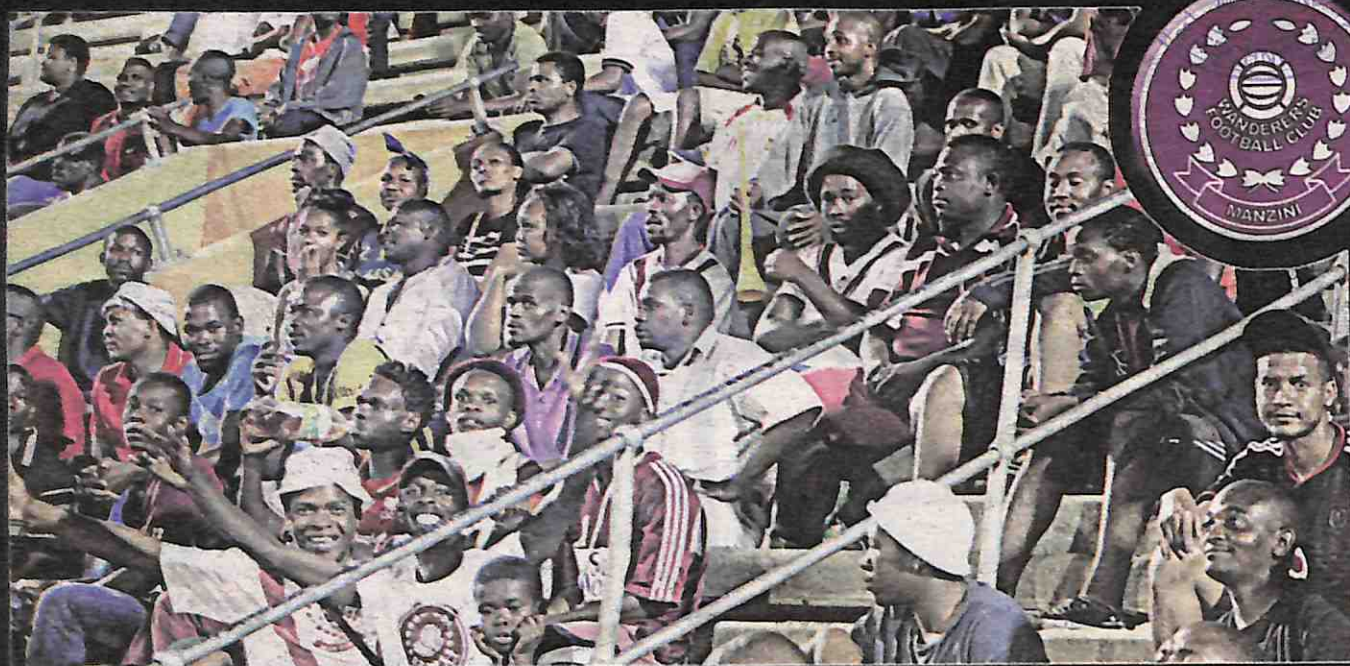


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ABSA PREMIERSHIP**

Ajax Cape Town	1-0	Bidvest Wits
Jomo Cosmos	1-3	Maritzburg Utd
Bloem Celtic	1-1	Polokwane City
Black Aces	1-0	Free State Stars
Kaizer Chiefs	0-2	Chippa United
University of Pretoria	2-1	Golden Arrows
Orlando Pirates	2-2	SuperSport United
Mamelodi Sundowns	1-0	Platinum Stars

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## Maritzburg safe, Cosmos relegated

**J**OHANNESBURG - Maritzburg United claimed a dramatic 3-1 victory away to Jomo Cosmos at Olen Park Stadium yesterday afternoon to secure their Absa Premiership survival and send their opponents back down to the National First Division.

'Ezenkosi' looked to be on course for a result which would secure their top flight status when a superb goal from Linda Mntambo put them ahead in the first half, but late strikes from the Team of Choice's Mohau Mokate and Evans Rusike saw the visitors secure safety.

Cosmos' loss, combined with the University of Pretoria's victory over Golden Arrows, saw Jomo Sono's side drop to last place on the log and suffer direct relegation.

**Claimed**

United almost claimed the lead 16 minutes in when a corner kick from Sheldon Van Wyk saw Cosmos' Mxolisi Mashumbu forced to clear off his own goal line. Just over 10 minutes later it was 'Ezenkosi' who claimed the lead though Linda Mntambo, who struck home a superb left-footed shot from outside the box which gave goalkeeper Virgil Vries no chance whatsoever.

United reacted to going behind by sending on attacking midfielder Gregory Maasdorp in place of defender Thamsanqa Teyise with just under 10 minutes of the first half left to play, but the interval saw the hosts still 1-0 up.

The Team of Choice made another change in attack at the start of the second half, sending on former Golden Arrows and Kaizer Chiefs player Abia Nale in place of promising youngster Sheldon Van Wyk, who was unable to assert himself in the match.

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## Man U beat Crystal Palace to clinch FA Cup

**L**ONDON - Manchester United claimed their 12th FA Cup title yesterday by beating Crystal Palace 2-1 after extra-time.

Wayne Rooney featured prominently in the early stages of the game and tried his luck from 30 yards out in the 15th minute. His shot took a deflection and Hennessey couldn't hold it, but he recovered in time to deny Juan Mata the follow-up.

United had the first proper chance in the 22nd minute when Antonio Valencia picked out Mata with a pass but the Spaniard's well-placed shot was stopped well by Hennessey. Palace remained on the back foot

as Marcus Rashford found Anthony Martial with a pass to the far post. However, the Frenchman's strike was brilliantly blocked by Ward, with his goalkeeper stranded.

The scoreline stayed at 0-0 until the break, but Louis van Gaal's side came agonisingly close to breaking the deadlock in the 53rd minute. Rashford set up Marouane Fellaini who lashed a shot at goal but hit the woodwork.

Jedinak had a great chance for Palace just before the hour mark when Yohan Cabaye found him with a free kick, but the ball took him by surprise and he sent his shot high

and wide.

The Red Devils again hit the frame of the goal in the 61st minute. Valencia produced the free kick from the right and Martial nodded it goalwards only to find the far post

**Breakthrough**

The breakthrough arrived in the 78th minute when a half-cleared corner kick was sent back into the fray where Jason Puncheon was on hand to fire home from a tight angle to give Palace the lead.

However, it lasted for only three minutes as United equalised. Rooney made an incisive run before crossing to Fellaini who chested the



**Jesse Lingard strips off his shirt after scoring an extra-time winner to claim the FA Cup with a 2-1 defeat of Crystal Palace.**

ball down for Mata to hammer home. The game went to extra-time and United were reduced to 10 men in the 106th minute when Chris Smalling earned his second yellow card.

Despite their numbers disadvantage, United found the winning strike in the 110th minute as Jesse Lingard hammered home after a cross from Valencia.

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