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## WILLIAM PITCHER GRADUATION

# KING WANTS SD TO BREED FIRST CROP OF SADC LECTURERS

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

## COVER STORY

His Majesty the King has implored the education fraternity to produce highly qualified teachers in innovation and technology in order for the country to have the first crop of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) University of Innovation and Technology.

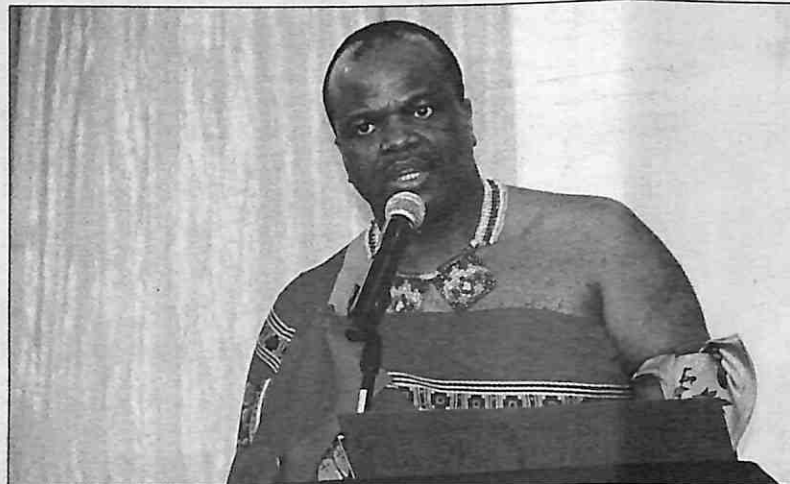
The King said it was his dream to have Swazi teachers who would be part of the university's team of lecturers and advised that teachers should work hard in seeing the university which is expected to be established in the country, having Swazis as lecturers. Speaking during the graduation ceremony for William Pitcher College yesterday, His Majesty said with Swaziland having taken over chairmanship of the SADC and the university launched in the recent SADC Summit, this effectively means the country should prepare teachers for the university.

He said technology is one of the things the country should put first since it has a positive impact on the economy and these effectively means that Swaziland should produce more students in the field of science and biotechnology.

In turn these students will also be able to manage the under construction Science and Biotechnology and Innovation Parks.

He lauded the graduates for their achievements as they were awarded with certificates and diplomas, stating

- Says teachers should be highly trained in innovation and technology in order to be the first lectures of the SADC university
- Calls for education to be made priority



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III has revealed his dream to have Swaziland produce the first crop of SADC lecturers.

(Pics: Simon Shabangu)

their achievement is not just for them but for the country at large and hoped the pupils would impart the knowledge given on them to develop the country.

"The economy of this country can only realise massive growth if our young people are provided with quality education that inspires them to be innovative and creative, the sustainable development goals and the 2063 African Vision to prioritise education is one of the pillars that contribute to a meaningful development of a country," the King said.

His Majesty said since independence, the nation has always made sure that education is availed to all citizens and

for those who did not get the opportunity to go to school, adult education like Sebenta was introduced stating that this shows how much government is convinced that the economic growth of the nation lies in equipping the people with appropriate skills meet the requirements of the 21st century.

The King said he was happy to learn that the college has been equipped with an Information Communication Department which is a critical element in the century since ICT plays an integral part in the economic development of any country and pleased to learn that students are provided with the necessary ICT skills.

## King unveils E3m King Somhlolo giant sculpture

His Majesty the King yesterday was all smiles as he officially unveiled a massive sculpture of the late King Somhlolo before naming the Jubilee Park, King Somhlolo Park. Manzini came to a standstill as the King arrived at the park situated next to the Post Office along Nkoseluhla Street yesterday morning.

The giant statue depicting the late king carrying the holy Bible as his vision for the country to opt for the Bible over money was unveiled by His Majesty before he proceeded to officiate at the William Pitcher College Graduation ceremony held at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

The King said yesterday was quite a significant day in that he was able to unveil the statue within the city centre as the giant bronze sculpture captures the great vision of the late king which he shared with the Swazi nation thus encouraging Swazis to choose the Bible over money.

He said it was this vision that has helped the country shape the foundation of its society as a predominantly Christian people, urging Swazis to keep the vision alive wherever they go.

Manzini businessman Mphilo Nhlebeli of Intel Park, a company managing the Manzini City parking system, is the brains behind the noble idea.

Nhlebeli said this was a four-year project which however took six months to curve the sculpture.

He said after having dreamt of having something to identify Manzini with, he came up with the



project of having the late King Somhlolo's sculpture since the Jubilee Park is also used by Christians to hold Lunch Prayer Services each day.

"I am happy this dream has been eventually realised and I would like to thank the City Council for having trust in me and assisting in the manner they have," Nhlebeli said.

Upon arriving at the park, the King was met by the mayor councilors and City Council management before unveiling the sculpture.

The sculpture is placed near the main entrance of the park facing the Lebombo building and will now be a major tourist attraction for both domestic and international tourism.

It is placed on a large boulder that took 21 days to be removed from the Mdzimba Mountain near LaMgabhi area.

## Go out there and be masterminds - King charges graduates

In his first gracing of the William Pitcher College graduation ceremony, His Majesty King Mswati III yesterday sent a loud and clear message to graduates as he charged them to go out there and be the best.

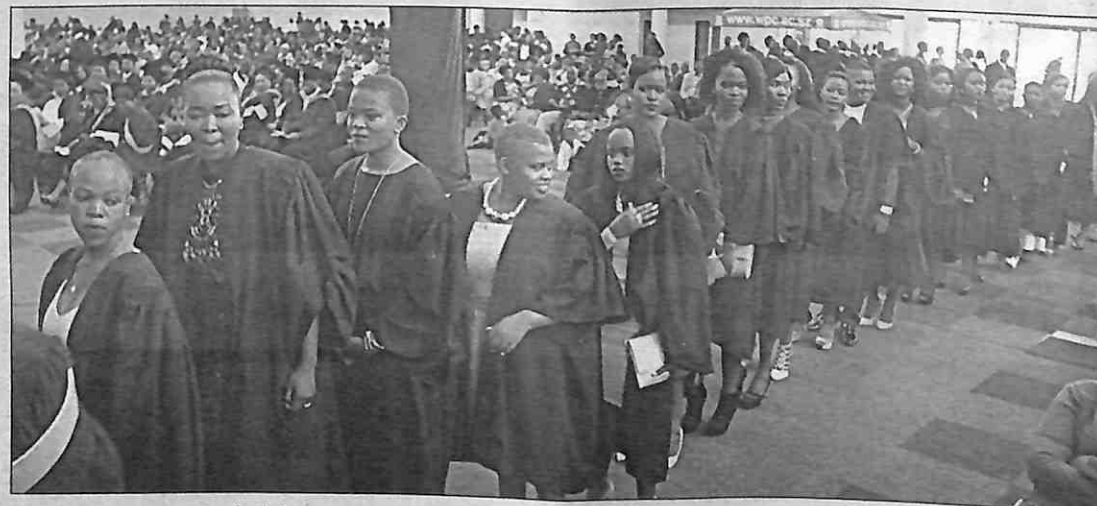
The King said the graduates should be masterminds in the teaching profession by making sure they impart meaningful knowledge to the pupils they would be teaching.

### Certificates

"As you are about to receive your certificates, I charge you to go out there and be masterminds and show them how it is done. Make your lecturers and parents proud of you as you take up the profession," the King said, inviting loud shouts of 'Bayethe' from the graduates.

He applauded the graduates for the success they had achieved in acquiring their diplomas and certificates and thanked the parents and guardians for the support they had given to the students

- Says as professional teachers, they should make institution and nation proud by producing more professionals in the pupils they will be teaching
- At least 125 students yesterday graduated at the William Pitcher College



over the three year period they had been at the college.

The King said the graduates should be good ambassadors of the college at the schools they would be posted to and leave a

legacy of excellence that would earn a good name for the college by being exemplary at all times since teaching has always been a highly respected profession with every teacher being a mirror of

the teaching fraternity.

Children, according to the King, spend more time with teachers than parents hence he urged the graduates to play the parental role of impacting not

only educational, but also life skills to the children as they grow up.

He said the graduates have been given the treasure of the nation to teach and develop to be responsible citizens stressing that the nation was looking upon teachers to uphold their teaching ethics.

To the lecturers, the King urged them to work very hard as they look forward in offering more programmes since the college is one of the oldest in the country having been established in 1962, meaning it turned 54 years old this year.

### Quality

He noted that since its inception, the college has played a pivotal role in making sure the country has quality teachers with many of the country's politicians and business people being products of the college.

Having heard the concerns raised by the College Principal Philemon Gumede, the King said government and the Swazi nation would support them in addressing challenges they were facing.



# JSW Energy brings E7bn thermal plant

By Bodwa Mbingo

*...In momentous occasion overseen by the prime minister at the Cabinet offices last night, Indian company signed MoU with government and SEC*



**PEN ON PAPER.** JSW MD Sanjay Sarga (l) is joined by Minister Prince Hlangusemphi and SEC MD Meshack Kunene (Far r) in the signing of the MoU while Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini looks on. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

He highlighted that the MoU has come following meetings that have taken over eight months adding for now a business plan and a feasibility study were still to be developed to ensure that the project is a success.

## Development

"It is an MoU which, when the subsequent agreements are operationalised, will perhaps rank as the catalyst of all catalysts in the future economic development of our country. The project will usher in an exciting transition into Swaziland's self-sufficiency in

electricity generation. This has not come a day too soon but we must bear in mind it is not a short term remedy. It will take a number of years to take today's MoU to the point of thermal power delivery to the Swaziland grid.

Only then will be the moment that we can remove the dependency that is no longer a satisfactory solution to meeting our power requirements," he said.

The prime minister went on to highlight that during the Africa-India Summit last year, His Majesty was able to explore the

possibilities of investor interest in constructing the thermal power station that is extremely needed in the country.

He said owing to logistical limitations, the King could not make a personal visit, but instructed the PM, the Minister of Natural Resources Jabulile Mashwama, Agriculture Minister Moses Vilakati and Economic Planning and Development Minister Prince Hlangusemphi to inspect the operations of JSW Energy.

"After graciously hosting the Swazi delegation, JSW Energy collaborated extensively in the planning process that has culminated in the MoU.

We are immensely proud that we will be working with a company of such experience, in the vanguard of thermal power generation in the world, and from the industrial and commercial powerhouse that is India today.

This will be a partnership that will unlock and utilise to optimum productivity of our main mineral resource, namely coal, and deliver us into a power self-sufficiency that we could hitherto only dream about," added the PM.

Cabinet ministers present during the signing of the MoU were Prince Hlangusemphi who represented the natural resources and energy minister and Minister of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile.

## 'Education key to a first world Swaziland, review education system'

● King says of all the countries he has travelled to, most say they reached first world status by putting education first

● Some of these countries do not have even have natural resources but they reached such status through investing in education

His Majesty says in order for the country to be counted amongst African countries who have reached the first world status by 2022, education should be made a priority.

The King said with education the country's economy could be turned around since this was a major stimulus for economic growth.

He related to the hundreds of well-wishers, graduates and members of the public how when travelling around the world, he would pose a question to some of the leaders on how they managed to have their countries achieve first world status.

He said most of the leaders stated they invested a lot in education which worked quite well for them in attaining the first world status.

"As a country we have to do a lot in investing in education as we take strides toward reaching our goal by 2022. We should work very hard in order to have a vibrant economy hence we should put education first like other countries did to attain the first world status," the King said.

## Knowledge

His Majesty said after investing in education, the nation would in turn contribute with the knowledge and skills in order to develop the country noting that with the graduation class of 2015 at the William Pitcher College, this goes to show how Swazis are committed in putting education first.

The King said as part of prioritising education, there was a need for the country to review its education system in order to meet the changing times as strides are made towards 2022 highlighting though that reviewing does not mean presently the country is not doing well, but merely trying to improve the good education system the country has.

## Developing

This, the King said, was aimed at making sure that pupils and students within the country's learning institutions are at par with the developing world in terms of technology and other educational theories.

The teachers produced by the country's colleges and universities, should impart knowledge that is in line with today's changing times.

## SD forever grateful for SA, Moza power

The Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini has expressed the country's gratitude to its neighbours, South Africa and Mozambique for their support as the country depends on them for power supply.

With the impact of the drought, the country has been forced to the limit and now depends 100% on external power from South Africa's ESKOM and Electricidade de Moçambique (EdM) from Mozambique.

He said he trusts the support that has been extended to the country to the present day will continue as Swaziland develops its new project.

"In the meantime, with the impact of the drought ratcheting up our external power dependency to 100% we must recognise and adapt appropriately to meet the challenging times of the short term. Building the thermal power station does not mean we are ignoring the development of other forms of energy generation. Renewable energy, and other alternatives to



**MY VIEW:** The JSW MD seated with the premier also had something to say during the event.

thermal power sources, are the way the world must, and will, go," he said.

The PM revealed that the country was already pursuing a policy of encouraging independent power producers, mainly in renewable energy, to set up their own generation facilities and supply the SEC.

He said this was a strategy to which the majority of countries in the world were committed.

"For Swaziland, we see the way forward as two forms of power genera-

tion - thermal and renewable - working in parallel with each other into the foreseeable future, meeting our power needs while utilising a valuable raw material for the thermal power station that will be built. It remains for me to express our deepest gratitude to JSW Energy for taking on, and financing, this very substantial project, and I reiterate Swaziland's commitment to the partnership that is being launched within the MoU we are signing today," he added.

## JSW assures transformation in country's power generation

JSW Group has promised to bring about transformational changes in the country's electricity grid.

JSW Managing Director (MD) Sanjay Sagar yesterday assured that the proposed investment of approximately US\$500 million by the JSW Group in Swaziland would serve as a harbinger of foreign direct investment in the kingdom that is now set to become the favoured investment destination in this part of the world.

"JSW would like to express its sincere gratitude to His Majesty King Mswati III and the government for giving us the opportunity to contribute in the nation's journey towards self-reliance in electricity. I look forward to the day when we will not only provide affordable electricity for Swaziland but will also make this nation a net exporter of electricity to its neighbours, while simultaneously creating job opportunities for its people," he added.

Meanwhile, JSW Group is said to be a US\$11 billion (about E151 billion) conglomerate that is part of the O.P. Jindal Group and has strong footprints across various sectors namely, steel, energy, minerals, port, infrastructure and cement in multiple locations across India, US, South America and Africa with a workforce of over 38 000.





## KING SOMHLOLO STATUE UNVEILLING



**CHOOSE THE BOOK:** His Majesty King Mswati III unveiling King Somhlolo statue which is planted at what used to be Jubille Park now known as King Somhlolo Park in Manzini. The King unveiled the statue yesterday morning. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**BAYETHE:** The King joined by Pastor Senzo Hlatshwayo and Mpilo Nhlebela donated the statue, Acting Prime Minister Princess Tsandzile, and Manzini Counselors as they pose before the statue.



**BRIEFING:** Pakani Director Mpilo Nhlebela and acting Mayor Siphosile Masuku briefing the King about the statue.



**BREMER LOVE FOR THE KING:** The street came to a standstill as His Majesty arrived.

## KING GRACES 2016 WILLIAM PITCHER GRAD



**NATIONAL ANTHEM:** His Majesty King Mswati III and Emakhosikati LaMotsa, LaMagongo, LaMahlangu and LaFogiyane joined by Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso and Balondolozi during the singing of the national anthem. This was at the William Pitcher College graduation at Mavuso Trade Centre yesterday.



**BREATHING TO THE GRADUATES:** His Majesty addressing the gathering.



**CONGRATS:** Professor Cisco Magagula presenting certificates to some of the graduates.



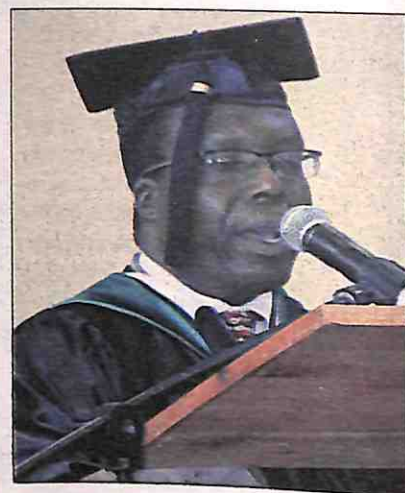
**A FEW WORDS:** Acting PM Princess Tsandzile making her remarks.



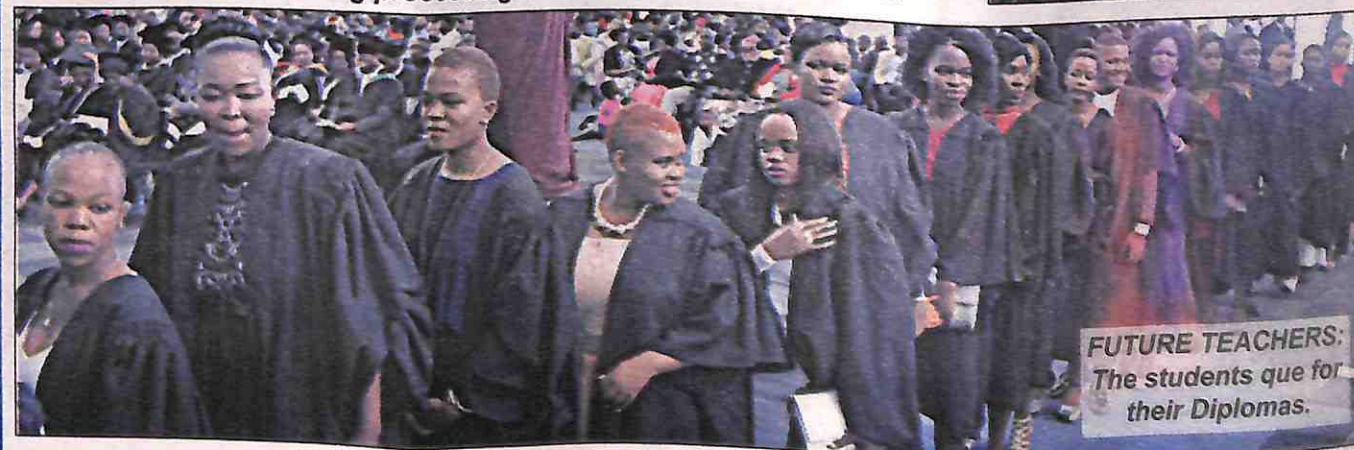
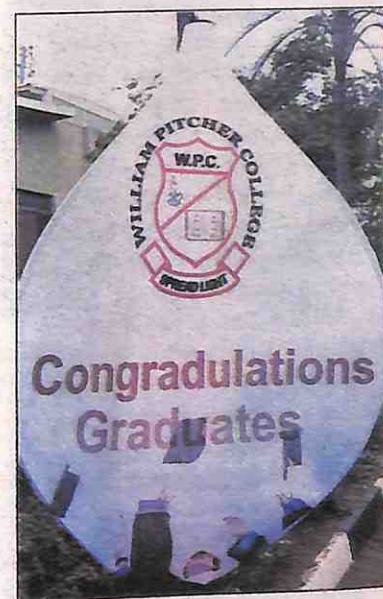
**MESMERISING:** Ummiso group from the college entertaining guests on the special day.



**PRESENT:** Guests following proceedings.



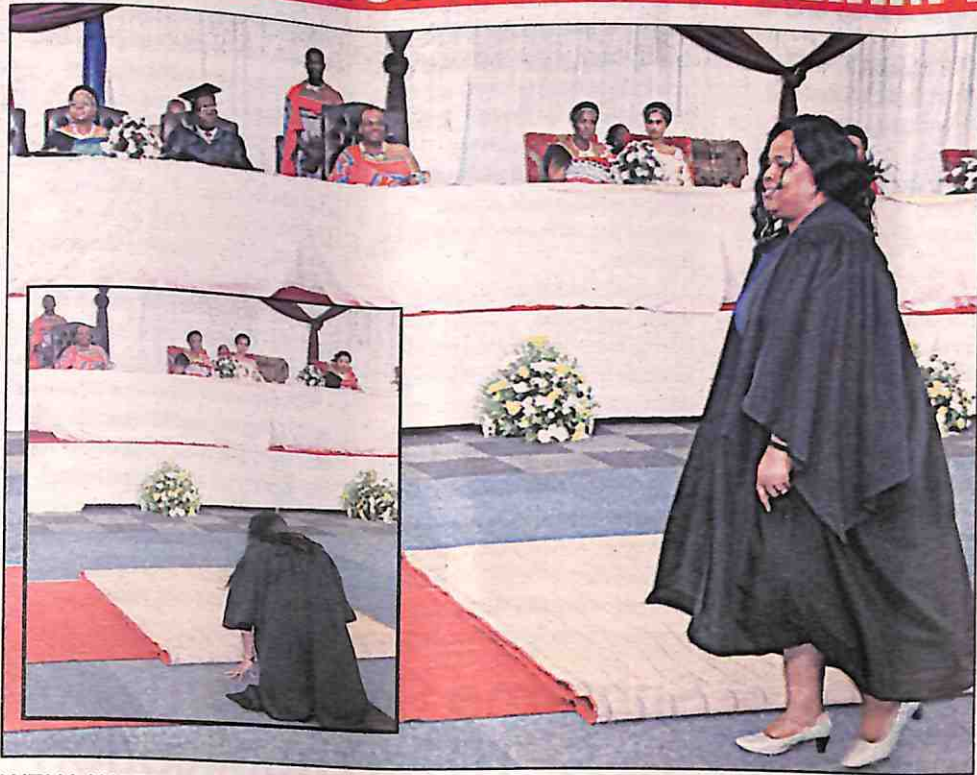
**FAREWELL:** William Pitcher Principal Philemon Gumeze making his remarks.



**FUTURE TEACHERS:** The students que for their Diplomas.



# KING GRACES 2016 WILLIAM PITCHER COLLEGE GRADUATION



WENA WAPHAKATHI: One of the graduates bowing before His Majesty.



BAYETHE: Students marching past the high table occupied by the King.



GO AND REPRESENT: Professor Cisco Magagula making remarks while the MC of the day and Minister of Education Phineas Magagula looks on.



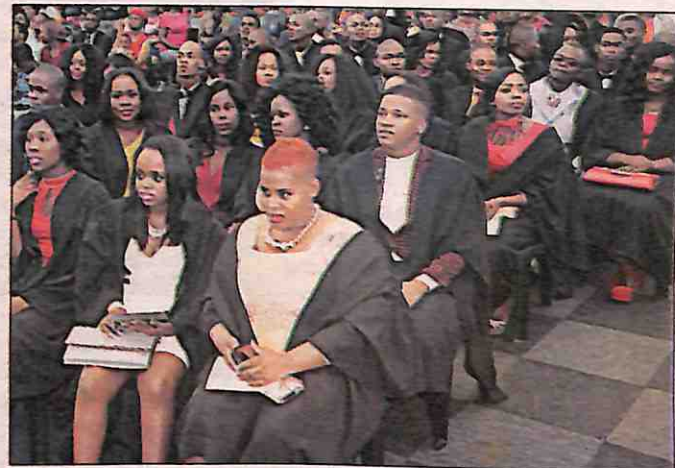
CREAM OF THE CROP: Best performing students at William Pitcher College posing with their awards. This was during the institution's graduation ceremony at Mavuso Trade Centre yesterday. The ceremony was graced by His Majesty King Mswati III.



ATTENTIVE: A section of the graduates who were at the ceremony.



ANOINTING: Graduates awaiting the King's blessings.



ALL EARS: Graduates listening to speeches on the day.



PATIENTLY: Some of the graduates lining up to receive their certificates.



WITNESSED: Lecturers from the institution and neighbouring institutions following proceedings of the day. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



# CJ contradicts his own judgment

Stories by Alec Lushaba  
Editor

In January 2010, Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala dismissed an application whose substance challenged the Prevention of Corruption Act, in particular the ex-parte application and order granted by then Justice Richard Banda (former CJ).

The application had been made by then SPTC MD E.Nathi Dlamini.

The order authorised his arrest and ordered that he be taken to the Mbabane Police Station and thereafter to the Magistrate's Court for a remand hearing.

A warrant of apprehension was issued by the Registrar of the High Court in pursuance of this order.

Dlamini was arrested and granted bail in the sum of E500 and was required to surrender his passport.

Interestingly, before the matter went to Appeal, the Chief Justice Maphalala (now) had dismissed the application by Dlamini, arguing that former Chief Justice Richard Banda had rightly granted an ex-parte application which was sought by the ACC.

Justice Maphalala, in his judgment then, dismissed Dlamini's application arguing that the former chief justice had correctly granted the application.

"I am in no doubt that His Lordship the chief justice in granting the warrant of arrest exercised his discretion judicially. In the circumstances, I am of the considered view that the Warrant of Arrest against the Respondent (Dlamini) was lawfully obtained and the application to have it set aside cannot succeed," he said in his judgment.

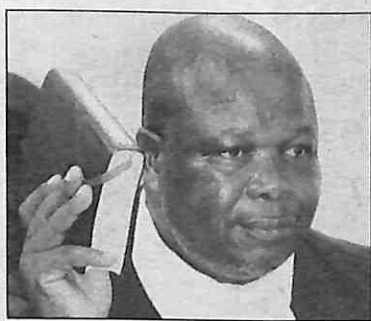
Justice Maphalala said Section 162 (5) provides that the director (Director of Public Prosecutions) may exercise these powers directly or by subordinate officers acting in accordance with the general or special instructions of the Director.

He said Section 162 (6) provides: "In the exercise of the powers conferred under this chapter, the director shall: (b) be independent and not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority."

He said the Constitution has given the director wide-ranging powers to institute criminal proceedings against any person in respect of any offence alleged to have been committed by that person against the laws of Swaziland.

"In exercising these powers, he is independent and not subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority. When instituting the criminal proceedings against the Respondent, the director acted lawfully and within her powers enshrined in the Constitution. The court cannot and will not interfere with this power. All that a court can do when an accused person

...Prevention of Corruption Act constitutional, Supreme Court ruled



**CONTRADICTION: Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala.**

is arraigned before it is to decide whether or not the state has proved its case against the accused person beyond reasonable doubt. In addition, the court has the power to decide on the validity of the charge or indictment in the event of an objection and/or challenge to it from the accused person. Otherwise, the court cannot prevent or instruct the director not to institute criminal proceedings against a person or compel him to withdraw a charge and/or indictment preferred."

He went on to quote Section 162 (4) (c) of the Constitution provides that:

"The director shall have the power in any case in which the director considers it proper to do so, to discontinue, at any stage before judgment is delivered, any criminal proceedings instituted or undertaken by the director or any other person or authority ..."

In dealing with an ex-parte application, the CJ then said the order issued by Justice Banda was final in nature.

"Every application brought ex-parte by way of petition or notice of motion shall, save in matters of urgency, be filed with the registrar and set down not later than midday on the court day proceeding the day on which the application is to be heard."

"Any person having an interest which may be affected by a decision on an application being brought ex-parte, may deliver notice of an application by him for leave to oppose," he said.

He said it is common cause that the applicant (Commission) herein did not cite Dlamini as the Respondent nor did they serve him with the application prior to the granting of the order.

"Similarly, it is true that His Lordship did not issue a Rule Nisi with a return day to allow Dlamini to file opposing papers and be heard before the order was made. However, this Rule does not assist a person who is confronted with an order obtained ex-parte since the Rules do not afford him an opportunity to be heard. Only a person who learns of the ex-parte application prior to the hearing may deliver notice of an application for leave to oppose supported by an affidavit setting forth the

nature of his interest in the matter and the grounds upon which he desires to be heard," he said.

Justice Maphalala said he was not aware of any decision of the Supreme Court or High Court of Swaziland on this point.

"However, there are a number of cases decided in South Africa on this point, and there is no doubt in my mind that they reflect the law in this country," he said.

Judge Maphalala said the order obtained by Applicant ex-parte was provisional in nature and once it is contested, the court was obliged to reconsider it afresh.

"Clearly, an ex-parte order cannot stand on the way of the Principle of 'Audi Alteram Partem'; this is a fundamental principle of our law which is the cornerstone of our justice system. It ensures justice and fairness and the equality of all persons before the law. Every person who has a direct and substantial interest in a matter should be heard before a final decision is made."

**He said Dlamini in his prayers sought in the amended Notice of Motion are:**

(a) That the warrant of apprehension (arrest)

issued by this honourable court on 31st July 2009 authorising the arrest of the First Respondent in terms of Section 13 (1) (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act No. 3 of 2006 be and is hereby set aside.

(b) That the order of the Subordinate Court for the district of Hhohho under Case No. 444 of 2009 imposing bail conditions upon the First Respondent's release from custody under the aforesaid warrant be and is hereby set aside;

(c) That the said warrant of arrest be and is hereby declared to have been unlawfully obtained;

(d) Conditionally, that Barry Heselsteiner be joined as Second Respondent;

(e) That the applicant, alternatively the Second

Respondent, be ordered to pay the First Respondent's costs on an attorney and own client scale;

(f) That the costs include the costs of two counsel and that counsels' fees be certified in accordance with Rule 68;

(g) That further or other relief be granted."

He said ordinarily, a complaint is lodged to the Commission by any interested person; thereafter, the Commissioner appoints an investigating officer where it appears to him that an offence under this Act may have been committed.

this stage have nothing to say on the matter and what is obtaining in their office. She said they wouldn't want to be quoted saying anything in relation to the matter. Attorney General Majahenkaba Dlamini also declined to comment.

"I wouldn't want to say anything since at one stage I may find myself called upon to deal with it, rather I keep my peace," he said.

Dlamini didn't want to be even drawn to comment on whether this ruling will be appealed, which appears right now obvious, saying he has nothing to say.

## Six years later, CJ changes tune

The Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala appears to have had a change of heart when dealing with an ex-parte application by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Six years later, the CJ rules an almost similar case differently, despite the facts appearing to be the same.

He said the following in his ruling last week: "The application to enter and search premises in order to seize property and consequently effect an arrest is brought ex-parte without notice to the person under investigation. If the application succeeds, the investigating officer, together with other officers from the Commission as well as police officers, will enter the said premises without notice, conduct

the search on the premises, motor vehicles, receptacle, offices, residences and business premises of the person under investigation and consequently have the person arrested.

"Sections 11, 12, and 13 of the Act undermine and contravene the principle of *audi alteram partem*, with regard to the entry and searching of premises as well as the seizure of property, and, the consequent arrest of the person being investigated.

The powers of the Commission in this regard are far-reaching and have a devastating effect on the dignity of the person being investigated.

The right of the individual against arbitrary search or entry into the premises is undermined."

## Supreme Court dismissed ex-SPTC MD application

The Supreme Court in dismissing Dlamini's application to reverse the warrant granted and his arrest, the court stated that Section 12(3) provides as follows:

"(3) Any person who - without reasonable excuse fails or neglects to disclose any information or to produce any accounts, books or documents required by an investigating officer under subsection (2); or obstructs an investigating officer in the execution of an authority made under subsection (1), commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand Emalangeni or to imprisonment not exceeding five years or to both". The Supreme Court stated that it was against the background of these facts that Heselsteiner (investigator) sought the arrest of the appellant (Dlamini) in terms of Section 13(1) (a) of the Act. "He did not serve the ex-parte application on the appellant "for fear that he might abscond and the whole purpose be defeated".

"The whole purpose of carrying out an investigation is to establish whether or not an offence has been committed. Only after such an investigation has been carried out can an offence, if any, be identified. What is clear is that the warrant for the appellant's apprehension was applied for and granted because of his alleged failure to comply with Section 12(3) of the Act in that he failed to produce the documents requested of him by the investigator. As a result of failure the investigator had every reason to believe that the appellant had committed an offence and it follows that in terms of Section 13(1) he had the powers to have him arrested."

The Supreme Court further stated that: "A complaint had been made to the Commissioner suggesting improper conduct on the part of the appellant. It seems to me that the Commissioner was, therefore, duty bound to carry out an investigation to determine the validity or otherwise the basis of the complaint. It is questionable, that at the outset, when the complaint was made to him that the Commissioner would have been

aware with certainty of the nature of the "offence" allegedly committed by the appellant. Only after the investigation had been carried out would the offence committed if any, be identified. He then did what was only proper in the circumstances. He called for an investigation to be carried out."

The Supreme Court's Justice Ebrahim who wrote the judgment stated: "Finally, I believe it would be useful to summarise the various sections of the Act to which I have referred, during the course of this judgment. In my view, an analysis of these provisions serves to emphasise the correctness of the conduct of the respondents in the manner they set about investigating the complaint made against the appellant; Section

8(1) provides for the appointment of investigating and other officers to assist the Commission in the performance of its functions;

10(1) (c) provides the authority to investigate any alleged offence or any other offence disclosed during such an investigation;

11(1) (c) provides the authority to call for documents in order to facilitate investigation;

12(1) gives powers to the Commissioner to authorise an investigator to source documentation in order to facilitate the investigation;

12(3) (a) & (b) are the provisions in terms of which an offence is committed for the failure to comply with the requests made by the investigator;

13(1) (a) provides the investigator with the power of arrest of an offender who is suspected of having committed an offence."

Justice Ebrahim said against the background of these legislative powers available to the respondents (Commission) and their proper use of these powers he was of the view that the former chief justice and Maphalala J came to the proper conclusions in their handling of this matter.

"Accordingly, the appeal is dismissed with costs including the certified costs of counsel."

Justice Ebrahim sat with Justice Michael Ramodibedi (CJ) and Justice Moore.

## CJ RULING GROUNDS ACC

Insiders have told the Observer on Saturday that last week's ruling by the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala has grounded the operations of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

The chief justice was confronted with an ex-parte application for the entry and searching of premises, seizure of property and consequent arrest in terms of Sections 11, 12 and 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act No. 3 of 2006 for former Commerce Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Dlamini, Fred Ngeri and Sindile Ngeri-nee Dlamini. The basis of the application was that investigations conducted by

the Commission had established a prima facie case against the respondents for contravening Sections 21, 23, 41, 42 and 57 of the Act warranting their prosecution. The CJ held that the applicant has failed to establish a prima facie case against the respondents warranting the granting of the orders sought and dismissed the application.

"We are still stuck and nothing is happening in our offices since the ruling was made last week," one of the investigators told the Observer on Saturday. When the ACC PRO Jabu Phakathi was asked on this, she said at



# Swazi TV takes back Sigcoko's twin cab

By Ackel Zwane

In the latest development, financially strapped Swazi TV has taken back the luxurious grey Toyota Dakar four wheel drive bakkie. This morning, the car, which was recalled early in the week, is in Johannesburg running errands for station.

This is in the aftermath of a forensic audit of the financial affairs of the national broadcaster instituted by Parliament through the ministry of information, communications and technology. This is much against reports that the suspended chief executive officer was poised for a grand return to the station. The CEO had also been enjoying E10 000 per month transport allowance and also free fuel for transport over and above the vehicle.

In another development, it has been gathered

that the corporate affairs manager has been recalled to the ministry of labour following findings of the investigation whereby a number of managers were sent home on early retirement on the pretext the station was running at a loss yet hordes of other employers were hired on contract.

The corporate affairs manager had been on secondment to the station. Those who were hired after the retirement of the other managers have had their contracts not renewed.

However, officials at the station are reluctant to comment on the developments pending the tabling of the findings of the forensic audit.

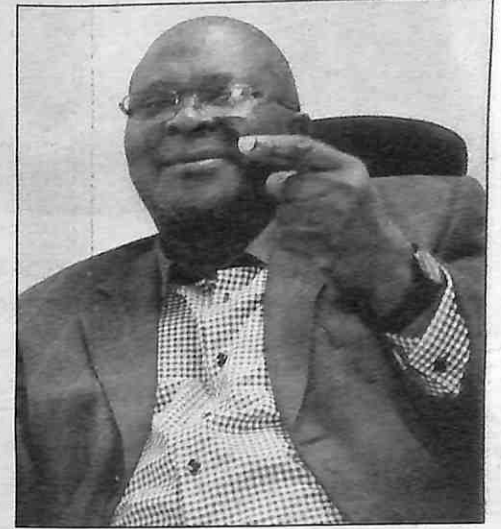
The Public Enterprise Unit Quarterly Report, ending December 2015, "STVA is in financial crisis as it is not able to meet its financial obligations. The authority is in a financial mess that need government's intervention as it is rendered insolvent. STVA

made a loss of E2.41 million compared to E1.73 million last quarter and the accumulated losses have risen from E8.97 million from the quarter of March 2015 to E14.31 million in the current quarter."

It is further reported that the authority continued to be fully dependent on government for its survival with less activity on internally generated revenues as they are always below budget. During the quarter, revenue from TV licensing was recorded at E113 484 compared to E372 469 last quarter against a budget of E1.53 million.

Advertising revenue decreased to E1.0 million compared to E2.2 million last quarter.

"There is urgent need for the government as a sole shareholder to this institution to come up with recommendations that will result to a sound strategy of reviving this falling apart entity."



**LOSES BENEFITS: Swazi TV CEO Sigcokosiyanca Dlamini.**

## Suspected rapists infected toddlers with STIs?

By Linda Jele

The 22-year-old man who is alleged to have sexually molested six young girls is alleged to have infected four with a sexually transmitted infection.

This is contained in a medical doctor that was submitted by the doctor who examined the minors after they were taken to him for examination on report of the matter. The medical doctor submitted the report before High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi on his instruction to determine whether or not the evidence linked the suspect to the commission of the crime in order to decide if he should be admitted to bail.

The suspect is alleged to have sexually molested six girls and was charged with four counts of rape and two for indecent assault. He has applied for bail.

The judge said the contents of the doctor's report were very disturbing and there was evidence linking the suspected rapist to the

...Judge says there is a link between evidence and charges preferred on suspect commission of the crime.

"There is evidence that the children were raped, at least a majority of them. More so, they all seem to carry a similar sexually transmitted infection.

I have read the statements of the witnesses and am of the view there is no doubt as to the link between the rapes of the children and the charge preferred on the accused," Nkosi said.

The judge said he had also received the social inquiry report compiled by Principal Social Welfare Officer Vierah Hlatshwayo from the deputy prime minister's office.

However, he was yet to go through it. He said, therefore, he was not going to pronounce whether or not he would admit the suspect to bail until he has read the report extensively.

He also stated he wanted to have the medical doctor to go before court in order to clarify certain aspects of the report which he could

not understand.

He also needed to determine the balance between the suspect's constitutional right to be granted his liberty against those of the survivors and the interests of society.

The matter was postponed to Friday.

Meanwhile Hlatshwayo reported before court that the relatives of the suspect had confronted her on her previous appearance before court and she felt intimidated. She requested the judge to warn the relatives against interfering with her work.

"My Lord I was surrounded by some of the relatives of the within the court premises. I felt intimidated because they were interfering with my duties. I am an officer of this court. May the court warn them to desist from this act," she said.

The judge warned them from disturbing Hlatshwayo in her work and stated that should anyone be reported and found to have interfered in her work, they would be arrested and charged with contempt of court.

Judge Nkosi stated Hlatshwayo had been sent to ascertain the mental state of the survivors of the alleged abuse.

"She is here to protect the rights of the children and that of the suspect," the judge said.

## Opposing faction to seek audience with King on Qethuka's installation

By Bodwa Mbingo

Although they do not support the decision to install King's Praise Singer Qethuka Dlamini, as the acting chief of Sigombeni following the demise of Chief Lomngeletjane, the opposing faction has vowed not to run to the courts of law to seek redress on the matter.

Instead they will seek audience with His Majesty King Mswati III. The Dlakadla faction's spokesperson, speaking soon after news that Dlamini was introduced to Manzini Regional Administrator (RA) Prince Gcokoma by the faction behind him this week, he said in the country there were laid down and known procedures to be followed in such matters. He said it was wrong at inception to go to court pertaining to the matter as the King was the only authority to rule on traditional matters like this one.

"All we can do is seek audience with His Majesty to try and explain how things should have gone on the matter. We cannot go against what the King has already said so it just would not help and is not procedural to approach the court of law on the matter. As things stand there will be no peace until things are normalised on the matter," said the family spokesperson on condition of anonymity.

As the Sigombeni chieftaincy dispute rages on, the faction which supports the installation of Qethuka as the area's acting chief went

ahead to introduce him to the Manzini RA this week. They stormed Prince Gcokoma's office on Monday, where they told him they had made the decision to elect Qethuka in a family meeting held on October 10. However, the faction showed up alone at the RA's offices as the opposing side was nowhere to be seen.

When asked about the absence of the other faction, the RA stated he was not told as to why they did not show up.

According to Prince Gcokoma, the other faction was not present to oppose or support what was being relayed to him.

Prince Gcokoma said despite the disagreement between the two parties, he was told Qethuka had been appointed. He added that he cannot dwell much on the issue because he does not make decisions for people but he only acts as a messenger by taking messages, translating them and passing them to the elders and back to the people.

He said if what he has been told was being challenged by the other faction, he would call a second meeting and let the parties sort themselves out. Prince Gcokoma, however, advised the two parties to go back to their families and sort out their issues amicably. He said they would have to listen to each other according to their seniority positions and as a family council. He further pointed out that the unfounded accusations made by the factions against each other were not helping the situation but only creating animosity between them.



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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### REHABILITATION OF A LAND SLIDE ALONG THE MR18 (SUNDOWNERS - BHUNYA) PUBLIC ROAD

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport through the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development has engaged the Esor/ Roots Joint Venture for the rehabilitation of a land slide along the MR18 (Sundowners - Bhunya) road near the Mawelawela Women's Correctional Facility in Luyengo. Construction works are expected to commence on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and are to be concluded on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

During the construction period, the contractor will close off the Malkerns-bound lane of the aforementioned road for the purposes of creating working space. Closing times will be between 0700hrs and 1800hrs. Thereby, members of the public are advised to drive cautiously and to adhere to the temporary road signs that will be erected in order to avoid accidents.

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## PM RETURNS FROM MADAGASCAR



**PATIENTLY WAITING:** Minister of Tinkhundla Development and Administration Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini in a conversation with four principal secretaries before the PM arrived.

# COMESA FANCIES KING'S SADC UNIVERSITY

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) is so impressed with His Majesty King Mswati III's vision of a SADC University of Transformation they want to buy into the idea.

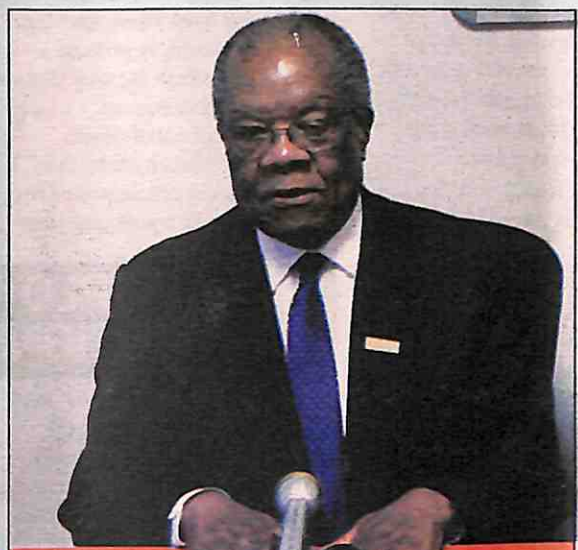
This was revealed by Prime Minister Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini upon his return from a COMESA Summit that was held in Madagascar. He said after his delegation presented the idea to COMESA, it was well embraced and the member states suggested the idea be looked at to see how such a university can also be established in this bloc.

During the 36th Southern African Development Community (SADC) Heads of States and Government Summit held in the country, His Majesty launched the University of Transformation, much to the delight of the SADC heads of states and government representatives. The King said the establishment of the university would be the next milestone in the SADC journey, which started in 1980. The King said the University would deliver in educational and training terms, using the technical vocational educational training model of delivery.

The intention is to have the first intake of students prior to the 37th SADC Summit in 2017 and the country went on to offer scholarships for 300 students in the initial intake to be drawn from all the 15 member states, which translates to 20 students per member country.

Speaking on the COME-

...PM says body wants idea viewed to see if such a university cannot be established for COMESA



**SPEECH:** Prime Minister Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini addressing the media at Ngwenya Border Post upon his return from the COMESA Summit in Madagascar. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

SA Summit, the PM further disclosed that member states were encouraged to have industrial policies to allow them produce goods for other countries.

"The entire African continent is looking at industrialisation. It was considered that when the goods are produced there should be no barriers in transporting them to the other countries. COMESA has done away with tariff barriers, but the focus now was to do away with non-tariff barriers. These include not having modes of transportation of the goods taking lots of time on the various borders before their destinations. This also talks to the issue of visas to make it easy to move with the member states," said the premier.

The PM also applauded the country for not owing

any of its subscriptions to COMESA and revealed a number of countries that are in the red were encouraged to pay up their debts to the body.

He said the body's 2017 budget was approved by its member states. The PM led a delegation that included Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze, Minister of Commerce and Trade Jabulani Mabuza and the country's High Commissioner to Mozambique Cyprian Nkambule. He thanked the Minister of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile and Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Edgar Hillary for acting during his absence as PM and Deputy Prime Minister (DPM), respectively.

## PM applauds Tibiyo MD, Judge Qinisile for recognition by King

The prime minister has applauded Tibiyo

TakaNgwane Managing Director (MD) Absalom Themba (A.T) Dlamini for being conferred with a Doctorate by His Majesty the King during the graduation at UNISWA last week. Speaking yesterday, the PM thanked the King for the conferment and hoped that such recognition would encourage Dlamini to give it his all in working for the country. He said it was not easy to receive such recognition as there were a lot of issues

"We got the chance to congratulate her for the appointment. We thank the King especially since he is the one who saw something special in her,"

considered, including how one has contributed to the development of the country, one's leadership qualities and conduct. The premier further thanked the King for nominating local Judge, Justice Qinisile Mabuza to stand as a COMESA Judge. He said it was the King's vision that eventually saw the

Swazi Judge being nominated as a Principal Judge for COMESA as she was sworn in to her new position during the Summit. "We got the chance to congratulate her for the appointment. We thank the King, especially since he is the one who saw something special in her," he said.

## PM hopeful country to have water, food

Upon his return to the country from a COMESA

Summit in Madagascar, Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini is already filled with hope, especially

with the reported rains the country has been receiving.

The PM sounded hopeful the country would escape the clutches of uncertainty that were

imposed by the recent drought and would finally have water and food. He hoped that the country would be blessed abundantly with more rains.

## Notice to MTN customers.

This is to notify all MTN Mobile Money customers that the MTN Mobile Money menu will be changing as of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016. This change has been brought about by the development of new products and services on the platform to improve convenience for our customers. The proposed changes are on the 1<sup>st</sup> landing menu as shown below;

### New MTN Mobile Money menu

Welcome to MTN Mobile Money. Please select a service:

- 1) Send money
- 2) Approve cash out
- 3) Pay bills and SEC
- 4) Banking services
- 5) Buy airtime
- 00) Next

- 6) My account
- 7) Debit order
- 8) Loyalty points
- 9) MTN services
- 10) Help

#### 3. Pay bills and SEC

- 1) Buy electricity
- 2) Water bill
- 3) Pay DSTV
- 4) Pay retail
- 5) SRIC
- 6) Likhandiela
- 7) E-ticket
- 0) Back

#### 3. Pay DSTV

- 1) Pay DSTV
- 2) Bouquet prices
- 3) Check balance
- 4) Reactivate

#### 4. Banking Services

- 1) Transfer money to bank
- 2) Get money from bank
- 3) ATM cash out

#### 6. My account

- 1) Check balance
- 2) PIN reset
- 3) Change PIN
- 4) Manage favourites
- 5) Mini statement
- 6) Change language

#### 9. MTN services

- 1) Pay MTN bills
- 2) Buy Internet bundles
- 0) Back

This menu change will be applied in both English and Siswati. Contact the MTN Call Centre at 922, for further clarification.



# 10 YEARS IN PRISON, E100 000 FINE FOR POSTING EXPLOSIVES

- Prohibited items also include seditious communication, narcotic or psychotropic substance and radioactive material
- E50 000, five years in prison or both for hoax explosives postage

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

**S**ending explosives via mail is strictly prohibited, hence the Swaziland Postal Services Corporation Act states that any person convicted on same shall be liable on conviction to 10 years in prison or a E100 000 fine or both.

According to Section 76 (4) of the act, a person shall not send by post

or by private operator any explosives, flammable or other dangerous substances. The act also states that any article or matter which may expose a person to danger, or soil or damage other articles or property and equipment of the corporation or private operator is strongly prohibited. Meanwhile other prohibited items cited by the act include that of posting live animals and radioactive

material, any obscene or immoral article, importation or uttering of articles which is prohibited in the country of destination, any seditious communication or article and any communication which menaces a person.

Upon conviction, a person shall be liable to pay a fine of E30 000 or three years in prison or both for these offences.

## Swaziland postal services to be an independent entity

**I**t had all along been known as the Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC), however, an act yet to be tabled before parliament will now separate the parastatal into different entities with the postal services falling under a new corporation, the Swaziland Postal Corporation.

According to part two of the draft Swaziland Postal Services and Corporation Act 2016, under its constitution, powers, functions and structure, the new corporation, which is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal which may sue and be sued and which may acquire, hold and dispose of movable and immovable property for the purposes of the corporation.

The corporation shall, amongst others, have the power to do all things necessary and convenient to be done for the performance of functions, determine the prices of all goods and services, determine terms and conditions of the provision of its goods and services, issue licenses to any person for the use of postage franking machines and determine the conditions of such licenses.

The act allows the corporation to enter into contracts and agreements, including franchising agreements and determine the internal organisational structure of the corporation

and the terms and conditions of employment of its staff.

Currently the postal services fall under the government parastatal, Post and Telecommunications corporation under the ministry of information communications and technology.

During the discussions held at the Royal Villas a week ago, it was also revealed that the new corporation shall have exclusive powers to issue postage stamps and to

authorise others to produce them on its behalf and provide postal services within Swaziland and outside the borders of the kingdom while carrying out any business or activity relating to postal services.

The SPTC unbundling draft legislation validation unpacked that notwithstanding the fact that the corporation shall operate in a manner consistent with sound business practice, the minister responsible may acquire that government is afforded priority in the services delivered by the corporation and further provide a basic postal service that is reasonably acceptable to all people in the country at a single uniform rate of postage for standard letters conveyed within Swaziland.

In its operational structure, the board of directors appointed into the corporation, shall prepare and submit to the minister and annual business plan no later than four weeks

before the commencement of each financial year, and a report on the implementations of the annual business plan not later than eight weeks after the end of each financial year.

Audited accounts of the corporation shall also be submitted not later than twelve weeks of after the end of each financial year with the business plan containing the nature and scope of operational activities, the nature financial structure, internal organizational structure and targets for profits, service performance and other key performance indicators.

The Swaziland Postal Services Corporation (SPSC) board of directors

The corporation shall have a board of directors including the managing director (MD) and these shall consist of individuals who have had experience in postal services, marketing, finance, or information and communications technologies and shall further have been appointed and replaced by the minister for information communications and technology (MICT) at any time after the Act had come into force.

The minister shall also appoint the chairman and deputy from amongst the directors and all directors other than the managing director shall hold office for a period not exceeding four years and shall be eligible for reappointment and may be anytime removed by the minister for a good and sufficient cause.

The board of directors shall consist of the following

- Chairman
- Deputy chairman
- Managing director
- Not more than two directors

## E50 000 FINE, FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR FORGED STAMPS

**T**hose forging postal stamps shall fry as the new Postal Services Act provides that any person convicted for forging stamps shall be liable to a maximum penalty of five years in prison with a fine option to pay E50 000.

According to the general prohibitions in forgery, a person shall not forge a postage stamp, knowingly possess, sell, use or attempt to use forged stamps, knowingly possess any of the means of production of postage stamps, including the quality paper used for the production of postage stamps or alternatively produce postage stamps without the written approval of the corporation.

The prohibition shall, according to the act, extend to postage stamps of any other country, all stamps issues past and current and money order and other valuable postal stationery as if they were postage stamps.

Other revenue offences in as far as postal services are concerned, are that a person shall not reuse a postage stamp with intent to defraud, removed a postage stamp from a postal article, remove a cancellation mark from a postage stamp or knowingly possess a stamp from which the cancellation mark has been removed.

Others may be that which include the evasion of the due postage on any article posted by that person, sell a postage stamp



below its face or retail price except that the corporation may sell a postage stamp below its authorised agents at a price below its face or retail value and further more misappropriation or stealing any money of the corporation including money held by the corporation as a trustee or agent.

The same maximum sentence of five years and E50 000 fine option shall apply from these revenue offences.

In the event employees of the corporation are involved in revenue offences they shall be on conviction liable to a maximum penalty of three years in prison or a fine not exceeding E30 000, since they are not with intent to defraud, expected to issue a money order or any valuable stationery of the corporation, demand or accept postage or any other payment due to the corporation, fraudulently put an official mark on any postal article, or send by post or put into mail bag any article on which due postage has not been paid.

## SPTC EMPLOYEES MAY APPLY FOR POSITIONS AT NEW ENTITY

**A**ccording to Section 48 of the Swaziland Postal Services Corporation Act, the board may make appointments to all positions in the new postal corporation other than that of managing director, provided it may delegate the determination of such appointments as it decides to the MD or another officer of the corporation. The SPTC board of directors may determine terms and conditions on which early retirement may be offered to its employees in connection with the establishment of the new corporation and an employee of SPTC who accepts early retirement may be paid a separation gratuity under the terms determined by Section 48 and be paid a pension by the SPTC Pension fund or its successor in accordance with the terms determined with the relevant rules of the fund and also be paid by the SPTC in respect of any unused recreation leave entitlements. In

granting voluntary early retirement applications, the board may grant applications for such gratuity, or bonus shall be paid from the funds of the SPTC or such government funds as may be available for the purpose of such. Any former employee of the SPTC who will be employed by the new postal corporation shall be engaged on terms and conditions which are no less favourable than those which applied to him on the last day before the vesting date. At the vesting date, the corporation shall assume such responsibilities, liabilities and duties of the SPTC Pension Fund or its successor in respect of officers of the SPTC who eventually become employees of the new postal corporation, or as may be assigned to the corporation by the minister and as such employees shall continue to be members of the pension fund or any successor of the scheme.

## NEW SPSC EMPLOYEES SHALL HAVE POWER TO OPEN, EXAMINE LETTERS

**I**t has been noted that some postal clients use these services for conveying illegal substances in the form of drugs and other illegal substances and objects and the Swaziland Postal Services Corporation Act 2016 frowns upon such.

It is for that reason that the Act

provides for employees of the new postal services corporation that they shall have power to open and examine letters while carrying out their duties.

According to the Act, an employee of the corporation having been authorised by the MD, shall have the power to open and examine let-

ters and alternatively an employee shall have the power to open and examine letters if so required by an order of court or law enforcement authority, under powers granted by prevailing legislation.

Commission of an offence under Section 59 of the Act, shall be jointly and severally liable to pun-

ishment to the full extent of any penalty specified.

The act categorically states that a person shall not aid, abet, conspire or attempt to commit an offence in connection with postal services and any person convicted shall be liable to the full extent of the penalty prescribed for the relevant offence.

It has been revealed that every proceeding for the recovery of any postage or other sum alleged to be due under this act in respect of a postal article, the production of a

postal article having an official mark of the corporation denoting that the article has been refused, or that the addressee is dead or cannot be found, shall be prima facie evidence of the fact so denoted, and unless the contrary is proven, the person from whom a postal article purports to have come from, shall be deemed to be the sender.

The corporation and its employees shall not be liable for consequences of any action under this part which has been performed in good faith.

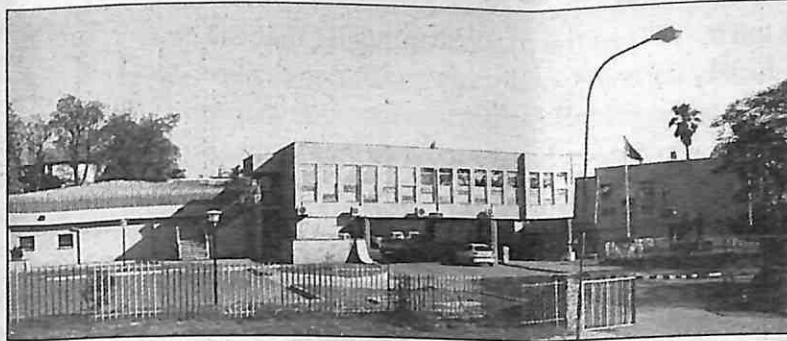


# MANZINI COUNCIL WORKERS SCARED OF RETRENCHMENTS

Stories by Ackel Zwane

Employees of the Municipal Council of Manzini are suspicious on the lack of adequate feedback about the restructuring and turnaround strategy implemented by management and label this as disguised retrenchment.

This transpired on Wednesday at the workers' lunch hour meeting held at the Zakhele Community Centre to relay feedback by union representatives on council's position regarding the retrenchments or turnaround strategy. They expressed dismay at being told management was in no position to state its position on the matter despite it was supposed to be handled through the negotiating table which recognises worker and employee representation. In a lacklustre atmosphere the workers were told the Chief Executive Officer Lungile Dlamini



**COMMAND CENTRE:** Manzini municipal headquarters where workers say decisions affecting their lives are taken without their involvement.

would be the only one to provide direction and she would do so on her return, she is currently out of office. The use of the word *bandlakhulu* sparked murmurs in that the workers equated this to the Sibaya people's Parliament which is another provision for consultation at national level that works outside of industrial relations and the obligations per the labour laws.

Speaker after speaker insisted that

it would not be wise to deliberate further because already the CEO had sent word she would not be addressing the workers through their formations, the workers' union and the staff association but would do so directly and bypass all the structures. Some of them murmured the CEO was following on the footsteps of the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority executive, her counterpart, by dealing directly with



**PARK LANE:** *Siyinkhaba* is the City's motto which means the hub, the garden is one of the worker's pride.

stuff on matters that require union representation. This was further fuelled by the feedback report that management said it did not know what the CEO would say when she addresses the *bandlakhulu*, an exercise they said had failed to produce results in the past as was the standoff resulting in the CEO addressing the workers in last year's Christmas party which the workers had vowed to boycott.

"It is now a one man show, whether our concerns will be

addressed in this way is not certain, but what is certain is her will shall be imposed by decree. We had been expecting to resolve or address issues through dialogue. She has called us before where we raised our concerns but they were not addressed."

They say such meetings are mere smokescreen and no one can be held accountable for not committing to addressing concerns.

There was no date set for the CEO's return.

## I STILL SAY BRING BACK THE E11.5M - MBHO

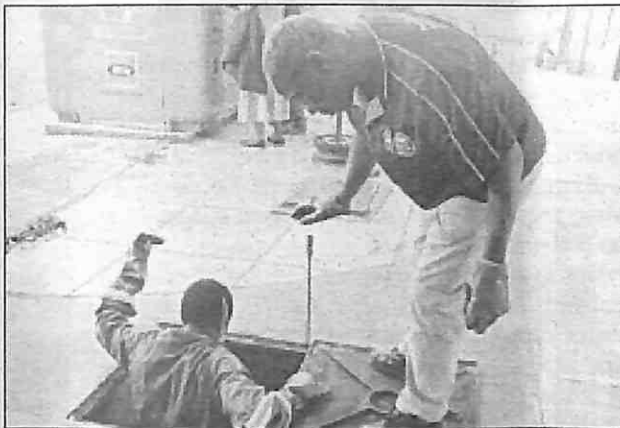
Also sparking controversy among the council employees is the E11.5 million that was lost to a South African investment portfolio, an amount included E500 000 of employees' gratuity moneys.

Now that a number of the employees are approaching retirement age the municipal council is said to be running from pillar to post generating explanations on how it would return the lost moneys to the employees. They would rather not leave employment without the money.

Shongwe, a former senator and Manzini resident, revealed the E11 million was for capital projects and not to be invested in the first place, pointing an accusing finger at the councillors of the day and management who facilitated in investing money destined to repair roads and build infrastructure for the city in order for them to gain some interest for themselves. However the money went down the pyramid drain.

The E11.5 million erroneously invested in a pyramid scheme that collapsed in South Africa was a product of an Owen Nxumalo-led Council who was mayor at the time but now is Minister of Public Service. The money was channelled through a hastily formed local company that had branches in South Africa, Corporate Money Managers (CMM) whose directors included a person in management at council and the transfer was made possible through the assistance of the Central Bank of Swaziland which is now refusing to shed light on progress to recover the moneys.

Then Housing Minister Lindiwe Dlamini explained when the grants were introduced in 2007, all 12 cities had to share a small cake of E25 million with the distribution done according to population size. As a result, the city of Manzini was allocated the lion's share of E11.5 million, which was used for the upgrading of a number of roads in Ngwane



**MEN AT WORK:** Council employees hard at work but the thought of retrenchments haunts them.

Park. In view of the good job that had been done, a further E11.5 million grant was released to the city of Manzini, which resulted in the upgrading of more gravel roads in a number of other townships.

However a scheme was designed to divert the money through CMM while council was still dealing with the tendering process which was expected to last three months. That was long enough to manipulate the process and divert the money into what was called a lucrative investment, when in fact it turned out to be a pyramid scheme. As soon as the money was transferred the pyramid scheme collapsed together with the E11 million and the E500 000 for council employees.

"We want the money to repair roads in the townships as it was destined for, now Manzini is slowly turning into a ghost town yet money from the taxpayers was made available. Promises that something was being done to recover the money are nothing but pep talk because the roads remain dilapidated yet money was allocated for their upgrading and maintenance." As if that was not enough those probing the transfer of the moneys also made a killing for themselves. Professor Musa Dlamini was allegedly paid E72 600 for chairing an inspection team that investigated the questionable investment of E11.5 million.

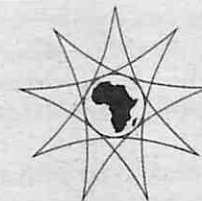
One member of his team got E63

000 for a job no longer than five weeks. Two civil servants were paid E57 000 and E63 000 each, respectively. The payments got blessings from then principal secretary Theminkosi Mamba who instructed Ellena Wamukoya then CEO in a November 10, 2009 letter. 'Please take appropriate steps to urgently pay as instructed in letter.'

Mxolisi Fakudze, an officer attached to the Ministry of Finance was paid E63 000 while his colleague Tini Chatterjee was paid E57 000 for the five-week job. Nobuhle Matsebula who worked for the attorney general chambers filed a claim of E46 327.16 and the least pay went to Isabel Ntuli, an employee of UNISWA who was paid E4 950.00. This gives a total of more than E243 000. "Please note transport costs have been excluded and will be submitted separately. Notwithstanding the above paragraph, you are directed to expediently pay these inspectors the stated amounts in view of the fact that they have completed and submitted the report to the Honourable minister in terms of Section 105 of the Urban Government Act and the minister had directed all costs of conducting the inspection shall be borne by council," it was reported. Council Public Relations Officer Mathokoza Thwala was since then barred from commenting on the E11.5 million issue.



**BUSY HUB:** Commuters in Swaziland's busiest city Manzini rely on the workforce for hygiene and other health related matters.



**Setsembiso  
Sebunye  
Foundation**

### INVITATION TO TENDER

The Bahá'í Schools of Swaziland, in Malagwane invite, reputable companies and individuals to tender for the provision of external audit services as follows;

- For the year 2014, ending 31<sup>st</sup> December
- For the year 2015, ending 31<sup>st</sup> December

In the tender documents, the tendering companies and individuals must show their residency in Swaziland, current membership to the Swaziland Institute of Accountants and must provide information demonstrating their ability to carry out such a task.

#### Background:

The Bahá'í schools comprise of three institutions

- The Bahá'í pre-school – student enrolment 80
- John & Valera Allen primary school – student enrolment 415
- Setsembiso Sebunye High School – student enrolment 233

#### Submission requirements and deadline:

Tender documents must be hand-delivered to the Bahá'í Schools in a sealed envelope no later than 16h00 on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016.

Tender documents must be addressed to:

The Bahá'í Schools Board  
C/O Mr Mangaliso Dlamini

The envelope must be marked: Tender – audit services

#### For enquiries:

Email: [foundation@setsembisosebunye.ac.sz](mailto:foundation@setsembisosebunye.ac.sz)  
Cell: 769 4422 9 (school hours only)



# Global oil gurus in E900m Phuzumoya Strategic Oil Reserve Project

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

Following emerging doubts on the eventual commencement of construction of the Strategic Oil Reserve at Phuzumoya, it now inspires great confidence that the project is led by world renowned oil trading gurus that will be on site throughout the construction.

Kantey & Templer Swaziland says it is now ready to deploy its vast array of resources, which is financial, technical, operational and supply to the country. The E900 million worth project in the Lubombo region essentially embraces the construction of an 80 million litres national strategic fuel facility, which will ensure the country's energy sector assumes its central role in the development of the economy.

Site mobilisation by the project developers, Kantey & Templer Swaziland, is now on progress at Phuzumoya to create a major and first ever storage facility in the country that is backed by first world players in oil trade in the world.

This newspaper can reveal that the Kantey & Templer Swaziland boasts of backing by top oil traders and engineers, including Netherlands based New York Stock Exchange NYSE VTTI as the major shareholder, United Arab Emirates (U.A.E) based Chemie Tech DMCC and Borgan Oil. These are the same players in the construction of the Borgan Cape Terminals in the prime location of the Eastern Mole of the Port of Cape Town in neighbouring South Africa. VTTI Energy is owned by Vittol, which is the major shareholder in oil trade in the World. Borgan Cape

● This is the same team of experts led by VTTI as the major shareholder that will next year complete a major new storage facility currently under construction in the Port of Cape Town, South Africa. The Borgan Cape Terminals project that has been granted 'phakisa' (accelerated) status by the SA Government is a strategically important asset that will offer a 118 000m<sup>3</sup> storage capacity, with a product portfolio including diesel, petrol, fame and ethanol for blending, and CF2



**BIG GUNS:** Pictured at the Strategic Oil Reserve site at Phuzumoya this week were Kantey & Templer Director Mondli Nxumalo, one of the company's engineers, Borgan Oil CEO Mzwandile Mseleku and Kantey & Templer Directors Gavin Teron and Mphilo Dlamini. They were at the site to assess progress. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

Terminals project that has been granted 'phakisa' (accelerated) status by the SA government and this strategically important asset will offer a 118 000 m<sup>3</sup> capacity, with a product portfolio including diesel, petrol, fame and ethanol for blending, and CF2. Excellent logistics will include access for 12m draft vessels, a pipeline to the inland refinery and five bottom-loading road truck bays and its expected completion time is just next year.

The Chemie Tech Group was established in 1997 and the group has since grown into a large multi-national organisation with offices in 28 countries and a workforce of over 3 400 employees.

The group's operations are organised into four business ver-

ticals which operate as individual legal entities and that include EPC, refining, mining and trading. Chemie-Tech Group's flagship company, Chemie-Tech DMCC is a professional industrial solutions provider, offering high quality engineering, procurement construction and project management services to oil and gas, petrochemical and process, power and water industries and agro based industries. The sphere of activity is focused in providing expertise and turnkey solutions to clients throughout Middle East, South Asia, South East Asia, Australia African Continent and North America.

In its company profile, Chemie-Tech reveals that is driven to meet high quality standards by

delivering quality projects on time and in budget.

Despite what has been viewed as a delay in the commencement of construction on the site at Phuzumoya, the good news as confirmed by the project developers is this is a fixed budget contract.

"The operation costs are on a fixed budget and it is our duty to deliver as per the specified costs. In keeping up with His Majesty's vision of a first world in 2022, we will definitely deliver. The team in place cannot get better than this," said the Kantey & Templer directors, who were found on the site this week.

Worth noting is that things are already looking up at the site with part of the required equipment already delivered.

## Facility to be commissioned in July 2018

The country will finally have its first national strategic oil reserve by July 2018.

That is the time when the project will be delivered in full by Kantey & Templer Swaziland and commissioned at Phuzumoya.

What will come as good news, especially to the residents of Phuzumoya and surrounding areas, is that the promised employment of about 300 people throughout the construction is now imminent. The community is already abuzz following the delivery of mobile offices and visible earthworks with heavy machinery back on the site.

Officials from Kantey & Templer Swaziland this week underwent another site inspection to mark their readiness to begin work.

Correspondence between the project developers and the ministry of natural resources and energy has confirmed the project will be commissioned mid-June in 2018.



## Construction big guns vying for road tender

Construction industry big guns are already lining up to win the tender for the construction of the 1.5 kilometres access road to the National Strategic Oil Reserve at Phuzumoya.

During a site inspection meeting conducted by officials from the ministry of public works and transport at Phuzumoya this week, a number of construction companies registered with the Construction Industry Council (CIC) turned up for the meeting. Amongst those companies represented during the meeting included Kukhanya, Inyatsi, Stefanuti Stocks, A.G Thomas and Roots Civils. Others were Heptagon, Pots Construction, K&N and Cebekhulu Contractors.

Senior engineer in the ministry, Mlungisi Mhlongo, highlighted that they expected competent bidders for the tender that have a sound financial capacity, experience and personnel to carry out the project. He said the expected commencement of the works was mid-January and the completion date being mid-July 2017.





# Zim church donates E1.4m to Philani Maswati

By Lungelo Nkambule

**P**rophetic Healing and Deliverance Ministries yesterday made a donation to the Philani MaSwati Organisation.

The church, led by its first lady Tendai Magaya, made the donation to Philani Maswati Chairperson Lutfo Dlamini at Summerfield Botanical Gardens. Addressing the media, Magaya said the spirit had led them as a church to Swaziland. She said her husband, the leader of the church, appreciated the elderly and therefore was always concerned with their well being. "It is our responsibility to take care of the elderly because they are our mothers and fathers. God spoke to us and urged us to come and lend a hand in Swaziland," she continued. Through this gesture, the prophet was showing his love for the people of Swaziland. "This is an expres-



**BLESSING OTHERS:** Prophet W Magaya's wife Tendai speaking during the press conference whilst Philani MaSwati Chairperson Lutfo Dlamini listens attentively.

sion of his love and he has sent us to do it on his behalf," she said.

Receiving the donation, Philani MaSwati Chairperson Lutfo Dlamini said they were very grateful to the church noting this was the first of its kind. "On behalf of Her Majesty Indlovukazi we would like to thank you for your very generous

donation.

This is the first time in the history of the organisation that we have received a donation that will benefit two constituencies at the same time," he said. He noted this donation was in line with Her Majesty's vision. "Her Majesty's dream is to see the elderly living a dignified



**ATTENTIVE:** Philani Maswati's Adesola Nxumalo, Mhlophe Tsabedze, Themba Dlamini, Ntombi Malinga and Gabatisa Dlamini were also present.

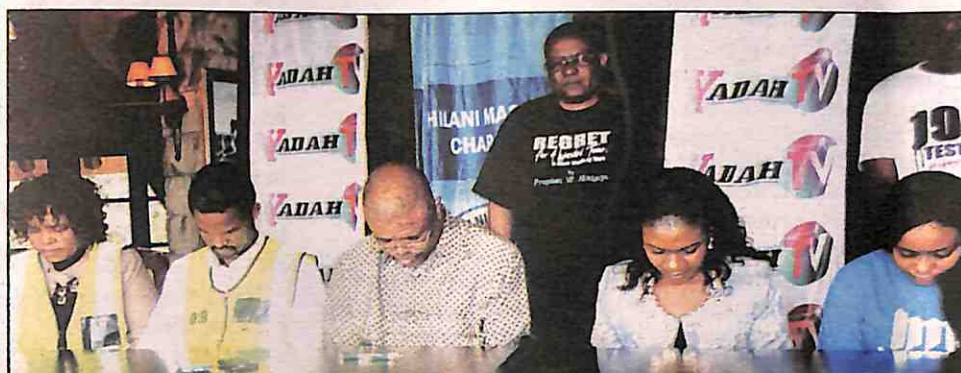
life. She saw the plight of the elderly in the country and decided to set up this organisation," he said.

He said if anything the elderly should not at any point find themselves in needy situations because they had given birth to people. "It is our duty to take care of the elderly but because the devil is messing with us we have shunned from these duties hence this fund steps in and does that work which should be done by us," he said.

Dlamini then said what PHD Ministries had done should be emulated by other churches, especially local ones. "Local churches should

take a leaf from you. All the way from Zimbabwe you came down here to help us and other churches must copy that," he said. He further requested the ministry under Prophet Magaya to make this a habit. "Make this an annual thing and come back next year," he said.

The donations will be done tomorrow at Lobamba Constituency and they will benefit elderly people from the Lobamba as well as the Lobamba Lomdzala constituencies. Dlamini said the ministry would minister the Word of God first then they would give clothing and food to the elderly.



**PRAYER TIME:** The press conference was started by prayer. Lutfo Dlamini and Tendai Magaya bow their heads.



**PHD Ministries members that formed Tendai's entourage in prayer.**

## Mysterious murders: No breakthroughs but cases not yet cold

By Sandile Nkambule

**F**irst it was the death of Swaziland Post and Telecommunications (SPTC) employee Funekike Gule who was found brutally killed at her landlord's premises, another was that of a school going girl who went missing while doing her laundry at Ngculwini and suspected to have been killed with her body mutilated and recently it has been the death of well-known Mbabane Magician Mduduzi Gama, who allegedly died at the hands of police officers.

Following these incidences, active investigations were launched by the Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSP) thus giving hopes to both the affected families of the deceased and members of the public in general that suspects would be brought to book and face justice.

### Worrying

However, to date both these murder cases have still not been solved, leaving family, relatives, friends and members of the public worrying on whether these cases are still open or not.

This publication took the time to seek clarity from the country's trusted security service, the RSP on how these cases, especially that of Gule who died under a cloud of controversy, are being handled and where they really were.

The police explained that a case was not closed until it reached its finality, with arrests being made or a body of a missing person being discovered and such has not been located by the police. The nature of cases, according to the police, differ in terms of their investigations since some are easy to break while others take time as police follow whatever possible leads to no avail.

At times murder cases can take years due their complexity hence the police have appealed to members of the public to give them time in dealing with such cases since investigations may take longer than concerned relatives and the general public may have expected.

### Investigation

Acting Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, explained that with the case of the teenage girl who went missing at Ngculwini, investigations not closed yet.

Likewise that of the late Gule and the magician, the police are still investigating the murder cases hence they called upon members of the public who might be of assistance to help them with any information that might lead to arrests in these cases.

"We would like to assure members of the public, especially concerned relatives that as a police service, we are still investigating these cases. The

police are actively investigating Gule and the Gama's murder cases and we also appeal to members of the public to assist with any information that may lead to arrests and breakthrough of these cases to call the police on the emergency number 999 or the nearest police station," Vilakati said. These not only applied to the above cases, but also others that have still not been solved by the police. All cases, according to the police, are given the priority they deserve hence such are not closed until arrests are effected.

### Dropped

Gule died under a serious cloud of controversy on Thursday April 17, 2014 just before the Easter weekend as she prepared to leave the country with colleagues, while the late magician died late last year after having been allegedly dropped by two uniformed police officers at Emvakwelitje. The late Gule's boyfriend had at some point alleged there were people involved in the somewhat unbreakable murder case.

Not only that, South African Koffi Makofane was also reported by our sister paper the Sunday Observer as also having blamed the media for not doing enough to solve Gule's alleged murder. He had over the last year been posting about the death of the late Gule and his last post had friends and family members trying to console him. She was supposed to have gone to her rented cottage at Checkers in

Mbabane to collect her belongings and then join her workmates on a trip to Lesotho.

However, she failed to return to their meeting place as she was later found naked and murdered under mysterious circumstances while lying in a pool of blood reportedly all over her rented flat. According to reports after her gruesome death, her unsuspecting friends and relatives went to the residence to look for her as they had waited for her longer than expected and she was reportedly also not responding to their calls. It is said on arrival, they found the gate locked but could see her car in its usual parking spot though she was not visible to them neither did she respond to their calls.

### Frantically

This then caused them to frantically call for the Dlamini family members who they reportedly saw within the yard to open the gates to no avail.

Instead, the landlord, businessman Moses Dlamini is said to have entered the gate whilst barring them entry and lawyer Zweli Jele was also allowed into the homestead as he arrived shortly after him. Those who were at the gate at the time revealed that police later arrived and spent over five hours without telling them what was happening nor any medical intervention being made. Dlamini had revealed during an interview with the Observer on Saturday that Minister Winnie Magagula also made her way

to the gate to plead with the Dlamini relatives and the police to let Gule's family know what was happening to no avail. Gule was reportedly taken out of the Dlamini family compound at around 11:30pm to the hospital and only then was she certified dead. According to earlier reports from the Royal Swaziland Police Service Public Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Khulani Mamba, at that time, they were investigating whether Gule was mauled by dogs, could have been stabbed or shot. The post-mortem report was never availed to the family and they were barred from being there when it was conducted on Wednesday April 23, 2014.

### Questioning

Prior to her burial, one of Moses Dlamini's sons, Thulani and businessman Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane were brought in for questioning by the police during the week leading to her burial. The dogs, which belonged to the Dlamini family, were later put down after they allegedly bit their owner (Moses Dlamini).

Meanwhile, Gama, according to an eye witness, was dropped off by two uniformed police officers from a police van with multiple wounds at Emvakwelitje leaving him for dead.

Gama was later found lying helplessly near the tarmac and called for help with the eyewitness and residents later arrived at the scene and identified the deceased who was later pronounced dead upon arrival at the Mbabane Government Hospital.



## LATEST TWIST IN TYCOON DUMISA SAGA'S ESTATE

By Ackel Zwane

## 'DNA, BRING IT ON AM READY TO GIVE 10 LITRES OF BLOOD'

In the latest development regarding the estate and status of hotelier mogul and sugar tycoon Dumisa Dlamini his son Mzwandile, reportedly being disowned by his siblings, would rather not waste time discussing DNA tests but wants to know the whereabouts of his father. However, if anyone would be interested he is ready to donate 10 litres of his blood for the testing and to add more litres from his four children if that would assist the doubting Thomases.

This follows recent media reports to the effect that some of Dumisa's children were disowning Mzwandile, saying he is an impostor. However, Mzwandile, has in his possession records of correspondences with those who have now turned to disown him. He also has telephonic conversations in which he was even asked whether he would stand as executor of the estate but refused on the grounds he was still not certain of the whereabouts of his father, whether he had

indeed died or was being held hostage somewhere for his possessions.

"What is preoccupying my crusade is not the distribution of my father's estate but to know his whereabouts, if he is dead let them show me and the rest of his children the grave and that must be confirmed. All his children have a right to his estate and to know what happened to him. All my father's children are welcome and no one must be left out in the determination of his condition and estate."

Mzwandile, while saying he has no time to waste responding to the call for DNA tests, says he wonders how any of Dumisa's children could have the guts to own siblings. "They are just

being childish, we should be coming together as a family to defend what is our own by first finding out what happened to our father before the rush to discuss his estate." He is prepared to die on the search path for his father's whereabouts without having to bother about his possessions.

He also discloses that some of those making noise have their mothers at Maphungwane living with a stepfather while others may not be known until they surface. They may be known by their mothers and the common father not for the siblings to determine who is Dumisa's legitimate or genuine child and who is not.

## Details

He could not divulge further details of the status and size of the estate because he said he did not want to disturb police investigations into whether Dumisa had died or not and who was responsible for his burial. He insisted he was only reacting to public statements and putting them to their right perspective before disclosing that one of the girls now calling for the DNA tests literally lived with Mzwandile on Dumisa's property at Velebantfu, now Riverstone Mall in Manzini.

Last May, Mzwandile successfully interdicted the sale of one of his father's farm at Big Bend to SwaziBank. The farms were hastily put on auction for E11 million without the knowledge of the other children of the sugar tycoon.

This was also before even the appointment of the executor of the estate if indeed Dumisa had died.

One Lot was Marshall Campbell, Portion 76 of Farm No. 161, Lubombo District and Portion 69 of Farm No. 161 Lubombo District, Swaziland, which measures 160 hectares. It is about one kilometre from Ubombo Sugar Mill.

The other is Matlock Estates, Portion 12 (a portion of portion 9) of farm Pircadie No. 457, Lubombo District, Swaziland

measuring 101. 2089 hectares. It is located near USA Distillers, about seven kilometres from Ubombo Sugar mill. Its water rights allows it to draw water from the Lusutfu River.

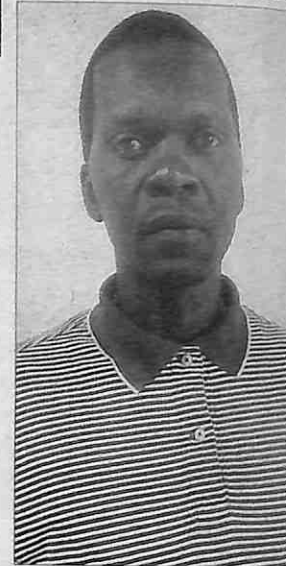
Pircadie Estates, the third farm, measures 31.4644 hectares. It is portion 9 of Farm Pircadie No. 457, Lubombo District and located near USA Distillers and approximately seven kilometres from Ubombo Sugar Mill. It has a four bedroom house (which needs attention).

Last year June, the same properties were put on auction and Mzwandile was first to raise dust but somehow the auctioneers resurfaced again this year to auction same properties. They had put a media notice that the farm was designated as comprising 10 hectares and sold for E950, which raised eyebrows because the farm in question is 101 hectares and is situated near USA Distillers in Mahlabaneni and therefore cannot fetch so little from the market.

## Lawsuit

In 2001, the Absa Group woke up to a E126.8m lawsuit that July lodged against it in the Pretoria High Court by Swaziland sugar tycoon Dumisa Dlamini.

Dlamini was suing Absa for the collapse of his hotel empire in South Africa. In court papers filed on June 27, Dlamini claimed that Absa debited E12.7m from his account without authorisation. The bank was also accused of transferring E4.8m from Dlamini's loan account without authorisation. Dlamini further claims the bank failed to credit his account with E5.18m, which was deposited by Transvaal Sugar Limited (TSB), Barclays Bank of Swaziland and Van Rensburg and Meyer Attorneys Incorporated. It also allegedly failed to credit his account with E431 017 and then accused him of being in arrears with a loan repayment of half that amount and seized his property in



**REPLICA: Dumisa's son Mzwandile, who challenges his siblings to produce the grave or the body of their father before jumping for his estate.**

Hectorspruit. The bank seized all operations of Kleindoomkop Boerdery CC and deployed security guards.

Dlamini claimed he had to replace irrigation equipment at a cost of R24m because it was destroyed after the bank seized the property.

Dlamini was reported saying because Absa allegedly failed to service his accounts properly, he was deprived of funds to finance his other businesses and lost profits worth E80m.

## Owed

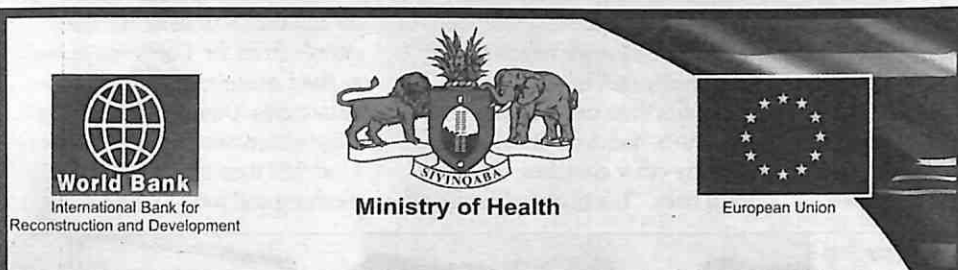
He was suing for a total of E126.8m. Dlamini's hotel empire in the province crumbled because of unpaid services to municipalities and the non-payment of staff, it was claimed. Impala Hotel in Barberton was sold at an auction because Dlamini owed the Barberton Town Council E280 000 in rates and taxes.

The hotel had not operated for four years, after Dlamini bought it. He also bought the Phoenix Hotel in Barberton but its owners reclaimed it within a year when he failed to pay the full purchase price. Five other hotels in the province, Paragon, Figtree, Bambi, Wayside Inn and Montrose, were also closed down in 1997 due to unpaid electricity and water bills.

Dlamini owed the Nelspruit City Council more than E1m for unpaid bills at Paragon and Figtree hotels.



**SURVIVOR: Tycoon Dumisa's home near USA Distillers where he lived with Mawandile for many years has also survived several attempts of being sold by his children through public auction.**



## HEALTH HIV/AIDS AND TB PROJECT

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTING FIRMS TO STRENGTHEN HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE, SYSTEMS WITHIN PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE HEALTH SECTOR

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Government of Swaziland has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the European Commission towards the cost of a five-year Health HIV/AIDS and TB Project in the amount of US\$20 Million and Euros14.5 million respectively. The Government of Swaziland intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the contract for the assessment and re-organization of administrative structures for the Health System within the Public Sector.

The Ministry of Health has developed the second National Health Sector Strategic Plan (NHSSP II). The NHSSP II aims to strengthen the governance and management capacity of MOH and the health sector to effectively and efficiently perform and discharge core health sector functions. The institutional development strategy mainly focuses on building a distinctive organizational culture, promoting values related to work processes and recognition systems, including institutional growth, efficiency, cost-effectiveness, responsiveness and sustainability. Strengthening management governance of primary healthcare facilities remain the main strategy for improved healthcare delivery which requires clear governance and enhanced management capacity at various levels of service delivery.

## OBJECTIVE

The objective of this intervention is to support the Ministry of Health in the implementation of the Government's institutional and management reform initiatives, as described in the NHSSP II, mainly focusing on governance, management and performance reform components. Through improving hospital management and governance, and promoting results-driven service provision, the Consultancy is to contribute to broader sector outcomes, such as efficiency and sustainability of health financing, quality of care, and more health for the money.

The Consulting firm will strengthen the health facilities' delivery by providing technical assistance in:

- Institutional and organisational development as it relates hospital management and governance.
- Develop options for governance models and management structures, fitted to level of service delivery. Performance management, monitoring, reporting and health information systems
- Identify capacity building needs in governance and management and engage in training activities.
- Develop management and governance pilots (s), run and monitor and evaluate pilots to assess performance changes, impact on providers and patients and the sustainability of the pilot.

## THE SHORTLISTING CRITERIA

The consulting firm has to meet the following criteria:

- Evidence of relevant proven experience in working with Ministries of Health at national and facility levels in health systems strengthening, including governance, planning and management, public health financing, health information system, human resources for health.
  - Availability of qualified technical experts with skills in governance, management, organizational development, Health Systems strengthening, health financing, Monitoring and Evaluation among key personnel.
  - Regional knowledge and experience in undertaking similar work within the region
- Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Firms wishing to associate must state clearly the nature of the proposed association (either joint venture or a sub consultancy).

Selection of the Consultants will be done in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, published in January 2011. Interested organizations may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (i.e. Monday-Friday 09:00-17:00 hours).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked "Expression of interest for 'STRENGTHEN HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE, SYSTEMS WITHIN PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE HEALTH SECTOR'" to the address below not later than 4th November, 2016.

The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health; Health, HIV/AIDS and TB Project, 7th Floor Dlan'ubeka Building, Mbabane. Postal address: The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health, Health, HIV/AIDS and TB Project, P.O. Box 5; Mbabane, Swaziland.

Electronic applications should be sent to Project Coordinator; [dsshongwe@gmail.com](mailto:dsshongwe@gmail.com) copy to [georgegunde@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:georgegunde@yahoo.co.uk) and [mwenela.kenneth@yahoo.com](mailto:mwenela.kenneth@yahoo.com). All applications will be acknowledged but only shortlisted firms will be contacted. Contacts: (00268) 24048840; (00268) 24042557; (00268) 24043936



# CONTRACEPTIVES AVAILABLE TO 12-YEAR-OLDS

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

In the country contraceptives are made available to children as young as 12 years old. That is because government has an obligation to provide services. The only difference is these children cannot access the contraceptives at their respective schools, but must go to their nearest clinics to get them.

This was explained to the Editors Forum during a breakfast meeting at the Mountain Inn by Swaziland

National AIDS Programme (SNAP) Programme Manager Muhle Dlamini and National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA)'s Muziwethu Nkambule yesterday.

The meeting was in readiness for the Commemoration of the World AIDS Day 2016 with this year's theme being: 'Hands Up For HIV Prevention'.

Nkambule explained that the contraceptives are available to the children at the various clinics, but not at schools. This was after a question was posed on

whether NERCHA was thinking along the lines of introducing these contraceptives to children so that if push comes to a shove and they decide to engage in sexual intercourse, they are not caught in the unfortunate situation of falling pregnant while still at school. Nkambule disclosed that while statistics show that a larger proportion of children have delayed engaging in sexual intercourse with a reported 50-60%, some still engaged in the act.

He said the statistics showed that 80-90% children used condoms while at least 80% have reported condom use.

Responding to a question on whether sexual education is helping in schools, Nkambule highlighted that while an evaluation has not been made yet, there were signs of improvement.

He said through what they term life-skills in the schools, the response from pupils has been tremendous as such interventions have delayed their sexual debut and most have responded to the call for circumcision.

## GOVT DISTRIBUTING LUBRICANTS TO GAY MEN

In promoting greater inclusion and advocating for the provision of high-quality health and other services for the gay and lesbian community, government is providing, amongst other things, lubricants for use by gay people or males that have sex with men.

This is part of various interventions on the Lesbian Gay Bi-Sexual Transgender (LGBTI) Community. SNAP Programme Manager Muhle Dlamini said they had on various intervals engaged men who have sex with men in trying to get to know their lives and clients.

"As part of our intervention, we are giving them lubricants for use. Here we use government money

and that from donors. So far we do not have evidence on HIV being transmitted by lesbians hence we have extensively worked with the gay community," he explained.

Still on interventions on LGBTIs, Dlamini disclosed that after getting information that sex workers were being harassed by police officers, they brought in a commandant from Ghana to come to the country and engage local police bosses. He said the Ghanaian was able to share his country's experiences and, "as we speak now, a number of sex workers have contact numbers of various station commanders so they can reach them if they are being abused."

## ARVs, condoms could be repackaged

Already options are being weighed by stakeholders to repackage Anti-Retroviral drugs (ARVs) so that people taking

them are not discriminated.

Furthermore, there are ongoing discussions to improve the packaging of condoms so the general populace is

provided with better quality condoms whose use gives desired pleasure.

NERCHA's Muziwethu Nkambule yesterday disclosed that there were ongoing discussions at certain levels to repackage ARVs.

He said it was evident to all that the

current packaging was not fancied by their users hence one finds the containers are decorating bins at the various HTC's.

### Considering

"Even WHO (the World Health Organisation) is considering it," he

said. It was revealed some children who are on Anti Retroviral Treatment (ART) have extensively complained about the packaging of the ARVs as they make noise when inside their bags resulting in them being stigmatised by their peers.





**Ministry of Health**

### HEALTH HIV/AIDS AND TB PROJECT

#### REQUEST FOR CURRICULUM VITAE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT FOR THE TRAINING OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTRE DISPATCH OFFICERS

##### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Government of Swaziland (GOS) has emphasized health as a priority on the national agenda. The second National Health Sector Strategic Plan (NHSSP II) identifies critical areas in the health sector that require support, and aims to improve poor health outcomes and inefficiencies towards Universal Health Coverage. The World Bank and EU-financed Health; HIV/AIDS and TB project supports the Government in its commitment to improve the health status of the Swazi population. Specifically, the project will: (i) improve access to, and quality of health services in Swaziland, with a particular focus on primary health care, maternal health and TB, and (ii) increase social safety net access for OVC.

The MOH invites interested, qualified candidates to indicate their interest in providing technical support and services under this consultancy. Selection shall be on the basis of examination and comparison of the qualifications of the individual candidates as evidenced by their CVs. The selected individual shall be requested to submit a costed offer to undertake the work.

##### OBJECTIVE

The Main Objective of the consultancy is to develop and print the Emergency Communication Centre dispatch manual, Emergency Communication Centre training manual, design dispatch mechanism and emergency assessment algorithm and, train the dispatch officers in managing all calls with emphasis on emergency triple zero (000) calls.

##### DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Conduct needs assessment to identify areas of weakness within current Call Centre policies and procedures. This includes obtaining feedback from facilities to improve Emergency Call Centre response.

Develop a competency based Emergency Call Centre training Manual to address skills needs and conduct a Trainer of Trainers (TOT). Skills should focus on:

- i) Receiving calls, following communication algorithm and call prioritization.
- ii) Assessment and management of callers conditions and provide step-by-step instructions in life-saving procedures (crisis management, conflict resolution, managing diversity).
- iii) Dispatch of Paramedics officers for emergency and non-emergency calls in line with operating procedures and dispatch algorithm.
- iv) Coordination with other public safety services and utilization of formalized procedural language, abbreviations, and codes to communicate on air.

##### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

The candidate must have a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Medical Care or an equivalent qualification with vast experience in developed countries in establishing emergency communication Centers. A Master's in Emergency Medical Care would be an added advantage.

Should have experience in developing educational manuals and must have experience in training emergency dispatch officers.

Should also have experience in emergency communication Centre programs.

The candidate should have experience in this field of not less than 10 years.

**APPLICATIONS:** Submit a detailed copy of updated curriculum vitae (duties inclusive), references and scanned copies of notarized academic or professional certifications. Application should be addressed to: The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health; 7th Floor Dlan'ubeka Building, Mbabane. Postal address: The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health P.O. Box 5; Mbabane, Swaziland. Electronic applications should be sent to Project Coordinator; [shongweskosman@yahoo.com](mailto:shongweskosman@yahoo.com) copy to [georgegunde@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:georgegunde@yahoo.co.uk) and [kenannie1959@yahoo.com](mailto:kenannie1959@yahoo.com) no later than 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. All applications will be acknowledged but only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Contacts: (00268) 24048840; (00268) 240425557





**Ministry of Health**

### HEALTH HIV/AIDS AND TB PROJECT

#### REQUEST FOR CURRICULUM VITAE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT FOR THE REVIEW AND FINALIZATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT STANDARDS FOR HEALTH FACILITIES

##### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Government of Swaziland (GOS) has emphasized health as a priority on the national agenda. The second National Health Sector Strategic Plan (NHSSP II) underpins the implementation of Universal Health Coverage with the aim to improve poor health outcomes and inefficiencies. The World Bank and EU-financed Health, HIV/AIDS and TB project supports the Government in its commitment to improve the health status of the Swazi population. Specifically, the project will: (i) improve access to and quality of health services in Swaziland, with a particular focus on primary health care, maternal health and TB, and (ii) increase social safety net access for OVC. In this regard, draft standards for infrastructure and medical equipment for health facilities have been developed which, when adopted, will be pivotal to the delivery of quality health services in Swaziland.

The MOH invites interested, qualified candidates to indicate their interest in providing technical support and services under this consultancy. Selection shall be on the basis of examination and comparison of the qualifications of the individual candidates as evidenced by their CVs. The selected individual shall be requested to submit a costed offer to undertake the work.

##### OBJECTIVE

The main objective of the consultancy is to review the existing infrastructure and equipment standards in light of the ongoing review of the EHCP and with a view to making them relevant to the revised EHCP. Further objectives are to:

- Facilitate the review, discussion and finalisation of the infrastructure and medical equipment standards by MOH
- Facilitate agreement to the revised infrastructure and medical equipment standards by the Infrastructure and Equipment Technical Working Group
- Facilitate the adoption of the revised infrastructure and medical equipment standards by the MOH

##### DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Reviewing the designs for the 3 sizes of clinics developed by the project and aligning infrastructure to provision of health services as indicated by the EHCP

Reviewing the designs for the new Maternity and Operating Theatre Units for health centres developed by the project and, propose designs and layouts, the accommodation and equipment required to provide health services at health centres as dictated by the revised EHCP

Propose designs and layouts, the accommodation and equipment required to provide health services at hospitals as indicated in the EHCP.

##### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

A degree in architecture and a master's degree in health facilities planning or the equivalent together with a professional qualification recognised in the country of residence.

At least fifteen (15) years' experience of health facilities planning including planning for the provision of health facilities and the design and planning of clinics, health centres and hospitals of which at least 5 years should have been in developing countries.

Experience in capacity building and the transfer of skills in developing countries is desirable.

Experience in the SADC region will be advantageous.

Fluency in English is essential.

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## CNN AWARDS

# 21ST CNN MULTICHOICE AFRICAN JOURNALIST AWARDS

By Alec Lushaba

About 37 African journalists contested the 21st CNN MultiChoice African Journalist Awards from 38 countries.

The prestigious event which was co-hosted by CNN International Anchor Zain Asher and renowned SuperSport presenter Robert Marawa was held at the Gallagher Convention centre, in Johannesburg in South Africa last Saturday evening.

The 37 finalists contested for 16 categories which had a new category focusing on the young ones, The Maggie Eales Young Journalist Award. Maggie was the CNN Executive and a former journalist who passed away in October last year and was the driving forces behind the development and growth of these awards.

Winning the first Maggie Eales Young Journalists award was Ancillar Mangena from Forbes Africa.

MultiChoice Africa CEO Tim Jacobs said this year's awards saw record entries from 38 across the continent. "This is a testament to the strength of these awards and what they represent to African journalists, showing an appetite for Africa to tell its own compelling stories," he said.

CNN Executive Vice President and Managing Director for CNN International TONY Maddox said to be one of the 37 finalists from a record 1 600 entries is no mean feat.

Chairperson of the judging panel Ferial Haffajee said the entrants covered the big bases; terror and its attendant stories are not always easy to render into memorable journalism but they saw entries which informed and explained this scourge of the 21st century.

She said Ebola ravaged several nations and journalists did well to look at the impacts of the pandemic.

"Generally, the judges felt that the areas of specialisation like health, sport and the environment remained highly contested. Good investments in these beats have resulted in journalism that knows its story, that seeks out ordinary people, that is comfortable

with science and the form to make these all memorable entries," she said.

Haffajee said one section they wish was not so tightly contested and that is the free press category where they recognise and award warriors for media freedom.

"As term limits come under

political contestation, as terror makes leaders nervous and as the media becomes more probing and its spotlight shines brighter on malfeasance and graft, the crackdown also grows more intense.

It is a space worth watching even as we celebrate," she said.



**SUPPORTING: Afro Pop sensation Zahara**



**LOOKING ON: Deputy Minister in the Presidency Buti Manamela.**



**Health and Medical Award Veronica Narkwor Kwabla, Tv3 Network, Ghana.**



**IT'S MINE: Portuguese Language General News Award - Electronic Media - Fidelto Emidio Bata, STV, Mozambique.**



**REWARDED: African Journalists Awards Finalists group**



**THE BEST: CNN MultiChoice African Journalist of the Year - Asha Ahmed Mwilu and Rashid Idi 2.**



**PRESENT: CNN'S Asher with The Swazi Observer Editor Alec Lushaba and MultiChoice Swaziland GM Phumi Drummond.**



**PRESS FREEDOM AWARD - Bob Rugurika, Burundi with Chair of the Judging Panel Ferial Haffajee.**



**GE Head of Communications Thuli Phiri**



**PROUD MOMENT: GE Energy and Infrastructure Award GE Thomas Konditi President and CEO GE Transportation Africa and GE SA.**



**HAPPY DAY: The Maggie Eales Young Journalist Award Ancillar Mangena, Forbes Africa, South Africa**





# 32 POLICE OFFICERS GRADUATE AT UNISWA

National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula has extended his appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to the police officers who graduated over the past weekend.

A total of 32 police officers graduated from the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) in different facilities during the 36th graduation and Convocation last Saturday which was graced by His Majesty King Mswati III.

Magagula, speaking during a press conference, said the achievement of the 32 police officers was commendable because it showed they were committed to their school work.

## Studied

He noted that juggling between work and studying was a tough thing to do, especially because the officers studied during their spare time.

"We commend the officers who graduated on Saturday for putting the organisation on the map and flying



**HARD WORK PAYS:** Some of the police officers who graduated at UNISWA following the proceedings.

our flag high because the RSPS values and encourages education. This is an achievement for the officers because they had to divide their attention between school and work but they managed to be successful at the end of the day hence their graduation," he said.

The officers graduated in fields including Adult Education, Humanities, Commerce, Law, Science and Psychosocial.

## Expected

Magagula said the graduates were now expected to work hard and deliver more for the organisation in

its pursuit for excellence since they were now capacitated with education.

He, however, warned that being educated did not necessarily mean they should not be disciplined as expected and respect their superiors.

He asked them to share with their

colleagues the knowledge they have acquired from the University for the betterment of the service.

"The qualifications you have obtained from the University do not mean you should now disrespect your superiors and the colleagues you had left behind who kept the fires burning while you were studying," he said.

## Reaching

He encouraged the officers to continue furthering their studies thus reaching the highest level in academia as that will project a positive image of the organisation. Speaking on behalf of the graduates, Inspector Derrick Makhanya expressed their gratitude to the organisation for giving them the opportunity to enrol at UNISWA. He said such an opportunity was rare in other organisations.

"That is why we say our organisation is the best in as far as allowing its human resource capacitate themselves with knowledge in the different institutions of the country is concerned. This has been a very long, hard and challenging journey but because of the support we got from the organisation, we were able to conquer thus we are humbling ourselves and say thank you very much," he said.

The graduates promised to be loyal to the organisation and assured the national commissioner they will not seek greener pastures following their academic achievements.



**VICTORY:** The graduates took time to pose for a group picture with the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula.

## National commissioner appreciates His Majesty's words of wisdom

The Royal Swaziland Police Service has hailed His Majesty King III's words of wisdom that he shared with police officers last Friday during the Police Day and pass-out parade ceremony.

The event, which saw 626 police recruits pass-out at Matsapha Police College was held last week Friday. Speaking during a press conference, the national commis-

sioner extended sincere gratitude to the King for gracing last week's event and further commissioning the police recruits.

## Cybercrime

He further thanked His Majesty for the words of wisdom, especially touching on the issue of cybercrime which was a thorny issue to the police.

He said cyber-crime cases were on the rise as at least

400 cases were reported in a year.

Magagula said the Friday event was a success judging from the comments from the public. His Majesty King III during the Police Day and pass-out parade ceremony told police officers to conduct themselves in a respectful manner and avoid corruption and dishonesty which was not good for the image of the country and the organisation.



**ATTENTIVE:** Some of the senior officers listening attentively to the national commissioner.



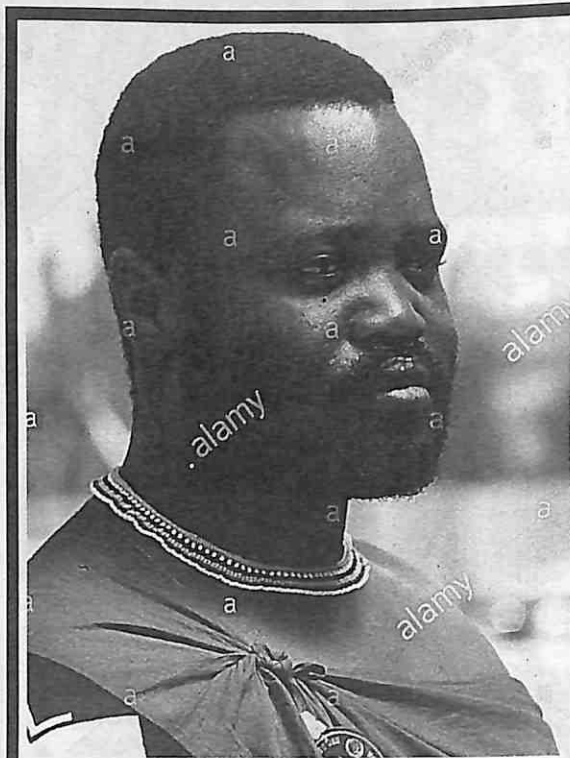
# SAMORA MACHEL WAS A NXUMALO

By Ackel Zwane

It has emerged Mozambique's first president Samora Moises Machel was in fact a Nxumalo with strong relations to the late former Cabinet minister and one time deputy prime minister Sishayi Nxumalo. He was remembered on Wednesday at Mbuzini on the South African side of the Mananga border post where a monument was erected in his honour at the site of the air crash that killed him together with 30 other members of his delegation on October 19, 1986. He was popularly known as Machel (Portuguese) Maxe (Xitsonga) and Mashele (Nguni or Sotho).

Machel's grassroots at Magude the Xitsonga version of Magudu, the royal enclave of the Nxumalos (also Ndwandwes, Ngunis or Mkhathwas) at Zwide's homestead outside Phongola across the Lavumisa border, was a regular place of visit by Machel who was said to be fond of interacting with his look alike 'half brother'.

At the commemoration on Wednesday it transpired Samora comes from a powerful family in the Limpopo valley. His grandfather, Malengani (Magivelani) was a close friend of Magigwani Khosa. Malengani was in the same battalion as Magigwani, he was involved in the war against Bingwani. After



TWO COUSINS: Samora Machel (r) was a cousin to Sishayi Nxumalo.

Bingwani's defeat at Bahule, Malengani was made a Ndhuna by Nghunghunyani, in a land south of Limpopo just opposite Chayimiti.

History has it that Malengani was not 100% loyal to Nghunghunyani. He was more close to Nkuyu Nxumalo, a powerful man who was in favour of Mawewe who opposed Nghunghunyani with N'waMucinga, the rebellious anti-

Nghunghunyani Nxumalo princess. As such, after the collapse of Gaza, Malengani did not run away with Mpisani. Malengani was related with the Nkuna, he was home. Malengani sired Mosi (Moises in Portuguese), who is the Father of Samora.

Samora was a Mozambican Nationalist, a Pan Africanist. His consciousness was beyond Tsonga

ethnicism.

Though he was partly influenced by the local dynamics, such as his grandfather fighting in the 1895 war (The Fall of Gaza) between Gaza and Portuguese army.

## Abolished

After independence, with Samora as president, all traditional Rule was abolished. Remember Samora was from a family that held tradi-

tional authority, so he knew very well what he was abolishing. Then in 1985, in a nationalist drive, he went to Portugal to demand the remains of Nghunghunyani. Not because Nghunghunyani was legitimised as a king of the Tsonga, but because he was historically recognised as an anti-colonial hero in a national and African history context. The remains were given to Samora, and are now lying in the Heroes' Acre in Maputo.

Nghunghunyani is declared a national hero among many others.

This has bolstered the ego of the Nxumalo in the context of present day Tsonga dynamics.

## Hero

Nghunghunyani is a national hero in two countries – South Africa and Mozambique. With Soshangani's remains in Maputo Heroes' Square, and a statue in Giyani, it was through the manipulation of history (lobbying obvious) that a monument was erected at Soshangani's grave and declared a national historical site.

However, monuments, statues and avenues do not validate claims made on historical lies.

When Samora abolished traditional authority, it was based on his Marxist conviction.

He saw traditional authority as stumbling block to drive the country into social justice and development. In fact, he was right on that one. In less than 10 years, he had done much to develop the country but all was destroyed by the civil war, say his contemporaries.



## Mbabane Council at Umsebe Accord in Matola

By Ackel Zwane

The Municipal Council of Mbabane joined three other cities to launch the Annual Event of the Umsebe Accord in

Matola. The Umsebe Accord is an agreement between four sister cities that include the City of Mbombela, Municipal Council of Mbabane, Nkomazi Municipality and the City of Matola. The launch was done ahead of the start of the annual event

next week.

The main event will have a series of business meetings in which business people from the four cities will engage on possible business opportunities. We bring you a view of the event.











# PRISON ESCAPE, THE **WORST** MISTAKE EVER - OFFENDERS

While His Majesty's Correctional Services remains distraught by the recent unfortunate act of escape by seven inmates at Big Bend Correctional Centre, offenders serving their sentences in correctional facilities have sprung to condemn such acts of cowardice by their colleagues who face long term charges such as robbery, rape, housebreaking and attempted murder amongst others.

Unappreciative of the treatment programmes that are being offered by the department to offenders so they become rehabilitated beings and reintegrated to society, the seven are believed to have deviously broke out of their cell while awaiting trial and vanished into thin air. However, three of the culprits have been apprehended while officers are hot on the heels of the remaining four.

## CONSEQUENCES

While the escapees await the consequences of their dim-witted decision, offenders within Correctional facilities have also raised their dissatisfaction over the issue, saying they have been immensely let down by the action of their colleagues.

The offenders who hold the same view with the commissioner general believe offenders should have the courage to face the consequences of their actions.

Not only undermining the institution's security, the escapees also proved to hold no regard for their colleagues who now have to grapple with the consequences of their escape. The Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase and all officers believe offenders who either await trial or have been convicted should be brave enough to face the consequences of their dire actions. Escaping from custody only accumulates the burden of offences which ultimately they would have to answer for.

Ntshangase however, thanked the media, security officers and members of the public for playing a mammoth task in apprehending three of the seven escape offenders in the likes of Mancoba Sibandze, Mpendulo Dlamini and Benson Shabalala.

The Commissioner General also mentioned officers would not rest until the remaining four: **S'phamandla Dlamini, Wandile Sigwane, Sibusiso Masuku** and **Banele Dlamini** (see right pictures in order) were brought to book. An interview with one of the offenders Thandaza Silolo who is currently serving his 15 year sentence at Matsapha Correctional Centre, revealed how inmates were disturbed by the escape of their fellow colleagues from Big Bend.

Silolo, who realised his mistake in life and handed himself over to the police after being on the run for three years said as the incarcerated society they sternly condemn the acts of escaping in prison and described it as being selfish and immature. He regrets having been on the run for such a lengthy period as that time could have been used serving his sentence.

Silolo believes being admitted into a correctional facility gives one the opportunity to reflect on the past mistakes and reform in order to become law abiding citizens. As such, he says courts remain with the mandate to decide the fate of those who have done wrong in society and handing them over to correctional institutions.

The 32-year-old offender explained escaping from custody with the intention to gain freedom actually denied one of that hoped for liberty as escapees never have the opportunity to reintegrate with their families or society. To this end, escapees accumulate more cases during the course of their escape as they have to make means of living.

## MISTAKE

Silolo, who recently had his sentence reduced as a result of his good conduct while within the correctional premises further highlighted escaping from prison was the worst mistake any offender could think off.

Expanding on the repercussions of such a decision, he said inmates who escaped also prove to be insensitive on the part of those who remain behind as there are several privileges forfeited and unfavourable adjustments.

"It is true while serving a sentence in custody there is a certain relationship that develops between officers and inmates as they are tasked with the rehabilitation of offenders.

These officers are the ones who help us with the rehabilitation programmes where at times we go out to partake in skills acquisition projects such as construction, industries and farming."

He said when such incidents unfold; there is completely lack of trust between the officers which affects the programmes aimed at helping inmates plus a majority of them are deprived of this privilege.

He said escaping from prison creates unnecessary enmity which could be avoided as officers are only tasked with safeguarding us and they cannot be held accountable for our wrong doing in society."

## ADVICE

Silolo's stay in Matsapha also plays as testimony that escaping in prison has never been a sustainable life. While elaborating during the interview, he mentioned

a majority of offenders who once escaped from custody were recaptured and had to face the serious consequences of their actions.

"Why would one escape only to be shot by police or more-so risk mob justice by the community?"

He said the most important thing was for one to complete their sentence so by the time they regained independence, there was nothing to fear as one would be welcome by society.

He further advised offenders not to risk their lives by escaping as such an act further infuriates the offended community. To this extent, Silolo highlighted everyone was a potential offender and those unfortunate to be found in conflict with the law should seek guidance from the laid down structures which are provided by the institution so they adapt to the new life in prison.

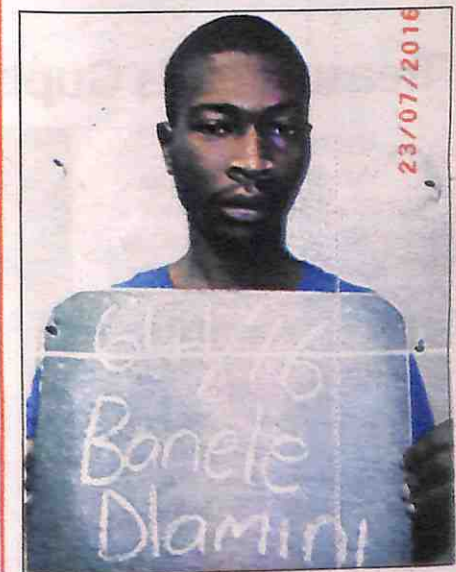
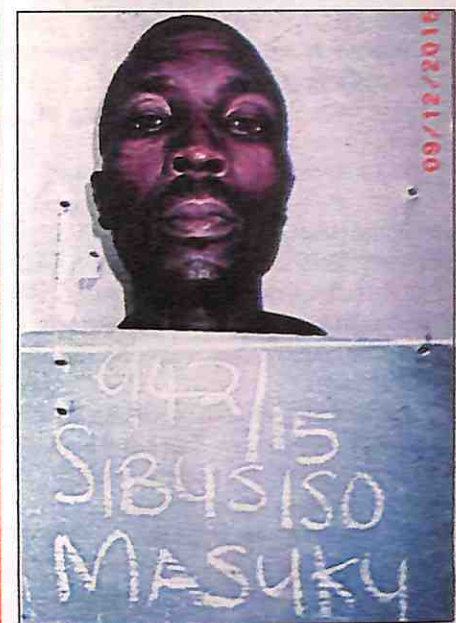
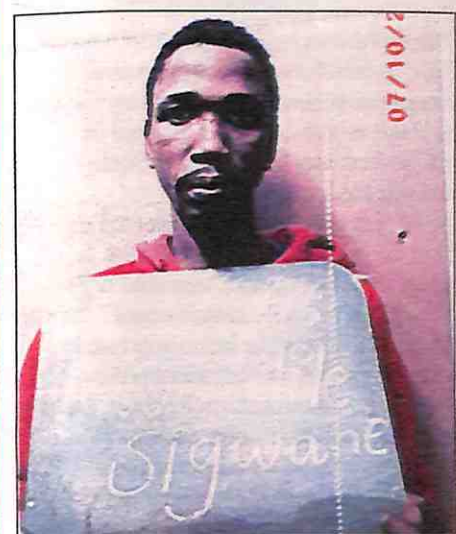
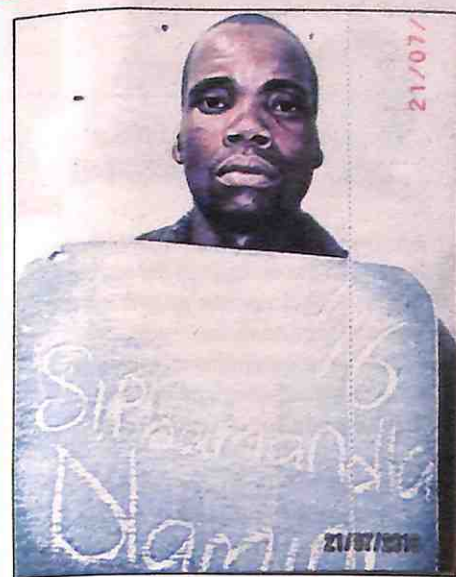


**SURRENDER NOW: HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase.**



**MISTAKE: HMCS officer Baphelele Kunene in an interview with Thandaza Silolo, an offender serving a 15-year sentence at Matsapha Correctional Centre.**

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# Analysis & Opinion

## Editor's Pen @ Work

WITH: Alec Lushaba

Observer on Saturday  
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**T**oday I have a special message for the Law Society of Swaziland as headed by Ben J. Simelane – stay out of politics!

I want to state upfront that the issues they are raising around the Supreme Court bench or lack of it are valid. However, the way they are going about it is political and is not going to serve them well.

I know something they can do which is consistent with their profession. You may ask what? They are schooled in law and they can use the same law to challenge the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) to account for the bench they are going to have come November.

At the moment, they are busy making noise, which to me is clear lobbying for something we don't even know for a fact whether the authorities are going to endorse or not.

They started by threatening to boycott the forthcoming sitting of the Supreme Court if permanent judges of the Supreme Court are not going to be appointed.

They have gone further to lobby all their members to reject any appointment to serve on acting capacity in this court.

The question we are having is, if the Law Society of Swaziland is not doing some grandstanding and openly lobbying or forcing the authorities into some submission, why don't they do what they know best, ready an application to challenge the bench when once announced?

Doing so would be dealing with the legal issues, challenging the status of the bench based on law and seek its dissolution if it is not a permanent bench.

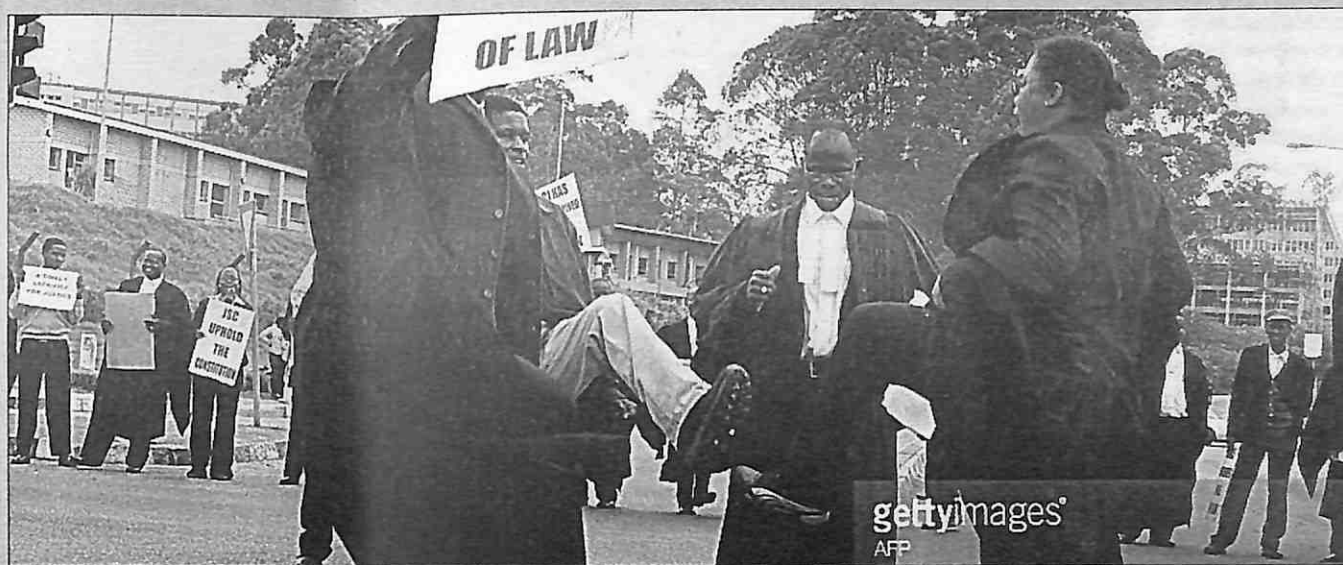
Any noise before we even know what type of bench we are having is politics and lawyers should stay out of it, because they are not politicians.

I am inclined to suspect that their current position is not genuine and is not motivated by law but by politics to force some arms of the Government into submission.

We don't want that. Lawyers argue better when they argue in terms of the law and have a matter before the court. As things stand we don't have the bench and we don't

## LAWYERS MUST STAY OUT OF POLITICS

- The last time they engaged in a strike action it almost destroyed some firms and made someone very popular, who later became a cabinet minister



Lawyers in one of their recent court boycotts.

know their prophetic side that the next bench will be made of acting judges.

At least for now, we know that we have three full-time judges who served with the previous two benches where lawyers were incorporated; that is the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala, Phesheya Senzangakhona Dlamini and Benjamin Odoki.

I am told that for purposes of hearing an appeal, these three judges do form a quorum and can sit in this court, whilst the issues affecting the Law Society of Swaziland are still being addressed.

### Noise

If the situation, therefore, is not like it is so dire, why then are we making so much noise about a valid case.

The authorities of this country would want to be seen to be upholding the Constitution and if legitimate concerns are brought forward through proper procedures and follow laid down processes, who wouldn't listen to their concern.

We believe lawyers are none partisan and

therefore their agenda should not be driven by any ulterior motive but the law. So if they are persuaded by seeing the Constitution being upheld, then let's keep away from the gimmicks or threats and all and deal with the law, which will be at the time, we all know what we are dealing with.

Ay mobilisation before that makes us suspect that there is more to this issue than the law and the Constitution.

### Position

The Law Society knows better that a hostile position in seeking to address their valid case will not help but harden the positions of those who have to make the appointments.

It was the same case in 2011 when they went on a four month strike that left all of them almost broke or out of business. I think no lawyer would like to go into the same experience.

That's why one is surprised at their threat to boycott everything.

So one is not going to go ahead of the processes still to be employed and start to

suggest options, but we would wait for the authorities to make the right call.

I must say however that we are aware about the not so good or hostile relationship that exists between the Judiciary and the Executive and let us hope that the lawyers are not playing into this game as well.

If the Executive and Judiciary are not seeing eye-to-eye on this matter, let them deal with it and not invite any one into their fights.

### Concern

The concern and requirement to have a permanent bench is legitimate and it should not be used to force some party into submission using other means other than the courts if there are legitimate concerns.

It is in the interest of justice in this country that we have a proper Supreme Court bench and we stop the short fixes that are eroding our confidence in our courts. But my argument as stated above, we can reach an amicable conclusion without creating unnecessary anxiety, it benefits no one.

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## Dealing with Diabetes



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## What is glycaemia index?

**T**he glycaemia index (GI) tells you how quickly food turns into sugar in your system.

Glycaemia load, a newer term, looks at both the glycaemia index and the amount of carbohydrate in food, giving you a more accurate idea of how food may affect your blood sugar level. High GI foods spike your blood sugar rapidly, while low GI foods have the least effect. According to American Diabetes Association, you can find glycaemia index and glycaemia load tables online, but you don't have to rely on food charts in order to make smart choices. Australian chef Michael Moore has come up with an easier way to regulate the carbohydrates you eat. He classifies foods into three broad categories: fire, water, and coal. The harder your body needs to work to break food down, the better.

**Fire foods:** have a high GI, and are low in fibre and protein. They include "white foods" (white rice, white pasta, white bread, potatoes, and most baked goods), sweets, chips, and many processed foods. They should be limited in your diet.

**Water foods:** are free foods—meaning you can eat as much as you like. They include all vegetables and most types of fruit (fruit juice, dried fruit, and canned fruit packed in syrup spike blood sugar quickly and are not considered water foods).

**Coal foods:** have a low GI and are high in fibre and protein. They include nuts and seeds, lean meats, seafood, whole grains, and beans. They also include "white food" replacements such as brown rice, whole-wheat bread, and whole-wheat pasta.

## Eight principles of low-glycaemia eating

• **Eat a lot of non-starchy vegetables, beans, and fruits:** such as apples, pears, peaches, and berries. Even tropical fruits like bananas, mangoes, and papayas tend to have a lower glycaemia index than typical desserts.

• **Eat grains in the least-processed state possible:** "unbroken," such as whole-kernel bread, brown rice, and whole barley, millet, and wheat berries; or traditionally processed, such as stone-ground bread, steel-cut oats, and natural granola or muesli breakfast cereals.

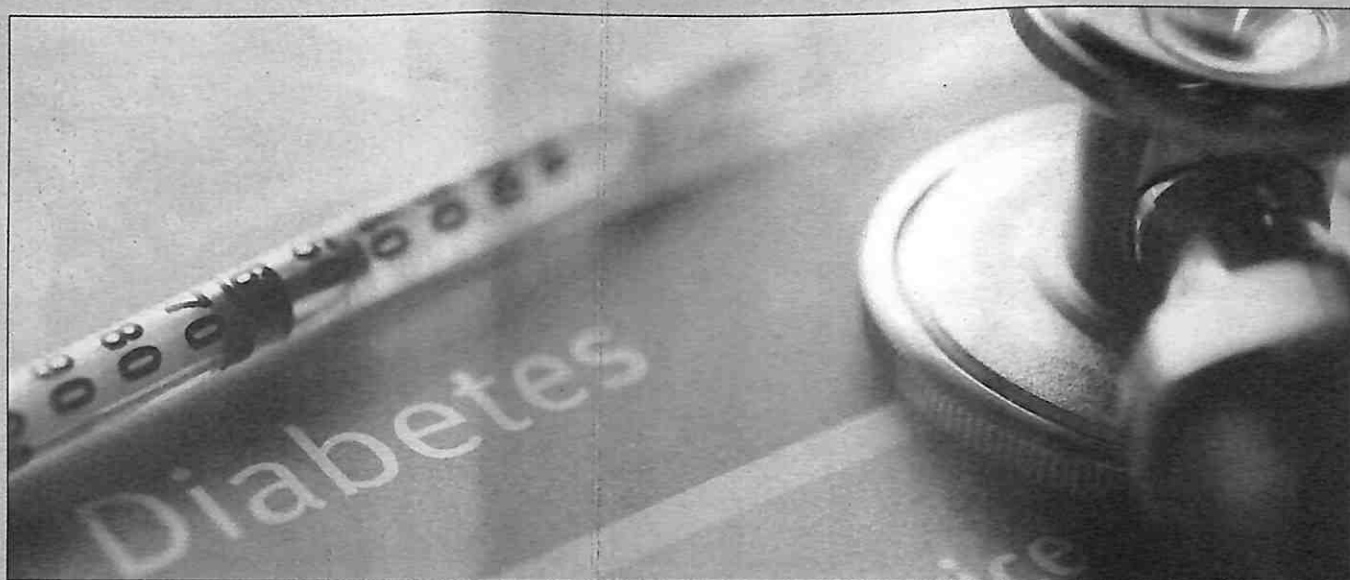
• **Limit white potatoes and refined grain products:** such as white breads and white pasta to small side dishes.

• **Limit concentrated sweets:** including high-calorie foods with a low glycaemia index, such as ice cream—to occasional treats. Reduce fruit juice to no more than one cup a day. Completely eliminate sugar-sweetened drinks.

• **Eat a healthful type of protein at most meals:** such as beans, fish, or skinless chicken.

• **Choose foods with healthy fats:** such as olive oil, nuts (almonds, walnuts, etc.), and avocados. Limit saturated fat from animal products. Completely eliminate partially hydrogenated fats (trans fats), which are in fast food and many processed foods.

# MAKING THE GLYCAEMIA INDEX EASY



• **Have three meals and one or two snacks each day:** and don't skip breakfast.

• **Eat slowly and stop when full.**

## Tricks for cutting down on sugar

• **Reduce drinking soft drinks, soda and juice:** A recent study found that for each 12 oz. serving of a sugar-sweetened beverage you drink a day, your risk for diabetes increases by about 15 percent. If you miss your carbonation kick, try sparkling water with a twist of lemon or lime or a splash of fruit juice. Reduce the amount of creamers and sweeteners you add to tea and coffee drinks.

• **Sweeten foods yourself:** Buy unsweetened iced tea, plain yogurt, or unflavoured oatmeal, for example, and add sweetener (or fruit) yourself. You're likely to add far less sugar than the manufacturer would have.

• **Reduce the amount of sugar in recipes:** by  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$ . If a recipe calls for 1 cup of sugar, for example, use  $\frac{3}{4}$  or  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup instead. You can also boost sweetness with cinnamon, nutmeg, or vanilla extract.

• **Find healthy ways to satisfy your sweet tooth:** Instead of ice cream, blend up frozen bananas for a creamy, frozen treat. Or enjoy a small chunk of dark chocolate, rather than your usual milk chocolate bar.

## More on diet tips

## Diabetes and your diet tip three: Choose fats wisely

Fats can be either helpful or harmful in your diet. People with diabetes are at higher risk for heart disease, so it is even more important to be smart about fats. Some fats are unhealthy and others have enormous health benefits. But

all fats are high in calories, so you should always watch your portion sizes.

**Unhealthy fats:** The two most damaging fats are saturated fats and Trans fats. Saturated fats are found mainly in animal products such as red meat and whole milk dairy products. Trans fats, also called partially hydrogenated oils, are created by adding hydrogen to liquid vegetable oils to make them more solid and less likely to spoil—which is very good for food manufacturers, and very bad for you.

**Healthy fats:** The best fats are unsaturated fats, which come from plant and fish sources and are liquid at room temperature. Primary sources include olive oil, canola oil, nuts, and avocados. Also focus on omega-3 fatty acids, which fight inflammation and support brain and heart health. Good sources include salmon, tuna, and flaxseeds.

## Ways to reduce unhealthy fats and add healthy fats:

- Cook with olive oil instead of butter or vegetable oil.
- Trim any visible fat off meat before cooking and remove the skin before cooking chicken and turkey.
- Instead of chips or crackers, try snacking on nuts or seeds. Add them to your morning cereal or have a little handful for a filling snack. Nut butters are also very satisfying and full of healthy fats.
- Instead of frying, choose to grill, broil, bake, or stir-fry.
- Serve fish two or three times week instead of red meat.
- Add avocado to your sandwiches instead of cheese. This will keep the creamy texture, but improve the health factor.
- When baking, use canola oil or applesauce instead of shortening or butter.
- Rather than using heavy cream, make your

soups creamy by adding low-fat milk thickened with flour, pureed potatoes, or reduced-fat sour cream.

## Diabetes and diet tip four: Eat regularly and keep a food diary

If you're overweight, you may be encouraged to note that you only have to lose 7% of your body weight to cut your risk of diabetes in half. And you don't have to obsessively count calories or starve yourself to do it. When it comes to successful weight loss, research shows that the two most helpful strategies involve following a regular eating schedule and recording what you eat.

**Eat at regularly set times:** Your body is better able to regulate blood sugar levels—and your weight—when you maintain a regular meal schedule. Aim for moderate and consistent portion sizes for each meal or snack.

**Don't skip breakfast:** Start your day off with a good breakfast. Eating breakfast every day will help you have energy as well as steady blood sugar levels.

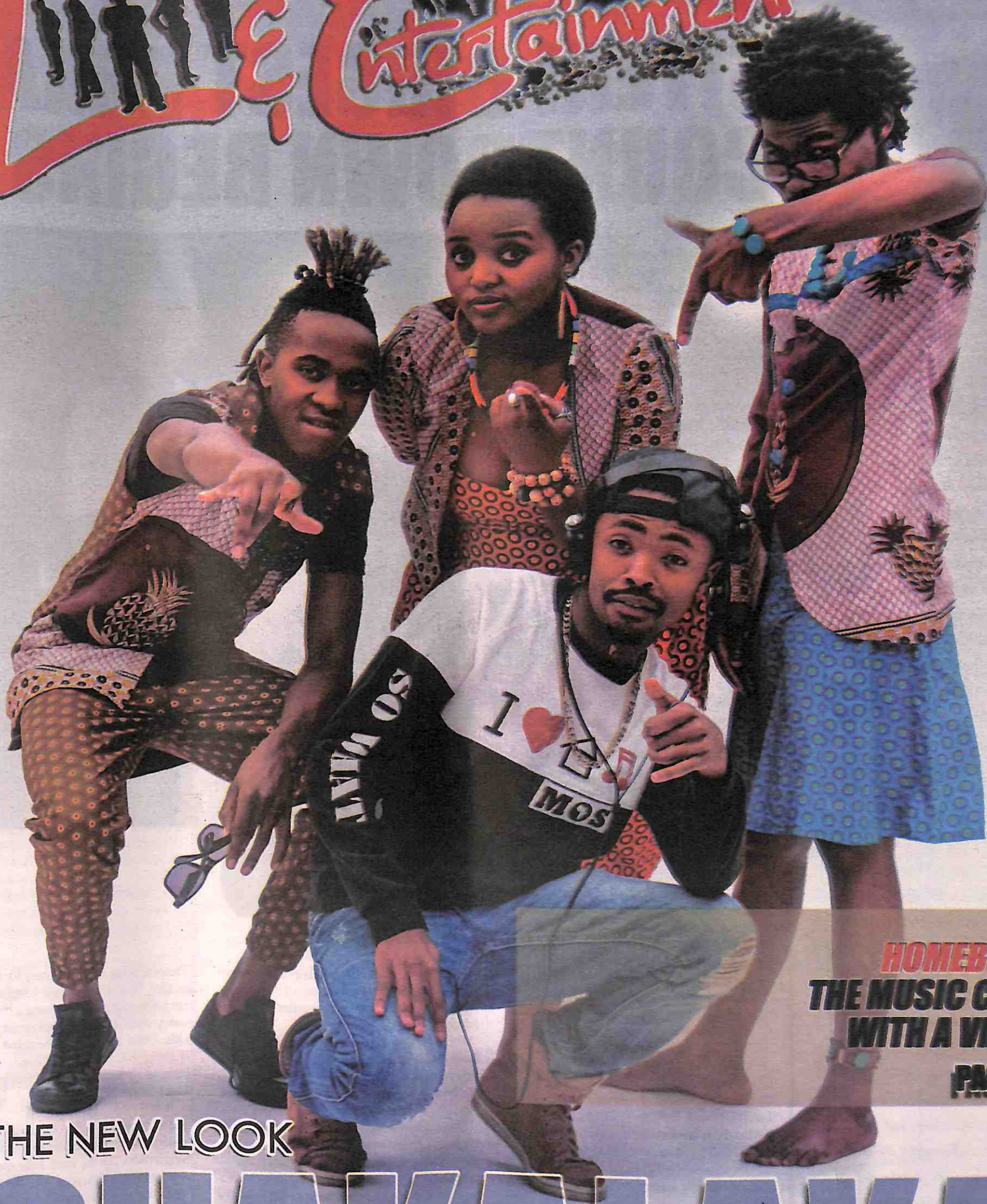
**Eat regular small meals—up to six per day:** People tend to eat larger portions when they are overly hungry, so eating regularly will help you keep your portions in check.

**Keep calorie intake the same:** Regulating the amount of calories you eat on a day-to-day basis has an impact on the regularity of your blood sugar levels. Try to eat roughly the same amount of calories every day, rather than overeating one day or at one meal, and then skipping on the next.

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# Lifestyle, Life & Entertainment



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THE NEW LOOK

# CHAKALAKA

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## WRITER'S NOTE



WITH: Phumelele Mkhonta

I am no political animal and/or activist; in actual fact, I take no deep interest in politics but I just do so because I am human and an occupant in this world where people are political animals. Bluntly putting it, I do not wish to be bombed because I did not take interest in breaking news because it was 'political'.

Where I am driving at is, I am so fascinated by the current debate between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. With the tiny winy knowledge on politics and power, I can conclude that Trump will acquire more power as he already has all the power in the hand. While Clinton, on the other hand, is setting family precedence like the Kennedys and the Bush', LOL, Just my analysis. Well, this issue is so masculine in a sense that I even incorporated cars, trying to base it to women though. Ladies stay safe and have knowledge on wheels.

I also involved two local music groups (bands) that have been making waves in the country. One is a boy group known as 'Homeboys' and the other group comprises three boys and a woman and they go by the name of 'Chakalaka'. Read these pieces on pages 5 and 6, respectively.

In this week's Diary of a working single mother, Tiara shares on how she does not get along with negative energy from people. Stick to this women's pieces as she elaborates about the realities of life.

Enjoy!

## IT'S MORE LIVE ACTS AS...

## SITEKI BIGGEST BRAAI COUNTDOWN BEGINS

The countdown has already begun. Next Saturday would see the second leg of the Biggest Braai being staged; this time in Siteki, Lubombo region.

The good news is that more live bands have been included to spice up the event with some flair and fluidity.

The entertainment line-up now has veterans in the game in the mould of gospel music artist Sipho 'Big Fish' Makhabane who would be bringing a full live band to the event and Mshikishi Mndzebele to provide mbhaqanga music.

Others would be several DJs yet to be disclosed and upcoming gospel sensation, the ever shining Nonhle Mthethwa.

The Siteki Biggest Braai is hosted by Philani MaSwati Charity Organisation, Siteki Nazarene High School Alumni and the Siteki Town Council. Its aim is to raise funds for all three organisations in their various charitable activities to be undertaken.

Philani MaSwati has Her Majesty the Indlovukazi as its patron and was founded solely to assist the elderly destitute citizens live a productive life despite being ripe in age. However, in recent years, orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) have been included as beneficiaries after it emerged most households were now child headed owing to the devastating and telling impact of HIV and AIDS.

Admission is E300 and gets an individual a braai pack as well as a stand, E450 for two braai packs and stand whilst E650 secures you four braai packs and stand. Swaziland Meat Industries has joined the three partners in their fundraising efforts by sponsoring with the braai packs.

Starting time would be 9am till late at the Siteki bus rank.

To demonstrate his benevolent act, Makhabane would be constructing a two roomed house as part of the activity of charity work with the beneficiary yet to be identified by Philani MaSwati organisation. However, the destitute or needy person must be from the Lubombo region, Siteki area as confirmed by Philani MaSwati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini.

Also those born in the month of October would share a huge birthday cake with their names engraved on it. It's a unique arrangement by the organisers to spice up things a bit.

The Siteki Biggest Braai follows closely on the footsteps of July 22 one staged at IDM Campus in Matsapha. The latter has become a household event an annual gathering where several companies are now known supporters and sponsors.

The Siteki instalment also has sponsors such as Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services, SMI, etc.

A brief history of the entertainers; Mshikishi Mndzebele is a veteran mbhaqanga music artist who now belongs to the country's senior citizens. After all he turned 61 years on July 27 and aptly called



'Gorilla Man' as a result of his peculiar dancing skills. He recently released a 10-track album *Overtime* that was recorded in Mtubatuba, SA.

This latest album contains the track *maSwati* ('monarchical democracy'), which promotes the tinkhundla system of governance as a flagship for the country and urges the nation to embrace it.

This track is trending not only in the country but in neighbouring South Africa and beyond as some are grappling to grasp the finer aspects of the system hence is both relevant and revered. He has been in the industry for the past 42 years, having kicked-off his career through dancing in bars in 1974, even though he did not indulge in alcohol. He was to be later discovered by a South African band called 'Emagugu Esimanjemanje', which was popular at the time, who introduced him to stage performing.

## Rocking

The band toured Zimbabwe, where a young Oliver Mtukudzi watched him perform.

After the tour, Mshikishi returned home in 1976 to share the art with his people and has been rocking the masses since then.

Despite being in the industry for over four decades, he's only released seven albums to date and could give the young a run for their money with his peculiar but perfect dancing skills. Other albums are; the debut *'Wayengekho Ubaba'*, *'eBhunya'* (baholilie), *'Interstate'*, *'Selimathunzi'*, *'Solomon'* and *'Maye Muhle'*.

## Honoured

He a few years back collaborated with the Prodigal Sonz in their album titled *'Singumliba'* for the track *Yiba nami baba*. Mshikishi was honoured with the Inyatsi Construction Traditional Artist of the Year award in 2013 during the National Arts and Culture Council Awards at Kwaluseni, UNISWA Sports Emporium.

Prior to that (in 2010) he had been decorated with an honorary award by the Matiwane Manana Arts Foundation for his contribution to the arts industry in Swaziland.

He also served as President of the Swaziland Arts and Music Association (SWAMA).

'Big Fish' Makhabane, meanwhile, is another old horse in the music industry. Having debuted with *'Thum'* Umlilo' in 1993, he has never looked back ever since.





Born in Mhlangatane, Northern Hhohho, Makhabane doesn't have a glorious past.

But he's defied all odds after dropping out in Grave Five (Standard Three) and became a household name in the gospel music scene both locally, regionally and beyond.

He's just returned from performing in Birmingham, UK where he left many at awe with his renditions despite being over 50. The 'Big Fish' has also performed in the USA and numerous countries in the SADC region. He is also good at nurturing talent and is presently promoting his mass choir group, Mpumalanga Praise, where he put together fine voices he assisted blend during auditions conducted in the month of June.

This group last month on Makhabane's birthday launched their debut live DVD and CD which was graced by a number of prominent gospel musicians.

Locally he's assisted the likes of Frans Dlamini, Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved group, Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors, Shiba and Travellers, etc. ascend the ladder of success.

In 2010 Pastor Timothy Myeni even gave him a cow in appreciating his efforts of assisting Ncandweni journey to greatness.

Makhabane relocated to Mpumalanga after dropping out of school and briefly worked for Telkom SA (six months) prior to trying his hand in gospel music and has never looked back ever since.

Kicking his career as Brother Siphon Makhabane in the early 90s, he was to later collaborate with Amanxusa KaKrestu who backed him and they released a number of albums.

His biggest break came shortly after the blockbuster 'Yek' Intokozo' in 1996 and this marked an upward trend for him in the industry. This was followed by 'Vuka Mphefumulo' album in 1997.

He was conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012 and possesses several SABC Crown Gospel Awards for his acts over the years.

Nonhle Mthethwa is the youngest gospel sensation who's still a scholar at Beaufort Nazarene Primary School in Manzini and is sired by gospel music artists Amazing and Mabandla. They say like father like son but for Nonhle, it's like daughter like parents. See you at Siteki next Saturday!

(By Njabulo Dlamini)



## SA Celebrity News

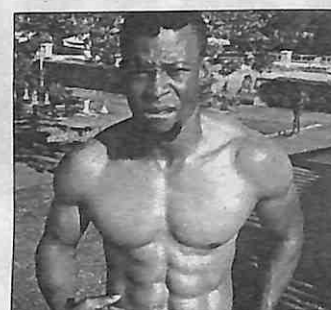
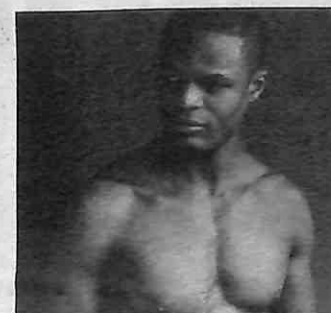
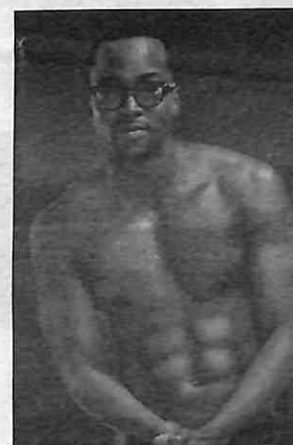
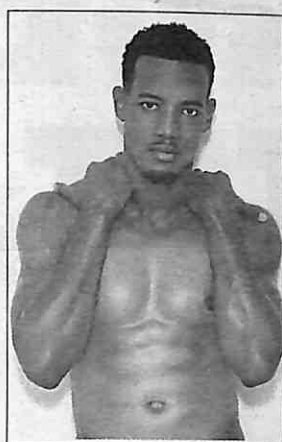


### MZANSI HEARTTHROBES

We have to admit it we have handsome and good looking men in Mzansi.

They probably go to the gym seven times a week because we can definitely tell this from their sizzling hot bodies.

These gentlemen have not only stolen the hearts of many ladies but they have managed to melt many hearts.



Kay Sibiba, Zwelethu Dube, Maps Maponyane, Andile Gumbi and Vuyo Dabula.

## WE ARE WOMEN

### WHEN YOUR LEFT AT THE ALTAR (PART 1)

Left with no more words but mounds and groans. Believe it or not, it happens. Some women are ditched at the very last hour for another Cinderella.

The reasons differ really, but the pain is very much the same if not worse.

Some are left by men they have dated for the longest period of time whilst others are ditched by men they have only dated for a brief period of time but the relationship was so 'epic' they thought it would last forever.

There is something that a man who opens up even about the tiniest detail does to a woman. It creates a strong foundation of trust, and this is a wall easily broken but difficult to repair. When Mr Man makes you trust him too much, you barely find a reason not to trust him but when all his cards are tabled down and all the reasons not to trust him are obvious, you lose hope in life.

Hope is such a stubborn thing. It is perched right in the soul, always sings the tune without words and never stops at all. Hope is the very thing that has gotten us up to this far. It is the reason why some are stuck in wrong marriages. The 'hope' he will change or things would get better in time or the hope that you will see your children grow together as one when in fact it is just you, alone.

Back to the subject at hand; someone I know or better yet, someone I am once was left at the altar. She was in a year long relationship with a guy who made everything seem possible. He was open about everything. All that existed was 'love' between them but lightning struck and guy decided he had only known her for a year whilst the woman was ready to be his wife she had known for four years. And that is exactly how she was left with wounds bleeding under bandages of verses Bible verses.

It is true what they say 'hell hath no fury like a woman scorned'. She transcended from a broken hearted girl into a furious woman. All she could regurgitate was 'she was not good enough but wanted to prove to everyone that she actually was'.

Women that have been left at the altar deal



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with so much heartache when they see wedding pictures of the 'love of their lives' to other women. Just one photo on Facebook or Instagram is enough to do twice the damage.

The women who actually have won the trophy of being 'Mrs Him'; it does not really mean your curves are better than mine; it is a truth unknown to our species and the mystery

continues; why do men leave one Cinderella for another at the last hour?

Turn into this column next week as we discuss how to pick up the pieces and repair yourself for an altar, with a new guy who will be yours 'forever'.

(Compiled by Nomfundo Sifundza)



# CHAKALAKA CHANGES FACE, NOW QUARTET

● As DJ So-What and Nono joins duo

## Cover story

**T**he face of Chakalaka has changed as the popular deejay, So What and songbird Nono have been added to the duo, LK and Mvilas, who are the anchors of the band.

Chakalaka is a music group whose main aim is to entertain and raise awareness on burning social issues through 'edutainment'.

The group was founded in 2012 and anchor members were Kwandumusa 'LK' Gama and Nkosingivile 'Mvilas' Mthethwa.

Their breakthrough in the industry was via hit tracks 'Bafati' and 'Solo Siyabajova'.

According to Chakalaka Manager Samkeliso Sibandze, the change in the group was brought about by the urge to be innovative.

"We once featured Nono in our tracks and she made a beautiful collaboration, and with DJ So What, we loved his talent from Finesse where he is resident deejay. We, therefore, saw it fit as a group add more talent for versatility," commented Sibandze.

The crew, which is now four, has performed together and they have been featured on Sibebe Friday Night Live for next year February.

### DJ So What speaks

Siphelele 'DJ So What' Magagula, who is also a resident deejay at Finesse shared his thoughts on joining the crew duo and said he has bigger dreams for it.

"I knew the guy from Finesse which is our hangout spot. LK, who is also a close friend of mine, approached me and sold the idea that I would be awesome if I joined them. It did not sound like a terrible idea as I also saw the opportunity to widen my genre of music which I play," said the deejay.

### We feel rejuvenated - LK

"Ever since Nono and DJ So What joined us, our sound has greatly improved. It is really great to have new band members. In the same breath, I cannot overlook the fact that we had beautiful times as a duo; I and Mvilas.

Our tour in Zimbabwe at the Ibumba International Festival was the best.

"We got to experience the international crowd and were surprised when they sang along to our songs. We understood later that most of them were Ndebeles and they could comprehend us. Even the album we rolled out



as a duo was classic work. I look forward in working with the new kids on the block," said

LK.

(By Phumelele Mkhonta)

**W**omen take over the driving seat. But at what cost?

Delisile's brand new white 2013 BMW 1 series stops at an intersection in the bustling streets of downtown Johannesburg.

Her friend, a post-graduate student at a university in the city of gold, gets out of the vehicle and walks across the street. Within seconds, a silver pistol bangs loudly on the window of her prized German machine. "Get out of the car!" a male voice commands, she recalls. "Get out now!" Panicking and scared, she looks slowly in the direction of the voice, hands up in the air. "I said get out!" the man impatiently roars. All she remembers was seeing a shiny pistol pointed at her. She has lost memory of everything that happened after she was forced out of her car on that fateful afternoon in the notorious downtown Johannesburg, where she and her friend had gone on a shopping spree at the famous Oriental Plaza.

"I had just dropped off my friend who had walked across the street to load air-time. As I was waiting for her to return, a man hit my window so hard and ordered me out of the vehicle. This was literally within seconds of my friend disappearing into the shop across. At first, I thought someone was playing a silly trick on me, but it was real. As I opened the door, he threatened to shoot me if I did anything stupid. That's the only memory I have of the fateful event. My car was never recovered. I'm just happy I lived to tell the story. It could have been worse; I've read and heard about stories of people who get shoved inside the boot and dumped somewhere, or even raped and killed. Two years later, my mind still replays that scene. To this day, I don't drive to Johannesburg," she says.

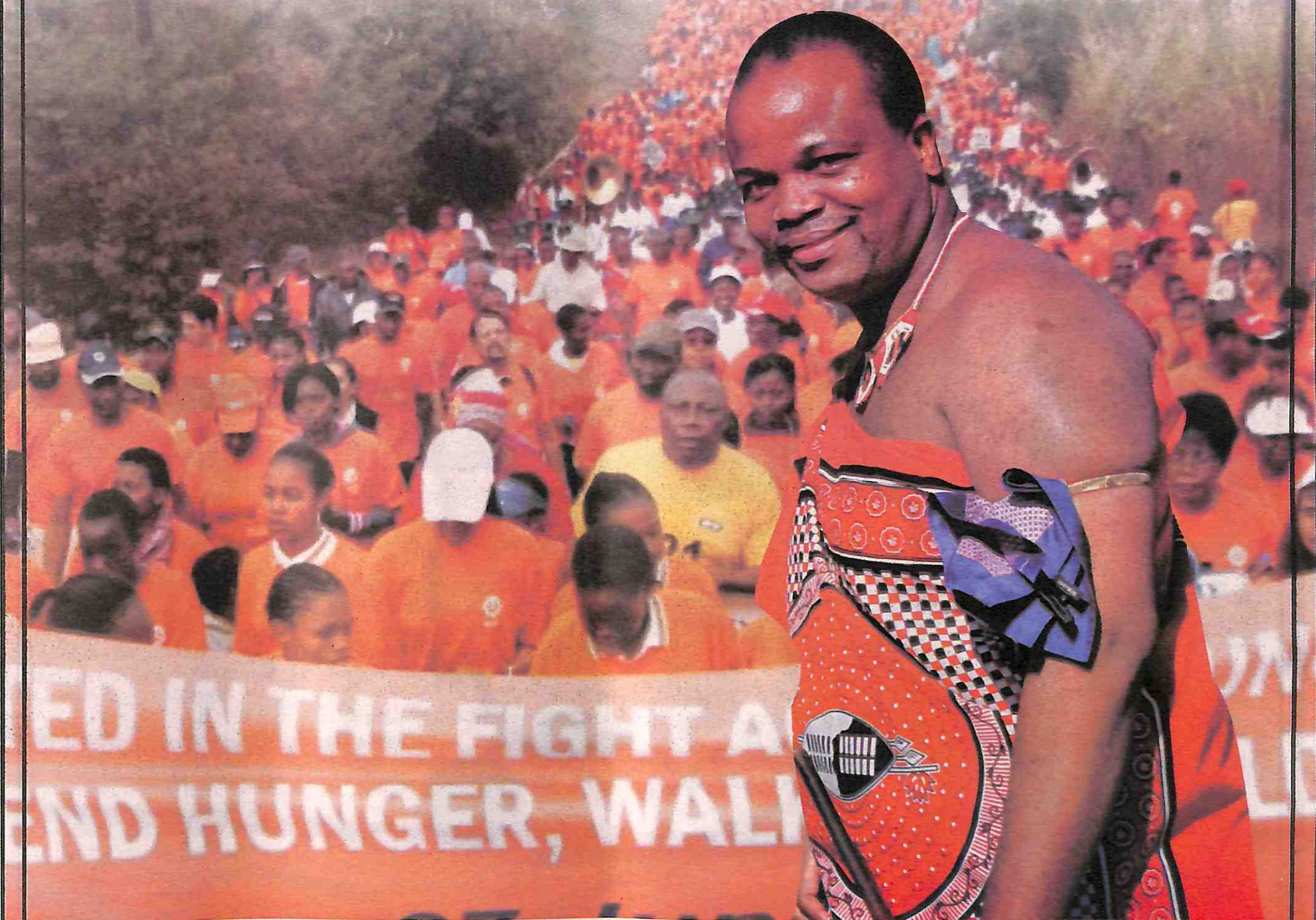
Deli is one of many Swazi women who fall victim to cunning thugs who use complex tricks to steal or hijack their cars, particularly while driving in the cities of South Africa and Mozambique. Of all these, hijackings are the worst, according to those who have fallen victim. There are suggestions that women are often viewed by criminals as soft targets, because of the assumption they are often less likely to resist or because they are often not concentrating on their surroundings. Either that or other reasons, women, like all other motorists, are always encouraged to be alert. Other crimes include what is commonly known as smash and grab, where the criminal uses an object to break a window before making away with valuables inside the vehicle – from mobile phones, to laptops, iPads and bags. Smash and grabs usually happen in busy intersections in cities and metros such as Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town and Durban.

Usually, motorists fall victim when traffic moves slowly, presumably because thugs know the driver is concentrating on the traffic flow. Officials in South Africa say criminals often work in two with one distracting the driver, while the other pounces. While violent crime is one's worst nightmare, criminals also use other sophisticated tricks to steal cars. Like in the case of Gcebile, who almost lost her new Mercedes Benz A-Class to a thug who posed as an agent of the dealership where she bought her car. "I had just



# ESICOJENI HUNGER

walk



His Majesty King Mswati III has been the patron of Esicojeni since its inception on 4 May 2007. The Esicojeni Foundation is a private sector driven initiative, whose activities are led by a steering committee which facilitates a forum for like-minded individuals and businesses to act together to contribute towards alleviating hunger and under-nutrition in the kingdom of Swaziland.

It is a reliable and efficient mechanism to channel Corporate Social Investment funds to make a positive impact. It is also able to bring communities and their leaders together for a targeted support self-sustainable projects. The Esicojeni Foundation aspires to be an independent 'voice for the voiceless' to campaign for projects to abate child hunger and under-nutrition in the country.

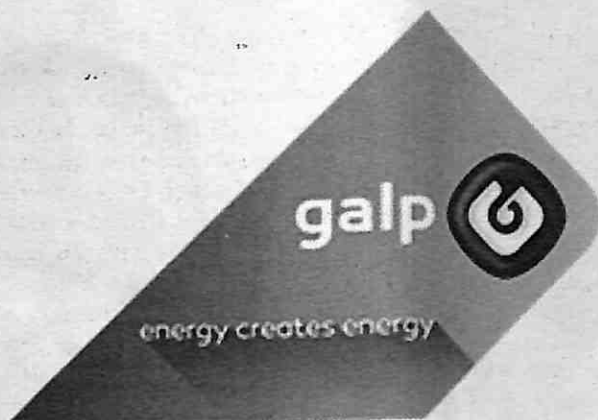
#### Vision

To be the leader in the eradication of hunger amongst most vulnerable children in Swaziland by 2022.



# ESICOJENI HUNGER WALK

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A non-profit making organization caring for above 1000 orphaned, vulnerable and sick children around Lobamba Lomdzala constituency, Swaziland.

# NOKWANE FARMING PROJECT

In the period under review, Nov 2014-Jan 2015, Esicojeni Foundation has provided funding to a tune of E110,000.00 for farming inputs and food production in the Nokwane Farm leased to Children's World Charity. This is a non-profit making organization caring for above 1000 orphaned, vulnerable and sick children around Lobamba Lomdzala constituency, Swaziland.

## Farming inputs include:

Tractor Hire (provided by Ministry of Agriculture) Lime, Fertiliser, Maize and Bean Seed Pesticide and herbicides

(Maize Planting - 13 Hectares) -

Dec 2014 Technical Officer (Mr Mavuso) who had been seconded by the Ministry of Agriculture was able to guide and supervise the land preparation activities which are key to maximising harvest yield.

## ACTIVITIES COVERED:

1. Ploughing
2. Liming - to improve yields
3. Disking

## YIELD

*Current harvest for the season is as follows:*

1040 bags (52 Tonnes) of Maize grain (see attached pictures)  
10 bags of Beans

The maize harvest has doubled compared to previous year largely attributed to good land preparation as a result of Technical assistance from the Ministry of Agriculture.

## This harvest is used for:

1. Food input for the Soup kitchens which in turn benefits the orphaned children
2. Revenue source for paying pre-school education and uniforms for the young orphans, children bus fares and medical expenses

## Primary School Feeding Scheme Enhancement

Esicojeni Foundation has provided funding to a tune of E240,000.00 for Primary School feeding scheme enhancement programme through Save the Children Fund.

The purpose of the intervention serves to diversify the diet of learners through enhancing food production in the targeted school. Financial assistance has been provided by Esicojeni Foundation to enhance the



Portion of the vegetable gardens at the Children's World Charity supported by Esicojeni Foundation.

already existing school feeding schemes in the same schools where soup kitchens have been established.

The ultimate purpose of the project is for the beneficiary schools to engage in intensive vegetable production with an option to expand to other crops such as beans, maize, and potatoes.

## Two primary schools were used as a pilot namely:

1. Dumisa Primary School
2. Mhlangeni Primary School

The project has benefitted in then excess of 1,000 learners.

## Results

1. Each of the school will plant at least one hector of vegetables
2. Each of the school will initiate production of field crops such as maize and beans
3. Functional irrigation systems was installed
4. Learners in the school now have access to a diversified diet
5. Learners will also improve their life skills to produce food at school and at household level.



Deputy Prime Minister's visit to Esicojeni Foundation Projects, accompanied by Minister of Agriculture on a visit to Nokwane farm.

“ The ultimate purpose of the project is for the beneficiary schools to engage in intensive vegetable production ”

Region -	Name of Primary School	Enrolment
Lubombo -	Dumisa Primary School	540
Manzini -	Mhlangeni Primary School	500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1040</b>



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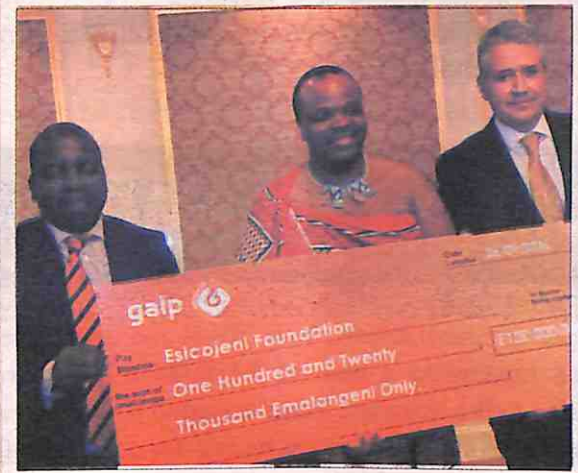
*His Majesty with the Esicojeni Foundation Steering committee*



*His Majesty making his remarks during the sponsorship presentations*



*His Majesty accepting a sponsorship of E150 000 from Swazi MTN's CEO, Ambrose Dlamini, Lando Dlamini and Wandile Methula*



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*Committee listening to His Majesty's speech.*



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# PRESS STATEMENT

## LETSHEGO SWAZILAND AFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING LIFE BY SUPPORTING ESICOJENI FOUNDATION

- Letshego is committed to improving life, and invests in strategically aligned social development
- Letshego is in full support of initiatives that are targeted at livelihood improvement, in particular of disadvantaged groups such as vulnerable children
- Letshego remains passionate about collaborating with its stakeholders and partners to drive sustainable improvements in the wellbeing of communities across its African footprint

Mbabane, Swaziland: Letshego Financial Services Swaziland (Letshego Swaziland) continues to make great strides in delivering on its mandate to improve lives across the country. In continuation of this commitment, Letshego Swaziland donated SZL50 000 to Esicojeni Foundation's "End Hunger Walk". This initiative, which Letshego has proudly partnered with for the fifth consecutive year running, is in alignment with Letshego's social investment strategy that seeks to extend community development support in addition to its provision of inclusive financial solutions.

Said Letshego Swaziland Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Charles Hlatshwayo, "Swaziland has been plagued by a food shortage crisis due to the drought that has affected Southern Africa as a whole. While we have made great strides in working towards food security through projects such as this one, it is imperative that we enhance our efforts further. Initiatives such as the "End Hunger Walk" are in perfect alignment with our own brand promise, Let's Improve Life. Our strategic social investment into health, livelihood and education-oriented needs are intended to drive sustainable impact in our communities. To that end, we believe that it is the shared responsibility of us all to work towards the long term food security of the disadvantaged in our nation. This is why we continue to support the noble Esicojeni initiative. The majority of the produce from the projects funded is deployed to schools."

The Esicojeni Foundation patron is His Majesty the King Mswati III. The End Hunger Walk initiative aims to increase awareness about child hunger and assist in finding long term solutions to food security in the country. Further to that, the initiative seeks to increase direct community action on hunger and efficiency, as well as accountability of national efforts to reduce child hunger and malnutrition. The Foundation applies its proceeds to various agricultural projects, the produce of which mainly is deployed to schools and vulnerable groups in society. These include a focus on sustainable food production. These objectives in turn align with Letshego's efforts in uplifting the wellbeing of communities across the nations which the Group calls home.

Continued Mr. Hlatshwayo, "It is through social investments and relationships, such as ours with the Esicojeni Foundation, that we continue to build partnerships as we pursue our ambition of being Africa's leading inclusive finance group. At the same time, we seek opportunities to provide necessary support to our communities. As an African-born operation that has grown to service 10 markets across the continent, it is evident that when we work together in unity, we can succeed and drive sustainable change from within ourselves."

ENDS  
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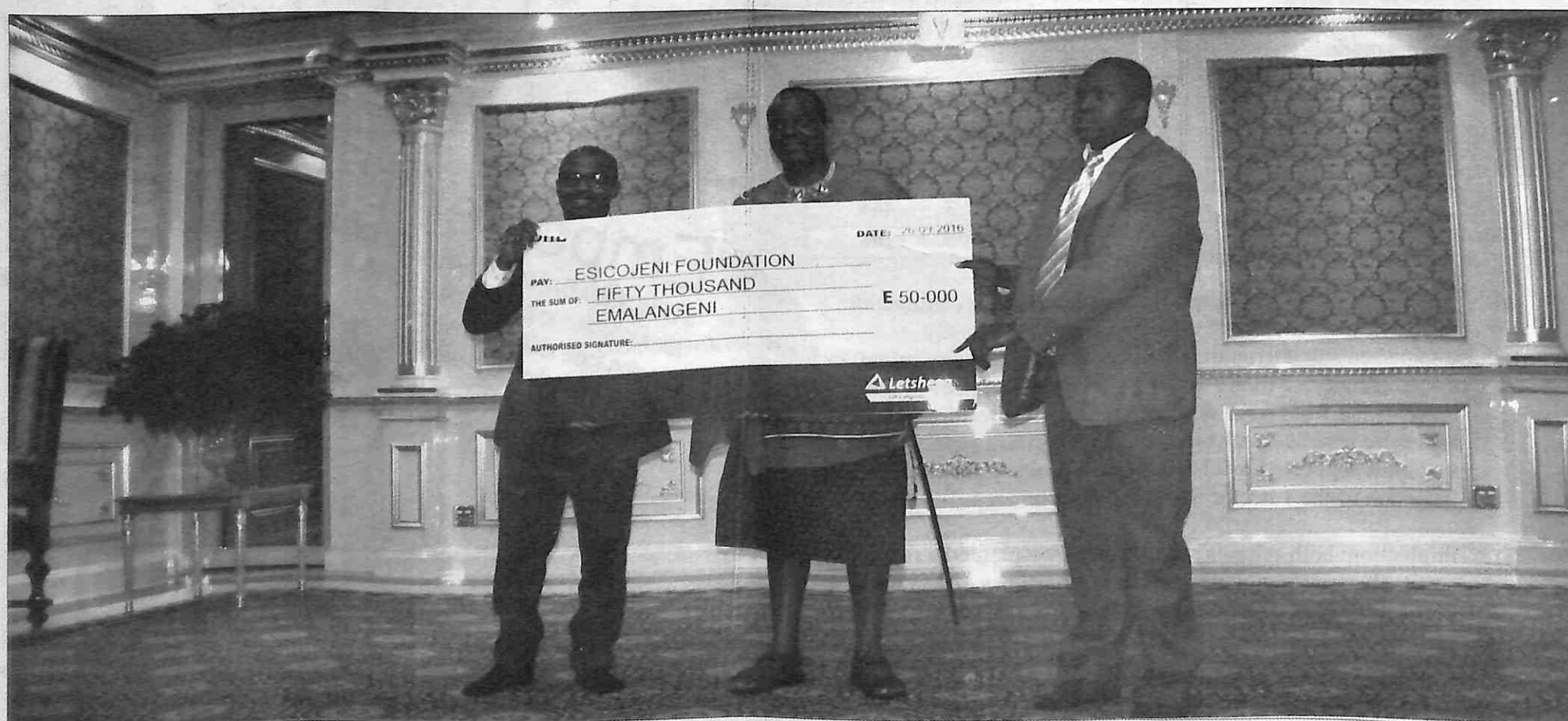
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### About Letshego Swaziland

Letshego Swaziland opened its doors in 2006 in Manzini, Swaziland, as a subsidiary of Letshego Holdings Limited (LHL). It is a regulated financial services provider, focused on the low to middle income earners in Swaziland. LHL was incorporated in 1998, is headquartered in Gaborone and was publicly listed on the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) in 2002. Letshego is the largest indigenous company on the BSE by market capitalisation (in excess of US\$500 million) and ranks among the top 40 market value sub-Saharan Africa companies (excluding South Africa).

Letshego Swaziland's success can be attributed to simple-to-understand, affordable and inclusive products that are readily accessible. Its quick turnaround time, from application for a loan to disbursement, of not more than 24 hours is one of the company's unique selling points. It has enabled the improvement of customers experience and built a loyal customer base in the country. As a member of the Letshego Group, we have steadily grown into a leading financial services provider through the dedication of our staff members and sales agents, most of whom are Swaziland citizens. Our customers use our solutions to fund their education, health and housing needs.





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# Contributing towards access to food for primary schools in Swaziland

## 1.0 Introduction

The establishment of school gardens and small irrigation projects is funded by Esicojeni Foundation and implemented by Save the Children as an initiative aimed at enhancing access to nutritious food. This particular initiative aims at improving the nutritional status of children through production of fresh vegetables and other field crops. The support provided to schools to produce their own food complement their school feeding program is in line with Esicojeni mission of Ending Hunger particularly amongst children.

Esicojeni Foundation interventions target the most vulnerable and hard to reach children. For this phase of the project, two schools were selected from the two poorest regions, namely Lubombo and Shiselweni and which are also highly affected by the current drought caused by El nino. The primary schools are Patmos and St Philips from Shiselweni and Lubombo respectively.

## 1.1 Objectives

To diversify the diet of 796 learners through enhancing food production in both Patmos and St Phillips primary schools.

To assist Patmos and St Phillips primary schools to reduce the cost of running the school feeding program.

## 2.0 Process

Meaningful participation of the targeted schools was considered throughout the implementation phases, i.e., from inception, planning, execution and project handover. Clear terms of reference were developed and agreed upon by Save the Children and the targeted schools stipulating respective roles of school committees, parents, students and teachers on the nature during the implementation of the food production project. As part of enhancing sustainability of the food production projects in both schools, parents of learners were mobilized to contribute with the following inputs; time, money and labour.

## 3.0 Implementation

The school gardening project was implemented in four stages, namely; (i) fencing, (ii) installation of the small irrigation system, (iii) mounting of two five thousand liters of water tanks on different elevated platforms (fabricated steel stand and surface concrete slab), (iv) installation of drag line irrigation system. The schools were responsible for meeting cost of land preparation and providing labour for planting of seedlings.

## 4.0 Progress made

### a) Number of beneficiaries

Name of School	# of children	# of teacher & staff	Total
Patmos primary	340	12	352
St Philips primary	427	17	444
Grand - total			796

b) Water source: At St. Philips primary, an existing community irrigation water outlet was used to support the newly established small irrigation system. Patmos primary irrigation system connected to the existing gravity fed system which draws water from a reliable stream. In both sites, irrigations taps were installed with an extended 30m hose pipes. The system is supported by elevated water tanks to facilitate irrigation of the 1 hectare fenced production area.

c) Production: both schools successfully transplanted a range of vegetable crops including; cabbages, spinaches, green pepper, tomatoes, Lettice and carrots.

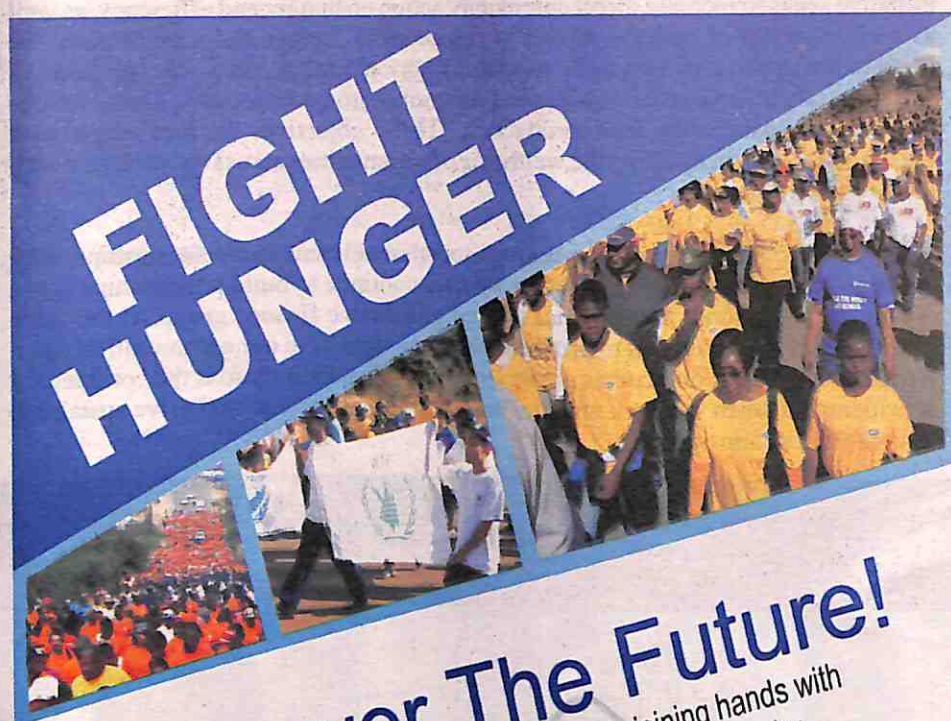
## d) Pictures taken during the implementation stage



Figure 1: ST Philips students watering and nurturing the baby seedlings in the production site.



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## Empower The Future!

STANDARD BANK SWAZILAND is proud to be joining hands with their Majesties in empowering the future of the Swazi Nation by bringing food to the young children of eSwatini. We join the nation in pledging our continuing support to Esicojeni foundation in the efforts of alleviate hunger in the kingdom of eSwatini.





# HEELS ON WHEELS



bought the car when I received a call on my mobile phone from a guy who introduced himself as Justice, claiming to represent the dealership where I bought my car.

## Homework

That man had done his homework because he had all my details, including my mobile number and ID details. He 'sold' me some story which ended with the line they were calling to arrange to fetch my car.

Coincidentally, I was on another line with Mercedes Benz Sandton when he called. I immediately alerted the person I was talking to and he told me the dealership would never

do such. But how do women live with the scars from these horrifying experiences?

## Experiences

Where does one even begin to look for help, especially if it happens while one is far away in Johannesburg, Pretoria or Durban? These are some of the difficult experiences victims of such dangerous crimes deal with. What about the emotional aftermaths? Who helps victims heal from the trauma?

"Counselling helped me a lot," says a Swazi woman who also lost her new Volvo hatchback to hijacking in SA about four years ago. "I think I have healed as best as I ever will.

I'm still scared though and am always suspicious of cars following me. I resisted going the counselling route until I realised I wasn't coping," she adds. There is a rising number of women who own cars these days, and with modern lifestyles demanding that we spend more and more time on the road, for both business and pleasure, discussions about cars are no longer just the exclusive privilege of men. This also means that just as men empower and excite themselves with motor-ing conversations, women too need to inform themselves more about the challenges that come with owning and driving cars. Hijackings and the opportunistic smash and grab attacks are not the only challenges facing women on the road. Imagine waking up one day rushing to a meeting and boom! your car tyre is flat. Where do you even begin? Call your partner, male colleague or that cocky neighbour of yours who drives you nuts?

## Sophisticated

Do you even know where the spare wheel is? Modern cars are packed with all sorts of sophisticated technology, which, literally communicates with you every other minute. If, for instance, you turn on your ignition key and you notice this light on the dashboard that is consistently on, what do you do? Panic? That aside, women now go out to buy their cars themselves.

Imagine walking into a dealership and this sales executive walks up to meet you asking "how can I help you?" before literally talking over you with all the jargon – from ABS, EBD etc. All you need is a car that will serve your purpose and meet your requirements. What about this scenario; you take your car to the dealership for its regular service and a

few days after service, it starts making this nagging noise each time you change a gear? Where do you begin? Imagine paying an arm and a leg to have a mechanic touch a small button in your car to silent some noise that made you swear your car was broken?

## Efficient

Here's a funny one though; someone bought one of those fuel efficient models, which has a start-stop fuel-saving technology. Basically, with this technology your car switches off each time you stop at an intersection or traffic light, to avoid idling unnecessarily. So this person gets extremely frustrated each time the car switches off. Then one day she decides to call the dealership to express her frustration, only to be told this is actually normal. Nowadays, you don't need to be a mechanic to manage your vehicle; you just need to know what to touch. Join Bontle Communication, The Swazi Observer and Volvo, with support from Standard Bank and Royal Swazi Sun as they convene the first Heels on Wheels: a women's road safety networking dialogue at the MTN Golf Park, Ezulwini on October, 29. This is a session designed to equip women with all they need to know about cars, from safety on the road to choosing a car to buy, insurance and vehicle finance. There will also be demonstrations by Volvo. If you want to test your golfing skills, you are also welcome to take your first swing, with guidance from a coach. Limited test drives of new Volvo models will also be on offer. Starting time is 12:30 pm. Book your seat via e-mail [bontlecomm@outlook.com](mailto:bontlecomm@outlook.com) or call Busile on 7608 8608. Tickets cost E250 and E2 000 for a group of 10.

(By Phumelele Mkhonta)





## POETRY CORNER

### P.O.E.T (Person of Extraordinary Thinking)

...By Tandzile Zwane

### PREGNANT WITH INEVITABLE OFFENCE

One minute I had conceived happiness, hence,  
pregnant with joy,  
The next minute it was a morning sickness  
with an intense distaste,  
joy did not commence in the morning as I  
endured delight in the night.  
I looked at my tummy bulge with ignominious  
shame, it reminded me of  
how fucked up Joseph was to realise his strange  
fruit was known.  
Though I find courage to walk in the light of  
day and fear none  
whatsoever, I know he knew me before I was  
formed.  
One minute I'm religious, that God is great and  
deserves all praise,  
the next I'm realistic, my mind is all over, I  
think religion is for  
masses but mysticism is for me. That the whole  
bible is just an  
allegory,  
With too many perspectives and shit.  
One minute I'm a lady picky with her food,  
with a sweet voice and a  
good walk, the next minute I'm gobbling a loaf  
of bread like three men  
in one body, greeting with handshakes in  
Tupac's voice.  
One minute I am in love, beautifully, I think he  
is the one. He gives  
me a coetaneous sensation of some sort. The  
next, it's just a circle,  
he'll leave me anyway and I'll be back to heart-  
break like I haven't  
had enough.  
Are we tailored for pain and remorse, embroi-  
dered with gloom and calamity?  
Are we the hopeless generation; set apart from  
Noah's ark, he was  
righteous with an elevated noble spirit;  
But out here are fucked up souls, hungry for  
power and pussy,  
Lost and confused,  
Unbelieving believers,  
It's all fucked up and not funny.  
We've waited for 2000 and more years for the  
messiah,  
They said he was coming, I don't know about  
it, its sounds like  
procrastination to me.  
I don't believe the bible true,  
But I know God is there and I'm waiting to  
hear the sound of his  
voice, I only hope it doesn't feel like my con-  
science screaming.  
One minute, I'm all saved and free, the next I  
believe I'm all  
righteous but I remembered how that self justi-  
fication deal of 'no  
condemnation' turned a pastor into a pimp,  
A youth mentor into an alcoholic. They were  
duped, we all duped.  
I'm pregnant with ideas and philosophy,  
I struggle with religion against reality. I hate to  
cause offence, but  
it's inevitable as I am depleted of strength each  
day I say nothing.

## DIARY OF A WORKING SINGLE MOTHER

Dear Diary

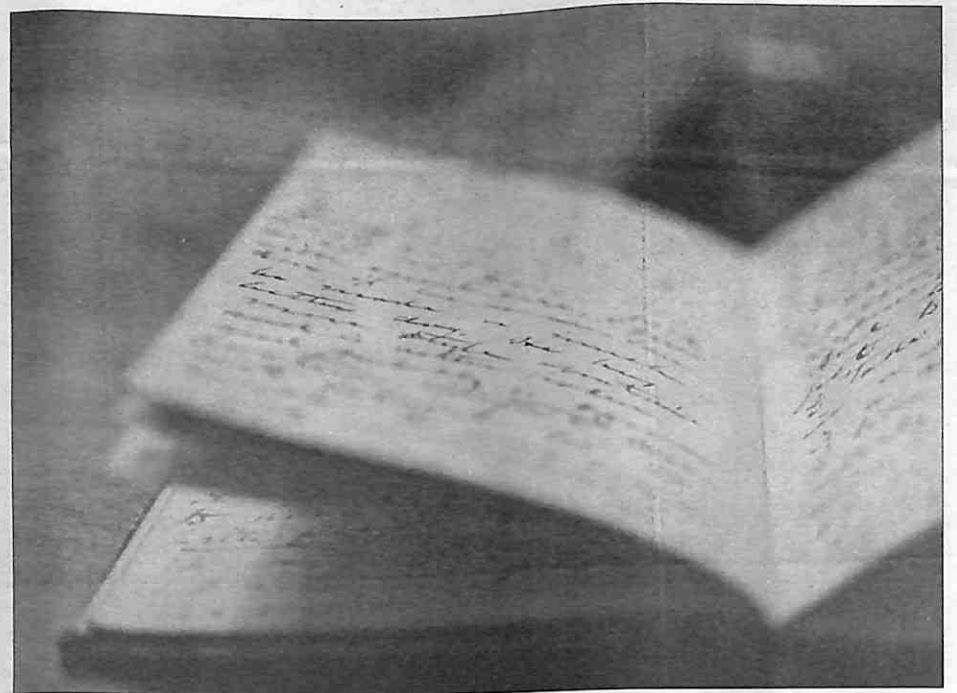
**T**his world has two people; those that brighten your day by their mere existence, then there are those that want you to laugh with, when it suits them.

I do not know what sets them apart beside that one is an introvert, while the other an extrovert. I can't stand introverts because they believe they own one's happiness. Introverts like everyone to be a dark cloud and a thunder whenever it rains in Georgia for them, so it's hard for the one in Africa and dreaming nothing of Georgia, you will be confused on what to do next.

So I have developed a tactic of shutting them down and out of my life, I will be a tornado. When it's bad in their lane and when it's all sunshine and roses blooming, they come with huge smiles and open arms for a hug, I will be lightning bolt and struck those narcissistic, stingy and moody hands.

Tell them to go back to their kind resides; I don't want no borrowed happiness, worth one shilling. I am a pound baby, I stay winning, I am a leader, negative energy I crush, that is a no no.

So in a group of people there is the extremely suicidal one. Sending 3am suicide texts, ordering us to always remember them.



Shoosh! I miss no negativity in my life, like that that to Tiribisi and bring me happiness. Yes sweetie, I am always willing to trade trash.

Do not hate me, I love life and laugh; but why be so negative over a drop of a spoon?

Gosh just deal with your hangover, move on and quit booze.

Yes, I would take it up to this platform because perverts are willing to waste 13 hours of someone's time, just offering counselling.

## Youth on the move...

**I**t is not every day when one meets and enjoys a company of young men who are ambitious about life and excited while at it.

Well, Homeboys, an all boys music group from Manzini is beautifully peculiar and they make the cut of young men who know exactly what they want in life.

Homeboys constitutes of three young men and a very active road manager who is always with the crew. They are:

Vusi Zulu- Road Manager

Professor 'Promash' Shabangu- Vocalist

Ncamiso 'FP' Tsela- Rapper

Lindokuhle 'eLDee' Mabila- DeeJay

The crew was established in 2013 and they have been thriving since. They came about via Promash and FP who are long term friends who did their own music every now and then. They confessed to have been inspired by Ndembili Rahim, who is based in South Africa and is an expert in music.

"We sing a fusion of hip hop and kwaito and we also add a little RnB, thanks to our vocalist Promash," says Zulu who is their Road Manager.

So far, the crew has made hits titled '2022 Siyabangena', 'Mofaya', 'Jaiva' and 'Beautiful Africa'. All these songs made it to SBIS's Top 20 Charts, some in the Top five.

### Their works...

According to Zulu, the crew was working with DJ Sbu's Mofaya's campaign and performed with him at the same time.

"It was a beautiful experience. The boys trended on Twitter, Instagram and other social networks for all the good reasons," said Zulu. The team members are also peer educators under FLAS; where they are able to do charity work and educate their peers on HIV/AIDS. They are also hands on at

## HOMEBOYS: THE MUSIC CREW WITH A VISION



Mdutjane Correctional Services where they educate and counsel the inmates.

They shared with this publication that they had big plans for the future. They wish to take their music career to another level

and break the status quo. "We want to break the belief that Swazi artists are limited in their thinking. Yes, we will be big and we are taking our music very seriously," said Zulu. (By Phumelele Mkhonta)



# Blockword Puzzle

Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.  
Words may overlap but do not share letters.

## Figures of Speech

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## WIN WITH SWAZI OBSERVER AND LESERATO EVENTS

(Get the name correctly in the puzzle and stand a good chance at winning E100 worth of airtime, as well as a month long supply of Observer on Saturday copies, delivered to your door step. Have them dropped at Swazi Observer offices in Mbabane by Wednesday and be amongst the best candidates to win such prizes)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

# Cartoon Corner

## Baby Blues



## Blondie



## Hagar the Horrible



## SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH



### Monday October, 24

Zweli struggles with the truth about his wife's true heart. Jabu gets an opportunity of a lifetime. Iris reaches her breaking point and Pam decides to take matters into her own hands. The tension between Fezile and Kaone bubbles over.

### Tuesday October, 25

Siphokazi has a hard time with the council without Zweli. Jabu's attempt to help Iris does not go as planned, while Zama's initiative impresses Jabu. Ntandane's shoulder to cry on is not well received.

### Wednesday October, 26

Zweli hits rock bottom. Jabu organises a big surprise for Zama. Thandeka is excited about her growing prospects while S'bu receives a big opportunity from his father. Meanwhile, Fezile has his eyes set on fixing things with Qondi.

### Thursday October, 27

Though excited about their trip, Zama and Jabu face the enormous task of convincing Beauty to let them go. S'bu considers accepting his father's offer.

### Friday October, 28

Zweli makes a tough decision about his chieftaincy. Beauty struggles with her decision to let Zama go on her trip. Thandeka makes a life changing decision while Fezile makes a big breakthrough in his recovery.



### Monday October, 24

Who is Bobo really lying to? Khomotjo or Serithi? KK and Matshidiso's relationship grows even more toxic. Azwindini berates himself for Mpho's disappearance.

### Tuesday October, 25

Khomotjo decides that it's time to get rid of Serithi. Matshidiso goes ahead with her plan to make KK pay for humiliating her. Busi wants to do a benefit for cervical cancer.

### Wednesday October, 26

Serithi learns of the day she will die. Matshidiso plots KK's demise, all while sleeping in his bed. Busi gets the good news re her event.

### Thursday October, 27

Khomotjo and Bobo plot Serithi's downfall. KK and Matshidiso have a public fall out. Busi secures a celebrity chef to cater for her cancer awareness event.

### Friday October, 28

Serithi gets cold feet about her plan to take down Khomotjo. Nonny is convinced that Matshidiso is being abused and takes it upon herself to help her. Busi and Zola Nene join forces to spread cancer awareness.

# ISIDINGO

### Monday October, 24

Majola's world comes crashing down as all his indiscretions come to light. Gabriel saves Matlala from certain death but makes it clear the guy owes him.

### Tuesday October, 25

Majola finally does the right thing. Morongwa blackmails Georgie and Gabriel. Lerato speaks up for Kamogelo, finally ready to forgive her little sister.

### Wednesday October, 26

Angelique is shocked when she finds out who Daniella is protecting. Obakeng takes revenge on Calvin. Things don't go as planned for Aphwe with Obakeng.

### Thursday October, 27

Calvin loses the love of his life to Obakeng. Tiffany pressures Bradley to put a ring on it. Zukisa demonstrates her diplomatic side when a riot threatens to break out at the ladies club.

### Friday October, 28

Barker announces HI's next game changing project. Tyson responds to Angelique's call for help and is back in town. Aphwe is feeling a little insecure about Obakeng.



### Monday October, 24

S manga's day is off to a bad start and looks set to get worse. Just when Sphe thinks she's off the hook her bubble is burst. Gadafi is in a very bad way.

### Tuesday October, 25

D r Watson gives Wandile some food for thought. Mazwi reaches out to his wife but gets snubbed. Tau hates having to ask Jack for help again.

### Wednesday October, 26

Tshidi gets the shock of her life when she comes to visit Amo. Not everyone is happy when the black sheep of the Morokas is welcomed back into the fold. Xolelwa thinks she's hit the jackpot.

### Thursday October, 27

The Diales are shocked about the bag of gifts they receive. Things get awkward when wife and girlfriend are in the same room. Elam warns about the cost of living a lie.

### Friday October, 28

Gadafi takes a bullet for Tau. Sphe demands Tebogo fix the mess he caused. Namhla confides in Lesedi about her secret.



### Monday October, 24

M arian receives flowers from a secret admirer. Alexa asks Mariaan for relationship advice.

### Tuesday October, 25

C harmaine offers Amorey a job at Oppiekoffie. A good friend from Chris's past contacts him again.

### Wednesday October, 26

Justin opens up towards Vince. Xander has planned a big surprise for Vanessa.

### Thursday October, 27

Hilda and Matrone are thankful when they think back to a year ago, when Matrone had cancer. Chris is not happy with the decisions that Amorey is making.

### Friday October, 28

Alexa and VaneOssa are not happy with Justin's behaviour. Mariaan struggles to hide her true feelings.



# MISS CULTURAL HERITAGE 2016

## Contestants

Pics: Phumelele Mkhonta

The following are Miss Cultural Heritage contestants who attended the photoshoot at the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture on Friday. The best of them all will be crowned towards the end of November.



**Name:** Delisile Mathonsi, 21  
**Place:** Siteki  
**Occupation:** Pro Learning



**Name:** Nokwanda Nxumalo, 21  
**Place:** Matsapha  
**Occupation:** UNISWA Luyengo TADM student



**Name:** Hlengiwe Zulu, 20  
**Place:** Ngwane Park  
**Occupation:** Studying Secretarial and Business Studies



**Name:** Nonkululeko Ndlangamandla, 23  
**Place:** Ludzeldudze  
**Occupation:** Model



**Name:** Ntombikayise Vilakati, 21  
**Place:** Nkhanini  
**Occupation:** SCMU student



**Name:** Celiwe Masango, 20  
**Place:** Matsetsa  
**Occupation:** Gap Year



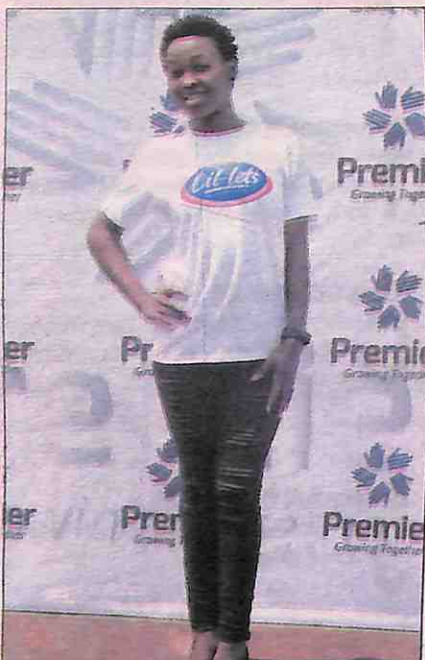
**Name:** Nontobeko Simelane, 22  
**Place:** Moneni  
**Occupation:** Employed



**Name:** Phendulile Mlipha, 18  
**Place:** Boyane  
**Occupation:** Pupil at Swazi National High



**Name:** Sindi Dlamini, 21  
**Place:** Sidvokodvo  
**Occupation:** Pro Learning High School



**Name:** Sindiswa Dlamini, 20  
**Place:** Ezulwini  
**Occupation:** Electrical Engineering student at SCOT



**Name:** Noncedo Masina, 22  
**Place:** Ngwane Park  
**Occupation:** LUCT Tourism student



**Name:** Minenhle Sithole, 18  
**Place:** Matsapha  
**Occupation:** Gap Year



**Name:** Tebesutfu Nkambule, 20  
**Place:** Elangeni  
**Occupation:** Gap Year



**Name:** Sibongakonkhe Mabuza, 19  
**Place:** Ezulwini  
**Occupation:** UNISWA Kwaluseni BSc student



**Name:** Nokulunga Mtsetfwa, 23  
**Place:** Mankayane  
**Occupation:** Commercial Teaching student at SCOT



## SPECIAL FEATURE

By Peter Fabricius  
ISS Consultant

South African finance minister Pravin Gordhan was conspicuous by his absence from this year's BRICS summit in Goa, India, this week. He was too busy at home fighting for his political survival – and that of his country.

President Jacob Zuma, leaving the dirty work in his increasingly messy fray with Gordhan to his minions back home, was happily abroad jiving with Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta and attending a whole range of meetings, including of course the Goa summit, with several other cabinet ministers and business leaders.

A pity because Gordhan's views on the Goa summit would have been interesting to hear.

At the BRICS summit that South Africa hosted in Durban in 2013, the five member countries agreed to establish their own Internet, separate from the one that you and I and the rest of the world are using. The leaders seemed to have been provoked into doing this by revelations that US intelligence had been cyber-spying on foreign leaders, including then Brazilian president Dilma Rousseff.

Gordhan was asked by a journalist after the summit if it was not absurd for BRICS to try to create its own discrete Internet, since universality seems to be essential to the whole concept. He snapped back that the journalist needed to get up to speed with political reality.

BRICS has not yet established its own Internet, as far as one can tell. Given the Chinese government's total occupation of its own cyberspace, the concept of a BRICS Internet has slightly sinister connotations.

So what would Gordhan have thought of another seemingly Parallel Universe (or, some would say, balanced) project agreed on at the Goa summit – for BRICS to establish its own credit rating agency?

Clayson Monyela, spokesperson for the South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation, triumphantly tweeted the news from Goa. And it was hard not to detect the reaction of members of the Zuma camp, a middle finger being shown to the big three private, US-based rating agencies, Standard and Poor's, Moody's and Fitch, which are playing such a pivotal role in the Zuma-Gordhan struggle for South Africa's fiscus.

### Sentiment

Responding to Monyela, one random tweeter articulated that sentiment best with this remark: "It is tough 2 move frm Western bulies but we hv 2. They hv agents in the country & worse in cabinet. Let's soldier on #BRICS." Opposition Democratic Alliance finance spokesman David Maynier was however skeptical, retweeting Monyela with the comment: "You mean a BRICS counter-Ratings Agency?" Many others on Twitter shared Maynier's sentiment.

University of KwaZulu Natal's Patrick Bond noted in an article in *The Conversation* that South Africa's energy parastatal Eskom was in the process of negotiating a US\$5 billion loan from China so South Africa could argue the case for self-financing a nuclear programme, likely to be acquired from Russia or China.

"In this context, a new BRICS credit rating agency with loose standards may just be another excuse to put future generations of South Africans deeper into debt, while facilitating corrupt dealings."

# DOES 'BRICS' INHABIT A PARALLEL UNIVERSE?

● Could BRICS' decision to establish a credit rating agency be just about balancing an unbalanced global economy?



Nonetheless many commentators see the need for an alternative credit rating agency to the big three agencies which failed so badly to do their job during the 2008 global financial meltdown.

### Refusing

And the BRICS agency also has a credible immediate cause. Kundapur Kamath, President of the New Development Bank (NDB) – or BRICS Bank – said at the summit that a BRICS credit rating agency was necessary because the big three private agencies were refusing to give the NDB the top AAA rating as the BRICS countries sponsoring it were not themselves AAA-rated.

That was increasing the price of the loans it was trying to raise and was therefore constraining the growth of developing countries, Kamath told the BRICS Financial Forum in Goa. Kamath said the conservative lending policies demanded of multilateral banks like the NDB were also stifling the growth of developing countries.

He questioned why a bank like NDB had to limit its leverage to just three times its capital reserves, despite lending to sovereigns, whereas a commercial bank could lend up to nine times its reserves, despite taking higher risks. Kamath said it was time for developing countries to sit down and talk to the rating agencies because if they changed their approach a whole lot more money could be released for development.

Earlier, Yaduvendra Mathur, Chairman of India's Exim Bank, also backed the BRICS credit rating agency, saying it would bring

down his borrowing costs. He told India's PTI news agency that while Exim Bank had an AAA rating domestically, it couldn't get one internationally.

He also suggested the big three rating agencies, which controlled 90% of the market, had a basic conflict of interest, because they made issuers pay for ratings rather than investors.

### Conflict

It was precisely that inherent conflict of interest that was exposed during the 2008 global financial crisis when the big three continued to give the highest ratings to major institutions to issue investments which were just fancy packaging for loads of worthless 'sub-prime' mortgages.

Nevertheless, if Standard and Poor's, Moody's and Fitch have conflicts of interest, would a BRICS credit rating agency that had to rate a BRICS bank not raise the same doubts? Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi insisted the agency would be set up independently of the four governments. But it might be hard nonetheless to convince investors and lenders it would be objective and credible.

Prof Daniel Bradlow, SARCHI Professor of International Development Law and African Economic Relations at the University of Pretoria, agrees that the objectivity and independence of both the big three agencies and the proposed BRICS credit rating agency are questionable.

"However the creation of a new agency will create competition and offer investors, issuers and other stakeholders more choice and more

diversity in views on creditworthiness. In this sense the BRICS CRA is to be welcomed."

How would Gordhan like a BRICS credit rating agency? Back in 2013, during his first term as finance minister, he might well have. But today? The embattled minister with a death grip on the keys to the Treasury has in effect recruited the big three in his battle with Zuma and his cronies to prevent the looting of state coffers.

### Junk

He is using the threat of a downgrade by the big three of South Africa's rating to junk status, to try to prevent the looting. The big three, for all their other faults, are serving Gordhan – and the country – well.

Luckily the BRICS credit rating agency, if it comes, will probably be too late to help Zuma. Perhaps that conversation between the developing countries and the big three that Kamath proposes is a better idea than a BRICS agency. And, who knows, maybe the proposal to establish one was a ploy to persuade the big three to negotiate.

If a way could be found in such discussions to persuade the credit rating agencies to sympathise more with the developing world perspective and, in this case, to release more NDB funding, for instance – without taking undue risks – that would probably help Africa too. The African Regional Centre of the NDB is about to open in Johannesburg. Africa is likely to be at the back of the queue for NDB funds – after the five BRICS members themselves. So it needs the taps to be opened wider.



ECONOMICS  
TODAYWITH: George  
Choongwa

A basic description of culture is given by Helen Spencer-Oatey, one of the few researchers who has interest in understanding the term culture and how it can be applied to the general spheres of life and in business in particular.

She argues that this term can mean the employment of special intellectual or artistic endeavours or products.

The understanding which is being promoted here brings a thought of seeing culture as a matter of developing excellent skills of doing things.

However, academicians like Matsumoto (1996:16) contend that culture comprised of a collection of set of attitudes, values, beliefs, and behaviours shared by a group of people, but different for each individual, communicated from one generation to the next. Perhaps we can go by this understanding since we are discussing about business and culture.

### Making your business a cultured Business

There are however several considerations that need to be taken into account when it comes to developing a strong cultured business. Jerome Bloom, the author of a book *Fueled by Failure*, he states that one of the reasons culture was important in an organisation was to understand which was the best steps to make in the event of business failure. He argues that successful organisations worked in such well coordinated ways of doing things which they called their culture.

### Share the dream

It is then important that a prudent business person will aim at building a strong culture within his or her team, making it a culture which then becomes the core purpose of business success. It is important to note that you will want a culture that recognises and embraces shared values, attitudes, standards, and beliefs that characterise the goals of the organisation.

Now here is where most people lose it. They start their businesses quite well with a strong will power and vision, but as the business is growing, they become somehow selfish and want to hold things to themselves instead of expanding the values and beliefs of that given organisation.

### Charity and consistency

It is a good practice for one to be very clear and maintain high levels of consistency in the way things were done. Establishing a culture you believe in means having a clear and consistent vision and knowing how you'd like everyone, inside and outside, to view the company. Many old-school CEOs and leaders were often business operations first and people second. But it's the people that make a business successful. This means that a good business owner or manager will consider working with the people first who will in turn make up the business. The idea of just using people without addressing their respective needs works out badly for most businesses because a manager must establish a situation in which the people feel to own the entire business rather than being used. This

# MAKING YOUR BUSINESS YOUR CULTURE

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then becomes a culture of exchange in which the employer and his or her employees do things on the basis of exchange.

### Transparency

Another critical area that needs to be addressed is the issue of transparency. A good manager must not raise suspicion among his or her workers; everyone in an organisation must see things in much similar ways. It is a good practice to make your workers to bear with you with regards to the operations of the business, at times things do not go the way you planned and you seem to have been faced with situations would either slow you or have a challenge at all, but if you worked alone without the knowledge of the masses, you are likely to be faced with stroke because employees will just think you are making up things. Learn to have a collective approach to doing things at work by going over all the key metrics of the business with the entire company. The goal is for all employees to feel they know the thinking, responsibilities, and strategy at various levels of the company and can share ideas and feedback no matter who they are.

Another thing we do to help bring more

transparency into the organisation is what we call a TGIF (I got this idea from Google). Our TGIF calls take place every other Friday and are all-hands calls. Everyone in the company can participate and ask questions. Since people often feel intimidated or uncomfortable in any-question-welcome situation, we built a private forum on the Integrate server where employees can ask anonymous questions.

### Empowerment and a sense of freedom

Most people think giving directives and general guidelines was the way to employee empowerment. You empower people by not micromanaging, erring on the side of giving people general guidelines rather than explicit, detailed directions. Informed employees are more involved and empowered in a company. And the more freedom people have to take on tasks, manage them, find solutions, and execute them, the more they feel connected to and woven into the company's culture.

### Your organisational design

Jerome Bloom, also argues that organisational design was vital in the areas of estab-

lishing a strong organisational culture he states that organisational design is the processes, structure, and hierarchy you put into place that allow you to put your culture into practice. It's how you do things. This will include your communication, company policies, team building, performance indicators, performance evaluations, division of responsibilities, and even how you schedule, and run, meetings. For example, do you have a weekly meeting at the same time and in the same place, or do you hold meetings only when there's something worthy of discussing at a meeting? Are meetings for all employees, division heads, or certain team members? Do you always meet in conference rooms, in a specific area of the office, or by conference calls, or does the setting change?

If designed well, everyone in the business can do his or her job more effectively. Your business culture will significantly be enhanced if the organisational design you put into place clarifies authority, responsibility, and accountability.

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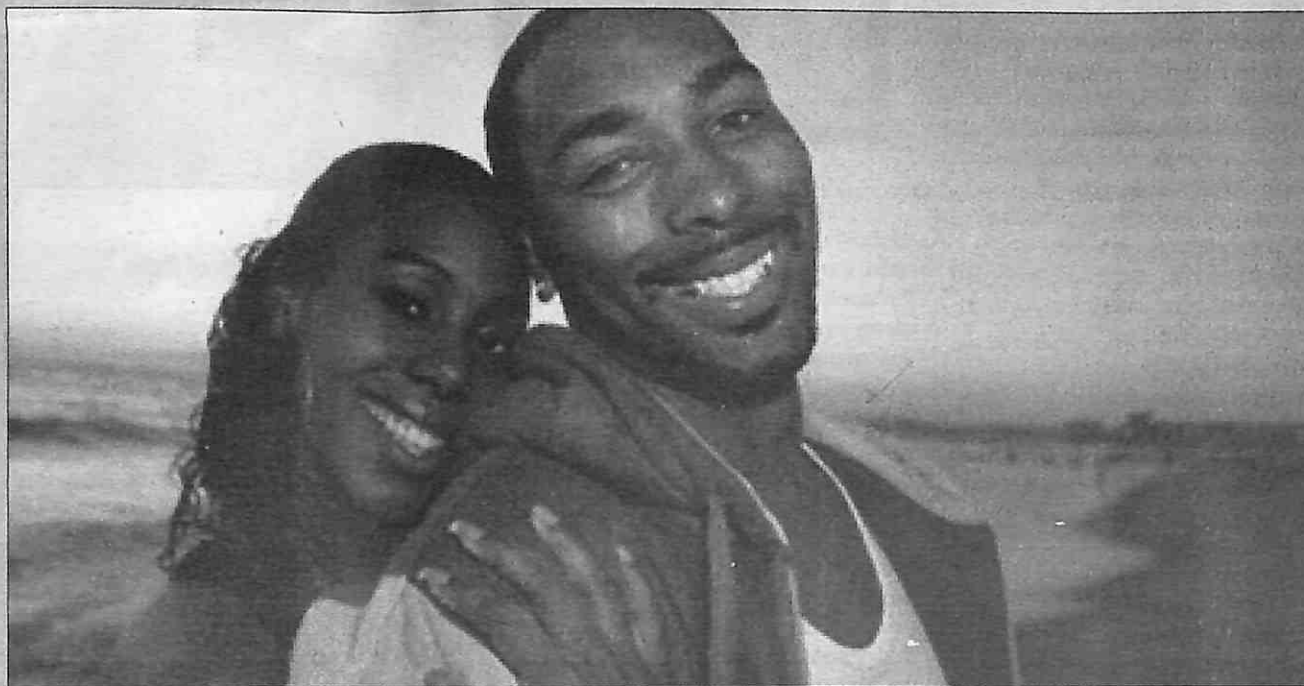


**WITH: Dumisa Dlamini**



He is everywhere all the time either in physique, in the girls' minds or in their arms. *Lisoka letintfombi* and the other guys would only get *lokusele kuye* even in terms of girls. This guy who was a hit amongst the girls was elected as president in many associations in the university. He would beat his competitors with a landslide victory yet he would not even apply an effort to win. At times *abekhetfwa ngisho angeko* much against standing rules of not voting for an

**EVERY MAN'S POWER  
TO SUCCEED,  
LIES IN WOMEN**



● You need a good and loyal girlfriend or wife by your side for stability in what you do. If she is vexed with you ***usuke nje atsele umhlabatsi emahewini akho ungakawanatsi*** and after that whatever you do ***kuyalumela***.

You are not going to keep your position as a manager or a CEO for long if you ain't popular with your female subordinates no matter how junior they may be. A "good" leader in the organisation is always going to look out for the welfare of women in the organisation or at least target the most influential and powerful female lot and make sure *bona bahlala bajabulile*. There are so many ways one can do that and Scales will not spell it out *ngoba amadoda aphethe ayakwati loko*. The male employee is the least considered and looked out for today because they don't have the power to catapult another brother or bring him down. Women do and use it profitably and the hold is that *"Usibhekele baba, nathi sokubhekela."* Anyone be it a school principal or a minister who messes with women *baze bacansuke* gets into trouble and will certainly; sooner later lose that position. You know once a woman clamours and *akushayekele emagogogo ekugangeni*

Anyone who participated in this thing would have realised that the electorate is largely composed of women, most if not all rally behind a male candidate. If women were to vote for one another, all members of parliament would be females but *cha, bavotela indvodza yinye labayitsandzako* at that particular time. Other men hardly find time to go to the voting stations. It's either they are at work or pursuing other interests far away from politics. The few who go there are either insignificant to make any impact or here *kubangisa loyi lotsandvwa ngulabafati*. In the end *lendvodza yabomake* will win elections and represent even the men who stayed away from the process whilst their wives supported another man

who ain't a husband to any of them. When women love a man, they give him their support and empower him above other men. A director in a company can get a significant pressure from female colleagues to promote Gabriel to management and shower the preferred guy with qualities, virtues and attributes he possess to be a good manager. Believe me there would be somebody much better, *umane akatsandwya ngulabomake nabosisi* in that organisation. That said, you never abuse women's power to empower you. The crude fact that is you never lie to a woman and get away with it. If for some reason you have made them believe you are something you later turn out not be, much to their disappointment; they will make you pay. *Bakwetfula khona letulu labakubeke-khona*. A lot of men have had that experience. You need a good and loyal girlfriend or wife by your side for stability in what you do. If she is vexed with you *usuke nje atsele umhlabatsi emahewini akho ungakawanatsi* and after that whatever you do *kuyalumela*. A man whose wife shows or gives him little love is ever distracted, unlucky and unstable. You must have seen a guy whose wife worships the grounds where he walks taking majestic strides even in what he does. There is power locked in every woman to push the man she loves, prefers or admires to heights of success and power. *Basop abafazi izokusila imboko-do!!*

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## FLEAS

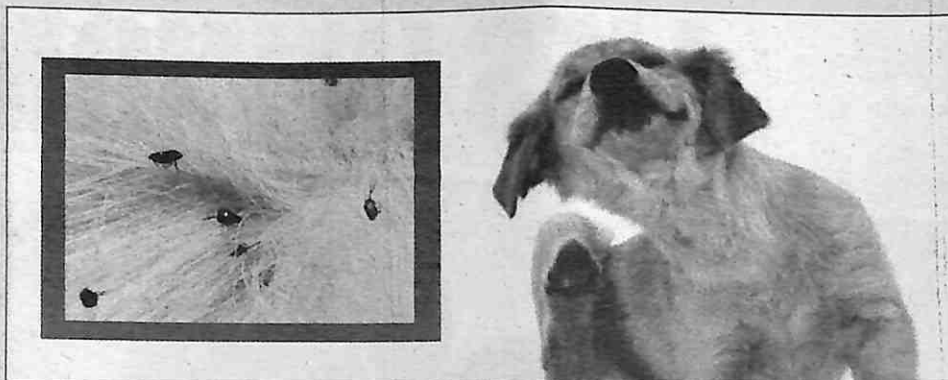
For millions of pets and people, the tiny flea is a remorseless enemy that can be life-threatening. The flea is a small, brown, wingless insect that uses specialised mouthparts to pierce the skin and siphon blood.

An adult flea lays 20-30 eggs a day (500 in a lifetime). At this rate one flea in your home can become a full flea infestation. If one dog or cat in the household has fleas, assume that all pets in the household have fleas. A single flea found on your pet means that there are probably hundreds of fleas, larva, pupa and eggs in your house. Eggs can survive in the house or yard for weeks to months and cause re-infection.

Fleas are not only itchy blood-suckers, they can transmit diseases:

**Flea allergy dermatitis** - when a flea bites, it injects a small amount of saliva into the skin to prevent blood coagulation. Some animals become allergic to this saliva resulting in severe itching and scratching. This can cause hair loss, redness, scaling and bacterial infection.

**Tapeworm** - though not transmitted by bites, tapeworm is transmitted when the dog/cat grooms and ingests a flea carrying the tapeworm larva. The larva develops in



the host's gastrointestinal tract. When developed, the head of the tapeworm attaches to the intestinal wall and small egg filled segments periodically break off and are passed out the rectum. These segments are fed on by flea larva and the cycle continues. Humans - especially children - also catch tapeworm by unwittingly ingesting eggs.

**Flea bite anaemia** - occurs in severe flea infestations or in tiny puppies and can be fatal. When a flea bites, it feeds on blood. With many fleas feeding at the same time, significant blood loss can occur and cause severe anemia. Blood transfusions, iron supplementation and hospitalisation are frequently necessary.

## Sign of fleas

- Itching, chewing and licking.
- Flea "dirt" (flea droppings look like black pepper and turn red from blood content when wet. Combing with a fine-toothed comb helps find flea dirt).
- Skin lesions such as moist dermatitis.
- Presence of fleas.

## Flea life cycle

Most of a flea's life cycle is spent in the house or garden and not on the pet, which is why your dog/cat may continue to scratch

without you ever seeing a flea on him.

• **Eggs.** The adult flea uses your dog/cat as a place to take its blood meals and breed. Fleas either lay eggs directly on the animal where they may drop off, or deposit eggs into the immediate surroundings (your home or yard). The eggs hatch into larvae that live in carpeting, cracks or corners of the dog/cat's living area.

• **Larvae.** The larvae survive by ingesting dried blood, animal dander and other organic matter.

• **Pupa and adult.** Larvae develop into pupa that hatch into adults. Adults are capable of leaping several feet to hop onto a passing dog/cat.

## Prevention

Preventative medication is the only way to avoid fleas. By treating your dog/cat correctly, you may save yourself the expense of having to call in pest control specialists to treat your entire house and yard. The most important domestic development in controlling fleas is the vacuum cleaner. If possible, vacuum your house regularly.

- The best flea products are obtainable only with a prescription.
- Available products include flea collars, shampoos, sprays, powders, dips, spot-on and oral applications.
- The most effective is a monthly spot-on or oral application.
- Consult your veterinarian.
- Follow instructions meticulously.
- Do not use a dog treatment on a cat or the cat may die.
- Observe the age restrictions for puppies and kittens on all product labels.
- Wash all pet bedding weekly.

## Swaziland Standards Authority

By: Kenneth Shongwe

SWASA Information  
Officer



## BOTTLED WATER QUALITY



Summer is upon us and with the advent of hot weather and the effects of draught which has caused water to be rationed in some parts of the country for a number of days, so as to avoid dehydration, Swazis are more likely than ever to resort to drinking bottled water sold in supermarkets and food outlets to quench their thirst.

Water makes up about 60 percent of our body weight. We need to get enough water every day from the fluids and foods in our diet to keep our bodies functioning at their best.

We get about 20 percent of the water our bodies need from the foods we eat and the remainder comes from beverages, including drinking water. With our busy lifestyles and weather patterns which are not conducive, it is no surprise that bottled water has become a popular way to meet these needs.

Consumers drink bottled water for various reasons including taste preference, convenience, safety and potential health benefits. But is there anything that guides us as consumers on the quality of the bottled water?

What about the claims made on the labels of the bottled water containers? Bottled water is drinking water (e.g., well water, distilled water, or spring water) packaged in plastic or glass water bottles.

It may be carbonated or not. Bottled water may be contaminated by a range of chemicals

(e.g. lead), microbial (bacteria, viruses and parasites) and physical hazards (e.g. glass chips) that could pose risks to health if they are present at high levels.

Because of the large number of possible hazards in bottled water, SWASA has developed two standards as a way of ensuring that bottled water delivered to consumers is safe. The two bottled water standards are **SZNS 033:2014** - Bottled drinking water other than natural water Mineral- Specification and **SZNSSANS 1657:2009** - Bottled Water of Subterranean origin.

## Consumption

Both standards specify physical, chemical and microbiological requirements for bottled water for human consumption and they also specify the permitted treatments, testing and the requirements for packaging, bottling and labelling.

Knowing that water can support the growth of many types of microorganisms and the presence of disease causing microbes in water is known to be unhealthy and even life threat-

ening, Table 1 (microbiological determinants requirements) of both standards gives zero tolerance to the presence of microorganisms that can relate to waterborne diseases.

## Specify

The two standards also specify the limits for the physical and chemical determinants of the bottled water together with the frequency of testing and the sampling programme which indicates the sample sizes for the physical examination and microbiological examination and the sample volume for chemical analysis.

According to the general requirements of the two standards, no claims concerning medicinal (preventative, alleviative or curative) or other beneficial effects relating to the health of the consumer shall be made and the use of any statement or of any pictorial device which might create confusion in the mind of the public or in any way mislead the public about the nature, origin, composition and properties of the bottled water put on sale is prohibited.

The label shall state whether it is carbonated (sparkling) or non-carbonated (still).

The standards also state that the location of the source of the water being bottled, the name of the source and the name, telephone and physical address of the manufacturer should be declared.

As consumers enjoy their bottled water, the only assurance they have of a healthy wholesome product is if manufacturers adhere to all the requirements stipulated in the bottled water standards.

Local Companies who are in the bottled water industry are advised to consult these two National Standards to make sure they adhere to the laid down processes and procedures which can lead to certification of their products.

Product certification is the process of certifying that a product has passed performance tests and quality assurance tests in order to meet the necessary local, national or international quality standards relevant to a particular market or product set.

Product certification is often required in sensitive industry and marketplace areas where a failure could have serious consequences, such as negatively affecting the health and welfare of the people or person using that product.

SWASA has a Product Certification Scheme with a recognizable logo. Once certified, a company will be able to display the SWASA's certification mark on the product produced, offering objective verification of its conformity to requirements.

The SWASA Certification is designed to help manufacturers build trust in client - buyer relationships.

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**LIVE SMART, BE ACTIVE, EAT WISELY**

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By Bongani BoBo Dlamini

**T**oday we will look at what has always been the issue from various ministries and campaigns about vegetables.

Vegetables were originally collected from the wild but have now moved to be part of our domestic source of food and they are cultivated in protected environments. We have a wide range of vegetables and naming them all can be a waste of time and ink so for that reason we will focus on a few locally available ones.

As the Home Economics Section under the Ministry of Agriculture we find it of utmost importance to school the public on the general know how of vegetables and how they can be utilised.

#### Importance of eating vegetables

Most vegetables are nutritious and delicious, either eaten raw or cooked. Eating more of vegetables provides health benefits and people who eat more vegetables are healthier than those people who don't like them.

This is because most vegetables, as a lot of other food stuff is considered as medicinal that is if eaten in the right quantity as well. To make an example of commonly grown and famous vegetable items like tomatoes and onions.

**Tomatoes** help purifies the blood, increases urine output, increases infection fighting capabilities and prevents oxidation of cholesterol.

**Onions** improve blood circulation and thus prevents blood clotting. With so many cases of high blood pressure one must try to include onions in daily servings either as a part of salads or any relish ranging from *ligusha*, *imibhidvo* to meat to avoid the hospitals. Onions also help in kidney problems, stimulate the detoxifying function of the liver and prevent stomach and colon cancer.

Now most people, particularly the youth and young adults think these are old people diseases and they should be warned. Our health is like an investment, what we put in now is the determinant of whether our future will be mostly calendared with doctor appointments or *sibebe* rock climbing dates.

Vegetables basically provide most nutrients vital for health and maintenance of our body. Most of us definitely have heard about the phrase that food is medicinal.

For instance **Lettuce** help reduces stress, treat insomnia (sleeplessness), treat constipation, and treat obesity, treat digestive disorders, and it's tolerated by diabetics.

**Pepper** help stimulates the flow of gastric juices, prevents digestive cancer, it is a mild laxative, protects the circulatory system, it is tolerated by diabetics and suitable for the diet of the obese.

They (Vegetables) are naturally low in fat and calories, when utilised as sauces or seasonings may add fat or calories.

The Swaziland National Nutrition Council

working in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture (H.E. Section) is currently involved in nutrition campaigns that encourage the nation to consume more of nutrients either plant or animal sourced. Vegetables are also sources of many nutrients including potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin C and vitamin A. Vegetables are rich in vitamins and minerals that help you feel healthy and energised

**Potassium** can be provided by sweet potatoes, white potatoes, tomato products (paste and juices), spinach, and kidney/soybeans. These are mostly drought tolerant crops and can even be grown in the dry regions like Shiselweni or Lubombo.

**Dietary fibre** from vegetables is important for proper bowel function; helps reduce constipation as well as provide a feeling of fullness which will reduce the number of servings per day. This dietary fibre can be sourced include cabbage, lettuce, carrots and spinach. To get more of this fibre it's recommended to eat these vegetables raw as salads or smoothies.

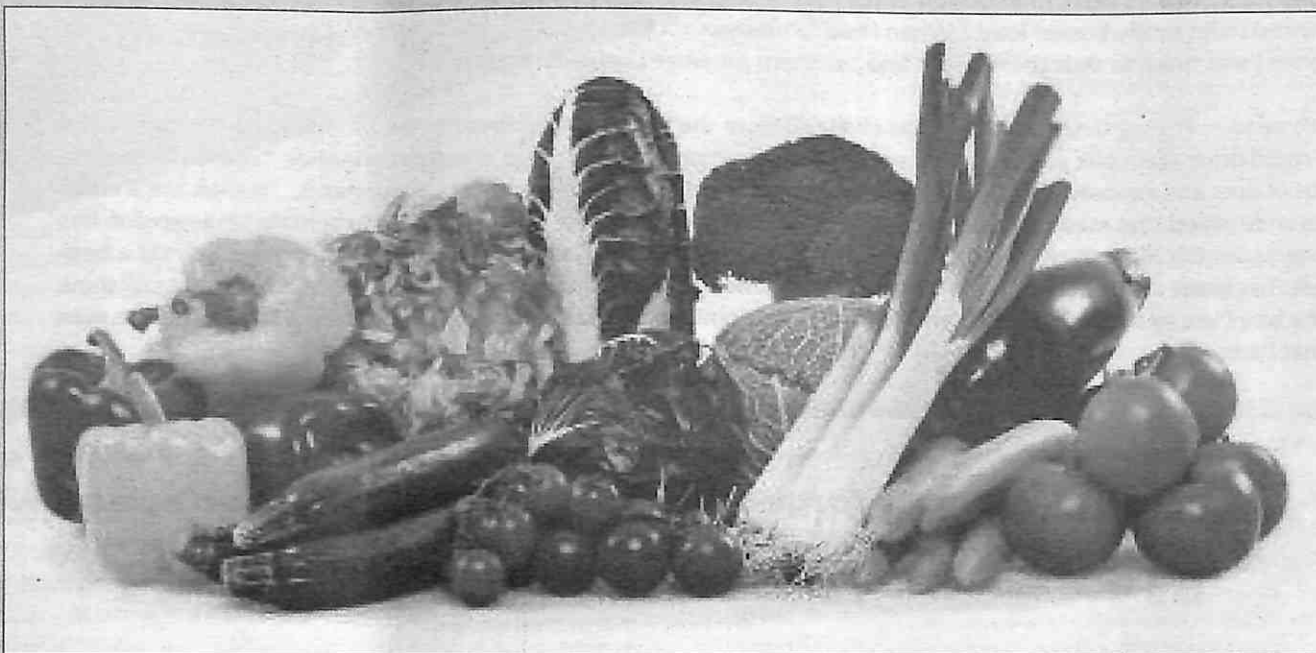
**Vitamin A** keeps eyes and skin healthy and helps to protect against infections. Vegetable sources of Vitamin A include most green leafy vegetables as well as tomatoes.

**Vitamin C** helps heal cuts and wounds as well as keep gums and teeth healthy. Vitamin C also aids in iron absorption examples of foods high in Vitamin C include cabbages, spinach, green/red pepper and asparagus.

#### Food and nutrition gardens

This is not much different from the mostly used term of backyard gardens. This is basically means of promoting small scale subsistence agriculture

# VEGETABLES AND NUTRITION



It's usually not too big ranging from 500 square fit to 800 sq.ft.

This is a manageable size and doesn't need gallons of water to irrigate it.

Its main purpose in our department is for the constant convenient supply of vegetables in a household to ensure food and nutrition security. Farmers can rotate the vegetables grown each time but mainly focusing on the mostly used household vegetables like spinach, carrots, onions, tomatoes, beetroots, cabbages or green pepper.

#### Water Harvesting/recycling

Talking about vegetable growth or any form of cropping these days is never welcomed well in our country. This is because one is always bombarded with the obvious excuse of water scarcity due to the prevailing drought in our country and continent. Water recycling is one method which has helped communities grow vegetables despite moisture challenges. If truth be told, no matter how terrible the drought can be, we always find water to bath, clean houses and wash dishes. This water can be reused to water backyard gardens at home which in turn help boost the nutritional status of families' members. Simple steps of treating the water is putting sand or ash for at least 24 hours so to trap down the dirt. To avoid wastage of the little water, we usually recommend using this system in combination with a drip kit.

This drip kit can either be a small tank or drum with pipes. Another simple method is using 2l containers with small holes in the lids to release water or drip few drops at a time. This way we can assure food and nutrition security, one homestead at a time.

#### Basic tips on how to prepare vegetables in order to preserve nutrients

As the Home Economics Section we

emphasise that everything we eat should be for nutritional benefit and not only to fill up the stomach. Most times nutrients never get to benefit the consumers because we don't understand the critical rules of vegetables. Now most people like to cook their vegetables before eating whereas this is one of the detrimental steps in food preparation. Cooking and reheating vegetables can diminish their nutritional value because some vitamins are degraded by heat. Basically the way you cook your food has a major effect on the amount of nutrients you eventually get.

Yes cooking improves the digestion and increases absorption of many nutrients but several nutrients get lost in the process. So the tip to retain maximum nutrition in vegetables is to minimize cooking time. Vitamin c is mostly lost during boiling. We should try to cut down the time for preparing our spinach, cabbages and other Vitamin C giving vegetables and try eating it raw at least. Cook close to service time.

Heat isn't the only problem as some nutrients end up leaching out into the cooking liquid so consume the liquid left in pan or pot after cooking vegetables.

Use as little water as possible for boiling vegetables to reduce loss of vitamin C and B vitamins.

Don't peel vegetables until after cooking them. Better yet, don't peel at all to maximize fiber and nutrient density.

Try to finish cooked vegetables within a day or two as vitamin C content may continue to decline when cooked food is exposed to air.

Don't cut/chop vegetables and then wash them as the water soluble nutrients are drained out of the leaves.

Steam where appropriate instead of boiling. Use just enough water to cover.

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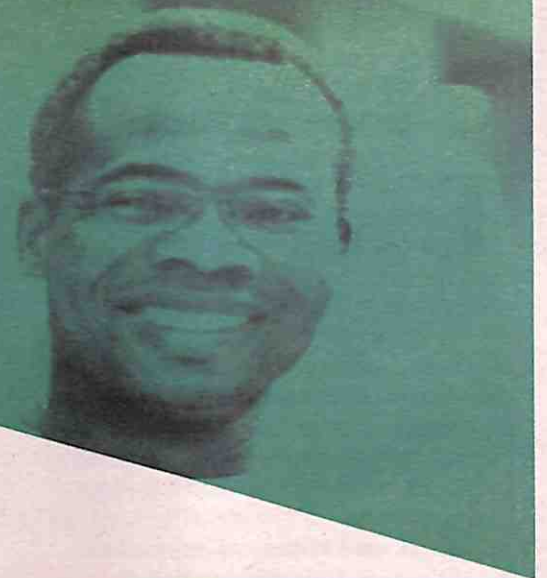




## THE MAN THAT I AM

I'll be honest and say I'm one of the people who have struggled to believe this whole male-circumcision campaign is worth any of my time. I was the leader of the people who ridiculed the initiative, at a point in time I was even planting ideas on other people, that there is a third force behind this whole movement, I was convincing them that male circumcision was an experiment among blacks to reduce the population, that this was all about how the western countries can show dominance over poor African countries, male circumcision was an initiative created so that us black men do not enjoy sexual intercourse. I was lucky to interact with a lot of men so I convinced them by the bucket loads. When I had to interact with the people working with the male circumcision program I was quick to shut them down and tell them on what I believed was correct.

It's needless to say that something has changed from the person I was above to the Man that I am today. I wish I could once again talk to the same people that I may have influenced in a negative manner. I really damaged a lot of lives and exposed them to HIV risks, all because I did not take the time to understand. It took me a while to understand that medical male circumcision is actually a matter of saving lives, Medical male circumcision has been scientifically proven to increase the chances of protection against HIV by 60%. This among others is a benefit that made me understand the issue of life and medical male circumcision. I would call the men that still think the way I use to start to research and rethink their opinions on male circumcision and they will become the man that I am.



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### FEATURE

By Anton du Plessis

**C**orruption is the most neglected human rights violation of our time. It fuels injustice, inequality and depravation, and is a major catalyst for migration and terrorism.

In Africa, the social and political consequences of corruption rob nations of resources and potential, and drive inequality, resentment and radicalisation. Corruption cheats the continent's governments of some US\$50bn annually, and stymies successful cities, sustainable economies and safe societies.

A joint report by the African Development Bank and Global Financial Integrity found that up to 65 percent of this lost revenue disappeared in commercial transactions by multinational companies.

According to Oxfam, as much as 30 percent of African financial wealth is estimated to be held offshore, costing an estimated US\$14bn in lost tax revenues every year.

This corruption discourages donors and destroys investor confidence, strangling development, progress and prosperity.

Added to that, across the continent, socio-political dissatisfaction at corruption provides fertile ground for radicalisation, and some extremist organisations are adept at portraying Islamism as the solution to such injustice.

For example, corruption stimulates recruitment of young Nigerians into the ranks of Boko Haram. In a recent study, 70 percent of those interviewed in the state of Sokoto cited corruption as a factor driving radicalisation.

By understanding corruption's full impact and seeing it through the eyes of its victims, we can create new weapons to combat it. This is worth considering as we approach the first review of the Sustainable Development

## WHY DOES CORRUPTION CONTINUE TO THRIVE?

- Corruption violates human rights and cheats Africa's governments of \$50bn annually. We need sanctions for those who perpetuate it.



Goals (SDGs). Among them is SDG 16, which aims to reduce bribery and corruption, develop accountable institutions, cut the flow of illicit money and weapons, and strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets.

### Support

More can be done at a global level to support these ambitions. Bilateral trade agreements should be based on commitments to end corruption and protect human rights, and protocols to prevent corruption should be built into development aid and loans.

There are some encouraging signs on the continent. When leaders from countries such as Kenya, Rwanda, Nigeria and Tanzania

highlight corruption as a major threat to their countries, then we might just be seeing the final days of impunity. The test now is whether they deliver on these fresh anti-corruption promises incredible ways that take account of human rights.

### Enforced

Human rights are enforced by international treaties, backed by judicial bodies with teeth such as the International Criminal Court, the International Court of Justice and regional bodies such as the African Court on Human and People's Rights.

The United Nations Security Council and the African Union's Peace and Security

Council can impose sanctions in response to violations of political, economic, social or cultural rights, or to deal with torture, genocide and war crimes. On top of that, countries and international bodies have an obligation to act when human rights are breached.

Yet there is no such obligation to act against endemic corruption. International agreements define various corrupt practices as a crime, but not corruption itself. Instead, it is passively defined as a technical flaw in governance, its horrors disguised in legalese. Corruption's victims get little mention.

That's why so little progress has been made by the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). This global agreement elevated anti-corruption action to the world stage. But UNCAC relies on states for implementation, and – unlike global protocols governing human rights – there is no effective sanction for those in breach. An absence of enforcement creates space for corrupt officials and businesspeople to hide without fear of pursuit or prosecution. And there is little political will to change things.

We need to give UNCAC muscle by joining the moral and legal dots between corruption, human rights abuses and international crimes. Acknowledging the negative human rights impact of corruption makes it imperative for African states to provide better protection to their citizens. Africans have the most at stake in getting anti-corruption efforts to work, because corruption disproportionately affects poor people. A more rights-based approach to corruption is a good strategy for both African and European governments. It would mean greater political stability, and provide an environment for sustained social and economic development. This, in turn, would have a positive effect on the drivers of conflict, terrorism and migration. The human rights community built an arsenal to protect people. Now anti-corruption activists need to do the same.

*The Guardian.*



# Focus on SA scene

## 'I HAVE NEVER MURDERED ANYONE'

**J**OHANNESBURG - Police Minister Nathi Nhleko has distanced himself from former Deputy Chief Justice Judge Mosenke's Book.

In recently published memoirs, retired Deputy Chief Justice and liberation struggle stalwart, Dikgang Mosenke, mentions a certain young activist, Nkosinathi Nhleko. An advocate at the time, Mosenke represented this young activist in a politically-motivated murder trial in the 80s.

The activist had led the necklacing of a 78-year-old resident and traditional healer in a tiny Eastern Cape township near Queenstown.

The Police Minister, Nkosinathi Nhleko shares both a first and last name with the person mentioned in the book, a wrong impression has been created in some readers' minds that he is the person in question. According to Government Communication and Information Systems (GCIS), the police minister wishes to categorically distance himself from the person and incidents contained in the book by the former deputy chief justice.

"I would like to place it on record that I have never murdered anyone, nor been convicted of murder nor lived in Queenstown. I am definitely not the person Judge Mosenke writes about," said Nhleko. *eNCA*



**NOT ME:** Police Minister, Nathi Nhleko, has distanced himself from the person and incidents contained in a book by the deputy CJ.

## Treasury 'welcomes' Guptas' plan to oppose Gordhan's application

**J**OHANNESBURG - Treasury has taken Gupta-owned Oakbay Investments to task for raising issues relating to the court application involving Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan and the four major banks in the media and has called on the company to respect court processes.

Gordhan has approached the High Court in Pretoria for a declaratory order confirming that he cannot intervene in a dispute between Oakbay Investments and the banks.

The banks had until yesterday to indicate whether they will oppose Gordhan's application on their decision to close down the company's accounts.

Treasury yesterday said it had no intention of conducting the case in the "court of public opinion" and would provide comprehensive and appropriate responses in court once Oakbay had filed their answering affidavits.

"It is peculiar in the extreme for the aforementioned respondents to address the issues raised in the affidavit by way of media releases as these make no meaningful contribution to the case at hand.

### Presented

"The minister has presented his case under oath in an appropriate forum and it is incumbent upon the Oakbay respondents to do likewise should they wish to oppose his version," Treasury said.

It had noted the "numerous attacks" launched by Oakbay's lawyers Van der Merwe Associates (VDMA) on the affidavit filed by Treasury.

The lawyers wrote a letter to Gordhan calling on him to withdraw the matter and pay costs. Gordhan has declined to do this.

In the letter, VDMA, on behalf of Oakbay, accused the minister of wasting taxpayers' money on the application. "VDMA note that to spend taxpayers' money in a 'reckless and inappropriate manner' would constitute a contravention of the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act No 1 of 1999, which would warrant 'further action against those officials responsible for same'," the company said. It said the purpose of VDMA's letter and offer to Gordhan was to offer him the "opportunity to save taxpayers' money". Oakbay has said it will oppose the application, after Gordhan refused to withdraw it.

- *TMG Digital/BusinessLIVE*

## Next-level crime fighting in Diepsloot

**J**OHANNESBURG - Crime fighters in Diepsloot have a new weapon in their arsenal in the form of technologies to ensure better crime reporting and faster response times.

Police on Wednesday announced a project with security company Memeza, which entails providing alarm systems directly linked to police stations, to Diepsloot households.

When the system is triggered via a motion detector or panic button, it sends an SMS to the local police station and makes a call to the owner.

Diepsloot Station Commander, Brigadier Koena Moichela, said in a statement that the initiative had resulted in a meaningful drop in crime and improved the relationship between residents and police.

In addition, a service called 'Namola' allows people to instantly call police via an app on a smartphone. Based on GPS location data, the application does not require the user to talk to the control centre.

Tshwane metro police had implemented 'Namola' to improve response times. The application was created by non-profit organisation Happimo, which develops "socially uplifting mobile apps," according to 'Namola's website.

Dubbed an "Uber for police," users in

Tshwane had seen dispatch times drop from two minutes to around 15 seconds.

According to the most recent national crime statistics, cases

of murder declined 9.2% in Diepsloot, sexual offences declined 26.4%, while attempted murder increased 16.5%. "This pilot makes 'Namola' more accessible to communities where smartphone penetration is low, but feature phones are everywhere," said 'Namola's Katekani Baloyi. *News24*



## Parly should decide McBride's fate - expert

**C**APE TOWN - Parliament must decide whether or not Robert McBride can return to work as head of the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (Ipid), says a constitutional law expert.

The comment comes in the wake of a stand-off between Police Minister Nathi Nhleko and the head of Ipid,

McBride.

The Ipid boss was expected to return to work on Wednesday, after a Constitutional Court battle over his suspension last year.

But the police minister wrote to Parliament indicating their work relationship had broken down.

Pierre de Vos, a constitutional law expert from UCT, says Parliament should

decide on the matter: "(The court) did not say whether or not Mr McBride must be found guilty of misconduct or not - or incapacity to the job and so on. In fact, it said Parliament can have an inquiry and look at all the facts and decide to have Mr McBride but it would need two-thirds majority support in the national assembly."

*eNCA*

## DA goes to court over ICC withdrawal

**J**OHANNESBURG - The official opposition, Democratic Alliance, approached the courts yesterday to challenge the notice of withdrawal to the International Criminal Court on Thursday as unconstitutional, irrational and procedurally flawed. In a notice to the United Nations on Thursday, government says it's obligations with respect to the peaceful resolution of conflicts, are incompatible with the interpretations given by the ICC.

South Africa's withdrawal will take effect a year after the United Nations secretary general receives notification from



**IN COURT:** DA leader Mmusi Maimane.

government.

The notice also highlighted the dilemma it faced when Sudanese President Omar al-

Bashir, wanted for war crimes by the ICC, attended an African Union summit in Johannesburg last year. South Africa said at the time that diplomatic immunity for heads of state over-ruled its legal obligation to arrest Bashir under the ICC. However, there does appear to be conflicting views as to whether there needs to be parliamentary approval to withdraw from international treaties. The notice delivered by South Africa to the United Nations, labelled 'Instrument of Withdrawal', was signed by International Relations Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane. *eNCA*

## I was shot in targeted attack on students - ex-Wits SRC leader

**J**OHANNESBURG - Police watchdog Ipid will investigate the shooting of former Wits SRC leader Shaera Kalla with several rubber bullets during a protest on Thursday.

"Any police officer found to have contravened the law will be dealt with accordingly. We wish the injured student a speedy recovery," police spokesperson Brigadier Sally de Beer said in a statement.

Kalla wrote on Facebook that she was part of a peaceful protest

on the West campus around noon when police "unleashed violence".

"I was shot 13 times in the back, at a very close range in a targeted attack on students," she said.

### Protesters

At the time, protesters had their hands in the air and were negotiating with police not to shoot. She said she was in "extreme pain".

When News24 arrived at the Wits health clinic, where Kalla

was initially treated, she was lying on her stomach and was in tears.

Student leader Busisiwe Seabe fainted at the clinic. She appeared to be short of breath.

Seabe, who helped Kalla get away after the first few shots, was also in hospital.

De Beer said the acting National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Khomotso Phahlane, had asked that the circumstances of her shooting be investigated.

*News24*



**TARGETED:** Former Wits SRC leader Shaera Kalla.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Rebel leader could still return

**JOHANNESBURG** - South Sudan rebel leader Riek Machar says he could return to the turbulent country as early as next month, even if he has to enter the way he fled - on foot. He has begun speaking out again after a long silence, during which he trekked 40 days through the bush into neighboring Congo as South Sudan's capital erupted in renewed fighting. In an interview on Thursday with The Associated Press in South Africa, Machar said his country's peace deal had "collapsed" and a new political process is needed to revive it. But he did not commit to rejoining the peace deal on the same terms. *AP*

## Airlines bans Galaxy 'Note 7', 'S7 Edge'

**GABORONE** - TAAG Angola Airlines has with immediate effect banned the use on its flights of the Samsung S7 Edge and Galaxy Note 7 saying there were fire danger risks associated with the transportation and use of these devices. In a statement issued on Wednesday, the airline said the ban was issued due to flight safety concerns around smoke and fire incidents, which had happened even to replacement handsets. "TAAG informs its passengers and public in general, not to use these devices on its flights and should keep them off throughout the flight," the airline said.

*Africa News Agency*

## African states leaving ICC

**JOHANNESBURG** - Until this week, no country had withdrawn from the International Criminal Court (ICC). Now two African states, South Africa and Burundi, have made official decisions to leave.



Concerns are high that more African countries now will act on years of threats to pull out amid accusations the court unfairly focuses on the continent. *AP*

## Drought, hunger add to South Sudan's woes

**SOUTH SUDAN** - A serious food crisis in the north of South Sudan is reaching critical levels, as a biting drought across much of east Africa serves up even more woes for the troubled country. In Northern Bahr Al Gazal, it is not the incessant cycles of violence wreaking havoc elsewhere in the country that concerns locals most, but the lack of rain and a deep economic crisis. At a clinic run by Doctors Without Borders (MSF) in the town of Aweil, Lucia Adeng holds her three-year-old son Wek Wol Wek, his breathing shallow and rapid and his skin paper thin around his emaciated arms. *Reuters*

## MTN illegally moved funds out

**ABUJA** - MTN may have illegally moved more funds out of Nigeria than initially claimed. A preliminary probe shows that the amount of money moved by the telecoms giant exceed the R195 billion previously alleged. Africa's biggest network by sales has however denied the allegations. Nigerian lawmakers are currently checking documents dating back 16 years as part of the inquiry. Hearings between MTN, the Nigerian Central Bank and four lenders are expected to be held next week. *eNCA*



## ZIMBABWE GEARS FOR PROTESTS NOW BAN OVER

**HARARE** - Mass protests are being planned in Zimbabwe by opposition parties following the expiry of a ban against demonstrations there.

The ban, which was upheld by the Constitutional Court, expired last week.

The opposition party MDC-

T said it was mobilising masses for "the biggest demonstration Mugabe has ever seen".

## Plans

The People's Democratic Party said plans of their comeback demonstration were at "an advanced stage".

"The demonstrations will take place in the next few

days," said PDP spokesman Jacob Mafume.

The Zimbabwean government also announced on Thursday that it would not be able to pay teachers' salaries on time this month.

The country's teachers will be paid in the first week of next month, the government said. *eNCA*



**INCENSED:** Mass protests are being planned in Zimbabwe by opposition parties following the expiry of a ban against demonstrations there. (AP)

## Newly banned Shiite group appeals in court

**KADUNA** - A newly banned Shiite group in northern Nigeria said on Thursday it was appealing in court against the government's decision that observers are warning could spark sustained violence.

The Islamic Movement in Nigeria said the ban by Kaduna state officials violates Nigerians' rights to religious freedom. The ban, announced earlier this month, was made official with its publication on Wednesday.

"We are already seeking redress in the court and will pursue the case to its logical conclusion," the group's statement said. Nigeria is almost equally divided between Christians and Muslims, most of them Sunni. Tensions with the Shiite population are high after the army gunned down more than 300 people in an attack in December on the Islamic Movement in Nigeria's headquarters. The government has said the group provoked the attack, with the military

accusing it of trying to assassinate the country's army chief — a claim that human rights groups have called unbelievable.

The group's leader, Ibraheem Zakzaky, has been in custody since December.

On October 12, the group said 13 of its members had been killed when security forces and "paid thugs" attacked religious gatherings in multiple locations in northern Nigeria. Officials did not confirm the death toll.

*AP*

## Cops break up demo against draft constitution

**ABIDIJAN** - Police in Ivory Coast used tear gas on Thursday to break up a demonstration against a proposed new constitution and briefly detained several opposition politicians, according to an AFP journalist.

A draft of the new basic law, which President Alassane Ouattara says will put an end to years of crises in Ivory Coast, but which the opposition derides as dangerous and anti-democratic, will be put to a referendum on October 30.

A vast deployment of anti-riot police in the economic capital, Abidjan, greeted protesters carrying banners saying 'No to the Ouattara monarchy', referring to the main architect of the proposed constitution.

The opposition has complained it was not included in the drafting process.

Police fired tear gas at the crowd after warning them they did not have permission for their protest. *eNCA*

## Govt announces austerity measures

**CAIRO** - Egypt has decreed a cut of up to 20% in government expenditure, a move its prime minister says is needed to set an example to follow during a biting economic crisis.

A Cabinet statement issued on Thursday says the government also has decreed a 50% cut in the number of ministerial representatives in Egyptian embassies, saying diplomats will take up their tasks instead.

## Quoted

The statement quoted Prime Minister Sherif Ismail as saying the cuts in government expenditure would not touch salaries or money set aside for development or investment. He did not say how much money these measures would save. Egypt's economy is enduring its worst crisis in decades, with a ballooning domestic and foreign debt, double digit inflation and unemployment rates and a steadily weakening currency. *AP*

## Woman beheads her two children

**JOHANNESBURG** - Ugandan police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the beheading of two toddlers by their mentally-ill mother, who is from Kamuli District.

Uganda's Daily Monitor reported on Wednesday that Kamuli District police were investigating why a 25-year-old woman allegedly killed her two children, aged two and four. "The woman suspected to have mental problems allegedly picked her two children from Bright Future Nursery Primary School in Kamuli on Tuesday only to slaughter them like goats in her father's house in Mulamba Ward in Kamuli Municipality," reported the Monitor.

After killing the children, the woman who has been operating a drug shop in Industrial Area in Kamuli District, reportedly sent a six-year-old girl to the deceased's father's home in Kanange, about five kilometres from the crime scene to inform relatives about her offence before she fled. A police spokesperson, Michael Kasadha, said preliminary investigations indicate the crime was premeditated. *AP*



**NO MORE WIVES:** Mohammed Bello Abubakar (left) has fallen foul of clerics who say he should not have more than four wives - but he said there could still be plenty of future Mrs Bellos out there. He said: 'If it was up to me, I would have married maybe two wives, but what I am doing is divine.' He has been defended by his family, including third wife Hajjah Hasfat Bello (top right) and daughter Fatima Bello (bottom right). (AP)



# World News

## UK pardons thousands convicted under anti-gay laws

**L**ONDON - Thousands of men who were convicted under now-abolished British laws against homosexuality are to receive posthumous pardons, the government announced on Thursday. Those who are still alive can will be eligible to have their criminal records wiped clean.

The ministry of justice said the pardons apply to men convicted for consensual same-sex sexual relations before homosexuality was decriminalised several decades ago. Men living with convictions can apply to the government to have their names cleared.

Justice Minister Sam Gyimah said the government was trying "to put right these wrongs". "It is hugely important that we pardon people convicted of historical sexual offences who would be innocent of any crime today," he said. Calls for a general pardon have been building since WWII codebreaker Alan Turing was awarded a posthumous royal pardon in 2013. The computer science pioneer helped crack Nazi Germany's secret codes by creating the 'Turing bombe', a forerunner of modern computers. His work helped shorten WWII and he was an innovator of artificial intelligence. *eNCA*

## Military says it killed 18 militants in Iraq

**T**URKISH - The Turkish military said yesterday it had killed 12 Kurdish militants in southeast Turkey and another six in air strikes in northern Iraq, while also targeting their allied fighters in northern Syria.

Twelve of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) guerrillas were "neutralised" on Thursday in the Cukurca district of Hakkari province, near the Iraqi border, the army statement said. In northern Iraq, the Turkish air strikes hit the Avashin Basyan region, killing six PKK fighters and destroying four targets on Thursday, it added. In another statement on its operation to drive Islamic State and the Kurdish YPG militia away from the border in northern Syria, the army said it fired on 40 Islamic State and six YPG targets on Thursday, leaving them 'incapable of manoeuvre'. On Wednesday night, Turkish air strikes pounded YPG fighters and allied fighters in northern Syria and the army said it killed between 160 and 200 combatants. *Reuters*

## Man slits throat in court

**S**ANTA ANA - Moments after being convicted in a California courtroom of sexual assaulting a child, a former high school English teacher pulled out a razor blade and slashed his throat.

Jeffrey Scott Jones, 56, of Huntington Beach, slumped on a table in the courtroom and was rushed to a hospital on Wednesday with non-life threatening injuries.

"Right after the judge asked if we wanted jurors polled, both attorneys said no, and then he took a razor out of his left pocket and

slashed his throat," prosecutor Heather Brown told City News Service. "His head hit the table, and I thought he fainted. But then I saw the blood and the razor on the table."

Defence attorney Ed Welbourn said he was sitting next to his client, but did not see him cut his throat. However, he became concerned when Jones' head hit the table they were sitting at.

No one else was injured, the Orange County Superior Court said in a statement. *AP*

## Trump heckled at New York charity dinner

**N**EW YORK - US presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton ribbed each other at the white-tie Al Smith Dinner on Thursday night.

But what began as light-hearted banter between the two turned nasty as Trump was booed after describing Clinton as "corrupt".

Trump did get some laughs though: his biggest moment of the evening was his comment about the "biased media", which ended in a joke about his wife's plagiarised Michelle Obama speech.

"Michelle Obama gives a speech and everyone loves it, they think she's absolutely great. My wife, Melania, gives the exact same speech and people get on her case!"

But he lost the crowd when he called Clinton "so corrupt she got kicked off the



**BOOED: Donald Trump was booed at a New York charity dinner after he called Hillary Clinton 'corrupt'.**

Watergate Commission".

When boos were heard in the audience, he said: "I don't know who they're angry at, Hillary, you or I?", to which someone in the crowd shouted "you!" Clinton stayed classy, poking fun at herself while cutting Trump down to size.

She joked about her health, which Trump had made a cam-

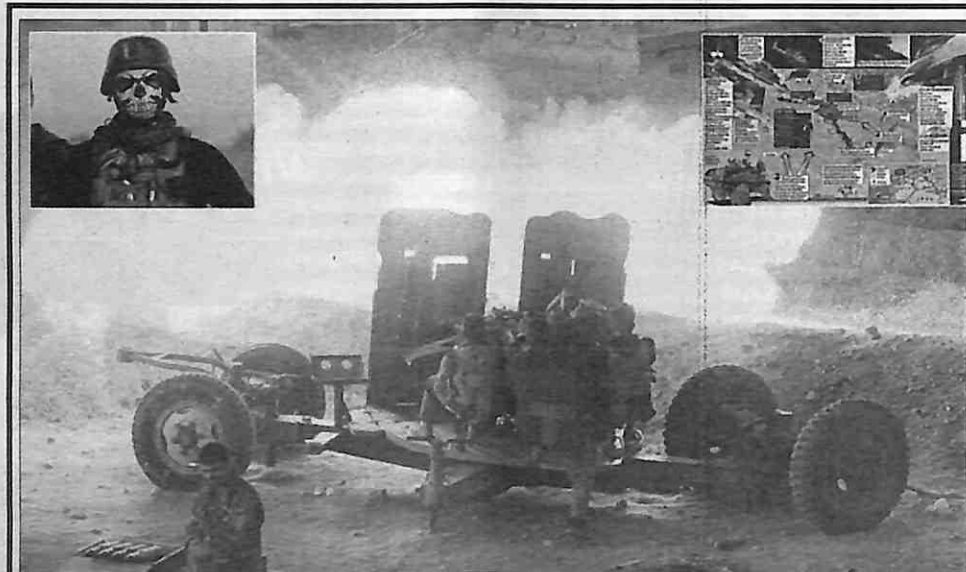
paign issue, as well as her paid speeches to Wall Street. "I took a break from my rigorous nap schedule to be here," Clinton said. "Usually, I charge a lot for speeches like this." Later, she joked: "Getting through these three debates with Donald has to count as a miracle."

### Event

In the end, she brought the focus back to the event and found common purpose with Trump: "Let's come together, remember what unites us, and just rip on Ted Cruz."

The dinner is a fundraiser for Catholic charities supporting needy children.

It's held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on the third Thursday of October and hosted by the archbishop of New York. It is the last event at which the two US presidential candidates share a stage before the election. *eNCA*



**FAILED ATTEMPT: Youths in Mosul have plastered leaflets on the homes of Islamic State militants and threatened to rise up against them as the terror group's hold on the city crumbles. It came as Iraq's prime minister said the battle to seize back control of ISIS's last major stronghold in the country was going 'faster than planned'.** (AP)

## EU leaders agree to tackle illegal migration from Africa

**B**RUSSELS - European Union leaders agreed on Thursday to step up their efforts to curb illegal migration from African countries with the aim of replicating their success in halting inflows from Turkey over the past year.

While migrants reaching Greece from Turkey have dropped to a trickle after a deal with Ankara in March, arrivals in Italy from Africa are increasing so far this year. Italy received 154 000 migrants last year and this year's figure is likely to be higher. Only on Thursday, more than 1 400 boat migrants were

rescued off the coast of Libya, Italy's coast guard said in a statement. To curb flows along the so-called central Mediterranean route, where thousands of migrants drown every year as they make the dangerous journey, the EU is offering trade deals and investment to African countries. "It is not just about money, it is about substantially improving the capabilities and the chances of people in these African countries and to give hope," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on her arrival to the EU summit in Brussels. *AP*

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### China, Philippines: Money talks

**BEIJING** - China scored a major diplomatic victory on Thursday, wielding its economic might and political clout to coax the Philippines into resuming a bilateral dialogue on their South China Sea territorial dispute following months of acrimony. The move could widen a political rift between the Philippines' treaty ally the United States and the new administration of President Rodrigo Duterte, who has made no secret of his antipathy for America and ordered an end to joint manoeuvres between their militaries. *AP*

### No arrests, many questions after killings

**PIKETON** - Six months after someone shot eight members of an extended family to death in their homes in southern Ohio, surviving relatives are still waiting - for an explanation, for an arrest, for a hint of closure. Tajianna Mead, of Waverly, whose 44-year-old father, Kenneth Rhoden, was among the victims, says she just wants to know why it happened. Most of the victims were shot multiple times in the head and some bodies also showed signs of bruising, as if they'd been beaten. *AP*

### Spain's top court cancels bullfighting ban

**MADRID** - Spain's Constitutional Court on Thursday cancelled a bullfighting ban in Catalonia in what is likely to exacerbate tensions between Madrid and the separatist region, and between animal activists and fans of the tradition. In a statement, the court argued bullfighting was classified as part of Spain's heritage, and therefore a decision on banning it was a matter for the central government and not for semi-autonomous regions. The ban has been declared "unconstitutional and void," it said. *AFP*

### Saudi Arabia accuses rebels of attacks

**WASHINGTON** - Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir accused Yemen's Huthi rebels of stepping up their attacks Thursday and of putting in danger a day-old UN-mandated ceasefire. Jubeir told reporters in Washington that Saudi Arabia reserves the right to defend itself from further Huthi attacks, but stopped short of declaring the truce a failure. "As of this morning Washington time, there had been more than 150 violations by the Huthi-Saleh side," Jubeir said, referring to the rebels and forces loyal to former president Ali Abdullah Saleh. Sitting with US Secretary of State John Kerry after talks at the State Department, Jubeir called the alleged Huthi attacks an "escalation in the violence, rather than a reduction." *AFP*

### Hospital owner arrested over deadly fire

**NEW DELHI** - Indian police have arrested the wanted owner of a hospital after he turned himself in over a blaze earlier this week that killed 21 patients, a top officer said on Thursday. Manoj Nayak, Chairman of the private SU M hospital, presented himself at a police station late on Wednesday night following a two-day hunt for him in eastern Odisha state.

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# RESURGENT MILAN CAN BEAT JUVE - BONAVENTURA

**M**ILAN - Midfielder Giacomo Bonaventura said AC Milan are primed and ready to finally taste victory over Juventus when the sides meet in an enticing San Siro clash today.

Eight games into the season, Juventus look to be on their way to a record sixth consecutive Serie A crown after opening up significant gaps on key title rivals Napoli and Roma.

Roma, at home to Palermo tomorrow, are second at five points adrift while Napoli travel to rock-bottom Crotone looking to end a two-game run of defeats in the league that has left them seven points off the pace. Milan's surprising run of late saw the Rossoneri hand Chievo their first home reverse of the season Monday in a 3-1 win that moved them up joint second.

Bonaventura credits new coach Vincenzo Montella with helping to "end the chaos" that has reigned over the seven-time European champions in recent seasons.

And the Italy international believes the time is right to throw a spanner into Juve's tight plans.

"We can win it because it's a stand-



**SCORES: AC Milan's forward Carlos Bacca from Colombia celebrates after scoring during the Italian Serie A football match against Sassuolo. (AFP)**

alone match, we're at home and they will have to be fully at 100% against us," Bonaventura told La Gazzetta dello Sport.

"And, our game is on a par with the top teams in the league."

Milan's last win over the Turin giants came in the 2012-2013 season, when current Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri was still at the helm after leading them to the 2011 title. Juventus have won all seven

league meetings since, as Milan bounced from one mini-crisis to another. Montella is the club's fifth coach since Allegri was sacked following a 4-3 defeat to Sassuolo in 2014, and Bonaventura says the ex-Fiorentina handler has brought "joy" back to the club.

"We've endured a few underwhelming seasons but Montella has brought back the joy of playing football," Bonaventura added. **AFP**



**TOUGH TIME: David Moyes and Pep Guardiola.**

## 'I'm under pressure, but so is Pep'

**L**ONDON - Sunderland Manager David Moyes says he is under pressure to turn around their poor Premier League form, but it is no different for coaches at the other end of the table. Sunderland are the only team in the English top flight without a victory and are rooted at the foot of the table, with two points from their opening eight games. They are already four points adrift of safety.

"I spoke with a lot of supporters this week. I think they understand what's required. The bigger pressure is from you boys (the media). The supporters have been excellent," Moyes told reporters yesterday.

"There's pressure on every manager to get points, whether you're Sunderland or you're Pep at Man City. I've been at the other end,

too -- I know what it's like."

Sunderland visit 15th-placed West Ham United at the London Stadium today and Moyes has urged his players to be more ruthless.

"I think we've been really disappointed because we've been close in some games. We've had games where we've been in front and could have picked up points," said Moyes.

"Strangely, if you win one of those games it would look a lot different and we would be talking in a different way. But we've not and that's our fault. We need to cure that and get it better..."

"One win would make a massive difference and it would lift confidence and get us much closer to the teams above us. It would give us a chance to start building." **Reuters**

## 'I WOULD LOVE LUKA MODRIC AT MANCHESTER UNITED'

**M**ANCHESTER - Manchester United legend Ryan Giggs has admitted he would 'love' Luka Modric to sign for his former club.

The former Wales international was speaking at a UEFA press conference yesterday morning in Zagreb as he tours with the Champions League trophy. Giggs is an ambassador for the tournament this season, with the final set to take place in Cardiff next year.

Asked by reporters who the Croatian player he most admires is, he said: "Croatia have great players and my current favourite is Modric - I would love him to join Man Utd". Modric was strongly linked with a



**ADMITTED: Ryan Giggs.**

switch to Old Trafford when he played for Tottenham Hotspur. However the 31-year-old Real Madrid midfielder eventually decid-

ed to move to the Bernabeu in 2012, and signed a new four-year deal this month, saying he wants to retire at the Spanish giants.

He said after signing the new deal on October 18: "I knew I had come to the biggest club in the world, where the demands are huge - I was prepared for that."

"I didn't start well but I never doubted, I knew I would succeed sooner or later."

"Today is a special day. I promise I'll give everything and will work hard to match the club's demands. I hope to have many more successes here. "I hope this isn't my last contract renewal. My wish and desire is to end my career at Real." **Daily Mail**

## Haye could be in line for WBO heavyweight title showdown

**L**ONDON - David Haye could be in line for a heavyweight world title showdown next year with the Brit potentially fighting for the WBO belt.

Joseph Parker and Andy Ruiz will go head-to-head in Auckland on December 10 to fight for the belt vacated by Tyson Fury - and Haye may get a shot to face the winner next spring.

The British boxer held the WBA heavyweight belt when he overcame giant Russian Nikolai Valuev in 2009 before losing to Wladimir Klitschko three fights later.

The Londoner only made his boxing comeback in January this year after three years away from the ring due to a shoulder injury.

Haye has secured comfortable victories over Mark de Mori and Arnold Gjergjaj at London's O2 Arena since making his return to the sport.

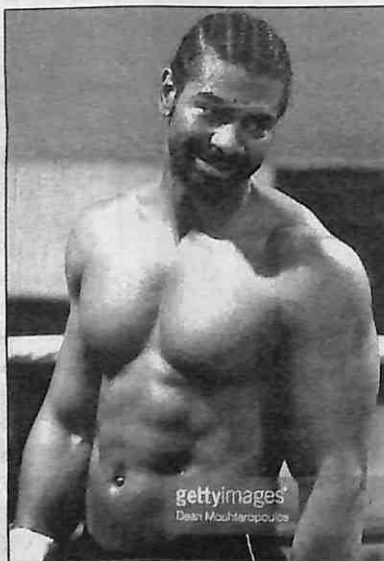
And now it has emerged the former heavyweight world champion is poised for another shot at a world title. Haye was in attendance at the NFL

House opening night on Thursday as stars from the worlds of sport, music and entertainment gathered on the red carpet.

England stars Dele Alli, Eric Dier, Alex

Oxlade-Chamberlain and Alex Iwobi were also at the star-studded bash. Guests were treated to an intimate performance from grime artist Kano, who played a number of his recent tracks.

NFL House - an interactive fan zone



**HEAVYWEIGHT SHOWDOWN: David Haye.**

in Bloomsbury Square, London - is a five-day extravaganza to celebrate all things NFL. **Daily Mail**



**SCARY: Six-foot long python. (Daily Mail)**

## HOLEY SNAKES! SIX-FOOT LONG PYTHON INTERRUPTS PGA TOUR

**M**ALAYSIA - The perils of taking the PGA Tour out to Malaysia were fully exposed yesterday when play was interrupted by a six-foot long python slithering across the course at the Klang Valley resort in Kuala Lumpur.

The club, which opened in 1991, has often had sightings of wildlife on the course - and golfers were again put off their stride by another sociable creature during day two of the 2016 CIMB Classic. PGA Tour officials were quick to spot the non-venomous intruder heading across one of the greens, with a well-trained snake handler swiftly onto the scene to place the python in a bag before relocating it to a more convenient habitat. Aside from that unexpected drama, Justin Thomas carded a six-under 66 to claim a two-stroke lead at the halfway stage, staying within striking distance of the tournament record he set in winning the title here last year. He started the second round in a three-way

share of the lead with Keegan Bradley and Derek Fathauer after opening with a 64, and followed up with a bogey-free round containing six birdies to move to 14 under, two shots clear of Asian Tour leader Anirban Lahiri.

Thomas, who won his first PGA Tour title here last year in a tournament record 26 under, wasn't entirely happy with his iron shots and wedges in the second round but remains hopeful of producing some very low scores on the weekend at the TPC Kuala Lumpur.

Thomas said: "The thing about this course, you can go shoot 12- or 13-under in a day so hopefully I can get it going a little bit this weekend like I did last year."

His rivals will be hoping for a choke - by Thomas, not the python - over the weekend.

Lahiri had eight birdies but finished with a 66 after a double-bogey on his final hole yesterday, leaving him at 12 under. **Daily Mail**





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## ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



## Kompany set for Manchester City exit

**M**ANCHESTER - Vincent Kompany is set to become the latest high-profile casualty of Pep Guardiola's reign after the Manchester City captain was left out of the squad for the Champions League defeat in Barcelona.

However, City have moved swiftly to ease any fears over Sergio Aguero's future at the Etihad after he was only named among the substitutes for the Group C clash at the Nou Camp. Guardiola has already marginalised two of City's title-winning team, sending Joe Hart on loan to Torino and freezing out Yaya Toure ahead of an expected departure in January.

It has emerged that Kompany was fit and available to face Barcelona following a brief comeback against Everton at the weekend, but Guardiola decided

to put teenage defender Pablo Maffeo on the bench instead.

Kompany's Belgium teammate Kevin De Bruyne confirmed the decision afterwards, saying: "That's Pep's choice. He must have had his reasons."

Kompany's exclusion marked another low for the City captain after two seasons decimated by muscle injuries, and he looks unlikely to stay beyond the end of the season.

City were in two minds about keeping him this summer and the 30-year-old was injured in his only start under Guardiola in the EFL Cup at Swansea City last month.

Kompany is understood to have grown increasingly frustrated and was involved in an angry confrontation with Aleksandar Kolarov in training before the Manchester derby.

DAILY MAIL



## Klopp backs Karius to adapt quickly

**L**IVERPOOL - Loris Karius will be able to produce his best form once he has adapted to the rigours of the Premier League, Manager Jurgen Klopp has said ahead of today's clash against West Bromwich Albion at Anfield.

The 23-year-old Karius, who joined from German side Mainz 05 during the close season, has usurped Simon Mignolet in the starting line-up but is yet to win over Liverpool fans following a string of erratic performances.

"He is still a young boy but this is something different. The Premier League is a different style of play, generally and in a specific case," Klopp told British media.

"It is not perfect. He can improve. As a keeper you take a risk sometimes because the ball is bouncing."

Klopp famously celebrated a last-minute equaliser against West Brom at Anfield by leading his players to bow in front of The Kop and the German said it was unlikely there would be a repeat of the scenario.

"I celebrated the point and it was a little bit surprising for most people. I don't know at this point if I would celebrate a point again," he said.

"But we are full of respect. West Brom is a very experienced team with a very experienced Manager (Tony Pulis). They don't want to make it easy for us so we have to find a way to play them. We need to be angry, that's true, and be patient enough.

"We are ready for a real, tough football game. They are very good at set-pieces. We cannot choose their way and they can not choose our way." *Reuters*

**L**ONDON - The Special One returns to his old club tomorrow as the Red Devils look to pick up a Premier League victory.

And Conte understands the special relationship Mourinho will always hold with the club's fans.

He said: "I think he was an important manager for Chelsea, with the club and the players he wrote a part of the story.

"He won three championships here and was an important man to the club.

"I think he deserves a good reception because, I repeat, he wrote with

the players/staff a part of the story of this club."

But Conte was quick to clarify that tomorrow Mourinho will be the enemy at Stamford Bridge.

He added: "He becomes, like the players of Man United, an enemy... but only on the sporting aspect."

As for Man United, tomorrow's opponents, the Italian was keen to not just focus on the Old Trafford club's stars like Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Conte's former charge, Paul Pogba.

"One of them for sure is Ibrahimovic, who is a fantastic play-

er. There are many, many players.

"Man United played yesterday (on Thursday) and I watched the game. I saw the players that will probably start the game on Sunday - four players."

"We must pay attention to the whole team. United have a lot of great players. Chelsea are currently three points off Premier League leaders Manchester City.

If the Blues lose to United, Mourinho's men will leapfrog their opponents.

DAILYSTAR

## WHY I TOOK PENALTY OVER ROONEY - POGBA

**M**ANCHESTER - Manchester United superstar Paul Pogba has revealed why he, instead of Wayne Rooney, took the penalty in the Red Devils' 4-1 win over Fenerbahce in the UEFA Europa League on Thursday night.

The Frenchman stepped up ahead of the Englishman to take United's first

penalty against the Turkish side, and Pogba has admitted he asked Rooney if he could take it.

"I told Wayne (Rooney) I wanted to take the penalty, and he let me," he said, according to the Daily Star.

"I am very happy to score that penalty and from a player like him to let me, it is big respect so I am very glad."

Pogba also revealed he is enjoying life with his United teammates, and insisted the Red Devils will continue to work hard to improve.

"I feel comfortable with all of the team," he added.

"It is just at the start of the season and there is still a long way to go, and we want to go up and do our best and be top of the league." *DAILYSTAR*

## Owen slams Rooney for losing 'nasty' streak

**M**ANCHESTER - Michael Owen has criticised Wayne Rooney after the Manchester United captain allowed Paul Pogba to take a penalty against Fenerbahce.

United eased to a 4-1 victory over their Turkish opponents in the Europa League at Old Trafford on Thursday night.

Two goals from Pogba, one from Anthony Martial and another for Jesse Lingard put United joint-top of Group A but it was Rooney's decision to allow the club's £100million man to take a first-half penalty that irritated Owen.

The game was goalless until Jose Mourinho's side were awarded a penalty in the 31st minute after midfielder Juan Mata was brought down.

There seemed, at first, to be some commotion in the box over who would take the penalty.

Rooney, as United's first-choice penalty taker, stepped forward to pick up the ball only for Pogba to approach him and take control of

the situation after a quick word with the England international.

The Frenchman buried his penalty to put United into the lead but Owen questioned whether the midfielder should have been allowed anywhere near the ball.

"It grates with me a bit I must say," he told BT Sport.

Owen Hargreaves, another former United player, added: "He's [Rooney] taking this penalty I think isn't he [while watching the footage]. He's walking to take that penalty and then he gives it to Pogba."

Owen pondered whether Rooney would have done the same 12 years ago when he made his debut against Fenerbahce in the Champions League - the night he scored three goals.

He said: "Twelve years ago this lad played against Fenerbahce. His first game ever for Manchester United [and] he ripped the ball off Ryan Giggs. He was telling senior players round here and he goes and scores a hat-trick."

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## South African SOCCER

### Dikgacoi returns to PSL, signs with Arrows

**C**APE TOWN - Golden Arrows have completed the signing of former Bafana Bafana international Kagiso Dikgacoi following a successful trial spell.

The 31-year-old had been training with Arrows since leaving Cardiff City in August.

The defensive midfielder enjoyed a good spell in England with the likes of Fulham, Crystal Palace and Cardiff, but fell out of favour with the Bluebirds ahead of this season.

Nonetheless, high-flying Abafana Bes'thende have snapped up the player as they look to continue their fine start to the campaign.

The side from Durban are currently leading the Premiership standings along with Kaizer Chiefs, and have won four of their last five matches.

Clinton Larsen's outfit confirmed the news of Dikgacoi's signing on their official website.

"Abafana Bes'thende are happy to announce the signing of Dikgacoi. We are pleased we have secured the services of KG, he has had vast experience both internationally and as a representative for Bafana," a club statement read.

SPORT24



### 'TOVEY MAKING GOOD PROGRESS'

**J**OHANNESBURG - Doctors attending to SA Football Association Technical Director, Neil Tovey who suffered a heart attack last Sunday, are pleased with the progress being made by the former Bafana Bafana captain.

Mark Tovey, the brother of Neil, detailed the improvement his younger sibling had made.

"He is now able to sit on his own, walks unaided and from where I am seated, I must say we are really in good space as opposed to the beginning of this week," said Mark.

He said there was a lot of rehabilitation to do though before Neil gets to his feet but signs were very encouraging.

Neil had a heart attack last Sunday afternoon while training and was rushed to a hospital where he was placed in an intensive care unit.

He has, however, made great improvement since then and Mark said he wanted to thank all South Africans for their goodwill gesture and prayers.

Africa News Agency

# BILLIAT NOT CONCERNED ABOUT 'DEATH' THREATS

**C**AIRO - Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder Khama Billiat insists the Brazilians will not be intimidated by the Egyptians' mind games ahead of their eagerly anticipated CAF Champions League final second-leg against Zamalek tomorrow.

This comes after Sport24 reported that Teko Modise had received death threats via social media from an individual claiming to be a Zamalek fan.

Pitso Mosimane's charges will be looking to make use of their three-goal advantage over the Royals when the two sides battle for continental glory at the Borg el Arab Stadium in Cairo.

The Brazilians were accused of using 'Muti' after defeating the six-time champions 3-0 last week



and Billiat admits that Sundowns have encountered hostile receptions throughout their journey in the tournament.

But the 26-year-old striker assured they will not get distracted by their surroundings and are sole-

ly focused on completing their 10-month long mission.

"We have faced hostile receptions before and we don't worry about things we can't control," Billiat insisted.

"But we have soldiered on and

now here we are as a team, in the final and leading 3-0 ahead of the second-leg.

"We don't have to use hostile receptions as an excuse not to perform; we are going there to finish what we started.

"And we don't have to go there expecting to be warmly welcomed and stay at the best hotel... we have to just go there expecting to play football and enjoy ourselves because that's what we are going there for."

Should Sundowns hold on to their 3-0 aggregate lead, they will become the second South African team to be crowned winners in the continent following Orlando Pirates' success back in 1995.

Kick-off is scheduled for 20:30 (SA time).

Sport24

### Komphela admits criticism was painful

**J**OHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela claims the past few months of media speculation and criticism from fans was a painful time for him.

Amakhosi have turned the corner with a four-match winning run that has seen them rise to the Premiership summit, albeit against a lower standard of opposition - it's a far cry from the dismal form shown previously under the guidance of Komphela.

Wins over Ajax Cape Town, Free State Stars, Maritzburg United and Highlands Park has seen the pressure lift off his shoulders and Komphela admits his first season is what hurt him the most.

"There are certain books that I just go and read, and those books will define what you are going

through," he told the SowetanLIVE.

"The minute that definition is given, you get the comfort and say, 'by the way, I did not expect any less'. Sometimes it is painful, but it's a way of making you grow as a person.

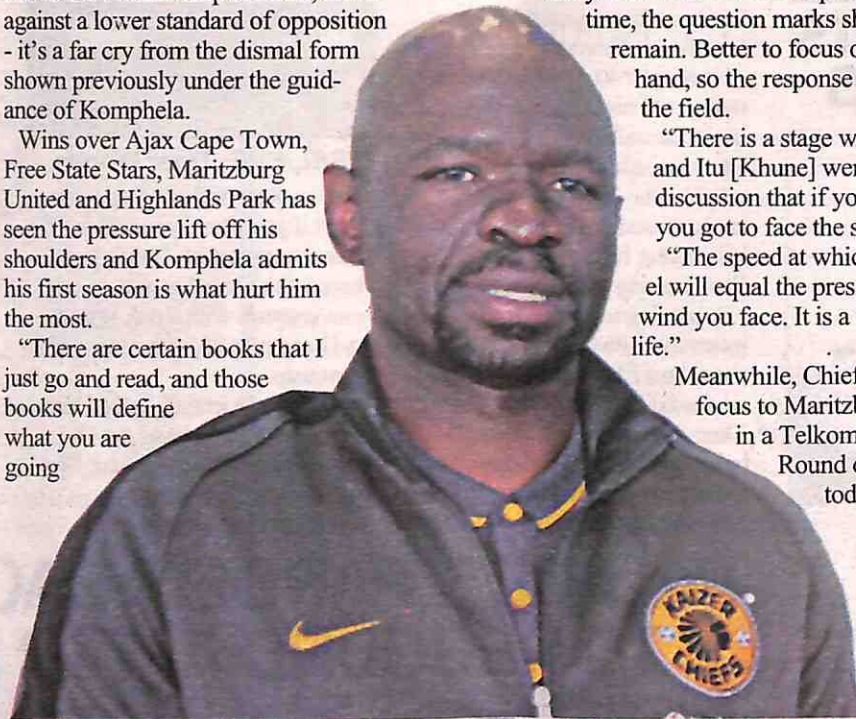
"And under such, you try to say less and only request for more time and more strength that you should do more. Up until that time, the question marks shall forever remain. Better to focus on the job at hand, so the response will be on the field.

"There is a stage where we and Itu [Khune] were having a discussion that if you are good you got to face the storms.

"The speed at which you travel will equal the pressure of the wind you face. It is a fact of life."

Meanwhile, Chiefs shift their focus to Maritzburg United in a Telkom Knockout Round of 16 clash today.

Kick-off is at 20:15.



### No special treatment for Ndoro - Bilankulu

**J**OHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates' in-form striker Tendai Ndoro won't receive any special treatment from Golden Arrows in their game on the weekend, according to Abafana Besthende's Musa Bilankulu.

Arrows are in the final stages of their preparation for their second game against Pirates this season. Having lost 3-1 against Pirates already this season, when Ndoro scored all three goals for Muhsin Ertugral's side in their league game in August, Bilankulu says their own mistakes resulted in that loss.

"I wouldn't say we have revenge on our minds, but, as you know, each and every team has ambitions when the season starts. Winning a cup is one of those targets we have, so I believe we have to treat this game like any other.

"When we played them in the league, we made elementary mistakes and they punished us. It's the right opportunity for us to compete in a cup competition and look to get something this season.

"You can say we are doing well, but we are not really at our peak yet. We are winning games and the confidence is there, but we must take it into consideration that our opponents are studying us and they know our strengths. We must guard against that and work harder."

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## Konta heads to Singapore

**L**ONDON - Jo Konta has already flown to Singapore - even though she remains uncertain about whether she will make the line-up for next week's season-end WTA Championships.

Her rival for the last spot in the eight-woman field, Svetlana Kuznetsova, won again on Thursday to make the last four of the Kremlin Cup in Moscow, which she needs to win to displace Konta from the \$7 million event.

Konta is, however, guaranteed to be an on-site alternate at the minimum, and appears to have recovered from the stomach strain that forced her out of the Hong Kong Open.

She practised with coach Esteban Cabel earlier this week

at Roehampton, and has already headed to the Far East in preparation for whatever awaits her.

Kuznetsova yesterday played Ukraine's Elina Svitolina, and if she wins then it will not be until later tomorrow that Konta will find out if she will take the space created by the absence of Serena Williams.

Andy Murray has given himself the shortest of breaks at home after China and was expected to fly to Austria yesterday to prepare for next week's Vienna Open.

Tomorrow he will play in the Tiebreak Tens exhibition event, which has seen him drawn in the same group as Marcus Willis, who will be attempting to qualify this weekend for the main tournament.



**ON-SITE ALTERNATE:** Konta has recently been in strong form, when not hampered by injury.

## F1 LEADER ROSBERG SHUTS OUT NEGATIVE THOUGHTS

**L**ONDON - Nico Rosberg closed his ears to negative thoughts and title talk on Thursday, even after Mercedes team mate Lewis Hamilton said he would "take it like a man" if he lost his Formula One championship to the German.

The overall leader refused to rise to the bait when asked whether he would see it the same way if triple champion Hamilton, now 33 points behind with four races remaining, turned things around and beat him.

"I haven't thought of that because I am planning to go for more race wins at the moment and that's it," the German told reporters at the US Grand Prix.

"And definitely such negative thoughts I will fully avoid. There's no point, that's not going to make me faster this weekend to think how am I going to feel if I lose. That doesn't work."

Rosberg has won nine races so far, to Hamilton's six, and has been repeating a mantra of taking each race as it comes without thinking of any bigger picture.

He needs no reminding of how close he is to becoming only the second offspring of a champion to take the title, after Britain's 1996 winner Damon Hill, but he is also determined to take one step at a time.

"It's business as usual this weekend," he said on his return to the track where last year he made a mistake while leading and



**AMBITIOUS:** Nico Rosberg.

handed victory and the title to Hamilton, who has a great record in American races.

"Why lose energy and think about something that's still miles away and can or cannot happen? Better just stay in the moment and make the best of it."

"You can choose what you think about, can't you," he continued. "I choose to think about Austin and the weekend that I have here ... I don't suppress it, I just go for something else."

Rosberg, who won the last three grands prix of 2015 and first four of 2016, need only finish second in every remaining race to secure the title but he banished that thought from his mind as well.

"I definitely don't put any thought into that at all," he said. "I'm going for the win here this weekend, I'm not trying to bring home any second places."

Reuters

# CEFERIN PLEDGES TO PROTECT EUROPE'S NATIONAL LEAGUES FROM BREAKAWAY

**L**ONDON - New UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin wants to protect Europe's national leagues from the threat of breakaway competitions.

Ceferin was elected last month amid talk of a future closed-shop Super League and breakaway cross-border divisions as some clubs seem ready to chase bigger commercial deals by moving beyond the bounds of national leagues.

"I am against killing national leagues. That is out of the question," Ceferin said ahead of yesterday's annual meeting of the group of European leagues.

The former Slovenia football federation leader said he is open to innovation - such as creating regional leagues - but within limits and inside UEFA's control.

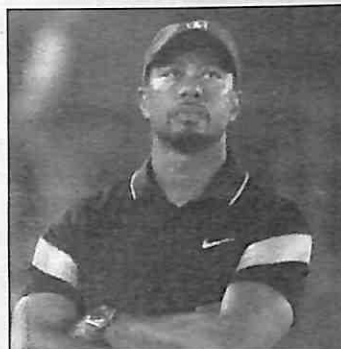
"There are some new ideas and not necessarily bad, but UEFA should be involved in that," Ceferin said in his first major interview at UEFA headquarters on Thursday. "It should not hurt national leagues because without

## WOODS STILL DREAMS OF ECLIPSING NICKLAUS' MAJOR RECORD

**N**EW YORK - Tiger Woods says he still believes he will surpass the record 18 major titles won by Jack Nicklaus, even though the former world number one has been sidelined from competition for more than a year due to a chronic back injury.

Now aged 40, Woods is in the twilight of his golfing career and has been stalled on 14 major victories since his remarkable triumph at the 2008 U.S. Open but he expressed confidence about his playing future in a Public Broadcasting Service interview.

According to an excerpt of an interview with television talk show host Charlie Rose, which was aired in full later on Thursday, when asked if he believed he would end up with more than 18 major titles, Woods replied: "Correct".



**I BELIEVE:** Tiger Woods.

When Rose followed up with: "And if you don't, you will say?", Woods responded: "I didn't get there." Earlier in his one-on-one conversation with Rose, Woods had been playful with some of his responses.

When Rose initially asked him if he thought he would get 18 major wins, Woods replied: "To be honest with you, no."

Reuters

## PALACE'S PARDEW BACKS LEICESTER TO REBOUND AFTER POOR START

**L**ONDON - Crystal Palace Manager Alan Pardew has backed today's opponents Leicester City to shrug off their poor start to the season and finish comfortably in the top half of the Premier League.

Champions Leicester are 13th in the table, with two wins from eight games, but their poor domestic form has been tempered by an encouraging start in the Champions League, where they top their group with three wins in three games.

Pardew, whose team are ninth after being beaten at home by West Ham United last weekend, is expecting another tough contest away to a Leicester side he says is full of "character".

"Leicester will certainly finish in the top eight, so there's a real fight for

us," Pardew told reporters yesterday.

"I think they've targeted the Champions League this year and quite rightly so after last year... They won the league because of the character in the dressing room, and that character will come through."

"We think we can go toe-to-toe with anybody. I think this fixture will be very tight again and I hope we come out on the right side."

Leicester lost midfielder N'Golo Kante to Chelsea in the close season and Pardew said the departure of the Frenchman, one of the pivotal figures in last season's title-winning team, was the reason why Claudio Ranieri's men were struggling.

"They're missing Kante and they haven't quite got the balance right without him. Any club would miss him, he's proved his worth at



**BOSS:** UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin.

national leagues I think football is dead." Radical change looked possible this year as UEFA was without a president during talks on Champions League entries and distributing billion-dollar annual prize money for the three seasons from 2018.

Some wealthy and influential clubs exploited FIFA's ban of Ceferin's predecessor Michel Platini by framing the negotiations around threats to break away, or force UEFA to lock a

cartel of storied clubs into Europe's top competition without the need to qualify via domestic competitions.

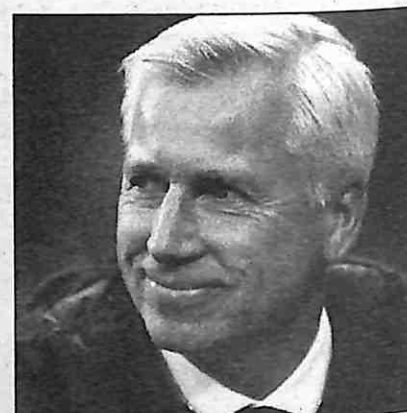
Ceferin took office three weeks after UEFA sealed a compromise deal that favoured the big-four countries: Spain, Germany, England, and Italy. It left mid-ranked clubs doubting where they fitted in the Champions League's future as broadcasters demanded more high-profile match-ups. *Daily Mail*

## DAVIDSON PLEADS GUILTY IN U.S. BRIBERY PROBE OF FIFA

**Z**URICH - A former sports marketing executive arrested last year during a US corruption probe involving soccer's global governing body FIFA pleaded guilty on Thursday to participating in schemes to pay bribes to a top official.

Aaron Davidson, former president of the Miami-based unit of Brazilian sports marketing conglomerate Traffic Group, entered his plea in federal court in Brooklyn to charges of racketeering conspiracy and wire fraud conspiracy. Davidson, who also agreed to forfeit \$507,900, is one of 42 individuals and entities charged as part of a US investigation that upended Zurich-based FIFA and the soccer world, and one of 18 people and two companies to plead guilty.

Prosecutors said the defendants engaged in schemes involving more than \$200 million in bribes and kickbacks that were sought and received by soccer officials for marketing and broadcasting rights to tournaments and matches. *Reuters*



**SUPPORTS:** Crystal Palace Manager Alan Pardew.

Chelsea," Pardew said. Palace defender Scott Dann will be on the bench today after missing their last three league games with a hamstring injury.

Reuters



# ARSENAL ARE IN A POSITION TO WIN LEAGUE - WENGER

**L**ONDON - Arsene Wenger says Arsenal are finally in a position to win the Premier League title. The Gunners have won seven games on the bounce and look equipped to go the distance this season.

Arsenal haven't won the title since 2004 but Wenger - who has described the Premier League as a 'jungle' - believes this team is finally ready to end that drought.

"We are consistent at the moment and I feel there is more to come out from our team," Wenger said at his pre-Middlesbrough press conference yesterday.

"The confidence is there because we have been consistent and overall, the desire to do well, the hunger to do well is there. We have to maintain that.

"We have the squad and we have to show that we have the quality. To maintain that in the team for 10 months will depend on the players, on me and also on injuries.

"We finished second last season, so even if we were disappointed, it was not disastrous. We have to give credit to Leicester as they only lost three games, and that's why they finished first.

"Of course we want to do better and we have learnt a lot from last season. If you look at the results after January from last season, we have improved a lot and our results have been quite consistent."

Arsenal's next fight on their quest for



Premier League glory comes today against a Middlesbrough side who have won just one of their eight matches.

## Problems

Wenger, though, is not taking the test lightly and believes Aitor Karanka's side have the ability to cause problems.

"We live in a jungle where everyone wants to eat you and you have to keep vigilant to survive," he said. "We fight every day to survive. That's what competition is about.

"If you look at the quality of Middlesbrough's games away from home, they have

done quite well.

"At home they were a bit unlucky but away from home they have done extremely well, they play, they are not afraid to take responsibilities in their game and they are a team who is good going forward and looks like they can score goals. We will need a good defensive performance."

Wenger also gave an injury update on his squad, who may be without Santi Cazorla after the midfielder picked up a knock and will need to be assessed.

*Daily Mail*

## Bayern hunt rare win over Gladbach

**M**UNICH - Carlo Ancelotti's Bayern Munich bid to claim a rare win over Borussia Moenchengladbach today as the Bundesliga leaders look to get back to winning ways in Germany's top flight.

Having won their first eight games under Ancelotti in all competitions, Bayern then went three matches without a win but got back on track with a 4-1 thumping of PSV Eindhoven on Wednesday in the Champions League.

The Bavarians now return to domestic business, where they have slipped up in recent weeks with draws against Cologne and Eintracht Frankfurt.

Bayern are two points clear at the top of the table but need to build on their emphatic win over PSV when Arjen Robben was outstanding with two assists and a goal.

"I think we absolutely took a step forward, and we have to build on that," skipper Philipp Lahm said after Wednesday's match.

Bayern have failed to beat Borussia in their last four meetings and Gladbach claimed home and away league wins over the Bavarian giants in 2015.

Gladbach are buoyed by their 2-0 Champions League win at Celtic which Andre Schubert's side needed after their 4-0 thrashing by Schalke and frustrating goalless draw with Hamburg, when they missed two penalties.

"Bayern are a very different team to Celtic,



you can't compare them with each other," Gladbach's Danish defender Jannik Vestergaard told the club's website.

"Bayern have a world-class team so we

need to work really hard again, but we have to try to play the way we like to, otherwise it's going to be a long 90 minutes."

Moenchengladbach no longer enjoy the same rivalry with Bayern as they did in the 1970s, when the clubs shared nine straight Bundesliga titles between them.

But the foals still present a challenge having only lost once at the Allianz Arena in the last five years.

*AFP*

## Inter claim first Europa Group K win

**I**TALY - Inter Milan edged out Southampton 1-0 in their UEFA Europa League clash at the Giuseppe Meazza on Thursday. Antonio Candreva (67') scored the only goal of the game as the Nerazzurri claimed victory in front of their home support to notch up their first win in Group K where they still occupy last place.

**Celta de Vigo 2-2 Ajax:** Hakim Ziyech (22') put the Dutch side in front, but seven minutes later Andreu Fontas levelled matters. Amin Younes restored the Ajax lead in the 71st minute before another equaliser, this time from Fabian Orellana (82'),

salvaged a point for the hosts.

**Krasnodar 0-1 Schalke:** A lone strike from Yevhen Konoplyanka in the 10th minute gave the Bundesliga outfit all three points on the road.

**Salzburg 0-1 Nice:** The French outfit came away with victory at the Red Bull Arena thanks to Alassane Plea's (13') winning strike.

**Slovan Liberec 1-3 Fiorentina:** The Italians were in control of the tie as Nikola Kalinic (8', 23') scored twice early in the clash. Petr Sevcik (58') pulled one back for the hosts, but Khuma Babacar (70') ensured the points went to the away side. *AP*

## Baroka eye another win over Dikwena

**J**OHANNESBURG - Baroka FC will welcome Platinum Stars in the 2016 Telkom Knockout Cup Last 16 game at the Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane tomorrow. Kick-off is at 3:00pm.

Bakgaga are set to make their first ever appearance in the league Cup this weekend and they will be hoping to go all the way in the lucrative competition.

They are also oozing with confidence after returning to winning ways in the ABSA Premiership. Baroka beat Cape Town City 2-1 away last weekend.

Mzwanele Mahashe made it 1-0 to Bakgaga, but the home side

equalised almost immediately. Nevertheless, Cleopas Dube scored Baroka's winning goal.

Good news for Bakgaga is that they do not have any players nor technical members on this week's Premier Soccer League (PSL) suspension list.

Dube, who is a striker by trade, finally opened his scoring account for Baroka. The Zimbabwean will now look to score tomorrow and help his side win. Baroka head coach Kgokolo Thobejane has stressed the winning consistently by saying: "It feels great, but we need to be consistent."

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## WEEKEND FIXTURES

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English Football League - Championship				Italian Serie A				Telkom Knockout				National First Division			
16:00	Aston Villa	v	Fulham	15:30	Sport-Club Freiburg	v	FC Augsburg	18:30	Free State Stars	v	Bidvest Wits	15:30	University of Pretoria	v	Witbank Spurs
16:00	Brentford	v	Barnsley	15:30	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	v	TSG 1899	20:15	Kaizer Chiefs	v	Maritzburg Utd	15:30	Jomo Cosmos	v	Cape Town All Stars
16:00	Bristol City	v	Blackburn Rovers	18:30	FC Bayern München	v	Borussia	20:15	SuperSport United	v	Ajax Cape Town	15:30	Amazulu	v	Stellenbosch FC
16:00	Huddersfield Town	v	Derby County									15:30	Milano United AFC	v	Real Kings FC
16:00	Newcastle United	v	Ipswich Town	National First Division				TOMORROW				Premier League			
16:00	Norwich City	v	Preston North End	15:30	Santos	v	Thanda Royal Zulu	20:30	Zamalek	v	Mamelodi Sundowns	14:30	Manchester City	v	Southampton
16:00	Rotherham United	v	Reading Aeseeal	15:30	Black Leopards	v	FC Cape Town	15:00	Caen	v	St Etienne	17:00	Chelsea	v	Manchester United
16:00	Sheffield Wednesday	v	Queens Park	15:30	Royal Eagles	v	Magesi FC	17:00	Metz	v	Nice	Spanish La Liga			
16:00	Wigan Athletic	v	Brighton and Hove	15:30	Leeds United	v	Mbombela United	20:45	Paris Saint-Germain	v	Marseille	12:00	Celta de Vigo	v	Deportivo de La Coruña
16:00	Wolverhampton Wanderers	v	Cardiff City	Premier League				German Bundesliga				16:15	Sevilla	v	Atletico de Madrid
18:30	Nottingham Forest	v		13:30	Bournemouth	v	Tottenham Hotspur	15:30	RB Leipzig	v	SV Werder Bremen	18:30	Málaga	v	Leganes
French Ligue 1				16:00	Arsenal	v	Middlesbrough	17:30	FC Schalke 04	v	1. FSV Mainz 05	18:30	Villarreal	v	Las Palmas
17:00	Lyon	v	Guingamp	16:00	Burnley	v	Everton Turf Moor	Italian Serie A				20:45	Real Madrid	v	Athletic Club
20:00	Angers	v	Toulouse	16:00	Hull City	v	Stoke City	12:30	Udinese	v	Pescara Friuli	Telkom Knockout			
20:00	Bordeaux	v	Nancy	16:00	Leicester City	v	Crystal Palace	15:00	Atalanta	v	Internazionale	15:00	Orlando Pirates	v	Golden Arrows
20:00	Dijon	v	Lorient	16:00	Swansea City	v	Watford	15:00	Cagliari	v	Florentina	15:00	Baroka FC	v	Platinum Stars
20:00	Lille	v	Bastia	16:00	West Ham United	v	Sunderland	15:00	Crotone	v	Napoli				
20:00	Nantes	v	Rennes	18:30	Liverpool	v	West Bromwich								
German Bundesliga				Spanish La Liga											
15:30	FC Ingolstadt 04	v	Borussia Dortmund	13:00	Espanyol	v	Eibar								
15:30	Hertha BSC	v	1. FC Köln	16:15	Valencia CF	v	Barcelona								
15:30	SV Darmstadt 98	v	VfL Wolfsburg												





# MTN Premier League 2016/17

PREVIEWS

## 'BIRDS' TO INFLICT PAIN ON GREEN MAMBA

Green Mamba vs Mbabane Swallows  
Somhlolo National Stadium,  
4pm

By Sabelo Majola

The power of determination will make you unstoppable. This quote rings true for Mbabane Swallows who simply can't stop winning.

The capital city giants are beaming with confidence and their formula has seen them record six straight wins including victories over the three big guns Mbabane Highlanders, Manzini Wanderers and Royal Leopards.

Mercy doesn't exist in the Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati-led charges who are on a winning spree and slaying everyone they come across the latest victim being a stubborn Manzini Sea



LOCK HORNS: Herbet Maruwa and Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

Birds in their mid-week clash.

Green Mamba is next in what has been themed the 'Birds' hall of pain as six have tried unsuccessfully to dodge the dreaded

axe of the quadruple champions.

Swallows have declared their readiness for the Correctional Services outfit which is blowing hot and cold

### GREEN MAMBA

Head coach: Hebert Maruwa  
Captain: Siyabonga Mdluli  
Key players: Moolisi Mkhontfo, Njabulo Tfwala, Phinda Ginindza  
Match winner: Phinda Dlamini

### SWALLOWS

Head coach: Thabo Vilakati  
Captain: Tony Tsabedze  
Key players: Papy Tshitshimbi, Mandla Palma, Wonder Nhleko  
Match winner: Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa

since the season started.

Swallows players who are maturing with time are expected to be all over the green and white side as they fight to increase their tally to 21 points.

### Bottom

Green Mamba are fourth from the bottom with only one victory in six games. Draws dominate their results as they have accumulated three points in three games. They have dropped 12

### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	6	6	0	0	15	3	12	18
Manzini Sundowns	6	3	2	1	7	6	1	11
Young Buffaloes	6	2	3	1	7	5	2	9
Royal Leopards	6	3	0	3	7	7	0	9
Manzini Wanderers	6	2	2	2	7	4	3	8
Red Lions	6	2	2	2	7	9	-2	8
Mbabane Highlanders	6	1	3	2	7	5	2	6
Tambuti	6	2	0	4	4	10	-6	6
Green Mamba	6	1	3	2	3	4	-1	6
Midas City	6	1	3	2	4	5	-1	6
Moneni Pirates	6	1	3	2	5	10	-5	6
Sea Birds	6	1	1	4	5	10	-5	4

### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE MID-WEEK RESULTS

Mbabane Swallows	1-0	Sea Birds
Red Lions	1-1	Moneni Pirates 1
Green Mamba	0-0	Manzini Wanderers
Manzini Sundowns	2-1	Mbabane Highlanders
Midas City	2-1	Royal Leopards
Young Buffaloes	3-2	Tambuti

points as they have lost twice so far in the season. The team has however vowed to put an end to the Birds' winning streak when they meet in the second game of the day at the Somhlolo National Stadium. The Hebert Maruwa-led charges who are fresh from a draw against hub giants in their midweek clash will be gunning for nothing but the maximum points as they fight for better position on the log.

## SUNDOWNS OUT FOR THE KILL AGAINST BUFFALOES

Manzini Sundowns vs Young Buffaloes  
Somhlolo National Stadium,  
2pm

**S**OCCER - Confidence comes naturally with success and having won their mid-week encounters, both Manzini Sundowns and Young Buffaloes come into the match beaming with confidence.

Today will determine whose composure will stand tall as the two meet at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Sundowns have the second spot to cling on to as they trail Mbabane Swallows, who are at



the summit of the log leading by seven points.

### Victory

Victory today will temporarily close the gap to five as Swallows will be in action shortly after the game to deter-

mine the set up on the log. The 'Kappa Kappa' boys have dropped only five points in six games and that speaks volumes about the Godfrey Tamerepi led charges who are hot on Swallows heels.

Darren Christie continues to be a thorn in the flesh for many defenders and his skills are undoubtedly that of a quality player. His combination with Ndumiso 'Sikhokho' Shongwe and Salam Attila upfront poses a threat for any team and Buffaloes should be on the watch for the pair. Buffaloes are third on the log with nine points, two behind Sundowns. They haven't had a good start to the season but the army side will definitely give Sundowns a run for their money. They will welcome striker Phiwa Dlamini who missed the midweek clash due to yellow cards.

### TEAMS

#### SUNDOWNS

Head coach: Godfrey Tamerepi  
Captain: Phumlani Dlamini  
Key players: Darren Christie, Mlamuli Nkambule, Justice Figureito  
Match winner: Salam Attila

#### YOUNG BUFFALOES

Head coach: Dominic Kunene  
Captain: Mphile Tsabedze  
Key players: Sanele Ngcamphalala, Sandile Gamedze, Ndoda Mtsetfwa  
Match winner: Phiwa Dlamini

**Telkom Knockout**

22 October 2016

15:00 Free State Stars v Bidvest Wits  
20:15 SuperSport United v Ajax Cape Town

20:15 Kaizer Chiefs v Maritzburg Utd

23 October 2016

15:00 Orlando Pirates v Golden Arrows  
sms "Pirates" to 6464

15:00 Baroka FC v Platinum Stars

**CAF Champions League 2016 FINAL 2nd Leg**

23 October 2016

20:30

Zamalek VS Mamelodi Sundowns

sms "African" to 6464

**Premier League 1 Fixtures**

22 October 2016

13:30 Bournemouth v Tottenham Hotspur  
16:00 Burnley v Everton  
16:00 Hull City v Stoke City  
16:00 Leicester City v Crystal Palace  
16:00 Swansea City v Watford  
16:00 West Ham United v Sunderland  
sms "Premier" to 6464

16:00 Arsenal v Middlesbrough  
sms "Arsenal" to 6464

18:30 Liverpool v West Bromwich Albion  
sms "Liverpool" to 6464

23 October 2016

14:30 Manchester City v Southampton  
sms "Premier" to 6464

17:00 Chelsea v Manchester United  
sms "Chelsea/ManUd" to 6464

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# ALL OUT AFRICA PRIZE PRESENTATION



**WE ARE HAPPY:** Bheki Lushaba addressing the teams during the All Out Africa prize presentation. This happened at the Technical Centre yesterday. (Courtesy pics)



**TOP SCORER:** Sunrise's Simengaye Dlamini receiving his award from HRFA Nigel Shongwe while All Out Africa representative Menzi Masina, Jengisa Dlamini and from Royal Leopard Assistant Coach Fash Dlamini look on.



**REMARKS:** HRFA Development Officer Sibonangaye Dlamini directing the event.



**WE ARE HERE TO STAY:** All Out Africa Director Kim Roques making his remarks.



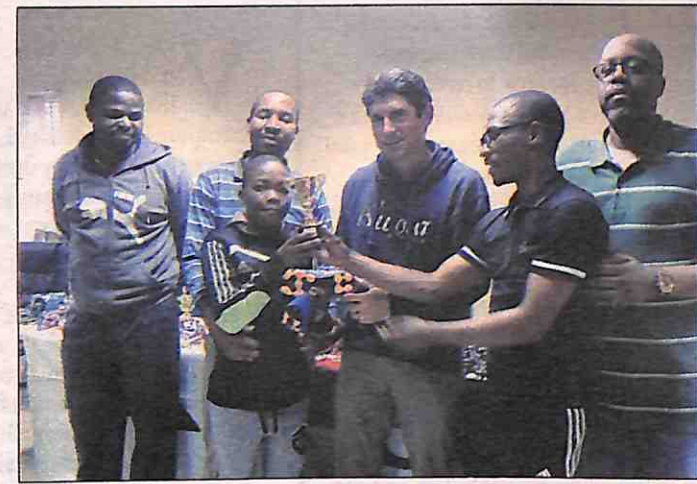
**FULL HOUSE:** Part of the attendance following the proceedings.



**GOOD JOB:** Young Bombers Mxolisi Dlamini receiving his award from Roques while other officials look on.



**VOTE OF THANKS:** HRFA General Secretary Nigel Shongwe delivering his speech.



**BEST GOALKEPEER:** Gunners' goal keeper Khaya Mahlambi receiving his award.



**WELL DONE:** Real Masters' Simanga Dlamini receiving his award from Dlamini.



**KEEP IT UP:** Fast Reaction's Karabo Nkambule accepts his award Dlamini.



**HAPPY FACES:** Under-15 Champs Real Masters pose with their new All Out branded kit and their trophy.





## I AM SWAZI BASKETBALL

WITH: DANIELE 'BUNN' NOLANGAMANDLA

As Swaziland's biggest basketball fan, I love it when the SNBL gives us back to back action packed weekends of basketball.

Last week we got to watch two big blow outs sandwiching a scintillating contest. The first blow out was Super Ladies teaching the Enjabulweni Griffins a tough lesson on the benefits of a full court defense. The young ladies tried to break the press the best they could with dribble penetration from Hope, but that couldn't be sustained and once the pressure made them resort to long overhead passes the score stretched and stretched. The game ended 25 - 100 in favour of Super Ladies.

Raptors took on Steels and as strong as the Steels team looked on paper. Raptors stood toe to toe, punch for punch and basket for basket against Steels. Anele was leading the fight taking on Steels point guard Bun every chance he got on the drive and making it count. The teams couldn't be separated for three quarters straight. Young Richard, Mzwakhe Phiri and Steels newly signed forward Musenge R jChikopa were making sure Raptors don't steal another win like they did in the first round. Anele's onslaught seemed to run out of steam in the fourth quarter and it allowed Steels to finally grab a lead through a three pointer from Bun. Two minutes left on the clock Steels up seven and with no shot clock on the day, Bun simply wound down the clock, Steels holding on for a 70 - 63 victory.

Tridents have lost all their early season momentum and are currently on a disastrous losing streak getting blown out by 50 plus points in their last three games. Superstars were looking to make up for their loss against Knicks and did just that from the first whistle. Tridents made very little effort to make the game difficult, looking like there was little motivation to run back to defense let alone play it. At this rate I will not be surprised if in a few weeks Tridents find themselves in a relegation spot.

Knicks and Pacers were scheduled to play next but due to an issue with lights their game has been shifted to being the headline game for today at Mavuso Sports Centre at 3pm. It is probably very ironic that this game is being played on the same day as the Men's Promotional league because the loser of this game is most likely going to be playing in the Men's Promotional league next season.

Today we are getting treated to a day of basketball were all three levels of senior basketball will be showcased. Griffins today get an opportunity to show what they learnt from their game last week against The Lady Jazz. We also have two Men's Promotional league games, beginning with Pistons taking on Dunkylaine and the big one of Mbabane Heat trying to stay undefeated against former Elite Men's league playing Raiders. Raiders and Heat are the two leading teams in the Men's Promotional League so this clash will be played at an elite level, giving both teams what to expect next season if the log finishes as it stands.

This is Swaziland Basketball....

# BAS NEEDS OVER E100 000 FOR UGANDA TRIP

By Sibusiso Masilo

**P**POOL - The Billiards Association of Swaziland (BAS) needs over E100 000 to send the pool national team to the African Pool Championships slated for Uganda next month.

The Games will be held starting November 1-9 and a 10-men squad has been selected to represent the country during the games. The amount needed includes E94 000 for air tickets from Johannesburg, South Africa to Uganda, E8 000 fuel costs from Swaziland to South Africa and uniform, amongst other things. BAS Interim Committee Chairman Muntu Dlamini, confirmed the budget yesterday.

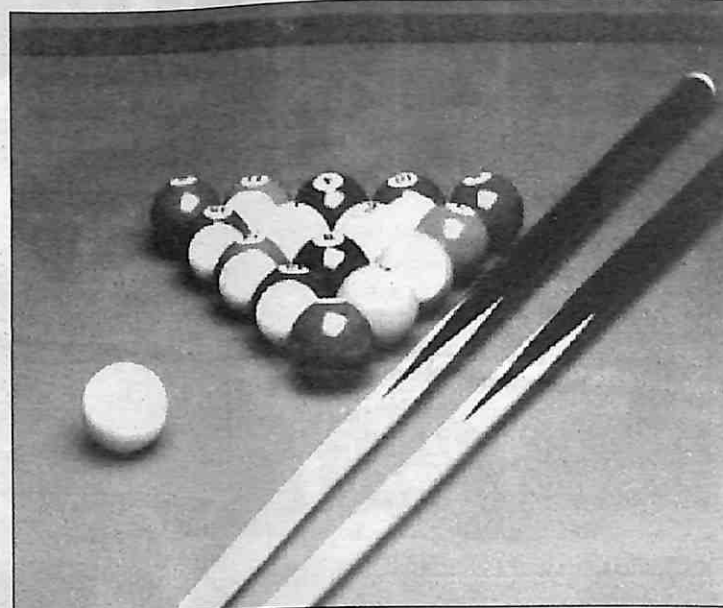
He said the money would also cover visa processing and

**THE NATIONAL TEAM**  
Sifiso 'Sting' Dlamini (Tigers)  
Celumusa Dlamini (Tigers)  
David Masuku (City Inn)  
Nathie Hleta (Mbabane Pool club)  
Sihle Mokoena (Mbabane Pool club)  
Prince Sibeko (Way Inn)  
Ngobo Sihlongonyane (Scandza)  
Siboniso Myeni (Vuya Vuya)  
Elvis Van Aardt (City Inn)  
Zwakele Tsela (Mankayane).

allowances for the players. "We are hoping to raise this money by the end of this month so we are able to send our players to these international games.

We are appealing to the corporate world and entire nation to assist us in whatever way possible so we are able to send the team. "Attending these games will go a long way in our mission to revive the sport, especially in the international stage," he added.

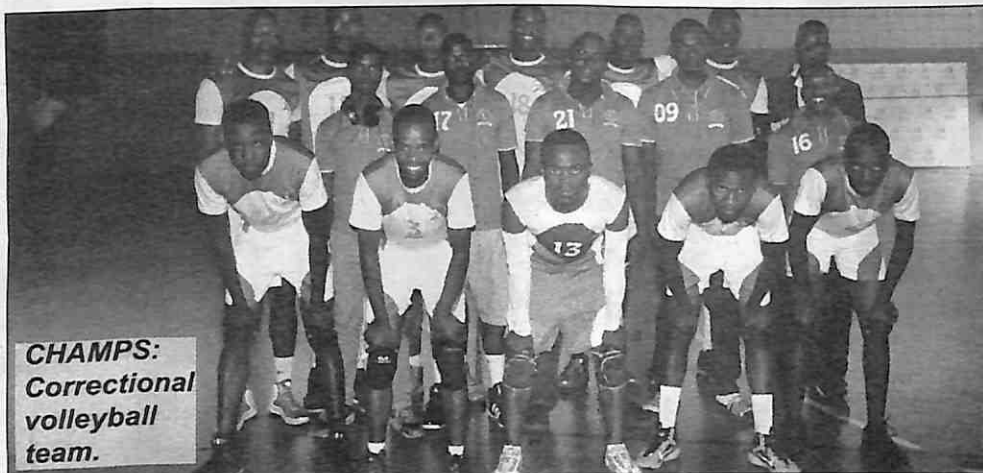
Dlamini said preparations for the games were underway. He said they would use local tourna-



ments including The George Hotel singles to boost their preparations for the event.

"We are also working around

the clock to secure an international friendly but for now the players are kept active by the ongoing tournaments," he said.



**CHAMPS:**  
Correctional volleyball team.

## Four teams for Zone VI Volleyball Club Champs

By Sibusiso Masilo

**V**OLLEYBALL - Ezulwini Re Insurance VA Cup champions, Correctional, will represent the country during the Zone VI club championships scheduled for Swakomunundu Sports Emporium in Namibia.

The Champions will be held from December 11 to 17. The Correctional Services outfit emerged victorious in both the male and female categories of the tournament held last weekend.

Other teams selected to be part of the regional games are Lomahasha Customs and their female squad Bob

Ladies. The two were selected by virtue of finishing as runners-up in both categories during the finals of the tournament played at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

Swaziland National Volleyball Association Vice-Secretary Eric Zwane, confirmed the matter.

"These teams will take part in the Zone VI Games to be held in December after finishing in the top four of the VA Cup, which was a qualifier for these Games. We would like to congratulate the winners; Correctional males and females for winning the VA Cup and are confident they will make the country proud in Namibia, alongside

### THE TEAMS

Men  
Correctional  
Lomahasha Customs  
Women  
Correctional  
Bob Ladies

Bob Ladies and Customs," he said.

Zwane highlighted they were planning to host a mini-tournament to help the four teams prepare for the regional club showpiece.

"We are still working on a programme to help our teams get ready for Namibia where we are hoping for positive results. We will, however, announce the logistics in due course," he said.

## Scandza up against Illovo

By Sibusiso Masilo

**D**ARTS - It will be action all the way in the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) E60 000 Darts League this afternoon.

Six times league champions Scandza, who have reclaimed the top spot after three games in the new season, will be up against the third placed Umcohe at the Zakhele Community Hall.

According to the fixtures released yesterday, sugar belt side Illovo will be looking to consolidate their second position at the expense of Ecco Water in what is expected to be a tricky encounter during week four games of the league.

Swaziland National Darts Association Public Relations

### SRIC E60000 DARTS LOG STANDING

TEAM	P	W	D	L	LF	LA	LD	PTS
1. SCANDZA	3	3	0	0	50	22	28	9
2. ILLOVO	3	2	0	1	50	22	28	6
3. UMCOBHE	2	2	0	0	30	19	11	6
4. ECCO WATER	3	1	1	1	42	29	13	4
5. KILOWATTS B	3	1	1	1	39	32	7	4
6. RAILWAY	1	1	0	0	20	4	16	3
7. CORRECTIONAL	1	1	0	0	19	4	15	3
8. MALKERNS D.C. CLUB	1	1	0	0	17	6	11	3
9. MALKERNS CUB'S	2	1	0	1	27	21	6	3
10. MBABANE CC	2	1	0	1	22	26	-4	3
11. KILOWATTS A	2	1	0	1	22	25	-3	3
12. MANZINI CC	3	1	0	2	31	41	-10	3
13. MAKIE	2	0	0	2	11	35	-24	0
14. RSP	2	0	0	2	11	36	-25	0
15. SRIC B	2	0	0	2	7	41	-34	0
16. SRIC A	2	0	0	2	6	41	-35	0

Officer, Mduduzi Masango, invited supporters of the game to come in great numbers during the games.

## OVER 200 FOR SIMUNYE FRIENDSHIP RUN

By Sabelo Majola

**A**THLETICS - Over 200 runners have registered to take part in the second edition of the Simunye International Friendship run hosted by Zithande Athletics Club.

The run themed 'I run, you run, together we run', targets people who are mainly into the sport for socialising purposes and sharing experience.

The race has attracted athletes from as far as South Africa who actively participate in the Comrades Marathon.

The run is divided into three categories; which are the 42km, 21 km and the 10km. The main race starts at Mafutseni and the finish point is Mavuso Sports Centre.

Some of the South African clubs who have registered include the Nedbank team, Nelspruit running club, SAPS (police) and Midway running club, to name a few.

Zithande club founder Nsizwa Thwala said local clubs have showed enthusiasm towards the run which has its route cutting through beautiful landscapes in the rural communities and is made up of 90 percent gravel.

"We have had a great turnout this year compared to the previous edition as multiple SA athletes have shown interest in the race. The target audience in this race are the runners with vast experience in long distances and they have turned up in great numbers.

"Local runners have also warmed up to the friendship run, which is where they get the chance to milk experience and share ideas with veteran runners who boost multiple years in the sport," he said.

### Fixtures

Today  
Zakhele Hall  
Malkerns Cub vs Railway 2pm  
4pm  
RSP vs SRIC B  
Kilowatts vs SRIC A  
Illovo vs Ecco Water  
Makie vs Mbabane City Council  
Scandza vs Umcohe  
Manzini City Council vs Kilowatts' A  
6pm  
Makie vs Illovo

### Results

Illovo 21 SRIC 2  
SRIC B 1 Kilowatts B 23  
Ecco Water 19 Makie 4  
Manzini City Council 7 Umcohe 17  
RSP 5 Scandza 19  
Illovo 17 Manzini City Council 7  
Scandza 18 Kilowatts A 6  
Malkerns Club 9 Mbabane City Council 15



# 'Downs' PRO charged, faces E10 000 fine

By Sabelo Majola

**S**OCCEER - Manzini Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa has been charged by the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) for directing unpleasant comments to Correctional Services side Green Mamba.

This was during the now suspended Sports Show aired by the Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS) on Mondays and Fridays.

Commenting on their 0-2 defeat to the Correctional Services outfit, Matsenjwa provocatively said the team managed to beat them because they were frustrated and angered by the escape of seven prisoners at the Big Bend Prison, an incident that happened two weeks ago.

Matsenjwa faces E10 000 fine if found guilty on the matter. Matsenjwa had previously blasted Manzini Wanderers Marketing and Information Officer Senzo Dlamini for making what he termed racist comments against his side, something that also resulted in the hub giants' mouth piece also being charged by the PLS.

The two officials will appear before the NFAS Disciplinary Hearing on Tuesday.

PLS Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati confirmed the

*...matter to be heard alongside his Wanderers counterpart Senzo Dlamini on Tuesday*



**CHARGED: Manzini Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa.**

two would be appearing before the DC next week.

"Both Matsenjwa and Dlamini's case will be heard on Tuesday under the Swaziland National Football Association of Swaziland disciplinary committee," he said.

Matsenjwa confirmed the matter when sought for comment yesterday.

"Yes I have been served with a let-

ter informing me of the charges preferred against me and will be appearing before the DC on Tuesday," he said.

If found guilty for contravening Article 13 (3) of the 2016/17 MTN League rules and regulations which provide that 'clubs, officials, supporters shall not publish statements that may bring the sponsors, the PLS and all its sub-committees into dispute, the two officials stand to be fined an amount of E10 000 by the DC.'

Worth noting is the reckless and irresponsible remarks made by these PROs towards other teams during the programme, has resulted in the much loved radio program being suspended.

The decision to suspend the show usually hosted by Moses Matsebula, Nathi 'Mdockies' Hlopho and Mabandla Bhembe was announced by SBIS Director Martin Dlamini yesterday.

"Following concerns and consultations made by listeners and football administrators, the programme is hereby suspended with immediate effect until further notice. We have since decided to stop it while we are still embarking on our programme review as a station in both channels," he stated earlier in the week.

## Sundowns apologise to 'Bull' after Vukile injury

By Sibusiso Masilela

**S**OCCEER - Manzini Sundowns have apologised to Mbabane Highlanders following the injury of their defender Vukile Khumalo on Wednesday.

The striker was rushed to hospital following a career threatening tackle by Sundowns striker Salam Atilola, resulting in an injury that could see the defender missing in action for the rest of the season.

This was during an MTN league encounter played at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Wednesday night. Manzini

Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa issued an apology on behalf of the team yesterday.

"Manzini Sundowns would like to apologise for the incident which saw Mbabane Highlanders player Vukile Khumalo getting injured during a tussle with Salam Atilola. We have spoken to the player who has undergone an operation and

have also apolo-

gised to

him for

the inci-

dent.

"We are

grateful the

player has

accepted the

apology and he

is aware this

was not inten-

tional," he said. The

PRO added Sundowns

wished the player a speedy recovery and they were looking forward to seeing him back in action.

Matsenjwa then invited their supporters to come in great numbers during their league outing against Young Buffaloes this afternoon at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

"We all need to be united in order to

achieve our

mandate

of col-

lecting

silverware at

the end of the

season. This

goal can be

achieved through

unity from

all stake-

holders in

the team," he

said.



## 'Phindrix', 'Banny' boost for Green Mamba

By Sabelo Majola

**S**OCCEER - Having missed the clash against Manzini Wanderers on Wednesday night due to injuries, Green Mamba duo of Phinda 'Phindrix' Dlamini and Banele 'Banny' Mdluli will be available for selection against Mbabane Swallows this afternoon.

Green Mamba played to a goalless draw against the hub giants at the Somhlolo National Stadium on

Wednesday, obtaining their sixth point in the MTN premier league games this season.

The team's CEO Thami Phakathi said all the players, including Mcebo Mdluli who had also been doubtful for the clash, have recovered and would be available for selection.

"The players are geared up for the clash and the spirit at camp is very high.

We are looking forward to the match. We will be gunning for the

maximum points and we invite all Green Mamba players to come and rally behind the boys on the day," he said.

Green Mamba are fourth from bottom in the log with six points while Swallows are at the summit with 18 points, with seven points separating the latter from second placed Manzini Sundowns.

Green Mamba are desperate for a win as they have only won once in six games in the campaign.

## Rwanda guest nation in 2016 COSAFA Under 20

By Sibusiso Masilela

**S**OCCEER - East African state Rwanda will feature in this year's edition of the COSAFA Cup Under-20 Cup as a guest nation.

The team is set to compete with the other 13 SADC Junior national teams including the National Under-20 squad, which last featured in the regional junior showpiece in 2013.

Rwanda has replaced Islanders Madagascar which declined to participate in the PPC sponsored tournament to be staged in the North West province from 7-16 December at the Mongwase and Moruleng Stadium.

According to statement released by COSAFA Media Officer Lynda Greeff yesterday, the defending champions South Africa have been seeded in position A1 in group A as the hosts, while Angola will be in position C 1 in group C.

South Africa last won the crown in 2013 in Lesotho after getting the better of another guest nation Kenya.

It will be the first time the Under-20 tournament has been run since 2013, when South Africa claimed the title with a 2-0 victory over Kenya in the final.

She said the pool phase of the competition would feature four groups, two of which would have four teams, and two with three sides. The draw for these pools will be made on Wednesday, October 26.

"The other top seeds,

Rwanda has replaced Islanders Madagascar which declined to participate in the PPC sponsored tournament to be staged in the North West province from 7-16 December at the Mongwase and Moruleng Stadium.

Zimbabwe and Mozambique, will be drawn into either B1 or D1, the two pools that have three teams each. Pot 1 at Wednesday's draw will contain the next highest-ranked five sides - Namibia, Lesotho, Comoros, Botswana and Zambia - while Pot 2 has Rwanda, Malawi, Swaziland, Mauritius and

Seychelles," reads the statement. The group matches start on December 7 and will be completed on December 13. The semi-finals will take place a day later, before the remaining teams enjoy a rest day.

The third-place play-off and final of the competition will both be played on December 16, which is a public holiday in South Africa.

## Macwele boost for Pirates

By Sibusiso Masilela

**S**OCCEER - Moneni Pirates will welcome fullback Sibusiso Macwele when they face Tambuti FC in their next league outing slated for the Mavuso Sports Centre tomorrow.

The former Alabama University player has missed three league games with the Buccaneers picking up an ankle injury. He however joined the rest of his teammates during the training on Thursday afternoon.

The team's PRO Thami Dlamini confirmed the player would be available for selection for their next league match when contacted yesterday.

"He has already resumed training and we will be available for selection for the Tambuti match following the injury which has kept him out of action for over three weeks. We welcome him back to the team and believe his experience will help us achieve the desired results," he said.

Dlamini then invited the supporters to come and rally behind the team and they would not be disappointed.

The 'Sea Robbers' will be looking to collect their second win of the current campaign at the expense of the sugar belt side following their hard-fought one-all draw against hub rivals Red Lions on Tuesday night at the Somhlolo National Stadium.



**CONFIRMED: Moneni Pirates PRO Thami Dlamini.**



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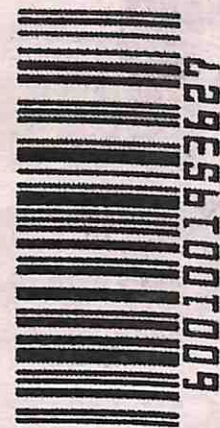
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16:00	Arsenal	v	Middlesbrough
16:00	Burnley	v	Everton
16:00	Hull City	v	Stoke City
16:00	Leicester City	v	Crystal Palace
16:00	Swansea City	v	Watford
16:00	West Ham United	v	Sunderland
18:30	Liverpool	v	West Brom

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15:00	Free State Stars	v	Bidvest Wits
20:15	Kaizer Chiefs	v	Maritzburg Utd
20:15	SuperSport United	v	Ajax Cape Town

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● To appear alongside Wanderers counterpart Senzo Dlamini before DC on Tuesday

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## NEYMAR SIGNS NEW BARCA DEAL UNTIL 2021

**B**ARCELONA - Brazilian superstar Neymar signed a new five-year contract with Barcelona yesterday that will keep him at the Spanish champions until 2021, saying he felt "at home" at the Camp Nou.

The deal, which was agreed in June, includes a buy-out clause of up to 250 million euros (\$272 million) as Barca seek to ward off interest from potential suitors across Europe.

Manchester United were reportedly chief among a number of

clubs wishing to prise the 24-year-old attacker from Barcelona, where he forms part of an acclaimed triumvirate along with Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez.

"I'm very happy to renew with the club, I feel at home," Neymar told Barcelona's official television station.

"I thought, with my family, that it was best for me to stay here," he added.

The Brazilian has hit 91 goals in 150 matches in all competitions for Barcelona since arriving from the

Brazilian club Santos in 2013 in a controversial deal.

Barcelona, who underlined their status as European heavyweights with a 4-0 victory over Manchester City in the Champions League during the week, did not give details of how much they would be paying Neymar.

### Deal

"Neymar Jr extended his deal with FC Barcelona on Friday afternoon, putting pen to paper on his contract at the club's facilities in the presence of President Josep

Maria Bartomeu," the club said on its website. "As the club announced, Neymar has signed a five-year deal which will keep him at Barca until 30 June 2021."

In July, a Spanish judge ruled that there were irregularities in Neymar's 2013 transfer to Barcelona from Santos, but said it was an issue for a civil court, not a criminal court to settle.

Last month, authorities reopened the case following a successful appeal by Spanish prosecutors.

AFP



GOLDEN BOY: Neymar.