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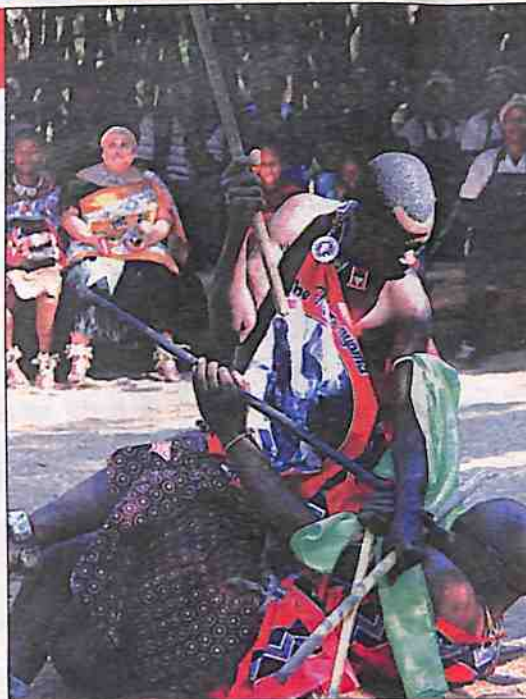
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MOYENI HIGH PUPIL COMMITS SUICIDE

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JOURNALISM BACK AMONGST PRIORITY COURSES AT UNISWA

By Eddie Abner
Mbabane

THE ministry of labour and social security has reviewed the priority programmes of study to be funded by government from 2016-2020, which has seen Journalism and Mass Communication bouncing back to be included amongst the priority courses.

The list of priority courses which were previously approved for 2012-2015 excluding journalism in the awarding of scholarships, in local institutions, was revoked after several consultations from different stakeholders.

Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula announced the latest developments during an interview with Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Service (SBIS) yesterday.

The newly prioritised areas include Journalism and Mass Communication (University of Swaziland), Early Childhood Care and Music (Ngwane Teachers College), Panel Beating and Spray Painting & Office Management and Technology (Swaziland College of Technology), Pharmacy (Good Shepherd College of Nursing), Diploma in Motor Vehicle Engineering, Building Construction, Plumbing, Mechanical and Manufacturing, Engineering, Electrical installation, Carpentry and Joinery, business finance and accounting (VOCTIM).

Minister Magagula said the review of the existing priority areas for the award of pre-service scholarships was mainly guided by the priority sectors identified by government through its various programmes, such as the Investor Road Map, government programme action, Speech from the Throne and Vision 2022.

She said the priority areas were then submitted to cabinet for consideration and approval.

"The review of the priority programme areas commenced in July 2015 and was facilitated by a working group comprising of the scholarship secretariat, localisation unit, statistics unit, Directorate of Vocational and Industrial Training chaired by the Director of National Employment Service. All stakeholders, including the private sector and parastatals, were requested to identify scarce skills. The stakeholders provided crucial lists that

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AT LAST: Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula

Minister Winnie vows to fight for journalists

MINISTER of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula said the re-introduction of the Journalism and Mass Communication course to be amongst the priority courses was her commitment to the journalism profession to show that she was supporting the industry.

Magagula mentioned that when she took over the office she found that journalism was no longer amongst the prioritised courses in the country and ensured that it retained that status.

She added that as a minister of labour and social security, she

needed journalists in every way possible.

"I am canvassing that journalists must go to school and get all the needed knowledge as I need them as a minister of labour and social security. I want to ensure that when they get their education, they are not exploited and to be rightfully paid.

When I took over the office, I found the priority lists already there, so I could not tamper with it. But now that I'm in charge of the ministry I will ensure that I give journalists all the support they need," she said.

facilitated the review of the old list of priority area," she said.

She also mentioned that line ministries and parastatals also provided information on skill gaps in the labour market.

Shortage

"The localisation unit of the ministry provided data of work permits issued to expatriates from 2013-2015, in order to identify where there was shortage of skills.

The Speech from the Throne, Vision 2022 Investor Road Map programme of action 2013-2018 were utilised in order to align the stakeholders sub-

mission with government key areas for development.

Furthermore, a stakeholders' consultative workshop was held and the priority areas were reviewed and adopted," she added.

The minister disclosed on air (Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Service SiSwati channel) that those that are already studying the programmes could apply for the scholarships and if they met the criteria, they would be considered.

This was after one listener asked if they could still apply though they were already learning.

in what they were doing. Instead of producing job seekers, we now want job creators, where these students after graduation would create jobs for their peers in their communities. As government, we saw it fit to promote these talents in these students so that the regional development fund could be utilised profitably.

Now we would see those from building construction companies working hand in hand and those from electrical engineering and plumbing also collaborating. Instead of people hiring outsiders, they would now consider locals because they have all the expertise," she said.

UNISWA's Dr Mthembu elated over govt decision

UNIVERSITY of Swaziland Journalism and Mass Communication Head of Department, Dr Maxwell Mthembu says the decision by government to reconsider sponsoring journalism courses at the university was a right step towards the country attaining first world status.

Dr Mthembu said the enrolment of journalism had dropped drastically over the years at the institution, as they currently have 24 students in the first year programme, two doing their second year, six in their third year while 10 are doing their final year. He

said with the good news announced by government, they hope the enrolment would significantly improve in the coming years. "We are elated with the decision as this was an oversight in the first place.

Development can never take place without the involvement of the media. We have heard how they were complaining how the standard of journalism had dropped and were pulling out their own funds to improve those journalists. We really appreciate the effort, this is the right step towards attaining first world status," he said.

New priority lists: Outside Swaziland:

1. HEALTH

- Health economics
- Occupational therapy
- Speech Language

2. Economic prosperity:

- Entrepreneurship
- Investment management
- Financial mathematics
- Economic science
- Actuarial science
- Accounting science
- Economic Management and Risk Analysis

4. Tourism growth and Job creation:

- Drama and dance
- Heritage and cultural management
- Music

5. Agricultural growth and job creation:

- Irrigation Engineering
- Agro meteorology
- Land Water Management
- Mechanical Engineering
- Chemical engineering
- Refrigerator engineering

6. Environmental Sustainability:

- Wildlife management

- Ecology
- Meteorology and Climatology studies
- Disaster and Emergency Management
- Industrial and Legal Meteorology
- Hydrology
- Water Chemistry
- Environmental Engineering
- Energy studies
- Energy and Earth Sciences
- Geology
- Landscaping
- Environmental studies

7. Education:

- Special needs and inclusive education
- Sports science management
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- International Trade
- Political Science & International Relations and Diplomacy.

UNISWA JMC students ecstatic

...challenge media owners to stop under-paying journalists

By Lungelo Nkambule
Matsapha

UNIVERSITY of Swaziland Journalism and Mass Communication are ecstatic following the government's announcement that their programme will now be sponsored.

The students, interviewed yesterday, said this was good news

and they were happy that the government had woken up from its long slumber.

They said as much as they were happy that government has finally realised the importance of Journalism in the country, they were hoping that media owners would also understand the importance of journalism and stop under-paying journalists.

Student reactions

Sihle Sihlongonyane

We have heard the great news that the government of the kingdom of Swaziland will now be sponsoring Journalism students. As a first year student I couldn't be happier because learning without financial assistance from the government has been very hard. This is the beginning of great things.

Nomfundo Dlamini

At least they have realised how important journalism is to a society. Swazi's will no longer be deprived a chance to study the career they are passionate about due to financial constraints. However, my deepest concern is how we will pay back the money because journalists in the country especially in print media are not paid much. Media owners now have a challenge to review salaries especially because now we are degree holders. **Theminkosi Mavimbela** It is unfortunate that some of us will not benefit from this new development because we are graduating. However, this

is really good news and a positive move to our government.

We are excited that aspiring journalists now enjoy studying in this institution. Government has proven to its critics that it does in fact listen to the people when they talk.

Bonakele Mdluli

It's good news and we hope that they will be sponsoring all of us because we are few. Students at all levels must be allowed to apply for the sponsorship; it mustn't be restricted to the incoming first year's because we are all struggling.

Winile Nkambule

Oh wow... This is good news! We have fought and have won. I remember at a point we hijacked a seminar where the minister of ICT was in attendance and we asked him to address the issue. This wasn't the only time we hijacked a seminar and challenged government to address this issue. We are happy, we are grateful. This is victory for the whole journalism fraternity.

VOCTIM Students to get scholarship

AT last, students from the Gwamile Vocational and Commercial Training Institute (VOCTIM) will receive scholarships from government in their seven-diploma programmes.

Senators and members of parliament had been asking ministers why the institute was not considered for government scholarships, because students from the institution were involved in uplifting the country's economy.

Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula yesterday

delivered the good news on national radio, where she stated that those doing diploma programmes would be considered for scholarships and were now called to apply.

Magagula added that, the ministry of labour and social security spoke to the ministry of education and training, where they enquired whether or not the diploma programmes offered by VOCTIM were accredited and they responded to the affirmative.

"We then realised that we also had to include them to the priority lists as we saw that these students had talents

HITMAN HIRED TO KILL PM, MPs

COVER STORY

By Jozane Maziya
Mbabane

THERE was deafening silence and shock yesterday afternoon at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court when it was revealed that a businessman had hired a hit man to kill the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini and several other MPs.

Details of the shocking plot to take the life of the PM and a couple of legislators will not be printed for now as per a humble request by Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

Testify

It was in open court where a female complainant, who happens to be the wife of the businessman, took the stand to testify against the hitman who had been hired to kill her first then the PM.

Names of the people involved will not be published because Magistrate Nhlabatsi held the view

Names of the people involved will not be published because Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi held the view that it would jeopardise full-blown investigations that have been launched into the matter

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The court heard that the businessman had paid the hitman E20 000 to kill his wife. The wife resides in one of the fastest growing settlements outside the capital city. It was revealed in court that after being paid, the hitman set out to strategise how he would kill the businessman's wife.

Arrangement

On March 3, 2016, the hitman allegedly went and broke into the businessman's wife house where he assessed the living arrangement.

He allegedly stole electronics and other expensive household goods. On her return the wife found the house upside down and reported this to the police the same night.

As a security measure she was offered a neighbour's child to live with her. Things were normal until

April 7, 2016 when disaster struck again.

The businessman's wife told the court that when she returned home at night she found the hit man relaxed in the house waiting for her.

The neighbour's child was held hostage by the hitman. The hitman allegedly ordered both of them into the living room where he narrated his mission.

Claimed

The wife, however, told the court that she was familiar with the face of the hit man and knew him as a God fearing man. She claimed to have been taken aback by his mission.

"He told me that he had been hired by my husband to kill me. He further told me that I was not the only one to be killed because the PM and some MPs were next in line. I asked how much he had

been paid to kill me.

"He said I must match the amount he had been given and he demanded E20 000," she said.

She said judging from the amount the hitman demanded it was clear that her husband had allegedly paid E20 000 for her killing.

The wife told the court that she then drove with the hit man to her son's shop, where they managed to get E18 000. From the shop the hit man instructed her to drive to a filling station where he wanted to count the money.

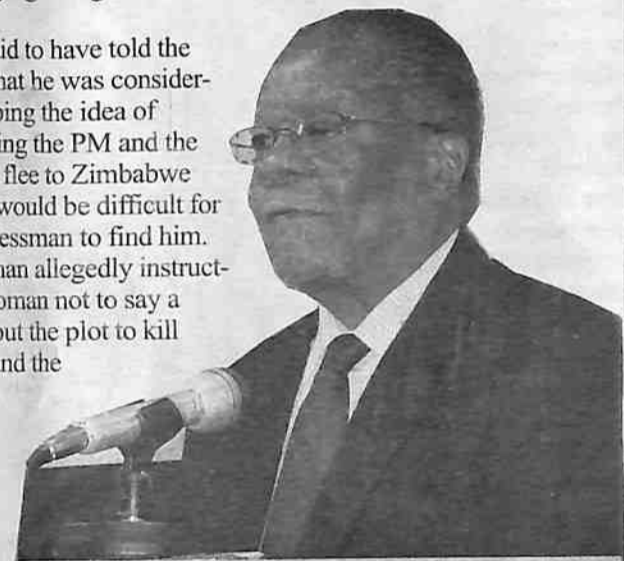
Before the hit man left, he told the woman that he was to flee the country because he had double crossed the businessman who had hired him to kill her by agreeing to take the E18 000.

He is said to have told the woman that he was considering dropping the idea of assassinating the PM and the MPs and flee to Zimbabwe where it would be difficult for the businessman to find him. The hit man allegedly instructed the woman not to say a word about the plot to kill the PM and the MPs. He then left. The woman

returned home and reported the matter to the police the following day. She said things went quiet for some time until she got a call from the police on April 12, 2016. When she got to the police station she was shown items that matched hers that were stolen on March 3, 2016.

She was later shown the man who had been arrested in connection with the theft and it was then that she realised it was the hit man.

However, the money was never recovered because he told the police it had been used. As the woman testified she was overcome by emotions and tears flowed. The matter was adjourned and will continue on Friday.



MARKED FOR DEATH: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

150 gays, lesbians throw party in Manzini

ABOUT 150 members of the LGBTI gathered at the SoFresh Lounge in Manzini to celebrate the International Day Against Homophobia or Transphobia on Sunday.

LGBTI stands for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex. The event was attended by the three LGBTI organisations in Swaziland, namely, the Rock of Hope, HOOP (House of our Pride) and Health plus 4 Men.

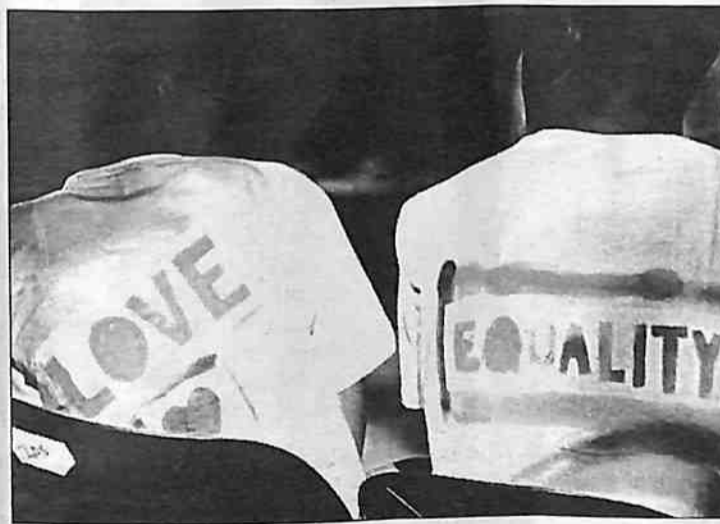
It was chaired by Thuthu Magagula of the The Rock of Hope organisation. Magagula, addressing members of the group, stated that stigma and discrimination could lead to emotional distress and abuse.

Depression

He highlighted how many LGBTI members were chased away from their homes and families, which could lead to depression.

The theme of the event was mental health and wellbeing.

Magagula said: "Mental health and wellbeing to the LGBTI community is an essential part of our everyday conversations as we know that all the challenges we face on a daily basis in a society that criminalises our human right to exist can lead to dire circum-



STANDING-OUT: Members of the LGBTI wore T-shirts that signified love and equality on homophobia and transphobia.

stances of depression, anxiety and even suicide.

Let IDAHOT 2016 be the beginning of these important conversations and a pledge from each and everyone of us to protect and show love and care for the next person."

Acceptance

A social worker from FLAS (Family Life Association Swaziland) then spoke about how all people are deserving of care and acceptance, especially

LGBTI people.

"We are here for you," said the FLAS representative.

The programme also had a short play by Bomshana Drama Group, which depicted the harsh situation that LGBTI people face in Swaziland. They expressed what it is like to face daily abuses from stigma and discrimination.

Spoken

The act was then followed with a powerful poetry rendition, talented rappers, and incredible

dancers from the LGBTI community.

The day continued with the attendees spray painting their T-shirts with messages like LOVE and EQUALITY, GAY and PROUD and IDAHOT 2016. A Swazi flag made up of community members hands was also painted.

The event concluded with a braai enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Enjoying

Celebration carried on for the remainder of the evening, with LGBTI people enjoying the diversity, strength, and vibrancy of their community.

They rejoiced in the unity of their community and hope for the future, further stated Magagula.

Meanwhile, the celebration of the gay and lesbian community comes after parliamentarians opened their minds and hearts for gays and lesbians, calling for society to embrace them.

The legislators were speaking during a workshop organised for them on issues of gays, lesbians and bisexuals last Friday.

The workshop sensitised members of parliament on being open on issues involving the margin-

alised society.

Some of the legislators including Chief Kekela spoke in support of the gays and lesbians, warning churches to stop discriminating against people with different sexual behaviours.

Senator Chief Ngome also came out in support of the gays and lesbians, saying he now understood their issues.

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EBUTSINI ROYAL KRAAL CELEBRATES CULTURE DAY

Simon Shabangu
Ebutsini Royal Kraal,
South Africa

HIS Majesty King Mswati III and Her Majesty Indlovukazi have continued to support Swazis based in chiefdoms in neighbouring South Africa.

Their Majesties have always commissioned regiments to participate in cultural activities in the respective Royal households in that country.

The Ebutsini Royal Kraal held a culture day where the King commissioned *Lutsango*, *Emajaha* and *Imbali*, *Sagila Semnikati* and *Ligcabho*

Lamhlekezi to be part of the delegation led by *Umngani Lusendvo Fakudze*, which attended the ceremony over the weekend.

The event started on Saturday and finished the following day.

Ebutsini Royal Kraal is led by Prince Deyani who was appointed by His Majesty King Mswati III. The area is situated in the Mpumalanga Province, near Badplaas.

It is one of the many royal kraals around the region with a Swazi population which normally hosts the annual *ummemo* ceremonies. They also partake in cultural events in the country including the Reed Dance and *Incwala* among others.

Fakudze said Their Majesties attach great importance to culture and tradition, thus chiefs in South Africa were not left out but actively involved in such activities. He said by commissioning them to represent royalty in such an important ceremony was a sign of support to the chiefs based in the neighbouring country.

Report

"We are here following an instruction of His Majesty, though The Indlovukazi commissioned us since the King is out of the country on official business. Her Majesty told us to convey a special message of encouragement to the chief, to say they must stick to culture and always remember that their home is in Swaziland and their king is His Majesty King Mswati III.

Her Majesty said we must commend the chiefs for always extending an invitation to the Royal family in Swaziland whenever they hosted such important ceremonies. This, she said, was a sign that they have not forgotten where they come from and where they are supposed to report," he said.

Fakudze also relayed a brief history of the area, saying the current leader of the area

Prince Deyani is a son to Prince Ngilandi, who is the son of Prince Magcuzu also known as Sgodvo.

Change

He said they are the descendants of Ndvungunye who was son to King Ngwane III who was a son to Dlamini III.

Prince Deyani on the other hand said they were grateful to His Majesty Mswati III and Her Majesty Indlovukazi for the support they always extended to the Ebutsini Royal Kraal. Prince Deyani, who says he was blessed by His Majesty to lead the people of Ebutsini, stated that His Majesty said the place is to be called Elutsini after noting that the name Ebutsini had a witchcraft connotation. He

said they are yet to formalize the change of the name. "We are grateful because such ceremonies help us to revive the culture which is somehow diminishing especially amongst the youth. The coming of the Swazi delegation helps in many ways because our youth learn a lot and are also motivated and inspired to love their culture.

We thank His Majesty King Mswati III for the continued support because every year when we host these events he sends a delegation to be with us. This shows us that our King still cares about us and recognises us despite that we are in South Africa," he said. He added that they

always make it a point that they go to Swaziland to be part of all the cultural ceremonies including the Reed Dance, *Incwala* and other important national events such as the King's Birthday celebrations.

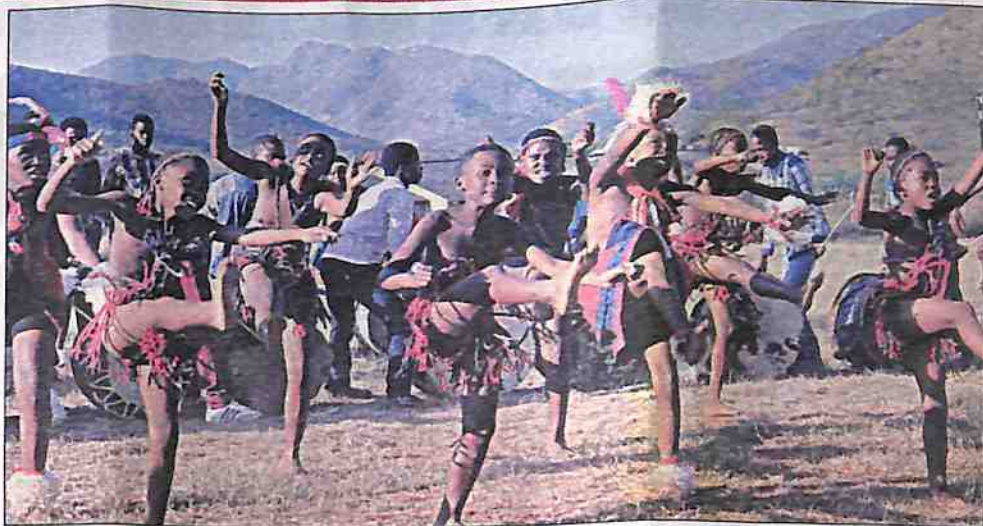
Attendance

He also encouraged the people of his area to be active in cultural activities so that the future generations will know the Swazi way of life and stick to their culture.

"We always ensure that at least once a year we host such a day and bring together our people to motivate and teach them about the Swazi way of life," he said.

The two-day ceremony was dedicated to cultural song and dance and attracted people from near and far who came to witness Swazi culture at its best. Dignitaries from government at provincial level and the neighbouring municipalities also attended the ceremony on Sunday, which was the main day. *Sagila Semnikati*, *Ligcabho Lamhlekezi* and *Lutsango* showcased Swazi culture to the equally determined locals who also had different groups performing in the respective categories.

Areas such as Lukwatini, Kromdraai, Badplaas and Armburg had their groups participating in the ceremony.



SKILFUL: A culture group known as *Bahlangene* showcasing well choreographed skills on the arena.



IN SONG: *Lutsango* in full swing



GIVING IT ALL: *Sagila Semnikati* rehearsing for the main day which was on Sunday.



ENTERTAINING: A local *Sibhaca* Group entertaining guests.



DISTINGUISHED: Prince Deyani of Ebutsini Royal Kraal flanked by Umngani Lusendvo Fakudze who led the delegation and Hlangabeza Mdluli.



SUPPORT: James Vilakati and Sjabuliso Ginindza were also part of the delegation.



VETERAN: Umbutto Mahasane, a seasoned member of Sagila Semnikati could not miss out.



ENJOYING THEMSELVES: The Local Lutsango delegation doing what they know best in the arena.



PUTTING ON A SHOW: Mpumalanga traditional Music artist Make Shelangubo (right) and her backup performers entertaining the guests.



UNIFORM: Lutsango from the area could not be outdone as they also showcased their skills.

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SEPARATION OF POWERS THROWS GOVT IN DEEPER CRISIS

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Lobamba

THE separation of powers in government has thrown Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Senator Edgar Hillary into deeper crisis with regard to accounting for funds allocated to the Judiciary.

Although this is a department within the justice ministry portfolio, Senator Hillary's predicament is that the Judicial arm of government is brandishing its independency status and pushing the line minister aside on administrative issues, in the process making it difficult for the minister to account for their actions in the Legislature.

Appearing before the Government Assurance Committee (GAC) yesterday, Senator Hillary had difficulty explaining certain actions or omissions of the Judiciary because although he is the line minister, he is not responsible for the administration of the department. The minister told members of the GAC that the

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CRISIS: Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Senator Edgar Hillary.

country's constitution made it clear that the Judiciary is responsible for its finances and administers itself. The minister told the GAC his role was to seek approval of their budget in parliament and it ended there. Members of the GAC, chaired by Kwaluseni MP Bukhosi

Dlamini, were left bewildered as to how they would hold the Judiciary accountable for the taxpayer's money they receive from the public purse. The minister was summoned by GAC to answer on why he did not meet certain recommendations of the House of Assembly, which included one that required him to bring a progress report in the next performance report on the issue of facilitation of the Law Reform, in order to align the old laws with the constitution.

The other recommendation was "That the ministry considers amending the Legal Practitioners Act 1964 to make the remedial powers more effective on unscrupulous lawyers."

Lastly, parliament recommended: "That the minister should present the Administration of Estates Bill, within a period of six months to

SENATOR Edgar Hillary has told the GAC that he inherited a ministry in shambles when he was appointed to head the justice and constitutional affairs ministry.

The ministry had serious shortages of legal draftsmen and the ministry's failure to retain retired Deputy Attorney General Sabelo Matsebula made the situation worse.

The ministry is currently faced with a situation whereby various Bills need to be drafted and the workload proved to be too much for AG Majahenkhaba Dlamini.

The minister told the committee upon appointment into the ministerial position, that he had no choice but to inherit all the challenges the ministry faced. He said he was fully aware that government need-

Cabinet's approval and thereafter to Parliament within the above time limits." For the minister to provide satisfactory answers to the committee on these questions, he needs to be hands on and be in full control with regard to the operations of all the departments under his ministry.

ed legal draftsmen but there was very little he could do about it. He said Matsebula was the most qualified person but because his powers were limited, hence he could not do anything to retain him following his failed attempts to have him engaged on a contract basis.

Difficult

The minister said not every lawyer was a legal draftsman and to obtain such highly resourceful officers was very difficult.

He said the recently appointed Deputy Attorney General Sifiso Khumalo, was an ordinary lawyer who did not possess the legal draftsman skills. Attorney General Majahenkhaba Dlamini said overall, the country had less than 10 legal draftsmen, some of whom had been taken away by the private sector.

However, with these rather unclear demarcation lines around the separation of powers, the Swaziland government is apparently geared for a constitutional crisis whereby a collision of the two arms of government, the legislature and the Judiciary is eminent.

MINISTER VISITS WORSE PERFORMING SCHOOL

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mankayane

MINISTER of Education and Training Phineas Magagula has advised teachers of Ngcoseni Central High in Mankayane to break the 'school of shame' stigma that has been attached to the school.

Yesterday, the minister paid a surprise visit to the school following its streak of poor results in the Junior Certificate (JC) examinations.

The minister was accompanied by the Principal Secretary, Pat Muir and Manzini Regional Education Officer (REO) Mlimi Mamba.

The minister, when addressing the teachers, said they must break the stigma that the school was infamous for.

"I was really disturbed by the article that labelled the school as 'school of shame'. We are here to help break that stigma and we implore you as teachers to help work towards redeeming the school from such stigma.

Ideas

"We are here to share ideas on how we can move forward. I request that the teachers work together, hand in hand. The rules and guidelines of the ministry should be abided to as they govern the work of the teachers in the country. Do not divert from these rules," he said.

The minister said if the head-teacher and teachers would comply with the rules and guidelines,



GUIDELINES: Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula addressing the teachers while Principal Secretary Pat Muir and Manzini REO Mlimi Mamba look on. (Pics Gugu Simelane)

(R) GUIDELINES: Ngcoseni High School Deputy Head Teacher Lucky Matfunjwa, Head Teacher Gcinumuzi Dlamini and school Committee Chairman Langa Dlamini attentively listening to the minister's speech.

(R) CAUTION: The teachers following the proceedings of the event.

the school would improve. He further encouraged the head-teacher to be strong and firm when conducting his duties. "Every month you should do your accounts reconciliation in order to protect yourself," he said.



New head teacher

NGCOSENI Central High School has a new head teacher in Gcinumuzi Dlamini.

He resumed his duties at the beginning of the second term last week.

Prior to this appointment, Dlamini was deputy headteacher at Timphisini High School. Dlamini promised the minister that he would make sure that results at Ngcoseni Central improve for the best.

Results

"As teachers, we will put more effort in changing the school's results. We want to bury the stigma that was created last year. Now that we have ascertained that all the parties want the same results, we are going to work hand in hand. The teachers are willing to work, the students are prepared to change and succeed and the parents are ready to support us," he said.

755 out of 1 089 pupils are OVC

OUT of a total of 1 089 pupils at Ngcoseni High school, 755 are orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC).

This was revealed by the new Head Teacher Gcinumuzi Dlamini.

Dlamini told the minister and his delegation that the greatest challenge at the school was that there were a lot of OVC.

Progress

"I constantly turn away teachers who come to my office with requisitions because the school does have any funds. Only 332 students pay school fees and that pose a problem in terms of progress in the school. With the necessary funds, a lot could be done but without it, we are faced with a lot of challenges in running the school," he said.

FIRE DRILL AT WESBANK CAUSES PANIC

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

THERE was panic and confusion amongst Wesbank employees yesterday when the fire alarm went off just at the start of the working hours.

The sound of the fire alarm caused a near mayhem at Wesbank Swazi Plaza as employees left everything they were doing to the fire assembly point within the vicinity.

Fear and uncertainty was written all over their faces as they evacuated their different work stations, however, there was neither visible fire nor smoke coming from the building.

Situation

The fire personnel and their managers tried to calm the situation. They were relieved when Swaziland Fire Emergency Services Station Commander Luke Lushaba told them that it was only a fire drill.

"A fire drill is a method of practising how a building will be evacuated in the event a fire breaks out or other emergency. Usually, the building's fire alarm system is activated and the building is evacuated as if the emergency had occurred.

Evacuate

"Generally, the time it takes to evacuate is measured to ensure that it occurs within a reasonable length of

... the fire personnel and their managers tried to calm the situation and the employees were relieved when told it was only a fire drill



TO THE RESCUE: Swaziland National Fire and Emergency Services cars parked outside the Wesbank office situated in Swazi Plaza, Mbabane yesterday morning during a fire drill.

(INSET) Worried Wesbank employees. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)

time, and the problems with the emergency system or evacuation procedures are identified to be remedied," Lushaba explained.

He said it was their mandate to ensure the safety of workers in the different work places.

He said at Wesbank, the fire drill

went well as the employees followed the right procedures and kept cool from their offices through to the assembly point.

"We wanted to check your awareness of the right procedures to be followed and we will compile a report on this exercise," he added.

'Wesbank's assembly point is risky'

WESBANK'S fire assembly point has to change as it is a safety risk on its own.

Swaziland Fire Emergency Services Mbabane Station Commander Luke Lushaba said the road should not be crossed when going to an assembly point.

"The main safety hazard here is that a busy road has to be crossed when running to an assembly point," he said.

He said a fire assembly point was to ensure that everyone was well and away from danger, adding that crossing a busy road panicking with fear was against the requirements.

"We will speak to your managers to choose a different fire assembly point, as this one is just out of the picture. There are cars parked here and they can knock you down just when you thought you were safe," he cautioned.

The fire drill had three purposes; that of getting people to adopt safe behaviour in the event of a



CALM DOWN: Wesbank Safety Manager Gugu Masinga, Swaziland Fire Emergency Services Mbabane Station Commander Luke Lushaba and Abraham Ndwandwe addressing the employees.

fire breakout or a life-threatening incident, it is also to test the efficiency of the instructions to be followed in the event of fire or an incident and also facilitate the intervention of the emergency services in the event of an actual incident.

It is worth noting, however, that no people, property or animals should not be hurt or damaged in this exercise.



PANIC-STRICKEN: Wesbank employees waiting at their fire assembly point.

YOU HAVE ONLY ONE LIFE - FIRE DEPT

THE Swaziland Fire Emergency Services Mbabane Station Commander Luke Lushaba has advised Wesbank employees to leave everything in case a fire alarm goes off.

This was during the fire drill at the Wesbank yesterday.

"In case a fire alarm goes off, please leave everything and go to the fire assembly point, because you have one life," he said.

He advised the bank

employees to leave everything even if it was a client, for safety.

"I am grateful that you carried the exercise well and let me assure you that it is covered in the constitution of the country," he said.



NO LAUGHING MATTER: Wesbank employees listening to the Fire Emergency Services officials.

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King's profound role in promoting,

By Simon Shabangu
Mlilwane

DEPUTY Prime Minister Paul Dlamini has applauded His Majesty King Mswati III for the role he plays in promoting and preserving cultural heritage.

The DPM said the country's cultural heritage was a symbol of pride

for the Swazi nation.

He was speaking through the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza, during the Big Game Parks Culture Day held at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary on Sunday. The DPM is currently out of the country representing the King in Turkey.

Dlamini said Swaziland took

note of the role played by His Majesty and Her Majesty in taking a leading role in protecting wildlife and nature.

He said due to the support and commitment from His Majesty the country has been recognised by the

international community for the successful conservation of rhinos, which the King spearheaded.

He said such accolades enhanced the country's image in the international community, when it comes to issues related to nature and wildlife.

He said government was committed to exercise inclusive conservation of natural plants and animals.

The DPM said wildlife in particular, played an important role in increasing the numbers of tourists coming to the country thus adding

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GRAND ENTRY: Big Game Parks CEO Ted Reilly, aka Machobane, leading the Minister of Tourism Jabulani Mabuza during the Big Game Parks Culture Day at Mlilwane on Sunday. The Minister was accompanied by SNTC CEO Titus Dlamini and Acting PS Dickson Mkhonta. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



MCs: Big Game Parks Senior Managers Melusi Dlamini and Nonzuzo Shabalala directing proceedings of the event.



REASON TO SMILE: Tourism Minister Jabulani Mabuza sharing a light moment with High Court Judge Jacobus Annandale who was one of the guests.

Machobane remains thankful to His Majesty

BIG Game Parks CEO Ted Reilly famously known as *Machobane* says all the success Swaziland has realised in wildlife conservation is a result of the support from His Majesty King Mswati III.

He said the country has regained a number of the species, which were extinct because the King has always been supportive of the efforts of preserving and protecting nature.

He said his dream was to see the wildlife protected and safe from poachers so that future generations find them still protected.

"We gathered here today celebrating nature all because of the King, who has supported all the initiatives to protect nature.

"It all started with King Sobhuza II who was also a big supporter of nature's protection along with the

current King who also continued and did even more by ensuring that the country has laws that will help us fight poaching for the survival of our wildlife.

We are indebted to His Majesty because if it was not for his support we would not be here today. This sector has employed a lot of people who are feeding thousands of their families and one wonders if the King did not give his support, where would all these people be employed," he said.

Revival

He said the protection of wildlife has resulted in the revival of cultural ceremonies, like the hunting expedition, *butimba*.

Present to celebrate, with Big Game Parks and share the special day with the Reilly family was

Lobamba Member of Parliament Michael Masilela, High Court Judge Jacobus Annandale, area's chief and Inkhosikati LaMatsenjwa. Chief Executive officers of the Swaziland National Trust Commission Titus Dlamini and his counterpart from the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture Stanley Dlamini, were also among the special guests present.

Ambassador of Mozambique also witnessed the event, which was mainly celebrated through song and dance, which featured a competition between culture groups from all three establishments under the Big Game Parks group.

Hlane Game Park emerged the eventual overall winner followed by Mlilwane with the Mkhaya taking the last spot on third position.

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"We note with appreciation that under the wise leadership of His Majesty King Mswati III, it has been possible for the country to hold firmly to its cultural practices. Of special significance is the Ingwenyama Cup which has a unique mix of sports and our culture, wherein community traditional teams compete to showcase their talents.

"Such an endeavour will greatly

assist the country in uniting our youth in sports and culture. It is also an acknowledged fact that Her Majesty Indlovukazi also plays a critical function in bolstering the upkeep of culture as she leads the Lutsango Regiment" he said.

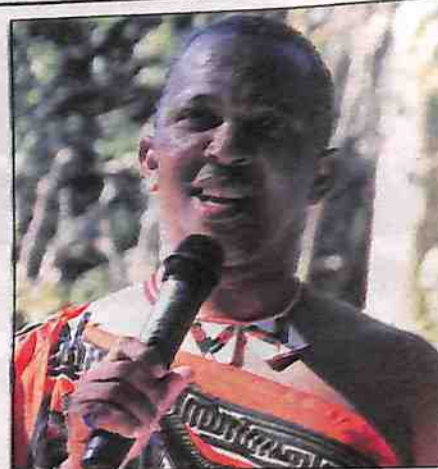
Mabuza said the country appreciated the initiative by Her Majesty to help the handicraft traders in Manzini who were mainly members of *lutsango*.

"Noteworthy is the handicraft initiatives and the cultural ceremonies such as the *marula* festival where *lutsango* regiment is capacitated to carry out multiple economic activities that lead to sustainable livelihoods," he said.

He said government was also committed to meeting the international conventions where it was a signatory for instance the UNESCO Convention amongst others.

"As a country we want to take necessary measures to domesticate and implement the objectives and aspirations of the international organisations. Today also conveys the country's commitment to assisting the global community in the conservation of nature.

Government welcomes the initiatives taken by Big Game Parks, such partnership help the country in attaining the sustainable development goals," he said.



HALALA: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza delivering the DPM's speech at the event.



VIPs: Dickson Mkhonta, SNTC CEO Titus Dlamini, SNCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini and Senior Deputy Commissioner of Police William Dlamini following the proceedings of the day.



ENTERTAINMENT: Milwane Wildlife Sanctuary Sibhaca Group taking to the arena during the culture competition.



ALL SMILES: Senator Lungile Gama flanked by Bukisile Tsabedze and Khanyisile Mabuza.



ALL EYES: Tourists and locals watching performances.

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I AM BANKRUPT, LIVING IN FEAR - HACKED PAKISTAN BUSINESSMAN

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

NAEEM Khan Gul, the businessman who was cruelly hacked with bushknives by fellow Pakistani men last month says his family now lives in fear following the release of his assailants from custody.

Gul was left with multiple gashing wounds all over his body after he was attacked by four men who were led by renowned businessman n Siteki, Akber Ali. Ali and his co-accused; Zafar Iqbal, Ehsan Ahmed and Wasim Ranjhi were subsequently arrested and charged with attempted murder, theft, malicious damage to property and contravening the immigration act.

They were eventually released from custody last week after they had spent about a month behind bars. Following the turn of events, the victim has come out to say that the incident did not only leave him with physical wounds but has also left him bankrupt.

Gul said since the incident, he has not been able to go out and conduct his business as he used to in the past.

It is understood that Gul was admitted in a hospital for about two weeks after the incident which left



LIVING IN FEAR: Naeem Khan Gul.

him with 20 stitches on the head.

Although he is now out of hospital, Gul said doctors have informed him that he needs to undergo an intensive operation on his head, something which requires him to be transferred to a major hospital in South Africa.

Fluent

The Pakistani man who speaks fluent English in an Asian accent says that his stay in hospital has cost him a lot of money as he could not operate his shop at Mpolonjeni. He alleged that he was now struggling even to support his family due to the financial constraints he is faced with.

On another note, Gul said that the release of the accused persons from custody has also brought him and

his family a lot of fear. He alleged that he is now scared of even walking out of his house as he believes that his assailants will be back to attack him again. Gul alleges that his assailants are capable of launching another attack to finish him off.

Promise

"As far as I know my assailants, they can attack me again at any time to fulfill their promise to kill me," said Gul. He stated that currently, he is compelled to take his family with him whenever he visits the hospital for further examination and treatment. Meanwhile, Gul disclosed that he was currently working on his travel documents so that he could be taken to a hospital in South Africa before the end of this week.

MAN (23) FINED E8 000 FOR SEX WITH 15-YEAR-OLD

By Jozane Maziya
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man from Emvakwelitje has pleaded guilty and has been convicted for having unlawful, unprotected sex with a 15-year-old minor.

The man had allegedly been in a 'romantic relationship' with the minor since 2013, when she was 12-years-old and he was aged 20 then.

The mother of the minor was called in as witness for the prosecution and she said she discovered sexual relations between her daughter and the accused in 2013.

After the discovery, a meeting was called between the families of the accused and the minor.

It is said an agreement was reached that no charges would be brought against the accused on condition that the relationship between the accused and minor ended.

Minor

However, this year, the parents of the minor were informed by the principal of the school which she attended that she had not attended school for two days, and because she had not returned home the previous day her parents reported her missing.

A tip-off from a neighbour of the accused led police to the home of the accused.

The accused told the police that the minor had been in his house on the previous day and night but had left for school in the morning.

He told the parents of the minor that she did not return home the previous day because she was afraid that she was going to get home after curfew and get punished by her parents.

Further questioning however led the witness to reveal that the minor was infact at a nearby sawmill.

After police located the young girl at the mill she was taken to doctors for examination.



The subsequent medical report was given as evidence and it confirmed that the minor had recently had sexual intercourse and she had an active sex life.

The accused offered no argument and disputed nothing.

In his testimony he only asked that the court consider that he did not force himself on the minor, he said that she had consented.

Magistrate Philisiwe Simelane however dismissed this.

"This is no defence as minors cannot lawfully consent to sexual activities of any sort," she said.

The man was convicted and found guilty as per his plea.

Mitigation

The man chose to offer no mitigation. Magistrate Simelane informed the man that the court had a duty to pass a sentence that would not only deter him but other perpetrator as well.

"There are so many like you but these cases often do not get reported. You may not have been caught but you had become so comfortable that you kept this girl overnight and over the next day," the magistrate said. However the magistrate told the accused that she would be lenient for the sake of the accused's mother who had attended every court appearance that her son had made. The man was fined E8 000 and given a three year jail sentence, half of which was to be suspended for three years on condition that he does not repeat this act or any similar offences.

MOYENI HIGH PUPIL (16) COMMITS SUICIDE

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

WHILE pupils at Moyeni High school are still recovering from the shock of losing one of their colleagues last month, a 16-year-old Form Two pupil from the same school has committed suicide by hanging herself from a tree on Saturday morning.

Information gathered is that Zodwa Dlamini* (not her real name) hanged herself in front of other children who thought she was just playing.

Sources close to the matter said the deceased went to fetch firewood in the morning with her neighbour's children and she showed no signs nor

reported that something was bugging her. It is understood that her uncle who is a police officer left them home alone with two other children and she was the oldest. Information gathered is that the deceased told her peers that she would commit suicide and when they asked her why she told them that she would tell them when she comes back.

Response

Having heard that response the children thought the deceased was joking. It is said the children continued playing and realised later on that the deceased was hanging from a nearby tree. A young child is said to have raised an alarm and ran to a nearby homestead for help. It was alleged that the girl who is 16 years old has

been stating that ever since her parents passed away she has not been herself and that it was better to die because she doesn't see a reason to live anymore.

Altercation

It is said on the day of the incident the pupil had an altercation with a family member and she didn't take kindly to it.

When contacted about the incident Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Khulani Mamba stated that police were aware of the incident and they are investigating the matter. Mamba stated that it could not be ascertained why the child who is 16 years old decided to take her own life.

By Linda Jele
High Court

THE chief justice is expected to admit 31 legal practitioners as attorneys of the High Court.

Amongst them are senior staff members of the High Court such as the Registrar of the Industrial Court Agrippa Bhembe and Assistant Registrars of the High Court Sabelo Khumalo and Nelisiwe Qwasho Tsabedze. The 31 will add to the over 500 admitted attorneys practising in the country, both in law firms or working in private companies. A majority of the lawyers are registered under the Law Society of Swaziland.

Chief Justice to admit 31 attorneys

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The date for the admissions has not been confirmed yet, but the secretary general of the Law Society of Swaziland Nkosinathi Manzini con-

firmed that there would be admissions soon.

He said the High Court was handling the issue of dates.

MAN JUST DOESN'T WANT TO PAY MORE FOR MAINTENANCE

By Jozane Maziya
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

MBABANE Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati had to explain to a man appearing before him for failure to make monthly maintenance contributions what the money was to be used for and why it is important that he make his contribution.

The applicant in the case requested a monthly contribution of E400 for the maintenance of one child whom she had parented along with the respondent. When asked to offer an amount which he might be able to contribute on a monthly basis, the respondent told the court that he could offer only E250 to which the applicant scoffed, telling Magistrate Vilakati that this amount could not provide for her child's needs. The respondent then told the court that he does not

understand why so much money was needed. The Magistrate instructed the applicant to tell the respondent what the money was to be used for. An elementary list of food, toiletries and clothes followed before Magistrate Vilakati told the man that all this was for his child's wellbeing.

Pay

The court then heard from the applicant that the respondent had told her (the applicant) that he had not impregnated her at the department of social welfare and therefore did not see reason to pay any money at the fore mentioned department.

An outraged Magistrate Vilakati ordered the man to contribute E400 monthly and informed him that he would have to pay this contribution at the department of social welfare whether he likes it or not.

MAN FORCED TO USE NEW CAR AS SURETY

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man who had just bought a new car had his celebrations 'aborted prematurely' as police busted him for driving (his new vehicle under) the influence of alcohol.

Osborne Maziya was charged with two counts of violating the Road Traffic Act No. 6 of 2007.

On the first count, he was driving the car under the influence of alcohol. He committed the act on Saturday and was driving a Toyota motor vehicle which was registered ISD 539 AS.

He was caught at or near the headquarters of the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) in Mbabane.

On the second count, he was accused of driving a car that was unroadworthy.

It was unroadworthy in the sense that it had no number plates both in front and behind.

Maziya apologised for doing what he had done.

"I beg the court to be lenient with me in this case. My car had no number plates because I had just come from buying it and I was still going to put on those number plates. Another reason I plead with the court to forgive me is that I cooperated with the police officers



LAW AND ORDER: Mbabane Magistrate's Court.

as they were carrying out their duties," Maziya said.

He also said he had taken only a sip of alcohol before driving the car. He said that was proven by the fact that a breathalyser was used several times on him to ascertain whether he had alcohol in his body or not.

Jail

He also told Mbabane Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli that he was a bread winner at his home. He told Mdluli that he was willing to be let out of jail yesterday because he was due to appear today at Nhlanguano Magistrate's Court for a case related to a piece of land he had bought in Nhlanguano.

Another problem, according to Maziya, was that his company was going to be grounded if he was

incarcerated yesterday. He said the office keys of his company were with him, so his staff members were going to suffer. He pleaded with the court to allow him to go out to find ways of organising the funds to pay for his sins. He said his business partner was out of the country.

"My business partner is not here and the cheques cannot be cashed when both of us did not sign the cheques. I plead with the court to allow me to find the money to pay the fine," he said.

Mdluli told him to pay a fine of E1 500 or spend 15 months behind bars. On the second count, he was to pay E500 fine or spend three months behind bars. Mdluli allowed him to use the car as surety as he was looking for money to pay his fines.

EX-DPM'S FAMILY CONFLICT CASE SHELVED

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

A matter involving Shiselweni Regional Administrator (RA) Themba Masuku's family which is now deliberated by elders at Ludzidzini has been shelved as a result of the ongoing royal activity.

It has been gathered that the family which is from Lawuba will now be informed of a new date once 'Emabutfo' are through with the harvesting of the royal fields at Mfabantfu.

The family, in the company of inner council of KaGwegwe was supposed to meet the Ludzidzini council early this month, however, due to the harvesting, it was resolved that the deliberations should be shifted to a date yet to be decided by Ludzidzini authorities.

Embroided

The RA is embroiled in a serious family dispute with members of his late brother's family.

The conflict was first deliberated by elders of KaGwegwe and they ruled in favour of the RA's brother's family.

However, the RA felt there were certain loopholes and decided to seek the intervention of Ludzidzini authorities.

The family has made several trips to Ludzidzini in the company of KaGwegwe inner council and it was believed had this month's meeting materialised, a final verdict would have been issued by the Ludzidzini authorities.



CONFLICT: Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku

It is understood that many people had developed so much interest from this matter as they wanted to know what would transpire.

The RA's sister-in-law and her children were reportedly keen to return to the Masuku homestead at KaLawuba, but the RA wanted them to use the right 'gate'.

It should be noted that the RA was not against their return but he challenged the manner that the widow and her children were applying. He felt that if allowed, it could lead to serious confusion in the whole family.

It should be noted that Masuku was challenging the family, not on his capacity as RA, but as a concerned member of the Masuku family. The RA when contacted confirmed the date which was slated for the meeting, had been shifted, however, no substantive date has been announced.

"We will be advised on a new date once 'Emabutfo' are through with their work," Masuku said.

SOLDIER RECEIVES THUMBS UP FROM MAGISTRATE

● "Why can't everybody be like you, you have put up no argument and have agreed to make the required contribution to your child's welfare"

By Jozane Maziya
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A member of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence force (USDF) appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati for failure to make a monthly contribution of E500 for his child.

Previously, he had been ordered to make a monthly contribution of E500.

His last contribution was in October, 2015 which meant that he had arrears in respect of maintenance totalling E3 000.

He was asked why he had neglected the court order and responded with a claim that he had been posted out of the country between the months of October and January 2015.

The man further informed the court that he had paid school fees for the child in January.

Cash

He added that he had informed the mother of the child that he



THUMBS UP: Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

would be short on cash in the early months of 2016.

Magistrate Vilakati asked the man when he planned to pay the amount in arrears.

The respondent told the court that he would settle E2 000 at the end of May and E1 000, thereafter. The court also ordered him to make the monthly contribution

Vusweni indvuna continues work despite RA's advise

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

VUSWENI Chiefdom Indvuna Reggie Lukhele says he will continue executing his duties despite that he is not recognised by the office of the Shiselweni Regional Administrator (RA).

It is on record that RA Themba Masuku, made it known that only when Lukhele had all the documents or instruments endorsing him as indvuna of the area that he would be allowed to be part of any meeting or activity involving community leaders or chiefs' representatives.

Lukhele said he would continue executing his duties until he was otherwise instructed by the elders of the area, the he would stop.

"I am answerable only to those

who appointed me to this position, and these are 'bantfwabenhkosi' of Vusweni. Anyone who has a problem with me regarding this position should approach them," said Lukhele.

Lukhele said he was not interested in delving much into the matter as there were more important issues he wanted to tackle which included working on a development plan.

Action

He said he would make sure that Vusweni remained a respected chiefdom. "We have a plan of action which also includes having offices within the royal kraal, so as to have records and other information that we feel can be useful to people," said Lukhele.

Lukhele said residents in the area were aware of the programmes that would bring about development in

the area. He said for some plans to succeed, it has been agreed that residents should make some contributions. He said there was a certain amount of money collected from homesteads towards some of the projects that would be carried out in the area.

Projects

"We are presently raising funds for some of these projects. Residents are cooperating and keen to see all our developmental plans materialize. There are to be sports facilities and we are targeting to have a soccer stadium build just close to the constituency (Maseyisini)," said Lukhele.

Lukhele said youth should be considered on anything done in the area and should be encouraged to participate in all activities at umphakatsi level.

of E500 at the end of June.

Commended

Magistrate Vilakati commended the man on his intention to settle the amount in arrears and continue to make his monthly contributions as quickly as the respondent had said he planned to. "Why can't everybody be like you, you have put up no argu-

ment and have agreed to make the required contribution to your child's welfare. You are doing a good thing here I commend you," the magistrate said.

Advised

The magistrate then advised fathers that maintenance was simple. "You know that you have a child, if

you are in a tight position financially you should inform the mother, the problem becomes when you duck and evade the mothers, they will have no option but to bring you to court," the magistrate said.

The respondent was ordered to return to court with proof of payment for the E2 000 at the end of June.

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JOY: Pinky Kunene receiving her prize from Swaziland Beverages Managing Director Zama Kunene while Corporate Affairs Director Mpumelelo Makhubu looks on during the company's Family Fun Day at Riders Ranch in Sidvokodvo on Saturday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



LONG SERVICE: Kunene presenting Arthur Simelane with a gift for serving 15 years in the company.



15 YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE: Jabulani Khumalo accepting his award from Kunene.

(L) LOYAL EMPLOYEES: Staff members who have served 15 years displaying their certificates.



ACHIEVEMENT: SD Beverages employees who have served five years in the company posing with their boss.



LOOK: Children had a chance to do some drawings during the event.



LONG SERVICE: Nonhlanhla Fakudze being awarded for 25 years of service.



(L) OUR CULTURE: Emajaha enjoying traditional brew (Imvelo).



The Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA or the Agency) is an independent regulatory body established as a Category A Public Enterprise under section 9 of the Public Procurement Act No 7 of 2011 (the Act). The Agency was established to regulate all public procurement conducted by procuring entities and to advise the Government and procuring entities on procurement policy and all other matters relating to public procurement.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

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THRILLING: Staff members and their families watching car spinning. (L) SHISA NYAMA: Swaziland Beverages employees and their family members enjoying themselves.



IN SUPPORT: A section of the crowd that attended the function.



THE TURN-UP: The company's Sales Reps, Siphso Khoza, Nokuthula Shongwe and Mangaliso Dlodlu having fun.



35 YEARS OF SERVICE: Jonatus Mkhonta receiving his award.



MINGLING: SB Channel Marketing Manager Mcolisi Dlamini poses with others.



SMOKE: A BMW 325 entertains.

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OVER 2 000 PEOPLE AFFECTED BY WATER SHORTAGE UNDER ZOMBODZE EMUVA

FOR some areas under Zombodze Emuva constituency water scarcity has been a problem for over 40 years or even more.

People from areas such as Edwaleni, Thunzini, Mahosha, Eqinisweni, Hhotela as well as Mpandeni draw water from wells and a few surrounding dams which also share water with livestock. Though the water is not as clean it remains the only reliable source.

Bucopho of Engwanyameni, which is chiefdom under the same constituency, Vusi Mkhwanazi said water scarcity in the area had delayed progress and development.

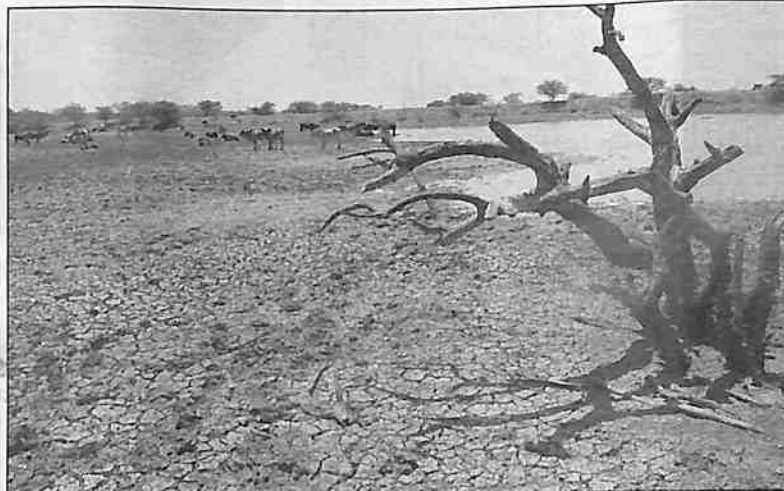
He said what was saddening was that other neighbouring constituencies had realized much better development and had access to clean water.

He said as the country wanted to attain first world status by 2022, they were hopeful that the situation under Zombodze Emuva, especially of water scarcity, would be sorted sooner.

Mkhwanazi said it was time donors or government came to the rescue of the communities and saw how they could be bailed out of this problem.

He said under his chiefdom they had a total of over 2 000 people, affected by water scarcity.

"I was born nearly 40 years ago



NO WATER: Drought has not only affected Zombodze Emuva constituency but the whole country as well.

and in all these years, water has been a problem here. Only a few homesteads have boreholes but some families have to make other means so that they get water and the only alternatives are the river sources. At times these sources run dry and it is then, that residents have to walk long distances in search of water," said Mkhwanazi.

Mkhwanazi said surrounding schools were also affected by the water scarcity and this impacted badly on academic performances.

"At times you find long queues where residents line up for water to be drawn from a well or any of the existing water sources. It takes

almost 30 minutes to fill up one 20 litre container of water.

Some spend the whole day queuing and others, at times, are forced to return home empty handed. Others then resort to camping next to the well and this places their lives in danger," said Mkhwanazi.

Mkhwanazi made a special appeal to anyone including donors or government to assist them address the water shortage.

"We have elderly people who have no one to assist them to get the water from those faraway places. It's only people with transport who are better off where there is clean water," said Mkhwanazi.

Luvelo Association caterer means serious business

MEMBERSHIP of Luvelo Association formed by Vusi Mkhwanazi who is bucophu of Engwanyameni under Zombodze Emuva has increased to 110 people.

When the association was formed in 2013, it only had five members. The association was formed to assist in the community during social gatherings such as funerals, weddings or any other activity where a helping hand is needed. Mkhwanazi said the association has been growing, not only in terms of membership, but also its assets.

Costs

He said as an association the main focus was to assist during funerals where bereaved family received E500 to use, to meet some of the costs and expenses.

"The objectives when we formed Luvelo Association, we initially thought we were to concentrate on funerals, as we were touched each time how a family would love its beloved one, where others were unable meet all the expenses that come with such painful experience.

The E500 is raised through the E5 each member contributes each month," said Mkhwanazi.

Mkhwanazi said apart from the money that a family receives during a funeral, the association also assists with things like three legged pots, used to prepare meals for mourners.

Funerals

"We all know that funerals are now not different from other social gatherings, where people don't expect to be hungry. It is not something we encourage whereby funerals become parties. As Luvelo Association, we feel touched when a family does not have a pot to boil water: for tea or other things, hence we provide the pots," said Mkhwanazi.

Mkhwanazi said the association also rented out pots to anyone, even if it was not someone from the area in need of pots.

"We have people coming to hire what we have, in terms of assets. The size 25 three legged pots are now hired by residents for any other family event. It's just E5 per pot to hire it," said Mkhwanazi.

Mkhwanazi said the association would soon have a tent and furniture which would also be used during events in the area.

"We already have the idea of the tent we need and it's just a matter of having people fetch it from South Africa, as the money is already available. Our plan is to have a marquee in future," said Mkhwanazi. He said Luvelo Association's future is bright and soon it would spread its wings to the other chiefdoms, if not, all over the region. "It is also our plan to spread awareness throughout the Kingdom. It is in our plan that we have a catering company as part of our wing. We have big plans as an association and we have realised that there is demand for what we are doing and the demands seemed to be growing as we find ourselves unable to meet some of what people require, hence we now have to broaden the scope time we plan. We have to think out of the box in order for us, as an association, to be able to meet all the expectations from the people," said Mkhwanazi.

Engwanyameni homesteads need power

SOME homesteads at Engwanyameni chiefdom under Zombodze Emuva constituency are not powered by electricity as they cannot afford to raise money required for an electricity scheme.

"This area has few electricity scheme projects that have succeeded. Right now, we are busy working on a plan on how we can go about assisting some of these families as some have genuine excuses.

There has to be a way of assisting needy people in our society as it's not a good thing to neglect them when such services are brought into communities," Engwanyameni Bucophu Vusi Mkhwanazi said. Mkhwanazi said even the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) needs to be considerate when working on an electricity scheme in a rural community.

"there has to be a way of assisting needy people in our society as it's not a good thing to neglect them"

"It's time that there should be a special fund either from government which has to cater for all the services such as electricity supply for elderly and orphans or any of the people disadvantaged in one way or the other.

We have people with disabilities, they can't afford raising money and therefore this special fund can be used when there are projects that require one to pay," said Mkhwanazi.

He also lamented on the hike in electricity, adding that some homesteads preferred using candles or lamps. Meanwhile, Mkhwanazi said some projects were delayed by residents who could not afford to pay the contribution that each homestead must pay.

Widowers need urgent help

TWO men, including an elderly man who is in his late 80s are living a painful life as they do not have anyone to cater for their needs.

Nyambo Mtsetfwa and Steven Simelane are both widowers from Siyendle near Gege. Bucophu of the Mjikijelweni/Siyendle Chiefdom Mfaniseni Stan Vilakati said the two were living a miserable life and anything could happen to them if they don't get urgent help.

"Mtsetfwa who I believe is around 80 years old lost his wife many years ago. What he considers his house is not different from a pigsty. His shack is on the verge of collapsing and one just wonders how he has been coping, as he has been living in this poor condition for years now. *Sicela tinini te-Nkhosi mane tisite ungakafi lomuntfu lomdzala*," said Vilakati.

Vilakati who has served for many terms as bucophu in the area mentioned that the old man also needed food.

He said, what he was made to understand was Mtsetfwa had a son who was still alive but lived in South Africa. He said the old man has been living in abject poverty for many years.

"I understand his son is in SA and as to why he is not taking care of him, I do not know.

The old man is dying and as a community, I feel we should be doing something. He also needs food but the priority is accommodation. If we can have someone to at least build him a proper and decent house. My concern is the shack he is living in because during bad weather, the situation is bad. This is not different from torture," said Vilakati. He added another man who also needed attention was Steven Simelane, a widower who is in his late 50s. "Simelane also lost his wife and just like Mtsetfwa, his house is a shack and could bury him anytime. The worse thing with Simelane is that he now looks mentally challenged. We may not be experts in identifying the symptoms of a mentally challenged person, but Simelane's behavior has changed completely. He goes around picking bones and boils them as the only thing he could have as a meal. I think it all started when he lost his wife and then his children left him alone," said Vilakati.

Vilakati said the two needed urgent help and requested the public to come to their rescue.

"Yindzaleyo kuwo wonkhe wonkhe longasita," said Vilakati. Anyone willing to assist anyhow, Vilakati can be contacted on cellphone number 7632 6941.

OLD MUTUAL GIVES BACK TO ZONDWAKO PRIMARY

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

OLD Mutual has assisted Zondwako Primary School with renovations funds worth E10 000 for the teachers' residence.

The school is situated at KaZondwako under the Mhlambanyatsi constituency.

The insurance company's generosity came as a response to the school's call for help to different

companies.

KaZondwako Primary School Principal Mxolisi Ngcobo said they appreciated Old Mutual's kindness.

He said the funds would assist them in painting the houses, fixing leakages, old and broken doors as well as repairing broken windows.

Challenge

"Our main challenge is that most pupils are orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC).

"Most of them are beneficiaries of the free primary education pro-

gramme which gives us limited amount of funds to rehabilitate the houses. The money we get from the school funds is very diminutive and we cannot take allocated funds and use it for other necessities," he said.

Unemployed

Most of the parents at the school are former employees of the Sappi Usuthu Pulp Mill that closed in 2010 leaving them unemployed.

Ngcobo said the situation was bad since most parents were now struggling to meet their children's acade-

mic financial requirements, adding that this had affected the school's cash flow.

"We are really grateful for what Old Mutual has done for us. We have also informed the regional education office (REO) about this initiative.

We hope that Old Mutual would not get tired of helping others who will need such assistance in future," he said.

Meanwhile, Old Mutual Marketing Director Celiwe Dlamini said they received the request for assistance from the school.

She said they visited the school to assess the damages and how they could intervene.

Dlamini said they were in full support of education as it was one way of assisting the country to achieve His Majesty's Vision 2022.

"As a company, we saw the need to help the school because education is power," she said.

She said teachers should live in descent houses so that they would then be motivated enough to impart the right information to the children.

"We are all moving towards His Majesty's vision 2022. We should get there with good education and the right set of mind for business, education and many more," she said.

Old Mutual is celebrating 178 years worldwide.

Dlamini said the company was also keen to give back to communities.

"We also have other projects to assist people of the community on how to manage and grow their finance," she said.



THANK YOU: Old Mutual's Celiwe Dlamini posing with KaZondwako Primary School committee and staff members.

Water Thirst brings clean water to 600 homesteads

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

SOME residents in drought-stricken areas around Matsanjeni will soon have access to clean water as an organisation known as 'Water Thirst' from overseas is currently installing boreholes in that part of the country.

Close to 600 homesteads from two areas will benefit from the project.

These areas include Mgumudze, which is situated at the Kwaluseni chiefdom and Gudla near Qomintaba.

Member of Parliament (MP) Sikiza Mhlungu said the organisation had come to the rescue of the two communities as they had experienced water scarcity.

He said as the drought worsened, residents had to

travel long distances to fetch water.

Assess

"A Swazi, who is a coordinator of the programme, came to assess the situation and realised that it was dire.

We were advised to make a formal application and it did not take long as Water Thirst considered our request.

"The coordinator was instrumental in bringing the organisation here.

Work

"As we are speaking we are hard at work drilling the borehole at Mgumudze," said MP Mhlungu.

The MP said it would take just a few days to complete the borehole, adding that it was expected that the community would start drinking and using the water anytime next week.

"Work had to be finished in a short space of time, we

are done at Mgumudze and we will proceed to Gudla at Qomintaba, where we are expected to finish drilling the borehole and its installation in a couple of days. In these two areas, close to 600 homesteads will have access to clean water, courtesy of Water Thirst," said the MP.

The MP said it was pleasing to have such organisations from overseas coming to the country to assist rural communities.

Cent

"We should thank Water Thirst for their help and it's worth noting that we have not paid a single cent for these projects.

"Ours is to make sure that the boreholes are taken care of by maintaining them. It's rare that you can have people offering such assistance at no cost," said Mhlungu.



AM RECRUITMENT SERVICES

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- Supervising subordinates and conducting performance evaluations
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Minimum Requirements

- BSc Information Technology/Computer Sciences, or equivalent
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Direct Reporting: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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- Coordinate the management of the stores, outbound logistics, stock movements and delivery scheduling
- Maintain accurate and auditable records of all procurement processes
- Compile monthly, quarterly and annual Procurement reports

Minimum Requirements

- Degree in Purchasing & Supply Management and or Contracts & Supplier Relationship Management
- CIPS Membership
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- Sound knowledge of the Procurement Act of 2011 and other relevant legislation
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Applications

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PARTICIPANTS: Tebo Onamile, Keteng Mpotsang and Naleshebo Rukuro smile for the lenses during the proceedings.



ALSO THERE: The students who were attached at Swazi Treated Timber, Ministry of Labour and NTCP strike a pose, they are: Bontle Bimbo, Tsepiso Tshiamo, Kgomotso Rasegojwa, Gopolong Tau and Mavis Ntwe.

Swazi Observer hosts interns from Botswana college

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Ezulwini

BOITEKANELO College students from Botswana have shared their experience of working in the country.

They were attached in the country for about three months and were assigned in various organisations.

However, they revealed that their three-month stay in the country was not rosy. On Saturday, the students had a farewell ceremony held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre where representatives from the ministry of health and ministry of labour and social welfare were also in attendance. About 44 students were the first

group of occupational health and safety students from the college to be attached in the country.

They were attached at these companies: Matsapha, Manzini and Mbabane Municipalities, Modelez International, Steel and Wire, Swazi Beverages, Swazi Wire, Swazi Observer (printing department), ministry of labour and social security, Swazi Treated Timber, Swazi Plastics, Kiss Joint Venture Construction, National Tuberculosis Hospital and Raleigh Fitkin Memorial hospital. Some of the students had been promised job opportunities by their corresponding attachment sites, which is said to be a result of productive activities the students were doing in strengthening their career paths.



THE BEST: Health Deputy Director Rejoice Nkambule presenting the most outstanding student Thapelo Fikile Ketshabile with her participation certificate.



WELL DONE: The students from Boitekanelo College with their lecturers pose for pictures after their farewell ceremony held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre on Saturday. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)

VACANCY

Senior Dealer, Investments and Domestic Markets

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the above-mentioned vacant post which exist within the Investments and Domestic Markets Division, Financial Markets Department.

Summary Of Job

To monitor, supervise and administer the management of the country's foreign exchange reserves and domestic debt function of the Front Office in the Financial Markets Department to ensure safety of reserves, the ability to meet liquidity requirements and earning a reasonable and market related return contributing to the financial stability of the Bank and ensuring an effective and vibrant domestic market for securities.

Key Performance Areas

- Develop and implement an investment strategy to attain and inform optimal and effective allocation of financial assets.
- Analyse market trends and developments to identify profitable trading opportunities and recommend new investment products.
- Monitor and oversee the investment process to ensure effective execution of trades and adherence to credit limits and investment guidelines and ensure liabilities created by liquidity mop-up instruments are completely immunized to risk adjusted investment portfolio
- Manage liquidity to meet customers demand for funds and perform a spot check of trades and transactions to ensure accuracy to minimize inherent risks.
- Manage and develop good relationships with counterparty banks and all stakeholders to identify and recommend new trading partners and benefit from market insight and knowledge of dealers
- Prepare the auction calendar as well as reports on relevant benchmarks for proposed securities to inform investors on the issue dates for securities and coupon rate
- Design strategies aimed at stimulation of interbank money market development to ensure an efficient secondary bond market
- Supervise the compilation of periodic reports to clients and stakeholders of the Financial Markets Department to ensure an informative decision making process and policy formulation
- Prepare and forecast domestic market liquidity positions and submit to management to determine market interventions and instrument utilization in mopping up excess liquidity

Qualifications

- Bachelors degree in Economics, Finance or Investment Management.
- 5 years Treasury banking experience or relevant.

Skills and competencies

- MS Strong background in economics and understanding of financial sector operations
- Broad knowledge of financial markets and instruments
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VACANCY

Settlements Officer

Applications are invited from suitable and qualifying candidates to fill the above vacancy that exists within the Financial Markets Department. The incumbent reports to the Settlements Accountant.

Summary of the Job:

To validate, settle and confirm all deals / transactions related to Central Bank, Government and Commercial banks to ensure that transactions are processed timely and accurately minimizing potential inherent risk.

Key Functions of the Job:

- Confirms deals to ensure they are authentic, accurate so as to mitigate risk
- Completes data input on Globus, PAT2 and SWIFT systems
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- Implements investment decisions in a timely and accurate manner in line with the bank's investment policies
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- Monitors and maintain the Regional Payment Settlements system in the SADC Region (REPS)
- Monitors SADC Integrated Regional and Settlements Systems (SIRESS)
- Servicing Letters of Credit to contribute to the promotion of International Trade

Qualification:

- Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Accounting or or relevant equivalent qualification
- Specialised studies in Treasury Management would be an added advantage

Experience:

- At least 2 - 3 years in investment or banking environment

Skills and Competencies:

- Good knowledge of Financial Markets Instruments
- Attentive to details
- Excellent computer skills: Excel, Word and PowerPoint
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- High level of Accuracy

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INNOVATION, THE CORE OF ORGANISATIONAL CONTINUITY & GROWTH

INNOVATION is the core for continuity of organisations.

Innovation means identifying new ways and means of providing service in order to better meet the needs of the people.

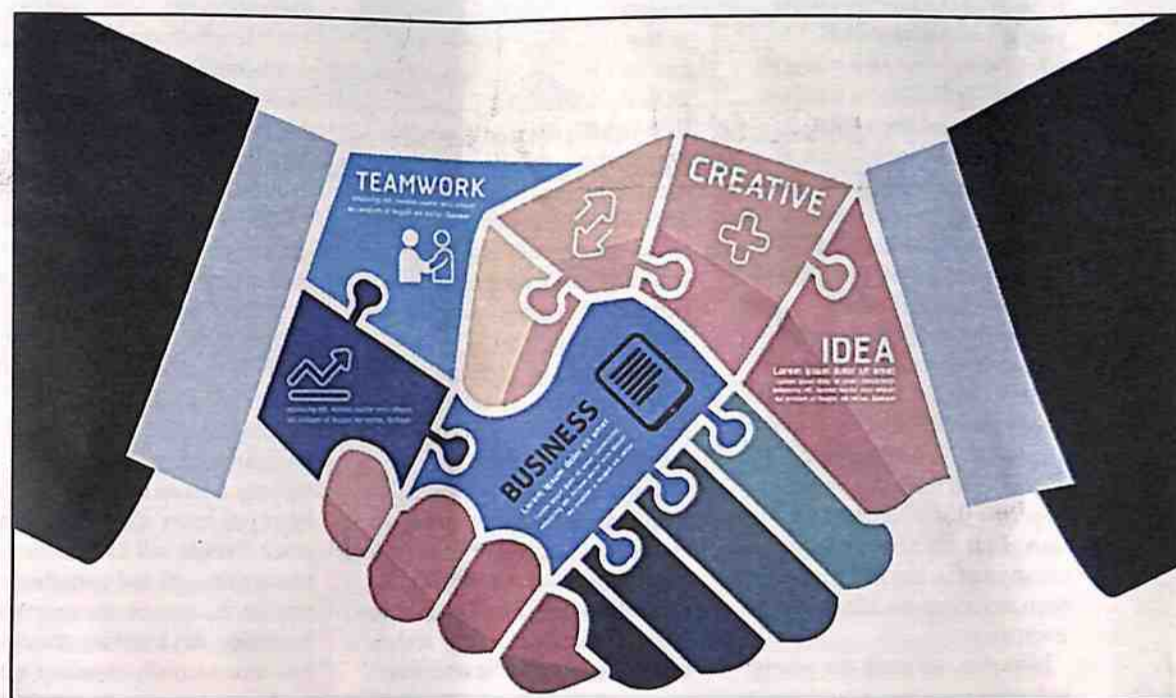
Innovation refers to a new idea, more effective device or process. Innovation can be viewed as the application of better solutions that meet new requirements, unarticulated needs or existing market needs. This is accomplished through more effective products, processes, services, technologies or ideas that are readily available to markets, governments and society. The term innovation can be defined as something original and more effective and, as a consequence, new, that 'breaks into' the market or society.

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Innovation

Innovation refers to a new idea, device, or method, the act or process of introducing new ideas, devices or methods to improve. Innovation is the process of translating an idea or invention into a good or service that creates value or for which customers will pay.

For any idea to be called an innovation, the idea must be replicable at an economical cost and must satisfy a specific need. Innovation involves deliberate application of information, imagination and initiative in deriving greater or different values from resources, and includes



all processes by which new ideas are generated and converted into useful products.

In business, innovation often results when ideas are applied by the company in order to further satisfy the needs and expectations of the customers. Innovation ought to be part of business strategy for all organisation.

The tendency is many organisations including corporations and government is to ignore that element and copy the trend to follow the leaders and copy what leaders do in that industry.

We have adopted Vision 2022 as our institutional vision of making Swaziland a developed country.

In a social context, innovation helps create new methods for alliance creation, joint venturing, flexible work hours and creation of buyers' purchasing power.

Innovations are divided into two broad categories:

- Evolutionary innovations (con-

tinuous or dynamic evolutionary innovation) that are brought about by many incremental advances in technology or processes and

- Revolutionary innovations (also called discontinuous innovations) which are often disruptive and new ways of doing things.

Innovation is synonymous with risk-taking and organisations that create revolutionary products or technologies take on the greatest risk because they create new markets but the payoff is often good in that the innovator get to make money while peers try to copy the new idea or products that have been launched into the market.

Imitators take less risk because they will start with an innovator's product and take a more effective approach through improving the products that is already in the market.

Benefits of innovation

- By allowing the developer of an innovation to reap the rewards of

his efforts, we create an environment that encourages innovative thinking and hard work.

- Employees that work in innovative environments tend to be much happier at the workplace, however not necessarily everyone, hence companies that have innovative departments need to have people that are motivated by change and innovation.

Innovation is more on changing the way things are done and it's not necessary everyone that can see through the need for change, especially when an organisation is doing well.

It therefore becomes necessary that people entrusted with innovation and organisational continuity are people that can market and sell their ideas and further be empowered on initiating and driving change so that they are able to manage any change process well to increase effectiveness of the introduced change.

Though innovation bring better ways of doing things, people tend to prefer the old ways of doing thing, hence people in innovation have to be prepared to deal with rejection without giving up on their ideas, until when they have people that are innovators (themselves) who see through new ideas.

Aiming for innovation

If you are an innovator you have to surround yourself with people that think differently than you. By doing so, you will allow yourself more perspectives than what you would be capable of.

The old adage of 'Great minds may think alike' but great inventions come from multiple great minds.

Mucko (1990) alludes that you have to think about innovation as an Easter egg hunt.

Opportunities are more likely to lie outside the boundaries of where others typically explore, because these areas have been less exhaustively searched already."

To be innovative Graham says that you have to understand your users. You can envision the wealth created by a startup as a rectangle, where one side is the number of users and the other is how much you improve their lives.

The second dimension is the one you have most control over. And indeed, the growth in the first will be driven by how well you do in the second.

As in science, the hard part is not answering questions but asking them: the hard part is seeing something new that users lack. The better you understand them the better the odds of doing that.

That's why so many successful startups make something the founders needed."

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ON THIS DAY

...MAY 24

1961 - The Freedom Riders were arrested in Jackson, Mississippi.

1962 - The officials of the National Football League ruled that halftime of regular season games would be cut to 15 minutes.

1967 - California Governor Ronald Reagan greeted Charles M. Schulz at the state capitol in observance of the legislature-proclaimed "Charles Schulz Day."

1974 - The last "Dean Martin Show" was seen on NBC. The show had been aired for 9 years.

1976 - Britain and France opened trans-Atlantic Concorde service to Washington.

1980 - The International Court of Justice issued a final decision calling for the release of the hostages taken at the U.S. embassy in Tehran on November 4, 1979.

1983 - The Brooklyn Bridge's 100th birthday was celebrated.

1983 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the federal government had the right to deny tax breaks to schools that racially discriminate.

1986 - Montreal won its 23rd National Hockey League (NHL) Stanley Cup championship.

1990 - The Edmonton Oilers won their fifth National Hockey League (NHL) Stanley Cup.

1993 - Roman Catholic Cardinal Juan Jesus Posada Ocampo and six other people were killed at the Guadalajara, Mexico, airport in a shootout that involved drug gangs.

1993 - The Ethiopian province of Eritrea declared itself an independent nation.

1994 - The four men convicted of bombing the New York's World Trade Center were each sentenced to 240 years in prison.

1999 - 39 miners were killed in an underground gas explosion in the Ukraine.

2000 - Five people were killed and two others wounded when two gunmen entered a Wendy's restaurant in Flushing, Queens, New York. The gunmen tied up the victims in the basement and then shot them.

2000 - The U.S. House of Representatives approved permanent normal trade relations with China. China was not happy about some of the human rights conditions that had been attached by the U.S. lawmakers.

2000 - A Democratic Party event for Al Gore in Washington brought in \$26.5 million. The amount set a new record, which had just been set the previous month by Republicans for Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

2001 - Temba Tsheri, 15, became the youngest person to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

2011 - NASA announced the development of the Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle (MPCV) spacecraft. It is intended to facilitate exploration of the Moon, asteroids and Mars.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May 24, 1966
Eric Cantona



May 24, 1989
Yannick Bolasie

WHEN GRACE CHANGES THE RULES- PART 1



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THEOLOGIANS have generally concluded that the man who lived the longest on the earth was a man called Methuselah, who according to Genesis 5:27, lived a total of 969 years and then died.

However, I dare to differ as there is a man whom I believe lived longer than Methuselah. The book says in **Genesis 5:21-24** Enoch lived for 65 years and he begat Methuselah. Then he continued living for 300 years walking and communicating with God. After living for 365 years, Enoch disappeared because God took him away. Notice that he didn't die but God took him away. Meaning that wherever he is right now, he is still alive and that means that he has lived longer than anyone as his life continues even today.

However, we mark our yearly

calendar according to the years that Enoch spent on earth as he spent 365 years before being raptured. Those who are sophisticated as well as scientists say our calendar year is 365 and a quarter days. Therefore someone may ask where does the quarter come from? The quarter was added in Joshua 10 verse 12, when he prayed or rather by faith commanded the sun to stand still until they had killed all their enemies.

As we begin this subject, I feel it is imperative for us to understand the word Grace which in scripture is often times referred to as favour. Grace or favour is a kind act by God because of His LOVE, AFFECTION and REMEMBRANCE, which brings about preferential treatment. One day of favour is better than a thousand years of labour. Grace and favour can bring you before great people. Favour is better than money as money cannot buy the grace of God.

God shows us both mercy and grace, but they are not the same. Mercy withholds a punishment we deserve, whereas grace gives a blessing we don't deserve. In mercy, God chose to cancel our sin debt by sacrificing His perfect Son in our place (**Titus 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21**). But He goes even further than mercy and extends grace to His enemies

(**Romans 5:10**). He offers us forgiveness (**Hebrews 8:12; Ephesians 1:7**), reconciliation (**Colossians 1:19-20**), abundant life (**John 10:10**), eternal treasure (**Luke 12:33**), His Holy Spirit (**Luke 11:13**) and a place in heaven with Him some day (**John 3:16-18**) when we accept His offer and place our faith in His sacrifice.

Grace means God has chosen someone who didn't deserve to be chosen in the first place. God said that the days of man shall be 120 years, but Noah lived 950 years. The reason why Noah lived so much longer than what God had proclaimed, is a reflection of God's grace. Mercy says 'No' to those things that are meant to destroy you, but grace says 'Yes' to those meant to uplift you.

When you experience the grace of God, it's in times when you can't afford to get your hair done in the hair salon. Sometimes you need to undo your hairpieces, wash them and put them back on your head in a different style. People who look at you will compliment your hairstyle because it looks new, but in your heart you know it's nothing but grace. People will look at the way you are dressed and compliment you for the car you are supposedly driving, not knowing that were just coincidentally standing next

to that car when they were passing.

Grace changes rules, regulations and laws just to accommodate you. Favour can open doors for you that others didn't want to see you walk through. Grace turns curses into blessings.

The Bible teaches us about Noah who experienced the grace of God first hand. The sinfulness of mankind had angered God so much that He made a very difficult decision of having to destroy the very human race that He'd created in His own image. It's as if God wanted to start all over, meaning that He had opted for destroying the entire population of the earth and creating a new generation of mankind.

However, God could not destroy everybody because Noah found grace in the sight of the Lord. Though evil has encompassed the whole world, grace prevented God from destroying the innocent together with the guilty. Because Noah feared God and served Him in righteousness, was not the only one saved from the flood. The grace of God overflowed to the members of his family. In the next couple of weeks we will discover approximately 10 things that Noah experienced in his life because of the grace of God, which changed the rules for him.

Better maternal care in Africa can save women

EVERY year just over 500 000 women die from complications in pregnancy and childbirth across the world. Another 20 million experience severe complications.

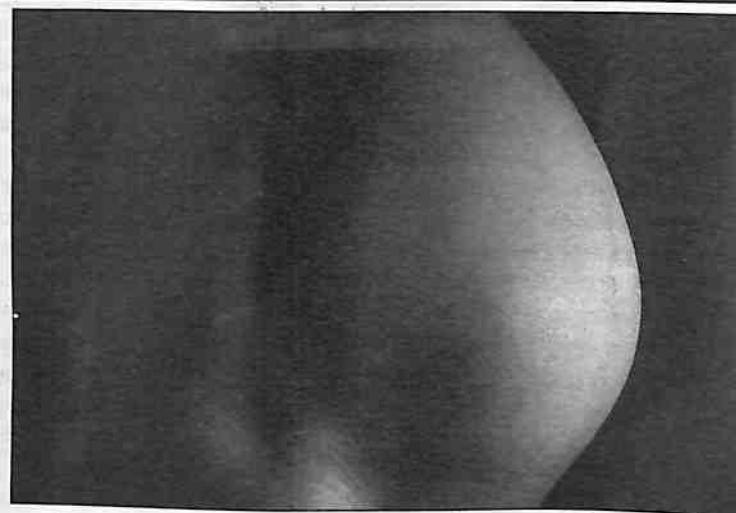
But many of these complications are entirely avoidable – including obstructed and protracted labour and one of its side-effects, obstetric fistula.

An obstetric fistula is a hole in the birth canal between the vagina and the rectum or between the vagina and the bladder that is largely caused by obstructed and prolonged labour. This can occur when the mother's pelvis is too small or the baby is too large.

In sub-Saharan Africa for every 100 000 deliveries there are about 124 women who suffer an obstetric fistula in a rural area. Obstetric fistulas predominantly happen when women do not have access to quality emergency obstetric-care services. Antenatal care could help identify potential problems early but will not have an impact if there is no skilled surgeon to assist with the labour. Although skilled attendants are necessary, it is the emergency obstetric surgeon who is needed to successfully remove the foetus and save both the baby and mother's life.

A developing world problem

Obstetric fistulas are more com-



monly reported in developing countries, including South Africa. But it is predominantly localised to the "fistula belt" – an area spanning the northern half of sub-Saharan Africa from Mauritania to Eritrea, and the Middle East and Asia's developing countries.

About two million women suffer obstetric fistulas worldwide. But most are concentrated in the fistula belt, where more than 6,000 new cases are reported each year. For example, in Ethiopia it is estimated that 9,000 women develop a fistula each year, of which only 1,200 are treated. A fistula forms when, during prolonged labour contractions, the foetus constantly pushes against the mother's unyielding pelvic bones. The effect leads to the compression of the blood vessels, which decreases blood

flow to this area and deprives the tissue of nutrients.

As a result, it weakens the tissue and a hole forms. The baby is unlikely to survive – and if the mother survives and the fistula is not repaired, she is left with both psychological and physiological scarring.

In some cases, a woman may experience labour for up to a week. Globally, more than 75% of women with fistulas have endured labour that lasted three days or more.

For most women who live in the developed world, obstetric fistulas are uncommon and are usually promptly repaired. This is primarily due to emergency obstetric care that is readily available.

But women who survive the excruciating ordeal of obstructed

labour and develop an obstetric fistula in impoverished countries are often doomed to a life of absolute misery.

From a physiological perspective, they suffer from uncontrollable leaking of urine and faeces and are unlikely to bear more children. The psychological suffering stems from often being rejected by their husbands, shamed and socially segregated and ultimately divorced, demoralised and excluded from their family and religious activities. They also face a high risk of worsening poverty and malnutrition.

Obstructed labour is preventable

In principle, obstetric fistula can be avoided by:

- delaying the age of first pregnancies;
- removing harmful traditional practices such as child marriages and female genital mutilation; and
- providing access to obstetric medical care with suitably trained surgeons.

In many instances, young girls do not have pelvises fully developed for childbirth. According to the World Health Organisation, more than 25% of the patients with fistula in Ethiopia and Nigeria, for example, became pregnant before the age of 15.

The Conversation

LESSONS FROM SA ON WHY GENDER MATTERS IN SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES

THE question of gender equality, in social welfare policies, is a topic that remains under-'developed' in social welfare policy development in the Global South.

This is true even though it continued to receive attention in the North.

Gender equality features in various United Nations platforms of action, including the Millennium Development Goals. But these have been criticised for their narrow focus on health and education outcomes for women and girls while remaining silent on the unpaid care work of women in social and economic development.

The 2015 Sustainable Development Goals do give greater weight to gender equality. But how countries will execute the goals, remains a key challenge. The paths of welfare, economic and gender-equality development seldom cross. This may be because scholars and practitioners come from different disciplines professions and theoretical perspectives.

This has resulted in the gendered nature of social welfare theories and policies remaining hidden, invisible and taken for granted.

This is particularly true in a development context. It is therefore timely to debate how we might think about a more gender-sensitive and equitable welfare agenda in the South.

The South African case is useful as it is one of the few countries that has explicitly adopted the developmental approach to social welfare.

Two issues provide context of how successful, or not, this has been in practice. The first is gender and care in the country's welfare regime. The second is gender issues in social protection.

The invisible world of caregivers

South Africa's welfare policies were substantially reviewed at the end of apartheid. Nevertheless the overarching policy framework, set by the White Paper on Welfare, was criticised for not locating care – that is, the right to receive and give care, and to be supported by various actors, including the state, in meeting people's care needs – within a social rights framework.

There has been a shift in social policy thinking by feminists away from an emphasis only on gender discrimination towards the more equal distribution of care responsibilities in society, including greater public support for care services delivered by women in the home. Care services are viewed as a public good, a social investment in current and future social well-being.

Care work refers to physical care such as house work, cleaning, and feeding and bathing a



LOVE AND CARE: Mothers and their babies at a clinic in Johannesburg, South Africa leads the Global South with its expansive social protection programme. (Reuters)

child or a sick older person. It is also about providing emotional care and social support.

Women bear the greatest personal cost of care. A woman with care responsibilities is often not able to be employed. She may experience social isolation, expend emotional resources and may forfeit opportunities for education, engagement in livelihood activities and wider social participation.

This situation is worsened by a lack of access to basic services such as water, sanitation, electricity and transport, and could increase the time and physical work of caring.

These factors can increase the cost of caregiving in time, physical energy consumed and hidden financial costs that caregivers and their families and households have to bear.

Moreover, this unpaid care work is not factored into the calculation of the gross domestic product (GDP). As such, it is taken for granted and remains invisible to policymakers and planners. Debbie Budlender, a prominent South African researcher, estimated unpaid care work in South Africa to range between 11% and 30% of the GDP. Women spent three times more time on unpaid care work than men. Similarly, gender norms undergird paid care work in the social service or caring professions. Social workers employed in non-profit organisations (NPOs) earn significantly lower salaries than those in the public sector. This is so, despite the fact that NPOs deliver the bulk of welfare facilities and services, and end up subsidising the government. Welfare services and development programmes remain underfunded.

Nominal increases are budgeted for over the next three years and will not reduce the backlog at a time when the demand for services has increased due to a lack of jobs, high food prices and overall economic decline. Although the government's National Development Plan 2030 proposed a complementary role for NPOs in the delivery of welfare services, it says little about

how this is to be done and neither does it have anything to say about the gendered nature of welfare services.

Gender and social protection

South Africa is considered a leader for its expansive social protection (grants) programme in the Global South. Despite negative views about such grants, positive outcomes are achieved in reducing poverty and inequality, with particular benefits for women.

The design of the country's child support grant shifted away from the European and British welfare-state models – where public support was contingent on the loss of earnings of the male breadwinner and tacitly supported the marriage-based nuclear family.

The child support grant policy recognised that the primary caregiver of a child could be either a male or female, and be a biological relative of the child or not.

It took into account the large numbers of children who lived apart from their biological parents and anticipated the possibility of increasing care burdens on women and families due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The child support grant represents some degree of public responsibility for child care in disadvantaged families, even though the monetary value of the grant is small.

Despite access to the grant being gender neutral, most beneficiaries are women. Our research at the Centre for Social Development in Africa shows that the grant increases women's financial and decision-making powers, which benefits both women and children.

Towards a fairer welfare dispensation

Care is crucial to social and economic development. But the gendered nature of welfare and care regimes is seldom interrogated. Unless countries in the South grapple with finding ways to redistribute care responsibilities in more equitable ways, women will continue to pay the

price of social reproduction in the home, the family, community and society at large.

The solutions are not easy, as families will continue to remain the main providers of care. Innovative solutions might be found in the provision of infrastructure support. This could be through the delivery of basic services to ease the burden of care such as water, electricity, sanitation, housing and transport costs.

The burden of care could also be eased through finding creative ways of expanding access to child-care services and supporting households to boost their income-earning capacity, such as support for livelihood strategies and combining cash transfers with other supportive family and household-level interventions.

A further trend points in the direction of rethinking cash transfers to be more gender transformative in design, implementation and in the monitoring and evaluation of outcomes. South Africa's child support grant achieves this to some extent, but there are limitations, such as the fact that few men take up the grant and, where they do, we do not know what the gender dynamics are. Research shows that money channelled via women is more likely to benefit child well-being.

We do not know whether the same outcomes apply when men are the beneficiaries. Much of the policy thinking is beginning to shift to understanding how a package of social and economic policies might work together to achieve more gender-equitable outcomes that could also move beyond income.

Simply put, for social protection to be transformative, it needs to be gender transformative, and move beyond fulfilling women's rights and working for one-dimensional notions of equality. Transformative social protection policies might be able to move society further along the road towards genuine social justice for all members of society.

This is an edited version of the Walter Friedlander Memorial, delivered at the University of California, Berkeley, recently.

The Conversation

Wit and Wisdom

To find what you seek on the road of life, the best proverb of all is that which says: "Leave no stone unturned." Edward Bulwer Lytton

Doubt whom you will, but never yourself. Christian Nestell Bovee

If you would create something, you must be something. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Every artist was first an amateur. Ralph Waldo Emerson

The more difficulties one has to encounter, within and without, the more significant and higher in inspiration his life will be. Horace Bushnell

Nothing is worth more than this day. You cannot relive yesterday. Tomorrow is still beyond our reach. Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

I was always looking outside myself for strength and confidence, but it comes from within. It is there all of the time. Anna Freud

In any project the important factor is your belief. Without belief, there can be no successful outcome. William James

Do not wait; the time will never be "just right." Start where you stand. Napoleon Hill

I avoid looking forward or backward, and try to keep looking upward. Charlotte Brontë

Life has no smooth road for any of us; and in the bracing atmosphere of a high aim the very roughness stimulates the climber to steadier steps, till the legend, over steep ways to the stars, fulfills itself. W. C. Doane

Tomorrow's life is too late. Live today. Martial

We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough. Helen Keller

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Moving Forward

GOVT COMMITTED TO CAADP PRINCIPLES - PM

By Linda Dlamini

DESPITE failing to meet the 10 percent agriculture budget allocation stipulated by the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini says government is committed to the principles of the CAADP.

"Though a number of governments, including our own, struggle to meet that 10 percent budgetary allocation, I do however see serious commitment to meeting those targets," he said.

The prime minister was speaking during the official opening of the Southern Africa Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) annual policy conference and annual general meeting held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre at Ezulwini yesterday.

In March 2010, Swaziland signed the CAADP, through which the country committed to the CAADP principles which included reducing poverty and hunger by half, pursuing a six percent average annual agriculture sector growth rate at national level, and allocating at least 10 percent of the national budget for the agricultural sector.

However, the Swazi government had failed for the past eight years to meet the required 10 percent budget allocation.

During the 2014/15 financial year, E541 million was allocated to the agriculture sector and during the 2015/16 financial year the



COMMITTED: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini making his remarks during the official opening of the SACAU annual policy conference and annual general meeting held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre at Ezulwini yesterday. (Pic: Linda Dlamini)

allocation decreased to E537 million.

Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini tabled a E20.6 billion budget in the August house in March 2016 and the ministry of agriculture had a share of about E843 million, an improvement of only about E306 million to that of the previous year which stood at E537 million.

Dlamini further praised the role of SACAU in its efforts to lobby farmer organisations which were its members.

Aware

He said he was well aware of the significant advocacy role that SACAU, together with its affiliates, play at national, regional, and international levels.

"This annual policy not only provides an advocacy platform

for farmers to be heard, but also demonstrates the commitment of farmer organisations, by investing their own time and resources to support their governments in addressing the poverty and food insecurity challenges that affect our countries," he said.

The prime minister further urged farmers to look at commercial agriculture as a vehicle for poverty alleviation in the country.

Examine

"As you examine the potential strategies for enhancing your agricultural sectors please embrace the transformation in the agriculture sector that requires a shift from subsistence-oriented production towards more specialised and market-driven production; effectively shifting from subsistence to commercial farm-

ing," he said.

He said the importance of the agricultural sector was not only important in terms of food security, but also its contribution to the economy.

"Agriculture remains, for all of us here, of huge importance to feeding our respective peoples and is, in itself, an economic sector of considerable importance," he said. The premier concluded by welcoming the delegates of the conference who had come from different countries in the Southern Africa region to talk about issues affecting farmers.

"It is impressive that we have, here, no fewer than 120 delegates from 12 different countries and 17 farmer organisations in the Southern African region of our continent," he said.

Allow

"Further allow me to thank our own farmer organisation, the Swaziland National Agricultural Union (SNAU), for representing the interest of Swazi farmers so effectively, at both national level and regional level, and establishing the credibility and approval that has allowed this conference to be brought to the kingdom of Swaziland," he said.

He said he was looking forward to receiving a copy of the policy, since it would be a valuable guidance for policy decisions of the country.

"It is my privilege, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, to declare the 2016 annual policy conference and annual general meeting for SACAU officially open," he concluded.

Stefanutti Stocks Group profit at E392 million

By Manqoba Dlamini

REGARDLESS of a challenging trading environment, Stefanutti Stocks, the Group produced a reasonable performance this financial year.

In a statement, the Group Chief Executive Officer Willie Meyburgh said despite the challenging environment they were satisfied with the overall performance of the group.

"We are satisfied with the overall performance of the group

given the circumstances, and while the South African construction market remains challenging and competition for available work continues to escalate, we have managed to maintain the order book in most of our divisions," he said.

Responsible

The group's current order book is E12.7 billion with 38 percent of the total comprising work from outside of South Africa and this amounted to E4.8 billion.

In Swaziland, the group subsidiary is part of the Kiss Joint

Venture responsible for the International Convention Centre and Five Star Hotel (ICCFH).

Tough

Meyburgh said in spite of the tough environment, the group is of the view that there is potential growth in certain sectors of the economy, providing opportunities for the roads and earthworks, building, oil and gas and electrical and instrumentation operations.

He said in other sectors, the group remained well positioned to take advantage of the medium-

sized projects coming to the local marketplace. Though the contract revenue decreased by E900 million to E9.7 billion, primarily due to a reduction in revenue from the building business, the group's operating profit increased from E335 million in the previous year to E392 million in the current year.

However, after excluding the profit on sale of the investment property and fair value adjustment, operating profit increased by 10 percent to E370 million, with the corresponding margin improving from 3.2 percent to 3.8 percent.

SNAU CALLS FOR MORE FARMER SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

By Linda Dlamini

PRESIDENT of Swaziland National Agriculture Union (SNAU) Absalom Lukhele has implored the government to consider establishing programs that will support farmers who have been pushed out of business, due to the drought, to start up again.

Lukhele made this request at the official opening of the Southern Africa Confederation of Agricultural (SACA) annual policy conference and annual general meeting held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre at Ezulwini yesterday.

"The most affected sector is the agricultural sector and farmers form the most affected group,

because they rely on farming for their livelihoods," he said.

"A number of farmers have lost their livestock while their crops have yielded less than expected and as a consequence are struggling to pay their agribusiness loans," he added.

Lukhele commended the Swaziland Government in the support that she has lent to farmers.

Efforts

"The efforts of the government of Swaziland, particularly in Maize production, is very much appreciated and encouraging to farmers who are now enjoying farming input subsidy, support in tractor hire service, support in the liming and training programme," he said.

The union is implementing a maize block project which has

supported farmers with farming input loans, training and mentorship programmes over the past years to support maize farmers.

The president encouraged the government to form lasting relations with farmers, so as to maximise the opportunities that leveraged the risks in agriculture.

Imperative

"It is imperative for government to consider enforcing collaborations and seek out possible areas of partnership with the Union and other stakeholders, so the interventions planned to aid farmers are sustainable," he said.

"I wish to assure the government that our union is committed to working closely with your government and stakeholders to ensure that the country is food secure and



MORE SUPPORT PROGRAMMES: Swaziland National Agricultural Union (SNAU) President Absalom Lukhele making his remarks.

poverty is alleviated," he added.

The president of SNAU gave a brief background of the organisation and its current operations to the delegates.

He said when the organisation was formed in 2008, the aim was to create an umbrella organisation for farmer representation in the country.

"The goal of the organisations was to lobby on behalf of our members in various forums and to facilitate the economic activities of members to enable them to play a crucial role in the main stream economy of the country," he said.

Average

Lukhele said on average his organisation receives over 9 invitations per month from different stakeholders, nationally and international, which is a testament to the organisations importance in the country for farmers.

"We also occupy 15 seats in different policy related working groups nationally, where we represent the interests of farmers," he added. Khumalo concluded by extending his heartfelt appreciation to all the sponsors who made it possible for SNAU to host the conference.

Start up company to stage youth entrepreneurial expo

By Manqoba Makhubu

A start up youth company, Mackntech Technologies will stage a youth entrepreneurial expo to empower the local youth with essential skills to successfully start and run businesses.

The event sponsored by the Mbabane Municipal Council, Media Space, and A Zero projects would be staged at the Prince of Wales Stadium on June 4, 2016. "The event seeks to empower the youth of Swaziland with entrepreneurship skills that they need to start their business. It also seeks to inform them about the various capital markets that offer capital to various types of businesses," said the company co-founder Lindokwakhe Sibanyoni.

The event is targeting both the youth already in business and prospective businesses. Njabulo Makhabane said they were targeting a number of financial institutions including banks, the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) and small and medium institutions and businesses. "The vision of the event is to link businesses or potential start-ups with the capital markets, so that they can know, where and how they can get finance," he said. The company



AMBITIOUS: Mackntech Technologies Co-founders Lindokwakhe Sibanyoni and Njabulo Makhabane. (Pic: Manqoba Makhubu)

has come up with a business concept of speed dating. Speed dating is a formalised matchmaking process of a dating system whose purpose is to encourage people to meet a large number of new people.

Context

Applied in the business context, Makhabane said the youth will have a five minute one on one session with ministers and other industry players from different sectors as a form of business motivation. "This will help the youth to know about the available opportunities and to appropriately position themselves as they prepare to penetrate different sectors," said

Mkhwanazi. He said they also aimed to create a database of SMEs and upload it online, so that every stakeholder who has an interest in the sector can be up to date with SME information. The event would also be characterised by an exhibition. According to Mkhwanazi about fifteen companies have already booked for exhibiting. The company made it to the top four of the South African intervarsity business society competition last year and was selected from a pool of 200 ideas in universities for its innovative Spotsale App it developed in conjunction with 4th Generation Technologies from South Africa.

Water scarcity could cost regions up to 6% of GDP

By Manqoba Makhubu

WATER scarcity, exacerbated by climate change, could cost some regions up to 6 percent of their gross domestic product (GDP), spur migration, and spark conflict, World Bank has reported.

However, the bank said the negative impact of climate change on water could be neutralised with better policy decisions.

"When governments respond to water shortages by boosting efficiency and allocating even 25 percent of water to more highly-valued uses, such as more efficient agricultural practices, losses decline dramatically and for some regions may even vanish," said the World Bank.

Drought

Swaziland is also one of the countries facing the far worst drought, compared to previous occurrences. Having lost over 44 200 cattle since January 2015, a projected shortage of about 35 000 metric tonnes of maize until the next ploughing season, and the projected E1 billion loss in the sugar industry, it is beyond any doubt that the country's GDP would substantially decrease.

As the World Bank said, the economy now depends on government's policy decisions.

As a response, government has come up with a National Drought Mitigation and Adaptation Plan to deal with the immediate problems, as well as plan for medium to long term mitigation.

During his budget speech 2016/17, Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini said government has set aside E200 million for continued drought mitigation.

"The funds will be utilised on



food distribution, water distribution to affected areas, drilling boreholes, dredging Hawane Dam, harnessing water from Pholinjane and Mbabane River, prevention of cholera and acute malnutrition, provision of supplementary feed for livestock and the importation of power from Eskom to cater for power shortfall among other interventions," he said.

Engage

Dlamini said government would also engage with the donor community and the private sector to assist the country, as it strived to mitigate the drought.

The World Bank said stronger policies and reforms were needed to cope with deepening climate stresses.

"Policies and investments that can help lead countries to be more water secure and climate-resilient economies include, better planning for water resource allocation, adoption of incentives to increase water efficiency, and investment in infrastructure for more secure water supplies and availability," said the bank.

By Manqoba Makhubu

MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini has extended an invitation to the Swaziland Fair Trade (SWIFT) to work together with the ministry to create wealth and fight poverty in the country.

He said the goals of the organisation were in line with the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), hence they could immensely contribute to impact the national goals.

The minister was speaking during the organisations International Fair Trade Day celebration held last Friday at the Happy Valley Hotel,

Commerce minister commends SWIFT

Ezulwini. The organisations mission is to sustainably improve the socio-economic position of producers and communities in Swaziland through providing training, trade linkages and advocacy of fair trade to its members and the broader communities of Swaziland.

Goals

Dlamini challenged the organisation to set specific job creation goals, that way, he said, they would be able to lobby a number of other stakeholders including government.

"You will be talking to everybody who cares to listen," he said. From 2011 the organisation has reportedly created close to 300 jobs; close to

100 new businesses; trained about 107 informal traders; and to date represents over 5000 individual producers in the country, mostly rural women.

"My ministry has a lot of time to listen to someone who is talking of that linkage language. Let us keep this communication line alive and see what we can do together," he said. Meanwhile, SWIFT Business Development Manager Virimai Dombojena urged Swazis to buy fair trade products. "If you do so, you are supporting producers and workers who are marginalised groups globally through trade not donations," he said.



ONE of the core functions of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) in terms of the FSRA Act of 2010 is to promote public understanding of the financial services industry, including the awareness of the benefits and risks associated with the different kinds of investment tools, such as capital markets, credit and savings institutions and other authorised financial investment options.

The investment can be made individually or collectively as a cooperative. Investing finances collectively in a cooperative scheme is crucial to one's financial freedom and sharing risks associated with such investments.

● WHY INVEST IN SAVINGS AND CREDIT COOPERATIVES?

The major principles of cooperatives clearly indicate that members own the cooperative and use it for financial purposes as per the objectives of creating it. When members join or form a cooperative, they may be required to invest a nominal amount and then agree to invest over time by allowing the cooperative to keep or retain a portion of each year's cooperative earnings as equity capital. Credit and savings cooperatives are promoted not only for the finan-

cial gains but they also contribute to the promotion of total human development by providing motivation, creating initiative, promoting self-development, self-reliance and providing leadership. Cooperatives also develop material well-being by raising the living standards of members, making possible regular savings and sensible use of money, providing loans at low interest rates and making economic emancipation of members possible, thus contributing to the alleviation of poverty.

● WHY DO COOPERATIVES NEED INVESTMENT FROM MEMBERS?

Cooperatives need to accumulate enough funds to pay bills, make investments in assets and still have reserves for risk management. Just like in any other standard form of business (proprietary, partnership or corporate), the owners are the ultimate providers of the funds that are needed, therefore members are the only source of equity capital for a cooperative, hence it is necessary that they always honour their monthly obligations towards their affiliated cooperatives to ensure continued efficient operations of their schemes.

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Investing in Credit, Savings Institutions

The Flow of Savings and Investments

Financial intermediaries accept funds from savers and make loans to investors.



HANCE THE PERFORMANCE OF COOPERATIVES?

The democratic management of cooperatives should be upheld to enhance the productivity of cooperatives. Several ways to achieve such is through;

1. Focusing on the real cooperative identity by embracing self-reliance, equality among members and equity in distribution of and access to benefits.
2. Enhancing the administration and management through democratically elected members, appropriate internal monitoring mechanisms, and use of external auditing services to ensure administrative accountability and fur-

ther maintain high standard of probity and transparency.

3. Investing in cooperative education and training will help to maintain the highest standards of cooperative professionalism and skills. This should be through education, information, dissemination, and training of cooperative members. Training and capacity development of professional staff to enhance their technical and operational skills and knowledge of the relevant regulations, guiding the operation of cooperatives especially the FSRA Act of 2010.

● DIVERSIFYING COOPERATIVES INVESTMENTS PORTFOLIO

In order to limit risk, the management of cooperatives can diversify their investment portfolio by allocating their funds to different financial instruments, industries and other categories. The main aim of this exercise would be to maximize returns by investing in different areas that would each react differently to the same event, therefore reaching long-range financial goals while minimizing risk. Diversification of investments among different asset classes, such as bonds and stocks is vital since same investment cannot react in the same way to adverse events. A combination of asset classes will reduce your portfolio's sensitivity to market swings, thus reducing the financial impact that can be resultant of stock loss. Generally, the bond and equity markets move in opposite directions, so, if a cooperative investment portfolio is diversified across both areas, unpleasant movements in one will be offset by positive results in another.

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YOUTH MINISTER URGES YOUTH TO JOIN FARMER'S ORGANISATIONS

By Manqoba Makhubu

MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala has encouraged the youth to affiliate in farmer's organisations.

He said this would present them with good opportunities for improved access to farming inputs, markets, agriculture finance and insurance, and further engage in policy advocacy on behalf of members.

Ngcamphalala was represented by Under Secretary Maswazi Shongwe during the closing of the Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) Youth Forum and Policy Conference on Sunday at the Royal Swazi Spa Hotel, Ezulwini.

He said this was important as it was easy for government to work with farmer organisations on issues that affects farmers compared to working with individual farmers. "I want to assure you that our ministry will continue to collaborate with stakeholders in the agriculture sector including the Swaziland National Agricultural Union (SNAU) to improve development of young farmers. I am sure that by developing and empower-



COMMENDS YOUTH:
Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala.

ing young farmers, we are investing in the future of the region," he said.

Ngcamphalala said one of the critical drivers for any development in a country was the inclusion of the youth.

"Therefore, it is imperative for our governments to ensure inclusion of the youth at all levels of development including policy formulation, programme design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation," said Ngcamphalala.

The ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs was part

of the National Agriculture Youth Summit which was held in November last year. The aim of the summit was to look critically into the challenges and possible interventions to motivate the participation of the youth in agriculture.

Ngcamphalala said the energy and innovative minds of the youth should be harnessed and aligned to develop the agriculture sector in order to improve productivity and ensure food security.

Agriculture is the backbone of the economy of the country; a majority of people rely on their it for livelihoods however there is still a need to motivate farmers to shift from subsistence to commercial farming.

Ngcamphalala said commercialising agriculture will come along with market led production, efficient farm technologies, processing and packaging, and well coordinated value chains.

"The youth possesses a lot of energy and innovative minds that can spearhead agricultural transformation in the region," he said. He commended the youth participants, saying they have commenced an agenda of promoting participation of the youth in the agriculture sector.

Beware of shopping spree after home loan approval

CAPE TOWN - Consumers should think twice before taking on any more debt after just having a home loan approved, cautions Shaun Rademeyer, CEO of mortgage originator BetterLife Home Loans.

He warns that the sense of relief and excitement once a home loan has been approved can easily lead to some unwise financial choices, especially among first-time buyers.

In his view, the safest course is for the homebuyer to change as little as possible between the time a loan is approved and the completion of the new home. Steady employment and spending habits will pay off later.

"For example, it is natural to want to move into your new

home with new curtains, furniture and appliances, but the latest smart-fridge might not be the best choice," says Rademeyer. "Our advice is that borrowers should in fact avoid taking on new credit of any kind at this stage, and especially put off buying anything like a new car or a luxury lounge suite." He explains that, buying a new home off-plan, for instance, is a pretty common occurrence in today's property market, but it can mean a long wait between the time that the buyer's home loan application is approved and the time when the loan is formally granted and becomes active. This can pose a real risk for the unwary. During the waiting period, it's also better for borrowers to avoid

or delay changing jobs, in his view. "Career changes can also have an effect on a loan approval, even if they are not negative. You may be offered a better job or a position with bigger bonuses, but lenders are generally looking for stability in your earnings and employment, and will need to be notified if you decide to make a change while waiting for your new home to be completed," explains Rademeyer.

"A loan approval can come completely undone as a result of reckless spending or sudden changes that affect the homebuyer's financial profile, and this could lead to serious problems with the home builder and damage the buyer's credit record for many years."

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Diesel faces 61-cent price rise, petrol to go up 39 cents a litre

JOHANNESBURG - The increase is driven by weak rand and stronger international oil prices, the AA said.

"Motorists have been fortunate in 2016 so far, with lower oil prices buffering the country from the weaker rand. However, oil has now strengthened while the rand continues to decline, with both contributing to the current under-recovery picture," the AA said.

The mid-month data shows



petrol set for an increase of around 39 cents a litre, with stronger oil accounting for around 23 cents of the rise, and the weaker rand contributing 16 cents. Diesel is faring worse, with a 61-cent rise on

the cards, while illuminating paraffin is showing a 44 cents a litre increase, the association said. "With oil prices rising steadily, South African fuel users have lost their cushion against the rand's ongoing weakness.

"Our concern over the rand's short-term trajectory is growing; since the start of May, it has depreciated from around R14.20 to the US dollar to its current level of R15.80.

"If oil continues to firm, rand weakness is set to have a severe impact on fuel users," the AA concluded. - TMG Digital Sowetan

World News

China's blunt warning to America

... "We're ready for repeat of Korean War or Vietnam if US military stirs up any conflict in South China Sea"

BEIJING - China has warned the United States not to 'stir up any conflict' in the South China Sea and said it was ready to replay the Korean War or Vietnam if provoked.

Liu Zhenmin, a vice minister in China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said: 'The Chinese people do not want to have war, so we will be opposed to U.S. if it stirs up any conflict.'

"Of course, if the Korean War or Vietnam War are replayed, then we will have to defend ourselves."

China has adopted an increasingly aggressive posture in the South China Sea as it seeks to intimidate

neighbours Vietnam and the Philippines over the Spratly Islands, which are believed to be at the center of an oilfield.

A tribunal at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague is expected to rule in the next couple of months on Beijing's claims to 1.4 million square miles of ocean, though China has already rejected those proceedings.

There has also been growing tension with the US and its allies Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines.

Earlier this week the Pentagon claimed two Chinese aircraft intercepted a U.S. EP-3 reconnaissance plane near Hainan island in an

'unsafe' manner.

The Chinese denied this, saying their jets kept at 'a safe distance' and did not make any 'dangerous moves'.

Zhemini said: "We rely heavily on the South China Sea for transportation of resources and energy and the South China Sea is an important trading group for us."

"We attach great importance to peace and stability in the South China Sea." He warned the U.S. it 'cannot circle China by building military bases.'

Zhemini said: 'The Chinese people and the government feel like we haven't been treated fairly

because the U.S. is blaming China for rising tensions in the South China Sea.

"What matters is that the U.S. government has recognized that times have changed, and the U.S. can gain much more through cooperation than going to war."

China has the largest standing army in the world - more than two million soldiers - and it has been building up its naval and air capability in recent years.

It has also been building airstrips on disputed islands and atolls in the South China Sea to support its claim on the so-called 'nine-dash line' in the area. *Daily Mail*

MH370 kin 'gravely concerned' at impending end of search

SIDNEY - An international network of MH370 next-of-kin said yesterday it was "gravely concerned" that the search for the missing jet could end by August, calling instead for it to be extended and expanded.

The grouping, known as Voice370, appealed to countries involved in the expensive operation, aircraft manufacturer Boeing and the International Civil Aviation Organisation to commit resources to continue the search in the southern Indian Ocean.

"We are gravely concerned about the impending completion of the search in the current targeted area," the group said in a statement to AFP.

"It has always been, and still remains, in everyone's best interest that this plane is found."

Australian Transport Safety Bureau chief Martin Dolan, who is in charge of the search, said last week that deep-sea sonar scanning of a designated 120 000-sq-km (46 332-sq-mile) area was likely to finish by early August.

In comments to The Australian newspaper, he added there was no indication the search zone

would be enlarged.

The Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 vanished on March 8, 2014 en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, with 239 people — including 152 from China — aboard.

The cause of the disappearance of Flight MH370 is still unknown and it remains one of the greatest mysteries in aviation history. Australia, Malaysia and China have said their joint search would likely be abandoned if nothing is found in the current designated zone.

Suspect

Many family members still suspect a cover-up in the mystery and have repeatedly called for the most expensive search operation in history to continue until something is found.

Authorities have said the cost of the search could be up to \$130 million. Five pieces of debris which have been identified as either definitely or probably from the jet have been discovered thousands of kilometres from the search zone — in South Africa, Mozambique, Mauritius and the Reunion island — likely swept there by currents. (AP)

'Please don't leave me, I beg you!'

BEIJING - Some people choose to break up amicably whereas others don't take it quite so well.

This was certainly the case for a man in China who was filmed crawling on the ground and begging his girlfriend not to leave him, reports the People's Daily Online. His girlfriend is seen slapping him in the face several times while trying to make a quick getaway as he continued to grip her tightly. In the footage, the man can be seen on the floor in the middle of a street. The incident reportedly took place in Huai'an city, east China's Jiangsu province.

Passersby can be seen watching the event unfold.

The man grabbed the woman's

legs so hard that her tights fell down and one of her shoes came off.

The woman tries to wrestle free from the man but he continues to grab hold of her.

She begins to shout at him saying: "Let go. Don't you feel disgraceful?" The woman becomes so fed up with the situation that she starts to hit him. He begs her saying: "Please don't leave me".

She tells the man that they can't be together anymore.

But he still continues to grip hold of her. It's unclear when the woman managed to break free from the man. People have been discussing the footage on China's social media site Weibo. (AP)



PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME: A man filmed crawling on the street clinging to his girlfriend in a desperate bid to stop her from dumping him. (AP)

BRIEFS

Man 'crushed' by a dump truck

MELBOURNE - A man has died after a dump truck rolled over in a quarry and crushed him. The 61-year-old was working at a quarry in north west Melbourne yesterday when the truck rolled, pinning him underneath. Emergency services found the man alive but in a critical condition when they arrived at the scene around 10.45am yesterday, reported 9News. He was flown to Melbourne's Alfred Hospital, where he later died. *Daily Mail*

6 dead in pair of nightclub shootings

VERACRUZ - A total of six men were killed early in shootings at two nightclubs in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz, authorities said. The state prosecutor's office said three gunmen opened fire from the deejay's booth at four men sitting at a table in the La Madame club, killing them all. About a dozen people were wounded in that attack in the Veracruz state capital of Xalapa. In the other incident, two men died in a gunfight with law enforcement officers at a club in the Veracruz city of Orizaba, prosecutors said. One of the dead was identified as organised crime figure Luis Alberto Carrera Rodriguez, alias 'El Negro,' or 'Blackie.' *Reuters*

Obama lifts old arms ban in his 1st visit

HANOI — US President Barack Obama yesterday lifted a half-century-old ban on selling arms to Vietnam during his first visit to the communist



country, looking to bolster a government seen as a crucial, though flawed partner in a region he's tried to place at the center of his foreign policy legacy. Obama announced the full removal of the embargo at a news conference where he signaled a desire to leave behind the troubled history between the former war enemies and reward what he described as modest progress on human rights in the one-party state. *dailymail*

White house put on lockdown

WHITE HOUSE - The White House was placed under alert for the second time in two days after party balloons floated over the grounds. On Sunday, the White House was placed on the short-lived lockdown for an 'unspecified reason' before it was given the all clear after the balloons drifted over the complex. A US Secret Service representative told CBS that a couple of balloons had landed on the property, prompting the lockdown which only lasted a few minutes. The balloons responsible for the heightened alert had landed on the North Lawn, the press office roof and the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, according to NBC. *Daily Mail*

Greece OKs controversial bailout measures

ATHENS - Greek lawmakers adopted another batch of controversial spending cuts and tax hikes ahead of a crunch Eurogroup meeting expected to unlock much-needed bailout funds for the debt-ridden country. The 7 000-page bill that raises the sales tax cap and introduces a contingency mechanism to slash spending further in case of budget overruns was passed thanks to the Syriza-led coalition government's slim majority in parliament, according to an AFP count. All 153 of the government coalition's MPs voted in favour of the bill. *Afp*

Trump ahead in one new national poll, closing in on Clinton in another

NEW YORK - Now that the Republicans have their nominee, and the Democratic race presses on, polls are showing a very tight race in November between Donald Trump and likely Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

Moody's Analytics predicts Clinton will win in the fall, but of the two major national polls that

dropped today she's behind in one of them and ahead of Trump, but within the poll's margin of error, in the other survey.

Polling from the swing states of Florida and Ohio shows Clinton one point ahead in the Sunshine State and five points ahead in the Buckeye State.

The new ABC News/Washington Post poll has Trump up by two

points - 46 percent to 44 percent - among registered voters.

This represents a shift of 11 points toward the Republican nominee since the end of March.

In those two months, Trump's two rivals, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, both dropped out, making the billionaire the Republicans' presumptive nominee. When looking at the big-

ger pool of American adults, Clinton still holds the lead - 48 percent to 42 percent, but she's still down 18 points from where she was in March. Among the registered voters who said they are supporting Clinton, 48 percent were doing so because they liked her as a candidate while another 48 percent were voting against Trump. *Dailymail*

Focus on SA scene

SECURITY SET TO BE TIGHTENED IN HOUSE

CAPE TOWN - Parliament is expected to put more stringent security measures in place ahead of the appearance of Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa in the Chamber tomorrow.

The institution was already on high alert following the fracas last Tuesday when EFF MPs were involved in a brawl with security officers from Parliament.

This was when EFF MPs blocked President Jacob Zuma from answering questions, resulting in scuffles and damage to property worth thousands of rands.

EFF members allegedly trashed a section of the institution in the National Assembly and the ANC and DA have called for more



FIGHT CLUB: EFF spokesperson and MP Mbuyiseni Ndlozi was pinned down by Parliament security officers before they removed him and his colleagues from the National Assembly. Parliament is already on high alert following this fracas. (AP)

measures to prevent this. Ramaphosa will be in the National Assembly tomorrow to answer several questions. There was a bomb scare in Parliament last Thursday when an unat-

tended bag was spotted by security near the National Council of Provinces.

The suspicious bag led to the police cordoning off the area and calling in the explosives unit.

After sniffer dogs and the police found that the bag posed no threat, as it contained clothes, the area was cleared. However, security remains tight around Parliament following the drama of last Tuesday.

ANC chief whip Jackson Mthembu said he welcomed tight measures to prevent any trouble in the House. He said last week it would be a pity if there was "any danger or threat to the lives of Zuma, Ramaphosa or ordinary MPs".

Ramaphosa will be in the Chamber to answer several questions, including on the findings of the public protector that the ANC had abused its position by distributing food parcels in the run-up to the 2009 elections. *Political Bureau*

Zuma to hear if corruption charges will be reinstated

JOHANNESBURG - The charges, relating to a multi-billion dollar arms deal, were dropped in 2009, clearing the way for Zuma to be elected president just weeks later.

The prosecutor justified dropping the charges by saying that tapped phone calls between officials in then-president Thabo Mbeki's administration showed political interference in the case.

But a court last month dismissed the decision to discontinue the charges as "irrational" and said it should be reviewed. Zuma has endured months of criticism and growing calls for him to step down after a series of corruption scandals amid falling economic growth and record unemployment. Pressure on the president would increase if some or all of the 783 charges — which relate to alleged corruption, racketeering, fraud and money

laundering — were reinstated. "Zuma might remain in office while any prosecution was going on, which would undermine his role as president," Shadrack Gutto, professor for African Renaissance Studies at the University of South Africa (UNISA), told AFP. "Any charges would add pressure for him to step aside."

The ruling African National Congress (ANC) party faces tricky local elections in August, but Zuma retains widespread support within the party and has appointed many loyalists to key positions countrywide.

Last month, a commission that Zuma set up cleared all government officials — including himself — of corruption over the 1999 arms deal. He was accused of having accepted bribes from international arms manufacturers.

Sowetan

Standard Bank confirms being target of Japanese fraud syndicate

JOHANNESBURG - Standard Bank confirmed yesterday it is the South African bank referred to in Japanese reports whose data leak resulted in ¥1.4-billion (R200 million) being stolen from about 1 400 automated teller machines (ATMs) on May 15.

Business Day reported that the bank said in a statement: "The South African banking operations of Standard Bank Group have been the victim of a sophisticated, co-ordinated fraud incident."

"This involved the withdrawal of cash using a small number of fictitious cards at various ATMs in Japan. The target of the fraud has been Standard Bank and there has been no financial loss for customers."

"Standard Bank has taken swift action to contain the matter and the gross loss to the bank is estimated at R300-million. This is prior to any potential recoveries that may serve to reduce the loss."

"The relevant authorities have been alerted. Investigations are at a sensitive stage and further infor-

mation will be provided as appropriate," Standard Bank said.

Japanese newspaper Mainichi reported on Sunday that Japanese police would work with South African authorities through the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) to look into the major theft, including how credit card information was leaked, the sources said.

The theft at convenience store ATMs took place on the morning of May 15 in Tokyo and 16 prefectures across the country, and police believe more than 100 people might have co-ordinated

in the unlawful withdrawal, Mainichi reported.

In each of the approximately 14 000 transactions, the maximum amount of ¥100 000 was withdrawn from ATMs using the fake credit cards, according to the sources.

ATM transaction data suggested that information from 1 600 credit cards issued by a South African bank was used, the sources said.

Citizen

Mboro fights to reclaim cars 'stolen' by former publicist

JOHANNESBURG - Leader of Incredible Happenings Ministries Prophet Paseka "Mboro" Motsoeneng has opened two cases of theft against his former marketing manager and publicist.

Motsoeneng opened the cases against Sonqoba Kunene at Alberton Police Station in 2014.

This was after Kunene allegedly disappeared with his Toyota Quantum and Chevrolet Spark vehicles.

Sunday World has learnt that the Hawks have taken over the cases, following Motsoeneng's complaint that Alberton cops were dragging their feet on the matter.

Gauteng police spokesman Tsekiso Mofokeng confirmed the cases had been referred to the Hawks.

"... wish to inform you that all dockets relating [to] prophet Paseka 'Mboro' Motsoeneng are being dealt with by Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation 'Hawks', and [you] are requested to contact the office of the Hawks for information," he said in the statement.

Motsoeneng alleged that he went to Kunene for advice on his minibus, which had mechanical problems.

"He then told me he knew of a mechanic who could repair the car."

Motsoeneng said he handed the vehicle over to Kunene to take to the mechanic for repairs because of the trust he reposed in him.

"After months went by without any news of my car, I then asked him what had happened to it," he said. *Sunday World*

MTN shares slump after Nigeria suspends fine talks

JOHANNESBURG - MTN Group shares fell after Nigeria suspended talks about a \$3.9bn fine on the South African mobile-phone company while the country's House of Representatives completes an investigation into the nature of the penalty.

The stock declined as much as 2.9%, the most since May 12, and traded 1.5% lower at R126.50 as of 10:23 am in Johannesburg, valuing the company at R233bn. The shares have plunged almost 35% since the fine, originally set at \$5.2bn was levied in October. "Any delays in finding a resolution for the MTN fine will play into trading and keep MTN's share price suppressed," Peter Takaendes, an analyst at Mergence Investment Managers, said by phone from Cape Town

yesterday.

"The big event to watch this week will be MTN's annual general meeting, where the market might also get additional clarity."

Nigeria's decision to put talks on hold will frustrate Johannesburg-based MTN as it seeks to resolve a fine that was levied for missing a deadline to disconnect customers deemed unregistered in the country, which is battling an

Islamist insurgency. The company's stock decline has cost MTN the title of Africa's biggest wireless company by market capitalisation, losing it to crosstown rival Vodacom Group. "MTN cautions shareholders not to make any decisions based on media reports," spokesperson Chris Maroleng said in e-mailed comments. *Bloomberg*



Mmusi's mission: Snuffing out racism in the DA

CAPE TOWN - DA leader Mmusi Maimane says racism in the party is an inherited problem which he is working on.

"I inherited a party and I'm working to change that," he told *The Citizen* regarding continued complaints of racism, especially between white and black members of the party.

His comments come amid recent and highly publicised incidences of racism on social media, as well as between members of the party.

A DA councillor in the Eastern Cape was recently fined R10 000 for calling a colleague a "bobe-jaan". This was just one case in a slew of fines and suspensions of DA members for racism over the

past year.

DA MP Dianne Kohler Barnard was fired last year after she shared a Facebook post calling for the return of apartheid-era president PW Botha. She pleaded guilty to all charges, including that of bringing the party into disrepute and was subsequently expelled.

She appealed against her expul-

sion and was reinstated as an MP. But Maimane insisted they were making strides in dealing with the race issue in the party.

"Go to any of our provinces — everything is changing. I'm not saying we are perfect. I'm saying everything is changing."

Asked whether his party was using black faces to win black votes, Maimane accused the ANC of using propaganda to create that impression. *Citizen*

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE GATHER IN INDIA TO MOURN ELEPHANT

...that died after being electrocuted when it wandered into their village in search of food

NEW DELHI - Hundreds of villagers in India gathered together to mourn the death of an elephant that died after being electrocuted when it wandered into a community looking for something to eat.

People decorated the elephant's body with paints and plants as part of prayers as it was laid to rest and

buried in a massive grave on Sunday at Chakrapani village in the Kamrup district of Assam, India.

Reports

Local reports claim the massive mammal was killed after coming into contact with one of the community's unauthorized electric wires erected and hidden by the villagers to keep away the wild elephants.

It is understood the Asiatic elephant had strayed near a storehouse where it had attempted to eat some paddy rice when it inadvertently touched the high voltage fence.

An official said that the scarcity of food and the illegal encroachment of forest areas nearby may have forced the wild beast to desperately seek out food in a populated area.

A woman was seen holding an earthen lamp as she offered prayers to the wild Asiatic male elephant lying dead in the village.

Forest officials took measurements of the carcass of the Asiatic elephant before it was buried as other villagers watched.

(Dail Mail)

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PRAYER: A village woman offers prayers to the wild Asiatic male elephant.

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BRIEFS

Nun dies after being shot in South Sudan

KHARTOUM - A Slovakian nun working as a nurse in war-torn South Sudan has died after being shot earlier in the week. Sister Veronika Terezia Rackova was shot in the waist yesterday in the southern town of Yei as she drove to a nearby hospital with a patient. She was evacuated for medical treatment to the Kenyan capital Nairobi, but died of her wounds. Local state information minister Stephen Ladu confirmed her death to the UN's Radio Miraya. Three people have been arrested in connection with the killing. Civil war erupted in South Sudan in December 2013 but rebel chief Riek Machar returned to the capital last month. *iol*.

Uganda's turn to arrest al-Bashir?

KAMPALA - Amnesty International has again called for Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir to be arrested and handed over to the International Criminal Court (ICC), this time appealing to Uganda - where al-Bashir is attending the inauguration of President Yoweri Museveni - to bring the wanted statesman to book. This follows a request by the international nongovernmental organisation to Indonesia in March to arrest al-Bashir during his visit to the country to attend an Organisation of Islamic Cooperation summit. *citizen*.

AU urges international police force

BUJUMBURA - An African Union human rights report called on Friday for an international police force and more military and rights observers to be sent to troubled Burundi. The AU rights investigators said it was "necessary that, apart from strengthening AU human rights monitors and military observers, an international police mission is deployed." Last year the AU proposed a 5 000-strong peacekeeping force but the pan-African bloc buckled in the face of opposition from Bujumbura. Hundreds have been killed and a quarter of a million people have left Burundi since President Pierre Nkurunziza's controversial decision in April 2015 to run for a third term. *IOL*.



SA to limit farm sizes

FREE STATE - South Africa's government is planning to impose limits on farm sizes to free up parcels of land to hand over to blacks, a minister said on Saturday, giving an insight into the workings of a divisive redistribution scheme. Gugile Nkwinti, the minister of rural development and land reform, told Reuters the government was planning to set a range of limits - from a 1 000-hectare (2,470-acre) 'small-scale' farm, up to the largest allowed, at 12 000 hectares. If you are a small-scale farm and have 1,400 HA, we will buy the 400, and leave you with your 1 000," the minister said. *Reuters*.

Police disperse protesters in Kenya

MOMBASA - Kenyan police in the port city of Mombasa fired teargas to disperse hundreds of protesters demonstrating against an electoral oversight body which opposition parties want scrapped, a Reuters witness said. Police in riot gear earlier patrolled the streets while businesses stayed closed for fear of looting, the witness said. About three hundred protesters demonstrated with placards reading "IEBC must go home now", a reference to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission. Another banner read "Democracy on trial." *Reuters*.



Mugabe tape exposes Grace

HARARE - President Robert Mugabe believes his wife is strong-headed and he does not challenge most of her decisions for the sake of peace at home, a leaked audio recording of a family event has revealed.

The 41-minute long recording was allegedly made at First Lady Grace Mugabe's graduation party on October 14 2014 after she controversially acquired a PhD at the University of Zimbabwe.

The 92-year-old ruler also complained that Grace does not cook for him often enough and regularly changes staff that serve Zimbabwe's ruler since independence.

He said Grace was always busy at her Mazowe orphanage and was hardly at home to cook for him. Part of the

recording went viral on social media last week before The Standard obtained the full recording. "She [Grace] is strong-headed," Mugabe is heard saying. "She is someone who if she says I want this, she will not back down and you will have to give in, in order to maintain peace in the family."

The recording was made at a time Grace was making her entry into politics where she has caused headaches for Mugabe. After a few months, the veteran ruler was forced to dump some of his long-time allies such as Joice Mujuru and Didymus Mutasa. This came after Grace organised rallies across the country demanding their ejection from the party and government.

Grace has also been identified as one of the people caus-

ing factionalism that is threatening to destroy Zanu PF.

Mugabe also justifies his controversial marriage to Grace in the recording, saying his mother pressured him to have children.

"My mother wanted to see my child. She said to me, your wife is sick and I want to see your child."

I thought about it and concluded that it was good for my mother to see my child before she dies," he said.

"She saw Omar (Bona) and I think where ever she is, she is happy. That was the reason why I married Grace."

"Sally had been told by doctors that she would die in 10 years and after 10 years; she died as the doctors had rightly seen," Mugabe said. *The Standard*



EXPOSED: Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe believes his wife is strong-headed and he does not challenge most of her decisions for the sake of peace at home.

ZANU-PF warns against corruption

HARARE - ZANU-PF has warned party members that it will not brook corrupt activities among its rank and file and has activated its provincial structures led by chairpersons to fight the scourge.

The crackdown follows a meeting President Mugabe held with provincial party chairpersons and other leaders at State House on Wednesday last week. Addressing a Mashonaland West provincial coordinating committee meeting in Chinhoyi at the weekend, Secretary for Administration Dr Ignatius Chombo said corruption would not be tolerated in the party. "At last week's meeting of (provincial) chairpersons with President Mugabe at State House on Wednesday, the President talked about something that we think when said to us chairpersons, is a



STOP CORRUPTION: ZANU-PF members. (AP)

command," he said.

"President Mugabe pressed on the issue of corruption saying in the provinces where chairpersons work they should seriously look at the issue of corruption as it has the potential of killing the party."

The meeting was held to allow chairpersons to present challenges they face in executing their duties. Dr Chombo, who is also Home Affairs

Minister, said the President had also called on the party to adhere to proper disciplinary procedures in dealing with any member accused of wrongdoing. Dr Chombo said his office would soon write to all provinces restating party disciplinary procedures to avoid matters premised on lies and hatred of individuals, which help to weaken the party. *All Africa*

NIGERIAN GOVT MEET UNIONS OVER STRIKE

ABUJA - Labour ministry officials were to meet with representatives of the Nigeria Labour Congress and the Trade Union Congress to discuss the 67 percent hike imposed last week.

Both unions have called for an indefinite strike from Wednesday unless prices are slashed from 145 naira (\$0.73 0.64 euros) to 86.50 naira per litre.

Government offices, airports, sea ports and businesses, including banks, shops and markets, would be shut if talks failed, the unions warned, calling on people to stockpile food.

Any industrial action would exacerbate pressures in Africa's largest economy caused by the global slump in crude prices, which has drastically cut government revenue from oil exports.

Yesterday, Nigeria's National Bureau of Statistics said the inflation rate had risen for the sixth consecutive month to 13.7 percent in April, up from 12.8 percent in March.

Nigeria depends on oil sales for 70 percent of government revenue and the global plunge in oil prices has weakened the naira currency and made foreign exchange scarce.

To make matters worse, junior oil minister Emmanuel Kachikwu said domestic production had fallen from 2.2 million barrels per day because of renewed militant attacks on pipelines and facilities.

"We are basically producing about 1.4 million barrels (per day)," he told parliament in a presentation to explain the petrol price rises. *Citizen*.

Kenya discusses plan to close Somali camp with UN envoys

NAIROBI - Kenya's president showed 'room for discussion' over a decision to shut a refugee camp for Somalis but did not promise to reverse it, a delegation of U.N. Security Council diplomats opposed to any forced closure said after talks on Friday.

Kenya said last week it was drawing up a timetable to shut Dadaab refugee camp, home to about 350,000 Somalis, because of security concerns. The United Nations and Western donors have urged Kenya to rethink and not forcibly return the Somalis.

A delegation of U.N. Security Council diplomats, returning from a visit to Somalia, held talks with Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta on Dadaab and other issues, such as the African force battling militants in Somalia, which Kenya contributes to.

Egypt's U.N. ambassador, Abdellatif Aboulatta, said the delegation voiced concern about the Dadaab closure plan.

"The discussion was open. We did not receive any promise. But what we understood was that there was room for discussion about it," he said at a news conference, with Britain's envoy Matthew Rycroft, who was also among diplomats on the trip. *All Africa*



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BIG WINNERS: Ted Reilly 'Machobane' and his wife Lizzy joined by Inkhosikati LaMatsenjwa and panel of judges as they pose with representatives of the winning groups after the show.

ROYAL PARK WINNERS OF BIG GAME PARKS COMPETITION

By Simon Shabangu

THE Royal Park has won the Big Game Parks Traditional Dancing Competition held at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary on Sunday.

The competition said different culture groups from the three establishments under Big Game Parks namely Mkhaya, Mlilwane and Hlane taking part. The culture groups competed in *sibhaca*, *ingadla*, *sizingili*, stick-fighting and *umbholoho*.

Sangoma and children's dances formed part of the line-up, a category that was not judged, but merely entertained the guests consisting of tourists and a number of notable high profile faces from around the country.

The groups gave each other a run for their money, making work even

RESULTS

Ingadla Category	
1. Hlane	88.6 points
2. Mkhaya	82.5
3. Mlilwane	74

Sibhaca Category	
1. Mlilwane	92.4
2. Hlane	90.7
3. Mkhaya	70.4

Stick Fighting	
1. Mlilwane	95
2. Hlane	87.5
3. Mkhaya	75

Umbholoho	
1. Hlane	90
2. Mlilwane	88.5
3. Mkhaya (rendered a poem)	

Over all winners	
1. Hlane	89.2
2. Mlilwane	87.5
3. Mkhaya	76

harder for the panel of judges who included SNCAC Culture Manager Thembekile Dlamini, Mandla

Tsabedze, Sakhile and Prince Mcandza of Esitjeni Royal Kraal. Lewis Mkhonta, a culture teacher at Somnjalo High School, was the recording secretary.

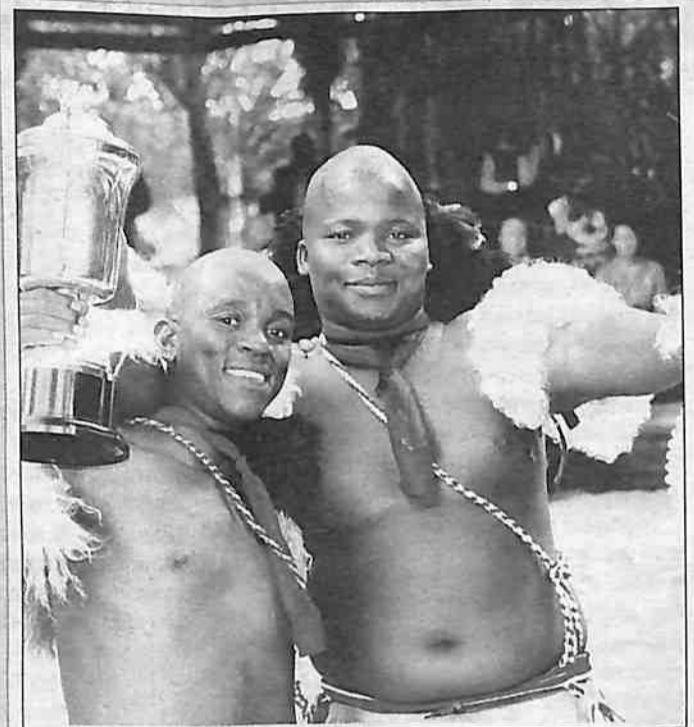
The day also marked a double celebration for the staff as Big Game Parks CEO Ted Reilly was also celebrating his 78th birthday.

The groups composed songs, which were infused in their performance, to wish their boss a happy birthday.

Winners

Machobane later announced a surprise gift of E5 000 to be shared among the winners of the day.

Making his remarks before announcing the results, Mkhonta encouraged the staff members to continue with their good work and impart culture to the younger genera-



HAPPY DAY: Phinda Mdluli and Vusi Mbatha from Hlane Royal Park posing with the trophies after they were announced overall winners of the Big Game Parks competition. The cultural event was held at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary on Sunday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

tion.

He also encouraged the groups to participate even in bigger competitions like the Ingwenyama Cup Culture Competition and Imvelo, among others. He commended the directors of Big Game Parks for allowing the staff members to have such a special day.

Support

The staff members were also appreciative of the support they were getting from the director, saying this was a moment for them to reflect on their culture

and promote unity among the staff. George Mbatha said they were grateful to management for allowing them to participate in this event, which they hosted annually.

The ceremony was graced by Minister of Tourism Jabulani Mabuza, MP Michael Masilela, Senator Lungile Gama, who is chairperson of the portfolio committee of tourism, High Court Judge Jacobus Annandale and the area's elders in Inkhosikati LaMatsenjwa, among other prominent figures.

Facebookers attack #Fillupmavuso star

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

A day after the #FillUpMavuso campaign, negative Tweets and Facebook status updates about the initiative and/or Sifiso 'Illa Penboy' Mntungwa have been trending.

The show was held on Saturday at Mavuso Sports Centre with the aim to fill up the venue to solely support Swazi talent. However, the attendance did not live up to expectations as the stadium was literally empty.

Views

This has since stirred up a hullabaloo in social network sites as people expressed their views on the show.

Raved

The ongoing debate raved about the marketing of the show and the lack of support for local talent.

#FillUpMavuso met with mixed reactions

Facebooker1: "...y'all made another human believe in filling up a stadium so that you could teach him that in order to be supported he must support others?"

Facebooker2: "The problem started when he copied Cassper's idea, y'all laughed. But at 40 years people should be avoiding this. Now you screwed with deep losses..."

Facebooker3: "Only Gawuzela can fill up Mavuso"

Facebooker4: "... The only mistake he did was to count on you to come

through..."

Facebooker5: "... Almost everyone had mixed feelings about the host. Almost everyone lied to Illa *batsi bayeta*. So if almost everyone came through, then Mavuso was going to be almost full. I realised when I was finally there *kutsi* this event was not about 7 000 people. It was about Swaziland supporting Swazi products and dreams"

Facebooker6: "The show needs a little bit of positivity"

'Show a success, now an annual event'

RAPPER, founder and Director of Imitsanyelo Fashion Front, who is the brains behind #FillUpMavuso Campaign Sifiso 'Illa' Mntungwa said the show was successful.

"I delivered everything I had promised to my supporters, music lovers and the people at large. Almost all the acts were present and the show went on as planned. The only shortcoming was the

number of people who turned up; they were less than anticipated. They had promised to pitch up but they did not.

He explained that those who attended were happy about the performances.

He added that there was royalty treatment at the VIP area and people were offered bites.

"All our sponsors were present at the show, and despite the poor

'Social media assassination should halt in our industry'

SWAZILAND National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini has warned artists and entertainers in Swaziland against derailing each other's reputation via social networks, mainly Facebook.

"It is with great disappointment that our artists and people in the entertainment industry are assassinating each other via social networks. As SNCAC, we are aware of the ongoing trend.

Promote

"Platforms like Facebook should be used appropriately to market and promote ourselves as

entertainers. To share the good and not promote mockery," warned Dlamini.

Dlamini also highlighted that the SNCAC perceives the #FillUpMavuso concept a logic and brilliant one.

Talent

"We fully supported the idea as it promoted Swazi talent, which is part of our policy as SNCAC. We even embraced and promoted it, roping in our partners to participate. "Swazis will not have other musicians, but the Swazi artists who they sometimes mock; it is high time we supported local content."

turn-out, they embraced the idea and offered to sponsor #FillUpMavuso as this now will be an annual event. So this was an inaugural event; we will announce in due course as to when the next #FillUpMavuso will be," excited Illa.

2016 MTN BUSHFIRE:

ARTISTS, STAKEHOLDERS TO ATTEND ARTS ROUND TABLE

By Tenele Dlamini

THIS year's MTN Bushfire Festival would again see local artists and stakeholders attend the MTN Bushfire's Arts Round Table and participate in facilitating workshops and discussions.

This is according to a press release from the organisers of the hugely successful festival which added that these discussions are committed to the development of the creative industry in Swaziland.

"Managed in conjunction with the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture, ART provides a much needed forum for knowledge and skills share with leading industry professionals whilst fostering exchange and regional networking opportunities. In line with MTN Bushfire's 10th anniversary, this year's Arts Round Table celebrates the local industry's collective milestones, highlighting both our success stories and challenges," reads the statement.

Panel discussions will address 'the artist story'.

These discussions will center on branding oneself, developing the brand and artists' creative freedom, giving views from artists' perspective and the managerial perspective. Time will also be set aside for networking on the day. This allows for all artists to get connected to fellow artists and managers, to assist in growing their brand and craft.

Growing

According to organisers of the event, guest speaker, DJ Zinhle, will share the story of her monumental rise as a female DJ in a talk themed 'Growing in the music industry'. The South

African musician is one of that country's leading DJs, and is also an actress and television personality. She first came to the music scene in 2004, and has remained a force to be reckoned with. The press release

further reads, "Local Siyinqaba duo will also share their story of success and what it takes to break through the local music industry". In their

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME

Date: Friday May 27, 2016

Time: 09:00 - 15:00

Venue: The Makems Country Club

A decade of growing the arts in SD

presentation titled 'Siyinqaba: Building the fortress', the group is introduced as a local hip hop duo, comprising of KrTC and Mozaik, who came together to put Swazi music on the map in the international music scene."

Facilitating

Coherent with this year's theme, African Music Development Programme and Music in Africa would give presentations on growing the arts as well as facilitating a networking session on the day.

The African Music Development Programme is a programme that supports actors, institutions and professionals in the music sector. The main objective of the programme is to increase job opportunities for artists. Music in Africa is an information and exchange web portal dedicated to the African music sector, whereby artists and industry professionals can have access and share useful information, find and connect with upcoming fellow professionals, as well as discovering African musical works.



Nonhle involved in car accident

By Phesheya Kunene

YOUNG gospel star Nonhle Mthethwa and her father Mabandla Mthethwa experienced yet another setback in the form of a car crash on Saturday night.

The Mthethwa family must be on their knees, praying and asking God for divine intervention, following three agonising experiences within a space of a year.

Late last year, they survived a nasty car accident, and then about two weeks ago, they were robbed of their goods and money amounting to about E2 500 while shopping in Nelspruit, South Africa.

Incident

They were involved in another accident over the weekend at Mbadlane during a night trip after the young star's performance in Siteki. This incident occurred at around 10:15pm, after another car bumped into their vehicle from behind. The occupants of the other car were allegedly drunk.

"We were from performing at revivals at Mpolonjeni and just when we joined the highway around Sikhuphe, a white Toyota corolla hit us from behind."

Disappeared

"What made things worse for us is that the occupants jumped out of the car and disappeared into the night after the crash and we were left with more questions than answers," Mthethwa said.

Mthethwa, a renowned key-

board player and manager to gospel star Nonhle Mthethwa, said the car accident left the young sensation traumatised. Mthethwa said there were three occupants in their car.

Impact

"My daughter was asleep when the accident happened. The impact was so severe such that the car swerved off the road and we hit the car seats inside, this experience left my daughter traumatised. She was shaking as she could not understand what had just happened," Mthethwa said.

He added that the other car involved in the hit and run, was speeding.

"We had to wait for the police to arrive and explain what happened," he said.

Talking about the disturbing events constantly unfolding in their lives, Mthethwa asked the nation to pray with them as they go through this challenging phase.

Drinking

"We are now left with a cost that amounts to E4 000, to fix the car. We are glad that the long arm of the law got hold of the occupants and it was also discovered that the car was taken without the parent's consent before the drinking spree that ended in a tragedy. We are grateful to God that we are still alive and unhurt," he added.

It also transpired that the driver could not be of any assistance with the costs incurred from the accident, as he did not have money.



SOMBRE: Young gospel artist Nonhle Mthethwa next to her family's wrecked car.

SwaziBoy supports local hip hop

By Phumelele Mkhonta

SWAZIBOY Entertainment will be taking the simple and local route by hosting a number of local renowned hip hop artists in an event themed 'One Mic'.

The event will be hosted on Sunday at Ronde Vu Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha from 12pm to 10pm at E100 only.

According to Swazi Boy's Mthunzi

'Shadow' Zwane, the stable is pushing and advocating for local hip hop. Performances will be by KrTC, 80 Script, Kangaroo, Lyrical Busta, Mozaik and MP; and supporting deejays will be hip/hop gurus Stitch, Master P, Wicked and Papz.

Believed

"We have always believed in Swazi hip hop hence we try by all means to have a hip/hop act on all our big shows. This is the reason why we came up with the initiative, 'ALL

SWAZI HIP HOP SHOW', to celebrate our MCs and deejays that are pushing the hip/hop movement in Swaziland and beyond.

Relaxed

"We promise our patrons, revellers and hip hop fans a relaxed hip hop show at our revamped venue; it is going to be a day time event so people can also bring their kids to enjoy this show and it is free entry for the children," informed an excited Zwane.

MUSICIAN SIBUSISO TO FEATURE IN A FILM

By Tenele Dlamini

MUSICIAN turned film actor, Sibusiso Victor Dlamini, has delved into virgin territory for a Swazi born artist, as he would be featured in a film titled 'Dhaka to Africa'.

This was confirmed by the artist who mentioned that filming is currently underway and is being shot in the kingdom. He also added that he has collaborated with some Asian nationals resident in the country.

"The title of the film is 'Dhaka to

Africa'. It's about a notorious Mafia by the name of Maguga who regards himself as a professional in his dirty work and can do anything that can give him money and power," explained Dlamini.

Involved

In the film the said gangster kingpin becomes involved with a very wealthy Indian man who has just arrived in town.

"Maguga kidnaps the son of the wealthy Indian businessman, a move that has far reaching consequences," said the enthusiastic Dlamini.

This is one local production that

is sure to have many waiting in anticipation for its release. The artist has also revealed that he

would soon be performing a few live shows in Maputo, Mozambique. According to the actor who is also recording a music video for his album 'The

Philosopher', the same equipment the production team will utilise for the music video will also be used for the

upcoming action film's shoot.

"We are using draw cameras



DHAKA TO AFRICA: Musician turned film actor, Sibusiso Victor Dlamini.

whose picture quality is great. We are working with Video Waves as well as Mabhooyane Mamba and Zuka of Kusa Kusa fame and the standard now is much higher," he informed.

Spearheading

According to the actor, the executive director at Video Waves production company is Anthony Ntjalintjali also known as Zuka who is spearheading the project.

When questioned on when local film lovers can expect the production to be released, he stated that by the end of July the work would be available for the public and it is expected to be released firstly to the national television broadcasting stations as well as those outside of the kingdom.



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TWO IN A MILLION: BOYS OF STEEL

Date: Tonight
Time: 20:55
Channel: TLC Entertainment (135)

Giovanni and Owen share a rare condition - Schwartz-Jampel Syndrome. Meeting for the first time, the boys share their fears and begin an extraordinary friendship.



LOST AND FOUND WITH MIKE AND JESSE

Date: Tonight
Time: 20:10
Channel: Discovery Family (136)
'S1/E1 - Real Life Heroes'. Mike and Jesse get emotional in Seattle as they track down a World War II-era Japanese flag for a veteran. Plus, they head to Tennessee to help foster kids.



WITNESS: CHINA'S FAKE BOYFRIENDS

Date: Tomorrow
Time: 18:30
Channel: Al Jazeera (406)
'China's Fake Boyfriends'. Under immense pressure to get married, Li Chenxi rents a fake boyfriend to keep her parents happy during a trip home for Chinese New Year.

RICHARD STIRTON WINS THE VOICE SA!

RICHARD Stirton (22) from Cape Town is the very first winner of M-Net's proudly South African singing contest, The Voice SA.

This also means that Kahn Morbee has come out tops as the winning coach of the season, beating fellow coaches and esteemed musos Karen Zoid, Lira and Bobby van Jaarsveld at the finishing line.

RICHARD'S WINNING MOMENT

The name of the winner of The Voice SA was announced during tonight's live final from Sasani Studios in Johannesburg, which also included spectacular performances from Vusi Mahlasela and Riana Nel, as well as collaborations between the coaches and the talent in their teams who made it to the Top 8.

Gavin Edwards (37) from Johannesburg, who was hot on Richard's heels on the iTunes charts this week at no 2, came in second for #TeamBobby, and #TeamLira's Jeremy Olivier (41) and #TeamKaren's "Stilfontein", 25-year-old Almur Marais, rounded out the Top 4 tonight. Before he entered The Voice South Africa and embarked on his journey to becoming South Africa's next superstar, Richard was studying towards his B.Com management degree at UCT and playing music in Barnyard

shows and at Cape Town's famous "Stardust" restaurant. All four of the coaches turned for him during the Blind Auditions and he decided to join #TeamKahn because Kahn Morbee said that he had inspired him.

Richard beat James Freedom from Ballito in the Battle Rounds singing James Bay's "Hold Back The River" and in the first live broadcast on 17 April he performed the old Proclaimers one-hit-wonder, "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)", prompting proud Coach Kahn to predict that he would probably end up winning the competition.

When he sang "Don't You Worry Child" from Swedish House Mafia in the following show, he was saved by the audience's vote, whereafter Kahn saved him on Top 12 show on Mumford & Sons's "I Will Wait".

Last week Richard closed the show with a stirring rendition of the Simon & Garfunkel classic "The Sound of Silence", which went all the way to Number 1 on South African iTunes on the very same night.

Richard walks away with a spectacular prize package worth more than R800 000, comprising:

- A R200 000 cash prize from DialDirect;
- A brand new Fiat 500;
- A coveted Gear S2 watch from Samsung,

along with a Samsung Galaxy S7 smart phone, a Gear Virtual Reality set, a JS9000 smart TV and Level On Headphones;

- R100 000 worth of cutting-edge fashion from Truworths;
- And of course that coveted recording contract with Universal Music South Africa.

During the show, there was also some great news for Zoë Modiga (22) and Thembeke Mnguni (32). They were both offered recording contracts by Universal Music South Africa!

"The Voice SA has been an amazing platform for the incredible talent on the show and we believe that it will launch plenty of successful music careers," says M-Net's Head of Publicity, Lani Lombard. "Universal Music has already shown interest in signing some of the other talent as well and more announcements will be made soon."

The Voice South Africa was produced for M-Net by AMPN and sponsored by DialDirect.

Join The Voice SA conversation on "The Voice SA" Facebook page, via Twitter on @VoiceSA and @VoiceSA on Instagram using #TheVoiceSA, #TeamBobby, #TeamLira, #TeamKahn and #TeamKaren hashtags.

The Voice South Africa was produced for M-Net by AMPN and sponsored by DialDirect.



African greats on E! VIP series

E! Entertainment Television announced that it will be bringing more local content to the channel with the launch of a brand new show E! VIP.

The 12-part series will premiere on DStv on Sunday 12 June at 21:00.

E! VIP is set to give viewers an exclusive insight into the life of Africa's most notable and loved celebrities, giving them a taste of what it's like to live life in the limelight.

The first episode will feature Nigerian-born Tiwa Savage and the series will continue with celebrities such as Rita Dominic, Diamond, Mafikizolo, D'Banj and Cassper Nyovest. With in-depth interviews hosted by Dolapo or MzzAbby, viewers can look forward to uncover the stories of these stars.

"After the great success of the E! News Special, we are delighted to debut E! VIP on E! Entertainment Television in Africa," said Colin McLeod, Managing Director, UK & Emerging Markets, NBCUniversal International Networks. "E! is committed to bringing audiences across the continent more original, local content and we are proud to showcase some of Africa's biggest names in music and entertainment in this new series." The first six episodes of E! VIP will air from Sunday 12 June at 21:00, with more episodes coming to the channel later in the year.

Tom Hopper talks Black Sails

NO doubt we all fell in love with Billy Bones from Black Sails in Season 1, and we're more than ready for Season 2! tonight make sure to watch the premiere of Black Sails S2 on history (186) at 20:30.

We chat to Tom Hopper, the actor behind Billy Bones himself, about what we can expect from the new season - as well as a small piece of insight into new project Barbarians Rising, set to air later this year.

Catch the Season 2 premiere of Black Sails on HISTORY (186) tonight at 20:30.



FOX HAS ANNOUNCED THE PREMIERE OF THE SECOND SEASON OF 10-EPIISODE

THE highly anticipated event series, from executive producer M. Night Shyamalan (The Sixth Sense, The Visit) and based on the rich world created by author Blake Crouch in his international best-selling series of books, will premiere on Monday 6 June on DStv channel 125, following tomorrow premiere in the

US on FOX.

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Starring Jason Patric (Rush, Narc), two-time Academy Award nominee Djimon Hounsou (Blood Diamond, In America) and Emmy Award and Golden Globe nominee Hope Davis (American Crime, The Newsroom), the 10-episode, second season will pick up.

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Tupac's Hummer sells for more than \$300 000 in auction

NEW YORK - Tupac Shakur's last-owned vehicle has been sold at auction for a six-figure sum and more than triple the expected price. The blinged-out black hummer fetched an impressive \$337,145 at the end of a fierce week-long online bidding war, according



HUMMER AUCTION: Tupac Shakur.

to RRAuction.com. A 1996 Hummer H1 model, the car comes with a 6.5-liter turbodiesel V-8 and was purchased just a month before the singer's still-debated death. The bidding, which completed on May 12, was expected to close at around \$100,000. Unsurprisingly, the buyer was a huge Tupac fan and collector from the Midwest, according to TMZ, and wished to remain anonymous. An extravagant purchase perhaps, but the car also comes with a license plate that reads 'YAKNPAK', a tribute to Tupac and the late rapper Yaki 'Prince' Kadhafi. *Daily Mail*

'I don't know how Kim stays married to him'

LOS ANGELES - Kanye West's former bodyguard has claimed that working for the control freak musician 'is ten times worse' than what some might imagine. Bodyguard Steve Stanulis, who was 'fired by Mr West for speaking to the rapper's wife Kim Kardashian', opened up about the 'bizarre' demands made by his former boss as he revealed staff can only wear black, are not allowed to touch him and can expect to be



BIZZARE DEMANDS: Kanye West and Kim Kardashian.

fired within days. Speaking to The Sun, the former Chippendale dancer claimed that The Life Of Pablo musician was 'the most condescending person I have ever met'. Speaking about the 38-year-old vocalist and producer's behaviour towards those around him, Steve explained: 'It is his world and everyone just exists within it. I don't know how Kim stays married to him.' The professional bodyguard quipped: 'I had to look after his toddler daughter once and it was so much easier than babysitting the father. *Daily Mail*

Adele set to increase fortune to £175million

LONDON - Adele is to sign a £90million record deal with Sony - the biggest ever contract landed by a British musician. It means that the 28-year-old Hello singer will top Robbie Williams previously record-breaking deal when EMI paid him £80million in 2002. Previously the biggest ever handed to a female artist was when Whitney Houston signed a deal for £70million with Arise.



DEAL DONE: Adele.

Speaking to The Sun, on Sunday, a source said: 'We've secured Adele who is without doubt the biggest music star in a generation. This is massive.' Adele's latest album 25 broke first week sales records in the UK and US and helped acts from the UK secure a 17.1% share of international album sales. It remains the world's best-selling album with 17.4 million copies sold in 2015, 2.5 million bought in Britain. *Daily Mail*

Mayweather drops a seven-figure sum on daughter's birthday

LAS VEGAS - Floyd Mayweather spent a seven-figure sum to throw his daughter Iyanna the party of her dreams for her sixteenth birthday. The former boxer spared no expense for the star-studded bash that took place Saturday at the Grand Ballroom of the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas. The party was 'very, very expensive', Mayweather told TMZ. Rappers



DREAM PARTY: Floyd Mayweather and his daughter Iyanna.

Drake and Future performed in front of Iyanna's guests and Justin Bieber recorded a special message for her on video. The total cost came at seven figures, he told the website. Iyanna's 16th birthday began with a barbecue and continued at the Mirage Hotel. There, Future and Drake performed in front of a couple hundred guests according to the New York Daily News. *Daily mail*

Motsoeneng, Muvhango boss fight over actors' contracts

JOHANNESBURG - Muvhango creator Duma Ndlovu has seemingly shown SABC chief operating officer, Hlaudi Motsoeneng, the middle finger by failing to carry out instructions to give his actors three-year contracts. And now the battle lines have been drawn between the two heavyweights, with Motsoeneng insisting that 'nobody defies me, including Duma Ndlovu'. Last year Motsoeneng instructed all production companies doing business with the SABC, in line with SABC policy, to give their main



actors three-year contracts. This came after 16 Generations actors challenged the soapie's big boss Mfundi Vundla to give them better contracts and salaries after claiming they were underpaid. Sunday World has learnt that Muvhango main actors including Sindi Dlathu (Thandaza), Gabriel Temudzani (Chief Azwindini), Sydney Ramakuwela (Mulalo), Lesley Musina (Ndalamo), Dinga Mokebe (James) and Liteboho Molise (Tebogo) have all not signed lengthy contracts. *Sunday World*

KB reflects on her TV comeback

JOHANNESBURG - Actress and musician KB Motsilanyane is set to return to TV screens this week for her first big TV role since leaving Rhythm City early last year. And she says that fans can expect to see a rough, messy, cold and harsh mess. It was recently revealed that KB will play the role of Dibuseng Makwarela on the



BACK ON TV: KB Motsilanyane.

upcoming second season of popular SABC 2 drama series, Thola. Dibuseng, who is wrongfully convicted of murdering her husband Rhudzani (played by actor Fumani Shilubana) on the show's previous season, won actress Nthathi Moshesh a 2015 SAFTA for her portrayal of the character. KB will take over the role from Nthathi, who recently left the show. *Sunday World*

Conman dents my image - Walter

JOHANNESBURG - SABC sports anchor, Walter Mokoena, is nursing a tainted image. A bogus Walter is giving the real Walter a bad name! Sunday Sun understands this conman has been masquerading as Walter - and swindling players, coaches and officials out of their money. Sources close to the situation said the false Walter has been phoning soccer players from different teams offering them deals. Speaking to Sunday Sun, Walter



NURSING IMAGE: Walter Mokoena.

said the con man has been up to his dirty tricks since last year. This guy has the players and coaches' numbers. He offers them shady deals under my name. He'd tell a player a club wants to offer him a contract - then he'd ask the same player to deposit cash into his account. Some players have done that," said Walter. He went on: "The guy has my picture on his WhatsApp and pretends to be me." A few days ago I got a call from Shaun Bartlett, who asked me why was I destabilising his team by offering them deals. *Daily Sun*

It's all boobs for Minnie Dlamini

JOHANNESBURG - The TV presenter is back in South Africa and made sure that her assets were on full display. Minnie, who recently spent time in New York, was last week announced as the host for the E! Africa



BACK: Minnie Dlamini.

red carpet at the SAMAs. She was also announced at the host of the PSL Awards. But it's back to work duty for Minnie, who was on set of Nedbank Ke Yona Team Search. She gave fans a glance of her outfit, but it was her cleavage that got the most attention with over 183 comments. *Times Live*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

S'kheleni desperately tries to solve his wedding problems. Zweli has a change of heart and Blade confronts Mbodla



CHANGE OF HEART: Zweli.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Sizwe crosses over to the dark side as he leads Morongwa to his hotel bed. Rajesh warns Samantha that she'll regret messing with him. amohelo admits to having lied about her reasons for being here.



GIVES WARNING SHOT: Rajesh.

Muvhango

TODAY

James struggles to cope after Nthabi broke up with him. Thandaza presses Pheko for a definite answer to her proposal. Vhangani raises the question of having children with Fheli.



THE PRESSURES ON: Thantaza.



TODAY

Doc and Bongi's desperation to find Zinzi is building. The drop-off and hand-over is scheduled for tonight. Doc asks Lerato to 'borrow' some money from Red. Zinzi tries to outwit Sakhile.



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BARCELONA - A moment of divine intervention from Lionel Messi seven minutes into extra-time helped Barcelona win a draining Spanish Cup final against Sevilla.

Both teams were down to 10 men in the last game of what has been a marathon season when Messi played the pass of the night – dropping the ball 25 yards behind the Sevilla defence and into the path of Jordi Alba who let it bounce once before sending it just inside Sergio Rico's far post.

It was 25 to minutes before midnight and somehow Barcelona –

having played much of the game with 10 men after having Javier Mascherano sent off and losing Luis Suarez in tears in the second half to a hamstring tear won the Copa del Rey.

Supreme

There were many heroes. Andres Iniesta was supreme throughout, Gerard Pique had been immense after Mascherano's first-half sending off, and Neymar had come to life in the absence of Suarez and scored a second with almost the last kick of the game. But it was Messi who had the last word on another wonderful season.

There were players in Sevilla's ranks who deserved winners' medals too. Keeper Rico was one of those saving brilliantly at the end from Dani Alves' shot. They had nothing left to give when full-time was blown in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Both these teams came into the game having won important trophies but from the first-half displays it seemed that whereas Sevilla's Europa League win over Liverpool had topped the tank up for them, Barça were back running on empty.

Daily Mail

Patrice Evra signs new deal at Juventus

JUVENTUS - Patrice Evra is set to extend his contract with Juventus until 2018 after announcing that he has reached an agreement with the club - keeping him at the club until he is 37.

The former Manchester United left back has played a crucial role under Massimiliano Allegri since arriving on a free transfer in 2014, winning back-to-back Serie A and Coppa Italia titles.

The 35-year-old's consistent form has seen him retain his place as first-choice left-back for the majority of the campaign, despite the arrival last year of Alex Sandro from Porto for a reported €26million (£20 million) fee.

'Yes, I gave my consent to the club, I'll stay for another two years,' he told La Gazzetta dello Sport after the Coppa Italia final win over AC Milan. Evra has made 35 appearances in all competitions this season, scoring twice, and has been part of a defence that only conceded 20 goals in 38 Serie A games last season. The left-back will be 37 when his extension expires, but his leadership and winning qualities are priceless for Juventus side. *Daily Mail*



WINNER: Rory McIlroy shows off the Irish Open trophy after claiming victory at The K Club on Sunday. (*Daily Mail*)

Rory McIlroy wins Irish Open

LONDON - Rory McIlroy has targeted a summer of success after producing a stunning finish to win the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open for the first time at The K Club.

McIlroy was in danger of blowing a three-shot lead after 54 holes for the second time this season after Scotland's Russell Knox carded four birdies and an eagle in the first 15 holes of a dramatic final round interrupted twice by hailstorms and torrential rain.

However, the world No 3 then birdied the par-five 16th as Knox three-putted and, after lipping out for birdie on the

17th, fired a stunning approach from 252 yards to within three feet of the hole on the 18th for a closing eagle.

The resulting 69 meant McIlroy finished three shots clear of Knox and Wales' Bradley Dredge to claim the first prize of £515 000, which he will donate to his foundation which hosted the tournament for the second year.

'It means a lot for my summer,' said McIlroy, who failed to convert a similar position in the WGC-Cadillac Championship in March. 'It's nice to get that first win of the year,' he said

Daily Mail

LA Galaxy extend unbeaten MLS run

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles Galaxy extended their unbeaten Major League Soccer sequence to nine matches but had to settle for a 1-1 draw against the San Jose Earthquakes.

After 83 minutes of scoreless play in the match sometimes dubbed the 'California Clasico', it looked like Galaxy would claim all three points courtesy of a Marvell Wynne own goal.

Equaliser

But the Earthquakes responded four minutes later when former Galaxy player Chad Barrett set up Fatai Alashe to head home an equaliser.

Both sides had earlier enjoyed plenty of chances, with Chris

Wondolowski and Giovanni dos Santos striking the woodwork.

The Galaxy and the Earthquakes remain within a point of one another mid-table in the MLS Western Conference.

Champions

In Sunday night's only game, defending champions Portland Timbers beat Vancouver Whitecaps 4-2 to arrest a slump that had seen them lose three in succession.

Portland took control of the contest early on when Diego Valeri converted a fourth-minute penalty before Jack McInerney doubled their lead shortly before the half-hour.

Daily Mail

Garcia wins Byron Nelson

NEW YORK - Sergio Garcia beat Brooks Koepka in a play-off to win the AT&T Byron Nelson despite twice finding the water in his final round.

The Spaniard took his first PGA Tour win since 2012 as he made par on the first play-off hole, the 18th, while Koepka drove into the water on his way to a double bogey.

It capped a poor day for Koepka, who completed his final

round in 71, one over par, after three bogeys, including back-to-back dropped shots on the 14th and 15th which left the door open to his rivals as he fell to 15 under. Only Garcia was able to take advantage, however, as the 2004 winner, who was in the lead after the first round, battled his way to a 68 which included four bogeys and six birdies, forcing the play-off.

Daily Mail

Turkey coach uses phone to complain about England goal

ISTANBUL - Turkey head coach Fatih Terim received a telling-off from the fourth official during his side's friendly with England after appearing to complain about a decision with the use of mobile phone footage.

The bizarre moment occurred during the first half of Sunday evening's game, just minutes after Harry Kane had opened the scoring from an offside position.

Images of the controversial incident quickly circulated on social media, and a member of Turkey's back-room staff appeared to spot the footage on

his phone from the bench.

He passed the mobile device to manager Terim alongside him in the technical area, who immediately leapt up to remonstrate with the fourth official. Clearly disappointed with the decision to award Kane's opener, the Turkey boss handed the official the phone, who glanced at the screen before trying to confiscate the device. Quickly, the owner of the phone intervened and slipped it back into his pocket. Rules surrounding the use of mobile devices on the bench are a grey area, but this incident appears to be the first of its kind. *Daily Mail*



SEE THE PROOF: Fatih Terim is given a mobile device, which appeared to show that Harry Kane was offside for his opener. Terim takes a moment to look at the footage, while his team continue to play on the field in front of him. Distraught with the decision, Turkey boss Terim heads to the fourth official to complain about the goal. (*Daily Mail*)



Wawrinka reaches second round

PARIS - Defending champion Stan Wawrinka has reached the second round with great difficulty at the French Open. The Romand sat against Czech Lukas Rosol in 5 sets with 4: 6, 6: 1, 3: 6, 6: 3 and 6: 4.

Already 3 days ago Wawrinka had received a taste of the semi-final in Geneva, which awaited him on the opening lap in Paris. Already in the Calvin city made Lukas Rosol (ATP 68) the Romand life difficult. Nevertheless Wawrinka kept there with 6: 2, 4: 6 and 6: 3 the upper hand.

This time had to bite Wawrinka. And how: In Geneva he had to submit, this time got the defending champion at Roland Garros on the Court Philippe Chatrier twice in reserve. But the Lausanne once again proved his fighter qualities.

He put away the two sets of residues and settled in the 2nd

game in the 4th passage not fazed when he 40 in charge of Rosol: 0 was in the lead and the game still had to give. Also 2 break points for Rosol at the score of 2: 2, did not throw him off track, the world ranking. 4 fended off both.

In the 8th Game Wawrinka took then Missed and managed the service break for 5: 3. It should mean the change for the better from a Swiss perspective.

With another break for 2: 1 in the final set of the foundation was laid for the success. Above all, the point Wawrinkas earned before the Break Ball special mention when he struck a superb winner with the backhand from far behind the baseline longline.

After a little more than 3 hours Wawrinka recovered his second match point to win, thus preventing the first first-round from a French Open title defense in the Open Era (since 1968).

srf.ch

Murray admits 'embarrassment'

PARIS - Andy Murray has responded to insinuations that his on-court behaviour was a major factor in his split with Amelie Mauresmo, and admitted he was sometimes 'embarrassed' by it.

As rain again ruled out any chance of early play at Roland Garros, Murray addressed the implied criticism of his former coach about his demeanour on court.

"It's true, emotions overtake me sometimes on court. I am emotional, I know

that," he admitted in a question and answer session with L'Equipe newspaper.

"Some people say it's positive when I don't show my emotions, when I control them completely.

"Others say the opposite. It's very difficult to place where the truth is. The thing that is most important, is to know whether the fact of being emotional makes me play the points afterwards badly, if that disrupts me.

"I have in the past played matches where I haven't opened my mouth. Shown

nothing. And they were matches that were horrible, lost, flat. You have to find the right balance," he said.

While Murray did not name Mauresmo, he pointed out that since they went their separate ways his focus is much improved, and it has seen him reach the final of the Madrid Open and win the Italian Open.

"In recent weeks I've done some good work on my attitude. I don't think staying completely silent is a good thing for me. I have a need to express myself on the

court. And that means expressing positive emotions, too." Referring to his habit of barking at his support box, something which led Mauresmo to exile herself to the stands at the Miami Open in March, he said: "Sometimes I am embarrassed.

"You have to try to understand that on the court a lot of things are happening to us. The way in which you react is not necessarily linked to what you really think, upon reflection.

Daily Mail



A FIRST: Canada's Milos Raonic hits a backhand during his first-round match against Serbia's Janko Tipsarevic at the French Open in Paris. (AP)

RAONIC BEGINS FRENCH OPEN WITH EASY VICTORY

PARIS - Canada's Milos Raonic easily won his first-round match at the French Open yesterday, defeating Janko Tipsarevic in straight sets.

The eighth-seeded Raonic fired 10 aces in the 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (5) victory over the unseeded Serb, who is ranked 680th in the world.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., will face another unseeded player in the next round - Frenchman Adrian Mannarino, who beat Mikhail Kukushkin in four sets.

Raonic's best showing at Roland Garros was his quarter-final appearance two years ago.

He missed last year's tournament while recovering from foot surgery.

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TENDER No. WVS-MDL-016-ZAND-001

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- A complete set of tender document (Original + 1 copy)
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- Original General Receipt
- Certified copy of original Trading license
- E50 000.00 (Fifty Thousand Emalangeni Only) in a form of Bank guaranteed cheque
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There will be a **compulsory** site inspection on **Thursday 26 May 2016**. Tenderers are advised to assemble at the **Madlangempisi World Vision Office at 1100hrs** before proceeding to the site.

- Deadline & Place for Tender Submission: **Thursday 16 June 2016 - World Vision Head Office**
- Time: **1200hrs**
- Tender Opening: **1215hrs**

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World Vision Swaziland
P.O. Box 2870
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TENDER No. WVS-MKH-016-LOMB-001

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There will be a **compulsory** site inspection on **Tuesday 31 May 2016**. Tenderers are advised to assemble at the **Mkhiweni World Vision Office at 1100hrs** before proceeding to the site.

- Deadline & Place for Tender Submission: **Wednesday 15 June 2016 - World Vision Head Office**
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THE GREAT LVG DEBATE



IBRA MAKES UNITED MOVE
Stunning Dutch claims say Zlatan's signed

MANCHESTER - Jose Mourinho has convinced Zlatan Ibrahimovic to join him at Manchester United, according to stunning claims in Holland.

Respected Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf report that Ibrahimovic will join United this summer on a free transfer from Paris St-Germain.

It's said he will start his Old Trafford career as a player before moving into a role as coach under Mourinho.

United have yet to confirm Louis van Gaal's sacking, yet alone Mourinho's arrival to replace him.

But De Telegraaf are close to Ibrahimovic's agent Mino Raiola and the news isn't believed to be idle speculation.

The piece, which was published

this afternoon is headlined "Ibrahimovic to Manchester United".

In it the newspaper claim Zlatan "will be next season wearing the shirt of Manchester United".

The star striker has been linked with a move away from PSG all season with numerous clubs interested but United seem to have won the race according to the sensational report.

De Telegraaf also claim there are plans for Ibrahimovic to become an 'assistant coach' at Old Trafford after his playing career.

They add: "After his active career as a football player he wants to become a trainer. Manchester United is a few years working as assistant coach in the offing."

DailyStar

United paid Jose Mourinho £4m to stay away from rivals

LONDON - Jose Mourinho was paid a staggering £4million by Manchester United not to take a job elsewhere while they decided the future of Louis van Gaal.

An agreement was reached midway through the season to give United the option of bringing him in if Van Gaal failed to meet their targets.

Sportsmail can also reveal that Mourinho refused to accept a 'behavioural clause' in his five-year, £75m deal despite concerns among the United hierarchy over his eccentric touchline behaviour.

The 53-year-old was fined £229,900 and received two stadium bans during his two spells at Chelsea and United

are desperate to avoid the negative publicity those incidents generated.

However, Mourinho refused to agree during negotiations in January, highlighting his strong bargaining position as United's season unravelled. Unlike Manchester City's pre-contract deal with Pep Guardiola, the unique arrangement with Mourinho was merely to ensure he would be available if required.

Had Van Gaal been deemed to have been a success, by whatever criteria United laid down, he would have stayed for the last year of his contract. The deal was first reported by Spanish newspaper El Pais in March.

Daily Mail



MONEY MAKER: Jose Mourinho has been on the Manchester United payroll for months and will be given £200m to spend.

Jose wants Giggs stay

LONDON - Jose Mourinho retains hope that Ryan Giggs will stay on at Manchester United - but his future is shrouded in doubt.

The Portuguese is set to take over from Louis van Gaal this week and has No 2 Rui Faria and goalkeeping coach Silvino Louro primed to join him.

Mourinho still wants United assistant boss Giggs to stay on at Old Trafford, even though the 42-year-old wants to go it alone in management.

All the talk at Old Trafford yesterday morning among staff was that the Welshman had decided to leave the club.

A source said: "It's all over the place that Giggsy's gone too, which people are more upset about than Van Gaal."

There was no confirmation from United on Giggs's status.

The decision will be left to Giggs, who was the subject of Premier League interest this season.

He came out of Van Gaal's reign with credit among the squad, who were keen for the former winger to be handed a shot at the top job. But executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward opted for Mourinho.

Van Gaal still did not know whether he would be leaving the club on Sunday but was sacked yesterday, and attention will turn to Giggs once Mourinho's appointment is confirmed.

Daily Mail

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TENDER No. WVS-STH-016-MAKWE-01-001

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There will be a compulsory site inspection on Monday 30 May 2016. Tenderers are advised to assemble at the Sithobeleni World Vision Office at 1100hrs before proceeding to site.

- Deadline & Place for Tender Submission: Tuesday 14 June 2016 - World Vision Head Office
- Time: 1200hrs
- Time: 1215hrs
- Tender Opening

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The Southern African Customs Union (SACU) has adopted a Vision and Mission statement and a new Work Programme for promoting sustainable development and deeper integration within the SACU region. The SACU Secretariat hereby invites suitably qualified and experienced citizens of Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia and South Africa to submit their applications for the following positions.

RFQ NO: SACU / 002 / 2017 / RFQ

REVIEW OF THE SCAU SECRETARIAT PAY STRUCTURE

The SACU Secretariat wishes to appoint suitably qualified, experienced and reputable consultant(s) who have proven experience and knowledge the development and review of pay structures, staff benefits and allowances. The Service provider s must be conversant with both Hay and Patterson remuneration systems.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) document can be obtained online at www.sacu.int OR directly from the SACU Secretariat Offices at Erf: 8531 Corner of Lazarett and Feld Street, Windhoek, Namibia.

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Closing Date & Time: 11h00 (Namibian time) on Thursday, 10th June 2016

The SACU Secretariat reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal that fails to meet its requirements and will not, in any case, be responsible or liable for any costs associated with the preparation and submission of any proposal. Kindly note that only short-listed bidders will be contacted. **Please note that this tender requires two offers, a technical and a financial offer, submitted in separate envelopes as stipulated in the ToR document.**



ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



YAYA TO BECOME HIGHEST PAID PLAYER IN FOOTBALL HISTORY?

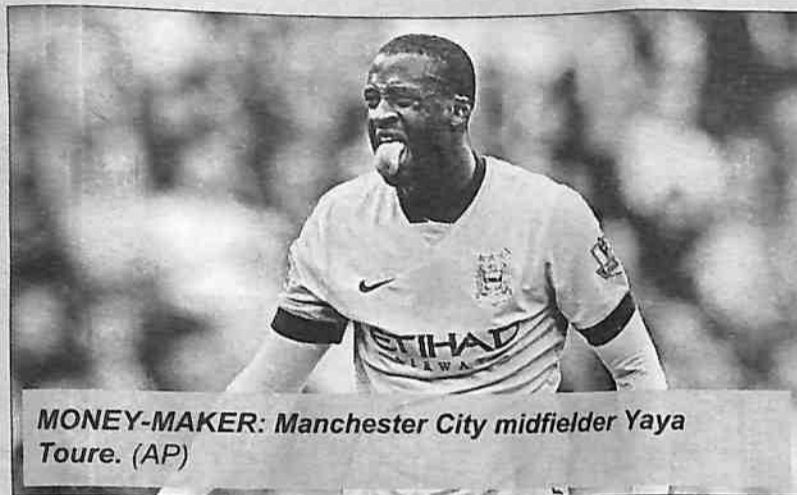
MANCHESTER - Yaya Toure, who is expected to leave Manchester City when Pep Guardiola arrives, has reportedly received two mega offers, both of which would make him the highest paid player in the world.

According to The Sun, the Ivory Coast captain, whose representatives visited China last week, has received two offers from clubs in the Asian nation.

Shanghai SIPG, who are coached by former England boss Sven Goran Eriksson, are reportedly keen to unite Toure with striker Asamoah Gyan.

The Ghanaian attacker's team were runners-up in the Chinese Super League last season, and want the Ivorian to help guide them to the title this year.

To achieve this target, they are reportedly prepared to offer Toure



MONEY-MAKER: Manchester City midfielder Yaya Toure. (AP)

£300 000 (R6.8 million) a week, which would exceed Cristiano Ronaldo's current record wage of £288 000 (R6.5 million).

Jiangsu Suning are apparently also interested in signing the 33-year-old, and would be prepared to match

their rivals' offer.

The Sun further claimed that Toure, who still has one year left on his current deal, wants to leave City on a free in this window and would be prepared to buy himself out of his contract to do so. *SoccerLaduma*

'Everton didn't perform at all under Roberto Martinez'

LONDON - Romelu Lukaku says there was a breakdown in the relationship between the Everton players and Roberto Martinez before he was sacked towards the end of the Premier League season.

Despite the Merseyside club reaching the semi-finals of both domestic cups this season, Martinez was sacked on May 12 after a slump in their league form.

'The team did not perform at all. We won two of our last 11 games. When things are broken between the manager and the players it become difficult,' Lukaku said at the weekend as he began preparations with Belgium for next month's European Championship.

Lukaku did not elaborate on the breakdown with Martinez nor would he tell reporters where he would be off to next, despite his father saying earlier this month that a move from Everton would be finalised before the start of the Euro 2016 tournament. 'In my head I know where I want to go

but I'm keeping that to myself,' he said. 'You will know when it is concluded. I have to make a good choice but in my head that has happened already.'

Lukaku said staying in England was an

option. 'I have played there for five years now, it's my league. But there are other nice clubs. I follow Spanish and German football and I also have something for the Italian league,' the 23-year-old added. *Daily Mail*



United players voice misgivings over Jose appointment

MANCHESTER - Manchester United players have major reservations about the appointment of Jose Mourinho as the club's next manager.

The Special One is set to be named as Louis van Gaal's successor this week, ending months of speculation linking him with the Old Trafford job.

However, Sportsmail understands a number of senior players are unconvinced Mourinho is the right man for the job.

Sources claim a delegation of players have expressed their doubts to senior members of the club's hierar-



NOT HAPPY: Manchester United players celebrate. (AP)

chy.

Certain members of the squad feel Mourinho will adopt a pragmatic approach at Old Trafford similar to Van Gaal's much maligned tactics.

Privately, a number of United's players grew agitated at what they perceived as the Dutchman's negativity and want a more attacking manager. *Daily Mail*

'Should I be worried? I don't think so'

LONDON - Son Heung-Min has refused to be troubled by suggestions that he could leave Tottenham Hotspur this summer.

The 23-year-old scored four goals in his 28 Premier League appearances but was particularly criticised for his display in Spurs' final day defeat to already relegated Newcastle United.

There have been reports that the South Korean international could be moved on to another club, with Spurs looking to recoup as much of his £22million transfer fee as possible.

But Son said, as reported by FourFourTwo: 'I saw the articles but I've heard nothing about my transfer. 'Should I be worried? I don't think so. I already told Tottenham that I want to play in Olympic Games, they're looking into it positively.'

Much has been made of how difficult it can be for a foreign player to adapt to the Premier League upon arrival.

Son himself believes that can often be the case, and claimed that he always intended to use his first campaign as a learning experience. *Daily Mail*



'We thought this time we'd stay'

JOHANNESBURG - Jomo Cosmos have become the first team in South African football to be relegated four times.

Cosmos dropped to the National first Division after surrendering a 1-0 lead to lose 3-1 against the now safe Maritzburg United.

Ezenkosi coach Jomo Sono says the defeat to Maritzburg was because of the forced changes that they had to make.

'We are disgusted, there are certain things in life that you cannot change. The problem is we were forced to make a change. The two players were playing well, Tebogo [Makobela] got a cramp and the centre half got out.' *The Citizen*

PSL awards nominees announced

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns dominate this year's PSL awards nominees with Keagan Dolly, Khama Billiat and Hlompho Kekana all nominated for the

prestigious awards.

The awards will take place at Emperors Palace in Kempton Park on Monday, May 30.

THE NOMINEES:

Absa Premiership top goal scorer
Collins Mbesuma

Goalkeeper of the Season
Dennis Onyango (Sundowns), Moeneeb Josephs (Wits), Shuaib Walters (Aces)

Defender of the Season
Thabo Nthethe (Sundowns), Thulani Hlatshwayo (Wits), Vuyo Mere (Platinum Stars)

Midfielder of the Season
Hlompho Kekana, Keagan Dolly, Khama Billiat (all Sundowns)

Absa-lutely Awesome Goal of the Season
Ben Motshwari (Wits), Mpho Makola (Orlando Pirates), Thabo Rakhale (Orlando Pirates)

Coach of the Season
Gavin Hunt (Wits), Muhsin Ertugul (Aces), Pitso Mosimane (Sundowns)

Players' Player of the Season

Khama Billiat, Keagan Dolly, Hlompho Kekana (all Sundowns)
Footballer of the Season
Khama Billiat, Keagan Dolly, Hlompho Kekana (all Sundowns)

Young Player of the Season
Aubrey Modiba (Black Aces), Rivaldo Coetzee (Ajax), Sello Jaftha (Free State Stars)

MTN8 Last Man Standing

George Lebeso (Kaizer Chiefs), Cecil Lolo (Ajax Cape Town), Ndiviwe Mdabuka (Ajax Cape Town)

Telkom Player of Tournament

Thabo Nthethe, Dennis Onyango, Bongani Zungu (all Sundowns)

Nedbank Cup Young Player of the Tournament

Dumisani Ngwenya, Oscarine Masuluke, Ndivhuwo Ravhuhali (all Baroka FC)

Nedbank Cup Player of Tournament

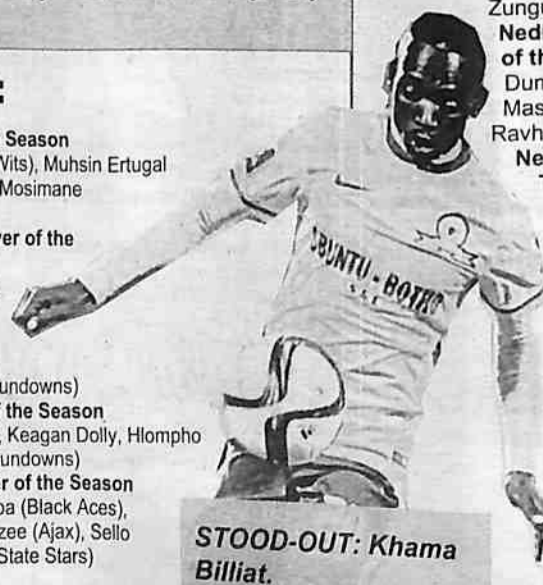
Jacky Motshewa (Baroka), Jeremy Brockie (SuperSport United), Tendai Ndozi (Pirates)

Multichoice Diski Challenge Player of Tournament

Khayelihle Shoji (Sundowns), Liam Jordan (Wits), Sibusiso Sibeko (Golden Arrows)

NFD Top goal-scorer

Thabiso Kutumela (Baroka FC).



STOOD-OUT: Khama Billiat.

The Citizen

Weekend Sports Results

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PLS Reserve League			
Highlanders	0	Buffaloes	1
Red Lions	0	Malanti	3
Leopard	4	Bad Boys	0
Mbabane Swallows	4	Midas City	0
Wanderers	1	Manzini Sundowns	0
Mandia Mahewu Mbabane Juniors League - E5 000.00			
Umbebebele	1	Sivutsa	0
Mphahali	1	Supersport	11
Junior Stars	1	Checkers	1
Mphahali	2	Flying Stars	0
Express	8	Imbumbi	1
Supersport	0	Hellenic	0
Milky Max Mbabane Juniors League - E10 000			
Hellenic	4	Sidwashini United	2
Dynamos	5	Killers	1
Dark City	2	Hurricane	5
Umbebebele	2	PMT	2
Chaps Soka Nawe Challenge Hhohho FA Cup			
Northern Zone			
Nkonjaneni	6	Nt. Swallows	7
Skom Boyz	2	M. Arsenal	0
Seven Stars	2	Mvuma Hotspurs	1
Ndalambi	2	Ndeva	0
Super Aces	0	Vultures	3
Star Wanderers	0	19 Celtics	2
Zinyane			
Pachanga	1	Horu Spinners	8
		Black Swallows	3
Southern Zone			
Mv. Invaders	2	Wizards	1
Crocodiles	0	Tinyosi	4
V. Killers	1	Umbebebele	2
PMT	2	Swazi Sun	0
Stone Breakers	4	Sibovini	5
Burning Spear	0	Vovovo	5
Pot O Gold	7	Sibuyeni	8(p)
Billy Ocean	0	Gordon Stars	1
Emakholo E75 000 Lubombo Knock-Out			
Illovo	4	Magwanyane	2(p)
S.Arsenal	4	CPL	3(p)
Chesterville	3	Young Aces	1(p)
Rail Utd	1	Richmond Aces	0
Langa Bricks Malindza Zonal E35 000			
Liverpool	3	Malindza UTD	1
Malahleni	2	Lubhuku	0
Sigodlo	1	Siweni UTD	0
Promising Stars	2	Gabi Gabi	2
Manzini Regional Football Association			
Riverview Filling Station Manzini First Division League			
Flying Birds	3	FC Bayern	1
Young Tigers	0	Nhlambeni United	2
Chaos LTD	3	Logoba Rebellion	0
Healing Boys	2	Nowane Park	2
Manzini Bullets	2	The Bones	2
Rebellion	0	Flying Birds	4
Chaos LTD	3	Bremer United	2
Save Mor Kwaluseni Promotion League			
Lozitha Spurs	3	Swazi Wire	0
R.Professional	1	R.Swallows	3
Zama United	0	Boyane Aces	4
Zom. United	1	Nsenga Comrade	1
Kudzeni United	1	Matsapha Autozone	5
Save Mor Kwaluseni First Division			
Umtfuntl	1	Dark City	3
Shali United	3	Fletcher	1
Shockers	0	Arsenal	1
Celtics	2	Juventus	0
S & S Malkerns Promotion League			
Don Don	1	Phondo	2
Troublemakers	0	Makhungutja	0
Cosmos	3	All Stars	3
Iyashisa Bhe	3	Swazi Can	2
Geben	0	Mphini	2
Izinyokanyoka	1	Volcanoes	1
Toasters	0	Foxes	1
Mkhiweni Promotional League			
Toronto	2	Classic	0
Man United	3	All Stars	2
San City	2	Killers	0
Star City	1	Liverpool	3
Zama United	0	Blue Birds	0
Blue Birds	1	Liverpool	0
Mansthongha	1	Toronto	2
Flyers	1	Liverpool	3
Colani United	5	Killers	1
Stars	2	Young Aces	1
Usuthu Promotion League			
Flyers	2	Zamalek	1
Internationals	9	Superstars	1
Commandos	2	Luhleko Classic	0
Never Lose	1	Zamalek	0
African 2010	5	Buffaloes	2
PeaceMakers	8	Reveners	2
Rhinos	3	Young Stars	1
Nsingweni Promotion League			
All Stars	1	Black Aces	0
Highlanders	2	Pirates	1
Black Aces	3	Red Lions	8
Highlanders	3	Young Lovers	0
Sundowns	1	Young Madrid	1
Red Lions	1	AC Milan	1
Kukhanyeni Inkhundla Promotion League			
Brave Lions	1	Nyakeni Heroes	1
Bhekinkhosi	0	Mbuluzana	5
Louis XIV	2	Ngwazini	3
Mdayane	1	Celtics	0
Killers	5	Lion Heart	1
Cosmos	2	Bayern	2



Swazi TV wins 2016 Mayors Cup

Deamrco Pillay not present to defend Dups Mafutseni title

CYCLING - Dups Mafutseni
Cycle Classic Challenge last year's winner Demarco Pillay from South Africa was not present to defend his title on Sunday.

The 8th edition of the race was won by Mozambican Miguel Fixfim with a record time of 2:49:10, beating last year's finishing time of 2:59:13 by the then 16-year-old Pillay.

The youngster beat fellow countryman Damon Halderman, who won the race in 2014 after clocking 3:08:20.

More than 250 cyclists participated in the race on Sunday, a figure that was almost double to last year's.

It was cordially welcomed by Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Minister David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala as well as Dups management.

The last Swazi to be crowned champion of the 100km race was Calvin Louw back in 2012. He managed a second place on Sunday.

Muzi Shabangu was the most aggressive of the locals on the road, but was outpaced towards the finishing laps.

THE FULL RESULTS:

Swazi TV 103 points
ERG - 94 points
Swaziland Building Society 2- 93 points
SEC- 91 points on count backs
PWC - 91 points on count backs
SRIC - 91 points
Mayor 1 -89 points
Standard Bank - 88 points on count backs
Mayor 2- 88 points
FNB - 87 points
Swaziland Building society 1 - 85 points on
count backs

Nedbank - 85 points
Inyatsi Construction - 74 points
Swaziland Beverages - 73 points
Housing Board - 64 points
Fincorp - 53points

Novelty prizes
Longest Drive
Justice Dlamini
Nearest to pin
2/11 Mphumelelo Makhubu
8/17 Ephraem Kunene
9/18 Vusi Dlamini

prizes in nearest to the pin 2/11, 8/17 and 9/18, respectively.

Mbabane City Council Mayor Benito Jones said the event was a huge success and further thanked all the golfers who took part in the competition.

"We are very happy with the manner in which the tournament proceeded as all the golfers showed a high level of competitiveness. The event is growing bigger each and every year as it has continued to unite the residents of the city. We

are looking forward to another exciting event next year," he said.

Mbabane Golf Club captain Ronnie Mkhombe expressed gratitude to the sponsor for showing loyalty and commitment in sponsoring the competition.

"We are very much humbled and honoured with the support we have been receiving since the inception of the tournament in 2003.

Congratulations are in order for all the winning teams," Mkhombe said.

THE WINNERS

Selected results:		751.40	Sehluleko Dlamini
100 km Top 5		852.50	Samkeliso Gama
Time	Name	953.00	Maghawe Shiba
12:49:10	Miguel Fixfin	1053.00	Msimisi Malaza
22:49:12	Calvin Louw		
32:49:13	Perdo Carvalho	50 km Top 10	
42:49:14	Sibusiso Msibi	11.32.01	Gcina Banda Khemani
52:49:20	Similo Nyoni	21.34.03	Philani Ngcamphalala
		31.35.20	Richard Darne
		41.38.20	Mangaliso Moloi
20km Top 10		51.38.40	Sakhile Dlamini
Time	Name	61.40.42	Kwanele Jele
145.56	Mcebo Langa	71.41.19	Mduzuzi Mabila
246.32	Sive Msibi	81.42.24	Jerry Mobbs
346.34	Ncamiso Kunene	91.44.50	Jahaletu Dlamini
447.25	Qiniso Dlamini	101.45.05	Sakhile Ndlovu
548.11	Keana Toepfer		
649.37	Sakhile Khumalo		



A SUCCESS: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala and cyclist at the starting point. This was during the Dups Mafutseni Cycle Classic 8th edition race Sunday.

MAYORS GOLF CUP COMPETITION

PRIZE PRESENTATION



WINNING TEAM: The 2016 Mayors Cup champions Swazi TV posing with their prizes together with Mbabane City Council Mayor Benito Jones during the Mayors Golf Cup competition on Sunday at the Mbabane Golf Club. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela).



STRONG-ARMING IT: Longest drive winner Justice Dlamini shows off his prize.



BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME: Team Inyatsi Construction came in 13th position.



SEVENTH POSITION: Mayor team 1 posing with their prizes. They took seventh position.



TOP THREE: Team Swaziland Building Society 1 placed third.



APPRECIATION: Mbabane City Council CEO Gideon Mhlongo making his remarks.



ALL SMILES: Team Swaziland National Housing Board also got something out of the competition. They placed 15th overall.



ATTENTIVE: Golfers following proceedings during the prize presentation



GREAT EFFORT: 11th placed Swaziland Building Society team one also got something for their effort.



SOLID TEAM WORK: Team Price Waterhouse Coopers smiling with their reward. They came out at position five.

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BARCELONA WIN COPA DEL REY



SWEET VICTORY: Barcelona players celebrate with their families and the Copa del Rey trophy after beating Sevilla in the showpiece final in Madrid. (AP)



IN JUBILATION: Jordi Alba celebrates his extra-time goal that broke Sevilla's spirits in the Copa del Rey final and set Barcelona en route to victory.



IMMENSE FORM: Gerard Pique was in immense form at the back for Barcelona and played a big part in keeping Unai Emery's side at bay.



SAVE: Barcelona goalkeeper Marc-Andre Ter Stegen leaps to make a save during the first half of the final.



PHYSICAL PLAY: The incident that saw Mascherano sent off as he clearly hauls down Gameiro with the ball out of reach.



GOAL: Jordi Alba shoots to score the goal.



CUSHION: Neymar scoring the second goal to give Barcelona a further cushion deep into the second period of extra time.

FOUL PLAY: Neymar reacts as Mariano brings him down with a fierce challenge.



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13 YEARS OF FOOTBALL BEAUTY FLUSHED

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CHAMPIONS: His Majesty King Mswati III presenting the SwaziBank Cup to Mbabane Swallows after they won against Green Mamba 2 - 1 at Somhlolo National Stadium.

THE SwaziBank Cup is known to be one of the best cup tournaments the country has ever launched, not necessarily based on figures but they strive to do extremely well and surpass other football competitions to better the tournament in each edition.

The 'Bank with a heart' slogan is complementing their substantial deeds, which has facilitated their credibility over the years. Never in the history of the tournament has there been any inconvenience in as far as administering the tournament is concerned, but all the wonderful work and effort put in for over a decade was flushed down the drain

in the recently ended 13th edition.

It is an obvious norm for a prize presentation to be held after a football tournament, especially of this prestige, where the deserving faction is formally awarded their respective prizes. SwaziBank has never failed to live up to that norm since its launch in 2003, but to many people's surprise, it was a different story this year.

Awardees were made to hand pick their prizes at the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) offices, fuelling rumours that all is not well in the relations between the financial institution and the football governing body. We cannot run away from the fact that the

cancellation of the presentation has sent tongues wagging and we are all in the dark as to what really happened.

Silence

The bank's MD broke his silence on the matter, pinning the blame on budget considerations with limited time to mull over, but the sound of it is not convincing. It seems as though there is more into it than meets the eye and parties involved are choosing to shove the fluff under the carpet. There is rising speculation that the bank is on the verge of pulling out and ending 13 years of the annual tournament, but we won't dwell much on that because it remains a rumour.

(Could this be one of the signs, no I don't want to believe that). Personally, *kungangivisa buhlungu*.

It is such a shame to our local football to experience such ugly occurrences and it falters decades of hard work to put up a professional setup in the sport. The initiator of the tournament the late Stanley Matsebula, may his soul rest in peace, is probably looking down in disgrace while his architect is tumbling down.

Fingers are not pointing at anyone (yet they are actually pointing somewhere), but the occurrence is bringing a bad mark to the institution and football at large, ruining the reputation of both. A prize presentation is not only about the awards, but it presents an opportunity for stakeholders of the sponsor to mingle and network.

Evolution

They share ideas while also enhancing each other on relevant issues. Some of them plan prior to the event and get expensive outfits to put on and surely it doesn't go down well with them when such incidents occur. Our football is taken aback just when there were high hopes of evolution. I will be clear, we are all aware that the bank has a right to call the presentations off, but definitely not in this fashion. All we want is the truth in as far as this matter is concerned.

Clashing of venues, no ways, that's not good enough an explanation. This I say because we have other good venues where the event could have been held.

We have already gathered that the awards presentation was cancelled and we have the names of some of the people who are behind the cancellation of the event. You are enemies of football and the development of sports in general, you should always know. We also hear that SwaziBank staff members are also disgruntled by this.

The whole episode leaves one with unanswered questions, is this going to negatively influence other sports events? Does this mark the end to prize presentation events in football? Was it a wake-up call or things are turning for the worst in the sport? Transparency and honesty is the absolute way out to the cracks showing themselves within the beautiful game and until we put our personal differences aside and work on achieving a high level of professionalism, the worst is yet to come. I rest my case.

CONGRATS TO THE 'YELLO' WINNERS

LAST Thursday marked the end of what has been an exhilarating and exciting 2015/16 MTN Premier League season.

It was glitz and glamour at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre as football personalities gathered with the sponsor and authorities to reward the outstanding winners of the two leagues in the MTN Premier League and the MTN National First Division League.

The biggest winner on the night was Mbabane Highlanders quicksilver striker Lungelo Tsabedze, who was named MTN player of the year after driving his side to the second position until they lost the title to eventual champions Royal Leopard.

Dynamites usually come in small packages and indeed Lungelo has been a revelation for the 'Black Bull', scoring 11 goals for the Meck Mwase-led side. We hope he will stay level headed and give us more next season and probably get a berth in the senior national team Sihlangu.

Football is sometimes described as a religion which requires patience in order for one to yield fruits and Midas City coach Caleb Ngwenya was rewarded for his hard work in the 'beautiful game' after he was named the coach of the year.

Ngwenya shocked many when he led his team to a respectable top five finish with his inexperienced players. He managed to get the best out

of the new generation of players in Simanga Shongwe, Khetfokuhle Mkhontfo, Ndimiso Ndaba and Njabulo Magagula, who were the vital cogs in helping the returnees cause upsets by beating the likes of Young Buffaloes, Mbabane Swallows and Manzini Wanderers.

Caleb, we hope you will continue unearthing new blood next season, players who will go all the way to represent the country in international football, like the 'Swazi diamond' in Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo, who is a product of Midas City.

The least can be said about the three-time champions, Royal Leopard, whose continuity and league pedigree has been proven for

the consecutive season. They have done once under the guidance of self proclaimed Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane, who has made a new record becoming the first Swazi Coach to win three straight league crowns.

Their success can be attributed to the investment of the club President, Isaac Magagula, who saw the team signing galaxy of stars in Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo, Muzi 'Mzoro' Dlamini, Menzi Sithole and Mxolisi 'General' Lukhele.

All these players have, in the past three years, gained the valuable experience locally and internationally during their continental adventure in the CAF Confederations Cup and that can be confirmed by their zeal in the league.

Love, care and patience can bring the best out of nothing and true

example of that is the MTN First Division player of the year and top goal scorer Fabrice Mopina. The DR Congo-born front man has revitalised his career at Tambuti FC after he was deemed as surplus to requirement by Mbabane Swallows two seasons ago.

He is now expected to lead the sugar-belt side in their maiden Premier League journey next season under the guidance of former XI Men defender Terisayi Changara, who has led Tambuti FC to premier league and was rewarded with the coach of the year award.

We are now looking forward to another nail biting 2016/17 season which will be spiced by the return one of the country's traditional side Momeni Pirates, who also regained their elite league status following a great season in the NFD.

MONENI PIRATES TO BOLSTER SQUAD

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - MONENI Pirates will next season bolster their squad in a bid to ensure they retain their elite league status.

Pirates were promoted to the elite league together with Tambuti FC from the National First Division. Team PRO Thami Dlamini said they would be signing new players. "We will bolster our squad for next season. We want to compete in the Premier League and ensure that the team is not relegated like it happened in the 2014/2015 season. We are still waiting for the coaches' report before deciding on the next

move." Dlamini said they would also recall their players, who were on loan to Badboys and Red Lions teams last season.

"We believe these players will make an impact since they come back with experience," he said.

The PRO also expressed his gratitude to the sponsor and relevant stakeholders for supporting the team.

He said he was also grateful to be named best PRO in the NFD.

"I want to thank MTN Swaziland, PLS and all relevant stakeholders. I

will continue to work hard as the team's PRO," Dlamini said. Moneni Pirates received E50 000 for being the runners-up in the NFD league

while champions Tambuti walked away with a whopping E90 000. Striker Fabrice Mopina and coach Terisayi Changara also walked away with the top goal scorer award and coach of the season awards, respectively. The Sea Robbers and Tambuti will be replacing Malanti Chiefs and Bad Boys in the elite league next season.



Sihlangu fans will now watch team in training

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - SENIOR national team (Sihlangu) supporters will be pleased to know that they will now be allowed to watch Sihlangu in training.

This was disclosed by the team's Manager Josiah 'Digger' Dlamini through the popular SBIS Sports Show aired every Monday and Friday morning.

Dlamini was responding to a query after countries like England and Spain were made reference to allowing fans watch their trainings session. In response, Dlamini said that they were considering it and once they did, they would fill people in on the accord.

"We are aware that in most countries, supporters are allowed entry into the national team training sessions and we want people to know



SWAZI PRIDE: Sihlangu SeMnikati during a training session.

and see what really goes on during training. We have yet to hold talks with the relevant people and we will let the supporters know what we decide upon soon," he said. Sihlangu is currently in camp preparing for their match against Guinea in the AFCON qualifiers at Somhlolo on June 5. Sihlangu won 2-1 in the first

leg of the competition that was played at a neutral venue in Morocco.

Dlamini said all was well at training and they had no casualties, except for the injury to Royal Leopard forward Bonginkosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini, who had a knee injury against Swallows in the last games of the MTN Premier League.

Mixed feelings from local fans over Van Gaal's sacking

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - REPORTS erupted yesterday that Manchester United have parted ways with their Netherlands head coach Louis Van Gaal and the news was met with mixed feelings from local fans supporting the English Premier League club.

Van Gaal, 64, leaves after two years of a three-year contract with former Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho set to be named as his replacement. Mourinho's appointment was expected to be confirmed after the 53-year-old Portuguese met with senior Manchester United officials yesterday.

BBC Sport reported on Saturday that United's FA Cup win over Crystal Palace would be Van Gaal's last game in charge.

A majority of the local fans are sympathising with the Dutchman while others have had enough of him. This is what they had to say:

Thulani Simelane - What

makes LVG a legend to me is that he hasn't lost to Liverpool in the league. Just like another legend called Forlan, who scored a brace at Anfield but couldn't score anywhere else. **Maqhawe Nkambule -** When all has been said, there is still the truth: LVG's season was hurt by injuries. It's like he said himself. When he had a full squad we were first on the log (felt for him when he said this). Why should he be fired? Would any manager have done better under the circumstances?

Baphelele Ballack Dlamini - Hhayi bo asome nje kancane. Lebholalembi lebesiyidlal. Endless backwards and sideways passes was because of injuries? Don't be fooled by this FA Cup, we are not the only club to have been hit with injuries so that's not an excuse really!

Thulani Simelane - We are where we should be, Van

SO LONG FELLAS: Louis Van Gaal.

Gaal is not a miracle worker.



SNSRC pledges support to Olympic Games bound athletes

By Sibusiso Masilela

SPORTS - THE Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council has pledged its support to local athletes, who will be taking part in the 2016 Olympic Games to be held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in August.

The council, through their Marketing and Communications Officer Zwakele Simelane has promised to assist the squad; set to be announced by the Swaziland Olympics and Commonwealth Games association (SOCGA) soon. "We will offer financial assistance

to the Olympic Games team as soon as SOCGA releases the travelling squad and logistics. It is our mandate to offer assistance to other sporting codes that partake in international competitions."

He said they were also committed in pursuing other local initiatives like the Shukuma program which was currently taking place in various areas around the country.

Simelane further said they were still working around the clock to establish the national Paralympics Committee.

"We will be embarking on the programme that will enable the country to take part in the Paralympics Games. We will set the ball rolling once we put the structure in place," he said. Some of the local athletes, who will be taking part in the Olympic Games, include the likes of Sibusiso 'Swazibolt' Mtsenjwa, Mlandvo Shongwe and the Mauritius-based Phumlile Ndzinisa.

The council received a E6.5 million subvention from the ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs for the current financial year.

'Cruiser' lauds Crime Stop, SAHAIDS, 'Buy Cash' for Shukuma Swaziland support

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala has lauded Crime Stop Security for supporting government in the Shukuma Programme.

Crime Stop Security donated 50 t-shirts, while Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza also contributed 50 t-shirts inscribed 'Shukuma Swaziland'.

Southern African HIV and AIDS Information Dissemination Service (SAHAIDS), on the other hand, contributed E3000 toward refreshments.

The minister made these remarks on Saturday during the Shukuma Swaziland programme held at the newly built Killarney Stadium in Piggs Peak.

"It is good to see companies like Crime Stop, SAHAIDS and my colleague Minister 'Buy Cash' supporting government in the



THANK YOU: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala.

Shukuma Swaziland programme. We appreciate the support we are receiving from individuals and companies or non-governmental organisations. They have done a commendable job in today's (weekend) event," Ngcamphalala said. Ngcamphalala said they were fully behind the programme which

was spearheaded by Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC).

"We are fully behind SNSRC in their quest to keep the nation active and fit by visiting different constituencies around the country. This is part of the decentralisation policy that government has embarked on. We want more people to make it a habit to attend the 'Shukuma Programme' to keep the doctors away," he added. Meanwhile, Minister 'Buy Cash' also shared the same sentiments and thanked Minister Ngcamphalala for gracing the event. "We want to take this opportunity to thank the minister of sports, culture and youth affairs for gracing this event. His presence has had a great impact as more people came, not solely for the programme, but to see the minister as they always hear about him through the media. We want to thank Crime Stop, SAHAIDS and SNSRC and all the stakeholders for making this event a success," he said.



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Stunning Dutch claims say Zlatan's signed
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'Rubber' pays E5 000, to settle outstanding balance

By Sports Reporter

SOCCER – IN the latest development, Mbabane Highlanders boss Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane has allegedly paid the car dealers E5 000, it has been reliably gathered.

It has been gathered that the money was due Thursday last week, but Simelane failed to live up to promises hence the car dealers turning hideous as they went to report the matter to the police.

Simelane is said to have sent his wife to the debtors to talk on his behalf after they threatened to repossess the car (a red bakkie) if he fails to pay the outstanding balance.

His wife allegedly pleaded with the car dealers to bear with them until the following day (Friday) and she gave them E1000 at the scene.

According to a reliable source close to the matter, the Highlanders boss kept his promise and paid the amount the following day.

"He has paid the amount in hard cash through his wife. He paid a total of E5 000 and is still outstanding the remainder."

"The car dealers and 'Rubber' are now on talking terms after Simelane kept his promise. It is after yesterday's article that one of the dealers allegedly revealed being related with Simelane (brother in law); therefore, it was not their intention to ridicule him in public. All they wanted was the issue to be resolved outside of the public eye," the reliable source said.

Admitted

"The car dealers admitted that the article was well relayed and they felt you journalists did a wonderful job, but it was pointless to do a follow-up since he has admitted to paying the outstanding amount. There is no story to write since all is settled, the article also ensured that he will always be on the right side of the law since he is a public figure," the reliable source added.

When the car dealer was contacted yesterday they declined to comment further. They pleaded with this reporter not to reveal their identity since the matter has been resolved.

"We do not want to discuss this issue in the public, Simelane has paid us E5000, there is still money pending and we have agreed on when he would settle the outstanding balance," said one of the men.

Efforts to get comments from Simelane were futile as his mobile phone rang unanswered after several attempts were made to reach him.

'XAVI' JOINS SIHLANGU THIS WEEK

- Player left for AS Vita in February
- Sihlangu in a 'must win' situation against Guinea
- 'Nation pride' currently third in Group L



By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – DR Congo's AS Vita striker Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo is expected to join Sihlangu in camp before the end of the week.

The former Royal Leopard player will join the rest of the squad at the Technical Centre in preparation for the 2017 AFCON qualifier match against Guinea, slated for Somhlolo National Stadium on June 5.

'Xavi' was missing from the team that started training last week Tuesday, in preparation for the Guinea match.

National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Chief Executive Officer Frederick

Mngomezulu confirmed that the player would be joining the rest of the players before the end of the week, when contacted yesterday.

"We have sent a correspondence to AS Vita club requesting the player to join the team on camp and we are expecting him be in the country before the end of the week."

Camp

The rest of the players are already in camp preparing for the match, which is a must win for the country," said Mngomezulu.

He said the team spirit was high among the players in camp.

"We are positive of having a full strength squad for the

Guinea match and at the same time we are praying that none of the players get injured before the match."

Mngomezulu said the only player missing was 'Xavi', who they were expecting to jet into the country anytime this week.

Compete

The Harries 'Madze' Bulunga-led side will be looking to compete a double (over the West Africans whom they managed to beat by 2-1 in the first leg tie played) in Casablanca, Morocco in September last year.

Sihlangu are currently placed third in Group L with five points behind current leaders Zimbabwe and second placed Guinea, who have a better goal

difference.

The local side is still to play against Malawi in their last match come September (in Blantyre) in their quest to make it through to their first ever AFCON final's appearance in Gabon next year.

'Xavi' recently rewrote local football history books when he became first Swazi player to feature in the group stages of the Orange CAF Champions League, after his side managed to break into the last eight of the continent's premier club competition. The player is also set to be part of the Sihlangu team that will take part in the COSAFA Senior Challenge, to be held in Namibia mid next month.

SPORTS EXTRA

MANCHESTER UNITED SACK VAN GAAL

MANCHESTER – Manchester United have sacked manager Louis van Gaal, Old Trafford according to sources close to Goal magazine.

The Dutchman led United to their first FA Cup triumph since 2004 on Saturday, with a 2-1 win over Crystal Palace, though celebrations were quickly overshadowed by speculation regarding Jose Mourinho's imminent arrival. Van Gaal's

two-year reign at Old Trafford proved divisive, with several fans and former players bemused by the Dutchman's playing style having seen United score just 49 league goals this season.

And after Van Gaal arrived at the club's Carrington training ground for work yesterday he was relieved of his duties. The 64-year-old remained cordial throughout the rest of the morning but his backroom staff were

seen clearing their desks after being sacked along with the man who brought them to the club in 2014. Executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward was also seen on site alongside one of the club's lawyers.

Sacked

Mourinho has been out of work since he was sacked by Chelsea in December, but is poised to return at Old Trafford. Van Gaal's departure comes two years after his appointment,



SACKED: Louis van Gaal.

with the manager guiding the club to a fourth-placed finish in his first season. *Goal*

NB: As Jose Mourinho heavily linked to take over. See Page 37