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**TIGHT SECURITY:** Some of the armed police officers stationed in various banks and ATMs countrywide to beef up security this festive season. RSP and Bankers Association on Monday unveiled a new slogan called 'Together Let's Create a Barrier Against Crime and Road Accidents'. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)



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# SADC DRIVER'S LICENCES TO HIT SWAZILAND SOON

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**SWAZI drivers will soon be expected to possess a SADC driver's licence, which will be expiring after five years.**

Minister of Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini yesterday said the licences would be introduced very soon. She did not specify on the time frame. The country is now at a stage of constructing testing centres for drivers to get such licences.

The sites have been identified in Nhlanguano and Pigg's Peak. However, some improvements on the sites have to be made because government, when identifying them, found challenges. The Nhlanguano site is a wetland and the Pigg's Peak one is steep.

Dlamini said they were engaging different government departments like the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident

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Fund (SAMVF), Swaziland Driving Schools Association, Swaziland Road Safety Council, Royal Swaziland Police (RSP), Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) and the treasury department. She said this at Senate in Parliament.

## Question

She was responding to a question posed by Senator Lindiwe Ngwenya, standing in for Senator Meninjeni Mahlalela, who was not present during yesterday's Senate sitting.

Ngwenya asked the minister to tell the senators about the progress that her ministry had made concerning the introduction of the SADC licences in the

country. The minister went on to say the licences would be valid for a period of five years.

After that, drivers would have to renew them. She did not commit herself into how much would be needed for the renewal of the licences.

## Expiry

"After the expiry of the licence, drivers will be expected to go for tests. This time, many things will be considered when testing because even the drivers themselves will be tested.

Eyes, for example, will be tested because in five years' time, the condition of the eyes is usually not the same



**VERY SOON: Minister Lindiwe Dlamini.**

as now," Dlamini said.

The new licence will have many features that are not found in the current Swazi driver's licence. The SADC one will have a choice of language.

## Language

The drivers will choose the language in which their licences will be written.

The period of validity will also be specified, as well as the type of vehicles the driver of the licence should be driving. It will also be

featuring a stamp of the driving school of the driver, as well as fingerprints of the driver.

Drivers, who already have Swazi driver's licences, will not be tested for the SADC ones. They will just get them and use them for driving.

They will then be tested once the SADC licences expire.

This is a model taken from Mozambique, where the minister and her team from the ministry went to see how they were implementing the programme.

The minister said this was implemented as a result of an order that came from the United Nations (UN). She said the organisation was concerned at the rate at which road accidents were occurring in many countries of the world.

A decision was then taken to make driving uniform among UN member countries. SADC then took a stand of introducing its licences that would be allowed to be used all over the world.

This, according to Dlamini, was in line with what the UN wanted to achieve, which was to minimise road accidents in the world.

## Habitual criminal may rot in jail

By Linda Jele  
High Court

**CONVICTED murderer Masinda Dlamini, popularly known as 'Cower', risks himself spending an infinite period behind bars because he has committed many robberies in his lifetime.**

Dlamini was found guilty with two others Mfana May Yende and Mpendulo Ginindza for the murder of Abbas Ashraf on April 9, 2012 at Madonsa and other robbery committed on the same night. They were charged together with Jabulile Ngcobo, born Dvuba, a traditional healer from Makholweni who had assisted them with muti to commit the robbery.

However, the traditional healer was acquitted of the murder.

The suspects were tried by High Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba and upon conviction they submitted mitigating factors trying to persuade the court to mete out light sentences.

The crown's Senior Crown Counsel Stanley Dlamini submitted that Dlamini should be declared a habitual criminal.

He submitted that the High Court, sometime in 1996, had sentenced 'Cower' to 15 years imprisonment without the option to pay a fine after he had been convicted for a string of robberies and attempted murder cases committed around Manzini. He said the court, at the time, had warned 'Cower' not to be found guilty of serious crimes because if he would be, he would be declared a habitual criminal.

Prior to the 15 years sentencing, had a number of previous convictions meted out by the Magistrate's Courts.

Stanley applied that 'Cower' should

be declared a habitual offender, which means he would be sent to prison to serve the sentences to be meted out by the High Court but continue to stay there at His Majesty King Mswati III's mercy.

"The first accused My Lord was fresh from serving a 15-year jail term when he committed the robberies at Madonsa.

It was not an issue that the record of previous conviction was committed over ten years ago, but the judge had issued a warning that should he be found to have committed other offences, he would be declared a habitual criminal," Stanley said.

'Cower' is represented by lawyer

Osborne Nzima in the matter and he submitted that the court should consider his client was married and had children.

He also submitted that the court should consider that the weapon used in the killing of Ashraf was not the AK47 reportedly been carried by

him. The judge said he had considered that the High court had previously warned 'Cower' that he would be declared a habitual criminal if convicted of another offence of robbery again.

"That is drastic because such person is taken to a place of custody at the pleasure of His Majesty the King. Robbery is one of such crimes and the first accused has been convicted of robbery.

The proper way to deal with this matter is to conduct an inquiry to determine what causes him to commit the crimes. I will not be in a position to mete out a sentence before such inquiry has been conducted," Judge Mamba said.

Stanley and Nzima were directed to prepare to make submission on the issue with sentencing postponed to Monday.

## Fiscal crisis: MPs advise govt to reduce ministries

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba

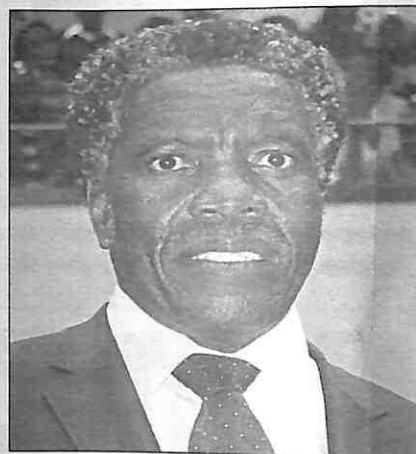
**TO mitigate the financial crisis faced by the state, government has been advised to take a bitter pill and downsize the ministries.**

Speaking during the debate of the mid-year budget review statement for 2016/2017, Manzini North MP Jan Sithole said the executive arm of government should seriously consider reducing the ministries by combining some of them.

Sithole said such an arrangement was possible, arguing the country previously had the ministry of sports and culture combined with that of home affairs.

Sithole said the minister of finance has made it clear in his report that the country's citizens must develop saving habits and talked at length about fiscal discipline but all those initiatives were not being implemented by his own ministry.

MP Sithole said the solution to the country's economic problems was job



**DO SOMETHING: Manzini North MP Jan Sithole and Finance Minister Martin Dlamini.**

creation, as opposed to the government's decision to freeze creation of posts.

## Efforts

Currently, Sithole said there were no efforts by government to create more jobs, arguing such would put the country at risk in that the majority of the unemployed graduating youth could revolt against the state.

MP Sithole accused the Finance Minister



Martin Dlamini of being a bad defender of the state by allegedly failing to protect the country from bad spending decisions when it matters the most.

He said even the Swaziland Revenue Authority would be of no help if it relied on taxing one and the same people. When more jobs were created and more people employed, he said, the tax base would increase as well.

## ...Rampant abuse of govt vehicles condemned

**GOVERNMENT has been strongly criticised for allegedly wasting public funds through high fuel expenditures.**

Speaking during a debate of the ministry of finance's mid-year budget review statement for 2016/2017, parliamentarians were shocked that government vehicles were fueling every Friday only to return on Mondays with empty tanks to refuel.

They wondered what government business was carried out on weekends, alleging the vehicles were used by civil servants to attend night vigils and soccer tournaments.

Shiselweni II MP Mthokozisi Kunene said government vehicles were consuming a shocking 25 million litres of fuel every month, which translates to E257 million per annum if charged at E10 per litre.

MP Kunene said Finance Minister Martin Dlamini must tell the House which budget items he planned to



**STOP IT: Shiselweni II MP Mthokozisi Kunene and Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini.**

stop immediately to ensure the wastage was minimised.

He said the minister must come up with alternatives to increase government revenue to reduce the deficit.

Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini raised similar concerns, demanding to know what alternative revenue generating plans government had put in place.

MP Dlamini said it concerned them that every government ministry was



complaining about the finance ministry's failure to release funds to them.

The ministry of agriculture, for example, he said, urgently needed fuel for its fleet of tractors to help farmers produce the much-needed crops for the country to be food secure. What was happening in the various government ministries, Dlamini said, sharply contradicted the report of the minister.



# WIFE DEMANDS MONEY FOR SEX - HUSBAND

## COVER STORY

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A disgruntled man has narrated how his wife deserted him and refused to have sexual intercourse with him because he did not have money.

Petros Simelane said since June 22, 2014 he has been staying alone after his wife, Precious packed her belongings and bid farewell to their children and left, never to return to their marital home. He said the bone of contention was that he failed to give her money.

He said on June 21, 2014 they were in bed with his wife, and as usual, he was expecting to be granted conjugal rights only to be denied by his wife. Much to his dismay, Precious demanded to be given money prior to any bed game.

Petros claimed he married Precious on May 22, 1997 and their marriage had been happy until the day she made the financial demands.

He claimed she has neither returned to their matrimonial home nor granted him conjugal rights despite that she is still around and works in one of the

man tells court he has not slept with his wife for two years because he does not have money to give her, and she later deserted their marital home

major supermarkets in the country, which has a branch in Pigg's Peak. He has since decided to divorce his wife and the application was heard by Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati yesterday.

His main ground for divorce was malicious desertion. He led evidence before the magistrate.

"She came back on that Saturday and asked for money while we were in bed and the manner in which she said it sounded like it was an exchange for my conjugal rights.

### Money

"I did not like that. I told her I did not have the money she was asking for and she then told me she was tired of everything," Petros told the magistrate.

He told the court Precious maintained her stance until the morning that she was tired and had had enough of the life.

He said she even told their children, 'enough is enough.'

"She told them she was leaving and I immediately knew she would not come back. It has been two and a half years now and I have since taken the decision that divorcing her would be the

best option for both parties," he said.

Petros said he had tried every trick in the book to bring back his wife to no avail. He claimed he even sought the intervention of a district commissioner (DC) who invited them to his office, but it yielded no positive result.

"I asked for privacy and even booked a room at a hotel. When we got there my wife acted strangely as she refused to share a bathroom with me.

She further slept with her clothes on, something that puzzled me, because I was expecting things to happen differently," he said.

He added that when he engaged her on why she had moved out of their matrimonial home, she simply broke down and asked that they terminate the marriage.

He said he had not expected his wife to desert him in the manner she did and described the life without his wife as a rough ride.

He claimed she had agreed that the marriage should be terminated in court and an agreement was signed.

The magistrate granted a divorce decree in favour of Petros.

## Judge Mbutfo nominated for SADC Tribunal

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

HIGH Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba has been nominated for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Administrative Tribunal (SADCAT).

The list of judges of the SADC Administrative Tribunal nominees, however, has not yet been confirmed.

The nominees are still to be approved by the committee of the ministers of justice and they will be endorsed in March next year.

### Hassle

Attempts to confirm the nominated Swazi judge proved a hassle as no one from the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs wanted to divulge the name.

When contacted initially, Principal Secretary Lorraine Hlophle said releasing the names has



NOMINATED: High Judge Mbutfo Mamba.

been embargoed until next year March. However, Hlophle was later quoted on Swazi TV News Bulletin, confirming Judge Mamba as being the Swazi judge that had been nominated.

## ...Tribunal to deal with inter-state disputes - PM

PRIME Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini said the newly revised Southern African Development Community (SADC) Tribunal would now deal only with inter-state disputes.

He said this yesterday during the official opening of the ministers of justice and attorney generals joint meeting held at the Royal Swazi Sun Hotel.

The PM said this through the acting Prime Minister Paul Dlamini, who is substantive Deputy Prime Minister.

He said the jurisdiction of the SADC Tribunal, which previously handled legal settlement of employment disputes, has been reviewed and would now deal only with inter-state disputes.

"Staff issues have been left without a forum, with the result that national courts have been allocated the task of resolv-

ing them. This has firstly compromised SADC diplomatic immunity and has, secondly, given rise to the risk of a lack of uniformity in court decisions as different member states apply differing interpretations with varying conclusions and, thus, judgments.

### Aware

This is an important piece of house-keeping that has to be sorted. There are close to 1 000 employees involved, and we are all by now aware of the complications and inconsistencies that arise from the present arrangements," he said.

Dlamini said the legal settlement of employment disputes occupies the agenda for ministers and attorneys-general's meeting specifically employment disputes relating to employees of the SADC Secretariat and SADC institu-

tions. The prime minister said the outcome has been the Statute of the Southern African Development Community Administrative Tribunal, which has quickly acquired the distinctive acronym SADCAT. He said the Statute defines the modalities, SADCAT is the executing agency.

"But a tribunal is nothing without its members and hence today's meeting being convened to make the necessary decisions on the appointment of judges to form the tribunal and discharge the responsibilities in accordance with the Statute of SADCAT," he said.

Dlamini said the essential task today was the nomination of seven judges, suitably qualified and experienced, with no two judges from the same member state.

## National IDs available from today

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

SWAZIS will be pleased to know that the National Identity cards are available from today.

This comes after about two months of non-availability of the very important citizenship cards.

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs Anthony Masilela confirmed that ID cards were now available at the respective home affairs regions, where such documents are issued.

"We have received ID cards and their issuance should be rolling out again as usual," he said.

A visit to the ministry of home affairs confirmed that indeed the ID cards were now available.

Officers found in the offices said issuance of National Identity Cards would be done starting from today.

However, they revealed that the issuance of the IDs would firstly be done for those who had already applied for them during the time when the cards were not available.

"We have a back-log as hundreds of people have been coming to our offices during the time when we did not have the ID cards. During that period we allowed the public to make their applications for the IDs and take pictures," said the officer.

The PS further said the suppliers of the travelling documents had promised to deliver them on the second week of December.

## SWSC owed E89m, to disconnect

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

SWAZILAND Water Services Corporation (SWSC) is owed over E89 million by its customers.

SWSC Corporate Affairs Manager Nomahlubi Matiwane confirmed the figure yesterday. She said the bills were inclusive of all their debtors, including government ministries. "The corporation is owed over E89 million and this is inclusive of all our debtors," she said.

However, the latest figure is bound to be met with mixed feelings after the country experienced serious drought for close to two years now. Some areas, including the capital city, were forced to engage in water rationing.

She said the corporation had embarked on a major water supply disconnection exercise which commenced on Tuesday. In a press statement, customers were requested to settle their outstanding water bills to avoid disconnection of water supply. "Once disconnected, only cash or bank guaranteed cheques shall be accepted," added Matiwane.

Customers were further advised

that reconnection of water supply shall only be effected once the customer has updated or confirmed their existing account details with the nearest SWSC revenue office upon payment in full of their outstanding account.

Also it was mentioned that customers with long overdue balances, be it those with active and non-active accounts were reminded to settle the accounts within the next seven days in order to avoid legal action. Matiwane said disconnections were carried out monthly while major disconnections were done quarterly.

SWSC is a corporate body duly established under the Water Services Corporation Act, No. 12 of 1992. The Corporation is a category 'A' Public Enterprise in terms of the Public Enterprise (Control and Monitoring) Act No.8 of 1989 and therefore it is wholly owned by government.

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## 4 NATIONAL NEWS

# WHAT E5.1 BILLION FRAUD - GOVT

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

THE ministry of finance is disputing reports there is embezzlement

of funds or fraud amounting to E5.1 billion at the office of the accountant general's office.

This transpired in a joint press statement issued by the ministry of finance and Kobla Quashie and Associates to

clear the dubious report yesterday. "Following the publication of a series of articles on the above mentioned subject matter in the Times of Swaziland of the 12th, 14th, 17th and 21st November 2016, the ministry of finance and the audit firm appointed to undertake the audit of the office of the accountant general, Kobla Quashie and Associates, would like to clear some misinterpretations surrounding the forensic report of this audit exercise," states the statement.

## Funds

The statement points out that the report was misquoted. It states that the report is still in draft form and remains confidential pending clearance by Cabinet.

"We wish to clarify that there is nowhere in the draft report compiled by Kobla Quashie and Associates where there is mention of any embezzlement of funds nor fraud amounting to E5.1 billion or any misappropriation nor missing funds totaling E5.1 billion.

It is on these grounds that we feel the publication was not only incorrect but very misleading by insinuating

there is suspected fraud of E5.1 billion," it said.

The statement further clarified that what the draft report mentioned was there

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is lack of reconciliation of the accounts, a need for the reconciliation of the accounts and that the Government of Swaziland should entrust certain accountants to carry out the reconciliation so as to have accurate accounts.

"To the stakeholders and partners of the Government of Swaziland, we wish to convey our sincere apologies and sadness for publication of such misleading information and regret any inconvenience caused in this regard," the statement said.

The articles cited a number of irregularities in some accounts in the report. It outlined that the report shows significant differences in reconciliation. The article states that the report noted an unexplained difference of E85 294 660.05 on the general account, an unexplained difference of E4 759 411 052.80 in the salaries account, an un-

explained difference of E19 186 560.22 on the development fund, an unexplained difference of E18 141 649.67 on the community development fund, an unexplained difference of E8 893 382.13 on the regional development

fund, an unexplained difference of E7 128 196.01 again on the Regional Development Fund, an unexplained difference of E741 456.37 on the Tinkhundla Empowerment Fund and an unexplained difference of E606 750.91

again on the Tinkhundla Empowerment Fund.

It further cited an unexplained difference of E99 098 899.94 on the Strategic Oil Reserve Fund, an unexplained difference of E3 843 984.30 on the Disaster Relief Fund account, an unexplained difference of E6 258 890.46 again on the Disaster Relief Fund, an unexplained difference of E6 056.77 on the Sibhimbi Fund, an unexplained difference of E1 559 934.77 on the Resettlement Fund account, an unexplained difference of E104 231.32 again on the Resettlement Fund account.

It also stated that there was an unexplained difference of E74 186 315.52 on the Ordinary Call Account, an unexplained difference of E57 397 949.17 on the 17 cashiers account.

The article stated that the P.M.U. account had no bank reconciliation but only bank statement transactions were provided.



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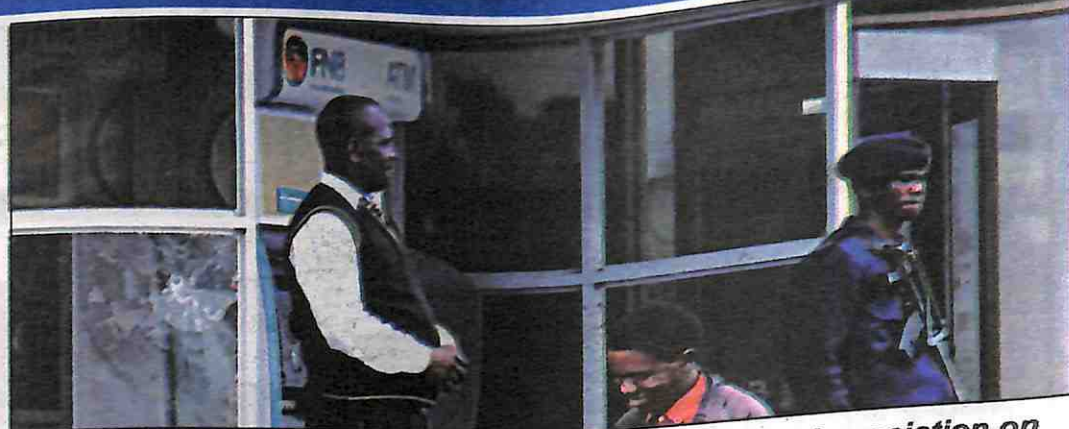
The Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) invites all stakeholders (Environmental practitioners, Environmental Managers, Project proponents, Government Officials and interested persons) to a half day workshop to be held on the **30th November 2016** at the Happy Valley Hotel starting at **08:30 hours**.

The purpose of the workshop is to share experiences and challenges in the Administration of Environmental assessments and Accreditation of Environmental consultants. It is also a forum for Engagement with stakeholders for improved service delivery.

Stakeholders are kindly requested to confirm participation in the workshop by sending email to [sizwe@sea.org.sz](mailto:sizwe@sea.org.sz) and [siphos@sea.org.sz](mailto:siphos@sea.org.sz) or call 24046960 by 16.00hrs on **Monday, 28 November 2015**.



# COPS NOW STATIONED IN BANKS, ATMs AROUND THE COUNTRY



**TIGHT SECURITY:** Some of the armed police officers RSP strategically positioned at ATMs ahead of the festive season. RSP and Bankers Association on Monday unveiled a new slogan called 'Together let's create a barrier against crime and road accidents'. (L) An armed officer found at Nedbank in Mbabane. (R) ALERT: FNB ATMs are also guarded by an armed officer. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)



**YOUR MONEY IS SAFE:** A police officer found at Standard Bank entrance in Manzini.



**DON'T EVEN TRY:** An armed officer at the SwaziBank ATM in Mbabane centre.

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# One injured as Moses Motsa's building collapses

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

A passer-by was rushed to hospital after an under-construction building belonging to business mogul Moses Motsa collapsed on Tuesday evening.

The building, which is situated in the town centre, collapsed just after 1900 hours while labourers were preparing to leave.

Information gathered was that a man who standing close to the building was hit by several bricks after a wall collapsed.

But the man was treated for minor injuries and discharged on the same day.

Residents of the small town have raised serious concern on the standard of the building, with many claiming it might again collapse at any time.

Apparently, the building was an extension of an old one which was built years ago using soft bricks made of red soil. However, it is now being extended using standard



**AT WORK:** Constructors working on the building which collapsed on Tuesday evening.

bricks, something which many constructors discourage as they claim it makes the building prone to collapse. Information gathered is that the building, which used to house a number of small shops, was being upgraded into a warehouse. Following the incident, the residents have further alleged that a number of other buildings (not necessarily belonging to Motsa) within the town centre were a danger to members of

the public as they were dilapidated and showing cracks. The residents have called upon the town Council to do intensive inspections on such buildings and declare them as safety hazards. On another note, early this year the town Council conducted inspections on some building within the town centre, upon which the government's Public Health Clinic was declared as hazardous to human occupation.

## Council orders Motsa to start building afresh

**FOLLOWING** the incident where a building belonging to Moses Motsa collapsed on Tuesday, the Siteki Town Council has taken swift action and ordered the businessman to demolish the building and start afresh.

Siteki Town Council Sithembile Simelane, reacting to the matter, said there was lack of cooperation

between Motsa and the Council.

This then resulted to the former proceeding with the construction of the building without getting approval from the Council. Simelane acknowledged that the building was of poor standard, hence the incident which left one man injured. "We have just written to Motsa and asked him to consult with

our engineers as it was evident the building was improperly constructed," said Simelane. Meanwhile, the town clerk asked businesspeople to take the Council's inspections and advices seriously as they were done by experts. She said such incidents would be avoided if businesspeople appropriately follow advices and adhere to the required standards.

## Xmas comes early for AfriSam Cement customers

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Matsapha

**CHRISTMAS** came early for 24 AfriSam Cement customers as they were showered with exciting prizes.

This was during this month's raffle draw. The prizes were handed over to the customers by the company's Territory Manager Marianna Pullen-Bulha who said this was the third batch of the monthly winners in the Super Swazi Promotion draw which took place at the company's premises. Pullen-Bulha said the numbers of the people entering the draw were

overwhelming and the company was impressed by the response in the competition. She congratulated the winners for entering the competition and said more people were welcome to join as it would end in December. Part of the prizes were four water tanks, grocery vouchers of E500 and E1 000, respectively. "The water tanks will be used for water harvesting, especially since the country is faced with water shortage while the vouchers will be used by the customers to buy groceries," she said. For a chance to win, she encouraged customers to buy AfriSam All Purpose Cement, enter in and attach their slip and wait for the next draw.



**WINNERS:** AfriSam tank winners James Vilane, Absalom Lukhele and Musa Vilakati posing with their tanks at Matsapha yesterday. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)



**ME TOO:** Female winner Thobile Ngcamphalala who was overjoyed when she was announced the winner.

### E500 - Grocery Voucher Winners

Number	Name	Cell Number	Store
1	Mr. Sdumo Magagula	76115803	Buy Cash Madlangempisi
2	Mr. Monday Dlamini	76680509	AMP Investment Mliba
3	Ms. Lungile Mabuza	76672416	Baceth Hardware Siteki
4	Mr. Zwelihle Maziya	76247264	Build It Mbabane
5	Mr. Sakhile Nkambule	76684097	Baceth Hardware Siteki
6	Ms. Kate Masuku	76133878	Cashbuild Pigg's Peak
7	Mr. Richard Khumalo	76124396	Buy Cash Mankayane
8	Ms. Thuli Mkhabela	76377702	Baceth Lomahasha
9	Mr. Dumsani Mabuza	76945384	Hub Hardware Mbabane
10	Mr. Pelican Maziya	76317892	Baceth Hardware Siteki

### E 1000 - Grocery Voucher Winners

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2	Mr. Msizi Mkhonta	76805893	Hub Hardware Mbabane
3	Ms. Sbhongile Mkhonta	76430343	Buy Cash Malkems
4	Mr. Sabelo Simelane	76547218	Buy Cash Hlathikhulu
5	Mr. Candido Guambe	76141489	Cashbuild Manzini
6	Mr. Lucky Dlamini	76080922	Cashbuild Nhangano
7	Ms. Ntombifuthi Nhlengethwa	76073404	Buy Cash Malkems
8	Mr. Simo Dlamini	78544677	Buy Cash Hlathikhulu
9	Mr. Sifiso Mavimbela	76640553	Build It Siteki
10	Mr. Veli Mamba	76316379	Buy Cash Hlathikhulu

### WATER TANK - Winners

Number	Name	Cell Number	Store
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2	Mr. Absalom Lukhele	78204929	Build It Buhleni
3	Ms. Thobile Ngcamphalala	76130988	Baceth Siteki
4	Mr. Musa Vilakati	76936002	Buy Cash Mshweni

## Illegal Asian arrested on way back to Pakistan

AN illegal immigrant from Pakistan was on Tuesday arrested just moments before boarding a plane at KM III International

Airport as he was on his way back home.

At least, this is according to submissions which were made before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula yesterday.

Imran Muhammed (28) was charged with contravening Section 14(2) (c) of the Immigration Act 17 of 1982.

According to the charge sheet, the accused not being a holder of a valid licence or permit did enter and remained in the country, an act which is in contravention of the law.

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused pleaded guilty while being represented by an attorney. In mitigation, the accused stated he was actually on his way to board a plane back home when he was arrested by officers at the airport.

His lawyer stated that as a result of the arrest, the accused had lost a plane ticket to the value of E16 400.

The lawyer told the court the accused has indicated he was

willing to purchase another ticket on his own so that he can eventually return home.

Upon these submissions, the principal magistrate then called in the arresting officer to ask for clarity on why the accused was arrested when he was already leaving the country. The officer stated they were worried about the purpose of the accused person of coming into the country illegally as he was found in possession of two passports.

He said both passports, however, did not indicate his arrival in the country. The officer said one of the passport belonged to the Government of Swaziland, but it had no entries while the other was obtained in Pakistan and it indicated entries dating back to 2013 in Mozambique.

The court eventually sentenced the accused to 10 days in a correctional facility with an option to pay E500 fine.

The accused was further allowed to purchase his own ticket to travel back home.

### IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF SWAZILAND

CASE NO:2457/2016

Held at Mbabane

In the matter between:

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# LANGA BRICKS MANAGEMENT WITHDRAWS 50 CENTS OFFER

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**THINGS seem to be getting worse for on-strike workers of Langa Bricks as the management has since withdrawn its 50 cents offer which was meant to be an hourly increment on salaries.**

It is said the management communicated such a decision through an email which was sent to the workers' union, the Amalgamated Trade Union of Swaziland (ATUSWA).

Workers of the company have been

on strike for exactly two weeks now, as they demand a salary increment of E3 per hour.

The decision to down tools was made after the workers' representatives and the employer failed to reach common ground.

The two parties were however back to the negotiation table last Friday where the employer is said to have offered 50 cents instead of the E3 which was being demanded by the workers.

The negotiations also continued on Monday, upon which it appeared that

the parties were now close to reaching an agreement.

According to ATUSWA General Secretary Wonder Mkhonza, the workers were ready to accept the offer but with conditions.

Upon further discussions, Mkhonza said the employer suddenly raised some issues where the workers were being accused of sabotaging operations of

the company.

He said the employer claimed that the on-strike workers have altered with

electricity lines coming into the company with the purpose of distracting operations of

the company. Apparently, the com-

pany hired casual employees to continue with the company operations while the workers remain on strike.

The employer is said to have stated that with these issues, negotiations on the salary increment were now being called off. Later on the day, the employer is said to have sent the union a statement, informing them that the 50 cents offer was being withdrawn.

Speaking during an interview, Mkhonza expressed disappointment on the company's sudden decision, saying that workers were to accept the offer.

"Workers were ready to accept the 50 cents offer but the employer has let down our efforts and it seems we are now back where we started," said Mkhonza.

Meanwhile, Mkhonza said workers have affirmed that they would remain on strike until an amicable resolution is made. Mkhonza however highlighted that as a union, they did not encourage violence or sabotage by either the workers or the employer.



## Govt's cash flow problems cause diesel shortage

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**GOVERNMENT'S cash flow problems have resulted to inadequate diesel in depots countrywide.**

Such a problem has been haunting the country for the past couple of months, making it difficult to implement some government programmes. It has also contributed to the current situation faced by farmers in many parts of the country. The country is 60 per cent behind in terms of ploughing and one of the reasons cited has been the shortage of diesel. This resulted in some government tractors being grounded as they need the diesel to function. The situation worried senators, who wanted answers from Minister for Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini. Yesterday, they wanted the minister to explain if the fuel depots in the country were enough and conveniently placed to supply government's heavy plant machinery operating in rural areas. Such question was posed to the minister by Senator Khanyisile Malambe. The minister said the depots were situated in many parts of the country; in Mbabane, Matsapha, Siteki, Nhlalango, Big Bend, and Pigg's Peak.

She said government's essential services like police, soldiers and fire fighting departments also had their own fuel depots. The minister also highlighted to the senators that bowlers (tankers) were not enough. Currently, government has three of them and it is planning to add one on top of the three so that they are found in every region of the country.

The minister then addressed the actual shortage of diesel to the senators. She started by apologising to them and to the nation at large. "The shortage of diesel has been caused by the cash flow problems. This has caused the supplier to eventually stop supplying government with diesel," Dlamini said. She was aware that even the ministry of agriculture was affected by this problem because it was the ploughing season. The minister said her ministry was currently engaging the ministry of finance to see how the current situation could be normalised. She further thanked the finance ministry for cooperating with her ministry because this was an important matter. Dlamini also told the lawmakers they were doing something to ensure that there were tractors to maintain the gravel roads. She acknowledged that the road had been damaged by the rains and they would do something to maintain them.



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## PRESS STATEMENT No. 3 of 2016

### RE: FORENSIC AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

Following the publication of a series of articles on the above mentioned subject matter in the Times of Swaziland of the 12th, 14th, 17th and 21st November 2016, the Ministry of Finance and the audit firm appointed to undertake the audit of the office of the Accountant General, Kobla Quashie and Associates, would like to clear some misinterpretations surrounding the forensic report of this audit exercise.

First and foremost, we wish to point out that the report which we feel has been misquoted is still in draft form and thus remains confidential pending clearance by Cabinet. Further, we wish to clarify that there is nowhere in the draft report compiled by Kobla Quashie and Associates where there is mention of:

- (i) Any embezzlement of funds nor fraud amounting to E5.1 billion;
- (ii) Any misappropriation nor missing funds totaling E5.1 billion

It is on these grounds that we feel the publication was not only incorrect but very misleading by insinuating that there is suspected fraud of E5.1 billion. We wish therefore at this point to further clarify that what the draft report mentioned was that there is: lack of reconciliation of the accounts; need for the reconciliation of the accounts; and that the Government of Swaziland should entrust certain accountants to carry out the reconciliation so as to have accurate accounts.

To the stakeholders and partners of the Government of Swaziland, we wish to convey our sincere apologies and sadness for publication of such misleading information and regret any inconvenience caused in this regard.

MARTIN G. DLAMINI  
MINISTER OF FINANCE

DANIEL BEDIAKO  
CEO, KOBLA QUASHIE



## 8 PICTURES

## COCA COLA SUMMER PROMOTION WINNERS



**OPEN HAPPINESS:** Coca Cola Summer Promotion winners displaying their cash prizes posing with Swaziland Beverages marketing and sales staff. This was during the prize presentation for last Saturday's roadshow which was held at Mbabane SuperSpar. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**MY SHARE:** Lungile Msibi smiles as she accepts her share.



**JOY:** Phumaphi Mvubu in a jubilant mood while receiving her E1 000 from Simelane.



**TAKE:** One of the winners Getrude Ginindza receiving her E1 000 from Swaziland Beverages Sales Manager Arthur Simelane during prizes presentation at the company's boardroom yesterday.



**THIS IS MY MONEY:** Clyde Andy reacts after receiving his E1 000 from Simelane.



**I THANK YOU:** Vusi Maseko shaking hands with Simelane after receiving his E1 000 cash prize.

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# UNISWA STUDENTS DELIVER PETITION ON BLACK WEDNESDAY

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

WHAT was expected to be a Black Wednesday commemoration for students at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) turned into a serious strike as students from Mbabane, Luyengo and Kwaluseni campuses decided to deliver a petition to the entity's administration.

The students stormed the administration offices seeking an audience with the university registrar over a press statement issued by the entity that students who owed fees for the first semester would not be given examination cards to seat for their examinations which start next week Monday.

Student Representative Council (SRC) President Sibusiso Siyaya told the throngs of students who were commemorating Black Wednesday celebration yesterday that it would not be right for students to celebrate knowing that some of their colleagues will not be sitting with them for their examinations.

Thus they delivered the petition to the Dean of Student Affairs Musa Kunene. They requested the university to re-consider its statement and allow owing students to sit for their examinations. Explaining the situation to the DSA Secretary General of the SRC Sakhile Ndzimandze stated it should be understood that the students who were being denied the freedom to education were self sponsored.

He said it was understood that as students they did not anticipate the university to offer free education but it should not deny or delay students their right to education.

Siyaya said as students they had learnt



**PETITION:** UNISWA SRC President Sibusiso Siyaya addressing the students while Dean of Student Affairs Musa Kunene looks on. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi).



**ADDRESSES:** Dean of Student Affairs Musa Kunene addressing students who delivered a petition demanding that their owing colleagues to be allowed to write examinations.

that UNISWA complained that it had no money. "If the institution supported by government was complaining of having no money, how much more for the ordinary citizen.

We seek an audience with the senate so as to deliberate about the issue," he said. Addressing the students Dean of Students Affairs Musa Kunene said he applauded the students for exercising respect in delivering the petition. However, he said demanding feedback from the university right on the spot

was not being realistic as students were aware that certain structures and protocols had to be followed.

Meanwhile, UNISWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane confirmed receiving a petition from the students.

He said what was issued by the institution to the media was contained in the university's regulations that every student who is expected to take his first semester examinations should pay the outstanding balance by the end of November of that semester.



**BLACK WEDNESDAY:** Students in Black Wednesday T-shirts toyi-toying.

## Students cry victimisation

**STUDENTS** have decried the arrests of their leaders whenever protest actions erupt at the university.

The students said this year alone, there had been way too many arrests of student leaders. In September this year Brian Sangweni, former UNISWA President was charged with three other members of the SRC and faced three counts which included disorderly conduct after a strike which took place at Kwaluseni Campus.

Just recently, the newly elected SRC President, Sibusiso Siyaya was also arrested together with two others Bonginkhosi Mkhonta and Samkeliso Dlamini and they are facing charges of insubordination among other charges.

The three were arrested for leading students in singing political songs along the Luyengo Campus. The latest incident happened on October 18.

According to concerned students, the arrests are a technique in which the university was trying to silence and oppress the students whenever they tried to voice out their feelings.

The students stated that it was about time that they fight such oppression. Swaziland National Union of Students Thembelihle Dlamini issued a statement decrying such arrests.

The president urged students not to despair, saying these were signs of an administration that has run out of ideas.



**ALL IN BLACK:** Some of the students in their black T-shirts during the petition.

## MY KIDS ARE ADULTS NOW, I CAN'T SUPPORT THEM - MAN TELLS COURT

Stories by Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**AN unemployed man has told the court that he wants to stop paying maintenance for his two children as he claimed they are now adults.**

Mandla Mazibuko said he found it strange supporting his two daughters who are old enough to look after themselves.

He added that what makes it worse was that one of them now had a child of her own. Mazibuko told the court that he was unemployed. "I need to know when I will stop supporting them as this is becoming too much for me. One is 21 years old and the other is 18, but I am still expected to do everything for them.

The older one completed Form Five and did not do well instead of explaining to me as to what went wrong, they demanded that I fork out money for her to go back to school," he said.

He said it was the right time for him to stop supporting his children, claiming

they were now old enough to not rely on him. However, the court told him that as long as the children were not working or still at school, he was expected to support them.

"You will stop looking after them, the day they start working, they can be 50 years old but if they are still at home without education or a job, you are expected to look after them as their legal parent," Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati, said. As if

that was not enough for the troubled man, his ex-wife and mother of his two children told the court that he was a liar and an irresponsible man. "He does not keep any of his promises. He tells me he will send money then disappears and when asking him when he would send the money, he would tell me one lie after

another and I am sick and tired of it," she said. She further told the court that she has always been the one supporting the children and even paying their school fees. In court, she said she was there to seek an order demanding Mazibuko to

fork out E3 000 for examination fee.

On the other hand, Mazibuko added it was expensive for him to travel to the social welfare offices in Mbabane all the way from Mliba. "These two children are giving me too many problems, something I am not used to as my other

children from different mothers understand my situation and they cooperate. They even hid the fact that the other girl was pregnant," he added.

He was ordered to go negotiate with the school on the terms of paying the E3 000.

## 'I CAN'T SUPPORT MY CHILDREN'

**A man yesterday openly informed the court that he cannot support his own children.**

Sipho Thumbatha bemused the court when he repeatedly said he could not support his children.

When asked why he could not support his own children, he said some people, including the mother of the children, were threatening him. Thumbatha added that his other reason was that the children were now living far away from him as they had been moved from Mbabane to Big Bend.

"It is difficult supporting them, because they were taken away from me and each time I try looking after them, I receive threats from their mother's family. I am unable to see them and I want them to come to Mbabane to stay with me," he said.

Thumbatha was in court because of allegations that he was not supporting his two children. The court was told by his wife that

he only contributed E300 in their entire upbringing thus far.

"He is the one who initiated the children be moved to Big Bend. I agreed to it after he had called my family members," she said. The distressed couple is based in Mbabane due to work commitments. Thumbatha said he would afford to contribute E300 on monthly basis. Though that was met with dissatisfaction from the mother of the children as she told the court she expected at least E600 from Thumbatha.

"He does not look after the children, I have been supporting them for five years without his support, to an extent that they once visited him and he only gave them E3 each. Sometimes he would lock himself inside the house when his own children came to his house," she added.

The court reduced the E600 to E300 because Thumbatha told the court he was unemployed and struggling.



# Pigg's Peak youth disturbed by alcohol

Stories by Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

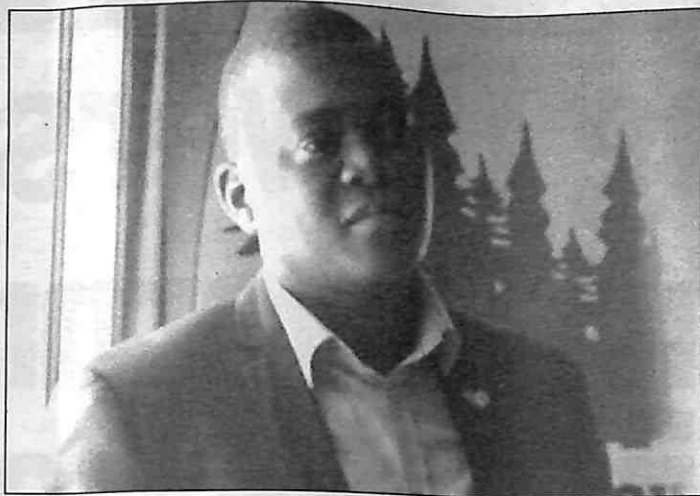
**PIGG'S** Peak youth assault, steal from adults and use stolen money to buy liquor.

Those attending school, then learn with a hangover.

Peak Central Principal Sive Nkambule said the numerous bars in the small town were detrimental to the youth that even children who did not want imbibe in alcohol ended up drinking because every corner of Pigg's Peak had a bar.

Nkambule was making his submission at the Pigg's Peak Town Council budget presentation held at the Pigg's Peak Hotel yesterday.

"The bars promote youth violence against adults. Therefore, I am pleading with the Pigg's



**CONFIRMED: Pigg's Peak Town Council CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa listening to a submission made by Peak Central High School headteacher.**

Peak Town Council to enforce earlier closing hours. This will be especially for frequented youth hangouts like the Pigg's Peak game room where youth

will start drinking alcohol from Friday until Sunday and come to school on Monday with terrible hangovers," he said.

Nkambule further encouraged

the parents of Pigg's Peak to wear caps because of the Child Protection Act that prohibited adults from disciplining the youth and discipline the youth who assault adults.

In response, Pigg's Peak Town Council CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa said he and the Pigg's Peak Station Commander Webster Methula had a meeting where they discussed the large number of bars in the area.

"The many bars in the area prompted Methula to have a meeting with me about three weeks ago. The issue had been reported by the Swazi Observer and we both agreed to work together to try and enforce earlier closing hours for these bars and hangouts. We will also work together to stop people from walking around the streets carrying and drinking their alcohol in public."

## PPK MUNICIPALITY TO MARKET, BRAND TOWN

**THE** Pigg's Peak Town Council envisages to market and brand the town to promote tourism and develop a new street naming policy.

Mayor of Pigg's Peak Thembisile Dlamini-Ngcampthalala, speaking before councillors, representatives of the Pigg's Peak Ratepayers Association, stakeholders and invited guests at the Pigg's Peak Town Council 2017/18 budget meeting which took place at the Pigg's Peak Hotel yesterday.

"We have invited you today to hear your submissions for 2017/18 financial year. You will recall that in 2013 we developed our strategic plan or Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for implementation in the next five years and this is a guideline we have used in coming up with the



**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU: Pigg's Peak Mayor Thembisile Dlamini-Ngcampthalala during council's 2017/18 budget meeting.**

proposed projects and programmes," she said. Ngcampthalala said the Pigg's Peak Town Council had priori-

tised the areas like; the design and construction of Peak school road, rehabilitation of the town's public toilets and the continued

collection of outstanding rates. The Council would also focus on the provision of assistance to small and medium businesses through the implementation of the Local Economic Development (LED) strategy as well as the development of new street names for the town. The Pigg's Peak Town Council would also establish a crime prevention forum code *Nawe uliphoyisa* and would continue conducting regular inspections to promote public health as well as the development of a branding and marketing strategy for the town in order to promote tourism.

"We will take your submissions into consideration as we discuss these very important issues and all members are welcome to take part."

## Witness breaks down in court as she recalls horror accident

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**A woman cried hysterically in court as she was made to tell the events leading to an accident that claimed the life of Thabile Nxumalo, a 50-year-old woman of Mhlosheni.**

The witness, Diana Kunene, on Tuesday delivered her evidence before Magistrate Xolile Nxumalo.

She told the court the accident was so gruesome in such a way she could not stomach what she saw hence decided to just close her eyes.

Kunene, who is employed as a Personal Assistant at Logico in Matsapha, stated that she was driving to Nkonyeni coming from Manzini when the accident happened.

She told the magistrate she was travelling at a speed of 60km/h and was being followed by two cars.

Kunene told the court she slowed down the car and indicated she was about to make a right turn.

She added that the cars which were following her made a stop upon realising she was making a right turn.

Kunene said out of the blue, a white Toyota Quantum came whizzing by at a very high speed and tried to overtake all the three cars.

However, as the first car had already turned right, the Quantum smashed into it and overturned several times before coming to a stop. Kunene said as a result of the crash, she and her children were injured and had to be admitted to Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital. Kunene told the court the last thing she saw on the Quantum was broken glasses and blood everywhere and could also see there were people who were trapped inside.

The witness said she could not do anything except closing her eyes as she could not look at the accident scene anymore.

## Driver charged with culpable homicide

**THE** Quantum driver was charged with culpable homicide in that on May 28, 2016, he drove his motor vehicle negligently and as a result of his negligence, the vehicle overturned and one passenger was killed in the process.

The driver pleaded guilty to the charges he was slapped with. The case continues in court as the prosecutor revealed he intends to parade witnesses to prove commission of the offence.

## I need no protection from Swazi Observer – Bennett

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**MBABANE** businessman Walter Bennett says he needs no protection from the Swazi Observer.

Bennett made these remarks yesterday when he wanted to make his stand on the issue surrounding the closure of Phunyuka Grocery at Mahwalala, Mbabane.

He said there was a story published in one of the local newspapers which was to the effect that he collected rent from the Asian who was running the grocery shop.

The businessman said it was true

that his company, Buzzby Services, collected rent from the Asian national and he committed no crime by so doing.

He said the published story was as a result of a press conference convened by the Municipal Council of Mbabane. The Council, according to Bennett, said it did not close the shop, as it was reported by this newspaper.

This newspaper had actually reported that the Asian who was running the shop said the shop was closed by the council because he could not bribe it not to do so.

Bennett explained that the shop was run by one Thoko Dlamini, who then decided to stop around

May this year. He said Thoko Dlamini wrote a letter to Buzzby Services, which was authorised to collect rent from the shop. The letter stated that Dlamini had partnered with an Asian national known as MD Hassan Hassan.

However, when the Asian was ordered by Bennett to come to his office to present his bank statements and residence permits, he failed to do so.

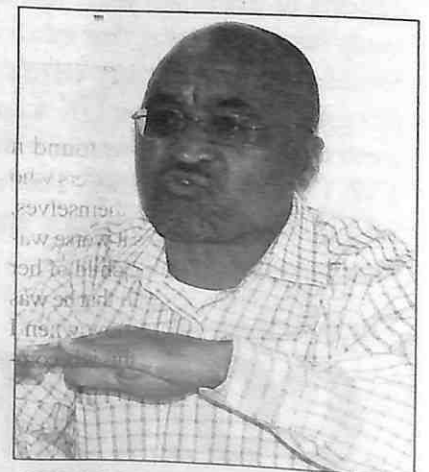
Instead, another Asian by the name of Ulas Hassan Mohammed appeared. Bennett wanted the papers from him. Mohammed is said to have produced bank statements belonging to his uncle. He also produced residence a permit

that had expired in December 2015. Despite that, an ID copy of Mohammed was seen yesterday at Bennett's office.

It was alleged to have been submitted to Bennett by Mohammed himself.

Mohammed is said to have promised to renew the permit and he was allowed to run the shop. This month, Bennett said they decided to close the shop and lock out the Asian because there were no residence papers. He said they did not inform him they were closing, so he thought it was the Council that closed the shop because he did not bribe it.

He said he did not need the Swazi



**SPEAKS OUT: Mbabane Businessman Walter Bennett.**

Observer to protect him, as it was said by the Council. He said he had the law to protect him.





# Limkokwing University and Swaziland Government Partnership a Success

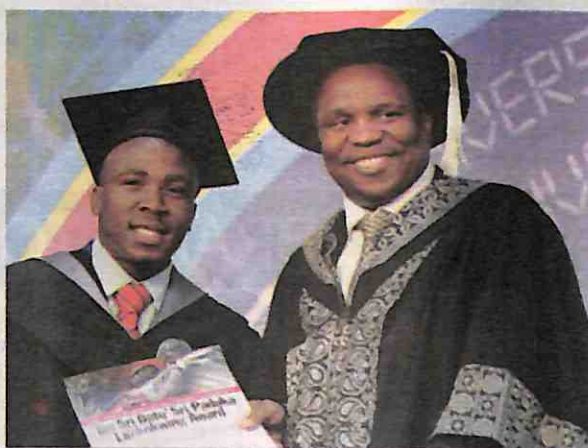
Limkokwing graduates are the nation's hope for transforming the Kingdom and the Swaziland Government recognizes the University's efforts in fulfilling the Kingdom's transformation. This was expressed by His Majesty King Mswati III during the 2016 convocation held at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Mbabane.

His Majesty's speech was delivered by the Prince Hlangusemphi Dlamini, who is Minister of Economic Planning and Development and applauded both parties for working closely and successfully over the last five years in charting a creative and an innovative educational landscape for the Kingdom.



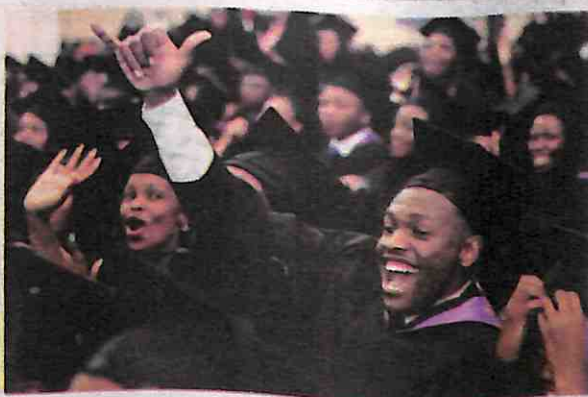
Limkokwing University's distinctive creativity oriented ethos, empowered learning and the quality of successive cohorts of graduates years has demonstrated conclusively how impacting that ethos and philosophy is for Swaziland. The industry centric model of delivery is recognised by a leading UK accreditation body which conferred upon the University the accolade of 'Global TVET Model University'. Further, the President, Tan Sri Limkokwing has recently appointed TVET UK's International President.

The Class of 2016 with over 700 vibrant youths



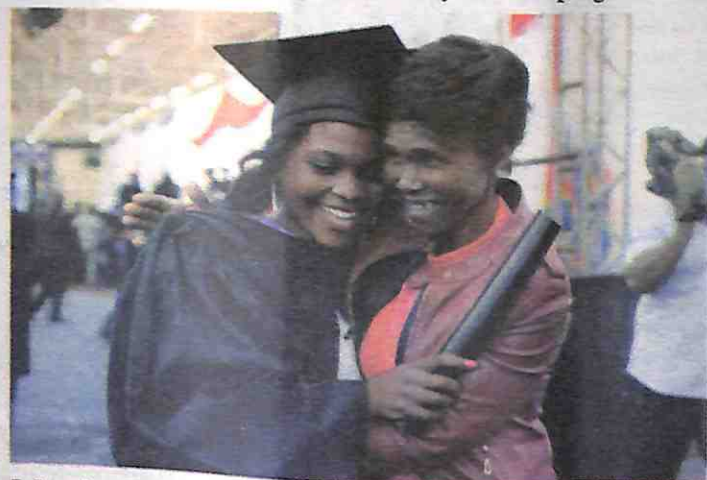
"You are products of Malaysia's most globalised and successful private university that has partnered with the Government of Eswatini to provide a different approach to tertiary education. In today's fast moving world, the creative industries or knowledge economy is the most dynamic sector in the world's economy. Therefore, your skills are crucial to the country's transformation process."

*Prince Hlangusemphi Dlamini  
on behalf of His Majesty King Mswati III  
Kingdom of Swaziland*



graduated with diplomas and degrees in different fields of study and like hundreds of graduates before them, these creative young professionals are focused on contributing effectively to the nation's economy. These are the leaders who will uplift the nation and accelerate its path to developed nation status.

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## Limkokwing support for SADC Summit commended by King Mswati III

With Swaziland having successfully hosted the 36th Southern African Development Community (SADC) Summit in August this year, His Majesty King Mswati III thanked Tan Sri Limkokwing, the Founder President of Limkokwing University of Creative Technology and the Malaysian Prime Minister's Special Envoy to SADC for having played a pivotal role in making a meaningful contribution to its success. Tan Sri Limkokwing served as a special advisor to the Summit with the University providing visually impacting designs and branding which contributed immeasurably to it being one of the most successful Summits to date.

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2016

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# COURT DISCHARGES MENTALLY UNSTABLE BOY

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

A man who was arrested and charged for allegedly assaulting a seven-year-old boy on his private parts had to be discharged of the crime after producing medical documents indicating he is mentally ill.

Sibonangaye Mdluli appeared before the Swazi National Court on Tuesday where he faced the crime of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

He was said to have kicked the boy on his private parts and further hit him with fists on the head and body.

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused told the court that he was not sure whether he committed the crime or not.

Court President Chief Ndondlo Tsabedze then enquired what the accused meant by that statement, to which he disclosed he had a problem of forgetting things easily.

He however told the court that he only remembered going to the complainant's parental home on the day in question but does not remember what he did there.

This was until the accused person's brother was called into the court to explain what he meant by the statements.

His brother then revealed that the accused actually had a mental illness and was taking treatment from the psychiatric centre.

A medical report was also presented before court so as to confirm the accused person's mental condition.

Tsabedze then highlighted that the law dictated that confirmed mentally ill persons may not be able to stand trial but could only be taken to a psychiatric centre when their behaviour proved to be violent. The court president explained this to the mother of the boy, saying that it would not be proper to proceed with the matter. The accused was then discharged of the crime and was released.

## Bus conductor assaults pastor over customers

COURT President Chief Ndondlo Tsabedze expressed shock when it was narrated how a Zion pastor, who also drives a mini bus, was severely assaulted by a bus conductor over customers.

Robert Matsebula (48), a well-known pastor of Maphungwane was allegedly assaulted with an iron rod on the head by one Ayanda Dlamini (27) while at the bus rank.

Matsebula leads a church known as *Likhova Ezimncina* which has a number of branches.

When presenting his evidence before court, Matsebula said the accused hit him with the rod after accusing him of targeting his bus which operates on the same road.

He said he was hit while offloading passengers at the bus rank after he had arrived from Maphungwane. Meanwhile, the accused also told the court that Matsebula always drove in front of his bus and picked up all commuters along the way. He further pleaded guilty to assaulting the man of God but said he used a stick and not an iron rod.

When passing judgement, Tsabedze wondered why the accused person resorted to assaulting the complainant who is not only an elder to him but also a respected man of God. The court then sentenced the accused to eight months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E800 fine.



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### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Swaziland Local Government Project IBD80030.SZ  
Rehabilitation of Titandini Road, Mankayane  
Tender No.: MANKAYANE/SLGP/WRK/001/2016

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in Development Business, Issue No. of 13 December 2010.

2. The Government of Swaziland has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of the Swaziland Local Government Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for The Rehabilitation of Titandini Road – Mankayane. Tender No.: MANKAYANE/SLGP/WRK/001/2016

3. The Mankayane Town Board now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Rehabilitation of Titandini Road in Mankayane. The delivery/construction period is Four Months.

4. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and are open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Mr Wandile Thwala, Mankayane Town Board, [townclerk@mankayane.org](mailto:townclerk@mankayane.org) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 08h00 to 16h30.

6. Qualifications requirements include:  
1. Valid Tax Clearance Certificate  
2. Copy of Trading License  
3. Labour Compliance Certificate.  
4. Proof of CIC registration

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of E500. The method of payment will be **cash or direct deposit to the Employers Account**. The Bidding Documents may be collected directly from the Employer.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 19 December 2016. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person.

9. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of E10,000.00

10. The address referred to above is:

The Town Clerk  
Mankayane Town Board  
PO Box 388  
Mankayane  
M206  
Swaziland

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Capital Investment Programme  
Supervision of the Rehabilitation of Titandini Road,  
Mankayane Tender No.: MTB/CIP/Cons/001/2016

1. The Mankayane Town Board intends to do the Rehabilitation of Titandini Road – Mankayane. Tender No.: MTB/CIP/Cons/001/2016 on the present financial year.

2. The Mankayane Town Board now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Supervision services. The supervision period is Four Months of the construction period and the subsequent twelve months' retention period.

3. Bidding will be conducted through Request for Proposals as per Public Procurement Act, 2011 and Public Procurement Procedures 2016,

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Mr Wandile Thwala, Mankayane Town Board, [townclerk@mankayane.org](mailto:townclerk@mankayane.org) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 08h00 to 16h30.

5. Qualifications requirements include:  
1. Valid Tax Clearance Certificate  
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3. Labour Compliance Certificate.  
4. Proof of CIC registration

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders upon cash payment of a non-refundable fee of E300.

7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 10:00am on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person.

8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of E5,000.00

9. The address referred to above is:

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### INVITATION TO TENDER (ITT)

Capital Investment Programme  
Office Partitioning of Mankayane Town Board Offices  
Tender No.: MTB/CIP/WRK/003/2016

1. The Mankayane Town Board intends to apply part of its Capital Investment Programme towards The Office Partitioning of Mankayane Town Board Offices – Mankayane. Tender No.: MTB/CIP/WRK/003/2016.

2. The Board invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Office Partitioning project. The delivery/construction period is One Months.

3. Bidding will be conducted through Open Tendering processes as per Procurement Act, 2011,

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Mr Wandile Thwala, Mankayane Town Board, [townclerk@mankayane.org](mailto:townclerk@mankayane.org) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 08h00 to 16h30 from Monday 21 November 2016.

5. Qualifications requirements include:  
1. Valid Tax Clearance Certificate  
2. Copy of Trading License  
3. Labour Compliance Certificate.  
4. Proof of CIC registration

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of E300. The method of payment will be **cash or direct deposit to the Employers Account**. The Bidding Documents may be collected directly from the Employer.

7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 12:00pm on 20 December 2016. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person.

8. The address referred to above is:

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## 14 NATIONAL NEWS

# MURDER CONVICT QUOTES BIBLE VERSE IN COURT

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**THE Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) member who was convicted for murder about two years back, quoted a verse in court after being accused of escaping.**

Mfanasibili Charles Dlamini was convicted by the High Court in 2014 but he applied for an appeal after not being satisfied with the judgment.

He was again found guilty at the High Court of appeal by Judge Mpendulo Simelane and was expected to be taken into custody but Dlamini left for home as soon as the judgment was issued.

Dlamini was subsequently charged with escaping and he refuted this while making an appearance at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

Dlamini alleged the main reason he left is that he failed to hear his judgment as there was no interpreter at the court and when he asked after the court session nobody assisted him hence his decision to go home.

Dlamini further quoted **Ecclesiastes 8:4** for Police Inspector Magagula while alleging that he was telling lies while under an oath.

"Magagula never saw me on this day at the Supreme Court nor did he advise me about any laws or what was expected of me. I knew nothing and I do not understand why he is telling the court that I escaped when I asked for help but in vain before I went home to my family," Dlamini said in court.

● Mfanasibili Charles quoted **Ecclesiastes 8:4** for Police Inspector Magagula while alleging that he was telling lies while under oath



**PRESIDING: Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.**

He said as a staunch Christian he takes an oath very seriously hence he alleged that Magagula's lies puzzled him as he took an oath before leading evidence.

Magagula on the other hand, said as much as it was true that he never educated Dlamini on how he should conduct himself after judgment, he believed he knew that after being found guilty he was not supposed to leave the courtroom.

"I believe he is not telling the truth that he did not hear the judgment mainly because he came all the way from his place to hear about it, how could he then leave without finding out about it, he is not being truthful," Magagula alleged.

Magagula alleged that Dlamini escaped while they were escorting the judges back into their chambers as when they went back into the holding room, Dlamini together with another accused person were no longer there.

Another witness, Gcinile Fakudze, a CID officer, confirmed that Dlamini escaped.

"After we discovered this, we got hold of his lawyer and asked for his mobile number. I called him and he told me he was in town going to Thembelihle to fetch his jacket.

"I advised him that now that he had been found guilty he was not allowed to roam the streets all alone, I ordered him to go wait for us at the City Post but he never went there, instead he switched his phone off," she said.

Fakudze alleged Dlamini agreed to her instructions but disappeared while adding the other accused person surrendered himself to the police.

However, Dlamini disputed this and told the court that by the time the police officer called him, it was already late and he was already at home.

"My phone ran out of battery. I maintain that I never escaped instead the police neglected to do their job on this particular day and failed to inform me what was expected of me," he alleged.

The court case was postponed to January 17 and the accused person who still maintains that he was wrongly con-

## Mother takes son-in-law to court for insulting her

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane

**TROUBLES spanning from the time when a young man impregnated a girl from the same area, escalated into shameful drama in Msunduzi.**

On Monday, an enraged sister to mother-in-law of Xolani Themba related before the Swazi National Court how her son-in-law ruined her night out at a popular pub in Msunduzi.

A 42-year-old Nongangamandla sorrowfully recalled how she was insulted by Themba in front of her family while they enjoyed themselves on this particular Saturday night.

Nongangamandla said Themba ridiculed her for refusing to shake his hand as he greeted them.

"The minute I saw his face I just switched off as I do not like him for many reasons. So when he came to greet us and started shaking hands with the people I was with, I refused to do that and that is when the drama started," she related before Court President Chief Lembelele Dlamini.

Nongangamandla said she has always been scared of Themba and has always kept her distance from him. Themba has a child with a daughter to Nongangamandla's sister and since Themba impregnated the young woman, it is said

things have not been rosy between him and his girlfriend's aunt.

While defending himself in court, Themba said besides being drunk, he always wanted to "talk" to his baby mama's aunt about all the bad stuff she allegedly said about him to the mother of his child.

"This woman has been influencing the mother of my child negatively. She always tells me about these things and I do not not say

anything but on this day, I took the decision to let her know that I was not happy about all the bad things she has been feeding the mother of my child," he said. Themba pleaded guilty to the offence of insulting Nongangamandla but

said some of the insults mentioned in court were untrue. He also confirmed in court that he was angry when he approached the woman.

"I had to let her know that I was aware that she has been badmouthing me. But she is not being truthful here as I did not say some of the things she is accusing me of. I also did not know she was scared of me," he said.

In addition, Nongangamandla said she was with her sister's children, including Themba's baby mama when she was attacked with insults in the middle of the night.

Themba was sentenced to pay a fine of E400 or spend four months in a correctional facility.

## Father of four nabbed for DD, fined E2 000

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**A 42-year-old single man with four children from different mothers has been fined E2 000 for driving under the influence of alcohol.**

Sikhumbuso Magagula from Manzini told the Pigg's Peak magistrates court how he was arrested after he was found to be driving his friend's car while being under the influence of alcohol.

The incident happened on Sunday at Killarney.

Magagula said he was driving his friend's vehicle back to Manzini from a funeral when he was arrested by the Pigg's Peak traffic police who had set up a road block.

"My friend was too drunk to drive himself home, therefore I offered to drive the car back to Manzini on his behalf. I did not feel drunk because I was drinking a softer brand of beer," he said.

A breathalyser test was conducted on Magagula and it showed a reading which was higher than the limit.

"I took the breathalyser test in confidence as I did not expect to be drunk, I was shocked when the breathalyser reading was 0.51ml



**LEGALWISE: Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.**

of alcohol for every litre of blood," he said.

### Arrested

Magagula was arrested and in his defence he mentioned that he had to support four children from different mothers.

"I am single but I have four children with different women, so I am asking for the court's leniency in this matter," he said.

Senior Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini sentenced the accused to two years in a correctional facility if he failed to pay a fine of E2 000.

## HMCS SETS UP OWN INTELLIGENCE UNIT

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

**AS His Majesty's Correctional Service (HMCS) continues to grow in leaps and bounds, as a new wing has been set up at the department.**

That is the intelligence unit aimed at tightening screws and safeguard the institution against volatile situations.

HMCS Public Relations Officer Bongani Khumalo said preparations of the project of the new wing started some time back in 2013.

Khumalo said the wing was formed following an observation that the correctional facility was housing too many people.

He noted too many people pose a risk of information being leaked. Khumalo said another reason for coming up with

the wing which has only been present in the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Services, and the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) was that as a correctional facility they were also trying to align themselves with their counterparts around the world.

### Line

Khumalo stated they wanted to be in line with the first world setting. He added that the intelligence unit would help in preventing situations such as riots, strikes and other events that may be a threat to the security of the correctional facilities.

Khumalo stated the intelligence unit had limited powers as it had issues that it dealt with specifically.

He said they only deal with relevant information touching on state security that is beyond the correctional Intelligence Unit wing. When asked about a rumoured

mill which is brewing that the Intelligence unit was after some officers who leaked information to a local publication pertaining the officers' grievances, Khumalo denied such rumours.

He stated correctional staff was aware of the Secrecy Act that they signed when signing their contracts.

### Breached

Khumalo said if someone breached that Secrecy Act, the correctional services had its own way of investigating.

The PRO said even though officers who work in the Intelligence Unit had been trained and passed out long ago, they have not in any way carried investigations on leaked information.

Khumalo said just because what was said was not something that was favourable doesn't mean they are now on a witch-hunt to find the person who talked to the media.

## NEWS EXTRA

**SOWETO - It is an age old tradition for mourners to roll up their sleeves and fill the graves of their dead loved ones.**

But Pitso Maleka from White City in Soweto (39) said he wants mourners to stay clean at funerals.

His company, PM Grave Closure, fills graves and makes sure the final resting

places of the dead are treated with respect.

He said he got the idea in 2002 when he went to a funeral and saw how long it took to fill the grave.

"People spend money on catering, cars and expensive coffins. But filling the grave is the most striking part of a funeral. It completes the ceremony," Maleka said he

strives to exceed the expectations of his customers because he wants to build relationships based on honesty and respect. He has partnered with undertakers in Soweto. He also offers his services to customers around Gauteng and Durban.

"When people ask about the packages offered by a burial society, they forget

that opening and closing the grave is not included as a service," he said.

Maleka has 900 employees.

He said his business is unique and he does not have any competitors.

"My company also moves graves, exhumed corpses and maintains graves," he said. *Daily Sun*

## You mourn, we work - PM Grave Closure



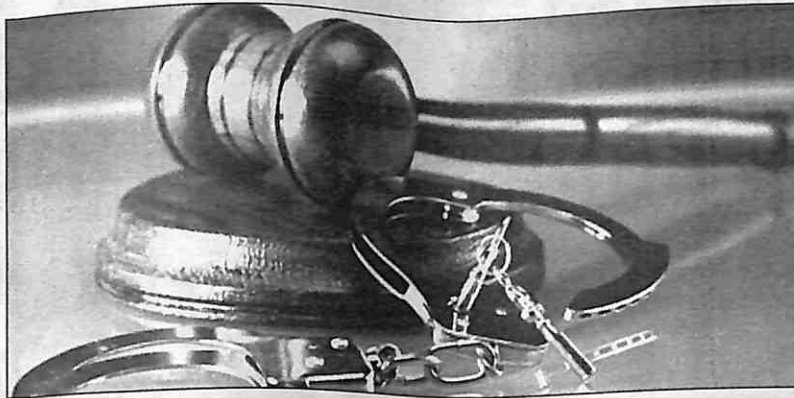
## 3 SWAZI TRUCK DRIVERS ARRESTED IN SA WITH E1 MILLION ILLICIT GOODS

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**THREE** Swazi nationals have been arrested in South Africa for being in possession of illicit goods amounting to E1 million.

According to an online South African publication, Mpumalanga News, the trio Sisonke Maxwell Mabuza (30), Nkosingiphile Esau Dladlu (29) and Themba Goodwill Dlamini (36) were nabbed at Jeppes Reef Border Post on the Swaziland side known as Matsamo Border Post.

According to reports, the three were arrested on Friday by members of the Hawks in Nelspruit at the border gate. Information gathered is that the three were each driving their own trucks loaded with boxes of illicit goods,



including Adidas shoes, different kinds of clothes such as T-shirts and cosmetics. Spokesperson of the Hawks in Mpumalanga, Captain Dineo Sekgotodi, was quoted as having said the suspects were apparently transporting the goods from Swaziland to Republic of South Africa. "They were immediately arrested upon their arrival at the Jeppes Reef

Border Post," the captain was quoted as having stated. The trio made their first appearance before the Tonga Magistrate's Court on Monday where they were remanded back into police custody. They are expected to appear again before the same Magistrate's Court for their bail application today.

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## COUNTERFEIT SNEAKERS WORTH E11.3 MILLION SEIZED IN 2015

**WORTH** noting is that just last year, SARS seized undeclared sneakers worth an estimated value of E11.3 million at the Lebombo Border Post.

This is the border post that is also near Swaziland, connecting Mozambique and South Africa.

Goods seized included over 14 167 pairs of branded sneakers consisting of 2 948 pairs of Nike, 920 Pumas, 3 415 Adidas and 6 884 All Stars, which were all counterfeit tekkies destined for South Africa from Mozambique. This is according to information released

by Luther Lebelo, spokesperson for SARS. It is said officials stopped the truck in the cargo bypass area for inspection and documents handed by the driver indicated the truck and its trailer were empty but the curious officials continued to search the truck's trailer and discovered boxes of sneakers which had not been declared. The sneakers were then detained pending Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) verification by the various brand holders. Information gathered is that the truck was also detained to determine if it was liable for forfeiture.

## UK doctors offer help in operating epilepsy machinery

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**UNITED** Kingdom based doctors specialising in neurological conditions arrived in the country last week to provide technical assistance to two local nurses.

The doctors donated some machine to the Swaziland Epilepsy Organisation and it was received by Prince Bandzile.

The UK neurophysiologist Dr Steve Coates donated the machine which is currently in use at the Mbabane Government Hospital.

EEG is a small portable and inexpensive machine that helps in the diagnosis of epilepsy.

During a press conference at La Casserole on Tuesday, Swaziland Epilepsy Organisation Director Mbusomuni Mahlalela said the three doctors Anne Clarke, Jill McAllister and Alex Clerke arrived last week Monday to offer technical assistance for the EEG machine at Mbabane Government Hospital. "The machine was donated to Prince Bandzile back in 2013," he said. He thanked the doctors for coming to help the needy Swazis since the country faced treat-



**PRESS BRIEFING:** The United Kingdom doctors Alex Clerke and Jill McAllister, Director of Swaziland Epilepsy Organisation and Anne Clarke during the press briefing at La Casserole yesterday. (Pic: Nozipho Sibiya)

ment challenges.

"More than 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy. More than 80 per cent of these people live in low or middle income countries. In these countries up to 90 per cent of the people with epilepsy are not given the correct treatment. By inviting the United Kingdom experts, we aim to close this gap with the help of accurate epilepsy diagnosis through Tele EEG," he said. Mahlalela said there were not enough people trained in the world to interpret the EEG recording, so the nurses who were trained by the three doctors were

privileged. "The nurses will at times have to go to the UK for further training and consultation," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the doctors was Dr Jill McAllister, who said her stay in the country was quite and very eventful. "There were a lot of people who came for epilepsy check-ups on daily basis." She had realised that a lot of people in the country were not aware of the symptoms of epilepsy. She, however, said the nation was lucky to have an organisation that takes care of the welfare of people with epilepsy in the country.

## CHIEF MGBISENI URGES CHURCHES TO SET PACE IN ROYAL DUTIES

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**NGCULWINI** Chief Prince Mgebiseni III has challenged Christians to be actively involved in royal duties.

He said by doing so, they would set an example in the broader community as children of the light. The chief was speaking during the Ngculwini community's end of year service held last Sunday.

Chief Prince Mgebiseni III said the Methodist Church in Ngculwini was one of the few churches that has come through to support *umphakatsi's* preparedness to participate in this year's Incwala ceremony. The service, held on Sunday, was one of three customary services held at Ngculwini which is home to over 48 local churches or denominations. The first service was held within the first two months of the year, to pray for the year ahead. A second one was held in the middle of the year. And the final one was held in December, shortly before the full onset of the annual Incwala.

The final service, often held in between November and December, is meant to be a thanksgiving service where the community comes to the *umphakatsi* to thank God for seeing them through the challenges of the year.

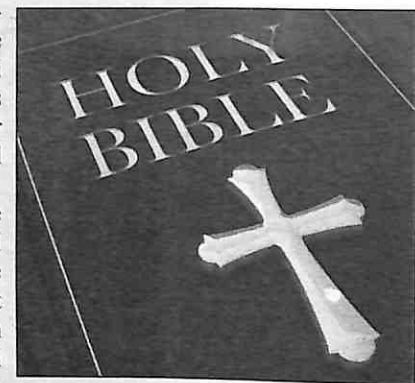
During the service, Chief Mgebiseni personally recounted how God saved him from an accident which occurred a few kilometres outside Manzini. He said "I thank God that I have lived to tell the tale of how I sur-

vived the accident. This is a privilege some people do not enjoy, and for that I am eternally grateful to God." Speaking specifically to pastors after the service, Chief Mgebiseni said churches should not be set up in people's homes. The chief said this practice was not good for the sustainability of denominations and could potentially lead to unnecessary conflict.

For instance, in the event the pastor dies, when a church is located within family premises, the family of the deceased may choose to use the church structure for a different purpose, other than the initial intention. And clearly, the church may not be at liberty to meaning-

fully and effectively engage, with a view of winning this battle, because the church is located within the premises of the family compound. The chief encouraged churches to follow due process, and approach *umphakatsi* for land so they have designated places for worship. He said this would ensure that churches remain a neutral place where everybody can feel free to come and fellowship.

Additionally, the chief encouraged Christians in attendance to participate in the imminent Incwala ceremony. According to Titus Sibilongonyane, the Chairperson of the committee responsible for coordinating churches at Ngculwini, there are still a number of churches who don't participate in church services organised by the chieftdom, which concerns them. He said as a committee, they would like to see more than the 48 local churches which are currently registered, participating in the different chieftdom activities.



## Tag the person next to you to achieve vision 2022- GBR

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**WITH** the country aiming to attain the first world status by 2022, the nation has been urged to cooperate to achieve this.

Most are already gearing themselves up for the change, however people react differently to change.

On Tuesday night, the Manzini Global Business Roundtable (GBR) discussed how people should embrace change in their lives politically, socially and otherwise. Pastor Innocent Msibi, who attended the session, made an example of how people react to change with the University of Swaziland semesterisation programme which was introduced a few years back.



**FOLLOWING:** COC Swaziland, Hezekiel Mabuza concentrating.

Msibi said before semesterisation was introduced, students fought so hard for it but just when it was about to be introduced they changed and fought against it. The session was led by Psychologist

from the ministry of health Dr Promise Dlamini. One of the questions which was posed by a participant during the session was how should Swazis prepare for the 2022 mentally and otherwise. Dlamini responded by stating that people were unique and different in their own ways. She stated that some refused to accept change while others embraced it.

She stated that the best way to move forward and attain vision 2022 was for everyone to be an agent for change. Each individual must recruit the person next to him or her to work towards attaining that goal. She said the vision could only be attained if people are united and not scattered. "If you are able to influence one person then that individual can be able to influence another," she said.





**MORE PLEASURE:** Malawi journalist Alefa Lyson shakes hands with JK Seeds Director Sanjay Gupta.



**ADDRESSES:** Vice President Venkatesh Kulkarni (in a blue shirt) and JK Seeds Director Sanjay Gupta (in white shirt and coat) addressing the tour participants in the plant premises in Hyderabad.



**IN THE FIELD:** Swaziland Parliament Director of Research Jabulile Malaza and SABC Director Bhagirath Choudhary.

# STRICT REGULATIONS NEEDED FOR GMOS

By Nomthandazo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**AS Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and related products come to play in countries, more emphasis must be placed on their regulation.**

India's former adviser of the ministry of environment, forest and climate change Dr Ranjini Warriar said GMOs and related products were regulated in view of potential risks to human health and the environment.

She said as India was one of the countries in the world that had tapped into GMOs, it has therefore ratified a number of international environmental agreements, conventions and protocols.

Dr Warriar was speaking at the Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (ICAR) which formed part of the recent study tour on biotechnology jointly organised by the South Asia Biotechnology Centre (SABC), the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications (ISAAA, AfriCenter), and the COMESA Alliance for Commodity Trade in



**CONTRIBUTORS:** Participants of the India biotechnology tour which was organised by SABC, ISAAA, AfriCentre, ACTESA. Participants were from five COMESA member states.

Eastern and Southern Africa (ACTESA). She said what is important is to protect public health adding that it was a legal requirement to regulate GMOs because of the public perception.

Meanwhile, Mahyco Managing Director Raju Barwale, said farmers using biotechnology (BT) cotton saved money as such a crop is insect tolerant. He said in India, within seven years of introduction over 80 per cent of the cotton area was covered by BT cotton. Barwale said BT cotton is the

most adapted agricultural technology in India than the others. "BT cotton was launched in 2002/3 and then the hectares planted were at 77 and now have increased to 119. BT cotton production has also increased," he said adding that because of BT cotton, India has become the largest producer of cotton in the world. He said production has gone up from 12 per cent in 2002 to 25 per cent in 2014.

Barwale said income in the hands of farmers has also increased substan-

tially. On that note, coordinator of the tour SABC Director of Bhagirath Choudhar, said the initiative was intended to showcase successful case studies thus creating a team of dedicated champions in support of the technology. "This initiative will help build the necessary confidence among the African stakeholders on regulatory and commercialisation processes, biosafety communications and trade issues of biotech crops," he said.

Amongst the public and private insti-

tutions visited were; the Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT) in Mumbai and Mahyco LifeScience Research Centre and Abhay Cortex Food Processing Company in Aurangabad. In Hyderabad, the team visited the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Bayer CropScience PVT Limited and the JK AgriGenetics Company in addition to small scale cotton farms where they interacted with farmers.



**POSE:** Local delegates with Indian cotton farmers.



**UNITED:** Lugongolweni MP Joseph Souza, Chairman agriculture portfolio Titus Thwala, Parliament Director of Research Jabulile Malaza and Ngwemphisi MP Veli Shongwe, who is the Chairman of the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs portfolio committee.

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# FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...



**MACFORD WELCOME SIBANDZE**  
(DIRECT DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM)

**EVERY** active consumer of this column, by now, knows I am not one of the most brilliant guys in town!

However, they also know that I have a habit of being spot on in a number of issues. In this very column I said the obvious (though 'obvious' is open to many interpretations) when I said Zuma was not going anywhere. That was my very first article in this newspaper: Standing Between a 'morgue' and 'grave.' It was hardly two weeks after South African Chief Justice, Mogoeng Thomas Reetsang Mogoeng, had dug a big hole for Zuma to fall flat on the face, after being found to have 'constitutionally blundered.' By using strong words like 'morgue' and 'grave' I aimed at making strong signals that the party had a difficult puzzle to solve on the Zuma debacle. That 'exit' and 'entrance' have pros and cons.

## Pronouncement

That time around, propelled by the Chief Justice's pronouncement, every tom, dick and harry, lifted up his axe for Zuma's head! But I stood firm and said the exit door for him had been pushed forward...far forward into 2017 when his term ends. I said this not because I was a Zuma fan or a brilliant, handsome, learned guy, no, but like an apache, I had put my ear on the ground and I heard loud, massive, joint voices of a mass choir, both sopranos and baritones, singing 'Umshini Wami.' Then I said to myself, 'the chorus sounds familiar.'

There and then, I knew Zuma would be still with us for a long little while! As an analyst, I was taught to be steady and sure and not blow with the wind: Look, listen and decide!

Five months later Zuma is still sitting in his swinging chair in Mahlabisa Ndlopfu! Who said I was wet in the ear, pseudo intellectual? Show me that person and I will show you lungs of an ant. I also said Zuma would only go home if he so wished. By this I invited rage of angels but I still stand by it. And it is becoming as clear as sunrise, even to a 101 student in Political

Science that Zuma wins again.

Shakespearean character he also shows us that, 'even great men do often cry.'

## STAYING POWER

I want to believe Zuma will be on the seat of power until end of his tenure in 2017. I repeat: unless he takes it upon himself to leave. No one can push him. Not even the pink masters or the 106 veterans. It is simple: Besides his strong struggle credentials, his forceful exit, now, is more atrocious, in political terms, than his presence. It is logical that ANC cannot do two blunders of firing presidents every last quarter of the 2nd term. Let me repeat: To make a mistake is not a mistake but to make the same mistake is a mistake. Thus I believe they will manage the politics till end of his tenure or face identity crisis. For all that Zuma is, he holds the identity card for the party at the moment. Presently it is no longer about the country but about the party even veterans know that. It's Party first and state second and everybody else should drown face down. This is where we are.

## CRACKS AND VULNERABILITY

The cracks in the party had made number one to be vulnerable so much he even dumped his cool guy image and told everyone where to get off. He reminded everyone that he is not afraid of jail as he stayed there for 21 years. Well and good.

The difference is that in the 21 years in jail, he was a freedom fighter (terrorists by western standards) and I doubt he would stand jail after having enjoyed the pangs of being in posh offices since the early 90s and having tasted the power of being First Man since 2009. And with the fragility of South African politics at the moment, I can't imagine a powerful person like Zuma in jail unless we want to plunge the country into pandemonium. And his vulnerability underscores the fact that he is only human and as a human being concomitantly anger is needed. Like the

## GWEDDE: BLOWING HOT AND COLD

For a good 90 minutes of the match, in the helm of power, Gwede has been doing well, though the extra time seem to be tiresome for him. For instance, if he separates Zuma the person and Zuma the president, it becomes problematic because the 'person' is now an 'office' representing the party. So to say Zuma has to listen to his conscience stripping him bare. As a senior member of NEC he knows the position of the party so he should stick to it and not play to the gallery. The less said about ANC Chief Whip, Jackson Mthembu, the better. As a veteran player he knows that no goals are scored from an off-side position or by hands. Though I suspect other players need dope testing before a match.

## THULI MADONSELA: 'BABES' WODUMO OR 'BABES' OF DOOM

The State Capture Report by ex public protector Thuli Madonsela is a Laugh Out Loud (LOL) as it is haphazardly written as if someone wanted to see big smiles on the pink frowning faces of her bosses. Really, there is nothing there except hearsays, damning games and speculations. Madonsela knows she can do better than that! Having been a 'babes' Wodumo for a long time, Madonsela should be careful not to exit office as 'Babes' of 'Doom' because of the shoddy work in the report. She strikes me as a groom who kisses the bride before the pastor signals-doing the 'expected' to have applause from the 'expecting' audience.

## PARLIAMENT: A STEAM OFF-KUTZHAMULA NJE!

The many votes of no confidence on Zuma are nothing but a steam off session....*kutizhamula nje kwe-bahlonishwa*. I know they make big impact as they continue to castrate and amputate the ruling party in the court of public opinion. But with the ANC having the majority, it is obvious that it will always win in the end as it cannot vote itself to extinction even if it was a Mr. Bean Comic. DA leader Maimane always pleads with ANC members to defy party position and vote with their conscience. This is the best and worst form of comedy as the ANC don't take orders from Maimane.

Interestingly, six DA members took the 'order' from

Maimane and voted with their conscience, defying party position in the process. They got a heavy beating as they are all suspended. This is the cynical contradiction of politics! Neh?

## ANALYSIS A TOUGH ONE

The analysis game is not the easiest as Trump made fun of professors and doctors of politics and journalism who all got it wrong in the recent US elections. TB Joshua's spiritual prophecy was also caught wanting. 'God' had told him of a Hillary Victory and *wakha phansi*. But to err is human and if ANC gives Zuma the boot, I will hog tail in my legs and gracefully admit defeat.

But I join the choir that sings the song that it won't be the best thing to do. We all know there is a crisis in the running order of the oldest and biggest party in Africa but you don't solve a crisis with a crisis. And you don't solve a problem with a problem. And when you are caught between a rock and a hard place, you negotiate a better and safer landing to make the best of the bad situation.



UNTOUCHABLE: SA President Jacob Zuma.

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1969 - Apollo 12 landed safely in the Pacific Ocean, bringing an end to the second manned mission to the moon.

1971 - Hijacker Dan Cooper, known as D.B. Cooper, parachuted from a Northwest Airlines 727 over Washington state with \$200 000 in ransom.

1983 - The Palestine Liberation Organisation released six Israeli prisoners in exchange for the release of 4 500 Palestinians and Lebanese held by the Israelis.

1985 - In Malta, Egyptian commandos stormed an Egyptian jetliner. 60 people died in the raid.

1987 - The US and the Soviet Union agreed to scrap short- and medium-range missiles. It was the first superpower treaty to eliminate an entire class of nuclear weapons.

1989 - Czechoslovakia's hard-line party leadership resigned after more than a week of protests against its policies.

1992 - In China, a domestic jetliner crashed, killing 141 people.

1993 - The US Congress gave its final approval to the Brady handgun control bill.

1993 - Robert Thompson and Jon Venables (both 11 years old) were convicted of murdering two-year-old James Bulger of Liverpool, England. They were both sentenced to "indefinite detention."

1995 - In Ireland, the voters narrowly approved a constitutional amendment legalising divorce.

1996 - Rusty Wallace won the first NASCAR event to be held in Japan.

1996 - Barry Sanders (Detroit Lions) set an NFL record when he recorded his eighth straight 1 000-yard season.

1998 - AOL (America Online) announced a deal for their purchase of Netscape for \$4.21 billion.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Keo Motsepe**  
(Dancer) -  
November 24,  
1989 - 27 years old



**Colin Hanks**  
(Movie Actor) -  
November 24,  
1977 - 39 years old

# Shiselweni Regional World AIDS Campaign targets young people, again

## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



**BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA**

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and Training Centre

**SOUTH** African Deputy President, Cyril Ramaphosa might as well have been talking to the country's Shiselweni HIV response when he made his opening address at the AIDS 2016 in Durban in July when urged that, "As we work to provide testing and counselling to the general population, we need to ensure that adolescents – girls, boys, young women and men – receive information and advice and are able to access services such as condoms and PrEP, where necessary."

We need to design and implement programmes that address the needs of key populations who are at risk." The region has once again opted to target young people as it delivers the 2016 World AIDS Campaign (WAC).

The Shiselweni region 2016 WAC will be held at the Gege Inkhundla tomorrow. It begins at 08:00 hours with a march that will start at the Gege Central Cooperative Union, about 1.7 km from the inkhundla. It is anticipated that the Guest Speaker will be the Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development (MTAD) and Member of Parliament for Maseyisini Inkhundla, Mduduzi Dlamini.

### Target

The primary target for the event are young girls in primary school (there will be 16 primary schools from the area participating on the day), while the secondary target are boys in secondary school (coming from four high schools in the constituency), aged between 10 to 20. It is also hoped the event will bring together parents, religious leaders, counsellors, health and HIV and AIDS experts, United Nations partners, international non-governmental organisations working in the country (especially those that work with communities in the region), and other community stakeholders.

### Adolescents and HIV in Swaziland

Globally, it is recognised that there is an HIV prevention gap in generating a targeted effective response for adolescents and young women. The situation is no different in the country, where young women and girls carry the brunt of new infections with the situation being dire for adolescents in rural areas as there are more vulnerable than those living in



**TARGETTED:** The picture captures the delivery of HIV prevention lessons using the SHIMS puzzle at Nkwene High School during the 2015 WAC.

the urban areas. This is compounded by poverty since poor adolescents are more than double (77%) the amount in urban areas (34%), while the reverse situation exists where adolescents who are not poor between rural and urban areas are 66% to 23% in favour of urban areas. It is general knowledge now that poverty has causal link to HIV vulnerability and risk taking.

Poverty also has a negative impact on educational attainment as it often results in school dropout, leading to lack of education and employable skills, which in turn renders the young people vulnerable to exploitation. For these adolescent girls, the gender bias recognises only two productive roles for them, to do either housework (as a baby minder or early marriage) and sex work (mainly transactional or at worst commercial sex). Many are forced to settle for one or the other and herein lies the risks to HIV acquisition. Local statistics indicate that women initiate sexual activities at younger ages than men, with half of them having had their first sexual experience by the time they reach 17 years - while this occurs later at age 19 for boys. The Swaziland HIV Prevention Response and Modes of Transmission Analysis (2009) indicates that more young women initiate first sex with older established men as reported by 12% of females aged 15-24 who had their first sex with a partner that was 10 or more years older than them. This is called intergenerational sex and is not restricted to girls but used for both males and females when the partner is older by 10 years or more. This is true for Swaziland as we see more young men in the company of older women. An integrational partnership in itself poses no societal risk per se, given that people are free to choose whom they socialise with, but for the HIV arena, the typical risk of intergenerational relationships is power play favouring the older partner who has probably had more sexual partners and determines the nature of the relationship, including condom use and is often a pseudo transactional sex set-up. The report also indicates that HIV transmission in Swaziland is mainly through heterosexual contact, and that male HIV prevalence peaks at 10 years older than female HIV prevalence, this means a young woman's

first sexual encounter could potentially as well be her first exposure to HIV transmission. This is corroborated by the Swaziland Incidence Study which shows new infections being borne by young women and men within that 10-year spectrum. Evidence further shows that young females in rural areas are significantly more likely to have initiated sexual activity before age 15 or 18, compared to their urban peers, explaining why we have more HIV positive rural adolescents in the country.

### The prevailing situation in Gege

The Gege Inkhundla, which is located in the Shiselweni region, south of Swaziland, constitutes of 11 chiefdoms. These are Dilini, KaDinga, KaTsambekwako, Mashobeni South, Mhlahlweni, Mlindaze, Ntshamanti, Nsukazi, Sidwala, Sisingeni, and Siyendle / Mjikijelweni.

There are a number of privately owned farms in that area as well as the Gege town and Border Post that is found near the Bothashoop Border Post (also known as Mkhondo) towards Piet Retief in South Africa. Naturally, there are a number of Swazis from the area that look for and find work opportunities in Piet Retief, leaving communities with the challenge of absent parents and therefore children that grow up without the guidance of a proper family. With the Annual Education Census (AEC) Report 2013 indicating that there were 1 114 orphaned and vulnerable children in the educational system (primary) in Gege in 2013, this can only point to a very gloom situation.

Then there is the ongoing construction of the 37.5 km road from Nhlalango to Sicunusa, and the 5 km Gege town to Gege Border Post asphalt surfaced single carriageway road including two reinforced concrete river bridges and eight box culverts, cattle underpasses and ancillary works. Work on the project is valued at E466 million and anticipated to be completed in July 2017. Though expected to increase business activities (especially in the Gege town) as well accrue several benefits to social structures like schools and clinics, in terms of ensuring access, there are unfortunately always, the unintended ill-consequences of such

a project. As it is, there are reports of the unfortunate increasing numbers of teenage pregnancies by the road construction migrant workers. As well transactional sexual activity has increased as the males are predominantly away from home for long periods of time. With that area faced with early marriages, the increasing teenage rates only serve to add fuel into the fire, turning an already bad situation into a crisis. It is a fact that where there is reduced condom use, there is the high risk of the spread of HIV.

Further, the antenatal care (ANC) report covering the period January to September 2016, from the Hlatsi Clinic (the nearest healthcare facility) paints a very worrying picture. Out of 598 girls aged 14 - 19 (with an average minimum age of 15-16) that attended ANC in the period, 60 tested HIV positive while 20% were having their second child.

### On-going WAC related interventions

HIV response partners working in the Shiselweni region, including Bantwana, Medicen San Frontier (MSF), the Royal Swaziland Police, SOS, and World Vision have lined up activities that include dialogues with parents and caregivers, children as well as school based ones.

The discussions with parents are expected to improve their understanding of the role of a parent. This includes the rights of the child and the responsibilities bestowed on parents, caregivers and communities with caring for orphans and vulnerable children. It is hoped this will provide a window into the challenges of early marriage, early sexual debut, the high dropout rates of girls, and the rising number of gender-based violence and suicide cases in the communities under this inkhundla.

For the school-going children, the organisations have lined-up school based dialogues with young people (especially girls) with the aim of finding out why they engage in early sexual activity, the early marriages, and the high teenage pregnancy. The discussions are expected to also address the concerning issue of HIV in adolescents. The highlight of the actual commemoration tomorrow is expected to be a testimony of a teenage mom. She will tell her story on the challenges and disadvantages of being an uneducated young mother.

Recently appointed UNAIDS Special Advocate for Young Women and Adolescent Girls, the First Lady of Namibia, Monica Geingos has said: "Young people should not have to suffer in silence, but find someone they can speak to about what they are going through. Young people must be free to make informed decisions about their lives."

It is hoped the 2016 Shiselweni region World AIDS Campaign will serve as a catalyst towards achieving not only this but also serve to re-invigorate the national HIV prevention agenda. Please join us at Gege Inkhundla and raise your 'hands up for #HIVPrevention'.





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## INYANDZALEYO BO! SAFAL!



**BY BAKHOMBISILE  
DLAMINI.**

**THE 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Campaign is a time to galvanise action to end violence against women and girls around the world.**

This action requires solidarity amongst all citizens based on the recognition that even if one is not directly affected, their distant relatives could be and beyond that, the nation as a whole bears the brunt of gender based violence.

The exploitation of women and girls is a serious issue in Swaziland. Women and girls are rendered vulnerable to abuse of power in all areas- at home, in the workplace and economically- when they have few or no options for survival. For a long time now, it appears that even the main institutions of the country have been constructed carefully around the promotion of violence against women and girls.

The church, our (interpretation of) culture, the legal system and our socialisation demonstrates elements that are necessary for the breeding



and fermentation of this bile raising, and at worst, destroyer of lives social "disaster".

An effective strategy to eliminate this problem requires for policy-makers and programmers to address the root causes for gender based violence. Otherwise; *mayesiyafa!* Why do men hate us so much? For the 2016 campaign, WLSA has opted to spread love the old school way, because hate never drives away hate. Only love does.

### Dear Church

The issue of gender based violence has permeated the church and it appears that within the church it has found elements that sustain it. Somehow it promotes that women and children alienate their ideals and aspirations to a higher power, giving society reasons and excuses to keep functioning just as it is. Could you please find it in your pure heart to see gender based violence for what it really is.

Before we are even expected to forgive the perpetrators, can we humbly start by preaching against it. We implore you in good faith to cease providing reasons and excuses to justify the abuse of women

and girls.

May we not find ourselves judging you for being irrational after this request.

Before you men of the cloth teach us to put on rose-coloured glasses and disregard our underlying reality, please do not take for granted all that is dignified in a human being. Second, religion negates all that is dignified in a human being by rendering our women and girls servile and more amenable to accepting gender based violence. We love to pray. It brings us peace. However, we would also appreciate to be heard by those responsible for our suffering.

Honestly, it is not okay to be disrespected in front of your children. It is not okay to be beaten.

It is not okay to be stabbed and then burnt. Why can we not be happy in both lives- this one and the next? Suffering is not our portion at all times!

We are grateful to the church for providing solace to our distress. The only problem is that it fails to heal the injury because it often does not attempt to solve the underlying causes of the pain and loss of lives.

Yours in Christ

### Dear traditionalists and CO

"Co" here refers to agents of patriarchy. Please be informed, with all due respect, that as women and girls we are unable to hold the rod whilst it is hot. *Ngenhlonipholenkhulu, asikhoni kuyibambishisa.* We have come to realise that the suffering and violence we are being expected to stomach is incompatible with our status as human beings.

Every person has a right to positive culture.

While we promote culture, traditionalists and "CO" need to have their eyes opened to the fact that culture that is oppressive and violating does not constitute positive culture and as such will not be tolerated.

Sometimes the desire for power and being powerful serves no purpose when your leadership destroys rather than advances. Think about it.

### Ngitsilesitifobako Dear Legislators

Not to interfere with your mandate. It is just that we still remember vividly the day we went to vote for you.

We still cannot believe how we were fooled by your speeches. You promised us jobs and bridges. You still have not delivered on those. Perhaps it has something to do with the financial crisis.

We understand. But please, before you leave office, enact the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill. As things stand, *siyaphela.*

Yours faithfully

## Wit & Wisdom

1. "Foolish minds will entertain you, but confuse minds will irritate you."  
— Amit Kalantri

2. "Well, I can throw a mean come-back, so there's that. I will crush them on wit."  
— Rachel Caine, *Fall of Night*

3. "You will miss a normal life while living a successful life, but not as much as the craving for a successful life while you were living a normal life."  
— Amit Kalantri

4. "I don't beg for those things which can be earned."  
— Amit Kalantri

5. "She wished she had a set of greeting cards at the ready, but Hallmark probably didn't make any that said Thank you for giving up your life so that me and my friends could escape! It was so appreciated. XOXO!"  
— Gina Damico, *Rogue*

6. "I agree that sometimes it is difficult to choose between right and wrong, but not between right and stupid."  
— Amit Kalantri

7. "No kind of social system can make you more happier and secure than your own money."  
— Amit Kalantri

8. "Remember, crowd doesn't care about common sense."  
— Amit Kalantri

9. "I decided to do the easy task of changing situations and conditions by being a hero, than staying back to do the difficult task of changing people by being just a man."  
— Amit Kalantri

10. "It is the curse of the competent—not to be called upon."  
— Robert Priest, *Reading the Bible Backwards*

11. "Not obedience or feelings or respect, there is only one thing which people take seriously at all times and its "money"."  
— Amit Kalantri

12. "If you have money but not love you will somehow manage, but if you don't have both then you are in serious trouble."  
— Amit Kalantri

13. "I shall always inspire many hearts in timeless moments."  
— Angelica Hopes, *Rhythm of a Heart, Music of a Soul*

14. "Erudition is the crude residue of wilted harvests; wit: the meddlesome weed that wilts them."  
— Ashim Shanker

15. "Money, gun and lie can solve almost all the problems."  
— Amit Kalantri



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	8.2%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 22 NOV 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.2138	14.2638
British Pound/SZL	17.7459	17.8084
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.7861	7.8079
Swiss France/SZL	14.0703	14.1156
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3105	1.3180
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.4869	10.5295
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.5939	10.6240
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	15.0922	15.1453
Gold	1,215.4600	
Oil	45.1000	

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Moving Forward

# DAIRY FARMING ON AN UPWARD TRAJECTORY

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

**THE country's number of dairy farmers has continued on an upward trajectory, flagging a potential of import elimination in the long term.**

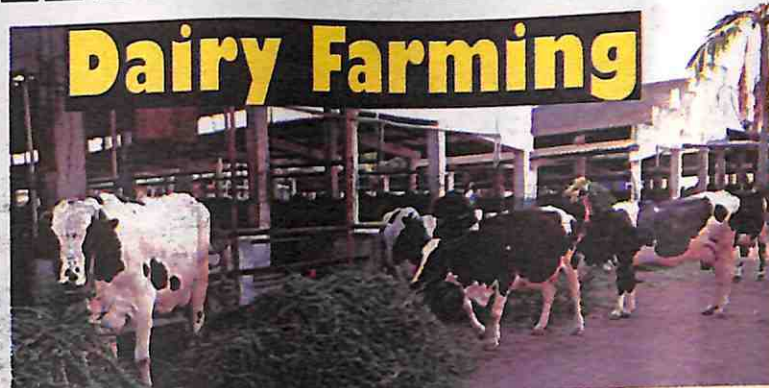
According to the Swaziland Dairy Board's annual performance report for the 2015/16 financial year, the number of dairy farmers increased to around 718 during the reporting period compared to the 508 recorded in 2014. This marked a 41.3 per cent increase.

It noted though that a majority of dairy farmers were located on Swazi Nation Land while the remainder were on Title Deed Land.

The report said SDB has continued to support every development initiatives within the sector 'with the aim of improving the overall performance of the local dairy industry in the country in line with the ministry of agriculture's objective of improved agriculture sector productivity.'

To achieve its strategic objective effectively, the board has rendered services through its four departments, namely the dairy development services, finance and administration, information and economic analysis and quality control department.

"Improved productivity and per-



formance of the dairy sector remained a major priority in the reporting period. Provision of an enabling environment for all industry players to ensure growth and sustainability of the sector remained a priority in the organisation's core functions," said the report.

Among the major activities undertaken in the reporting quarter was the development of dairy industry regulations draft. According to the board, the purpose of the regulations was to clear set an industry best code of practices that would ensure long term growth and sustainability of the dairy industry through effective regulation. The industry regulations draft was circulated to all stakeholders for their input.

"The board continued to engage with all dairy stakeholders in an endeavour to improve service deliv-

ery and effective coordination along the industry value chain. During the reporting period, the board continued to build capacity in the industry through placing much emphasis on value addition.

### Initiative

Through the value addition initiative, the board seeks to increase the range of dairy products manufactured in the country by empowering small scale processors to venture into value addition as a dairy related enterprise.

To achieve these, the board collaborates with the Cedara College of Agriculture which offers a course in dairy processing."

SBD said with the increasing demand of hay in the country, they had continued to produce and import hay bales for dairy farmers to ensure that feed was readily available through-

out the dry season.

"A total of 2 507 round hay bales (250 kg) were produced in Lavumisa, Ka-Langa, Sihhoye, and Mpofu. Also, a total of 2 480 large round hay bales (300 kg) were imported from the Republic of South Africa," reported SDB.

In a bid to assist large scale dairy farmers to start and grow their businesses, the board said it has continued to assist Swazi Milk Dairy farm at Sidvokodvo in the Manzini region in the development of a farm that will milk over 3 000 animals once it operates at full capacity around 2018-2019.

The project is funded by Old Mutual, Public Service Pensions Fund and Swaziland National Provident Fund. It is expected to produce at least 60 per cent of locally consumed dairy products per annum. Recently Old Mutual Chief Executive Officer Muzi Bell said the farm was producing 14 000 litres of milk per day.

This dairy project is being rolled out in two phases, the first was an investment of E38 million. The second phase, which would be on a larger piece of land, would also be converted with fixed dairy farm improvements to the tune of E47 million. The milking cattle are supplied separately through a joint venture with the farm operator, Swazi Milk.

## SWAZI PLAZA DANGLES E179 800 CHEVROLET VAN

SWAZI Plaza properties will be giving away a brand new Chevrolet worth about E179 800 as part of their summer drive 'win a car' extravaganza.

The closing date for the competition, which started on September 29, will be on December 8 while the shortlist draw will be conducted the very next day with the final draw on December 16.

Speaking on behalf of Swazi Plaza, Marketing Manager Brenda Dlamini said to qualify for the draw, customers had to only spend E250 from any of the plaza resident stores.

"Then they can drop off their till slips and entry form into the competition box located at the Swazi Plaza Corporate Place fashion court."

She said entry forms were also available from the competition stand opposite Mr. Price.

Dlamini said the second prize winner would walk away with a 32 inch flat screen television while the third prize would be a shopping voucher

worth E1 000.

"This competition serves two purposes; firstly it is to spawn traffic to our resident stores. Secondly, it is also a way of giving back to the community," she said.

The competition is open to all Swazi residents who are holders of a valid identity document.

### Spouses

But not to directors, members, partners, employees, agents or consultants of the promoters, the marketing service providers or any person who directly or indirectly controls or is controlled by these entities, including their spouses, life partners, business partners or immediate family members.

"Any entry received after the closing date will not be considered," said Dlamini.

At least 20 qualifiers of the competition would be shortlisted by means of a lucky draw conducted by the Swazi Plaza in the presence of an independent auditor on December



**CARROT: The Chevrolet utility van to be won during the Swazi Plaza their summer drive 'win a car' extravaganza. (Pic: Manqoba Makhubu)**

9 prior to the final draw. During the draw, the winners of the competition would be selected randomly from the entry forms of the 10 short-listed qualifiers of the competition.

Having opened 30 years ago with only one building, the shopping mall now boasts approximately 212 shops which covers both local and international brands such as Edgars, Jet, Mr Price, Mr Price Home, Ocean

Basket, Clicks, Clicks Pharmacy, Shoprite as an anchor supermarket and major banks; FNB, Standard Bank and Nedbank.

The new building, Corporate Place, consists of retail clothing and fashion, a food court which comprises of new brands like Pizza Inn, Shisa Nyama, Asian and Chinese food ventures and seven floors of office space.



# CAPITAL MARKETS AWAIT SA'S CREDIT RATING OUTCOME

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

**CAPITAL Markets are anxiously waiting for the outcome of South Africa's credit rating outcome as Moody's is expected to release its updated grading tomorrow, before Standard & Poor's issues its key announcement a week later on December 2.**

A number of local fund managers have assets in the Republic split in listed equity, bonds, cash, private equity, commodities and residential property sitting as offshore investments.

During the Swaziland Retirement Funds inaugural seminar which focused on offshore investing held recently in the country, the Republic's credit downgrade was one of topical issues and almost all the speakers agreed it was highly possible.

The members of the panel were; Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) Manager Business Development and Finance Langalakhe Dlamini, Principal Consultant Fiduciary Trusteeship Services Muzi Dlamini, SEI Investments Managing Director Giles Mokoka and Professional Retirement Fund Trustee Jolly Mokorosi.

S&P currently has the Republic rated at the lowest investment grade, and a downgrade would put the country's bonds into junk status and

this would affect offshore investments of local funds. Moody's currently rates it one level higher than S&P.

If the Republic gets a junk status, this is anticipated to hit the currency hard and see short-term interest rates rise while longer-term bond yields are projected to steepen on funds managed in the Common Monetary Area (CMA) and the cost of borrowing is expected to shoot up.

Financial Services Regulatory Authority Chief Executive Officer Sandile Dlamini said whatever happens in South Africa would affect the country, "in fact it will affect the whole investment of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), including Swaziland.

That is why we are hoping that on the Southern African side, things will improve."

On the same note, Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) General Manager Business Development and Finance Langalakhe Dlamini said they have been getting good returns in the South African market compared to offshore markets, signalling how they would be affected by the anticipated down-

grade.

However, Old Mutual Group Fund Manager Peter Brook said it was not time for markets to panic, but said fund managers should brace themselves for the downgrade. He said volatility creates opportunities.

According to South African publication Business Report, the outcome of the ratings reviews was uncertain, but more than half of 12 economists surveyed by Bloomberg said the S&P would downgrade

**Old Mutual Group Fund Manager Peter Brook said it was not time for markets to panic, but said fund managers should brace themselves for the downgrade.**

South Africa to junk. Peter Montalto, Nomura bank analyst, however said S&P could freeze its rating until next year, while Moodys might cut it by one notch.

South Africa's struggle to retain its investment-grade status has been at the centre of a political battle in recent months.

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan, who was widely feted by investors, has appeared to have only a fragile hold on his job in a clash with Zuma.

Gordhan was due to appear in court earlier this month on graft charges that many analysts saw as an attempt by Zuma loyalists to oust him.

The charges were dropped at the last minute, exposing deep tensions

in the ruling ANC party as several ministers came out in his support.

Gordhan was appointed only last year to calm panicked investors when Zuma sacked two finance ministers within four days.

South Africa on Monday unveiled the proposed figure for its first minimum wage - E3 500 a month - in a move that could improve labour relations.

Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa said the issue was raised in meetings with the Fitch rating agency, which is also expected to issue its latest credit grading within two to three weeks.

"They wanted to know what progress we are making and they wanted to hear about the minimum wage," Ramaphosa said. "By and large we had a good a meeting."

But South Africa's dire economic situation was underlined on Tuesday with the release of figures showing the unemployment rate had risen to its highest in 13 years, at 27.1 per cent.

Growth is projected to slow to just 0.5 per cent this year.

"I don't think... we are seeing enough being done," Christie Viljoen, an economist at KPMG in Cape Town, told Bloomberg.

"It might be enough at the moment to avoid an immediate downgrade... but if it is avoided in December, it's going to happen next year."

## BUSINESS EXTRA

### Zwane defends deputy DG appointment

**CAPE TOWN - Minister of Mineral Resources Mosebenzi Zwane told MPs there was nothing untoward about the appointment of Seipati Dlamini as Deputy Director General of Mineral Regulation in his office.**

According to Zwane, Dlamini's appointment was not in a permanent capacity.

"I would like to make a plea to members (MPs who are represented on the Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources) to stick to issues that are relevant," Zwane said.

He was responding to a letter addressed to him by the Democratic Alliance's James Lorimer, in which he was asked to refute allegations that he had appointed a "long-time ally" to a senior and very technical position.

Dlamini is said to have served as Zwane's chief of staff for the past year, and was the chief financial officer in the Free State Department of Agriculture during Zwane's tenure as the province's MEC.

During his time as Free State MEC, irregular payments were purportedly made to a Gupta-linked company for a Free State dairy project in Zwane's home town of Vrede.

In yesterday's parliamentary briefing, Zwane said the matter of Dlamini's appointment "was administrative" and should not be an item of discussion in a portfolio committee meeting of parliament.

"Nevertheless, I wish to place it on record that the said person has the necessary qualifications. She served in different provinces, for example, in the Northern Cape's Treasury. She also held deputy director general positions in the Free State," Zwane said.

He added that he needed the support of MPs in the mineral resources committee and they shouldn't cast aspersions based on what they read in the media. **FIN24**

## SADC AGRIC SENIOR OFFICIALS HOLD EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING

**SOUTHERN African Development Community senior officials responsible for agriculture and food security are holding an extra-ordinary meeting to consider the draft regulations of the Food Security Investment Plan.**

The ongoing meeting would also consider the governance report of the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA) and an update on the La Nina phenomenon and 2016/17 rainfall season.

The meeting started on Tuesday at Sibane Hotel and will end tomorrow where the officials would then be joined by the ministers of agriculture.

Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati said this meeting was a follow up on the one held in July.

### Meeting

He said after the July meeting, the ministers directed the secretariat to convene the ongoing one.

"This meeting realised the urgency and sensitivity of these issues. It was agreed there is a need to convene this extra-ordinary meeting that will allow member states to pay attention to details," he said.

Vilakati said the Food Security Investment Plan would have a direct effect on the lives of people, especially the poor within the region.

"The regional plan must be a reflection of the investment plans being

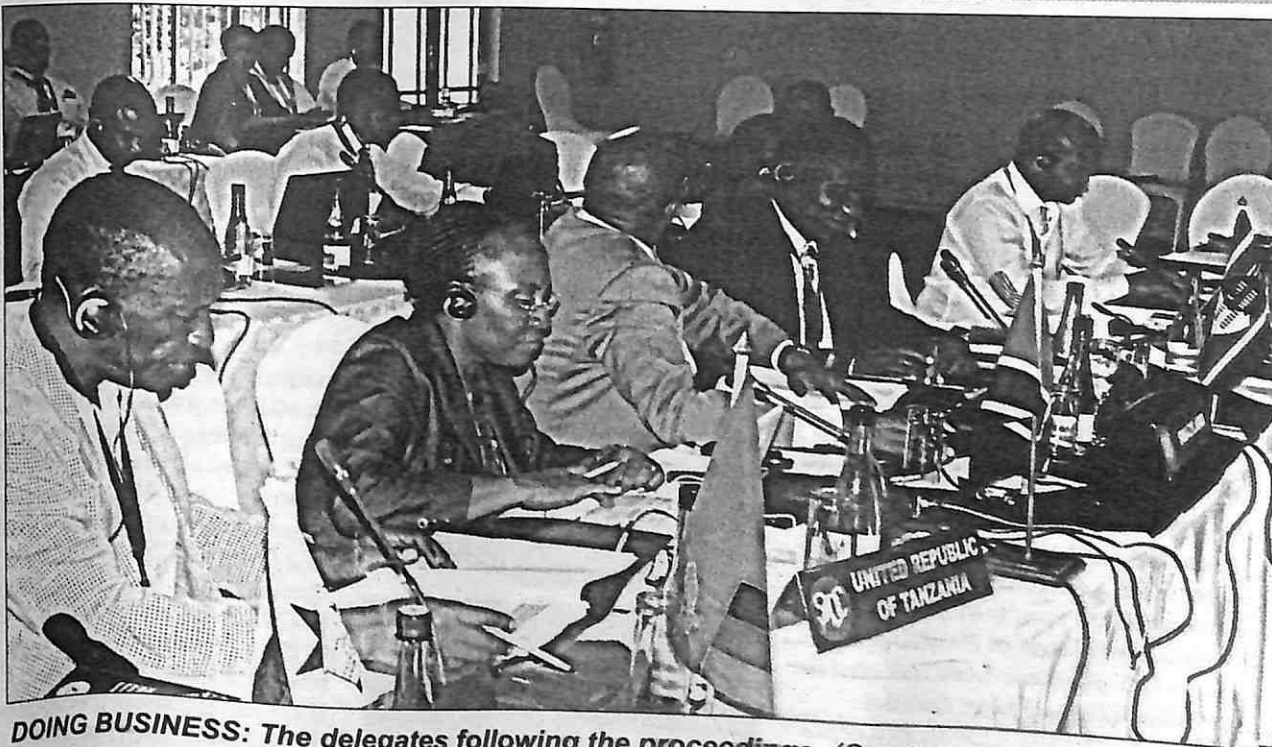


**MY TAKE: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati making remarks at the SADC extra-ordinary meeting of senior officials which precedes that of ministers responsible for agriculture and food security.**

developed by respective member states, to ensure food security throughout the region.

"The ministers, during their meeting in July, noted with great concern that food security has continued to deteriorate in the region and therefore the need for intervention that is on point," said Vilakati.

The region has experienced delays and erratic rainfall during the season 2015/16. Vilakati said this was the



**DOING BUSINESS: The delegates following the proceedings. (Courtesy pics)**

driest season in 35 years, with temperatures way above average.

The long dry spells and late rainfall have significantly contributed to the deteriorating food security status as a result of poor crop and livestock production throughout the region.

Vilakati said it was also noted that the situation in the region was not homogenous, "while most member states experienced drought, Malawi,

Tanzania and DRC had floods, all which adversely affected food security. It is therefore hoped that the review of the Regional Agricultural Investment Plan would go a long way in addressing the issue of food security in the region."

The outcomes of the meeting are expected to provide solutions to a number of challenges faced by agriculture from production to productivity and trade, including intra-region-

al and international trade.

The meeting would also discuss if the projected La Nina phenomenon for the 2016/17 rainfall season would correct the situation or it would be equally destructive.

The participating countries include Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Mozambique, Seychelles, Zimbabwe and Zambia.



# DROUGHT WEIGHS ON TIGER BRANDS

**JOHANNESBURG** - Fast-moving consumer goods company Tiger Brands seeks to improve profitability from sales into Africa, even after selling its stake in Nigeria's Dangote.

Tiger Brands says its "resilient" brands drove strong growth in the year to September, especially in the South African market. This led to turnover from continuing operations 11 per cent higher at R31.7 billion, while operating income before accounting charges increased five per cent to R4.2 billion.

This, it says, is despite challenging conditions and a year characterised by high inflation in raw material input costs, which was mostly the result of the prolonged drought and significant currency volatility. Tiger Brands says the high input inflation was felt across its South African portfolio and it says it will work



**STRONG GROWTH:** Picture showing Tiger Brand product.

at improving margins - which could indicate a move to pass the higher input costs onto consumers should the drought's effects and currency volatility be prolonged. The overall operating margin

before accounting charges declined to 13.4 per cent from 14.1 per cent, which it says was "influenced by responsible pricing decisions to protect our brand franchises". **IOL**

## MTN WRAPS UP NEW R9.9BN BEE PLAN

**JOHANNESBURG** - MTN was to close implementation of its new empowerment deal yesterday and also today after all conditions were met, it says.

The listed cellular operator, Africa's largest by subscriber numbers, launched its new empowerment scheme in August because its current one, MTN Zakhele, expires this month.

MTN's new empowerment offering, MTN Zakhele Futhi, is set to be worth R9.9 million, making it among the biggest empowerment deals in SA.

Total applications for the new scheme exceeded the minimum equity raise target, but missed the target equity raise figure of R2.47 billion, MTN says.

The MTN Zakhele Futhi public offer raised R1.094 billion from more than 81 000 applicants from across South Africa. In addition, applications were received from 11 203 qualifying MTN Zakhele shareholders holding in a total of 13.5 million MTN Zakhele shares to re-invest in the new empowerment fund. This equates to R817 million.

MTN says it will subscribe for 27.8 million shares, investing R557 million in the scheme as a result of the missed targets.

**IOL**

## SA STEEL PRODUCTION JUMPS 13.8% TO 534 000 TONS

**JOHANNESBURG** - South African steel production leapt 13.8% year on year in October to an estimated 534 000 tons after falling 2.7% in September to 430 000 tons, according to the World Steel Association (worldsteel).

A rise in June, of 6.9%, was the first annual increase this year and followed a 16.3% rise in to 7.6-million tons in 2015 compared with a 2.8% decline in global steel production to 1.6228-billion tons. In 2015 steel production decreased in all regions except Oceania, which registered a 4.6% gain.

In the first 10 months of 2016, SA steel production was down 5.1% year on year compared with an 8.6% decline for Africa and a 0.1% reduction for global steel production. In October, global crude steel production rose 3.3% year on year to 136.5-million tons, of which China accounted for 68.5-million tons, which was a 4.0% increase.

The poor South African demand was in part due to the govern-

ment's multi-billion rand infrastructure investment plans failing to gain traction, as investment in steel-intensive railway corridors such as links to Swaziland and the Waterberg coalfields, remain plans, not projects. The government's economic cluster said in early September 2016 that steps had been taken to accelerate implementation of the Nine-Point Plan.

The cluster was at an advanced stage in preparing for the implementation of 40 "high-impact" investment projects.

In the February 2016 budget, the Treasury outlined plans for R865.4bn in public sector infrastructure spending over the next three fiscal years. The largest portion of R291.6bn would be invested in the steel-intensive transport and logistics sector.

By contrast, the private sector has invested heavily in the steel-intensive non-residential construction sector with reports of shortages of steel reinforcing bars.

**iNet Bridge**

## Pick n Pay introduces tap, go technology

**JOHANNESBURG** - Pick n Pay has introduced tap-and-go technology in its stores, and the JSE-listed retailer says this will significantly reduce queues at tills.

Contactless card payments do not require consumers to swipe cards, enter PINs or give their signatures. Shoppers need only tap their cards against the card readers for payments to be processed.

Pick n pay said on Monday the service is now live in-store and available at all till points throughout its store network for both Visa and Mastercard bank cards for payments under R200.

In September, Pick n Pay revealed it was testing the efficiency of self-service checkout machines at one store in Cape Town.

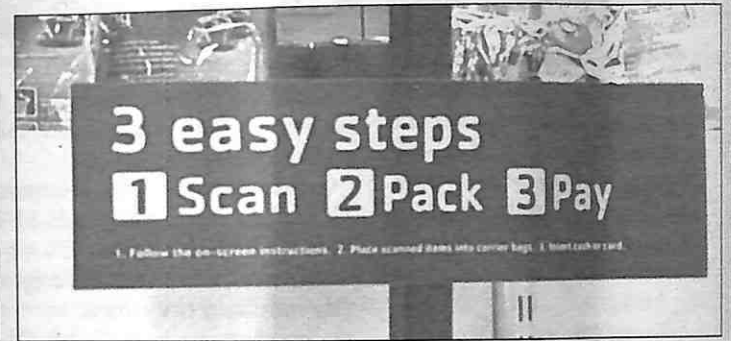
Pick n Pay will be the first major retailer in SA to introduce contactless card payments. Such transactions are popular with customers across the world.

In Europe alone, more than

three-billion contactless transactions were processed in the past 12 months. The service is also widely used in Australia, New Zealand the US, Singapore and the UK. Pick n Pay Deputy CEO Richard van Rensburg said a contactless transaction can be up to 30% faster than a normal authenticated card transaction.

"It's really easy to use - you just tap or hover your credit card above the terminal, confirm the amount and the transaction is processed immediately," said Van Rensburg.

"After a number of years of significant investment, our systems have reached a level of maturity where we are able to introduce an increasing array of innovations that make shopping at Pick n Pay cheaper and more convenient." Most cards issued by the major banks are already contactless enabled, but until now customers have been unable to use this facility at major retailers. **iNet Bridge**



## ESKOM PROCEEDS WITH NUCLEAR PREPARATIONS

**JOHANNESBURG** - Eskom has said it planned to go ahead and issue a request for proposals for the nuclear build programme before the end of this year, despite the Department of Energy shifting the timeline for the first nuclear reactor to 2037.

The department on Tuesday released the long-awaited draft integrated resource plan and integrated energy plan guides of government's medium to long-term plans for electricity provision, proposing the commissioning of 1 359MW of nuclear power by 2037. The department also proposed a total of 20 385MW of new nuclear generation capacity by 2050. The government also pushed the 359MW capacity forward to 2026, taking into consideration a cap on carbon emissions and constraints on the amount of renewable energy capacity that can be commissioned in a year.

Eskom, however, said its current plans were closely aligned to a base case scenario that took South Africa's

carbon budget into consideration and annual constraints on bringing renewable energy technologies into the grid.

Speaking alongside Energy Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson and senior officials from the department, Eskom Group Executive for Generation, Matshela Koko, used the base case scenario to justify the utility's push for the nuclear preparations. "If you take the base case scenario and impose on it a carbon budget and constrain the renewables, for obvious reasons, you will need at least a reactor by the end of 2025 and that is the reason why we have to go out on inquiry by the end of this year," said Koko.

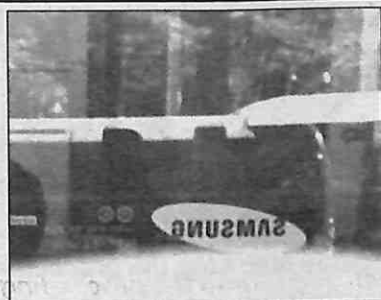
**Feasible**

Eskom said the scenario required the first nuclear unit by 2026, charging it had indicated that it would go ahead with the request for proposal for nuclear by the end of December 2016, as all indications showed 2026 as feasible to deliver the first unit. **Business Report**

## Samsung offices raided

**SEOUL** - South Korean prosecutors raided the offices of Samsung Group yesterday, a prosecution official said, after media reports of alleged links with a confidante of President Park Geun-hye who has been indicted in an influence-peddling scandal.

Prosecutors also raided South Korea's largest pension fund, the National Pension Service (NPS), an NPS spokeswoman said. The Yonhap news agency reported that investigators were probing NPS's decision to approve the \$8 billion merger of Samsung C&T Corporation and Cheil Industries last year. The raids signalled that prosecutors are expanding their investigation into allegations of influence-peddling in the corruption scandal that has rocked Park's presidency over the relationship between the government and big businesses. NPS, the world's third-largest



pension fund, has come under scrutiny by the media and civic groups over its approval as a major shareholder of the merger between two affiliates of Samsung Group, South Korea's largest family-run conglomerate.

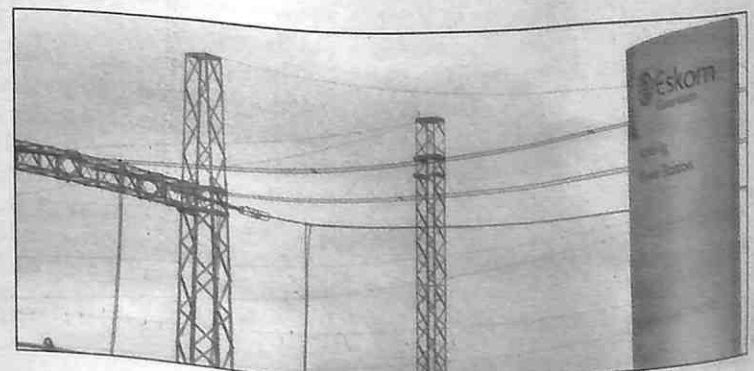
Its backing was seen as crucial to the success of the merger and some South Korean media reports said its approval came under mysterious circumstances.

A Samsung Group spokeswoman confirmed prosecution officials had

visited the group's headquarters but she could not provide further details. Prosecutors raided four locations - the NPS headquarters, NPS Investment Management office headquarters, Samsung Group offices and the office of a former NPS investment management official - said a prosecution official who was not authorised to speak to the media and declined to be identified. Park and her confidante, Choi Soon-sil, are under investigation for allegedly improperly pressuring major conglomerates, including the Samsung Group, to raise funds for foundations that backed Park's policy of promoting the cultural and sports communities.

**'Drawbacks to business'**

Lee Young-ryeol, the senior prosecutor directing the probe, said on Sunday that 53 conglomerates, "fearing direct and indirect drawbacks to business activities such as tax audits," were "coerced to contribute funds" to the foundations. **Reuters**





# World News

## BREXIT TALKS HAVE 15-MONTH WINDOW

**STRASBOURG** - The European Parliament's Brexit negotiator warned his British counterpart on Tuesday that there is an "intense" window of just 15 months to complete talks for the country's exit from the EU.

Guy Verhofstadt said he had also told Brexit Minister David Davis that European lawmakers would not accept Britain trying to keep access to the single market while limiting freedom of movement for EU citizens.

Former Belgian prime minister and leading European federalist Verhofstadt had tweeted that it would be a "hell of a meeting" after Davis jokingly compared him to Satan earlier this year.

"We agreed on some things, on the need for this process to start as early as possible and need to be finished in any case before the next

European elections in May 2019," Verhofstadt said after the talks in Strasbourg, France.

"So the window for the negotiations is more or less 14, 15 months," he added. "It's going to be a period that is very intense."

He said if Britain triggers the two-year divorce process in March 2017 as Prime Minister Theresa May has promised, then formal negotiations are unlikely to start until May 2017.

MEPs must then formally give their consent for any deal and that would take several months from late 2018, he said.

Verhofstadt added it was "impossible to find solutions where we destroy the so-called four freedoms" including the freedom of movement.

May has said she wanted to cut EU migrant numbers and retain access for British businesses to



**BREXIT TALKS: British Brexit Minister David Davis. (AFP)**

Europe's single market, but EU leaders insist the two are incompatible.

'Four freedoms not negotiable'

The Head of the European Parliament's largest group, Manfred Weber, said he had "heard nothing new" when he also met Davis at the Parliament in Strasbourg.

"Unfortunately I haven't heard anything new from David Davis today. For us it's clear: The four fundamental freedoms are not negotiable," said Weber, head of the centre-right European People's Party. "Brexit means Brexit so we're going to have to cut back on our relationships, it's not a cherry-picking situation at all," he warned.

"We need a clear position from the UK government, so please make things clearer."

The talks came a day after Davis met the European Commission's top negotiator Michel Barnier in Brussels for a "courtesy coffee".

AFP

## Donald Trump not interested in Clinton probe

**WASHINGTON** - President-elect Donald Trump "doesn't wish to pursue" further investigations into Hillary Clinton's email practices, a top adviser said on Tuesday, a turnaround from all the campaign rallies when Trump roused supporters to chants of "lock her up."

"I think Hillary Clinton still has to face the fact that a majority of Americans don't find her to be honest or trustworthy,

but if Donald Trump can help her heal then perhaps that's a good thing," Kellyanne Conway said on MSNBC's "Morning Joe".

That comes after months of Trump nicknaming his Democratic rival "Crooked Hillary," questioning whether the Clinton Foundation is a pay-for-play scheme and raging against the Justice Department for refusing to prosecute her for blending private and official business on her homebrew email server. He told her face-to-face at a presidential debate that if he won the presidency, she'd "be in jail."

Conway's comments were striking because Justice Department investigations are historically conducted without the influence or input of the White House. AP



**BETTER HALF:** But Jadon and Anias McDonald, twins conjoined at the crown of their heads, never caught a glimpse of their closest companion. In October, the 13-month-old boys were successfully separated in a grueling, life-threatening 27-hour operation at Montefiore Hospital. And a month later, as they make an historically rapid recovery, they have been pictured looking at each other for the first time. Staring, open-mouthed, they both look stunned. The pair will be moved to a rehab facility shortly after Thanksgiving, six weeks after surgery. It is the fastest recovery for separation of craniopagus twins (conjoined at the head) in history, beating the previous record of eight weeks. (Daily Mail)

## Masked robbers steal 81 gold bars from van

**HONG KONG** - Masked robbers robbed from a van 81 gold bars worth 22.68 million Hong Kong dollars (R4.9 million) Tuesday morning in Hong Kong.

Scores of police officers and investigators arrived at the scene and cordoned off the van immediately and found there were still several bags of gold bars in the van. According to the police, the



van carried 258 gold bars from Sha Tau Kok to a street in the neighbourhood of Fanling at around 09:00. Then three masked

robbers got off from a car and committed the crime when the driver was transferring gold bars into a cart.

The robbers did the robbery by wielding blades and subduing the van driver with pepper spray and ran away in another white seven-seater.

Hong Kong police has listed five suspects as wanted.

Reuters

## BRIEFS

### Nato criticises Russian missiles near Poland

**BRUSSELS** - Nato is criticising Russia's deployment of anti-ship missiles in its westernmost Baltic region as "aggressive military posturing," and is urging dialogue to cool escalating tensions. Nato said in a statement to the Associated Press on Tuesday that the missile deployment near the alliance's borders "does not help to lower tensions or restore predictability to our relations." Nato called for more transparency on military activities "to avoid incidents and the risk of misunderstandings." AP

### US govt sues New Jersey for rejecting mosque

**NEW JERSEY** - The US government sued a New Jersey town on Tuesday, saying that it discriminated against Muslims when it rejected an Islamic group's plan to build a mosque there. The lawsuit in federal court in Newark, New Jersey, said planning officials in Bernards Township deliberately set out impossibly strict requirements that the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge was unable to meet, after members of the public objected based on religious bias. "The reasons set forth by the Planning Board for denying the site plan application were pretextual, and the Planning Board in fact denied the application based on discrimination toward Muslims," the US Department of Justice lawsuit said. Reuters

### Britain lost US\$1.5 trillion in household wealth

**ZURICH** - Britain lost US\$1.5 trillion in household wealth in 2016, a blow caused by the pound's free-fall after the Brexit vote, Switzerland's second largest bank Credit Suisse said. A full 406 000 Britons lost their status as dollar millionaires this year, Credit Suisse added in its latest annual Global Wealth Report. "The United Kingdom had a tumultuous year," the report said, describing the household wealth losses as "a direct consequence of the Brexit vote." "Wealth per adult has already dropped by US\$33 000 to US\$289 000 since the end of June," Chief Investment Officer at the bank's wealth management division, Michael O'Sullivan, added in a statement. AFP



### Benin seizes 54 kg of cocaine from Brazil

**COTONOU** - Benin security forces seized 54 kilograms of cocaine from a container that had arrived at its main port of Cotonou from Brazil, the public prosecutor said. "There was a sack containing 48 pellets of a suspect product," which was seized on Monday, Lawani Badirou told a news conference. "Tests revealed that this was cocaine." West Africa has for over a decade been a transit point for Latin American cocaine en route to Europe, although improved maritime policing in recent years has helped reduce the volume passing through the region. Reuters

### Turkey sacks 15 000 more 'plotters'

**ANKARA** - Turkey's government dismissed a further 15 000 people from the military, police and the civil service as part of an ongoing investigation into the failed military coup in July. The government also shut down some 500 associations, 19 health establishments and nine media outlets within the two government decrees issued. Turkey has accused US-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen of masterminding the failed July 15 attempt to topple the government and has launched a large-scale crackdown on his followers and institutions said to be run by his movement. AP



# Focus on SA scene

## Motsoeneng is a one-man wrecking machine, says DA

CAPE TOWN - The Western Cape High Court was buzzing with media and heavy-weight legal minds yesterday morning as the Democratic Alliance (DA) prepared for another showdown with Hlaudi Motsoeneng, Group Executive of Corporate Affairs at the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

Motsoeneng, described as a "toxic influence" by the DA, looked relaxed as he walked into Courtroom one flanked by his allies.

The chairperson of the DA's Federal Executive, James Selfe, said in a statement yesterday the court must remove Motsoeneng from his position "until and only if the Public Protector report is set aside". The 2014 report found, amongst other things, that Motsoeneng had lied about his matric qualifications, and had given himself irregular salary increases.

"The first application pertains to the DA's request, lodged in March, to have the farcical outcome of the disciplinary inquiry into Motsoeneng, then as chief operating officer (COO), set aside, as it was fatally flawed and only served to shield him from accountability," the statement read.

Selfe said the outcome of the disciplinary hearing could not be accepted because of numerous charges including gross dishonesty that it simply dismissed.

"The second part deals with the DA's application, lodged in October, to have the appointment of Motsoeneng as Group Executive of Corporate Affairs, declared invalid," Selfe said.

*African News Agency*

## 'ANC has failed to provide complete political freedom'

PRETORIA - The EFF has accused the ANC of failing to provide complete political freedom to South Africans following an unsuccessful bid to have apartheid laws repealed in Parliament.

"This rejection of repealing apartheid laws must be seen as yet another sign of the ANC's degeneration and that it is following on the path of post-colonial failure," spokesperson Mbuyiseni Ndlozi said.

"That apartheid legislation is still here and alive 22 years into democracy is a sign of unfinished liberation. This is a political failure on the part of the ANC. It means finally, we can actually say with confidence that the ANC has not only failed to provide economic freedom, it has also failed to provide complete political freedom."

The party tabled a motion in Parliament on Tuesday to have a resolution that all apartheid laws should be repealed. It said the purpose of the motion was to allow a process that makes sure all the legislation passed under apartheid with the intent of realising the superiority, rule and dominance of white people over black people was removed.

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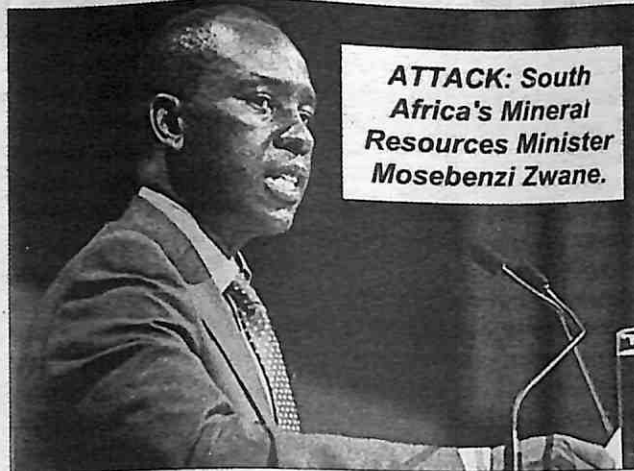
# ANC ATTACKS DA

JOHANNESBURG - Questions over Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane's controversial appointment of a female deputy director-general in an acting position were based on the fact that she was a woman and were anti-transformation, ANC MPs claimed in Parliament yesterday.

Zwane appeared before Parliament's mineral resources committee to explain his appointment of his chief of staff Sepati Dlamini as acting deputy director-general of mineral policy in the department.

The appointment has been questioned by Democratic Alliance (DA) mineral resources spokesman James Lorimer, who has expressed concern over what he said seemed an "irregular" appointment to what was a highly technical and specialised position which also involved

... for questioning Zwane's appointment of 'empowered black woman' as deputy DG



**ATTACK: South Africa's Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane.**

the processing of mining licences.

He said Dlamini had only been involved in the mining sector for about one year.

Dlamini was previously employed in the Free State agriculture department as a financial officer and had allegedly

made an irregular payment to a Gupta-linked dairy venture in the province. She has also worked in the Northern Cape provincial government.

Zwane told MPs that Dlamini had the necessary experience and had worked in government

for some time. He insisted that all due processes had been followed in appointing Dlamini, who met the necessary requirements.

Zwane found it "very odd" that questions were raised over an appointment which at this stage was only an acting one.

### Problematic

The minister also questioned the right of committee members to probe such administrative matters of his department. He said it would be problematic if the committee conducted its business on the basis of rumours and expected him to come to Parliament to answer questions on this basis.

ANC MPs once again leapt to the minister's defence, arguing that the DA was objecting to Dlamini's appointment because she was a woman. The department was trying to promote women.

ANC MP Zwelivelile Mandela said he was satisfied with the minister's response. "Here is a black woman who has been empowered but it comes under scrutiny."

*TMG Digital/BusinessLIVE*

## Teen arrested for Cape cop killing

CAPE TOWN - A teenager has been arrested in connection with Tuesday night's murder of a police officer and the wounding of another in Philippi East, the Hawks confirmed yesterday.

The 19-year-old was arrested yesterday morning, Captain Lloyd Ramovha said.

He explained how the two police officers were attacked.

"The officers had just finished serving a protection order at one address when they were approached with a similar complaint within the vicinity," Ramovha said.

### Robbed

"On their way to assist, they were suddenly allegedly shot at by about three armed men who subsequently robbed them of their firearms before they

fled the scene."

The teenager is accused of being one of the three who opened fire on the officers.

### Attempted

He is expected to appear in the Athlone Magistrate's Court tomorrow to face charges of murder, attempted murder, and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

*News24*

## ANC CAN'T COME TO TERMS WITH LOSING JOBURG: DA

JOHANNESBURG - The African National Congress (ANC) is a bitter party "battling to come to terms with the fact that it is no longer in power in the City of Joburg", the Democratic Alliance (DA) in Gauteng said yesterday.

The dig came ahead of the ANC Johannesburg branch's press briefing to outline its dissatisfaction with mayor Herman Mashaba's recent cancelling of "critical projects" in the economic hub.

### Battling

"From the outset, it must be said that the ANC is a party battling to come to terms with the fact that it is no longer in power in the City of Joburg," said the DA's Khume Ramu-

liho.

"At the heart of this struggle is the loss of the power of patronage, corruption and luxury."

"Today's press conference should be seen for what it is - petty, political opportunism and grandstanding."

### Projects

"The ANC has indicated its objection to the recently cancelled projects of the previous ANC administration."

"These projects were reviewed at a special mayoral committee meeting last week."

"These projects cost the City R270-million per year and have been correctly labelled as vanity projects."

The projects referred to by Ramulifho include, among

others, mushroom farms, paper produced from stone and solar-powered bakeries using imported mango flour from South America.

### Designed

Ramulifho said these projects were designed to permit former ANC mayor Parks Tau to advance the illusion of a "World Class African City" while many communities in Gauteng suffered in abject poverty.

He said Tau's administration seemed quite pleased to roll out these programmes when it couldn't deliver the basic conditions for economic growth as the number of unemployed people in the city increased by more than 190 000.

*Retuers*

## Ajay Gupta did not lie in Grootes interview, says Gupta family

PRETORIA - The Gupta family maintains that Ajay Gupta did not lie in his interview with journalist Stephen Grootes.

The interview with the EWN journalist was recently leaked and posted on YouTube.

"It has come to our attention that Stephen Grootes reported on November 21, that 'Ajay Gupta lied' pursuant to an interview conducted on 16th February 2016," the family said in a statement.

"Let it be recorded that Grootes' allegation is noted but categorically denied."

Grootes said he had conducted literally thousands of interviews during his career but the

**DID NOT LIE: Ajay Gupta.**

interview with Gupta was the toughest. Some of Gupta's answers seemed to have been blatant lies, particularly his claims around Ministers Des van Rooyen and Mosebenzi Zwane.

"Of course, we didn't have the 'state capture' report then," Grootes said.

*News24*





# POWERFUL 7.4-MAGNITUDE TREMOR NEAR FUKUSHIMA

**JAPAN** - Dramatic video has captured a meteorite burning across the sky just hours after a huge 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck Japan sending a tsunami cascading inland and up a river.

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Video taken by a 16-year-old known as Asuka then showed a mysterious burning light crossing the night sky.

"This is scary guys, I'm not gonna lie," he tweeted.

"Oh God another aftershock. I'm on high ground and safe though so please don't worry," he added.

The massive earthquake struck off the Japanese coast, some 67km north-east of Iwaki, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The USGS reported the quake with

● Japan was struck by a 7.4-magnitude earthquake, followed by tsunamis

● Videos show buildings shaking and people panicking inside train stations

● A tsunami flowed inland up a river about an hour after the huge quake hit

● Japan's eastern coast is on high alert - just four years after 20 000 people died in another earthquake that caused a nuclear meltdown at Fukushima



**CHAOS:** Passengers crowd at Sendai Station in Sendai, Miyagi prefecture, after train services are suspended following the earthquake.



**SHAKEN:** Books are scattered on the floor at a library in Iwaki, Fukushima prefecture, after the quake.

a depth of 10km struck at about 6am and tsunami waves up to one metre

high began to hit Japan's Pacific coast within an hour. (Daily Mail)



**FOOTAGE:** Dramatic video has captured a meteorite burning across the sky (pictured) just hours after a huge 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck Japan sending a tsunami cascading inland and up a river. (Daily Mail)



**MAP:** Mr Nakamura points a map of Fukushima and its surrounding prefecture. A map shows the epicentre of the earthquake marked with a star



**ON WATCH:** Firefighters watch the port to check the water level as a tsunami warning is issued.

**EVACU-ATE:** A tsunami warning for Fukushima has now been lifted



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## BRIEFS

UN Human Rights Council appoints  
Burundi commission members

**JOHANNESBURG** – Following a decision of the United Nations Human Rights Council, in which it set up a commission of inquiry to investigate human rights violations and abuses in Burundi, including whether they may constitute international crimes, the president of the body has appointed the commission's chair and members. According to a news release, the commissioners will "provide the support and expertise for the immediate improvement of the situation of human rights and the fight against impunity." *Africa News Agency*

Senegal vows harsher sentences  
as death penalty debate rages

**Dakar** – Senegal's president has promised full-life sentences for murderers after a series of horrific crimes in the west African country, as calls mount to reinstate the death penalty. Macky Sall was speaking at the funeral of top Government Advisor Fatoumata Mactar Ndiaye, who had her throat slit last Saturday at home, allegedly by her chauffeur. "At the next ministerial meeting, we are going to look again at our policy," Sall said in comments reported Tuesday by local media. *AFP*

Students scamper for safety as gunmen  
storm school and fire shots in Kenya

**NAIROBI** – Armed gunmen stormed a school on Tuesday in a Kenyan province bordering Somalia, spraying bullets but not injuring anyone, official sources said, without confirming whether they were Shabaab group militants. The gunmen stormed a room where secondary school students were taking an exam and exchanged fire with police officers guarding the campus before fleeing, they said. "Students scampered for safety when the gunmen stormed the school and fired shots," a senior police officer from Wajir told *AFP*. *Reuters*

Rwanda to construct US\$350m  
peat-fired power plant

**KIGALI** – An international group signed a US\$350 million (R\$4 billion) deal on Tuesday to finance an 80 megawatt (MW) peat-fired power plant in Rwanda, part of an effort to expand power production in a nation where just a quarter of the population are linked to the grid. The power plant will be the second in the country when it starts production by the target date of 2019. The first peat plant is expected to be completed this year with 15 MW capacity. *AFP*

HIV-positive Malawi man jailed  
for two years over sex ritual

**NSANJE** – An HIV-positive Malawian man who said he had sex with at least 100 girls and women in traditional cleansing rituals was sentenced Tuesday to two years in jail for "harmful practices". Eric Aniva, 45, was prosecuted on the orders of President Peter Mutharika after publicly speaking about his role as a 'hyena' in a BBC radio documentary earlier this year. *AFP*

'MUGABE-MUST-GO' PASTOR  
MUGADZA IN CHAIN PROTEST

**HARARE** – Lone demonstrator and Remnant Church leader Patrick Mugadza has again staged his protest against President Robert Mugabe's government on Tuesday, by chaining himself to security rails close to the Parliament of Zimbabwe in Harare.

Mugadza — also known as the "Mugabe-must-go-pastor" — on Tuesday chained himself to security rails at the Africa Unity Square opposite the Parliament of Zimbabwe.

As he was tying himself to the security railings, police officers manning Parliament arrested him and reportedly took him to Harare Central Police Station's criminal investigations department.

## Interrogated

But a police source said Mugadza was actually taken to the Internal Security Investigations department, where he was "being interrogated". The source said the cleric would not be charged.

David Hofisi and Docas Chitiyo,



**ARRESTED:** Remnant Church leader Patrick Mugadza was arrested in Harare, Zimbabwe on Tuesday after he chained himself to security rails close to the Zimbabwean Parliament. (*Daily Mail*)

from the Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights, were dispatched to secure his freedom.

On Tuesday morning, Mugadza said he would stage a protest against corruption in front of Parliament.

In a paper titled "The Banana Republic", which was going to be part of his presentation during his "sermon", Mugadza said he knew "of a people and a nation which has been ruled by one leader. That man

is a dictator and a destroyer. He is a deceiver and a drag".

## Colonial

He described that leader as "directionless, despicable, downright dumb, a dragon, a derelict and a diehard deformer" — believed to be a thinly veiled attack on Mugabe, who has been Zimbabwe's leader for 36 years since 1980 when the country gained independence from colonial rule.

Mugadza further described that same leader as "a disappointment, a detractor, a despoiler, dross and a derailer", adding the latter was a devil incarnate.

"He has made himself a god with a small 'g'. Many have been killed, wounded, disappeared in his name. His associates steal and brag about it in his name. His small letter 'g' god should be written in reverse," the cleric added.

## Ills

In April, Mugadza chained himself to a pole while holding a cross in one hand and a Bible in the other before preaching to passersby for more than an hour about "what we are supposed to do to free ourselves from the ills which are taking place in our nation".

In December last year, Mugadza staged a one-man protest against Mugabe during Zanu PF's annual conference, which was held in the resort town of Victoria Falls.

*Africa News Agency*

Burkina Faso  
doctors, health  
workers on strike

**OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso** – Hospitals were paralysed Tuesday in the poor west African country of Burkina Faso as doctors and health workers launched a three-day strike for salary hikes and increased allowances, officials said.

The powerful Syntsha union of medical workers which called the protest said hospitals had ground to a halt.

Syntsha secretary general Pissymba Ouedraogo told *AFP* that the protest was aimed at "making the government see reason."

"There is no doubt that health services throughout the country are blocked as the personnel have not showed up," Ouedraogo said.

Health Minister Smaila Ouedraogo claimed there were just four sticking points out of the original 63 demands made by the unions and added he was hopeful they would be resolved soon.

"We have visited some hospitals in the capital and have noticed a significant reduction in their functioning," he said.

Patients were left to fend for themselves at the Yalgado Ouedraogo university hospital, the largest in the country, an *AFP* correspondent said.

There was only one doctor in the emergency ward.

A doctor at another medical facility in the capital Ouagadougou said he had turned up as it was "a matter of conscience."

*AFP*

*To protect your devices, security experts often recommend having a backup method of authentication - but, they probably didn't mean your pet hedgehog. In an adorable new video, a hedgehog named Sashimi can be seen using her tiny paw to unlock an iPhone, successfully passing through the TouchID sensor. It works just like it would for a person, requiring the print be pressed multiple times onto the home button in order to capture its unique design. (*Daily Mail*)*



## African states leaving court is 'regression'

**THE HAGUE** – The International Criminal Court's prosecutor said Tuesday that it is a "regression" for African nations, including her home country of Gambia, to quit the court and said the continent should work with her office to end impunity for atrocities.

Speaking to The Associated Press at the court's headquarters overlooking the North Sea on the edge of The Hague, Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda said regional and local courts in Africa can also play a key role in bringing perpetrators of atrocities to jus-

tice.

Bensouda's comments came as the court's governing body, the Assembly of States Parties, met nearby with the issue of departing African states figuring prominently in its discussions.

South Africa, Burundi and Gambia have announced plans to leave the court, which has 124 member states, sparking fears of a domino effect among other African nations.

"I think it's a setback for the continent, it's a regression for the continent that there are some

African states that are deciding to withdraw from the ICC," Bensouda said.

However, she said that the announced withdrawals have galvanised support for the court among other African countries attending the annual gathering of member states.

"I wanted to emphasise that today during this Assembly of States Parties you have the vast majority of African states recommitting to the ICC and renewing ... support for the ICC," Bensouda said.

*Reuters*





WITH: Majaha Nkonyane

## CHURCH NEWS



## Church Briefs

## Prophetic Voice for All Nations' ministries

Date: December 15-18

Venue: Ludzeludze Primary School hall

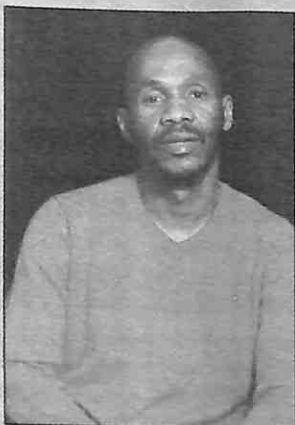
Time: 18:00-21:00

Theme: Prophetic Convention 2016

The church will host an end of year convention that will have different speakers who will be ministering from Thursday through to Sunday next month.

"We would like to thank God for such an opportunity to host services which are meant to celebrate the goodness of Him who has kept us throughout this year. We would like to invite people to come fellowship with us as we thank God for His goodness. It will be a good time in His presence," Apostle Prince Zikalala said.

The services will have different speakers who will be ministering, including Apostle Mandlenkhosi Simelane of Revival Life Ministries, Apostle C.T Mavimbela from Life Restoration Ministries and Siphon Magagula.



HOST: Apostle Prince Zikalala.

## New Glory Dominion Centre

Date: Tomorrow to Sunday

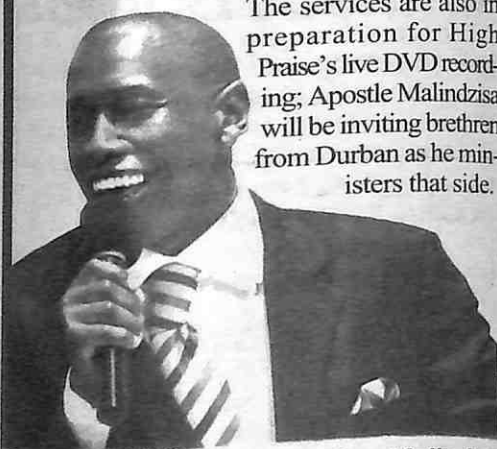
Venue: Adams

Time: 10:00- 1400

Theme: Building for the future Canaan 2016

Apostle Jethro Malindzisa of High Praise Assemblies in Nhlanguano will be ministering in Durban alongside Bishop SMD and DR NV Mathabela. The services will also have music from Joey Mofoleng, who will be singing on Saturday. "It is an honour to receive an invitation from the church in Durban where I have been requested to minister. I am looking forward to seeing the power of God at work. Apostle Malindzisa said.

The services are also in preparation for High Praise's live DVD recording; Apostle Malindzisa will be inviting brethren from Durban as he ministers that side.



MINISTERING: Apostle Jethro Malindzisa.

## LUTFO DLAMINI FOR PHUMLAMCASHI SERVICE

**DIVINE Healing Ministries Phumlamcashi branch, under the leadership of Sikhumbuzo Shongwe, will be hosting ex-minister Lutfo Dlamini as a guest speaker on Sunday.**

The church is situated at St Philip's.

The service will be under the theme 'Sipho sakho sem-notfo lesibuya kuNkulunkulu' and will be starting from 10am to 1:30pm.

Dlamini would be speaking on how the people of the area can improve their lives financially and be able to generate income.

## Touching

Moreover, Dlamini will also be touching on motivation which is meant to change the perception of the brethren on how they view things in life.

Shongwe spoke highly of Dlamini, who is now a businessman and motivational speaker, mentioning how he has helped a number of people in society.

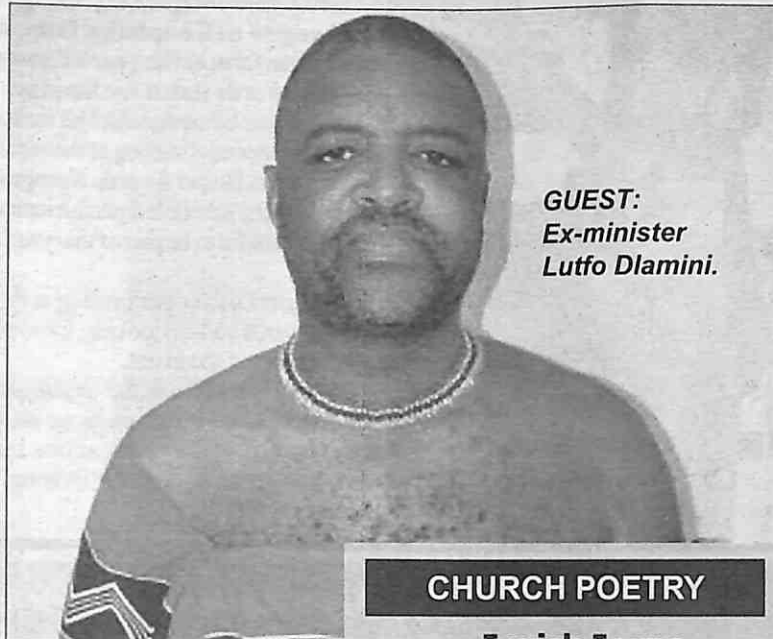
"What we are planning to do is empower the Christians spiritually, emotionally and physically.

After they are prayed for, there must be a way for the church to help them make ends meet.

My mandate as their pastor is to ensure I bring change in their lives.

A lot of people in society still believe that as pastors we are out to get people's money, hence I'm bringing Lutfo to speak to brethren, about earning a living through businesses," Shongwe said.

*"What we are planning to do is to empower the people spiritually, emotionally and physically."*



GUEST: Ex-minister Lutfo Dlamini.

## CHURCH POETRY

## I wish I was Disabled

I wish I was disabled especially with both my eyes so I could see not the double tragedy that my eyes see, especially when I look left or right, that is why I right with sensitivity.

In my right hand I carry guilt for not extending my arm far enough to reach to the lame and offer a helping hand, yet in my left I hold a cast which holds me back in casting assistance to the broken.

I wish I was disabled, especially with both my eyes so I could see not the double tragedy that my eyes see, especially when I look left or right, that is why I right with sensitivity.

I wish I had learning disabilities so I could not be informed about the prejudice that is carried in our society by the so called intellectuals.

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It is my wish that I had low vision, especially towards discrimination amongst the totally blind who learn via brail, at least they can read without eyes.

Come to think of it, maybe having a brain injury would be a good thing so not to find myself thinking about ways to make the disabled inferior in society, especially with our inferior thought pattern.

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## Scripture Union to host Children's Camp

**AS the year draws towards an end, Scripture Union is preparing to host a children's camp that will be held at Manzini Nazarene Primary School.**

The camp will be held from December 12-15.

At least 200 children to part with E60 per child are expected.

The camp will have Jabu Dlamini as a guest speaker, who is SU the current National Children's Ministry Coordinator and SU financial supporter, a Sunday school teacher, and a primary school teacher at Bhekephi.

The camp is aimed at helping the children know

about what it takes to be a true follower of Jesus Christ.

To be enthusiastic and excited about being followers of Jesus Christ and be encouraged to pray and trusting on Jesus as they learn the wonderful things that he did while on earth.

## Happy

"We are happy to have eventually reached this time of the year where we have the young ones gathered under one roof and be taught the Word of God.

We would like to kindly request parents to permit their children to attend the camp. This will be a good time in the Lord's presence where children will also learn a lot of things",

Scripture union Director Nomphumelelo Nyawo said.

Attendees to the camp will be taught by 30 volunteers who were given teaching materials a month before the camp for preparation purposes.

The volunteers will be teaching about Bible stories and the children will have different activities.

Some of the activities lined-up include: Small Group reflection (Engagement), Bible Lessons in small groups (during the day), Jesus Christ of Nazareth film, Evening Bible lessons, Life skills discussions, Bible quizzes competition, talent show and craft games.

## ISAIAH 40 VS 29 - 31

29: He gives power to the faint and weary, and to him who has no might He increases strength.

30: Even youth shall faint and be weary and young men shall feebly stumble and fall exhausted

31: But those who wait for the Lord

shall renew their strength, they shall lift their wings and mount up as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.





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## SHONGWE TO HIT CROWN GOSPEL AWARDS STAGE

By Majaha Nkonyane

**GOSPEL** heavyweight Elias Shongwe of Shongwe neKhuphuka fame is billed to perform at this year's Crown Gospel Awards slated for Sunday.

The 'Konkhe kuhambakahle' hit maker will be ministering in song at the ninth SABC Crown Gospel Awards. Shongwe confirmed the scheduled performance and was thankful to be part of this year's awards.

"I am grateful to be performing at this year's awards and am looking forward to being part of the event.

"I would like to thank the organisers who extended the invitation as we were not even part of the nominations but would be going to minister in song", Shongwe said.

On the other hand, the senior pastor of Light of Christ Ministries is still working on hosting a fundraising festival next month whose proceeds will go towards the completion of their church structure. In order to finish the structure, the church needs a total of E10 million. Furthermore, Shongwe has added Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors as part of the performers for his fundraising festival. The event is scheduled for December 17 at the Light of Christ Ministries Matsapha. Other performances on the night will be rendered by, Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu, Jabu Ngcobo (SA), Frans Dlamini, Nduduzo Matse, Police Gospel Messengers, Phathwakahle, Apostle Vusi Maculuvu, Linda Dlamini, Phetsile Masilela, Come to Jesus, Shiba and Travellers and Gcina Masuku.

## Bishop Nash overtakes Rev J.V in Gospel Awards votes

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**BISHOP** Nash Shongwe has overtaken Reverend Johannes Mazibuko in the Gospel Awards MTN voting lines.

The bishop has taken top spot in the Best Gospel Radio Programmes category with 513 votes whilst the Mbabane Alliance reverend is following with 512.

This is under the upcoming Swaziland Gospel Music Awards MTN voting lines.

The two are nominated for their radio programmes called 'Imphilo Yelikhaya nekwakhiwa kwalo' presented by Mazibuko whilst Shongwe has been nominated for his show dubbed 'Nkulunkulu akehlulwa lufu'.

The race for votes continues for the two as they are nominated alongside two other radio programmes called 'Litsini Libhayibheli' hosted by Pastor Sam Dlamini has 511 votes whilst 'Bita Ligama' presented by Prophet John Silindza has 510.

Both men of the cloth could not

be reached for comment by the time of going to print as Reverend J.V Mazibuko's secretary said he was engaged in a prayer session whilst Bishop Shongwe's phone was out of reach.

### Category

The big night of the awards ceremony is scheduled for December 10 at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre. According to the organising association's Public Relations Officer Ronnie Dlamini, 200 tickets have been sold thus far and they are still available at Ocean Basket outlets in Mbabane and Ezulwini, The Gables.

Other standing out artists in the MTN voting lines are Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu with 560 votes in the Best Collaboration category, for the song he did with former Joyous Celebration vocalist, Sphumelele Mbambo. Meanwhile Gcina Masuku is leading with 540 votes in the Best Zion category and in the Best Gospel TV Programme category, Jesus Calls Worship Centre's 'Discovery Word' is on the lead with 520 votes.

## 'Masikane', 'Bholoja' to share stage with SA's Kwesta, Nathi

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**AFRO-SOUL** musicians, Sifiso 'Masikane' Simelane and Mbongiseni 'Bholoja' Ngubane, will be sharing the stage with celebrated South African artists and entertainers at Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit on December 3.

This would be during a show themed 'Mpumalanga Cultural Experience'.

This was revealed by South African Traditional Music Awards (SATMA)

award-winning artist, 'Masikane', who is not new to the South African music scene.

He has hoisted the Swazi flag high over the years in a number of events besides professing undying love for Zahara.

**...Masikane also revealed that his third album titled 'Seng'khona' will be out next year.**

The two will be sharing the stage with Nathi, Kwesta, JR, Ray Phiri, Vusi Nova, Afrotraction, Musa, Robbie Malinga, Siph

Makhabane, Oskido and many more

other artists.

'Masikane' expressed his excitement in sharing the stage with these renowned entertainers.

"I am over the moon at the fact that I will be sharing the stage with these big names. I am back with full force in the industry and request support from my fellow Swazis," said 'Masikane'.

'Masikane' also revealed that his third album titled 'Seng'khona' would be out next year.

According to Simelane, the album has 13 tracks with hit songs 'Sibemunye' and 'Umkosho'.

"My fans should expect rich SiSwati and a lot of love related tracks. Most of the songs that I will be performing at Mbombela Stadium are in the album," he commented.



ON TOP: Bishop Nash Shongwe.

## DJ 1D to release single, features KrTC, Mozaik

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**HIP** hop deejay Wandile 'DJ 1D' Dlamini, is taking his music career to another level.

He has since recorded a single titled 'Gijima Mfana' which will be out next week Thursday and launched on December 2.

The track 'Gijima Mfana' was produced by Alex Muthi from Mbabane and it was recorded at Maiming Grounds Records.

### Genre

According to '1D', the track is hip hop genre and it features KrTC and Mozaik,

Crax and two upcoming rappers y the name of Triggerson and Jurie. The launch will be at the most famous hot spot known Déjà vu Cocktail Lounge at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha. On the same day the single will be launched, the music video will be shot at the same venue.

"The single is on flames and will be a must have once it is out. We are strictly dealing with hits this festive season.

"For those who want to experience 'Gijima Mfana' at first hand, come join us at Déjà vu next week Friday," said the deejay.

## Four SA poets for 'Poetry Without Borders'

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**SOUTH** African award-winning poet and renowned writer Vusumuzi Phakathi will be performing in the country with three other South African poets in an event titled 'Poetry

Without Borders' at the Swaziland Theatre Club in Mbabane.

The other three South African poets who will be performing are; Nomashenge Dlamini, Zewakhe 'BK' Bhengu and Wazi Kunene. The kingdom's four poets

who will be performing are the main organisers Sbulelo 'Sbu J' Jele and Zwelonke Maseko joined by former T55 contestant Ngomane Nkambule and Mxolisi 'Last Man' Radebe, who has published a book titled 'Akangacitfwa Lamanti'.

Jele, said this was one of the best poetry line-up the country has ever assembled. "To add on that, the South African poets have promised fire-

works and I can assure people that the poetic arsenal we have assembled this side will make sure Swaziland is well represented. And personally my set will prove I am ready to be up there with the best," said Jele.

'Poetry Without Borders' is a coalition show between four of Swaziland's best poets and four of South Africa's finest. It is a joint venture between independent Swazi poets, 'Sbu J' and Maseko as well as South Africa poetry power house Current State of Poetry (CSP).

Jele also said his show dubbed 'Prisoner of Words' a month ago paved the way for him to collaborate with the South African poets to host the upcoming event. The show will be on December 2 at the Swaziland Theatre Club and it will commence at 7.30pm with tickets available at Cuba Nora for E100.

Poetry



# SANDS OVERWHELMED BY DEMAND FOR CDS

By Lungelo Nkambule

AFRO soul singer Sandziso 'Sands' Masebula is overwhelmed by the demand for his CD titled 'Sands of Time'.

The artist, who is on everyone's lips at the moment, said he had not anticipated the demand would be so high hence was overwhelmed and a bit shocked. "I am still in shock mode as the demand is unbelievable. I knew Swazis were going to support me but not to this extent," he said. He has been doing deliveries and signing autographs in Mbabane the past two days and from time to time had to pinch himself back to reality because everything was all so foreign to him. "Sometimes you think you are preparing yourself for these moments



**SWAZI PRIDE:** Sands stopped by the Observer offices for deliveries. Here he is pictured with the Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo, who also bought a CD. (Pic: Lungelo Nkambule)

but you can never be prepared enough.

So much work has to be put into the CD distribution, yet I still have to rehearse for shows. So I am basically all over the show, with no time

to rest but I am not complaining," he explained. Sands further explained he hasn't even started enjoying all the attention he was getting as well as the support.

"I haven't had time to celebrate

the success of the sales because we have so much work to do with the team, clamping the loose ends and making sure the fans are happy and get their CDs," he said. "For me, this is all new and mostly unexpected.

There are so many loose ends and my team and I are constantly trying to fix that," he said. Sands CD has been selling like fat cakes and seems intent on setting a record never seen in local entertainment. The past week the artist was able to sell over 500 copies at E120 each.

"At the moment we are sold out and are hoping a new batch will arrive before the week ends," the artist said.

He further said there were already hundreds of orders and they were hoping the next batch would fly off the shelves like the first one.



**COME IN NUMBERS:** Ildo Nandja.

## Ildo Nandja presents debut album in Swaziland

By Nomfundo Sifundza

IN association with Concerts SA, Mozambican-born and Durban-based multi-instrumentalist Ildo Nandja will be presenting his live his debut album 'Paz a Todosin' in Mbabane.

The artist will be facilitating a workshop, under the theme 'The Working Musician, followed by a concert which will take place at Mbabane SCU music ensemble hall at 2pm featuring Khole Tshabalala on vocals and Xolani Tsela on guitar. Recognised as an outstanding and disciplined bass player and soloist, Ildo has collaborated with countless established local and international musicians.

Released in February 2016, Ildo's debut album 'Paz a Todosin' ['Peace to All'] features a range of sounds and genres that combine his background in traditional music with the harmonic and melodic complexity of jazz.

The full-length album features a repertoire of original material composed and arranged by the solo artist.

### Performances

Ildo's Swazi tour is supported by the Music Mobility Fund, a funding mechanism administered by Concerts SA, which offers opportunities for South African musicians to undertake live music tours.

Concerts SA is a joint South African/Norwegian initiative housed under the auspices of the Stakeholder Hub within the SAMRO Foundation. It receives financial, administrative and technical support from the Norwegian ministry of foreign affairs, the SAMRO Foundation and Concerts Norway.

Working with musicians, promoters, venue owners and audiences, the project aims to support live music in South Africa by finding and implementing ways to create a vibrant and viable live music circuit.

It also aims to develop an inter appreciation of live music by sharing music performances and conducting workshops.

## Correctional employee wins car from Corban Build

By Majaha Nkonyane

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services employee and former Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) Sibhaca Competition participant Nkosinathi 'Gorman' Mdluli, has won a Chevrolet Utility van from the competition's title sponsor, Corban Build Hardware.

The brand new vehicle was handed over at the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC) offices in Manzini on Tuesday.

The car comes after Corban Build Hardware sponsored a sibhaca competition at the recent Swaziland International Trade Fair and created an ambassadorship which will help in identifying the needy in society who are going to be assisted by the ambassador.

Mdluli was voted by the public, who were lobbied by the eventual winner through a system of buying building material at Corban Build Hardware. The more customers Mdluli brought to the store, the more his votes accumulated.

The presentation was done by Corban Build Hardware's Marketing Manager Reggie Kunene.

"We are happy to present Mdluli with the car after he



**IT'S OFFICIAL:** Corban Build Hardware's Marketing Manager Reggie Kunene handing over the car keys to Nkosinathi 'Gorman' Mdluli.



**WITH THEM GIRLS:** Mdluli posing with the Miss Cultural Heritage finalists as he was presented with the car.

worked very hard to be our cultural ambassador; we are looking forward to working with him and assisting where we can as a company," he said.

Mdluli's ambassadorship will run for a year in which he is expected to join hands with the

Miss Cultural Heritage queen in doing charity work.

Corban Build Hardware has already pledged to assist the queen construct a house for the one needy family she would identify.

The hardware store has further

promised to fuel the car for a whole year as Mdluli uses it in promoting Corban Build as their brand ambassador.

Mdluli was in the company of Thokozile Nxumalo, who was representing the Commissioner General Mzuthuni Ntshangase.

## YH Properties director ventures into clothing

By Nomfundo Sifundza

WELL known property sales person and owner of YH Properties, a real estate agent company, Ndimiso Hlatshwayo, has ventured into ladies clothing and handbags under the brand name 'Holy Seed'.

The Holy Seed items, according to Hlatshwayo, are manufactured over-

seas where they are first branded with the locally designed brand before being taken to his boutique situated at Riverstone Mall, Manzini.

The boutique called 'Le Royale' has had good business run for the past 10 months it has been in existence.

Nosisa Malinga, who is the project spokesperson, said there only month in which sales did not go as planned was October but this month it has

been stable and they are impressed with locals who take interest in the brand.

"The brand has fancy and good looking handbags to match for every outfit, say for prom, gala dinners or high class events," Malinga elaborated.

She also made mention that the brand would be launched in a few months time in order for fashion lovers to be aware of it.



Hlatshwayo is well known for his property business and in a number of his motivational speeches, he has stated he was in the property business because he believed it was his conviction and not just a money making gimmick.

He oozes confidence and belief in what he does hence he has other people to join him in work.

Hlatshwayo is also a Pastor of Checkers Community Church in Mbabane.





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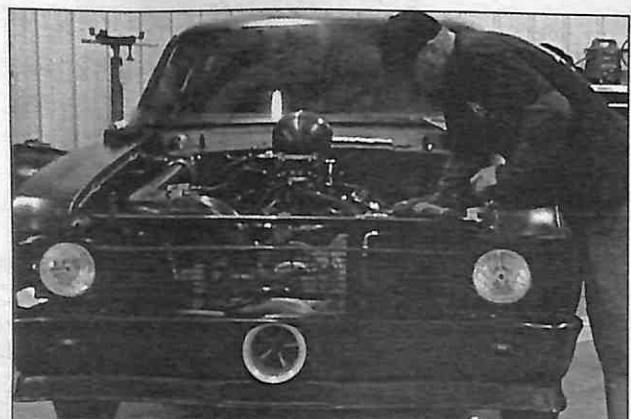


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## HIGHLIGHTS

**The night shift**  
Tonight at 19:00  
on M-Net Edge (102)

S3/E1 - The Times They Are A-Changin'. Fast-paced drama about a group of dedicated medics who run an underpaid hospital's emergency room. In the season premiere, Jordan recruits one of her old colleagues to join the night shift.



**Street Outlaws**  
Tonight at 21:00 on Discovery Channel (121)

Fasten your seatbelts and hold on tight! The series returns with Oklahoma City's elite team of street racers back in the driving seat and ready to rev up.

From a 1969 Chevy Nova to a race-ready farm truck, the vehicles and their drivers come in all shapes and sizes and have one thing in common: the need for speed. But according to the, Street Outlaws, of Oklahoma City, if you're not on 'the list,' you

don't matter. The 'list' contains the 10 fastest street-racing cars in Oklahoma City and they are the best of the best.

Not only will these racers do anything to get ranked on this list, they'll do whatever it takes to stay ranked. Following on from Big Chief and the Crow-mod finally making a run for the list, discover whether they have bitten off more than they can chew.

**Hannibal**  
Tomorrow at 20:00 on TCM (137)

Anthony Hopkins reprises his role as flesh-eating Hannibal, who is forced to come out of hiding and return to America in Ridley Scott's sequel to 'The Silence of the Lambs'.



**PJ Masks**  
On Monday at 16:30 on Disney Junior (309)

Catboy, Gekko and Owlette. Together, they are the PJ Masks! Connor, Greg and Amaya are three normal friends by day, but once the sun goes down out comes The PJ Masks! Join the gang of super heroes in their pyjamas as they return for five new night time adventures



to solve mysteries, work together and learn valuable lessons here on Disney Junior.

# DATE EXTENDED FOR 2016 DSTV EUTELSAT STARAWARDS ENTRIES

## WIN A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Johannesburg, Paris, 16 November 2016 - Due to popular demand, MultiChoice and Eutelsat are pleased to announce that the closing date for entries for the DStv Eutelsat Star Awards has been extended until Wednesday, November 30.

All science and technology fans between 14 and 19 now have extra time to be inspired to write a creative essay or design a poster based on the following topic: "Take yourself into the future as a scientist, tasked with designing a new-age satellite that will help improve the lives of Africans. Tell us what you would call your satellite and describe the different functions and roles that it would play in the Africa of the future."

The DStv Eutelsat Star Awards are open to all students from secondary (high) or combined schools on the continent where MultiChoice Africa maintains operations. Entry forms can be obtained from any MultiChoice Resource Centre, the nearest MultiChoice office or copies can be downloaded from [www.dstvstarawards.com](http://www.dstvstarawards.com). Entries are accepted in English, French and Portuguese and will be judged on the basis of a high-standard criteria of accuracy, creativity, originality and innovation. Only entries submitted on the official entry form will be eligible. Participants not only stand a chance to win great prizes within their respective countries but

overall winners will be rewarded with a trip of a lifetime for the overall winning essay - a trip with his or her parent or legal guardian to Eutelsat in Paris, France and onwards to a spaceport to attend a live rocket launch. For the overall winning poster - a trip with his or her parent or legal guardian

to Eutelsat in Paris and a satellite construction site.

For the runner-up poster and essay entries a trip with their parent or legal guardian to visit MultiChoice in Johannesburg and the South African National Space Agency at Hartbeespoort. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in February 2017.

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## REVENGE BODY WITH KHLÖE KADARSHIAN

E! kicks off 2017 with a vengeance when Revenge Body with Khloé Kardashian premieres on 23 January at 20:00 CAT.

In each of the eight, one-hour episodes, participants will get the opportunity to reinvent themselves from the inside out with the help of Khloé and some of the best fitness and nutrition experts in the world. Catch a glimpse of tears, trials and triumphs during a 30-minute preview special, airing 16 January at 20:00 CAT.

For a full list of the participants and for a sneak peek of the series, please visit [eonline.com](http://eonline.com). This original unscripted series is produced by Khloémoney



Entertainment, Rogue Atlas Productions in association with Lionsgate Television and Ryan Seacrest Productions.

Khloé personally gets to know them, finds out what has broken them down, and gives them the tools they need to build themselves back up. The

result is a journey to obtain the ultimate revenge. With the help of Khloé's elite celebrity trainers, stylists, and glam squads, participants work hard to transform their bodies over the course of 12 weeks to be best versions of themselves. The results display a significant change

for each participant, leading to a final reveal to the world and confront with those who doubted them.

## MEET THE TRAINERS:

**Gunnar Peterson:** Gunnar is a Beverly Hills-based personal trainer.

**Luke Milton:** A former professional rugby player from Australia

**Harley Pasternak:** A seven-time bestselling nutrition and fitness author and former military exercise scientist.

**Latreal Mitchell:** Latreal is one of the top celebrity fitness trainers in the industry.

**Jorge Cruise:** The go-to trainer for celebs who prefer to eat off the pounds instead of sweating them off.

**Lacey Stone:** Creator of The Stone Method and Eight Weeks to Change.



## International Celebrity News

### Mos Def off the hook, allowed to go home

JOHANNESBURG - The criminal charges against US musician and actor Yasiin Bey, also known as 'Mos Def', have been dropped by the department of home affairs and he was due to fly out of South Africa on Tuesday night.

He was charged after trying to leave the country without a valid passport earlier this year.

Born Dante Terrell Smith, Mos Def was arrested in January in Cape Town when he tried to leave South Africa using a "World Government of World Citizens" passport. The World Government of World Citizens was established in 1953 by peace



**FREE AT LAST:** Yasiin 'Mos Def' Bey.

activist Garry Davis, who renounced his US citizenship after World War II. He died in 2013.

Mos Def reportedly entered this country with a US passport and his visitor's visa was valid until February."

**TMZ**

### Justin Bieber 'punches' male fan

**BARCELONA**

- Justin Bieber has left a fan with a split and bloodied lip after throwing a punch at him while arriving for his concert in Barcelona.

New video footage appears to show the 22-year-old Canadian pop star hit the male through the open window of his car as he was driven by a chauffeur to the city's Palau Sant Jordi for a latest stop on his 'Purpose' tour.

The enthusiastic fan can be seen reaching out to touch the singer while the car rolls past at slow speed, but Justin reacts with a jab that makes contact with his face. As the car drives away, the man is seen touching mouth in apparent shock before turning to face the camera and showing his bloodied lip.

A group of girls standing in his vicinity appear to be equally shocked as they notice he is bleeding. He is then seen spitting out some of the blood as his hand hovers over his mouth. **MailOnline**



**PUNCHED:** A fan who was punched on the lips.

### Ray J throws shade at Kim Kardashian in new track

LOS ANGELES - Singer Ray J has blasted his ex-girlfriend Kim Kardashian and her husband Kanye West on his new track 'Famous'.

Kanye released a track with the same title earlier this year and in the controversial music video, waxwork lookalikes of celebrities such as Chris Brown, Kim's ex-Ray J and Taylor Swift were seen sleeping naked in a giant bed together.

Ray J and Chris have now teamed up to release their own track 'Famous' in response to Kanye's, in which



**BLASTS EX:** Ray J.

they take aim at Kim, who first became known for starring in a 2003 sex tape with Ray J, which was released in 2007.

"She f\*\*k me for fame, look in her eyes / She was the first one to sign on the line," Ray J sings. "Look at the family, they walk around proud / All because she had my d\*\*k in her mouth."

"Wanna have me in bed while you f\*\*kin' your spouse... Shows that you still a rat and your man Mickey Mouse."

**Drum**

### FBI officially closes Brad Pitt investigation

LOS ANGELES - The FBI is no longer investigating Brad Pitt regarding his involvement in an alleged incident with a child aboard a private plane on Sept. 15, E! News has learned.

An FBI spokesperson released the following statement to E! News:

"In response to allegations made following a flight within the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States which landed in Los Angeles carrying Brad Pitt and his children, the FBI has conducted a review of the circumstances and will not pursue further investigation. No charges have been



**NO CASE:** Brad Pitt.

filed in this matter."

Earlier this month, Pitt was cleared of child abuse allegations by the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.

Back in late October, the FBI visited Angelina Jolie's residence in Malibu for several hours and conducted interviews with all potential witnesses, including some of the former couple's children—Maddox Jolie-Pitt, 15, Pax Jolie-Pitt, 12, Zahara Jolie-Pitt, 11, Shiloh Jolie-Pitt, 10, and twins Knox Jolie-Pitt and Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, 8.

**Eonline**

## SA Celebrity News

### Mabala Noise forks out nearly R200k no-shows

CAPE TOWN - Mabala Noise have spent close to R200 000 in compensation to event organisers after two no-shows in one weekend. Mabala Noise confirmed to TshisaLIVE that it had paid event organisers Zimbi Events Company R145 000 in compensation after their artist Nasty C failed to show up for an event in Tembisa.

A recent report in Sowetan claimed that organisers had paid R45 000 for Nasty C to perform at the event, but that Mabala Noise had paid a further R100 000 in compensation



**NO-SHOW:** Nasty C.

after being threatened with lawyers.

News of the payment comes only a week after Mabala Noise told TshisaLIVE that it had paid over R50 000 to an event organiser after their artist DJ Bongz failed to pitch in Cape Town on October 30.

Noise Spokesperson Tumi Moatshe acknowledged that the company had spent nearly R200 000 in compensation for the two gigs, but said the label had a great relationship with the organisers. **Times Live**

### Cassper gushes over dad

**JOHANNESBURG**

- Cassper Nyovest sweetly gushed over his dad in a heartfelt post, detailing the copious love he has for his old man.

Taking to Instagram, the rapper revealed that his father was retiring from teaching after serving the industry for 27 years.

He explained that growing up, he never understood why his father had a Nissan, while the people he taught went on to own Range Rovers, until it hit him that "some people are meant to make millionaires and



**PROUD:** Cassper and his dad.

not millions".

"In 17 days my dad is retiring from teaching after a 27-year long career. I would always ask him as a kid why he wasn't as successful as his students when they would greet him with so much enthusiasm while they drove in their Range Rovers and we were in his Nissan," he wrote. "I didn't understand that some people are meant to make millionaires and not millions and their greatness is in exactly that."

**Sowetan**

### Dr Malinga already has a 'Doom track' out

JOHANNESBURG - Dr Malinga has wasted no time in releasing 'a new track' in the wake of the 'Prophet Doom' controversy.

This comes after pictures of Limpopo prophet Lethebo of Mount Zion General Assembly spraying doom on members of his congregation went viral on Monday.

The prophet and members of his congregation believed that the 'blessed' insect



**CREATIVE:** Dr Malinga.

repellent, had healing powers, after he had prayed over it.

Adding his voice to this whole controversy, Dr Malinga took to Instagram to debut his new 'Doom song', in which he takes aim at the idea of spraying the pesticide for "healing" purposes.

And did we mention how hilarious 'the track' is?

**Drum**

### No more boobs from former Miss Teen SA

**JOHANNESBURG**

- After winning the Miss Teen SA crown in 2003, she made headlines for all the wrong reasons - such as enhancing her breasts from a B-cup to a DD and getting arrested for possession of a stolen car, along with her mother.

But now the beauty queen has finally proven that she's grown up and well on her way to being a top businesswoman.



**MATURED:** Dlangezela.

She no longer gets excited by stuff such as using her assets to get out of trouble with the law. Dlangezela famously declared in a Sowetan article back then: "Traffic officers don't stop me anymore, they just admire my boobs."

The 31-year-old recently returned from Kyoto, Japan, where she read her Masters in Business Administration at Doshisha University. **Sunday World**

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

### ISIBAYA

**TODAY**

Mpiyakhe comes through with a big plan. Zanele appears to be onto Iris. Will her plan work? Jabu blackmails Qaphela, while S'bu uses a thoughtful gesture to apologise for his behaviour.

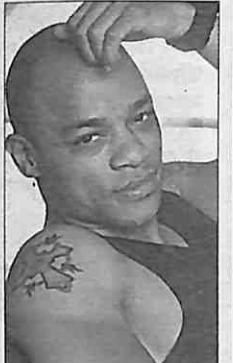


**BIG PLAN:** Mpiyakhe.

### ISIDINGO

**TODAY**

Majola's back in town with an earth-shattering revelation for Eddie. Calvin convinces Conrad to step up for his granddaughter, much to Angelique's dismay. Zukisa lets slip to Gabriel that it wasn't Matlala who took the bag of money.



**CONVINCES:** Calvin.

### Muvhango

**TODAY**

The love triangle in Thathe flashes red. But Azwindini is too blind to see the danger. Thandaza plans to reunite with Ranthomeng, but she is unaware of his growing uncertainty of her.



**TOO BLIND:** Azwindini.

### RYTHM CITY

**TODAY**

Sabelo and Mabula find dagga in Dumisani's schoolbag. Sifiso rejects the idea of Fats rapping on the album. Suffocate calls Ntombizodwa to town. David's plan seems to be working out brilliantly. Bongi doesn't have the confidence to run Red.



**ON THE PHONE:** Suffocate.





## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

**Aries March 21 – April 19:** You may feel emotionally frustrated today. This could be caused by your own busy schedule or by someone interrupting your schedule. It is commendable that you are so cooperative. The way you deal with necessities and obligations, health and work in particular, is in a state of transformation.



work, as well as your relationships.  
**Libra September 23 – October 23:** Starting over, backing up and making changes may take up most of your morning—patience. A customer or a higher-up has changed his or her mind now and you are the one that has to do the work. You make the changes and tend to details.



**Taurus April 20 – May 20:** When you request a loan or a raise, you are so thorough in your reasons for how much you think you might need and how you can pay it back, that your request is well received. When asking for money, you might hold out for a lower interest rate. Homeless shelters, recreation programmes and various other causes are an interest for you this winter.



**Scorpio October 24 – November 21:** This is a great time to be with others and work together. You can expect a little boost, some extra support or recognition from those around you at this time. At home this afternoon, you may decide to rearrange furniture and update some of your possessions.



**Gemini May 21 – June 21:** Lessons learned in business are very valuable. Acknowledge your teachers, who will come in many forms. A colleague appears more informed than he or she really is. Once your critical mind is in gear, a lack of information may cause you to become dissatisfied.



**Sagittarius November 22 – December 21:** You deal with abstract matters while remaining practical most days. You could find a clash of ideas while discussing business in a meeting. Some people will think there is a problem or a conflict, but you understand the complexities and so, what seems to be a problem is actually lending spice and inspiration to the process of the work.



**Cancer June 22 – July 22:** Events can never get any stranger than they are now. You could easily feel confused and mis-directed. Avoid the tendency to be deluded by taking things more slowly—avoid the temptation to rush. Take a deep breath and give yourself plenty of time before making a final decision about heavy-duty projects.



**Capricorn December 22 – January 19:** A forgotten meeting could derail your work so check your schedule book to stay with the programme of the week. You want to set clear goals. Anything that cannot wait for you to check it out is a false lead—drop it!



**Leo July 23 – August 22:** You are full of energy and enjoy having a busy life. Parental advice, no matter how old you are, is valid. Listen to the voice of experience and avoid making costly mistakes. You should probably begin to consider securing the advances you have made recently.



**Aquarius January 20 – February 18:** Although you like a little excitement in your life from time to time, you are happy when everything is comfortable and ordinary. You are active and inspired today to encourage changes in the guidelines for employees or some other system that would be most beneficial.



**Virgo August 23 – September 22:** You are an action person who gains the attention of others and seems to get things moving in the right direction. The circumstances of your life suggest occasional extroversion. Self-discipline is important—it is what stabilises your



**Pisces February 19 – March 20:** You prepare to move on to a brand-new professional endeavour at this time. Your attitude this day is that you would like to try out something before you sign your name on the dotted line. You become an unstoppable entity as you endeavour to go where people have never gone before, or do things that few have done before.



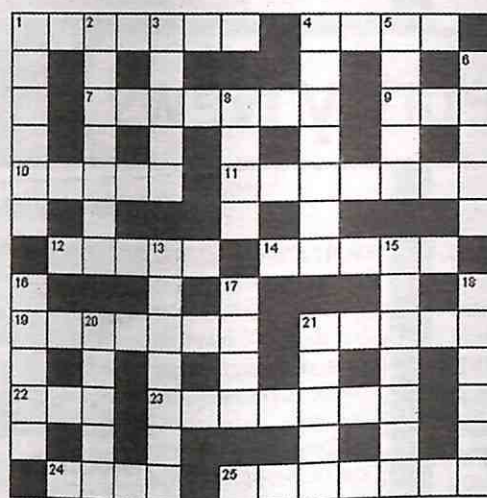
## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

HARD SUDOKU #21  
SOLUTION

## DOWN

- Capital of the Bahamas (6)
- Capital of Venezuela (7)
- Bulgaria's capital city (5)
- River in Western Europe (7)
- One of the Great Lakes (5)
- Doha is the capital (5)
- Famous landmark of 22 Across, Sugar \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain (4)
- Tallinn is the capital of this Baltic country (7)
- Reykjavik is the capital (7)
- Aka Ayers Rock (5)
- Des Moines is the state capital (4)
- Capital of the Northern Territory of Australia (6)
- Capital of South Korea (5)
- Country on the Iberian Peninsula (5)

## ACROSS

- Capital of Cyprus (7)
- Largest and most populated island of the Seychelles (4)
- Famous Singapore hotel (7)
- Republic of South Africa, initially (3)
- Capital of Ghana (5)
- State capital of Georgia (7)
- City in the Ruhr district of Germany (5)
- The highest point in the British Isles, Ben \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- Landlocked country in South Africa (7)
- Italian city famous for the Palio horse race (5)
- Brazilian city, in short (3)
- Falls on the border of USA and Canada (7)
- Napoleon was exiled to this Italian island (4)
- City on the South Island of New Zealand (7)

## LOL

## DEFINITELY GAY

A young boy comes home from school in a bad mood. His father asks him, "What's wrong, son?"

The child tells his dad that he's upset because another

child has been teasing him and calling him gay.

The father says, "Punch him in the face next time he does that. I bet he'll stop." The child replies, "I can't, he's so cute!"

## USELESS FACTS

1. If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

2. The word racecar and kayak are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.

3. A cockroach will live nine days without its head, before it starves to death.

4. Butterflies taste with their feet. Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.

5. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

BRAINTEASERS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYESTERDAY'S  
BRAINTEASERS

1. What do you call a cab which provides drug therapy?

Answer: Chemotaxis

2. What does DNA stand for?

Answer: National Dys-

lexics Association

TODAY'S  
BRAINTEASERS

1. How did the English major define microtome on his biology exam?

2. How is a dog and a marine biologist alike?



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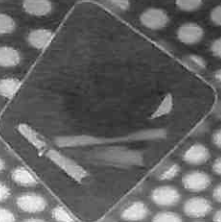
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**JOB 13:15**  
Though He slay me,  
yet will I hope in him;  
I will surely  
defend my ways to  
his face.



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**MAY YOUR SOULS REST IN PEACE**



Friends and relatives of **Themba Hecksan** owner of Buy n Build hardware are notified of his sudden death. Memorial service at Matsapha Free Evangelical Assemblies 1200hrs on the 26th November 2016. Funeral 27/11/2016 at his parental home Ebulandzeni ka Hlohlo after a night vigil. Announcement by his wife Zinhle Tsabedze on behalf of family. Rest in peace Tsabedze, Cukama. We will forever miss you.



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Family, relatives and friends of **Mrs Sarah B. Dlamini** (known as Gogo Kunene) are notified of her demise on the 20th November 2016. Her Memorial Service shall be held at St. Marys Church at 2pm on 25th November 2016. Funeral shall be held on the 26/11/2016 at Lobamba Lomdzala her parental home at 0500hrs. Announcement by family. No night vigil.



Relatives and friends of **Gogo Agnes Senteni** Tsabedze are kindly notified that she has responded to the Lord's call. Night vigil on 25/11/16 starting at 0900pm. Funeral on Saturday 26/10/2016 at Nyakeni 6:00am Canaan Station.



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# UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## Leicester City reach last 16

**LEICESTER** - So Leicester travel to Porto for the final Champions League group game with no heavier burden than their luggage. The only thing to declare as they fly out will be secure qualification to the knock-out phase as group winners.

Claudio Ranieri might even make changes for the game at the Estadio do Dragao, mindful of his side's position in the Premier League and the proximity of the encounter against Manchester City three days later. That approach is the preserve of seasoned European cam-

paigners. Manchester United under Sir Alex Ferguson, for example. Not Leicester, who three years ago this week were hosting Millwall in the Championship. When the draw for the last-16 is made on December 12, Leicester will have Bayern Munich, Atletico Madrid and Paris Saint-Germain for company. The rise still gives cause to shake your head. Their group draw has indisputably been favourable, but then that should be the reward for finishing England's gruelling 38-game programme as champions. *Daily Mail*

## MONACO PUNISH SLUGGISH SPURS

**MONACO** - Monaco booked their place in the UEFA Champions League last 16 as they beat an out-of-sorts Tottenham 2-1 at Stade Louis II on Tuesday night.

The first half was a scrappy affair with Spurs bossing possession but failing to create any clear-cut chances, as the hosts looked more threatening on the counter.

The visitors were presented with a glorious opportunity to break the deadlock after just six minutes, though, when Dele Alli sent Son Heung-Min through on goal, but the South Korean forward tried to go around Danijel Subasic, who got a

touch on the ball to force him away from goal. Tiemoue Bakayoko had the Principality outfit's first chance two minutes later, but his tame shot was easy for Hugo Lloris, who then denied Radamel Falcao from 12 yards out moments later after Eric Dier had brought down Fabinho inside the area to concede a penalty.

The hosts continued to ask questions of the Spurs defence as Thomas Lemar hit a firm shot straight at Lloris from distance, while

Falcao fired wide from just outside the area before Sidibe curled an effort narrowly wide of the far post from the right-hand side of the box. Valere Germain then went close as he latched onto a long ball over the top before flashing his shot inches past the left post from an acute angle on the right.

The final chance of the first half saw Jemerson head wide at the back post from a corner in the 41st minute, with the north Londoners failing to get a single attempt on target.

The second half started with a bang as Sidibe opened the scoring with a close-range header from Benjamin Mendy's dangerous cross on 48 minutes, but Spurs were level within three minutes as they won a penalty for Kamil Glik's foul on Alli.

*Reuters*



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  - Implementation of cost sharing and trust fund agreements.
  - Elaboration of conditions of contributions within the CO resource mobilization efforts.
- Provides support to CO programme management and ensures the optimal cost recovery focusing on the achievement of the following results:
  - Development and follow up on Programme Portfolio Pipeline and Project Tree in Atlas. Entry of data of new grants into Atlas in the form of Annual Work Plans (AWPs), monitoring of AWPs status.
  - Sending project budget to KK (if authorized and on the basis of signed project documents and project budgets).
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  - Provision of the information/reports on the situation in programme, identification of operational and financial problems, proposal of solutions.
  - Accuracy verification of Combined Delivery Reports and follow-up on their signing by National Counterparts.
  - Regular monitoring of the CO delivery.
  - Provision of advice on reporting.
  - Preparation of reports including donor reports.
  - Verification and reconciliation of various expenditures reports from the CO, HQ and Executing Agencies.
  - Periodic monitoring of dashboards and exceptions, identification of the remedial actions in coordination with the supervisor.
  - Timely preparation of cost-recovery bills in Atlas for the services provided, implementation of the income tracking system and follow up on cost recovery.
  - Provision of researched information for the audit of NEX projects, implementation of audit recommendations.
- Provides support to implementation of the resources mobilization strategy focusing on achievement of the following results:
  - Drafting of cost sharing and trust fund agreements and obtaining of clearances from HQ if necessary.

- Monitoring of cost-sharing contributions, preparation of AR pending items, application of deposits against prepared pending items.
- Track and reporting on mobilized resources by performing the following tasks:
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  - Create Billing Plan in Contracts Module.
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  - Bill a donor through Contracts Module.
  - Maintain contributions/receivables documentation.
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  - Advice to Project staff on UNDP administrative and NEX reporting, in particular, on budgetary issues.
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  - Synthesis of lessons learned and best practices in programme and project finance.
  - Sound contributions to knowledge networks and communities of practice.

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- 7 years of progressively responsible financial management or accounting experience is required with knowledge of programme or project finance desirable.
- Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS Word, Excel, etc.) and advance knowledge of spreadsheet and database packages, experience in handling of web based management systems.
- Knowledge of IPSAS is required.
- Fluency in spoken and written English.
- Experience with the UN is an added advantage.

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## Reus hits hat-trick in record haul

GERMANY - Germany winger Marco Reus claimed a hat-trick on his comeback as Borussia Dortmund hammered Legia Warsaw 8-4 on Tuesday night in a record Champions League result which yielded seven first-half goals.

It was the first time a Champions League game has had a 5-2 halftime scoreline since Monaco ended up beating Deportivo de La Coruna 8-3 in November 2003.

The 12-goal haul in Dortmund bettered the record set in the Monaco-Deportivo game of 11 goals for a Champions League game. With Dortmund already through to the last 16, the huge win keeps them top of Group F, two points clear of Real Madrid. But despite the record rout, Dortmund coach Thomas Tuchel has some

defensive problems to iron out.

"It was a great game for the spectators, but we shouldn't have leaked those four," said Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller, in for injured Roman Burki, who has a fractured hand.

"We have to defend better, this is the Champions League and you have to present yourself better than that."

Dortmund's Shinji Kagawa and Legia's Aleksandar Prijovic both finished with two goals each thanks to some poor defending by both teams.

Reus, who captained Dortmund, made his return after 185 days out with an adductor injury which ruled him out of June's European championships. It was his first

match since Dortmund lost the German Cup final to Bayern Munich on penalties in Berlin on May 21.

Tuchel made nine changes to his starting line-up after admitting his side looked tired mentally and physically from Saturday's 1-0 win over Bayern Munich.

Only defenders Marc Bartra and Matthias Ginter kept their places in Dortmund's starting line-up.

The match got off to an explosive start.

Legia took an early lead when Prijovic was given too much space in the area to chip his shot home and stun the Dortmund crowd on 10 minutes.

But Borussia roared back with five goals in 16 minutes.

Their first three goals came in 198 seconds when Kagawa headed home on 17 minutes, then slotted a second just a minute later. To compound Warsaw's problems a clearance punch from goalkeeper Radoslaw Cierznia cluttered off Nuri Sahin's chest and into the Legia goal to make it 3-1 on 20 minutes. Prijovic pulled another goal back for Warsaw on 26 minutes, and could have claimed a hat-trick when his chip hit the crossbar moments later. AFP



▲GOLDEN BOY: Marco Reus.

## Porto, Copenhagen share spoils

PORTUGAL - FC Porto missed their chance to book a spot in the last 16 of the Champions League as Danish champions FC Copenhagen held them to a 0-0 draw at the Parken Stadium in their Group G clash on Tuesday night.

The first 45 minutes were played at an electrifying pace with plenty of aggression from both sides but despite a number of chances at both ends, neither could find a way to break the deadlock. Copenhagen keeper Robin Olsen made a scrambling double save to thwart Andre Silva midway through the second half and he was called into action on several other

occasions as the Danes hung on to keep their hopes of qualifying for the knock-out stage alive.

English champions Leicester City top Group G on 13 points after handing bottom side Club Brugge their fifth straight defeat in the competition, with Porto in second on eight points and Copenhagen third on six.

Porto, who would have qualified for the last 16 with a win in Copenhagen, now host Leicester in their final group game on December 7, while the Danish side travel to Club Brugge.

Reuters



## Bale suffers ankle injury in Real win

Madrid - Real Madrid suffered a huge injury scare just 11 days before facing Barcelona in La Liga as Gareth Bale hobbled off with a right ankle injury in the European champions 2-1 win at Sporting Lisbon on Tuesday night.

Bale has been in supreme form in recent weeks having tied his future to the European champions with a bumper contract extension to 2022.

"I don't know at the moment (the extent of the injury), it is his ankle and we'll see. At the moment

it doesn't look good, but I can't say any more," Madrid boss told Spanish TV station Mega.

Victory in the Portuguese capital assured Madrid's place in the last 16 for a record 20th consecutive season, but Real need to beat Borussia Dortmund at home in two weeks to be assured of top spot in Group F.

As well as blockbuster clashes with Barca and Dortmund, Madrid also travel to Japan for the Club World Cup in a demanding December.

AFP

## Juve qualify after stormy win at Sevilla

Sevilla - Sevilla were left fuming at English referee Mark Clattenburg as Juventus came from behind to win 3-1 in Spain and seal their place in the last 16 of the Champions League on Tuesday night.

The hosts made the perfect start through Nico Pareja's ninth minute opener, but were reduced to 10 men after just 36 minutes when Franco Vazquez was shown a second yellow card by Clattenburg.

A controversial Juventus penalty converted by Claudio Marchisio followed and Sevilla coach Jorge Sampaoli was also sent to the stands before two goals in the final six minutes from Leonardo Bonucci and Mario Mandzukic ensured the Italian champions' progress.

By contrast, Sevilla's first defeat in Group H means they have to avoid defeat by a two-goal margin away to Lyon in two weeks to guarantee their place in the last 16.

"When they went down to ten men, they closed down all the space and we made several mistakes. Fortunately my left foot came to the rescue," Bonucci told Uefa.com.

"We can celebrate because we reached our first objective, but now we have many others."

However, Sevilla winger Vitolo claimed it was Clattenburg who changed the game.

"Today two decisions from the referee have harmed us," the Spanish international told BeIN Sports Spain.

"At 1-0 we were playing well, in control and taking the game to them; we didn't have many problems."

"All of a sudden we are left with a man less and he has given a penalty that for me you can't give."

Juventus travelled to Spain shorn of a number of key players, including first choice strike pairing Gonzalo Higuain and Paulo Dybala, and got off to the worst possible start.

A corner from the right was only partially cleared and the loose ball was expertly dispatched into the bottom corner from the edge of the area by Pareja.

Sergio Escudero nearly added a spectacular second as his volleyed effort flew just over the bar. However, ugly clashes between the two sets of fans on Monday night that left one Belgian Juventus fan in hospital, spilled onto the pitch in a bad-tempered encounter in which Clattenburg became the protagonist.

Vazquez's poorly timed trip on Sami Khedira just inside the Sevilla half was shown no mercy by the official who took charge of last season's Champions League final. AFP

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# AUBAMEYANG REVEALS WHY HE CHOSE AFRICA OVER EUROPE



**BERLIN - African Footballer of the Year Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang represented France and Italy at youth level, but decided to run out for Gabon in his senior career. He has now told Soccer Laduma why.**

The 27-year-old has made 48 appearances for Gabon, scoring 19 goals in the process, and will represent his country at the 2017 Africa Cup of Nations in Gabon.

The striker, who was born in France and came through AC Milan's academy, played for Italy's U19 and France's U21 sides, but opted to represent Gabon at senior level.

"I wanted to follow in my fathers' footsteps. My father had 80 caps for Gabon, many of

them as the country's captain," Aubameyang told Soccer Laduma.

"It was a decision made from my heart and for my family."

While Gabon have never qualified for a FIFA World Cup and have reached the AFCON quarter-finals just twice, France have a highly talented squad and recently reached the 2016 UEFA European Championship final.

## Regret

However, Aubameyang insisted he does not regret choosing Africa over Europe.

"No, not at all. It has always been my dream to make the people of Gabon happy," he added.

"I made that dream come true by becoming Gabon's first ever African Footballer of the Year."

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**MOVING UP:** Karim Benzema.

## Brown steps down as Blitzboks skipper

**CAPE TOWN - Kyle Brown has stepped down as Springbok Sevens captain and will instead settle into a more supportive role to the younger leaders in the squad, with Philip Snyman appointed as the Blitzboks' new captain.**

Springbok Sevens coach Neil Powell has praised Brown for the role he played over the last five seasons and emphasised that the Blitzbok veteran still has an important role to play in the team.

Powell also confirmed that Snyman, who captained the Blitzboks earlier this year in four tournaments, will take over as captain of the team.

"We already had a strong leadership group in the squad and Philip is a natural leader of men, so it was an easy choice. He will do well, I have no doubt," Powell said.

Brown, who has played in 56 World Rugby Sevens Series tournaments to

date, said: "The time has come where it feels right for me to step aside as captain of the team."

"It has been an immense privilege that I have had for the better part of five years and we are in a great position to bring some new, fresh ideas into the role."

"I discussed the move with the coach shortly after our return from the Olympics and we made the decision in the last week."

Brown said there is a lot of thanks to give: "I cannot begin to express my gratitude for the opportunity to lead such an amazing group of people. Having said that, I must thank the leadership group that surrounded me, making the position most enjoyable. Thank you to everyone that placed their trust in me to fulfil the captaincy."

He will not neglect any leadership duties, Brown confirmed.

"This season I look forward to moving into a supportive role with the aim of helping the young leaders find their rhythm and, most importantly, concentrating on adding as much value to the team on and off the field," said Brown.

Powell said he accepted and respected Brown's decision.

"Kyle always put the team before himself and this is another example of that," said Powell.

"We are starting to bring new faces into the squad, so it will be great to still have a leader like Kyle around to show them what the team culture is, what we stand for as a group and a team."

"Kyle still has a lot to offer as a player and I am convinced we will still see some inspiring performances from him this season. He was an amazing captain and we salute his contribution."

*sport24*

## Benzema climbs in UCL all-time top scorers list

**MADRID - Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema has climbed up the UEFA Champions League's all-time top goalscorers list after scoring his side's winner on Tuesday night.**

The Frenchman scored in the 87th minute to hand Los Blancos a 2-1 win over Portuguese side Sporting Lisbon.

Benzema's strike has seen him draw level with Manchester United's Zlatan Ibrahimovic and former AC Milan star Andriy Shevchenko in sixth place in the UCL's all-time top scorers ranking, who have scored each 48 goals in the competition.

The 28-year-old finds himself

now only one goal behind Real Madrid legend Alfredo Di Stefano and two behind Arsenal legend Thierry Henry, who is the only other Frenchman in the top 10.

## Goalscorer

Cristiano Ronaldo is the competition's highest goalscorer with 95 goals, followed by FC Barcelona star Lionel Messi (90 goals) and Los Blancos legend Raul Gonzalez, who ended his UCL career with 71 strikes, as per statbunker.com.

Benzema has had made 14 appearances for Real so far this season, and has scored five goals and assisted two further strikes in all competitions.

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**FUTURE UNCERTAIN:** Didier Drogba with Chelsea boss Roman Abramovich.

## Drogba decides his future

**NEW YORK - African striker Didier Drogba has reportedly made a big decision on his future. What is next for the Chelsea legend?**

The Ivorian played in Montreal Impact's MLS Cup play-off against Toronto on Tuesday night and is believed to have told journalists after the match that he will not be returning to the club in 2017.

According to MLSsoccer.com, Drogba told reporters this will be his last season with the MLS franchise.

The Ivorian has become a fan favourite since his arrival at the Impact, for whom he has played 39 games, scoring 23 goals and assisting a further seven strikes.

The Canadian side also tweeted a short video after the match, which appears to thank Drogba for the many memories he created at the club.

It remains unclear as to what the future holds for the 38-year-old, and whether or not he is considering retirement.

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## MAN UTD NOT AS STRONG AS PSG - ZLATAN

**MANCHESTER - Manchester United superstar Zlatan Ibrahimovic believes the Red Devils are not as strong as his former club Paris Saint-Germain.**

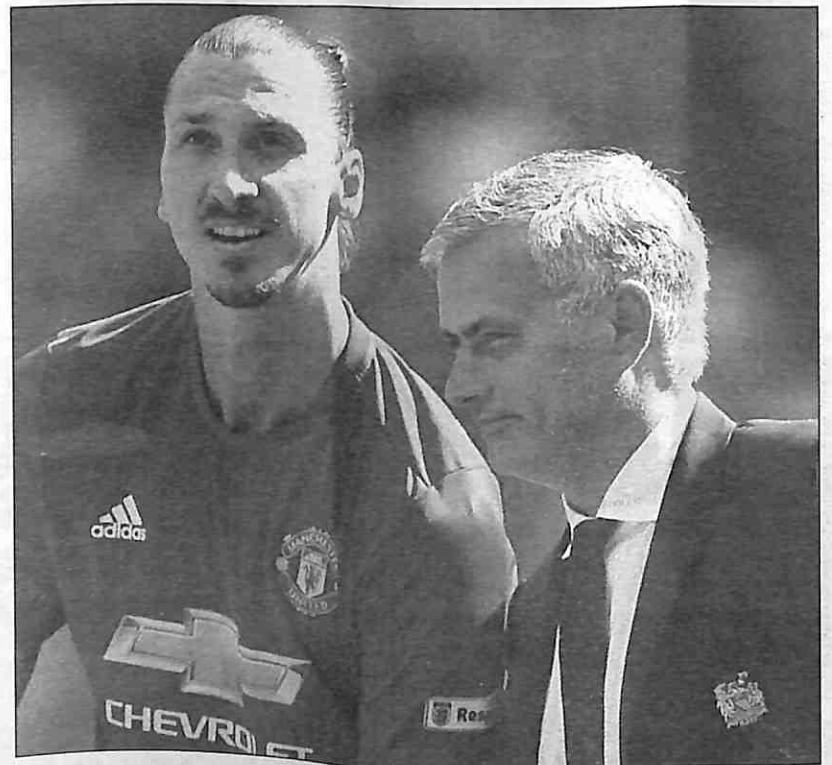
The Swede recently spoke about his decision to move to England at the beginning of the season, and explained that while he does not think the current United side are on the same level as his former team, he wanted to join Manager Jose Mourinho at what he considers to be one of the world's biggest clubs.

"The presence of Mourinho was very much decisive," Ibrahimovic told Aftonbladet.

"The team I signed for this summer is not as strong as the one I left, but when Mourinho called the decision was easy. "When he calls I have no problem coming, all we had to decide was when I was to be presented as a United player. The rest, the financial deal, was not the difficult part."

"It was about the challenge really, and I will never say no to a challenge."

"This is what I wanted, coming to one of the world's biggest clubs, that has had troubles and not won much of late, and try the Premier League."



**NOT STRONG:** Manchester United superstar Zlatan Ibrahimovic and coach Jose Mourinho.

That is the challenge."

Ibrahimovic has scored eight goals and assisted a further strike in 17

matches in all competitions for United so far this season.

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# NATIONAL LOG

## STANDINGS

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## FA Rainbow Stationery Manzini Super League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Swazi	9	6	3	0	13	3	10	21
Miling Hotspurs	8	5	2	1	15	6	9	17
Seven Dreams	9	4	5	0	11	4	7	17
Stimbo's XI	9	4	4	1	9	7	2	16
Young Warriors	9	4	3	2	13	8	5	15
Boysa Young Aces	10	4	2	4	12	13	-1	14
Lubadze Killers	9	3	4	2	10	8	2	13
Luvu Cosmos	9	3	3	3	13	9	4	12
Wolani Heroes	8	3	2	3	7	10	-3	11
Old Rovers	9	3	2	4	8	12	-4	11
Fairview Cosmos	8	2	4	2	8	5	3	10
Makani	8	2	3	3	7	9	-2	9
Durban Star Point	9	2	2	5	12	18	-6	8
Gowu Trompies	8	1	2	5	6	14	-8	5
Luyengo Foxes	6	0	2	4	5	10	-5	2
Sacramento	8	0	1	7	4	17	-13	1

## Riverview Filling Station Manzini Promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Vila Stars	8	6	2	0	17	7	10	20
Siboniso Lwandle	8	5	0	3	11	8	3	15
Superstars	7	5	0	2	9	6	3	15
Mhlabeni United	7	4	2	1	15	7	8	14
Two Sides Comrades	7	4	0	3	8	6	2	12
Fairview Chiefs	7	3	2	2	12	6	6	11
FC North	7	3	2	2	8	8	0	11
Mkhweni Flying Birds	8	3	2	3	15	19	-4	11
Home Sparrows	7	3	1	3	7	7	0	10
African Chiefs	8	2	3	3	5	7	-2	9
Combine Stars	8	1	5	2	9	8	1	8
Mkhweni Callies	7	1	3	3	5	8	-3	6
New Generations	7	1	3	3	8	12	-4	6
Young Tigers	8	1	3	4	7	11	-4	6
Lwandle Classic	7	0	2	5	7	12	-5	2
Wise Kids	3	0	0	3	1	12	-11	0

## Riverview Manzini first Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Chas LTD	6	5	1	0	16	4	12	16
Green Way	6	5	0	1	24	5	19	15
The Bones	6	5	0	1	13	5	8	15
Lwandle Young Tigers	6	5	0	1	12	6	6	15
Wonderful Touch	4	4	0	0	12	2	10	12
Manzini Bullets	4	3	1	0	9	1	8	10
Ngweni Park	5	3	0	2	15	7	8	9
Vila Sport	5	3	0	2	13	8	5	9
Bromer United	6	2	2	2	9	13	-4	8
Old Zakhele	5	2	0	3	6	8	-2	6
Manzini United	6	2	0	4	7	12	-5	6
Stom Boys	5	1	2	2	3	5	-2	5
Ngweni All Stars	6	0	2	4	6	13	-7	2
Mkhweni United	5	0	1	4	1	8	-7	1
God's Property	6	0	1	5	3	33	-30	1
Hot Beans	4	0	0	4	4	12	-8	0
Parashute	5	0	0	5	5	16	-11	0

## SAVE MOR Kwaluseni promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
FC Matsapha	8	6	2	0	25	3	22	20
Zama United	9	6	2	1	15	5	10	20
Matsapha Auto Zone	9	6	0	3	22	9	13	18
Mhlabeni United	8	5	0	3	16	8	8	15
Real Professionals	8	4	1	3	13	12	1	13
Mhlabeni Real Heroes	8	3	3	2	10	5	5	12
Ntunga Arsenal	8	4	0	4	8	8	0	12
Amajila	7	3	2	2	12	11	1	11
Dark City	7	3	1	3	7	9	-2	10
Kwaluseni Rebels	8	2	4	2	5	8	-3	10
Swazi Wire	9	2	2	5	8	15	-7	8
Nsanga Comrades	7	2	1	4	9	9	0	7
Zombodze United	8	2	1	5	11	17	-6	7
Lazitha Spurs	9	2	1	6	7	16	-9	7
Kudzeni United	9	2	1	6	6	33	-27	7
Royal Swallows	8	1	3	4	8	14	-6	6

## SAVE MOR Kwaluseni First Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Bafana Bafana	7	5	0	2	21	9	12	15
Fashion International	7	4	2	1	20	14	6	14
Kwaluseni United	7	4	2	1	15	11	4	14
Shali United	7	3	3	1	12	6	6	12
Shihohweni	6	3	2	1	10	6	4	11
Umtjati	6	3	2	1	11	11	0	11
Ludzeldze Celtics	7	3	2	2	10	11	-1	11
Ludzeldze Kicks	6	2	3	1	9	9	0	9
Fletcher United	6	2	2	2	10	11	-1	8
Supersport	6	2	1	3	13	14	-1	7
Ludzeldze	5	2	1	2	7	8	-1	7
Sigombeni Juventus	5	2	1	2	6	8	-2	7
Nsanga Shagari XI	7	1	3	3	9	13	-4	6
Mahashulane	7	0	2	5	9	18	-9	2
Gum Valley	6	0	1	5	6	12	-6	1

## Nkama AK47

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Ngodini	8	5	2	1	14	6	8	17
Nanda Volcanoe	8	5	1	2	9	5	4	16
Victory Nomads	8	4	2	2	12	7	5	14
Cutter Cosmos	7	3	4	0	12	6	6	13
Current Toasters	8	4	1	3	9	8	1	13
1992 Home Talent	7	4	1	2	5	5	0	13
Izinyokanyoka	7	3	3	1	11	7	4	12
Swazi Can United	8	3	3	2	7	8	-1	12
Phondo	8	3	2	3	8	8	0	11
Makhungutsha	7	2	1	4	5	7	-2	7
IyeshisaBhe	8	2	1	5	5	7	-2	7
Troublemakers	8	1	4	3	4	10	-6	7
Mahlanya United	8	1	3	4	6	9	-3	6
Power Sparks	7	2	0	5	6	12	-6	6
Gebeni	8	0	5	3	4	10	-6	5
Don Don	5	1	1	3	4	6	-2	4

## Makerns First Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Mdonyane Arsenal	6	3	3	0	11	5	6	12
Vuka Aces	6	3	3	0	8	5	3	12
Ushutho Rangers	5	3	1	1	8	7	1	10
Stom Boys	5	3	1	1	7	7	0	10
Dynamite Hotspurs	6	2	3	1	10	8	2	9
Thunder Bolt	6	2	3	1	7	5	2	9
Home Boys	6	3	0	3	10	10	0	9
Happy Masters	6	2	1	3	7	7	0	7
Golden Arrows	5	2	1	2	5	5	0	7
Red Swallows	6	1	1	4	2	8	-6	4
Ntandozi	6	1	0	5	6	8	-2	3
FC Navara	6	0	2	4	5	11	-6	2

## Mkhweni Promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Thuluzobona	8	4	3	1	12	7	5	15
Sangofoto	8	4	3	1	6	3	3	15
Colani United	8	4	2	2	16	8	8	14
Manchester	8	4	2	2	8	6	2	14
Bantu City	7	3	3	1	9	3	6	12
Zama United	8	3	3	2	14	12	2	12
Luvu Stars	8	3	2	3	12	11	1	11
Masheni	8	3	2	3	12	12	0	11
LuvuSunCity	7	3	2	2	9	9	0	11
Step Ahead	8	3	2	3	13	15	-2	11
Toronto	7	3	1	3	7	8	-1	10
White Killers	8	2	3	3	8	10	-2	9
Mantshonga	7	1	4	2	11	10	1	7
Ngweni Y. Aces	8	1	4	3	11	14	-3	7
Liverpool	7	1	3	3	5	7	-2	6
All Nations	7	1	3	3	10	14	-4	6
Luvu Classic	8	1	3	4	6	10	-4	6
All Stars	8	1	3	4	7	17	-10	6

## MP Mankayane Promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Vultures	3	2	1	0	7	3	4	7
Total	3	2	1	0	8	6	2	7
Boca Juniors	4	2	1	1	13	12	1	7
Mhlabeni Youngstars	5	2	0	3	10	13	-3	6
Super Eagles	3	1	2	0	7	4	3	5
Junior Bucs	3	1	1	1	6	4	2	4
Nkhangala Express	4	0	3	1	7	10	-3	3
Brazilians	5	0	1	4	8	14	-6	1

## Corban Mafutseni Promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Young Carnivals	7	5	1	1	15	9	6	16
Bhutha Celtics	7	4	1	2	19	13	6	13
Ma-G-Man	6	3	3	0	12	4	8	12
Nkongga Pirates	5	4	0	1	11	4	7	12
Moyeni United	7	3	2	2	7	6	1	11
Dynamos	5	3	1	1	12	10	2	10
Ematallyane	6	2	3	1	15	8	7	9
Timbutini	7	2	3	2	11	11	0	9
Young Killers	5	2	2	1	16	10	6	8
Khamatlo	7	2	2	3	12	12	0	8
Vulamehlo Classic	6	2	2	2	4	6	-2	8
Mkhuzweni United	7	1	4	2	10	13	-3	7
Mlabamhoshana	6	0	4	2	5	7	-2	4
Supersport	4	1	0	3	4	13	-9	3
Vultures	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Madubula Rovers	6	0	1	5	3	16	-13	1
Sicamele Sa-Chief	7	0	1	6	5	19	-14	1

## Nisingweni Promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Highland Blues	6	5	1	0	12	3	9	15
Matsantsantsa	7	5	1	1	11	8	3	16
Nzuka United	7	5	0	2	14	4	10	15
Red Lions	7	3	2	2	16	9	7	11
Nzuka Fighters	6	2	3	1	10	6	4	9
Taliban	5	3	0	2	9	8	1	9

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Young Madrid	6	2	1	3	13	7	6	7
All Stars	6	2	1	3	13	10	3	7
Moengani	7	2	1	4	10	14	-4	7
AC Milan	6	1	2	3	7	12	-5	5
Black Aces	5	1	1	3	9	11	-2	4
Mfeni Pirates	5	1	1	3	6	13	-7	4
Bhutha	7	1	0	6	9	34	-25	3

## Kukhanyeni Inkhundla

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
Louis XIV	7	6	0	1	31	6	25	18
Mdayane	7	6	0	1	18	9	9	18
Bhekinkhosi	6	4	1	1	16	7	9	13
Submarine	6	3	3	0	11	6	5	12
Brave Lion	6	3	2	1	9	6	3	11
Kukhanyeni	6	3	1	2	14	6	8	10
Mphola Celtics	7	3	1	3	13	12	1	10
Nyakeni Trompies	6	2	2	2	12	12	0	8
Lion Heart	6	2	1	3	10	15	-5	7
Dortmund	7	2	1	4	9	19	-10	7
Nyakeni Cosmos	6	1	2	3	4	6	-2	5
Ngwazini	6	1	1	4	10	10	0	4
Mojwana Rovers	4	1	1	2	2	5	-3	4
Young Killers	6	0	2	4	6	20	-14	2
1995 Mbuluzane	6	0	0	6	4	30	-26	0



## SHUKUMA SWAZILAND

WITH: DUMISANI  
NTIWANE  
MEDIA OFFICER

## Hosea here we come!

**HOSEA** you lucky constituency you!

Hosea, a relatively small community deep into the heart of the Shiselweni Region is so lucky.

This community is next in line to host our energising Shukuma programme.

Yes, on Saturday the dynamic Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) team will be delivering our flagship programme to the people of Hosea and surrounding areas.

We are not only expecting the people of Hosea to be part of the event but everyone is welcome to attend so he or she can refresh the body, mind and soul. That is just how good our Shukuma programmes are.

We cater for everyone. From toddlers to the eldest citizen, there is always something for everyone. Everyone is invited to come and do the right thing – shake that body. Almost always, a participant will come to me after every session to



say he or she is feeling extremely well after taking part in Shukuma.

That is just how good this programme is.

## Usual

Our day will as usual start with a walk, which should be about five km long. On return to the *Inkhundla*, participants will then proceed to the aerobics session.

As already stated, we have games for everyone. We will be bringing the kids' athletics, athletics, indigenous games that include the much fancied *umlabalaba* and draft.

We will also bring the tug-of-war with us.

Activities will start at as early as 7 30am. I can only implore and urge participants to keep time. As

usual, we have a huge surprise for the participants.

You will recall that in our last two Shukuma programmes we unveiled famous and adored artists in Lodanda of the *Lodanda NeMalangeni* fame and veteran *mbaqanga* singer Mshikishi Mndzebele.

Who is next?

Let us meet at Hosea on Saturday.

## Congratulations 'Lolo', your star keeps on shining

**THE** Swaziland Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Chairman Lawrence 'Lolo' Mthethwa is really hoisting the country's flag.

The charismatic administrator has just landed a top post internationally. He is the new Finance and Marketing Committee Chairman in the African Union Sports Council (AUSC) Region five after having been elected unopposed.

Movers of the motion were neighbours, South Africa, who were supported by Lesotho.

## Proud

Needless to say, as a country we are so proud to have our own occupy such a coveted and one of the most sought-after positions in the world of sport.

It shows that there must be something, which we are doing right as a country. Mthethwa's elevation into this position will put the country on the map for all the right reasons.

It is an important position. Congratulations are in order Mr Mthethwa sir! You truly deserve it, judging by your commitment, passion and desire. We are proud of you!

## Angola bound team steps up preparations

**IN** less than three weeks, Team Swaziland will be leaving the country for the African Union Sports Council (AUSC) Region Five Games.

The games will be staged in Angola from December 9 to 19 December.

The country, as stated in the previous columns will be represented in five different sporting codes.

These are athletics, athletics for the visually impaired, boxing, football and swimming.

In the next column, we will be profiling some of our athletes to represent us during the games. Ensure you do not miss out. For now, however, it suffices to say that the different teams are currently hard at work, preparing for the games. Hopefully by next week, each team would be in a position to know where they stand in terms of readiness for the tough outing.

## SNSRC FULLY SUPPORTS WOMEN IN SPORTS

**THE** two-day Leadership Forum for Women in Sport held on Saturday and Sunday over the past weekend at the OlympAfrica was a tremendous success.

Over 40 women took part in the forum and the country's different associations were represented.

Some of the speakers included the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Chairman Lawrence 'Lolo' Mthethwa, SNSRC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Darius Dlobo and National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa.

The forum was meant to empower women administra-

tors in their roles in the different sporting associations.

Just to give you a background on women and sport.

The first world Conference on Women and Sport was held in Brighton, UK in 1994. It led to the Brighton Declaration and the establishment of the International Working Group on Women and Sport.

## Included

In 1995, sport was included in the Beijing Platform for Action and subsequently in the Beijing outcome document five years later.

The second World Conference on Women and Sport took place in Windhoek, Namibia in 1998.

The many problems women

## face:

- Sport for women is not recognised as employment creation for women but as leisure.

- Sport and recreation in society is treated as leisure, and not promoted to serve as employment creation.

- Culture dictates that women belong to the kitchen not in the sport field.

- Wearing of appropriate sport gear is not acceptable for women.

- Women in rural communities are not allowed to wear appropriate sport gear.

- Women are always looking down upon themselves.

- Social norms, values and beliefs, they become a barrier to women sport, for example, sport gear.



**SUPPORTS: SNSRC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Darius Dlobo.**

## MEMBER NEWS:

## Oyama squad gets SNSRC blessings

**ONCE** again, the kingdom will be represented during the Oyama World Championships, which are slated for this weekend in Japan.

The SNSRC is proud to have played a pivotal role in ensuring that Team Swaziland honours this prestigious event.

The team has already left the country and were earmarked to connect their flight to Japan at 4pm from the OR Tambo International Airport yesterday afternoon.

We wish them a safe journey and do hope that they will do us proud and come back home with medals.

## SNSRC CEO implores travellers to come back victorious

The SNSRC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Darius Dlobo could not have hit the nail on the head so accurately when he addressed the Japan bound team.

Before leaving the country for the World Championships, the Oyama squad led by Shihan Thomo paid a courtesy call to the CEO at the SNSRC offices. In his address, Dlobo implored the fighters to play to the best of their abilities, noting that time for Swaziland to participate instead of competing in such international games was long over. Dlobo noted that with the pre-

sent economic climate, it was becoming increasingly difficult for the government to send teams to international tournaments just to make up numbers.

## Special Olympics World Summer Games coming to Africa!

Mary Davis Special Olympics International CEO on 15 November 2016 announced that the Special Olympics International Board of Directors met in Washington D.C. Where they unanimously voted to award the next Special Olympics World Summer Games to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE). These games

will be the world's largest humanitarian and sporting event of 2019.

There's no better or more profound location than Abu Dhabi to invite the world to come together in celebration of sport, in celebration of people of all kinds, and to demonstrate to the world that the lines of division can be erased. These will be the first Special Olympics World Games held in the Middle East/North Africa region.

These will also be the first international multisport games of this size to be held in the Middle East.

"As Special Olympics Swaziland we are excited at the news because they will be staged in Africa which is the first of its kind.

We hope to take a bigger team this time around and bring back medals.

We are already working on unified sports which is combining an equal number of athletes with intellectual disabilities and those with no intellectual disabilities.

We also hope to take with us a unified team to the world games," said Special Olympics Swaziland National Director Babazile Langa.

I will talk to you again next week until then *Shukuma Swaziland!*

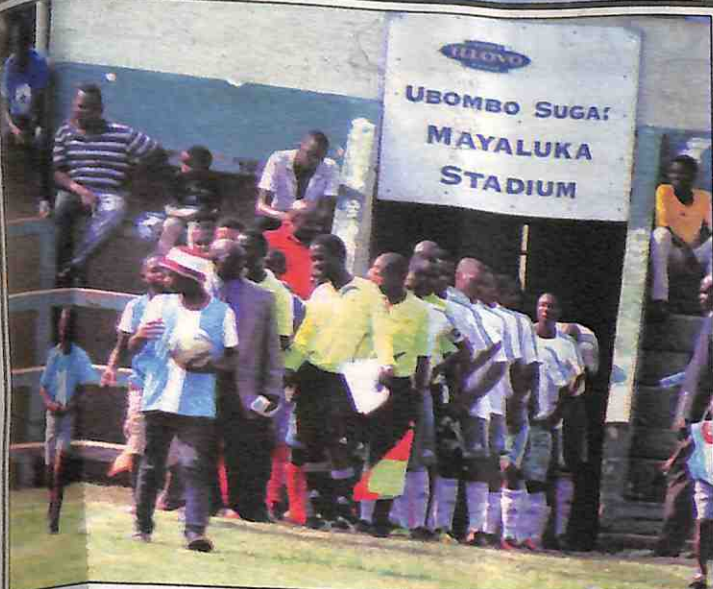
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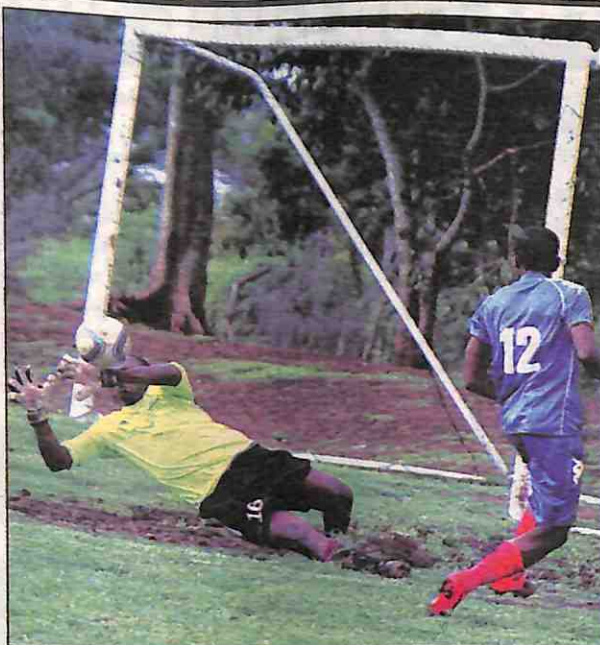
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# SMVAF INGWENYAMA CUP 2016



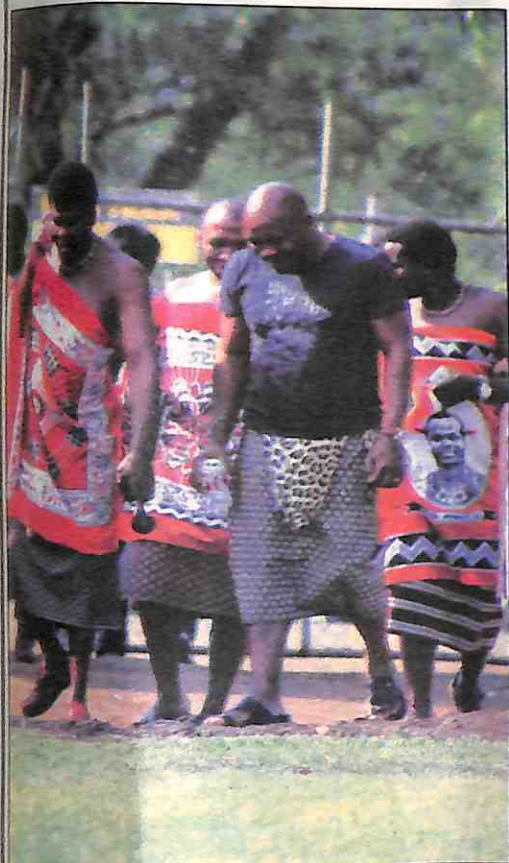
**READY:** CPL and Manchester United make their way into the Stadium in the second semi-finals of the Ingwenyama Cup Regional tournament held at the Mayaluka Stadium over the past weekend. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)



**BRILLIANT SAVE:** CPL goalkeeper Ndumiso Mamba makes a save.



**CHALLENGES:** CPL's Daniel Manana closing in on his opponent.



**ARRIVAL:** PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze and Prince Mbuyisa upon arrival at the Stadium.



**CELEBRATING:** A group of supporters celebrating their team's goal. Manchester recorded a 1-0 victory against CPL.



**CONTROLS:** A Manchester United player Siyabonga Mngometulu and CPL player vying for the ball during the game.



**DIGNITARIES:** The Dignitaries following the proceedings.



**SUPPORTERS:** Lutsango came through to support the semi-finals of the regional tournament played at the Mayaluka Stadium over the past weekend.



**SPECTATORS:** A section of the supporters watching the semi-finals.



## football talk

all your latest world football news

● Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho wants to sign two defensive players in the January transfer window - Southampton centre-back Virgil van Dijk, 25, and versatile Bayern Munich player David Alaba, 24. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Southampton are keen to sign Liverpool striker Daniel Sturridge, 27, on loan with a view to a £25m summer move. (*Daily Express*)

● Barcelona Manager Luis Enrique has dismissed reports linking Argentina striker Lionel Messi, 29, with a move to Manchester City. (*Guardian*)



● Juventus may move again for Arsenal target Julian Draxler after it was revealed the 23-year-old playmaker could be sold by Wolfsburg in January. (*Talksport*)

● Manchester City defender Jason Denayer, 21, wants to make his season-long loan move to Sunderland permanent, which could cost the Black Cats £10m. (*Sun*)

● Liverpool legend Steven Gerrard, 36, could continue his playing career after leaving Los Angeles Galaxy, with a move into the Reds' coaching set-up more realistic at the start of next season. (*Bleacher Report*)

● Manchester United winger Memphis Depay, 22, tops the list of players Everton fans want their club to sign. Readers took part in a game of 'transfer Tinder' to vote on which players they would like to see move to Goodison Park in January. (*Liverpool Echo*)

● West Bromwich Albion striker Hal Robson-Kanu, 27, has revealed former Nigeria star Nwankwo Kanu is part of the reason he chose the number four shirt when he joined the Baggies. (*Wales Online*)

● Arsenal goal-keeper David Ospina, 28, says he relishes challenging 34-year-old Petr Cech for the club's number one jersey. (*Four Four Two*)



● Liverpool defender Joel Matip, 25, has been compared to Alan Hansen, but admits he has never heard of the club legend. (*Liverpool Echo*)

● Arsenal, Manchester United, Liverpool, Manchester City and Chelsea are interested in 13-year-old midfielder Hannibal Mejbri, who is at the Clairefontaine academy in France. (*Le Parisien via Daily Star*)

# SOCGA BRINGS SA BOXING EXPERT FOR COACHING COURSE

Stories by Sabelo Majola

**BOXING - THE** Swaziland Boxing Association (SWABA), with the help of the Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA), through the Olympic Solidarity, will be hosting the AIBA 1 Star Boxing coaching course.

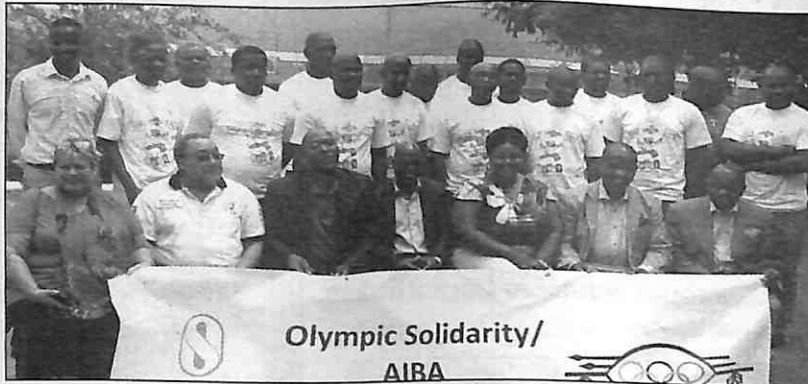
The seven-day course, which commenced yesterday, will be conducted by South African boxing expert Andile Mofu, who is also the South African National Boxing Organisation (SANABO) President. Mofu is also the International Amateurs Boxing Association (AIBA) instructor.

He said he had conducted the same course in countries like

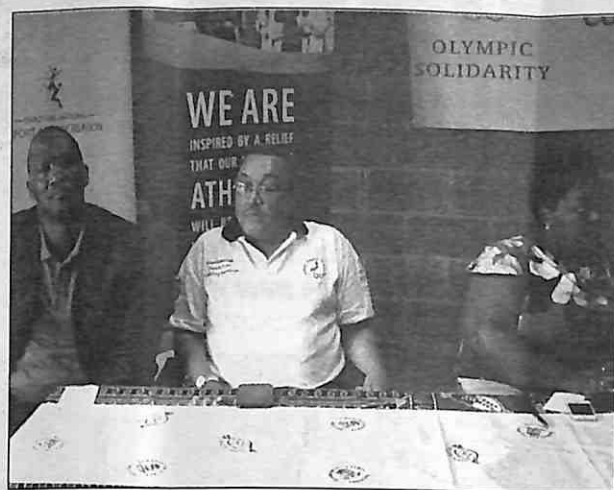
Namibia and Malawi and was happy to be in Swaziland, a country he regarded as his second home.

He said Swaziland, Botswana, Namibia and South Africa used to form the core of the Zone 6 in boxing but the country had since diminished drastically in the sport. This may be due to lack of financial support or not being exposed to sponsors, he reckons. "The

course is about getting the basics of AIBA coaching standards and the coaches need to understand that the safety of the athletes depends on them. This is not to say they must prevent them from getting knocked out but a boxer needs to be mentally, physically and nutritionally on point and it takes multiple tournaments for a boxer to perfect his craft and get himself ready," he said. Mofu expressed his disappointment after realising there was no female coach among the participants yet his objectives include the development of women in the sport. At least 15 male coaches and three observers will be participating in the course.



**POSE:** SOCGA's Muriel Hoffer, Fred MacFadden, SNSRC's Darius Dloomo, SOCGA Vice President Adam Mthethwa, SWABA President Pearl Dlamini and SA boxing expert Andile Mofu in a group photo with the AIBA Star 1 boxing coaches course participants at OlympAfrica yesterday.



**FOLLOWING:** Some of the officials follow proceedings.

## PEARL TO FINALLY GET GOOD NIGHT SLEEP

**BOXING - SWABA** President Pearl Dlamini couldn't stop singing praises to SOCGA, the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) for the AIBA Star 1 coaching course initiative.

Dlamini said the lack of qualified coaches had been an endless nightmare for her but would now find inner peace and sleep like a baby now that the initiative was underway. She said from December 1, no unqualified coaches would be allowed at the corner in any boxing tournament.

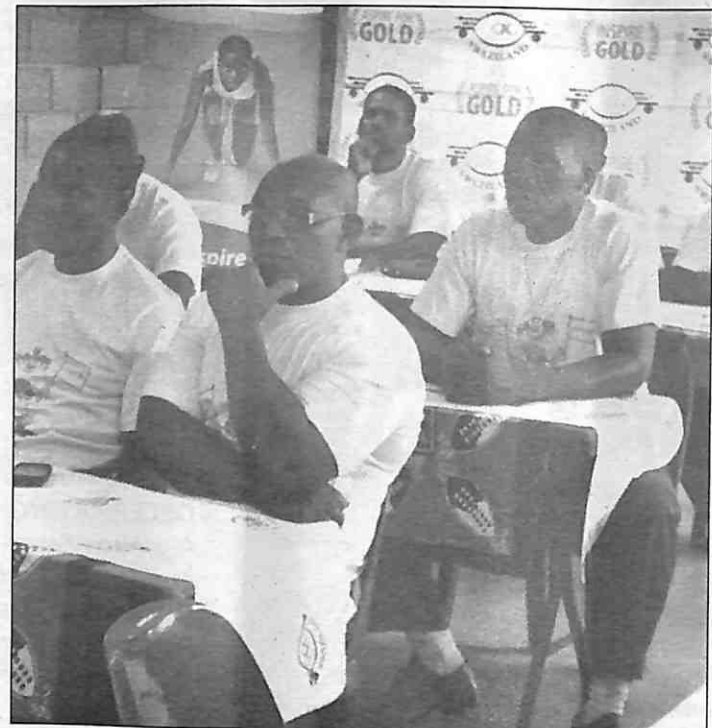
"This is a huge development not just for the association but the country at large. This is the relief I needed and I will sleep peacefully at night knowing we have qualified



**BOSS:** SWABA President Pearl Dlamini making her remarks during the event.

coaches in the sport. In future, it should be SOCGA and SNSRC offering us courses not the other way round," she said.

She urged participants to attend without fail and leave a legacy in the sport.



**ATTENDED:** Some of the officials who attended the

## SOCGA, SNSRC MoU on the cards

**SPORTS - SOCGA** and SNSRC will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding tomorrow that is aimed at enhancing the growth of sports in the country.

SNSRC CEO Darius Dloomo said he was passionate about the MoU as it would not be a typically mother and daughter kind of relationship but one that reflected what the institutions stood for.

"As the two institutions go to bed, what needs to be carried out will be done accordingly. For many years, Swaziland has been expecting athletes to mushroom literally without professional guidance but finally things are done correctly. We are grateful to the people who made the boxing course

possible as this means the future looks bright in the sport," he said.

SOCGA General Secretary Muriel Hoffer said officials in the local sports fraternity needed to change their mindset and adopt international standards or else they would fall along the way, while also conforming to the norm of putting the athlete first.

"We are grateful to AIBA for appointing the boxing expert who happens to be our neighbour. We hope to learn a lot from him but the coaches must understand this is just the beginning of a long journey to being a fully qualified coach as there is still a long way to go before one can be declared qualified," she said.



**ATTENTIVELY:** African boxing expert Andile Mofu with SOCGA board members Louis Nxumalo and Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini.



# SNPF wishes Olympic participation for Imbube marathon athletes

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

**ATHLETICS – SPONSORS** of the Imbube King's Marathon are hoping to have one of the winners of the inaugural race compete in the next Olympic Games.

This was said by Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) General Manager Business Development and Finance Langalakhe Dlamini during the presentation of prizes to the winners of the Marathon held on October 8. The prizes included track suits and running shoes for the top three local athletes in the 42.2km and 21.1km categories of the race.

Addressing the gathering during the event held at the SNPF Office in Manzini yesterday, Dlamini said it was their wish to see one of the athletes, who competed in the first edition of the marathon com-



**PRESENTATION: SNPF GM Business Development and Finance Langalakhe Dlamini with Sindi Mango and Senior Manager Finance Futhi Tembe posing with the local winners of the Imbube King's Marathon. This was during the prize presentation held at the SNPF Boardroom in Manzini yesterday. (Pics: Qondile Ntiwane)**

peting in the race in the Tokyo 2020 Games. "We would like to thank all stakeholders who made

the race a success. These include the athletes who participated in the race and we are hopeful that

they will continue participating in this race and hopefully have at least one of them running in the Olympics," he said.

Dlamini added that the prizes awarded to the athletes were meant to encourage the runners to continue running.

He congratulated the winners of the E500 000 sponsored race and stated they were looking forward to have them compete in the next edition of the event.

"The champion, Sifiso Sibandze is here and we are happy a local athlete won the race. He has made history not only for himself but us the sponsors because he will still be celebrated even in the 10th anniversary of this race," he said.

The Golden Foot Athletics Club walked away with E50 000 prize after winning the race while Samukelisiwe Thwala won E25 000 for being the first Swazi female athlete to cross the finish line.

## ...Apologises for registration process glitches

**ATHLETICS - THE Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) has apologised to athletes for the challenges experienced during the inaugural Imbube Marathon held last month.**

SNPF General Manager Business Development and Finance Langalakhe Dlamini said they experienced a number of challenges especially in the registration process. "We had about 2 500 athletes showing up for the race and we are grateful. However, there were a few glitches in the registration process which resulted in some of the athletes not getting the merchandise that was promised to them. We did not anticipate such a large number and were overwhelmed.

"For that we would like to apologise and assure the athletes a better, bigger and smooth running of the event next year," he said.

Dlamini also highlighted they were working with the ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs to promote the sport at school level.

"We are scouting for talent from schools and it is our wish to have one of these athletes that we are grooming now winning the race in about five years time," he said.

<b>The winners</b>		
<b>42.2km</b>		
<b>Men</b>		
Sifiso Sibandze	Golden Foot	
Amos Thwala	USDF	
Wandile Nxumalo	TZD	
<b>Ladies</b>		
Samukelisiwe Thwala	USDF	
Winile Mnisi	RSP	
<b>21.1km</b>		
<b>Men</b>		
Michael Ndaba	Slojos	
Melusi Sihlongonyane	USDF	
Ntokozo Mavimbela	USDF	
<b>Ladies</b>		
Nomvula Ntshatintshali	USDF	
Simangele Mahlambi	USDF	
Beatrice Hlophle	Correctional	



**THIS IS YOURS: Imbube Marathon winner Sifiso Sibandze of Golden Foot Athletics Club receives his prize from SNPF GM Business Development and Finance Langalakhe Dlamini.**



**THANK YOU: Samukelisiwe Thwala who was the first local lady to cross the finish line in the 42.2km race receives her E25 000 cheque from Dlamini.**

## Hosea next stop for Shukuma

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SPORTS - HOSEA, a relatively small community deep into the heart of the Shiselweni Region is so lucky. This community is next in line to host the energising Shukuma programme.**

Shukuma is the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) flagship programme. The SNSRC Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane announced yesterday that the

day's activities would start as early as 7:30am.

"The good thing now is that a lot of people are now aware of the Shukuma concept and we expect a full house at Hosea on Saturday. We are not only expecting the people of Hosea and surrounding areas but people from other regions as well.

The more people we have, the merrier for everyone. Everyone is really welcome to attend so he or she can refresh the body, mind and soul. That is just how good our Shukuma programmes are.

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## Highlanders' Mphucuko suspended for Red Lions clash

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – MBABANE Highlanders midfielder Mphucuko 'Smoothies' Dlamini will be out of action this weekend after being nabbed by yellow cards.**

Highlanders will lock horns with Fairview based outfit Red Lions at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

The clash between the two sides will be the first game during of the Yello Sunday activation and will kick off at 12 noon.

This will come as a huge blow for the struggling Mbabane giants, who are currently placed third from bottom on the MTN League log with a meager 10 points after winning only two of their 12 league games.

Also suspended for the league games are sugar belt side Tambuti's Zwakele Dlamini, who will miss the game against Midas City slated for Somhlolo on Saturday at 2pm.

National First Division outfit Vovovo's Mancoba Mavimbela has also been ruled out of action for their game against Bad Boys at the Prince of Wales Ground on Sunday.

Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati confirmed the suspensions yesterday.

**The suspended players**  
**MTN Premier League**  
 Mphuchuko Dlamini (Mbabane Highlanders)  
 Zwakele Dlamini (Tambuti)  
**National First Division**  
 Mancoba Mavimbela (Vovovo)

## Changes in NFD second round games

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER - THE Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) has announced a few changes in the MTN National First Division second round games scheduled for this weekend.**

According to the amended fixture released by the PLS Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati yesterday, Madlenya will play host to log leaders Matsapha United at Tambankulu Stadium on Sunday. The match will now start at 3:30pm.

Vovovo will face Bad Boys at the Prince of Wales Ground on Sunday.

Fresh from the clash against Madlenya, Malanti Chiefs will host Ludzeludze Brothers at the Prince of Wales Ground on Sunday in the second match at 3:30pm.

Hlathikhulu Tycoons have a date against Mbabane Citizens at King Sobhuza Memorial Stadium on Sunday at 1:30pm with Amalanda taking on Sikhalo Se-Africa at the same venue two hour later.

Hub Sundowns will play against City Warriors at Manzini Club on Saturday. This will be the only match on Saturday.

**The full fixture:**

<b>Saturday at Manzini Club</b>			
Hub Sundowns	vs	City Warriors	3:30pm
<b>Sunday at Prince of Wales Ground</b>			
Vovovo	vs	Bad Boys	1:30pm
Malanti Chiefs	vs	Ludzeludze Brothers	3:30pm
<b>Sunday at King Sobhuza Memorial Stadium</b>			
Hlathikhulu Tycoons	vs	Mbabane Citizens	1:30pm
Amalanda	vs	Sikhalo Se-Africa	3:30pm
<b>Sunday at Tabankulu Stadium</b>			
Madlenya	vs	Matsapha United	3:30pm



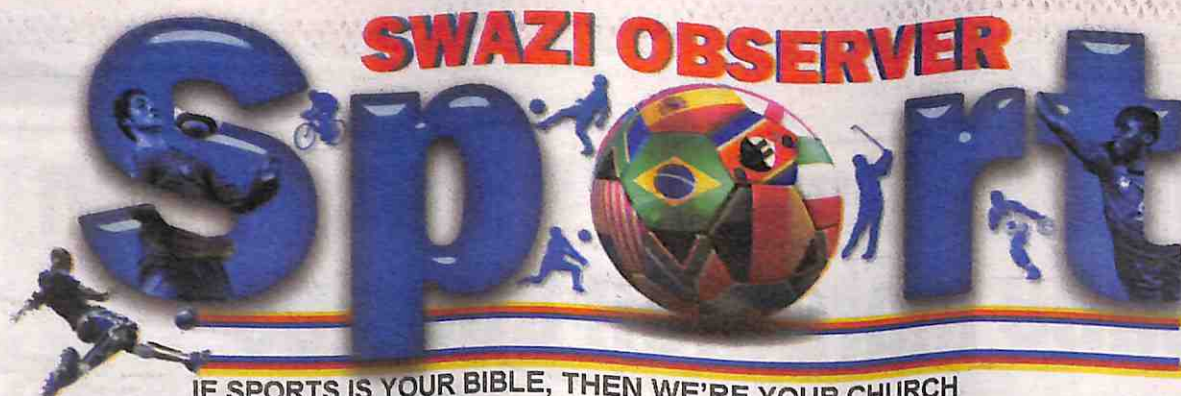
## RESULTS

### ABSA PREMIERSHIP:

Kaizer Chiefs	1-1 Supersport United
Mamelodi Sundowns	3-0 Golden Arrows
Polokwane City	1-0 Free State Stars
Bidvest Wits	2-2 Highlands Park

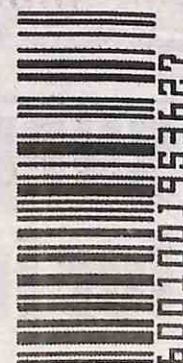
### UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:

Besiktas	3-3 Benfica
Rostov	3-2 Bayern München



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## Mamba, 'Downs record wins

By Sabelo Majola

Green Mamba..... (1)2  
Tambuti..... (0)0

**SOCCER - GREEN** Mamba recorded their fourth victory of the season after beating Tambuti 2-0 during an MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium last night.

Goals from Samkelo Gumbi and Banele Dlamini ensured the Correctional Services side collects the three points.

Green Mamba went ahead with only five minutes into the game after a cross-cum shot from Gumbi on the left wing to beat Tambuti skipper Thokozani Mkhulisi whose finger tips could not divert the ball.

This goal saw Green Mamba force a second goal but this time the keeper was up for the challenge.

Tambuti, whose transition was better than their opponents, pressed for an equaliser and it almost came in the last minute of the first half but Ishmael Zwane missed from close range.

### Break

The match went to the break with Mamba on the driver's seat. The second half started on a high with both teams coming hard at each other but it was Tambuti, who had the upper hand as they made a number of attempts at goal.

Green Mamba goalkeeper Xolani Mngometulu made a superb save in the 69th minute to deny Mpendulo Ngidi from close range after a scramble in the box.

Phinda Dlamini, who was serving a suspension, replaced Mxolisi Mkhontfo deep in the second half and the former was brought down in the box by Gabrian Goshen two minutes from time.

Defender turned striker Banele 'Makonese' Dlamini netted from the spot to take his goal tally to five and make the final score 2-0. Green Mamba have now jumped one spot up on the log, overtaking Midas City and as they now occupy the seventh spot.

Meanwhile, the other match played at Mavuso Sports Centre saw Manzini Sundowns beating Sea Birds 3-0.

This was a one-sided encounter where Darren 'Dazza' Christie scored a brace while the other was an own goal.

### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	12	12	0	0	34	5	29	36
Young Buffaloes	12	5	6	1	13	6	7	21
Manzini Wanderers	12	5	5	2	20	10	10	20
Manzini Sundowns	13	5	5	3	16	15	1	20
Royal Leopard	12	5	3	4	16	13	3	18
Moneni Pirates	12	4	4	4	15	18	-3	16
Green Mamba	12	4	3	5	13	9	4	15
Midas City	12	3	5	4	14	17	-3	14
Red Lions	12	3	3	6	13	27	-14	12
Mbabane Highlanders	12	2	4	6	14	20	-6	10
Tambuti	12	3	1	8	8	20	-12	10
Sea Birds	13	1	3	9	8	24	-16	6

# 'BUFFS' GAME COULD BE DECIDER FOR 'BIRDS'

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER - THE MTN League** pitting the high flying Mbabane Swallows against Young Buffaloes could just be the league decider.

These were the words of Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana yesterday.

The CEO said the game slated for the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday could easily decide the league.

He, however, said they would be cautious in preparing for the game against the army side on Sunday.

"We respect every team we play against hence the reason we will prepare extensively for Buffaloes, who are currently second on the log standings. However, the main goal is to win the game and as the saying goes 'the closer to the bone the sweeter the meat'. This game could just be the much anticipated decider for us as Mbabane Swallows," he said

Mbabane Swallows occupy the top position on the log with a historic 36 points after winning all 12 games played in the league campaign. They are 15 points ahead of the second placed army outfit which has won five games out of the 12 played.

On another note, Manana highlighted that they would likely welcome talented winger Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze, who has been missing for the past three weeks due to an injury. "We are hoping for the speedy recovery of 'Pupu', who has already

...Swallows likely to welcome 'Pupu' on Sunday while Phinda has been ruled out of action for a month

## E40 for Y'ello Sunday triple-header

**SOCCER - SUPPORTERS** will part with E40 to witness the MTN Y'ello Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium this weekend.

The country's Mecca will play host to a triple-header featuring the country's big three in one venue.

Mbabane Highlanders will be first to take to the pitch when they visit Red Lions at 12noon while Manzini Wanderers will host town rivals Moneni Pirates in the second game of the day slated for 2pm.

The third encounter will see log leaders Mbabane Swallows take on army side Young Buffaloes at 4pm.

### Favourite

Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana confirmed the fee yesterday.

"Supporters will have to pay E40 to see their favourite teams in action. I especially want to invite Swallows supporters to paint the stadium red and white as they rally behind the boys on Sunday," he said.

Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati also confirmed the entrance fee and further urged supporters to be at their best behaviour on the day. "Yes" the entry fee is E40 and we

started light training ahead of the game on Sunday. We hope he will be available for the game.

are expecting every person to pay at the gate except those with invitation cards. We will continue making sure security measures are adhered to during the games.

Supporters are also urged to desist from violent behaviour on the day," he said.



**CONFIRMED: Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana**

### MTN Y'ello Sunday programme:

8:30am	- Gates open
9am	- Social team games - MTN Social vs SWSC Social
11am	- Local entertainment
12noon	- Kick off - (Mbabane Highlanders vs Red Lions)
12:45pm	- Prize Presentation
	- Best dressed
12:50pm	- Fastest fingers airtime giveaway
1pm	- Second half begins
1:45pm	- Prize presentation
	- Man of the match
2pm	- Kick off (Moneni Pirates vs

2:45pm	- Prize presentation - best dressed
2:50pm	- Fastest fingers airtime giveaway
3pm	- Second half begins
3:45pm	- Prize presentation
	- man of the match
3:50pm	- Entertainment
4pm	- Kick off (Young Buffaloes vs Mbabane Swallows)
4:45pm	- Prize Presentation - best dressed
4:50pm	- Fastest fingers airtime giveaway
5pm	- Second half begins
5:45pm	- Prize presentation- man of the match

"All the other players will be available for the game except for Phinda Dlamini, who has been ruled out of

action for a month due to an injury which has seen him in a plaster of Paris," he said.

## Green Mamba suspend 'Msholoji', Civil

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER - CORRECTIONAL SERVICES** side Green Mamba have reportedly suspended two more players in captain Siyabonga 'Msholoji' Mdluli and Civil Matsebula for misconduct.

The duo has joined Phinda 'Phindix' Dlamini and Phatego Maebebo, who were also suspended for defying the orders of the technical bench

last month. A source close to the matter revealed the team had suspended Mdluli and Matsebula for holding the club at ransom.

"The two have been suspended indefinitely after showing lack of respect and unprofessional behaviour towards the technical team."



They are not training with the rest of the team.

"They will remain suspended until they formally apologise to the technical team for their actions."

Sought for comment, the team's Chief Executive Officer Thamie Phakathi was diplomatic on the matter. "This

is an internal matter and I cannot divulge any information to the media," he said. The pair missed the green and white ensemble's 2-0 victory over Tambuti FC played at Somhlolo National Stadium last night.

If the suspensions continue, the pair will miss the team's next league match against Royal Leopard on Saturday at the Somhlolo National Stadium. The team's head coach Herbert Maruwa has been using converted striker in former defender Banele 'Makonese' Dlamini in the absence of the two strikers.