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VICTORY: Advocates for the United Kingdom leaving the European Union wave Union flags and cheer as the results are announced yesterday. (AP) STORY ON PAGE 3



I QUIT: Outgoing Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron speaks outside 10 Downing Street, London yesterday.

UK LEAVES EU, PM RESIGNS

● Vote to leave the EU plunges Britain into economic and political turmoil

PRINCE IN CORPSE'S MISSING UNDERWEAR

● Feuding parties at Sigombeni contest the succession of late Chief Lomngeletjane with sporadic witchcraft attacks where underwear clothing of an Inkhosikati was removed from body of the deceased and other mystery deaths even before the cleansing ceremony of the chief who died in May could take place.

By Ackel Zwane

Family sources said at the regional commander's office relatives reported that a prince from the royal household instructed an impi last November to conduct rituals in the chief's compound (*kubetsela umphakatsi*) at the height of preparations for the water party. Around this time Inkhosikati laMvubu was very ill and she died two days after the ritual, an occurrence that sent tongues wagging over suspicions of witchcraft.

After the passing on of the Inkhosikati the prince was reported to have sent another to collect underwear clothing of the deceased Inkhosikati and these were never returned.

A day before the chief passed on, a very influential traditional authority also performed rituals at the chief's compound allegedly sent by the senior prince who is at the centre of the suspicious activities at around 3am and said he was performing the ritual of *kuphahla* for the royal household. When the chief died a day later, last May, he had just fallen sick and was rushed to Mankayane Government Hospital where he succumbed to death. Relatives at the time said he died because he 'swam with the crocodiles', people who had been plotting to overthrow him as chief.

The chief is a descendant of Prince Msukusuku who was given the area allegedly by King Mswati II.

On Wednesday indvuna of the area,

Amos Madzinane denied that there was any bloodshed looming among members of the Sigombeni royal household regarding succession or the cleansing ceremony. It must be noted that at the cleansing ceremony the acting chief to hold for the next chief is announced and must be directly related to the late chief. This process is closely guarded because a non-deserving person could be made the acting chief and thus Lomngeletjane's descendants might forever be removed from the rightful lineage of chiefs of the area. It was for that reason that a faction directly linked to Lomngeletjane did not take part in the Wednesday meeting but instead had gone to engage the police. Madzinane said those who had gone to the police went in defiance of the royal household and would be punished by being 'whacked' with a tiny stick (*sitabavitsa ngehuswati loluncane*).

Meetings

He said that meeting was also to communicate to the royal households of Nyakeni and Nsangwini about preparations for the cleansing ceremony.

In the meantime tensions are amounting among residents who feel the feud could derail development and further plunge the area into endless infighting among the members of the royal household.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed that a delegation from Sigombeni went to see the regional commander with a view to also make

a follow up on the enquiry on the circumstances surrounding the death of the chief. Supt. Mamba further confirmed the rituals at the royal household but said the incident of the underwear clothing happened even while the chief was still alive. He said on the part of the *kuphahla* in the royal kraal during twilight hours it could not proceed to the full and that it was intended to consult with ancestors on the ailing chief. He added that part of the issues would best be handled by the RA as they are of a chieftaincy dispute nature.

Tensions are high in Sigombeni as relatives draw daggers in the race to find a replacement for the late Chief Lomngeletjane, a former police officer, who died under a cloud of controversy last May, three years into his appointment. No sooner had he died than he was shortly followed by his aunt this month.

Feuding parties have also reported the matter to Manzini Regional Administrator Chief Gcokoma who however could not preside over it pending the performing of the cleansing ceremony as per custom. "Yes a misunderstanding has been reported to us but because of their situation we can only hear the bone of contention after the cleansing ceremony. We requested them to remain calm and pray that this will come to pass and we can only hope they heard our pleas." A meeting of elders from around the chieftaincy took a better part of Wednesday at the chief's residence but ironically some of Lomngeletjane's relatives had gone



RESISTANCE: Relatives of the late Chief Lomngeletjane who are fighting off an aggressive senior prince who wants to take over the reigns in the area by force; below is the late chief's compound at Sigombeni. (Pics: Ackel Zwane)



to report the rising tensions to Sigodvweni police where they were intercepted by another warring party also at the centre of the feud. They then proceeded to report to the Manzini Regional Commander where they gave a list of suspicious activities under cover of the night at the chief's compound by a very close member of the royal household who was also active during the installation of the late chief.

While those assembled at the chief's compound claimed to be planning for the cleansing ceremony the other party argued that they could not possibly plan that ceremony because it is a prerogative of members of the royal household (*bantfwabenhkosi*), the immediate relatives of the late chief and not distant relatives or strangers, including the area's indvuna Amos 'Idi' Madzinane who chaired the meeting on Wednesday that also comprised members of the Inner Council.

The senior prince reported to the police did not answer his phone when called several times this week until yesterday.

Rumour is abound in the area that there are moves to perform the cleansing ceremony today at the Umphakatsi without the involvement of those directly responsible for same in an effort to 'hijack' the ceremony and install an acting chief of their choice. The family lineage to the chieftaincy begins with Somhlolo, followed by Msukusuku, then Lomngeletjane, Lomangcina, another Msukusuku and finally the late Lomngeletjane who left behind three very young boys who are still at primary school. Close family member say custom dictates that while the young chief is to be selected from among the three boys a descendant of the last Msukusuku should hold fort, in most such cases it is a woman, who is an aunt to the chief-to-be.

By Ackel Zwane

Parents of a pupil at Mpaka High School who got a bursary to pay for his secondary school education are alleged to have continued paying to-up moneys even though a German donor had been sending him the money through the school.

Ironically the pupil's mother, Phetsile Ndlovu, has not been aware of the anomaly but continued to pay for him until he was admitted to Form 4.

It is alleged that the pupil was first identified by the donor after excelling on environmental issues given his unending love for wildlife.

He is also known around Mpaka for being fond of animals and at his homestead he has a large flock of indigenous fowls.

The pupil had decided to relocate to Siteki Nazarene High School after completing his Form III last year but his move was quickly cut short by school authorities in the event his bursary transfer would complicate things. He was convinced not to

Greedy Mpaka High collects double fees from needy pupil

....German benevolent sponsor had been and still is paying for his fees since Standard 5 with parents and government also paying for same until things fell apart when boy was to do Form 4 at Siteki Nazarene High

move to Siteki and it was then that his mother was called to the school and told of the bursary that had allegedly been rolling since Standard 5.

"I was told at the beginning of the year that there was a sponsorship by a white man from Germany. I had gone to the school to request that I be allowed to pay in instalments because I could not afford the fees in Siteki."

She does not even know how much the bursary pays given that she had been paying E885 in top up fees since the child was doing Form 2.

While in Form 1 she said she paid E1500 in top up fees. Currently she is

only required to pay for the school uniform.

Phetsile however cannot wait to know the name of the sponsor because this information is allegedly kept from her.

The principal, a Matsebula, when called yesterday said he was in no position to know the particular pupil even after it was put to him that a German bursary came to the school towards the needs of the learner through his administration. He asked to be called after 10 minutes but thereafter his phone rang unanswered and even a hoarse voice at reception with the owner saying she could not readily locate the principal.



PAYING TO BE POOR: One of the learners at Mpaka High School secured a bursary but this was kept secret from him.



'EXPLOSIVE SHOCK': BRITAIN LEAVES EU, PM RESIGNS

COVER STORY

LONDON - By Guy Faulconbridge and Kate Holton.

Britain has voted to leave the European Union, forcing the resignation of Prime Minister David Cameron and dealing the biggest blow since World War Two to the European project of forging greater unity.

Global financial markets plunged on Friday as results from a referendum defied bookmakers' odds to show a 52-48 percent victory for the campaign to leave a bloc Britain joined more than 40 years ago. The pound fell as much as 10 percent against the dollar to touch levels last seen in 1985, on fears the decision could hit investment in the world's fifth-largest economy, threaten London's role as a global financial capital and usher in months of political uncertainty. The euro slid 3 percent. World stocks saw more than \$2 trillion wiped off their value, with indices across Europe heading for their sharpest one-day drops ever. Britain's big banks took a \$100 billion battering, with Lloyds (LLOY.L), Barclays (BARC.L) and RBS (RBS.L) falling as much as 30 percent at one point. [MKTS/GLOB]

The United Kingdom itself could now break apart, with the leader of Scotland - where nearly two-thirds of voters wanted to stay in the EU - saying a new referendum on independence from the rest of Britain was "highly likely". An



HOORAY: 'Divided' Kingdom as Britain votes to leave EU, David Cameron to quit.

emotional Cameron, who led the "Remain" campaign to defeat, losing the gamble he took when he promised the referendum in 2013, said he would leave office by October.

"The British people have made the very clear decision to take a different path and as such I think the country requires fresh leadership to take it in this direction," he said in a televised address outside his residence.

"I do not think it would be right for me to be the captain that steers our country to its next destination," he added, choking back tears before walking back through 10 Downing Street's black door with his arm around his wife Samantha. Quitting the EU could cost Britain access to the EU's trade barrier-free single market and means it must

seek new trade accords with countries around the world. A poll of economists by Reuters predicted Britain was likelier than not to fall into recession within a year. The EU for its part will be economically and politically damaged, facing the departure of a member with its biggest financial center, a U.N. Security Council veto, a powerful army and nuclear weapons. The world's biggest trading bloc - which rose out of the ashes of two world wars, fascist and communist totalitarianism to unite a continent of prosperous democracies - will lose around a sixth of its economic output. "It's an explosive shock. At stake is the break up pure and simple of the union," French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said. "Now is the time to invent another Europe." *Reuters*

Withdrawal could create uncertainty for SD - Economist

By Linda Dlamini

The unprecedented decision in the Britain referendum yesterday to withdraw from European Union (EU) membership could create substantial uncertainty for business and policy makers in the Swazi economy, but could also have serious unintended consequences which will need to be managed.

Swaziland trade relations with Britain before the referendum were determined through the EU and now the trade relations are up in the air.

Signing

University of Swaziland Economics lecturer Sandile Sibiya said, "Swaziland will need to look at signing bilateral agreements with Britain as it has elected to exit from the European Union." "The effects of the exit will not be fully understood now as it is still early but the effect on the country will be felt in terms of trade," he said.

The economist further said this could be an advantage or a disadvantage but it is just too early to say.

Sibiya said given the strong ties Swaziland has with Britain as a consequence of the colonial history they share means it is highly likely that Swaziland can enter into bilateral agreements.

Commenting on the decision itself the economist said another factor to consider is whether or not this decision is final as it may be possible that it is reversible.

"The issue of sorting out the length of time that it will take for the exit to be final is not known

and as such the effects will not be fully felt by the Swazi economy in the short term," he said.

With regards to exports and imports Sibiya said factors of import and export are determined by demand so it is unlikely that the level of exports to Britain will be significantly affected.

According to the trade statistics from the trade department at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Swaziland exported goods to Britain worth E350 million and Swaziland imported goods worth E80 million.

Thus Swaziland had a positive trade balance with Britain however this was when Britain was in the EU whether this positive trade balance can be maintained remains to be seen.

Move

This move by the British public also has had an effect on the exchange rates of the major currencies. For instance the lilangeni dropped by the most since 2008 against the dollar.

Reports from South African media purport that the currency's losses against the dollar had swung between 5.5 percent to 8.5 percent.

On Thursday the lilangeni closed at E14.56 against the dollar and yesterday it reached a high of E15.06. Against the pound the lilangeni was trading at E21.58 on Thursday and yesterday it was trading for E20.65.

At the same time, the pound has dropped to its lowest level in three decades against the dollar. Analysts say the pound could fall even further as Britain's exit from the European Union poses a risk to global growth.

There will be no renegotiation - EU

LONDON - Brussels, 24 June 2016: - Joint statement by Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, Mark Rutte, holder of the rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU, and Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, on the outcome of the United Kingdom referendum.

President Tusk, President Schulz and Prime Minister Rutte met this morning in Brussels upon the invitation of European Commission President Juncker. They discussed the outcome of the United Kingdom referendum and made the following joint statement:

"In a free and democratic process, the British people have expressed their wish to leave the European Union.

We regret this decision but respect it. This is an unprecedented situation but we are united in our response. We will stand strong and uphold the EU's core values of promoting peace and the well-being of its peoples.

The Union of 27 Member States will continue. The Union is the framework of our common political future. We are bound together by history, geography and common inter-



FORCED TO RESIGN: Prime Minister David Cameron.

ests and will develop our cooperation on this basis. Together we will address our common challenge to generate growth, increase prosperity and ensure a safe and secure environment for our citizens. The institutions will play their full role in this endeavour.

We now expect the United Kingdom government to give effect to this decision of the British people as soon as possible, however painful that process may be.

Any delay would unnecessarily prolong uncertainty. We have rules to deal with this in an orderly way. Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union sets out the procedure to be

followed if a Member State decides to leave the European Union.

We stand ready to launch negotiations swiftly with the United Kingdom regarding the terms and conditions of its withdrawal from the European Union. Until this process of negotiations is over, the United Kingdom remains a member of the European Union, with all the rights and obligations that derive from this. According to the Treaties which the United Kingdom has ratified, EU law continues to apply to the full to and in the United Kingdom until it is no longer a Member.

As agreed, the "New Settlement for the United Kingdom within the European Union", reached at the European Council on 18-19 February 2016, will now not take effect and ceases to exist. There will be no renegotiation.

As regards the United Kingdom, we hope to have it as a close partner of the European Union also in the future. We expect the United Kingdom to formulate its proposals in this respect. Any agreement, which will be concluded with the United Kingdom as a third country, will have to reflect the interests of both sides and be balanced in terms of rights and obligations." *EU*

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MZUTHINI REPORTED TO UN

By Bodwa Mbingo

His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase has been reported to the United Nations (UN) for colluding with some parents in incarcerating children even though they have not committed crimes.

This, according to the report submitted to the UN, is done for the children to enrol at the Correctional Services' schools for rehabilitation, which are the Malkerns Industrial School and Vulamasango High School on claims that they are unruly or misbehave. A UN group examining human rights in the country was told that children as young as 11 years old are incarcerated in juvenile correction facilities in the country for up to 10 years, even though they

have committed no crimes, adds AllAfrica.com.

And, the trend to lock innocent children up is increasing, the group was further told.

Parents collaborate with the Commissioner of Correctional Services in what was described as 'the best interests of the child'.

A report submitted jointly to the United Nations Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review of Swaziland April-May 2016 by SOS-Swaziland, Super Buddies, Prison Fellowship and Luvatsi-Swaziland Youth Empowerment Organisation, gave the example of one child aged 11.

Their report stated, 'There is a growing trend of child and youth abuse done by the state and the parents purportedly in "the best interests of the child". Children and youths

are illegally incarcerated in prison centres by parents in collaboration with the Commissioner General of Correctional Services, who claim that the children are unruly.

In one incident included in the report, a single parent to a young boy wrote a request letter to the Commissioner of Correctional Services requesting that John be incarcerated for unruly behaviour. In the letter, the parent states her concerns that the eleven years old boy might not finish school; hence her reason for wanting him incarcerated and attending the juvenile school at Malkerns Industrial School for Rehabilitation.

Responding to the same letter of request by the parent, the Commissioner General stated that under normal circumstances, they do not admit persons who have not been

sentenced by the courts and directed therein through committal warrants.

However, he is said to have agreed to rehabilitate the boy under the stated conditions; that the 11 years old boy is institutionalised at the juvenile school for 10 years; there is an order from a presiding officer giving him a custodial order of 10 years without remission; and that he will cooperate with His Majesty's Correctional Services while under its care.

With that response, the parent wrote a letter to a presiding officer who then wrote a custodial order for the stipulated time and the boy was admitted to the juvenile school in 2013. The 11 years old boy lodges with other juveniles who have been charged by the court of law for various crimes they have committed. The parent pays tuition fees and upkeep fees for the young man, and she

will continue doing so for the next 10 years until the 11-year-old is 21 years.

"This case is one of many, and the children are of different ages and varying backgrounds. It is only recently that a joint task team comprising of UNICEF, Prison Fellowship Swaziland, Lawyers for Human Rights-Swaziland, Save the Children Swaziland working together with the department of home affairs are exploring means to curb this situation and probably provide solutions for both the parents and children," continues the report.

Correctional Services Public Relations Officer (PRO) Bongani Khumalo, when reached on the matter, said he would not make any comment unless he had seen the report submitted to the UN.

However, in previous times, Ntshangase has been reported in local newspapers as having openly encouraged parents to send their 'unruly children' to the facility if they thought they were badly behaved.



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NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A SECTION OF TUBUNGU ACCESS ROAD LOCATED IN MATSAPHA URBAN AREA

Notice is hereby published in terms of Section 71 (1) of the Urban Government Act No. 8 of 1969 that there will be a temporary closure of Tubungu access road to traffic for a period of 5 months commencing on Monday the 27th of June 2016 to Monday the 28th of November 2016.

This closure is to facilitate the re-construction of Tubungu access road from gravel to bitumen standards. The public and residents of Tubungu Township are encouraged to use the alternative routes outlined in the map below.

We apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused during this period.



DANISH 'DEVIL OF DEATH' NURSE GETS LIFE

COPENHAGEN - A Danish nurse, dubbed a "devil of death" by prosecutors, was yesterday sentenced to life in prison for murdering three patients and trying to kill a fourth.

Christina Hansen, 31, was found guilty of administering overdoses of morphine and the sedative diazepam to three elderly patients at a hospital in the southern town of Nykobing Falster between 2012 and 2015.

A fourth patient, who survived, was also found to have traces of the substances in her blood.

The Nykobing Falster district court found that the patients had been given, among other things, "morphine in lethal doses, and that the perpetrator was the nurse", a statement said.

"The accused was not an angel of death. She was a devil of death," prosecutor Michael Boolsen said in calling for her to get life. Under Danish law, such a sentence only allows for a parole hearing after 12 years.

"In the prosecution's view, there are no mitigating circumstances in this case," he said.

Lawyer Jorgen Lange appealed the verdict, telling Danish media the court's decision was "shocking" given that some of the patients had been terminally ill.

Among more than 70 witnesses heard by the court, several said they had suspected Hansen of trying to harm patients long before she was detained in March last year, and that they believed she had done so in search of drama and attention.

A psychological evaluation found that the nurse was not mentally ill but that she suffered from a personality disorder characterised by "egocentricity" and a "persistent quest for excitement".

Hansen, who denied all charges, was also ordered to pay 425 000 kroner (\$63 300) in damages to family members of one victim.

She was also to pay 25 000 kroner to the 74-year-old woman who survived the attempt on her life.

Preliminary charges filed against Hansen in August last year over a fourth suspicious death were later dropped.

AFP

CORRECTIONAL DAY SHOCKER:

MZUTHINI 'OUTSMARTS' DISGRUNTLED MANAGERS

Stories By Sandile Nkambule

At first rifles used for the passing out parade by recruits at His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS), were reported to have had parts allegedly stolen after the event.

In yet another shocking revelation the Observer on Saturday has reliably gathered that the double celebrations were nearly thrown into chaos after a possible arson was foiled by the department's intelligence.

This was during the passing out parade of 320 new recruits, an event that marked double celebrations since this was married with the 10th Correctional Services day, an event that is held annually.

Investigations carried out by this publication have revealed that a group of arsonists had allegedly ganged up to set on fire part of the marquee where guests are normally accommodated for lunch and dinner.

This is the same marquee used by His Majesty the King and foreign guest during such functions and this effectively means an alternative guest area would have been sourced in the dying minutes of the colourful celebrations preparations that were held last Friday.

Our sources said it is highly suspected that the source of the alleged attempt to have the marquee burnt was as a result of the continued grievances the correctional services officers have been registering with the executive of the department as regards to their working conditions and remuneration.

Senior officers are said to have had their salaries increased during what was termed as phase one while



junior officers were expected to be covered in the second phase, whose deadline has elapsed.

So serious was the situation that security had to be beefed up as more police officers and soldiers were deployed at the Matsapha institution on Thursday, the eve of the celebrations, an indication that all was not at all well.

Further investigations have uncovered that immediately after the ploy was foiled, fun lovers who normally cram the college's staff canteen for beverages, were eventually ordered to leave for security reasons since most of those littering the place are civilians.

This incident occurred before yet another in which the 320 new Correctional Services officers, who graduated after partaking in the pass-out parade were allegedly detained for nine hours without food.

This came about after guns which were used during the parade, were allegedly discovered with missing parts the next morning and the arms of war belonged to the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF), which normally provides for same during such occasions in order to ensure that all officers taking part have guns. This also applies with the Royal Swaziland Police Service

(RSP) as the army assists in providing same.

It is said that plans to release the officers came to a halt after they were informed that no one was expected to leave the college compound until the missing parts of the guns were found following the discovery in the early morning hours, that some guns had missing parts which were believed to have been stolen.

The missing parts included triggers, among others. Parents and other relatives, who had come in numbers to fetch their family members, who they expected to be released, left dejected following that incident.

It was mentioned that the parents, who came as early as 6am, were not informed of the developments concerning the detention of the officers, who had given a spectacular performance before the King and his guests prior to taking their oath of allegiance.

According to information received from impeccable sources, the officers were told in no uncertain terms that they were not going to be released until the missing parts of the parade rifles were found and that they were expected to return to their dormitories and turn the entire camp upside down while searching for the missing rifle parts.



IN SALUTE: Correctional Officers in action during the HMCS 2016 passing out ceremony last week.

● Pass out parade, correctional services day nearly thrown into chaos as marquee almost burnt down on eve of celebrations

● Plot to burn part of marquee foiled, security beefed up

● Continued grievances by officers through staff association on remuneration and working conditions alleged to have been cause of near chaotic incident

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Applications from suitably qualified individuals are invited to apply for the job of Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) tenable at the SSA Head Office based in Mbabane.

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(Only short-listed applicants will be contacted)

PRO RESPONDS

Contacted for comment on the matter His Majesty's Services Correctional Services (HMCS) Public Relations Officer (PRO) Bongani Khumalo, said they are not aware of the incident.

Khumalo said nothing formal has been communicated to them as regards such an incident which is alleged to have happened on Thursday evening.

Incident

"From what I have gathered, we have not yet received any report of such an incident, as a department, all we can say is that it is normal for us to beef up security when such

- Beefing up of security normal, done when head of state, dignitaries expected to grace such functions
- PRO says no formal report had been made pertaining incident

events to be attended by the head of state and other dignitaries are held," Khumalo said.

Khumalo who needed to check and consult on the allegations, said he found that the matter was new to them.

However our sources confided to us that in a recent post mortem the department had after the celebrations, said the foiled arson attack was raised as part of feed-back.

FINALLY SENATE FINDS SOMETHING TO DO

By Bodwa Mbingo

It would seem Senators at the august house have something to do after all as they will resume business on Monday, June 27, 2016.

This comes soon after Senate President Gelane Zwane this week decried the continued payment of Senators by the state while they have been lying idle without any business to attend to. Following the grounded business, Zwane told the Swazi Observer this week that the ongoing standoff in the lower chamber, the House of Assembly, has directly and negatively affected them.

However, Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini yesterday announced that after being directed by Zwane, parliament business would resume on Monday.

"All Senators are requested to attend without fail," Dlamini urged.

Meanwhile, the Swazi Observer this week reported that the House of Assembly, comprising mainly the people's electorate from the various Tinkhundla centres around the country, is currently embroiled in a bitter disagreement with its leader Themba Msibi.

The quarrel emanates from an unresolved leadership dispute of the Swaziland Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). The entire local branch of the CPA was dismissed from office by the membership in a Special General Meeting.

The membership consists of both senators and members of the House of Assembly. That decision was overturned and dismissed as without



CONDEMN: Senate President Gelane Zwane.

any legal basis by Speaker Msibi and Zwane, resulting to the ongoing altercation that has made carrying-out of parliamentary business impossible since then.

Speaker Msibi has made two consecutive attempts to convene a sitting of the House with the view to resume their legislative mandate but all in vain. The House members, led by a group of about nine legislators who served in the disputed local branch CPA executive, vowed to ground all operations until both Msibi and Zwane succumbed to their demand to accept the removal of the CPA executive from office.

Subsequently, the legislators want an election of a new executive committee for the CPA local branch that would be without Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini, who is considered a puppet for Speaker Msibi.

The House of Assembly has been reduced into a battlefield for the CPA leadership wrangle and, the effects of that rivalry have spilled

over into the Senate.

Zwane was then reported as having said: "Our sole responsibility is to debate and pass laws. And that is dependent on whether we get Bills from the House of Assembly."

With the complete suspension of government business by members in the House of Assembly in favour of fighting over the CPA leadership, Zwane said they were currently getting nothing from that chamber.

"We don't touch any Bill until and unless it has been attended to by the House of Assembly. If they are not doing anything, as is the case now, we automatically have no business to attend to as well," said Zwane.

She decried that the legislators, both MPs and senators, were currently drawing undeserved salaries from the public purse. *'Lokuhola nje sibe singenti lufu, akuhambi kahle!'* She said in vernacular.

It stands to be seen what business would be discussed at Senate on Monday.

Govt must also pay for AIDS fight

By Bodwa Mbingo

Government has been called upon to stand up and be counted when it comes to supplementing financial resources channelled towards the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the country.

The country will, from now going forward, be forced to fork out 60% of the total funding needed to strengthen the efforts by the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) Swaziland in fighting the scourge in the country. While countries from the G4 and G7 as well as the United States of America have all reaffirmed their continued commitment to funding the global fight against the deadly virus, all governments including that of Swaziland

have been told to reconsider domestic funding as opposed to their programmes being only donor funded. This is a resolution by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS, which took place from July 8 - 10, in New York, USA. This was confirmed by NERCHA Director Khanya Mabuza who yesterday highlighted that the donor envelope is now flattening since such donors are now after partnerships and that NERCHA's Strategic Plan is now being reviewed. He said the country will now need to do its fundraising.

He, however, stated that the country could still afford to heave a sigh of relief as the fight against HIV/AIDS is still included in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Mabuza further revealed that governments have been encouraged to re-channel their preventive and treatment measures. "As from now we should not leave anybody behind in the fight. In the country there is a population of children that are living with the virus that we should not leave behind, mostly being vulnerable girls and children. Some of the children were born with the virus, but were not told until they discovered later. There is also the issue of vulnerable young women and girls that have been made vul-

nerable by economic factors. We also should not leave them behind. Other controversial issues that were raised are those of sex workers, homosexuals as well as people that use needles to take drugs all of which we still need to do some research on as possible spreaders of the virus in the country," said Mabuza.

Another issue that Mabuza said was touched upon is the issue of the stigmatisation of people living with the virus as well as those that are perceived to live with the virus. He said going forward the issue of CD4 count being the judgment of when one should take ARVs is a thing of the past as people that will test positive will be enrolled on ARVs so as to effectively suppress the virus.

On a parting shot, Mabuza highlighted that the country is

ready to show the world its success story in controlling HIV/AIDS. He said the country would host a number of experts from around the world from July 12 - 14 in what he termed a pre-Durban Convention as they would pass through the country on their way to another AIDS Convention in



INDZABA YETFU SONKHE: NERCHA Director Khanya Mabuza.

Durban, South Africa.

Meanwhile, during a visit to the country recently, UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibe commended His Majesty King Mswati III for his personal leadership and commitment to fast-track the end of the AIDS epidemic. Sidibe praised the country for increasing domestic resources for the AIDS response through the Swaziland HIV Investment Case. As investment is scaled up, more people are accessing antiretroviral therapy, with coverage estimated at 60% of adults and 43% of children living with HIV.

Swaziland has also successfully expanded services to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV, with new child HIV infections reduced by 63% between 2009 and 2014. The country has achieved the goal of 90% of pregnant women living with HIV receiving antiretroviral medicines. This should further reduce the mother-to-child transmission of HIV rate, which stands at 1% at six weeks of age and 8% at the end of breastfeeding.

Speaker drops CPA in Monday agenda

By Ackel Zwane

In a rather peculiar turn of events Speaker in the House of Assembly Themba Msibi has conspicuously left out the controversial Commonwealth Parliamentary Association item in Parliament's Monday business.

In a statement issued by Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini the business in the Order Paper will cover ministerial statement by Minister of Labour and Social Security on the 105th Session of the ILO; communication from the Senate on the Pesticides Management Bill of 2014; tabling of reports on the Police Bill and Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention) Amendment Bill; tabling of Bills - The Persons with Disabilities Bill, The Refugees Bill, and the Swaziland Community Development Agency Bill; tabling



DROPS: House of Assembly Speaker Themba Msibi.

of Subordinate Legislation; The Electricity Licensing By-Laws (Notice), The Lotteries Control Regulations, and The Anti Money Laundering (United Nations Security Council Resolution)

Regulations; the adoption of Regulations - The Construction Industry Levy Regulations 2015, and the Communications Industry Regulations 2015; Motion Without Notice on Swaziland's proposed affiliation to the inter Parliamentary Union; and the consideration of the Customs and Excise (Amendment) Bill No10. Of 2015.

Unhappy

Behind the scenes Members of Parliament unhappy with the manner Msibi is conducting business have threatened to move a motion to have the House debate the CPA issue which members maintain its executive was voted out of office including Msibi and Senate President Gelane Zwane.

They are also lobbying intensely to past a vote of no confidence on Msibi as has been the case in the past disrupted sessions in recent days.

TRADE FAIR BEGINS AUGUST 26

By Linda Dlamini

The 48th edition of the Swaziland Trade Fair (SITF) will be held from August 26 until the September 5 2016.

The theme for this year's trade fair is 'Development Unusual: SITF Paves way for SADC's Industrialisation and Infrastructure development for Regional Prosperity.'

Speaking at the official launch of the Swaziland International Trade Fair at the Royal Villas on behalf of the Minister, Ministry of Commerce Industry and Trade principal secretary Jinnoh Nkambule said, "Since inception the SITF has attracted businesses, business organizations, institutions and artists



REMARKS: Ministry of Commerce Industry and Trade Principal Secretary Jinnoh Nkambule. (Pic: Linda Dlamini)

within Swaziland and outside proving to be a vehicle for the promotion of trade in the country."



STRESSING A POINT: Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) Board Chairman Sandile Simelane making his remarks.

"The SITF plays a crucial role in the overall mandate of the ministry being a catalyst and platform to business

activities in both formal and informal sectors," he added.

Nkambule said, at a macroeconomic level the SITF presents an opportunity for private sector to showcase goods and services produced and traded in Swaziland, promote interaction between the buyer and seller promoting buying and selling, business linkages and promotion of the art and entertainment industry.

Activities during the exhibition will include seminars, business match-making, products promotion, children games and entertainment.

"Potential exhibitors should applying for stands, we are sending invites to business organizations, locally and beyond our borders," he said. The principal secretary said the SITF website is fully functioning and advertisements are being echoed in media channels and sponsorship

request are being made.

"Emanating from the mandate of trade promotion, you may have witnessed the introduction of two new sector specific shows earlier this year, which were the Edu-Business and Motor Expo.

It is our function to encourage local companies, government, external businesses and service providers to participate during the principal show where they can showcase their brands and identity," he said.

According to Nkambule in the previous year, the number of exhibitors reflected an increase of 19.5 percent which was an impressive number.

"This year we are anticipating a 30 percent," he said.

"I would like to encourage and bring a sense of urgency to the local business people and government as there are business people from outside the country are showing much interest in participating in this year's SITC, therefore you must bring you application forms as soon as possible." The closing date for the applications is on July 29 2016.

Sikhuphe land owner handed raw deal

Development at Sikhuphe in the Lubombo region might come with positive results in that area and other neighbouring areas, the opposite seems to be true for one Sikhuphe land owner, who now struggles to complete his houses. Bernard Kunene stated yesterday that he was not happy at all about the way this arrangement turned out. Kunene was supposed to be moved out of his original place in Sikhuphe to give way to a town that is supposed to be built there, just next to King Mswati III International Airport. The town is to be built under what is known as the Sikhuphe Local Authority Development Project.

Arrangement

Kunene said the arrangement was that government would build a new home for him. "The contractor to build me the home was already identified and was ready to implement the process of building my home. The plan came with government and asked me if I was going to like it and I responded to the affirmative," Kunene said.

He said when government was about to implement the plan, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Principal Secretary (PS) Clifford Mamba stopped the plan. Kunene said he was disturbed by Mamba's utterances when he went to see him for the first time in his home.

Mamba, according to Kunene, said he (Kunene) would not be built a beautiful home which was even better than that of a chief. Kunene said he even asked him who he thought he was to be built such a beautiful home. Government is also said to have promised Kunene to clear a certain land for him to be able to farm. However, up until today, this has never happened, as the place to be cleared is still not cleared. The land owner is



THORNS AND ROSES: The land that was supposed to be cleared for Kunene to be able to farm.

now finding it difficult to finish his houses at his new home. He said if he was given E500 000, he would be able to do something meaningful like finishing some of his houses. Kunene narrated that he approached Mamba and told him that he was struggling to finish the houses in his new home. Mamba, according to Kunene, did not entertain him, stating that he would not help him (Kunene) because he (Kunene) had chosen to be given cash to build his home. "This is something entirely not true because they were the ones who told me that they would give me money.

Relocating

I had told them that I want government to build me a house," he said.

Mamba told the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) last week that the cost of relocating Kunene would be E1.5 million, but they negotiated until they reached an agreement where they would give him E280 000 in cash so that he would build his home.

Kunene refuted such claims, saying this was a condition imposed on him by the ministry of housing and urban development. He said the whole amount of money he was given by government was E300 000.

The message of Kunene being given E280 000 by government

was not received with joy by members of the PAC. PAC Chairperson Thuli Dladla said they hoped Kunene was not handed a raw deal by the government because he deserved a better homestead too. She went on to say it would be an embarrassment to government for Kunene to find himself in a worse situation than he was in before the relocation, because it was a wish of the authorities of the country for people to get better accommodation.

Mbabane West Member of Parliament (MP) Johane Shongwe and his Mafutseni counterpart Christopher Gamedze also dismissed this as a way of cheating Kunene. They said it was better to build him a homestead than to give him cash because he could end up not building the home.

They said Kunene could find himself using the money to attend to his other problems than building the home.

This conversation was done in parliament as a result of a query by the PAC. The committee wanted to know why there was an under expenditure on the Sikhuphe Local Authority Development Project in the last financial year. The amount approved for the project was E5 million and the amount of E1 995 000 for the project was implemented.



STRUGGLES: The house which Kunene struggles to finish in Sikhuphe (Courtesy Pics).

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MESSAGE VISIBLE FOR ALL: Pupils from St John Bosco High School carrying a message from the Malkerns Police against crime. This was during a march against domestic violence at Malkerns yesterday. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

FROM JANUARY...MANZINI RECORDS 69 GENDER BASED VIOLENCE CASES

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

The Manzini region alone has recorded as much as 69 cases of gender based violence in the form of brutal killings, rape and assault of vulnerable groups in the region.

These are statistics from January to June this year.

This was revealed by Manzini Regional Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner Simon

Mlilo, who was speaking on behalf of National Commissioner (NatCom) Isaac Magagula during a march against the gruesome murder of former university student Nobantu Sukati allegedly by her boyfriend and gender based violence in general around Malkerns yesterday.

Mlilo said while the statistics show a decrease to those released at the same time last year as they stood at 97, but still they are alarm-

ing. The Assistant Commissioner said one case is just one too many hence as the police they strongly condemn brutality in intimate relationships.

Gruesome

Over 2 000 people of two groups marched together from Mahlanga and Malkerns and later gathered at the Princess Pholile Hall in protest against the growing gruesome murders, rape and assault of vulnerable groups in the country. The recent

case that prompted the march was that of the murder of AMADI College student Nobantu Sukati who was stabbed about five times in the neck and dumped in a forest in Malkerns where she was discovered by boys who were playing football.

Nobantu was a second year student at the college and was enrolled for a teaching course and was at the time of her death engaged at St. John Bosco High School for a

teaching practice.

Mlilo when delivering his speech at Princess Pholile Hall said they were gathered at Malkerns not only to protest about the death of Nobantu, but to try and stem out brutality in love relationships. He greatly condemned brutality, rape and assault of vulnerable groups of society, which he said were mainly women and children.

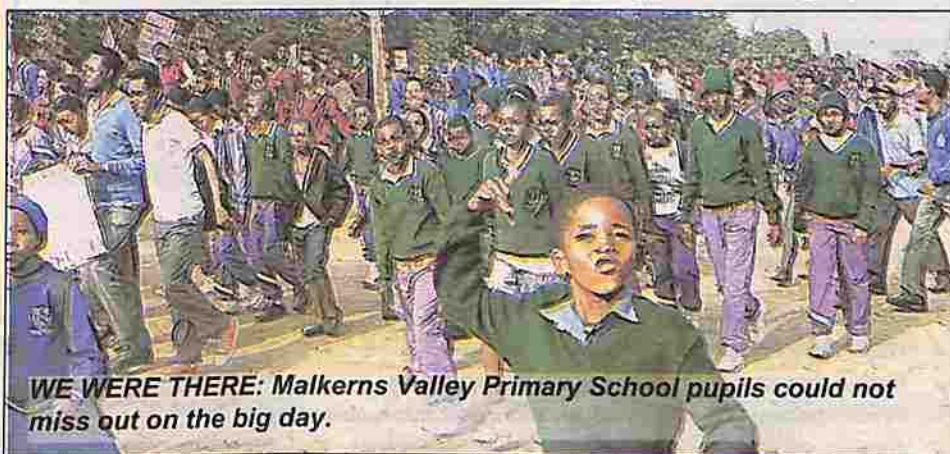
"When considering statistics from January up to June in Manzini alone it shows that we should not tolerate the continuous violence in intimate relationships. When we talk about cases of passion killings, already six cases have been reported in the region. Some may think the cases are a few, but I must state that just one case is just too many to tolerate," he said.

Mlilo then appealed to the entire Swazi nation to learn to practice tolerance in their relationships to avoid the many cases of gender based violence.

Encouraged

Meanwhile, Lobamba Lomdzala Indvuna Yenkundla Sihle Dlamini said they were very saddened about what was happening in their area. He encouraged zero tolerance to gender based violence while also highlighting that the area's Member of Parliament (MP) Marwick Khumalo recently attended an important meeting in Geneva where Swaziland was counted amongst countries where such violence was rife.

The march was joined by members of the police, pupils from schools around Malkerns, a number of companies around the area and nongovernmental organisations (NGO)s as well as Malkerns community members.



WE WERE THERE: Malkerns Valley Primary School pupils could not miss out on the big day.



MARCHING FOR A CAUSE: Members of the Police Band and Correctional Services officers lead the march.



A FEW WORDS: The deceased Nobantu Sukati's father Charles making his remarks after the march.

DON'T TURN LOVE TO MURDER - MURDERED STUDENT'S FATHER

Charles Sukati, who is the father to murdered student Nobantu Sukati has urged people not to abuse the name of love to destroy God's creations. Sukati's daughter was stabbed

about five times on the neck and dumped in a forest in Malkerns allegedly by her boyfriend.

An emotional Sukati, who said while he is still grieving, the support he has received from the public

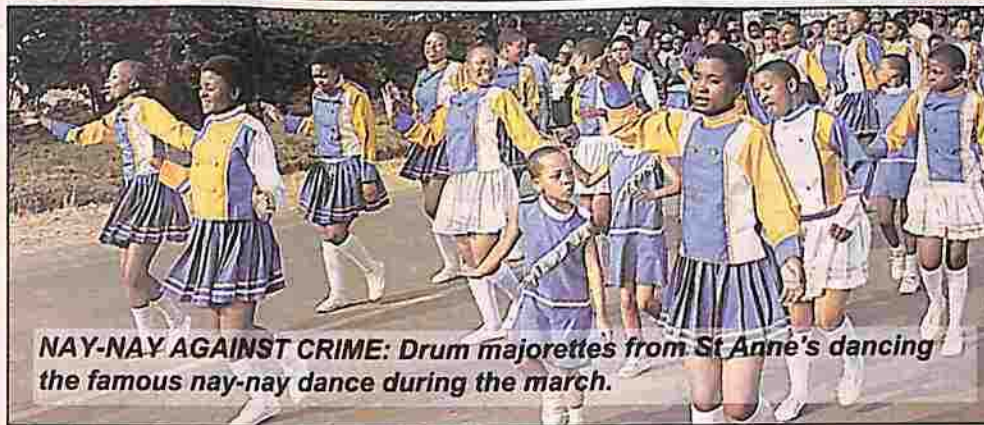
has assisted him to deal with the sudden death of his daughter, said everyone was a creation of God's love hence the need to treat each other with such love. He urged people not kill their love ones.

"We all know what happened to my daughter and there is no need to dwell on it. What I want everyone to know is that there is love. After God created heaven and earth, he then decided there should be human

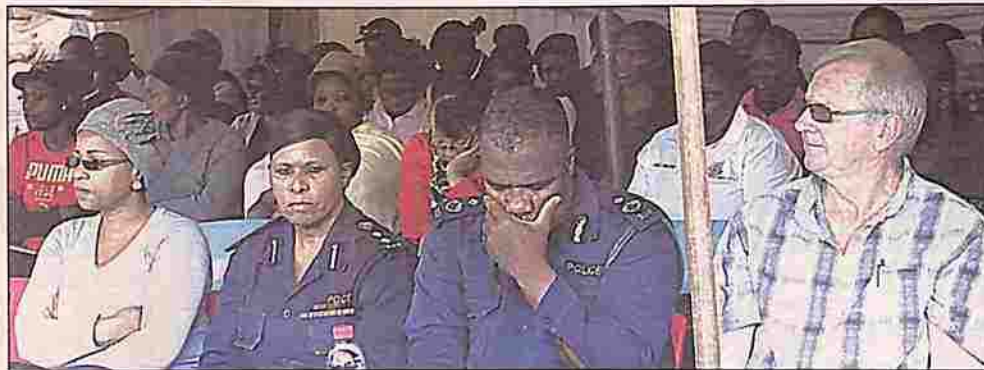
beings which he then created out of love. Let us not therefore abuse love to destroy God's creation. While some of you may think that I am very brave to be speaking in front of you, but I'm empty and I'm hollow inside. I know, however, that with your support I'll be strong," he added.



TURN BACK CRIME. This is a message that was presented by the Manzini Regional Police Headquarters.



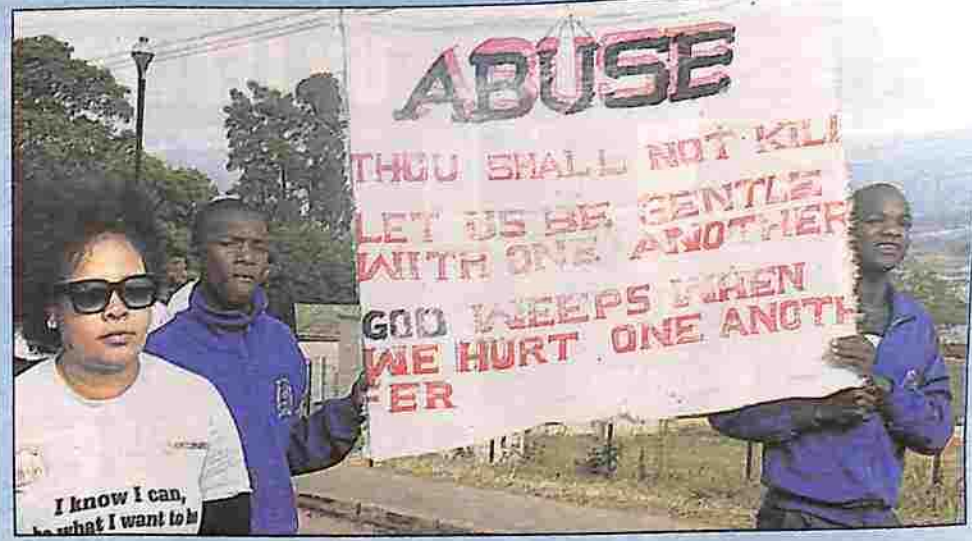
NAY-NAY AGAINST CRIME: Drum majorettes from St Anne's dancing the famous nay-nay dance during the march.



THINKING HARD: Manzini Regional Police Commissioner and Police Assistant Commissioner Simon Mlilo pondering on his next move during the event.



TOURIST ATTRACTION: Even tourists took some time to take photos and watch the march.



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NO TO ABUSE: Another message that is aimed at fighting abuse.

FATHER McCOMARK LAMENTS RIFE GBV VIOLENCE IN SD

Father Martin McComark of the St John Bosco and St Annes Schools in Malkems has lamented statistics that depict that gender based violence is very common in the country.

Speaking during yesterday's gathering at Malkems McComark highlighted that 76 percent cases of people affected by the scourge are women.

He urged Swazis to stand and have their voice against such heard stating that legislation against gender based violence requires money and great input from the affected society.

He revealed that was prompted him to stand up and approach the police for such a campaign was the gruesome murder of Nobantu Sukati, whom he said was engaged by St John Bosco High School as a student teacher.

"I went to the police to seek permission for such a gathering where we can say enough is enough! Let us all stand up and have our voices heard.

Affected

There have been 12 gender based murder cases recorded in the country in the past two years and such an experience never goes away from one's mind and those affected.

When are we going to change our behaviour? All those that are killed, raped and assaulted have families and are members of the community at large hence the need to stand up and support efforts made by the police to bring this to an end," he remarked.

He said all this can be stopped if the entire Swazi nation works together and if people treat each with great respect.



WITNESSES: Residents from Mangozeni celebrating after seeing the messages presented by the march.

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CAMERON QUIT

- PM announces resignation after Leave secures dramatic victory by 52 per cent to 48 per cent
- Says he cannot be the 'captain' who steers the UK to new future outside the Brussels club
- Boris Johnson booed and called a 'tw*t' as he emerged from London home without commenting on result
- Mr Johnson later made an effective pitch to succeed Mr Cameron in Downing Street at a press conference
- Brexit camp performed strongly in Wales and in England outside of London and the big cities
- Vote in favour of EU membership was big in Scotland and big cities including London
- Bank of England governor has moved to reassure markets after Pound slumped to a 31-year low against US dollar
- Standard & Poor's has warned that the UK's AAA credit rating now looks 'untenable'
- European Council president says UK leaving could make the Brussels club 'stronger'

LONDON - Boris Johnson delivered his stirring pitch to be Prime Minister of a new 'great' Britain outside the EU after a devastated David Cameron announced his resignation.

Mr Johnson started to set out his vision for a new out-ward looking country in a speech just hours after his long-time rival emotionally declared that he would stand aside after the public backed Brexit in the referendum.

The former London mayor stopped short of confirming that he would stand to succeed Mr Cameron - but made a broad appeal to people to help forge a better future.

He also sought to soothe fears over the financial market panic that has greeted the historic result, stressing that nothing would change in the short term.

Market

The statement came after the Leave campaign stacked up 52 per cent of the votes - despite massive support for Remain in Scotland and major cities including London.

Bank of England governor Mark Carney moved to reassure panicking markets this morning after the Pound nose-dived to its lowest level against the US dollar for 31 years, and the FTSE slumped by 8 per cent.

SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon has already raised the prospect of a second independence referendum in Scotland within two years, potentially heralding the break-up of the UK.

Flanked by wife Samantha in Downing Street, Mr Cameron said he had been 'proud' to serve as PM for the past six years.

But he said it would not be right for him to be the 'captain of the ship' while the UK negotiated its exit from the EU.

After his speech, Mr Cameron travelled to Buckingham Palace to discuss the results with the Queen.

"I held nothing back. I was absolutely clear about my belief that Britain is stronger, safer and better off inside the EU," he said.

"And I made clear the referendum was about this and this alone - not the future of any single politician including myself."

"But the British people have made a very clear decision to take a different path and as such I think the country requires fresh leadership to take it in this direction."

Choking back tears, Mr Cameron - who led the Tories to a shock majority in the general election barely a year ago - said he would not depart immediately and would seek to 'steady the ship' and calm the financial markets over the coming 'weeks and months'.

But he said a new Prime Minister should be in place for the Conservative Party conference at the beginning of October.

Boris Johnson, who led the Brexit campaign, will be the overwhelming favourite to take over. The Tory MP was booed and called a 'tw*t' by protesters as he left his home in central London this morning. He is due to make a statement later.

The bombshell announcement came after possibly the most dramatic night Britain has experienced in peacetime. Among the biggest developments are:

● Leave ended up the clear winner in the EU referendum by 52 per cent to 48 per cent, after Remain's

strong performance in Scotland and big cities such as London failed to offset huge Brexit votes in England and Wales.

● The news sent the Pound plunging against the US dollar, losing around 20 cents to hit its lowest level since 1985. The FTSE was also down as much as 8 per cent in morning trading.

● Standard & Poor's have also warned that Britain's AAA credit rating looks 'untenable' in the wake of the Brexit vote.

● The Bank of England has moved to reassure investors that it will take 'all necessary steps' to stabilise the economy.

● Boris Johnson, the favourite to replace Mr Cameron, was booed and called a 'tw*t' as he left his London home without commenting.

● European Council president Donald Tusk expressed sorrow at Britain's verdict but insisted: "What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger."

● Tony Blair said the decision would have 'vast' political and economic consequences for the UK and all sides had to be 'grown up'.

Emerging from Downing Street grim-faced and hand-in-hand with his wife, Mr Cameron stepped up to a government podium and said: "I will do everything I can as Prime Minister to steady the ship over the coming weeks and months but I do not think it would be right for me to try to be the captain that steers our country to its next destination."

"This is not a decision I have taken lightly but I do believe it is in the national interest to have a period of stability and then the new leadership required."

Daily Mail

BRUSSELS - Britain's vote to become the first country to leave the EU, as projected by national media, is a shattering blow that threatens the survival of the post-war European project, officials and analysts said.

The loss of one of its biggest members will at the very least force major changes on an embattled bloc already struggling to deal with growing populism, a migration crisis and economic woes.

In the long-run, "Brexit" may lead to other countries holding referendums, a far looser union, and possibly even the disintegration of a grouping set up 60 years ago to bring security and prosperity after World War II.

EU President Donald Tusk warned in the run-up to the vote that Brexit could lead to the

"destruction of not only the EU but also of Western political civilisation."

With Europe facing a resurgent Russia and the threat of terrorism, Tusk said "our enemies... will open a bottle of champagne if the result of referendum is negative for us."

In a less doom-laden assessment, European Commission Chief Jean-Claude Juncker said last week that the EU was not "in danger of death" from a Brexit but that it would have to learn lessons.

'Very serious blow'

Chris Bickerton, a lecturer at Britain's Cambridge University and author of "The European Union: A Citizen's Guide", said it was a "very serious blow" but not terminal, given the "core role" of the EU in much of European political life.

Boris Johnson booed, sworn at

LONDON - Abusive members of the public, likely to have been Remain supporters, swore at and booed Boris Johnson as he left his home in north London.

Johnson, a key figure in the victorious Vote Leave campaign, was targeted by an angry crowd as he made his first public appearance since Brexit was confirmed.

One person could be heard calling Mr Johnson a "tw*t" while other Remain backers also shouted obscene remarks at the Tory MP.

Mr Johnson's car was halted for around five minutes while insults were thrown and police officers who had been guarding

his home were nowhere to be seen.

Some people had gathered at his Islington home to cheer and congratulate Mr Johnson, who has been praised for his leading role in the Brexit triumph.

He is understood to be on his way to the Vote Leave headquarters in central London.

A crowd of roughly forty cyclists and bystanders blocked a junction, taunting him with "where are you going Boris?"

The former mayor of London has been installed as the bookies' favourite to replace David Cameron as Prime Minister after he announced he was stepping down.

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TRAITOR: Boris Johnson booed and sworn at.

Brits are panicking

LONDON - There are more important things to worry about after the UK voting to leave, but this is a pretty big deal.

We've barely had time to process the news that the UK has made the monumental decision to leave the EU.

Most people are worrying about what it means for our currency, travel in Europe and jobs. But some people have a rather differ-

ent concern - and it's all thanks to a viral photo.

In May a picture of Magic Stars was shared thousands of times because of a little message printed on the bottom of the packet.

"Product should not be sold outside of the EU."

The picture was shared by Twitter user @Swarley_94, who captioned it: "Reason number 183270 for staying in the EU."

Daily Mail

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survive Brexit?

But he added that it would probably drift towards a "looser, ad hoc" union.

"I don't think it would suddenly disappear but over the longer term, we might see it slowly decline and become something different," he told AFP.

The next steps for the EU would be difficult, he added.

"We are very much in uncharted territory," he said. "I don't think anyone really thought Brexit was really likely, certainly not when they were negotiating with Cameron, otherwise they would have done a very different deal."

In the immediate aftermath of the British vote, seven years of potentially bitter divorce negotiations between Brussels and London loom.

The remaining EU countries will likely be keen to move

ahead. France and Germany, the main EU heavyweights, have already been working on a joint plan for the future.

But with Berlin and Paris at loggerheads over future integration of the eurozone, any plan is likely to be a modest affair that deals only with issues such as security and defence.

Even without Britain in the club, the drift away from "ever closer union" and federalism is likely to increase, with growing talk of a "two-speed Europe" that allows states opt-outs from key rules.

One major step could be making membership of the euro non-compulsory, which would help Poland, which appears to have no intention of joining the single currency but is officially meant to.

Daily Mail

Trump hails Brexit vote on visit to Scotland

TURNBERRY - Donald Trump hailed Britain's vote to leave the EU as "fantastic" shortly after arriving in Scotland yesterday for his first international trip since becoming the presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

"I think it's a great thing. I think it's a fantastic thing," he told reporters.

Ahead of his visit, Trump had told Fox News that he felt Britain should "go it alone" and leave the 28-member EU in a move that could shape the continent.

Trump swooped down by helicopter into his Trump Turnberry golf course, where a large Scottish flag flew in front of the picturesque seafront, as protesters gathered nearby.

The visit is brief, long enough to cut the ribbon on a refurbishment of his golf course, returning to the US presidential campaign today.

The New York celebrity tycoon has caused alarm in Europe with his



EXCITED: Donald Trump has praised Britain's vote to leave the EU as "fantastic", shortly after arriving in Scotland.

abrasive style and pledges to deport millions of undocumented immigrants and build a wall on the border with Mexico. His proposal to ban Muslims from entering the United States drew the ire of Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron, who called the idea "stupid, divisive and wrong". His main rival for the presi-

dential vote in November, Hillary Clinton, seized the moment to post a video compilation of criticism from Cameron and others.

"People in Scotland are not thrilled about Trump coming to their country," Clinton posted on Twitter. "We know the feeling."

AFP

World stocks in freefall as UK votes for EU exit

LONDON - World stocks headed for one of the biggest slumps on record yesterday as a decision by Britain to leave the European Union triggered eight percent falls for Europe's biggest bourses and a record plunge for sterling.

Such a body blow to global confidence could well prevent the Federal Reserve from raising interest rates as planned this year, and might even provoke a new round of emergency policy easing from all the major central banks.

Risk assets were scorched as investors fled to the traditional safe-harbors of top-rated government debt, Japanese yen and gold.

Billions were wiped from share values as Europe saw London's FTSE drop 6 percent in early deals, Germany's DAX and France's CAC 40, FCHI slump 7.5 and 9 percent and Italian and Spanish markets plunge more than 11 percent.

The rout was compounded by the fact markets had rallied on Thursday having become increasingly convinced that UK voters would opt to stay in the EU.

Britain's big banks took a \$130 billion battering with Lloyds (LLOY.L) and Barclays (BARC.L) plunging as much as 30 percent. EMINI S&P 500 futures EScl were down 4 percent and Japan's Nikkei .N225 ended down 7.9 percent.

The British pound collapsed no



PROBLEMS: More than £100 billion was wiped off the FTSE 100 this morning (bottom left) - the biggest fall in UK history - as Britain's decision to leave the EU caused panic across the globe. London's premier index plunged 458 points to 5 880 - down 7.19 per cent - as experts warned of more carnage to come. The collapse is far greater than what Britain suffered after the Winter of Discontent in 1978, Black Wednesday in 1992 and when Lehman Brothers shut in 2009. (Daily Mail)

less than 18 U.S. cents, easily the biggest fall in living memory, to hit its lowest since 1985. The euro in turn slid 3.2 percent to \$1.1012 EUR as investors feared for its very future.

Having campaigned to keep the country in the EU, British Prime Minister David Cameron confirmed he would step down.

Results showed a 51.9/48.1 percent split for leaving, setting the UK on an uncertain path and dealing the largest setback to

European efforts to forge greater unity since World War Two.

Sterling sank a staggering 10 percent at one point and was last at \$1.3582 GBP=, having carved out a range of \$1.3228 to \$1.5022. The fall was even larger than during the global financial crisis and the currency was moving two or three cents in the blink of an eye.

"It's an extraordinary move for financial markets and also for democracy," said co-head of port-

folio investments of London-based currency specialist Millennium Global Richard Benson.

"The market is pricing interest rate cuts from the big central banks and we assume there will be a global liquidity add from them in the next few hours," he added.

The shockwaves affected all asset classes and regions.

The safe-haven yen sprang higher to stand at 102.15 per dollar JPY=, having been as low as 106.81 at one stage. The dollar peak decline of 4 percent was the largest since 1998.

That prompted warnings from Japanese officials that excessive forex moves were undesirable. Indeed, traders were wary in case global central banks chose to step in to calm the volatility.

The Bank of England said it would take all necessary steps to shield Britain's economy. A source told Reuters it was in touch with other major central banks. The Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda added his bank was also ready to provide liquidity if needed to ensure market stability.

Other currencies across Asia and in eastern Europe as it woke up suffered badly on worries that alarmed investors could pull funds out of emerging markets. Poland, where many of the eastern Europeans in Britain come from, saw its zloty PLN= slump 5 percent. Daily Mail

Bank of England to take 'all necessary steps'

LONDON - The Bank of England will take "all necessary steps" to ensure monetary and financial stability after Britain's decision to leave the European Union, it said yesterday.

"The Bank of England is monitoring developments closely," it said in a brief statement following Thursday's referendum vote.

"The BoE will take all necessary steps to meet its responsibilities for monetary and financial stability."

It added that it had already "undertaken extensive contingency planning" and was working closely with Britain's Treasury as well as with other domestic authorities and central banks.

The announcement came after the Bank of Japan said it stood ready to work with other major central banks to inject ample liquidity to counter wild volatility in markets. The British pound collapsed yesterday to its lowest level in more than three decades, and there was chaos also on equity and oil markets as the Brexit vote sparked a wave of panic across trading floors.

Britain has voted to leave the European Union by 52 percent to 48 percent, results from all 382 of the country's local counting centres showed.

"The last time I remember central banks acting in a coordinated way to support the economy and markets was in 2008 when the Federal Reserve, BoE and European Central Bank all cut interest rates," said analyst Craig Erlam at trading firm Oanda. "Should we see a similar response in the coming days or weeks, it could signal just how drastic a scenario Brexit actually is, at least in the short to medium term."

AFP

Farage's life's work comes to fruition with a stunning Brexit vote

LONDON - Nigel Farage celebrated 'a new dawn' in Britain after his impossible dream of leaving the EU came true.

He looked jubilant after the vote, despite the fact that it could mean the end of his political career after 25 years of campaigning as he

would lose his job as an MEP and does not have a Westminster seat.

However, he said yesterday that the next step for Britain is a 'pro-

Brexit' Prime Minister and after the vote, David Cameron announced he will stand aside in October.

After losing the campaign for

Britain to remain in the EU, Cameron could now face a snap election which may leave the door open for Farage to finally win a seat in the Commons.

Daily Mail



EXHIBITED: This is one of the picture's that were exhibited by Forest in Austria.



YET ANOTHER ONE: Pictures like these exhibited by Forest raised E45 000 in Australia. (Pics: Sandile Nkambule).

AUSTRIA'S MABUYA KHASHANE COMING

...Brings good news to Swazi children as he managed to raise E45 000 through exhibiting pictures of Swazi children in home country

By Sandile Nkambule

Hello! My name is Felix de La Forest de Divonne (Swazi name: Mabuya Kashane) and I come from Austria.

Between 2012 – 2014 I have been to the great Kingdom of Swaziland three times in a row. I was very pleased to be able to go with my Headmaster and a group of 30 scholars from our British school Buckswood.

While working at different schools each time and also seeing beautiful places, I was always bringing my camera with me to catch unforgettable moments and the country's culture. Every time I was impressed by the kindness and mentality of Swazi people and that's why I always felt welcome! Besides that I had the honour to become part of the Royal Regiment and now having a Swazi name Mabuya Kashane!

When I went back to Austria I decided to organise a photography exhibition with my best 25 photographs. The exhibition stayed at the gallery for around 2 weeks and for the opening evening we had 200 people coming to see my pictures of the Children of Swaziland! I was very happy seeing so many being interested in my project and coming along to support me! And what I am very proud of is that we have made E2000 to donate! I'm looking forward coming back to Swaziland very soon and seeing what we were able to do progress!

NEMBALA: Buckswood student Felix Forest whose initiation name of kubutseka is Mabuya Khashane has raised about E45 000 in Austria to help needy children in the country.



'Adulterous MP' is dad to dumped baby

By Sandile Nkambule

- Mother to baby alleges honourable father could only assist her in raising but not keep child since he is married
- Mbhuleni mom dumps two year old child on baby sitter's lap, sneaks out of country to neighbouring SA

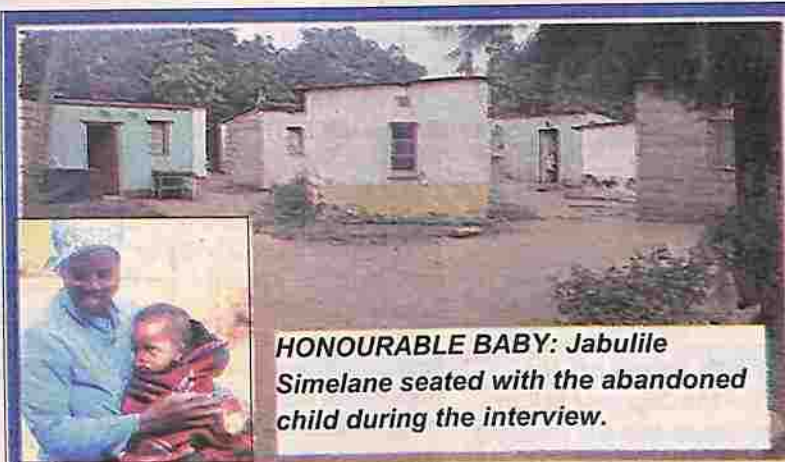
In an alleged adulterous scandal involving a politician, a 21 year old woman has dumped a two year old child on the laps of an unemployed woman before sneaking out of the country to neighbouring South Africa.

The 21 year old Lungile Maziya alleged that the father to her girl child is a Member of Parliament (MP), whom she however did not disclose his constituency, at least according to Jabulile Simelane who has now been left with the burden of taking care of the child. Child or Baby dumping refers to parents abandoning or discarding a child younger than 12 months in a public or private place or on someone with the intent of disposing of them, it is also known as rehoming.

Interview

In an interview with the Observer on Saturday this week when visited at her rented flat at Kwaluseni, otherwise known as Mbhuleni, Simelane said it all started when she was approached by the woman who asked that she takes care of her baby, since she had to check on her (woman's) sick mother at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) hospital, promising that she would pick up her child upon return.

All this happened in the month of April and this means that for the past three months Simelane has been forced



HONOURABLE BABY: Jabulile Simelane seated with the abandoned child during the interview.

FOSTER HOME: The homestead where Jabulile Simelane rents a flat at Kwaluseni. (Pics Sandile Nkambule)

to feed, clothe and take the child to hospital for medical attention by planting her hands deep in her purse.

Since she was earning a living through baby-sitting, with some women working at textile firms within the industrial hub (Matsapha) leaving their children with her, she had no problem with looking after the child owing to the fact that the baby girl would have been in her custody for a few hours. "In actual fact, I do not know the woman, save to say that her facial appearance was not new to me since she resided within Kwaluseni, all she could tell me was that the child's father is an MP and that he could not keep him since he is a married man," Simelane said. The 'honourable' father is said, according to the disappeared woman to have vehemently told her that the least he could do was assist her in raising the baby but could not afford to have his marriage wrecked by having the baby known by his family.

Further narrating, Simelane said after leaving the child with her, hours passed

by and it was not until the following morning on April 16 2016 that she became worried since she had nothing to feed the baby with.

A week passed by before she received a call from South Africa from the same 21 year old woman, this time around purporting to be a close relative to the mother of the baby. "I could tell from the other side of the phone that this was the same woman although it was a decoy, asking me to furnish her with my banking details so she could send maintenance money for the child," Simelane said.

Puzzled at this, Simelane said she later realised that she had been played a fool by the woman as she never sent the money nor call back and that is when she decided to report the matter to the community police who in turn took her to the Sigodvweni Police Station since the baby would now and again fall sick.

Continued efforts to get hold of the woman in the South African number provided by Simelane were unsuccessful for the better part of the week as she could not be reached.

'Baby to be taken to foster care'

When sought for comment, the police confirmed that the matter has been reported to them by the Kwaluseni woman.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said Simelane reported the matter to the Matsapha police and that arrangements were still being made to have the child taken to a foster care unit at one of the government hospitals. "It is true such a matter was reported to us, the woman has been taking care of the child after the mother's disappearance, although we do

not know who the MP father is, the child will be taken to foster care," Mamba said.

He warned members of the public, especially mothers against what he termed now becoming common, dumping of babies on others.

Recently another woman stunned an airtime vendor when she dumped a baby on her lap after claiming that she wanted to do certain errands at the Gables in Ezulwini.

The vendor waited for the woman to resurface, but in vain as she was nowhere to be seen, before the vendor reported the matter to Lobamba police.

Kwaluseni MP to raise issue amongst colleagues

- Says if father to child is indeed an MP he should do the honourable thing, own up.
- Condemns such act by mother, father to two-year-old child.

With the news of an MP who fathered a child to the woman who later dumped the child leaving for South Africa having reached Kwaluseni MP Mkhosi Dlamini, the legislator says he will take up the matter with his colleagues.

Speaking in an interview with Channel Swazi news desk this week, MP Dlamini said he was aware of the matter since it was under his con-

stituency, but would take it up with the honourable ones who might shed some light. He did not elaborate on how he contemplated doing this.

"If the story of the woman who claims the father to her baby is an MP is anything to go by, I will take up the matter with *bahlonishwa*, but honestly such an act is inhuman, the father of the baby should own up while the mother should also come back and pick her up," the MP commented.

For three months, the now two year old child has been under the care of Jabulile Simelane, the woman to whom the 21-year-old dumped the baby.

STUKIE'S REPORT ANGERS PRIME BAKERY WORKERS

...Piece of paper handed over to shop stewards ducks complaints, has no ministry of labour letterheads and is undated

By Ackel Zwane

A printed report allegedly signed by Stukie Motsa, the principal labour officer, has raised strong suspicions among Prime Bakery workers that it could have been drafted elsewhere other than the department of labour because not only is it undated it also does not have a ministry stamp or the official letterhead.

It was hand delivered to shop stewards allegedly by Motsa who told them to read it during their own spare time.

"Following complaints by Prime Bakery staff I conducted an investigation and these are my findings," read the first lines. On underpayment Motsa said the workers alleged that they were working as bakers, after the interview it transpired that there were different stages however the assistant baker had to assist the baker. It also transpired that in order to qualify as a baker you need a qualification for that. The employees did not produce such qualifications.

However the employees hit back at this finding arguing that they all do baking in that establishment with no divisions whatsoever even though they are hired as assistant bakers. They say the government gazette classifies duties as baker, assistant baker and general labour (these being labourers who do not handle flour).

Qualification

Therefore for the department of labour to demand qualification is unacceptable because they actually do the work of bakers and have been doing it for over ten years without certification. "If labour demands certificates why do they

give us the work of bakers but do not pay us? Why are they not paying us according to the gazette because we do the work? The gazette itself says nothing about qualifications or certification," they say.

Stukie's report further states that, on double pay, the workers took the matter up with the conciliation, mediation and arbitration commission (CMAC) and a ruling was made in favour of the employer, therefore the issue of double pay is no longer an issue, since off days are taken any day and Sunday is considered to be an ordinary day that does not attract overtime." On the other hand the workers allege that the only matter that was before CMAC was about holidays and not Sundays.

Unfortunately in this matter a worker representative misrepresented that they were qualified for triple pay on holidays and the matter was dismissed because the law stipulates double pay, it was not about Sundays.

Law

They allege that they were told by the principal labour officer that the claim that Sunday work must be remunerated by double pay was untenable in that if the off duty day falls on a Tuesday, for instance, that day assumes the status of the Sunday and the worker would not be at work. However this claim was not substantiated by citations of the law.

On unpaid terminal benefits, Stukie wrote that from 2001 to 2008 the employer was A and J. However the workers say they

have always worked for the Asian family that owns Prime Bakery and only out of the blue one morning they were introduced to A and J as their new employer who would be issuing them with uniform and would also be paying them their salaries.

Owners

A and J had all along been supervisors of the same Asians that ran the bakery. "All that time, 2001 to 2008, we worked for Prime Bakery owners who benefitted immensely from our labour. To this day we have never been shown the papers of A and J as being owners of Prime Bakery at any one point in time. A has since died and only J is still alive, these two were Prime Bakery supervisors. When we joined the bakery we reported to the Asians until that day they introduced the supervisors as our employer that we would then start reporting to A and J but it is still the same Asians that own Prime Bakery." Stukie on the other hand adds in what she calls her report that "from 2008 to 2012 Prime Bakery took over and the employees were placed on fixed term contracts of six (60 months renewable, till June 2012 where the employer engaged them on full time.

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The allegations on Thuli coming with Human Resource Officer and introducing him are unfounded.

During my visit it also transpired that some of the employees were called casual employees

and yet they work on a daily basis, the employer was advised to engage them on affixed term contract for the duration of their stay." While the supervisors were their employer they never deducted provident fund moneys as per the law and no copies of contracts were made available to the workers save on the eve for the renewal of a new term of the said contract. The workers also allege that it was one Thuli from the department of labour who came to introduce a labour broker that was now to take over the employees at Prime Baker, one such broker who chickened out to become a human resource officer after the workers raised dust.

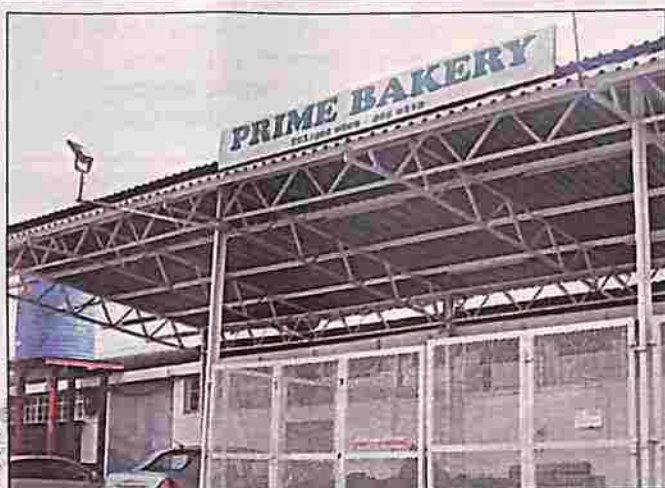
Uniform

"It was Thuli herself who introduced the labour broker who was to double up as Human Resource Officer who has no office on the premises and is hardly ever around for labour related matters. We doubt the authenticity of the principal labour officer's report because it only bears her name but maybe it was prepared not at the labour commissioner's instruction because it does not even reflect the language of a labour commissioner.

We told the commissioner that E450 was deducted from our salaries to cover uniform and that this was illegal but it is not reflected in this report. We now have a copy of certificate of unresolved dispute because we cannot afford to pay lawyers to take up this and other issues through the courts, hence we asked the labour commissioner to intervene and now this report.

This is also the same case as that of holidays which was not resolved.

This note is only a piece of paper and not a report prepared by the labour commissioner."



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PAC overstretching its mandate - Mbho

By Ackel Zwane

Former Senator Mbhoshongwane 'Mbho' Shongwe says the Public Accounts Committee is diverting from its function to chase after embezzlers of school funds instead of holding accountable the controlling officers.

He adds that the PAC risks being caught in the crossfire if suspects deny the contents of the report by the auditor general. Shongwe observes that running after the unscrupulous school principals linked to embezzling school funds is the work of the auditor general and not the PAC. He was also reacting to various media reports of cases of school principals appearing before the PAC for embezzling funds. Shongwe says these had already been picked up by the AG and therefore the controlling officers should be the ones recommending action by either the fraud section of the police or the anti corruption commission instead of the PAC.

Inspections

"The PAC acts as though it has the power to edit the report of the AG. In fact they cannot alter or add anything save to grill the controlling officer on systems put in place for checks and balances and holding culprits accountable. It is the work of the PAC to hold controlling officers accountable and not for them to conduct inspections in loco such as is the case of visiting schools as though to authenticate the report of the AG."

According to a 2005 governance profile published by the African Development Bank, government had undertaken various initiatives to strengthen the public financial accountability framework. The Financial Management and Audit Act (1967) amended in April 1992, provides a legislative framework for receiving, recording and reporting of revenues and expenditures. The Act provides guidelines for preparation of government annual accounts and budget and audit of accounts by the Auditor General.

There is a system in place whereby overspending and other deviations from the budget are queried by the Auditor General and in cases where satisfactory response is not received, the matter is referred to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of Parliament.

The PAC has the authority to seek explanations from the Principal Secretaries in different line ministries and also from the ministers themselves.

Tax

The budget allocations to ministries are done on a quarterly basis with the aim of ensuring that the expenditure is monitored regularly. Significantly the budget itself has to be approved by parliament. The Finance Committee of Parliament also scrutinises requests for the supplementary budget and makes recommendations to Parliament. However, the Finance Committee is chaired by the Finance Minister, which raises a conflict of interest issue. The government is in the process of developing an integrated management information system that will monitor budget spending and signal "stop" warning once the spending limits are reached. Other initiatives aimed at strengthening public financial management include (i) establishment of the Anti-Corruption Commission under the Prevention of Corruption Order of 1993, and (ii) establishment of a revenue authority for increasing the income and customs and excise tax collection.

SD TO ATTEND SADC SPECIAL SUMMIT

By Sandile Nkambule

THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) has called a special summit to discuss Lesotho's political and security situation, with particular focus on the government's progress in implementing recommendations made by the regional body's commission of inquiry led by Justice Mpaphi Phumaphi.

The regional body's Double Troika Summit is set for Gaborone, Botswana on June 28, 2016. It has also given the government an ultimatum to submit a report detailing the progress it has made in implementing the recommendations aimed at addressing the country's political and security challenges.

Botswana (SADC chair), Mozambique (SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation chair), South Africa, Tanzania, Swaziland and Zimbabwe heads of state and government will attend the summit.

According to reports from one of Lesotho's leading papers, the *Lesotho Times*, a letter dated June 13, 2016, and written by SADC Executive Secretary Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax to Foreign Affairs and International Relations Minister Tlohang Sekhamane, the summit was convened by SADC chairperson and Botswana President Ian Khama.

It will commence at 10 am on June 28, 2016, where His Majesty the King Mswati III is expected to be in attendance.

Letter

It has been gathered that the letter, which was copied to Botswana and Mozambique Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ministers Dr Pelonomi Venson-Motlot and Oldemiro Jílio Marques Balói respectively, clearly stated what is expected of Lesotho, and reads, "Following a directive by the Chairperson of SADC, I wish to inform you that a Double Troika Summit has been convened to take place on June 28, 2016 at 10:00 hours.

The Double Troika Summit is expected to consider the political and security situation in the

- Ahead of big summit to be held in Swaziland in August, SADC Troika organ to discuss Lesotho's political and security situation
- Special summit slated for June 28 in Botswana where His Majesty King Mswati III is expected to attend



LEADERSHIP: SADC has called a special summit in Gaborone, Botswana.

Kingdom of Lesotho, specifically the implementation of SADC decisions, hence the government of that country was requested to submit a progress report that will facilitate preparations of the meeting.

The progress report was ready for submission by June 17, 2016, last Friday.

The report further stated that the Summit will be preceded by meetings of Senior Officials and Ministers and will be convened as from June 27, which will cover meeting of Senior Officials, arrival of Ministers and 28 June, 08:00 – 09:00, meeting of Ministers, 09:00 – 09:30 Preparation of documents; 10:00 – 11:30, Double Troika Summit; 11:45, Adoption of Communique.

Basotho National Party (BNP) spokesperson, Machesetsa Mofomobe, who said he was speaking on behalf of the opposi-

tion alliance which also includes the All Basotho Convention (ABC) and the Reformed Congress of Lesotho (RCL), said the summit would "expose" what he described as the government's dismal failure to implement the recommendations of the SADC inquiry.

Mofomobe said the opposition would be sending a delegation to Botswana for both tomorrow's expected handover of the progress report and the 27-28 June summit in Gaborone.

He said the government had not implemented any of the recommendations made by the Phumaphi inquiry.

SADC established the Phumaphi commission to probe the fatal shooting of former army commander Maaparankoe Mahao by his colleagues on June 25, 2015 outside Maseru, allegedly while resisting arrest for suspected mutiny.

About the SADC Troika organ

The SADC organ on Politics, Defence and Security is managed on a Troika basis and is responsible for promoting peace and security in the SADC region.

It is mandated to steer and provide member states with direction regarding matters that threaten peace, security and stability in the region.

It is coordinated at the level of summit, consisting of a Chairperson, Incoming Chairperson and Outgoing

Chairperson, and reports to the SADC Summit Chairperson.

The SADC summit and Organ Troika Summit are mutually exclusive; and, the chairperson of the organ does not simultaneously hold the Chair of the Summit.

Operations

The organ structure, operations and functions are regulated by the Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation.

Like the Summit chair, the organ chair rotates on an annual basis.

hensively without any hindrance and that all physical evidence be surrendered and the finality of the investigations should lead to a transparent course of justice".

The Commission also recommended that the government should ensure the safe return of exiled opposition leaders — former prime minister and ABC leader Thomas Thabane, BNP leader Thesele Maseribane and RCL leader Keketso Rantso — who fled to South Africa in May 2015 saying they feared assassination by LDF members. The army has since rebuffed the opposition leaders' claims.

The special SADC summit comes after civic groups falling under the umbrella of the "Alliance of Non-State Actors" staged a protest march on May 12 this year demanding the immediate implementation of all the SADC inquiry's recommendations among other demands.

African Union (AU) chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma has also weighed in last month, stating that she was concerned about the "breakdown in the rule of law" in Lesotho.

Lesotho was nearly suspended from SADC during the Double Troika's last Summit held in Gaborone in January this year with South African President Jacob Zuma announcing that the regional body had tentatively decided to suspend Lesotho from its ranks.

This was after Prime Minister Pakalitha Mosisili had refused to receive the Phumaphi report citing an ongoing High Court case in which LDF Special Forces Commander Lieutenant-Colonel Tefo Hashatsi was challenging the legitimacy of the inquiry.

However, Dr Mosisili decided to accept the report the following day, effectively silencing the threat of suspension.

Among the Phumaphi commission's key recommendations was the dismissal of Lesotho Defence Force (LDF) commander Lieutenant-Gen Tlali Kamoli in the interests of restoring trust and acceptance of the LDF to the Basotho nation and the suspension of all LDF officers implicated in cases of murder, attempted murder and treason while investigations into their cases proceed in line with international best practice.

Recommended

The Commission also recommended that the government should ensure that criminal investigations into the death of Lt-Gen Mahao are pursued "vigorously" and that the police are empowered and resourced accordingly for the task.

The investigations, the Commission added, should be conducted "expeditiously and compre-

Man burns 'cheating' wife's privates with burning log

MVUMA - A MVUMA man went into a rage and allegedly burnt his wife's privates after "discovering" that she was having an affair with his brother.

Morgan Kombani, 37, appeared before Mvuma magistrate Vimbai Makora charged with domestic violence and theft.

Besides physically abusing his

wife, Moline Mwanza, Kombani is said to have killed two beasts belonging to his brother, Michael Kazomba, as punishment for sleeping with his wife.

The court heard that on March 15 this year, Kombani, upon discovering the illicit relationship, assaulted Mwanza all over the body before burning her privates with a log on fire. On June 6, he then went to his

brother's homestead where he allegedly took two beasts and drove them to his own homestead and slaughtered them.

He was however, seen by his brother's wife, who notified Kazomba, and the matter was reported to the police.

The cops conducted investigations and discovered two carcasses at Kombani's mother's homestead.

The two beasts were valued at \$1 200.

Appearing in court, Kombani pleaded guilty to the domestic violence charge.

He however denied stock theft, arguing that it was a family decision for him to take his brother's beasts as compensation for sleeping with his wife.

NewsZimbabwe



In commemorating the Day of the African Child this month:

SAVE THE CHILDREN SAYS: PROTECT CHILDREN WITH HIV

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

Save the Children Swaziland wants children living with HIV and AIDS to be protected and be granted the privacy they deserve especially by health workers at the various Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) centres around the country.

Reacting to questions posed by the Observer on Saturday on how they view children living with the deadly virus queuing up at VCTs in front of other members of the public who then openly feel pity for them, the organisation said while they cannot control how VCTs are operated to provide privacy, they encourage health workers to work on issues of privacy.

There has been a growing outcry from the

public that while these children are given the opportunity to be first in line to be treated at public hospitals before they can proceed to attend school, it has also been noted that they are also afforded such an opportunity at the hospitals' VCTs where they get their dosage of ARVs, but such comes at a price to their privacy and self esteem.

It has been noted that such happens at the VCTs in front of other people including adults who then openly feel pity for these children hence fears that such could affect them psychologically.

Celebrating

Last week saw Save the Children joining other organisations in celebrating the Day of the African Child, which is commemorated every year on June 16 by Member States of the African Union (AU). Save the Children

Swaziland Advocacy and CRG Programme Officer Senelile Khumalo said the organisation is working towards a world where people, especially children and youth, live without fear of contracting the HIV virus, suffering from HIV related stigma and discrimination and live with zero AIDS related death.

Committed

"We are committed to enabling children, youth and their families infected and affected by HIV and AIDS to live positively and productively. Our programme also seeks to protect the rights of people living with HIV and affected by the virus.

On that note the issue of privacy amongst children and young people should also be critical, unless the child has, consented – and consent can be exercised by a child without parental consent at the age of 12 according to the Children's Protection and Welfare Act, 2012. At some instances, as an organisation, we cannot control the way VCT places have



CONFIRMED: Save the Children Advocacy and CRG Programme Officer Senelile Khumalo.

been constructed, but what we can do is to encourage health workers to continue working on issues of privacy as they have always been doing so," she said.

E10 000 fine for adults forcing kids to beg, sell wares on streets

The Children's Protection and Welfare Act, 2012 frowns at adults who subject children to begging on the streets or carrying out illegal hawking.

The law comes with a fine of E10 000 or an imprisonment of two years or both if any person is convicted of engaging in such an offence. Save the Children Advocacy and CRG Programme Officer Senelile Khumalo this week confirmed that Section 49 of the Children's Protection and Welfare Act criminalises the use of children to beg on the streets.

The Section states that: Any person who causes or procures any child or, being a person having the care of the child, allows that child to be on any street, premises or place for the purposes of-

- (a) Begging, receiving alms, whether or not there is any pretence of singing, playing, performing or offering anything for sale; or
- (b) Carrying out illegal hawking, lotteries, gambling or other illegal activities detrimental to health, welfare and educational

advancement of the child, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand Emalangeni or to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or both.

Opportunity

"So it would also then be an opportunity to encourage parents to have access to this legislation (it is also available in a summarised version) so that they can read and understand certain provisions for them to enhance their level of understanding on child protection issues," said Khumalo when commenting on certain adults that literally use their children to beg on the streets and sell various wares. Others send their children to sell the wares from door to door.

A classical example to some of the above is that of a woman in Manzini who does this on a daily basis by sending her children to beg for money and also stand in queues for some members of the public in the various banks in the city for a charge of E10 each. Such actions are condemned by Save the Children.

Child labour explained by Save the Children

Save the Children has come out to explain that labour is only exploitative to children if it deprives or hinders them access to health, education or development.

The organisation's Advocacy and CRG Programme Officer Senelile Khumalo this week said it should be well distinguished whether the child is doing any work under duress from adults or they are doing it because they enjoy it and it does not hinder them from the above.

This was after some issues were raised on some parents that use their children as bread winners such as singing and dancing to get money.

Khumalo said part XXV of the Children's Protection and Welfare Act, 2012 when read from Section 232 in relation to employment of children is quite detailed. Section 232 says: "For the purposes of this Act, labour is exploitative if it deprives or hinders the child access to health, education or development.

Responding to our questions, she said it is critical to ensure that in all situations or all engagements by children their right to health, education and development is not

jeopardised.

She said if the child is doing whatever he or she is doing – that child should enjoy it and should not be doing such under duress from an adult.

"Then this brings us to encourage parents to always put the best interest of the child when they are to involve children in such things. The question to be asked is whether the children used as singers or dancers are doing what they are doing because they love it and they are not pushed by adults to do it?

Forced

If the answer is that they love it and they are not forced to do it by anyone else – and such does not hinder their right to growth, development, education or health – then it is not child labour," she explained.

She added that the other issue to consider is when the child has to work at night. She said the Act again stipulates that no child who is below the age of sixteen (minimum age) shall be engaged in night work.

"And for the purposes of the Act night work constitutes work between the hours of six o'clock in the evening and six o'clock in the morning," she added.

More questions on St. Marks school principal transfer

By Sandile Nkambule

More questions than answers on why embattled former St. Marks primary school principal Albert Fakudze was transferred to another school after allegedly misappropriating school funds have surfaced.

This is despite that he was still under suspension pending investigations launched by the Ministry of Education while he is also expected to appear before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in Parliament.

According to well placed sources, the former school principal was transferred another other school, New Mbuluzi, amid shock from concerned stakeholders on why, since he had been suspended and was being investigated for mismanagement of funds.

According to government standing orders and or industrial relations act, when an employee is on suspension to give way to investigations, he

● Despite that he was expected to be investigated for misappropriation of funds, concerned parents, stakeholders question why Albert Fakudze was transferred to another school

● PAC has since issued a warrant of his apprehension as he failed to appear before committee for the alleged misappropriation of E500 000

or she loses the benefits of being transferred to another department, enjoy fully salary (depending on the suspension) or come anywhere near the workplace.

This is meant to allow the free flow of investigations, and in such a case, those concerned wonder as to how he was transferred to another school while on suspension.

"We hope his appearance before the PAC will



heal us since we were baffled on why he was given such treatment," said concerned parents at the school who had been following the matter closely in parliament.

Such matters are handled by the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) which had to have been the one handling his suspension and inves-

tigation on the alleged misappropriation of school funds. However the PAC had also summoned the TSC Chairman after gathering that Fakudze could not be punished because there was no evidence, but have since withdrawn the summons after being advised that he could not appear the same day Fakudze is expected to appear on Monday.

Meanwhile the Observer on Saturday has also gathered that another principal who was suspended at Motshane primary has since been transferred to another school despite that he too was also facing the same fate as Fakudze's. When called for comment, the principal identified as Zwane could however not be reached on his mobile phone, at least by the time this report was compiled.

Meanwhile the TSC chairman could also not be reached as his cell phone rang unanswered when sought for clarity on matters relating to suspensions or dismissals by the commission in as far as cases where teachers are implicated in embezzlement of school funds is concerned.

ENGLISH SOCCER LEGEND REFLECTS ON VISIT TO SWAZILAND:

I'd rather help desperate children than be England manager - David Beckham

...The former Manchester United legend was in the country as part of his role with children's charity at UNICEF

By Bodwa Mbingo

Former England's Manchester United legend David Beckham who was recently in the country and visited Makhewu at Siphofaneni as part of his UNICEF mission has revealed that he would rather help desperate children than be manager of his country's national team.

Reflecting on his visit to the country recently, Beckham's voice cracked with emotion as he recalled the faces of the young boys gathered around him. It had been a team talk like no other he had ever given – because he knew the result could be life or death.

The England legend was in the country in his role with children's charity at UNICEF as the country is rated as having the



GOOD TIME: Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham meets Sebenelle, 14, in Makhewu, Swaziland.

world's highest HIV infection rate with 26% of those aged 15 to 29 having the virus.

Speaking to the Mirror, a leading United Kingdom publication, he disclosed that he was in the country to impress on his audience on the need for contraception.

"I sat with boys who had no one to guide them, to say 'wear a condom,'" Beckham is quoted as having said.

"These boys need that guidance because they are not getting it from their fathers. It's one of the biggest reasons there is an HIV problem in Swaziland."

"Being a leader you have to be

someone who can talk to and guide young people. I try to do that. I hope I do it right."

Since retiring three years ago, Beckham admits his work with UNICEF has become a passion.

He has walked into horrendous environments and learned how to hold back tears.

"Before I did my first field trip I thought 'this is going to be emotional' – and it was," he recalled.

"I get more emotional talking about it when I get home than when I'm there." His recent visit to Swaziland followed trips to Sierra Leone and the Philippines.

After a 10-year stint as global UNICEF ambassador, the dad-of-four offered to do more.

He set up his 7 Fund to target specific problem areas.

"People say to me 'Why don't you want to be a manager, an England manager?'" he revealed.

"At the moment my passion is UNICEF. That's what drives me. Being manager of a team, I'm just not passionate about that."

"Even before I had children I always really cared about children and their future. So when Kofi Annan contacted me to become an ambassador it was a proud moment."

"There are places UNICEF can't get to speak to a Prime Minister or king. Luckily, sometimes all it takes is a king's or PM's son who wants a selfie – and it opens the door."

His 7 Fund has spent around £400 000 (About E8.6 million) helping the charity support people living with HIV and 56 000 AIDS orphans in Swaziland – and he said "with UNICEF you see where every penny goes".

Beckham was speaking as part of the Alan Howard Foundation/JW3 Speaker Series at the JW3 Jewish community centre in North London.

He said he takes the time to explain his work to his children, Brooklyn, 17, Romeo, 13, Cruz, 11 and Harper, 5. He said: "They know what I do and what Victoria does (as a UN goodwill ambassador). I want them to know I want to work hard for all the children and their futures."

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WITH THE STAR: David Beckham chats to children on his visit to the country.

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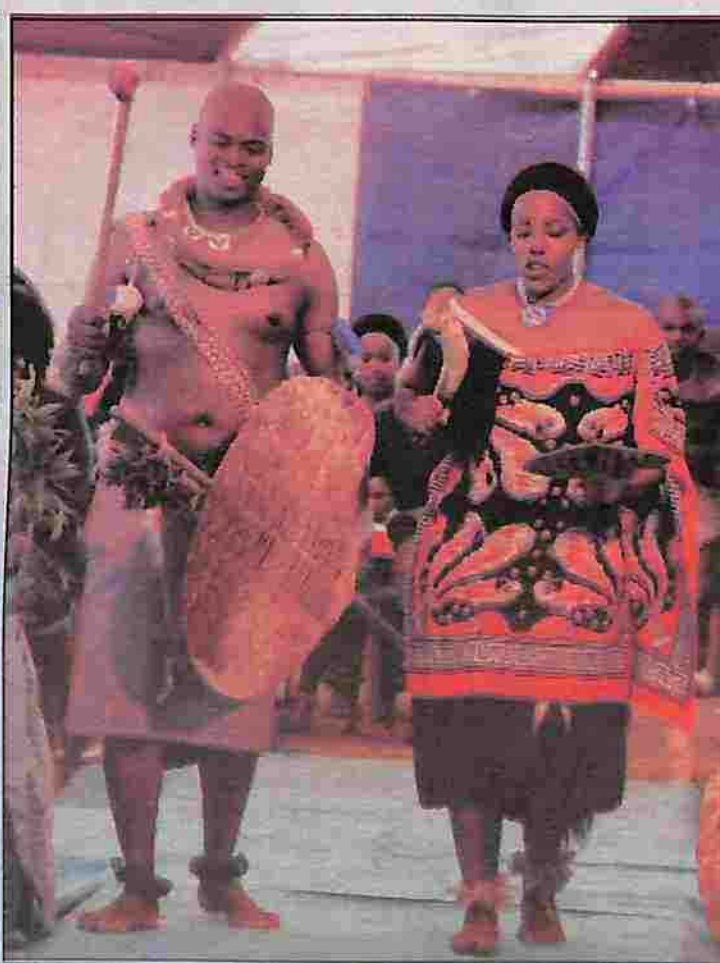
Police College on Wednesday June 15 celebrated its Culture Day in a colorful event held at Matsapha Police College. Senior Deputy National Commissioner –

Mr William W. Dlamini represented the National Commissioner in this culture pelted event which was also attended by the Swaziland National Arts and Culture Chief Executive

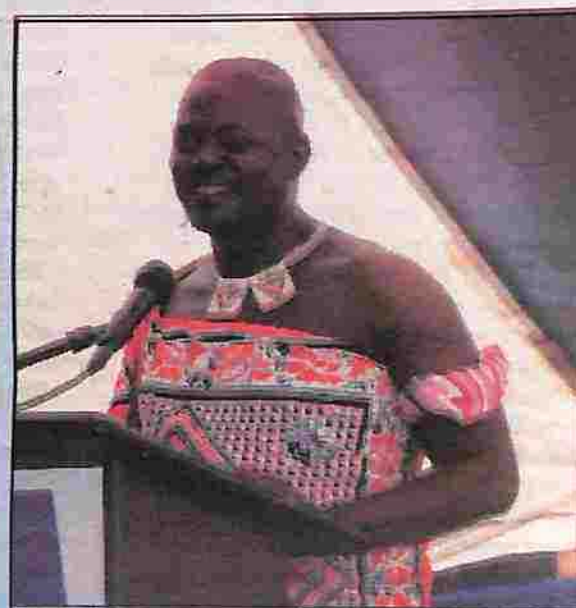
Officer - Stanley Dlamini and members of the Police Executive among others. The glamorous occasion is captured through the lens.



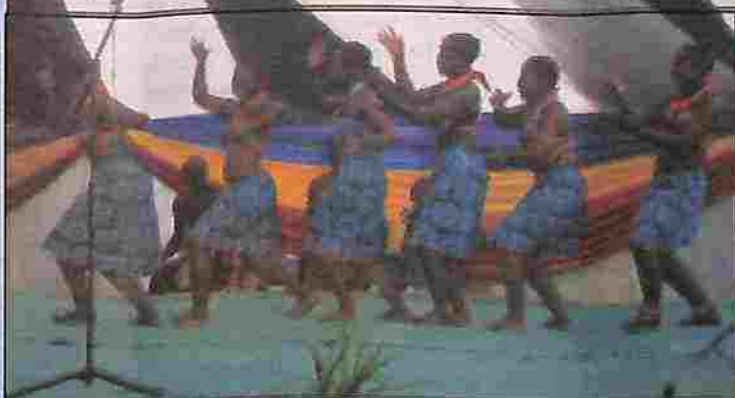
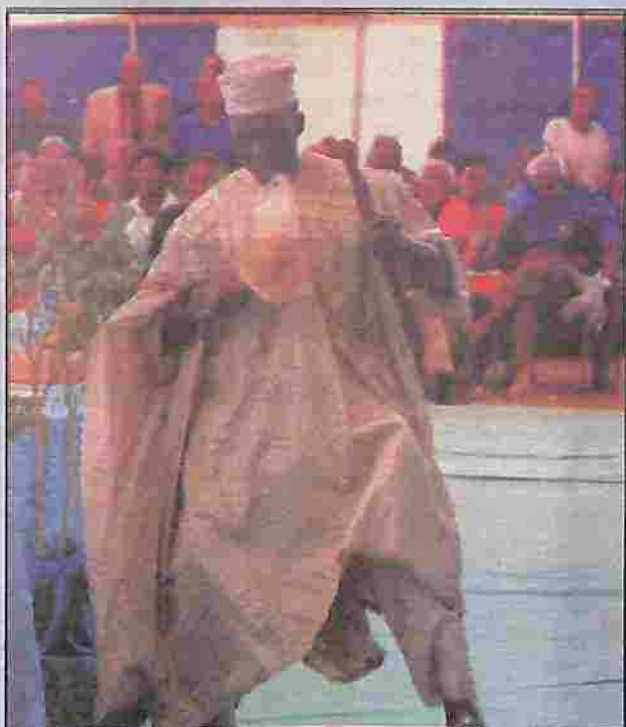
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UMBUTTO & LUTSANGO ...Trainees showcasing their traditional regalia.



Swaziland National Arts and Culture Council CEO Stanley Dlamini making his remarks.



ABOVE & BEYOND: Some of the different cultures showcased on the day were Lutsango, African Dance

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Malindza auctions rake in E1.3 million

- At least two auction sales were held
- About 1300 cattle sold at Mpaka, 2200 sold at Malindza

The successful cattle auctions held at Malindza raked in E1.3 million with most farmers giving away their cattle in a bid to avoid seeing them die on a daily basis.

According to Seven days Tsabedze and Sotha Bulunga, had the cattle been sold while they had value, cattle farmers could have fetched more money.

Bulunga said about 1300 cattle were sold at Mpaka, Lubuku and surrounding areas while about 2200 were sold at Malindza.

Both Bulunga and Tsabedze said at first, they had challenges as some cattle farmers brought their cattle already weak due to hunger thirst and fatigue only to die in front of the buyers, while others manages to feed the cattle with supplements, saving them from possible death before being bought.

Gone are the days, according to Tsabedze when Swazis would be known of their wealth by keeping hundreds on cattle in their kraals, but now that El Nino had an adverse impact on farmers, breeding and cutting down of livestock for sale, is the way to go.

With the auctions which they now plan on having on a regular basis, farmers have been advised to use the nine dipping tanks within Malindza while other farmers are known to sell their cattle to the Swaziland Meat Industries which normally visit the area.

Cattle buyers took advantage of drought

- Some cattle farmers lost thousands of Emalangeni though cheques that were dishonoured by banks

While cattle farmers benefitted from the sales of their dying cattle during the peak of the drought situation, some lost thousands of Emalangeni to cattle buyers who made cheque payments.

According to Tsabedze and Bulunga, some of the cattle buyers would purchase the cattle of their choice and decide to make payments in the form of cheques.

However when the farmers went to the banks to either deposit or cash them, they would discover that they were not honoured by the banks, with the buyers nowhere to be traced.

"Some took advantage of the situation hence we decided to do away with the cheque payments as the farmers would come to us in search of the buyers, however we are happy that most farmers benefitted than letting their cattle die," Bulunga and Tsabedze concurred.

Since the situation has not yet normalized, cattle farmers who feel that their cattle are at risk of dying as a result of the drought situation, they have been advised to sell their livestock while they still hold value.

DROUGHT, THE

By Sandile Nkambule

The face of a drought ravaged country seems far from being erased, with some rivers and dams still running dry, what used to be an evergreen landscape drying up with livestock having not yet fully recovered at some areas.

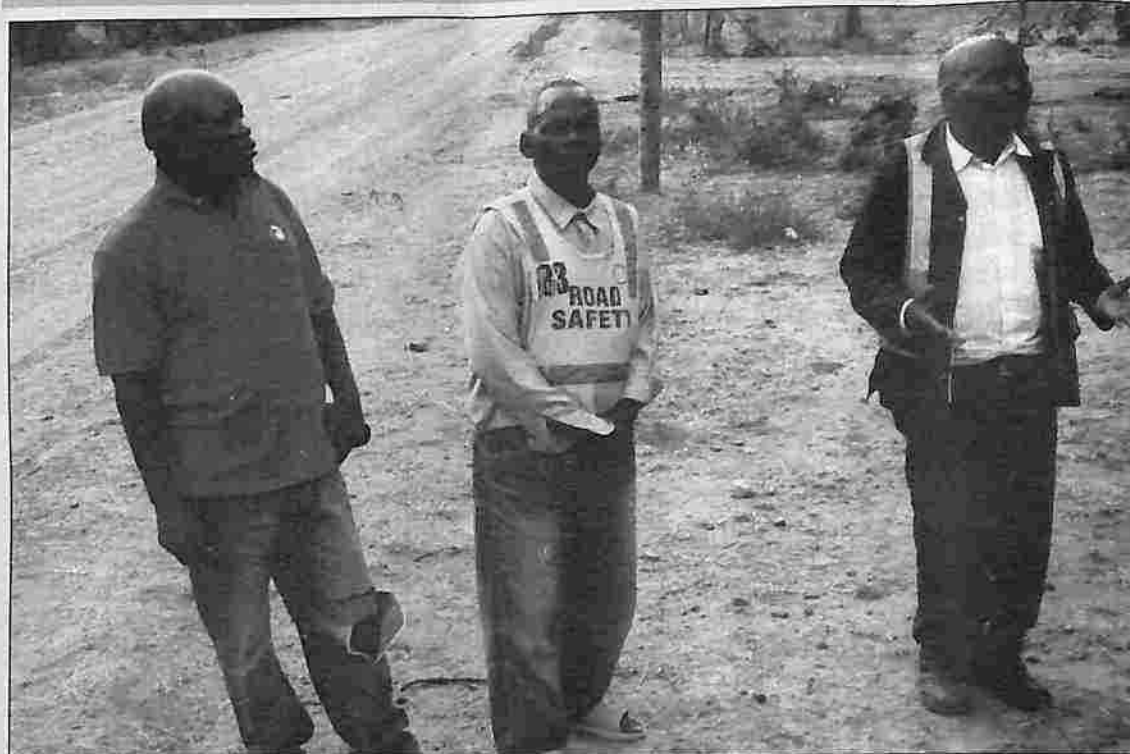
What used to be a good harvest was in the past two years not experienced as the drought took its toll leaving farmers with no yields, however although farmers are slowly recovering from the aftermath, some have noted that the experience was one that taught many, especially cattle farmers, the hard way since most were forced to sell their livestock at relatively low prices owing to the fact that most of the cattle were drought ravaged.

The devastating El Nino-induced drought claimed thousands of livestock as grass and water were scarce resulting in the cattle dying on country roads while trying to feed on any possible greens they came across.

The loss of livestock was actually running into millions of Emalangeni while most farmers with minimal government support made frantic efforts to save their livestock through supplementary feeding schemes, translocating animals to areas with better pasture and de-stocking in the worst situation.

The El Nino drought hitting most SADC countries is the worst in more than 50 years according to analysts and has, apart from people, seen livestock

...cattle auctions saved the day at Malindza, Lubhuku, Mpaka



MORE AUCTION: Malindza residents and community Sotsha Bulunga (l) community policemen Samson Maziya and Seven Days Tsabedze during an interview with the Observer on Saturday at Malindza. (Pics Sandile Nkambule)

in particular suffering from lack of grazing pasture and water. Some stated that it could be as bad as the 1991-92 drought when around a million cattle died across the region.

In drought-prone parts of the SADC region, most dams have dried up and livestock was reported to be watered mainly from underground boreholes.

Recent rains in most parts of the country have slightly improved pasture and water availability,

slowing down livestock deaths.

Before the recent downpours, drought gripping the entire country took a toll on livestock, with the Ministry of Agriculture reporting the death of more than 10 000 cattle.

Although recent rains have improved pasture, helping to reduce livestock deaths, this has not improved much, since the situation is still dire particularly in the Lubombo region which was the hardest hit with cattle farmers

having sold most of their livestock.

Areas which recorded high cattle deaths included Malindza, Lavumisa, Hluti, Mliba, Siphofaneni, Lubulini, Lomahasha and Mayiwan. Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati said the cattle deaths account for two percent of the country's cattle population of 630 000 and the number might have been higher than reported as some farmers say some died in



ELDERLY: Gogo Bulunga being assisted out of her hut by a relative at Lubhuku.

The elderly affected by drought

At 97 years, a blind elderly woman is one of the 40 that are receiving elderly grants and have been hugely affected by the drought.

Gogo Lomatfonga Bulunga whose retired son is looking after her, says the drought has rendered her with no food as the little she would get from her maize fields is no more.

Seated outside her hut at Lubuku area, the elderly woman who has since been rendered blind due to old age, says he only has her son to look after her and is one of the beneficiaries of the elderly grants within the area.

According to Seven days Tsabedze, gogo Bulunga is one of the starving elderly within the area since there are about 30 elderly from Mpaka while Lubuku has about 40 all of whom benefit from the

- 97-year-old blind gogo relies on social grant
- Residents bank hopes on NDMA

social grants. "The National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) is already working on the drought situation here, the elderly need assistance," Tsabedze said.

Echoing his words, was Samson Maziya who is also a community policeman based at Malindza, who said the situation is really ugly since the drought affects are still being felt.

Plan

Following Government's drought mitigation plan that was announced by the head of government, the NDMA is already rolling out food aid to the affected areas with the most drought ravaged communities being prioritized.

AFTERMATH

the pastures without being noticed and reported to veterinary officers.

This loss has deprived most farmers in the region who see cattle as some form of social capital or wealth. A few years ago, prior to the mass deaths, Swaziland's national herd was estimated at about 750 000 head of cattle, but the recent deaths have had a negative impact.

Surrounding

Following such an experience, Malindza residents and surrounding areas feel that cattle auctions should now be a common feature within the area and hold the view that keeping a large number of cattle and see them die in such a manner is actually a bad idea than breeding and selling them while they hold value.

In an interview with the Observer on Saturday this week, Malindza residents Sotha Bulunga and Seven days Tsabedze, narrated how they so

wished that cattle auctions should be held on a regular basis at the nine dipping tanks each time farmers decide to cut down on the number of cattle they have.

"It's very disturbing to watch our cattle die like was the case here," said Bulunga during the interview at Lubuku. Lubuku is about five kilometers from Mpaka and was one of the areas hard hit by the persistent drought.

The drought affected cattle farmers a lot since some were forced to sell them for as little as E500 per cow with a portion of buyers taking advantage of the situation ripping the farmers off in the process, according to Bulunga.

Get

Bulunga said some cattle buyers are longing for another drought where they will get the opportunity to purchase livestock, he however

stressed that they were vigilant during the auctions by making sure that farmers received a better pay despite that some had lost as a result of buyers taking advantage.

Analysts

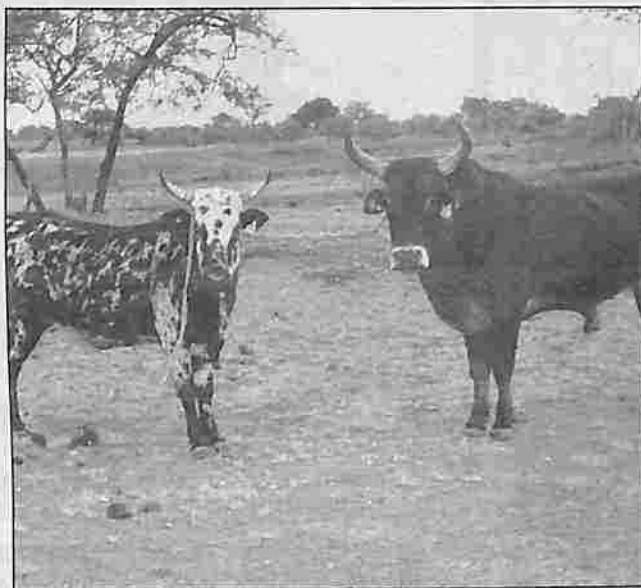
Some economic analysts say the drought will stretch government resources for most SADC countries at a time when state revenues have been hit hardest by lower commodity prices, reduced earnings from the imports and declining remittances from workers abroad.

Some of the worst affected countries in the region in 2016 include Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe.

Agricultural experts say SADC governments need to allow flexible movement of livestock and remove restrictions imposed by veterinary controls to reduce livestock losses.



WATER BLUES: This boy was pictured on his way to fetch water.



RECOVERING: These two cows were pictured long Mpaka Lubhuku dirt road.



DIPPING CHEMICALS: The dipping tank at Lubhuku which no longer has a larger population of cattle.



DRIED UP: The grazing area and dams were pictured like this.

Umbutfo sues JSC for staying in jail longer than sentence

By Linda Jele

An ex-convict is suing the judicial Service Commission (JSC) E500 000 after he was allegedly made to stay in prison for longer than he had been sentenced.

Mazwi Malinga, known as umbutfo Jubumgwaco in the traditional circles, has alleged that he had been convicted for stealing a cell phone and was sentenced to E2 000 fine or to spend eight months in jail if he failed to pay. However, a clerk of court at the Mbabane Magistrates Court wrongfully entered a two year sentence in a committal warrant. This allegedly resulted in Malinga spending an effective 11 months at the Sidvashini Correctional Centre. The JSC, Clerk of the Mbabane Magistrates Court and the Commissioner General of His Majesty's Correctional Services, Isaiah Ntshangase have been cited as respondents in the lawsuit.

They have opposed the application. Malinga is represented by lawyer Sabelo Mngomezulu in the matter. In his founding affidavit, Malinga claimed that on December 16, 2013, he was convicted by a Mbabane magistrate.

He was convicted for stealing an HTC HD cell phone worth E6 000 from one Riina Kaura.

"The plaintiff was sentenced to a fine of E2 000 or in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period of eight months. The criminal clerk of the Mbabane Magistrates' Court, when preparing plaintiff's committal warrant to Commissioner General of His Majesty's Correctional Services Sidvashini facility, unlawfully substituted the period of imprisonment of eight months with that of two years," Malinga said.

He claimed that as a result of the clerk's alleged act, he was incarcerated from December 16, 2013 until April 30, 2015. He claimed that since he had been sentenced to eight months, he was unlawfully caused to spend eleven months in prison.

He argued that the criminal clerk was at all times acting during and within the scope and care of his employment with the JSC. Therefore, the JSC was liable to pay him the damages he allegedly suffered as a result.

He claimed that he was inconvenienced due the elongated detention and should be paid E200 000 as compensation. He further claimed E300 000 for loss of liberty. The matter is pending before the High court.

MP buys Wandile Mngadi's house at auction

By Linda Jele

Lobamba Member of Parliament Michael Masilela yesterday walked away as the new owner of a property based in Mahwalala in an public auction conducted at the High Court.

He bought a 739 square metres property for E500 000 in an auction conducted by Hhohho Deputy Sheriff David Magagula on behalf of Standard bank. The property had previously been owned by Wandile Mngadi who had been financed by the Bank, but failed to service a loan resulting in its sale.

The bank won an order to have the property sold because Mngadi had failed to repay a loan amounting to over E300 000. The court declared the property executable.

The property is situated on lot 941, extension 1 Mahwalala. The reserve price for the property was E500 000 and there were over five people who attended the auction and showed interest in buying it.

However, when the deputy sheriff stated that the reserve price would be E500 000, many seemed not to show interest.



BUYER: Lobamba Member of Parliament Michael Masilela.

Magagula accepted bids of E500 and Masilela was the only one who raise his hand to bid. Nobody else increased the bid until the deputy sheriff lowered the hammer giving it to him at E500 000.

It could not be established if the property had any improvements or not.

Masilela is a well known businessman in the transport industry as he owns a fleet of top of the range buses operating as Emavulane Transport.



APPRECIATION: The Commissioner General In-chief King Mswati III sharing a light moment with HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah M. Ntshangase.



SUPPORT: Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase greeting visiting Commissioner General of the National Prisons Service of South Sudan Lt. General Andrew Monydeeng Kuot, Botswana Prison Service Deputy Commissioner Kenilwe Bogosing and Zimbabwe Deputy Commissioner Fadza Mupure.

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DAY - AN EVENT TO REMEMBER

Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has expressed gratitude and special appreciation to the King and Her Majesty the Indlovukazi for gracing the Correctional Services Day event which was celebrated jointly with the Passing-out Parade of 320 recruits at the Correctional Staff College in Matsapha. Ntshangase said the presence of Their Majesties at the ceremony accorded the occasion the respect it deserved and played an essential role towards the successful hosting of this auspicious ceremony which attracted scores of people including parents for the passing-out recruits and high profile dignitaries who came from all walks of life. He also took the opportunity to thank officers of all ranks in particular the organising committee for the exceptional role they played in putting together a successful and outstanding Correctional Services Day event. Ntshangase further expressed appreciation to the officers who remained at the

various stations to provide service albeit shortages as many officers were assigned at the Correctional services Day event.

He noted that despite the huge workload as a result of staff shortage, these officers successfully performed their duties. As a result of this, no bad incidents were reported. Ntshangase also praised the King's speech which called upon society to join hands in correctional efforts by participating fully in the rehabilitation process of offenders. The King also encouraged officers to uphold their Oath of Service in the daily discharge of their duties as well as to treat offenders with the respect due to their inherent dignity and value as human beings.

The King also noted improvement in the drill displayed by the parade on the day saying it was exciting and made the event a memorable one.

Amongst the 320 recruits who passed-out last Friday were professionals such as teachers, nurses, social workers, psychologists as well as artisans with skills in building and maintenance,

electrical work and plumbers, etc.

Visiting Commissioner Generals

The occasion was also graced by the presence of five Commissioner Generals from the SADC region and other parts of the African region.

The Corrections/Prisons Services which sent their representatives to grace the event included the Namibia Correctional Service, Tanzania Prisons Service, National Prisons Service of South Sudan, Botswana Prisons Service and the Zimbabwe Prisons Service. As this year's event was celebrated under the theme 'Sharing the best regional penal reform practices', the presence of these leaders was a true reflection of their commitment to the call by the theme encouraging correctional/Prisons heads to work as a collective in shaping strategies, share ideas and common experiences to address the proverbial challenges facing the future development of correctional/prisons services.



SEALED: Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase and National Prisons Service of South Sudan Lt. General Andrew Monydeeng Kuot signing the MOU.

HMCS Sign Memoranda with two Correctional/Prisons Services

His Majesty's Correctional Services signed memoranda with the Namibia Correctional Service and the National Prisons Service of South Sudan. Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase, Namibia Correctional Service Raphael Hamunyela and Lieutenant General Andrew Monydeeng signed the memoranda on behalf of the three organisations. The signing of the MoU is meant to strengthen the cordial relationships that already exist between the three entities. Part of the

process of strengthening these working partnerships include sharing of experiences, challenges and best practices for improved service delivery in the correctional business. This will be achieved by paying particular attention to the needs and challenges facing the correctional system within the SADC and the broader African region. Whilst part of this cooperation entails exchange programmes to address varying staff needs of the respective correctional organisations, the other important aspect of this collaboration is to optimize opportunities for the rehabilitation of offenders. In a

nutshell, the objectives of the cooperation are; to build capacity through exchange programmes, human resource development and training, carry out exchange visits in areas of rehabilitation and social reintegration, research and development and sharing of information relevant to the field of corrections, etc. The National Prisons Service of South Sudan currently facing critical development changes as a result of political unrest will send officers to receive training and related capacity building at His Majesty's Correctional Services as part of this newly forged agreement.

HMCS Commissioner General dresses Namibia Correctional officers in Swazi attire

Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase hosted the visiting Commissioner General of the Namibia Correctional Service, Raphael Hamunyela to a dinner where he dressed him together with his entourage in Swazi attire.

In reciprocation, Hamunyela thanked the present and explained that to him, it was not just a mere gift but souvenirs to give him and staff a constant reminder of their visit to Swaziland particularly the love and hospitality they got from the

Commissioner General and staff of Correctional Services. Ntshangase said part of their cooperation as heads of Corrections and Prisons Services include sharing experiences in culture, heritage and customs as Africans citizens.



Analysis & Opinion

Editor's Pen



WITH: Ackel Zwane

Acting Observer On Saturday Editor

Former Senator Mbhoshongwane 'Mbho' Shongwe's assertion that Senate has no excuse to claim it cannot proceed with its business because of the circus in the House of Assembly, could be shedding some important light on the current crisis.

Shongwe argues that there are several ways in which parliament can avert a crisis of any nature because it has at its disposal various organs to engage such as the Parliamentary Service Board, the House Committees for each chamber or the Joint Sitting. Contemplating to engage the Head of State in the search for solutions could be asking for too much if all these avenues are still available.

To ground parliamentary business by refusing to hear matters even at caucus level defeats the end of peaceful operations of the august House.

Once the Head of State is brought into the fray after having made previous pronouncements that Members should return and work for the country than squabbling, it would require the engagements of all these organs, which are otherwise unable to come up with solutions or someone somewhere is deliberately blocking all efforts to engage these competent structures.

Mbho says issues sparked by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association should not be the cause for the crisis because the CPA is controlled at Commonwealth level and not at the branches because its existence is subject to the conditions and rules set up at the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Mbho further argues that Senate can still handle all other Bills without these going through the House of Assembly save for that of finance unless the rules have been changed to give room to the crisis. He says Senate can debate the Bills and keep piling up the work for the House of Assembly that is more concerned about brewing one crisis after another instead of putting first the interest of those who voted them into that chamber.

Problem

Now Speaker in the House of Assembly Themba Msibi is pulling in the opposite direction from that of members of the House over a problem that surfaced at the CPA. Because the CPA comprises members from both chambers, it has now become the most contested issue in that Msibi turned down a decision of what was termed a special general meeting disbanding the executive. Msibi and Senate President Gelane Zwane are both ex-officio members of the CPA and refuse to abide by the special meeting ruling. Twice Msibi has attempted to run the House of Assembly but all in vain with members saying the two must first accept the members' decision before any other business of any day.

Msibi is not willing to move an inch in fear that he might be thrown away with the

dirty bathwater and carry along with him Zwane at Senate.

Zwane is quoted as having said about Senate: "Our sole responsibility is to debate and pass laws and that is dependent on whether we get Bills from the House of Assembly."

Zwane says they are not getting any business from the House of Assembly and as a result of the suspended business, an argument considered lame by Mbho who also served in parliament for an entire five year term and is familiar with how both houses conduct their business.

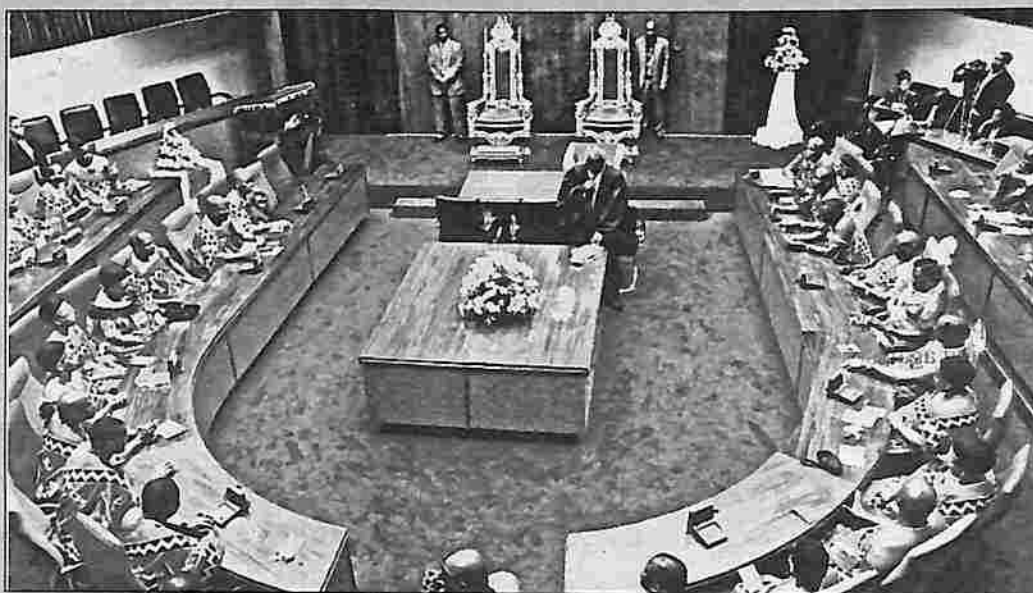
Misleading

"We don't touch any Bill until and unless it has been attended to by the House of Assembly."

If they are not doing anything, as is the case now, we automatically have no business to attend to as well." This assertion is dismissed as misleading by Mbho, or unless the rules have changed for both Msibi and Zwane over the years.

In his time only Bills and matters involving the ministry of finance could not be debated by Senate without going through the

PARLY STANDOFF IS WORK OF ENEMIES OF THE STATE



● Now if Members of Parliament are no longer carrying out their mandate what should happen, why should the executive release money for the number of days they have not been going to work? If this stand-off could be allowed to go on until 2018 why should the taxpayer's money be released to these people because they have not worked for it?

House of Assembly otherwise Senate could debate all other Bills and matters without being held ransom by the House of Assembly as is the case in the current stand-off. Msibi in October last year was in another tussle with Members of Parliament Johane Shongwe, Sikhumbuzo Dlamini and Xolani Mabuzza after a parliament select committee found out he had interfered in the administration of parliament. He called his colleagues spiteful, *bayedzelela*. These MPs have never stopped fighting him since.

Mandate

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If this stand-off could be allowed to go on until 2018 why should the taxpayer's money be released to these people because they have not worked for it? If I were to abscond from work because I am displeased by one thing or the other, my employer would immediately send me packing, similarly the House of Assembly and Senate should be disbanded to give way for a parliament that

will be answerable to the electing authority such as the appointing authority or the voter. Now state matters are not attended to because disgruntled members in their private club called the CPA cannot function for days on end until they have removed elements they no longer desire among them?

From where the taxpayer is standing the Members of Parliament have now rendered the country ungovernable and why is it that they cannot be labelled as enemies of the state?

Issues

Out of all the organs of state one, the legislative arm, has been disabled by individuals fighting over petty issues that are of no consequence to public interest.

This could as well take us to the debate about power of recall. It is high time the citizens of this country have their say about recalling a parliament that has reneged from the original pledge to serve the populace into spending expensive time on bread and butter issues of members.

It seems quite clear that the legislators have other more pressing motives than the interests of the voter.

Dealing with Diabetes



WITH: Nomalungelo
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Diabetes
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Physiotherapy is an ancient science, which involves physical treatment techniques, such as massage and the use of electrotherapeutic and mechanical agents- rather than drug therapy- for the management of a condition.

According to Diabetes South Africa, physiotherapists play an important role in helping people overcome disability and pain related to orthopedic, musculoskeletal, neurological and rheumatologic illness. Any person with diabetes whose aching legs have experienced relief after a massage or whose painful feet have been relaxed or soaked in cool water, will testify to the importance of physiotherapy in relieving their symptoms.

Physiotherapists, with their knowledge of physiology and anatomy, can suggest specific exercises for people with coexisting complications, cautioning against certain movements that might be detrimental to their healthy. For example, an isotonic exercise like jogging will benefit a person with high blood pressure and diabetes but the repeated foot trauma associated with jogging may harm someone with peripheral sensory neuropathy.

Most people with diabetes suffer from musculoskeletal complications, which might include frozen shoulder, backpain or osteoarthritis.

Many people with poorly managed type 1 diabetes develop a syndrome of limited joint mobility. Diabetic amyotrophy is a type of neuropathy that involves muscle wasting and weakening, especially in the thighs.

Carpal tunnel syndrome and sciatica are other neurological conditions commonly suffered by people with diabetes. In all conditions, physiotherapy plays a pivotal role in returning people to normal levels of health and wellbeing.

The physiotherapists use a combination of active and passive exercises and mechanical and electrical aids to improve musculoskeletal and neurological functions.

Physiotherapists have an essential role in all aspects of diabetes management, from prevention to rehabilitation following complications.

Increasingly, physiotherapists are becoming involved in diabetes prevention programs and providing services to at risk individuals also.

According to Diabetes Australia, before commencing a regular exercise programme, see your doctor for a full medical examination.

Your physiotherapist can then help you start by prescribing a regime appropriate to your lifestyle, level of activity, time available to exercise and considering any other health conditions you have which may be effected by exercise.

Suitable Types of Exercise

Suitable types of exercise depend on the individual. Here are some suggestions for you to discuss with your physiotherapist:

- Walking
- Swimming
- Water aerobics
- Golfing
- Cycling
- Exercise bike

THE ROLE OF PHYSIOTHERAPY IN DIABETES



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- Walking machine
- Gym based exercise

Increasing your general physical activity is also helpful. For example, taking the stairs instead of the lift, getting up to change the TV station instead of using the remote control, doing a little more housework or gardening would all be beneficial to managing your diabetes well.

Amount of Exercise

Ideally, you should be doing about 30 minutes of exercise every day. If this is not possible, then this time can be divided in 3 x 10 minutes sessions.

Intensity of Exercise

You do not need to puff to gain the benefits of exercise. Aim for moderate intensity. This means you should still be able to talk as you exercise without becoming breathless.

Other Exercise Tips

● Drink extra fluid before, during (only if prolonged exercise) and after exercise to avoid dehydration.

The fluid may be water or a sweetened drink if extra carbohydrate is required. 250 ml every 15 minutes or one litre of fluid per hour is recommended.

● Take care of your feet when exercising. Wear comfortable and well-fitting shoes. Always inspect your feet before and after exercise.

Ulcers or other lesions on the

feet are a serious danger for people with diabetes.

It is wise to avoid exercise that causes stress to the feet (e.g. running). Exercise which poses minimal weight or stress on the feet is ideal such as riding an exercise bike or brisk walking in good footwear.

● Take extra carbohydrate before and during exercise to prevent hypoglycaemia. Extra carbohydrate is often needed after exercise.

Discuss adjusting carbohydrate intake with your doctor or dietitian.

● Monitor your blood glucose levels before, if possible during (at least initially), and after exercise to assess your requirements for extra food.

● It may be necessary to reduce your insulin dose prior to exercise.

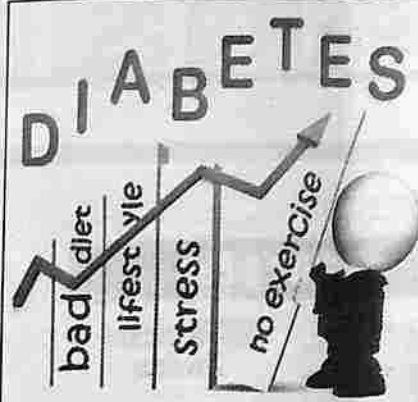
Insulin adjustment varies with each individual. Discuss appropriate adjustments to suit your exercise schedule with your doctor.

● Wear sun block when exercising outdoors.

● People with diabetes are generally discouraged from strenuous physical activity if they feel unwell or have ketones present in their blood or urine.

Lymphedema is characterised by swelling of certain parts of the body, caused by problems with the lymphatic system.

The lymphatic system is a network of tubes throughout the body that drains this fluid (called lymph) from tissues and empties it back into the bloodstream. Normally,



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However, diabetologists and endocrinologists generally have been slow to exploit the benefits of this science.

This may be due to a lack of awareness of its potential for improving health and well-being, or because of the shortage of trained personnel in many countries.

fluid and proteins leak into the body tissues regularly from the blood.

This tissue fluid bathes the cells, supplies their nutritional needs and receives back the products of this chemical process. When this system is not working properly, lymphedema can occur.

Signs and symptoms

Lymphedema usually starts as a painless slow swelling of an arm or leg. As the swelling increases, the limb may become heavy and uncomfortable and more difficult to move.

Sometimes infection can occur. With further swelling the limb may become painful and hard and it may be resistant to pressure when pressed.

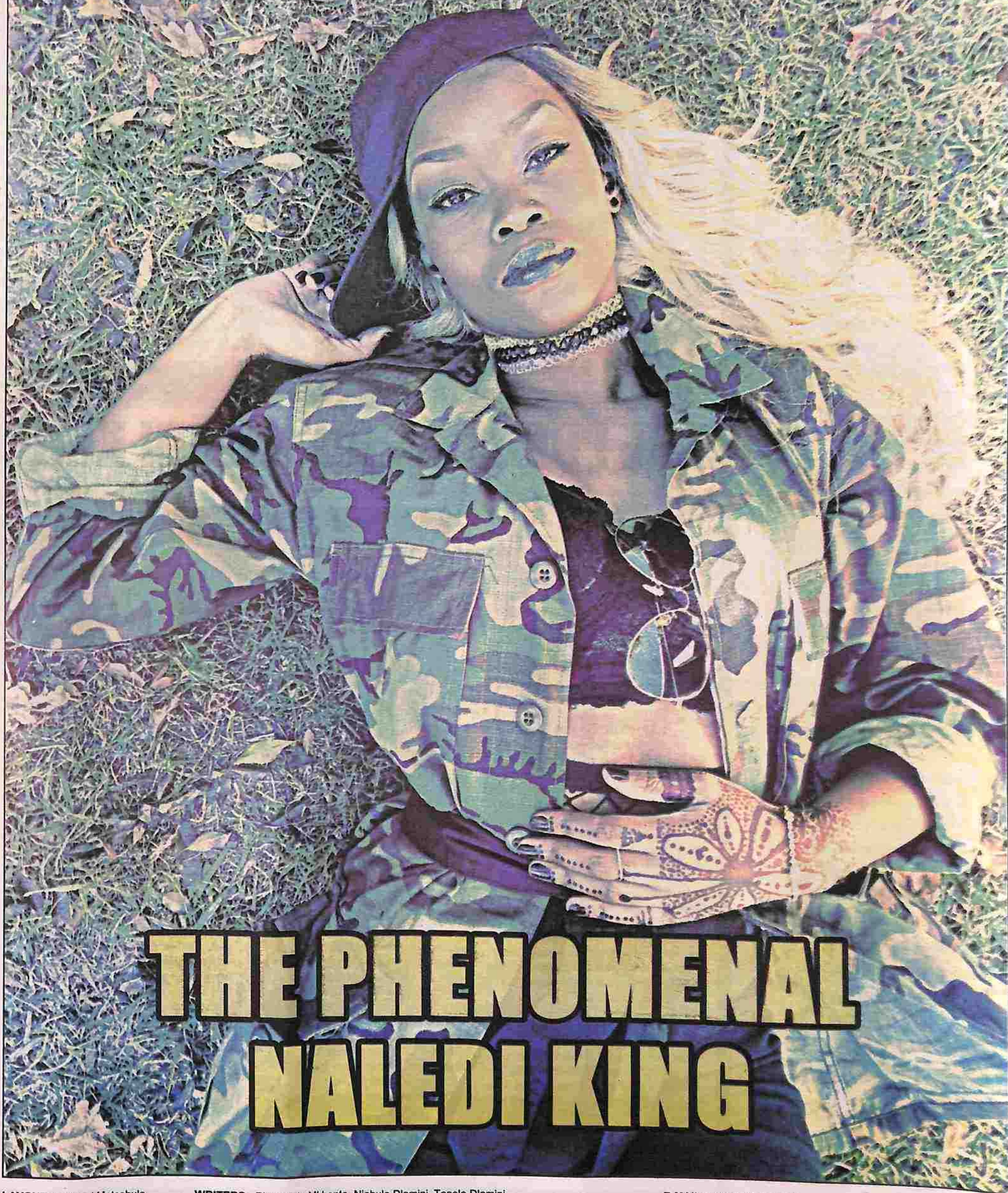
Treatment

Unfortunately, there is no cure for lymphedema. The condition can usually be managed by a combination of techniques which can include:

- Compression bandaging to reduce the swelling
- Specialised lymphatic massage
- Compression garments
- An exercise routine
- Skin care

Your physiotherapist is the key health professional to advise about this. In trying to prevent the onset of diabetes, or to stop the condition becoming worse, a physiotherapist will advise on exercise to reduce body fat and to improve how the body processes glucose. Both are key factors in managing diabetes.

Lifestyle
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THE PHENOMENAL NALEDI KING

WRITER'S NOTE

With Phumelele Mkhonta



I am elated this week; just like it's spring time. Actually this week was lit and it is about to be brighter. First and foremost, I saw people coming out of their shells after the weekend of the May, 28. I just smell life, chants and laughter again. Is it about the money? Lol.

And this weekend our hot spots are going to come back to life with the multiple shows that are happening country wide; please guys spend wisely this time around. I am sooo excited about this Issue. Mainly because of two reasons; one is because of the cuisine section that I decided to add, me and the ladies will have to utilise this space fully as we all know that a way to a man's heart is through the stomach.

The second reason for my excitement is the lady on the cover, L&E is fortunate to talk to her. She is making waves in the South African entertainment industry, found herself a Spanish man, beautiful, not afraid to be different; she is just a breath of fresh air. Catch Naledi on Page 2.

Today I saw it fit to elaborate on cyber bullying as we are continuously experiencing that on social network sites these days. The situation has become dire, it just had to be put on the table for awareness purposes.

I guarantee you will ENJOY his read!



THE PHENOMENAL NALEDI KING

Swazi born Nkanyenzi Nkosi, popularly known as Naledi King in the South African music scene and affectionately known as Star to those nearest and dearest to her, is a songstress with a golden voice.

This stunning vocalist who has been singing for quite a while now, is certainly ahead of her time for her sound speaks for itself! I personally was left in total awe at just how much talent the little kingdom of Eswatini is constantly producing.

I will not say too much but I will allow the interview, Life style and Entertainment conducted with her, speak for itself!

1. WHO IS NALEDI KING?

I feel at the core Naledi King is a spiritual being who is having an experience as a human being. Then comes the other descriptions such as black African woman, mother, wife, teacher, healer, artist, musician, bridge, creator, entrepreneur, visionary, change agent and so on and so forth. I'm so interested in learning more things, so the list keeps growing. I'm really here to EXPLORE, EXPRESS, EXPAND...and to have the time of my life. I love being alive during this interesting time in the history of humanity, so much happening around the world. Never before have we had such contrast, with technology, the Internet and all these new inventions....I'm excited to be alive at this particular juncture in time...

2. WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

Basically after 2 years doing nothing at home after form 5, I decided I had rested enough and wanted to go see what the world had to offer. I was sure I didn't want to go to university because something inside me knew it was not the path for me. Also I suppose by then I already knew what I had to pursueMUSIC. At my core I'm a free-spirit who just wants to live



my life on my own terms. So I decided to go to Rhema Bible School as a way of grounding my path and then from there I figured I'd explore and kind of figure things out as I go. I always wanted to learn from life itself, not necessarily from a book or lecture. I wanted the streets and my own experiences to be the teacher and mentor.

Just to be clear... I'm all for books and any kind of education, be it tertiary or school of life..... on the streets. So I'm not discouraging anyone from going to school, university or whatever.

For me it was just not my path and I knew it very early in life. For me education should not be one dimensional... it should include all forms of education. From my experience and perspective, the most

important education is the education of SELF about SELF.... Who are you, what are you here for and what are you doing to make that a reality. That means one has to understand their thoughts, emotions, actions, feelings, words.

Why do you do the things you do. Is it coming from love or fear? Intention is the seed to creating your experiences, so one needs to be aware of the intention behind action.

If the seed is no good, not even the most fertile, rich land can help produce anything good. How do you run your life, do you have a vision and direction for your life?

In order to find that out one needs to be on a path of finding that out. That's what education is ultimately for, to give you

tools to better navigate your life in a world that puts many pitfalls along your path.

A world that keeps telling you that you are not good enough or that you can't have this or do this or whatever.

Without tools one finds it very difficult to succeed. So that might mean tertiary education, that might mean learning by working for someone, that might mean becoming an entrepreneur, that might mean learning through short courses, extremely powerful as a learning tool is the internet, information is now pretty much available to everyone, through cell phones which everyone now has access to at the very least. With fiber and other technologies that are being put in place as we speak, information will be truly available to most people.

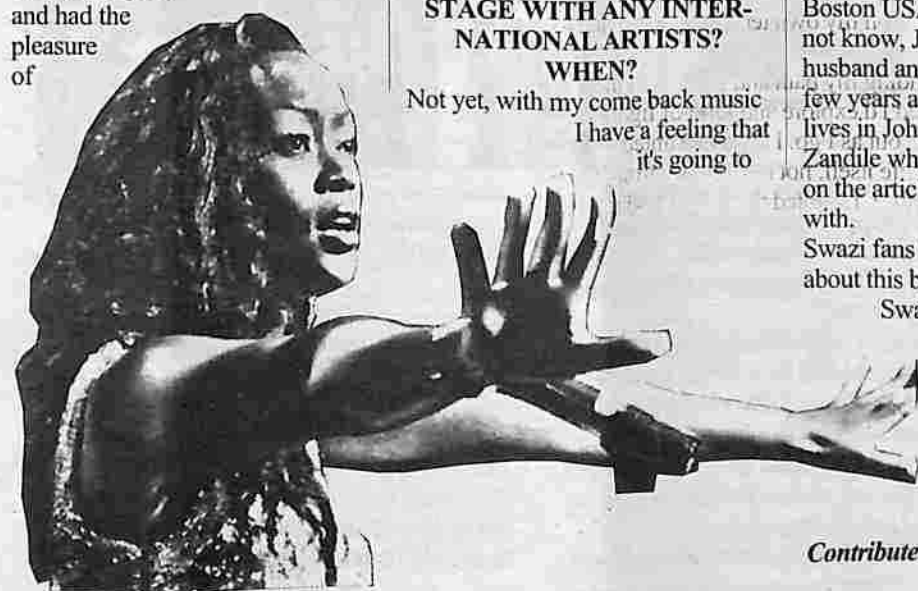
No longer can we make excuses for staying ignorant..... each person has to find what it is they want to be educated in and go for it...find a way.

That's what we came here to do, experience life, to overcome challenges and be happy. Life is for the living. Some people just exist in a fog and just follow blindly, living miserable lives, giving their power away and wonder why their lives seem to be at best stagnant at worst spiralling out of control. The best path I have discovered is to take responsibility for our lives and do what it takes to manifest our dreams.

The answers and resources are deep inside your spirit and our spirits know what we need and how to lead us towards it. But we need to do the work; others can only help point us in the right direction. So I guess I came here chasing my dreams. I have learned so much, met so many people and had lots of fun. I'm excited about the future actually, what a time to be alive! I enjoy the ups and the downs.

3. WHAT ARE YOUR MOST MEMORABLE PERFORMANCES AT ANY GIVEN VENUE LOCALLY (SA) OR IN (SD)?

So far my live DVD recording at Wits, that was fun and memorable. Last year I enjoyed doing a performance in Spain and had the pleasure of



playing with a Pianist from Venezuela.

4. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE INDUSTRY?

I have been in the industry for quite some time. I have dabbled as a hair stylist, makeup artist, tried presenting, tried acting, music, production.... I have been in this industry pretty much since after Rhema bible School after I quit my job after two months to start my hair business from my apartment. Again free spirit...going to work for someone didn't work for me. So I quit and started braiding people to feed myself. I'd been braiding people since I was 12 for pocket money so I knew that South Africans would dig my braids and they did. This way even if I wasn't rich, I was supporting myself and deciding when I woke up. Sometimes things got rough when too few clients showed up, but funny enough somehow I had food to eat, place to stay and I was free. This business eventually became quite popular with celebrities who wanted to have their hair done by me, I was featured on TV interviews, magazines and it became quite a thing. I had so much fun during those 6 years of doing hair and exploring the industry. To answer your question, since around 1999, 2000.

5. WHO HAVE YOU COLLABORATED WITH IN YOUR RECORDINGS?

In 2009 I recorded my self-titled debut album... NALEDI KING. I did a song with Jah seed from Bongo Muffin. I did other collaborations on there as well with very talented musicians that are not yet well known. It's all in the DVD/CD combo. Some of the footage one can find on YouTube.

6. HAVE YOU SHARED THE STAGE WITH ANY INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS? WHEN?

Not yet, with my come back music I have a feeling that it's going to

happen. I'm proud of what I'm creating musically now, so stay tuned. Hoping to release a single by the end of the year.

7. ASIDE FROM YOUR MUSIC, WHAT ELSE DO YOU DO? BUSINESS VENTURES?

The article has information on this one too. But briefly, I'm an entrepreneur, life coach, artist and musician.

8. WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME? HOW DO YOU RELAX? YOUR HOBBIES?

Interesting. Because I'm mostly at home, it feels like my hobbies and my work are one thing. My

work is about bringing calm and teaching myself and others how to live their lives in a more grounded and healthy way. My approach is to encourage people to slow down, relax, meditate, write down their emotions and feelings, positive or negative for self introspection, to increase self awareness, to breathe deeply and eat healthy and release negative emotions, to forgive to heal and release toxic things and people and so on and so forth. One needs to practice what they preach so my life is really about finding ways to live simply, conserve energy, live for love and light and to really share from my experiences.

So I have designed my life in such a way that I'm relaxed, calm, and peaceful for the most part. I then act on things based on what I discover as I contemplate daily. I write, paint, do music, read, social media and the Internet every day to manage my social media pages, I have started gardening.....I'm a life coach. Depends, I just go with the flow

9. CAN YOU TELL US JUST A LITTLE BIT, IF YOU MAY ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

My mom still lives in Swaziland, my sister Joy is married and lives in Boston USA, As you may or may not know, Jane, whose 4 kids my husband and I foster, passed away a few years ago, my brother Bukhosi lives in Johannesburg as well as Zandile who I have spoken about on the article, that I'm in business with.

Swazi fans interest to know more about this bright star lifting the Swazi flag high in South Africa and beyond can check her profile and performances out on her Facebook page and on Youtube or also have look see at www.nalediking.com

Contributed by Tenele Dlamini



Feeling pampered by Scents

Everyone loves to be pampered once in a while, whether that person is female or male! The best feeling is being able to do it yourself.

Excuse me if I differ from the masses or appear to 'think different from the majority', but the feeling of pampering yourself, be it getting a new hairdo, purchasing a fragrance or even buying your own vehicle, without the assistance of 'a blesser' is far more rewarding.

I dedicate this article to all those who love spending a little bit on themselves now and then, without giving credit to somebody else but God for that 'gift'.

This week I took a stroll in the capital city and was enticed by the sweet fragrances emanating from two popular perfume shops, that being Sensations at the Mall, Perfume Hut at the Corporate Place Do read about my adventure.....

Sensations

THE first stop was the Sensations fragrance store where I was greeted by the friendly faced sales assistant Noxolo Nkambule, who showed me an array of perfumes for the ladies and colognes for the gentlemen, perfect gifts for Father's Day I might add! Where were these a few weeks ago when the world celebrated Mother's Day I thought? Available fragrances on offer at affordable prices include, the Sultan range, Hugo Boss oils for him and Aseel. Prices range from E50 to E200.

Other oils include Polo, which is a unisex range. "We also have oil fragrances from popular brands like Joop, Hugo Boss, One Million and Boss for those who want to spoil dad," Nkambule said.

She added that for the more expensive gift '212 Sexy', 'Bvlgari for him' and 'DKNY Be Delicious' also pour home all at prices exceeding E1,000 (One expensive Dad's day

HAIL TO 2016 SCHOOLS CHORAL MUSIC WORTHY CHAMPIONS

A standing ovation would be in order for all the 2016 atypical schools' choral music champions who won in different categories.

They include the champs, Salesian and St. Theresa's High, affably referred to as Therisian. Others are; Elangeni High, Fonteyn Secondary, Lomngeletjane and Bhikinkhosi Nazarene Primary Schools. One philosopher once noted there are no shortcuts to any place worth going to and seemingly he had the 2016 champ of champs in mind; who, against all odds, triumphed. Not only are congratulations in order for Therisian but the other winners in various categories of the choral music championships as well whose persistence and patience also proved beyond doubt they had come of age. Only that we miss perennial participants but life has to go on. It shows the spirit of competitiveness and conviction has engulfed choristers at this level.

In fact St. Theresa's and Salesian Schools have existed to add the numbers or being mere participants of choral music championships at this level as it were without claiming any honours for it. This, therefore, is a welcome and worthy celebration by the choristers hailing from these Manzini schools as their toiling and sweating over the years finally paid off last Sunday at UNISWA Sports Emporium in Kwaluseni.

It couldn't have come any better than in the presence of the Prime Minister, Sibusiso Dlamini as principal guest along with Minister of Education Phineas Magagula and of course the SwaziBank top brass in Board Chairperson Sibongile Mdluli and the Managing Director Zakhlele Lukhele, amongst others. The boys only (Salesian) and girls only (St. Theresa's) High Schools combination swept aside last year's champions, Vulamasango School, to claim the grand prize at stake. Who would have given Therisian any thought of victory? In fact the defending



TABLE OF WINNERS

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Section A Lomngeletjane
Section B Bhikinkhosi Nazarene

HIGH SCHOOLS

Section A

Elangeni High School
Section B Fonteyn Secondary

SCHOOL CHAMP OF CHAMPS

Therisian

champions were so outclassed they fell outside the top three as it was Therisian on the lead, Evelyn Baring came second, whilst Hillside High was third best. Quite unfamiliar names, that is, but such is the nature of the game.

Standard

But seriously now the schools choral music standard has been realising upward mobility over the years and no wonder predicting champions is near impracticable up to the very last day. Credit should nonetheless be given to Melisizwe Zwane, that exceptionally gifted

talent who worked magic with the unlikely Therisian to ensure their victorious end to the choral music competitions.

Lest we forget, Zwane is that soul who's delightfully brought back to back trophies with His Majesty's Correctional Services Choir with such resounding success in recent years.

Won

To recap, HMCS Choir in December last year won E50 000 for their indigenous piece during the Old Mutual National Championships at an event staged in

Bloemfontein, SA.

The choir was also a few months ago crowned Njilo Njilo Choral Music Fest champions for which the event was hosted by Gadla Services. They had in 2014 won the Melting Point Festival staged in Mpumalanga Province raking in E30 000 in the process. Without a doubt this was due to the prowess of Zwane. Now he's done it with Therisian and it was to be expected with the proficiency and passion exhibited by this gifted choral music conductor. Therisian would be representing the country in South Africa soon as part of their winnings and here's to hoping Swaziland's flag will be hosted sky high by this group. Last year Vulamasango competed in the South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod competitions held at Rhema Bible Church hall in Ransburg but was not placed. They were competing for the first time at a competition of this magnitude.

SwaziBank had announced an E380 000 sponsorship for this year's schools choral music competitions, which was an increment of E10 000 from the 2015 instalment.

The champs-of-champs category comprises of nine schools dubbed the best in choral music competitions. In years gone by when the concept was conceived a few schools were competing under this banner, but now they've since been amplified to close to 10. Also the trophy had changed hands amongst Manzini Nazarene and St Francis High Schools, but now we've witnessed the emergence of other talented choristers from relatively unknown and unpopular schools.

The competition also had an orchestra backing all the competing choirs in various categories such as the boys, girls, mixed and the champ-of-champs. True to the organisers' earlier statement, there was a piece being competed for dedicated to the SwaziBank as prime sponsors of schools choral music competitions and a recital of Section 63 of the country's constitution. Last weekend was surely a day to behold in the choral music front and the SSCMA (Swaziland Schools Choral Music Association) was expected to announce a detailed prize breakdown later yesterday, which would see the eventual crowning of the schools and competing pupils that emerged triumphant in different categories.

By Njabulo Dlamini

King Of Ramp, Rodney Landsberg

After fires have died down on being crowned Mr UNISWA, L&E did not forget about this handsome beau and we had to approach him as a follow up on the King of Ramp.

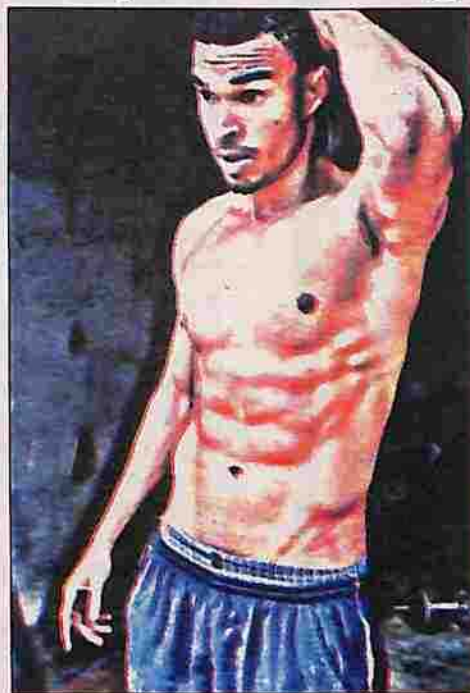
Not only has he won a pageant he is has also walked the runway with Imitsanyelo Fashion Front show.

Rodney Landsberg is an easy yummy guy from Kakhoza in Manzini and is pursuing a Bsc Degree in Environmental Health and Occupational Safety at the University of Swaziland.

On Modelling

"I was recruited by Imitsanyelo fashion front for their runway shows; that is when my career took off. After that I won Mr. Freshers Mbabane Campus 2014. I further went to the Mr. Uniswa pageant where I was second prince in 2014 and crowned Mr Intervarsity 2014 I was second prince. I continued doing fashion shows for Imitsanyelo fashion front. I have also done three photo shoot promotions with Imitsanyelo. Preceding that I was asked if I was capable of joining Mark Swag team; I did a photo shoot promotion, and runway fashion show for their summer range. I have yet to do a photo shoot promotion for their winter range which is coming very soon."

Earlier this year I again joined the Mr. Intervarsity pageant which is participated by



three national universities where I was crowned Mr. Intervarsity 2016/2017."

From Humble Beginnings

"I'm from a humbled background, raised by a jobless grandmother and I was schooled by sponsors (Salesian past pupils' fund). Growing up with no parents isn't a joke...." "And my grandmother couldn't afford any-



thing apart from a plate a day on the table"

"I would walk to school; see beautiful houses, beautiful cars... I wanted that... I wanted to be like other kids... I wanted to afford proper clothes and shoes."

"Now when I first walked the ramp... I never felt more alive; I had been dressed and groomed... I looked different... People said it's as if I'm from some movie...."

"I wanted to do it again and if it meant free clothes and a pay cheque for just walking or being me I had to do it again...."

"So I joined other pageants and since I had a friend who knew the owners of Imitsanyelo I asked in and they did."

"Life isn't good yet but with the little uniswa

allowance we get and few modeling gigs and promotions here and there I am able to go on a day by day basis till I reach my goal"

On the Future...

"Future aspirations for me aren't just dream and I aspire to be the best I can be, both academically and as well as in modeling. I have this deep yearn that only a level of success can fulfill and when I reach it I will know that there will be many kids who will be inspired not to give up no matter what life throws at them. My dreams are to achieve the best in me"

By Phumelele Mkhonta

CYBER BULLYING IS REAL

Realistically speaking, we have evolved into a cyber infiltrated world; the 'internet' era if you may call it.

And most of our daily activities revolve around facilitating the internet; it can be from transferring money to communicating with people to do some research, etc.

Today my concentration is on social networking sites. Yes, your Facebook or Twitter or Instagram, WhatsApp groups and many more. Nowadays we have to be careful of what we express on social sites because apparently there are now people who bully other people on such platforms.

Personally, I have been just a victim of this but I chose for it not to get me down because it seems the more you defend yourself the dire the situation can be.

Defining Cyber Bullying

Cyber bullying is the act of harming or harassing via information technology networks in a repeated



and deliberate manner. In our society for now, the main purpose of bullying someone via the internet is to ridicule them; make the subject a laughing stock.

Local forms of cyber bullying:

- Posting a status that reflects negatively to the subject.
- Screen grabbing material and publicising it to ridicule subject.

• Posting memes that will seriously discredit subject's reputation. Fortunately (or unfortunately) these are the only forms of cyber bullying that are utilised in the country.

In recent events, we collated that an incident where a hip/hop star who had the vision to fill up a stadium was constantly and repeatedly bullied by twelebs and felebs. Yes, he

suffered all three forms but he decided not to retaliate. I want to assume that if he did he's situation could have become dire. This brought to my attention that the topic at hand is real.

How to Act Out:

Know that it's not your fault.

What people call "bullying" is sometimes an argument between two people. But if someone is repeatedly cruel to you, that's bullying and you mustn't blame yourself.

No one deserves to be treated cruelly.

Don't respond or retaliate.

Sometimes a reaction is exactly what aggressors are looking for

because they think it gives them power over you, and you don't want to empower a bully. As for retaliating, getting back at a bully turns you into one – and can turn one mean act into a chain reaction. If you can, remove yourself from the situation.

If you can't, sometimes humor disarms or distracts a person from bullying.

Save the evidence.

The only good news about bullying online or on phones is that it can usually be captured, saved, and shown to someone who can help. You can save that evidence in case things escalate.

By
Phumelele
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Live at the Basement

...in dedication to budding brands and talents

Live at The Basement is a new central online platform that is founded by Lighthouse Media Group (LMG), a newly founded transformational media and entertainment company, based in Swaziland.

Lighthouse Media Group aims at establishing platforms that will develop the media and entertainment industry in Swaziland by centralizing the industry and presenting quality content.

About Live at The Basement

Live at The Basement is a new central online platform dedicated to covering upcoming and established artists, ranging from singers, rappers, fine artists, graphic designers, photographers, film directors and independent urban clothing brands. It also covers the latest music releases, latest news regarding the media and entertainment industry, urban lifestyle and fashion, events and more.

Live at The Basement primarily serves to being a definitive voice for local artists, brands and public figures of the media and entertainment industry.

Live at The Basement showcases the most diverse forms of art and artists, strictly quality content, emanating from the bounds of the underground to the home of the mainstream.

The platform also shoots short documentaries on artists and brands, focusing on

their work, aspirations and lifestyle.

Why Live at The Basement was formed?

Live at The Basement was formed in efforts to bridge the gap between upcoming artists and mainstream platforms, in addition to the public.

It is also aimed at unifying the media and entertainment industry in Swaziland, by showcasing strictly quality content from artists to revolutionize the public's negative stereotype against the local industry.

Musicians

Musicians that request to be covered should contact us to submit their work. Musicians that also wish to share any news/activities regarding their work, upcoming shows or anything else regarding their careers should also contact us and we will share their news/links.

Photographers/Fine Artists/Film Directors

Photographers, fine artists and directors that wish to share links to their pages and work, should contact us, to clarify details on their work and additional credits due that need to be mentioned.

Independent Urban Fashion Brands

Designers with their own clothing or cap brands should send us quality pictures of the product, including photo-shoots, and details of the prices, its availability details and contact details for orders.

By Phumelele Mkhonta



Brief history on Italian food

Italian cuisine has developed through centuries of social and political changes, with roots stretching to antiquity.

Significant changes occurred with the discovery of the New World and the introduction of potatoes, tomatoes, bell peppers and maize, now central to the cuisine but not introduced in quantity until the 18th century. Italian cuisine is noted for its regional diversity, abundance of difference in taste, and it is probably the most popular in the world, with influences abroad.

Italian cuisine is characterized by its simplicity, with many dishes having only four to eight ingredients. Italian cooks rely chiefly on the quality of the ingredients rather than on elaborate preparation. Ingredients and dishes vary by region. Many dishes that were once regional, however, have proliferated with variations throughout the country.

Cheese and wine are a major part of the cuisine, with many variations and Denominazione di origine controllata (DOC) (regulated appellation) laws. Coffee, specifically espresso, has become important in Italian cuisine.

Although the country known as Italy did not unite until the 19th century, the cuisine can claim traceable roots as far back as the 4th century BCE.

Through the centuries, neighbouring regions, conquerors, high-profile chefs, politi-

cal upheaval and the discovery of the New World have influenced its development. Italian food started to form after the fall of the Roman Empire, when different cities began to separate and form their own traditions. Many different types of bread and pasta were made, and there was a variation in cooking techniques and preparation. The country was split. For example, the North of Italy (Milan) is known for its risottos, the central/middle of the country (Bologna) is known for its tortellini and the South (Naples) is famous for its pizzas.

Traditionally, meals in Italy usually contain three or four courses. Especially on weekends, meals are often seen as a time to spend with family and friends rather than simply for sustenance; thus, meals tend to be longer than in other cultures. During holidays such as Christmas and New Year's Eve, feasts can last for hours.

Today, the traditional Italian menu is kept mainly for special events (such as weddings) while an everyday menu includes only the first and/or second course, the side dish, and coffee. A notable aspect of Italian meals is that the primo or first course is usually a more filling dish such as risotto or pasta. Italian cuisine also includes single courses (all-in-one courses), providing carbohydrates and proteins at the same time (e.g. pasta and legumes).

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

...By Natasha

LEARNING THE HARD WAY TO SAY NO!

I was a yes woman.
Yes all the way every time.
Coming to think of it now,
it must have been influenced
By the fact that growing up
I was an orphan.
Saying YES was a survival
skill.
Yes I was sulking up to
whoever and whatever so
To make ends meet.
Being a yes man, I landed
myself in a ditch.
Many situations took
advantage of me because I
said yes.
I landed with a baby in my
hands because I said yes
To a man taking advantage
of me.
I said yes when he sprinted
with another woman
And left me to deal with
consequences.
I said yes when my 'cool'
friends lured me into
Engaging in intoxicants.
I wasn't me but I wanted to
deal with my harsh reality.
And yes I enjoyed that yes.
I finally tried to gather my
life, when I did
My relatives attempted to
suck me dry of the peanuts
I worked for.
So now what were my
YES's for.
Now I say NO.
It will be all about me,
myself and I.
I want to enjoy life outside
the yes realm.
I have endured enough.
Now NO is the new YES.

DIARY OF A WORKING SINGLE MOTHER

Food for the Soul

I have always painted this bright and happy picture in my mind.

It has guided me to a meaningful life over the years, with all the lemons thrown at me and around me. I learnt that the mind is just like a home; its owner furnishes it, to her own preference. I said no to a dull and meaningless life.

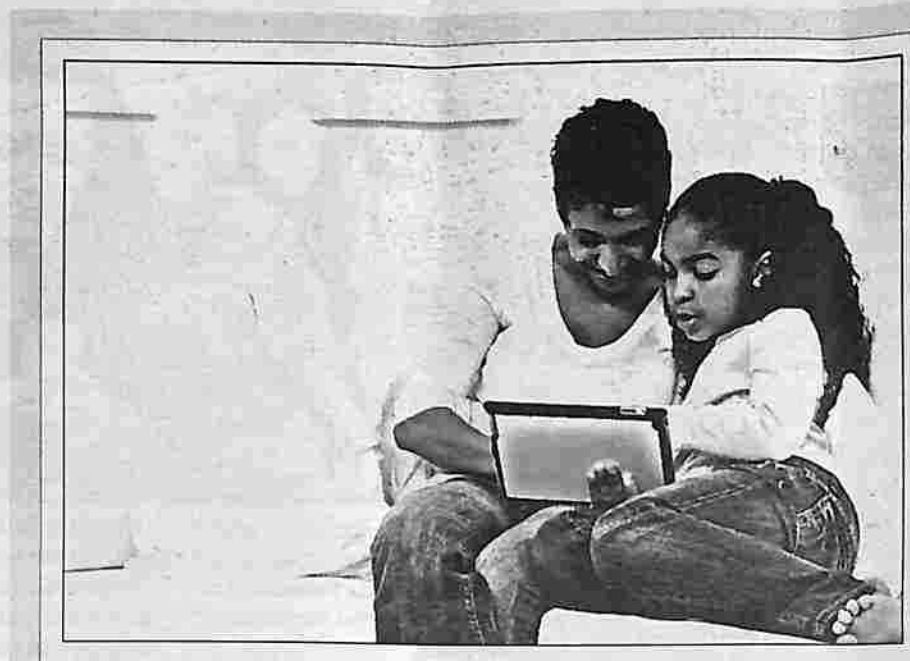
I have never worked a day in my life that is probably because I chose a job that I love. See writing is one of the things that I do every day.

I do it without complains.

Complaining does not change anything anyway; it is just wasting the precious time one should be doing something meaningful with. Finding a smile even with tears in my eyes has never been hard. I learnt to fly even without wings.

When I finally found my wings and wanted to fly, most of the time they were wet. So I flew anyway, I flew towards the rainbow, where my destiny and my happiness lies. I flew even when people warned me against it, with a smile I flew to this land where failure is there but it fails to succeed.

This is the land where I learnt that angels fly because they take themselves lightly.



I have never expected happiness in my life, I still do not, but I delight deeply when it finally reaches me. That's the trick that guides my life.

People see me constantly smiling and feel I am always happy and that thing goes well for me.

Well they do not know that whenever I find it, I stop and enjoy it. Most of them think it only happens to me but they fail to understand they miss this

share of happiness because they do not bother themselves with stopping to enjoy. The world always finds a way of disciplining us, if we do not learn to do it ourselves.

I have done so many mistakes in my life and I have learnt just as much. Yes learning from my mistakes made me the woman I am today, other people can only envy, but the trick is right there, in their hands.

Youth on the move...

Many young talents have envisioned a life in the music industry and Xolani 'JadakuZZi' Mkhonta is no different from the rest of the other dreamers; what sets him apart is the fact that he also yearns to achieve in an academic aspect.

JadakuZZi has released a banging jam 'Waguga Madala' which also has been broadcast on our national radio stations. JadakuZZi is from humble beginnings; staying at Mangwaneni with his father and still pursuing his Diploma in Information Communication Technology; he did his Primary Education at Ngwane Park and High School at Nkhoba.

Stage name

Well I got that name from my mom because I would always listen to Jadakiss' songs and my mother would call me thousands of times but I would still be in the room with no response.

On this fateful day she enquired the name of the artist that always shuts off my ears and mind to the world and I told her it was Jadakiss; from then on she referred to me as JadakuZZi when trying to say Jadakiss.

Journey with Hip/Hop

I fell in love with hip/hop around the time I was in Grade VI; but I fell deeply in love with it after I lost my mother. I related so much with 2Pac's track 'Dear Mama', it felt like he was talking to me. That was when my fascination with rap grew.

Last year I dropped two singles of which one of them was 'Waguga Madala'. Currently I am in studio with Subjamz working on

another single which I will drop soon.

I am really excited about the hip/hop industry in the country.

It is coming alive. Shows like Hipnotik are also up; lifting Swazi hip/hop. I am also inspired by 80Script, he is on point.

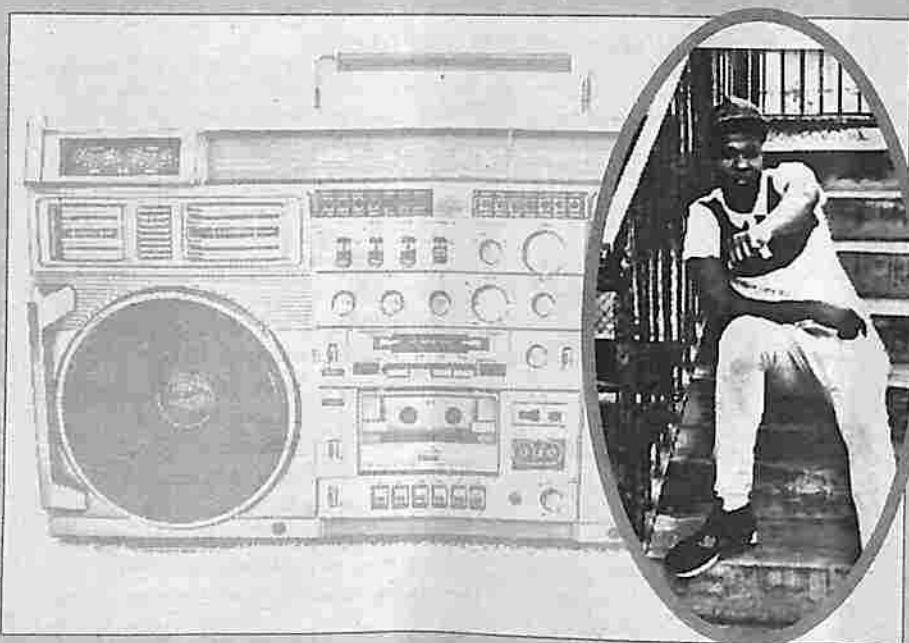
My paramount vision is to be an educated

hip/hop star; I will not drop my IT until I graduate and I will also not drop my music.

I advise youngsters and aspiring rappers to always put respect at the forefront. They should be themselves and never lose sight to what they wish to accomplish in life.

By Phumelele Mkhonta

THE RISE OF JADAKUZZI



"I advise youngsters and aspiring rappers to always put respect on the forefront. They should be themselves and never lose sight to what they wish to accomplish in life."

Blockword Puzzle

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

safari Animals

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Baby Blues



Blondie



Hagar the Horrible



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Monday 27 June

Samson makes the Memel chairman an offer he can't refuse. A mysterious man arrives in Bhubesini, looking for Mabuvi.

Tuesday 28 June

Samson proves his worth to the Ngwenyas. Simelane goes to Mpiyakhe with unsettling news. Old wounds are reopened for Mabuvi.



Monday 27 June

Ndalamo wants Nthabeleng to realise he loves her. Shonisani's intrigued by Vho-Mukondeleli's change of heart. Vusi receives shocking news.

Tuesday 28 June

Ndalamo is going out of his mind with jealousy when Nthabeleng suddenly disappears. Mankosi insists that Vusi go out and have some fun. And then he bumps into Onika. Mulimisi is a man in love and it shows.

Wednesday, 29 June

Mpiyakhe tries to prevent Samson's Memel retaliation. Fezile feels good about himself. S'Khaleni makes things right with Pam.

Thursday, 30 June

Samson and Qaphela show just how serious they are about their business. Mpiyakhe and Samson have a show down in Memel. S'bu meets an old acquaintance.

Friday, 01 July

Mpiyakhe makes a dramatic entrance at the taxi association. Siphokazi is increasingly obsessed with the arrival of her adopted child. Jabu lies to Iris about something important.

Wednesday 29 June

The royal sons are nowhere to be found. Mulimisi is with Shonisani when he sees an old girlfriend. Onika apologises for causing trouble between Vusi and Katlego.

Thursday 30 June

Things fall apart at the royal compound as the boys go missing. Vusi and Onika seem to be getting very friendly. Mulimisi is caught between Mpho and Shonisani.

Friday 01 July

Azwindi's sons are seen in their place of captivity. Onika pretends to help Vusi and Katlego fix things. Shonisani walks in on Mulimisi and Mpho.

ISIDÍNGO

Monday 27 June

Obakeng meets a family member but doesn't know they are related. Gabriel is forced to work with Nina. Lerato tells Sechaba she wants a new house.

Tuesday 28 June

Obakeng gets injured. Tyson angers Lincoln by insisting on looking for Katlego. Sechaba's financial woes take a turn for the worse.

Wednesday 29 June

Obakeng is injured because he was at the wrong place at the wrong time. Gabriel is trying to land on his feet again but Barker's watching him. Sechaba has to deal with domestic squabbles whilst sorting out a work crisis.

Thursday 30 June

Lincoln instructs Nina to not speak to Tyson about Katlego. Nina wonders what he's hiding. Gabriel tells Nina he's out, there's not much more she can do to him.

Friday 01 July

Nina is forced to ask for Gabriel's help and they strike a deal. Morongwa has found a diamond ring and refuses to report it. Kamogelo tries to do damage control and save both her and Aphiwe from Lerato's wrath.



Monday 27 June

S manga and his team are blissfully unaware that someone is taking pictures of them. Jack makes a veiled threat against Karabo and Gadafi. Nolwazi's had enough of being strung along and issues an ultimatum.

Tuesday 28 June

Tebogo is on his way to KZN to conduct the lobola negotiations. The Morokas are still in shock after what happened last night.

Wednesday 29 June

Tshidi's sudden hunger for her man arouses his suspicions. Xolelwa continues to sell her lies. Nanihla saves the day for her perpetrator.

Thursday 30 June

S manga sees red when Siphos writes another scathing article. Karabo informs Zondo their star witness has gone AWOL. Nolwazi's arrival at the Moroka house causes a lot of mixed emotions.

Friday 01 July

Tau realises his wife isn't the person she used to be. Gadafi challenges Jack's new second-in-command.



Monday 27 June

Mpho puts her foot down that Tsietsi needs to choose between AWUSA or their marriage. Abomzala Catering has clinched a lucrative deal with a prestigious wedding.

Tuesday 28 June

Mazibuko and Mpho's bond grows while Mpho and Mandlakazi grow further apart. Tsietsi agrees to stay away from Malaika and feels side-lined when Reba is praised for snagging the AWUSA deal for Namane Funerals. Disebo manages to hide her mess ups at work from Damian.

Wednesday 29 June

Selo gets frustrated and it seems Noku Lunga has him where she wants him. Temptation presents itself to Tsietsi when Mpho goes away and he is not very strong at resisting it. Disebo messes up big time.

Thursday 30 June

Buzwe and Tsietsi's ego clash starts gaining traction over their differences over AWUSA. Noku Lunga convinces Joseph to bid for Kgosi against Mickey. Mantsho is not convinced that Mpho is happy with Tsietsi.

Friday 01 July

The Rankoana's make things difficult for the Namanes during the wedding negotiations. Mantsho wants Mpho to give birth in Ficksburg.

NONHLANHLA, SIKHUMBUZO'S WEDDING IN PICS



FLOWER GIRL: Anica Maseko, carrying the couple's rings.



ALL SMILES: Matron of honour, Thobile Dlamini with bride



Nonhlanhla and Sikhumbuzo's Son Mukelwe Ginindza and flower girl dancing up a storm.



FAMILY BONDS: The Ginindza family posing for a photo after the wedding.



HAPPILY IN LOVE: Bride and Groom Sikhumbuzo and Nonhlanhla at Mountain Inn steps pose for a photoshoot.



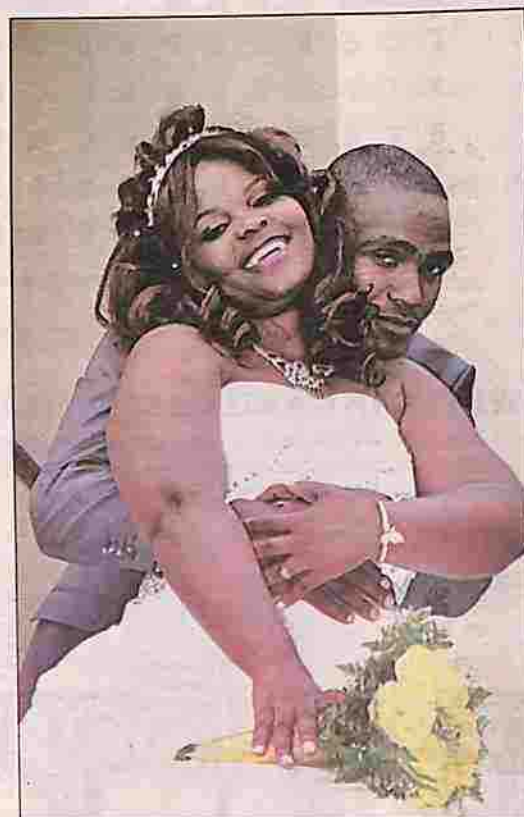
TAILS UP: The couple having a great time during the photoshoot.



THE LADIES: Bride poses with Matron of honour and bridesmaids



KODAK MOMENTS: Princess Gcinile Dlamini also came to support the Ginindza family.



HOLD YOU TIGHT: The couple getting cosy and comfortable.



IN FULL SUPPORT: Prince Muzi Dlamini walking the bride down the aisle.

LIVE SMART, BE ACTIVE, EAT WISELY

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Wonderfully sweet with firm and creamy flesh, bananas come prepackaged in their own yellow jackets and are available for harvest throughout the year.

Bananas are one of nature's great snack foods, rich, and sweet, which are a favourite food for everyone from infants to elders. They are more convenient to enjoy, and are a good source of vitamins and minerals, as well as fibre.

Healthy benefits

Blood pressure

Maintaining a low sodium intake is essential to lowering blood pressure, however increasing potassium intake may be just as important because of its vasodilation effects. Also of note, a high potassium intake is associated with a 20% decreased risk of dying from all causes.

Cancer

Consuming bananas, oranges and orange juice in the first two years of life may reduce the risk of developing childhood leukemia. As a good source of Vitamin C, bananas can help combat the formation of free radicals known to cause cancer. High fibre intakes from fruits and vegetables like bananas are associated with a lowered risk of colorectal cancer.

Heart health

The fibre, potassium, Vitamin C and B6 content in bananas all support heart health. An increase in potassium intake along with a decrease in sodium intake is the most important dietary change that a person can make to reduce their risk of cardiovascular disease. High potassium intakes are also associated with a reduced risk of stroke, protection against loss of muscle mass, preservation of bone mineral density and reduction in the formation of kidney stones.

Treating diarrhoea

Bland foods such as apple sauce and bananas are recommended for diarrhoea treatment. Electrolytes like potassium are lost in large quantities during bouts of diarrhoea and may make those affected feel weak. Bananas can help to promote regularity and replenish potassium stores.

Preserving memory and boosting mood

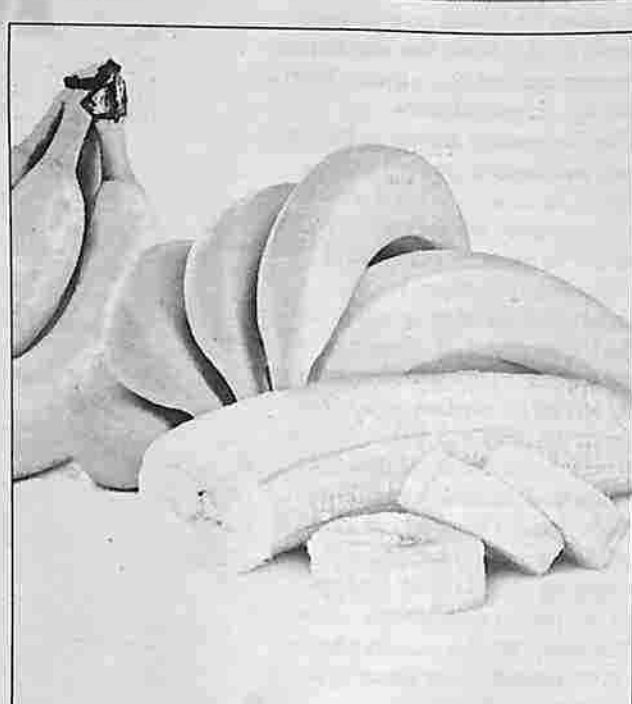
Bananas also contain tryptophan, an amino acid that studies suggest plays a role in preserving memory and boosting your mood.

Less stress and anxiety

Besides the mood-boosting, bananas also have tryptophan, "a precursor for serotonin," says Bjork, "and serotonin may be the most important brain chemical because it is a natural anti-depressant and can treat, anxiety and insomnia, as well as other mood issues such as fatigue, irritability, agitation, anger, and aggression. Bananas also have norepinephrine, which regulates our "fight or flight response," which helps to regulate stress. They're an optimal, natural, real-food way to promote positive moods and help to prevent depression," she continues. "Good thing we don't need a prescription!" (Try mashing on into a detox water and drink your way calm.)

Less Cravings and Feel Fuller

'THE HUMBLE FRUIT'



RECIPES

Banana pancakes with crispy bacon & syrup

- 8 rashers smoked streaky bacon
- 140g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tbsp light soft brown sugar
- 2 ripe banana, 1mashed, 1 thinly sliced
- 2 large eggs
- 25g butter, melted, plus a little extra
- 125ml milk
- Maple syrup

Method

1. Heat the grill to high.
2. Arrange the bacon on a baking tray lined with foil.
3. Cook for five -seven mins until crisp, then turn off the grill but leave the tray inside to keep warm.
4. In a bowl, mix the flour, baking powder and sugar with a pinch of salt.
5. Make a well in the centre and add the mashed banana, eggs, butter and milk.
6. Whisk to a smooth batter without any flour lumps.

This is another benefit of keeping your blood sugar stable, one of our classic Eat this, Not that! weight loss tips. Eating a banana between meals means less binging, and no more monkeying around in the snack drawer. Prior to ripening, bananas are rich in something called resistant starch, which, as the name suggests, literally resists the digestion process. This feeds healthy gut bacteria, which suppresses the appetite and leads to more efficient fat oxidation. In fact, one study found that replacing just five percent of the day's carbohydrates with a source of resistant starch can boost post-meal fat burn by up to 30 percent! Since under ripe bananas are a bit bitter, we suggest adding them into weight loss smoothies with other fruits and veggies to mask the

7. Heat a little butter in a large frying pan.
8. Once sizzling, ladle in small dollops of the pancake batter, leaving a little space between each, as they will spread out.
9. Put two or three slices of banana onto the surface of each pancake and cook for two mins over a medium heat. When you see bubbles appear between the banana slices, flip the pancakes over and cook for 1 min more, until puffed up and golden.
10. Transfer to a plate and keep warm with the bacon while you cook the rest.
11. Serve the pancakes with the crispy bacon and a drizzle of maple syrup.

Microwave banana pudding

Ingredients

- 100g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
- 2 ripe bananas
- 100g light sugar
- 100g self-raising flour
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp milk
- Icing sugar, toffee sauce and ice cream, to serve, if you like

taste.

Buying and storing bananas

Consider the shelf life when buying bananas. If you want to eat them over the course of the week, choose ones that have green tinges on the ends as they can be ripened at home. To eat straight away, choose bananas with small patches of black on the skin, which is a sign of ripeness.

Fresh bananas are available year-round. Unlike other fruits, the ripening process of bananas does not slow down after they are picked. Bananas should be stored at room temperature. The warmer the temperature, the faster bananas will ripen. However, to slow ripening, bananas should be refrigerated. The outer peel of the banana will darken but the banana itself will stay intact longer.

Method

1. Put the butter in a one-litre baking dish and microwave on High for 30 secs one minute until melted.
2. Add 1½ banana, mash into the melted butter, and then add the sugar, flour, cinnamon, eggs and milk.
3. Mix together well.
4. Slice the remaining banana over the top, then return to the microwave and cook on High for eight minutes until cooked through and risen.
5. Serve warm, dusted with icing sugar, if you like, with a drizzle of toffee sauce and a scoop

Banana Tea

of ice cream.

Just boil some water, cut off both ends of a banana (still in its peel) and boil for seven to 10 minutes.

Then drain and drink

Risks and precautions

Beta-blockers, a type of medication most commonly prescribed for heart disease, can cause potassium levels to increase in the blood. High potassium foods such as bananas should be consumed in moderation when taking beta-blockers.

To encourage faster ripening; place the banana in a brown paper bag at room temperature.

Incorporating more bananas into your diet

Bananas come with nature gifted protective outer layer of skin, and therefore, less likely to be contaminated by germs and dust.

•Eat banana fruit as it is without any additions. Just discard its peel and enjoy!

•Banana fruit sections are a great addition in fruit salads.

•Fresh "banana-milkshake" with sugar syrup is a refreshing drink.

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THE PODIUM

WITH: Sibusiso Dlamini



This past week I received an email from a friend who is currently studying in the United Kingdom.

He was asking for advice on a decision that he wants to take. Now, this intellectually given young man has had a dream from a very young age, to go and study Information Technology abroad so that he comes back and imparts the skill and knowledge in our country. This is a Swazi who loves his country wholeheartedly. Due to the fact that he has been performing exceptionally well over there, he just received a job offer while he is still on his last year in University! Talk about hard work! Anyways, this young man wanted to ask for my advice on whether he should turn down the job offer and follow his heart – coming back home and try to develop the industry. He asked me how the ministry was currently doing. I laughed out loud, very loud. If only my boy knew!

Before replying I had to think long and hard. I am one person who always advocates for passion. I am one person who at all times gives thumbs up to whoever follows their hearts.

But, through that I knew very well that he will probably stay unoccupied, unemployed to be precise. Now, I his family needs him to start helping them out, sooner rather than later. It's what we call black tax (a subject I will talk about in the coming weeks). That will not happen in Swaziland, it's a definite!

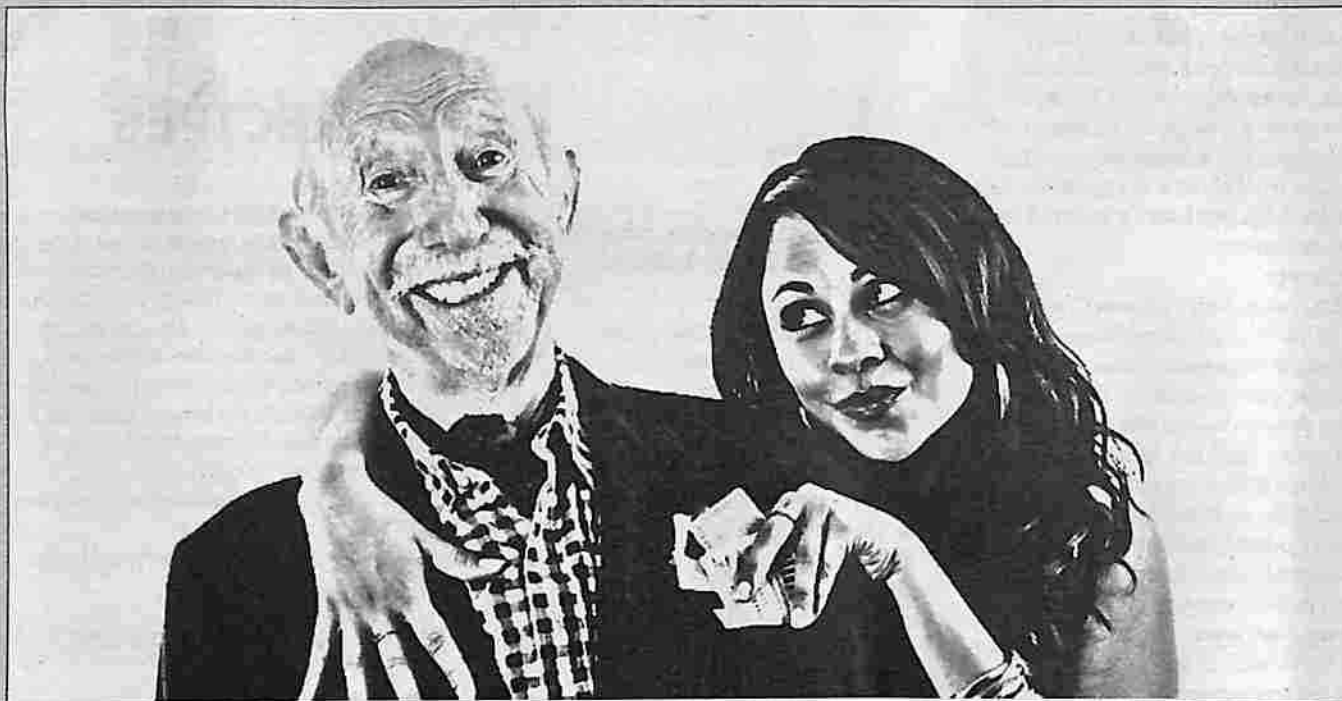
So, I had to take the very hard decision of being the bearer of bad news. I told him back in the hood, things are tough. That boy we grew playing soccer with in the streets just got arrested for drug possession and theft. And the girl we went to school with – his sister's friend has turned to prostitution as a means of survival. That probably gave him the whole picture; things are bad, really bad!

Schools, the public ones, have more than fifty pupils in one class. Tell me if you think it makes any, even the most minuscule that a teacher who earns peanuts and lives in a house that looks more like a shack will dedicate their time and effort to producing better citizens. The TSC, which is an institution that hires teachers, is currently under public scrutiny, and deservedly. The stunts that they are pulling are not funny. We as the tax-payers had to fork our money because of the senseless accusations of the executive secretary Mduzuzi Nkambule. How will he work with the people the same people that wanted him out?

In the middle of all this, our future generation, the same ones that are faced with the major challenges of single or child headed families, are losing. Just to cut the long story short, I told my homie to take the job offer and start earning the big bucks. He will probably live and be a better person there. In the midst of dilemmas in the country, we are cursed with a parliament that cannot even take one sober decision. As a matter, they are busy wasting time and money while trying to prove that they are better than the other.

Parliamentarians' failure to oust their speaker certainly did not teach them any lesson. We all know that they are nothing but rubber stamps. They should be busy trying to find a remedy for the economy, yet they are busy with that CPA drama. I don't

LIVING IN SWAZILAND IS A CUL-DE-SAC!



even know why I keep on wasting precious space by giving my thoughts on them but as one of the greatest rappers ever, Nas said, "If you don't speak your mind, you won't stand the test of time."

The less said about the ministry of Information and Technology, the better. It is led by a Big Joe who wants to announce his arrival in town.

Pity I think he will leave town faster than he has dreamt. He is busy filling parastatals under his watch with principals; one would swear that they are now the "about to retire principals association". Swazi TV is a mess.

The audit for me is taking a whole lot longer than it should be. SPTC is not a company, it's a joke. I foresee a situation whereby this messy chaos and confusion between MTN and SPTC will continue, trust me. As that happens, the man in charge will be busy trying to find those who have personal agendas against him.

Senate president Gelane Zwane hit truly hit the nail in the head when she said she was worried that senators were earning

money for doing nothing. Now, the money to pay them is tax from people who get up every single day to work. Get it, they work for the money. Senators should be worried because I'm pretty sure MP's are happy with the unfolding events.

This is why the youth will probably leave for better countries. It's not easy. Nor is it what they wanted but it's reality!

...EVERY GIRL IS NOW A PROSTITUTE

Owing to my brief instalment a couple of weeks ago on blessers, I had the displeasure of having to explain this topical blesser thingamajig to my not so up to snuff mother. It was one of those times when it was just me and my old lady getting back to the basics. The answer she gave me got me thinking something I probably didn't even think of before. Is every girl now a prostitute in our country? Before I get hit with stilettos and whatever it is that is always on those handbags, I will substantiate.

A prostitute is someone who you have sexual intercourse with in return for money. They can be male or female or old or young. But mostly, they are young and female. Now, every girl in this country is looking for a blesser, even the high school kids! To us who still believe that we have soul mates we will meet at the right time, this gives us the creeps. Some of us still believe that money should make a difference but not make you different. If every girl wants the trendiest of clothes or the most expensive phone, then where are going to get wives? These blessers have sex and then splash the money. Nothing comes free of charge.

To me that is prostitution, whether we give it a cooler name or not. If you have a blesser, you are prostitute, finish and klaar! What boggles my mind then is every girl now a prostitute, in the same country that was once dubbed as the pulpit of Africa. Things really do change. We are now a generation that is not only lacking patience but morality as well. Disgraceful, Pitiful and Pathetic!

Untipping The Societal Scales

WITH: Dumisa Dlamini



Bedroom sport is worse than boxing because not only is it an individual battle but it also comes with no spectators or coaches.

Other than your sparring partner, you are on your own in four enclosing walls. It is a game where you are expected to come as a fighter and prove your worthy to your sparring partner.

The results in there, especially if they are poor, linger in the mind of the opponent much longer than the fighter would love to remember. There never has been any formal training or coaching *kumshuvo waphansi* like in any other sport, boxing inclusive.

A man's worst nightmare comes when he cannot perform in the bedroom, especially when he is failed by his most trusted agent—the Third Leg. No amount of explanation can spare him the embarrassment and at times the anger of his woman. Scales would say, this is not a game of fitness but rather a duel of ability on the spur of the moment.

It is as much a game of the mind that determines whether you are focused, disturbed or excited. Men would wonder why at that given time or often times than not his most trusted agent would fail him.

You see, in the bedroom duel, three parties would always be involved; it is the man, his agent and the woman on the receiving end. Every man breathing today who is active in-between a pair of sheets has had his Third Member of his legs failing him dismally.

It can, has and still would fail men in bed for many reasons women would never comprehend. In an average life span, every man has had his agent failing to come to the party albeit with his wife or *etsafeni*. He would wonder what becomes of his striking force in the manner he shies in front of a scoring opportunity.

Intimate

This one very important guy had something intimate and naughty for a lady he found at a service centre he regularly visited for business. He approached, appraised and soon discovered that the feeling was mutual.

Eventually they had a date in between a pair of sheets *emini babadze bonkhe* in a rendezvous well picked and secured by *lenkunkela*.

Not one thing *leyasukuma kulobabe* and it was clear that the woman was agitated because she had been pestered and "threatened" there would be fire. On the other hand the gentleman was frustrated, "*Ngisite phela nawe sweetie, wan-gibukelela nje*". There, a gentle and the generous soul she understood the man's plight, *Ncesi Ndzimandze, kutawulunga ngalelinye lilanga*". His worry was pacified *wase umutsi gidli losisi imali* so that she does not fly away.

Your good, faithful and beautiful wife may be quiet today when you actually fail to give her action she had been anticipating. However, her actions mood swings and outbursts will certainly tell you she is not amused at all.

Maseko, a well respected man in the community because of his prowess in matters of culture, custom and tradition, did not

earn as much respect from his wife LaGimba. His Third Member of his three legs failed him in bed almost always. He did not comprehend where the problem was because previously, he was a man who knew and satisfied his wife. This day in particular, when he had failed, in the still of a chilly night, *wasukuma lomake watsi dlutfu* and towered over him, *angakagcoki lutfo*.

Numb

He was really terrified and thought she would go physically. She didn't but the attack was battering and left him numb.

"*Nginyekele Maseko, ungaphindzi nje ungente lutfo*, I will understand that you can't and ain't be a man with me." The man was quiet, forlorn and sullen for a long time.

He never said a word and not once did he try to make advances to his wife. It was only then that she realised how deep she must have hurt him, plunging him further in pain he was already suffering.

In some instances, where women wouldn't be far from the truth, they would accuse the man and accost the failure of his agent to cheating.

How can a woman, your wife, who has been alone for a week whilst you are at work comprehends your failure to instigate a rising from the South? She will certainly conclude you had another woman on the eve of the day you came home and are wasted, exhausted and consumed. She will follow the attack in that you don't find her attractive any longer and she does not appeal to your sexual feelings. This is a woman whose desires have not been met.

FAILED BY HIS MOST TRUSTED AGENT IN THE BEDROOM- THE ADDED LEG

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She never gets to understand that having failed her here and now, you have lost many battles at once. You as a man wanted the pleasure as much if not more than the woman, it slips away the moment your most trusted agent slops at the surface of duty.

Your ego, that which defines you as a masculine conqueror to her is wounded and destroyed, she will never consider you manly again, until such time you bring useful equipment to battle between the sheets.

Future

These beautiful creatures, women, can be ready and raring for "war." Such failure dampens their spirits not only in the spur of the moment but also for future considered engagements with you.

A poorly paid country pastor had a wife who never understood why he would come home very late.

Whilst she did not spell it out he was cheating, the indicators were loud and clear she was. This man of the cloth was engaged in a small scale business venture, *atitsengisela emadada* to supplement his frugal parish pay. At times he would be waiting by the roadside luring customers, "*Umshibo; umshibo Bekunene, nasi sibhubukati selidada nishiba nonkhe ekhaya*".

Such would take him the evening thus getting home after dusk. Madam would not be pleased regardless of the fact that she was the end beneficiary of *lemali yemadada emfundisi*.

Here is an imbalance, each time he failed to perform in bed; the wife would swear by the wedding gown that she was being

cheated in the ploy that her husband was doing business. She complained. Each time then the pastor came late, he would stop by the gate, pray to God that his agent fails him not that night, lest his wife quarrels with him for the entire week. You see, men suffer a psychological pre-sex defect. In the interim she is intimidated by this or that by his wife, his agent may coy away, leaving him vulnerable and exposed to an assortment of attitudes, insults and accusations from his wife.

Checkup

However, a lot of same may be a result of proper physical exercise which leaves the man unable to satisfy a woman. What of the many underlying ailments and diseases men are always scared to undergo medical checkup for? *Uyagula lomuntfu imane akati yena*.

The failure of the Third Leg is a warning that he is being wasted and doing nothing about it. Societal Scales cannot rule worry where a man is unemployed and no prospects of such map themselves in his near future. Having fed from the plate of food his wife would have bought, he may lack the energy to mount courage *amazi njengomfazi* at night.

He is a worried man and thus his agent reads the troubled mind and shrinks to the loins. In most cases than not, all men have been victims or culprits as per the dictates of women who fail to bring a proper and fit equipment to the field of play. His most trusted agent!

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Anyone who is lucky enough to have the unconditional love of a pet – dog, cat, rabbit, horse, whatever – knows that animals deserve our best even if we can't give it to them every day. How do you rank as a pet carer?

Adopt, don't shop

Every imported or bred dog or cat means a healthy, normal welfare animal dies for want of a home. While healthy animals are killed for lack of homes, there is no excuse to breed.

Get your pet spayed or neutered

Irresponsible breeders do not sterilise (or vaccinate). The resulting overpopulation results in the senseless euthanasia of millions of pets every year worldwide and hundreds in Swaziland. Have all your pets sterilised by six months old. Welfare pets come ready sterilised and vaccinated.

Keep your pet healthy

Feed your pet the best quality formulated food you can afford, keep vaccinations up to date and take the pet to the vet for any illness or emergency. Have your new pet examined by a qualified vet before bringing it home and thereafter once a year (during routine vaccinations). Some pet health problems, such as rabies and worms, can be

ARE YOU A RESPONSIBLE PET PARENT?



passed to humans, so it's in your best interests to keep your pets healthy.

Get out there and get moving

Your dog, regardless of size, requires plenty of fresh air and exercise. Exercise is a good outlet for pent up energy and will help avoid unwanted behaviour. Interacting with your pet is highly recommended as it reinforces the bond between you. If you don't have time for a walk today, play ball in the garden.

Teach your pet

Many dogs are handed back to shelters

because the owners couldn't be bothered to train them properly.

Training your dog builds a healthy and appropriate relationship so you know what to expect of each other. Training lays down rules and boundaries, allowing your pet to be a responsible member of society and preventing unacceptable habits.

Clean up after your pet

A sanitary and clean environment for you and your pet ensures a healthy lifestyle for all. Keep your pets' environment as clean as possible, as bacteria and disease fester in

fecal matter and urine, as do internal and external parasites and fungal infections.

Create a perfect pet environment

If you do not own your home, be sure to check with your landlord on any restrictions they may have on pets.

Don't get a pet if you plan to move where pets are not welcome. A pet is a lifetime commitment: +16 years for a dog and +20 years for a cat.

Keep your pet safe

Dogs that roam freely away from your property run the risk of traffic accident, theft or attack by other dogs or humans. Chaining is not an option.

Dogs do not have the mental capacity to cope with the loneliness and restriction of chaining, which is contrary to nature and causes mental unbalance. Don't get a dog unless your garden is securely fenced.

Microchip or tag your dog

Microchipping is now available in Swaziland but a soft, well-fitting collar with a clear ID tag giving the dog's name and your phone number will ensure that he can be returned to you.

A microchip is an excellent backup should he lose his collar.

Know who your pet comes into contact with

If your dog plays or goes for walks with the neighbours' dogs, make sure they are also vaccinated and dewormed. If you are looking for a pet-sitter, be sure to check references before leaving your dog in their care.

Today's state-of-the-art solutions for CEOs

Swaziland Standards Authority

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Over the past couple of weeks, we have been focusing on service standards, and what they mean for the service industry.

We have even gone as far as identifying how service standards can guarantee improved customer satisfaction. But in order to implement any form of standardisation in an organisation, you need top management buy in and approval.

Have you convinced your CEO or MD on the importance of standards in general, can he or she see the benefits of embarking on the path of standardisation?

Leaders in business, government and civil society face multiple challenges. Facing up to these challenges requires leadership qualities like vision, intelligence and courage – but they are not enough. Leaders also need practical tools they can rely on. In today's complex global marketplace, your company, organisation, or agency needs every advantage it can get.

Standards and conformity assessment activities are inextricably linked to all facets of your business. Companies who are most successful in their sectors recognise that standards and conformance are business tools that should be managed right alongside their quality, safety, intellectual property, and environ-

mental policies. In addition, standardisation and conformity assessment activities lead to lower costs by reducing redundancy, minimising errors, and reducing time to market.

Defining standards and conformity assessment

A standard is a document that sets out requirements for a specific item, material, component, system or service, or describes in detail a particular method or procedure. Standards are established by consensus and approved by recognised standardisation bodies or national standards bodies. In Swaziland, the Swaziland Standards Authority (SWASA) is the national standards body entrusted by His Majesty's Government with the responsibility for the development and promotion of the use of Swaziland National Standards in trade and commerce.

Conformity assessment is a collective term used to describe a whole host of activities that are designed to provide evidence that a commodity or a service meets the requirements of a given standard. Simply put, conformity assessment means checking whether products, services, materials, processes, systems and personnel measure up to the requirements of standards, regulations or other specifications.

Some typical conformity assessment activities include: testing, inspection, sampling, audit, certification as well as surveillance. As such, conformity assessment is an indispensable part of the nation's business, technology and standardisation infrastructure.

Demonstrating conformity to standards helps your products, services and personnel to cross borders, ensuring that products manufactured in one country can be sold and used in another. Furthermore, your business can not only reduce the economic risk of research and development activities by participating in standardisation, you can also lower your

Communicate
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Train and
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Re-Evaluate
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overall R&D costs by relying on previously standardised technologies and terminologies.

Companies that participate actively in standards development activities and also use standards in their business operations reduce costs, increase efficiencies, facilitate and maintain market access, and gain a more competitive advantage than those who do not participate. From a market-share point of view, it's likely that your competitors are actively engaged in standardisation. Without your influence and input, your competitors can dictate the way you will be doing business through the content of a standard. Worse yet, they can even include language that effectively standardises your product off the market.

How can standards help your business?

1. Improved performance, quality and reliability: standards provide clear guidelines and instructions that, when correctly applied, should ensure that a product or service will satisfy a series of specific quality criteria, corresponding with customers' requirements. By implementing the relevant standards, your business can achieve better levels of performance and reliability. This will help you to attract and retain customers for your products and services, thereby making your business more competitive and successful.

2. Better health and safety of your workers and consumers: standards help to protect the health and safety of your employees and customers as well as the general public and the natural environment. All relevant health and safety rules are taken into account during the

development of Swaziland National Standards, alongside input from organizations specialising in health and safety at work, consumer protection and environmental aspects. By applying the relevant standards correctly, you can fulfil your responsibilities towards your employees and customers as well as your legal obligations.

3. Compatibility between different products and components: standards are a useful tool for ensuring that different products and components are mutually compatible and will function properly when connected together. This objective – also known as interoperability – is vital for numerous industries. By paying close attention to standards, you can make sure that all the products and services you provide are compatible with each other, and they will also work with products and services offered by other companies and organisations.

Standards provide individuals, businesses and all kinds of organisations with a common basis for mutual understanding. They are especially useful for communication, measurement, commerce and manufacturing. There are many benefits to be accrued by your organisation when using standards, you are urged to contact the Swaziland Standards Authority for more information.

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HEALTH FEATURE



Stress is more likely to blame than a food intolerance.

Nearly 90 per cent of women have had tummy trouble in the past 12 months – with stress the main culprit, research revealed this week.

Doctors warn that mental wellbeing is directly linked to digestive problems, with growing evidence of 'cross-talk' between the gut and the brain.

Stress can also lead to indirect effects, with a lack of sleep and a poor diet also having an impact on women's health.

Research by consumer analysts Mintel found 88 per cent of women suffered from a gastrointestinal ailment in the past year, compared with 83 per cent of men.

The study found that upsets were rarely caused by an intolerance, infection or virus.

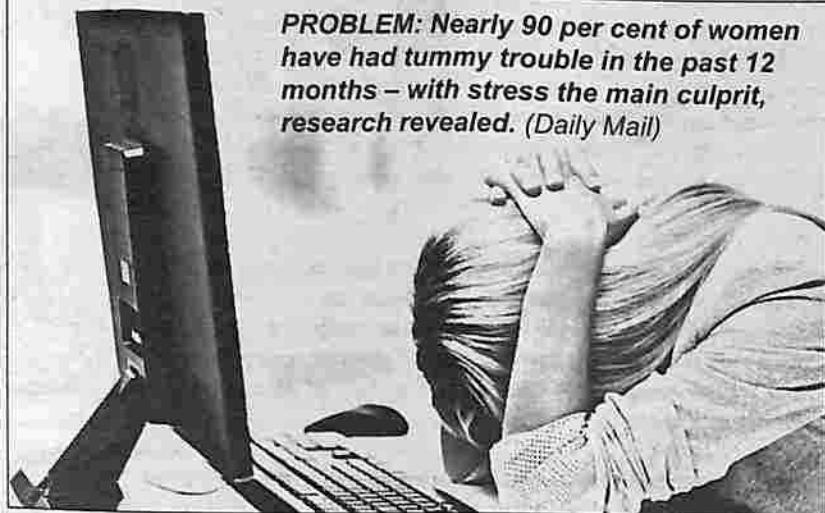
Instead, 30 per cent of adults who have had stomach problems blamed stress.

Coming a close second was a poor diet, at 26 per cent, followed by lack of sleep, at 17 per cent.

Viruses were the cause of 14 per cent of complaints, and alcohol was responsible for another 14 per cent.

A study by Cambridge University this month found women were twice as likely to have severe stress and anxiety as men. The researchers, whose findings were published in the journal *Brain and Behaviour*, put this difference down to social changes.

ARE YOU PLAGUED BY STOMACH PROBLEMS?



PROBLEM: Nearly 90 per cent of women have had tummy trouble in the past 12 months – with stress the main culprit, research revealed. (Daily Mail)

In the past, women tended to stay at home and be responsible for the family, but they are now more likely to hold down a job while bringing up children as well, the researchers said.

Differences

This upheaval is exacerbated by psychological differences between men and women.

Olivia Remes, who led the Cambridge study, said: "When women are subjected to stress they are more likely to internalise it

and develop anxiety.

They tend to ruminate about what has gone wrong – whereas men externalise, they react."

Senior Mintel analyst Jack Duckett added: "The spike in stomach ailments amongst women can be partly attributed to their experience of menstrual cycle-related symptoms.

"However, it is also linked to women largely remaining the main care providers for children, with the increased exposure to

children consequently rendering women more susceptible to germs they may be carrying."

Dr Bernard Corfe, of Sheffield University's molecular gastroenterology research group, said: "Stress has been well established as a contributor or cause of gastrointestinal problems – tummy upsets – and recent research is highlighting the links. However, stress can also cause us to change our diets and sleeping patterns, which can alter gut function."

Mintel, which based its findings on the responses of 2 000 British adults, found that 45 per cent of those who had experienced problems had tried a natural remedy, such as drinking ginger tea.

Only 34 per cent sought an over-the-counter or prescription cure.

But many forego treatment altogether, with 40 per cent saying that when they experience wind, bloating or flatulence, they do nothing and let it run its course naturally. Duckett said: "As people have become increasingly conscious of what they eat, an opportunity has arisen for health brands to blur the lines between diet and gastrointestinal remedies.

"This could see inspiration from vitamins, where brands have introduced powdered supplements to sprinkle on food or drink to bolster their health properties.

"Brands can also explore natural remedies, such as activated charcoal, which is used medically in the emergency treatment of certain types of poison."

But Dr Corfe said: "When managing symptoms it is important to be cautious about health claims around natural products, and ultimately it's important to manage stress."

How to handle Ramadan headaches

Ramadan is a sacred, spiritual time for Muslims around the world but fasting can cause headaches.

This is how you can prevent and manage headaches during this holy month.

Ramadan is a sacred time for Muslims worldwide. During this one-month period, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset.

Studies have shown that the religious practice of fasting (abstaining from eating, drinking or smoking) can often lead to mild or moderate headaches.

Fortunately for those that get headaches during Ramadan, there are some ways to help prevent these ailments.

Research shows that Ramadan headache onset often occurs in the afternoon or evening just before the fast is broken. Headache frequency typically increases over the duration of fasting.

Those prone to headaches at other times of the year are most likely to get a headache when fasting, but some patients who experience headaches during this time often have no previous history of headaches or migraines.

Dr. Elliot Shevel, South Africa's migraine surgery pioneer and the medical director of The Headache Clinic, says headaches during fasting can occur as a result of a few factors such as low blood sugar, increased stress, and caffeine withdrawal.

The good news is you can manage these headaches without breaking your fast.

1. Caffeine withdrawal

Caffeine withdrawal is a common cause of headache while fasting. "Patients can



often prevent headaches by reducing caffeine consumption in the weeks leading up to their fast," says Shevel. A cup of strong coffee just before the start of the fast each day may also prevent caffeine withdrawal headache.

2. Hypoglycaemia

Hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar) can also trigger headaches in many people. If a meal with high sugar content is taken before the fast begins, it can cause a rapid rise in blood sugar levels, followed by a fast drop that may trigger a headache,

explains Shevel.

"Eating a meal with low sugar content before the fast may prevent the onset of a headache during the day." Contact The Headache Clinic for a list of foods which have a low glycaemic index.

3. Dehydration

Dehydration is another common trigger and adequate intake of fluid before the onset of the fast can often prevent headaches.

"The human brain consists mostly of water, and it is very sensitive to the

amount of water available to it. When the brain detects that the water supply is too low, it begins to produce histamines," explains Shevel.

This is essentially a process of water rationing and conservation, in order to safeguard the brain in case the water shortage continues for a long period of time. The histamines directly cause pain and fatigue, in other words a headache and the low energy that usually accompanies it. Make sure to drink large amounts of water before starting your fast and when you end it.

Avoid triggers

"Patients should also, as far as possible, try to avoid exposure to other triggers such as stress, fatigue and lack of sleep during their fast, when there is a greater tendency to experience headache," says Shevel. "Rest and sleep often help prevent being subjected to headaches and the pain often melts away when the fast is broken."

When to call your doctor

If headaches are interfering with your fast, contact The Headache Clinic as we have a number of techniques to relieve you of your pain.

This will allow you to continue your fast without having your focus overtaken by persistent headaches.

If headaches persist after the fast or are severe in nature, patients are advised to seek help from a medical professional. Shevel explains that headaches can be most successfully treated using a multi-disciplinary approach, since no one medical specialisation covers all the psychological and physical dimensions of severe headaches.

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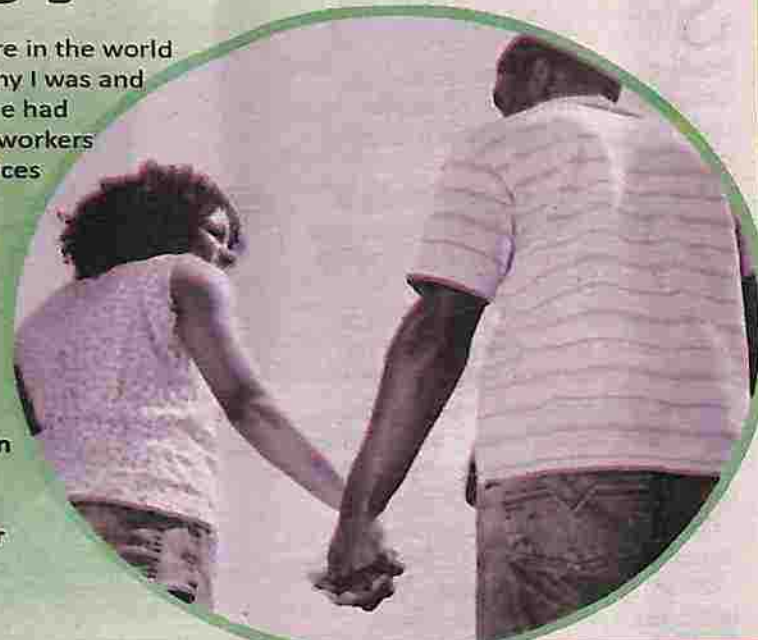


Men's Health Month: My partner and I

I am one of the transformed ones, or at least I see myself on that journey, I did not have a care in the world about my health. I reluctantly admit, I used my partner as a yardstick to measure how healthy I was and I know most men can relate to this. I used to ask her what they said at the clinic whenever she had visits and I'd assume her results applied to me as well. It was not until a visit from healthcare workers at my work that I began to have better clarity on the importance of accessing healthcare services myself. I began going for check-ups, and am a frequent visitor of Litsembe Letfu men's clinic where I got to test for HIV, screen for STIs, talked about my sexual health and even got circumcised.

As I reflect back, I realise the influence our partners can have not as a yardstick but to share the courage for us men to visit clinics. Lovely ladies may you please support us as we contemplate, try and as we tremble while adopting a healthy seeking behaviour. May the lovely ladies in our lives understand that as men this is foreign territory and therefore more often uncomfortable for us, help us learn about health services. This I say on behalf of all men and hope that our partners hold our hands during our transformation.

I also hope we men continue to access services throughout the country during the remainder of this month dedicated for our health and even throughout the year.



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ECONOMICS TODAY

WITH: George Choongwa



Most small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Swaziland are still faced with the challenges of financial inclusivity.

This has made the development of the small enterprise sector characterised with high level of less integration, especially on the supply chain management in various sectors of small business development.

Financial access

It is important to argue that access to finance helps all firms to grow and prosper in almost all sectors. The Investment Climate Surveys of the World Bank (2008) show that access to finance improves firm performance.

It not only facilitates market entry, growth of companies and risk reduction, but also promotes innovation and entrepreneurial activity.

Furthermore, firms with greater access to capital are more able to exploit growth and investment opportunities. In other words, aggregate economic performance will be improved by increasing the access to capital.

However, most SMEs in Swaziland still face a financing gap and one of the reasons is that most institutions in the country have no mechanism of financing the informal business sector into the main stream. This makes the financing for SMEs highly exclusive and limited particularly when compared to commercial debt for large firms and micro-finance sector.

When asked to name the most severe obstacles to growth, most small businesses, especially those at micro level, point out

Towards a more integrated financially inclusive SME platform



financing constraints as the second most-severe obstacle, while large firms placed it only fourth.

Statistics

Flexible financial constraints to small firms are still greatest in low-income countries like Swaziland. The World Bank Enterprise Surveys reveal that, for example, in low-income countries, on average 43% of businesses with 20 to 99 employees rate access to finance or cost of finance as a major constraint to current operations. In high-income countries, only 11% of businesses of the same size rate access to finance as a constraint.

These outcomes point to the fact that if governments in developing countries like Swaziland advanced the improvement of the funding of the micro enterprises, then the country would have a greater opportunity

of enhancing local economic growth and development per capita. Furthermore, it is important to point out that countries like Swaziland were more advantaged to improve the SME sector if they focused on improving the potential the sector had due to the miniature of the country.

Handicapped

The main ideal behind this notion is that small firms are disproportionately handicapped by a lack of finance, but they receive a stronger boost in growth than large firms if financing is provided.

Financing obstacles affect small firms more than large firms in many areas ranging from the set up to management areas.

It is important however to also know that small firms not only report higher financing obstacles, but they are also more adversely affected by these obstacles in the sense that



these financial challenges easily led to socio-economic disorder in various sectors of the society as well as the levels of production and efficiency which makes the sector face challenges in the levels of poor economies of scale.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

It is also important to state that increased SME growth has a direct effect on GDP growth due to increased output, value add and profits.

The GDP contribution per SME is the difference between the return on capital and the cost of capital. Returns on capital are often high, with different datasets showing ranges up to 20-30% a month (for the most capital-strained firms), which is considerably higher than typical interest rates.

However, we can also state that the relationship between increased SME and GDP growth is touched upon in the World Bank's report (2008) Finance for All which states that if entry, growth, innovation, equilibrium size, and risk reduction are all helped by access to and use of finance, it is almost inescapable that aggregate economic performance will also be improved.

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Maimane 1, partly 0

CAPE TOWN - Parliament's ethics committee's fine and reprimand of the DA leader for failing to disclose assets was ruled offside by the courts. Parliament has taken another knock after the Western Cape High Court ruled in favour of DA leader Mmusi Maimane. Maimane, who stood accused of failing to disclose all his monetary assets in the ethics and members' interest document, was summoned to appear before the ethics committee earlier this year because he failed to tell parliament about additional income he had received. He was fined and reprimanded. Maimane maintained that the funds were handled by his campaign manager in lieu of upcoming provincial elections. At no stage did the cash go into or through his bank account, he argued. Maimane in turn took parliament to court, as it had acted in bad faith and hadn't followed the rules of procedural justice, the constitution or parliament's own code of ethics. The committee had been biased against him and acted in bad faith when it found he had breached the code of conduct, Maimane argued in a court affidavit. The court found that the committee "did not follow fundamental rules of procedural justice, the constitution and at the very least the very code of ethics they are required to enforce". *Citizen*

Zuma must face the music

JOHANNESBURG - The NPA has lost its bid to appeal against a ruling that set aside the decision to discontinue Zuma's prosecution for corruption. It means the president must now be prosecuted, perhaps before his term has ended.

A full bench of the high court in Pretoria has refused President Jacob Zuma and the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) application for leave to appeal against their decision to set aside the withdrawal of fraud and corruption charges against the president.

Judges Aubrey Ledwaba, Cynthia Pretorius and Billy Mothe ruled that Zuma and the NPA had misinterpreted portions of their April judgment, raised no compelling and novel legal issues and that there were no prospects that another court would come to a different conclusion.

The DA has welcomed the ruling, but said the state attorney has already indicated that the NPA and Zuma would now petition the Supreme Court of Appeal directly for leave to appeal against the ruling.

The DA's Federal Executive chairperson James Selfe said he was confident that Zuma would have his day in court and face the

criminal charges against him before the end of his term as president. In April the judges ruled in the high court that former acting national director of public prosecutions (NDPP) Mokotedi Mpshe's 2009 decision not to continue with President Jacob Zuma's prosecution on 783 charges of fraud and corruption had been impulsive and irrational.

The judges said at the time that Zuma should face the charges as outlined in the indictment.

Mpshe announced that the charges had been dropped shortly after listening to recorded conversations (the so-called spy tapes) between the former head of the directorate of special operations (the now-defunct Scorpions) Leonard McCarthy and former NDPP Bulelani Ngcuka about whether to serve the indictment on Zuma before or after the ANC's Polokwane conference.

Zuma beat Thabo Mbeki when he was elected leader of the ANC and sworn in as president shortly after the corruption charges were dropped against him.

The president maintained McCarthy had manipulated the prosecutorial process in order to favour Mbeki in the presidential race. *Citizen*



UYEZA UTHOKO WARONA: ANC's Tshwane mayoral candidate, Thoko Didiza.

Our Thoko is coming - supporters sing as Didiza hits campaign trail

PRETORIA - The ANC's Tshwane mayoral candidate, Thoko Didiza, hit the ground running yesterday.

Didiza was in central Pretoria, where she was met by jubilant supporters who sang "Uyeza uThoko uyeza, uyeza uThoko warona" [Thoko is coming, our Thoko is coming] as she walked through the minibus taxi rank.

She was accompanied by ANC top brass, including Gauteng Premier David Makhura and outgoing mayor Kgosi Ramokgopa.

Didiza told News24 yesterday that they were hitting the streets as activists of the ANC.

"We are going ahead with our campaigns. We are communicating with commuters, the citizens of the city as they go to work about what the ANC will do in the city after we win the elections," said Didiza.

She said the campaigning was

ANC work and that the strong contingent of police present yesterday during the walkabout were a support system for the premier and the mayor.

Makhura said a lot of work had gone into ensuring that the situation calms down.

He said the only area where there was still some looting was Mabopane, and they would be focusing on restoring calm there too.

"We will be doing extensive campaign work in the whole of Tshwane. You can see that the people are quite keen to interact with us, saying to us they will continue to support the ANC," he said.

The campaign blitz comes after days of violent protests and looting that have spread through Tshwane this week, following the announcement of Didiza's candidacy. Five people died and scores were arrested during the protests. *News24*

'Poo fighter' Nkohlha breaks Mngxitama's heart

CAPE TOWN - Loyiso Nkohlha has defected from the ANC to the DA, reportedly taking 500 people with him.

No more poo is likely to be thrown at the DA this year, which some might welcome if they're planning to go to Cape Town airport anytime soon. Well, some don't think so, and this includes the "heartbroken" Andile Mngxitama, who attributed Loyiso Nkohlha's defection from the ANC to the DA to "lack of ideology".

Nkohlha, who founded the Ses'khona People's Rights Movement, brought a somewhat unprecedented method of protest to protest-prone South Africa with his partner in poo-slitting, Andile Lili.

When people were burning schools



HEART BREAKER: Loyiso Nkohlha has defected from the ANC to the DA.

and other government institution, among other important facilities, Nkohlha and company devised a new

protest strategy that targeted the "enemy's" olfactory nerves directly.

Nkohlha, with Ses'khona's co-founder Lili, kicked up a stink in 2013 against the distribution of portable toilets by the Western Cape government to informal settlements. They splashed human waste at the Cape Town International Airport in 2013, sparking a huge outcry among travellers.

Mngxitama, who leads Black First, Land First (BLF), said "I'm heartbroken".

I have great respect for Andile Lili and Loyiso Nkohlha. Their courage and visionary leadership I acknowledge even as they come from a different ideological framework. *Citizen*

'Strong action for those who want to derail SA through racism'

CAPE TOWN - The Department of Tourism has referred allegations of racism by the owner of Sodwana Bay Guest House to the South African Human Rights Commission for investigation.

Tourism Minister Derek Hanekom has instructed the Department to take

immediate action after a prospective visitor to the guest house in northern KwaZulu-Natal complained about the racist accommodation policy at the establishment. An email directed at the prospective client of Sodwana Bay Guest House has gone viral on social media, after a representative of the lodge refused the booking on

racist grounds. The email reads, "Hi. We do not accommodate black or government officials any longer." Since then Andre Slade has since done a radio interview in which he said he could not mix with another race and that blacks are not people". Read News24's coverage here. *Traveller24*

Cocaine dealer caught in a fix

PIETERMARITZBURG - A convicted Pietermaritzburg cocaine dealer is accused of being so desperate to delay his sentencing that he deliberately rammed into the presiding magistrate's car earlier this month.

Leon Govender, 45, of Northdale now faces the possibility of having his bail revoked on grounds of "interfering" with regional magistrate Bhikizitha Phoswa. He also applied for the magistrate to recuse himself from the case.

Govender was once a Mountain Rise policeman who later worked at a clutch and brake company.

Although the exact details of the collision involving Phoswa and Govender were not revealed in court on Thursday, sources said the magistrate had been driving a brand new Mercedes-Benz.

His car was allegedly "side swiped" by a car driven by Govender in Pietermaritzburg Street on June 3. In an affidavit in support of his application for Phoswa to recuse himself from the case — which Phoswa granted on

Thursday — Govender said, "The magistrate was visibly upset with me and expressed extreme anger due to the fact that I had collided with his new vehicle".

State advocate Yuri Gangai told Phoswa and another regional court magistrate, Linda Lewis, that Govender allegedly "deliberately collided with" Phoswa's car to force him to recuse himself from the case.

This is the reason the state is now applying to revoke his bail on grounds that he had "abused the justice system" by interfering with a magistrate. Lewis will preside over the application to cancel Govender's bail next Friday but Gangai said the state did not want to reveal in advance which magistrate will be asked to deal with Govender's sentencing because he allegedly interfered with Phoswa before he could sentence him.

Govender and a co-accused, Brenton Frank, 42, had pleaded guilty and were convicted in October last year before Phoswa to two counts each of dealing in small amounts of cocaine. *The Witness*

BRIEFS

Ethiopia to toss out 69 million condoms

ADDIS ABABA - Ethiopia needs to toss out 69 million condoms that were paid for by international donors to fight the spread of Aids because of their poor quality, local media reported on Thursday. The disease-defeating contraceptives were found to be defective by the Pharmaceuticals Fund and Supply Agency (PFSA), a government body, according to a report on local station Radio Fana. Agency director Meskele Lera said action was under way to force the condom supplier to "reimburse the money and cover all costs in the discarding process". *News24*

Morocco arrests suspected Islamist militants

RABAT - Morocco said on Thursday that it had dismantled a suspected militant cell inspired by the radical group Islamic State and that it had arrested 10 men who were planning attacks in the North African kingdom. The interior ministry said in a statement that the cell was operating in the eastern city of Oujda, and the town of Tendrara in the same region bordering Algeria. This was the latest in a series of radical Islamist groups that Morocco has said it has broken up. It said 10 members of the group were meeting in a safe house and planning to rob a mall in the city of Oujda to fund their attacks across the kingdom. *Reuters*

Uganda to be out of Somalia 'by 2017'

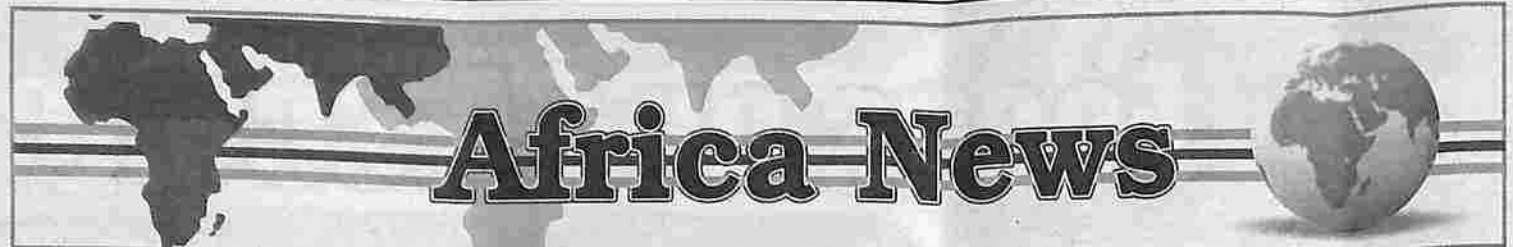
KAMPALA - Uganda, the largest contributor to an African Union mission fighting jihadists in Somalia, will pull out its troops from next year, the head of the military said on Thursday. Uganda was the first country to send soldiers to Somalia, spearheading the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) in March 2007 to fight Shabaab insurgents and protect the internationally-backed government in Mogadishu. Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Kenya have since joined up and the 22,100-strong mission has 6,200 Ugandan soldiers. "We plan to disengage from Somalia beginning December 2017," said chief of defence forces General Katumba Wamala. "It's a decision Uganda is taking and the key actors are informed on the way forward," he said. *AFP*

UN urges Congo to hold election by year end

UNITED NATIONS - The United Nations Security Council expressed concern on Thursday over the arrest of political opposition members in Democratic Republic of Congo and urged the president to hold elections by the end of the year as required by the constitution. The Congolese government has said it is unlikely it will be able to hold elections on time for logistical reasons as opponents of President Joseph Kabila accuse him of trying to cling to power. Kabila, who has been in power since 2001, is barred by the constitution from standing for a third term in the poll scheduled for November. *AFP*

Cameroonian men jailed for adultery

YAOUNDE - Cameroon's parliament has voted to change the country's penal code to criminalise adultery for men. Until now, adultery has been a criminal act for women only. The changes approved late on Wednesday are expected to be endorsed by both the Senate and President Paul Biya, who had proposed the revision. The penal code says women should be punished for adultery with two to six months in prison or with fines of up to about \$175. *News24*



MOZAMBIQUE INVESTIGATES THREE STATE COMPANIES

MAPUTO - Mozambican Attorney-General Beatriz Buchili on Thursday assured the country's parliament that her office was seriously investigating whether there was anything illegal about three state companies which have racked up huge and controversial debts. Ematum (Mozambique Tuna Company), MAM (Mozambique Asset Management), and Proindicus (intended to provide maritime and coastal security) took out loans totaling over US\$ 2-billion (R30.8-billion) in 2013/2014 which were guaranteed by the previous government,

headed by President Armando Guebuza. This sum is around 20 percent of Mozambique's total foreign debt.

The EMATUM loan was public knowledge, since the money was raised in 2013 on the Eurobond market. But the Proindicus and MAM loans were not disclosed, either to the Mozambican public or to the country's international partners.

This hidden debt led the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to suspend lending to Mozambique and all 14 donors and funding agencies who used to provide direct support to the Mozambican state budget, and

the IMF also suspended all disbursement. Opposition parties have described the EMATUM loan as "the biggest financial scandal in Mozambican history", and an investigation into Ematum began last year.

When the MAM and Proindicus loans became known in April, Buchili's office began investigating them too. Speaking on the second day of a debate on her annual report on the state of Mozambican justice, Buchili assured the Assembly that a rigorous investigation was under way "to gather information on how these companies were set up, how they function and how

they obtain funds". There was an international dimension to this investigation, she added, and her office wanted information from the banks and suppliers involved.

The main banks that provided the loans are Credit Suisse of Switzerland and VTB of Russia. Buchili did not specify which suppliers she had in mind, but the fishing boats and patrol vessels the loan paid for came from the Constructions Mécaniques de Normandie (CMN) shipyard, in the French port of Cherbourg, which is owned by Abu Dhabi Mar, a holding company based in the United Arab Emirates. *Africa News Agency*



GOLIATH: Sajad Gharibi, 24, has been dubbed the Iranian Hulk after astounding social media with his sheer physical size. He is said to weigh almost 24 and a half stone and almost all of it is muscle. The giant man with a fierce expression has a following of over 59,000 followers on Instagram where he posts about what he does best - weightlifting. He also likes to pose next to small objects, such as fizzy drink cans. *(AP)*

'Zambia won't have free and fair elections'

LUSAKA - Zambia's opposition leader accused the government on Thursday of using repressive laws to restrict his side's campaigns and said the closure of a critical newspaper would prevent free and fair elections in August.

Zambia will hold presidential and parliamentary elections on August 11 in which President Edgar Lungu is expected to face opposition leader

Hakainde Hichilema in another close contest after last year's neck-and-neck race.

Power

Lungu has been in power in the southern African nation since winning election in January 2015 after the death of his predecessor, Michael Sata, in October 2014.

"The current environment, where basic freedoms are contravened by the government, does not support the desire of

Zambians to have free and fair elections,"

Hichilema, one of Zambia's wealthiest businessmen and known locally as "HH", told Reuters in an interview at his mansion in Lusaka.

Hichilema, who heads the United Party for National Development (UPND), pointed to the closure of The Post newspaper by tax authorities as a move to muzzle the media.

Reuters

Developing countries fuel west Africa as cocaine hub

DAKAR - Developing markets are fuelling an increase in cocaine trafficking through west Africa, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said on Thursday in a new report.

Seizures on the Atlantic island of Cape Verde, in the Gambia, Nigeria and Ghana contributed to a 78% increase

in cocaine seizures from 2009-2014 compared to the previous period, UNODC regional representative Pierre Lapaque said at the report's launch in Dakar.

"Cocaine trafficking through Africa seems to be growing again and we have evidence of increasing trafficking to Asia and the Middle East," Lapaque said. The European and North American markets were "satu-

rated" with narcotics, the drug expert said, meaning criminal groups were looking further afield for expansion opportunities. "Narco-traffickers have worked out that to develop their businesses, they have to position themselves in developing countries," he said, adding that west Africa offered a young population with a middle class to sell to. *AFP*

Boat migrant rescues surge as calm seas return to Mediterranean

LIBYA - Ships manned by humanitarian organisations, the Italian navy and the coast guard helped rescue more than 2,000 boat migrants on Thursday as calm seas returned to the Mediterranean prompting a surge in departures.

The Topaz Responder, a ship run by the Malta-based humanitarian group Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS), said 23 different migrant boats had been spotted in the sea about 20 nautical miles from the Libyan port city of Sabratha.

Rescue operations were ongoing, the Italian coast guard said. "The mass movement is probably the result of week-long, unfavourable weather conditions" that have come to an end, MOAS said on Twitter.

The Topaz Responder picked up 382 migrants from sub-Saharan Africa from three different large rubber boats. The Bourbon Argos, a ship run by humanitarian group Doctors without Borders, rescued 1,139 from 10 different boats, and two other humanitarian vessels picked up 156 more.

German humanitarian group Sea-Watch said it had taken about 100 migrants and one dead body from a rubber boat, and the Italian navy said it had rescued 515 from two dinghies. An agreement between Turkey and the EU to stop departures for the Greek islands has reduced boat arrivals by 98 percent during the first five months of the year from the same period of 2015, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) said. *Reuters*



RESCUE: Coast guard helped rescue more than 2,000 boat migrants.

World News

Taiwan China Airlines strike leaves 20 000 without flights

TAIPEI - A strike by staff from Taiwan's largest carrier China Airlines left 20,000 passengers without flights yesterday in the first industrial action by cabin crew in the island's aviation history.

The airline was forced to cancel all flights out of the two main airports in the capital Taipei, with the only exception a chartered service for President Tsai Ing-wen who left for a state visit to Panama and Paraguay yesterday morning.

Crowds of passengers queued up at CAL counters in Taipei's Songshan and Taoyuan airports as the airline tried to get them

onto different flights. Hundreds of flight attendants staged a sit-in outside the firm's headquarters in Taipei overnight, protesting a new requirement that they report for work in Taoyuan — on the outskirts of Taipei — rather than downtown Songshan airport.

They say the measure was brought in "unilaterally".

"(It) pressures us to work even more overtime and will seriously affect flight safety," the Taoyuan Flight Attendants Union said in a statement on its Facebook page.

The union is also calling for other improvements to conditions, including double pay for working on national holidays.



The official strike started at midnight. Protesters continued to sit-in outside the CAL office yesterday.

Both the president and the chairman of CAL were replaced on Thursday after tendering their resignations before the strike.

Ho Nuan-hsuan, who was officially approved by the board to be the new chairman yesterday, made an immediate concession, agreeing to reverse the unpopular decision over where flight attendants should report to work.

AFP

Seven Indonesian sailors kidnapped, held hostage

JAKARTA - Seven Indonesian sailors have been kidnapped at sea in the southern Philippines, the government in Jakarta said yesterday, the latest in a spree of abductions by armed gangs in the strife-torn region.

The crew were towing a coal barge in the Sulu sea on Monday when their tugboat was hijacked by armed groups, Indonesian foreign minister Retno Marsudi said.

Seven sailors were taken hostage in two separate attacks on the vessel around an hour apart, Marsudi added. The six other crew aboard the tugboat were left unharmed.

"The government will do everything possible to free these hostages," Marsudi told reporters. "The safety of these seven Indonesian citizens is our priority."

A spokesperson for the foreign ministry said he could not confirm whether a ransom demand had been made, or if the Philippine-based Islamic militant group Abu Sayyaf was responsible for the abductions. AFP

Scores arrested ahead of latest Paris protest

PARIS - Police arrested around 100 protesters in Paris on Thursday in hopes of preventing new scenes of violence in the streets as thousands staged the latest march against French labour reforms.

Most were arrested for carrying objects that could be used as projectiles, police said, nine days after a previous protest had turned violent. As President Francois Hollande vowed his Socialist government would "go all the way" to enact the reforms, about 2 000 riot police deployed to the historic Place de la Bastille where the march kicked off in the early afternoon. The march was given the go-ahead after bitter negotiations in which the government first tried to ban it on security grounds, before backing down and agreeing to allow a short, tightly contained route.

The 1.6km route took thousands of marchers from the Place de la Bastille to the Seine, looping around the Arsenal Basin before returning to the square. AFP



TED BEAR DRESS: A model wears a one-of-a-kind dress made out of more than 300 Tsum Tsum plush commissioned by Disney Store. (AP)

China mounts rescue efforts as tornado toll hits 98

YANCHENG - Emergency personnel mounted rescue efforts amid scenes of carnage yesterday as the toll from hurricane-force winds and a tornado in China rose to at least 98 dead, with hundreds more injured.

Whole villages were levelled and huge trees felled when winds of up to 125 kilometres per hour struck around Yancheng city, the official Xinhua news agency said.

So far 98 people have been confirmed dead and about 800 injured, it cited local authorities as saying.

President Xi Jinping ordered "all-out rescue efforts" after what Xinhua said was one of the worst disasters ever to hit Jiangsu,



DISASTER: Hurricane-force winds and a tornado in China rose to at least 98 dead, with hundreds more injured.

including the worst tornado to hit China in half a century.

Sun Yazhou, a resident of Funing county, one of the hardest-hit areas, was driving a concrete mixer truck when a tornado passed him, tearing the glass out of his vehicle windows.

"The sky was completely dark. I was scared, but I had

nowhere to run. I had to wait it out," he told AFP.

At a Funing county hospital, a factory worker with head and arm injuries and on an intravenous drip told AFP he had been swept out of his workplace by the tornado, despite clinging to a door as he tried to hold it shut against the storm. AFP

BRIEFS

'India 'ready' to absorb Brexit shock'

INDIA - Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has said India is "well prepared" to deal with any volatility arising from the UK's decision to leave the European Union. The UK voted to leave the EU in a historic referendum yesterday, sending shockwaves across global markets. India's Sensex fell by 3.4% to 26 022.60 points soon after the outcome of the vote became clear. But Jaitley said that India's market fundamentals are strong enough "to smooth this volatility". The minister acknowledged however, that "Brexit" would cause financial uncertainties for India and other markets around the world. BBC

Deutsche Boerse stand by merger plans

FRANKFURT - The Frankfurt and London stock exchanges said yesterday they would press ahead with their planned merger even though Britain has voted to leave the European Union. "Deutsche Boerse AG and London Stock Exchange Group note the result of the UK Referendum which recorded a majority of votes in favour of leaving the European Union," the two stock markets said in a joint statement. "As stated in the shareholder documents published on June 1, 2016, the recommended all-share merger is not conditional on the outcome of the referendum," the statement said. AFP

Philippine militants free hostage Marites Flor

PHILIPPINE - Militants in the Philippines who recently executed two Canadians have freed a woman they were also holding.

Marites Flor, a Filipina, was one of four hostages kidnapped last September from the city of Davao by Islamist separatists Abu Sayyaf. In April, the militants executed John Ridsdel after ransom deadline expired, then last week executed Ms Flor's partner, Robert Hall. It was not immediately clear why Flor had been freed. The Philippines is opposed to paying ransoms to Abu Sayyaf. Officials said she had been left outside the house of a politician and was now receiving medical checks. BBC

NYC subway riders fight back at groping

NEW YORK - A young woman boards a crowded subway in New York City. As more passengers pile in, a man inches closer and starts grinding his groin against her. The woman knows what's happening but the train is so packed she can't get away. It's a situation police say plays out hundreds of times a year beneath the nation's largest city. With subway ridership approaching all-time highs, averaging 5.6 million daily riders, reports of sex crimes are also rising, up nearly 57%. But police say that doesn't necessarily mean there's more groping, grinding and lewd acts going on. AP

Disney sues over Chinese cartoon

CHINA - A week after Shanghai Disney opened its doors, China has become embroiled in a high-profile copyright court case with the children's entertainment giant over the striking similarities of a cartoon. Disney subsidiaries Disney Enterprises Inc. and Pixar are suing Chinese companies G-Point, PPTV and Bluemtv for hosting images and posters of 'The Autobots', a Chinese film that was released in July 2015. 'The Autobots' was criticised last year at home and abroad for being visually similar to the Disney animated franchise 'Cars' but has only gained wide media attention since going to court on Tuesday. BBC

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Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Timothy Sebenele Fakudze** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatswa bakubobaka Fakudze. Ubekwawangemcibelo ekhaya lakhe eGigal emva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu mhlaka 24 June 2016, afihliwe mhlaka 25 June 2016.



Kwatswa tihlobo nemndeneni wamake **Paulinah Elizabeth Nhleko** lobekendze ka Napoleon Dumezweni Ndlovu emoneni kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatswa basekhakhe bakandlovu eNhlango, nebakaDlamini

ekhabonina kanya nemntfwanakhe Delsile Mahlalela losentalasifane. Umlindzelo ungemcibelo mhlaka 26 June 2016. Lala kahle Mngcangulomhlophe netinyawo takhe. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeneni wakaNhleko.



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Relatives and friends of **Phillis Gloria Smuts** has been called to higher ground safe in the arms of the Lord Jesus. She will be laid to rest on Saturday the 25th of June 2016. Celebration service to be held at Evangelical Bible Church-Manzini at 11am, thereafter buried at Ngwan Park Cemetery.



Kwatswa bakaMazibuko eNdzigeni, bakaMavuso ekhabonina, bakaFakudze ekhakhakhe, bothishela nabobonke labati **Mandla Andrias Mazibuko** lobekfundzisa eMankayane High School kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngemcibelo mhlaka 26 June 2016 emva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu ekhaya lakhe eBhadzeni 1 (Mankayane). Inkonzoyesikhumbuto itawubaseMankayane A.E.C kusuka nga 12 noon. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeneni.



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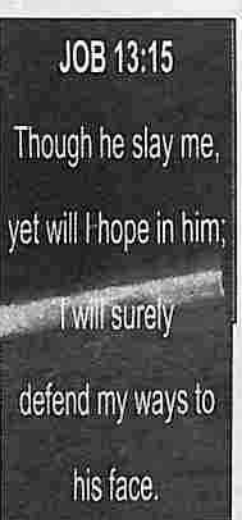
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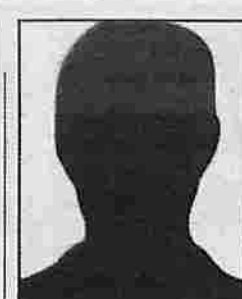
Relatives and friends of **Teresa Tobhinah Magagula** (nee Zwane) are notified of her demise. Funeral will be on Saturday 25 June 2016 at her home Ekudzingeni after a night vigil. Memorial service at Sharp Memorial Church at 1300hrs. Announcement by her children.



Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Enock Magasela Nkambule** lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu "Sporo" kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya lakhe kuLukhula ka-Khutsala ngelisonfo mhlaka 26 June 2016 emva kwemlindzelo ngemcibelo mhlaka 25 June 2016. Kwatswa bekhakhe kaDlamini kaMzilikazi, bekhakhe baka Sigwane eSibhoteleni nalabekadze asebenta nabo ka-Health nelibandla la Nazarene kumaphatsindvuku kutsi nabo babekhona. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeneni.



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Kwatswa tihlobo, bangani nemaphoyisa aka Lobamba kutsi akasekho **Zandile Temaswati Shongwe** emhlabeni. Kutaba nemthandazo entsambama bese kucala inkonzo ekuseni nga 5oclock ngelisonfo mhlaka 26 June 2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeneni.



Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Sindi Sihlabela** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kubo eNkhaba ngemcibelo mhlaka 25 June 2016 emva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu mhlaka 24 June 2016. Kwatswa bekhakhe kaMabuzza eSiphocosini nebaka Sihlabela eGundwini kutsi nabo babekhona. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise wakhe Petros Sihlabela egameni lemndeneni.



Relatives and friends of **Nhlanhla Mzwandile Lushaba** who was working at Matsapha Town Board and also Kontjingga FC's Captain is late. Funeral 25 June 2016 at Mahlangatsha, Mankayane after a night vigil. Announcement by Family.

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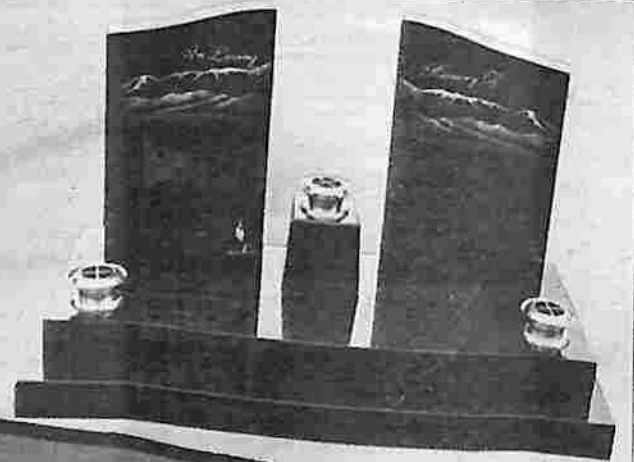
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Quarter-final 'revenge' v Djokovic? - Anderson

CAPE TOWN - South Africa's Kevin Anderson will open his Wimbledon campaign against Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin.

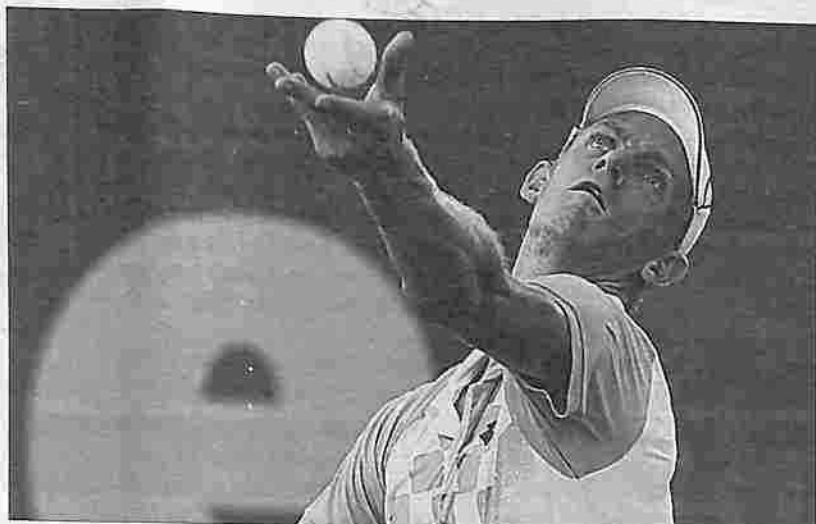
Following the draw announcement yesterday, Anderson has been seeded 20th for the year's third Grand Slam.

Anderson is in the same half of the draw as defending champion and world No 1 Novak Djokovic, who the South African No 1 almost beat during last year's tournament.

Anderson led Djokovic by two sets in their Round of 16 encounter last year, before the Serb rebounded to win 6-7 (6/8), 6-7 (6/8), 6-1, 6-4, 7-5. However, before a potential rematch with Djokovic in this year's quarter-finals, Anderson may have to overcome potential stumbling blocks against No 11 seeded Belgian David Goffin and sixth seeded Milos Raonic from Canada.

Anderson would fancy his chances in his opening tie against world No 65 Istomin, against whom he holds a 2-0 head-to-head ATP World Tour record. Anderson won their first encounter 6-4, 6-3 in Sydney in 2013 and also prevailed 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in Atlanta that same year.

Before he shifted his attentions to



REVENGE GAME: Kevin Anderson.

Wimbledon, Anderson had some unfinished business at the Nottingham Open grass-court event where continued his semi-final battle with American Steve Johnson yesterday. The pair returned to complete the final set of their quarter-final which was halted due to darkness on Thursday. Top seed Anderson was leading Johnson 6-7 (6/8), 7-5, 4-3 when play was halted due to darkness after two hours. Unfortunately for Anderson, he lost the final set 6-4 to Johnson when play resumed yes-

terday. It's also been a tough year for Anderson. His Nottingham win over Spain's Fernando Verdasco earlier this week was just his fifth of the season as the 2.03m giant has struggled with left knee and right elbow injuries.

In October last year he reached a career-high of No 10 in the ATP Rankings. But the 30-year-old has since fallen to No 24 and was forced to retire from two matches and withdraw altogether from seven tournaments. *Sport24.*

Four ways Brexit vote could affect sport

LONDON - Britain became the first country to leave the European Union (EU) after a 52%-48% vote on Thursday, resulting in the resignation from United Kingdom Prime Minister David Cameron.

The referendum has British citizens voting to push back against the huge surge of immigrants flocking into the United Kingdom (UK). This will affect all British public life and sport is no exception.

Prior to the poll voting, English footballer David Beckham backed Britain to remain in the EU, as it has a brought in a positive influence of European players on European football.

"I grew up with a core group of young British players that included Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes, Nicky Butt and the Neville Brothers," Beckham said in a statement. "That team might have gone on to win trophies but we were a better and more successful team because of a Danish goalkeeper, Peter Schmeichel, the leadership of an Irishman Roy Keane and the skill of a Frenchman in Eric Cantona."

Here are four ways how Britain leaving the EU will affect sport:

Under the Kolpak ruling, cricket and rugby players from Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific Group of States were allowed to enjoy the same freedom similar to EU players.

Already we've seen several foreigners play in respected domestic leagues and even go on to represent England, including South African-born cricketers Kevin Pietersen, Jonathan Trott and Niek Compton.

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LeBron James out of Rio Olympics

NEW YORK - With LeBron James taking a pass, Carmelo Anthony alone will have a chance to become the most-decorated Olympian in men's basketball history.

The New York Knicks forward has agreed to chase a fourth Olympic medal, a person with knowledge of the details said on Thursday.

He and James both have two gold medals and a bronze, but James informed USA Basketball that he has withdrawn from consideration, agent Rich Paul told The Associated Press on Thursday night.

James had told the Americans he wouldn't make his decision until after the NBA Finals, which ended with the



OUT: LeBron James.

All-Star forward leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to the championship on Sunday. His loss is the biggest yet for a US team that has suffered a number of player withdrawals, as James ranks as the team's career leader in points and assists in the Olympics, while ranking second in rebounds.

Without him, the Americans still have two spots to fill on their 12-man roster that will be named on Monday.

Toronto team-mates Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan will be on it, the person told AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because the roster discussions were to remain private.

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant, Indiana's Paul George, Golden State's Draymond Green and Klay Thompson, Sacramento's DeMarcus Cousins, Chicago's

Jimmy Butler and the Clippers' DeAndre Jordan are also committed to play for the two-time defending champions in Rio de Janeiro.

The Americans are also holding a spot for Kyrie Irving, James' Cavaliers team-mate.

Kawhi Leonard passed on the opportunity to play, with the San Antonio Spurs announcing his withdrawal in a news release.

Sport24.

Nike drops suit against Berian

LOS ANGELES - Boris Berian can compete at the US Olympic athletic trials after Nike Inc. dropped its lawsuit Thursday night against the American world indoor 800-metre champion.

Merhawi Keflezighi, who represents Berian, confirmed that Nike decided to put an end to the acrimonious dispute by ceasing its breach of contract lawsuit just one week before the trials begin in Eugene, Oregon.

"Nike has dropped the lawsuit against Boris," Keflezighi said. "Boris will compete in the Olympic trials. He is in a good frame of mind." Keflezighi also confirmed that Nike has decided to officially sever ties with Berian, one of the stars of the recent World

Indoors in Portland, saying, "He is not a Nike athlete."

Nike had successfully gained a temporary restraining order preventing Berian from racing in non-Nike gear.

Berian signed a deal with Nike in June 2015 that expired at the end of the year, reports said.

However, Nike retained the right to match any offer he received from a third party.

Berian switched to New Balance earlier this season after stating that Nike had not matched the rival firm's contract terms.

Nike contested the claim, insisting it had tabled an offer equivalent to the deal put forward by New Balance, reportedly worth \$375 000 over three years.

AFP.

How much do we want it? - Coetzee

CAPE TOWN - It is safe to say that the Springboks have performed well below par for the majority of their ongoing Test series against Ireland.

Only the last 20-odd minutes in the second Test at Ellis Park last weekend provided any encouraging rugby. That brief period of hard, dynamic running played at a high tempo and intensity was enough to rescue the match for the Boks as they pulled off a 32-26 win and kept the series alive. Coach Allister Coetzee believes that period of play was crucial for the Boks - so much so that it has formed part of the team mentality going into today's decider in Port Elizabeth.

"It's how much you want it. How much we wanted it as a team (in the final 20 minutes last

weekend) is the theme for this weekend," Coetzee said.

"At this level you don't have to look for any external motivation.

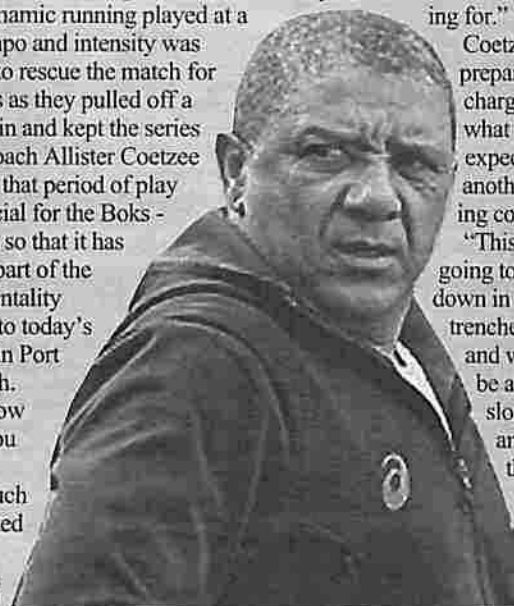
You represent the Springboks and you make sure that you switch on and turn up.

"You're capable of putting it together, you do the basics well and hold onto the ball when you're in their area. We execute our kicking game. We work for each other as a team and it sounds simple, but that's what I'm looking for."

Coetzee also prepared his charges for what he expects to be another grueling contest. "This Test is going to be right down in the trenches again and we have to be able to slog it out and when there are opportunities in open play I think we have the pace

and the skill," he said.

The series is tied at 1-1 after Ireland won the opening match 26-20 in Cape Town. *Timeslive.*



CRUCIAL: Coach Allister Coetzee.

Top-seed Anderson loses

NOTTINGHAM - SA No 1 Kevin Anderson yesterday lost his Nottingham Open quarter-final battle to American Steve Johnson.

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Top-seed Anderson was leading 6-7 (6/8), 7-5, 4-3 when play was halted due to darkness after two hours.

Unfortunately for Anderson, he lost the final set 6-4 when play resumed yesterday.

In the semi-finals, Johnson will

now play seventh seed Italian Andreas Seppi, who rallied to beat Israel's Dudi Sela 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Final

In the other semi-final, Luxembourg's Gilles Muller will take on second seed Uruguayan Pablo Cuevas, who saved a match point in beating Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (10/8).

The Nottingham Open is the players' last chance to hone their grass-court game before Wimbledon starts on Monday.

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Rooney no longer lonely at the top

CHANTILLY - England captain Wayne Rooney says that he is more relaxed than at any previous major tournament because he no longer feels like the only match-winner in the squad.

The Manchester United skipper will equal David Beckham's record of 115 caps for an England outfield player when Roy Hodgson's side tackle minnows Iceland in the Euro 2016 last 16 in Nice on Monday.

With Rooney playing in midfield, the onus is now on strikers like Harry Kane, Jamie Vardy and Daniel Sturridge to score and, while England have struggled in front of goal, their captain believes that they have more players

capable of deciding games than at any time in his 13-year international career.

"I have always gone into a tournament thinking if I don't play at my best, I cannot see us winning it," he confided to reporters at England's Chantilly media centre on Thursday.

"I have come into this tournament and we have players capable of doing magical things.

"We are different, but we have match-winners. We have five or six match-winners in our team and I cannot say we have always had that."

As England embark upon the knockout rounds in France, the spectre of penalties now looms and Rooney revealed that he is going to

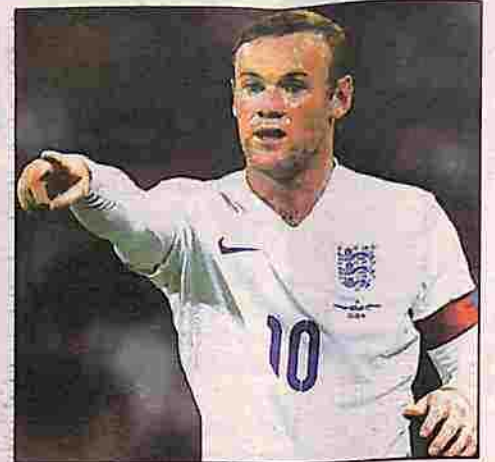
great lengths in training to ensure that he is ready in the event of a shootout.

"Whatever corner I am going for, I tell the goalkeeper, so that makes it harder for me," he said.

"If he can't save it, despite knowing which way I am going, there are no worries for me in taking them."

Opposition goalkeepers can meddle with a penalty-taker's focus, however, as Rooney discovered when he came up against Italy great Gianluigi Buffon in the quarter-finals at Euro 2012.

"I always know which way I'm going and Buffon was actually pointing and telling me he



knows I'm going that way," Rooney recalled. "He was right, so then I started wondering if I should go the other way." AFP


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Ronaldo up against classy Croatia

LENS - Cristiano Ronaldo awoke from his Euro 2016 slumber in time to rescue Portugal from an early exit, but faces a greater challenge against a classy Croatia side that Portugal coach Fernando Santos called "sharks".

Ronaldo made history as the first player to score in four European Championships with a double in a thrilling 3-3 draw with Hungary. The result saw Portugal just squeeze through behind Iceland and Hungary in third-place in Group F.

The Real Madrid star has more records in his sights as he is just one goal behind French legend Michel Platini's mark of nine in European Championship finals.

However, Ronaldo refused to accept Portugal were underdogs against a Croatia side that shocked two-time defending champions Spain to top Group D.

"We made it and now we face a very good team, but the odds are 50/50," said Ronaldo.

"Croatia are a tough team, with good players. Not every team manages to beat Spain.

"We respect them, but we know our strengths and we'll look them in the eye when we face them."

Croatia are likely to be even stronger for Saturday's clash in Lille than against Spain with the return of Ronaldo's Real Madrid teammate Luka Modric from injury.

Juventus frontman Mario Mandzukic is also likely to shake off a knock to retake his place after Croatia coach Ante Cacic made five changes for the historic win over Spain.

"Croatia are one of the sharks we had been trying to avoid," admitted Portugal boss Santos.

"They placed first in a group with Spain, which tells you all you need to know about them."

However, Santos has placed his faith in Ronaldo to again answer his country's call after his double strike.

"This will have increased his confidence levels. He's a confident player anyway, but this will have boosted him for the next game against Croatia."

For Croatia a bright start to a tournament in France has rekindled memories of their fairytale run to the World Cup semi-finals in 1998 before losing out to the hosts 2-1.

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LOEW RELISHING BUSINESS END OF EURO 2016

EVIAN - Germany have built a reputation as a tournament team under Joachim Loew and two below-par years since their World Cup triumph, he is relishing the business end of Euro 2016.

After a flattering scoreline in the 2-0 win over Ukraine and an unimpressive goalless draw with Poland, Germany booked their last 16 berth with a 1-0 win over Northern Ireland. Now comes the moment of truth for Loew's Germany.

They face Slovakia in Lille tomorrow and, should they advance, their Euro 2016 title credentials will be put to the test against Italy or Spain in the quarter-finals.

As any Germany fan knows, die Mannschaft

have never beaten Italy at either a World Cup or European Championship finals in eight attempts.

The feeling back in Berlin is that the German team and head coach Loew have rested on their laurels since Brazil 2014.

Two years after right-back Philipp Lahm and striker Miroslav Klose retired, Loew has yet to settle on full-time replacements.

Loew, Mario Goetze and Thomas Mueller have all bitten back at thinly-veiled criticism from the German media in press conferences in France.

Michael Ballack, Loew's captain at Euro 2008 when they lost the final to Spain, has been the loudest critic of Loew's side.

In a newspaper column, the ex-Chelsea star described the goalless draw against Poland as a "wake-up call at the right time" adding "you can't say everything's rosy".

"It's good that there is a discussion in Germany whether this team has the character to sometimes win ugly," wrote the 39-year-old.

AFP

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WALES WONDER CAN RIVAL RONALDO

PARIS - The Welsh winger is the top scorer at Euro 2016 with three goals and having also won the Champions League, he is in with a chance of claiming the prestigious individual award.

Gareth Bale has had a memorable month. At the end of May, the 26-year-old won the Champions League for the second time in three years in what was his best season yet at Real Madrid and now he has led Wales into the last 16 of Euro 2016 with three goals in as many games. It is the sort of form that should see him contend for the Ballon d'Or.

Bale began the season in a central role under Rafa Benitez but returned to the wing under Zinedine Zidane and was Madrid's standout performer in both legs of the Champions League semi-final against Manchester City, forcing the own goal from Fernando that sealed passage to the showpiece in Milan. At San Siro, he ended up a hero by netting a penalty in the shootout even though he had been playing virtually on one leg in extra time.

"You want to win Champions Leagues," Bale

said after the defeat of Atletico Madrid in which he also bagged the assist for Sergio Ramos' opener. "That's why I came to the biggest club in the world... to do it twice in three years is an amazing feat and we just have to try and build on this now."

Next year's final is in his native Cardiff and winning there would mean more than anything, but Wales was already in his thoughts straight after lifting the famous trophy on May 28.

"My confidence is high, especially after winning, so I am looking forward to going to the Euros," he said. And in France he hasn't looked back, scoring in each game to lead his nation into the last 16 as group winners, with a second-round clash against Northern Ireland in store in Paris on Saturday.

Wales beat Slovakia and Russia in their group, but lost 2-1 to England. However, it is a sign of Bale's quality that he is now considered superior to any of the players in Roy Hodgson's squad and the Welsh winger admitted it was sweet to beat the Three Lions to top spot. **Goal**

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Post Title: Strengthening the capacity of national volunteer infrastructure for HIV and AIDS response in Swaziland Project Evaluation - National Consultant
Country of Assignment: Swaziland
Start Date: 11th July 2016
Duration: 25 days

BACKGROUND

The project themed "strengthening the capacity of national volunteer infrastructure for HIV and AIDS response in Swaziland (2011 - 2015)" is a joint initiative between UNDP, UNV International and UNAIDS-TSP. The project was implemented by NERCHA from the period 2011-2014 and managed by CANGO in 2015. The project aimed at enhancing the capacity of civil society organisations to plan, implement and monitor socio-economic development programmes with a view of reducing new HIV infections. The project outputs were as follows: strengthening management and coordination systems and structures of CSOs in Swaziland for improved response to HIV/AIDS at all levels (national, regional and local) in line with the National Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS and the Decentralization Policy; creating an enabling environment and strengthen community based volunteering for fighting HIV/AIDS in Swaziland; establishing enhanced partnerships, cooperation and collaboration in fighting HIV/AIDS pandemic in Swaziland; and strengthening capacities for the national volunteer infrastructure for HIV and AIDS response in Swaziland.

Over the five years the project has contributed to the promotion and harnessing of volunteerism for effective development through improved coordination of those volunteer organizations and agencies that provide essential services. Over 50 National Volunteers placed with various NGOs and coordinating bodies in the various skills area. Further the project strengthened the capacities of civil society actors particularly in the areas of organizational development, financial management systems and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms so that these actors become a more active and strategic partners to the government in delivering key services to those infected and affected by HIV. Capacity building initiatives were also facilitated through partnerships with Institute of Development Management (IDM) and other partners on various capacity building initiatives for civil society. A national Consultant is therefore required to conduct the end of evaluation of the project.

TERMINAL EVALUATION OBJECTIVES

The overall purpose of the evaluation is to assess, capture and demonstrate evaluative evidence of project results and how they have contributed to the broader national HIV response and strengthened organisational capacity. Draw lessons learned that can improve the policy infrastructure for national volunteerism in Swaziland and establish sustainability of benefits from this project. Ascertain the overall environment for national volunteerism in Swaziland and explore opportunities for a national programme in both the private and public sector.

EVALUATION SCOPE AND DELIVERABLES

1. Review all relevant project documents, the eNSF, project reports, evaluation project reports, NERCHA and UNDP annual work plans and agreements including policy documents
2. Establish the extent for integration and institutionalization of volunteering for development within civil society, review coordination structures and systems for the coordination, implementation and management of the national volunteer project.
3. Establish the extent for national ownership and leadership of the project and how National volunteers have contributed towards strengthening CSOs, REMCHACCS and CHIMCHACCS in management, planning and monitoring of the project's activities to ensure sustainability of the activities.
4. Review how the UN Agencies have successfully contributed towards the implementation of this project and recommend a model for future joint partnership and programming under the delivering as one.
5. Explore if the project adopted the basic principles of inclusiveness, participation, accountability, non-discrimination and equality, empowerment and local ownership during its implementation- adherence to the rights based approach. Evaluate the impact of capacity building initiatives undertaken by the project in the priorities areas related to organisational development and institutional capacity strengthening.
6. Ascertain how much skills transfer has been achieved, mentoring and on job training including knowledge sharing and management.
7. Assess communication strategies adopted for the communicating project results, information on Volunteerism as well as HIV/AIDS at all levels.
8. Identify opportunities for resource mobilizing, networking and partnership building within the private and public sector for scaling up of the national programme on national volunteerism in Swaziland.

DELIVERABLES

1. **Inception Report:** Evaluator provides clarifications on timing and methodology no later than 3days on signing of the contract.
2. Prepare the first draft and Final Report for review by UNDP, NERCHA, CANGO and make presentation of first draft to stakeholder on the initial findings of the end of evaluation
3. Prepare a case study on the Swaziland Volunteer for advocacy purposes.
4. **Submission of the Final Report** submitted in both hard (signed) and electronic copies including recommendations for scaling up of the Volunteer programme and policy reform.

REPORTING

The consultant will report to a committee constituting of NERCHA, CANGO and the UN and coordinated by UNDP and weekly monitoring progress reports to be held with the committee.

DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT

The duration for the assignment will be 25 Calendar Days from date of signing the contract.

DEGREE OF EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifications

- A Master's Degree in the following fields: Public Policy and Development, Public Health, Human Rights, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation and Surveillance field or a related discipline.
- At least 10 years of relevant professional experience including at least five years' experience conducting programme and projects evaluation.
- Proven experience and appreciation on the policy mainstreaming work and related policy processes.
- Experience in programme development especially of Health and HIV programmes.
- Substantial knowledge and understanding of setting up realistic models of Volunteer National Programmes.
- Experience in developing national public policies.
- Excellent communication skills (writing and reading) with good command in English.
- Familiarity with operations of civil society organisations and national volunteer programme.

Submission of Applications: Interested consultants are invited to submit detailed CV's and Expression of Interest (EOI) marked "Project Review - Strengthening the capacity of national volunteer infrastructure for HIV and AIDS response in Swaziland" to UNDP Offices, 5th Floor Lilunga House, P. O. Box 261, Mbabane or e-mail application to Registry.sz@undp.org on or before the 30th June 2016. Full TOR www.sz.undp.org.

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NOBLE IS
CONFIDENT
PAYET WILL
STAY PUT

LONDON - West Ham United captain Mark Noble is certain Dimitri Payet will return to the club, despite concerns that the playmaker may succumb to the interests of a higher-profile club.

Payet was the Hammers' standout player last season, scoring 12 goals and notching up 15 assists in 38 matches across all competitions.

The 29-year-old midfielder has also carried his stellar club form into the international arena, scoring twice in three matches

for France.

When asked by Sky Sports News HQ whether Payet will be at the club come the start of the 2016/17 season, Noble was optimistic in his response.

"I think he will be," the Irons captain said. "I've been in a lot of contact with him over the summer and he loves the football club."

"But football is football. So you never know, but obviously we'd all like to see him back here in the summer."

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Wenger respects Vardy's 'no thanks' decision

LONDON - Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has no hard feelings after England striker Jamie Vardy signed a new contract with Premier League champions Leicester City rather than moving to the London club.

Vardy, who signed a four-year contract extension with the Foxes on Thursday, scored 24 league goals to help propel Claudio Ranieri's side to a fairytale title win four years after joining Leicester from non-league Fleetwood Town.

Vardy was strongly linked with Arsenal who were reported to have triggered the release clause in his contract and offered better personal terms than Leicester, said British media.

"I think Leicester have made a statement and Vardy will stay. We were on the case and interested, but not



more than that," Wenger was quoted as saying by 'beIN Sports' on Friday.

"He has decided to stay at Leicester and good luck to him. He came late to the game and in fairness Leicester bought him from Fleetwood and he has been successful. He is 29 and he has chosen to stay at Leicester. You have to

respect that."

Growing concerns over midfielder N'Golo Kante's future at the King Power Stadium have intensified after media reports suggested Leicester were close to signing defensive midfielder Nampalys Mendy from French side Nice as a replacement.

Reuters

Arsene Wenger has no intention of leaving Arsenal

LONDON - Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger insists he has no intention of moving into international management with his native France.

The 66-year-old, who has been in charge of the Gunners since 1996, has been linked with his national side on a number of occasions throughout his career.

Wenger coached French clubs Nancy and Monaco prior to joining Arsenal but he has ruled out a return to his home country, despite the fact he has just one year left on his current contract at the Emirates. "I think this time [to move into international management] has gone now," Wenger told beIN Sport.

"I have been asked a few times to do it. I was always busy somewhere else."

France are currently managed by former World Cup winner Didier Deschamps, who is attempting to guide Les Bleus to victory at their home European Championship this summer.

Deschamps' side face the Republic of Ireland in a crucial last 16 match at the Stade des Lumieres in Lyon tomorrow.



Wenger believes a victory for the host nation at this summer's tournament would lift the country's spirits, which had been dampened in the wake of last year's Paris terror attacks.

"I just want my country to do well and have a good tournament because at the moment this country is going through a very difficult time," said the Arsenal boss. *Daily Mail*

LEICESTER BID FOR SASHA REJECTED

BRAZIL - Leicester City have been rebuffed in their attempts to sign International forward Eduardo Sasha, according to reports in Brazil.

Sasha, whose style of play is similar to that of Shinji Okazaki, has reportedly been targeted by Foxes boss Claudio Ranieri as a player that would add value to the squad and push existing members for a spot in the first team.

Added to his Brazilian flair, the 24-year-old's main

strength is his stamina and ability to fit seamlessly on either wing. Sasha has scored 11 goals and recorded a further five assists in 49 games.

There is likely to be a bit of a transfer saga due to ownership issues over the Brazilian, as Inter only own 60 percent of his economic rights, with investor Delcir Sonda owning 10% and the rest being owned by the player himself.

The Leicester Mercury reported that his transfer value may rise up to £15m.

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FALCAO ATTENDS
MEDICAL
AHEAD OF
SEALING MOVE

... back to Monaco after failing at Man United and Chelsea

MONACO - Radamel Falcao has attended a medical at parent club Monaco after a failed loan spell in the Premier League.

Falcao, who won't have his loan at Chelsea extended, posted a picture of himself on Instagram on Thursday at Monaco's training facility on an indoor exercise bike.

The 30-year-old endured a difficult time with the Blues last season, scoring one goal

in just ten appearances. The former Colombian captain was paid £140,000 a week during his time with Chelsea.

He arrived at Stamford Bridge when Jose Mourinho decided to hand him another opportunity in the Premier League after a difficult spell at Manchester United. Falcao battled injury and attempted to return to fitness but only managed to register four goals in 26 games for Louis van Gaal's side. *Daily Mail*

Ozil urges team-mates to move to the Premier League

PARIS - Mesut Ozil has urged his Germany team-mates to move to the Premier League as Mario Gotze and Leroy Sane continue to attract interest from clubs in England's top-flight.

Arsenal star Ozil, who swapped Real Madrid for the Gunners in 2013 in a club record £42.5million deal, says he'd recommend playing in England to any of his international team-mates.

A number of Joachim Low's men already play Premier League football, with Gotze and Sane potentially joining them in this summer's transfer window. Bayern Munich's Gotze is wanted by Jurgen Klopp at Liverpool, while Schalke's Sane is a £30million target for new Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola.

Ozil insists he doesn't regret his move to Arsenal and believes the likes of Gotze and Sane should take

a chance in moving to England.

"It was always my goal to prove myself at the big clubs abroad," Ozil told German newspaper Bild.

Abroad

"And I only have positive things to say about the Premier League if somebody wants to move abroad."

Ozil has won two FA Cups in his time with Arsenal but has yet to help them to

domestic title success, with his team missing out once again to surprise champions Leicester City last season. "The league is very interesting, very balanced -

the best example being Leicester winning the title," Ozil added.

"It's just a lot of fun to play football in England. It's extremely exhausting, but you can relish it."

"If a national team player asks me what it's like in England, I reply: 'If you have the opportunity, do it!' If I were to make the decision to go abroad again, I would definitely do it just like I did it."

Bastian Schweinsteiger, Emre Can and Ozil are all current German squad members who play in the Premier League. Lukas Podolski and Andre Schurrle also have experience of England's top-flight.

And Ozil says some of his other international team-mates do ask what it's like to play abroad.

"What's it like at Arsenal? What distinguishes the Premier League? How are the dealings with the media and public? These are questions I am asked," the 27-year-old former Werder Bremen playmaker said. *Daily Mail*



**COME TO
PREM:
Germany's
Mesut Ozil.**



Sundowns lose CAF CL points

CAPE TOWN - ES Setif have been disqualified from the CAF Champions League after disturbing scenes during their defeat against Mamelodi Sundowns.

Pitso Mosimane's charges handed the Algerian side a 2-0 defeat in a match that was played on June 18.

According to the official CAF website, the rest of Group B will compete between three teams namely: Sundowns, Zamalek and Enyimba.

"Following the regrettable incidents that took place during match no.98 of the 2016 edition of CAF Champions League between ES Setif (Algeria) vs Mamelodi Sundowns (South Africa), whereby the referee was obliged to abandon the said match before its end," read the statement.

"Match officials noted especially the pitch invasion as well as numerous throws of missiles, stones, bottles, and firecrackers, provoking a certain number of injured spectators and members of the security forces."

"The CAF Organizing Committee for the Inter-Clubs Competitions decided to apply the provisions of Chapter XII para 3 and considered ES Setif loser and eliminated from the competition without prejudice to any other sanctions that may be imposed by CAF Disciplinary Board."

Meanwhile, Sundowns return to the fold next week when they welcome Enyimba to the Lucas Moripe Stadium on Wednesday, July 29. Kick-off is at 19:00. *Sport24.*

Kaizer Chiefs set announcement date

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs have set a date for a press conference where several player announcements are expected to be made.

The club has been linked with several players after a mass exodus was confirmed which included players such as Morgan Gould and Siboniso Gaxa.

The media has been speculating a number of fresh faces will be revealed at the announcement such as Mitchell Katsvairo, Edmore Chirambadoro, Sbu Khumalo and Keagan Buchanan.

Meanwhile, Enocent Mkhabela, Kudakwashe Mahachi and Ramahlwe Mphahlele are some of the



BIG BOSSES: Chiefs officials Kaizer Motaung and Bobby Motaung.

players who have also been linked with a move to Naturena.

Date: Monday, July 27

Time: 11:00

Venue: Kaizer Chiefs village (Naturena)

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...Not worried about signings

CAPE TOWN - Kaizer Chiefs communications manager Vina Maphosa insists they are not bothered by who other teams sign, as their transfers will be revealed at the right time.

Following a long list of departures last month, Amakhosi are yet to make announcements on who will be coming in to replace the

players who were released.

The Glamour Boys have only made one signing, left-back Siboniso Khumalo arriving in a swap deal that saw Keagan Ritchie join SuperSport United, while arch-rivals Orlando Pirates have already confirmed three signings, including coach Muhsin Ertugral.

However, Maphosa main-

tains that Chiefs are unfazed by their rivals' transfer dealings. "No we are not worried. I cannot talk about other teams," Maphosa told KickOff. "You will hear our plans at the right time. Nothing has changed. Things will happen the same way they have been happening every year."

Sport24.

Messi eyes Copa crown

UNITED STATES - Lionel Messi's goalscoring exploits at the Copa America Centenario have rewritten his country's record books and left Argentina on the brink of a first major title for 23 years.

But if Argentina are to avoid a fourth straight defeat in a major final when they take the field in New Jersey tomorrow the chances are they will have to do something they have never done before in the Messi era: score.

In three finals dating back to the climax of the 2007 Copa America, when Messi lined up in an Argentina side that was beaten 3-0 by Brazil in Venezuela, the Albiceleste have failed to find the back of the net.

Another shutout followed in the 2014 World Cup

final, which ended in a 1-0 loss to Germany, before an agonising defeat on penalties to Chile in last year's Copa America following a 0-0 draw.

All the signs, however, suggest that Argentina's barren goalscoring spell - and long wait for a title - could come to an end at the MetLife Stadium this weekend, where Argentina will face either Colombia or Chile.

Tuesday's 4-0 semifinal drubbing of the United States took Argentina's tournament goals tally to 18 in five matches, or 3.6 goals per game.

While Messi grabbed the

headlines for his magnificent free-kick that saw him become his country's record scorer with 55 goals, one clear of Gabriel Batistuta, Argentina's goals have come from all angles.

"We've been playing well from day one and we deserve to be in the final," Messi said on Tuesday, dedicating his goals tally to the work of his teammates.

"I'm happy to have the record, and I'm happy to play with teammates that have made it possible. I owe it to them," the five-time world player of the year added.

He was named player of the tournament in Chile but reportedly refused to accept the award, disgusted by yet another loss in a major final.

Messi now believes Argentina have emerged stronger from the setbacks.

"You learn from everything," Messi said. "It has been almost a year since the last Copa America and I think that made us stronger as a group, and as a team." *AP*

Gambling-mad Vietnamese bet their houses on Euro 2016

HANOI - Football and a flutter go hand-in-hand in Vietnam making Euro 2016 a golden opportunity for fans to enjoy two national obsessions, even for those who have already bet their houses on the beautiful game and lost.

Each major football championship is followed by a slew of reports of big wins, losses and suicides that fixate a nation with a particularly deep love for gambling, even though it is outlawed.

Speaking at a small cafe in Hanoi, Nguyen The Hoang recounts an astonishing gambling run during the last European Championship in 2012 that ended up wiping out his fortune.

"Football betting cost me almost half a million dollars," the 58-year-old explains of a bad streak that cost him two homes and a restaurant.

"My wife hates football so much because it ruined our lives."

The father of two now washes dishes at a small street-side noodle shop, where his wife prepares bowls of pho that bring in a meagre \$10 a day. But his impecunious new life has not dulled his lust for a gamble, with Euro 2016 no exception.

The bets are now more modest, but Nguyen said he nearly doubled a \$20 (about R290) stake last week by backing England to beat Wales in their group qualifier. *Sport24.*

Alfred Ndengane extends Celtic deal

JOHANNESBURG - Bloemfontein Celtic midfielder Alfred Ndengane has expressed his delight at extending his contract with the club and says the team is beginning to gel under coach Serame Letsoaka.

"I was extremely excited after being offered an improved contract and that made me realise that Celtic values my contribution," he told his club's website.

Celtic finished the season in 11th position, but were unbeaten their last eight games and Ndengane says that bodes well for the future.

"When coach Serame Letsoaka came during the season, we took time to gel and to get used to his system," he said. "But what is great is that we eventually got used to the system and when we finished the season, we were playing brilliant football and winning games."

He says the stability in the squad will also help them next year.

"What's good is the fact that the bulk, or should I say the core, of the team has been retained. That means we will be lethal and very competitive this coming season."

Ndengane joined Celtic from FC Cape Town midway through the 2013/14 season and has been a regular ever since.

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Larsen signs fresh Arrows extension

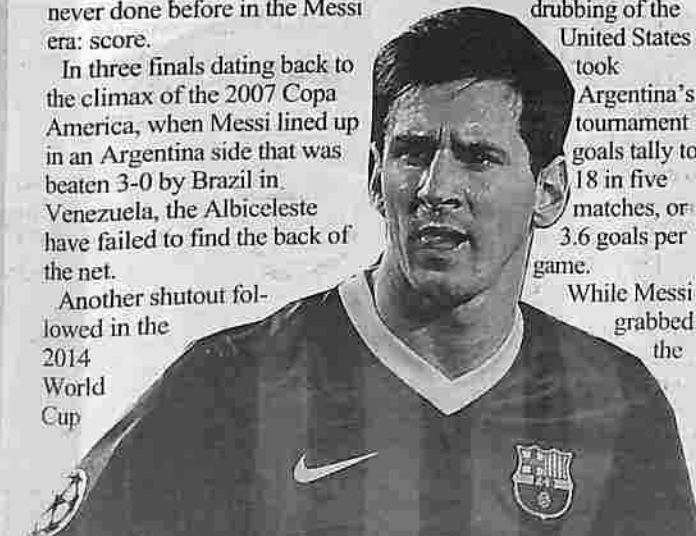
CAPE TOWN - Golden Arrows coach Clinton Larsen has penned a two-year contract extension with the Premiership club.

The 45-year-old joined Abafana Bese'shinde midway through last term after making a straight swap with Serame Letsoaka, who moved to Bloemfontein Celtic. Larsen guided Arrows to a ninth-placed finish in their first season back in the top flight, having gained promotion the previous year. The Durban outfit are rebuilding after a handful of on-loan players left, including Gladwin Shitolo, Ryan Chapman, Mwape Musonda, Mahlatse Makudubela, Gabadinho Mhango and Rodney Ramagalela. "I'm very happy to have concluded [a deal] with the team for a further two years," Larsen told The Sowetan.

"Initially I signed for six months because I wanted to get a feel for the club first and not commit myself long term before understanding how the club works. "I'm happy with the relationship that I have forged with the boss, Mato Madlala. All the boxes were ticked and I was very happy to commit myself to the team." *Sport24.*



GOING NO WHERE: Golden Arrows coach Clinton Larsen.



BREAKS A RECORD: Lionel Messi's goalscoring exploits at the Copa America Centenario have rewritten his country's record books.

FIFA ADMINISTRATION COURSE CLOSING



ADMINISTRATORS: Participants of the Football Administration Course pose with FIFA Instructor Mohammed Hammami and NFAS President Adam Bomber Mthethwa during the closing of the FIFA Administration Management Course held at the Technical Centre yesterday.

(Pics by Sibusiso Masilela)



CONCENTRATING: PLS' Banele Nhlengethwa and SSSA Lucky Dlamini following proceedings.



PRESENT: Vusi Mkhonta and Thulani Sihlongonyane (back) were also present.



FOCUSED: NFAS officials listening to the speeches.



SOCCER BABES: The women participants during the course Philile Matsebula (PLS) Tengetile Ndlandla (FA), Hlobisile Vilakati (LRFA) and Nomalungelo Gama (PLS) pose after the closing ceremony.



LIGHT MOMENT: FIFA Instructor Mohammed Hammami and NFAS president sharing a light moment.



CONGRATS: PLS accountant Philile Matsebula all smiles after receiving her certificate.



ALL SMILES: Mbabane Swallows Coach Thabo Koki Vilakati was named the second best during the course.



BEST: The National Referees Association of Swaziland (NRAS) Chairman Elphas Ngcamphalala receiving his certificates after being named the best participant during the course.



THANK YOU: SOGGA CEO Muriel Hofer making her remarks while Dave Tippet looks on.

REMARKS: The Football Association President addressing the gathering during the event.

PARTICIPANT: Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Executive Committee Member Sicelo Mkhonta was amongst the participants.

WOUNDED SIHLANGU OUT FOR REDEMPTION

TODAY

Swaziland vs Democratic
Republic of Congo
Sam Nujoma Stadium, 4pm

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - AFTER falling from grace and suffering the second humiliating defeat in the history of the COSAFA Cup tournament at the hands of Bafana Bafana on Wednesday, Sihlangu are looking to redeem themselves in their fight for the bronze medal when they face Democratic Republic of Congo in the third place play-offs at Sam Nujoma Stadium today.

Sihlangu has displayed a brilliant performance in the tournament that has seen the team attracting praise from other countries but things changed for the worse on Wednesday after suffering a 5-1 defeat at the hands of former Sihlangu coach Ephraim Shakes Mashaba who led South Africa to the finals of the tournament.

Clash

A red card to Green Mamba's Siyabonga 'Msholoz' Mdluli following what looked to be a dive from Judas Mosemedi saw the nation's pride crumbling like a game of cards despite being the first to score during the semi-final clash. The Harries Madze Bulunga led squad will definitely be out to redeem their tainted image when they lock horns

with North African side especially their outstanding performance in the regional showpiece.

Medal

Swaziland have played four times against DRC and managed only a single draw, losing all three other matches.

This would be the first time the two nations meet in the COSAFA Cup competition as DRC is only a guest nation in the tournament.

The nation had declared they are proud of the local boys and will definitely be hoping for a good showing and the bronze medal.

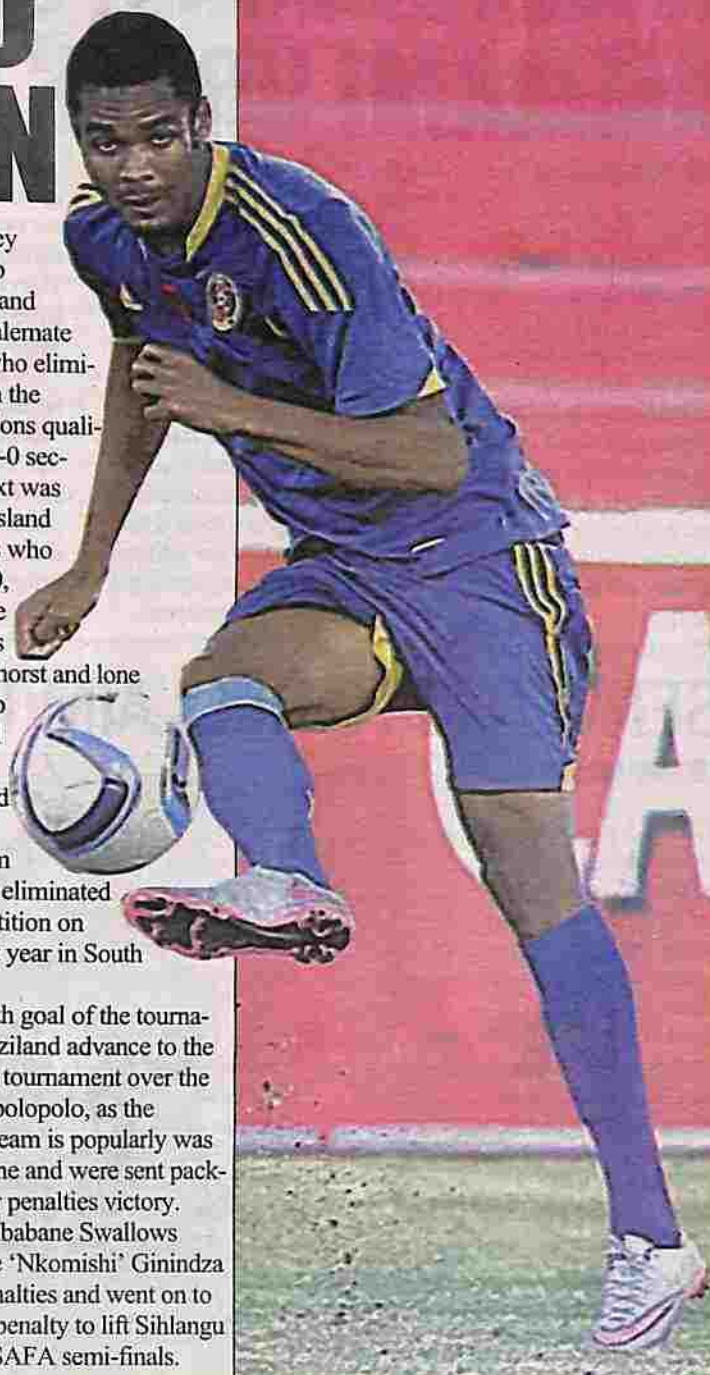
The squad has however been dealt a blow as they will be without the Green Mamba defender as well as defender Machawe Dlamini who is also doubtful for the game.

Sihlangu's journey started in the group stages with Swaziland playing to a 2-2 stalemate with Zimbabwe, who eliminated the former in the Africa Cup of Nations qualifying race with a 4-0 second leg defeat. Next was the Indian Ocean Island country Seychelles who Swaziland beat 4-0, courtesy of a brace from Kaizer Chiefs target Felix Badenhorst and lone goals from Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu and Wonder Nhleko. Sihlangu then faced off with

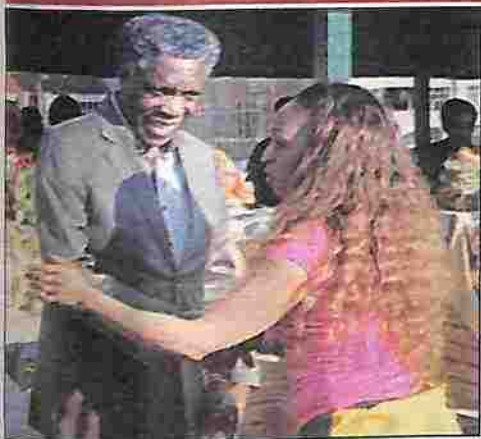
Madagascar, a team that got Swaziland eliminated in the same competition on goal difference last year in South Africa.

It was Felix's fifth goal of the tournament that saw Swaziland advance to the quarterfinals of the tournament over the Island nation. Chipolopolo, as the Zambian national team is popularly known, was next in the firing line and were sent packing after a 4-2 after penalties victory.

Credit goes to Mbabane Swallows goalkeeper Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza who saved two penalties and went on to score the winning penalty to lift Sihlangu to their fourth COSAFA semi-finals.



SIGA GAMES BUILD-UP



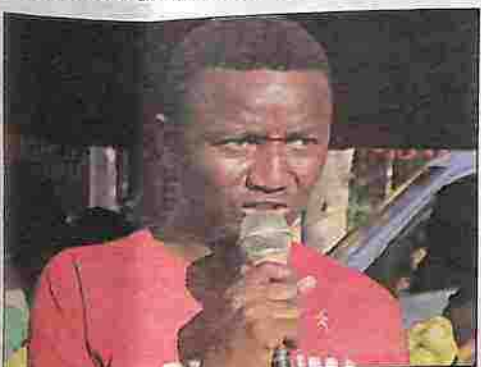
HUGS: Manzini North MP Jan Sithole sharing a light moment with SIGA president and Matsapha Town Board CEO Gciniwe Fakudze.



PRO TALKS: Municipal Council of Manzini public relations officer Mathokoza Thwala and Municipal Council of Mbabane information and public relations officer Lucky Tsabedze at the event.



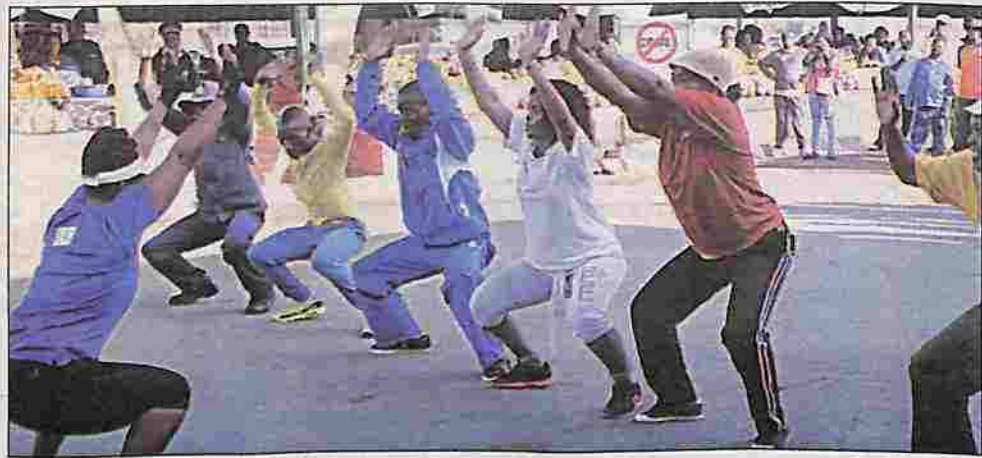
LIKE THIS: Manzini City Council CEO Lungile Dlamini, Matsapha Councillor Fana Sihlongonyane and Ezulwini CEO and Swaziland Inter-Municipal Games Association (SIGA) vice president Vusi Matsebula doing aerobics during the SIGA games build-up held at Manzini yesterday. The actual event will be held at Mavuso on July 1. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)



SIYABONGA: Swaziland National Sports and Recreational Council Marketing Officer Zwakele Simelane making his remarks on behalf of the Council.



THEM LADIES: 'Diala Maspala' Local Organising Committee members Fikile Mkhonta and Menzie Shongwe-Dlamini posing for the camera.



UP-DOWN: Some of the participants in full swing as they engage in different exercises.

IMPROVE LOCAL FOOTBALL – FIFA'S HAMMAMI URGES PARTICIPANTS

By Sibusiso Masikola

SOCCER – Tunisian based FIFA instructor Mohamed Hammami has challenged the over 20 local participants to improve local football by implementing the skills learnt during the administration course.

The instructor made these comments during the closing ceremony of the five day FIFA sanctioned course held at the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Technical Centre yesterday.

"I am positive that you will now

use the knowledge to improve administration in your different associations and at the same time contribute towards the transformation of Swazi football.

Innovations

"You are now expected to come up with new innovations that will help the sport to grow in the different levels," he said.

Hammami further thanked the National Football Association for its efforts to improve local football, which he said were visible through the country's impressive run in international competitions.

"I would like to commend the good work that has been done by the President and his executive in taking the sport to the next level. The country is very fortunate to have a great man in Bomber Mthethwa who has vast experience in football administration," he added.

Representing the participants was Hlobisile Vilakati from the Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA), who thanked the local mother body for bringing such an important course.

"We are grateful to be availed

the opportunity of taking part in this resourceful course. I can assure you that we are all going to work hard to improve our sport," he said.

Transformation

Meanwhile FA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa said the course will play a major role towards the transformation of local football.

"I am happy that we now have new administrators who will help us take football to greater heights with the administration skills acquired during the course," he said.

English Premier League Supporters' Clubs charity games

By Qondile Ntwane

SOCCER – The local supporters' clubs of four English Premier League teams have got together to organise a one-day social soccer tournament.

The event will be held at the Manzini Club on Saturday July 9, 2016, and is the brainchild of the local Liverpool Supporters Club Swaziland, who have already undertaken annual charity events in the country.

Over the past two years, the supporters of the Merseyside team have donated to the children's ward at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital.

This year, the supporters club invited the other groups for a one day tournament, from which the winning team will donate the proceeds to a charity of their choice.

According to Swaziboy Entertainment, who are the coordinators of the event, the four teams to take part are the local supporters' clubs of Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur. This will be a knockout tournament, with the winning team taking all the proceeds.

"There already is good rivalry among these teams in the EPL, and we wanted to take this same spirit to the local pitch, to provide some good entertainment for the supporters," said Shadow Zwane, of Swazi Boy, who added that each of these teams has a chance to relive the excitement of playing each other.

Zwane explained that there is big enough support of the teams locally, adding that they were motivated by the desire to network for charity.

He added that this is going to be a family fun day, with entertainment and food stalls available on the day.

"This is going to be a good outing for the family, and hopefully an opportunity for the local supporters to put their words into action on the pitch," said Zwane.

The event is hoped to be an annual event, from which it can provide members of the public to contribute to charity in one way or the other.

For members of the public not taking part in the games, they will be invited to bring any item for donation, which will be collected upon entry.

OBSERVER XI TO RECLAIM TOP SPOT TOMORROW

By Qondile Ntwane

SOCCER – Media Kings Observer XI have vowed to reclaim top spot when they meet VOC in the semi-final of the Sibonelo Savings and Credit Cooperative media tournament tomorrow.

The games will be played at the Somhlolo National Stadium starting at 1.30pm. The first clash of the day will see Times XI battle it out with SBIS while the Swazi Observer will take on VOC at 2.30pm.

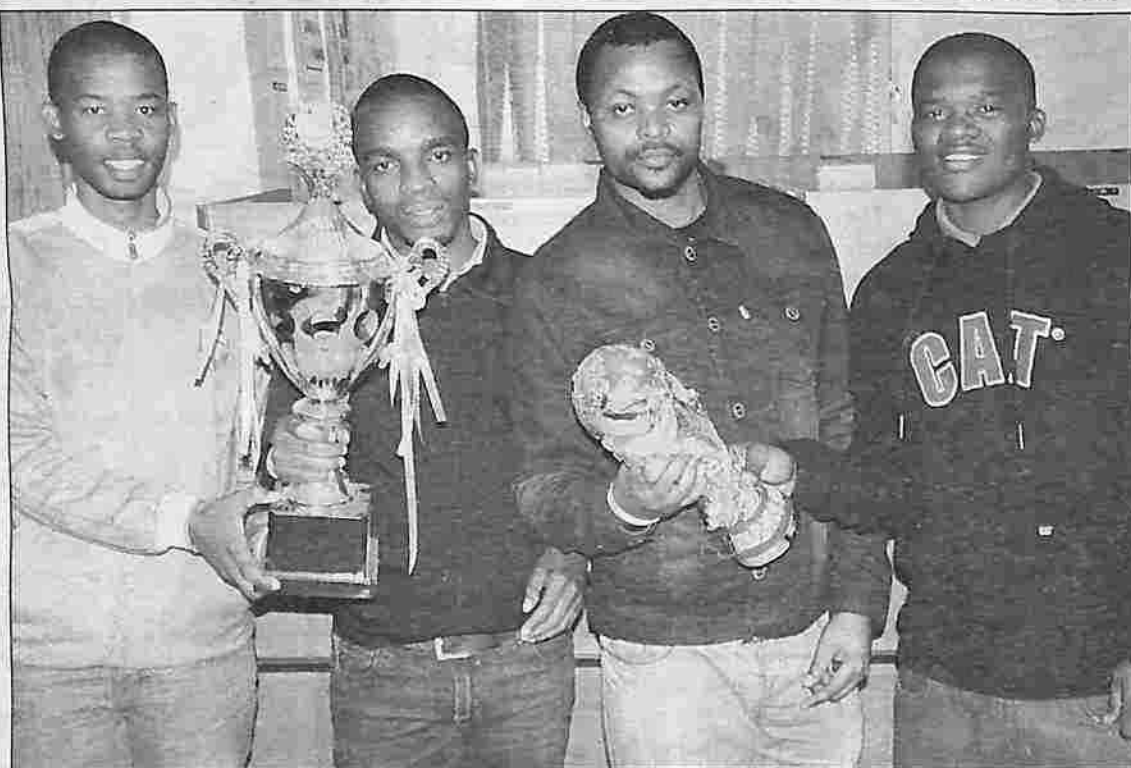
Determined

Interviewed yesterday, Observer XI Captain Paradise Mamba said they were determined to add another trophy at the end of the E40 000 sponsored tournament.

"We are media kings, we've shown through the years and it is time we remind our colleagues of this feat. We last lifted a trophy in 2014 and gave a chance to others last year. This year we are all out to reclaim our rightful position," he said.

Preceded

He said the final would take place at 5pm and will be preceded by a third place play-off at 4pm.



MEDIA KINGS: Swazi Observer XI players posing with some of the trophies they won in recent media tournaments. The lads will be all out tomorrow with one goal in my mind, adding the Sibonelo Savings Media Trophy to their already full trophy cabinet. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

Mamba then invited media teams' supporters to come in great numbers and support their teams on the day. The champions of the

tournament will take home E8000 while the runners up will pocket E4 000.

Those to finish in third place will receive E2 000.

THE FIXTURE

Times XI	vs	SBIS	1.30pm
Observer XI	vs	VOC	2.30pm
Third Place Play-off			4pm
Final			5pm

MAHLANYA, MPHINI LOCK HORNS IN STEFANUTTI FINAL

By Qondile Ntwane

SOCCER – Mahlanya United will take on Mphini in the finals of the Stefanutti Stocks knockout tournament at the Golden Sports Ground in Malkerns today.

The final of the E45 000 sponsored tournament will kick off at 2pm.

The game will be preceded by a game pitting the sponsor and Malkerns football administrators at 10am. This clash will be followed by a third place play-off pitting Cutter Cosmos against Luyengo Foxes at 12noon.

THE FIXTURE

Malkerns Social	vs	Sponsor	10am
Cutter Cosmos	vs	Luyengo Foxes	noon
Mahlanya United	vs	Mphini	2pm

Manzini Regional Football Association of Swaziland (MRFA) Secretary Njabulo Mabuza invited supporters of the game to come in great numbers to witness top shelf football during the games.

Exciting

"All is set for the final and we are looking forward to exciting football from all teams to be play on the day," he said.

Mabuza also noted that there would be a netball tournament featuring clubs from Lobamba Lomdzala and Ntontozi Constituencies.

"The tournament is sponsored by the Minister of Agriculture Moses Dlamini who is also the MP of Ntontozi. We are really grateful for this sponsorship as our ladies will also get a chance to be active," he said.

E50 000 WORTH OF PRIZES UP FOR GRABS IN FSRA MARATHON

By Qondile Ntwane

ATHLETICS – E50 000 worth of prizes will be up for grabs during the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) marathon slated for September.

The race will be held at the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Technical Centre in Lobamba starting at 6am.

The race will be divided into three categories namely the 42km, 21.1km and the 10 km. Athletes interested in taking part in the marathon will have to part with E120 registration while those interested in the half marathon and 10km will pay E70 and E50 registration, respectively.

Information gathered is that registration for the race will start on June 27 and that those to register before August 26 would get a goodie

bag. For more information athletes can contact Mbuso Gamedze at mbusog@fsra.co.sz, Zandile Masina at zandilem@fsra.co.sz, Lindiwe Mamba at lindiwe@fsra.co.sz and Musa Dlamini at musad@fsra.co.sz.

Zimbabwean born athlete Charles Soza emerged champion of the inaugural Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) marathon last year.

The 32-year-old Nedbank-sponsored runner endured the challenging route from Lobamba via Malkerns and Matsapha to beat over 100 competitors that took part in the race. Soza clocked a time of 2:29:69 hours to snatch the E5 000 first prize money.

Taking the second position was Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) athlete Thulani Ngubane who finished on a time of 2:34:21, also becoming the first Swazi to cross the finish line.

CHELSEA COACHES FOR PRINCE, BUCKSWOOD TOURNAMENT

By Sandile Nkambule

SOCCER – English side Chelsea Football Junior coaches will jet into the country on Monday for a tournament courtesy of Prince Sakhizwe in collaboration with Buckswood students.

The tournament to feature four schools in the Lubombo Region will be held and played at a venue still to be confirmed.

The participants of this tourna-

THE FOUR SCHOOLS TO PARTAKE IN THE TOURNAMENT

- Assemble primary
- Siteki Nazarene primary
- Global primary
- Good Shepherd primary

ment will be presented with soccer kits and also presented with medals by the prince after the games, which are expected to draw a large crowd owing to the presence of the international

coaches.

This was disclosed by Buckswood Swaziland's Sandile Simelane who confirmed that the students together with the coach will jet into the country through the King Mswati III International Airport on Monday June 27 2016.

Talents

He said the tournament would include coaching clinics that would develop the talents of the players from the different

schools.

"After the tournament, the Buckswood students are expected to proceed with their programme where they would assist in a project at Nhlabeni Primary school on July 8 2016, under the theme 'Buckswood Hearts and Smiles,' he said.

Simelane said the visiting students would continue with a pending project they left at the school during their last visit in the country.

Felix's future with Chiefs to be revealed Monday

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – Mbabane Swallows lanky attacker Felix Badenhorst's future with Soweto giants Kaizer Chiefs will be known on Monday.

The attacking midfielder has been linked with a move to the South African Absa Premier outfit said to be amongst other South African teams interested in securing the services of the player.

According to information sourced from The Citizen, Phakathi pullout Chiefs General Manager Bobby Motaung confirmed that Kaizer Chiefs would be announcing their new signings for the 2016/17 season on Monday.

"Yes, we want to make the announcements, because we are starting pre-season and we want to kill speculation," he said.

Chiefs have already signed Sibusiso Khumalo from SuperSport United in a swap deal involving Keagan Ritchie, while midfielder Keagan Buchanan has also joined, though no official announcement has been made.

Zimbabwean duo of Edmore Chirambadoro and Mitchell Katsvairo are also reported to have signed with the team, with Bidvest Wits' Sibusiso Vilakazi and the Sihlangu midfielder Felix Badenhorst linked with a move to Naturena.

Badenhorst attracted attention of football lovers following his sterling performance in the COSAFA Castle Cup which ends today in Windhoek Namibia.

The player is currently leading the scoring chart in the regional tournament after scoring five goals.

WE ARE GOING FOR THE BRONZE – 'MADZE'

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – National team Sihlangu coach Harries Madze Bulunga is looking to bag home the bronze medal in the COSAFA Castle Cup.

Sihlangu will battle it out with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in a third place play-off at the Sam Nujoma Stadium.

Interviewed yesterday the coach said their aim was to salvage the bronze medal during the game.

"We will make some few chances forced by suspension and injuries. At the same time other players deserve to rest. We are looking at the bronze medal which can still be an achievement for the country," he said.



The winners in this clash will take home E125 000 while the losers will go home with E100 000.

Sihlangu will be minus the ser-

vices of centre back Siyabonga 'Msholoz' Mdluli who was sent off during the 1-5 loss to South Africa on Wednesday night. Defender Machawe Dlamini is

also doubtful for the tie due to an injury which could force Bulunga to introduce a new pairing of Mandla Palma and Phumlani Dlamini. Lanky player Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst is still a firm favourite for the top goal scorer award after banging in five goals in the regional showpiece as his near contender is South Africa midfielder Menzi Masuku who is having two goals.

SIHLANGU MUST NOT LOSE THE LESSON – SNSRC

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – The Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council, (SNSRC) has commended Sihlangu despite the squad's embarrassing 5-1 defeat to South Africa's Bafana Bafana.

Sihlangu crashed out of the regional COSAFA Castle Cup after defying the odds to reach the semi finals of the tournament for the first time since 2003.

In an emotional press release sent to the media yesterday, SNSRC Media Officer, Dumisani Ntiwane said the nation remained proud of the squad despite the semi final

defeat.

Ntiwane noted that a combination of factors ensured that the squad ended with the wooden part of the spoon.

Defied

"Sihlangu may have lost on the field of play but as Council we pray that they did not lose the lesson. The beautiful game of football is such that you lose some and win some.

The squad has shown that they are giants having defied such odds to reach this stage of the tournament against professional players who work, eat, drink and sleep football.

"As a nation we should not overlook the fact that while our

boys were eager to bring the Castle COSAFA Cup home, they were always going to be facing a tall order against professional players, who are paid to play football. As Council, we greatly appreciate their overall showing in the tournament and hope it is the start of good things to come for local football.

Seek

"We do hope that the squad's management, technical staff led by Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, his able assistants Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe and Sipho 'Shilton' Dube and the squad's players will take this lesson with them as they seek to qualify for the African Nations Cup Finals. Not

all is lost and as the squad seeks a way forward, they should know that Council remains fully committed in seeing them realise dreams of participating in the continent's biggest showpiece," said Ntiwane.

Powers

He said the SNSRC will do all in its powers to assist the squad where possible and appealed to the nation not to despair.

"Throughout the tournament our boys have played like champions. They have displayed verve, vitality and inspiration. We should not therefore like the proverbial hen bury our heads in the sand but should instead learn from the experience," he said.



FATE: Felix Badenhorst.

Swaziland to host SAIMSA games in 2019

By Sabelo Majola

SPORTS – Newly appointed president of the Southern African Inter-Municipal Sports Association (SAIMSA) Geinwe Fakudze has highlighted that Swaziland will host the SAIMSA games in 2019.

Fakudze, who replaced David

Sono in the association's presidency seat, said the team would be given the hosting rights based on a rotational criterion used in hosting the games.

She said this year's edition of the Games would be held at Mahikeng, South Africa in September this year and Zambia the following year. Mahikeng is

the capital city of the North-West Province of South Africa.

"South Africa being a big country, it was agreed that it would hold the event once after each year hence it would be hosted in South Africa again after Zambia before it comes to Swaziland in 2019," she said. Fakudze said it was a big privilege to have been elected president

of the association and that it was a positive thing for the country.

"The organisation is made of only seven member states; it is still at a growing stage hence a big challenge lies ahead. Being appointed president of the association is a sign of confidence and a big privilege for me and the country," she said.

Fakudze, who is president of the Swaziland International-municipal Games Association (SIGA), was

part of the build-up to the SIGA games held at Manzini yesterday. The games will be staged at Mavuso Sports Centre on July 1. All the 13 Municipal Councils from around the country will compete against each other in traditional games like soccer, netball, volleyball and darts. New games were included in this year's edition and these include board games and umlabalaba as well as a 10km run in the morning.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS			
TODAY			
Switzerland	v	Poland	15:00
Wales	v	N. Ireland	18:00
Croatia	v	Portugal	21:00
TOMORROW			
France	v	R. Ireland	15:00
Germany	v	Slovakia	18:00
Hungary	v	Belgium	21:00

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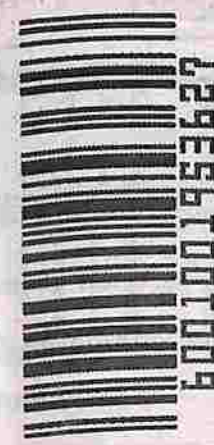
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