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**DILAPIDATED:** Some of the old police houses which had been vacated by some senior police officials based at Sigodwveni police station.



**STATE OF THE ART:** A part of newly-constructed police flats, said to be occupied by senior Royal Swaziland Police Officers based at Sigodwveni Matsapha. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiyi)

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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

## GOOD SHEPHERD NURSES NOT PAID, ENGAGE IN GO-SLOW

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**DISGRUNTLED and hungry nurses at the Good Shepherd Hospital yesterday abandoned patients and convened endless meetings on their unpaid salaries.**

The nurses and support staff have not been paid their salaries for September.

Normally, Good Shepherd staff would be paid their salaries on or before the 25th of each month.

Apparently, it seems to have become a norm that staff members at the hospital would complain about their delayed salaries almost on a regular basis.

On the 19th of this month, the workers are said to have come across a memo on the notice board, informing them that their salaries would be delayed.

The memo for which this publication also has a copy stated that the administration was working on making alternative arrangements to prevent a prolonged delay of the salary.

Following the memo, the workers' committee at the hospital is said to have engaged the management on the logistics of the issue.

Their meeting however failed to yield a solution to the problem as by yesterday, all staff members had not been paid. The nurses and support staff came to the decision of abandoning wards just before lunch hour and convened a meeting near the entrance point of the Out Patient Department (OPD).

During the meeting, the workers

● The workers' committee was also locked in a meeting with management. Patients were left unattended, with only a few doctors in the wards.



**READ THIS: Good Shepherd nurses holding placards during their go-slow strike yesterday.**

discussed their grievances; mainly their unpaid salaries and allowances which they say were due last month. At some instances, they would be heard singing songs which stated that they are hungry and cannot work.

#### Meeting

In the meantime, the workers' committee was also locked in a meeting with management. Patients were left unattended, with only a few doctors in the wards.

Speaking during an interview, chairperson of the workers' committee Gifted Magongo said they were not necessarily holding a strike as they were discussing their grievances as workers of the hospital.

He disclosed that as a committee, they recently tried to engage the man-

agement on several issues, which however have not been resolved.

Magongo stated that the main issue was that workers have not been paid their salaries, something which is affecting their performance.

"We are not on a strike but we are gathered here to discuss a way forward as we have still not been paid," said Magongo.

He said the workers remained conscious to their mandate to save lives despite their current challenges.

He said their management had reported that they were working on an arrangement with one of the local banks to pay the workers.

Meanwhile, the workers had not received their salaries as at 5pm yesterday.

## Sithobelweni nurses travel to big city to deliver petition

By Nozipho Sibiyi  
Mbabane

**OVER 20 nurses from Sithobelweni Health Centre downed tools and travelled all the way to the ministry of health in Mbabane to deliver a petition.**

The petition delivered by the nurses was addressed to the Chief Nursing Officer, which stated the reason for the mass exodus of nursing personnel from Sithobelweni without adequate replacement since 2013.

According to the petition, in a meeting held

at Sithobelweni Health Centre on September 20, they resolved to seek an audience with the CNO Thembisile Khumalo.

"This stand has been taken after the nurses through their unit committee have had a sequence of numerous unfruitful meetings with the institution's management about the increasing work and burden which is inversely proportional to the decreasing number of nurses dating from 2013," reads the petition.

The nurses say they are now forced to work on a schedule that has got one nurse running solo in a 90-bed capacity ward comprised of male medical surgery, male isolation, female

isolation and female medical or surgical wards.

Also the nurses mentioned that they have three departments that have to be run on a 24-hour bases, being the Out Patient Department (OPD), combined adult ward and Maternity/ children wards.

"This department is sometimes left without a nurse," reads the petition.

The nurses said they have been patiently working with their eyes fixed at Mbabane for more nurses to join them at Sithobelweni, but with each day the situation is becoming worse.

"We have come to the CNO because we have seen that the nurse to patient ratio at Sithobelweni has reached a dangerous mark."

Chairman of the nurses at the Centre,

Mfundo Khumalo, said some of the nurses were left back at work to attend the innocent souls of the community.

The nurses have witnessed the past three years as the most difficult having to work under very difficult situations. In addition to that they requested an additional 15 nurses.

"We would be happy to have them by October 25 2016. It therefore means eight nurses are missing," he said.

He further said there is a shortage of houses, which sometimes makes nurses refuse to be stationed at Sithobelweni.

*"This stand has been taken after the nurses through their unit committee have had numerous unfruitful meetings with management"*

## Swaziland pushes for Taiwan's place in UN

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Ngwenya

**SWAZILAND is pushing the UN to allocate a membership spot for the Republic of China on Taiwan in the organisation.**

Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini said this yesterday at Ngwenya Border Gate when he arrived from the 71st UN General Assembly (UNGA 71) meeting, which was held in New York.

Dlamini said the country was of the view that all countries in the world should be part of UN.

"Swaziland wishes that countries like the Republic of China on Taiwan should be members of UN. The country suggested to UN that it should allocate a membership for Taiwan because this is a big country, with 23 million people," Dlamini said.

He said the UN could benefit if Taiwan was to be a member of the organisation. The country, with the help of other African countries also pushed for permanent seats in the UN Security Council.

This, according to the premier, is in line with the Ezulwini Consensus, which was signed in 2005.

The African countries, during the consensus, agreed that it was high time that they were also taken seriously by the UN when they made their own contribution on matters pertaining to the UN. Currently, African countries are not represented in the UN Security Council. Dlamini also said they men-

## ...Non aligned countries want freedom to rule

**NON Aligned Movement countries called for their sovereignties to be recognised so that they rule with freedom.**

This was a resolution taken by the countries in a meeting that took place on the Magarita Island, Venezuela, South America. The meeting, which ended on September 18, 2016, was attended by Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

He attended the meeting with Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze. They went sent by His Majesty King Mswati III.

The prime minister said the theme of the meeting was about peace, security, sovereignty, and freedom for the countries to rule without interference.

The prime minister said

tioned to the UN that the country was among the trusted countries concerning developmental issues. He said that was because of the fact that the country had taken the chairmanship of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), where His Majesty King Mswati III ascended to Chairman of SADC for the coming year at the end of August.

The premier told the assembly that the country was also a member of organisations such as the Common

Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the Continental Free Trade Area.

The meeting was also attended by Swaziland Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) Zweli Mnisi and Swaziland Ambassador to Venezuela and USA Abednego Ntshangase.

The meeting of the heads of state of the countries was preceded by the meeting of foreign affairs ministers of the member countries of the movement.

At the end of the meeting, Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro was appointed as chairman of the movement. In his speech, Maduro called for a more inclusive UN, which should not only be reformed, it should be re-founded, with all nations on more equal footing.

Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the Continental Free Trade Area.

The premier also told the assembly that the country was in dire need of assistance from the UN. The country experienced the El Nino drought, which caused it to experience water shortages because it was no longer raining.

This severely affected food production in the country. The country currently needs assistance on that regard.

## Stop Mbabane City Council subvention - Bennett

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**MBABANE businessman Walter Bennett says government should stop its subvention to the Municipal Council of Mbabane because its executive lacks integrity.**

He said the lack of integrity was even demonstrated during the council's annual general meeting (AGM) which was held last week.

Bennett alleges that the council presented an annual report which had 'doctored' financials during the AGM.

He said amongst the reasons that prove the councils' lack of integrity was the fact the council did not give the agenda of the AGM prior to the meeting like other municipalities and even town boards.

"We just went there without knowing what was on the agenda for the meeting and the annual report was only presented during

the meeting instead of prior to the meeting.

"An annual report is supposed to be available before the AGM," he said.

Bennett further said the financials that were presented in the annual report were nothing close to the original Auditors financial report.

He likened the financials that are contained in the municipality's annual report as a 'kinder-garten version'.

"I had the privilege of attaining the original version of the financial report from the ministry of housing and urban development and what is contained in it is definitely different from what was presented to the rate payers in that meeting," he alleged.

Bennett further said the City Clerk failed to follow procedure as stated by the Urban Government Act Section 103 which states that "Within 30 days of the receipt of the Auditor's report on the accounts of the council for any financial

# MALAGWANE ACCIDENT VICTIMS ENTITLED TO E1M

**COVER STORY**

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**VICTIMS of the gruesome Malagwane accident that occurred on April 29, 2014 might get E1 million compensation.**

This is contained in the report of a commission of enquiry that was set up by Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

The commission was tasked with ascertaining the actual causes of the accidents.

It was led by Ministry for Justice and Constitutional Affairs Principal Secretary (PS) Lorraine Hlophe. She was still Supreme Court Registrar at that time.

The Motor Vehicle Accidents (Amendment) Act of 1991 entitled the victims to E1 million.

The Act states that the Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) Fund, in respect of motor vehicle accidents, should not exceed the sum of E1 million.

This meant all the victims might get a share of the E1 million.

The commission also advised that the victims should also consider help through Phalala Fund.

"In view of the E1 million ceiling set in terms of the MVA Act, the commission recommends that severely injured victims that may require further treatment should be granted special consideration through the Phalala Fund," reads the report in part.

However, the motorists who lost their cars during the accidents would

● The Motor Vehicle Accidents (Amendment) Act of 1991 entitled the victims to E1 million. The Act states that the Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) Fund, in respect of motor vehicle accidents, should not exceed the sum of E1 million in compensation



**CRASH: A scene of the gruesome accident that occurred on April 29, 2014 at Malagwane.**

not get any compensation.

"In the absence of mandatory third party insurance for motorists, there is no facility for compensating accident victims for the loss of property," read the report in part.

The commission recommended, in the report, that there should be an immediate review and preparation of legislative amendments to the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund Act to introduce "third party insurance" for all commercial vehicles.

The commission said "third party

insurance" was part of the normal social security landscape of first world countries.

Two accidents occurred on the day, with one occurring at about 15:00 hours and the other at 18:00 hours.

The accident involved two trucks whose drivers lost control along the Malagwane hill. For the first accident, no person was reported dead but there was damage to properties.

The second one resulted in three deaths, 30 motorists and pedestrians were injured.

## ...Promises to take on Mbabane Mayor

**MBABANE businessman Walter Bennett has vowed to take on the Mbabane Mayor Bennito Jones.**

This comes after Jones allegedly refused to allow Bennett to make a submission during the AGM.

Bennett said during the AGM he

wanted to make a submission using the copy of the auditors' financial report but Jones flatly refused him the opportunity.

"He said the only submission I can make was based on the council's annual report which is not clear and

totally different from what is contained in the Auditors' financial report," he said.

He said he is going to take the matter up to council, minister of housing and urban development, cabinet, parliament and the human rights organisation.

"What Jones did was a violation of my rights to freedom of expression, so I will definitely take him on. He said to me he will not allow dialogue," said Bennett.

### STOP IT: Businessman Walter Bennett.

the renewed services of the security company that is non-compliant. It also does not state that the council has a E1.4 million budget for performance awards," he said.

Bennett further said the council's report does not give accountability of the profit they claim to have made, the funds from the council's trust, the funds from the land sales and UDP packages.

"The councils' expenditure shows that they have enough money to operate on their own and they do not need government's subvention," he said.

council's annual report.

"The report is so shallow, irregular, it contains irrelevant information and it is a waste of expenditure.

### Rating

"It states that the council has had an excellent credit rating, which is actually not true. It does not address significant matters like the issues of the employees' voluntary exist and the restructuring.

It also does not address the issue of



year, the Town Clerk shall (a) lay a copy of the account's duly by the auditor, together with the auditor's report before the finance committee and subsequently before the council and (b) submit a copy of the accounts, duly certified by the auditor, together with the auditor's report to the Minister," he said.

Bennett added that the original Auditors' financial report contains major issues that were altered in

## ...Cops, transport operators blamed for accident

**POLICE and the truck operators came under heavy criticism for the accident that occurred at Malagwane.**

The commission found out that the police, truck operators and drivers were all responsible for the accidents that claimed losses of civilian life and property.

"It was found that the causes of the horrific accident of April 29, was the slow recovery of the first truck.

This is partly due to the lack of equipment by the police service, such as breakdowns and jaws of life," reads part of the report.

Police officers, on the day, depended heavily on private breakdowns.

The Phinduvuke operated truck was also blame for having a poor service record it was reported to be unroadworthy on the day of the accident. Phinduvuke was also blamed for leaving its truck on the road for a long time. This is said to have caused a massive traffic pile-up on the road, which played a part in the aggravating circumstances of the second acci-

dent.

Mkhonta, the driver of the Phinduvuke truck was also blamed for a lack of experience at the time of the accident. He had been driving such vehicles for six months up until then. His attempt to move out of the moving truck's way was attributed to lack of experience.

### Blamed

Magagula was blamed for driving his truck at high speed when moving down the hill.

It is said Magagula made efforts to steer the truck from the slow lane to the fast lane, where there were less vehicles.

However, the weight of the truck is said to be the factor that worked against his efforts to prevent the accident.

Police were also blamed for failing to alert oncoming motorists about the first accident. They were also blamed for failing to properly control traffic.

"The expected leadership of the Head of the Traffic Department in Mbabane leaves a lot to be desired," reads the report.

The first accident involved a Nissan UD Combination truck, registered FSD 785 BH.

The truck was owned and operated by Phinduvuke Transport and was trading as "Take A Chance." It was contracted to Salgaocar Swaziland (Pty) Ltd to transport iron ore from Ngwenya to Mpaka. The driver of the truck was Sikhumbuzo Ceda Mkhonta. It is said, Mkhonta lost control of the truck and jumped out of it while it was still moving and it landed on the concrete embankment on the opposite lane.

The truck navigated its way down the hill and later overturned at the foot of the Malagwane Hill.

The truck then blocked the fast lane to Manzini and traffic had to negotiate on the slow lane. The truck was not removed from the scene until about 18:00 hours.

This is said to have caused traffic congestion on the hill.

The second accident was caused by another truck that was ferrying coal from Mpumalanga in South Africa.

The truck also lost control and it subsequently plunged into several motor vehicles that were stationary on the road. The truck was a Freightliner Argosy registered HFG 421 MP.

It was operated by Chrisilda Transport and was driven, at the time of the accident, by Wilson Magagula.

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# PM BACK FROM UNG71 MEETING



**I'M BACK:** The arrival of the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini at Ngwenya Border Gate yesterday from the 71st UN General Assembly (UNGA 71) meeting in New York and Venezuela where he represented His Majesty King Mswati III. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**NINE BEKUNENE:** PM with Minister of Foreign Affairs Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze and Minister of Tinkhundla after the press conference.



**WE ARE BACK:** Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini with Minister of Foreign Affairs Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze during a press conference.

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**NICE TO SEE YOU BACK BOSS:** NERCHA Director Khanya Mabuza also welcome the PM.



**HOME SWEET HOME:** Director of information at ICT Ministry Pshesheya Dube also welcomed the PM.



**WELCOME BACK HOME:** Minister of Tinkhundla Mduuzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini shaking hands with the PM while Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane looks on.

By Mphikeleli Msibi  
(Taiwan)

# MY LETTER HOME FROM TAIWAN



**HOME AWAY FROM HOME: Sports Editor Mphikeleli Msibi in Taiwan where he will be spending a week. He is posing in Taipei where he is based.**

I always heard people talking about Taiwan and how friendly the people are, but with me being on the other side of the world I can tell you now that it already feels home here. I left Swaziland on Sunday morning (5am) and I enjoyed the flight from King Mswati III International Airport to OR Tambo.

However, I guess what made it more enjoyable was my worry about my 12-hour flight from OR Tambo to Hong Kong. I was hoping I would meet someone, who was also going to Hong Kong and guess what, I did.

It was one guy from Mozambique and when we got to OR Tambo I told myself, I am not losing sight of this guy.

### Flight

He had to sort his flight ticket issue at OR Tambo and there I was trying to make sure that it was sorted. We moved from one point to another trying to get help but soon after realising that time was not on my side, I decided *kumbalekela* seeing that my next flight was at 12:30pm. I disappeared to the check in point without telling him and while I was just about to check in I saw my new friend and I was quick to say I have been looking for him. He smiled and said he was also looking for me too. It looked like we both knew what was happening at that point in time. Then there was this huge monster airplane I was to board. I looked at it and I became more worried, thinking of the 12 hours of course. We got in there

and I even sat on the wrong seat, thanks to one white guy, God bless you sir. There I sat pretending I was okay and then the flight took off, yes I prayed and I know I was not the only one praying at that time. And I must say that I was sitting next to the window as the 12-hour flight began. That was the longest 12 hours in my life. A lot came to my mind, from being hijacked, crash landing, and that's when you really know God is good. For a fact I know He is always a good God, just that when you are up there you leave everything to him. I have boarded a plane several times before but this feeling always catches up with me. I tried to sleep; I couldn't because each time I closed my eyes I imagined the plane crashing. I then decided to put on headphones and watched three movies, namely Creed, Into The Forest and The Transporter Refuelled. I thought after these movies we would be landing in Hong Kong but I was very wrong. It was

still a very long way to go. Looking at the other people freely moving up and down gave me hope that we will arrive safe and sound. We eventually touched down Hong Kong at 1:25am and by that time it was 7:25 am in Hong Kong, which meant I should immediately connect to Taipei.

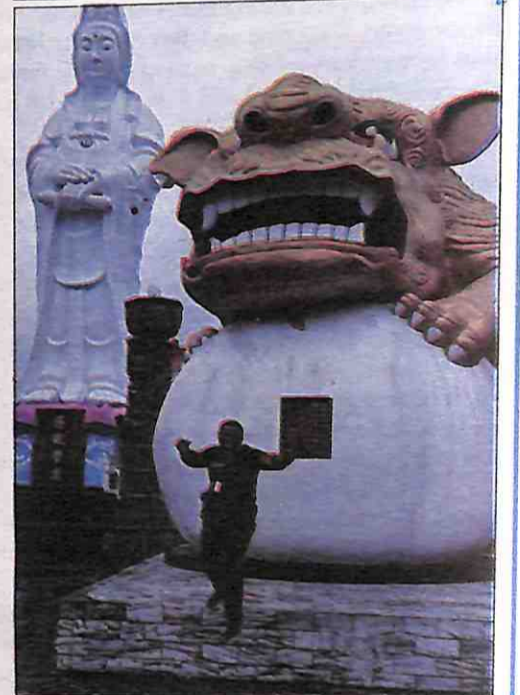
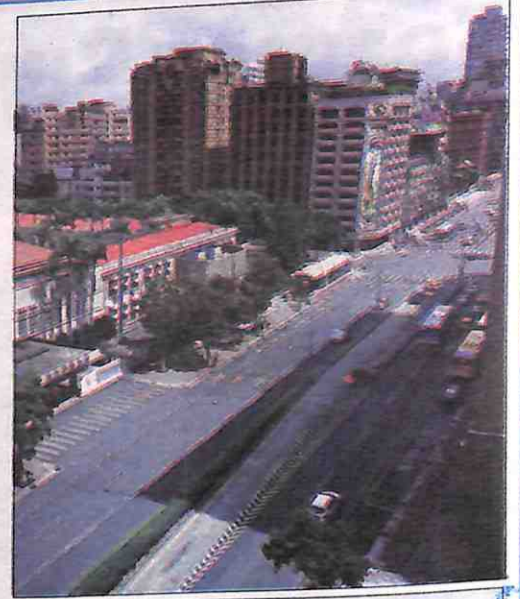
The last flight was almost 2 hours. I was the only black person in this flight, how nice. Everyone was looking at me but at the same time minding their own business. And when I got to the Taipei Airport, I saw a gentleman carrying a placard written my name and surname and yes I said to myself it's all good and am safe. This very kind man welcomed me, we shared a few jokes and then he took me to the Sheraton Grand Taipei Hotel. He would now and again show me the places as we passed New Taipei to Taipei, how nice. We got to the hotel and I was welcomed by the friendly staff there who took me to my room and there I was smiling to

myself as I looked through the window and what a lovely view! One thing I was quick to note is that Taipei is very clean, honestly am yet to see any litter on the streets. All I see is lots of motorbikes and U bikes. They introduced U bikes as means to reduce pollution, so I was told. The weather is something else, one minute it's raining and the next it's sunny and hot.

### Visits

Now that's Taipei for you and I heard the Typhoon is brewing, can't wait to see what will happen. After a short break at the hotel I then visited the Aquatic Animal Center where I learnt a lot about fish. Infact I'm contemplating doing fish farming now. It was a worthwhile tour as the knowledgeable students took us through. We saw different colourful fish and my first gift was an umbrella after the tour. From here it was dinner time at La Cafe Laurel, Evergreen Laurel Hotel (the building is indeed green) and I can't wait for the snake soup. As we were driving around I also noted that people here like exercising and with *Shukuma*

back home, we are on the right track. That's just about it for today and my bad I keep forgetting that the passengers' door is on the right here... till tomorrow, and we are expecting the Typhoon. Remember we are six hours ahead here. Oh, just when I was wondering if they have litter here, I saw only one on the street, this is very clean. People here walk really fast, *ngabe bajakephi*, remember there is no hurry in Swaziland, *hahaha*.



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# Former Swazi Observer editor dies

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
and Wonderboy Dlamini  
Mbabane

**FORMER Swazi Observer Editor Donny Nxumalo has passed on after a long illness.**

Nxumalo succumbed to the illness he braved for some time in the early hours of Monday at his home at Mlindazwe in Siteki.

His mother, Dorothy Nxumalo was yesterday reported by the Swaziland Broadcasting Information Services (SBIS) to have confirmed her son's demise.

She was quoted stating that Nxumalo had been ill for a very long time and they had been hoping that he would eventually recuperate. She further disclosed that the deceased would be laid to rest on Sunday at Mlindazwe.

Nxumalo was known for his jovial character amongst his peers and members of the public. Even though he was sickly, the whole media fraternity is shocked to learn of his demise.

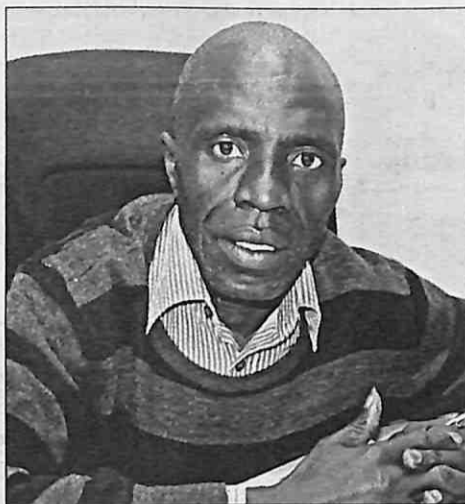
Like the true soldier he was, many thought he was going to fight the sickness, recuperate and do what he loved the most, which was writing.

Nxumalo, who worked for over 10 years at different intervals in this publication, did not only inspire those behind him to have a knack for writing but also encouraged other journalists to uplift the standard of journalism.

Before his demise, Donny indicated his fondness to return to the publication for a third spell, as he was on the verge of being a columnist.

Speaking to a few people he has worked with, the impact he made in their lives and the sadness created by his demise is written all over their faces.

Chairman of the Editors Forum and Swazi



**RIP: Former Swazi Observer Editor Donny Nxumalo.**

Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo was close to tears as he attempted to talk about the fallen soldier.

The sombre mood was felt in his quiet office, as he calmed himself down to talk.

"We have lost a soldier in the profession, someone who was passionate about writing and telling a good story. Donny commanded respect wherever he went, we want to extend our condolences to his family and we hope they find comfort even in this darkest time," he said.

Mbingo went on to add that Nxumalo has worked for almost all the media houses in the country, be it print and broadcast, as he also worked for the Times of Swaziland as well as Swazi TV.

"I hope his son whom he adored very much finds comfort in the Lord, his wife and family as a whole," the chairman went on to add.

Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA), Swaziland Chapter is also dumfounded by Nxumalo's death. Speaking on behalf of the organisation, Chairperson Alec Lushaba said the role Nxumalo played was immense and his legacy will continue to live on.

Nxumalo is a former member of MISA National Governing Council, and his passing is still unfathomable.

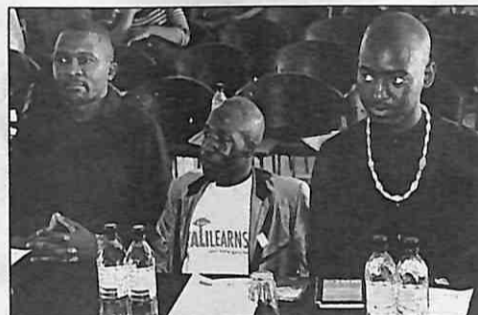
"We are saddened by the amount of knowledge he had since he is one of the veteran journalists in the country, who are like historians in terms of knowing events that occurred.

As is now, such is hard to find since we have a new generation of journalists, who are still pretty much novices in terms of the information they have," Lushaba said.

He went on to add that they are mostly shocked by the veteran journalist's demise because they never thought he was going to succumb to the sickness. "Having worked together before, we always thought he was going to fight his illness, overcome and return to do his number one passion, which is writing. We hope his family finds comfort during this dark hour," he said. He highlighted that most journalists in the country had gone through the nurturing and mentoring hands of Nxumalo to be where they are today.

Meanwhile, many have described Nxumalo as a journalist who was knowledgeable in his work and always put his profession first without any compromise.

Some of his highlights include his reporting on political matters. "One of his interviews which I recall was when he asked the late Ludzidzini Governor Jim Gama on why he opted to name his dog as Daddy," said one businessman Siboniso Mkhabela.



**THINKERS: Limkokwing University's Nkosilehle Masuku with Yali Mandela Washington Fellowship's Ndumiso Mnisi and Enactus Limkokwing CEO Lloyd Masiya during the Yali Limkokwing learners event held at the university yesterday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)**

## Never cease thinking, YALI learners told

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**"THINKING is the cheapest thing to do yet it produces expensive things, every price of a product is determined by thoughts behind it as well as the quality of one's life."**

Those were the words from Enactus Limkokwing CEO Llyod Masiya during the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Limkokwing learners event held at the university premises.

"I am an organ intellectual type of an entrepreneur, brought to life by thinking, my life is just the sum of my thoughts and I advise you to

challenge your thinking by five mental senses in life," Masiya advised his peers.

Masiya urged learners to capture thoughts to become an idea, begin to see and never cease thinking. "Once you understand your idea, believe in it then a philosophy will be born, love the idea and preach about it," he explained.

He advised his peers to share ideas with their different communities where they are from and to improve the social entrepreneurship, which kick-starts an enterprise. "Social enterprise operates just as a business but with a sole aim to solving societal problems, see opportunities where everyone else is seeing challenges, work hard to fix them and mostly mentally challenge yourself," he said. He then added that within every young person lies the power to transform the world, to drive positive economic change and change other people's lives.

## MTN CEO leads evidence against fired managers

By Linda Jele  
Industrial Court

**MTN Swaziland Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini yesterday appeared before the Industrial Court to lead evidence against three fired managers.**

Dlamini took to the witness stand before High court Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane and told the court that some of the three managers who were dismissed between 2011 and 2012 did not qualify for positions under the new structure of the mobile telephone network company.

He said the company's board of directors approved a new structure which abolished some positions occupied by some of the managers and created other new posts. He claimed that the new structure also involved changing of reporting lines for some departments.

He said after the board had approved the salary structure, it was explained to the staff association and the union for the employees and they had been consulted on it even though they made minimal input towards it.

"The old structure had been in place since the inception of the company. The new structure introduced significant changes to be in line with how the business was going to operate into the future," Dlamini said.

He also stated that implementation of the new structure entailed filling the new positions and engaging the employees whose positions were affected, either by being abolished or reporting lines changed. He said the affected staff was engaged.

He claimed that the main aim was to involve every one in the new structure, but the problem was that some of the new positions needed highly qualified personnel.

He said, however, the company first invited

## Man punched to death after argument

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**A man of KaShoba died instantly after he was hit several times with fists all over the body following an argument with another man.**

Absalom Methula was rushed to Good Shepherd Hospital after sustaining internal injuries, where he was certified dead.

Information gathered is that Methula got himself in a fight with his neighbour, an elderly man who has been identified as Magwaza.

Apparently, it is claimed the two would occasionally engage in a confrontation over minor things. It is said the deceased would often confront the elderly man after imbibing in traditional brew.

On the fateful day, the deceased is said to have gone to the elderly man's homestead and started

making allegations against him, not knowing that one of the elderly man's sons were present. After hearing the allegations, the son, Bonginkhosi is said to have

came out of the house and confronted the deceased.

A brief argument between the two occurred, resulting to the latter unleashing heavy blows on the deceased. The deceased, who is said to have been drunk at the time, is said to have instantly collapsed after being hit several times on the stomach.

The alleged killer was subsequently arrested after the incident was reported to the police. He made his first appearance before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso yesterday.

According to the charge sheet, the accused person wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally assaulted the deceased with fists several times on the stomach, resulting to his death. When his rights to legal representation were read to him, the accused elected to employ the services of an attorney. He further asked the court to allow him register his statement before a judicial officer before being remanded into custody.

Meanwhile, he was remanded in custody and warned to return to court on October 5, 2016 pending his committal to the High Court.

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## AGAINST ALL ODDS: MNZ COUNCIL TRYING HARD TO DELIVER SERVICE

If one takes into account the amount of rates money that Manzini property owners owe the local government (in excess of E70 million) it should be appreciated that the Municipal Council of Manzini is really trying – trying hard to deliver service to its stakeholders.

A number of tarred roads which had developed potholes have been patched – within the city centre and in the neighbourhoods. In fact, the maintenance programme is still ongoing.

Council hopes that the ratepayers who have not yet settled their rates bills will do so as soon as possible so that more ground can be covered in terms of service delivery.

E70 million is a lot of money and if it can be paid in full a lot can be done to improve service delivery in the vibrant Manzini municipality.

### Services

Council aims for nothing less than to deliver satisfactory services to the citizens of Manzini but the success thereof is highly dependent on whether or not property owners do pay their due rates.

Of course, the Rating Act, 1995, is clear on what should happen to rates defaulters but your caring Council has resorted to opt for that avenue as the last resort.

Council is so grateful to the ratepayers that have been loyal and exhibited love for their city by paying their rates.

It is through their effort that Council has managed to deliver service thus far.

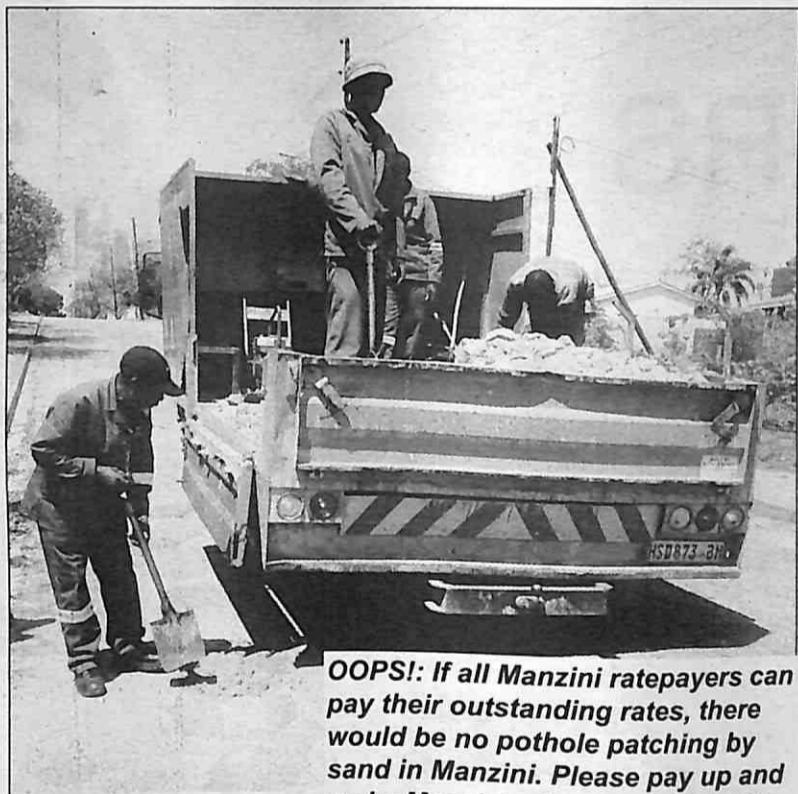
May Almighty God bless their sources of income.

The pictures (right) are a highlight of some of the service delivery work that is currently happening in the beautiful city of Manzini; particularly with regards to road infrastructure. More ground can be covered if those who have not yet paid their rates can do so as soon as possible.

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**NEW LOOK:** Tarring of the famous Mantayi road which connects Ludwala with Sihlahleni in Ngwane Park Extension is near completion, as with Mthombothi, Gundwini and Mkhaya.



**OOPS!** If all Manzini ratepayers can pay their outstanding rates, there would be no pothole patching by sand in Manzini. Please pay up and make Manzini a better municipality.



**COATES VALLEY:** An employee of the Municipal Council of Manzini busy patching potholes in Acacia Road, Coates Valley, using a compactor.



**COME RAIN OR SUNSHINE:** Municipal Council of Manzini employees hard at work unblocking storm water drains along Logwaja Street in Extension 6.



**PERFECT ROAD PATCHING:** This is how the road portion between Ludwala and Stanley Bridge in Ngwane Park looks like following recent maintenance works by Manzini Council.

## ...Rates kiosk at Bhunu Mall

In an effort to bring the rates pay point closer to ratepayers, the Municipal Council of Manzini will, with effect from today, set up a rates kiosk at the Bhunu Mall.

The kiosk will be located near the entrance to Jet Stores and will be operational every month; from the 20th to the last day of the month between 8am and 4:30pm.

The aim is to bring the rates pay point closer and closer to ratepayers so that they do not have to travel all the way to the rates hall for payment. However, no cash transactions will happen in the kiosk. Only payment by swiping, cheque or

debit order will be accepted. The Rates Hall will still be available and ready to receive ratepayers who prefer it for payment. Ratepayers who wish to know how much rates is outstanding in their accounts will also be assisted at the kiosk. Same with those who will want to update their contact details. Manzini ratepayers are encouraged to make use of this latest innovation. It is meant to make rates payment simpler, better and faster. Ratepayers are also urged to make use of the many other methods of rates payment, including Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and monthly installments.



**A HARDWORKING COUNCIL INDEED:** Fairview North residents recently heaped praises on Manzini Council for the ongoing tarring of a number of roads in their township.

8 NATIONAL NEWS

# TAIWAN WANTS TO BE PART OF ICAO

To align with international aviation safety standards

By Observer Reporter  
Mbabane

**TO align with international aviation safety standards, Taiwan has actively strived to gain participation in the International Civil Aviation Organisation.**

Indeed, for many years, Taiwan has worked with other countries around the globe to improve the quality and efficiency of international air services.

Taiwan's participation in ICAO would lead to closer cooperation in the international civil aviation industry and boost its development, thereby contributing to the ICAO goal of achieving a safe and seamless sky.

**Integral part of the global aviation network**

Taiwan is located in the busiest section of airspace in East Asia. In 2015,



**PLEASE: Minister of Transportation and Communications Republic of China (Taiwan) Ho Chen Tan.**

Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport was ranked 11th and sixth in the world in passenger and cargo vol-

umes, respectively, according to the Airports Council International. In the same year, 74 airlines offered services to and from Taiwan, operating scheduled passenger and cargo flights on 301 routes and connecting 135 cities around the world. And the Taipei Flight Information Region—administered by Taiwan—provided over 1.53 million instances of air traffic control services and handled 58 million incoming and outgoing passengers in 2015, serving as an indispensable part of the global air transport network.

**Contributing to the ICAO goal of achieving a seamless sky**

For over four decades, Taiwan's civil aviation authorities, whether in terms of effort or investment, have outdone their counterparts in many other countries in striving to meet flight safety and security regulations set by ICAO.



Air safety, navigation, security, environmental protection, and economic matters are of great concern to ICAO, and related challenges must be tackled through close cooperation among all countries.

As such, Taiwan's meaningful participation in ICAO is a necessity.

**The need for continued international support**

Following many years of effort, Taiwan was invited to attend the 38th ICAO Assembly in 2013 thanks to the support of European nations, the United States, and other friendly countries.

Taiwan aims to continue to participate in the meetings, mechanisms, and activities of ICAO in a professional and constructive manner.

As a member of the international community, Taiwan shares in the responsibility of safeguarding regional and global aviation safety and is committed to contributing to the further development of global aviation and the wellbeing of all mankind.

Taiwan will continue to share its civil aviation experience and expertise with other nations, so as to jointly ensure the safe, orderly, and sustainable development of the international civil aviation industry.

## SWAZILAND TRADERS DIRECTORY

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The Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority with technical assistance from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) is developing a Traders Directory to profile trading and exporting companies in Swaziland.

The directory will be used as a marketing tool and will be distributed to COMESA member states, foreign embassies, government ministries, regulatory authorities, key industry stakeholders, the corporate community and at regional and international trade forums & missions.

**Register your company in the 2017 Swaziland Trader's Directory.**

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**Deadline for submissions of forms is 04 October 2016**





# SANU STUDENTS SUSPEND BOYCOTT BUT...

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**SOUTHERN Africa Nazarene University (SANU) Registrar Stanley Ngwane has advised the students who have engaged in a three-week strike to go back to class or face being charged with misconduct.**

The message was relayed to the students through a memorandum posted on the university notice boards. The memo which is directed at students of the faculty of Health Sciences states that, students are advised that the ongoing student boycott is illegal in terms of the Student Regulations.

It further points to Regulation 3.4.1.11 which states that "a student shall be guilty of misconduct, if he/she participates in a class or University boycott/strike". "All students are hereby expected back in

class on Friday the 23rd September, 2016; failing which the University may invoke Regulation 3.5 relating to "Misconduct and Disciplinary Procedure," reads part of the memo.

SANU Students Representative Council Secretary Tiger Nxumalo said as students they had been forced by the administration to halt the strike, which he said they decided to abandon yesterday.

He said they decided to abandon the strike not because of the threats but after they were told that they would be addressed tomorrow (today) on their issues.

Nxumalo said should the administration continue to be adamant and fail to address their grievances they would resume the boycott. He said the administration of the institution was failing to address the situation but instead they were threatening the students.

He said they were told that the

strike was illegal because they never even attached any minutes in their submitted grievances. Nxumalo said even the meeting where it was resolved that students should boycott class was deemed illegal by the institution.

"The Registrar has been issuing numerous memorandums pleading and sometimes threatening students to go back to class while their grievances are being dealt with. They have also claimed the boycott was illegal, hence they were not prepared as the university to address the grievances unless students resumed classes," Nxumalo stated.

He added that it is for that reason that students decided to suspend the boycott for a while beginning from today. However, he said should the registrar refuse to address their grievances they will resume their class boycott next week.

## Three weeks later still no answers

**SOUTHERN Africa Nazarene University (SANU) Faculty of Health Sciences students are now on their third week of class boycotts without getting any positive feedback from the institution.**

The students engaged on a three-week long strike after they were told that they will not be getting a refund for their unused books and uniform allowances.

The strike began on the week of September 8 and has seen students involved in a heated war of words with the Dean of Student Affairs Sonnyboy Mamba.

The students stated that the problem was that the administration was failing to recognise the newly elected Student Representative Council (SRC), which it is said was elected while the students were on a class boycott.

The students saw this move as a delaying tactic, pointing out that without an SRC the students' issues will not be formally addressed.

Explaining the delay to the students, Mamba said he was still to consult with the Dean of Faculties. He told the angry



students that as an administration they were going to have a meeting where they will discuss the matter and give feedback.

The students stated that the problem with engaging in such a boycott without a formal SRC is that they end up being victimised as some are even arrested.

Chief Elections Officer Njabulo Dlamini said the problem started with delayed allowances hence the students decided to boycott classes after they were informed that the allowances were still being processed.

Dlamini said soon after the allowances were paid a memo was issued informing students that after a meeting between the bursar, registrar and vice

chancellor it was decided that if students had books and uniform allowances that were not used at the end of the year, that money would be taken by the university and returned to the sponsor.

This move angered the students who said they felt like the university was cheating them of their allowances. They said this was not fair because the bookshop had no books and some of the students already had uniforms, so it would not be wise to buy a uniform while one still has the old one.

### Stated

The students stated that the university must not breach the contract they had with government because they never signed for any money to be returned to the sponsor.

The students said either the university provides them with books or gives them the money.

"We signed a contract with government and we will pay back that money," Dlamini stated.

The students have since delivered a petition to the administration containing about 13 grievances.

## Practical allowance too little - Students

**ANOTHER grievance raised by the SANU students is the issue of practical allowance.**

Chief Elections Officer Njabulo Dlamini said they feel like they were not being treated equally like other students from other institutions. He said students sign for a

practical allowance of E10 000 but only receive a meagre E2 800.

Dlamini said their counterparts like Christian University receive an allowance of between E6 000 and E9 000, "then you begin to wonder where does the E7 000 go to on our side." The elections

officer said there were a lot of grievances raised by the students.

He said it would seem like the institution is all out to thwart the SRC's efforts to represent students as it has now upped the subscription fee from E100 to E265, without informing the SRC.



## E-GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

The Swaziland Government under the auspices of The Private and Cabinet Office in collaboration with the UNDP, invites **LOGO Designers** to submit Logos for the branding of the e-Government programme that will reflect the programme's characteristics and uniqueness.

The e-Government programme is aimed at improving public administration through the use of Information and Communication Technologies and transforming Swaziland to an information society and knowledge economy. The selection of the winning LOGO will be done through a transparent and competitive process.

Competition is open to all designers. Designs must be submitted in hard-copy with contact details to the Registry at UNDP, Lilunga House, 5th Floor, Mbabane or email to [registry.sz@undp.org](mailto:registry.sz@undp.org). The winner will get a prize of **E10,000.00**. Submission deadline - **14th October, 2016**.

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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### Background

The National Industrial Development Corporation, established by an Act of Parliament 1971, has been resuscitated to promote industrial development in Swaziland through establishing and conducting a broad range of business undertakings; facilitating and assisting the new business undertakings with financing and schemes for expansion; and re-organizing and modernizing existing business operations towards efficiency and optimal performance.

The Corporation's revival endorses industrial development as a critical measure for stimulation of economic growth and employment creation through strengthened and diversified industrial sectors and outputs, respectively. The expansion of the Corporation's mandate further empowers it to operate as a special purpose vehicle which also invests to maximize returns on the various investments by Government, including Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) on its behalf.

The NIDCS further purports to bolster local and foreign investment via equity acquisition and other forms of financing and strengthen investors' confidence on the conducive Swaziland investment location.

The Corporation hereby seeks the services of qualified, experienced and interested specialist organizations to provide the following services:-

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The Corporation's Corporate Structure is set up in terms of the Public Enterprise Control and Monitoring Act of 1989 in tandem with its establishing Act of 1971. The training should deliver a broad understanding of Corporate Governance; expose essential requirements for the Code of Practice for a Corporation of the calibre; train the Board and Management on the process of risk management and the implications for public sector organisations, and give practical knowledge of how to pass a Corporate Governance audit.

The training is expected to include:

- The purpose of corporate governance;
- Board's responsibility and role in relation to management;
- The benefits of effective corporate governance and common challenges that organisations face;
- The components and dimensions of good corporate governance practice;
- Identifying and assessing risk and appropriate mitigation associated with corporate governance;
- Corporate governance trends and topical considerations;
- How to deliver professional, value adding internal audit assurance over corporate governance;
- Where to locate additional resources to help the corporation to more effectively audit this activity; and
- An introduction to the framework of International Professional Practices.

### SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Proposals are to be submitted in hard copy to the reception on or before 3:00 pm on Friday 7th October 2016, and should be clearly marked "Corporate Governance Training - CONFIDENTIAL".

Applying entities should physically submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) together with their comprehensive profile and valid statutory compliance documents to the Office of the Managing Director, NIDCS, P.O. Box 9458, Mbabane. All enquiries must be channelled through email to: [info@nidcs.org.sz](mailto:info@nidcs.org.sz).

**NOTE:** We regret to announce that no physical visits or telephone enquiries in connection with this proposal invitation shall be entertained at any point.



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### STATEMENT ON THE INTERIM INCREASE OF MEALIE-MEAL IMPORTATION VOLUMES FOR HOUSEHOLD USE

- The Minister of Agriculture issued a press release on the, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 announcing an **instant** review of the limit of mealie meal to be imported for household consumption from 20kg to 50kg after obtaining a permit from NAMBoard as a temporal relief to the drought stricken whilst continuing to explore better ways to address the situation in the next three months.
- The details of the agreement reached are as follows:
  - Importation of mealie meal shall remain limited for household consumption only.
  - The limit of mealie-meal to be imported has been increased from 20kg to 50kg per month per household.
  - This relief response shall run for a period of three months and will be reviewed to allow for an assessment of the situation within affected communities after which a decision will be communicated for the benefit of the public.
  - Individual importing mealie-meal for household use must apply for import permits at NAMBoard (Manzini) and at other strategic areas throughout the country as a measure to avoid the noted trend of mealie meal smuggling for trading and or resale.
  - The public is advised to ensure that packaging on imported mealie meal should be intact as has originally been packaged. That is if one decides to buy a 25kg mealie meal bag she may not split it up.
  - Given that this initiative seeks to support households that have difficulty accessing mealie-meal due to its scarcity within their drought-stricken communities, Mahamba and Oshoek borders shall remain with the 20kg limit for now.
  - NMC shall avail maize in depots spreadout in these drought stricken areas at the same cost as when bought from Matsapha office.
- In operationalising this resolution National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBOARD) as the regulatory body entrusted with this function has to put up a permit system that is exclusive to the mealie meal, ensure these permits are obtained in key strategic borders as well. This requires setting up of office infrastructure in other borders like Nsalitje and recruitment of more staff.
- In order to facilitate a smooth transition the Board of Directors at NMB agreed that the process of introducing permits be made to come into effect from the 1st October 2016 after the release of the special permits.
- For this reason we wish to announce that Individual households importing mealie-meal for household shall need to have import permits which will be obtained at NAMBoard (Manzini) and at other strategic areas throughout the country from the 1st October 2016.
- Permits shall be issued in these places or borders; Lavumisa, Nsalitje, Mahamba, Sicunusa, Sandlane, Ngwenya, Matsamo, Lundzi and Mananga.
- We thank the entire critical stakeholder to ensuring sufficient availability of maize and mealie-meal in all regions. NAMBoard acknowledges the local millers who, for the past several months, have strived to not only ensure the availability of mealie meal but have also not increased its price in this period. NMC for improving his distribution network of maize to all drought stricken areas at her cost such that the prize of maize has remained the same in all depots and distribution centres.
- The National Agricultural Marketing Board remains sensitive to the drought situation and the effects it has on local communities hence it re-emphasises its commitment to working with all stakeholders towards alleviating the plight of affected communities.

By Management

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## 10 NATIONAL NEWS

# 20.5 percent Swazis suffer from obesity

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**ALMOST a quarter of the Swazi population is suffering from obesity.**

This was revealed by Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane on Monday at the Senate sitting in Parliament.

She was responding to concerns by senators who wanted to know the rate of obesity in the country. They also wanted the minister to provide details on the causes of the obesity and the diseases associated with it.

The senators also wanted to know what the ministry was doing to address the situation.

### Raised

The questions were raised in a form of a motion, which was moved by Senator Lindiwe Ngwenya. She was seconded by Deputy Senate President Ngomuyayona Gamedze, who was standing in for Princess Phumelele.

Ndlela-Simelane said the outcome she was talking about was coming out of a survey that was conducted in 2014.

The minister said the survey followed another survey that was conducted in 2011. This study revealed that 11 percent of children under five years suffered from obesity. In 2014, the same percentage was also found on children of



**REVEALED: Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane.**

such an age group.

The minister added that there was a survey by the United Nations (UN) after 2014. The study, according to Ndlela-Simelane, revealed that 49.9 percent of women who are aged from 50 years upwards were suffering from this condition. Men of the same group who were suffering from obesity were at 20.8 percent.

### Adopted

Ndlela-Simelane attributed this to the lifestyle that was adopted by the Swazi nation. She also said the environment in which people were living also contributed to this. "Another problem is that most of us now do not have time to eat and we rely too much on fast foods. We also eat too much of these

foods that are considered not healthy. It was also revealed that about 10 000 food adverts are currently promoting such foods.

I will not mention them by name," she said. Such affected children who watched a lot of television to think that such food was good.

The minister said diseases associated with this condition included high blood pressure, diabetes (Type 2) and stroke. The minister said the mind was also affected by this.

"The affected person can have depression and anxiety, which can cause mental disorder," she said.

### Condition

She also asked the Senators and the nation to avoid using hurtful words to describe the condition of such people because this was a barrier to treatment.

Her concern was understood by the Senators.

However, they urged her to set up workshops where the ministry could educate them on how to deal with such people. This was after the Senators had expressed their worries on the rising number of such people in the country.

They even stated that this was embarrassing and people should guard against it. They said people should know that once they struggled to see some of their body parts, they should know that something was not right concerning their weight.

## Water crisis dampening King's Vision

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba

**WITH government failing to provide water throughout the country, His Majesty's Vision 2022 could remain nothing but a pie in the blue sky.**

This view was expressed by parliamentarians during a debate of a motion put forward by Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini, calling upon Natural Resources Minister Jabulile Mashwama to table a progress report on the preparation of a Loan Bill to Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini, aimed at providing clean and potable water throughout the country.

The parliamentarians said indications were that the natural resources ministry was not about to fulfill that national objective of providing every community with tap water, at least in the next six years within which His

Majesty hopes his subjects would be enjoying basic social needs available to first world societies.

The Nkwene legislator said he realised that the House had on several occasions debated the need for government to provide this resource to all communities without any meaningful steps being taken by the government. MP Dlamini said it was becoming quite evident that at the rate government was operated, this clean water for all dream would never be achieved even by the next parliament that would take over after them in 2018, hence the need to kick-start the process now.

MP Dlamini said the reason they demanded that the minister consider requesting a loan specifically for rural water provision was because they had noted with concern that the portfolio was faced with budgetary constraints.

Dlamini's motion was supported by Mtsambama MP

Richard Simelane, who emphasised that to provide water in every community huge sums of money were needed.

Simelane said the regional development fund obtainable at the ministry of tinkhundla administration and development was not enough to cater for such projects.

Kukhanyeni MP Bongani Mabuza said they supported the motion by his colleagues fully because water provision was the only sure way to achieve the national dream to transform the country to first world status. "That dream is about improving people's lives. Without access to clean water and good roads infrastructure, there is no way people could be said to be living life styles similar to the one found in first world countries," said Mabuza.

Minister Mashwama said she understood the motion and promised to bring a report on the matters raised within the stipulated 14 days.

# You are unrealistic, Jabulile tells MPs

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba

**PARLIAMENTARIANS** were told that to expect government to provide portable water in every community was tantamount to nursing unrealistic expectations.

Natural Resources and Energy Minister Senator Jabulile Mashwama told members of the House of Assembly that for them to expect the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) to provide water in their respective constituencies in the same manner they did in towns amounted to comparing pears with apples. The minister argued that SWSC's mandate to provide water was limited within a specified jurisdiction in terms of the Act governing their operations. Furthermore, the minister told the MPs that SWSC could not be expected to miraculously give birth to drops of water, but could deliver the service on the basis of the resource's availability. The mandate of the SWSC, the minister said, was limited only to towns, where substantial investment on the infrastructure was done by government through the parastatal. Those funds, she said, were in turn recovered through the water tariffs charged to the beneficiaries. She conceded though that one of their objectives in the national vision 2022 was to provide clean water to all communities. To achieve that goal, the minister said, billions of emalangenzi were needed to finance such a nationwide programme. The minister also launched a veiled attack on the MPs for not disclosing that her ministry had successfully opened water schemes in some of their constituencies.

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## 5-member committee to probe Lavumisa Town

A five-member committee has been selected to investigate alleged rampant corruption at Lavumisa Town, amounting to millions of emalangenzi.

Somntongo MP Sandile Nxumalo said there were allegations to the effect that a simple town hall roofed with corrugated iron sheets was built at a shocking E2 million while yet another outrageous E300 000 was spent on constructing a simple toilet.

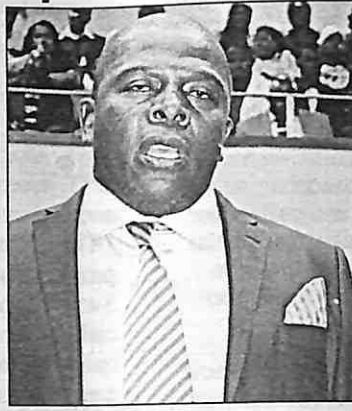
Nxumalo moved a motion that the House appoints a five-member select committee to investigate the alleged irregularities or inefficiencies in the demarcation and allocation of plots, both residential and commercial, in Lavumisa Town.

Of particular concern to Nxumalo was that some



**MOVED MOTION:**  
Somntongo MP Sandile Nxumalo.

investors had to abandon their plans to invest in the area due to non-allocation of land. Furthermore, Nxumalo said the committee should investigate the



**SUPPORTIVE:**  
Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini.

overpricing of the construction of the town structures and any other incidental matters. Nxumalo said within 14 days of adoption of the report, the com-

mittee should table a report in the House. The motion was seconded by MP Sikiza Mhlungu and was eventually passed.

Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini said the motion needed to be supported because it bothered on corruption.

Dlamini said where there was non-allocation of land, it meant that development was stalled and, as a consequence, housing would remain inadequate yet it was most important component for the development of a nation.

The elected committee members were the mover of the motion MP Nxumalo, Nkhamba MP Menzi Dlamini, Ntfojjeni MP Sompisi Magagula, Hhukwini MP Saladin Magagula and MP Sitezi Dlamini of Dvokodweni.

## MP Johane lashes at Masilela

**AN irate Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe lashed out at his Lobamba counterpart Michael Masilela for questioning a motion he had moved demanding a drought mitigation strategy from the natural resources ministry.**

MP Shongwe apparently felt Masilela was insensitive in his arguments and retaliated with an emotional accusation casting doubt on Masilela's capacity to deliver service to his Lobamba electorate.

"Look you have now taken your seat without a slightest mention of whether the Lobamba Constituency Masilela is representing was getting any service delivery as expected," he said.

Masilela had argued that in most communities in the country people did not have the luxury to demand clean water but contended with the few available drops they shared with livestock.

## Cabinet ministers must fetch water from rivers

**MTFONGWANENI MP Mjuluko Dlamini said cabinet ministers must go and draw water from the nearby streams in Mbabane.**

MP Dlamini said the country's general populace had

been scrambling for water in the rural areas for too long without any assistance from government, therefore, it was time cabinet and the rest of the decision makers residing in Mbabane felt the conse-

quences of having to struggle for just a drop of water.

Dlamini argued the government officials were better capacitated on handling the matter because at least they knew they could clean the water by cooking it before use or mixing it with chemicals, using the very same methods they had been preaching to the general public.

## SD join forces to combat TB

**SWAZILAND has joined forces with 17 African countries to wage war against the deadly tuberculosis epidemic.**

A report tabled in the House of Assembly by Timphisini MP Sikhumbuzo Apton Ndlovu, states that tuberculosis (TB) is the world's deadliest infectious disease. MP Ndlovu attended a two-day African TB Summit held in Durban, South Africa as a delegate member from the House of Assembly. Ndlovu said the Summit was held on the sidelines of the 21st International Aids Conference and that this was an initiative of the Global TB Caucus, the first of its kind for Anglophone parliamentarians dedicated to tackling the disease. The report states that so deadly is the disease that in 2014, an estimated 1.5 million people worldwide

died from TB and 9.6 million people fell ill.

The World Health Organisation declared TB a global health emergency in 1993 but since then close to 40 million people have died from the disease. The report further states that Africa has higher rate of TB than any other world region.

"African nations are at the heart of the TB epidemic, with over double the global average of TB cases. In 2014, 2.8 million people in the African region fell ill with TB, which is a number greater than the entire population of Namibia," said Ndlovu. He said of these people, 760 000 died of the disease with just under half being a result of TB/HIV co-infection. He said over 13 000 people in Africa were also estimated to have contracted the more deadly Multi-Drug Resistant TB

(MDR-TB) in 2014, which is said to be up to 400 times more expensive to treat but can take over two years of painful and toxic pills and injections to cure.

The report further states that of the 30 high TB burden countries identified by the World Health Organisation globally, 16 come from the African region but does not include Swaziland.

Khubutha MP Njabulo Mabuza requested Speaker Themba Msibi to make it possible for them debate the report. Mabuza is chairperson for the health ministry portfolio committee and, as such, he said he had interest on the report.

Msibi assured him that now that he had indicated the willingness to debate the report, that would be made possible but could not commit himself on the date.



SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### SUBJECT: INVITATION TO A WORKSHOP ON THE ELECTRICITY SUBSIDY FRAMEWORK AND ELECTRICITY CONNECTION CHARGE POLICY

#### BACKGROUND – ELECTRICITY SUBSIDY FRAMEWORK AND CONNECTION CHARGE POLICY

- Electricity tariff levels in Swaziland are expected to have movements that could be adverse in the near future. The increase in electricity tariff levels will have an economic impact on the country, affecting industrial, commercial and domestic users and government efforts to electrify the whole country.
- Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) seeks to develop an electricity tariff support mechanism to protect /assist the poor households from the tariff increases whilst ensuring that the pricing mechanism remains cost reflective and fair to all customer categories. This will include the prices for connecting to the national grid.
- Following a Stakeholder consultation workshop on the above subjects, the SERA wishes to invite all electricity consumers (domestic, commercial and industrial customers and other stakeholders) to a workshop to discuss on these two policies as they are being developed. **Potential customers already registered with new connection schemes are also invited.**
- The objective of this workshop is to get input from our stakeholders as we develop these two policies as they impact directly on all our stakeholders.
- This workshop will be held at SIMPA Hall, in Matsapha next to the University of Swaziland starting at 9:00am, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2016.
- This is the second stakeholder consultation workshop, following public contributions and comments on our first Stakeholder workshop in the month of August 2016.
- Stakeholders should confirm attendance by contacting the SERA offices before the 3rd of October 2016, through 24048425, and ask for Mr Nkambule Sikhumbuzo.
- For more information on this workshop and for booking, kindly contact Mr Sikhumbuzo Nkambule on 24048425 / 24041439 or via this email; [info@sera.org.sz](mailto:info@sera.org.sz). Thank you.
- Inkampani lelawula kusebentiswa kwagesi eSwatini, i Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority, imema onkhe emakhasimende agesi emhlanganweni wekukhuluma tindzaba lethambelana nekuhlangabetwa entsengweni yagesi (subsidy framework), kanye netimali tekuchuma gesi etakhiweni (connection charge policy).
- Bantfu labatsintsekako bafaka ekhatsi; labo lesevele banaye gesi, labo lababhalisele etikimini tekufaka gesi emakhaya, kanye nabo bonkhe labatsintsekako ngentsengo yagesi. Umhlangano utawube ubanjelwe eSIMPA (IDM) Hall, ngentasi kwenyuvesi yakaNgwane, kuMatsapha mhlaka 11 enyangeneni yeMphala, ngensimbi yemfica ekuseni.
- Lona ngumhlangano lolandzela leminye imihlangano lefananako lesike sabanayo ngenyanga YeNgc kuwo lomnyaka, lapho besitsatsa imivo yive ngato tindzaba letitsantsana nekuhlangabetwa kuyo intsengo yagesi Kanye nekufaka gesi etakhiweni.
- Loyo lotawuphumelela kuta kulomhlangano bayacelwa babhalise angakashayi mhlaka 3 Imphala 2016, ngekushayela umlawuli wetemandla, SERA, ku 24048425/24041439, achaze kutsi udzinga kubhalisele kuta kulomhlangano. Loku kutawusisa sisenta emalungiselelo siyinkapani. Sive siyacelwa kutsi sibhalise ngekutsintsata lihhovisingekhatsi, kute lomsebenti ube yimphumelelo. Siyabonga.

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CEO: SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

# 989 REFERRALS BENEFIT FROM PHALALA FUND

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

A total of 989 patients have benefited from the Phalala Medical Referral Scheme in the first quarter of the 2016/2017 financial year.

This is contained in the Ministry of Health first quarter budget performance report dated 2016.

It states that amongst the 989 referrals, 258 referrals were civil servants.

The report said these referrals undertook 1 247 visits including both first time visits and subsequent necessary review ones.

## Dropped

The number of referrals funded through the Phalala Fund has dropped when compared to financial year 2014/15 and financial year 2015/16. In 2014/15 there were 1 845 referrals and

**TOUR: The PM Sibusiso Dlamini and Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane touring the Chemotherapy Unit which was another project that was opened recently at the Mbabane Government Hospital.**



## RISK FACTORS

**TOBACCO** - It is the leading cause of cancer and of death from cancer. Smoking is associated with increased risk of cancers of lung, larynx, mouth, oesophagus, throat, bladder, kidney, liver, stomach, pancreas, colon, rectum, cervix and acute myeloid leukemia. Smokeless tobacco (snuff or chewing tobacco) is associated with increased risks of cancers of the mouth, oesophagus, and pancreas.

**ALCOHOL** - It can increase

592 were civil servants and in 2015/16 there were 3 768 of which 946 were civil servants.

The report stated that oncology was the leading condition that patients were referred for to South Africa.

There were 50 new patients in the first quarter and 200 that were sent on subsequent visits. The

your risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, oesophagus, larynx, liver and breast. The risk of cancer is much higher for those who drink alcohol and also use tobacco.

**OBESITY** - Obese individuals have an increased risk of cancers of breast, colon, rectum, endometrium, oesophagus, kidney, pancreas, and gallbladder.

**AGE** - Advanced age is a risk factor for many cancers. The median age of cancer diagnosis is 66 years.

second one was cardio thoracic with 30 new referrals and 100 subsequent visits.

The report added that in the first quarter of April to June, a total number of 19 patients passed on, 15 were Phalala Fund referrals and four were civil servants.

Oncology was the leading mortality cause as eleven died from

cancer. The second was renal disease followed by cardiac disease.

The report stated that the increase in oncology deaths was because patients presented themselves already in the advanced stages.

## Catered

Phalala Fund also catered for cardiology, gastro-enterology, cardio-thoracic, tuberculosis, ENT, neuro-surgery, sepsis, renal and haemathology.

The referral schemes aimed at providing health coverage to Swazi nationals in need of specialised services, upon determination by the senior medical officers' board at Mbabane Government Hospital that options for treatment within Swaziland have been exhausted.

Government covered costs of treatment, medications, accommodation, and transport for patients who are referred to South African medical service providers.

## Spinora fined E500 for obstructing justice

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**WELL-KNOWN** Mangwaneni king-pin Moi Moi "Spinora" Mthethwa was fined E500 for obstructing justice.

Mthethwa is alleged to have blocked police officers from carrying out their duties at Mangwaneni in Mbabane.

It is said Mthethwa was against the idea of seeing his friend being arrested hence his decision to block the police van.

It was not mentioned in court what crime his friend had committed which resulted in police pouncing on him.

While making his first appearance before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati, Mthethwa said

he was regretful for his actions. He repeatedly told the court that he did not

know what got into him and was sorry for his wrongful and unlawful act.

"I am truly sorry your worship, I will not repeat such an offence ever again. I plead with the court to be lenient with me," he said.

Vilakati warned him about his conduct and told him to desist from doing it before sentencing him to five months in a correctional facility or pay a fine of E500.

"You should never block the police from doing their work, that is very wrong of you," he said.

On another note, Vilakati sentenced Sipehele Dlamini to a year in a correctional facility or pay a fine of E1 000 after being busted with dagga weighing over a kilogram.

However, half of the sentence was suspended for six months after Dlamini asked for leniency and further told the court that he was remorseful for his actions. He said he was forced by unemployment to sell the illegal herb.

"I was trying to support my family as I am the breadwinner at home, I am sorry your worship, I will not do it again," he said.



**ABOUT ONCOLOGY:** It is a branch of medicine that deals with the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Cancers are best man-

aged through discussion on multi-disciplinary tumour boards where medical oncologists, surgical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists, radiologists and

organ specific oncologists meet to find the best possible management for an individual patient considering the physical, social, psychological, emotional and finan-

cial status of the patients.

It is very important for oncologists to keep updated of the latest advancements in oncology, as changes in management of cancer are

quite common. All eligible patients in whom cancer progresses and for whom no standard of care treatment options are available should be enrolled in a clinical trial.

## Man admitted for trauma after new car smashes house

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane

**SIMON Zulu** told the court that trauma got the better of him after he smashed his brand new car and in the process caused damage to a home in Mangwaneni.

According to the charge sheet, Zulu failed to control his car which veered off the road and went on to smash a house. Instead of stopping and assessing the damage, Zulu drove off and never reported the matter to the police.

"I was traumatised by the accident; mainly because I was still paying for the car and the fact that it had damaged someone's home made it worse. But the main thing that frustrated me is that I am still unem-

ployed, so I ended up being admitted in hospital for trauma.

I was released on August 4, three days after the accident and I went to report it to the police as soon as I was discharged," he said.

Zulu narrated this after Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati demanded to know why he did not report the accident to the police.

While making his appearance in court, Zulu said progress, in as far as fixing the house and his Mahindra was underway.

He was charged with three counts; that of failing to control his motor vehicle while driving at high speed and for this count, he was sentenced to pay a fine of E500 or five months in prison.

For the second count, Zulu was charged with the unlawful act of

not assessing the damage he had caused to the house he smashed onto but decided to drive off and he was sentenced to pay a fine of E500 or five months in prison.

For his last count, he was charged with failing to report the accident to the police and he was slapped with another E500 or five months in prison. However, the court ordered that his fines should run concurrently, which means he ended up paying only E500.

"Now you have to fix the home and also your car, the court will consider that," Vilakati said, before passing sentence.

On another note, Vilakati sentenced a cattle owner to five months in jail or a fine of E500 for letting his cattle stray on a public road.

## 18 000 children treated for chest infections in 3 months

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**UPPER respiratory infection is the leading cause of out-patients cases for children below the age of five in Hhohho health centres as it saw 18 827 children being treated in three months.**

The ministry of health first quarter budget performance report noted that upper respiratory infection was top of the list of 10 leading causes of OPD cases for children below five years. The report revealed that in the first quarter, April to June there were 18 827 OPD cases of upper respiratory infection were recorded in Hhohho.

Second on the list was skin dis-

order which saw 10 488 children taken to health care facilities in the Hhohho region.

About 6 512 children were treated for acute watery diarrhoea, while 3 467 were treated for lower respiratory infections.

Other leading diseases that affected children between April and June were digestive disorders, eye infections, injury, oral health problems, lower respiratory infection (severe) and ear problems.

On the other hand, 33 091 adults were treated for upper respiratory infection, followed by hypertension.

A total of 21 934 hypertension cases were reported which shows an increase from the 16 726 cases reported for the same reporting period in 2015.

## PIGG'S PEAK



## TOWN COUNCIL

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IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICES AND  
QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH UNITY

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs) - VARIATION OF PIGG'S PEAK TOWN PLANNING SCHEME IN THE COURSE OF PREPARATION - TENDER NO. 22 OF 2016/2017

Request for Proposals are invited from reputable Town Planning Consultants to undertake the variation of the Pigg's Peak Town Planning Scheme in the Course of Preparation. Detailed RFPs are obtainable during working hours (08h00 – 16h45) from the Executive Secretary for a non-refundable fee of E300-00.

The following compulsory documents shall form part of the RFPs;

- i) Company Profile which shall clearly show experience of the company and personnel.
- ii) Valid original/ certified Tax Clearance Certificate
- iii) Valid original/ certified Trading License
- iv) Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Company registration
- v) Certified copy of Construction Industry Council Registration Certificate

Each bidder is expected to submit one original and two copies of both Financial and Technical proposal. Each Technical proposal and financial proposal shall be marked "ORIGINAL" OR "COPY" as appropriate and they shall be placed in separate envelopes and clearly marked "Technical Proposals for the Variation of Town Planning Scheme and Financial Proposal for the Variation of Town Planning Scheme, not to be opened with Technical Proposal"

Tender documents shall be delivered in a sealed envelope(s) to the CEO / Town Clerk at the following address:

Pigg's Peak Town Council  
P.O. Box 479  
Pigg's Peak, H108

Not later than **12 Noon on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016** at which time the tenders will be opened in public. On the outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked: "**CONFIDENTIAL**"

### TENDER NO.22 OF 2016/17 - VARIATION OF PIGG'S PEAK TOWN PLANNING SCHEME IN THE COURSE OF PREPARATION

**MZWANDILE NDZINISA**  
TOWN CLERK/CEO



## SWAZILAND Beverages

### ADVERT: COMMERCIAL MANAGER - SALES AND DISTRIBUTION

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the above mentioned position within the Sales and Distribution Department.

#### THE JOB

The incumbent will be responsible for commercial and analytical support for the entire Sales and Distribution function. Key deliverables also include but not limited to the following:

- Lead the **Sales and Operations Planning** function, with specific goals to:
  - ▶ Collaborate with the demand planner, marketing, supply and finance interfaces within the business
  - ▶ Provide a quantitative forecast of demand and events
  - ▶ Validate total forecast based on functional expertise and experience and collaboration with marketing and finance
  - ▶ Create and maintain calendar of past activities / events and database with post-evaluation studies and drive normalisation activities
- Drive **Profitable Revenue Growth Management** with specific focus on:
  - ▶ Understanding the impact of pricing decisions and scenarios on volume and revenue
  - ▶ Apply PRGM to get optimal revenue through pack and brand mix – and make recommendations on such to the business and the sales function to close revenue gaps
- Optimise **top line growth strategies that drive incremental growth**
  - ▶ Management of customer incentives programs that drive incremental growth
  - ▶ Careful implementation of customer and category discount opportunities
  - ▶ Tracking discounts and commercial investment
- KPI management in the sales and operations function
- Any other duties in scope with the operation and in line with the company strategy

#### THE PERSON

The ideal candidate should have the following minimum requirements:

- Relevant tertiary degree
- Experience in Sales and Operations planning is an added bonus
- Strong analytical and problem solving skills
- Ability to work independently and under pressure
- Leadership and career growth potential

Interested applicants should submit their applications and CV's before the close of business on the 03 October 2016 by email: [Human.Resources@sz.sabmiller.com](mailto:Human.Resources@sz.sabmiller.com) or deliver to the HR Office.



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

### CENTRAL TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

A Public Auction Sale of Government vehicles is to be held at Mbabane Central Transport Administration ( C.T.A.) Sale Yard on the 30th September 2016 starting at 09:00hrs.

- A. **Viewing and Registration Dates:** 27, 28, & 29 September 2016 will be conducted at Mbabane CTA Dianubeka Building 4th Floor, Registration time starts between 09:00hrs to 15:30hrs.
- B. Payment for bought items will be allowed from 09:30 to 15:30hrs.
- C.1 **Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:**
- C.2 All items shall be sold on "as is" basis
- C.3 A refundable deposit of **Three Thousand Emalangeni (3000.00) if bid is not Successful.** The registration fee per vehicle bid to be paid in cash before Auction starts. No bidder will be allowed to bid without registration Card with full bidders particulars and bid number. No refund for a bidder who fails to pay full bid amount after seven (7) working days.
- C.4 Items purchased must be paid in cash or Bank Guaranteed cheque by local Bank and be removed within seven (7) working days from auction premises, between 08:30hrs and 16:40hrs.
- C.5 No repairs are permitted within auction premises.
- C.6 Items purchased and paid for in full shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.
- D. **Items to be sold**
- D.1 Sedans 2002-2008  
Corolla, Mazda and Camry
- D.2 Pick Ups, Double Cabs, S/Wagon 2002-2007  
Toyota, Nissan, Isuzu
- D.3 Kombi 2002- 2014  
Toyota
- D.4 Trucks 1995-2000  
Nissan, M/Benz and MAN

**WASHINGTON M.KHUMALO**  
GENERAL TRANSPORT MANAGER

DOC: 11276



SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (SERA)

## REGIONAL ROADSHOWS

#### VENUES:

- NNLANGANO- ZAM ZAM COMPLEX INFRONT OF SHOPRITE- **1 OCTOBER 2016**
- MATSAPHA- LOGOBA SAVE MORE - **08 OCTOBER 2016**
- PIGG'S PEAK- INFRONT OF BOXER SUPERMARKET- **22 OCTOBER 2016**
- BIG BEND- MATATA BUS RANK- **29 OCTOBER 2016**

#### TOPICS:

- SERA MANDATE AND SERVICES
- THE SUBSIDY FRAMEWORK AND ELECTRICITY CONNECTION CHARGE POLICY (WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU AS A CONSUMER?)
- EFFICIENT USE OF ELECTRICITY

#### ENTERTAINMENT:

- SHONGWE AND KHUPHUKA SAVED GROUP
- PELEPELE DRAMA AND DANCE GROUP
- DJ FLEX

MC: LINDELWA MAFA FROM SBIS (DJ LINDZ)

**MANY MANY PRIZES TO BE WON...  
DO NOT MISS OUT!!!!**

**ALL ROADSHOWS START AT 10:00 AM UNTIL 2PM**

**WALALA WASALA.....TIMBIWE YINSELE!!!**

# NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS



...With  
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## Only one outlet gets Grade A in Pigg's Peak

**OUT of the 29 food outlets in the town of Pigg's Peak only one was graded an A for cleanliness under the Public Health Act of 1969.**

The Pigg's Peak Town Council had embarked on an exercise of the inspecting and grading of all retail food outlets (specialising in the handling and selling of food to the public) and restaurants within the small town.

The council's performance report 2015/2016 noted that the main benefits of the inspection and grading of the retail outlets was to promote food hygiene and safety in the town thus preventing the outbreak of food borne diseases and related food poisoning.

The report stated that Pigg's Peak had a total of 29 food outlets that specialised in the handling and selling of food to the public.

These outlets were divided into four groups based on how they were registered and how they interact and operate with the public.

The institutions were divided into supermarkets, restaurants, butcheries and grocery shops and grading was from A for being the best quality to

E being subpar quality.

The report sighted that the exercise was aimed at promoting good hygiene and safety in all the food outlets and particular attention was paid to the following areas of cleanliness, temperature control, cross contamination, hygiene and food handling practises, pest control, construction and maintenance of the actual premises as well as waste storage.

The graded food outlets:

Outlets/grades	A	B	C	D	E
Supermarkets	0	2	1	5	2
Restaurants	1	0	2	5	1
Butcheries	0	2	1	4	0
Groceries	1	2	0	0	



**GRADED:** Boxer Supermarket in Pigg's Peak was also subject to the food health inquiry where 29 food outlets were tested for food cleanliness and bacteria.

## Over 900kg of solid food destroyed

**PIGG'S Peak Town Council says the annual health report is also beneficial to the business owners as it enables them to identify areas of improvement over previous years.**

It will ultimately help in the marketing of the businesses as customers are attracted to outlets that complied with regulations stipulated in the Public Health Act. These good hygiene regulations intum sustain

the economy of Pigg's Peak as a whole. The annual health report noted that the town council seized and destroyed 914.91 kilograms of solid food that was deemed unfit for human consumption.

### Destroyed

A further 705.8litres of liquids were also seized and destroyed in accordance with the public health (food hygiene) regulations.

All water contained within school

water storage tanks at Mhlatane High School, Peak Central High School as well as Peak Primary School do not meet the World Health Organisation (WHO) drinking water standards.

The report stated that all water sampled from the seven tanks at the schools were not fit for human consumption thus the head teachers of the respective schools were advised to treat the water tanks with bleach overnight so as to kill the bacteria found inside the water.



**NOT LEFT OUT:** KFC in Pigg's Peak was also subject to the food health inquiry.

## ...TOWN GETS E4M FROM WORLD BANK

**PIGG'S Peak Town Council has received a E4 million grant from government through the World Bank by achieving maximum points in participation, transparency and accountability as well as maximum points in the project execution and service delivery categories.**

The town maintained its record of qualifying annually for infrastructure grants under the Swaziland Local Government Project (SLGP), according to the annual performance report released by Pigg's Peak Town Council on Thursday

The report said the council also registered a surplus of

E560 000 and managed to increase its income by a healthy E1.9 Million in just 12 months.

According to the report Pigg's Peak total income for the year 2015/2016 stood at E13.6 Million which was an increase of E1.9 million from the previous year. The council also registered increases in all the council's other revenue streams like market fees, private properties, rates, leases and office rentals as well as grants. That increase has been achieved by the council attaining an 85 percent in the Swaziland Local Government Project (SLGP) assessment score.

	Performance measures	Maximum score	Assessed Score
A	Financial stability and good governance	25	17
B	Administrative efficiency	30	23
C	Project execution and service delivery	15	15
D	Participation, transparency and accountability	30	30
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Score obtained in %</b>			
		<b>85%</b>	

## 'Ratepayers debt reduced by E400 000'

**THE Pigg's Peak Town Council also managed to reduce ratepayers' debt from E1.8 million to E1.4million through competitive initiatives.**

The entity did this in just 12months, through the implementation of strategic initiatives like the 'pay your rates in full and win campaign'.

According to the annual performance report, the objective of the campaign was to improve rate collection by the council by encouraging property owners to pay their rates in full and on time.

The council also offered prizes to rate payers who managed to pay thus enabling Council to finance other budget programmes and other projects.

Prizes were organised by the

Demarcation	Prizes
1st worth E7 300	LED TV SET
2nd worth E4 200	Kelvinator stove
3rd worth E3 900	Kelvinator fridge
4TH worth E2 500	5x grocery vouchers

Pigg's Peak Town Council as incentives for the locals to pay their rates and this achieved satisfactory results as the rate debts were decreased by E400 000.

The prizes worth E17 900 were won by deserving property owners. They were handed to the ratepayers at a function held at the Gobolondlo hall on January 22, 2015.

# SOLDIER'S WEDDING STOPPED AT 11TH HOUR

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

**WHAT** was expected to be a union of two loved ones, ended badly on Saturday when a deputy sheriff arrived wielding court documents to stop a wedding for a member of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF).

Mthobisi Eric Mamba (soldier) of Sigcawini in the Manzini region was supposed to marry Simphiwe Dlamini of Mabhudlweni area in Mhlosheni in the Shiselweni region.

The deputy sheriff, Mathokoza Gamedze, arrived at the Franson Christian High School (Mhlosheni) to stop the wedding as it is said the supposed groom had a first wife in Sihle Ncamisile Mamba (nee Tfwala).

Tfwala and the soldier married through the Swazi Law and Custom (kuteka), on October 21, 2011 at Sigcawini.

Mamba had planned to marry LaDlamini through the civil rights, something that the first wife challenged thus she rushed to court to stop it. About 600 had come to witness Mamba and Dlamini's big day.

She successfully challenged this in court as there was an interim order issued a day before the wedding, which was last Friday.

The sheriff arrived with police and made the announcement that the wedding was being stopped.

Tension enveloped the whole



**SOLDIER:** The man in the middle is Mthobisi Eric Mamba who was on Saturday planning to marry another woman. He is employed in the army and based at Phocweni.

place when seconds followed by minutes and then later hours ticked by without any signs that the ceremony would start.

It is said the groom and bride were nowhere to be seen.

The police and the sheriff spent several hours explaining to the relatives of the groom that the court was stopping the wedding and anyone who would defy the order risked being locked up.

The bride and her family were at home, located a few metres away from the venue and they only heard that there was a problem when they were transported to the wedding venue.

The sheriff together with the police officers proceeded to the bride's parental home where she was served with papers alerting her that she would no longer walk down the aisle with the soldier.

It is said there was grief at the Dlamini homestead when Simphiwe and others learned about the developments.

The court papers which the sheriff was armed with to stop the wedding were issued at the Nhlango Magistrate Court where Mamba's first wife was cited as applicant was stopping the wedding.

In the papers, the wife stated that as far as she knows, her marriage



**MISFORTUNE:** This is the father of the woman the soldier was planning to marry on Saturday but the wedding was stopped by another woman who claimed that she was married to the soldier.



**SECURITY:** Police who had accompanied the Deputy Sheriff Mathokoza 'Thokzel' Gamedze to stop the wedding are seen with some relatives of the groom, the Mthobisi Eric Mamba who is a soldier.

with Mamba still subsisted and therefore she would not want him marrying another woman.

Respondents in the court papers, being Mamba and Simphiwe cited as first and second respondents respectively have been given until October 11, 2016 to file their submission on why the court should not make the interim order final.

As a result of the court order, Pastor Kunene who was to officiate as marriage officer, was seen time and again explaining what transpired to those that were keen to know anything related to the issue. It is said had Pastor Kunene decided to proceed officiating and

ignored the order of the court, he would risk being arrested. Some of the dignitaries at the stopped wedding included Ngwane Teacher's Training College Vice Principal Mzomba Dlodlu, Senior Regional Officer who is in charge of the Hluti sub region Senamile Mbuli, Indvuna of Emchinsweni Chiefdom Bhekizizwe Dlodlu and many others all who left dejected when learning that the wedding was being called off.

Well wishers and relatives alike were as shocked that the wedding would not proceed.

## Well wishers told wedding will occur sometime

"I have been requested by the Dlamini and Mamba families to apologise for keeping you waiting. There are still things that are being sorted and I have been sent to tell you that once all has been addressed, you will be alerted as to when the wedding will take place.

However, today it will not continue as there are reasons beyond our control," said the individual who claimed to have been sent by the two families to apologise.

Well wishers were advised to get meals in the dining hall before leaving.

It is said wedding cakes which were also displayed for the two love birds to first cut were taken back to the cars after it was announced that the wedding would no longer take place.

Meanwhile, there was no one who could confirm figures as to how much had been spent for the wedding. It is said a catering company had demanded an upfront payment.

"The catering company was paid in advance and we have been made

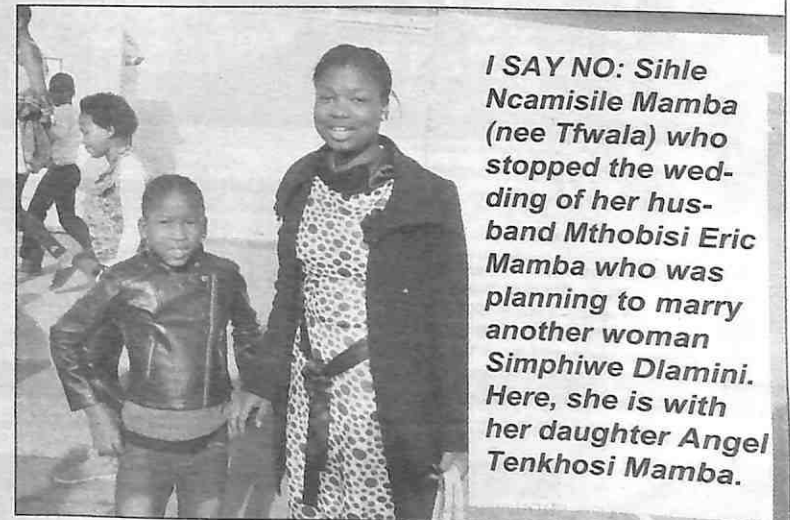


**WEDDING CAKES:** Three women seen carrying the wedding cakes back to the car after the wedding was stopped.

to believe, it is a sum not less than E30 000 that was required.

This is besides the two cows that

have been slaughtered," another close relative said.



**I SAY NO:** Sihle Ncamisile Mamba (nee Tfwala) who stopped the wedding of her husband Mthobisi Eric Mamba who was planning to marry another woman Simphiwe Dlamini. Here, she is with her daughter Angel Tenkhoshi Mamba.

## 'I received wedding invitation card through Whatsapp'

**MAMBA'S** wife Sihle says she received an invitation card of her husband's wedding through Whatsapp.

She did not divulge as to who sent her the invitation.

The wife in her founding affidavit said immediately she received the news of her husband's wedding, she consulted with a lawyer and rushed to

court where she applied to have the wedding stopped.

"On September 22, 2016 at about 14:00 hours, I received a photograph of a wedding invitation card through Whatsapp Social network. The marriage between myself and the first respondent still subsists," she said in her founding affidavit of the urgent applic

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# UNISWA STUDENTS THREATEN TO MARCH TO PARLY OVER 60%

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

**STUDENTS** at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) have been thrown into disarray as their leaders are being accused of serious crimes by the institution.

The students are now threatening to march to parliament if their issue of 60 percent on allowances is not addressed as 30 days has elapsed and they have not been given any feedback. The students are finding it difficult

to forge a way forward as their leaders cannot address them pending their appearance before the institution's disciplinary committee.

The students are seeking for answers on grievances that they delivered to the institution and government. Early last month the university promised the students responses on a number of issues after a three-week period.

This promise helped in calming down the students who had vowed not to return to class if their grievances were not dealt with. The students were also seeking for answers

from the Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula about the issue of bringing back the 60 percent on allowances.

The students are now accusing government and the university of 'colluding' in a bid to oppress and silence them by victimising their leaders.

Members of the Students Representative Council (SRC) including the President Brian Sangweni were expected to appear before the disciplinary committee last week.

This was after they were accused of insubordination amongst other charges in that they defied senate's order to cancel an 'illegal' class boycott and proceeded to block traffic at the university gate at Kwaluseni campus.

However, the hearing for the accused students did not continue because the case was postponed to October 4. Sangweni said the



**PROMISES:** Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula.

charges levelled against them by the university were just another campaign by the institution to frustrate the students' representatives. The students have revealed through one of their communication platforms that they intended storming parliament and demand answers pertaining their issues. The students' concern was that other students would sign for the E9 900 which they were against.

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## Nhlangano deserves city status - RA

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**SHISELWENI** Regional Administrator (RA) Themba Masuku says Nhlangano now deserves to be given the status of a city.

He requested His Majesty King Mswati III that when he returns next year, one of his (RA) wish list would have him declare Nhlangano a city.

The RA who was one of the speakers last Friday during the graduation ceremony at Ngwane Teacher's Training College said His Majesty personally saw the developments that have occurred in the town in the last two years. His Majesty last week Thursday toured the streets of Nhlangano such as Benguni and Masengula all which have been refurbished. In his speeches, the King indicated that he was impressed by the way the town was developing.

At a business dinner hosted for the King by the business community held at the King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium as well as during the graduation ceremony, the King noted the rapid development Nhlangano was enjoying. "I am optimistic that your visit next year, Nhlangano will be declared a city. We are looking forward to that Your Majesty and we want to assure you that you will find the town developed even further," said Masuku.

Masuku said the region in general was making progress in contributing so that the country attained the first world status by 2022. He said the region was short of ter-



**ADVOCATING:** Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku.

tiary institutions as the only one considered to be the region's pride was Ngwane Teacher's Training College. He said the region deserved to have more institutions that would assist in easing off the burden from Ngwane.

"Your Majesty, this region has close to 60 high schools with pupils who qualify to enroll in this college, all of them cannot be swallowed by the only tertiary we have, being this college. We need more of such establishments even in the region," said the RA. The RA said with the plan of establishing a SADC university, it could be a wise move to consider Shiselweni region as the right one to accommodate such an institution.

## NHLANGANO MAYOR THANKS KING

**NHLANGANO** Mayor Mashumi Shongwe says they are grateful and humbled for hosting His Majesty King Mswati III last week during the many activities that took place in the Shiselweni region.

Whilst at Nhlangano, the King toured some of the refurbished roads, like Benguni and Masengula Streets last week Thursday before proceeding to Montigny Investments where he toured the company led by Director Neal Rijkenberg.

Shongwe said even last year during the same time, His Majesty passed through one of the refurbished roads.

"During the preparations of the King's visit, we were thrilled to learn that he will tour some of our projects," he said.

Shongwe said together with some of the councillors, they had an opportunity of meeting His Majesty face-to-face at the Mbangweni Royal Residence.

The Nhlangano Town Council team was one of the groups and organisations that managed to meet the King while he was in the region.

"We were among those fortunate to get that opportunity and during that courtesy visit, we did highlight an overall look of the streets to His Majesty and then the next morning which was on Thursday, he was then driven along these streets to confirm what we told him. Meeting him at the palace at close range, that too was another exciting thing and I won't forget this and we are to cherish that moment for the rest of our lives," said Shongwe.

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## DATING TIPS FROM GRAND MASTER GEE

IN life's theatre of the absurd, what dramatist would call, an avard- garde of life, Gee, was the supreme protagonist: the starring that could not be faulted for anything.

He was our hero, the Chuck Norris of our time, who, unlike, Dennis the Menace, seemed to have all the solutions to life's problems. We called him 'Gee' because he called everyone 'Gee' and consequently everybody called him 'Gee.' In the tradition of respect, it was a little impolite to call him by name because he was on the wrong side of 30 and we were just a little over 12 years. But, hey, this was Gee, the master of the game!

Instead of listening to the tired tales of our grannies, we preferred tin-stuffing ourselves (10 or more) in the ventilator less, stick and mud, one roomed hut of Uncle Gee. And he would pour his heart out on many issues, the favourite of course, being a lecture on women and how men had to deal with them.

In his encyclopedia, (GEE-EFFECT) women were graciously put on earth by God to serve men! Don't scream! This was the 80s, a fully fledged patriarchal society, an era that smiled and grinned to multiple partner relationships. Remember this was an era on which intergenerational sex was a measure of masculinity! And as I celebrate my birthday today, at the right side of 40, I want to look back in awe, to the super tales of Grandmaster Gee, especially on dating.

Well, while Uncle Gee was an organic intellectual, of his generation, he has to be understood within the context of his time. The truth is most of his dating tips have been overtaken by events due to the shift in identity, time and space but shockingly many still stand. Sitting on his three quarter bed, that had seen better days, he would roll his big marble eyes and say: "If you want respect from women, always look clean and make sure soap is your best friend." Correct, even today, this one stands but unfortunately the best soap is cash (money), young money (I'm universal) whether one stinks human manure or



not, if he can provide, he rules. So Uncle Gee has been overtaken by events here. But I can say, 'nice try uncle not bad at all!'

Uncle Gee told us that when you meet a girl for the first time, all she does is listen and reads you so don't talk too much. He told us to make sure you choose your words carefully and don't sound like you are bragging because women hate that! Gee scores here-two marks this one still stands. Gee said that you have to choose a neutral place when you meet a girl for the first time so that you would be free to express yourself. Does this matter today! But in the spirit of fair play I will give it to Gee. Uncle Gee also said that first impression lasts, so when you meet a girl for the first time, wear your best clothes but don't be superficial. Well, Uncle Gee is here and there because as I have already said, it's all about cash, whether it comes from a dirty overall or greasy dark coat but in all entirety women would prefer a neat guy not one with smelling socks! So its two marks to Gee!

Emphatically, rolling his big, red brown, nicotine stained eyes, Gee would tell us that we should never, ever ask a girl who her boyfriend is when proposing because once she tells you what would be your next move. Eg. When she says, 'My boyfriend is Andile Gwali and he plays for SITSENDZE in Belgium then what will you say?' Or she tells you that the boyfriend is Zamcolo Mcwathi! It becomes a big punch in the stomach!

But again, Uncle Gee is like the Latin language, living in the past! Shame, Uncle Gee is wearing a blanket of conservatism because in today's lusty holocaust, horrendously, referred to, as love, man has lost his faith, and he is 'eating all the flesh among the earth!' (*Bakhokhela tinyosi bamazi umniyo*). I remember it as if it's yesterday when Uncle Gee told us that when by chance you date a girl for lunch at Mgcwembeni or Solanis, make sure that you pay for the food not the other way around. Oh! two marks for Gee once again, because women don't want to pay for anything even in this

age of gender equality! It is still bills! bills! For man to pay!

Uncle Gee stressed, unequivocally, that whenever you go on a date never bring along a friend because he might steal the thunder from you. He told us that your lady to be, will start comparing you with him, especially when he scores better points than you in the beauty department-no need arguing you know yourself! Grand Master Gee was spot on here as we have had a lot of casualties-infidelities committed by friends to their friends' loved ones.

Have you ever been in a situation where your girlfriend say, "Where is your friend Felix B, eish that one has a good six pack and *nje* he rocks *uyati maan ye Boy Boy*?"

This is like a spear in the heart especially when you look like a pregnant hippo! But truly, truly, I say to you....the six pack would not buy Brazilian or Peruvian hair! Neither would it buy Victoria Secrets-*Ngingafunga ubaba!* Sadly, my Gee loses once again! But if Felix B has the six pack, the fame and the money .....well that's a different case altogether! Uncle Gee also told us to have a tone for dating which he called a borrowed voice. In his words, he said its all about acting a scene.

All you have to do is tone down your voice and make the girl see paradise in you! His point was that a shouting voice would scare a girl. Maybe he was right in the 80s, today's crazy girls would call it sexy especially when the guy is DJ JOJO or MC 'DO IT BABY' but this counts when the girl knows the guy but when she doesn't know him, a loud, screaming voice can be a turn off. So Gee wins? *Neh?* One lesson I won't forget about Uncle Gee is that men must never take a girl for granted even when it looks like she is a 'Take Away' (using his words) but a man has to

pretend as if she is a hard mountain to climb. "Don't own her before you own her, *uyokugilisa tige umfati ngiyakutjela my boy.*" He would advise. Well, this could not be further from the truth as no one wants to be taken advantage of, even a flesh seller from Summit Hotel in Hillbrow, wants little courtesy! So Gee nailed it on the head here!

My witty Uncle Gee also warned against introducing yourself as a celeb, eg "I hope you know me. I am Teko Mangisi. I played for Sea-Birds and scored five goals and now I am playing for Moneni Pirates and I scored three penalties and four off sides. I also played for Sihlangu and Highway Never Die (which died). I wear jersey Number 10, I love you baby, take or leave me, the owner of Mahalia Mall is my uncle and my step father is Donald Trump and on November 8, he will be the President of the USA " Uncle Gee would scream, 'Rubbish *Sigwadzi ndzini, nebubi.* You are rude *maan.*' Uncle emphasized on respect for a girl, a signal that he transcended time and space!

### ● CONDOLENCES

It is now six years since Uncle Gee died of complications and may he rest in eternal peace. This is a man who made living worthwhile with his edutainment. With childish, vacant stares, with each passing day, we couldn't wait for another precious moment to be with this man! Uncle Gee had so much love to give and always said to me I would become something in the country! I am so sorry to have disappointed a man who held me in high esteem, so much he thought I would become one of the best politicians of my generation! Sadly, I have not only disappointed the living but also the dead! *Sitsini sinanatelo saka Groening, who can help?*

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1784 - "The Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser" was published for the first time in Philadelphia. It was the first daily paper in America.

1893 - Frank Duryea took what is believed to be the first gasoline-powered automobile for a test drive. The "horseless carriage" was designed by Frank and Charles Duryea.

1897 - The New York Sun ran the "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" editorial. It was in response to a letter from eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon.

1931 - Britain went off the gold standard.

1931 - Japanese forces began occupying China's northeast territory of Manchuria.

1937 - J.R.R. Tolkien's 'The Hobbit' was first published.

1941 - 'The Second Mrs. Burton' premiered to the entire CBS Radio Network.

1948 - Milton Berle debuted as the host of "The Texaco Star Theatre" on NBC-TV. The show later became "The Milton Berle Show." Berle was the regular host until 1967.

1948 - 'Life With Luigi' debuted on CBS Radio.

1949 - Communist leaders proclaimed The People's Republic of China.

1957 - 'Perry Mason', the television series, made its debut on CBS-TV. The show was on for nine years.

1961 - Antonio Abertondo swam the English Channel (in both directions) in 24 hours and 25 minutes.

1964 - Malta gained independence from Britain.

1966 - The Soviet probe Zond 5 returned to Earth. The spacecraft completed the first unmanned round-trip flight to the moon.

1970 - 'NFL Monday Night Football' made its debut on ABC-TV. The game was between the Cleveland Browns and the New York Jets. The Browns won 31-21.

1973 - Henry Kissinger was confirmed by the US Senate to become 56th Secretary of State. He was the first naturalised citizen to hold the office of Secretary of State.

1981 - The US Senate confirmed Sandra Day O'Connor to be the first female justice on the US Supreme Court.

1981 - Belize gained full independence from Great Britain.

1982 - National Football League (NFL) players began a 57-day strike. It was their first regular-season walkout.

1982 - Amin Gemayel was elected president of Lebanon. He was the brother of Bashir Gemayel who was the president-elect when he was assassinated.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

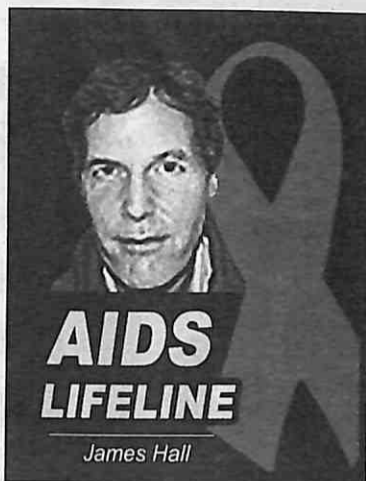


Young Jeezy (rapper)  
- September 28, 1977  
(39 years old)



Hilary Duff (movie actress)  
- September 28, 1987 (29 years old)

# SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH COMBINES HIV INTO HUMAN DNA TO CURE AIDS



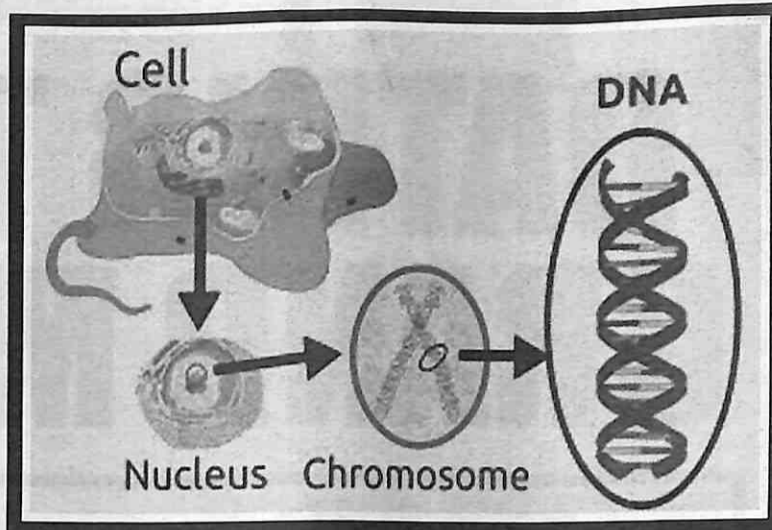
**TWO years ago it was just speculation, and now medical scientists at work to conquer AIDS have made real progress transforming what seemed like fiction into reality.**

The bottom line is that parts of the HIV virus may be attached to human DNA to create a natural defense against AIDS. DNA is the name for the genetic code that determines how an organism develops. Humans have our DNA which makes us individuals.

### Direction

Viruses like HIV from the direction of their DNA also. Viruses are a species of living organisms, with DNAs that are the code that determines what an organism will be and how it grow into that being. DNA is the molecular sequence that is the foundation of our genetic make-up, and our genes determine all our features, such as the colour of our eyes and hair and whether we are more likely to fall victim to a particular disease.

When diseases strike, people either die from these viruses or survive them and become immune to them. Those who become immune have this ability to survive a virus implant-



ed in their genetic code, or DNA. It is passed on by mating with other survivors.

Other forms of life have learned to resist viruses the same way. It was discovered this year that such animals as the wallaby, bats and mice were infected by the Ebola virus millions of years ago.

This was determined by examining the DNA of these animal species. Dr. Derek Taylor in his paper published in BMC Evolutionary Biology in 2010 reported how fragments of Ebola's DNA were mixed into the DNA of these animals when they were first exposed to and survived Ebola.

This occurred about 10 to 24 million years ago, before the human species existed. (Before this discovery, Ebola was thought to have appeared only 10 000 years ago.)

By constant repeated exposure to early Ebola over time, some animal species integrated fragments of Ebola's DNA into their own DNA, rather like an inoculation. With an inoculation, a small amount of a virus is injected into a person's blood.

The person's immune system then

builds a defence against the virus so that when and if the actual virus should try to infect a person, he or she will be literally immune.

By being infected with Ebola but surviving the encounter, various animal species were "inoculated" naturally when portions of Ebola, fragments of filoviruses, were "sewn" into the animals' genetic code. Afterward, the animal species would pass this protection onto offspring, and down through generations over millions of years.

This history is important because it represents a new way to think about curing HIV. By integrating bits of Ebola into their DNA, the animals millions of years before mankind made themselves immune to Ebola. Mankind has only been exposed to Ebola for thousands or on the far range tens of thousands of years, which in terms of evolution time for a species is not enough for us to adapt. This is where modern medical science comes in. By replicating the process of integrating virus fragments into the human DNA, a new way can be found to immunise a person against the disease. When the

person becomes a parent, that immunisation along with the rest of the person's DNA package will be passed on to a new generation.

As one medical commentator wrote this week, "This could now help us in developing our own defenses against a virus for which there is presently no proven treatment."

The remark was directed toward Ebola. However, HIV is a virus as well, and has its own unique DNA.

A number of obstacles must be met and overcome to create a new way to treat-disease, via our DNA. One is a better understanding of human and viral DNA. Genetic engineering is common in agriculture.

### Resistant

Many new plant species have been created with DNA manipulated to make these crops resistant to frost or disease, or to have attributes that make them better fruits and vegetables.

However, genetic engineering faces ethical considerations when it comes to human beings.

Genetic engineering on humans is outlawed in places around the world, and is opposed by both religious and scientific groups in certain instances.

Only a thorough assurance of the safety and good and ethical use of genetic engineering will allow this branch of science to proceed from the theoretical to the practical.

One compelling argument to be made in favour of human genetic engineering is presented in this article: as a way to overcome incurable diseases.

If all other means fail to conquer HIV and no vaccine is produced to immunise a body from HIV, the argument to consider a possible (though as of now theoretical) DNA treatment will become even more compelling.

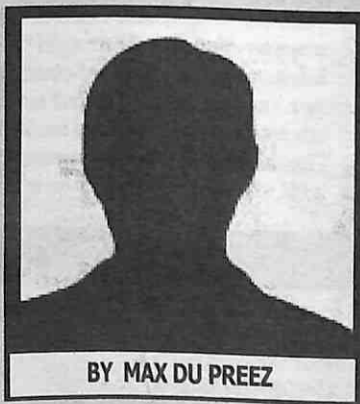
## Never waste a good crisis

**NEVER waste a good crisis, they say. So let's use the crisis around the demand for free tertiary education to sort out some of our national priorities.**

Free education at universities is indeed achievable without breaking the economy or sucking the small number of taxpayers completely dry and it would be good for universities, but shouldn't free (and better) basic education, feeding schemes for under-nourished children, clean water and basic sanitation for the millions of poor citizens rate as a higher priority?

The debate can help us to focus much sharper on what we spend taxpayers' money on; where we can save; which institutions we can scale down, close down or privatise.

An example: The governing party, the EFF, the trade unions and a chunk of civil society strongly believe that SAA shouldn't be privatised. But now that we're faced with



BY MAX DU PREEZ

the urgent need to make every cent count, shouldn't we admit that it makes no sense to continue to support the airline financially? What value does a state-owned airline have for ordinary citizens, especially the poor who will probably never use it? Citizens should engage on where we are wasting our national resources. Some of the proposals on the table are: cut the Cabinet and the president's staff in half; scrap the

useless and wasteful National Youth Development Agency or merge it with another department; drastically scale down on politicians' and civil servants' security, parties, trips and transport; close down unnecessary foreign missions; scrap vanity projects like the Durban Commonwealth Games in 2022; and don't spend one more cent on nuclear power stations.

Here's a sobering thought: if we add the amount the state loses annually through corruption and wastage, about R30bn, to the present state contribution to higher education, we would already have enough money to scrap university fees.

But again: if it is possible to save billions this way, shouldn't we rather spend at least some of it on the poor and on basic education? Fighting crime? Land reform?

This is also our opportunity to ask the hard questions about who should really go to university and who

should do some other after-school training.

We should also now seriously investigate the advantages and disadvantages of online education - it's much cheaper and students don't need accommodation.

Another important question is whether fighting inequality should be a higher priority than the more immediate battle against extreme poverty and unemployment.

### Protestors

The small group of militant protestors on our campuses clearly believe that short-term, race-based inequality is the first priority. They're not saying much about the poor state of squatter camps or black education; their "pain" is more campus-based and their aims appear focused on the emerging middle class.

Inequality is indeed not only morally untenable, but a serious threat to our precious stability. And it is increasingly clear that if our stability comes under serious threat, it will come from the black middle and working classes rather than the poor and unemployed.

# 1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

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BY COLANI HLATJWAKO

THROUGH the participation of stakeholders, partners, and sponsors to The One Billion Rising Launch, it was evident that each and every one who attended are dedicated to making an impact in the lives of women and girls.

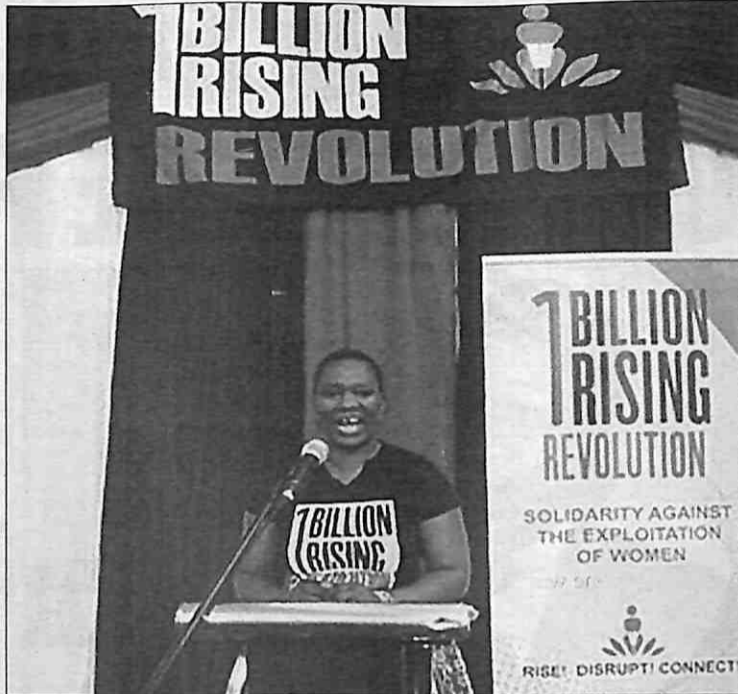
One Billion Rising will go down in history as the greatest campaign launched in demonstration for the liberation of women in the history of Swaziland. I started this journey when I realised that women and girls were systemically oppressed due to our patriarchal society and laws. In Swaziland, we live in a society which undervalues women.

In the Kingdom of Swaziland, every girl and woman should have every chance in life, every chance at happiness, and every chance at success. Yet tragically, hundreds of hundreds of women shoulder the burden of abuse or neglect.

## ABOUT ONE BILLION RISING

One Billion Rising is the biggest mass action to end violence against

# RISING IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST THE EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN IN SWAZILAND



women in human history. The campaign, launched on Valentine's Day 2012, began as a call to action based on the staggering statistic that one in three women on the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. With the world population at seven billion, this adds up to more than ONE BILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS. On February 14, 2013, people across the world came together to express their outrage in, strikes, dances, and RISE in defiance of the injustices women suffer, demanding an end at last to violence against women and girls.

On February 14, 2014, One Billion Rising for Justice focused on the issue of justice for all survivors of gender violence, and highlighted the impunity that lives at the intersection of poverty, racism, war, the plunder of the environment, capitalism, imperialism, and patriarchy. For the third year of the campaign, One Billion Rising's global coordinators

chose the theme of "Revolution" as an escalation of the demand for justice, and to build upon the massive efforts of communities worldwide that also looked at the roots and causes of violence as part of their call for justice. On (or around) February 14, 2015, millions of activists in over 200 countries gathered to Rise for REVOLUTION, to change the paradigm, demand accountability, justice and systematic CHANGE. We are rising to show we are determined to create a new kind of consciousness – one where violence will be resisted until it is unthinkable.

In 2016, the theme of Revolution continues with a call to focus on marginalised women and to bring national and international focus to their issues; to bring in new artistic energy; to amplify Revolution as a call for system change to end violence against women and girls\*; to call on people to rise for others, and not just for ourselves.

As we launch 2017, One Billion Rising Revolution is giving sharper focus and visibility to the exploitation of women, and to harnessing even stronger global solidarity to demand an end to violence in all forms.

There can be no REVOLUTION without SOLIDARITY. We cannot call for system change – change of mind-sets; change of structures that keep violence in place; change in consciousness, awareness and understanding of violence; the end of patriarchal values and cultures; change in policies that affect women economically, socially, sexually, physically, emotionally; the end of the revolving patterns of control, oppression and exploitation alone.

## Signing

This campaign is necessary in Swaziland because in spite of signing various treaties, conventions and protocols, awareness raising on human rights at all levels, there has been continuous violation of women's rights.

Unfortunately, we cannot wait for traditions to change in hope that perhaps a shift in culture will eradicate various forms of abuse. In the Kingdom. The time is now. We must take necessary steps to ensure that those living in rural communities can reach social mobility through employment and education. If women are provided with viable economical options, then remaining in an abusive relationship will no longer be an appealing alternative. Such an approach will need all of us here involved including Government for we can no longer turn a blind-eye to this issue that is effecting the lives of many women and girls.

The time is now for the country to invest in the future of women and the youth.

## Under-funding, not protests, is driving SA universities down global rankings

BY DANIE VISSER  
(UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN)

CAPE TOWN - The most widely respected world university rankings have all recently published their latest results. The release of the Times Higher Education 2016-17 and Quacquarelli Symonds 2016-17 rankings have coincided with a resurgence in protests at many of South Africa's universities.

Most of South Africa's universities have dropped down these ranking tables. Some people argue that the protests – which relate to fees, access and transformation and have occurred on and off for the past 18 months – are having a direct effect on universities' global standing on rankings tables. But it's unlikely that



**PROTEST:** Ongoing student protests are unlikely to have been a direct cause of universities' slide down global rankings tables.

the protests themselves are directly affecting rankings. Instead, decades of government under-funding in the higher education sector may be at least partly to blame. The University of Cape Town (UCT), where I am a deputy vice-chancellor, has handed

a memorandum to the Department of Higher Education and Training. It states: We believe that government has not acted decisively to ensure sustainable and adequate funding to address the systemic crisis in the higher education sector.

Government has placed an undue burden on students, parents and universities to fund higher education. This may seem unfair: the government has dramatically increased the amount of money it gives to universities. But so have students. And educational inflation has played a part too. In real terms, the amount universities receive in state subsidy as a proportion of their total income has declined from 49% in 2000 to 40% in 2012.

Funding has a direct effect on many of the indicators that are used to measure performance in world university rankings. With less funding, staff-student ratios rise. Top staff, who produce the most papers, leave for more lucrative salaries abroad. Universities can't afford to send their academics to many conferences, so fewer conference papers are produced.

How rankings are calculated UCT has, for some time, been able to compensate for the drop in government funding for research.

(News24)

## Wit and Wisdom

● We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future - George Bernard Shaw

● For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone - Audrey Hepburn

● The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing. - Socrates

● The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. - Lao Tzu

● Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful. - John Wooden

● If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it - Michael Jordan

● Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching - Satchel Paige

● It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see. - Henry David Thoreau

● If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there. - Lewis Carroll

● Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

● Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment. - Jim Rohn

● It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen. - John Wooden

● Whatever you do in life, surround yourself with smart people who'll argue with you. - John Wooden

● A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. - Nelson Mandela

● By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest. - Confucius

● The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails. - William Arthur Ward

● Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures. - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

● A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them. - John C. Maxwell

● We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far. - Swami Vivekananda

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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
<b>First National Bank</b>	
Inflation Rate	8.0%
<b>Central Statistical Office</b>	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
<b>Swaziland Building Society</b>	
Bank Rate	7%
<b>Central Bank</b>	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
<b>Engen Garage</b>	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 26 SEPT 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.6400	13.6900
British Pound/SZL	17.6338	17.6984
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.3389	7.3622
Swiss France/SZL	14.0895	14.1382
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2985	1.3142
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.4114	10.4564
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.3632	10.3964
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.7352	5.8113
Euro/SZL	15.3621	15.4184
Gold	1,337.5600	
Oil	46.3600	

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Moving Forward

# SRA READY TO SUPPORT SADC-EU EPA TRADE FLOWS

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

**THE Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) has put in place institutional arrangements that will support the trade flows between the European Union (EU), Swaziland and Southern African Development Community (SADC) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) states.**

The agreement is expected to come into full effect on October 1. According to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Principal Secretary Jinno Nkambule the country did not only ratify the EPA, but also deposited the ratification instrument with the EU in Brussels.

Adding, he said government, through its embassy in Brussels also signed the joint undertaking for administrative cooperation which would allow all African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries to be cumulative.

Nkambule was speaking during a meeting organised by the SRA and the ministry of commerce, industry and trade on the implementation of the SADC-EU EPA.

The meeting was held yesterday at the Happy Valley Hotel, Ezulwini.

It was aimed to present the EPA to local stakeholders as well as provide training on rules of origin and registration requirements for entities that aim at accessing the preferences under this agreement.

SRA Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela said the SRA seeks to ensure that they create a



**READY: Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela.**

conducive environment to ensure that the business community will realise all the benefits of the agreement.

"Therefore, the customs department has put in place the institutional arrangements that will support the trade flows between the EU and Swaziland/SADC EPA states," he said.

The agreement is development oriented and guarantees Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa and Mozambique countries duty free and quota free access for all their products, except arms and ammunition, into the EU market.

The customs legislative unit,

responsible for the registration of exporters made a presentation of the administrative procedures during the meeting which included the application, certification, completing the certificate of origin, certification procedures and dispute settlement.

Masilela confirmed that the customs department has the capacity to administer the Protocol on Rules of Origin which was the cornerstone of the agreement.

"Rules of origin in simple terms is the 'economic' nationality of goods traded in commerce. In order to qualify for the EU preferential tariff treatment, the

goods must comply with the Rules of Origin annexed to this agreement."

The rules of origin makes it easier to put together products from components from other countries without risking losing one's free access to the EU market. When producing and exporting canned fruit, for instance, the fruit can be now harvested in one country, then preserved and canned in another. This develops value chains across the beneficiary states.

Masilela said the SRA would endeavor to use a regional approach in the implementation of the agreement to ensure uniformity and harmonious implementation of the agreement.

He said the agreement and annexes of the agreement would be posted on the SRA website to make them accessible to everyone.

"The SADC EPA exporters' manual, which provides an overview and explanation of the rules that apply and will be used by the exporters, will also be posted on the SRA Website. The blank Certificate of Origin is available for those companies that would meet the Rules of Origin. Regular engagements will be conducted to continue capacitating the industry on the Administration of the Rules of Origin."

Masilela said the SRA would also collaborate with other agencies to avoid duplication and delays at the border.

I therefore would like to take this opportunity to invite all stakeholders to collaborate and coordinate with the SRA to turn this opportunity into realities," he said.

## SRA COMMISSIONER NAMES OPPORTUNITIES IN SADC-EU EPA

**SWAZILAND Revenue Authority (SRA) Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela says the agreement has enormous potential to improve the lives of the Swazi people and those of the region by connecting them to the global economy.**

The agreement offers duty free, quota free market access into the member states of the EU.

According to Delegation of the EU Economist Nomfundo Dlamini, who represented

Ambassador Nicola Bellomo, the EU remains the most lucrative market in the world. The EU boasts of about 28 countries with a total population of about 500 million consumers and contributes about a quarter to the world's Gross Domestic Product.

Masilela said the key opportunities for the country in the area of trade in goods included duty free, quota free market access into the member states of the EU, accessing EU products at more favourable terms through the

reduction of duties which would result in getting the best products at the best price.

Adding, he said another benefit would be creating value chains by utilising the cumulation provisions under the agreement not only with the SADC EPA States and the EU, but also with other Africa, Caribbean and Pacific states.

"To give a practical example, a manufacturer in Swaziland can source inputs from Namibia or any other member state or from

the EU or from any other least developed country that benefit from this arrangement with the EU and would still benefit from the preferential market access," he said.

"This creates the opportunity for Swaziland manufacturers/exporters to put together components from various countries without the risk of losing their free access into the EU. Done correctly, this has the potential to create employment in the country," he further stated.

# TOMATO FARMERS POCKET E1.7m FROM NAMBOARD

Stories by Linda Dlamini

**TOMATO Farmers received the lion's share of E1.7 million from the National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) payments to farmers in the first quarter of 2016.**

According to the Ministry of Agriculture first quarter performance report NAMBoard paid farmers a total of E1.7 million compared to E1.5 million in the last quarter.

"The increase was mainly attributed to the rains incidences towards the end of the summer, which encouraged farmers back into production.

However, these were short lived and the situation of fresh produce is projected to reduce again in the second quarter and the quarter of the year,"

the ministry of agriculture said.

The ministry said the highest sourced produce during the reporting period was tomatoes with 51.7 metric tons (MT) or 51 700 kg bought at a total value of E296 809 with a yield of E5 741 per MT.

"This was followed by butternut at 61MT with a value of E217 545 and cabbage at 119.2MT with a value of E394 985," reads the report as part.

**Total**

The ministry said a total of 366.2MT of produce was purchased from contracted farmers during the quarter against 268.69MT in the last quarter. In its commentary the ministry said food commodity prices have continued on an upward trend that was witnessed during the last two quarters.

"However, this quarter showed fur-

ther increases in prices of bulk commodities, reaching a peak in April and started to drop slightly by the end of the quarter.

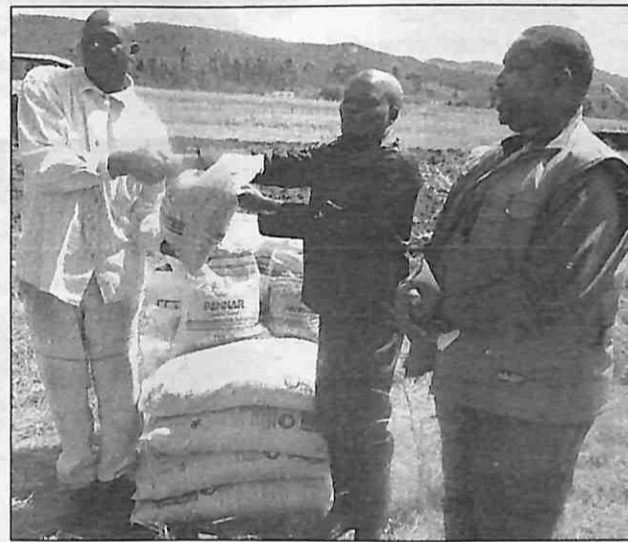
"The main reason for the downward trend at the latter end is mainly an increase in availability, especially for commodities such as tomatoes beetroot and cabbage which are key market drivers and indicators for the country," reads the report in part.

The ministry of agriculture said the reduced commodity prices are projected to hold, and even move further down during the next quarter as more stock is coming into the market, both locally and regionally.

However stock levels will start to decrease significantly by the end of August and price increases will once again be anticipated.



**BOOST:** Dandane Dlamini the best farmer presented with bags of fertiliser, lime and maize seed by Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati. (Courtesy pics)



**IT'S ABOUT TIME:** Richard Dlamini also received fertiliser, lime and maize seeds.

## NMC to deploy officers in potential high yielding areas

By Linda Dlamini

**THE Ministry of Agriculture has instructed the National Maize Corporation (NMC) to become more involved in both maize production and marketing.**

Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati said this year the NMC would be deploying about ten of their own officers in the areas of high maize potential to specifically advise farmers on maize production.

"This initiative will also require that silos are constructed in these areas to capture the local harvest and allow easy access to the market by maize producers. This initiative, it is hoped, will boost the levels and quality of maize produced in these areas," he said. The minister was speaking during a demonstration of lime application held recently at Ekupheleni.

Vilakati said with regards to the issue of marketing the ministry has felt that planning for production alone without markets was not enough.

"This initiative is aimed at augmenting the number of extension workers in critical areas of maize production. An opportunity such as this one affords all farmers access to technical expertise," he said.

The minister further urged farmers to go out and take advantage of this



**THANK YOU:** Motshane MP Phesheya Hlatshwako making his remarks.

government initiative.

"I believe farmers by nature are not beggars; if such a mentality still prevails among you then we might as well forget attaining food security in the home. I therefore implore all farmers present to ask oneself what is it that he or she has contributed to the food security initiative now that government has availed its subsidy program," he said.

Vilakati said government was aware that the weather has not been favourable for a number of years, "that I know and we sympathise with you, but what about the current scenario where rains have been predicted and the issue of input has been



**HUMBLED:** Masebenza Hlatshwako represented Kupheleni chiefdom.

solved."

He said government has arranged that the tractor service to continue serving farmers in the country.

"Although this service can never be adequate for the needs of the farming community, the ministry has availed 300 tractors this year at the disposal of the farming community together with all implements," he said.

Vilakati said in the regions government has also made available tractor drawn conservation agriculture implements for people to access.

"The rates have been kept constant even this year and farmers will pay the same amounts paid the previous year," he said.

## THERE IS NEED TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST GOODS INFLUX - JINNOH

By Manqoba Makhubu

**MINISTRY of Commerce, Industry and Trade Principal Secretary Jinno Nkambule says there is a need to safeguard against a goods influx that may subject the country's industries to unfair competition.**

He was speaking during a meeting organised by the SRA and the ministry of commerce, industry and trade on the implementation of the SADC-EU EPA.

Unlike the old agreement or the interim agreement that the country had with the EU which was unilateral, the SADC-EU EPA signed in June was reciprocal. This means that the SADC member states, SACU countries and Mozambique have also opened their market to the EU.

However, Nkambule said the protection could be done through a number of provisions within the SADC-EU EPA agreement.

The agreement allows Southern African countries to protect budding and fragile industries, while the EU opens up its markets far more, and far faster, providing free market access to the African countries involved.

However, Nkambule said like any other agreements, the EPA would also come with another challenge for the country, "these includes the issue of standards, changes in legislation, limited production and trade capacity, export promotion, to name a few."

He said while the agreement has a number of cooperation provisions which aim at countering some of these difficulties, others would be solely the responsibility of government.

Nkambule thanked the EU delegation for constantly offering advice and support.

"I have no doubt that the SADC EPA countries, including Swaziland; stand to benefit from the numerous trade opportunities that come with such an agreement. Such opportunities exist through exports and imports of goods to and from the EU. In future we anticipate the liberation of trade in services and investment under the same EPA," said Nkambule.

For the past few years, the country has enjoyed a positive trade balance with the EU, however, Nkambule said that decreased in 2014 by 33.9 percent.

On the other hand exports to the EU declined from 8.5 percent in 2014 to 6.1 percent in 2015, while imports increased from 2.0 percent to 4.3 percent in 2014.

"It is therefore, needless to say that this is an indication that the SADC-EU EPA can be used to counteract this trend by focusing on the possible opportunities."

Meanwhile, EU Ambassador Nicola Bellomo expressed thanks to the ministry of commerce, industry and trade and the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) for convening the meeting.

He was represented by the EU Delegation Economist Nomfundo Dlamini.

Bellomo said the event was part of a series of events aimed at facilitating the implementation of the newly signed SADC-EPA and was a vital component in raising awareness of the existence of the agreement.

He announced that they would also support another business



**SAFEGUARD:** Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade PS Jinno Nkambule.

seminar aimed at strengthening the successful implementation of the agreement.

"In this agreement, implementation is key to ensure that the agreement actually delivers and achieves the primary goal, which is that of sustainable development building on principles of rule of law, respect for human rights and democracy enshrined in

the Cotonou Agreement of 2000," said the ambassador.

He said the EU would be ready to assist Swaziland to overcome challenges in putting the agreement in place.

Bellomo said accessing the global market place and developing export capacity was considered key to building sustainable industries and the economies.

He said the EPA came about to solve industry developmental issues which were a structural issue across the continent.

"The calls to bring the preferential trade arrangements between the EU and African countries such as Swaziland, into line with the rules of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) were getting stronger and stronger."

Heads of State of the African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) community and the EU agreed that a new trade relationship was necessary and that it should be based upon the development and economic growth of the ACP partners.

# SNLAS PLEDGES TO CONTRIBUTE TO ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

By Linda Dlamini

**THE National Laboratory Association of Swaziland (NLAS) has pledged to contribute to economic prosperity of the country.**

NLAS Musa Shongwe said part of the organisation's strategic plan was to influence relevant legislation and advocate for implementation of laboratory quality management systems towards world class service delivery, thus contributing to economic growth.

"The workshops that we conduct on a quarterly basis are to facilitate improvements in testing and calibration services through capacity building, knowledge and

technology transfer among member laboratories," he said.

Shongwe said the organisation exists to be a recognised body of experts that drives member interests on issues of testing, measurement, calibration and promotion of accreditation in laboratories throughout Swaziland and beyond.

"The strategic plan of NLAS further touches on mentoring, providing advocacy and support for accreditation which is important with regards to exports into the country. NLAS is also committing itself to aid laboratories in the country with regards to laboratory equipment maintenance, laboratory waste management services and organising laboratory Indaba, Conferences for information shar-

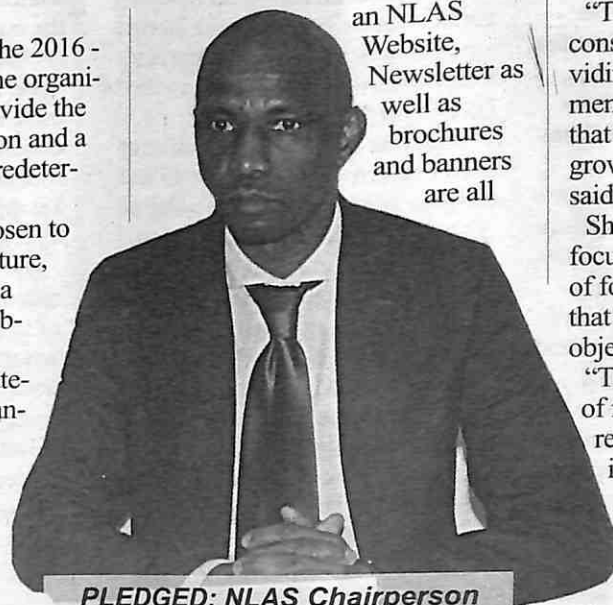
ing purposes," he said.

The chairperson said the 2016 - 2017 strategic plan of the organisation was meant to provide the organisation with a vision and a plan for how to reach predetermined goals.

"A method or plan chosen to bring about a desired future, such as achievement of a goal or solution to a problem," he said.

Shongwe said one strategic objective of the organisation was to increase individual membership from 30 to 100 and institutional membership from 10 to 30 in the next two years.

"The establishment of



**PLEGGED: NLAS Chairperson Musa Shongwe.**

an NLAS Website, Newsletter as well as brochures and banners are all

part of the drive to increase the effectiveness of the organisation," he said.

Shongwe mentioned that all organisations need funding to be able to function effectively and efficiently therefore the organisation has come up with revenue generation schemes outside of membership subscriptions.

"The provision of training and consultancy services and the providing laboratory waste management services are one of the areas that could contribute to revenue growth for the organisation," he said.

Shongwe said other areas of focus for the organisation are that of forging strategic partnerships that are geared to promote the objectives of the organisation.

"The building or enhancement of relations with national, regional and international bodies could be achieved through the developing of a memorandum of understanding agreements with the various stakeholders in the industry," he said.



## BUYER DRIVES HOME A CAR WORTH E17 000 AT AUCTION

By Linda Dlamini

**THE first ever car auction by Swaziland Motors saw a buyer driving home a car worth only E17 000.**

Swaziland Motors auction man-

ager Nhlanhla Schulz said the auction was very well attended with a number of customers to bid for the cars on auction.

"The auction kicked off well with ten cars on show; a Land Rover and a Nissan Sylphy among others were up for auc-

tion," he said.

One customer, Phumi Thwala, said she was happy to have been present at the auction as she managed to win a bid for the Nissan Sylphy at only E17 000, "this was more than a bargain."

The auction was held at

Mbabane below the Magistrate's Court parking, opposite the Omni Centre on Sunday.

Schulz said Swazi Motors was a newly opened vehicle company that sells second hand vehicles to consumers.

"The company also caters for

automotive services. This is to ensure that we provide a full range of services to our valued clients. We are based in Mbabane," he said.

Schulz thanked all those who came and made the auction a success as five cars were sold as a result of the auction.

**Customers**

"We look forward to seeing more customers at our next auction on the October 30, 2016," he said.

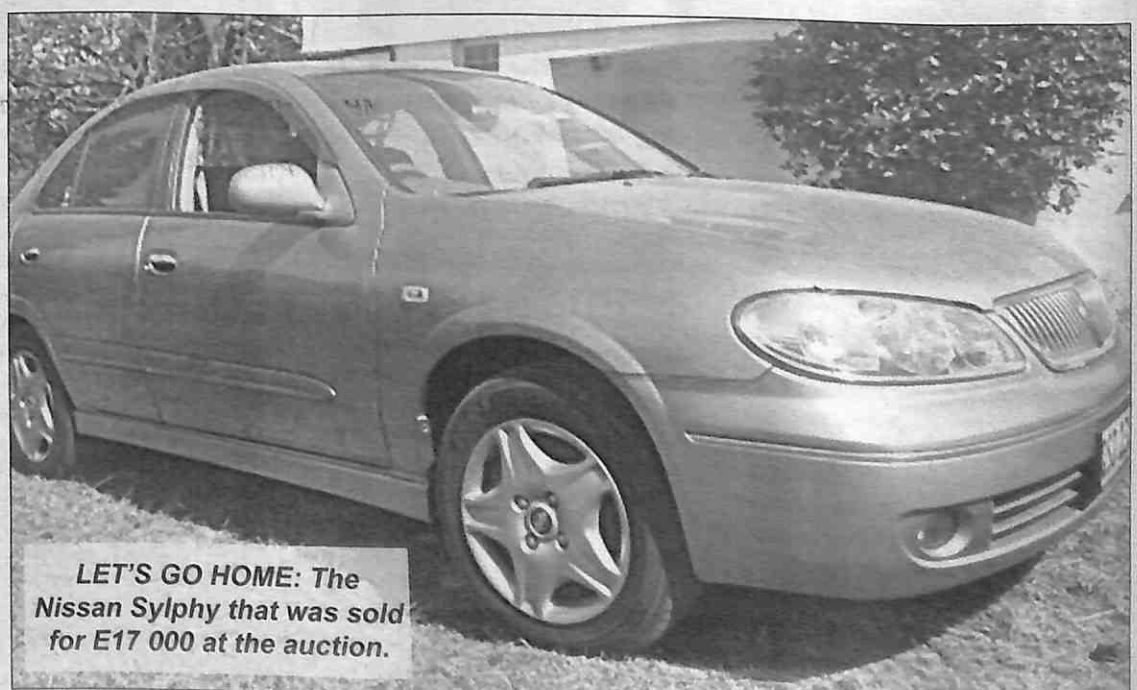
The auction manager explained that Swaziland Motors would conduct car auctions every last Sunday of the month.

Schulz said the auction ended well with Neil Butler winning E500 in the raffle draw that they conducted.

"We shall be conducting a raffle draw every time there is an auction and with this in mind I would like to encourage all interested consumers to register as early as possible so they can qualify for the E500 raffle draw cash prize," he said.



**WINNER: Neil Butler receiving his E500 cash prize during a raffle draw. (Courtesy Pics)**



**LET'S GO HOME: The Nissan Sylphy that was sold for E17 000 at the auction.**

# CAPITEC LIFTS EARNINGS GROWTH BY 19% POINTS

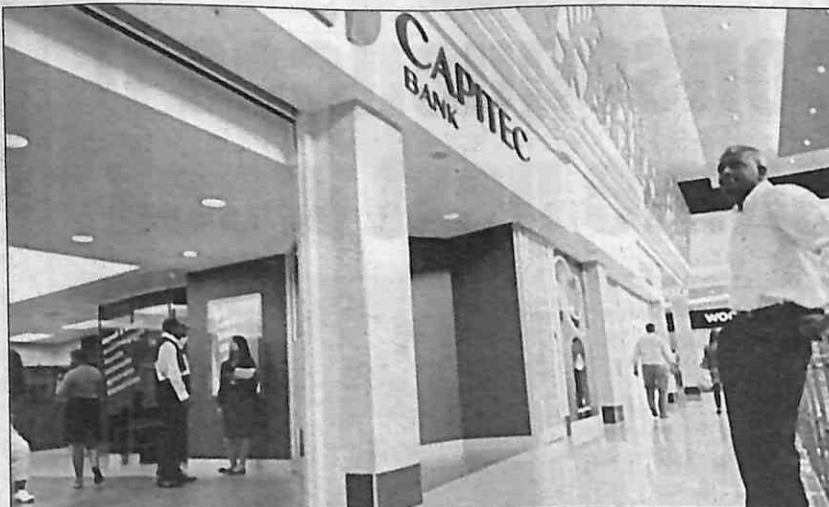
JOHANNESBURG - Capitec Bank has yesterday pointed to the fastest client growth in its history as it announced that profits had increased by 19 percent, from R1.5 billion to R1.8 billion, in the six months to the end of August.

The bank, which has recently faced allegations of reckless lending, said active client numbers had grown by 648 000 to a total of 7.9 million in the period under review.

Chief executive Gerrie Fourie attributed the client growth largely to increased branch distribution in key malls and a strong brand proposition of simplified banking and value for money. The total number of branches is now 751, with 280 of them open seven days a week.

## Accusations

All eyes had been on the bank's results after accusations in early May from consumer champion Summit Partners that it was guilty of opportunistic practices, including disguising payday loans.



"Given the challenging economic conditions, we continued to maintain our conservative credit model and tighten our credit-granting criteria. This resulted in granting fewer loans and increasing the provision for doubtful debts," Fourie said yesterday.

Capitec said arrears had increased by 44 percent year-on-year and by 11

percent from February to R2.6 billion, while arrears to gross loans and advances increased to 6 percent.

Still, headline earnings a share were up by 19 percent to 1 517 cents, and an interim dividend of 450 cents was declared, representing a 20 percent increase on the same period a year before.

*African News Agency*

## New US president can't kick SA out of AGOA

DELAWARE - Whether the next president of the United States is former first lady Hillary Clinton or business magnate Donald Trump, the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) is set to remain in place until 2025.

This is according to Delaware Senator Christopher Coons, the man who pushed for South Africa to be part of the renewal of AGOA.

"I don't expect, after this election, either president to go back and sort of reach in AGOA and tear it up," Coons told a small group of South African journalists ahead of the first presidential debate between Clinton and Trump.

## Export

AGOA is an American law originally passed by the US Congress in 2000, which allows eligible African countries to export a wide range of goods to the US duty free.

"It is part of, I think, a positive US-Africa trade agenda that sees opportunity of growing



**POSITIVE:** Delaware Senator Christopher Coons.

trade for both the United States and Africa," he said.

Coons said championing AGOA was not politically easy for him.

"It helps a lot when I am specifically able to articulate in a way that benefits my state."

Delaware is one of the country's biggest producers of broiler chickens, making poultry the backbone of its agricultural sector and contributing US \$4.6bn to the state's economy.

*Fin24*

## Hyundai workers start first full strike in 12 years

SEOUL - Tens of thousands of unionised workers at South Korea's Hyundai Motor staged their first full strike on Monday for more than a decade after negotiations over a wage increase stalled.

Nearly 50 000 workers at Hyundai Motor's three plants across the country -- including the main one in the southern city of Ulsan -- walked off the job through-

out Monday, said a spokesman for its labour union.

The day-long stoppage is the first full strike at the company since 2004. The workers would also stage a six-hour partial strike until Friday, the union spokesman said.

Hyundai's union has staged partial strikes every year since 2012, including nearly 20 such stoppages this year, demanding higher wages and

better benefits.

The latest demands from workers include a wage increase of 7.2 percent as well as bonuses for employees that would in total be worth 30 percent of last year's net profit.

Hyundai is South Korea's biggest automaker and, along with its smaller affiliate Kia, forms the world's fifth-largest carmaking group.

*iNet Bridge*

## Union and retail motor sector to talk wages

JOHANNESBURG - Unions and employers in the retail motor sector are expected to meet this week to discuss a revised wage offer that could avert a strike at fuel pumps and some component manufacturers.

Despite the National Union of Metalworkers of SA (NUMSA) now agreeing that a deal could be structured over three years, its demand for a rethink of how collective bargaining is structured could still be a sticking point.

The union wants employer bodies to agree to a process to discuss reorganising collective bargaining, which is seen as fragmented.

Negotiations were at a "sensitive stage" NUMSA general secretary Irvin Jim said last Friday.

NUMSA dropped a requirement for a one-year deal after it reached a three-year pay agreement in the vehicle-assembly sector earlier in September with manufacturers including BMW, Ford and Toyota.

The agreement will effec-



tively give workers a 35 percent increase over three years. The 2016 deal will see workers receive a 10 percent increase in the first year and increases of eight percent in the second and third years.

This is down from the 11.5 percent deal agreed on in 2014, but NUMSA said it had "won the war", given the country's depressed economic climate.

The deal includes a transport allowance of R1 200 a year, to rise annually, and a shift allowance of 20 percent in the first year, 21 percent in the second, 22 percent in 2018

and 23 percent in 2019. It also includes a short-time bonus and a housing solution.

The Automotive Manufacturers Employers Association said when the deal was struck that an industry framework had been agreed that would govern how the union and management at the different manufacturing plants across SA formulated their own solutions.

Despite this, a strike in the retail motor sector could still affect assembly lines if Numsa members down tools at suppliers.

*iNet Bridge*



**WEAKER:** Weaker opening for the JSE as Asian markets react positively to Hillary Clinton's presidential debate performance. (Daily Mail)

## Investors eye nuclear vs political power in SA

CAPE TOWN - Political power and nuclear power in South Africa are currently key topics of interest to investors, emerging markets economist Peter Attard Montalto of Nomura said on Monday.

"We reiterate our existing views on political power not having shifted, though some risk of erosion of 'foundations' is occurring,"

explained Montalto.

He added that investor interest in South Africa's nuclear plans is currently piqued, not so much about what he calls the end point, but rather about the process of getting there and what it does fiscally and to politics.

"Nuclear tendering will likely consume political capital into year-end as it grinds forwards," said

Montalto.

Regarding the nuclear issue, Montalto said the Department of Energy has indicated it expects to move to hard tendering - the stage which requires National Treasury to sign off - by year-end. In his view, in reality this may well move to the first quarter of next year.

"As we have commented previously, this puts much more imme-

diated pressure on President Jacob Zuma on what to do with National Treasury," said Montalto.

"Our view remains that nuclear as a technology is of interest, but that on a fully-loaded life time cost comparative basis versus gas especially makes little sense. Similarly, such mega projects cannot be brought in on time and on budget and without rent extraction within the SA context."

He added that increasing energy efficiency of demand and

improved supply efficiency from Eskom, with Medupi and Kusile coming on stream alongside renewables, will add around 12.5GW of electricity - and that is even before one gets to Coal-III and gas tenders in a low growth environment.

"We are still skeptical about whether nuclear will happen - by which we mean a new nuclear power station that will add electricity to the grid," he said.

*Fin24*

# Focus on SA scene

## 'Dire academic consequences if classes don't resume next week'

CAPE TOWN - UCT vice chancellor Max Price has warned that the academic consequences would be dire should classes not resume next Monday as planned.

In a communiqué on the university's website, Price said the institution hoped to reopen the campus without the use of security next Monday.

A meeting of the UCT senior management team decided that classes would resume on October 3.

Students began protesting two weeks ago, calling for the university to reinstate students who had been suspended, interdicted, or expelled following

the Fees Must Fall protests. They also called for the university to institute a Shackville truth and reconciliation commission (TRC) within this year.

This after students in February erected a shack on upper campus as a symbol of the struggle for student housing and financial exclusions. The shack was later demolished by security.

Price called on the UCT community to use this week to "engage with one another on ways to begin reconciliatory engagement, to address transformation issues, and to make meaningful progress in this regard". Price on Monday

reportedly met with heads of academic departments to discuss the current campus situation and share ideas.

He is set to meet with other vice chancellors this week and "will seek engagement" with the Minister of Higher Education and Training Blade Nzimande.

On Monday, the campus remained open, with the exception of the library.

Price previously said the decision to temporarily halt operations was taken in order to protect the university's property, while not escalating the violence by bringing private security onto the campus. *News24*



**PROTEST:** Students began protesting two weeks ago, calling for the university to reinstate students who had been suspended.

## UKZN academic activities continue despite disruptions

PIETERMARITZBURG - Protesters at the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Pietermaritzburg campus have promised to shut down the campus.

However, the university says its academic programme will continue, despite the disruptions.

While protests over university fees continue, it seems there are divisions among student bodies.

Last Thursday, 11 students were arrested following the stoning of vehicles. Yesterday morning a student residence building was torched.

The Student Representative Council has condemned violence and destruction.

Some students say they don't recognise the SRC any longer.

"Whatever issues of division we had prior, we fixed them as an institution and we're saying, we're not recognising the SRC, we're not recognising any student body and they themselves have said we're putting our bodies on the line as Fees Must Fall activists, not as SRC," said student, Xola Mehlomakulu.

*eNCA*

## R100 000 worth of jewellery 'lost' in mortuary

CAPE TOWN - Jewellery worth R100 000 cannot be found after it was removed from the body of a woman at the Salt River Mortuary in Cape Town.

Shavonne Miller told CapeTalk radio yesterday that she was "livid".

The mortuary received the body of her mother, Barbara Carolus, a few weeks ago and efforts to locate her jewellery since then have been unsuccessful.

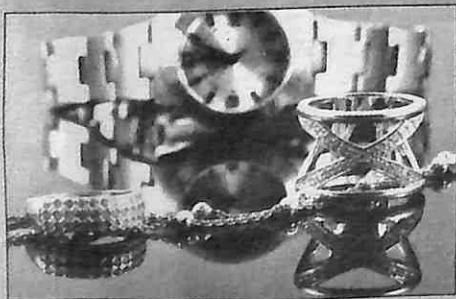
"When the family members arrived to identify Barbara's body ... all her belongings had been apparently secured and booked in at the mortuary. However, they were not available to us at the time," she said.

"So we had to return on the Monday to collect the items. Barbara loved jewellery, diamonds, gold - it was just what she enjoyed. When we went back on the Monday, they struggled to find it. They confirmed it had been received but for some reason it was so-called lost."

Miller said the family had opened a criminal case with the police while officials at the mortuary said they were conducting an internal investigation to determine what had happened.

TMG Digital has contacted the Department of Health in the Western Cape to hear its side of the story and will post an update in due course.

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## Parly to meet SABC board over SCA's Motsoeneng ruling

CAPE TOWN - Parliament has scheduled a meeting with the SABC board next month to discuss the Supreme Court of Appeal's ruling against Hlaudi Motsoeneng.

The Portfolio Committee on Communications says it wants to know how the public broadcaster is dealing with the judgment.

"The board has a fiduciary responsibility to provide corporate governance to the management of SABC and the corporation at large. It is against this backdrop that the committee seeks to meet with the board to hear how it is dealing with the court



**SUBJECT:** Hlaudi Motsoeneng.

judgement," said Committee Chairperson Humphrey Maxegwana.

Although the committee says it is not privy with how

the board has interpreted and dealt with the judgment, it believes that any decision of the board is taken in good faith and in the interest of the public broadcaster.

"It is important that the rule of law be upheld and respected by state-owned enterprises, government departments and agencies," said Maxegwana.

There have been reports that Motsoeneng could soon be back at the SABC as acting Chief Operations Officer.

That is despite the ruling that his appointment as chief operating officer was irrational and unlawful.

Both the SABC and the Ministry of Communications have dismissed the reports as rumours. *eNCA*

## MEC Bredell steps in to second struggling Karoo municipality

CAPE TOWN - Western Cape local government MEC Anton Bredell has stepped in to help yet another struggling municipality in the province.

Following an investigation by a delegation from his office, he announced on Monday that his department will be supporting Beaufort West municipality.

Two weeks ago, Bredell made public his office's intervention in Kannaland after it found "numerous irregularities" at the municipality.

Beaufort West was previ-

ously run by the African National Congress but the party was toppled last month by a coalition of the Democratic Alliance and the Karoo Democratic Force.

### Overdraft

An investigation found that the municipality had an overdraft of R5.1-million, "which is utilised to cover day-to-day expenditure", and that it is owed R78-million by ratepayers.

Bredell said: "The financial situation is under huge stress and we will need to turn that around if we want to make inroads in municipal service

delivery."

He said his department would offer the municipality support for five years and organise the training of a new leadership.

"First of all, we need to get the recovery rate better, that will be the short term goal," he said.

In a statement, Bredell said the new municipal leadership will also be offered training.

He said additional funding was urgently needed for maintenance and upgrading of assets of the municipality.

Beaufort West mayor Koos Malooi welcomed the intervention and met Bredell yesterday.

- *TMG Digital/The Times*

## Treasury denies Gigaba's travel request

JOHANNESBURG - Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan's "belt-tightening measures" means Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba's personal assistant will still be fastening her seatbelt in economy class.

A request for the aide to travel business class - to prevent Gigaba "arriving late for scheduled appointments" - was stamped "not approved".

It was one of the 22 - out of 28 - requests for deviations from cost containment measures that National Treasury refused to accede to on April 1, 2015 and July 31, 2016. "...Gordhan, is clearly desperately trying to hold the fiscal line but his belt-tightening measures are being resisted by ministers and officials too accustomed to the high life," said the Democratic Alliance's David Maynier after receiving the information in a reply to his parliamentary question.

These cost containment measures were originally introduced during Gordhan's first stint as finance minister three years ago in his National Treasury Instruction No. 1 of 2013/14.

Maynier highlighted Home Affairs' request, which was motivated thus.

*Timeslive*



**DENIED:** Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba.



# THE REAL SUPER GRANS!

- 50 Ways To Kill Your Mammies returns to Sky 1
- Previous two series had Nancy Ashmawy, 74, doing daredevil stunts
- This time she is joined by four other pensioners
- They take on terrifying tasks around the world like skydiving and abseiling
- Grandmothers say they hope their 'mad' antics inspire others

A group of grandmothers are proving you're never too old to take on a new challenge as they take on skydiving, water rafting and urban slacklining on a new TV series.

Ann, 77, and Joy, 73, both from London, Roz, 65, from Singapore, and Grace, 73, from Glasgow, join Irish daredevil Nancy Ashmawy, 74, on the new Sky 1 series 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammies, which begins this week.

Nancy, a retired nurse from Dublin, is an old hand at taking on such terrifying adventures around the world, as she has previously filmed two series of the show with her son, Irish TV and radio presenter Baz Ashmawy.

In previous episodes, she jumped out of a plane, sat on a crocodile and done a bungee jump off a bridge between two mountains.

On the new series, she and her brave peers will edgewalk around the CN Tower and slackline between skyscrapers in Toronto, paraglide in Dubai and go barehand fishing in a Peruvian jungle.

They also abseil down a 140ft (42.7m) waterfall in Costa Rica, plunge down a 30ft (9.1m) freefall waterslide in Dubai and learn deer-hunting from some gun-toting Canadians.

For good measure, the group zipped down the Thames in a speedboat when they launched the new series to the press.

Nancy, who was 70 when she first agreed to take part in the show with her son, said she is proof you are never too old to try something new.

"You shouldn't really think about your age because it's your health that's important.

"I'm in my 74th year, and I don't think about what I can or can't do. A lot of younger

**...Daredevil pensioners go skydiving, abseiling and slacklining between skyscrapers on TV to prove that you're never too old for adventure**



**SUPER GRANS:** Nancy Ashmawy, second from right and her son Baz return for a new series of 50 Ways To Kill Your Mammies with new recruits Roz, left, and Grace.

people come up to me and say they couldn't do the things that I do on the show and I say "of course you can", she told the Irish Independent. Nancy, who is a grandmother to Charlotte, 19, Harry, 16, Jake, 13, Amelia 11, Hanna, five and Mahy three, said it is good to 'face your fears'. "In my case, it has given me a certain amount of confidence. I was always terrified of water and am not a great swimmer, but now when I go into the sea, I don't have that fear," she said.

For the third series of the Emmy award winning show - which Baz says will be the last - they recruited four extra pensioners to try the terrifying tasks alongside Nancy.

Baz said they searched bingo halls and community centres across the UK to find the brave volunteers. One of them is Grace, from Scotland, who told the Daily Record she couldn't resist getting involved when she heard about it as she had never travelled before.

She said: "I never thought at my age that I would be risking my life to complete a list of crazy challenges. "But it's the best thing I've ever done and pushed me out of my comfort zone. Most of the trials were pretty scary but it was better than sitting at home doing nothing."

Like Nancy, Grace, who is a widow, hopes her antics can encourage others to face their fears and try new experiences.

She said: "I've now got amazing stories to tell, such as surviving camping in the desert

to hunting wild animals and the sublime feeling of paragliding.

I just hope that somebody my age will look at me and think, "If she can do it, then so can I." New recruits Ann and Joy also said tak-



**NICE TIME:** The grannies zipped down the Thames in a speedboat when they launched the new series.



**FIT TO FLY:** Roz goes abseiling in the jungle after Sky searched bingo halls and community centres in the UK to find pensioners to take part in the adventure series.

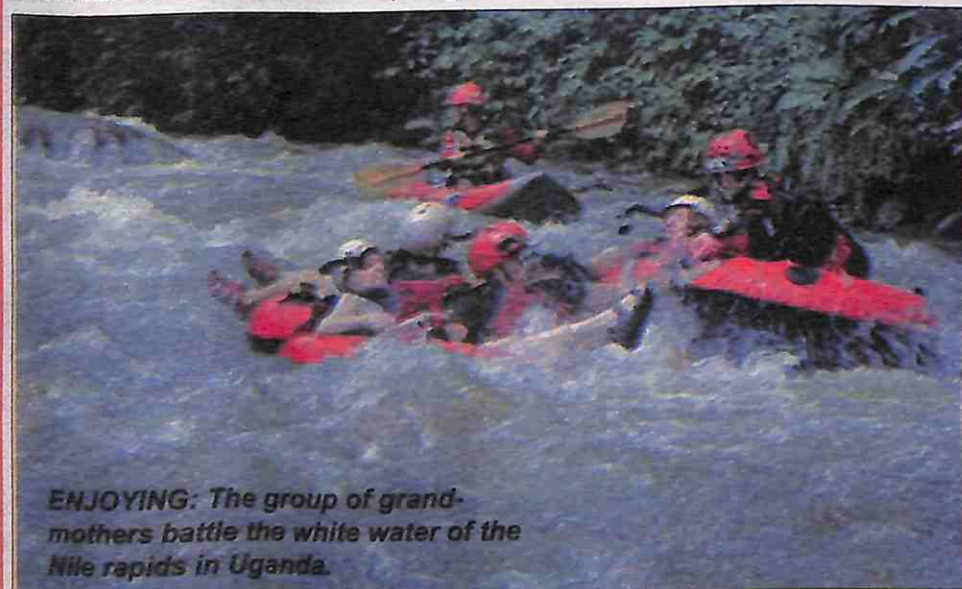
ing part in the show was an amazing opportunity which they are glad they embraced in their retirement years.

Ann told the Irish Mirror that her late husband would have been stunned to see her paragliding and camping in the jungle.

"He would have said "You're absolutely off your head," she said. Joy agreed and said plenty of people have called her mad for globetrotting at her age, but she has no regrets.

"I've had people tell me I'm brave, mad, crazy... and that they've always wanted to do the things I have," she said.

*Daily Mail*



**ENJOYING:** The group of grandmothers battle the white water of the Nile rapids in Uganda.



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BRIEFS

Islamic State militants kills five civilians

EL-ARISH - Egyptian officials say Islamic State militants have killed five Egyptian civilians and dumped their bodies, wearing orange jumpsuits, in a restive corner of the Sinai Peninsula. They say two of the men were beheaded and the others shot in the head over accusations they had collaborated with the Egyptian army, which is fighting the insurgents in the area around the city of Rafah and the town of Sheikh Zuweid, where the bodies were found. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorised to release the information to journalists. *AP*

Migrant shipwreck death toll rises to 168

CAIRO - Egyptian rescue workers have recovered 168 bodies from a migrant shipwreck off Egypt's Mediterranean coast, the health ministry said Sunday. Survivors have said up to 450 migrants were on board the overcrowded fishing vessel headed to Italy from Egypt when it keeled over last Wednesday off the port city of Rosetta. Egypt's military has said it rescued 163 survivors and that recovery attempts were continuing. The International Organisation for Migration said most of those rescued were Egyptians but they also included Sudanese, Eritreans, a Syrian and an Ethiopian. The tragedy sparked an emergency cabinet meeting and also topped the agenda of talks between President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and Egypt's security chiefs on Saturday. *AFP*

Moroccan threatened over cartoon posted

RABAT - Well-known Moroccan cartoonist Khalid Geddar has asked for police protection after being threatened for reposting a drawing that led to the murder of a Jordanian writer, he said. Geddar, who runs the satirical magazine Baboubi, reposted on Facebook on Sunday, as a posthumous tribute, a cartoon previously posted by Nahed Hattar who was shot dead outside an Amman courthouse earlier that day. Hattar had been facing charges over the illustration he posted on Facebook under the title "God of Daesh" (the Islamic State group) showing a bearded man in bed smoking with two women lying on either side, and addressing God as a servant. Any depiction of God is prohibited under Islam. *AFP*



Yemen departs 220 African migrants

ADEN - Yemeni authorities on Monday deported at least 220 African illegal immigrants, mainly Ethiopians, from the southern port city of Aden, security officials said. The migrants had been rounded up over the past two weeks and were put on a ship bound for Somalia, from where they apparently came, an official in Aden said. The boat left from the port at Aden's refinery. Hundreds of illegal migrants have arrived in south Yemen over the past few weeks despite the ongoing war that has ravaged the country. In Shabwa province, east of Aden, authorities have arrested more than 500 African migrants over the past two weeks, security chief Awad al-Dahboul said. *AFP*

Shell Nigeria refuses to confirm attack

WARRI - Shell Nigeria is refusing to confirm a report by Niger Delta militants that they have bombed its Bonny oil pipeline in the south, crippling its exports. Friday night's bombing breaks a month-long ceasefire between militant groups and the government and comes days after repairs from an earlier attack had allowed exports to resume. Shell spokesperson Precious Okolobo says he cannot comment on the incident. *AP*



# Algeria plans bank privatisations as oil money dries up ...plan will open the door for foreign investors

ALGIERS - Algeria plans to allow its dominant state banks to list on the local stock exchange to help develop its financial markets and diversify sources of funding after the oil price slide, a senior financial official said.

The plan will open the door for foreign investors to acquire controlling stakes in banks, reversing a rule requiring Algerian firms to keep a majority shareholding in any partnership with foreigners, the official told Reuters.

Algeria's six government-run

banks account for most of the sector's assets. French companies such as Societe Generale and BNP Paribas have the strongest presence among foreign-owned banks already working in the country.

OPEC member Algeria's economy has been largely based on a state-run and centralised system since its independence from France in 1962 and it remains reliant on an energy sector that still provides 60 percent of its budget. But the oil price drop since 2014 has put Algeria under financial

pressure, forcing the government to trim spending and search for alternative financing sources. "The era of \$100 a barrel is over.

We have no choice but to change our policy," the official said, asking not to be named because they were not authorised to speak to the media. "Reforms will move slowly, but there will be no step backwards." With more than \$130 billion in foreign exchange reserves and little foreign debt, Algeria is in better shape than other oil produc-

ers such as Venezuela.

However, it has been forced to push up taxes and increase subsidised gasoline and diesel prices, scaling back a vast welfare system that has in the past helped ease social tensions.

Advocates of the 51/49 ownership rule and tight foreign exchange controls say they help protect Algeria's strategic sectors after an experimentation with privatisation in the 1990s. But critics say such curbs stifle growth and investment. *eNCA*



DRAMATIC WEATHER: With views like this, it's easy to see why Iceland is so popular, particularly with roaming photographers. Pictured top left is an empty car under snow-heavy clouds, top right a man exploring the Langjökull glacier tunnels, bottom right a traveller witnessing a dramatic weather formation, bottom left Stokksnes, a headland on the southeastern coast and inset one of the island's many waterfalls. *(AP)*

## Kenyan VP explains his links to corruption

NAIROBI - Kenyan Deputy President, William Ruto has explained why Kenyans link him to land grabbing and corruption scandals in the country.

Referring to himself as the "son of a peasant farmer", Ruto blamed some individuals whom he said were not happy about his rise to power

for maligning his name.

Ruto said this while speaking to journalists in New York.

Ruto rose from the ranks of a chicken seller at a market along Eldoret - Malaba highway, to the second most powerful position in the country.

He has been linked to various land grabbing scandals in

Nairobi and Eldoret.

Ruto, however, said all the accomplishments in his life were a result of his hard work, International Business Times said.

He added that his 'enemies' needed to understand that in Kenya, every child had a chance irrespective of their background. *News24*

## Botswana president gives schoolchildren joyride over Gaborone

GABORONE - On the weekend, Botswana President Seretse Khama Ian Khama flew a group of secondary school students over the capital Gaborone in his private aircraft as a token of appreciation for their excellent musical performance of the national anthem earlier.

The Lieutenant-General, who is a certified pilot, gave the Ralegonyane Junior Secondary

School Marimba Group a treat to remember. The gesture was in appreciation of the way the group played the national anthem at the official opening of the Gaborone International Air Show early on Saturday.

In a statement, the Office of the President said Khama, who was pleased with the performance of the school band, decided to take them on a joyride over Gaborone to show his

appreciation. "His Excellency, Lieutenant General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, this evening (Saturday) took the opportunity to fly the Ralegonyane Junior Secondary School Marimba Group, which played the National Anthem at the Gaborone International Airshow, on a plane ride over Gaborone," the President's Office said. *eNCA*

## Ali Bongo to be sworn in as President of Gabon

LIBREVILLE - Ali Bongo was to be sworn in yesterday as Gabon's president for a second seven-year term, his office announced, three days after his election victory was controversially validated by the constitutional court.

The ceremony will be held at the seafront presidential palace in Libreville, the presidency told AFP Monday. It gave no details of who had been invited or the time of the event.

"You don't get sworn in unceremoniously in secret," commented his main rival Jean Ping's spokesman Jean-Gaspard Ntoutoume Ayi, ironically.

Bongo's victory in the August 27 vote was confirmed on Saturday by the country's top court, which dismissed opposition claims of vote fraud.

But it received a cool reception internationally including from the African Union and the United Nations, while the European Union voiced regret that the election count had not been transparent enough.

Violence initially erupted on August 31 after Bongo, 57, was first declared the winner.

Demonstrators set parliament ablaze and clashed with police, who made a thousand arrests. Opposition figures say more than 50 people were killed. The government has given a toll of three dead.

Ping, 73, who came in second in the vote, lashed the court's ruling as a miscarriage of justice and declared himself "president elect". A career diplomat and a former top official at the African Union, he had filed a legal challenge after Bongo was declared the winner by a mere 6,000 votes.

Ping had asked for a recount in Haut-Ogooue province, where 95 percent of voters in the Bongo family stronghold were reported to have cast their ballots for the president on a turnout of more than 99 percent. *AFP*



SWORN IN: Ali Bongo.

# World News

## Colombia and FARC sign peace deal

**CARTAGENA – The Colombian government and the leftist FARC rebel force signed a historic peace accord Monday to end a half-century conflict that has killed hundreds of thousands of people.**

President Juan Manuel Santos and the leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), Timoleon "Timochochenko" Jimenez, signed the deal at a ceremony in the Caribbean city of Cartagena, prompting loud cheers from the crowd which included numerous international dignitaries. The signing followed a four-year process to end Latin America's last major armed conflict. The accord remains to be ratified in a referendum next week.

"Today we are experiencing the happiness of a new dawn for Colombia," President Juan Manuel Santos wrote on Twitter ahead of the signing. He called it "a new stage in our history, one of a country in peace!" The two signed with pens made out of real bullets for the occasion. The guests at the signing included UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, US Secretary of State John Kerry, the Vatican's Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, and an array of Latin American leaders including Cuban President Raul Castro. The 2,500 attendees wore white for the 70-minute ceremony.

The European Union decided to suspend the FARC from its list of terrorist groups once the agreement is signed, EU foreign policy Chief Federica Mogherini said in a statement on Monday.

The suspension will allow the temporary lifting of sanctions linked to FARC's presence on the list, including the freezing of assets. **AFP**

## Clinton, Trump face-off in first presidential debate

**NEW YORK - Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump bickered and traded insults in a fiery US presidential debate Monday, as they aggressively pitched their case to tens of millions of American voters.**

With the White House rivals in a dead heat six weeks before election day, Clinton from the get-go painted her Republican rival as out of touch and having a tenuous relationship with the truth, willing to say "crazy things" to get elected.

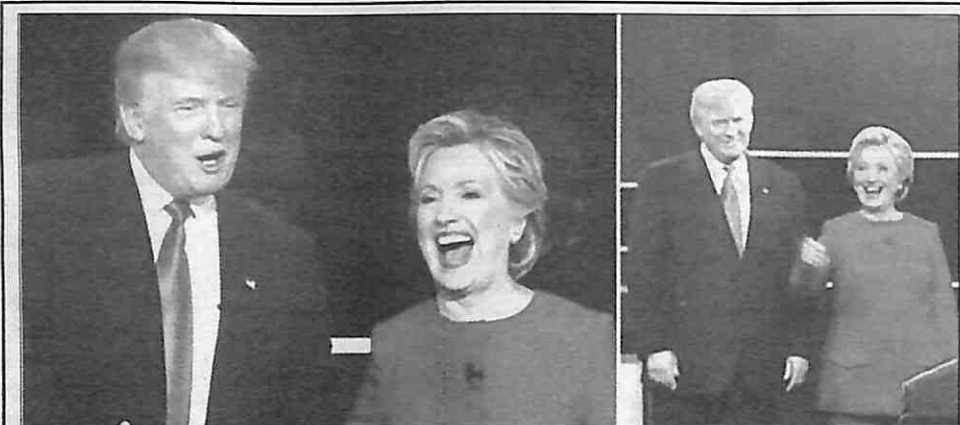
Trump claimed his rival 68-year old Democrat, Clinton does not have the "stamina" to be president, hitting at the Democrat after a recent bout of pneumonia. "I said she doesn't have the stamina. And I don't believe she does have the stamina. To be president of this country, you need tremendous stamina," Trump said.

Clinton fired right back: "Well, as soon as he travels to 112 countries and negotiates a peace deal, a ceasefire, a release of dissidents... or even spends 11 hours testify-

ing in front of a congressional committee, he can talk to me about stamina."

"You live in your own reality" said Clinton, who accused Trump of launching his political career on a "racist lie" — the birther conspiracy theory that questioned President Barack Obama's citizenship.

Trump, who faces tough questions about his suitability for the Oval Office, started out with a more restrained tone — he even ditched his red power tie for a more statesmanlike blue. **AFP**



**LIGHT MOMENT: Hillary Clinton called Donald Trump a racist and a sexist to his face - in brutal exchanges during the year's first presidential debate Monday night. Her charges of racism stemmed from an age-old complaint that he had supported 'birther' conspiracies questioning Barack Obama's U.S. birth and therefore his eligibility to be president. And she leveled charge after charge at the Republican in an attempt to frame him as an unrepentant chauvinist, aided by a question from moderator Lester Holt about a one-time comment that Clinton lacked 'the look' to be president. "This is a man who has called women pigs, slobs and dogs," Clinton said - a similar challenge to one Trump faced more than a year ago from Fox News Channel anchor Megyn Kelly at the first GOP primary debate. (AP)**

## OVER 90% OF WORLD BREATHING BAD AIR - WHO

**GENEVA - Nine out of 10 people globally are breathing poor quality air, the World Health Organisation said yesterday, calling for dramatic action against pollution that is blamed for more than six million deaths a year.**

New data in a report from the UN's global health body "is enough to make all of us extremely

concerned," Maria Neira, the head of the WHO's department of public health and environment, told reporters.

The problem is most acute in cities, but air in rural areas is worse than many think, WHO experts said.

Poorer countries have much dirtier air than the developed world, according to the report, but pollu-

tion "affects practically all countries in the world and all parts of society", Neira said in a statement.

"It is a public health emergency," she said.

"Fast action to tackle air pollution can't come soon enough," she added, urging governments to cut the number of vehicles on the road, improve waste management and promote clean cooking fuel.

Tuesday's report was based on data collected from more than 3 000 sites across the globe.

It found that "92 percent of the world's population lives in places where air quality levels exceed WHO limits".

The data focuses on dangerous particulate matter with a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometres, or PM2.5. **AFP**

## Aleppo battered as Russia slams 'unacceptable' rhetoric

**ALEPPO - Syria's Aleppo faced worsening food and medical shortages and warplanes again pounded the city as Russia condemned what it called "unacceptable" Western rhetoric after allegations of war crimes.**

A fresh wave of intense air strikes battered Aleppo's opposition-controlled east, said an AFP correspondent in the city facing its worst violence in years.

During an emergency session of the UN Security Council, US ambassador Samantha Power accused Russia of "barbarism", while the British and French envoys went even further.

"War crimes are being committed here in Aleppo," Francois Delattre of France said, while Britain's envoy spoke of bunker-busting bombs and more sophisticated weaponry unleashing a "new

hell" on Syrians. "It is difficult to deny that Russia is partnering with the Syrian regime to carry out war crimes," said Britain's Matthew Rycroft.

Spokesperson Dmitry Peskov denounced "the overall unacceptable tone and rhetoric of the representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States, which can damage and harm our relations". **AFP**



**HELPING: A Syrian man carries a baby after removing him from the rubble of a destroyed building.**

### BRIEFS

#### Taiwan shuts down as Typhoon strikes

**TAIWAN - Taiwan went into shutdown Tuesday as the island faces its third typhoon in two weeks, with thousands evacuated, schools and offices closed across the island and hundreds of flights disrupted. Typhoon Megi is expected to make landfall in eastern Taiwan later yesterday but is already bringing widespread violent winds and torrential rain as it nears the island. More than 5 000 people have been evacuated from their homes and around 2 000 are in shelters, according to the Central Emergency Operation Centre. More than 650 000 households have lost power due to the typhoon so far. **AFP****

#### Opposition calls for anti-govt demonstration

**CARACAS – Venezuela's opposition Monday urged its supporters to join a mass demonstration on October 12 against government moves to avoid a recall referendum this year that could force snap elections. It was the latest call to protest in a tense political crisis in the South American oil exporter, hit by food shortages and violence." We call for a special day of mobilisation on October 12," said Jesus Torrealba, spokesman for the opposition Democratic Unity Roundtable (MUD), in a speech in Caracas." We will peacefully overrun the streets in the whole of Venezuela." **AFP****

#### Alleged Brazilian gangster killed

**RIO DE JANEIRO –**

An alleged Rio de Janeiro drug lord on the run since an armed gang rescued him from police custody three months ago was shot dead Monday, police said. Nicolas Labre Pereira de Jesus, better known by his nickname 'Fat Family,' was "killed in an exchange of fire with police," the civil police force said in a statement. Two associates of 'Fat Family' were also reported killed. According to police, three rifles and "a large quantity of drugs" were seized in the operation in Sao Goncalo, which is part of the Rio de Janeiro metropolitan area. **AFP**

#### Portugal's Guterres leads in UN chief race

**NEW YORK - Portugal's former prime minister Antonio Guterres maintained his lead in the race to become the next UN secretary-general following a fifth straw poll by the Security Council on Monday, diplomats said. Guterres, who served as UN refugee chief for 10 years and was prime minister from 1995 to 2002, picked up 12 votes of encouragement, two 'discourage' votes and one 'no opinion,' the same result as the previous informal vote. It was the fifth time that the 67-year-old has taken the number-one spot in the contest to succeed Ban Ki-moon, the former South Korean foreign minister who steps down on December 31 after 10 years as the world's top diplomat. **AFP****

#### Uber plans self-flying drone taxis

**NEW YORK - If you summon an Uber in 10 years' time, you will probably get a car that drives itself. But then again, you may not be travelling in a car at all. The taxi-hailing app is working on technology that would allow passenger drones to fly its users short distances around cities. He raises the prospect of a future in which skylines are dotted with Uber aircraft shuttling commuters back and forth. Jeff Holden, Uber's head of product, told technology website Recode that the company was researching "vertical take off and landing" (VTOL) technology. Instead of the helicopter-style rotor blade drones, VTOL aircraft have fixed wings like planes, enabling them to fly silently, while taking off and landing vertically. **The Daily Telegraph****



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# TBO TOUCH, LINDZ AND SOMIZI FOR UMDABULA

By Nomfundo Sifundza

● Trio will be MCs at the much anticipated festival

THE upcoming, sizzling hot Umdabula festival has secured MCs for the three day festival; none other than South African crowd pullers Tbo Touch and Somizi Mhlongo.

According to information received from the Umdabula director Mbekezeli Zulu, the two will be co-hosting the show with renowned radio personality Lindelwa 'Lindz' Mafa who will be the main MC throughout the festival.

Zulu clarified that the choice of these three was inspired by the fact that they are undeniably crowd pullers and their inclusion could see the festival gaining an audience from Mpumalanga, KZN as well as from Johannesburg.

"This festival will also be a big boost for Swazi tourism and the general economy hence I would kindly urge Swazis to secure their early bird tickets before the South Africans snatch them from right under their noses," Zulu added.

The Umdabula festival made its comeback this year when it was launched at Lavumisa but the venue where the actual magic will take place has since been changed to Tums Water-world, Sdvokodvo.



**CROWD PULLERS: Tbo Touch, Lindelwa 'Lindz' Mafa and Somizi Mhlongo.**

The festival will feature the likes of multi award winning DJ Black Coffee, Cassper Nyovest, Babes Wodumo and many more South African headliners.

These South African acts will be performing alongside Swazi stars including the likes of hip hop maestro KrTC, DJ Karly B, DJ Master P, Kangaroo, DJ Lady Cream, to mention a few. Zulu also added that he was good friends with Tbo Touch (Thabo Molefe) hence the business-

man (Tbo Touch) will be bringing the 4 Pipe convoy to the festival.

The 4 Pipe is a convoy consisting of cars with four pipes the likes of i8's, AMGs, Ferraris, Aston Martins, and Porsches.

These cars are expected to enter Swaziland in style come December 31.

Tickets to the festival that will be aired live on Trace TV are already available at all Mobile Money outlets across the country.



**HANDING OVER: Tall Tree director Larry Mhlanga with Macford Sibandze and Imbita Swaziland Director Sibongile Shongwe. (Pic: Majaha Nkonyane)**

## E20 000 for poetry competition

By Majaha Nkonyane

**TALL TREE in collaboration with Swaziland Arts and Culture Council is hosting a poetry competition dubbed 'POF' Poetry festival.**

This will be a national competition and poets will be competing for E10 000 cash prize and E10 000 in products.

This comes after the same entertainment stable, Tall Tree successfully hosted LOL comedy competition which was won by Smallz, they also hosted the Comedy meets fashion event to name a few.

### Competition

The competition is sponsored by Imbita Women Organisation who have forked out E5 000. The competition will award the winner with E5 000, whilst the runner up gets E3 000 and the third winner getting E2 000.

Poets will be competing in two categories, where the first section will be general poetry where poets can compose and perform just about anything besides insulting material. The second category will be

themed. This is where poets will compose and perform about Imbita Women Organisation.

Registration fee for each poet will be E50 per category and they are allowed to join both categories or participate in each.

"We would like to thank the media for continually ensuring that the poetry art code does not lose value, as each week it interviews different poets and gives them abundant media space.

If one takes an analytical glance at Winnie Madikizela-Mandela's gala dinners, spread all over South Africa, what has been glaring and explicitly obvious is that not even the power of music, political speeches and dance, matched poetry in articulating the life and times of the struggle icon. No genre took centre stage above poetry in all the gala dinners because poetry is a telex, a telegram, a compressed summary that tells it all," competition organiser Macford Sibandze said.

The competition's deadline for poets has been announced to be October 20.

## YET ANOTHER SPRING PARTY ON THE CARDS

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**ENTERTAINMENT Stables are not yet done with introducing the spring season to fun lovers and music lovers as another show dubbed 'SPRING VIBE' will be hosted in Pigg's Peak this Friday at the Pigg's Peak Club.**

The show is being hosted with the courtesy of Mdumiseni 'DJ DD Cool' Simelane.


According to Simelane, this show is intended to be a six to six; a form of welcoming a vibey spring (and summer).

The main act will be the man himself, Mdumiseni 'DD Cool' Simelane and supporting acts will be; DJ Iron,

DJ Rylo, DJ Medical and Sok's.

Simelane promised a marvelous set as the main act.

"I will have a three-hour-set of nothing but Swazi house, commercial house and hip hop. I have not played in Pigg's Peak for a while so I will surely make up for the lost time. It will be a show to remember," commented Simelane.



**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE 6**

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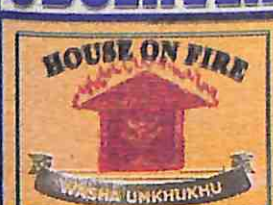
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# FLAMEBOY UNIVERSE FOR ANATII, OMARION SHOW

Stories by Nomfundo Sifundza

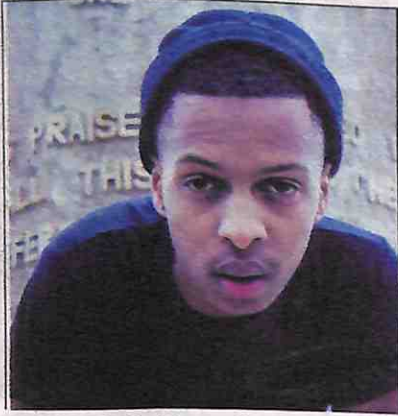
IN what could be seen as a major step in the right direction, Swaziland's newest hit-maker and hip-hop artist Flameboy Universe has received a special invite to attend South African hip hop musician Anatii's ARTIFACT Tour, which will feature American global superstar Omarion.

This was revealed by local media consultant Bongani Dube, who described the invite as timely for the young and highly ambitious artist.

"Flameboy has been pushing hard to break all known and unknown barriers in the last few months, and nothing could have prepared him better for the international space than this invite," Dube reckoned.

He further revealed that the ARTIFACT Tour is a two day extravaganza, which starts in Johannesburg this coming Friday, proceeding to Durban the next day.

"Flameboy has been friends with Anatii's people, and they too have been following stories of his major



MUSIC MEN: Flameboy and Anatii.

moves back here in Swaziland. They have seen it befitting that he gets to attend and interact with music moguls from both SA and US, with a view of establishing long lasting networks and relations," said Dube.

Flameboy Universe, as recently reported, boasts of being among the first Swazi artists to stream and sell music on Jay Z's online music store Tidal, as well as 250 other stores. Some of these include iTunes, Amazon, Alibaba, Xbox Music, Google Play, Spotify, among others. The young artist has also been

embraced by Swazis, as demonstrated by the votes his song 'Nowerdays' have been getting on the new and improved radio charts voting system. The song got over 300 votes collectively in two weeks, claiming number one. Currently, it sits at the second spot.

Dube revealed that Flameboy Universe will only attend the Saturday part of the show, in Durban, since he is billed to perform this Friday evening at the Sibebe Friday Night Live at House on Fire.

## ...Anatii gives away five tickets to Swazi fans

MEANWHILE, much celebrated South African hip hop showstopper and performer Anatii has delivered five tickets worth about E1500 to Swaziland to be given to any five lucky fans willing to travel to either Johannesburg this Friday or Durban on Saturday for his ARTIFACT Tour.

The tickets were delivered yesterday by his A&R team, who passed through the country on their way from Durban. "The tickets will give lucky Swazis access to one of the two

days of this historic tour. They get free VIP access to the venues of the show; the Gallagher Estate in Midrand, Johannesburg on Friday, and The Wavehouse, in Durban on Saturday," said Bongani Dube a local media consultant and arts activist.

He encouraged people who want these tickets to SMS their names and contact to 76734034 before Thursday 5pm. Although he advised that they should be in a position to find their own transportation.

## WE LOVE SFNL - ARTISTS

By Nomfundo Sifundza

THE most talented people in the country who have not been shy to share their gifts with the rest of the world have expressed their appreciation of the Sibebe Friday Night Live platform.

The artists interviewed, shared the same sentiments that the platform, since its inception, has consistently provided a platform for them.

The Sibebe Friday Night Live is a concept developed by House on Fire and Swaziland Beverages as a platform to develop the arts in Swaziland. This platform exposes upcoming acts, as well as established performers to the public in a space that is 100% local.

The series features live music, dance, poetry, DJs, interactive arts and fashion from within Swaziland.

Artists like Flame boy Universe who is also amongst the artists to perform on Friday said "This is beyond amazing. It's an honor I'll cherish, and the only way I can reciprocate is by giving my best this Friday night.

"Thank you very much to our industry's gatekeepers and those who have worked hard to ensure

we are worthy of the name of 'artists'.

Bongani DJ Tizalami, Larry Mhlanga also agreed with the upcoming hip hop star.

Season 6 of the SFNL kicks off this Friday and will be headlined by the soulful Khole, whose music is described as modern expression of a Swazi woman with jazz influence, afro soul and pop.

### Music

Her music speaks to social issues; her lyrics are motivational, thought provoking, and her melodies memorable. Khole sings in SiSwati and English.

"Khole is 2016 Swaziland Delphic Singer of the year, with this much momentum behind her it is clear to see why Khole is the obvious choice to kick start a brand new SFNL."

House on fire's Khuli Neto said. Neto added that "This season culminates in a finale that will earn the winner of the series a performance tour to Maputo, Mozambique with an accompanying party bus for travelling fans."

"To add to this the opportunity of performing at the globally acclaimed MTN Bushfire festival in 2017."

## Photo Booth to hit Yebo Gogo arts festival

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE much anticipated 'Yebo Gogo Yebo Mzala' arts festival is coming with more in store as people will have a chance to take instant photos in a photo booth.

Whilst enjoying good music and sharing moments with friends and relatives, attendees to the show will have a chance to capture moments in a simple way. Innovation will hit the Swazi people in a different way as technology has once again made taking pictures much simpler.

The festival will also have different sections of art which will also be displaying local talent in different art codes like fine art, fashion and different stalls.

The photo booth will be brought to the event by InnovaBooth, which is a company run by Cheilla Meissa Vovos and Sifiso Magagula. "The photo booth will be available for use in the two-day event that is scheduled to take place on September 30 to October 01.

The photo booth prints out pictures in the customer's desired choice, the frame comes in different colours that



the customer can choose. We are looking forward to this event that will showcase talent from different artists in the country and beyond," Innova Booth director Cheilla Vovos said. The booth comes with features such as social media uploads, unlimited instant prints, different prop box with hats, wigs and glasses, three curtain

colour options (dark red, black or white) and picture frames.

The photo booth is a touch screen operated machine that prints out one picture in four different frames, the machine prints out in two strips. This is the first time that people at an event of such a magnitude will enjoy taking pictures in this way.

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**JENNY AND REZAS FABULOUS FOOD ACADEMY**  
Thursday 21:00 | Food Network (175)

GET prepped for a culinary masterclass as 'giggling gourmet' Jenny Morris and spice prince Reza Muhammad introduce six new pupils at Jenny and Reza's Fabulous Food Academy to the best of the world's cuisine. In these brand new episodes of their exciting series the duo kick off with some dishes from China, as they prepare a feast that's fit for an emperor: lamb ribs with a hot and spicy sauce, sweet Chinese chicken, and a quick and easy side dish of fried vegetable noodles. Then it's a hop, skip and jump to the Land of Smiles, Thailand, where Jenny and Reza introduce their students to chicken Penang curry, pork and prawn balls in a lemongrass-infused broth, before a refreshing salad of pineapple



with bean sprouts. With a light-hearted approach to cooking, and a world of experience to draw on, Jenny and Reza demonstrate that with guidance even the most inexperienced of chefs can produce dishes that will leave their diners demanding more.

**RYDER CUP: D1**

Friday 14:30 | SuperSport 6 (226)

RYDER Cup 2016. Day 1 from Hazeltine National Golf Club - Chaska, Minnesota. LIVE. DStv Premium customers can

catch all the action via live video streaming on supersport.com and DStv Now for Android and iOS.



**DIAMOND, EMTEE, KWESTA, PATORANKING TO RAISE THE ROOF**

THE MTV Africa Music Awards Johannesburg 2016 is brought to you by Joburg Tourism in partnership with Absolut Vodka and Google and in association with MTN and DStv.

Diamond, Emtee, Kwesta and Patoranking join previously announced performers Alikiba, Babes Wodumo, Cassper Nyovest, Nasty C, Ycee and Yemi Alade on the giant purpose-built MAMA stage at the Ticketpro Dome, on October 22, 2016.

Last year's Best New Act winner Patoranking is again in contention for the 2016 awards – nominated this year for Best Male, where he goes head-to-head against last year's winner, Tanzanian Bongo Flava star, Diamond. Patoranking also scored a second nomination in the 2016 awards for Best Collaboration for "No Kissing" feat. Sarkodie. After a standout year, Emtee received his first MAMA nod this year in the hotly contested Best Hip-Hop category, while "Ngud" star Kwesta still has to learn if he's scored a nod in MAMA 2016.

Highlighting the "gold standard" in contemporary music, creativity and achievement, The MTV Africa Music Awards Johannesburg 2016 promises to be the biggest and best ever, with more than 15 000 music lovers expected to party up a storm at the Ticketpro Dome for this spectacular showcase. Tickets for the awards are on sale now

...at the MTV Africa Music Awards Johannesburg 2016



VIMN Africa and MTV Base (DStv channel 322) have revealed that Diamond, Emtee, Kwesta and Patoranking are to join the glittering ranks of performers at the MTV Africa Music Awards in Johannesburg next month.

priced ZAR 250 (standing only), and ZAR 300 (bleachers) via [www.ticketpros.co.za](http://www.ticketpros.co.za), and at Ticketpro retail outlets or dealers. Over 18s only.

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The definitive annual celebration of African and international talent and achievement, MAMA 2016 recognises and rewards musicians and achievers who have made the most impact on African music and youth culture over the previous year. The ceremony will feature stunning performances from African and international artists along with the show's signature cross-genre and cross-border collaborations.

MAMA 2016 will celebrate African talent across 18 award categories, including Best Male, Best Female, Listener's Choice and Best Group.

The contribution of artists from Portuguese and French-speaking Africa is recognised in the Best Lusophone and Best Francophone categories. Additional categories include the Africa Re-Imagined Award and Personality of the Year. For news of this year's nominations, please go to [www.mtvbase.com](http://www.mtvbase.com).

For more information on the MTV Africa Music Awards Johannesburg 2016, please go to [www.mtvbase.com](http://www.mtvbase.com) or [www.mtv.co.za](http://www.mtv.co.za) like us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/MTVBaseVerified](http://www.Facebook.com/MTVBaseVerified), or follow us on Twitter and Instagram @MTVBaseAfrica. To join the conversation about the awards please use the hashtag #MTVMA-MA2016.

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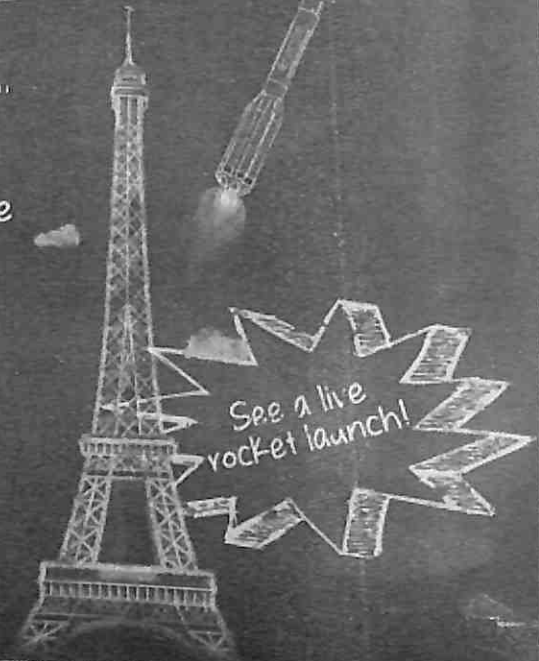
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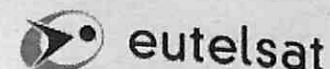
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International Celebrity News

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

Brad, Angelina will be fighting over custody

**HOLLYWOOD-** Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt will likely have no problems when it comes to dividing their financial assets - but will be going to 'war' over the custody of their six children.



**WAR: Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt.**

According to TMZ, the couple, who were only married for two years, have an iron-clad pre-nuptial agreement which makes dividing their \$400m fortune simple.

purchased while they were together include an apartment in New York City's Waldorf Astoria, a \$6.5million mansion in the French Quarter of New Orleans and their French vineyard and estate Chateau Miraval, which they purchased for \$60million. *Dailymail*

The three properties the pair

Real housewives of Miami's Herman Echevarria found dead

**MIAMI-** Miami businessman Herman Echevarria Sr. died Monday morning, E! News can exclusively confirm.

Echevarria was found dead in his room this morning when family and employees found it odd that he didn't show up to work and wasn't answering his phone. Another source tells us that the family believes it was a heart attack, but are waiting for medical examiners to determine. Police have confirmed his death and said that the body was found today at the Epic Hotel in Miami. The case is still under investigation.



**VENUE MAGAZINE FOUNDERS: Late Herman and Alexia Echevarria.**

Herman and Alexia Echevarria were founders of Venue magazine and also stars of Real Housewives of Miami. The couple separated in 2015 and recently divorced, according to sources close to the family. *Eonline*



TODAY

Mkabayi has harsh words about Thandeka's marriage. Zweli is concerned about Qondi. Kaone's heart breaks when she realises Fezile's heart doesn't belong to her.



**HARSH: Mkabayi.**



TODAY

A scorned Morongwa sabotages Gabriel and his hush-hush Zama-Zama operation. Nina turns up the charm when Majola won't back down. Aphiwe gives Obakeng a lifeline, breaking Calvin's heart.



**LIFELINE: Obakeng.**



TODAY



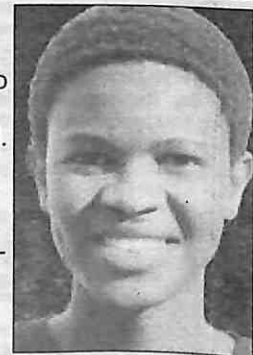
**SHATTERED: Matshidiso**

MMC makes headlines for yet another wall collapse. KK's betrayal leaves Matshidiso feeling shattered. Mulimisi sees Mpho's face in a vision.



TODAY

Jeff persuades Sindiswa to stick with Emmanuel. Bongi is anxious about Doc's reactions towards her. Jamaica finally summons the courage to tell Zachariah the truth.



**SMILE: Emmanuel.**

Justin Theroux Reveals Favorite Jennifer Aniston Movie

**HOLLYWOOD-** Jennifer Aniston has been in countless movies, so picking your favorite one may be a bit difficult.

However, we decided to put hubby Justin Theroux up to the task when we caught up with him at The Girl on the Train junket yesterday, and when he gave us his answer, we found ourselves a bit surprised.

"Oh God, what's my favorite Jen movie?," Theroux repeated while thinking of his answer. "I



**FAVOURITE: Justin Theroux and Jennifer Aniston.**

think Cake," he responded, "not just because it was her most recent one.

She's always so present and good." *Eonline*

Ritchie, Whichello splitted

**HOLLYWOOD-** They embarked on a wedding blessing ceremony in July to prove their love was 'real and genuine'. However it seems Chloe-Jasmine Whichello and Stevi Ritchie were simply not meant to be, after it was announced the pair had split on Monday.

According to The Sun, the X Factor stars came to their tragic



**SEPERATED: Ritchie and Whichello.**

end when the blonde model, 25, failed to turn up to her man's 36th birthday celebrations.

After the show, the pair embarked on their romance in December before becoming engaged the fol-

lowing July, with Stevi bragging that their sex life was 'magical'. *Dailymail*

SA Celebrity News

AKA blasts 'ignorant, distasteful, immature' Black Coffee

**JOHANNESBURG-** AKA's camp has come out guns blazing in their pursuit of DJ Black Coffee, after the DJ slapped AKA's road manager at an event over the weekend.



**PURSUIT: Black Coffee and AKA.**

A video of the slap, during an argument between the pair at the iRock Festival in Limpopo on Saturday evening, went viral on Sunday, as fans and celebrities took to social media to

comment and poke fun at the incident using several trending hashtags.

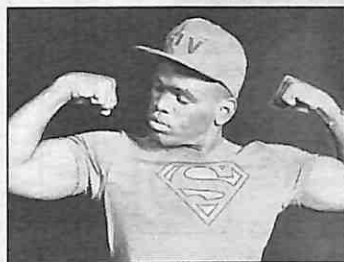
But it seems AKA and his team are not in on the laugh. Issuing a statement on

Monday morning, AKA's team labelled Black Coffee's actions as " ignorant, distasteful and not of someone level headed or mature". *Timeslive*

I support #FeesMustFall - Siv Ngesi

**JOHANNESBURG-** Outspoken comedian and TV personality Siv Ngesi has given his support to student protestors across the country fighting against a proposed increase in university fees.

The latest round of protests in the now popular #FeesMustFall movement rocked the nation last week, after Minister of Higher Education Blade Nzimande announced a capped 8 percent increase in university fees. And while social commentators continue to debate



**SUPPORTS: Siv Ngesi.**

whether the protestors are right or not, Siv Ngesi took to Twitter to share his wish that he had the money to "fix" the whole situation. *Timeslive*

Babes Wodumo and D'banj join forces

**JOHANNESBURG-** TMG Entertainment can reveal that two of Africa's singing sensations Babes Wodumo and D'banj are currently in studio together.

Without divulging too much information Babes' manager Victor Dlokolo confirmed that she has been recording a single with the Kokomaster, which is set to release soon.

The news comes just days after Babes' much anticipated single Mercedes was officially released on Friday.

Even though the track's release came with its fair share of drama - it created quite a buzz on social



**IN STUDIO: Babes Wodumo.**

media with fans labelling it a real banger.

Speaking about her collab with D'banj, Victor said that the singing sensations has just wrapped up shooting a music video for the track, and that fans could look forward to a real winner of a track. *Timeslive*

'My range definitely isn't just for skinny women'

**JOHANNESBURG-** TV personality, actress and fashionista Boity Thulo celebrated the official launch of her range of clothing in collaboration with Sissyboy recently.

Speaking at the swanky launch party which was held in Johannesburg recently Boity said that she feels completely blessed to have been given this opportunity.

"I feel incredibly blessed and honoured to have been trusted



**CELEBRATED: Boity Thulo.**

by the brand," she said.

Boity went on to debunk assumptions that Sissyboy is made for 'skinny' women.

In fact Boity herself admitted that the local fashion brand was previously seen as a brand for "white women" as the clothes did not celebrate African women's curves. *Timeslive*

PICTURE OF THE DAY



**TODAY'S HOROSCOPE**

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22 – January 19  
You are a born leader, so others find it easy to use your instructions and follow your example. You enjoy helping others solve their personal or technical problems. This is a very lucky day for making plans or decisions and finding your way through just about any problem you may discover. You feel successful and able to handle difficult situations. Perhaps some family member or friend has a new computer, you are helping him or her learn the particulars.



future opportunities for you to grow in this company if you want.

**CANCER**  
June 22 – July 22  
Today may be the day you make a big change of some sort. You or a partner has made preliminary preparations so you should have an easy adjustment. You are fortunate to have plenty of help if you need help. You prosper through new insights, inventions and an independent point of view—do not push. In most cases, you will find it easy to take charge and show off your enterprising nature. You have plans to increase a business situation and this afternoon would be a good time to present your plans or your ideas.



**AQUARIUS**  
January 20 – February 18  
You could be seen by others as just the person to be put in charge of some project requiring a conservative mind—a day for thinking. You enjoy conversations about philosophy or even a little religion. If you pay attention, you may find ways that these discussions move into a new understanding for everyone. Lasting ethics will guide you now, opening up avenues that have remained blocked. Generally, this is a fruitful period for real-estate investments.



**LEO**  
July 23 – August 22  
You are responsible and this deliberate sense of responsibility comes across and is central to your personality and the way you relate to other people, particularly in the workplace. You may enjoy today's work most as you are able to run a finished product through your checkpoint to see if it holds up and can pass the test of perfection. There is not always time for tests. You can be a stickler with details and you are in your element. You will find that higher-ups may come to you for problem-solving help.



**PISCES**  
February 19 – March 20  
You have a great desire and drive to be thorough and responsible down to the smallest details. Improved powers of concentration insure that you will get a lot accomplished today. You always know what is essential and what is not. You love the routine. You tend neither to spend much time in fantasizing about the future nor reminiscing about the past. You like to be in the moment of the day. Obtaining and exchanging information takes on more significance for you.



**VIRGO**  
August 23 – September 22  
The workflow for today is fast moving and easily accomplished. You find success through your ability to follow through on important instructions and put together packages of information. You could work with or as a photographer or artist. At the very least, you could enjoy some form of art as a hobby. Off work early this afternoon the contents of a store window may catch your eye.



**ARIES**  
March 21 – April 19  
You look for ways to advance your job status. A supervisor may give you suggestions as well. This is a perfect time for new ideas—breakthroughs in thinking—a novel approach. Law, politics, education, travel or religion, among other things, may take part in this search for advancement. Lectures and self-help literature seem to attract your attention. You enjoy working with your mind and your sharp perceptions make finding new solutions easy.



**LIBRA**  
September 23 – October 23  
You are at your most practical when it comes to negotiations. There are opportunities for negotiating and getting your way in most activities today. Whether you feel guilty or grateful, you rush around getting all sorts of chores accomplished, as you know the person you will be with for the rest of the day would be most enjoyable if in a good mood. You are called on to make use of your common sense before the day is over.



**TAURUS**  
April 20 – May 20  
A drive to question situations may find you working through some strong internal changes. Push too hard and you could be too dominating, even oppressive, to yourself and others. When it comes to business and career, you have a mind that just cannot help but take care of business. This is where most of your energies and concerns will be this day. Your thoughts and ideas are nothing if not practical and your clear-sightedness makes some form of management or supervision almost unavoidable.



**SCORPIO**  
October 24 – November 21  
A puzzle appears today and you spare no time in getting down to finding the answer. Others will be amazed at how well you uncover or find the solution to an old problem. With research to support your theories, you will be able to help make some much needed changes. You feel things passionately and you don't mind letting authorities or publishers know what you think.



**GEMINI**  
May 21 – June 21  
You will be pleased with what you accomplish this day. In difficult situations you perform very well. You know just what to do and can act without haste. You are asked to make use of your natural talents. This may mean you have a special way with clients, customers or patients. You may not have realized that anyone noticed your special ways of dealing with people. There are



**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22 – December 21  
You meet with new moneymaking ideas this morning and may spend the majority of the day creating the avenue with which you will proceed. All of this may be a very good idea but you will be able to make a better decision if you could find a person that took the big moneymaking step that you might want to take. You will either be encouraged or have the opportunity to do a bit more research.



**BABY BLUES**



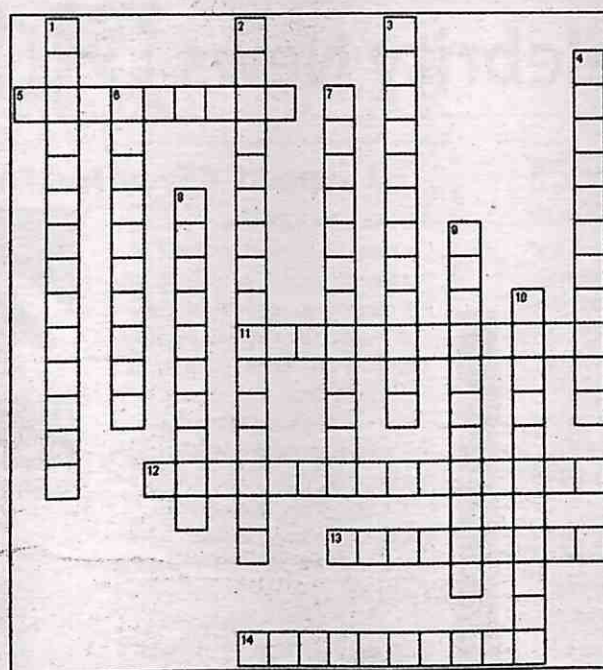
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**PUZZLE CHOICE**



- Across**  
5. Director of the 2008 movie, Revolutionary Road (3,6)  
11. Ed Hoffman in the 2008 movie, Body of Lies (7,5)  
12. Harry Potter actor (6,9)  
13. Dr Gibbon in the 2003 movie, The Singing Detective (3,6)  
14. Marshal Will Kane in the 1952 movie, High Noon (4,6)

- Down**  
1. Spencer Trilby in the 2004 movie, True Lies (8,6)  
2. Director of the 1992 movie, Reservoir Dogs (7,9)  
3. Edna Turnblad in the 1997 movie, Hairspray (4,8)  
4. Donna Sheridan in the 2008 movie, Mamma Mia! (5,6)  
6. Ben Stiller is the voice of Alex in this 2005 movie (10)  
7. Charley Waite in the 2003 movie, Open Range (5,7)  
8. Dodge Blake in the 1999 movie, Message in a Bottle (4,6)  
9. Dr Malcolm Crowe in the 1999 movie, The Sixth Sense (5,6)  
10. Kyle Pratt in the 2005 movie, Flightplan (5,6)



**GENIUS SON**

One day Jimmy got home early from school and his mom asked, "Why are you home so early?" He answered, "Because I was the only one that answered a question in

my class." She said, "Wow, my son is a genius. What was the question?" Jimmy replied. "The question was 'Who threw the trash can at the principal's head?'"

**USELESS FACTS**

- Giraffes have no vocal cords.
- The pupils of a goat's eyes are square.
- Van Gogh only sold one painting when he was alive.
- A standard slinky measures 87 feet when stretched out.
- The highest per capita Jell-O consumption in the US is Des Moines.
- If a rooster can't fully extend its neck, it can't crow.

**BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Yesterday's brain-teasers**

1. What has to be broken before you can use it?

**Answer: An egg.**

2. Lives in winter, dies in summer, and grows with its roots upward. What is it?

**Answer: An icicle.**

**Today's brainteasers**

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2. What belongs to you but is used more by others?



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Juhee, Grade 7, Khanyisile

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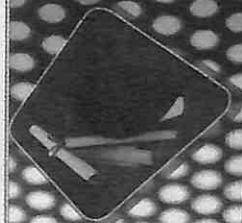
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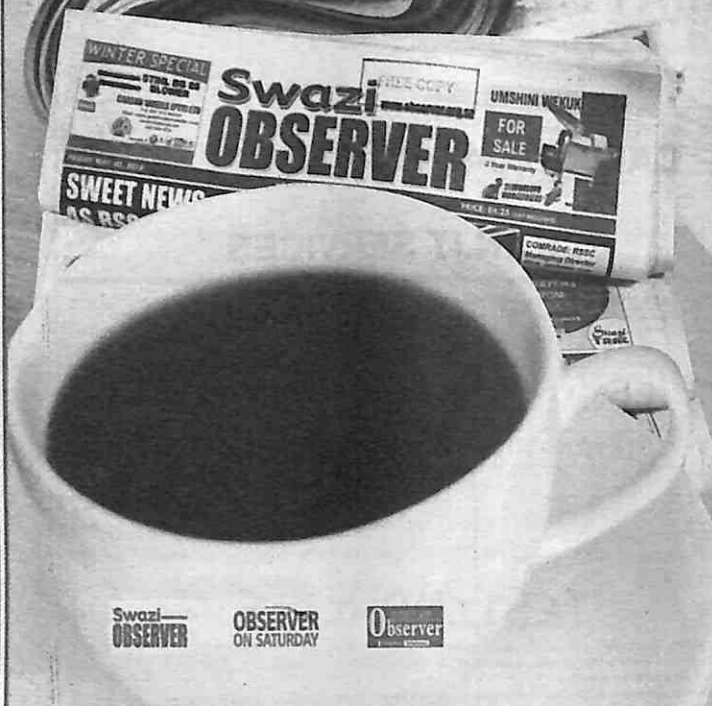
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# JAMES ADMITS 'PERSONAL GOAL' TO MATCH JORDAN

...as Cleveland Cavaliers star gears up for new NBA season

**LOS ANGELES -** Now that LeBron James has won a championship for the ages, he's set a loftier goal. Catching Michael Jordan.

Long flattered to be mentioned in the same company with Jordan and other NBA greats, James has been hesitant to publicly acknowledge that he wants to be remembered as the greatest in league history.

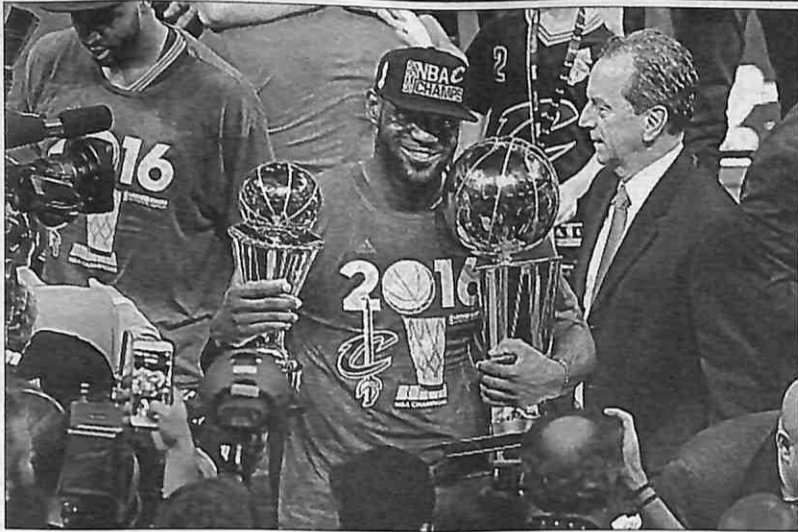
"It's a personal goal," James told The Associated Press on Monday. "I just never brought it up. It's my own personal goal to be able to be greater than great. I think that should be everybody's personal goal."

James became a three-time champion when he helped end Cleveland's 52-year title drought with a historic comeback from a 3-1 deficit to Golden State in last season's finals.

On Monday, James discussed a variety of topics during a 10-minute interview with the AP after he spoke at the Cavs' media day.

James touched upon the fear he feels as a parent in light of recent police shootings and violence, his longevity and relentless drive to win and what impact All-Star Kevin Durant's signing with the Warriors will have on him.

James has revered Jordan since he



**CHAMPIONSHIP:** LeBron James was named MVP after inspiring the Cavaliers to end a 52-year wait for a championship.

was a kid. Like every other young basketball player in America, he wanted to be like Mike.

He modelled himself after No 23 on the court and followed some of Air Jordan's moves off it as a businessman and sneaker-wearing, multi-million dollar corporation.

James has often rejected the obvious comparisons between him and Jordan,

but shortly after winning it all this summer with the Cavs, he told Sports Illustrated that 'my motivation is this ghost I'm chasing. The ghost played in Chicago.' Jordan's spirit has consumed James and continually fueled him. His desire to match the Bulls legend, who won six championships, shouldn't be viewed as anything unusual.

Reuters

# Lambie ready to play for Boks after three months of headaches

**PRETORIA -** Springbok flyhalf Pat Lambie, who woke up with a headache every day for three months after being knocked out against Ireland in June, said he was ready to return against Australia on Saturday.

"I'm thrilled to be back, very excited to be included in the group again. I've missed being part of the Springboks, so it is wonderful to be back," Lambie said ahead of the Rugby Championship test at Loftus Versfeld.

"It has been quite frustrating sitting on the side, especially for how long it took to get better again. But thankfully I've been looked after well off the field," he told a press conference on Monday.

Lambie was picked by new coach Allister Coetzee for his first test in charge against Ireland in Cape Town in June but

was pole-axed early on by a tackle and has since played a single, provincial rugby match for the Sharks.

He said migraines he had after the knock from Irish flanker CJ Stander left him listless and bereft of energy.

"The thinking was that the trauma and the stress of the knocks against my head triggered a constant or chronic migraine. I had a low grade migraine for, I guess, three months," Lambie said.

"I was waking up every

morning with a headache, sore eyes, low energy and really not feeling up to much. But thankfully the doctors looked after me, I saw a few neurologists, had a few courses of medication and I've come right now. "Everyone has cleared me and they're all happy that I'm playing again. There is no risk of me being more susceptible to concussion than there was before," he added. "I've had a hit out with the Sharks, I've ticked all the boxes and I've been cleared to play a full game or as much as I'm needed."

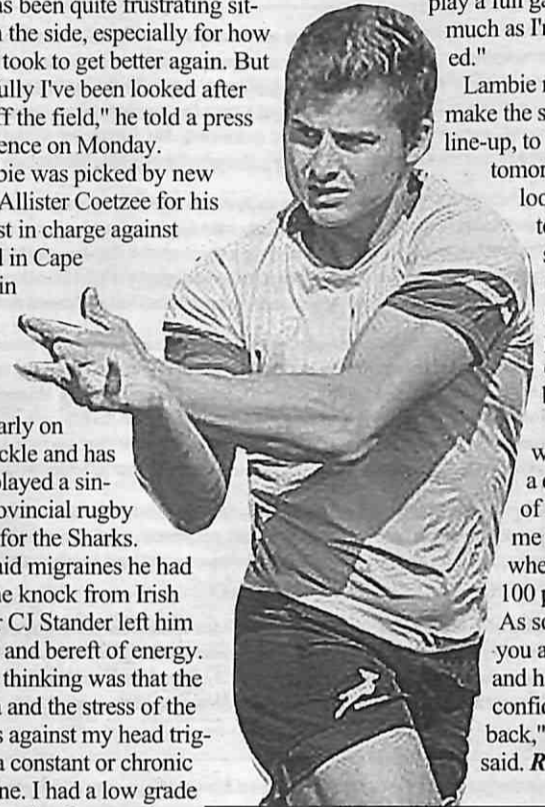
Lambie might not make the starting line-up, to be named tomorrow, but

looks likely to play some part in the game, possibly off the bench.

"To me it was always a question of Pat letting me know

when he was 100 percent. As soon as you are cleared and have that confidence back," Coetzee said.

Reuters



**READY:** Springbok flyhalf Pat Lambie.



**FIGHTS:** Big Sam.

# Big Sam fights to save England job

**LONDON -** Sam Allardyce was set for crisis talks with the Football Association yesterday as the England manager fights to save his job after being caught in a newspaper sting.

Allardyce gave advice on how to circumnavigate transfer rules, criticised the FA's decision to rebuild Wembley and mocked his England predecessor Roy Hodgson while being secretly filmed by Daily Telegraph reporters posing as Far East businessmen.

## Appointed

Allardyce, appointed England manager in July on a £3 million-a-year contract, agreed to travel to Singapore and Hong Kong as an ambassador for their fictitious firm for a fee of £400 000.

Senior FA figures were said to be stunned by the revelations and the former Sunderland and West Ham manager was seen driving away from his home in Bolton, north-west England, early yesterday morning amid reports he will speak to his employers as they prepare to launch an immediate probe into the scandal. AFP

# Toure dismayed by FIFA racism task force axe

**MANCHESTER -** Manchester City midfielder Yaya Toure yesterday expressed deep disappointment over Fifa's decision to disband its anti-racism task force, saying it "makes no sense".

The Fifa Task Force Against Racism and Discrimination, founded in 2013, was discontinued on Sunday, with the world governing body explaining it had achieved its stated objectives.

Toure was a consultant to the task force and he cited fears about the risk of racism at the 2018 World Cup in Russia as a reason for Fifa to remain vigilant.

"When I received the letter telling me the Fifa task force was to be discontinued I was very disappointed," the Ivorian midfielder said in a statement on his per-

sonal website.

"The letter listed the good work that had been carried out as a result of the task force's advice and recommendations.

"So my question is, after failing to deal with racism sufficiently for decades - why stop when something is beginning to work? Are Fifa being complacent ahead of a World Cup in Russia?

This makes no sense." He added: "The task force brought together the expertise of campaigners, football administrators and players. It was a resource that gave Fifa the expertise they clearly did not have before.

"My only hope is that Fifa have thought this through. The letter I received does not fill me with confidence. It will be the fans and players that suffer if Fifa do not get this right." AFP



**DISAPPOINTED:** Manchester City midfielder Yaya Toure.

# 'Mamelodi Sundowns can draw inspiration from Pirates'

**JOHANNESBURG -** Sundowns qualified for the CAF Champions League final after beating Zesco United 3-2 on aggregate.

The Brazilians will meet Zamalek in the continental showpiece, looking to emulate Pirates' success in the same tournament and bring back a star of their own.

Mosimane says his side will take pointers from what the Buccaneers managed to achieve.

"Pirates is the flagship of continental football in South Africa. We need to learn from Orlando Pirates.

We just need to copy the book from Pirates," said Mosimane.

'Jingles' says he appreciates the information garnered from both Eric Tinkler and Roger De Sa - the pair having helped Pirates reach both the CAF Champions League and Confederations Cup finals.

"They say keep quiet, keep it clean, get the second ball in the midfield. Just grind the results. It's not about you looking good, just grind the results. We learn from both Roger and Eric, they have done well," added Mosimane.

Kickoff

# Kerber survives scare in first match

**WUHAN -** Angelique Kerber survived a scare in her first match as world number one before beating Kristina Mladenovic in three sets at the Wuhan Open yesterday.

The US and Australian Open champion, who had a bye in the first round, made a convincing start before missing two set points and allowing Mladenovic to take the first set in a tie break.

But the German then swept through the rest of the match, winning 6-7 (4/7), 6-1, 6-4 to set up a

third-round meeting with two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova.

## Playing

"I was trying to find my rhythm because I was not playing my best in the first set," top seed Kerber said after the match.

Kvitova said she would be trying not to think about Kerber's new status as world number one, formalised when the rankings were updated after this month's US Open, when they play yesterday. AFP



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<b>Duration of Assignment:</b>	40 working days
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	

Swaziland's formal Protected Areas (PAs) cover approximately 4% of the country's total land area, and are relatively rich in biodiversity with their share of endemism as represented in various ecosystems. Furthermore, the country has set targets for the conservation of its ecosystems and species in line with the National Development Strategy (Vision 2022) and other international targets such as the Aichi Targets under the auspices of the Convention on Biological Diversity. While some of the critical ecosystems and species are found in existing PAs, some are found in areas where there is prone to unsustainable utilization and overexploitation of resources, thereby threatening livelihoods and impeding sustainable development.

The Strengthening National Protected Areas Systems (SNPAS) in Swaziland is a six years (2014-2020) Project funded by GEF aims at developing, expanding and effectively managing the capacities of Swaziland's PAs network in order to adequately protect the biodiversity. This will be undertaken through the "landscapes" approach towards sustainable development and will involve integrated land and natural resource management that transforms the current PA patchwork into network and enhance vulnerable communities' livelihoods, in particular those adjacent to the PAs.

The SNPAS Project has been organised around three components: (i) knowledge-based platform operationalised at the national, regional and community levels to address current and emerging threats to PAs and biodiversity conservation; (ii) Expansion of PA network, and (iii) strengthening PA functioning through improved conservation management and operational support for existing and new PAs, including both formal and informal. PAs will be established and managed in critical biodiversity areas as clusters, integrating different sites that are managed by the Government of Swaziland (GoS), the private sector and local communities and enable a matrix of complementary land-use activities across board.

The SNPAS project is being implemented through the Landscape approach which seeks to provide tools and concepts for allocating and managing land to achieve social, economic, and environmental objectives in areas where agriculture, and other productive land uses compete with environmental and biodiversity goals taking into consideration the effects of climate change.

In this regard, the technical services of a team of consultants/consultant to develop Landscape Programme which will include the development of the following programs: Community Based Natural Resources and Management (CBNRM), Wetlands Management, Invasive Alien Plant Species (IAPS) control and management and Sustainable Land Management (SLM) for existing PAs and adjacent communities, for both formal and informal settings, are being sought.

#### OBJECTIVES

To develop programmes for Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM), Sustainable Land Management (SLM), Wetlands Management, Invasive Alien Plant Species (IAPS) Control and Management that would enable strengthened PA and biodiversity management in the country.

#### SCOPE

The assessment will encompass stakeholder consultations, desk-top reviews, data collection and field work capturing of data. This data and information will then be used to inform the development of the CBNRM, SLM, IAPS and Wetlands Management Programs.

#### SPECIFIC TASKS

Working under the guidance of the Swaziland National Trust Commission (SNTC), Project Steering Committee (PSC) with day-to-day support from the SNPAS National Project Manager, the team of consultants/consultant will specifically have the following tasks:

- i) **Develop two (2) Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) Programs:**
  - Review and document lessons learnt from national, regional and international CBNRM programs and initiatives for improved livelihoods;
  - Facilitate identification of CBNRM potential sites and priorities two sites with the SNPAS Project - Malolotja, Lubombo, Mkhaya-West and Ngwempisi;
  - Develop a CBNRM program with a significant inclination to improvement of livelihoods of communities in adjacent to PA in the two sites prioritized above. The program should have a clear logic framework on activity inputs, and achievement of the outputs and outcomes;
  - Develop guidelines for the implementation and monitoring of the CBNRM Programs in the two sites prioritized above; and
  - Develop guidelines for monitoring of CBNRM Programs.
- ii) **Develop A Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Program**
  - Review and document lessons learnt from national, regional and international SLM Programs;
  - Design and develop a program to support scaling-up of SLM activities to mitigate impacts of degradation in the four clusters of the SNPAS Project - Malolotja, Lubombo, Mkhaya-West and Ngwempisi. The program should have a clear logic framework on activity inputs, and achievement of the outputs and outcomes;
- iii) **Develop An Invasive Alien Plant Species (IAPS) Control and Management Program**
  - Review and document lessons learnt from national, regional and international IAPS Programs;
  - Develop a Program for the establishment and implementation of a sustainable mobile alien invasive species harvesting, milling and removal business in communities and protected areas. The program should have a clear logic framework on activity inputs, and achievement of the outputs and outcomes;
  - Identify areas in the four clusters of the SNPAS Project - Malolotja, Lubombo, Mkhaya-West and Ngwempisi to participate in the program
- iv) **Develop A Wetland Management Program**
  - Review policies and legislation on wetland protection and management;
  - Review and document lessons learnt from national, regional and International Wetland Programs;
  - Develop a program for wetland protection and management demonstrating strategic biodiversity and income generation options. The program should have a clear logic framework on activity inputs, and achievement of the outputs and outcomes;
  - Identify areas in the four clusters of the SNPAS Project - Malolotja, Lubombo, Mkhaya-West and Ngwempisi to participate in the program; and
  - Develop baselines and guidelines for determining the economic value of wetlands.

The Consultant will convene at least one national stakeholder consultation that is the inception meeting/consultation within two (2) weeks from contract signature and the final draft report validation meeting.

#### Deliverables

- An Inception Report and a Work Plan with activity timelines and methodology for the drafting of the Landscape programme produced within five (5) days of signing the contract.
- Validated CBNRM, SLM, IAPS and Wetlands Program Document with clear log-frame and actions and in particular indication on the wealth creation and distribution from the programs

#### DELIVERABLES

The Team of consultants/Consultant will be responsible for the undertaking of the assessments through both technical and multi-stakeholders' consultations ensuring participation and deliver on the following reports:

Deliverable	Date
Submission of the Inception Report	By 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
Inception Meeting	By 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
Approval of the Inception Report by the Project Steering Committee	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
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Progress Reports for approval by the Project Steering Committee	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Validation of draft Reports by the national stakeholders.	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Submission of the final draft Programs	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Approval of the Final Report by the SNPAS Technical Advisors, Project Steering Committee and the Project Board.	By 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2016

The deliverables listed above will be facilitated by:

- Fortnight Reports to the SNTC through the National Project Manager
- Monthly Progress Report to the Project Steering Committee

#### Level of Effort: Landscape Development Programme Consultancy

40 working days spread through October to November 2016

The Consultant will perform their duties from their preferred bases and communication done through e-mail, telephone and fax correspondence combined with short, focused in-country missions (as approved in the approved Inception Report work plan). The division of tasks will be clearly outlined in the inception report allowing for adequate time between desk review, data collection, consultations, drafting and through full engagement of national counterparts and the Project Management Unit based at the SNTC. Frequent communication, and advisory services with the other team members, is expected from the Consultant. UNDP-CO and UNDP/GEF RTA as and when challenges emerge during the implementation of the planned activities.

#### EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES

The candidate should have the following qualification, experience and competencies, Landscape Development Programme Consultant

**Education:** A postgraduate degree (Masters or higher) in a subject related to Natural Resources Management, Environmental Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Land-use and Management or related field.

**Experience:** At least 10 to 15 years of experience working on management of natural resource/community and working on income generation interventions will be an added advantage; Working experience with national or regional institutions concerned with natural resource management and environmental protection is a plus; Advisory experience in PA management; Demonstrated strong analytical, research, presentation, and report writing skills.

#### Core Competencies:

- Demonstrates integrity by modelling the UN's values and ethical standards.
- Promotes the vision, mission, and strategic goals of UN.
- Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.
- Skills in facilitation and coordination, including high level government consultation, with strong communication and inter-personal skills.
- Sound judgment and strong client and results orientation.
- Treats all people fairly without favouritism.
- Fluency in English and knowledge of SiSwati will be an added advantage.

#### Functional Competencies:

- Proven experience in Natural Resources Management in Africa/southern Africa and in support to country process implementation.
- Strong knowledge of Biodiversity Conservation and knowledge of the policy and institutional capacity for the PAs.
- Experience in working with local and international stakeholders.
- Strong knowledge of actors of actors in biodiversity conservation, Swaziland PAs and Community Tourism.
- Comprehensive knowledge and experience in working on Sustainable Land Management Programs.
- Experience and/or knowledge of developing sustainable IAPS control and management programs.
- Experience in working with multi-disciplinary teams

#### IMPACT OF RESULTS

This results will enhance effective implementation of the CBNRM, SLM, IAPS and wetland management programs in the project clusters within protected areas and communities. This will enhance further research and monitoring of biodiversity / conservation management through piloting of these programs. Successful implementation will allow for replication and up-scaling in other areas.

#### SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Interested and qualified candidates may submit their application together with a letter of interest and pertinent documents on-line at <http://jobs.undp.org>, or to the [registry.sz@undp.org](mailto:registry.sz@undp.org) or physically handed to the UNDP offices (5th Floor, Lilunga Building, Somhlolo Street, Mbabane) on or before 30th September 2016 marked as follows: Landscape Programmes Consultancy

#### ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
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- Qualified female candidates and those with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.



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## STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEMS OF SWAZILAND PROJECT Sustainable Financing Consultancy Inter/national Consultant

<b>Title:</b>	Sustainable Financing Consultancy
<b>Country of Assignment:</b>	Swaziland
<b>Starting Date:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Duration of Assignment:</b>	30 working days
<b>Assignment Contact Person:</b>	Mr. Thulani Methula National Project Manager SNPAS Project Management Unit: Swaziland National Trust Commission Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs E-mail address: thulani.methula@undp.org

### BACKGROUND

Swaziland's formal Protected Areas (PAs) cover approximately 4.1% of the country's total land area, and are relatively rich in biodiversity with their share of endemism as represented in various ecosystems. Furthermore, the country has set targets for the conservation of its ecosystems and species in line with the National Development Strategy, Vision 2022 and other international targets such as the Aichi Targets under the auspices of the Convention on Biological Diversity. While some of the critical ecosystems and species are found in existing PAs, some are found in areas where there is prone to unsustainable utilization and overexploitation of resources, thereby threatening livelihoods and impeding sustainable development.

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At the epicentre of the SNPAS project is creation of sustainable livelihoods for income generation opportunities while addressing biodiversity conservation, revolving around PAs. This requires an assessment of both biodiversity and ecological, and 'business' capacities for both the existing PAs and surrounding communities to support wealth creation opportunities through informed planning. In this regard, the technical services of a Sustainable Financing Consultant are being sought to develop the 'business' case fundamental through selected financial mechanisms and capacity building to lead to an increase in the financial benefits of protected areas, informal PAs and adjacent communities.

### OBJECTIVES

To develop sustainable financing mechanisms through improved management of protected areas and capacities for ecologically biodiversity viable entities.

### SCOPE

The consultant will conduct a capacity need assessment and develop score cards and business plans, for entities and communities under the Swaziland National Trust Commission, SNPAS Project. This will be undertaken with an aim of attracting the investment needed to establish long-term sources of income to the existing PAs, newly established PAs and the Informal PAs, and both private or in community land.

### SPECIFIC TASKS

Working under the guidance of the Swaziland National Trust Commission (SNTC), Project Steering Committee (PSC) with day-to-day support from the National Project Manager/ Project Managers, the consultant will specifically have the following tasks:

- Conduct an analysis of the potential of increasing tourism as a source of PA finance, in particular tourism business and market chains (national, regional, and international best practice);
- Identify the goods, services and markets as well as economic values of protected areas in Swaziland;
- Identify existing PAs, informal PAs and new PAs, in both communal and privately-owned land capacity needs for sustainable financing, listing major challenges for development and management of business plans;
- Using information from the Land-use and Planning and the Socio-economic Assessments conduct a feasibility review for viable income generating activities (IGAs) for PAs and the communities in the PA buffer zones as well as the four cluster areas: Ngwempisi, Mkhaya, Lubombo and Malolotja;
- Develop strategies for improved local communities and private land owners to support business planning and management process in existing PAs, informal PAs and new PAs, in both communal and privately-owned land, with financial streams for women and the youth.
- Develop 18 business plans for the prioritized PAs, Informal PA, Community Conservancy and newly established PAs. The business plans should include; present situation; institutional environment; the planning process; service strategies; long-term financial planning; identification of new revenue generation opportunities and capacity development;
- Develop a Sustainable Financial Score Card and management systems (with SMART indicators) to measure the sustainable gains for the country.

The Consultant will convene at least two national stakeholder consultations that is the inception meeting/consultation within four (4) weeks from contract signature and the final draft report validation meeting.

### DELIVERABLES

The Consultant will be responsible to deliver on the following:

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Submission of the Inception Report	By 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
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The Final Report the Technical Advisors, Project Steering Committee and the Project Board (Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs)	By 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2016

The deliverables listed above will be facilitated by:

- Weekly Reports to the SNTC through the National Project Manager
- Fortnight Progress Report to the Project Steering Committee

Sustainable Financing Consultancy: 30 working days spread through September to December 2016 for developing work on sustainable financing mechanisms for PAs at National and Regional, private sector, conservancy and community levels, and establish baselines measurement of targets achievement.

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### EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES

The candidate should have the following qualification, experience and competencies,

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- Proven experience of the Protected Areas in Africa/southern Africa and in support to country process implementation.
- Strong knowledge of Biodiversity Conservation and knowledge of the policy and institutional capacity for the PAs.
- Strong knowledge of actors and experience with Swaziland PAs, Tourism and Biodiversity sectors.
- Strong knowledge of the Sustainable Utilization of Natural Resources and approach to Conservation Management

### IMPACT OF RESULTS

This results will help in the implementation of financial strategies and sustainable income generation through utilisation of biodiversity goods and services in the country.

### SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

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### ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

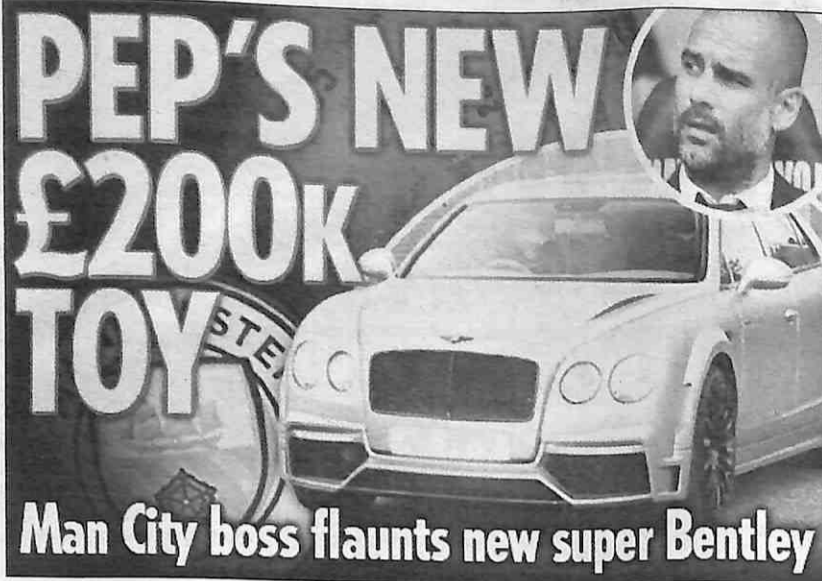
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**MANCHESTER** - Footie stars showing off their luxury sports cars famously drove the 45-year-old Spanish coach round the bend when at Barcelona.

But it appears Pep has done a U-turn on his hatred for posh motors – after he was snapped driving into the Blues' training ground in the pricey vehicle. The dad-of-three Pep shielded his face as he zoomed through the gates on Monday.

Topping out at 202mph, the Bentley Flying Spur W12 S is hailed as the car firm's fastest-ever four door vehicle. Kitted out with quilted leather seats and its own wi-fi hotspot, the six-litre engine sports car can reach 0-60mph in just 4.2 seconds.

In a promotional blurb, the carmaker boasts: "A luxury sports sedan with the power many supercar owners can only dream of – and with the craftsmanship for which Bentley has long been renowned." "With sporting details in evidence inside and out, there is no question that the Flying Spur W12 S is a car for the serious driver." During his stint at Barcelona, he banned the entire squad from driving their lavish cars to training sessions. This did not go down well with



## PEP'S NEW £200K TOY STEALS Man City boss flaunts new super Bentley

superstar striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who branded the decision "ridiculous", before being offloaded to AC Milan.

He said in his book: "I thought this was ridiculous.

It was no one's business what car I drive, so before a match, I drove my Ferrari Enzo to work. It caused a scene."

When he was boss at the Camp Nou, Pep also told Brazilian defender Dani Alves to sell his £200 000

Ferrari, warning him: "Ferraris are not valid with me."

In recent years Pep has been seen at the wheel of a Abarth 500 White Red Line, an Audi S8, an Audi Q7 and an Audi A3 estate.

City players feared he might put the brakes on their love of fast cars.

But the team have an array of expensive motors and star striker Sergio Aguero regularly turns up to training in his Lamborghini.

*Daily Star*

## Nale's new Maritzburg deal

**JOHANNESBURG** - Abia Nale is on a new one-year deal with Maritzburg United after joining on a short-term contract at the end of last year.

The player recently turned out for Mpumalanga Black Aces, before joining up with the KZN outfit. However, despite not being a regular for coach Ernst Middendorp in the 2015/16 season, and only featuring in six games for the club, the player was

given a new contract and forms part of the club's plans for this season.

The Siya crew can reveal that the former Kaizer Chiefs player signed a new one-year deal with Maritzburg, including an option of another year.

Nale, along with Kurt Lentjes and Virgil Vries, are all on new contracts at the club, with the Namibian shot-stopper's deal being extended by two-years.

*Soccerladuma*



ON DEMAND: Abia Nale

## Barca have options even without Messi

**BARCELONA** - Barcelona will travel to Borussia Moenchengladbach for their Champions League match today without Lionel Messi but the Spaniards have enough options and firepower to plug the gap left by the Argentine, coach Luis Enrique said.

Messi has been sidelined for three weeks with a groin injury but Barca were unaffected by their leader's absence last Saturday, firing five goals past Sporting Gijon in a show of force ahead of their second Group C match. Their opening game in Europe was even more impressive as the Spaniards crushed Celtic 7-0 to move top of the standings on goal difference ahead of Manchester City, led by their former coach Pep Guardiola.

Barcelona have scored 18 goals in four games since losing 2-1 at home to Alaves on September 10, with Neymar and Luis Suarez in fine form. "I have different kinds of players and that gives me a lot of options," Luis Enrique said. "Depending on who we are playing and the players I have available, I will pick the ones that I think are right for the situation.

"To lose Messi means that football loses. With Messi we are stronger, but we will continue being strong,"



SIDELINED: Barcelona's Lionel Messi.

he said. He rested several players on Saturday, including Ivan Rakitic, Andres Iniesta, Jordi Alba and Javier Mascherano.

For Barca keeper Marc Andre ter Stegen it will be an emotional return to the club he left in 2014.

"I had a fantastic time there and played for the club my entire career apart for the last two years," Ter Stegen said.

"Borussia are my old love and that will remain so but I identify with Barca 100 percent and on the pitch there is only one club for me."

They will need that focus if they are to get maximum points in Germany and snap Gladbach's 11-match winning streak at home in all competitions following their 2-0

victory over Ingolstadt on Saturday.

Coach Andre Schubert will have Raffael back, the Brazilian having recovered from an adductor injury.

Fit-again creative midfielder Mahmoud Dahoud is also expected to be in the squad after playing against Ingolstadt, as Gladbach look to bounce back from their opening 4-0 defeat at City.

"We are happy to be playing against one of the world's best teams," said defender Oscar Wendt. "And it is even better that they are coming to us on Wednesday (today)." "But we are no fans of Barcelona and do not want to play a supporting role on the night. We want to give it all we have and make something special out of it." *reuters*

## Free State Stars host in-form Chiefs

**BETHLEHEM** - Free State Stars will welcome Kaizer Chiefs in an Absa Premiership game at the James Motlatsi Stadium in Orkney tonight.

We had the challenge with our team in terms of fitness levels. I'm sure you saw our fitness went down in the second half (against SuperSport)," Sithole said.

"But going into the next game we will have a couple of sessions between now and Wednesday (today), and I think you will see a better performance than we had today."

Meanwhile, Chiefs will be looking to register their third consecutive league victory when they lock horns with Stars in Orkney.

Amakhosi are coming off a morale-boosting 2-0 home victory over Maritzburg United in their previous league encounter played last Saturday.

Lorenzo Gordinho, who is a defender by trade, opened the scoring in the 19th minute, while winger William Twala doubled's Chiefs lead just before halftime.

This was the Soweto giants' second consecutive win in the

league. They had overcome Highlands Park 1-0 away to record their first league win of the season.

The Naturena-based side are placed fourth on Absa Premiership standings with seven points - two behind log leaders Lamontville Golden Arrows.

Amakhosi winger George Lebesse is slowly regarding his old form. The left-footed player netted the only goal of the match for Chiefs against Highlands last week. Chiefs head coach Steve Komphela seeks consistency in his side's upcoming game against Stars as they continue to climb up the league table.

"You keep marching on, you are going to get more confident (with each win) and you will play with more fluidity and you are going to be a little bit stress free because of how you do things because you think better when you are not under any pressure," Komphela said.

Chiefs collected four points from Stars in the league last season. Amakhosi won 4-0 in Johannesburg, but the two sides drew 2-2 in Bethlehem.

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## Toure takes part in Manchester City training

**MANCHESTER** - Yaya Toure was part of Manchester City's training session on yesterday as they prepared for today's Champions League clash with Celtic.

The midfielder continues to be involved with first-team training after City boss Pep Guardiola last week said he would not pick him again unless he received an apology from the player's agent Dimitri Seluk for comments he made in the media.

Toure is not eligible for the game at Celtic Park as he was left out of Guardiola's squad for the Champions League group stage - a move which Seluk suggested had humiliated the Ivorian. The 33-year-old has only made one appearance in all competitions for the club this term under new manager Guardiola.

But Toure looked happy enough during yesterday morn-

ing's session at the City Football Academy, the first 15 minutes of which were open to the media.

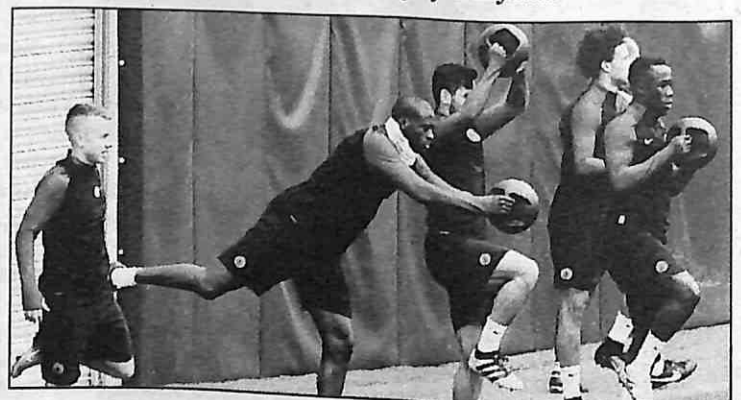
Absent from the session were the trio of City players who have been nursing injuries - Kevin De Bruyne, Vincent Kompany and Fabian Delph.

Playmaker De Bruyne limped out of last Saturday's 3-1 Premier League win at Swansea with a hamstring problem.

City are waiting to discover the full extent of the injury but De Bruyne is reportedly set to spend up to a month on the sidelines.

Club captain Kompany suffered a groin injury in last Wednesday's EFL Cup third-round win at Swansea, and the club are also yet to put a date on the defender's potential return.

Meanwhile, midfielder Delph has been out with a muscle injury. *Dailymail*



TRAINING: Manchester City's Yaya Toure part of the training session.

# Weekend Sports Results

Compiled by Sanele Jele

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## LOGS

## STANDINGS

MTN Premier League							
Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Royal Leopard	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Red Lions	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Manzini Sundowns	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Manzini Wanderers	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Momeni Pirates	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1
Tambuti	2	1	0	1	1	2	-1
Mbabane Highlanders	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1
Sea Birds	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1
Green Mamba	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1
Young Buffaloes	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1
Midas City	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2
MTN National First Division							
Position	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pts
Malanti Chiefs	3	2	0	1	7	0	7
Matsapha United	3	2	0	1	4	0	7
Hlatikhulu Tycoons	3	2	1	0	7	8	-1
Hub Sundowns	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
City Warriors	3	1	2	0	5	5	0
Vovovo	3	1	1	1	2	2	0
Madlenya	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1
Amalanda	2	1	1	0	2	2	0
Mbabane Citizen	3	1	2	0	5	6	-1
Sikhalo Se-Afrika	3	1	2	0	2	5	-3
Bad Boys	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2
Ludzeludze Brothers	2	0	2	0	0	5	-5
N.B Amalanda and Brothers have a pending DC case							
Esibayeni Lodge U-17							
Position	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pts
Red Lions	2	2	0	0	8	2	6

Manzini Wanderers							
Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manzini Wanderers	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Mbabane Swallows	2	1	0	1	7	2	4
Green Mamba	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Royal Leopard	2	1	1	0	6	4	3
Young Buffaloes	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Mbabane Highlanders	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Tambuti	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Manzini Sundowns	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2
Sea Birds	2	0	1	1	2	6	-4
Midas City	1	0	1	0	0	4	-4
Momeni Pirates	2	0	2	0	2	9	-7
Women Football League							
Position	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pts
Wanderers	1	1	0	0	30	0	30
Siteki	1	1	0	0	10	0	30
Divas	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Leopard	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Mbekelweni	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Buffaloes	1	0	1	0	0	1	-1
Swallows	1	0	1	0	0	1	-1
Mhlume	1	0	1	0	0	3	-3
Kappa Ladies	1	0	1	0	0	10	-10
Roses	1	0	1	0	0	30	-30
MP Sikhumbuto Timpisini Regional League							
Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PST Team	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
1 M.Swallows	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
2 H Pirates	3	2	0	1	6	1	6
3 Stone Breakers	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
4 AK 47	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
5 Soccer Rose	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
6 Golden Arrows	3	1	2	0	5	2	5
7 Red Lions	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2

8 Njakeni							
Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
8 Njakeni	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
9 Star Wanderers	2	1	0	1	1	1	0
10 Ngonini	3	1	0	2	3	4	-1
11 Msahweni	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1
12 Mv. Sundowns	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2
13 M.Swallows	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3
14 Zamalek	3	0	0	3	3	7	-4
15 Blue Birds	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5
16 Gunners	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1
Mp Sompisi Ntfontjeni Football League							
Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Trounge	3	2	1	0	9	2	7
2 Express	3	2	1	0	8	5	7
3 Barcelona F.C.	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
4 Mbabatane	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
5 Uprises	3	1	2	0	5	3	2
6 Zibonele	4	1	2	1	7	6	1
7 Royal Madrid	3	1	2	0	4	3	1
8 United Aces	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2
9 Liverpool	3	1	1	1	3	5	-2
10 Hellenic	2	1	0	1	4	4	0
11 Teenagers	2	0	1	1	4	6	-2
12 Black Stone	1	0	0	1	3	4	-1
13 H. Pirates	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2
14 Chelsea	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4
15 Ntintinyane	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4
16 Seven Up	3	0	0	3	2	9	-7
Buy Cash Pigg's Peak Football League							
Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Citizens	3	2	1	0	7	4	7

2 Rise n Shine							
Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
2 Rise n Shine	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
3 Mangwaneni	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
4 Phophonyane	3	2	1	0	4	3	7
5 Piggs United	2	2	0	0	8	3	5
6 K.Rovers	2	2	0	0	5	3	2
7 Mpolonjeni	2	1	1	0	6	1	5
8 Bush Bucks	3	1	1	1	8	9	-1
9 Supersports	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
10 Hotspurs	3	1	0	2	9	11	-2
11 Thuluzobona	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2
12 White Killers	3	0	1	2	3	12	-9
13 M.United	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2
14 M.United	3	0	0	3	1	4	-3
15 Peak Utd	3	0	0	3	3	9	-6
Shark Mhlangatane Regional Football League							
Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Swallows	4	3	1	0	6	1	5
2 Rovers	3	3	0	0	9	0	9
3 M. United	4	2	1	2	6	7	-1
4 Seven Stars	2	2	0	0	2	0	2
5 Xi Men	4	1	3	0	2	1	1
6 H.Defenders	4	1	2	1	5	5	0
7 Liverpool	4	1	1	2	4	6	-2
8 New Castle	3	1	1	1	3	5	-2
9 T. Wizards	3	1	0	2	3	6	-3
10 Tigers	3	0	2	1	1	2	-1
11 Cosmos	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2
12 Makweya	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2
13 M. Bombers	4	0	1	3	3	6	-3

# MALANTI CHIEFS/SIKHALO SE AFRICA MATCH



**CELEBRATION:** Malanti Chiefs celebrating one of their goals against Sikhalo Se Africa during the MTN National First Division at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. Malanti won 3 - 0. (Pics:Sanele Jele)



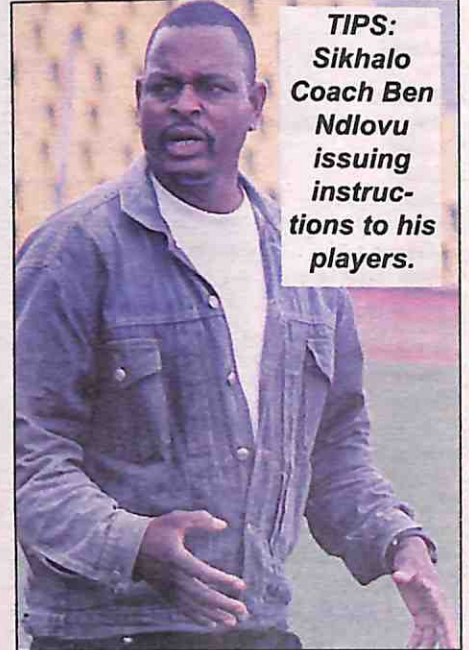
**THROUGH BALL:** Gomez Gondwe attempts a shot.



**STUNNED:** Malanti Coach Mduzuzi Nxumalo ponders during the game.



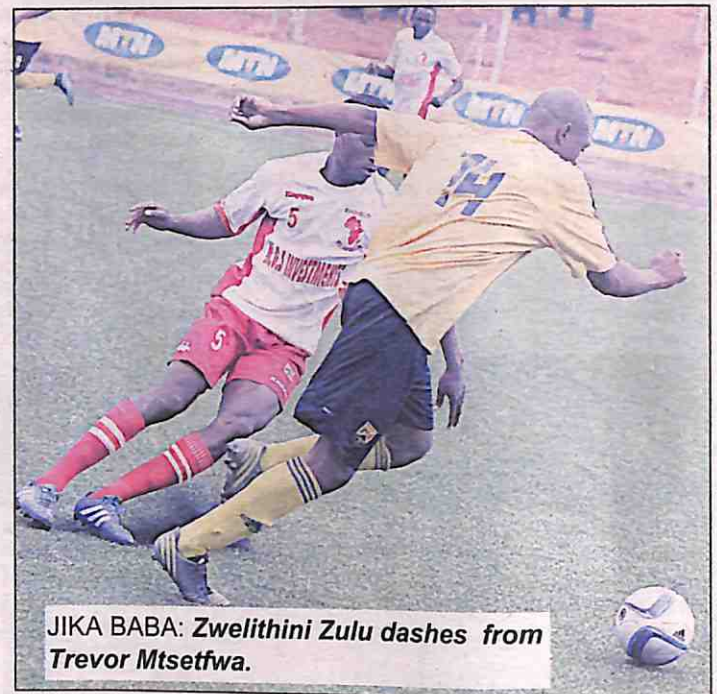
**TUSSELE:** Players battling for the ball.



**TIPS:** Sikhalo Coach Ben Ndlovu issuing instructions to his players.



**SAVE:** Malanti goalkeeper Siza Mamba makes a save.



**JIKA BABA:** Zwelithini Zulu dashes from Trevor Mtsetfwa.



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19:30 Golden Arrows v SuperSport United  
19:30 Baroka FC v Chippa United  
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28 September 2016

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20:45 Celtic v Manchester City

20:45 FC Rostov v PSV


20:45 Napoli v Benfica

20:45 Atletico Madrid v FC Bayern Munich


20:45 Besiktas v Dynamo Kyiv

20:45 Borussia Mynchengladbach v Barcelona

20:45 Ludogorets Razgrad v Paris Saint-Germain  
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# TEAMS HOPE FOR A LOCAL ATHLETE TO TRIUMPH AT IMBUBE MARATHON

By Sabelo Majola

**ATHLETICS** - With all the SADC countries invited to participate in the inaugural Imbube King's Marathon slated for October 8, local athletic clubs are hard at training in preparation for the first of its kind race that is set to be as tough as old boots.

Athletes from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana and many other states of the region are expected to grace the event as His Majesty King Mswati III invited the member countries to take part in the race during the recently held 36<sup>th</sup> SADC Summit. Locals are in for a tight competition and historically, we haven't had any athlete who has consistently got a podium finish in athletics

## THIS IS WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY:

**Royal Swaziland Police:** "We have the ladies team that has been hard at training and they are headlined by the enduring Samukelisiwe Thwala who is eagerly looking forward to the race. We are optimistic that the first Swazi will be from our team but we don't want to get ahead of ourselves."

**Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation:** "We have two runners in the 42.2 km main race and they have promised nothing but the best results. They are ready and we are hopeful that they will compete effectively. We do have athletes who'll be competing in the other categories and some of them are

eyeing to also compete in the Comrades marathon next year"  
**Swazi Slojos:** "As the executive of the club, we hope all the athletes will attend without fail as we are looking to do well in the race, plus there is an attractive incentive for the winners. It's going to be a tough competition as we have athletes from outside SD who will be all out to fly their country flags up but we are keen on winning"



statement on the race being of excellence shouldn't be misinterpreted, let's go out there and prove to the international athletes who will be participating in the race that yes we can. Indeed, the winner should be born of a Swazi and there shouldn't be two ways about it.

The E25 000 first prize should remain in the country. Speaking to some of the local athletic clubs reps, they were optimistic and they expressed confidence on getting a podium finish in all three categories of the marathon.

on the international stage.

This is not to say we are not capable but history does determine, to a certain extent, the effect of particular situations.

### Approach

It is true that great glory awaits the one who will be first on the finish line, especially if it's a local athlete but the approach to it shouldn't be motivated by the reward.

This is a race of excellence and in

this particular race; it is not about the cheers or the roars from the crowd at the finish line, in fact there is no finish line at all. It is all about giving your best and crossing the finish line.

That's the mentality that all local athletes should adopt as they prepare for the race, because accommodating the next person in your build up thoughts sirens that you doubt your capability.

It would do Swazis good to have the winner come from within than outside but it would also do the athletes well to celebrate the finish line than the finish times.

### Purpose

I am certain that the King didn't initiate the race for Swazis to strike gold but the whole purpose is to plant the culture of running that will breed a healthy and psychologically aroused nation. Now, my

# CASTLE PREMIER CHALLENGE

BUILD-UP POWERED BY CASTLE LAGER

By Sabelo Majola

## Defining moment for 'Birds' as they defend their first title

**SOCCER** - It's a whole new football season beaming with ambitions and aspirations from teams and it only gets exciting as it all comes together with the winner takes all Castle Premier Challenge finals this coming Saturday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

They were eight in the beginning, they all got what it takes to get to the very end of the contest but it takes more than what you've got to get one's hands to the glory.

It's a matter of endurance because skills and talent alone can't do, and endurance is best described when one bears a hard situation and turns it into glory.

It has come down to the last two and some may argue that the final match pitting defending champions Mbabane Swallows and Royal Leopard has become stale but they are in it deservingly.

Mbabane Swallows is nothing less than a force to be reckoned with as they grace the finals of the tournament for the fourth consecutive time now.

First in their elimination binge was Midas City whom they beat 3-1 to advance to the semi-finals of the tournament where they had a date with traditional rivals Mbabane Highlanders.

Swallows emerged victorious in the two-legged semis after a stalemate in the first episode and a 3-1 victory in the second leg.

Influenced by a tall order from the team's superiors, Royal Leopard also made sure they got to the last stage of the tournament.

A hard earned 1-0 victory over Manzini Sundowns in the quarter-finals was a gateway to the last four



**FINAL:** Castle Premier Challenge 2015/16 Champions Mbabane Swallows will face Royal Leopard in the finals.



**IN ACTION:** Mbabane Swallows Captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze vying for the ball against Midas City's Simphiwe Makhanya during the quarter-finals.

where they managed a draw and a win against army counterparts Young Buffaloes which landed them to the finals. The stage is set for the two teams to battle it out for the E800 000 cash prize.

Will it be 'Birds' flying in the air in celebration or the police side marching straight to the bank at the end of the game? Come Saturday, football supporters would be free from all the suspense.



**TIGHT MARKING:** Royal Leopard's Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo marking Manzini Sundowns' Mongi Mavimela during the quarter-finals match.



■ Pep Guardiola has admitted he regrets allowing Manchester City skipper Vincent Kompany to play 90 minutes against Swansea. Kompany made his return from injury in City's 2-1 EFL Cup win at Swansea, but limped off in added time with muscle fatigue. The defender has flown to Barcelona for treatment with a specialist to try to get to the root cause of his latest problem, which is expected to keep him out for up to three weeks. **Mirror**

■ Lan Ayre will become the general manager of TSV 1860 Munich next summer after he leaves his position of chief executive at Liverpool. Ayre announced in March of his intention to leave Anfield once his contract expires at the club of which he is a life-long supporter. Hasan Ismaik, a Jordanian businessman, is at the front of the German second division club's reorganisation. **Dailymail**



■ Luis Enrique has warned Barcelona to take nothing for granted when the Spanish giants, minus injured Lionel Messi, face Borussia Moenchengladbach on Wednesday in the Champions League. "Above everything else, Gladbach inspire awe at home. They aren't just dangerous with the ball, they also attack early and high up the pitch," said Barca's coach in Tuesday's press conference. **Supersport**

■ Celtic have been adding the final touches to their preparations ahead of hosting Manchester City at Parkhead on Wednesday. Brendan Rodgers put his side through their paces at their Lennoxton base as they look to bounce back from their match day one mauling at the hands of Barcelona with an improved, more aggressive display against City. The Celtic boss is under no illusions as to the task his side face when Pep Guardiola and Co visit Glasgow. **Dailymail**

■ Swansea City chairman Huw Jenkins has met former United States coach Bob Bradley with pressure mounting on incumbent Francesco Guidolin. Bradley joins former Manchester United winger Ryan Giggs in being linked with the Swansea managerial role. **BBC**



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# LODANDA STEALS THE SHOW AT NKWENE SHUKUMA

Stories by Sports reporter

**SPORTS-Renowned traditional artist Lodanda of the Lodanda neMalangeni fame was a show stopper during Shukuma at the Nkwene Inkhundla on Saturday.**

Shukuma is a government programme powered by the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC). It is aimed at encouraging people in the country's different communities to live a healthy life through

regular exercise and recreational activities.

Lodanda was at her element, thrilling the about 300 Nkwene residents, who had braved the somewhat chilly weather to be part of the day.

She sang some of her popular songs including Lendvuku, Inkonto, Umhhome, Njiloni and Lidzela amongst others, as the crowd went wild for the artist.

Both young and the old came in their numbers for the programme that started with a walk as early as 8 30am. Nkwene Member of

Parliament (MP) and his Kubuta counterpart Njabulo Mabuza joined the crowd and led the walkers in the five kilometre walk.

SNSRC Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane said they were thrilled with the turnout of the Nkwene residents but noted that the Tinkhundla Centres still had to beat the record set by the LaMgabhi Inkhundla, which saw over 1000 people attending.

"We were so impressed with the Nkwene residents who came in their numbers to make the day

the success it was. It is evident that the Shukuma concept is improving with each and every outing, considering the fact that on Saturday we had one of the most revered local artists in Lodanda gracing the event.

"We also had other up and coming artists like the Demolition Team from Nkwene also entertaining the participants. This was really an exciting event with a touch of entertainment and we are so grateful to Lodanda and the other artists for gracing our event," said Ntiwane.

## ...Lodanda composes Shukuma song

**LODANDA did not just thrill Nkwene residents on the day but endeared herself to the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) officials after rendering a newly composed song about Shukuma.**

Titled Woza Sishukume

Makhelwane, the song proved to be a major hit on the day and SNSRC officers including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Darius Dlomo and Business Development Manager Zama Tsabedze could not help cheering, as Lodanda and her band entertained the residents.

## RSP band thrills the soul

**THE presence of the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) band during Shukuma at the Nkwene Inkhundla on Saturday could not be missed.**

The RSP band, led the walk, which marked the start of the festivities.

Noteworthy on the day was that the number of participants increased during the walk, as most people were drawn to the procession by the sweet melody from the police officers.

Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane said they run out of words in trying to express their gratitude to RSP.

"We are so grateful to the RSP band. Actually, our appreciation as council goes to all our other partners like PSI Swaziland and the Swaziland Diabetics for rendering their services to the Nkwene residents on the day," said Ntiwane.



SHUKUMA: MP Skhumbuzo and MP Njabulo Mabuza.

## 4 year olds Shukuma

**A number of toddlers, some as young as four years old easily conquered the five kilometres walk.**

Inspired by the area's MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini and his Kubuta counterpart Njabulo Mabuza, the youngsters were a bundle of energy. Some even opted to run instead of walk. They were awarded medals for

participating in the programme. SNSRC Media

Officer Dumisani Ntiwane said they are always happy to see young children at their events. "Council encourages mass participation in sports and recreation activities.

That is why it was heart warming to see both the young and old partaking in the different sporting events we had," he said.

## Red Lions jumps top in EL E200 000 League

Stories by Sanele Jele

**SOCCKER-RED Lions went straight on top of the Esibayeni Lodge under 17 League after beating newcomers Moneni Pirates 4-2 over the weekend.**

The red and white ensemble has so far recorded a one hundred percent start since

the start of the E200 000 sponsored tournament.

Following on their heels is Manzini Wanderers who are also sitting at six points but separated by a goal difference. Wanderers continued their winning ways after getting the better of Green Mamba beating them 2-1 while third placed Mbabane Swallows played to a 2 all

draw with Manzini Sea Birds. Swallows are two points behind the log leaders Red Lions. The 'Sea Robbers' are languishing at the bottom of the table as they are still without a victory in the new campaign.

Midas City is still searching for their maiden victory after losing 0-4 to Royal Leopard over the weekend.

### ESIBAYENI UNDER-17 LEAGUE WEEKEND RESULTS

Wanderers	2	Green Mamba	1
Tambuti	1	Buffaloes	1
Sundowns	0	Highlander	0
Swallows	2	Sea Birds	2
City	0	Leopard	4
Red Lions	4	Pirates	2

### Esibayeni Under-17 League

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Red Lions	2	2	0	0	8	2	6	6
Manzini Wanderers	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6
Mbabane Swallows	2	1	0	1	7	2	5	4
Green Mamba	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	3
Royal Leopard	2	1	1	0	6	4	2	3
Young Buffaloes	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Mbabane Highlanders	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Tambuti	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Manzini Sundowns	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
Sea Birds	2	0	1	1	2	6	-4	1
Midas City	1	0	1	0	0	4	-4	0
Moneni Pirates	2	0	2	0	2	9	-7	0

## Tibu investment pumps in E5 000 for pool tournament

**SOCCKER-Tibu Investment has pumped in E5 000 into the Manzini Regional Pool Association (MRPA) tournament.**

The launch of the tournament was held at the George Hotel last Saturday. It will be played in the singles and double's format and it is open to all local teams and all pool players. The competition commences on the weekend of 8-9 October. This was revealed by the

association's secretary Mbongeni Gamedze yesterday who expressed his gratitude to the sponsor.

"Firstly I would like to thank the sponsor for choosing to invest in the sport. They could have invested somewhere else but they chose pool and we are very grateful for the kind gesture. The tournament is divided into two categories, the team's section and singles' category. Teams will be expected to pay E300 while individuals will pay

E50 for registration fee and games will begin at 12 noon," said Gamedze. Gamedze further invited other regional players to attend the games in order to help promote the standard of pool in the country.

"We want to encourage teams and players from the Lubombo and Shiselweni region to take part in the tournament because in the past Hhohho and Manzini teams have been at the forefront in tournaments of this fashion. We are



POSE: Tibu Investments Sifiso Nhlabatsi posing with the sponsor with MRPA players.

looking forward to a great and exciting event," added Gamedze. The champions in the teams sections will take home E2 000 while in the singles they will receive E1 000.

# Leopard's 'Chaka' Ntimane doubtful for Castle finals

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCKER - Royal Leopard defender Skhumbuzo 'Chaka' Ntimane is likely to miss his team's crucial clash against Mbabane Swallows in the Castle Premier Challenge finals on Saturday.**

The player sustained an injury during their clash against Manzini Wanderers in the MTN Premier League grand opening games played over the past weekend.

### Hopeful

Leopard PRO Frank Hurube said the player is still under assessment and they are hopeful that he will recover in time for the game.

"The doctors have not yet fully examined the injury of the player but he is still under assessment and at the moment we can't rule him out nor

confirm his participation in the game," he said.

Meanwhile, Mbabane Swallows will be without the services of their right back Siphamandla Mathenjwa. The South Africa born player hurt his arm during their game against arch rivals Mbabane Highlanders over the weekend and he was replaced by Colani 'Tyson' Magagula.

### Available

Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana said the player's arm is swollen and he won't be available for selection on Saturday.

The team's pair of Sanele Mkhweli and Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze will be available for selection after serving a one game suspension

having been shown red during their game against Young Buffaloes in the first games of the league.



**UNDER CONTROL: Leopard PRO Frank Hurube.**

# Charles Manda under fire in Malawi

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCKER - FORMER Manzini Wanderers head coach and Mbabane Highlanders assistant Coach Charles Manda is reportedly under fire with his current side Civo FC from Malawi.**

According to information sourced from the Nyasa Times, the coach has failed to get a win in three games but only secured draws at his new side which he joined at the beginning of the season.

An official at Civo disclosed that although the team has made some positive transformation under the new coach and his training methods have been publicly praised by a number of players, more work must be done.

"We had a meeting with our coach concerning the performance of the team because we have noticed that much as we have conceded less number of goals just two in three games we have only managed to collect two points of a possible nine," he said.

"This is a cause for concern but he has assured us that he will talk to the players to change."

He said they had given him a benefit of doubt taking into consideration that the players have lost confidence after a poor start to the campaign under the guidance of the previous coach.

Manda together with his countryman and current Highlanders head coach Meck Mwase, led the capital city giants to a second spot finishing during the previous league campaign and further won the E300 000 first round incentive.



**UNDER FIRE: Charles Manda.**

# Wonder, 'Mlilo' promise fireworks in Castle finals

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCKER - Mbabane Swallows veteran winger Wonder 'Samba' Jive Nhleko and Royal Leopard midfielder Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo have assured fans that they would get their money's worth on Saturday.**

The two teams will meet for the second time in the Castle Premier Challenge finals slated for Somhlolo National Stadium.

Nhleko said it won't be an easy game as Leopard is a hard nut to crack but they are ready for the clash.

"We are ready for Leopard and we have been hard at training preparing for this encounter. Swallows is one strong team and I believe you have seen that, we play our heart out and as a team, there is no star player we just believe in teamwork. I believe with that spirit we will emerge victo-

rious on the day. It will be an exciting match since they will be all out for revenge," said Nhleko.

Leopard vice captain Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo said there was nothing that beats teamwork.

"The outcome of the game would be determined by the preparations of the match and we are very much positive ahead of this game. It is true that we are under pressure to win this one because we have not won this trophy since its inception. The management wants us to win this cup so we are ready for a fight against Swallows," said Nxumalo.

Swallows triumphed over Leopard

in the finals of the same tournament last season to claim the glory for the second time. The defending champions have played in every final of the competition since its inception in 2013.



**CONFIDENT: Wonder 'Samba' Jive Nhleko.**



**IN ADVANTAGE: Royal Leopard duo of Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo and Barry Steenkamp.**



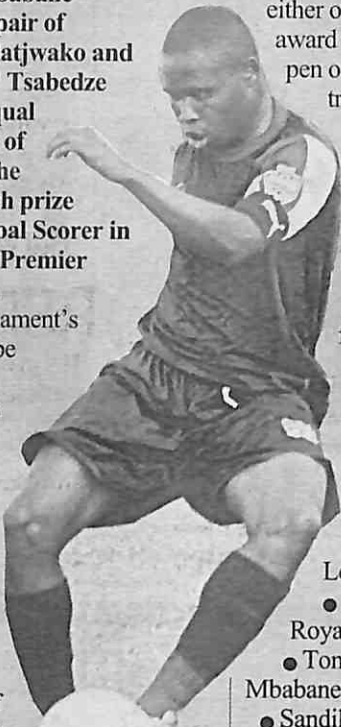
# Mlilo, 'TT', Barry and Sandile fighting for E7 000

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCKER - Royal Leopard duo of Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo and Barry Steenkamp together with Mbabane Swallows pair of Sandile Hlatjwako and Tony 'TT' Tsabedze have an equal advantage of scooping the E7 000 cash prize for Top Goal Scorer in the Castle Premier Challenge.**

The tournament's finals will be played this Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium.

All four players have two goals each to their names and each one of them has an opportunity to extend



**HAS A CHANCE: Tony 'TT' Tsabedze.**

their goal tally on Saturday to scoop the award that was won by Swallows' Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa last season. The latter has not yet scored in this year's fourth edition of the tournament but he has not been ruled out either on the race for the award as anything can happen on Saturday. Swallows trio of Papy Kabamba, Felix Badenhorst and Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu have single goals to their names while Leopards have only find the back of the net four times so far in the tournament.

The total number of goals scored so far in the competition stand at 25.

### Two goals

- Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo Royal Leopard
- Barry Steenkamp Royal Leopard
- Tony Tsabedze Mbabane Swallows
- Sandile Hlatjwako Mbabane Swallows.

# New strategy for ticket sales in Castle finals

By Sabelo Majola

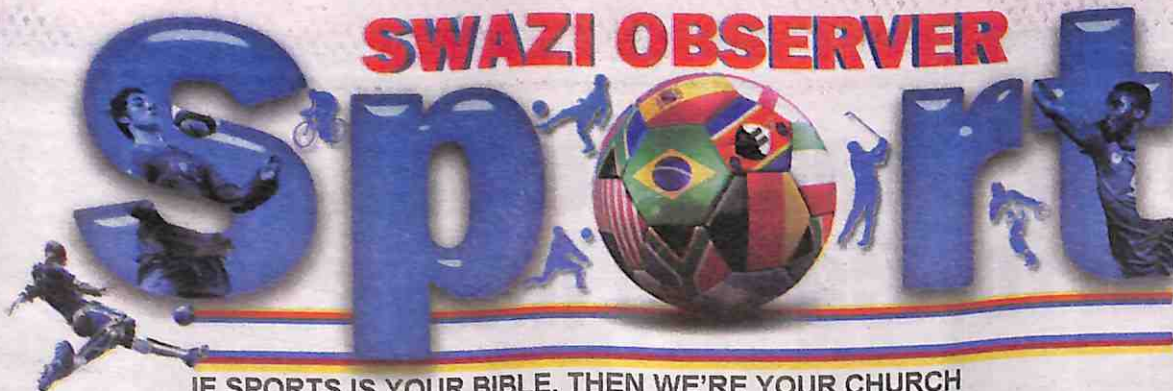
**SOCCKER - THE Castle Premier Challenge management committee will employ a new strategy in selling tickets during the finals of the Castle Premier Challenge to avoid scenarios where they are sold illegally.**

Chairman of the MC Peter 'Touch' Magagula said they have means in place that they would exploit but usually, they don't divulge such until the day of the game. One concept that they have introduced to try and curb such an occurrence is that of varying the security companies at the gate instead of utilising the services of solitary company.

"Until we have the technologi-

cal services like computer tickets, we'll be relying on the security companies to assist us at the gates but it becomes a challenge when such shady events occur. We do have a strategy in place for the sales of tickets on Saturday and we do hope that we would avoid situations where people engage on illegal business on the day," he said.

Recently, a Big Man Security Company employee was arrested and sentenced to two years imprisonment for stealing and selling tickets illegally during the semi-finals of the tournament held over a fortnight ago at Somhlolo National Stadium. She was arrested after her name came up when another suspect was busted for illegally selling E3 000 worth tickets outside the stadium.



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Wednesday September 28, 2016

**YESTERDAY**

Highlands	1-1	Cape Town City
Maritzburg Utd	0-1	Polokwane
Oriando Pirates	1-1	Platinum Stars

**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

**YESTERDAY**

CSKA Moscow	0-1	Tottenham
D. Zagreb	0-4	Juventus
Dortmund	2-2	Real Madrid
FC Copenhagen	4-0	Club Brugge KV
Leicester	1-0	FC Porto
Monaco	1-1	Bayer Leverkusen
Sevilla	1-0	Lyon
Sporting	2-0	Legia



# 'BIRDS' SUPPORTERS QUESTION FELIX'S ABSENCE

- The supporters want answers on the AS Vita bound player
- 'Birds' Boss Victor Gamedze says negotiations are still ongoing
- Player could also miss Saturday's Castle Premier Challenge Final

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows' sturdy forward Felix Badenhorst has missed three of the team's matches including two derby games and the team's supporters are questioning his absence.**

The last time Felix donned the red and white jersey was in the Castle Premier Challenge semi-finals first leg against Mbabane Highlanders over a month ago.

Interviewed after Swallows' 3-2 victory over Landers in the MTN Premier league grand opening game on Sunday, 'Birds' fans wanted answers on why the player has been kept on the sidelines for this long.

Despite ongoing negotiations between Congolese side AS Vita and Swallows for the services of the player, the fans want to see their goal poacher in the field until the deal is sealed.

"We have read in the newspapers that he is on the verge of joining DRC side AS Vita and we are happy for him. It is a good move not just for the player but for the country and the senior national team.

**Confusing**

The confusing part is not seeing him play and we are worried because the player will lose form. It is not good an excuse that they are sparing him from picking an injury.

As far as I understand, the player is still contracted to the team and he should play. On a more positive note, I'm happy that we triumphed over Highlanders for the second time in a row, there is no better feeling," said one fan.

Another fan shared the same sentiments saying with each day passing and Felix missing out on game time it will have a negative impact on the player.

"He needs to be active and play competitive football so that he does not lose his

form. We all know that he will find it tough even in Congo if he has been on the sidelines for some time here at home. On another note I am very proud for beating Highlanders again, and I am very sure that we will beat Leopard in the Castle finals too," said the fan in a excited mood.

Meanwhile, Swallows Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze said negotiations between the two parties for the player are still ongoing and all stakeholders would be notified when something materialises from the negotiations.

If nothing transpires on the deal until Saturday, Badenhorst might miss his fourth consecutive game of the season when Swallows face off with Royal Leopard in the Castle Premier Challenge Finals at Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday.

## E30 to watch Castle Premier Challenge finals

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER-Football lovers will have to part with E30 to watch the finals of the Castle Premier Challenge that will be underway this Saturday.**

The E800 000 winner takes all competition, pitting Mbabane Swallows and Royal Leopard, will kick off at 3pm and the action will unfold in the country's Mecca Somhlolo National Stadium.

The tournament's PRO Mxolisi Dlamini confirmed the entry fee and invited football fans to come in numbers and stand a chance to win prizes.

**Incentives**

"Gates would be open at 11 am for supporters to get in the stadium and those who will arrive early will stand a chance to get incentives. Half an hour after the gates are opened, we will have social teams playing until 1.30 pm followed by the PRO's activation and the main match will kick off at 3 pm," he said.

Dlamini said there will be a trophy presentation to the champions immediately after the game.

This will be the second time the two teams meet in the finals of the tournament as they did last season, with Swallows emerging victorious and winning the trophy for the second time. Management Committee Chairman Peter Magagula urged supporters to be on their best behaviour on the day and avoid ugly scenes that spoil the beautiful game of football.

"A game of this magnitude draws a huge crowd comprising of people who don't usually come to watch soccer so if they are exposed to violence, they won't be eager to come back. It is understandable that football is an emotional sport but people should accept results and make the environment violence free," he said.



## ALLARDYCE SACKED AS ENGLAND BOSS

**LONDON - The 61-year-old has paid the ultimate price after he was secretly filmed telling undercover reporters how to bend FA transfer rules to try and land a lucrative £400 000 deal in the Far**

**East.** Gareth Southgate has been put in temporary charge of England's next four matches, starting with the home match against Malta on October 8. An FA statement read: "The FA can

confirm that Sam Allardyce has left his position as England manager. Allardyce's conduct, as reported today (yesterday), was inappropriate of the England manager. He accepts he made a significant error of judge-

ment and has apologised. However, due to the serious nature of his actions, The FA and Allardyce have mutually agreed to terminate his contract with immediate effect." Reuters



**SACKED: England Manager Sam Allardyce has been sacked as England manager after 67 days in the job.**