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HISTORIC: Imbali dancing before Their Majesties and Heads of State from the SADC Region, foreign representatives, Delegates, Tourists and the entire nation during the historic Reed Dance ceremony at Ludzidzini Royal Residence Arena yesterday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu) **MORE ON PAGES 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9**

PRESIDENT ZUMA, SADC LEADERS AT REED DANCE

They were treated to the beautiful dancing by thousands of maidens before today's big meeting

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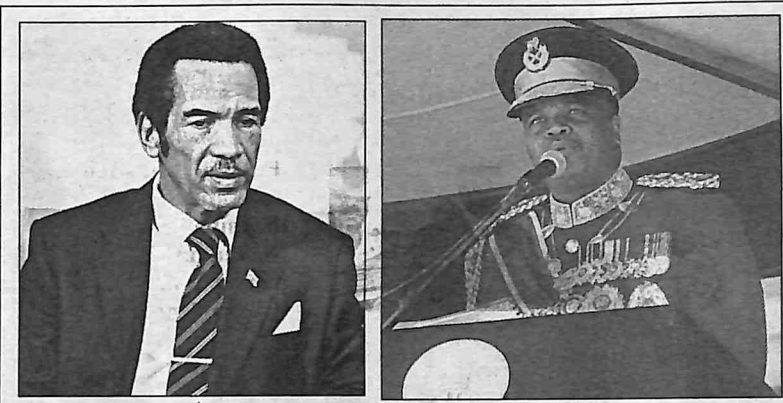
Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Lozitha

HIS Majesty King Mswati III will today officially assume the chairmanship of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC). The historic moment within the regional body would take place at Lozitha Royal Palace, Mandvulo Grand Hall Conference Centre during the 36th Ordinary Summit of SADC Heads of State and Government. His Majesty would take over the chairmanship from outgoing SADC Chairman Lt. General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, the President of the Republic of Botswana. The 48-year-old Monarch brings with him a wealth of knowledge and leadership experience into the helm of the organisation, having successfully ruled the Kingdom of Swaziland for 30 years.

Chaired

His Majesty the King is not entirely new in the leadership structures of the regional bloc, having chaired the SADC Troika organ on Peace and Security, where he demonstrated unsurpassed leadership skills through defusing political tensions in several regional conflict zones.

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HAND OVER: Outgoing SADC Chairman Lt. General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama will be replaced by His Majesty King Mswati III.

The British trained Monarch successfully intervened in the conflict that threatened to tear Zimbabwe apart, where President Robert Mugabe was at loggerheads with a collision of opposition leaders who were led by Morgan Tshangarai, after disputed election results that ushered the president into office.

His Majesty also played a pivotal role in resolving an equally life-threatening political tensions in Madagascar, where its former president Marc Ravalomanana was overthrown from power by an uncompromising mass of protesters who were led by a youthful disk-jockey from Antananarivo, the island country's capital city.

King ideal for SADC Regional Strategy

WITH the regional body having developed and adopted a Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan that seeks to drive the nations of the region out of poverty, King Mswati III remains the ideal leader to champion those developmental initiatives.

What with him having championed the transformation of Swaziland from a dusty rural kingdom into a modern state that is currently a few years from achieving first world class status.

His Majesty King Mswati III, who is fresh from a state visit in Malaysia where he was introduced and orientated to a tried and tested developmental, Blue Ocean Strategy, seems to have already geared himself up for the task ahead.

The proposed theme of the Summit, 'Resource Mobilisation for Investment in Sustainable Energy Infrastructure for an Inclusive SADC Industrialisation and for the Prosperity of the Region', could not be so relevant to the King and the rest of the region.

Economic Planning Minister Prince Hlangusemphi, who is the Chairperson of the SADC Council of Ministers, reported that Council noted and approved the Implementation Plan for the Revised 2015 to 2020 SADC Communications and Promotional Strategy.

In a post-council media briefing, Prince Hlangusemphi said the strategy would be used to communicate the SADC agenda as well as showcase

the region's achievements in the various programme areas within the Regional Integration and Sustainable Development Plan and the Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap.

His Majesty would be assuming the leadership of a financially stable organisation in that, according to the chairperson of the Council of Ministers, Council reviewed and approved audited 2015/16 SADC Secretariat financial statements.

A board of auditors report on the external audit of the 2015/16 Secretariat financial statements, which Council adopted, was unqualified. Prince Hlangusemphi said the Council of Ministers commended the Secretariat for achieving such report and directed them to expedite the implementation of identified financial controls.

King Mswati III's leadership exploits

KING Mswati III, in his 30 years leadership, has been able to transform Swaziland socially, economically and politically.

Early into the Throne, he vigorously launched an economic review which saw the development of a National Development Agenda. At the political front, he swiftly reviewed the electoral system he had inherited from his father, removing an electoral college and introducing a direct representative electoral system that saw people from all walks of life running for parliamentary office unhindered. In his leadership

decisions, His Majesty the King, the son of King Sobhuza II and Queen Ntombi Tfwala (Indlovukazi), is guided by timeless philosophy he inherited from his forefathers that 'a king is king by his people and rules by consensus.'

Born in April 19, 1968, the king was installed as young as 18 years old.

He was tasked by the nation to fill up the big shoes of his legendary father, a shrewd leader whose contribution to the establishment of the SADC was unmatched.

SADC Struggle icons

FROM the dark period when the regional leaders battled with the monstrous South African Afrikaner apartheid regime and Portuguese colonisers in the eastern part of the region in Mozambique, King Sobhuza II played no small role.

Both the Afrikaners and the Portuguese caused untold havoc in Mozambique, South Africa, Namibia, and other parts of the region until nationalists and regional struggle icons had to put this to an end.

In Zimbabwe, President Robert Gabriel Mugabe joined the Zimbabwean father or liberation Joshua Nkomo to defeat and overthrow the dictatorial white regime of Ian Smith.

In Namibia, former president

and nationalist Sam Nujoma, together with other freedom fighters, removed the Afrikaner regime in the south western state they colonised together with South Africa. During this dark

era, King Sobhuza II provided a strategic bridge for refugees to fleeing freedom fighters from South Africa to Samora Machel's Mozambique, including President Jacob Gedleyhlekisa Zuma, former presi-

dents Armando Guebuza and Thabo Mbeki of Mozambique and South Africa, respectively.

Most of these freedom fighters would later travel to regional military bases in Angola, Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia, under the guidance and able leadership of regional struggle icons like Kenneth Kaunda and Julius Nyerere.

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Raging war

HIS Majesty assumes the SADC leadership role at a time the region is faced with hunger resulting mainly from drought and other factors.

However, Prince Hlangusemphi reported that SADC Council of Ministers successfully deliberated on several issues of importance to the region as espoused by the

Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan and noted the good progress made.

He said they further took decisions on how best to overcome the challenges of previous Summits and Council decisions.

Food insecurity remains the only raging war the regional leaders remains determined to fight.

Austria committed E194m for SADC energy initiatives

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE Government of Austria committed E194 million (€12 million) to support the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) sustainable energy initiatives since 2008.

This was revealed by Deputy Head of Mission for Austrian Embassy in Pretoria, Matthias Radosztics, at the

launch of SADC publications.

Radosztics said Austria participated with Finland and Great Britain in Energy and Environment Partnership (EEP) and they funded the Southern African Solar Training and Demonstration Initiative (SOLTRAIN).

"Austria is the first done contributing to the establishment of the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE). Furthermore Austria co-chairs the

SADC Energy Thematic Working Group, the forum that brings together the SADC and its international cooperation partners to pool resources towards the realisation of the main SADC priorities in energy sector," he said. Radosztics said Austria supported energy in SADC since it was a critical area of regional equal participation in development processes and because this was in line with regional development and integration.

He further revealed that for the past

10 years, Austria has been assisting with about E802million (€48 million) in 38 developing and emerging countries to gain access to sustainable and ecologically sound energy services.

"From our point of view, affordable access to sustainable energies for cooking, lighting, heating or cooling and other forms of utilisation are major prerequisite for sustainable human development. With the challenges of climate change, all countries in the world should invest in renewable energy sources and fight carbon dioxide emissions. We must not rely only on coal, oil or gas. This is why Austria explicitly supports renewable



CONFIRMS: Deputy Head of Mission for Austrian Embassy in Pretoria, Matthias Radosztics.

energies source like solar, hydro, wind, bio-fuels and geothermal energy," he said.

Pushing and shoving as Robert Mugabe touches down at KM III

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Sikhuphe

A moment of pushing and shoving was experienced at the King Mswati III International Airport yesterday when Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe touched down on Swazi soil. The veteran African leader landed at the airport at exactly 5pm.

The African heads of state are in the country for the ongoing Southern Africa Development Community's (SADC) 36th Summit. The heads of state will be convening their meeting today and tomorrow.

Arrival

It was just after the arrival of Namibia's President Hage Geingob that it was announced that

the next head of state to arrive was to be the Zimbabwe's president.

Officials from various departments literally abandoned their duties and gathered at the VVIP Terminal entrance with the hope of seeing Africa's eldest and most famous president.

Fetch

Unfortunately, Mugabe's convoy had to fetch him straight from the

plane's tarmac which is behind the VVIP terminal building.

This was unlike the other heads of state that were fetched just at the entrance of the VVIP terminal. The officials had to peep through the gates, at least to see the aircraft which carried the president.

Mugabe arrived in a Boeing 767-200 jet. Meanwhile, journalists also crammed the tarmac to take

the best shots of the president. He was then swiftly chauffeured away from the airport while in the company of Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula.

Other heads of state that arrived on the day included Botswana President Ian Khama and Mozambique President Filipe Nyusi. Lesotho Prime Minister Pakalitha Mosisili and Madagascar Prime Minister Olivier Mahafaly Solonandrasana represented their heads of state, respectively.

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HONOURING: His Majesty King Mswati III joined by heads of state and country representatives from the SADC region at the Reed Dance ceremony yesterday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

4 HEADS OF STATE GRACE REED DANCE CEREMONY

COVER STORY

Stories by Noxolo Nkabinde
and Nomfundo Sifundza
Lobamba

THIS year's Reed Dance ceremony was a historic event as an invitation by His Majesty King Mswati III to Southern African Development Community (SADC) leaders was yesterday honoured by four heads of state.

These are namely; South African President Jacob Zuma, who was the first head of state to arrive after His Majesty King Mswati III, Mozambique President Filipe Nyusi, President of Namibia Hage Geingob, and the President of Botswana Ian Khama, who is currently the SADC Chairman.

Represented

At least six other SADC member countries were represented at the Reed Dance ceremony namely Madagascar, Malawi, Zambia, Seychelles, Tanzania and Lesotho.

The SADC delegates arrived at the Ludzidzini Royal Residence in the afternoon when the maidens were in the process of entering the arena for dancing.

The maidens entered the arena

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List of delegates at the Reed Dance

- Prime minister of Madagascar
- Minister of foreign affairs of Malawi
- Private secretary of foreign affairs of Zambia
- SADC Executive Secretary
- Secretary to Cabinet of Seychelles
- Prime minister of Lesotho

before Their Majesties and their guests full of energy, clad in their colourful regalia, singing and dancing.

The main day also attracted scores of tourists from different parts of the world, who could not miss out on the big day.

International media was in their numbers to cover the event.

The Imbali sang songs that were relevant to the SADC Summit which is

currently ongoing.

In one of the songs, the maidens congratulated His Majesty King Mswati III on the SADC role he is expected to take today as chairman. The King takes over from the President of Botswana Ian Khama.

Other heads of states or their representatives were expected to continue arriving for the SADC Heads of State Summit.

Princesses Temaswati, Temtsimba and Zuzu thrill in dance

PRINCESSES Temaswati, Temtsimba and the leader of the Imbali regiment Nonduduzo Zubuko, were a marvel to watch yesterday as the Umhlanga Ceremony reached its climax.

The main day saw the Ludzidzini Royal Residence fully packed with spectators, family and friends of maidens; including the King's guests who comprised amongst all, South Africa's President Jacob Zuma.

The princesses and the leader of the Imbali regiment outdid themselves during their solo dances as they followed each other and had members of the audience up on their feet witnessing their energy filled dance sets.

The three showcased their best in the dance arena immediately after a group of young maidens performed the 'Sizingili' dance which was also captivating as members of the audience could not refrain from taking pictures with their mobile phones and cameras.

Zubuko danced with a huge smile on her face whilst blowing a whistle. The leader of the Imbali regiment was then flanked by her Princess Sikhanyiso and Emakhosikati to His Majesty.

The Emakhosikati and the princess did the same for Princesses Temaswati and Temtsimba.

Princess Temaswati was the last one to close the ceremony on a high note. She also danced

from the string of maidens to the front of the dance arena and towards the end of her dance; she was joined and flanked by maidens from Engabezweni Royal Residence who were clad in colourful arm cloths.

Others wore lime cloths whilst others had orange and yellow cloths tied around their arms, giving the arena an awesome colourful signing off feel and appearance.

The Ludzidzini dance arena was filled with joy as His Majesty the King's song 'munikeni lelihawu lakhe' was sung and he joined the maidens for 'kudlalisele', after which he posed for a group picture with the heads of state that had made it to the Reed Dance main day.

The maidens were commissioned out of the Ludzidzini dance arena by their leader, Nonduduzo Zubuko thus marking the end of the 2016 Umhlanga Reed Dance Ceremony.

Today maidens are expected to head back to their respective homes.

The Reed Dance started off on a high note last week Tuesday when more than 98 000 maidens registered from across the four regions of the country.

The numbers grew higher as the ceremony entered into day two and maidens were commissioned to cut the reed by His Majesty the King through their leader, affectionately known as 'Zuzu'.

MAIN DAY'S SONGS:

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SADC/mdedeleni Okandaba
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Sibonga sive/asambe siletse kuthula
kaNgwane/asambe
Nginelivi lekutjelwa bob-
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bengiyephi/bengiyephi sengitamjela/ londoloza
njalo bo babe
SADC buy'ungtsatse

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MBUBE: His Majesty King Mswati III leading SADC Heads of State and country representatives after posing for a group photo on the main day of the Reed Dance Ceremony at Ludzidzini Royal Residence yesterday. The leaders joined the nation in witnessing the Imbali dance. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



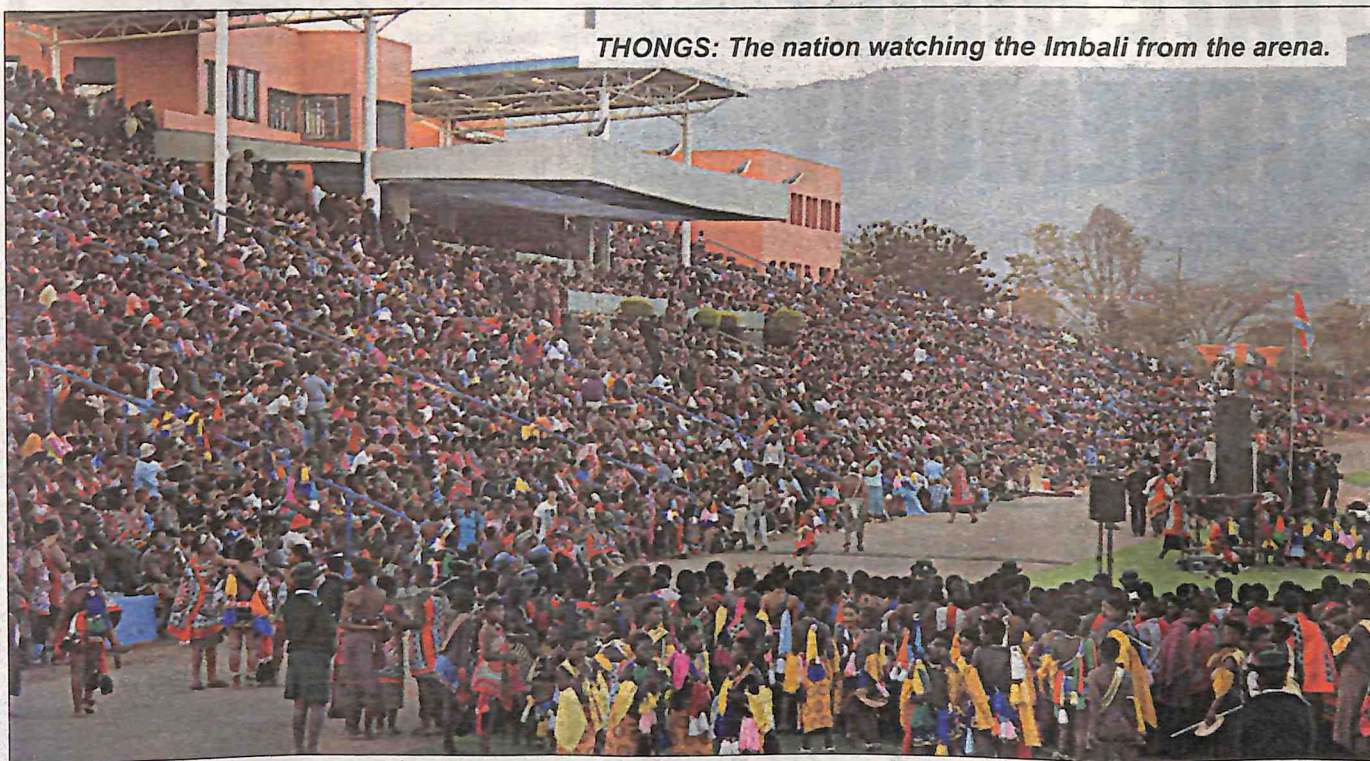
MPANGAZITHA: His Majesty appreciating the maidens as they dance before the nation.



APPRECIATION: Princess Temtsimba could not be out done as she also attracted the attention of Emakhosikati who came down to appreciate her in dance.



LOVELY: Imbali of all ages within the Royal family came out to be part of the ceremony.



THONGS: The nation watching the Imbali from the arena.



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati II, the incoming Chairman of SADC, sharing a light moment with the outgoing chairman and Botswana President Ian Khama.



WORTH IT: Dignitaries and Diplomats representing their countries, could not miss out.



ROYAL DANCE: Emakhosikati dancing with Princess Temaswati.



EMABUTFO: Lamnyama also came out to support the King and motivate the Imbali as they danced before the nation on the world's stage.

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THEIR MAJESTIES: His Majesty King Mswati III with Her Majesty the Indlovukazi during the Umhlanga Main Day at Ludzidzini Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



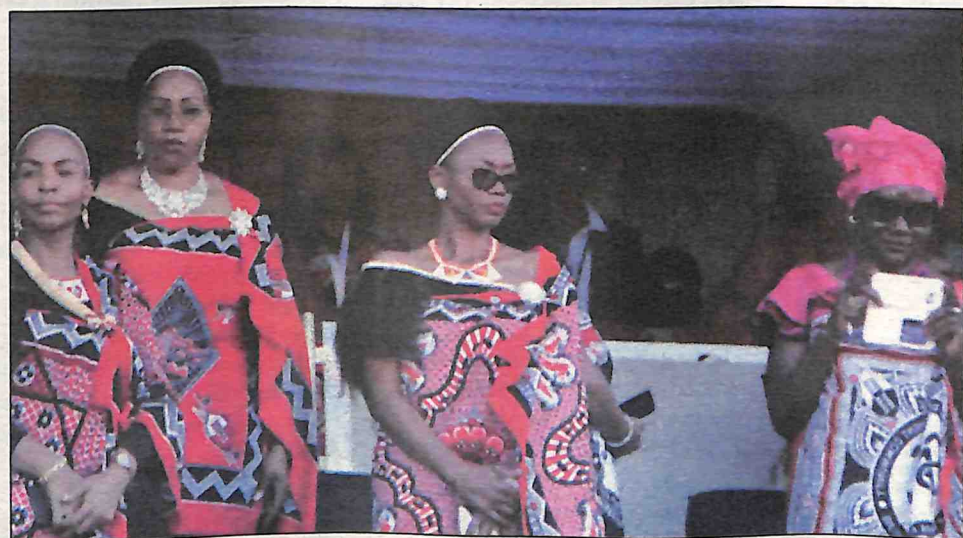
GIYA MBALI: Leader of Imbali Nonduduzo Zubuko dancing up a storm.



BAYETHE: His Majesty flanked by outgoing SADC Chairman President of Botswana Ian Khama and South Africa President Jacob Zuma.



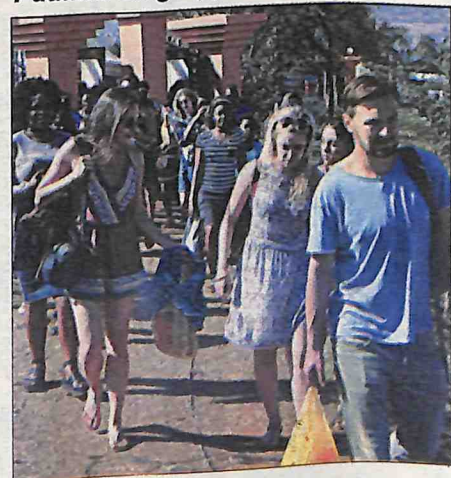
IN SUPPORT: His Majesty King Mswati III joined by other SADC heads of state at the ceremony.



ME TOO: Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Executive Secretary Paulina Elago (r) was also present.



IMBALI: Leader Nonduduzo Zubuko and princesses singing and dancing.



WE CAN'T MISS: Some of the tourists who attended the event.

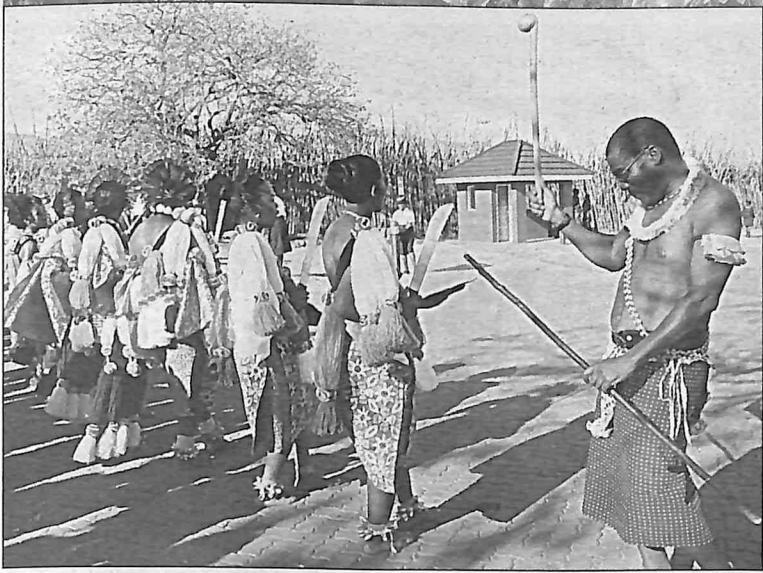


GETTING READY: Maidens lining up in readiness to go past Their Majesties and guests.



FEEL IT: Imbali playing with the SADC balloon.

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TAKEN: Umbutfo Shayela Bhembe appreciating the Imbali.



IN SONG: Imbali in song before going to the dancing arena.



KHWESHA: Indvuna TV Mthethwa and Hlangabeza Mdluli making sure the delivering process went smooth.



FOCUSED: Lamnyama admiring the Imbali as they danced at Ludzidzini Royal Residence after delivering the reed.

FORCES' MAIDENS WOW THE

Stories By Noxolo Nkabinde
Lobamba

MAIDENS from the security forces once again marvelled throngs of spectators with their spectacular dance moves on Sunday.

This was after all the maidens delivered the reed, before Their Majesties, that was cut at Mphisi Farm and Bhamusakhe on Thursday.

The maidens proceeded to the arena at the Ludzidzini Royal Residence, where they showcased their dance moves in preparation for the main day, yesterday.

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Majesty's Correctional Services, and Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF).

The RSP and USDF were a marvel to watch with their well rehearsed dance moves and uniform regalia.

The dancing that stood out however was that of the maidens from His



LEADING THE WAY: Princesses Temaswati and Princess Sibahle thrilled the crowds with their dancing skills.



Princesses Temaswati, Sibahle thrill

PRINCESSES Temaswati and Princess Sibahle thrilled the crowds when they each took turns to perform solo dances on Sunday.

Princess Sibahle was the first to perform the solo traditional dance after Indvuna Nonduduzo Zubuko kicked off the solo dances which are usually the highlight of the dancing.

Appreciation

The princesses showed off her unique dance moves spicing up the normal dancing a bit, making it more exciting to watch. Shortly after her dancing she was followed by Princess Temaswati who was leading the maidens from Engabezweni.

These maidens joined her as she

danced, in their perfectly colour coordinated regalia, which made it more appealing.

Princes and Princesses, including Princess Sikhanyiso, showed appreciation to their dancing by doing what is known as *kudlalaisela*, a dance that is done in front of the dancing maiden in appreciation.

Maidens deliver quality reed

By Nomfundo Sifundza
Ludzidzini

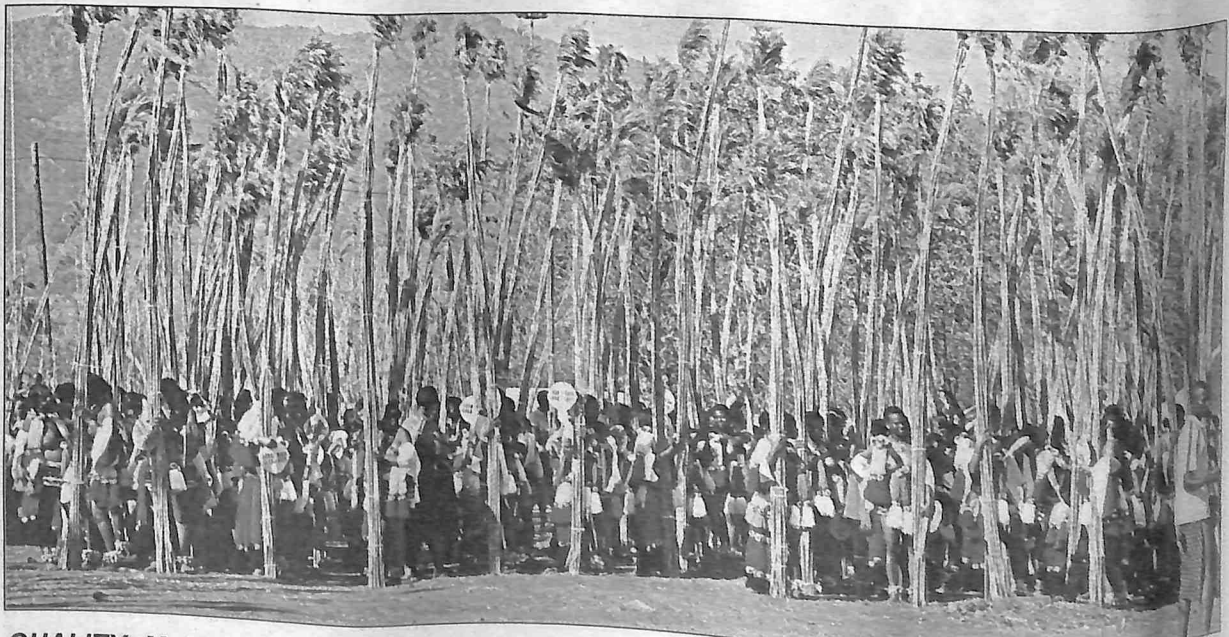
THE Ludzidzini Royal Residence was filled with dust in the air and the sky with melodious, jovial sounds of maidens dancing in

front of His Majesty the King, right after delivering their reed on Sunday.

The beautiful renditions unfolded in front of many tourists who had come to witness, for themselves, the beauty of the annual reed dance culture.

Leader of the Imbali regiment, Nonduduzo Zubuko displayed well choreographed dancing skills as she maneuvered her way from the string of maidens, on either side of her, to the front of the arena.

Zubuko was later followed by Princesses Sibahle and Temaswati who also displayed amazing dancing skills.



QUALITY: Maidens captured about to deliver the quality reed on Sunday.

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CROWD WITH NEW DANCE MOVES

Majesty's Correctional Services who introduced a new twist to the new song with the lyrics 'Tsine sibakaNgwane sitocela kuthula ku SADC', which basically means Swazis are requesting for peace from the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

As the maidens sang this part of the lyrics they would all turn to face Their Majesties, their guests and the throngs of tourists to bow their heads. The tourists who were watching the proceedings from the stands cheered in appreciation for this dance.



SWAZI PRIDE: Imbali doing what they do best.



IT'S NICE TO BE HERE: One of the spectators, clad in full traditional regalia. Indvuna Nonduduzo Zubuko dancing up a storm.



ICT's headache with international journalists, tourists

PRESS Control officers from the Ministry of Information Communication and Technology had a tough time controlling international media and tourists, who wanted to capture the moments at the reed dance ceremony.

What the international journalists and tourists may have missed was that accreditation is required in-order to take pictures at any national event, a process which started weeks prior to the actual event.

An official at the ministry said this was because the names of people who required accreditation

had to be submitted to the Royal Swaziland Police Intelligence Unit for screening.

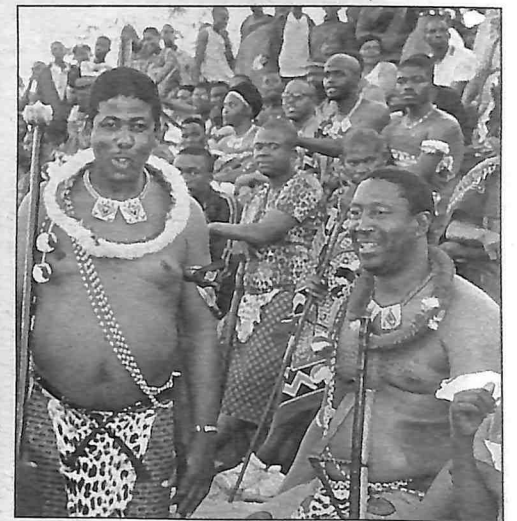
Many journalists coming from outside the country attempted to get last minute arrangements to get accredited but their efforts were not successful. Upon discovering that it was too late to get accredited, journalists and tourists flocked close to where the maidens were dancing to take pictures. The press control officers worked tirelessly to block the unaccredited media and tourists, but as soon as they removed others, more would try their luck in getting shots.



PROUDLY SWAZI: Imbali came from near and far to be part of the ceremony.



ONE LOVE: Dr Ranga Taruvinga and his wife Brenda on arrival for the ceremony.



SUPPORT: Umbutfo Khosomane and Thulani Dlamini could not miss out.



ALL SMILE: Even the youngest of Imbali came out to be part of the ceremony.

The Pritchard twins blown away by Reed Dance

By Nomfundo Sifundza
Ludzidzini

THEY danced amongst Swazi maidens with a different twist on their feet, they smiled as they hit sideways and mumble through the songs.

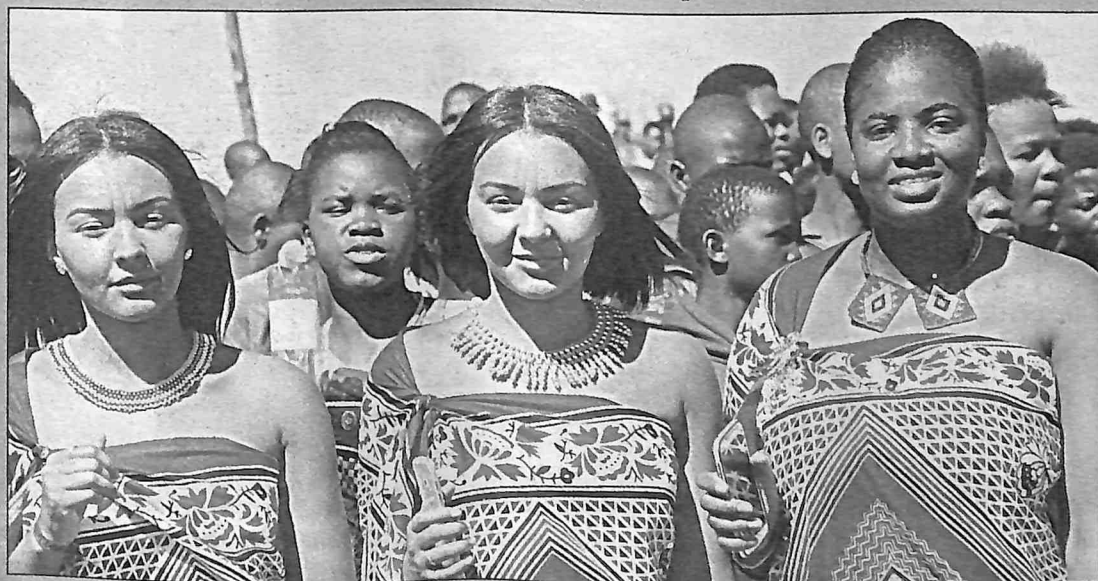
The Pritchard twins were at the Reed Dance Ceremony for the first time and it goes without saying that they enjoyed every minute of the dance routines.

They solely came for the reed dance and they are sure making the most of the experience.

Mary and Martha Pritchard (24) were born in Swaziland and spent the first decade of their lives in the country.

After the sad passing away of their mother only identified as LaKunene the girls moved to Canada with their father and have lived the better part of their lives there.

Mary who is a nursing student in Canada said they used to hear a lot about the reed dance from their mother and they have always had the yearning to



NO PLACE LIKE HOME: The Pritchard twins, Mary and Martha, dancing at Engabezweni Royal Residence alongside other maidens.

attend the reed dance.

On the other hand, her sister Martha is a practicing hair-stylist, clearly from their matching hairstyles; she is good at it.

As the interview gets interesting, we asked them what they loved more about the reed dance now that they are here, Mary responded "the music is so beau-

tiful. I never thought acapella music sounded so well. I love it". The twins brought along their old time friend Lindsay Baxter (27) whom they grew up with in Canada.

She too was amazed by the beauty of the Swazi culture, most of all she was pleased with the massive number of maidens at

the reed dance and the fact that a whole country unites and dances along in one accord without any rehearsals.

It needs no questioning that it is not only Lindsay's heart, the Swazi culture has stolen, but also a number of the SADC delegates who were present at the reed dance.

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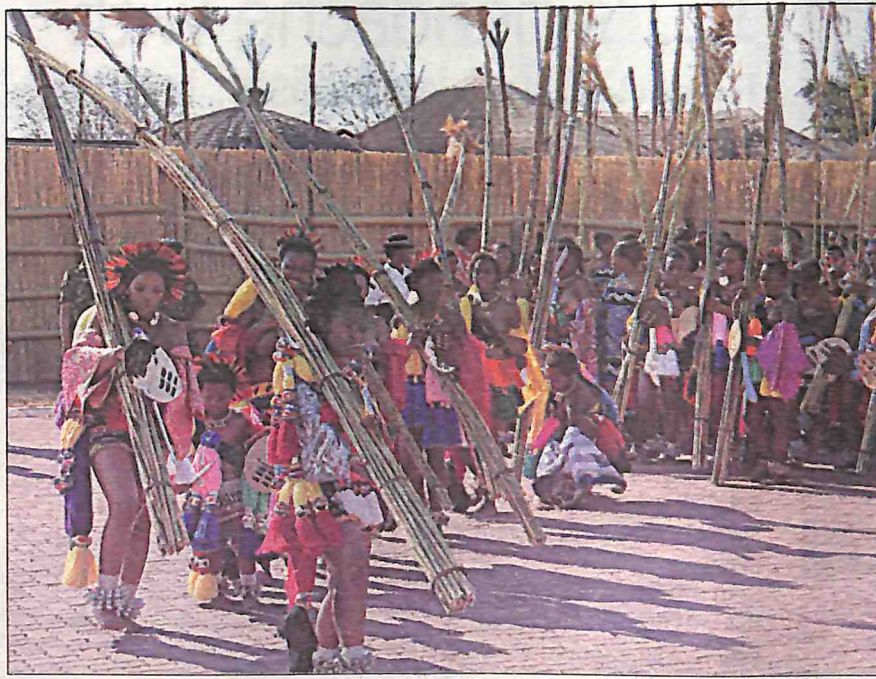
BAYETHE: His Majesty on arrival for the ceremony.



KING AND QUEEN: His Majesty and Indlovukazi watching the Imbali from the Royal box. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



LEADING: Princess Temaswati leading the Imbali regiment.



WELL DONE: Indvuna Nonduduzo Zubuko with Emazinyane as they delivered the Reed at Ludzidzini Royal Residence on Sunday.



YOUNG AT HEART: Even the youngest of Imbali also came out to dance.

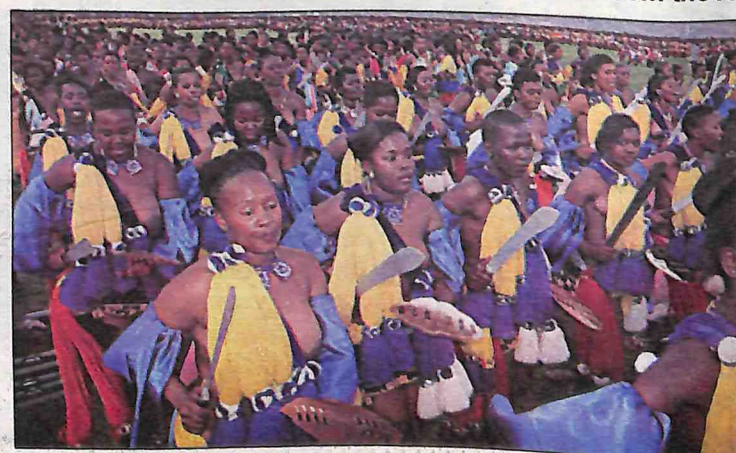


ATTENDED: Princess Emina could not miss out on the ceremony.

(R) DANCING UP A STORM: Imbali from the Royal Swaziland Police showing their flair and fluidity.



THIS IS HOW IT'S DONE: Princesses and Imbali from the Royal family were a marvel to watch, below seen on arrival.



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ENJOYING: Emakhosikati watching the Imbali in action.



WITNESSED: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini flanked by Minister Prince Hlangusemphi and Prince Masitsela.

IN SUPPORT: Emazinyane also took time to appreciate Imbali as they danced before the throngs in attendance.



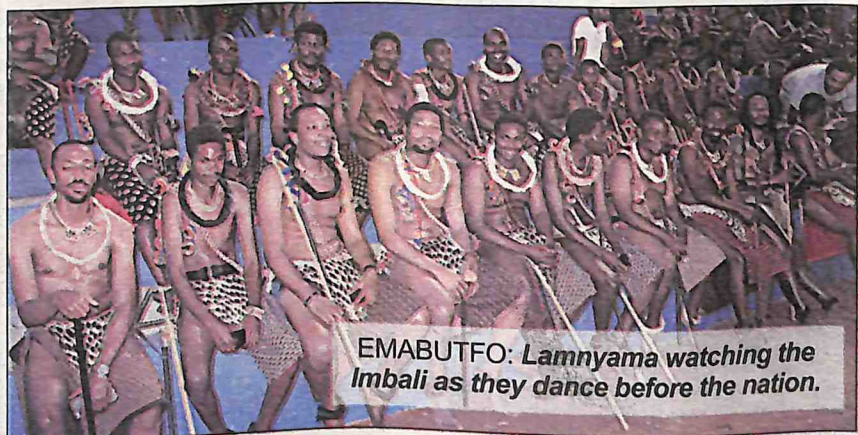
LIGCABHO LAKITSI: Emazinyane and Imbali from the Royal family giving it their all.



OUR PRIDE: Princesses leading the Imbali from Ngabezweni as they march through.



IN SUPPORT: Lutsango also supported the ceremony.



EMABUTFO: Lamnyama watching the Imbali as they dance before the nation.



BEAUTY: Imbali came from near and far to display their talent on the arena.



TOOK PART: Maidens from South Africa also came through to be part of the event.



CULTURAL INDEED: A view of the Imbali as they danced before the King and the nation.

10 NATIONAL NEWS

LANDELA GANG SNATCH E30 000 FROM MKHULU (63) AT GABLES

Stories by Observer Reporter
Mbabane

THE notorious landela gang struck again, this time stealing a sum of E30 000 cash in a car that was parked outside the parking lot at The Gables.

According to a source, a 63-year-old man of Ezulwini was the victim of this fast-spreading crime. He had kept the E30 000

after having withdrawn it from one of the banks around The Gables.

"He locked the money inside the car to attend to a few errands and when he came he saw that his front window had been broken and it obviously clicked there was something amiss," the source said.

He said the money was in a white envelope and the victim had kept it under the car seat after

withdrawing it. "It is obvious that the gang got a tip-off from somewhere," said the source.

The matter was then reported to Lobamba police.

Thugs

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter, saying anyone who had information that would lead to the arrest of the thugs should con-

tact them.

She further warned the public to be very careful when carrying large sums of money in public places.

"We request the public to make use of electronic means of payment or else request for police assistance as it is free of charge," she said.

She said the police were always available to assist in any kind of service delivery.

WOMAN GIVES BIRTH IN A KOMBI

A woman of Luve, who is in her 20s, on Sunday gave birth in a public transport at Mafutseni after health workers failed to transport her in an ambulance from Dvokolwako Health Centre to RFM Hospital in Manzini.

A guardian to the young woman told this publication that in the wee hours of Sunday she took the woman to Dvokolwako Health Centre, but the health personnel told her they could not attend to her as it was her first time giving birth.

She was told to go to RFM Hospital but they did not provide her with the services of an ambu-

lance despite it being apparent she was already in labour pains.

The young woman was forced to take public transport. Unfortunately, the minibus delayed on the way as it waited to be full before departing.

Along the way, it was stopping to drop off some passengers and the labour pains intensified on the woman.

She eventually had to deliver the baby inside the kombi with the help of some of the passengers. She gave birth to a bouncing baby boy.

The guardian, who is also the

young woman's mother-in-law, said this was an embarrassing situation she had never experienced in her life.

She said for her grandson to be born in a public transport was unheard of and condemned the nurses at Dvokolwako Helah Centre, accusing them of negligence.

She said the incident also drew severe criticism from the other passengers who had no knowledge of how the situation had unfolded.

She said government should make sure there were enough ambulances at institutions like the

Dvokolwako Health Centre. She said failing which government should make sure there were experienced nurses to help in delivery at such health centres.

She condemned the nurses on duty for not even checking if the young woman was fit enough to travel all the way to Manzini in a public transport in the state she was in.

"The fact that they referred her to Manzini without being provided with the services of an ambulance shows gross negligence on the part of the nurses," she said.

61 arrested for DD after long weekend

A total of 61 motorists were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol over the long weekend.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the figure yesterday.

Vilakati said despite the country coming from a long weekend, the roads were clean as there were no fatal road traffic accidents reported. However, she reported that Pigg's Peak police arrested and charged a 56-year-old woman of Mlungundlovu for being found in possession of dagga without a permit or licence while at the same area.

According to a source, the elderly woman was caught at her home where she was trying to package the dagga according to size.

It said the elderly woman makes a living through growing and selling dagga as she is unemployed. "It is obvious that most people in the country are now making a living through selling dagga because there are no jobs," said the source.

Pigg's Peak police arrested and charged the elderly for being in possession of dagga weighing 18kg with a street value of E14 000 without a licence or permit while at her home in Mlungundlovu.

It is also reported that Pigg's Peak police also arrested a 31-year-old man of Mawombe after being found in a possession of dagga without licence or permit while at Hlobane on Sunday. "The dagga weighed 28kg with a street value of E22 000. Both suspects are expected to appear in court on Tuesday (today)," said Vilakati.

TENDER NOTICE



INVITATION TO TENDERS FOR

CONTRACT NO.	NAME OF PROJECT	CLOSING DATE
SRA 2012/006E	Ngwenya Border Post Improvements (Phase III) Building Works	23 rd September 2016

Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified Building Contractors currently registered with the Construction Industry Council [CIC] under Category B1, for the construction of Ngwenya Border Post, building works package.

The scope of works to be carried out under this contract shall include inter alia the construction of buildings entailing the incoming truck inspection, immigration offices, perimeter fencing and guard house.

Tenderers should submit the following documents:

- Proof of registration with the Construction Industry Council
- Company profile with CVs of key personnel
- Completed set of Tender Documents
- Certified Copy of Valid Tax Compliance Certificate
- Certified Copy of Valid Trading Licence
- Proof of Workman's Compensation
- Company audited annual financial statements for the past 3 years or since company inception if newer than stipulated period
- Names and contact details of at least three (3) recent reference customers
- Statement of joint ventures / partnerships (if tendering as a JV or partnership)

Tender documents for the project shall be available for collection from the SRA Stores Department situated at the Mbabane Corporate Place from **Monday, 22nd August 2016**, upon payment of E300.00 non-refundable amount at the following Account:

Account Name : Swaziland Revenue Authority
Bank : Nedbank, Mbabane Main Branch
Branch Code : 360164
Account Number : 020000412587
Account Type : Current

Tenders to be deposited in SRA Tender Box in a sealed envelope with the project name and contract number NOT LATER than 12 Noon, on Friday, **23rd September 2016**, situated at Swaziland Revenue Authority, Ground Floor Reception, Sibekelo Building 2, Mbabane Office Park.

Compulsory Site Inspection:

Site	Date	Time
Ngwenya Border Post	Wednesday, 31 st August 2016	9:00 am

Failure to attend the compulsory site inspection shall result in automatic disqualification from the tender process. SRA does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender submitted.

SRA does not bind itself to award the tender.

SSRA will disqualify contractors not registered in accordance with The Construction Industry Council, Act No. 14 of 2013.

All tender queries are to be sent direct to the Client,
SRA Procurement Unit, BY EMAIL ONLY, procurement@sra.org.sz

TENDER NOTICE



INVITATION TO TENDERS FOR

	CONTRACT No.	NAME	CLOSING DATE
No. 1	SRA 2016/011	Expression of Interest – Maintenance of SRA Premises and Assets	09 September 2016

Tenderers are hereby invited from suitably qualified vendors in the below mentioned categories for Expression of Interest for the maintenance of SRA premises and assets.

Categories are as follows:

- Construction companies
- Maintenance contractors
- Plumbing works
- Electrical works
- Carpentry
- Welding

Tenderers should submit the following:

- Company profile including CVs of key personnel.
- Valid Tax Compliance Certificate.
- Valid Trading License.
- Trade References
- Company audited annual financial statements for the past 3 years or since inception.
- Certified valid Construction Industry Council [CIC] registration certificate
- Labour Compliance Certificate
- Completed Standard Rates Table

All Interested and suitable qualified vendors who wish to provide the above services for SRA must visit the SRA website at www.sra.org.sz for the Terms of References and the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency website at www.sppra.co.sz

Tenders must be placed in the tender box in a sealed envelope showing the project name and contract number not later than 12h00 Noon, **Friday 09 September 2016** at:

Swaziland Revenue Authority,
Head Quarters Reception
Ground Floor, 2nd Building, Sibekelo Building

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UNISWA STUDENTS REJECT GOVT'S SPONSORSHIP OF 500 STUDENTS

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

UNIVERSITY of Swaziland (UNISWA) students stated they will not accept government's decision to sponsor only 500 students.

This comes after reports that government will only be able to fund 500 students following the passing of a motion in Parliament compelling government to effect the 60% allowance increase demanded by the learners.

The reports sparked serious debate among the students, with some saying they hoped govern-



REBUKE: UNISWA students have stated they will not accept government's decision to sponsor 500 learners at tertiary level. (File pic)

ment was just bluffing them but would increase the numbers with time.

The students are now debating whether it would be worth it to get the 60% and only have 500

students sponsored or continue with the little they were getting and have a substantial number of them sponsored by government.

Worth noting is the university admits over 1 500 students annually.

The students have since labelled the sponsorship of 500 as a clear case of a government not prepared to shift from their position.

When interviewed yesterday, UNISWA Student Representative Council (SRC) President Brian Sangweni said clearly government had refused to back down from their initial stance despite reversal of the

slashed 60 percent in allowances as approved by Parliament.

Sangweni said as students they will not accept the sponsorship of 500 by government.

The president stated they wanted the 60% to be implemented for everyone accepted to the university.

He said they will not allow government to cut down on the number of students getting scholarships.

"The truth is it can never be okay to have a few selected individuals benefiting from the scholarship," Sangweni said, adding government must not force them into a debate of what they must choose as students.

Sangweni said as students they will not allow government to do as it pleased because it was failing to allocate money accordingly.

He said government was failing to prioritise, thus it was supporting projects that benefited only a few individuals. Students took to social networking sites where they debated the issue of 500 students and further vowed to do everything they could to ensure every deserving Swazi got the scholarship to study at the University of Swaziland.

CRYDON BAR STORIES

Boy (16) stabbed, killed in a bar

Stories by Observer Reporter
Croydon

A 16-year-old boy was stabbed to death in front of revellers at Croydon Bar & Malt on Saturday morning.

According to eyewitnesses, the 16-year-old from Mantjonga was stabbed by a distant relative inside the bar after a fight broke out between the two.

However, it could not be ascertained what the cause of the argument was.

It is alleged that the deceased was sit-

ting at a table when an argument started and in the midst of this, the boy was stabbed in the neck with an unknown object, which is suspected to be a knife.

"An argument broke out between the two and the suspect took a knife and stabbed the deceased multiple times in the neck and arm," said a source.

Scene

The assailant, who is still at large, allegedly fled the scene through the entrance of the bar after the incident. "The boy was taken to hospital after two hours and he eventually died from

his injuries," said the source.

He said Mliba police were called but did not respond immediately as they claimed they did not have transport since their cars had been deployed to other areas.

Brothers

The source said both men knew each other because they were heard calling each other 'bafo' (meaning brothers) before the incident.

The suspect from Manzana is described as light in complexion and tall.

The bar rest and bar closes at around 1pm, especially on weekends as it is reported around these times.



Croydon residents bemoan chaotic incidents

CROYDON residents have bemoaned the number of disturbing incidents that have occurred in the area in recent times.

One of the residents said such incidents were tarnishing the name of the area because in most instances the suspects were not even from Croydon.

"People come from their respective areas to drink here and cause chaos, which leaves the area with a bad name. In this particular case, both the suspect and the deceased are not from the area.

"The deceased is from Mantjonga and the suspect is from Manzana. Such reports are not good, especially for the many people doing business in the area.

Bad

We are now ashamed to say we are from Croydon because of the bad name associated with the area," said the resident.

He said people come from different parts of the country to enjoy themselves in the area because it is believed to be among rural areas that have places of fun.

Police still searching for suspect

THE suspect who in his mid-20s, is still at large, confirmed the police yesterday.

According to a close relative, the 23-year-old man of Manzana left the place soon after stabbing the 16-year-old and went straight home, where he packed his belongings and disappeared.

"We last saw him on Friday when

he left for Croydon, however, when we checked his room on Saturday morning after we received the sad news we discovered that some of his belongings were missing," said a relative.

On another note, the suspect is said to be very troublesome as he had stabbed another person with a knife last weekend but the victim was lucky

to have sustained minor injuries.

"He threatened the young boy with a knife, however, the victim became humble and apologised," said Acting Police Chief Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

"The suspect is still at large and if anyone has some information about his whereabouts they can call Mliba police or 999/9," she said.

She said police would do everything to arrest the suspect.

Plantation workers deny arson involvement

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

THE striking Plantation workers have disassociated themselves from the arson attack that saw vast acres of forests burned at Peak Timbers last week.

According to shop steward of the Swaziland Agriculture and Plantations Workers Union (SAPWU) Victor Shongwe, the striking workers had nothing to do with the fire at Peak Timbers even though the two incidents happened very close to each other.

Shongwe said: "The area where the fire started and the one where our strike is, is separated by the road.

But this does not mean we are responsible for the wildfire just

DENY: The striking Plantation workers in the foreground and the wildfire further from them.



because we were having our legal strike as workers of the Plantation Forest Company.

The wildfire occurred on Peak Timbers' property and therefore it made no sense for us to burn a forest that does not concern us as workers."

Shongwe said he was aware fingers had been pointed at them by members of the public but all such

claims were just misdirected, instead saying he believed it was in fact dagga dealers who started the forest fires.

"We believe it was the dagga dealers who started the fires and I know this is hard to prove but we think it was definitely them."

Other Plantation workers have also linked the wild fires to the dagga dealers who had their fields

destroyed by the Royal Swaziland Police during a recent dagga spraying exercise carried out at Mkhumbane area.

One of the workers said the fire was started by the owners of the dagga whose fields were destroyed by the police in retaliation because their plants were already at mature stage.

"The way the fire was started it was clear those involved were angered by the loss they incurred on their dagga fields," he said.

Another worker stated that the fire was started by the dagga dealers using a candle and cardboard box and placing them far apart.

"The way the fire spread so rapidly showed the person responsible was lighting the candles at different times and I think the person lit the candles in the morning because by mid afternoon the sky was filled with smoke," he said.

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12 NATIONAL NEWS

E50 per day for stray cattle

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

LIVESTOCK owners who fail to take care of their cattle will have to part with E50 a day for their uncontrolled animals this month.

Swaziland Road Safety Council Road Safety Planner Mandla Ntshalintshali said uncontrolled cattle that strayed on to roads continued to be a problem and that they urge road users, both motorists and pedestrians, to be careful as they use the road. He warned cattle owners that they should make it a point that they take care of their cattle so that they do not stray onto the roads of the country.

"Cattle owners will be in for a shock this time because they were warned several times by police to remove their cattle from the roads. If we find the cattle on the road, we will definitely remove them ourselves," Ntshalintshali said. He said they would

remove the cattle to their 'farms' (eskidi), where they keep stray cattle.

Ntshalintshali said taking the cattle out of the 'farms' would cost a fortune for cow owners. He said they would have to pay a fine ranging from E50 to E100 per day, per cattle, to be taken out of the detention centre. That would depend on each detention centre as they do not charge the same fees. "We will also charge extra money where the minimum amount is E75 for transporting the cattle to a place where the owner wants them. So you can imagine how much money will be needed to take the cattle out of the 'farms'," he said. The 'farms' were found in places such as Ngwenya,

Lavumisa, and Manzini.

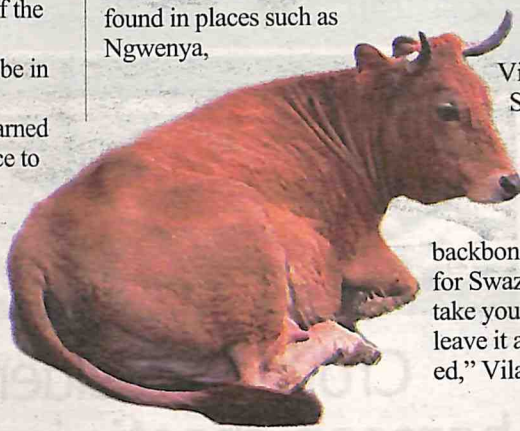
He said Swazis should try by all means to avoid such a situation by making sure that they remove their livestock from the roads.

Ntshalintshali referred to cattle as Swazi gold, thus it should be well looked after.

He urged the road users to cooperate with the, more than, 90 000 maidens who were attending the reed dance ceremony.

They would, at some point in time, use the roads as they moved to different points where they would be expected to cut the reed, which they would be expected to deliver at Ludzidzini Royal Residence.

On that note, Minister for Agriculture, Moses Vilakati, also warned Swazis to take their cows off the road because it was the right thing to do. "Livestock is the backbone of the economy for Swazis. You cannot then take your treasure and just leave it anywhere unattended," Vilakati said.



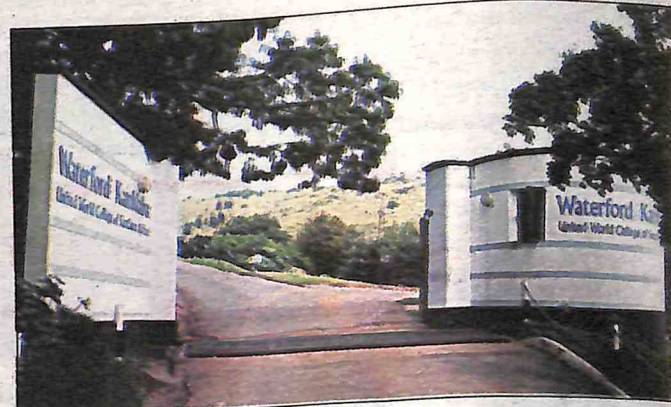
WATERFORD RAISES E2.4M FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

By Linda Dlamini
Mbabane

WATERFORD Kamhlaba has raised over E2.4 million from its alumni to fund student scholarships.

According to a statement released by the private college, From August, 2015 up until July, 2016, Waterford experienced increased alumni donations from E713 000 the year before, to E2.4 million.

"We are anticipating a E3.9 million match from Shelby Davis. At the same time, the total number of alumni who donated increased by 200 percent," the statement said. The statement further explained that, US Philanthropist Shelby Davis challenged Waterford Kamhlaba, and all other United World Colleges (UWC), to raise an additional E13 million per college in donations from new and returning private donors, and he would match this amount. "We are now looking toward 2016/2017. We aim to



EDUCATION IS KEY: The main gate at Waterford Kamhlaba.

increase the total number of individual alumni donors by another 100 percent and increase the total amount donated, so we can continue to access the matched funding Davis is offering," the statement said.

Challenges

The college noted that to all who donated last year, it is important that they donate again. Adding, the college said repeat donations would be matched 50 percent and at the same time they would count those, that donated again towards the total number of donors.

"As soon as we have raised more money than last year, your donation will be matched by an additional 100 percent. If you did not donate last year, now is the time. Your participation will help increase the total number of individual donors, unlocking additional matched funding, which could reach up to 200 percent," the statement said. The college further asked for more volunteers to serve as alumni ambassadors who would work with the college to achieve the goals set by the Davis-UWC Impact Challenge.

SRA can proceed to get loan at PSPF-Senators

By Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

THE Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) has been given a 'green light' to get the loan from the Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF).

This follows a bill that senators passed for it to become an Act last week in parliament.

The bill is the Public Service Pension Fund Loan Guarantee of (Swaziland Revenue Authority Headquarters and Mananga Border Construction Projection) Bill No. 8 of 2016.

The senators said this was a good initiative because it would allow SRA to have its own offices, than to spend over E1 million through rentals monthly.

Minister for Finance Martin Dlamini tabled the bill before the senators.

He said SRA would construct a building at the Mananga Border Gate and its headquarters at Ezulwini. SRA obtained a piece of land measuring 14 000 square

metres.

The money to be used for such a project was E567 million. Dlamini said the

SRA offices at Mananga were no longer in good condition, thus needed to be revamped to meet the demand from people who used it

to import and export goods. "The traffic has increased at the border as people are using it to bring in more business into the country. There is a need for it to be revamped to meet the demand," Dlamini said.



GREEN LIGHT: Minister for Finance Martin Dlamini tabled the bill before the senators.

Concerning the loan's repayment, Dlamini said SRA would pay the debt over a period of 15 years to PSPF.

The installments would be made two times in each year. This means 30 installments would be made in the whole period of 15 years.

There would be a grace period for three years that would be given to SRA by PSPF. The minister said the money would be paid back with interests charged at a prime rate of 10.5 percent. Dlamini said the work had already started and they had wished that the work should be finished by 2018, but the challenges made it almost impossible for such to happen.



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BIKER INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT ON WAY TO SWAZI RALLY

Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A South African biker did not make it to the Swazi Rally held at Sidvokodvo Rider's Ranch as his bike was involved in a nasty accident on the way to Swaziland on Friday.

Apparently the biker got involved in an accident just 10 kilometres before reaching the Oshoek Border gate.

The bike was extensively damaged as its rear tyre was ripped off the bike and flung off the road.

Bikers who were on their way to the rally prayed for a safe journey and most of them did not hide the fact that motorists were their worst enemies on the roads.

The bikers stated that about 90 per cent of accidents were usually caused by motorists who did not want to give them space on the road.

However, it could not be ascertained as to what caused the bike rider to be involved in an accident on Friday.

When contacted about the safety of the bikers who attended the rally, Swazi Rally Public Relations Officer Banele Dlamini, said there



EMENENI: The bike which was involved in an accident on the way to the Swazi Rally just 10 kilometres before Oshoek Border Post. (Courtesy picture)

were no reports of accidents they have received.

Dlamini said usually they were made aware of such after the rally. He said for now all they knew was all the bikers arrived safely and left

in like manner.

He said They would have get a proper report before the week ends wherein they would get information about the bikers journey on the way home.

Nigerian national shot, robbed at Matsamo

By Sizwe Dlamini
Matsamo

TWO Nigerian nationals with South African citizenship were shot and robbed at the informal border crossing at Matsamo popularly known as 'Emavenini'.

They were robbed of E20 000 in cash, and one was shot on the right leg by two unidentified men who had been waiting for them at the informal crossing between Swaziland and South Africa.

The incident happened on Saturday.

Bleeding

The shot man was rushed to Horo Clinic in Mvembili for treatment by his friend. This is according to a nurse who was on duty when the injured foreigner was brought in.

"The two men came into the clinic and one of them informed us he had been shot in the leg.

He pleaded for medical attention and our first instinct was to stop the bleeding which we did by applying pressure to the wound.

The man was bleeding from his upper thigh on the right leg where the bullet had lodged. We then asked if we could call the

police on the behalf of the shot man and that is when the story changed," the nurse who preferred anonymity said.

When the man was asked if the police should be called they both said such was unnecessary.

"The man informed us he was in the country illegally, thus got robbed and was shot at.

We informed him the police will be called to assist him to return to South Africa where he would get extensive treatment for his wound but he refused.

Instead he got on his feet and left the clinic with his friend in a hurry. We asked the security guards to follow them but they got into the taxi they came in and sped off," the nurse added.

The source said they suspected the two were in the country to buy dagga.

Meanwhile, another source at the Matsamo Border Post confirmed the matter.

The source said they heard gun shots.

RSP Acting Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati could not confirm the incident stating it was not reported to the police at time of compiling this report.

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CANCELLATION OF MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The Royal Science and Technology Park would like to inform stakeholders that the meetings on IT business incubation which were to take place next week have been cancelled. This is due to the fact that the same stakeholders will be participating in other national events.

The following events are affected:

- IT Business Incubation Meeting 30th August 2016 at Happy Valley Hotel;
- IT Business Incubation Meeting 31st August 2016 at Happy Valley Hotel; and
- IT Business Incubation Meeting on 1st September 2016 at Happy Valley Hotel.

We will advise our stakeholders about new dates in due course.

Any inconvenience is regretted.

By Management

BENGIFUNA KUDLALA WHATSAPP — CELLPHONE THIEF TELLS COURT

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A herdboy who has been arrested for cellphone theft told the court he took the mobile phone just to be on WhatsApp.

Wandile Gamedze (28) of Mahlabane area, stole a Samsung cellphone and he appeared before Magistrate Xolile Nxumalo where he pleaded guilty to the charge of theft.

In mitigation, the accused said he was employed as a herdboy and only earned E600 per month.

The magistrate condemned Gamedze for his actions, saying as

someone who was employed he should have bought himself a cellphone instead of stealing it.

"Nowadays it is easy to buy a cellphone since some of the gadgets are going for very low prices.

Some cellphones only cost E99," the magistrate said.

The accused said he never intended to steal the cellphone but had wanted to experience WhatsApp since the Samsung phone had one.



"Mine angilebanga lolucingo bengfuna kudlala WhatsApp kwangehlula lentfo ngalibuyisela," Gamedze stated in vernacular adding he failed to use the application and returned the cellphone.

The crown confirmed that indeed the cellphone was recovered.

The magistrate warned the accused against stealing, noting that the problem with theft was once someone starts engaging in it, it was not easy to drop such a habit.

Gamedze was then sentenced to a year in a correctional facility if he failed to pay a fine of E2 000.

Asian arrested in possession of dollars gets his cash back

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

AN Asian man who was arrested for failing to declare about 87 US dollars had his money released back to him after it was taken by the police.

Jude Farouk was arrested together with his countryman Zain Bagadt who was also nabbed in possession of

undeclared foreign currency amounting to 80 US dollars.

Guilty

Both the accused pleaded guilty to the charges, Zain was sentenced to five months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay a fine of E1 000.

However, Farouk raised his concern saying he was worried about his dollars which were in the possession of the police.

Farouk said he understood that if he

pleaded guilty he would be made to pay a fine, however, he wondered what would happen to the money.

Farouk admitted he made a mistake by keeping the money for more than 30 days without declaring it. Farouk told the court he even had the bank papers from where he got the money from. Magistrate Xolile Nxumalo, upon learning about the situation, suggested that the money be released by the police back to the accused.

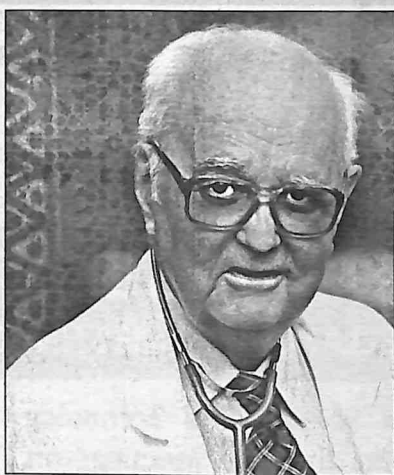
Ndlangamandla said the foundation of the organisation was laid by none other than Hynd.

The director said today CANGO has grown and become a well established umbrella body for NGOs in Swaziland supported by donors thus well respected by government and other stakeholders.

Ndlangamandla said Hynd during his life time emphasised intersectoral collaboration and partnerships between ministries of health, relevant ministries and the non-governmental sector. He said Hynd was also aware that NGOs were implementing primary health programmes around the country but that information did not reach the ministry of health.

Ndlangamandla said as a nation they were not mourning the death of Hynd, but were celebrating his footprints adding the country was truly blessed to have had a person of his calibre.

He said Hynd lived his life to serve the under privileged. Dr Hynd was laid to rest last Saturday afternoon at Raleigh Fitkin Memorial grave yard.



GREAT LOSS: The late Dr Samuel Wilson Hynd.

He said when Hynd returned to Geneva, he mobilised resources where he raised about E13 000 (US\$1,000) which helped in setting up the CANGO secretariat office.

CANGO mourns death of Dr Hynd

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE governing board, members, staff and volunteers of the Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) have mourned the loss of Dr Samuel Wilson Hynd.

According to Executive Director Emmanuel Ndlangamandla, Hynd was very instrumental in the formation of the umbrella body of NGOs in the country.

Speaking during Hynd's memorial service last Saturday at the Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Ndlangamandla said Hynd conceived the formation of CANGO and was critical in establishing the institution in 1983. "Dr Hynd a practical leader that he was, did not end with just an idea. He went further than that because he was serious about the NGO coordinated efforts," he said.

Livestock theft rife at Ndzevane

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

NDZEVANE residents under Lubuli are reportedly having sleepless nights following stock theft that is now rampant in the area.

Most of the stock stolen would then be sold in South Africa, whose border line is closer to the area..

Last week, a community police man reported that his 35 goats were

missing and suspected they might have been sold in RSA.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Phindile Vilakati, confirmed the reported cases of stolen livestock adding they were investigating the matter further.

"Yes, there have been cases of stolen livestock in the area and just recently we received reports of 35 missing goats to the value of E23 100," she said.

However, since they were working



together with South African Community Forums, they were hoping to find the goats soon.

"We have a good working relationship with South African community police in what we call cross border crime thus are hopeful we'll find the goats," she said.

1 325 homes to benefit from drought fund by Red Cross

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlengano

THE drought mitigation programme where households receive money for buying food and other necessities will start at Hosea constituency next month and 1 325 households will benefit.

The programme is funded by Red Cross from Finland and it will last for six months, (from next month until February, 2017).

The first time when the programme started, it lasted for three months, commencing in May and ended last month.

Period

Each household will now get E550 and this means it adds up to E3 300 household in the six month period.

Hosea Constituency Headman Thulani Shiba confirmed the developments.

He said during the first pro-

gramme, 925 households benefited.

"From the previous figure, 400 households have been added which brings the total beneficiaries to 1 325.

The other good news is the monthly grant has been improved from E500 to E550.

The E50 increment may look too little but it is something worthwhile if utilised properly," said Shiba.

Shiba said households would start receiving the money around mid-September.

Registration

He said all the necessary paper work including registration and other necessities had been concluded.

"The heads of the households registered to receive the money should expect the first payment next month.

Their mobile phones will indicate when the money is deposited," said Shiba.

No police patrols after 9pm at Hlatikulu

By Starsky Mkhonta
Hlatikulu

RESIDENTS of Hlatikulu are worried that members of the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Service do not do regular patrols in the evening.

They claim that after 2100 hours, there is no sight of any police officer and this worries them.

Residents learned during a recent meeting that police patrols are now rare.

The residents feel this is the reason criminals roamed the streets of Hlatikulu.

Mfeneziziyamtfoba Magagula, a resident who was one of the speakers during the recent meeting held at the Magistrate's Court, said he was worried by the manner police go about doing their work in the area.

The meeting was called by the town board to address a number of things, including developmental issues.

During the meeting, the Simo Dlamini-led town board, also gave a chance to residents to voice out their concerns.

Magagula was one of those afforded a chance and he even dressed down the councillors for being a divided

team.

He appealed to the town board to consider meeting the police authorities in as far as operations were concerned.

"I appeal to the town board to talk to the police authorities regarding safety of the residents. Here in Hlatikulu, you only see police moving until 2100 hours, it's like the station closes afterwards.

This should stop as criminals will take chances," said Magagula, who is a retired soldier.

Magagula said police should always be on vicinity whether during the day or at night. He said businesses as well as the residents were not safe if patrols were not conducted.

"Let this issue be taken up with the station commander as it is serious. There is no explanation why the police officers are not available after 2100 hours. There should be regular patrols around businesses for our safety and security. The patrols should also be conducted around our residences as some of the

criminals target home-steads," said Magagula.



NOT HAPPY: Hlatikhulu resident Mfeneziziyamtfoba Magagula.



FIGHTING CRIME: Members of the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Pigg's Peak branch.

30 HA OF DAGGA DESTROYED IN NORTHERN HHOHHO

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

THE Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Service recently destroyed 30 hectares of dagga fields at Ka-Ndeva and Mkhumbane areas in the Northern Hhohho region.

The dagga fields had an advanced irrigation system with the potential of drawing water about five kilometres away from the Nkomazi River. Pipes were hidden underground in some areas.

Some of the dagga fields were hidden within protected commercial forest land belonging to Peak Timbers Forestry Company.

A senior police officer from Pigg's Peak Police Station said the

● *Some of the dagga fields were hidden within protected commercial forest land belonging to Peak Timbers Forestry Company.*

dagga plants were close to maturity. He said the field outlay and irrigation system showed the individuals involved were expert farmers. "The pipes we confiscated were found at the Nkomazi River and they led us to some dagga fields. The pipes were underground in some areas while in others they were more visible. This shows that the owners of the fields were experts and well funded farmers because the irrigation system is advanced," said another police officer who was involved in

destroying the dagga.

The policeman said the fields themselves were divided into different sections and there was a nursery with dagga seedlings.

Both the Pigg's Peak Station Commander Webster Methula and the Police Acting Chief Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that a dagga spraying exercise conducted by the RSP at Ka-Ndeva and Mkhumbane areas covered 30 hectares.

Dagga pusher accuses police of torture

By Phesheya Kunene
Magistrate's Court

A 26-year-old man from Dvokolwako has accused police officers of hanging and beating him up while interrogating him about the dagga found in his possession.

Mduduzi Dlamini narrated his ordeal with the police before Principal Fikile Nhlabatsi.

He claimed police officers tortured him while at the Mbabane Police Station holding cells.

Dlamini was arrested on June 9, at Ngwenya Border Gate after being found allegedly with 20.71 kilograms of dagga without a valid licence or permit to possess such.

He was driving a silver Toyota sedan when he was arrested and an application was made on behalf of the crown under Section 12(3) (b) of the Pharmacy Act for the forfeiture of the motor vehicle.

The accused was represented by lawyer, Sabelo 'Chicken' Dlamini.

Guilty

Mduduzi pleaded guilty to the offence of being found in possession of the illegal drug.

After being arrested, Mduduzi said he was taken to the Mbabane Police Station where he alleged that the torture took place as he spent a night there.

"While waiting in one of the rooms at the police station, I was taken to an office upstairs where I was told there was sampling of the dagga found in my possession

The police officers asked me where I got the dagga from and I told them it was from some fields

in Mbuluzi.

They accused me of lying. One of the police officers grabbed me by arm and squeezed my neck between his arm, pressed me against his then hanged me," Mduduzi related his ordeal.

The accused claimed the police officers said they would only let him go once he relieved himself, as he was not willing to tell the truth.

"Your Worship, I tried my best to explain to them that I was telling the truth about the source of the dagga, however, they did not believe me and they tortured me for several minutes. I was punched with blows, until I became weak and then they

took me back to the holding cell as I was waiting for my bail to be paid," he added.

He alleged that his mouth, throat and body were in severe pain to

the extent that he could not eat while at the police station.

"The person I was with tried giving me food but I could not eat as I was in pain.

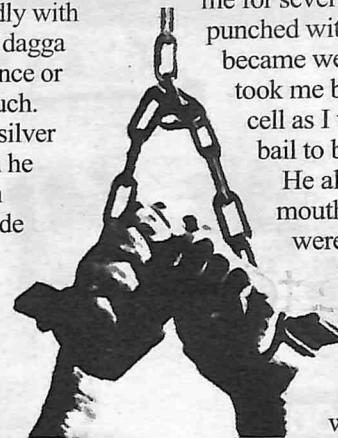
Reported

After being forced to eat, I tried but failed then reported my situation to some of the senior officers but they did not pay attention to what I was saying," he added.

The accused said the next morning, police officers allegedly drove him to Sidwashini correctional services instead of the hospital.

Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi said the allegations were noted and action would be taken.

She then ordered Mduduzi to appear in court on September 12 for trial.



Ex-KoNtshingila headman, Hlatikulu mayor in trouble

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Hlatikulu

AXED KoNtshingila Headman Mfeneziamtfofa Magagula, and Hlatikulu Mayor Simo Dlamini, must explain before the leadership of KaGwegwe regarding a funeral which took place a couple of weeks ago.

The two are expected to explain to elders as to who authorised the former headman to address mourners on behalf of the elders at a recent funeral.

Magagula was recently removed from the leadership structure of KoNtshingila by the acting Chief Gelane Simelane.

Reports are that at a funeral of a subject, Theminkosi Dlamini, the former headman stood up at the graveyard and spoke on behalf of the KoNtshingila chieftdom.

Addressing

However, it was unclear as to on whose behalf Magagula was addressing the mourners.

Dlamini, who was a resident at Sibetsamoya, which is an area under the KoNtshingila jurisdiction, was buried at the Hlatikulu cemetery (Showgrounds).

Relatives bought the burial space from the town board.

The chief's runner (*umgijimi*) of Sibetsamoya Mpumelelo Shongwe had rightly spoken earlier, only for Magagula to also stand up and addressed the mourners claiming this was in his capacity as a resident of the town and was delegated to do so by authorities.

Shongwe was the one appointed in the area to be the leadership overseer at Sibetsamoya.

This happened after the unceremonious removal of Magagula as headman by Inkhosatana Gelane not long time ago.

Mageza Mazibuko is now the senior headman of KoNtshingila.

Mourners were seen leaving immediately after this scene unfolded at the ceremony.

KaGwegwe authorities were

informed of such and this angered them, thus they now want an explanation as to who authorised Magagula to address mourners at the funeral.

A delegation from KaGwegwe headed by Indvuna Mazibuko went to Sibetsamoya on a fact finding mission on what actually transpired at the cemetery.

Mazibuko apparently castigated the leadership in the area, blaming them for Magagula's actions.

Unfortunate

Mazibuko confirmed the issue adding what happened was a matter of concern. He was optimistic that such would never happen again. "It was unfortunate that such a thing happened.

The deceased was a resident of KoNtshingila and therefore anyone who had to address mourners should have been a representative of *umphakatsi*. Now, the two (Magagula and the mayor) must explain to the elders what transpired," said Mazibuko.

'I won't explain myself to anyone'

MEANWHILE, Mfeneziamtfofa Magagula says he will not heed to any call from anyone regarding the funeral incident.

Magagula is not a member of the town board but a resident who all along has been calling shots at Sibetsamoya before his unceremonious removal by KoNtshingila acting Chief Gelane Simelane.

Magagula and Dlamini now have to explain themselves before the KaGwegwe elders on the funeral incident.

Comment

When contacted for comment, Magagula said no one could summon him on why he addressed mourners at a funeral reiterating he represented the town and was not speaking as a resident of any chieftdom.

Leadership

He was not going to heed to any summons from any tradi-

tional leadership regarding the incident as he did not say he was talking on behalf of those in the leadership of KaGwegwe.

"I don't have any explanation to do on the issue.

I am a resident of this town and pay rates. If I am assigned by the authorities here to say something on their behalf, I simply do that," said Magagula.

Time

Magagula said those planning to summon him to KaGwegwe because he addressed mourners at the funeral were wasting their time.

"I owe no one an explanation and therefore am not prepared to heed to any summons," he said.

On the other hand, Mayor Simo Dlamini could not be reached for comment as his cellphone rang unanswered.

43 new Peace Corps volunteers begin service in SD

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

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LAST week, the United States Peace Corps conducted a swearing-in ceremony for 43 new Peace Corps volunteers.

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The volunteers arrived in Swaziland on June 16, and participated in a 10 week training programme at the Institute of Development Management (IDM) where they received instruction in the native language (SiSwati), Swazi culture and HIV technical training.

While receiving their training, they lived with host families in Nkamanzi and Sihhohweni communities under the Ludzeludze Inkhundla who assisted them in adjusting to the Swazi way of life.

The new volunteers will join 43 other veteran colleagues who are presently serving in the four regions of Swaziland. These volunteers are working in schools, clinics and through community organisations on two main projects. The community health project focuses on improving individual and family health through the reduction of infectious and chronic diseases and development of

healthy behaviours. The youth development project focuses on empowering Swazi youth as leaders and active decision makers in their own health and livelihoods.

Part of the 43 volunteers form the first group of Global Health Service Partnership response volunteers who will be working at the nursing schools at Southern Africa Nazarene University and the University of Swaziland. This programme will help address the critical shortage of health care professionals by working alongside local nursing faculty to build institutional capacity and strengthen the quality of nursing.

Peace Corps works in Swaziland at the invitation of His Majesty King Mswati III, and partners with the Swazi government through the National Emergency Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA), the ministry of education and training, as well as partners in communities around the country.

The current group of new volunteers

are aged between 21 to 65 and come from all over the United States. They will live in rural communities throughout Swaziland.

"We are excited to welcome this large group of volunteers into the Peace Corps Swaziland family," said Peace Corps Country Director Glenda Green. "These men and women represent the best of America and will be enriched by the kindness and generosity of the Swazi people. They look forward to getting to work."

The United States Peace Corps is an independent agency of the United States government established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy. The mission of the Peace Corps is to promote world peace and friendship.

The Peace Corps is a unique development organisation in that it gives the gift of human resources rather than money or goods. American citizens volunteer to work in developing countries for a two-year period and assist governments in their development needs.



TOGETHER: A group of the 43 Peace Corps volunteers posing with Minister for Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi Dlamini and Minister for Education and Training Phineas Magagula, amongst others. (Pic: Mbono Mdluli)

...7 volunteers to be with SANU, UNISWA

ATLEAST seven of the Peace Corps volunteers sworn in will be attached in some of the country's tertiary institutions.

Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula said seven of the volunteers would be attached to the Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU) and the University of Swaziland

(UNISWA) under the general health services.

"These are institutions under my watch and I will also keep an eye on you," he said. Adding, the minister said over the years, Peace Corps volunteers had come and gone.

"I have a personal experience of working with Peace Corps Volunteers in our

schooling system. They are indeed a wonderful group of people to work with. I can assure you that those who have gone before were hard workers and I want to believe the group before us will be true ambassadors representing the great country called the United States of America," the minister said.

Dagga pushers assault Mozambican 'employee'

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A 31-year old Mozambican man was allegedly assaulted by three dagga dealers after suspicions he stole their dagga at Vusweni.

The man was hired to cultivate dagga fields at Vusweni by the three dagga dealers, who later assaulted him as he was accused of stealing from them.

The assault happened outside Vuya Vuya Bar last Monday.

One of the dealers said the Mozambican national was hired to man their fields and he agreed to do so.

He was paid a weekly salary as he took care of the fields consisting of over 1 800 dagga trees.

He was also provided with shelter on site, weekly groceries as well as cigarettes and alcohol by one of the dealers.

"We paid him E600 a week and he had been working for us for three months. We only checked up on him when we brought his groceries every Friday evenings.

"One day on the third month, I went to the fields only to find all the trees harvested and the man was gone. I immediately alerted my two partners who advised me to look for the man. A friend of mine invited

me to a bar in Pigg's Peak where the man was enjoying alcohol with two girls," one of the dealers said.

He added that upon spotting their 'employee', he called his two other friends who drove to the bar and found the Mozambican outside the bar on the balcony.

He said they assaulted the man and took his money.

The man was eventually aided by the arrival of a Pigg's Peak police patrol car. That is when the dealers stopped assaulting him and he was taken to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital for treatment by the police.



LILUNGA RETIREMENT ANNUITY FUND

Lilunga Retirement Annuity Fund ANNOUNCEMENT

The Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation would like to invite all pensioners who receive pension under the Lilunga Retirement Annuity Fund to complete and submit Certificates of Existence for 2016. For those who did not receive the certificate of existence forms through the post office, they can be obtained at Insika Building, Somhlolo Street, Mbabane or at our Manzini Branch (second floor, SRIC House, Mhlakuvane Street, Manzini (opposite The Hub)).

The Certificates are to be completed and submitted to SRIC offices in Mbabane or Manzini by the 31st August 2016. If the Certificate has not been submitted by this date, payment for the monthly pension will be suspended from September 2016.

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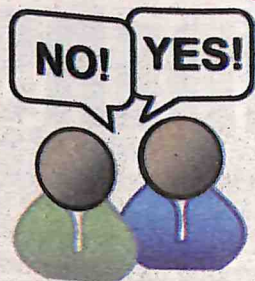
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DEAR SADC HEADS OF STATE

23rd August 2016,
Your Excellencies,
(CC: National Agricultural
Minister)
(CC: National Foreign
Minister)

EL NINO-RELATED DROUGHT AND WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS - CALL TO ACTION

We, small scale farmers, churches, rural women, media and civil society in Southern Africa hereby write to you, ahead of the 36th Summit of the SADC Heads of State and Government, taking place in Swaziland from 29th -30th August 2016.

Our organisations - which work together as the Southern Africa Food and Climate Justice Coalition welcome the initiatives taken at regional level to respond to the devastating drought, and congratulate you on the approval of the Regional Agricultural Investment Plan.

We look forward to the Summit making further progress on these two important issues, which are key areas of engagement for our organisations. With this in mind, we would like to submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. Responding to the El Nino-related drought

Our organisations welcome the high-level political leadership in responding to the drought and related food crisis, as demonstrated by the SADC regional declaration of emergency, and the related national declarations.

We fully support the SADC Regional Appeal to close the funding gap in Southern Africa of \$2.4bn. Many of our organisations are actively working to ensure that [Swaziland] and the wider region receive the support from the international community that this crisis urgently requires.

The current drought - although particularly severe - is not a one-off. As climate change takes grip, the cyclical El Nino phenomenon is becoming more frequent and more intense - affecting our same communities in Southern Africa again and again. In the context of this 'new normal', climate induced disasters need to be dealt with better. We know that early action prevents suffering, is significantly more cost effective, and prevents reversals in development gains.

The UN Special Envoy for El Nino and Climate Change, Mary Robinson, is working to set out a blueprint for how international institutions, UN member states and

NGOs can respond more quickly and effectively to slow onset climate induced disasters around the world. She will be speaking at the SADC Summit about this, and will also raise the issue at the UN General Assembly in New York at the end of September. Some of our organisations have been working to support this process. We look forward to your committed engagement with Mary Robinson's proposals in Swaziland, and encourage you to lend your support to the initiative.

2. Efforts to build a more resilient, food-secure region

Aside from dealing better with crises when they happen, a longer-term approach is needed to tackle the root causes of vulnerability. This must aim at building the resilience of small-scale agriculture. The region will continue to be badly hit by these crises, unless governments are serious about investing in smallholder agriculture, and respecting the Malabo Declaration.

For this reason, we are encouraged by the approval of the Regional Agriculture Investment Plan, and now look forward to its swift implementation. We expect that the

Summit will accord due weight to the process, and will re-affirm the commitment of the region to the realisation of the Malabo Declaration. We call on SADC and its Member States to:

● Move urgently to implement the Regional Agricultural Investment Plan (RAIP) and ensure that investments respond to the needs of smallholders - especially women and youth - by enabling their full participation in its implementation and monitoring.

For example, if the recommended ministerial sub-committee is set up to oversee implementation, then this should include all stakeholders. Likewise, all stakeholders should be involved in drafting the rules and regulations - the final step to operationalise the investment plan.

● Speed up the development of NAIPs and set timelines to allocate 10% of national budgets to agriculture as stipulated in the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).

Ensure not just the quantity but also the quality of investment.

● Facilitate the transformation to climate-resilient agriculture, by supporting the diversification of agricultural production, and dedi-

cating funds to enable smallholder farmers, especially women, to adapt in a changing climate.

● Acknowledge the central role of women in agriculture, and implement measures to ensure women's access, control and ownership of land and key productive resources. To break the cycle of drought and food insecurity, a step change in ambition is needed.

We call on SADC and its Member States to act now, not later. We stand ready to assist you in the critical task of building a more resilient and food-secure Southern Africa.

Yours faithfully,

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...AUGUST 30

1905 - Ty Cobb made his major league batting debut with the Detroit Tigers.

1928 - The Independence of India League was established in India.

1941 - During World War II, the Nazis severed the last railroad link between Leningrad and the rest of the Soviet Union.

1945 - General Douglas MacArthur set up Allied occupation headquarters in Japan.

1951 - The Philippines and the United States signed a defense pact.

1956 - In Louisiana, the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway opened.

1960 - A partial blockade was imposed on West Berlin by East Germany.

1963 - The "Hotline" between Moscow and Washington, DC, went into operation.

1965 - Thurgood Marshall was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a Supreme Court justice. Marshall was the first black justice to sit on the Supreme Court.

1982 - P.L.O. leader Yasir Arafat left Beirut for Greece.

1983 - The space shuttle Challenger blasted off with Guion S. Bluford Jr. aboard. He was the first black American to travel in space.

1984 - The space shuttle Discovery lifted off for the first time. On the voyage three communications satellites were deployed.

1984 - U.S. President Ronald Reagan, and several others, were inducted into the Sports Casters Hall of Fame.

1991 - The Soviet republic of Azerbaijan declared its independence.

1993 - On CBS-TV "The Late Show with David Letterman" premiered.

1994 - Rosa Parks was robbed and beaten by Joseph Skipper. Parks was known for her refusal to give up her seat on a bus in 1955, which sparked the civil rights movement.

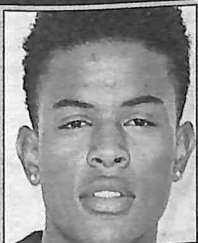
1994 - The largest U.S. defense contractor was created when the Lockheed and Martin Marietta corporations agreed to a merger.

1996 - An expedition to raise part of the Titanic failed when the nylon lines being used to raise part of the hull snapped.

1999 - The residents of East Timor overwhelmingly voted for independence from Indonesia. The U.N. announced the result on September 4.

2002 - Conoco Inc. and Phillips Petroleum merged to create ConocoPhillips. The new company was the third largest integrated energy company and the second largest refining company in the U.S.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Trevor Jackson (tv actor) - august 30 1996 - 19 years old]



Cameron Diaz (movie actress) - august 30 1972 - 43 years old



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YESTERDAY on 29th August 2016, God's Oracle Apostle Johnson Suleman arrived at the O.R. Tambo International Airport for the FESTIVAL OF MIRACLES, now on in Randburg South Africa.

We welcome grace to SADC, which amazingly coincides with the SADC Summit hosted by His Majesty King Mswati III. "Bayethe, Wena Waphakathi".

Today I'd like to celebrate all the women, starting with my wife, Pastor Makgoshi Tebogo Harrington, who is the founder and visionary of the Women of Wonders (W.O.W.) ministries. The vision of the ministry is to bring out the WOW factor in every woman.

The month of August has been set aside in some SADC countries, such as the Republic of South Africa, as Women's month.

This is because of the national march by women on 9th August 1956 to petition against the legislation that required black Africans in South Africa to carry a "pass", which is an identification document.

On that day over 20 000 women staged a march to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to protest against proposed amendments to the Urban Areas Act of 1950. These pass laws required that South Africans defined as "black" under the Population Registration Act, to carry an internal passport known as a pass, that served to maintain population segregation, control urbanisation and manage migrant labour during the apartheid era.

The first National Women's Day in South Africa was celebrated on 9th August 1994. In 2006 a reenactment of the march was staged for its 50th anniversary, with many of the 1956 march veterans present.

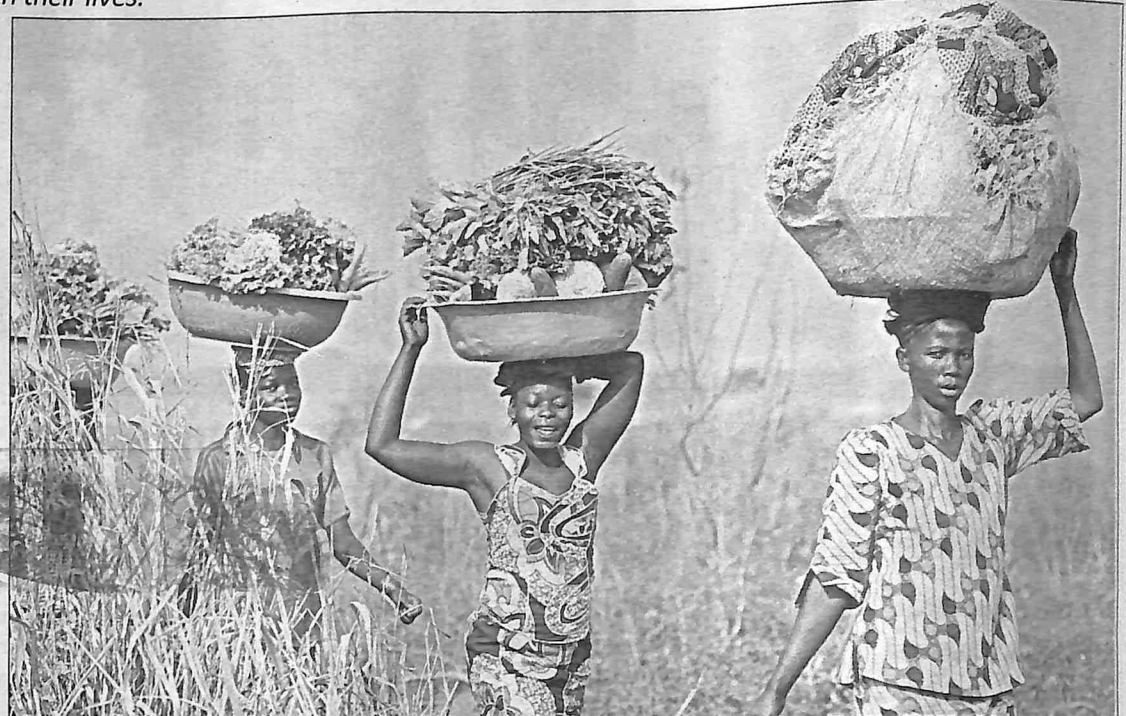
The International Women's Day is recognised and commemorated on the 8th March. Our scriptural reference is taken from the book of Proverbs 11 verse 22:

"Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion." (ISV)

The above verse refers to a reality that we face today. Women literally spend

WOMEN OF WONDERS

Wanderers - These type of women are like the children of Israel, who were wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. They are always living their lives as if they're in a dream world. It doesn't matter what God is doing in a community or in a church, they keep looking on in awe. Wanderers are always wondering what is going on around them. They are like the ladies who enjoy putting on extra eyelashes. If you've ever noticed these women, they blink continuously as if there's an irritation in their eyes. Wanderers don't go very far in their lives.



thousands on a hairstyle or hair-piece from Brazil. They spend on their manicure and pedicure. They dress in expensive apparel and wear costly shoes.

Outward beauty is very important to most if not all women. However, you'll find an expensive hair piece on top of a head that has nothing inside the brain. An expensive hairstyle on a cheap head so to say.

There are 4 classes of women that I'd like to look at closely:

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2. **Followers** - There are women who follow other women all the time. Social networks are

very relevant in the age that we are living in, but most people are simply followers of pace setters. The disadvantage of wanderers is that they never commit to anything. Followers read others posts and just click on the "like" icon.

3. **Achievers** - This is a group of women who are driven by the desire to succeed. Achievers are hard workers and very committed to their dreams. An achiever is encouraged to achieve more after reaching her goals. The enemy to anyone's next level is your last achievement.

4. **Leaders** - This class of women are top of the range. Leaders are readers and they're always striving for more knowledge.

A leader will always leave a legacy for the oncoming generations. Leaders set the trend and the rest follow. Leaders are role models in society.

Apostle Johnson Suleman says the reason why many relationships break up is because men have to go take time to understand women and

vice versa. Here are a few things that men need to know about women:

1.

Every woman loves to talk. Women are like radios that don't have an on and off button. They are constantly switched on. All women are experts when coming to talking. Whatever you do with a woman in secret will eventually be revealed because women talk.

2. Women love being appreciated. Men have to learn to appreciate their partners rather than complimenting every one else other than their partners.

3. Women need men to be attentive. Even if you are not well informed on the subject or you're not interested in what your partner is sharing with you, learn to pay attention to her or at least pretend that you are.

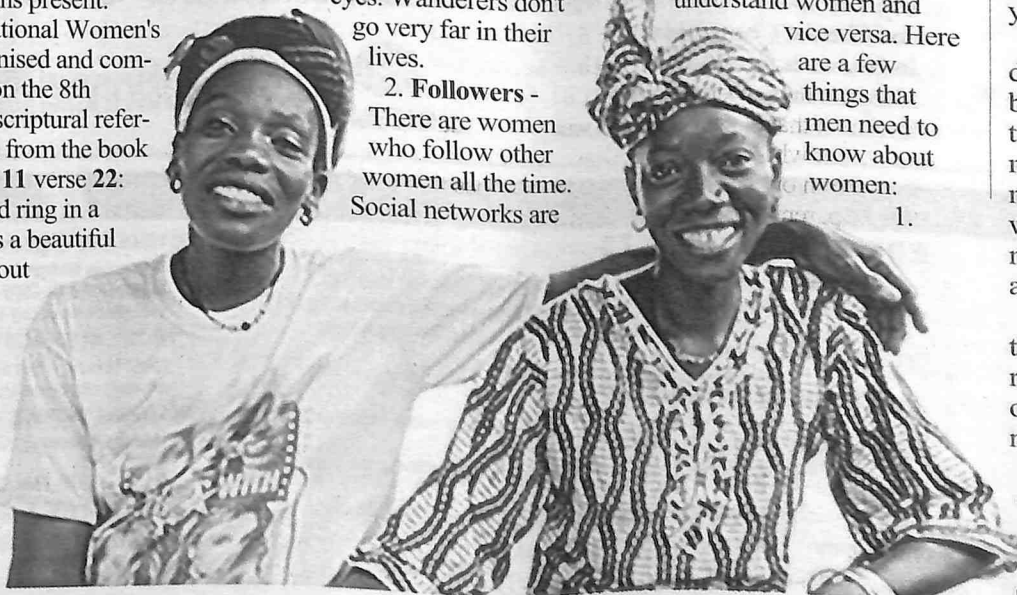
4. Women love to be spoiled. Whenever you are away from your partner, make sure you bring her something that she likes before you return, to show her that you've been thinking about her.

5. Women are sensual beings and are thus very romantic people. Learn to be romantic when you are with your partner.

6. A woman needs independence, especially financially. To be dependant on someone all the time is no joy to anyone. When a man gives a woman money, he must say good bye to it, because women know how to spend money and not bring back a cent as change.

Let me close this by quoting the following from a piece I read: "Being a female is a matter of birth. Being a woman is a matter of age."

Being a lady is a matter of choice. I sincerely hope that all the beautiful ladies out there had a meaningful month dedicated to women.



#PRETORIAGIRLSHIGH AND THE MYTH OF MULTICULTURALISM

By Khaya Dlanga

THE world finds a black woman who fights for what is rightfully hers offensive.

Here is a school called Pretoria High School for Girls where black girls' bodies are being policed under the rules of white respectability.

According to one @SiyaNtombela on Twitter, black girls were told that their hairstyles are not acceptable by the community.

I began to wonder what community. Who is this community? The white students? The parents of the white students? The neighbourhood where the school is? Are the black students not the community too?

After home, the first place racism has to be destroyed is at schools. Children shouldn't have to be fighting racism. Especially in 2016. Yet here we are. Schools are the last bastions of racism in conduct.

"Don't speak that funny language," is something most black students who have gone to white schools have heard many times over. Yet children who spoke Afrikaans were not told not to speak it, nor was it ever called, "that funny language".

"Stop walking like you are in a taxi rank", "Walk quietly, this is not a toyi toyi", "Walk faster, this is not a go slow", are some of the racist things said to black students by their white teachers when I was in school.

The idea of multiculturalism is great on paper, but it is never put into practice in real life. It is a myth. What schools mean by multiculturalism is assimilation and domination of all other cultures by one to form a monoculture. Into whiteness or that which is Western. The education system's single greatest task is to wash Africanness away. What is best for the African is not African, it is whiteness. That is what the black child is taught in schools every single day.

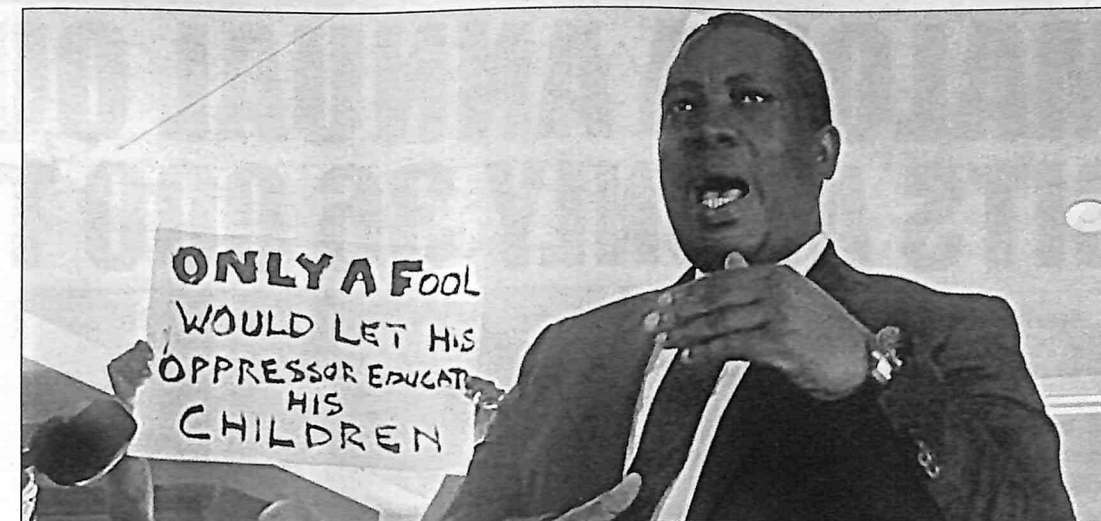
The way forward

We cannot continue begging for acceptance in a world that is happy to accept black money but not the Africanness it comes with.

This is why black-owned and controlled private schools are the way forward.

These schools would teach a world history that does not only preach white achievements in the advances the world has made but contributions of the brown people of the world too.

The idea that human progress has only come from the white people and not the entirety of the beautiful human race must come



TROUBLED: Gauteng Education MEC Panyaza Lesufi at the troubled Pretoria High School for Girls. Lesufi visited the school yesterday.

to an end. The University of Timbuktu for example is one of the world's first.

In the 14th century, it facilitated more than 25 000 students also making it the world's biggest. These things children are not taught because we are meant to bow down before the altar of whiteness.

Many of these previously white-only schools have, for the most part, only white teachers. All figures of authority are white. The black staff are janitors, security guards and cleaners. Some children go through entire school careers never ever having been taught by black teacher. What that teaches children, especially white ones, is that any person who should have a position of authority is white.

Therefore, white people are born and are meant to be bosses and leaders. That is what your mind will do if that is what you have seen your whole life.

Black children on the other hand whose parents can afford to take them to these schools are often people in position of some authority, therefore, for the black child, it is not unusual for her.

Schools must start accepting that they are in Africa, not Europe and act accordingly.

Africanness is not an iota inferior to that of the West.

Teachers say that because it is a nice thing to say, yet they do not believe it. Worse, their behavior

also shows that they believe African culture is inferior. When I was in school my English teacher had to go away for a term in study break. My entire primary and high school career in white schools, I never had a single black teacher. There was not a single black teacher in the schools while I was there.

An attack on my dignity

We had a substitute teacher and she asked us to write an essay over the weekend. After she was done marking the essays, she gave everyone their book and marks but me. I recount the event in my book, To Quote Myself as follows:

"Who wrote this essay?" she asked. 'I did, Miss,' I replied. 'Are you sure?' she asked. 'Yes, I am very sure I did, Miss,' I replied, impatient. Obviously I had written a very bad essay and I was prepared to own it and take whatever I had to take for having written it.

"What does this word mean?" she asked as she pointed at my slanted hand-writing. I told her the meaning.

Then her finger went down the page and pointed at another word. She asked, "What does this word mean?" Again I told her. "What does this one mean?" I told her and as her finger scrolled down the page to another word, I felt my dignity assaulted. It occurred to me that she did not believe I had written the essay

and she did not think I knew the meaning of the words I had written down. She was sliding her accusing fingers over each letter, sentence, paragraph – the entire essay.

"Excuse me, Miss? Why didn't you ask anybody else in this class to tell you the meaning of the words in their essays?" It was code for asking why I was being singled out as the black kid in the class, although that argument couldn't really work because there were two other black pupils in the class. She told me she was not convinced I had written the essay on my own.

I responded, 'Miss, if you had done your homework, you would have seen that I received the highest mark in the class for English essays in the most recent June exams, which were marked by the principal himself, Mr Friend.' I had never talked to a teacher like that in my life, but then again, I had never had to suffer through such obvious doubt about my abilities and an attack on my dignity from a person who was supposed to be my teacher. From that day on, I refused to answer any question she asked me in class.

All schools have to remember where they are. We are with the children of Pretoria High School for Girls.

Fighting a fight they should not have to fight in the first place. Viva class of 2016.



● I judge a religion as being good or bad based on whether its adherents become better people as a result of practicing it.

● There's an old proverb that says just about whatever you want it to.

● If advertisers spent the same amount of money on improving their products as they do on advertising then they wouldn't have to advertise them.

● Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

● I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong.

● Plagiarism is copying from one source; research is copying from many.

● Only adults have difficulty with childproof caps.

● Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

● Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped.

● Life isn't weird; it's the people in it.

● I AM, therefore I THINK!

● There are many humorous things in the world: among them the white man's notion that he is less savage than the other savages

● No one is perfect, but some of us are closer than others.

● If it jams, force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway.

● It's not what you say in your argument, it's how loud you say it.

● Anytime things appear to be going better, you have overlooked something.

● If you are good, you will be assigned all the work. If you are really good, you will get out of it.

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VITALS

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First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.4%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



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CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.1195	14.1695
British Pound / SZL	18.6589	18.7250
Japanese Yen / SZL	7.0906	7.1121
Swiss France / SZL	14.6346	14.6819
Botswana Pula / SZL	1.2990	1.3107
Australian Dollar / SZL	10.7859	10.8312
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Moving Forward

MALOMA ANNUAL OUTPUT SITS AT ONLY 36 000 TONNES

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

DUE to a number of challenges, Maloma Colliery Limited annual output stands at only 36 000 tonnes.

The company mines anthracite, a hard, compact variety of coal with high fixed carbon, low volatility, low sulphur, and low ash. Chief Executive Officer Johannes Du Plessis dubbed the coal, 'Swazi black gold.'

He said the coal grade was amongst the top three in Southern Africa.

He was speaking during a tour by delegates of the Southern African Business Forum (SABF) Conference to the mine last Friday.

Du Plessis said the coal was mostly used in metallurgical processes in South Africa, with the main destinations being Lydenburg, Krugersdorp, Middelburg, and Richards Bay.

"Due to a number of difficulties, our annual output only edges at about 36 000 tonnes. There is a huge interest for the coal, but at the moment we produce too little to consider other markets," he said.

Amongst the challenges, he mentioned high electricity costs which were worsened by the remoteness of the mine, which makes it very costly to produce the coal. "Everybody takes power along the line and we are sitting at the bottom."

As a result, he said, they were presently conducting a feasibility study for a power generation plant project. They were presently looking at using new technology to avoid burning coal, but generate heat in a reactor at high temperatures.



CHALLENGES: Maloma Colliery Limited Chief Executive Officer Jacobus Du Plessis during the SABF Conference delegates tour to the mine. (Pics: Manqoba Makhubu)

THANK YOU CHIEF: Mthayiphi Dlamini sharing a light moment with SADC Secretariat's Monnane Monnane.



However, he said they could only use the low quality coal for that project.

Du Plessis said they had forwarded a Joint Venture Agreement proposal to the board for the project.

"We are planning on setting up a prototype plant at first, with a generation capacity of about 10-20 megawatts which can then be followed by a larger plant which can generate about 100 megawatts and this can take us up to two years to set up," he said.

However, the project was still at the planning stage.

Adding, he said they had identified areas of value addition from

their existing product line and found a market for small nuts coal, while they were also currently looking for a market for high ash coal.

"Our main objective is to create employment opportunities and support the country's economic aspirations."

He said at present proven coal reserves stood at eight years of the A grade coal.

The company was granted a 15-year licence and Du Plessis said they currently had 13 years remaining.

Meanwhile, he said they were following with keen interest the development of projects like the Rail Link, as it would open doors to harbours in Mozambique and South Africa.

"This would reduce road trans-

port costs and damages," he said.

He said the company also strived to promote the local industry, "we source 45 percent of our consumables locally. We also promote local employment as we only have two experts from South Africa."

The company boasts 363 total labour force. Du Plessis said they strive to work as safely as possible. "Our last fatality was on May 31, 2016, we have had fatality free production days in excess of 3 000 shifts."

The company also provides 2.5 percent of its profit after tax to its corporate social investment fund which is based on five pillars being: education, health, water, infrastructure and small and medium enterprise development.

SADC HAS E5.5BN EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK SUPPORT

THE European Investment Bank (EIB) provides loans worth E5.5 billion per annum to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

EIB Mark Leistner said the bank's support for the private sector, be it directly, or through public sector operations, was a vehicle for promoting development.

"And at the end, development is about the people. The people of Africa, and yes those of the SADC region should have a better life than the generations that

preceded them."

The EIB participated during the activities of the SADC Industrialisation Week. They also sponsored the Industrialisation Week dinner held at the Royal Swazi Sun last Thursday.

The bank's contribution lies in financing large infrastructure projects, mainly in the areas of energy, water, sanitation, transport, and information communications technology.

It provides loans to the promoters of the project. It also works with both private and public

financial institutions by providing them with credit lines as well as support small and medium enterprise development.

Leistner said the bank has supported the rehabilitation of the Great East road Zambia and the rehabilitation of the Mozambique railway, amongst a number of projects. In Swaziland, the EIB has supported the Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP) which is currently on its second phase.

Leistner said their direct support to the private sector in the region also included independent

power producer programmes for renewable energy and concentrated solar power in South Africa.

"We want to contribute to more people having access to power...and create employment. We want to contribute to access to safe water and sanitation facilities to ensure that everyone can participate in the cycle of life...we want to contribute to people having access to trade at reasonable prices not least a result of cheaper transport costs and so forth."

SD AMONGST COUNTRIES WITH LOWEST DEBT IN AFRICA

By Linda Dlamini

SWAZILAND has one of the lowest public debt burdens in the continent.

According to the African Economic Outlook 2016, the country's debt burden is about 17 percent of the gross domestic product.

"Swaziland's debt burden is projected to increase by 1.5 percent to about 18 percent," the African Development Bank (AfDB) reported.

The bank said government's debt service as a percentage of exports of goods and services was also set to increase.

"Swaziland's debt service as a percentage of exports of goods and services currently is at 8.8

percent and is set to rise to 9 percent in 2017," the bank said.

Of note is that the bank said government's external debt does not have any private sector investors in its external debt.

"42.9 percent of external public debt is comprised of multilateral creditors, 57.1 percent is that of bilateral creditors," the bank said.

The bank said only Algeria, Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria have lower total public debt outstanding as a percentage of gross domestic product.

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) Recent Economic Development Report, as at the end of July 2016, pre-

liminary debt figures indicate that total public debt stood at E8.44 billion.

"This shows a marginal nominal decline of less than one percent compared to E8.46 billion recorded in May 2016.

The decrease can be attributed to a slight recovery of the Lilangeni against major currencies in which the country's liabilities are denominated," the CBS said.

The bank further noted external debt as at end of July 2016 stood at E5.0 billion, an equivalent of 9.6 percent of GDP.

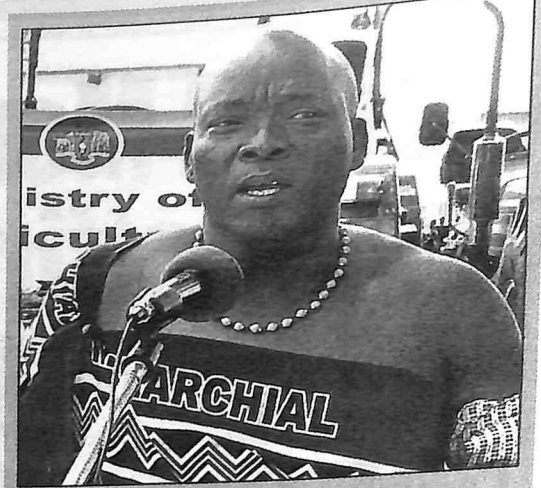
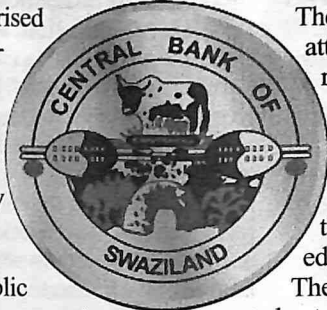
"This indicates a small decline of about 2 percent when com-

pared to the previous month where external debt was recorded at E5.1 billion.

The decline can be attributed to a slight recovery of the Lilangeni against major currencies in which the country's liabilities are denominated," the CBS said.

With regards to domestic debt the CBS said domestic debt rose to E3.5 billion compared to E3.3 billion in the previous month.

"This shows a slight increase of about 6.1 percent, bringing domestic debt to 6.7 percent of GDP. The increase was a result of a bond issuance amounting to E150 million. Alongside a maturity of E78 million for a similar paper, government successfully issued a five-year bond amounting to E150 million at a coupon," the report noted.



VERY SOON: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati.

SD set to meet 10% agric budget allocation next year

By Linda Dlamini

MINISTER of Agriculture Moses Vilakati expects the country to commit 10 percent of the country's national budget allocation to agriculture development very soon.

"We have launched various initiatives for the country to adhere to the African Union Maputo declaration," he said.

At the Second Ordinary Assembly of the African Union in July 2003 in Maputo, African Heads of State and Government endorsed the Maputo Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security in Africa.

The Declaration contained several important decisions regarding agriculture, but prominent among them was the commitment to the allocation of at least 10 percent of national budgetary resources to agriculture and rural development policy implementation within five years.

CAADP is a common agricultural development framework of the African Union and NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA).

It aims to help African countries reach a higher path of economic growth through agriculture-led development.

The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) has been mandated to implement and coordinate CAADP implementation in Eastern and Southern African region.

"For instance the Swaziland National Agricultural Plan is one of the initiatives which is envisaged to create an environment which will allow the country to commit the 10 percent," he said.

The country has never met the Maputo Declaration, 2003 10 percent minimum allocation of the national budget to agriculture, which was aimed to spur at least six percent annual growth.

The Swaziland National Agriculture Investment Plan (SNAIP) whose implementation starts this year (2015) up to 2025 requires around E26 billion.

"This year there have been numerous meetings that have been held to discuss issues related to agriculture and the issue of the 10 percent of the national budget has been discussed.

I am very confident that the country will be able to meet the requirements very soon," the minister said.

Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini in his budget speech said government proposes to increase the budget allocated to the ministry of agriculture from E537 million in 2015/16 to E843 million in 2016/17.



PARTNERS: The participants of the SADC Industrialisation Week High Level meeting, in a group picture with Prime Minister, Sibusiso Dlamini.

Industries urged to promote value chains

By Manqoba Makhubu

PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini says Southern African Development Community (SADC) industries need to promote the growth of domestic, regional, and global value chains.

The prime minister said although Africa is rich on natural resources, 75 percent of the population still has no access to electricity, with a high percentage still relying on biomass fuel for their cooking, which has a negative impact on their health and the environment.

"From an economic perspec-

tive the scream is no quieter," he said.

SADC has identified regional value addition through better value chain participation. Opportunities have been identified in minerals beneficiation, agro-processing, and pharmaceutical.

The prime minister said there was a need to mobilise funding for energy infrastructure development which would be instrumental in the implementation of the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap.

The prime minister encouraged the private sector to commit themselves through supportive investments.

"A paradigm shift is upon us to take advantage of the geo-economic and technological changes, which are promoting economic growth through enhanced industrial capabilities and global competitiveness."

He said the SADC Industrialisation Week was indeed a fertile setting that brought together the public and private sectors, international cooperating partners and other strategic partners, showcasing products and potential value chains.

"Let us make sure that the action programme that will follow does real justice to the Industrialisation Strategy and

Roadmap," said the prime minister.

The prime minister thanked the NEPAD Business Forum, European Investment Bank, International Trade Centre, Germany Cooperation (GIZ), Southern Africa Trust, European Union, International Finance Corporation, SADC Public Private Partnership Network for the support that they have given to the Southern Africa Business Forum and its working groups.

He said the Industrialisation Week has been a crucially important week for the future industrialisation of the countries of the SADC region.

SADC Member States expected to re-affirm Malabo Declaration

By Manqoba Makhubu

ESAFF calls upon the Southern African Development Community (SADC) member states to re-affirm the commitment of the region to achieving the Malabo Declaration as the 36th Ordinary Summit begins today.

ESAFF stands for Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmer's Forum.

At the African Union Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea in June 2014, Heads of State and Government adopted a remarkable set of concrete agriculture goals to be attained by 2025.

Reconfirmed

This then gave birth to the Malabo Declaration which reconfirmed that agriculture should remain high on the development agenda of the continent, and was a critical policy initiative for African economic growth and poverty reduction.

"We call on SADC and its Member States to re-affirm, at the highest level, the commitment of the region to achieving the Malabo Declaration," said ESAFF Swaziland Chairperson Bheva Hlophe.

Hlophe said it was critical to

● At the African Union Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea in June 2014, Heads of State and Government adopted a remarkable set of concrete agriculture goals to be attained by 2025.

build a more resilient, food-secure region as a longer-term approach to tackle the root causes of vulnerability, especially after the El Nino induced drought. He said they would also like member states to urgently implement the Regional Agricultural Investment Plan (RAIP), and speed up the development of National

Agricultural Investment Plans (NAIPs), and set timelines to allocate 10 percent of national budgets to agriculture.

"We also call upon member states to enable the full participation of smallholders, especially women and youth in implementation and monitoring.

We commend the participatory nature of the development of

the RAIP, and expect this will be extended to drafting the rules and regulations to operationalise the RAIP."

Adding, he said they were calling upon member states to ensure not just the quantity, but also the quality of investment, by targeting funds at the needs of smallholders – especially women and youth, "We believe that government budget allocations are not currently

benefitting poor rural women farmers, and that farmer input subsidy programmes, in particular, should be reformed with this in mind."

They also want member states to facilitate the transformation to climate-resilient agriculture, by

supporting the diversification of agricultural production, and dedicating funds to enable smallholder farmers, especially women, to be able to adapt in a changing climate, and acknowledge the central role of women in agriculture, and implement measures to ensure women's access, control and ownership of land and key productive resources.

Change

Hlophe said as climate change takes grip, the cyclical El Nino phenomenon would become more frequent and more intense, affecting the region again and again.

"In the context of this 'new normal', climate induced disasters need to be dealt with better. We know that early action prevents suffering, is significantly more cost effective, and prevents reversals in development gains."

The organisation, together with churches, rural women, media and civil society in Southern Africa reportedly wrote to the ministry of agriculture, ministry of foreign affairs, and the SADC focal director lobbying for these issues last Friday.



Business set to gain on SITF Seminars

By Linda Dlamini

ENTREPRISES are set to gain a lot from the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) seminars.

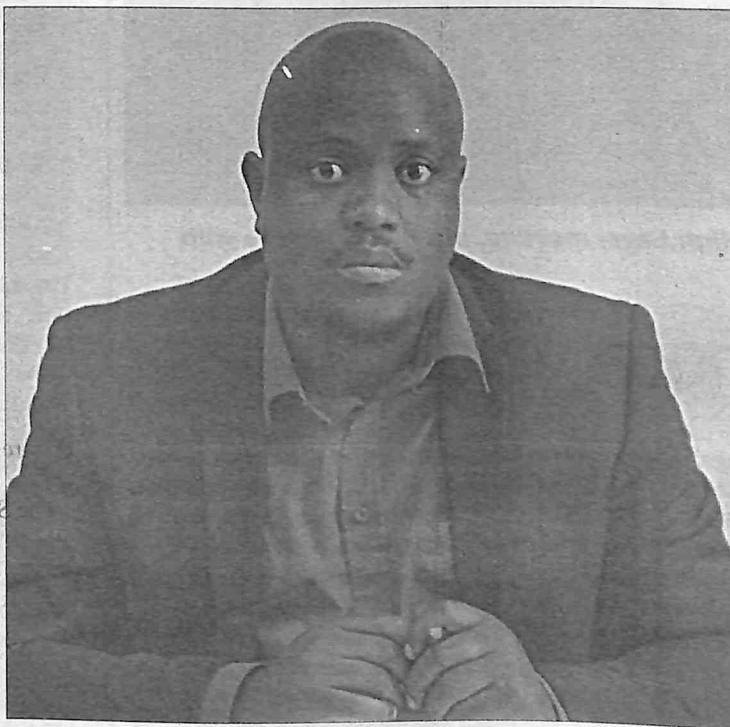
Swaziland Investment Promotion Agency (SIPA) Domestic Trade and Promotions Manager Sihle Nkabinde said they have decided to focus on issues that touch on increasing regional integration, in general, within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

The seminars were scheduled to start today with the official opening to be conducted by Ministry of Agriculture Principal Secretary Bongani Masuku.

The first speaker would be Nolwazi Dlamini from shopping retail giant Pick'n'Pay. She will be followed by Kurt Puttkammer from Bulembu Ministries.

Siphephiso Dlamini, from Namboard, will be the final speaker for the morning session of the business seminars," the statement said.

The Chuzasha Investments Director, Innocent Gama, said he would definitely participate in the



TO GAIN: SIPA Domestic Trade and Promotions Manager Sihle Nkabinde.

business seminars.

"I am looking forward to the presentation by Swaziland railway Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Stephenson Ngubane, as I am interested in the transportation sector of the economy," he

said.

According to the statement released by SIPA, Ngubane would present after lunch tomorrow.

"The title of Ngubane's presentation is 'Swaziland trading

beyond SADC: What is the situation of railways (transport capacity," reads the statement in part.

Gama said he had attended numerous other conferences in the country and always found them to be very informative and helpful.

"The latest conference I attended was the Swaziland Railway conference that was recently held at Royal Villas.

Transport

I learnt a lot about the transport sector through listening to the submissions of the presenters.

Therefore, I would encourage business people to come in their numbers to listen to the submissions of the presenters," he said.

The SIPA Domestic Trade and Promotions Manager, Sihle Nkabinde, urged those who would be attending to keep time as the seminar registration would begin at 8.30 am, for the morning session and 1.30pm for the afternoon session, with the presentations starting 30 minutes after registration.

"All the presentations will be officially opened by principal secretaries of the various government ministries," he said.

TELKOM STRIKE: UNION REFUSES TO BACK DOWN

JOHANNESBURG - The Communication Workers Union (CWU) says it plans on continuing its strike at Telkom, despite the company urging its members to return to work.

The CWU general secretary, Aubrey Tshabalala, said the union remained confident that the strike, which has now entered its fifth week, was the best move currently.

Workers affiliated to the union downed tools demanding an 11 percent wage increase and six months paid maternity leave.

"CWU remains confident that our strike is making inroads and serious impact towards production in the company. It has made the company spend large amounts of its time running to courts in order to interdict the industrial action," he said. The union said it was positive that it would emerge victorious.

"Our strike is strengthening and we are positive that we will win."

The union also addressed its issues at MTN, repeating its demands for the company to end an outsourcing of its call centres as well as converting temporary staff into permanent workers. The union has made it clear that a strike was looming if "MTN does not cooperate". This comes after MTN announced it plans to outsource some of its call centre facilities in a bid to optimise its operations and enhance customer experience.

"We have engaged and signed agreement with MTN. However... this seems to be on the contrary when it comes to implementation. Outsourcing is not only the area of disagreement." **Labour Bureau**

SAA seeks R16bn

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's cash-strapped national carrier plans to raise R16 billion (\$1 billion) from banks and other financial institutions, a newspaper notice showed, days after saying it could pay its debts.

State-owned South African Airlines is seeking secured and unsecured funding with a 3- to 15-year duration and wants to start drawing down the amount within two weeks of signing the loan agreement, it said in the notice published in the Sunday Times newspaper.

"Three drawdowns are envisaged starting end October," the firm said, adding that bidders could submit proposals for part or all of the required funding from Monday until September 16.

"South African Airways requires funding to meet its working and capital requirements as well as to consolidate its current debt portfolio," the airline said.

The airline's spokesman, Tlali Tlali, could not immediately comment when reached by Reuters.

Hong Kong's tax authorities last week threatened to ground SAA planes if the airline did not provide financial statements by September 6.

The airline has failed to submit financial statements for the past two years, with results for 2015/16 held back by Treasury's refusal to grant the loss-making carrier R5 billion in additional guarantees.

The airline had previously appointed little-known BnP Capital as financial services adviser to source funding on its behalf, yet reversed the decision after criticism and a legal challenge from the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse. The South African lobby group said Johannesburg-based BnP had had its Financial Services Board licence suspended and that SAA had not followed a competitive bidding process.

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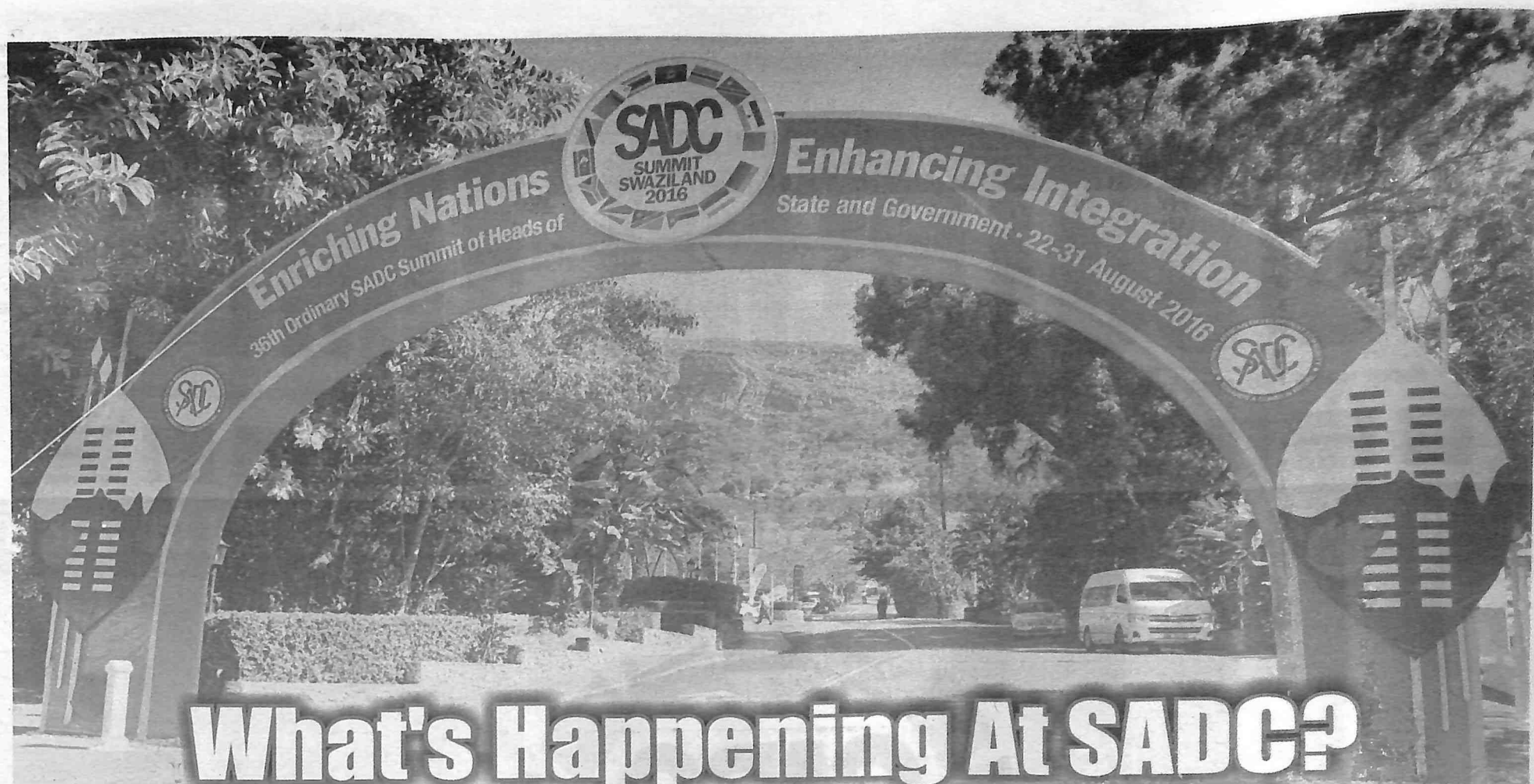
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What's Happening At SADC?

TUESDAY AUGUST 30

08.00 – 12.00

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 36th ORDINARY SUMMIT OF SADC HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AT LOZITHA PALACE

08.00 – 08.25
08.25 – 08.40
08.40 – 08.55
08.55 – 09.00
09.00 – 09.15

Invited Guests take their seats
Arrival of the Heads of State and Government escorted to the holding room
The First Spouses take their seats in the Summit Hall
The Heads of State and Government, and invited Special Guests enter the Hall in procession and take their positions at the High Table
Singing of Anthems (Kingdom of Swaziland and the SADC Anthem)
Introduction of the Heads of State and Government and the dignitaries seated at the High Table by the Director of Ceremonies

09.15 – 09.35
09.35 – 09.50
09.50 – 10.05

CULTURAL INTERVENTION
Introductory Remarks by SADC Executive Secretary H.E. Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax
Welcome Statement by incoming SADC Chairperson His Majesty King Mswati III of the Kingdom of Swaziland and host of the 36th Summit

10.05 – 10.15
10.15 – 10.25
10.25 – 10.35
10.35 – 10.45
10.4 – 11.05

Statement by H.E. Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank
Statement by H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Chairperson of the African Union Commission
Statement by Dr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
Maiden Speech by H.E. Mr John Magufuli President of the United Republic of Tanzania
Prize giving to the regional winners of the 2016 SADC Secondary School Essay Competition and Media Awards by SADC Chairperson, Lt. General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, President of Botswana

11.05 – 11.15

CULTURAL INTERVENTION

11.15 – 11.25

Keynote address by SADC Chairperson, Lt. General Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama, President of Botswana and ceremonial handing over of the SADC Chairperson's Badge to Incoming SADC Chairperson

11.25 – 11.35
11.35 – 11.45
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CULTURAL INTERVENTION
Acceptance Statement by new SADC Chairperson, His Majesty King Mswati III of the Kingdom of Swaziland
END OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

11.45 – 11.55
12.00
12.00 – 13.00
13.00 – 14.00
14.00 – 15.30
15.30 – 16.00
16.00 – 17.00
19.30

Family Photograph of SADC Heads of State and Government and special invited guests
First Spouses programme commences
SUMMIT IN SESSION
LUNCHEON
SUMMIT IN SESSION
TEA/COFFEE BREAK
SUMMIT IN SESSION
State Banquet for Heads of State and Government hosted by SADC Chairperson, His Majesty King Mswati III of the Kingdom of Swaziland and host of the 36th Ordinary SADC Summit

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31

09.00 – 13.00

SUMMIT IN SESSION

13.00 – 14.00

LUNCHEON

14.00 – 16.20

OFFICIAL CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 36th ORDINARY SUMMIT OF SADC HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AT LOZITHA PALACE

14.00

Invited guests take their seats in the Hall

14.15

Arrival and proceeding to the Holding Room of Heads of State and Government

14.35

First Spouses take their seats in the Hall

14.40

Heads of State and Government & Special Invited Guests enter the Hall in procession

15.20

Closing Statement by SADC Chairperson, His Majesty King Mswati III.

15.30

Vote of Thanks by the host of next Ordinary Summit.

15.30

Reading of the Summit Communiqué by SADC Executive Secretary, H.E. Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax.

15.50

Playing of the SADC Anthem and the National Anthem of the Kingdom of Swaziland

16.00

END OF THE CLOSING CEREMONY

16.10

Post-Summit Media Briefing by SADC Chairperson H.M. King Mswati III of the Kingdom of Swaziland, accompanied by Chairperson of Council, and Minister of Economic Planning and Development of the Kingdom of Swaziland, H. R. H. Prince Hlangusemphi, and SADC Executive Secretary, H.E. Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax at Lozitha Palace

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1

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SADC sets \$2.9 billion budget for food aid



> Magreth Nunuhe

MBABANE-COUNTRIES in Southern Africa must raise US\$2.9 billion to cover the humanitarian needs of about 40 million people, according to the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Just US\$393.7 million (about 14 percent) has so far been raised of that target by SADC member states and their cooperating partners, Prince Hlangusemphi of Swaziland revealed here.

Outgoing SADC chairman President Ian Khama of Botswana recently launched the Declaration of Regional Drought Disaster and the SADC Regional Humanitarian Appeal in response to one of the worst droughts to sweep the region.

Hlangusemphi, who chairs the SADC Council of Ministers, told journalists that the regional trade bloc has committed itself to raise a mammoth US\$398 billion to implement infrastructure related projects and programmes under the SADC Regional Infrastructure Development Master Plan (RIDMP).

The Council of Ministers, he said, has directed the Secretariat to map available resources and set up a coherent financing plan.

"Council noted and approved



> Regional priorities... SADC Council of Ministers chairperson Prince Hlangusemphi speaks to reporters on region's food crisis.

the Costed Implementation Plan for the Revised 2015-2020 SADC Communications and Promotional Strategy, which will be used to communicate the SADC Agenda as well as showcase SADC achievements in the various programme areas with the RISDP (Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan) and the Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap," he noted.

The Secretariat was also directed by Council to convene an investment conference to showcase infrastructure projects and finalise the SADC Regional Resource Mobilisation

Framework in order to give further impetus to resource mobilisation.

"Council received a progress report on the indicative costs of the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Action Plan and directed the Secretariat to finalise the process in consultation with Member States for consideration by Council and Extraordinary Summit in February/March 2017 to enable the region to solicit investment in identified areas," said Prince Hlangusemphi, who is also Swaziland's Minister of Economic Planning and Development.

The Council endorsed that the SADC Industrialisation Week be convened on an annual basis, alongside the SADC Ordinary Summit.

A three-day SADC Industrialisation Week was held in Ezulwini, Swaziland, from August 23-26 to look at ways of achieving structural transformation of the SADC region by way of industrialisation, modernisation and upgrading of productive systems and deeper regional integration.

The Council also directed that the SADC Secretariat should continue strengthening organ-

isational capacity to improve on SADC's mandate delivery after noting that the physical implementation and budget utilisation had increased from last year's threshold as indicated in the Annual Performance Report.

A Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SADC and the Russian Federation on Basic Principles of Relations and Cooperation was also approved while Council endorsed the decision of the Ministerial Committee of the Organ (MCO) to mandate the Interstate Politics and Diplomacy Committee (ISPDC) to consider the applications submitted by the Union of Comoros and Burundi for SADC membership.

The Council of Ministers considered lists of candidates for various international organisations and continental bodies, including the African Union Commission and endorsed Dr Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi, who is the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Botswana, as the Southern African Regional Candidate for the AU Commission chairperson position.

Prince Hlangusemphi succeeded the outgoing chairperson of the SADC Council of Ministers, Kenneth Matambo, who is also Botswana's Minister of Finance and Development Planning.

The 36th Ordinary Summit of the SADC Heads of State and Government officially opens today and ends on Wednesday.

SA steps down from politics, defence organ

> Staff Reporter

SOUTH Africa is to end its membership of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) troika on politics, defence and security.

"South Africa will cease to be a Member of the Organ Troika on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation on August 30, 2016, when the Republic of Mozambique will resume this position," said a statement from the Presidency, which also announced that President Jacob Zuma was in Swaziland to attend a SADC meeting.

Tanzania will assume the position of Chair the Organ for the period 2016-2017.

The Presidency said Zuma had arrived in Mbabane, in the Kingdom of Swaziland, to attend the 36th Ordinary SADC Summit of Heads of State.

The meeting takes place today and tomorrow under the theme: "Resource Mobilisation for Investment in Sustainable Energy Infrastructure for an Inclusive SADC Industrialisation and for the Prosperity of the Region".

The Summit places focus on the need to improve both industrial and infrastructure development in enhancing integration and fostering intra-regional trade in addressing SADC's sustainable development agenda.

The SADC Summit is a statutory meeting of the 15-nation

regional body which convenes annually in August.

The summit considers matters from different sectors for decision and noting. The summit also examines the performance of SADC institutions and reviews the overall implementation of the regional body's socio-economic programmes.

On the political and security situation in the region, it is expected that the focus of discussions at the summit will be on constitutional, public and

security sector reforms in the Kingdom of Lesotho, national reconciliation, implementation of the SADC Roadmap on Madagascar and the national dialogue towards preparations for national elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The summit was preceded by the SADC Organ Troika Summit which was held yesterday. South Africa participated in the meeting in its capacity as the outgoing chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation.

Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa took part in the Organ Troika Summit in his capacity as the SADC-appointed facilitator working on the political and security situation in Lesotho.

The Organ Troika is made up of Botswana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Mozambique, South Africa and Tanzania.



> South Africa's President Jacob Zuma

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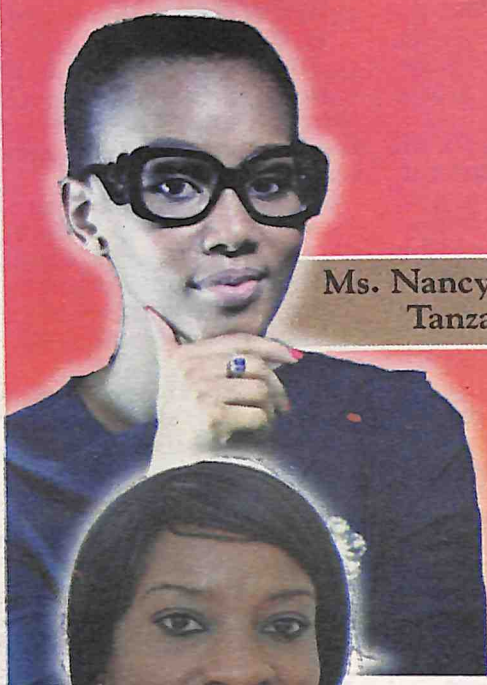
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SADC launches 4 publications

> Magreth Nunuhe

MBABANE- SOUTHERN Africa remains energy

deficient and indicators reveal that access to electricity in rural areas is below 10 percent in most SADC member states, while overall electricity access stands below 40 percent, SADC executive secretary Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax has revealed.

On average, 75 percent of the SADC population relies on traditional biomass and other solid fuels such as coal for cooking, which have negative implications on women and children's health as they tend to spend more time near open fires and traditional cook stoves.

"Monitoring of progress in the region's energy generation and use is therefore very critical for the growth and sustenance of the energy sector," Dr Tax said as she launched four SADC publications on Sunday.

> SADC executive secretary Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax

The SADC publications launched on Sunday are: 'The SADC Energy Monitor', 'The Sixth Edition of the SADC Gender Monitor', 'The Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region, A Baseline Report' and 'Adding Value: A Policy Tool Box for SADC Member States to Manage Economic Transformation and Value Chain Development'.

According to Dr Tax, the 'SADC Energy Monitor' publi-

cation assesses progress made toward the implementation of the SADC energy commitments ensuring developments are documented and tracked, while it also presents an in-depth overview of the results of the implementation of the SADC energy policy framework.

She said that the 'The Sixth Edition of the SADC Gender Monitor' publication provides a report on the progress made by SADC Member States in harmonising their relevant gender policies and provides considerable evidence that mainstreaming gender makes development interventions more effective and the results benefit both men and women.

"The region recognises that gender equality is at the core of achieving the vision of its founding treaty to build a common future that will ensure economic wellbeing, improvement of the standards of living and the quality of life freedom, social justice, peace and security for the people of Southern Africa," noted Dr Tax.

'The Trafficking in Persons in the SADC Region, A Baseline Report' aims to highlight the nature, extent and impacts of trafficking in persons in the SADC region and while the most vulnerable to trafficking are women and children, men are also targeted by trafficking syndicates for forced labour in mines and farms.

"This gender monitor highlights the lack of information and the need to identify demographics and characteristics of traffickers, their organisational formation and the strategies

that they use to recruit, exploit and control victims and provides pointers to what needs to be done to effectively control trafficking in persons," stressed Tax. The publication on 'Adding Value: A Policy Tool Box for SADC Member States to Manage Economic Transformation and Value Chain Development' provides tools and guidelines to help regional stakeholders to promote value addition with a view to increase the value of their products.

Tax said SADC has "front-loaded" industrialisation with the development of the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap 2015-2063 in a bid to transform its economy, gain traction and ultimately create growth through wealth creation and employment and it will require innovative approaches to accelerate growth through value addition and beneficiation in order to increase the financial value of products.

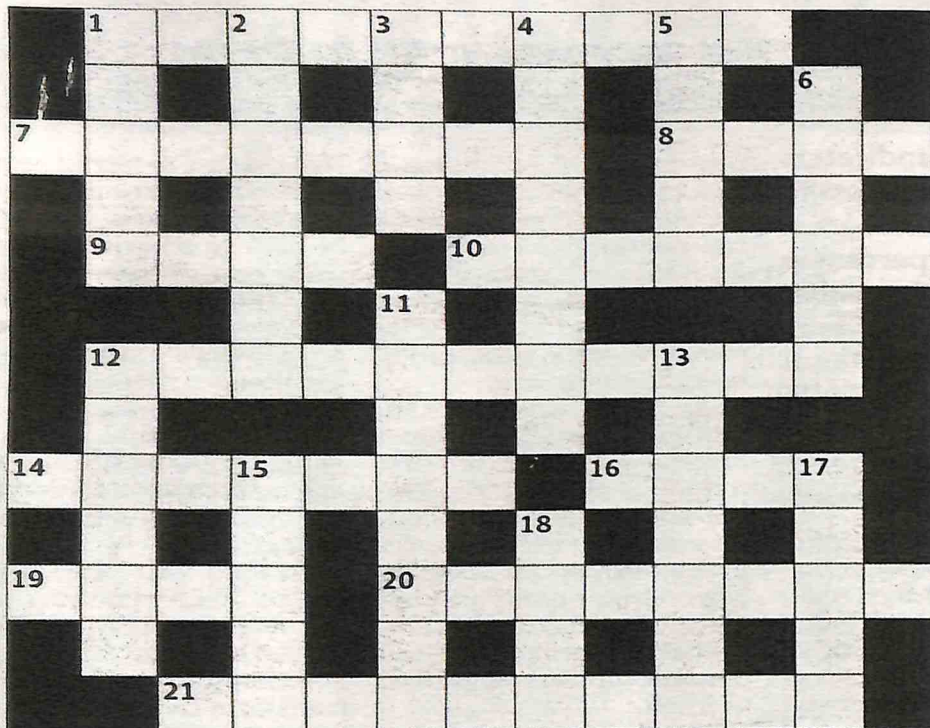
"We have made significant strides in a number of areas of regional integration including energy and combating trafficking in persons, facilitating the region's industrialisation drive with a view to accelerate economic growth and in the transformation of our economies and improve the lives of our people," Dr Tax added.

The SADC publications were sponsored in part by the Austrian Development Cooperation, the Regional Economic Development Institute, the European Union, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Southern African Research and Documentation Centre (SARDC).

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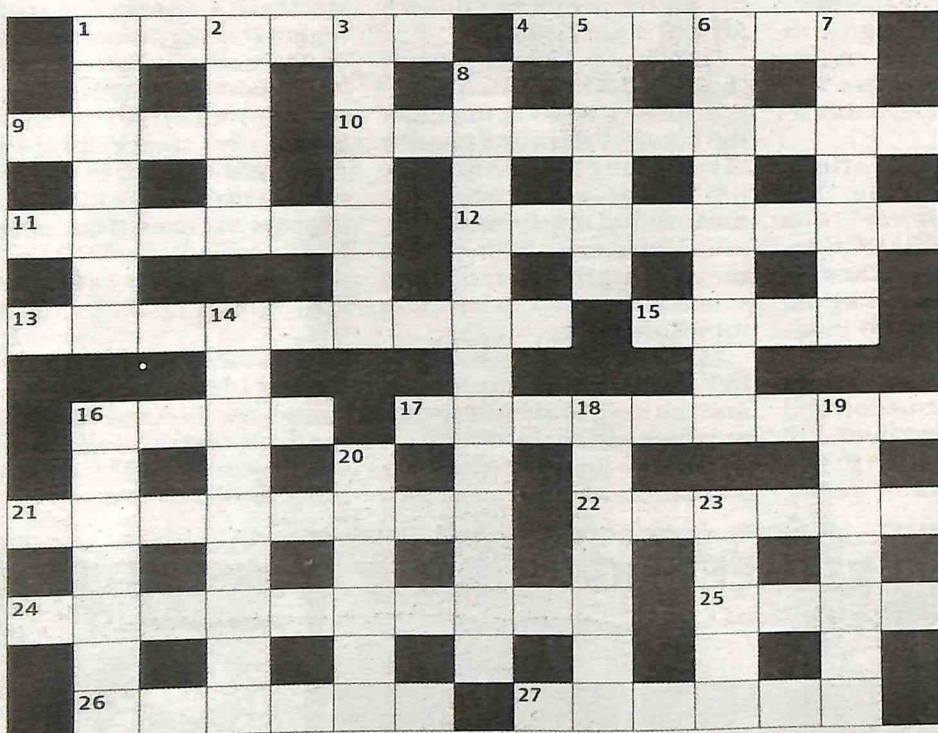
> SADC's executive secretary Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax speaks at the launch of four publications on Sunday.

36TH SADC SUMMIT***Puzzles****Quick crossword** 01.2016**QUIZWORD CLUES****Across**

- 1 Portuguese — Italian sun (anag) (10)
 7 German wine (8)
 8 Islamic republic (4)
 9 Biblical garden (4)
 10 Straighten the arms (7)
 12 Flipping game (11)
 14 Painting with colours mixed with gum (7)
 16 Handle — lump (4)
 19 Timbuktu is here (4)
 20 Where sport traditionally features in a newspaper (4,4)
 21 Informal folk-singing performance (10)

Down

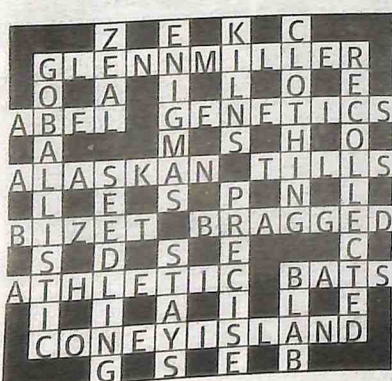
- 1 France's longest river (5)
 2 Hang (7)
 3 Lean (4)
 4 Person active in the small hours (5,3)
 5 Stay (5)
 6 Closed political meeting (6)
 11 A-Z (8)
 12 Part of human torso between neck and diaphragm (6)
 13 Skittle (7)
 15 Male (Spanish?) friend (5)

Cryptic crossword 01.2016**CRYPTIC CLUES****Across**

- 1 Scrape a new beard (6)
 4 Unaltered, it's as I designed (2,2,2)
 9 Downfall makes temper return (4)
 10 Farmed in a civilised way (10)
 11 Peruvians head east as a precaution (2,4)
 12 For dessert, such an order can't be bettered (5,3)
 13 Setback — very sad to get upset about it (9)
 15 Military policeman is about to see mischiefmakers (4)
 16 Soft piece of cake (4)
 17 Quixotic writer never acts in play (9)
 21 I guess I'd need dressing up for masquerade (8)
 22 Arrested outlaw sent back to bed (6)
 24 Choirs take in new version of what may follow Jerusalem (10)
 25 Bill's opponents (4)
 26 Things seen on guns (6)
 27 Firm plan (6)

Down

- 1 Keep order to pay £1,000 a long time (7)
 2 Drug trial failed with it (7)
 3 Lament delay, netting a pound where fortune's sought (7,4)
 4 Lacking mates, having day off that's tediously long (7)
 5 Photo frames hang on synthetic material (7)
 6 Old man's unfinished title (3)
 7 He makes a killing beginning to market gold stocks a bit (7)
 8 London university splitting noble gas particle (7)
 13 Conservative, behind May's back, keeps fighting (11)
 16 Fellows wearing ladies' slippers and cloaks (7)
 17 More frivolous Greek admits: "That would be the end of me" (7)
 18 Eatery's charge low, needing to rise (7)
 19 Husband experiences lust problems (7)
 20 Car with uneven bulge able to be picked up (7)
 21 Equipment sent for tidying up litter (7)
 25 Intimidate businesswomen? (3)

SOLUTIONS**Crossword****Cryptic**

Africa News



FREE: Egyptian lawyer and former presidential candidate Khaled Ali points to photos of jailed activists.

Egypt frees renowned rights lawyer Ali

CAIRO - Egyptian authorities on Sunday released a renowned human rights lawyer arrested after protests against President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi's decision to hand over two islands to Saudi Arabia.

Malek Adly had been held in pre-trial detention since being arrested by plainclothes police on May 5.

His defence team confirmed his release. "The case has not been referred to trial yet," Tarek Khater, one of Adly's lawyers said. Adly had supported protests in April against the decision to hand over two Red Sea islands to Saudi Arabia, which provoked outrage in Egypt and accusations that Sisi "sold" them in return for Saudi investments.

Police arrested dozens of activists ahead of an April 25 protest, after more than 1 000 people had chanted for "the fall of the regime" in an earlier demonstration in Cairo.

The police dispersed the April 25 protest before raiding the Journalists' Syndicate to arrest two reporters who are part of the same case as Adly.

AFP

Nigeria ready to negotiate with Boko Haram for Chibok girls

ABUJA - Nigeria would let Boko Haram choose a non-profit organisation as an intermediary in any talks on the release of about 200 schoolgirls kidnapped from the north-eastern village of Chibok in 2014, President Muhammadu Buhari said on Sunday.

Buhari first said last year that his government was ready to negotiate with Islamist militants Boko Haram over the girls, but the group has not commented on the proposal.

Nigeria's failure to find the kidnapped children prompted an outcry at home and abroad.

Critics of Buhari's predecessor, Goodluck Jonathan, said his government was too slow to act.

Any negotiations would be the first publicly known talks between the government and Boko Haram, whose seven-year insurgency to create an Islamic state in the northeast has killed 15,000 people.

"The government which I preside over is prepared to talk to bona fide leaders of Boko Haram," Buhari told reporters at a conference on African development in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, in comments later issued in an official statement.

"If they do not want to talk to us directly, let them pick an internationally recognised non-governmental organisation (NGO)," he said.

AFP

LIBYAN FORCES BEGIN 'FINAL BATTLE OF SIRTE'

SIRTE - Forces loyal to Libya's UN-backed unity government on Sunday pushed into the last areas of Sirte held by the Islamic State in what was the jihadists' coastal stronghold.

The battle for the hometown of Libya's slain dictator Muammar Gaddafi was launched more than three months ago by forces loyal to the Tripoli-based Government of National Accord.

IS captured the mediterranean city in June last year, sparking fears they would use it as a launchpad for attacks on Europe.

Earlier this month, the pro-GNA forces seized the jihadists' headquarters in Sirte, pinning them down in a small downtown area near the sea.

"Our forces entered the last areas held by Daesh in Sirte: district number one and district

number three," a spokesman for the pro-GNA forces said on Sunday, using an Arabic acronym for IS.

"The final battle for Sirte has started," Reda Issa said of the city 450km east of Tripoli.

About 1,000 pro-GNA fighters were taking part in the offensive, he said.

An AFP photographer saw several tanks and armed vehicles move towards district number one and heard gunfire and rocket explosions as they entered the northern neighbourhood.

"Fierce street battles" were taking place with pro-GNA forces using weaponry including heavy artillery, the photographer said.

At least 25 loyalists were killed Sunday and 120 wounded, a field hospital for the pro-GNA forces said.

The AFP photographer saw

several wounded loyalists being evacuated to the field hospital.

The bodies of two IS fighters lay on a street inside district number one, he said, adding that black smoke was rising from both districts.

The pro-GNA forces said on Facebook the offensive came "after air strikes overnight" and as they pressed the assault the jihadists countered with car bombs.

"The Daesh gangs committed mass suicide today when they sent five car bombs and a suicide bomber to try and stop our advancing forces," a statement said without elaborating.

Since August 1, US warplanes have backed the assault to expel IS from Sirte, and as of August 24, they had carried out 82 strikes, according to the US Africa Command.

AFP

...18 pro-govt fighters killed, 120 wounded

TRIPOLI - Eighteen fighters loyal to Libya's UN-backed unity government were killed and 120 others wounded in clashes on Sunday with the Islamic State group in Sirte, a med-

ical source said.

A field hospital for the forces backing the Government of National Accord listed the names of the 18 fighters killed in the coastal city, as loyalist forces

pushed into the last areas held by ISIS in Sirte.

The pro-GNA forces are pressing a months-long campaign to retake the city from the jihadists, who overran it in June 2015. AFP



HAPPY FAMILY: Rather than push his two-month-old daughter Milena everywhere in a buggy, former rugby star Ben Cohen seemed happy to clasp the baby girl under his arm as he went shopping in London (left). Cohen, 37, was pictured on a shopping trip with his partner, dancer Kristina Rihanoff, in London's fashionable New Bond Street. The couple were all smiles and appeared to be enjoying the excursion to the capital with their daughter. Russian Miss Rihanoff (pictured right with Milena) and Cohen met in 2013 when they were partners on the BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*. (AP)

BRIEFS

Gender inequality costs Africa \$95bn

NAIROBI - The UN on Sunday urged African nations to close a gender gap that is costing an estimated \$95bn a year in lost economic potential. In 2014, the cost was higher, at \$105bn "Where there are high levels of gender inequality, societies are missing out," UN Development Fund (UNDP) director Helen Clark said. "They are not harnessing the full potential of women, and that costs economically, at the family level, community level and the national level." AFP

Opposition chief 'claims' election victory

LIBREVILLE - Gabon's main opposition candidate Jean Ping claimed Sunday he had been elected president, prompting incumbent Ali Bongo to say that he will wait for official results to be released. The official tally of votes will not be published until Tuesday and some voters voiced fears of a repeat of the violence seen after a disputed 2009 election. "I have been elected. I am waiting for the outgoing president to call to congratulate me," said Ping, 73, in the capital Libreville, prompting jubilation from hundreds of his supporters. Bongo responded later by saying that he was waiting for official results to be released from Saturday's election." AFP

Power outage disrupts airlines' operations

LAGOS - Flight operations were disrupted at the international terminal of the Murtala Muhammed Airport (MMA), Lagos, for two days - Saturday and Sunday - following continued power outage there. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) gathered that the power outage which had not been restored as at the time of filing this report had affected international operations of airlines flying in and out of the airport. The General Manager, Public Affairs, Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Yakubu Dati, confirmed the development on Sunday in Lagos to newsmen." Premium Times



Cartel takes over LAZ M'member

ZAMBIA - The Law Association of Zambia is now under the express supervision of the infamous cartel, a group of influential private citizens who seek to indirectly control state power. The cartel comprises Post Newspaper owner Fred, his ally Mutembo Nchito, failed politician Wynter Kabimba and others. Sources say the cartel through its connection to the LAZ leadership is now in charge and controlling the direction and positions the body takes. LAZ president Linda Kasonde shares a very close relationship with M'membe, both having worked at MNB (now Nchito and Nchito) law firm when they were attending their certification at Ziale. AllAfrica

Lungu plans to reintroduce religious affairs

ZAMBIA - President Edgar Lungu is sure to re-open an age old debate in Zambian politics with his announcement that he will re-introduce a Ministry of Religious Affairs. The Head of State made this announcement when he attended a church service at St Andrews United Church of Zambia (UCZ) on Sunday morning. With the country nervously holding together in post election woes President Lungu seems to see an opportunity in religion to preserve the country's peaceful reputation. AFP

Focus on SA scene

GUPTA FAMILY HITS BACK AT DA'S MAYNIER

DURBAN – The Gupta family on Sunday pleaded with the Democratic Alliance's David Maynier to stop using the family name "as a football in his party-political battles".

The family, in a statement, was responding to utterances made by Maynier following the controversial family's announcement that it had decided to sell all their shares in South Africa.

News24 reported earlier the family said exiting their shareholdings in their South African businesses would benefit existing employees and lead to further growth.

Maynier reportedly responded to the announcement likening the family to "rats abandoning a sinking ship in South Africa".

"Things have evidently reached a 'tipping point' and the Gupta family have decided that it's in their best interests to abandon ship in South Africa," he reportedly said on Sunday.

The family responded to Maynier's utterances saying his comments could



WARNED: Democratic Alliance's David Maynier.

not go unanswered.

The family said it had become accustomed to Maynier and his colleagues' "shoot from the hip" approach.

The family said despite making it clear that they remained South African citizens and planned to continue living in this country, Maynier, attempted to

grab media headlines by adopting emotive and dramatic language around the family leaving the country.

"We would have expected Maynier to at least be honest enough to acknowledge that our businesses have always committed to co-operate with any statutory investigation announced, so it is disingenuous for Maynier to suggest that our companies will not participate as required in any investigation. "I am sure Maynier also understands that the directors and management teams are responsible, in line with the Companies Act, for all decision-making."

The family said it was surprised that Maynier had not acknowledged the impact this decision had on direct and foreign investment.

"As we believe many potential investors will be concerned about the treatment meted out to the family through a media narrative without any basis of wrong-doing.

"We appeal to Maynier to not use us as a football in his party-political battles," the family said. *News24*

Susan Shabangu is SA's president

JOHANNESBURG – Minister of Women in the Presidency Susan Shabangu has been appointed to act in the position by President Jacob Zuma as both he and his deputy, Cyril Ramaphosa, are on South African Development Community (SADC) business in Swaziland.

Zuma is there for the 36th Ordinary SADC Summit of Heads of State, the agenda of which includes the "constitutional, public and security sector reforms in the Kingdom of Lesotho; national reconciliation, implementation of the SADC Roadmap on Madagascar; and the national dialogue towards preparations for national elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo".

Ramaphosa will be there for the SADC Organ Troika Summit, which precedes the statesmen's meeting. "South Africa is participating in the meeting in its capacity as the outgoing Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation," the presidency said yesterday. *News24*



APPOINTED: Minister Susan Shabangu.

Parly oversight committees visit Limpopo to assess service delivery

CAPE TOWN – The select committees on education and recreation and social services was yesterday expected to conduct a joint oversight visit in Limpopo to assess service delivery in the area, **Parliament said on Sunday.**

Parliamentary communications service's Malatswa Molepo said the select committee on education and recreation was expected to focus primarily on Vuwani, where several schools were torched during a demarcation dispute recently.

"It will also seek to assess progress in the implementation of catch-up plans for schools that

were burned and vandalised earlier this year, the state of readiness for year-end examinations, and in loco visits to various identified schools," said Molepo.

Committee

The select committee on social services was expected to assess the provision of quality health-care through the roll-out of the National Health Insurance pilot project, the provision of quality water and housing, as well as visiting border management of the Beitbridge Port of Entry, said Molepo.

The committees were expected to start their visit at the Beitbridge Border Post. *News24*

Bloemfontein police flying squad foil armed robbery

BLOEMFONTEIN – Bloemfontein police flying squad members have foiled a planned armed robbery and arrested four men, including a police constable, Free State police said on Sunday.

Bloemfontein flying squad officers followed up on intelligence-driven information regarding a planned armed robbery by four men in the city on Sunday afternoon, Constable Maselela Langa said.

"They were intercepted on the N8 and two firearms, police reflector jackets, and balaclavas were found in the vehicle. The suspects were driving a gold RunX and one of the suspects is a police constable."

The four men, aged between 30 and 35, were expected to appear in the Bloemfontein Magistrate's Court on charges of conspiracy to commit a crime and possession of unlicensed firearms, Langa said.

Africa News Agency

School racism probe at Pretoria Girls High

PRETORIA – Education authorities are to probe Pretoria High School for Girls, after racism allegations surfaced against the institution.

Gauteng Education MEC Panyaza Lesufi was scheduled to visit the school yesterday.

Pupils claim they have been subjected to intense racism over a long period of time.

They say their blackness has been discouraged.

The pupils allege that rules are in place to discourage hairstyles

such as afros, bantu knots, dreadlocks and braids.

One girl was allegedly barred from writing her exam because her hair was somewhat "spiky" and "unkempt".

Claims

Apart from their hair, the pupils claim they are banned from speaking their mother tongue.

They claim one teacher allegedly called the pupils 'monkeys' while they were singing and chanting in class.

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WE WARNED YOU ABOUT TALL TRAINS – TRANSNET BOSS

JOHANNESBURG – A year before the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) started importing its controversial Afro 4 000 locomotives, Transnet warned the agency that the trains were not suited for South Africa and would cause significant safety issues.

This was according to an exchange of letters between then Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) CEO, Siyabonga Gama, and Mosengwa Mofi, the CEO of PRASA's rail division, in March 2015, four months before details about the trains' unsuitability would be made public. Gama has since been appointed as group CEO of Transnet. The letters were attached to court papers filed by PRASA Chairperson Popo Molefe in the South Gauteng High Court on Friday. PRASA now wants the R3.5 bil-

lion contract, awarded to Swifambo Rail Leasing in 2012, to be set aside by the court.

Molefe's latest affidavit contained startling claims that Swifambo paid millions of rands to an Angolan businesswoman after she'd allegedly demanded that its managing director pay 10% of the contract's value to the ANC. Mofi, in a letter dated March 5, 2015, complained to Gama that TFR was hampering PRASA's requisite testing of the Spanish-built Afro 4 000s, the first of which arrived by ship in Cape Town in December 2014.

"The Afro 4 000 testing and commissioning for the dynamic testing has been completed in PRASA's Western Cape suburban network. However, the 3 000km fault free reliability testing that requires long distance routes cannot be completed as it requires access to the TFR network."

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NPA deny Gordhan to be charged with corruption

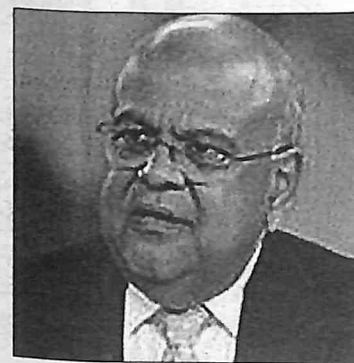
JOHANNESBURG – The National Prosecution Authority (NPA) on Sunday denied media reports that Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan could soon be charged with corruption.

The City Press on Sunday said the NPA was on the verge of charging the minister in a case dating back to the time he headed the country's tax collecting agency.

"There is no decision whatsoever to prosecute anyone," NPA spokesman Luvuyo Mfaku told AFP, saying the prosecution had on Friday been handed a docket by the police.

The case is linked to a covert investigative unit set up within the tax agency to allegedly spy on politicians, including current President Jacob Zuma.

The unit was formed when



ACCUSED: Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan.

Gordhan was commissioner of the South African Revenue Service (SARS) between 1999 and 2009.

"We have received a docket relating to the so-called SARS rogue unit," Mfaku told AFP, saying prosecutors were sifting through the paper. *Timeslive*



TALL ORDER: A wind turbine in Germany burned for hours yesterday because fire fighters did not have ladders long enough to tackle the 100 metre high blaze. (Daily Mail)



ABLAZE: The flames struck yesterday morning in the town of Isselburg in North Rhine-Westphalia.



FIRE FIGHTER CAN'T HELP: Emergency services were called at 6am to the turbine near Wolf Lake and smoke was seen by motorists on the nearby A3 road.

ISSELBURG - A wind turbine in Germany burned for hours yesterday because fire fighters did not have ladders long enough to tackle the 100 metre high blaze.

The flames struck this morning in the town of Isselburg in North Rhine-Westphalia.

Emergency services were called at 6am to the turbine near Wolf Lake and smoke was seen by motorists on the nearby A3 road.

Fire fighters were not able to tackle the 100m blaze so were forced to let the turbine burn and watch the rotor blades fall to the ground.

According to initial estimates, the damage is estimated to have cost several hundred thousand euros.

MASSIVE WIND TURBINE CATCHES FIRE, BURNS FOR HOURS

● because German fire fighters don't have ladders long enough to tackle 100m high blaze

Around 40 emergency personnel and six vehicles have attended the scene under the direction of fire chief Mark Berning. Investigators are looking into the possibility that a lightning storm might have started the blaze.

The figures, compiled by engineers at Imperial College London and the University of Edinburgh, make fire

the second-largest cause of accidents after blade failure.

Researchers

The researchers claim that out of 200 000 turbines around the world, 117 fires took place annually.

Fire has a huge financial impact on the industry, the researchers report in the journal Fire Safety Science.

Each wind turbine costs more than £2 million and generates an estimated income of more than £500 000 per year.

Any loss or downtime of these valuable assets makes the industry less viable and productive.

Dr Guillermo Rein of Imperial's department of mechanical engineer-

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ing, said at the time: "Fires are a problem for the industry, impacting on energy production, economic output and emitting toxic fumes."

Daily Mail

BACK TO PLANET EARTH:

● Six scientists who spent a year living in a dome on an arid Hawaiian volcano simulating life on Mars emerge at the end of their experiment

HAWAII: Six scientists who spent a year in near isolation to simulate life on Mars finally came out of their dome in Hawaii on Sunday.

The group spent 12 months in a dome on Mauna Loa volcano, 8 500 feet above sea level.

They could go outside only if they wore spacesuits, to explore a barren landscape as similar to Mars' environment as planet Earth can get.

As the simulation ended on Sunday, the crew came out and announced the simulation had shown a mission to Mars could succeed in the near future. "I can give you my personal impression which is that a mission to Mars in the close future is realistic. I think the technological and psychological obstacles can be overcome," crew member Cyprien Verseux, from France, said. The Hawaii Space Exploration Analog and Simulation (HI-SEAS) replicated living conditions on Mars to address problems that may arise in future space missions. Scientists in the Hawaii simulation managed limited resources while conducting research and working to avoid personal conflicts.

They managed to find their own water in a dry climate, according to participant Christiane Heinicke, from Germany.

"Showing it works, you can actually get water from the ground that is seemingly dry. It would work on Mars and the implication is that you would be able to get water on Mars from this little greenhouse construct," she said.

● WHAT WAS THE HI-SEAS MISSION?



DONE IT: Six scientists emerged out of a dome in Hawaii on Sunday after spending a year in near isolation to simulate living conditions on planet Mars. (Daily Mail)



LIVING IN MARS: For 12 months, the crew members (pictured during their exit Sunday) lived on Mauna Loa volcano, 8 500 feet above sea level, and could only go out wearing spacesuits.

The Hi-Seas (Hawaii Space Exploration Analog and Simulation) mission's crews spent months 8 500 feet above sea level in a geodesic-dome habitat on the northern slope of the Mauna Loa volcano.

The volcano is a barren landscape, an abandoned quarry with little vegetation that's as similar to Mars' landscape as planet Earth can get.

The crew members live under Mars-like conditions. According to Hi-Seas' communication latencies and blackouts, in close quarters, under strict water-use rules, etc' are

part of the deal.

The food study was designed to test food preparation strategies for long-term space exploration.

Hi-Seas aims to address problems that may be encountered in future space missions by simulating exploration in areas of the world similar to space environments.

The aim mission, funded by Nasa's Human Research Programme, the University of Hawaii and Cornell University, is to learn about living sustainably on Mars.

The third mission started on 15

October 2014 and lasted for eight months, while the final mission lasting a year and began in August 2015.

The researchers are now looking forward to getting in the ocean and eating fresh produce, as well as other foods that weren't available in the dome. The simulation, funded by NASA and run through the University of Hawaii, was the second-longest of its kind after a mission that lasted 520 days in Russia. Tristan Bassingthwaite, a doctor of architecture candidate at University of Hawaii, served as the crew's architect.

"The UH research going on up here is just super vital when it comes to picking crews, figuring out how people are going to actually work on different kinds of missions, and sort of the human factors element of space travel, colonisation, whatever it is you are actually looking at," Bassingthwaite said.

● WHAT THE ASTRONAUTS TOLD DAILYMAL.COM ABOUT EVERYDAY LIFE ON 'MARS'

The DailyMail.com spoke to the six scientists during their mission. Here is what they said at the time;

● EARLY BEDS, YOGA - AND INVENTIVE COOKING

"Our day is closely tied to the times the Sun is charging the solar panels.

We tend to go to bed and rise early. Our various responsibilities during the day include research, cooking, cleaning, and communicating with ground control.

"We have a wide variety of foods to choose from, most of which are dehydrated or freeze-dried.

We'll have fresh foods to enjoy once our plant growth experiments start producing in a few weeks.

"Also, having a doctor on our crew who's interested in our health has encouraged us to actively pursue



healthy eating decisions."

"Tristan, the space architect, has a really great sense of humour.

At times, during workouts and yoga, the crew has to fight uncontrollable laughter to remain upright."

● NO SKYPE BUT A QUILT TO REMIND US OF HOME

"Real-time methods of communication like Skype wouldn't be possible on Mars. They have been blocked here to keep the simulation as realistic as possible.

Each member of the crew has brought their own mementos and gifts from home, including photos of family and friends.

Our crew architect brought a quilt made by his grandmother. Our commander brought a flag from her home state."

● NO EARLY WAY OUT - AND FAMILIES UNDERSTAND

"It would take something extremely serious to convince any of us to leave. "As with any human research study, our participation is voluntary, and we can leave if we wish.

However, we hope not to have to choose between our duties to the mission and our families over the next year."

Daily Mail

BRIEFS

Duterte offers reward for corrupt police

PHILIPPINE - Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte on Monday promised rewards running to tens of thousands of dollars for information leading to the capture of police officers protecting drug syndicates and warned corrupt officials they would face "a day of reckoning". In a National Heroes Day speech, Duterte said there would be no let-up in a "war on drugs" in which - according to police figures - more than 1 900 people have been killed since he came to power two months ago. Police say the toll of about 36 people a day is a result of drug dealers resisting arrest or gang feuds.

Reuters

Dozens killed as ramps up offensive

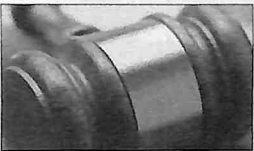
BEIRUT - Dozens of people were killed in Turkish bombardment in Syria on Sunday as Ankara ramped up its unprecedented offensive inside the country against the Islamic State group and Kurdish militants. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least 40 civilians had been killed in Turkish shelling and air strikes on two areas held by pro-Kurdish forces in northern Syria, the first report of significant civilian casualties in Turkey's operation. But Ankara said its raids had killed 25 Kurdish "terrorists" and that the army was doing everything to avoid civilian casualties.

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Gay marriage vote hits stumbling block

CANBERRA -

The government's plan to hold a popular vote on whether Australia should allow same-sex marriage suffered a setback yesterday when a political party announced it would not support the proposed plebiscite. The Nick Xenophon Team, which supports marriage equality, said its three senators would not support legislation to authorise the plebiscite, which would effectively become a 160 million Australian dollar opinion poll without legal weight. Even if most Australians voted for same-sex marriage, conservative government lawmakers could still block the reform in Parliament, the party said. **AP**



Ex-prisoner to be returned to Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO - A former prisoner at the US Guantanamo Bay military centre being held by Venezuela after going missing from Uruguay will be returned there Sunday, a key mediator said. Jihad Diyab, a 45-year-old Syrian who was resettled in Uruguay as a refugee in 2014, was jailed at the headquarters of the Venezuelan secret police after going off Montevideo's radar and apparently evading border controls. Held in Guantanamo for 12 years without charge, Diyab was released in 2014 from the US-run military prison in Cuba to Uruguay, along with five other former inmates. **AFP**

Iran confirms arrest negotiation member
TEHRAN - Iran's official news agency is saying the country's judiciary has confirmed the brief detention of a member of Iran's negotiation team with world powers on suspicion of "infiltration".

Last Wednesday, hard-line news outlets said authorities detained a dual Iranian-Canadian national, Abdolrasoul Dorri Esfahani, who was a member of a parallel team working on lifting economic sanctions under one of the main negotiators for last year's landmark nuclear deal between Iran and world powers.

AP



Trump to give speech on illegal immigration

ARIZONA - Tweeted on Sunday night that he would make a major speech on illegal immigration in Arizona tomorrow.

The announcement came a day after Trump said he would crack down on illegal immigrants who overstay their visas, as he sought to clarify his views on how to overhaul the U.S. immigration system.

Deport

Last week, Trump had said he was "softening" on his plan to deport all 11 million illegal immigrants.

That stance had aroused criticism from conservatives who wanted him to stand fast after he won the Republican presidential nomination

in large part with a hard-line position that called for building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico.

"I will be making a major speech on ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION tomorrow in the GREAT State of Arizona. Big crowds, looking for a larger venue," Trump, who had postponed an immigration speech originally planned for last Thursday in Denver, said in his tweet on Sunday. In another tweet on Sunday night, Trump said both he and Hillary Clinton, his Democratic rival for the Nov. 8 election, should release detailed medical records. "I have no problem in doing so! Hillary?" **Reuters**



TO DEPORT: US Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.



YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR THIS HERE: At a beach in Southend-on-Sea in Essex, an actor known as Light - who is dressed as a police officer - approaches an actress portraying a Muslim woman. The woman, Amina Maz, is sitting alone on a towel on the beach and wearing a burkini. As beachgoers watch on, the 'officer' tells the woman: 'Stand up please. Can you take it off please? You're not allowed to wear it at the beach. You look like a terrorist. I'm afraid you're wearing it because you're oppressed.' The actor playing the police officer then begins to pull at the woman's headdress, before she shouts: 'Excuse me, don't touch me.' As this happens a group of around a dozen onlookers surround the 'policeman', while others defend the woman's choice of outfit. **(AP)**

MAN PUT ACID IN AUSTRALIAN GAY CLUB LUBE

SYDNEY - A 62-year-old man who allegedly put highly corrosive acid inside a lubricant dispenser at a gay nightclub in Australia has been arrested and charged, reports said yesterday.

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation said it understood the incident occurred on Saturday at Aarows bar which describes itself as "Sydney's gay and bi social club".

Hydrochloric acid can cause immediate and severe damage on contact. New South Wales police confirmed a man was arrested and charged. "Following a number of similar incidents, items in the room had been alarmed to alert security officers if they were tampered with," they said in a statement. It added that an alarm sounded and security detained the man before the police showed up. One patron interviewed by the ABC on Sunday said the act was "sick". "Hydrochloric acid is not the best sort of thing to be playing with," he told the broadcaster. The man, who has not been named, was charged with administering poison intended to injure, cause distress or pain. He has also been charged with entering a building with intent to commit an offence and malicious damage. The 62-year-old was granted conditional bail and is set to appear at Parramatta Local Court next month. **AFP**

Kerry arrives in Bangladesh after militant attacks

BANGLADESH - US Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Bangladesh yesterday for talks with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on tackling local Islamist extremists following a wave of deadly attacks.

Kerry is also expected to meet with civic and opposition leaders during the one-day visit, his first to the Muslim-majority nation reeling from an attack on a cafe that killed 22 people, mostly foreigners.

Just hours before Kerry's arrival, Bangladesh police shot dead two suspected members of the local Jamayetul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) extremist group blamed for last month's cafe siege.

Suspected

The suspected militants, including a regional JMB commander, were killed during a gunbattle with security officers in the northern town of Sherpur town, a police spokesman said. **AFP**

Rousseff to face accusers in impeachment showdown

BRASLIA - Brazil's suspended president Dilma Rousseff will confront her accusers yesterday in a dramatic finale to a Senate impeachment trial likely to end 13 years of leftist rule in Latin America's biggest country.

Rousseff's testimony will come just hours before a final vote to decide her fate, with everything pointing to her being convicted.

Rousseff, 68, is accused of having taken illegal state loans to patch budget holes. Momentum to push her out is also fuelled by deep anger

at Brazil's historic recession, political paralysis and a vast corruption scandal centered on state oil giant Petrobras.

The first female president of Brazil, who says she did nothing worthy of impeachment, will speak for about half an hour, then face questioning. But it was unclear whether Rousseff will repeat her explosive claim on the Senate floor that the trial is a coup d'etat aimed at destroying her Workers' Party and restoring the right to power. **AFP**



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SWAMA GIG FAILS TO ATTRACT NUMBERS...

HANDFUL: The few who attended the SWAMA session at the ACASWA/SWAMA show on Sunday at the Swaziland International Trade Fair.

By Lungelo Nkambule

... The gorilla man's energetic moves kept those present entertained as they danced along. As soon as the gorilla man left the stage people were also seen leaving

WHAT was once 'the' gig to look forward to, years ago, was a mere shadow of itself last night at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

The 'six to six' gig failed to attract music lovers, as less than a hundred people braved the cold to watch the local musicians.

This was the second half of a show dubbed 'ACASWA vs SWAMA'. This half of the show was initially meant to kick off at 9pm, but due to artists taking longer than the stipulated one hour per set in the first half it ended up kicking off at 10.35pm.

Local singing to the sensation Sands was first to take stage. Sands is currently making airwaves in local and South African radio stations proved why he is currently the most talked about Swazi artist.

Audience

Sands who performed songs that will be on his new album 'Sands of time' kept the audience on their feet and they sang along to some of his songs.

Showing off his skill Sands also incorporated old school kwaito into

his set, which excited the crowd more.

One of the songs that got the crowd up on their feet, singing along and dancing was Mdu Masilela's 'Gibela Phezukwendlu'. Sands also showcased his dance moves and he was also joined by local wordsmith Qibho intellectual.

Sands was followed by Fanaza Tsabedze famous for his track 'Lelive labuya kaLobamba'. Tsabedze performed with his ener-

getic back-up singers/ dancers, who incorporated traditional moves into their dance. Tsabedze's dancers were a marvel to watch and the audience danced along keeping the cold away.

Some of the people in the crowd were seen taking off their jerseys and jackets. As the night progressed, it became colder and the crowd kept getting smaller. Jazz sensations 'Soul Friends' also took to the stage just before midnight. It was the tribal misfits who

brought life to the show with their breath taking dance moves.

The duo that was only on stage for five minutes had people screaming for an encore. People were heard complaining after the duo left the stage. "Other people performed for hours and the ones we love only performed for an hour," they were heard saying.

The cold became too much for the people at the show and most left after the legendary gorilla man, Mshikishi performed. Mshikishi proved once again why he is the living legend and the God Father of music in the country.

Mshikishi, as always, gave a memorable performance which reminded all present why he has lasted in the industry for so long.

Danced

The gorilla man's energetic moves kept everyone present entertained as they danced along. As soon as the gorilla man left the stage people were also seen leaving.

The MCs of the night were left with the support staff that was present, as well as the organisers of the show. The gig which was meant to be an all nighter (9pm-6am) was brought to a stop at 4am because there was no audience and it was too cold.

The remaining artists; DJ Shibz, DJ Lolo, Chakalala and Mr Kangaroo were pushed forward to the Friday show alongside South African hip hop sensation Kwesta, Major League DJs, Emtee and larger than life Heavy K.

NASTY C SHOW 'LIT' DESPITE TERRIBLE ATTENDANCE

By Sibusiso Dlamini

AFTER uncertainty had seemed to reign, regarding the issue of whether the South African youngster Nasty C would perform in the country this weekend, he finally brought the issue to rest with an exhilarating performance at The White House on Sunday, albeit the fact that he was only witnessed by a crowd of less than 40 revellers.

Last week saw the 'Hell Naw' hit maker denying allegations made by the organisers of the Takeover show whereby they claimed to have booked him, and that he wouldn't be able to make it due to the throat infection he was diagnosed with about a fortnight ago.

A day before his scheduled show, we woke up to a video he posted on Instagram where he notified all his Swazi fans that he would be at the White House on Sunday.

Posters for the show were only released a day before the show, the very same day the stable was hosting Rick Rick for the 'King Kotini' show,



HELL NAW: Nasty C's few fans who attended scream and take pictures of him. (Pic: Sibusiso Dlamini)

at the very same venue.

The few that turned up for the show were also not sure of whether Nasty C was coming as they kept on questioning the organisers concerning his whereabouts. He showed up at the White House just before midnight, which then brought a bit of life to the scattered crowd of about 30 something or so fans.

Local hip hop star 'Trippy King

have to say that the poor attendance was a disappointment but it was better than I expected. Obviously, I'm sure you know of how everything went down leading to today's performance with the throat infection and everything else, so people were not sure about tonight. But all I did was give a 150 percent to those that were here today to show my love and appreciation to them," the SA rapper said.

Twenty' opened the stage with a performance before the main man then came through and performed without any sign of concern as the crowd sang along to all his lyrics, proving beyond any measure the love Swazi fans have for him.

Disappointment

Nasty C then revealed that he wasn't taken aback by the poor attendance as he expected even worse.

"This is my third time in the country and I

... 'Poor attendance our fault'

Zikode entertainment, which hosted the Bad hair show, headlined by South African star - Nasty C, has acknowledged their shortcomings, which led to the poor attendance of the show.

Speaking on behalf of Zikode entertainment, Zweli Zwane firstly made it clear that they had proved their worth this weekend. "Albeit the poor attendance, the other important part, which most people expected us to fail at was ensuring the artist would show up. We told fans that we were bringing Ricky and there were rumors doing the rounds that he wasn't coming. He turned up and we had a great time yesterday. Same with Nasty, people thought he wasn't coming but then he showed up and gave a great performance," he said.

Zwane further said as entertainment stable this was a learning curve for them. "We actually used different marketing

techniques for the two shows," he said. Zwane explained that they had resorted to pushing Ricky Rick on traditional media and used Social media for the Nasty C show. "We thought that the crowd that Nasty attracts is on social media hence we used that forum," he said. He went on to say that they had learnt a lesson and going forward they would do better. "We are hoping we can secure his services again soon, to make up for this show," he said.

"We obviously have to work hard towards improving our marketing as that was the missing ingredient in today's show. The people didn't get the privilege of seeing one of their favourite artists delivering an awesome performance and that wasn't Nasty C's fault. It was our duty and we take all the blame in that aspect. We just hope this shows brought trust to our fans on the aspect of delivering artist," he narrated.

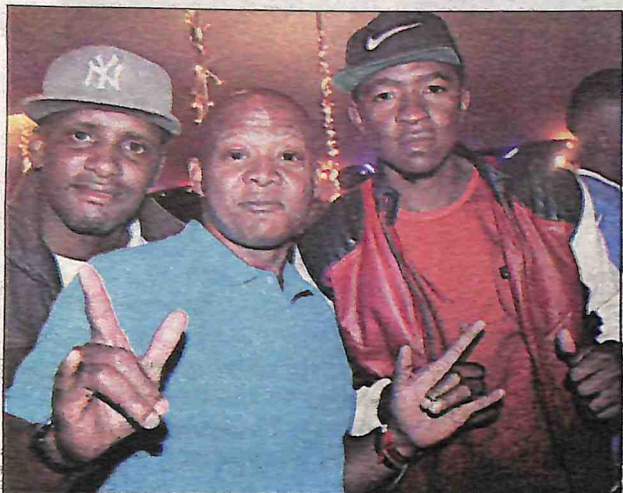
DJ TIRA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN PICS



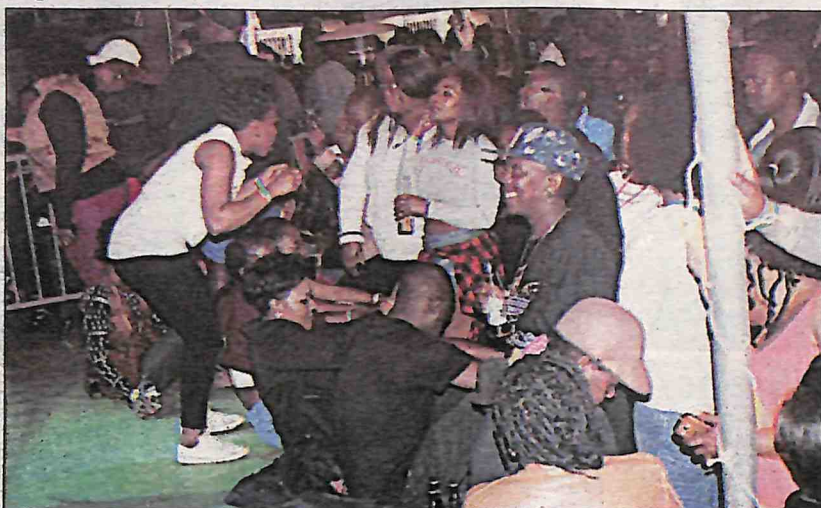
SURPRISE SURPRISE: Big Nuzz's Danger joined DJ Tira as he performed.



WE TIRA SIGCWELE NGAWAWE: These ladies confessed to having a beautiful time.



WITH THEM BOYS: Majaha Dlamini (R) with his South African friends.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TIRA: Funlovers having a ball.



NEW ON THE BLOCK: Kool Swazi Entertainment's newly formed Kwaito group, 'Njebza Nebangani Bakhe', thrill.

(R) AND THERE WERE CELEBRITIES: SA actor, Lebo, said he would not miss the show. He also revealed that he had come to Swaziland mainly for the Bikers Rally.



OPENING ACT: The surprise performance that made a lee-way for DJ Tira's grand performance.

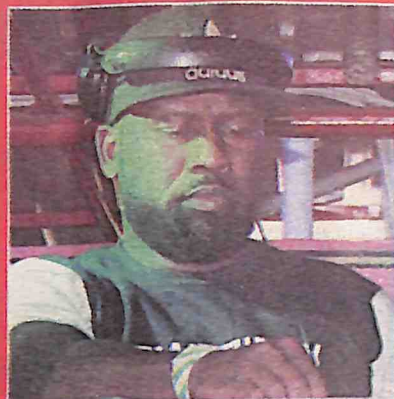


DOUBLE TROUBLE: DJ 2.0 made an excellent choice of music.

DJ's CORNER



BIRTHDAY BOY: SA's DJ Tira doing his thing on the decks.



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I AM YOUR DJ: DJ Mbo made revellers leave their seats and dance the night away with his rendition.



DEEP HOUSE VETERAN: Swaziboy's DJ Crooks managed to fill up the dance floor.



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HIP HOP DEEJAY: DJ Papz did a marvellous job entertaining hip hop fans, he was the only hip/hop deejay on the night.

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

TIRA'S BIRTHDAY BASH ON 'STERIODS'

WHAT started as a slow night winded up to super mega fun at Tira's birthday party on Saturday as more than 2 000 fun lovers danced the night away.

The show was held at Ronde Vu at Esibayeni Lodge and it was hosted by SwaziBoy and Kool Swazi Entertainments.

The night was a bit slow with few revellers at first, but at around 10pm when DJ Crooks took over, the turn-up tripled with many flocking into the venue.

When DJ MBO played his set, the dance floor became so packed such that manoeuvring through was almost impossible.

The venue was mainly filled by tourists and bikers who had come to the country for the Bikers Rally and the Reed Dance.

Serenaded

DJ Tira started his set at 2:30 am and he serenaded the crowd until 5:30. He wowed the crowd with a surprise performance with Danger, who is a member of Big Nuz. After



PACKED TO THE RAFTERS: Revellers dancing the night away.

his set, music kept playing until 9am.

The hit track 'Wololo' by Babes woDumo was a hit on the night and at some point in the night, there was almost a stampede when the deejay played this song.

The Durbanite deejay, DJ Tira, is currently on tour where he is hosting his birthday parties in a number of provinces. He was born on August, 21. He is touring South African cities and Swaziland is the only foreign country he chose as part of his

itinerary. According to DJ Tira, he chose Swaziland because he has always been supported by the entertainment industry in the country.

"I started performing in this country in 2001 and got so much support from promoters and my fans. I have

RAINING 'BLESSERS'

MALE tourists who had attended the show were serenading women with drinks and food.

The men were assumed to be financially apt as they were in possession of expensive alcohol.

The men expressed their awe with the beauty that Swazi women possess.

Thus were wooing women by giving them anything that they wanted on the night.

since been performing in Swaziland annually and to me it was inevitable to host the party here," he said.

Also, he kept his promise and gave out a cake and other freebies to some of his fans who were seated at the VIP area.

LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE AT THE 'STORY OF QUEENS'

By Phumelele Mkhonta

IT was tears, laughter and intimacy at the 'Story of Queens' session at the Swaziland Theatre Club last Friday night where six extraordinary ladies rendered life changing performances.

'Story of Queens' is an annual event by Arts Awake aimed at celebrating women during Women's Month (August); and this one was the second series. The six queens who performed were: Nobile the poet, Khole an Afro soul singer, Nana Sambo who was an inspiration Programme Director, Dzeli the Poet and Eunice, who is a gifted vocalist.

Each performance deliberated on issues that women faced in

our everyday life.

Dzeli the poet in particular opened up in detail, about issues that women have to deal with on a daily basis. She shared about rape, prostitution, abuse and women who neglect their children.

Emotional

Her poem 'The woman next door broke my heart yesterday' left the crowd emotional.

Eunice Harris-Nkambule, who was the last to perform, was a marvel to watch. Her strong and rich voice filled the whole amphitheatre. She managed to create a lighter mood with her performance, making attendees to dance. She wowed the audience when she dedicated a song to her husband, dancing with him and presenting him with a cake as it was his birthday.

COME HERE MY LOVE: Vocalist Eunice Harris-Nkambule being embraced by her husband as she belts it out.



Swazi Rally leaves good impression

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE 23rd Annual Swazi Rally held at Sidvokodvo this past weekend left a good impression with a number of biking clubs that attended the event.

The whole weekend was ruled by the sound of bike engines revving up, littered next to camping tents all over Riders Ranch. The place was busy with mini parties from different biking clubs who had a lot to say about their experience in Swaziland.

A lot of biking clubs commended the tight security from Royal Swaziland Police together with the welcoming service they got from the locals.

"The event was a success and the numbers were overwhelming. It exceeded our expectations, as this year we recorded an excess of over 6 000 bikers. We were able to host this event with the help of local authorities like the Sidvokodvo Police Station, the fire department and ambu-



LET'S RIDE: Tali sah Honwin won a Yamaha MTO 750cc at the Swazi Rally.

lance. The presence of these stakeholders made it easy to control everything. It was exciting to see more lady bikers this year as this year's event was dedicated to women. We would like to thank Swazi biking clubs which helped a lot in welcoming guests and participated in the activities. We would also like to thank people who opened their homes for accommodation," Swazi Rally organiser Sonia Paiva said.

This is what some of the biking clubs had to say about their Swazi Rally experience:

Izinkunzi Motor Cycling Club (KZN) - "This was our third time in the country and the place has improved a lot

this year, there is a lot of cleanliness and there was no complication at entrances. The people serving us are very friendly, and the security this year is top-notch," the club's President, Fefe Mzobe said.

Swazi Boy Motor Cycling Club (SD) - "We have been involved with the Swazi Rally since its inception in the year 1993 at Somhlolo Stadium and over the years have seen positive changes. We have also brought in 20 bikers in this particular event. We are happy to see activities like fun and games, spinning and bike stunts. It is also exciting that the main prize was bigger this year," the club's President, Brian Carrington said.

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NEWS



HIGHLIGHTS

KIRBY BUCKETS

Tomorrow 15:55 | Disney XD
(304)
S2/E36 - Oh Bros, Where Art Thou?. After a prank gets Eli

and Fish banned from hanging with Kirby, they attempt to have fun without him.



SUPERSTORE

Tomorrow 19:00 | Vuzu
(116)
S1/E1 - Pilot. Jonah begins his first day on the job at big-box store Cloud 9. He immediately

starts a rocky relationship with floor supervisor Amy when he comes off as elitist and mistakenly marks appliances for only a quarter.



LET'S EAT WITH SIPHOKAZI

Thursday 18:00 | Mzansi
Magic (161)
Domestic worker-turned-chef Siphokazi Mdlankomo brings

her charm and effortless cooking skills to her mobile kitchen, where she whips up tasteful dishes with her guests.



IAAF DIAMOND LEAGUE: ZURICH

Thursday 19:45 | SuperSport
5 Africa (205)
DStv Premium customers can catch all the action via live

video streaming on super-sport.com and DStv Now for Android and iOS.



Beyoncé's groundbreaking visual album Lemonade

Won eight Moonmen trophies, including Video of the Year for Formation at MTV Awards

BEYONCÉ's groundbreaking visual album 'Lemonade' won eight Moonmen trophies, including Video of the Year for 'Formation' at the 2016 MTV Video Music Awards, which took place at New York's famed Madison Square Garden.

The global megastar surprised the audience with a jaw-dropping 'Lemonade' medley that recreated the stunning imagery of the visual album. Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award-winner Rihanna dazzled with a career-spanning four-act performance – including an electrifying opening dance medley and a trio of stirring ballads to close – before accepting the VMAs' highest honour with a heartfelt tribute by Drake.

Tune in to the African TV premiere of The MTV Video Music Awards on MTV Base (DStv Channel 322) at 21:00 CAT. Build up to the big night begins with the official Pre-Show including red carpet action on MTV Base from 20:00 CAT.

Britney Spears made a triumphant return to the VMA stage with a soaring performance of her G-Eazy collaboration 'Make Me'.... Kanye West made a special appearance to deliver a meditation on fame before introducing the steamy and surreal video for Fade, starring actress and GOOD Music recording artist Teyana Taylor and her fiancée, the Cleveland Cavaliers' Iman Shumpert. Future tore through a blistering performance of his 2015 hit 'F**k Up Some Commas, after being introduced by legendary Olympian Michael Phelps, who revealed he'd been listening to Future in the meme-launching photo of him in Rio.

The following is a complete list of winners and performances:

WINNERS

Video of the Year
Beyoncé – 'Formation'
Director: Melina Matsoukas
Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award
Rihanna
Best Female Video
Beyoncé – 'Hold Up'
Director: Jonas Åkerlund, Beyoncé
Knowles Carter
Best Male Video
Calvin Harris ft. Rihanna – 'This Is What You Came For'
Director: Emil Nava
Best Collaboration
Fifth Harmony ft. Ty Dolla \$ign – 'Work From Home'
Director: Director X
Best Hip Hop Video
Drake – Hotline Bling
Director: Director X
Best Pop Video

Beyoncé – 'Formation'
Director: Melina Matsoukas
Best Rock Video
'Twenty one pilots' – Heathens
Director: Andrew Donoho
Best Electronic Video
Calvin Harris & Disciples – How Deep Is Your Love
Director: Emil Nava
'Breakthrough Long' - Form Video
Beyoncé – Lemonade
Best New Artist
Presented by Taco Bell®
DNCE
Song of Summer
Presented by Verizon
Fifth Harmony featuring Fetty Wap – 'All In My Head' (Flex)
Professional Categories
Presented by Orbit® Gum
Best Art Direction
David Bowie – Blackstar
Production Designer: Jan Houllevigue
Best Choreography
Beyoncé – 'Formation'
Choreographer: Chris Grant, JaQuel Knight, Dana Foglia
Best Direction
Beyoncé – 'Formation'
Director: Melina Matsoukas
Best Cinematography
Beyoncé – 'Formation'
Cinematographer: Malik Sayeed
Best Editing
Beyoncé – 'Formation'
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Best Visual Effects
Coldplay – Up&Up
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Performances
Rihanna
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Only Girl in the World

We Found Love
Where Have You Been
Reggae
Rude Boy
What's My Name
Work
Trap
Needed Me
Pour It Up
Bitch Better Have My Money
Ballad
Stay
Diamonds
Love on the Brain
Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj – Side to Side
Britney Spears Ft. G-Eazy – Make Me
Nick Jonas Ft. Ty Dolla \$ign – Bacon
Future – F**k Up Some Commas
Beyoncé
Pray You Catch Me
Hold Up
Sorry
Don't Hurt Yourself
Formation
Kanye West – Special presentation including world premiere video for Fade
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International
Celebrity News

Battles of the boosties!

NEW YORK - All hail the queens of killer curves: Beyoncé, Kim Kardashian and Nicki Minaj.

The trio stole the show in their bootylicious looks as they made their entrance at the MTV VMAs on Sunday wearing dramatic figure-hugging dresses.

Beyoncé led the way looking simply sensational in a pastel Francesco Scognamiglio gown with feathered wings as she glided down the red carpet



SO COOL:
Beyoncé.

alongside her little princess Blue Ivy, four.

All eyes were on the mother-daughter duo as they posed for photos at Madison Square Garden in New York before the show kicked off.

Queen B's ethereal dress was slightly sheer and featured caging detail around the bodice with delicate feathering adorning the front and around her shoulders.

Completing her magical look was a pair of emerald drop earrings and an intricately braided hairdo. *Dailymail*

I will always love Lamar - Khloe Kardashian

LOS ANGELES - Khloe Kardashian is ready to "start the next chapter" of her life.

On Sunday's Keeping Up With the Kardashians, Khloe refilled for divorce from Lamar Odom, which she called "bittersweet."

"I was holding out to help Lamar but Lamar's not helping himself so I have to do what's best for me and I have to move on and just be done," Khloe said on the episode.

"There's no reason to hold on to this, it will always be love and I will always like love Lamar and

be his friend but it's time for me to start the next chapter of my life." What else did

Khloe say about refiling for divorce from Lamar? Take a look at the recap to find out and to see more jaw-dropping moments from this episode of Keeping Up With the Kardashians!

Kris Jenner is having lunch with Scott Disick when she tells him about

her recent doctor's visit. She explains that she's been "struggling with getting older" and that she's been feeling "not great" and "tired." *Dailymail*



READY: Khloe.

Serena Williams flashes flesh in cutout dress

NEW YORK - She watched on as her ex-boyfriend Drake professed his love for Rihanna. But Serena Williams showed no signs of heartbreak as she hit the stage to present an award at the 2016 MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday. The 34-year-old tennis champion looked stunning as she flashed some serious skin in a tight black dress with cutouts along the front.



LOOKING GOOD:
Serena Williams.

The Olympic gold medal winner offered a glimpse of her athletic figure in a form-fitting sleeveless frock that hit just below the knee. It included stitching detailing throughout the entire front which cross up her thigh and across her midriff. She teamed the couture number with black stilettos and kept her accessories to a minimum with a silver wristwatch. The sports superstar wore her silky raven locks stick straight and parted down the centre for a dramatic look.

Dailymail

Keegan posts loved-up holiday snap with Wright

IBIZA - The couple have fiercely denied rumours of a split in recent weeks.

And Michelle Keegan was doing her best to show that she and husband Mark Wright are loved-up and happy, posting an Instagram shot of the couple together on holiday in Majorca on Sunday night.

The post came after the couple had been

showed sharing a rather tense dinner together on the Spanish island. The picture features them both smiling, with Michelle sporting a matching top and flowing skirt, while Mark has his arm draped around his beau. Michelle simply captioned the shot with a heart emoji and tagged her husband. The new snapshot came after the couple, both 29, were pictured looking tense over dinner while on holiday in Palma, Majorca. *Dailymail*



LOVE-UP: Mark Wright and Michelle Keegan.

SA Celebrity News

God instructed me to invest in my wife - kaMajola

JOHANNESBURG - Gospel star Andile kaMajola is celebrating ten years of marriage this year and says that investing in his woman has definitely paid off.

In an interview with Move! magazine Andile spoke out about keeping the spark in their marriage alive.

"I decided to invest in my wife because God instructed me to do so. Recently I discovered

the saying: 'behind every successful man there's a strong woman'.

This proves true in my life," he said.

The Gospel singer added that focusing on his family has also helped him keep a clean image in a cut-throat industry.

"I am very careful about who I am with and when. I've realised that the enemy (devil) only comes to kill and destroy, especially in this industry," he added.

Timeslive



CELEBRATING: Gospel star Andile kaMajola.

Riky Rick leaves it late to create a hit on season debut

JOHANNESBURG - Missed flights, smooth melodies and late arrivals: what a way to kick off the second season of Coke Studio!

Coke Studio returned to our TV screens on Saturday evening with more drama and suspense than your favourite Nollywood movie.

The show started off with the news that popular rapper Riky Rick had missed his flight from Mauritius and would be late to the Coke Studio

We nearly wore our fingernails

down biting them in suspense at whether he would make it to studio in time to complete the

fusion, and we're sure that fellow artists Sketchy Bongo and Scales were just the same while watching the clock.

Luckily, the pair used the time wisely and created some sick beats for Riky to choose from when he finally

arrived. As a young up-and-coming artist, poor Scales was obviously a little in awe of working with legends like Sketchy and Riky. *Timeslive*



ARRIVED LATE:
Riky Rick.

Steve Kekana embroiled in bitter split from wife

JOHANNESBURG - Take Your Love" hitmaker Steve Kekana allegedly told his wife Ntsiki to keep her love.

This was after he hit her in the face and refused to make love to her for a year.

Kekana also allegedly moved out of their Jozi house after complaining that she roughly pushed him away in one

of their bedroom sessions in 2014. The partially blind veteran muso also allegedly cheated on her with three concubines, and even brought one of them into their home in Alberton, south of Joburg. The two had been embroiled in a bitter battle over the division of their estate since Ntsiki's refusal to sign a proposed settlement agreement drafted by the artist.

Sowetan



BITTER: Steve Kekana.

Zindela bounces back from rumours to star in new film

JOHANNESBURG - He's been the subject of many broke rumours but now he's back and showing his haters the middle finger with a brand new film.

The actor will soon grace the big screen with a role on action film The Bush Knife.

According to the film's creators, the movie is based on a man known as the The Bush Knife who seeks vengeance and goes on a rampage destroying the people who killed his family. Speaking about the film,

the former Shift presenter told Drum that it was "great working on the movie and now we look forward to the premiere", set for next month.

He has not closed the door on the possibility of more movie projects in the future, but says that for now he is excited to be back on screens after his highly-publicised health issues.

Bongani's health made headlines a few years back, and the rumour mill got stronger after reports of his so called "brokenness". *Timeslive*



BACK: Bongani Zindela.

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Thandeka is furious when she learns the truth about Mabuyi. Kaone struggles to deal with Fezile's rejection. Jabu makes a shocking discovery about Zama.



FURIOUS: Thandeka.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Majola is on a mission to take down the Zamdelas. Sechaba insists on hearing what Beth told Lerato. Gabriel knows how to get what he wants from Nikiwe.



TRACKED:
Nikiwe

Muvhango

TODAY

Vusi disrespects Vho-Masindi. Mangwashe falls out with her entire family. Mulalo has had enough of Teboho's lies.



DISRESPECT:
Vusie.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Doc wants Bongis forgiveness. Reneilwe comes clean to Bash about the whiskey. Emmanuel has made up his mind - he wants to take Mapula to the dance.



CLEAN: Reneilwe.

Herro Doctor?

It seems that I have went blind

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 -

January 19 - You are probably hard to control and very unpredictable these days. Your drive for independence is obvious and clearly the common and the traditional are not for you. Anything else but that! You pursue alternative or nonconformist solutions to life with great energy. You are aggressive in the pursuit of gaining insight into all that is new, different and out of the ordinary.

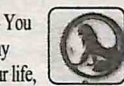


helping you gather the family history. Get a notebook, if you do not have one; then take notes on medication, births, deaths, etc.



Cancer June 22 - July

22 - Financial transactions are favoured today. Do some research of your own without trusting another person's opinion when investing or taking chances with high-risk endeavors, give yourself time for a change of mind—it just seems the wise thing to do for now. Your sense of discrimination and innate good taste means you know good items from bad and are a connoisseur of all that is fine and beautiful.



Leo July 23 - August 22 - You

will give way to others in many situations. In some area of your life, you may find that you must constantly be aware of needing to quietly take the back seat, so to speak, as you feed other people's egos. When you feel you have achieved what you have set out to accomplish at this time, you will want to make a few changes in your life in order to enjoy a balance.



Virgo August 23 - September 22 - You are very straightforward when it comes to security—you seldom make a move that does not strengthen your position. There are opportunities to move up the career ladder today, but you must pay attention. You pursue responsibilities the way others pursue pleasure and you even invite obligations. An upcoming career move is a solid move for you. Investment opportunities are available now as well.



Libra September 23 - October 23 - This whole day you may appear more charming and refined than usual. Now could be the time to make your request for a date, apply for a job raise, promotion or a loan. Your drive and emotions take conservative and well-traveled paths—carefully avoiding the new and different. You may have trouble feeling spontaneous and become too dependent on others.



Scorpio October 24 - November 21 - With a great interest in the business and practical world, your mind works like a steel trap when it comes to making career and management decisions. It looks as though past career problems are now going to work. You have a need to get at the heart of things, whatever is under the surface or behind the scenes. Your pursuit of anything hidden or secret makes you a researcher or investigator bar none. Emotionally, you are also hot stuff, rushing into areas and handling subject matters that others would never come near.



Sagittarius November 22 - December 21 - Taking care of business is a major theme where your emotional orientation is concerned. You crave organisation and practicality and want to get things accomplished. You aim to have a place for everything and everything in its place—anything that gets in the way gets on your nerves. It is easy for you to work with those in authority—those older and more experienced than you. You enjoy working with others and are able to organise and handle matters that transpire.



Aries March 21 - April 19 - You tend to be creative and original in your work and career, managing to bring new ideas and spontaneity to bear. You are gifted and even a little lucky when it comes to business decisions. Things seem to work out magically. Your career always seems to get the support you need—you will be pleased at the way this area of your life runs.



Taurus April 20 - May 20 - You are coming into a creative and competitive phase now, one in which you want to be admired and appreciated for what you do and who you are. You are an aggressive prime mover, a starter, able to initiate and get things moving. Your energies run effectively toward making yourself felt in the material, outer world. You are an action person who gains the attention of others and performs efficiently. The circumstances of your life suggest extroversion.



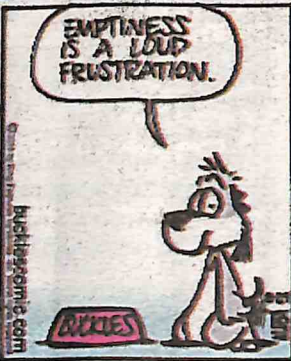
Gemini May 21 - June 21 - Ideas, mental things and information exchange are central to your outer makeup. There will be plenty of opportunities for communicating your ideas to others today. Communication is the interface that holds the rest of you together. All things pale beside your basic drive and the emotions you so freely exhibit. Your world revolves around feelings and the meaning you give to things. Any project you desire to accomplish should have successful results at this time. Knowing your family medical history can be very helpful in the future. A new member of your family is interested in



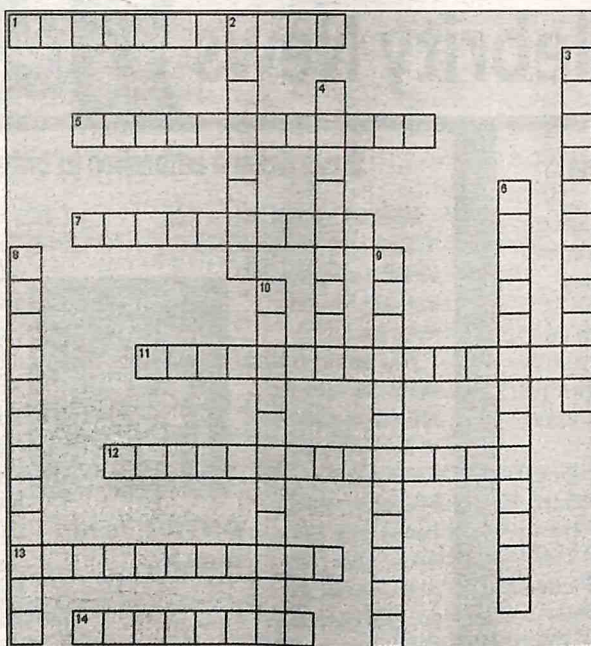
BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MINI CROSSWORD - 07
PUZZLE CHOICE

Across

1. Marty McFly in the 1985 movie, Back to the Future (7,1,3)
5. Stanley Kowalski in the 1951 movie, A Streetcar Named Desire (6,6)
7. Proximo in the 2000 movie, Gladiator (6,4)
11. Director of the 2002 movie, Catch Me If You Can (6,9)
12. Philip Marlowe in the 1946 classic, The Big Sleep (8,6)
13. Miranda Priestly in the 2006 movie, The Devil Wears Prada (5,6)
14. Mr Gable in the 2008 movie, The Great Buck Howard (3,5)

Down

2. He was The Elephant Man in the 1980 movie of the same name (4,4)
3. Scarlett O'Hara in the 1939 classic, Gone with the Wind (6,5)
4. Director of the 1999 movie, American Beauty (3,6)
6. Frankie Dunn in the 2004 movie, Million Dollar Baby (5,8)
8. Samantha in the 2005 movie, Bewitched (6,6)
9. Lieutenant Dunbar in the 1990 movie, Dances with Wolves (5,7)
10. Joe Bradley in the 1953 movie, Roman Holiday (7,4)

PUZZLE
CHOICE

NEW CEO

A company, feeling it was time for a shake-up, hires a new CEO. This new boss is determined to rid the company of all slackers.

On a tour of the facilities, the CEO notices a guy leaning on a wall. The room is full of workers and he thinks this is his chance to show everyone he means business! The CEO walks up the guy and asks, "And how much money do you make a week?" Undaunted, the young fellow



looks at him and replies, "I make \$200 a week. Why?"

The CEO then hands the guy \$200 in cash and screams, "Here's a week's pay, now GET OUT and don't come back!" Feeling pretty good about his first firing, the CEO looks around the room and asks, "Does anyone want to tell me what that slacker did here?"

With a sheepish grin, one of the other workers mutters, "He's the pizza delivery guy."

USELESS FACTS

1. There are more psychoanalysts per capita in Buenos Aires than any other place in the world.
2. Between 2 and 3 jockeys are killed each year in horse racing.
3. 5,840 people with pillow related injuries checked into U.S. emergency rooms in 1992.
4. The average woman consumes 6 lbs of lipstick in her lifetime.
5. Some individuals express concern sharing their soap, rightly so, considering 75% of all people wash from top to bottom.
6. Conception occurs most in the month of December.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYesterday's
brainteasers

1. How many seconds are there in one year?

Answer:

12 of them: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 2nd, May 2nd, June 2nd, July 2nd, August 2nd, September 2nd, October 2nd, November 2nd, December 2nd.

2. What has 13 hearts, but no other organs?

Answer:

A deck of playing cards.

TODAY'S
BRAINTEASERS

1. How many bananas can you eat if your stomach is empty?

2. What do you call a bear without an ear?

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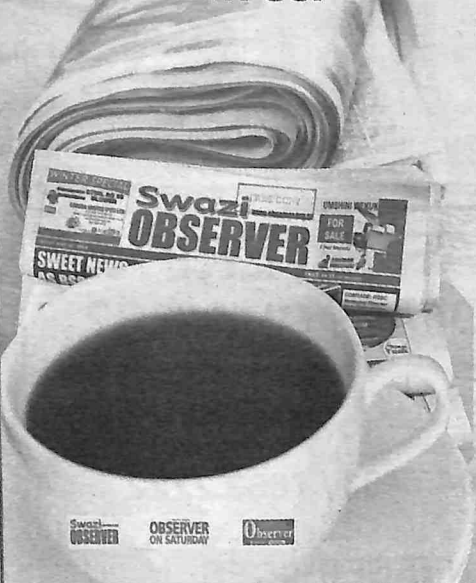
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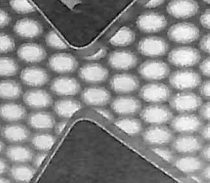
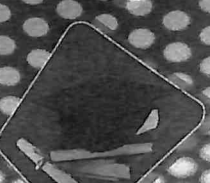
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CELEBRATION: Ivan Rakitic's with his colleague celebrating one of their goals.

Rakitic earns Barca victory in Bilbao

BARCELONA - Ivan Rakitic's first-half header maintained Barcelona's 100 per cent start to the La Liga season as the champions withstood a wave of late pressure to win 1-0 at Athletic Bilbao on Sunday.

Rakitic finished off an excellent team move after 20 minutes, but with Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez uncharacteristically wayward in front of goal, Athletic nearly grabbed a point when Benat Etxebarria's free-kick flew just wide late on.

Barca join Real Madrid and top-of-the-table Las Palmas as the only sides with two wins from their first two games. Champions League finalists Atletico Madrid are already four points off the pace after disappointing draws against newly-promoted Alaves and Leganes.

"The games here are always very similar," Rakitic told BeIN Sports.

"It is very intense, there is a lot of pressing. Both teams played well, but in the end we deserved the win." Still without Neymar due to his exertions in winning Olympic gold and the injured Andres Iniesta, Barca demonstrated their greater strength in depth this season as new recruits Denis Suarez and Samuel Umtiti shone, while Arda Turan proved an able deputy for Neymar alongside Messi and Suarez.

"In terms of tempo it was a frenetic game, not usually the kind you get at this stage of the season," said Barca boss Luis Enrique.

AFP

Bangladesh to host first Afghan ODI series

DHAKA - Bangladesh will host their first one-day international series against Afghanistan in late September in preparation for the arrival of the England team, according to the president of their cricket board.

Nazmul Hassan said that the Afghan team, who are based in India, had agreed to play three ODIs at Dhaka's Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on September 25, 28 and 30. "Our senior players recommended the series. So we invited Afghanistan to play against us," Hassan told reporters late Sunday. The matches will be the first ODIs hosted by Bangladesh since last year when they won series against Pakistan, India, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Bangladesh and Afghanistan have never played a bilateral series in any format but they have played each other in tournaments, including last year's World Cup when Bangladesh cruised to a 105-run victory in Canberra.

AFP

CHELSEA'S FABREGAS DENIES RIFT WITH CONTE

'I will continue to fight for this club until the very end'

LONDON - Cesc Fabregas has taken the sensational step of denying he has fallen out with Chelsea manager Antonio Conte.

The Spain midfielder has not started any of Chelsea's opening three Premier League games - which have left them with maximum points - and has only appeared from the bench in one game, against Watford.

While he did feature in the EFL Cup last week, the 29-year-old was left on the bench for the visit of Burnley on Saturday. Fabregas took to his Twitter account to insist that he had no issues with the

Italian manager.

The 29-year-old wrote: 'Contrary to what has been written, the manager and I have a good relationship and he has NEVER told me that I can leave. He said that he counts on me, as I count on him.'

'I will continue to fight for this club until the very end and when called upon I will always give my very best.'

'I'm fully committed to @ChelseaFC and my only goal is to help them win football matches.'

It is not the first time that Fabregas has used social media to deny suggestions

that he has fallen out with a manager.

Last season Fabregas used Twitter to deny suggestions that he had been part of a dressing room campaign against then-manager Jose Mourinho.

Mourinho departed the club after a poor start to the season combined with publicly falling out with club doctor Eva Carneiro - despite winning the Premier League the season prior.

Fabregas played 37 games and scored five goals in the Premier League for Chelsea last season.

Daily Mail

Cagliari hold Roma, Inter slip again

ITALY - Marco Sau produced a last-gasp leveller for newly-promoted Cagliari as they battled back to draw 2-2 with Roma in Serie A on Sunday to complete a difficult few days for the Giallorossi.

Genoa, who saw new Italy call-up Luca Pavoletti hit a brace in a 3-1 win away to newly-promoted Crotone, are top of the fledgling table, albeit level on a maximum six points with champions Juventus, Sampdoria and Sassuolo.

Juventus, who are targeting a record sixth consecutive 'Scudetto' this season, claimed a hard-fought 1-0 win at Lazio on Saturday courtesy of Sami Khedira's stylish 66th-minute winner. Having crashed out of the Champions League play-offs in midweek after collapsing to a 3-0 home defeat to FC Porto, Roma contrived to throw away a two-goal lead in Sardinia.

It took only six minutes for Luciano Spalletti's visitors to break the deadlock, Diego Perotti hitting his third penalty in two games after Mauricio Isla hauled

Stephan El Shaarawy down in the area.

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Torino claimed an impressive 5-1 win over Bologna which should have had Italy coach Giampiero Ventura smiling for at least two good reasons.

Ventura was coach of Torino until he

replaced Chelsea-bound Antonio Conte earlier this month, and the new Azzurri boss included Andrea Belotti in his first squad to face France in a friendly on Thursday and Israel in a 2018 World Cup qualifier next week. Belotti scored a hat-trick and missed a penalty against Bologna while Josef Martinez and Daniele Baselli were also on target for the home side in Turin. At the San Siro, Mauro Icardi hit his first goal of the season but Inter Milan suffered a second knock in as

many weeks in a 1-1 home draw with Palermo, following last week's shock 2-0 defeat at Chievo.

Andrea Rispoli gave Palermo the lead and Icardi's 72nd-minute leveller secured a share of the spoils but for long spells Frank de Boer's hosts looked a work in progress. Daily Mail



FIRST SCORER: Mauro Icardi.

Mbalula, Sam praise successful Rio campaign

JOHANNESBURG - Sports Minister Fikile Mbalula congratulated Olympic governing body SASCOC and South Africa's athletes for a job well done on obtaining 10 medals at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

Mbalula was speaking at the national sports umbrella body's 2016 Annual General Meeting at Olympic House,

Johannesburg on Saturday, with close to 75 National Federations in attendance.

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"We need to work harder and invest in sport in a similar fashion to Britain to get the best results and many medals. It's time to have a budget focused on Olympics, every year we should get money for Olympics. I am going to advocate and motivate to the

government that we get a budget for Olympics over and above the money we receive for development of sports and NFs (National Federations).

"It was a difficult road to Rio but we conquered and brought home 10 medals," he added.

Mbalula also encouraged the meeting to support and rally behind the country's Paralympians in similar fashion. News24

Djokovic, Nadal kick-off US Open

NEW YORK - Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal got their US Open campaigns under way yesterday in the shadow of Arthur Ashe Stadium's spectacular \$150 million retractable roof.

Defending champion Djokovic and fellow two-time winner Nadal come into the season's final Grand Slam with injury concerns.

World No 1 Djokovic, the 2011 and 2015 champion, admits he is "not 100 percent" after suffering a wrist injury on the eve of the Olympic Games where he was a shock first-round loser.

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The 29-year-old has also said "personal problems" contributed to his third-round exit at Wimbledon which ended his hopes of going on to capture the first calendar Grand Slam since 1969.

Nadal, meanwhile, is also battling the effects of a left wrist problem which forced a mid-tournament withdrawal from the French Open and sidelined him until the Olympics where he was a gold medal winner in the men's doubles.

The injury concerns, combined with the absence for the first time since 1999 of five-time winner Roger Federer, have put 2012 champion Andy Murray in the position of favourite.

Djokovic starts his bid for a third major of 2016, and 13th of his career, against Polish giant Jerzy Janowicz, who was a Wimbledon semi-finalist in 2013. AFP

Paris Saint-Germain defeated by Monaco

PARIS - Paris Saint-Germain suffered their first league defeat since March as Monaco struck an early blow in the Ligue 1 title race with a 3-1 victory over the reigning champions.

Monaco were the last French team to record a victory over PSG, although that came straight after they had won a fourth straight title, and they fired a warning that this year's competition could be closer.

Joao Moutinho and Fabinho scored in the first half and, although Edinson Cavani pulled one back, Serge Aurier's own goal ensured Unai Emery lost for the first time at the PSG helm.

Bordeaux, who held PSG to two draws last term, got their second win of the season by defeating Nantes 1-0.

Diego Rolan's first-half strike proved to be the difference as Les Girondins bounced back from their 4-1 loss at Toulouse last weekend.

Toulouse maintained their unbeaten start to the campaign, but they had to settle for a share of the spoils in a 0-0 draw with St Etienne. Daily Mail



GOAL: Kevin Trapp looks on dejected after Monaco defender Fabinho scored against him.

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Castro set to miss Caf Champions League semi-final tie

PRETORIA- Mamelodi Sundowns face the Zambian giants in the 2016 Caf Champions League semi-finals, with the first-leg in Ndola set to take place on the weekend of the 16-18th of September.

The Brazilians booked their place in the MTN8 semi-finals with a 3-1 win over SuperSport United on Sunday - but at a cost - with Castro forced out of the pitch through injury. With the club having cut ties with several players who were registered to play in the Champions League coupled with the fact that new acquisitions Yannick Zakri and Sibusiso Vilakazi are cup-tied - Mosimane finds himself in a very tight spot.

"I can do without Leo not playing in the PSL, but Champions League... I have lost [Katlego] Mashego, Lebohlang Mokoena, [Cuthbert] Malajila, Mogakolodi [Ngele], Bongani [Zungu], Ramahlwe [Mphahlele] and [Asavela] Mbekile is injured... [he] dislocated shoulder," said Mosimane.

"There are players on yellow cards that I have to worry about, so it is a big problem.

"I think he [Castro] will be out for the semi-final and I think we might finish the tournament without him because the injury was big. I hope he comes back for the final because I believe we will reach the final," he concluded. *Goal.com*

KHUNE DEFENDS UNDER-FIRE CHIEFS COACH KOMPHELA

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs Captain Itumeleng Khune has defended coach Steve Komphela after a poor start to the new season that has continued to underwhelm the Amakhosi faithful.

Following Friday night's meek MTN8 exit at the hands of Cape Town City, Chiefs have now gone six competitive matches without tasting victory stretching back to the tail-end of last season when they beat now-relegated University



I HAVE YOUR BACK: Skipper Itumeleng Khune and coach Steve Komphela.

of Pretoria.

The Chiefs skipper admitted after the City defeat that for some reason the team is not taking their

form in training onto the pitch during matches, but said it was through no fault of the coach.

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We want to entertain our fans - Malesela

JOHANNESBURG - Chippa United manager Dan Malesela says he aims to be the talk of the Premiership and wants to please the fans with their performances.

Malesela is well renowned for his attractive style of play after his stint with National First Division side Cape Town All Stars.

His fluid style of play has drawn many plaudits in local media and, following their impressive 2-0 over Platinum Stars in the MTN8 quarter-final on Saturday evening, the 51-year-old has urged his side to keep to their expansive style of football.

"Unfortunately what we normally play we started

very late, but I understand that in cup games there is a lot of tension particularly for our team that has never been beyond the first round," he said after the game.

"It is a good thing though to win and what pleases me the most is when I hear the supporters happy. We are here to entertain them, nothing else. *Sport24*

'Devastated' Ntshumayelo to appeal ban

JOHANNESBURG - Thandani Ntshumayelo's agent, Tim Sukazi, hopes the player's admission of guilt for using a class A substance will see his four-year ban from playing football significantly reduced.

Ntshumayelo was recently sentenced to a four-year ban from football for testing positive for cocaine.

Pirates then terminated Ntshumayelo's contract after he was found guilty by the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport (SAIDS).

The 26-year-old confessed to snorting three lines of cocaine at a party and admitted his guilt for the offence.

'Bibo' tested positive following a routine drug test he took after a Premiership match between Pirates and Platinum Stars on January 9.

The midfielder had one-year remaining on his contract with Bucs, but it has since been terminated after a hearing was held by the club.

This was earlier confirmed by Sukazi, who said: "He pleaded guilty but the club terminated his contract. They ceased all his salary payments with immediate effect."

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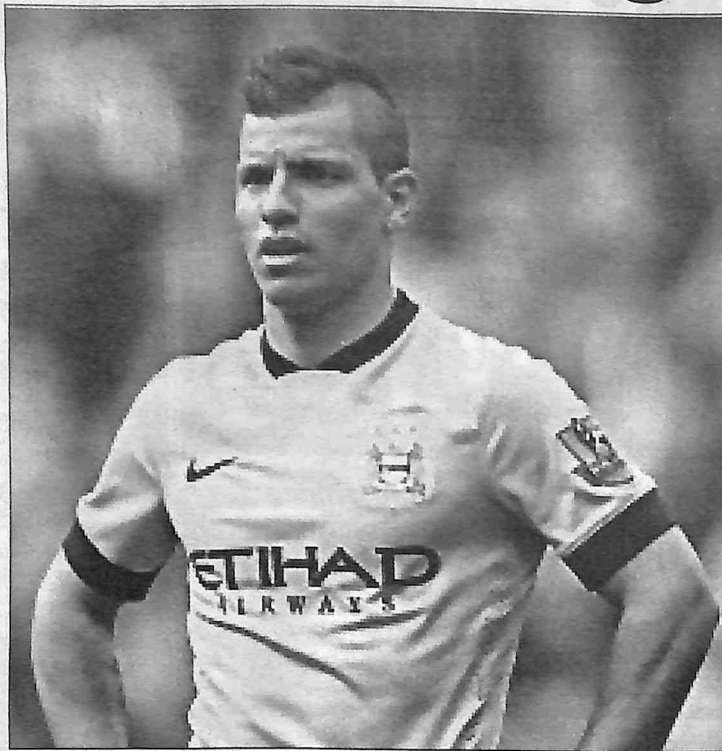
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Aguero facing three game ban

MANCHESTER - Sergio Aguero is facing a three-match ban after throwing an elbow at Winston Reid on Sunday — and could miss the Manchester derby.

The striker caught West Ham's central defender late on during Manchester City's 3-1 win, sealed by a Raheem Sterling double and a Fernandinho header. Reid was instantly removed by Slaven Bilic, but the Hammers boss later said that was a tactical decision.

Referee Andre Marriner was close by and City will argue that he saw the incident. But he gave no free-kick and it appeared on Sunday night that the official was unaware of any violent conduct that means the FA could look at retrospective action if Marriner says he did not see the incident. Reid, who West Ham confirmed had recovered last night, could not speak in the dressing room, and Mark Noble said: "I know he couldn't talk. He said he had got something in



the throat." A suspension would see Aguero miss the clash with Jose Mourinho's United at Old Trafford on September 10, another Premier League game against

Bournemouth before a trip to the Liberty Stadium to face Swansea in the EFL Cup.

"I didn't see it, so I cannot comment," City boss Pep

Guardiola said. "Hopefully nothing happens. If it happens, we accept and adapt. If we lose him, we lose him." West Ham boss Slaven Bilic also did not notice the incident and revealed Reid's substitution seconds later was tactical.

"I didn't react to that. I reacted then because we wanted to make a sub," Bilic said. But the Hammers boss did not use the incident, which occurred with the score at 2-1, as an excuse for his team's defeat.

"You can't say City didn't deserve to win. Even before they scored, they had two corners and one semi-chance so they were much better than us."

Regardless of Aguero's potential absence, the meeting with United is one Guardiola is looking forward to. "We have to make an amazing performance to win at Old Trafford," he said.

"I can imagine the atmosphere. I am looking forward to living that experience."

Daily Mail

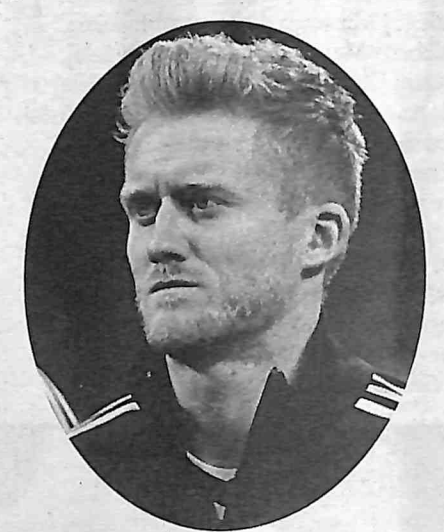
Injured Schurrle out of squad

BERLIN - Borussia Dortmund winger Andre Schurrle has been forced to pull out of Germany's upcoming friendly and World Cup qualifier due to injury.

Schurrle complained of a back problem following Dortmund's 2-1 triumph over Mainz in their Bundesliga opener on Saturday.

The injury means he will not feature in Germany's friendly against Finland in Monchengladbach or in the World Cup qualifier away to Norway on September 4. A statement released by the German Football Association (DFB) said coach Joachim Low has not yet decided if he will call up an injury replacement.

World champions Germany are in Group C for their 2018 qualifiers alongside Norway, Northern Ireland, the Czech Republic, Azerbaijan and San Marino.



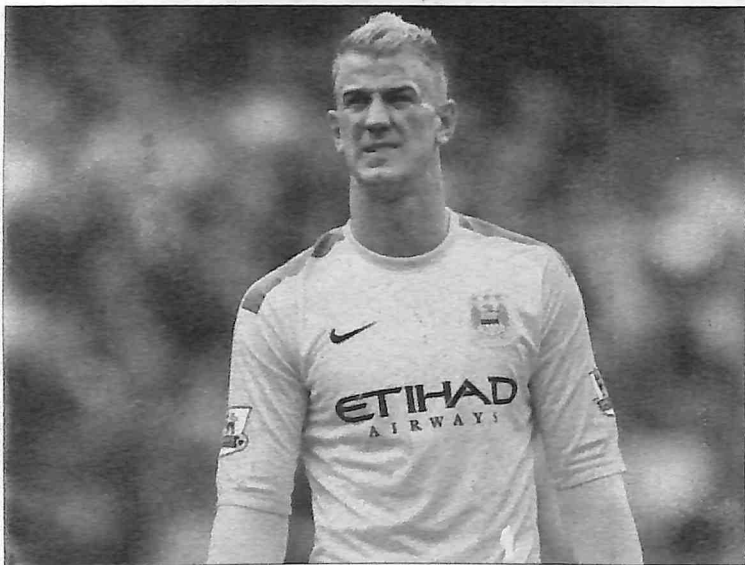
Sunderland want Hart on loan

MANCHESTER - Sunderland are ready to make a loan move for out-of-favour Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart, according to Sky Sports.

Hart appears to have no future at the Etihad Stadium, with Claudio Bravo arriving from Barcelona and Willy Caballero having been Pep Guardiola's pre-

ferred choice in goal up to now and David Moyes is keen to take the England international to Sunderland, who will ask City to subsidise the 29-year-old's wages, although Hart is reportedly only interested in a switch to a Champions League club.

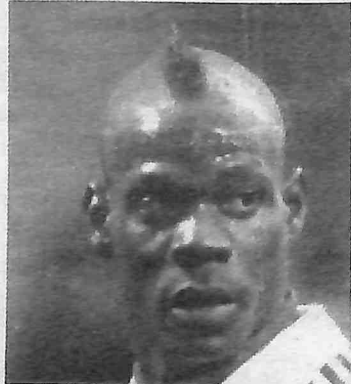
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'Call Balotelli and tell him we need a striker'

LIVERPOOL - Nice President Jean-Pierre Rivere wants Liverpool forward Mario Balotelli at the Ligue 1 club.

Balotelli, unwanted by Jurgen Klopp at Anfield, reportedly met with Rivere to discuss a potential move. Nice have made an impressive start to their league campaign, collecting seven points from their opening three games speaking after their 1-1 draw at home to Lille on Saturday, Rivere said: "Do you have Balotelli's number?"



"Call him and tell him we need a striker in Nice."

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'Zesco fires Downs warning'

PRETORIA - Zesco United have warned Sundowns to expect fireworks in their Caf Champions League semifinals next month. Zesco will host Sundowns in the first leg on September 17 before traveling to Pretoria for the return leg on September 24. This will be the first official clash between the two in continental club football. They

did however play each other in pre-season matches over the last three years. Club chief executive Justin Mumba has warned Sundowns to expect a different Zesco when they visit Lusaka. "At Levy Nwanawasa Stadium we score goals," said Mumba in an interview with Soccer Africa.

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Southampton sign Boufal from Lille

LONDON - Southampton have announced the signing of attacking midfielder Sofiane Boufal from Lille for an undisclosed club-record fee.

The 22-year-old Morocco international, who has agreed a five-year deal at St Mary's Stadium, made 35 appearances for Lille last term, netting 12 times and adding a further four assists across all competitions, becoming one of the most highly-rated young players in Ligue 1 in the process and the playmaker, who arrived at Lille from Angers in 2015, has now become Claude Puel's sixth signing at Southampton as the Frenchman looks to build on their sixth-placed finish under Ronald Koeman last season. Addressing his switch to English football, Boufal said in a statement:

"I'm very, very happy to sign for Southampton and I am really excited to play in St Mary's Stadium in front of the fans.

I hope I can achieve many great things with Southampton. It is a very good club, with excellent facilities, and I feel it is the perfect environment to continue my development.

"Boufal follows Alex McCarthy, Nathan Redmond, Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg, Jeremy Pied and Stuart Taylor in arriving at Southampton in this transfer window, and Executive Director of Football Les Reed is confident the Moroccan will impress the Mary's faithful when he is match fit.

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WEEKEND SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

3 CONTENDERS, 3 GAMES, 3 WINS: WHY CITY, CHELSEA AND UNITED LEAD

LONDON - As we head into the first international break of the season, three sides are already threatening to break away at the top of the Premier League in this most intense of campaigns.

New coaches Pep Guardiola, Jose Mourinho and Antonio Conte are all determined not to concede the merest inch at the beginning of this season, as



Manchester City, Manchester United and Chelsea lead the way at the top of the table

with three victories in their opening three games. *Daily Mail*

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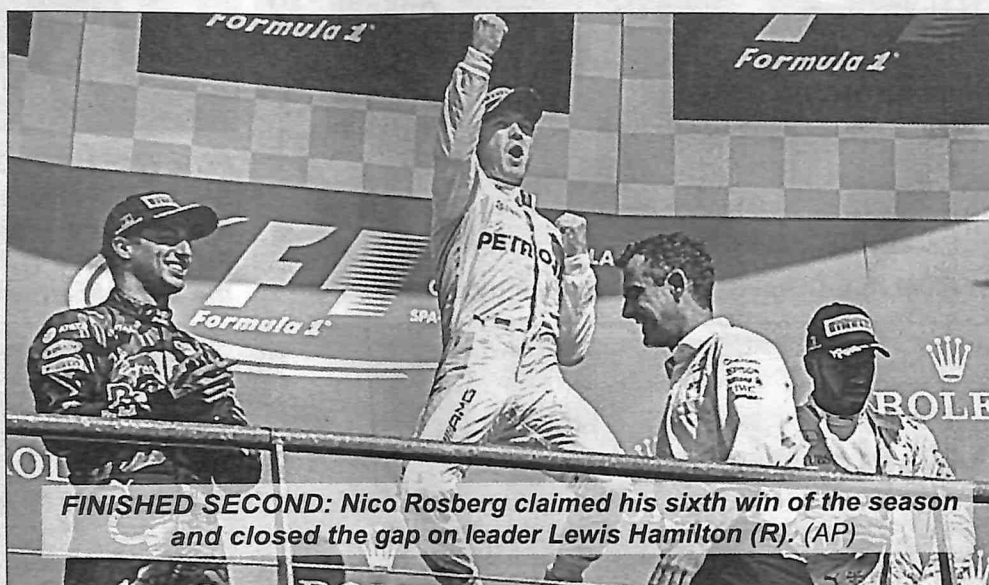
NEW ZEALAND - It wasn't his most fluent innings, but Faf du Plessis re-established himself in the Proteas Test side with a typically grafting display to record his fifth hundred against New Zealand on Sunday.

However, the 234-ball vigil will result in a dilemma for Proteas coach Russell Domingo and the rest of the selection panel when they sit down to pick the starting XI for November's opening five-dayer against Australia in Perth.

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Lewis Hamilton finishes 3rd from Belgian GP



FINISHED SECOND: Nico Rosberg claimed his sixth win of the season and closed the gap on leader Lewis Hamilton (R). (AP)

All Blacks wallop Wallabies in Wellington



Man City get Barca in Champions League group of death, AGAIN!

MANCHESTER - Man City don't have a lot of luck when it comes to Champions League draws.

As Vincent Kompany and his pals will (repeatedly) tell you, City have constantly found themselves up against top class sides in Europe's biggest competition. Top sides like Barcelona - a team they have played four times in recent years (and been beaten by four times).

So, with Barcelona legend Pep Guardiola now in charge, there was only one way the draw for the 2016/17 group stages was going to go. *Mirror*

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Reed wins Barclays, earns Ryder Cup spot

LOS ANGELES - Patrick Reed came from behind to win The Barclays on Sunday to claim his fifth PGA Tour title and a spot on the American Ryder Cup team.

The 26-year-old Reed caught and passed 54-hole leader Rickie Fowler who stumbled to the finish by playing his final four holes in three over.

Fowler failed to make the US team and will have to rely on a captain's pick when Davis Love makes his final four selections in the coming weeks.

"It is awesome," said Reed, who earned US\$1.5 million for his first win of 2016.

Sport24



Ronaldo named Europe Best Player

MONACO - Cristiano Ronaldo has been named Europe's Best Player for the second time after beating Gareth Bale and Antoine Griezmann to the 2015-16 honour.

Ronaldo's heroics for Euro 2016 winners Portugal and Champions League victors Real

Madrid last term earned him the prize announced in Monaco.

The presentation was made after Real were drawn in the Champions League's Group F for this season with Legia Warsaw, Borussia Dortmund and Sporting Lisbon last Thursday night.

Mirror

NO SOWETO GIANTS IN MTN8 SEMIS

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates were dumped out of the MTN8 Cup in the past week.

Orlando Pirates lost 2-1 to Wits and Kaizer chiefs losing 1-0 to Cape Town City. *Sowetan*

CASTLE CUP BEST DRESSED FANS



ALL RED: Dumsani Dlamini was fully clad in his red attire. This was during the semi-finals of the Castle Premier Challenge at Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



THE BULLS: Dumsane Matsebula with another fan in a jovial mood after their team played a 1-all draw against Swallows.



DON'T FOLLOW ME FOLLOW THE BIRDS: Swallows loyal supporters in John Nkambule and Sithawula Tsela.



LOYAL FAN: Manzini Wanderers number one supporter Sidumo Ngwenya said he was disappointed his team was booted out in the first round.



FROM ALL CORNERS: Fans in their respective colours.



FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME: Sidney Jele, James Slade, Alan Slade, Charlie Morris and Darky Paddy posing for a group photo. They said they were from England on a visit to Swaziland but decided to watch the Mbabane derby.

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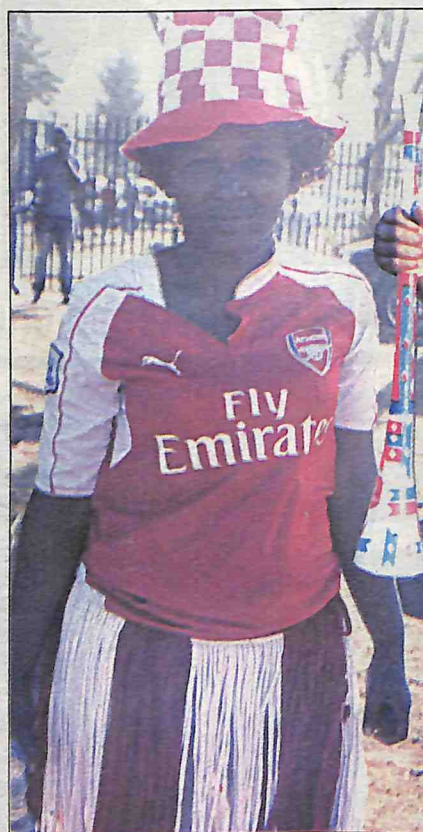
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SOCCER BABES: These fans took time to pose for a photo.



REPRESENTING: Andiswa Sihlongonyane looking beautiful in these colours.



MY MAIN MAN: Marlen 'D4D' Sikhondze said he was a big fan of Swallows player Njabulo Ndlovu.

Swaziland International Trade Fair Volleyball Tournament



WELL PREPARED: Chilly Babes ahead of their game against USDF during the SITF Volleyball tournament at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



IN ACTION: A Zakhele player only identified as Nomsa in action against RSP. The latter won 3-0 in the group stages.



THIS WAY: RSP ladies coach Wandile Sithole issuing instructions to Angel.



ENTERTAINED: A section of the enthusiastic crowd that attended the games. There were more than 50 volleyball fans who came to support these games.



TAKING NOTE: RSSC coach Eric Zwane following the game.



WE ARE ONE: USDF players posing for a group photo.



IN ACTION: A Correctional player jumps for a serve while RSSC opponents anticipate his move. (R) **BLOCKED:** The players jump to block the ball.



GIVING THEIR BEST: RSP Ladies in action against Zakhele. They triumphed 3-0.



IZI GIRLS: Zakhele posing ahead of their game.



RELAXED: Correctional MC board members and players also supported the games.

football talk

all your latest world football news

● Manchester United captain Wayne Rooney, 30, should retire from international football in order to continue playing for his club, according to former England striker Alan Shearer.

(Sun)

● West Ham winger Michail Antonio, 26, who earned his first England call-up on Sunday, repeatedly turned down offers to play for Jamaica in hope of a Three Lions call.

(Sun)

Chelsea have had a bid for Real Madrid playmaker James Rodriguez, 25, rejected but - Madrid president Florentino Perez would be open to a £60m deal.

(Daily Mirror)

● However, Real Madrid manager Zinedine Zidane has said the Colombia international will stay at the Bernabeu.

(Daily Express)

● Manchester United are considering a £1m bid for Sheffield United forward Dominic Calvert-Lewin, 19.

(Daily Mail)

● The club also hope to bring in two defenders, with Southampton's Jose Fonte, 32, and Monaco's Brazil international Fabinho, 22, the leading candidates.

(Daily Record)

● Liverpool have told winger Lazar Markovic, 22, that he can leave the club on loan, with AC Milan interested.

(Sun)

● The Express back page leads with the alleged elbow by Argentine City striker Sergio Aguero - with a retrospective ban possible

● Ghana striker Asamoah Gyan, 30, is set for a medical at Championship Reading before a season-long loan from Chinese club Shanghai SIPG.

(Get Reading)

● West Brom are close to signing Spanish midfielder Ignacio Camacho, 26, from Malaga for a fee of more than £15m.

(Daily Star)

● Albion have also agreed a club-record £13m fee for Tottenham winger Nacer Chadli, 27.

(Daily Telegraph)

● Meanwhile, manager Tony Pulis has hinted the club could sell England U21 striker Saido Berahino, 23, before Wednesday's transfer deadline.

(Wolverhampton Express & Star)



...with Mphikeleli Msibi

THE PUNCH [STRIKING, STRAIGHT AND STRENGTHENED]



'BIRDS' ABUSING THEIR PLAYERS

LET's face it, everybody deserves a break and a chance to recover, even a couch potato that sits in front of the TV all day long watching their favorite channels cannot afford to do it repeatedly with no repose in between.

Today's subject is aimed not at provoking any situation with anyone but giving advice that may be helpful if taken positively. It is a given that Mbabane Swallows have the best players in the country, but that's just a highlight of what the exact point is. Last season they won four of the five tournaments in the Premier League of Swaziland coming as second runner up in the 5th.

Training

They make over three quarters of the senior national team players. And that alone goes to show how good the players are.

Shining in the game, winning trophies and getting Sihlangu call-ups requires intensive training. With all the games, the training, the achievements and flamboyance, the question is, when do these players get a proper rest? Let's be honest, Mbabane Swallows' players are fatigued and that's the absolute truth. If the performance they gave in the recently played Charity Cup and last week's Mbabane derby is their best, then I'm afraid to say they might not defend half their trophies. Signs of fatigue are there for everybody to see. Now what worries me is that these players, like I have pointed out already, form part of the national team



NO TIME TO REST: Mbabane Swallows.

and it's a cause for concern. Sihlangu will be playing a very crucial game against Malawi in less than a week and this is the closest the country has ever been to qualifying for the Africa Cup of Nations, that's how significant the game is. A significant game like this needs fresh relaxed legs, that have had enough time to rest. If we are going to go with the COSAFA cup players then the reality is, we have a slim chance of winning the game.

Faith

Swallows need to give these players a break. They need a professional, who will help them deal with the fatigue. Swallows have enough players to field in the meantime, youngsters, who have succumbed to warming the bench because their management doesn't have faith in them.

For a team, so keen on development, it is so sad to see young

enthusiastic boys rotting on the bench while the same faces get a run in every game. You unveil three signings before the derby but you opt for a regular team when you could have put your new players to the big test. With the intensive training program combined with a game every weekend, the players won't get a chance to recover. The trainers have to reduce training and allow them to recover.

If you play a high-tempo, intense pressing tactic, there is no escaping tiredness unless they all happen to be Kenyan long distance runners. It is clear that Swallows players get exhausted within the first 20 minutes of play, barely running. They are just fatigued *bekunene*. Speaking of the derby, Mbabane Highlanders need to apply consistency and sustainability for the team to live-up to expectations. What we watched the

other day was not a derby but a dull 90 minute long episode between two teams, trying hard to rise to the occasion.

How can a team, as big as Highlanders, let go of multiple key players so easy? I know one man in a local team, who doesn't just lose a player when he still needs him.

The same thing should happen with Highlanders if they are to reclaim the glory days. You can't achieve anything if you will be building a new team every season. Green Mamba, a very promising team last season, had all the time in the world to rest and regroup. We expected more from them but they were booted early in the Castle Premier Challenge. I was expecting a better showing from them. Then there is Manzini Wanderers, the earlier they sort themselves out the better, or they will find themselves fighting to be in the top eight at the end of the season. They looked promising in the Charity Cup and I won't say anything about their performance in the Castle Cup. Royal Leopard are just depleted, I don't know what system they are trying to introduce to the players but yes they are no longer the same team. A team to beat this season is Midas City.

They have young determined and motivated players, who have flexibility and motion. So far they are the only team that gave a convincing performance, even though they eventually lost the game to Swallows. I know it's still very early to judge the teams but this is how it is for now.

It's not over yet in Castle semis

FOLLOWING the tension-filled gruelling Castle Premier Challenge semi-final encounters over the weekend, one would think the away teams of Royal Leopard and Mbabane Highlanders are one foot away from the final.

The two teams did well in the first leg, with Leopard beating Young Buffaloes 1-0, while Highlanders played to a -all draw against defending champions Mbabane Swallows.

I must, however, say that both games lacked the intensity of a cup competition.

All four teams did not play with hunger, zeal and exhilaration and it safe to say the games did not live up to expectations especially the Mbabane derby.

Goals

The first encounter pitted the security forces derby where both teams came hard at each other but struggled to find the back of the net as they failed to create clear cut chances. It was Leopard, who drew first blood through a Barry Steenkamp's first half goal, that gave the blue

and white ensemble the advantage going into the second leg.

The police service side's cup pedigree helped them to overcome their army counterparts, who have themselves to blame after missing a spot kick through their midfielder Dumisani 'DU' Mdluli, which could have kept the tie wide open. The lanky midfielder failed to beat the impressive Phephisani Msibi at the Leopard's goals, who made a good save to keep his team in the lead.

'Ingwebalabala' held on until the final whistle to boost their chances of making it through to their second final appearance of the CASTLE cup.

Considering that Leopard will be playing at home during the return leg,

their coach 'Nuro' Ntibane is likely to go for an early goal to kill the opposition's

momentum as they will also be pushing for an early lead. Buffaloes on the other hand, cannot be taken lightly because of the depth in their camp and coach Dominic Kunene will have to motivate his boys to turn the tie to their advantage.

Teams

The second match saw the most decorated match in the land in the Mbabane derby taking place in front of an impressive 6 000 football lovers. A lot was expected from this match as a derby always produces fireworks.

However, it was not the case as the two teams struggled to display top shelf football throughout the day.

The derby was full of tension and didn't



live up to the expectations as both teams struggled to find their rhythm.

It was Swallows, who opened the score chart through a Papy Kabamba's powerful shot that caught Highlanders goalkeeper Sidumo Vilakati off guard. However, Highlanders retaliated with a Baimba Kamara header which kept the tie wide open.

This result gives Highlanders a slight advantage over the 'Beautiful Birds', but it's not over until it's over, as derbies are always like a cup final on any given day.

We hope the two tacticians in Meck Mwase and Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati will go back to the drawing board and prepare their respective teams, to give the passionate fans top shelf football which always spice up the big derby.

On a parting note, let me take this opportunity to thank football lovers for cramming the venue in great numbers and further behaving themselves throughout the day, despite the magnitude of the two matches. We hope they will continue displaying the spirit of fair play as they enjoy their Castle moment.

SUNDOWNS REJECT LEOPARDS' EVALUATION FOR FIGUREITO

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - MANZINI

Sundowns have allegedly rejected what the termed a negligible fee offered by South Africa's first division outfit Black Leopards for the services of Justice Figureito.

Figureito impressed the visitors during their pre-season camp in the country that ended over two weeks ago. He was invited for assessment together with teammate Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Nkumbule and Green Mamba's Phinda Dlamini.

A reliable source revealed that Leopards were keen on landing the player but their offer to Sundowns was too little and they rejected it. When contacted on the matter, Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa said he was not aware of the matter because such issues were handled by the team's Managing Director Mark Carmichael.

"All I know is that nothing

FROM BEHIND:
Royal Leopard's Muzi 'Mzoro' Dlamini tries marking Manzini Sundowns' Justice Figureito during the Castle Premier Challenge at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.



transpired from the proposed move for the player to join Black Leopards but I don't have the details of the negotiations as they were handled by the MD.

Determined

Figureito is with us and he is determined to help the team do well in the new season," he said.

Efforts to get a comment from the MD were futile as his phone rang unanswered after several attempts.

Sundowns were eliminated from the Castle Premier Challenge following a 1-2 defeat at the hands of Royal Leopard in

the quarterfinals.

The David Thidiela owned side spent a whole month in the country for their 2016/17 pre-season training where they were based at the Matsapha Correctional Services.

Meanwhile, the team spent E300 000 for their pre-season camp, according to the club's Chief Executive Officer Kenneth Makhanya.

They used this amount to cater for their expenses which included daily commodities, stadium levy fee (E2 500 per day for using Somhlolo National

Stadium), fuel and match officials allowances of the undertaken six friendly matches.

They played with local clubs in Mbabane Swallows, Manzini Wanderers, Manzini Sundowns, Green Mamba and Moneni Pirates.

Makhanya, who is also a former National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) CEO, further mentioned that another reason for their visit was to formulate a good working relationship with local football teams.

"We want to create a good working relationship between the two countries and that is why we decided to come here to promote football together with my home people. I believe we will have a great stay throughout the month," he said.

In their last game against Swallows, they fielded three players in Justice Figureito, Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Nkumbule and Phinda Dlamini as they were assessing them.

Green Mamba opt against Simon Njeleza

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - FORMER Bantu Rovers midfielder, Simon Njeleza, must be a devastated man after Correctional Services side Green Mamba on Thursday decided against his registration just after receiving his clearance letter from his former team, Talen Vision from Zimbabwe.

According to information sourced from one of Zimbabwe's online publications, the green and white outfit decided against the signing of Njeleza, after the player could not be registered ahead of the Castle Premier Challenge quarterfinal encounter against the Young Buffaloes played a fortnight ago.

In a literal 'so near yet so far' his joy that had greeted the arrival of his clearance was cut short after the bad news.

The player had offered E1 000 worth of soccer balls to compensate Talen Vision with whom he had a gentlemen's agreement to play for them without a contract.

Njeleza confirmed the development, expressing his worry that he now risked being sidelined from playing football till next March since the second transfer window period in Zimbabwe closed on July 31.

He said he was only told that the directors had opted against his registration.

"To me there seems to be an untold story considering we had finally received the clearance. This will go down as a wasted month for me and my biggest fear now is I might not be able to play football until next year which will affect me. Only God knows why," said Njeleza.

Zimbabwe born Green Mamba coach Hebert Maruwa described the development as a blow to his squad.

"It's a big blow, Simon had impressed me with his play and I had hoped to pin the team around him and Blessing Sande. This is football, such happens and we just have to move on," said Maruwa.

Green Mamba Chief Executive Officer Thamie Phakathi also confirmed the latest development when contacted yesterday.

"The player was invited for assessment through his agent just like any potential player and we intended registering him. However, after careful consideration of certain factors regarding the transfer, he was duly released. He had a good stay here and he was accorded human treatment befitting his status," Phakathi said.

The haggling over the player started early last week when soccer balls were demanded before issuance of the clearance.

It had to take the intervention of Football Union of Zimbabwe's Hebert Dick and an unnamed Swaziland based Zimbabwean, who provided themselves as collateral for the clearance to be issued.

Green Mamba had earlier on announced the signing of Njeleza together with South African goalkeeper Japhtha Mirase.



Baxter no longer coming for coaches seminar

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - THE much awaited visit of former Bafana Bafana and current SuperSport United mentor Stuart Baxter to the country will not be happening any time soon following the postponement of the coaches' seminar.

The seminar was scheduled for this weekend at the National Football Association of Swaziland Technical Centre. It has been reliably gathered that the Swaziland Football Association Coaches (SFAC) executive failed to confirm the arrival of Baxter last Friday with the England born mentor's local representative Dingane Maduma, which eventually led to the event being pushed to December.

The association's Chairman Anthony Mdluli confirmed the latest development when contacted yesterday. "It has been suggested that we get time to make all necessary logistics and the ongoing local football break will be ideal to hold such events. We will in the meantime discuss the logistics with the facilitator of the event," he said.

Maduma also confirmed the developments when asked about the issue but referred queries to the local coaches' association.

A South Africa based source revealed that Baxter had snubbed a Norwegian Football Association invitation for the local seminar where he was supposed to lecture their coaches. "He was looking forward coming to Swaziland after turning down the European invite because his aim is to help in the development of African football," he said.

Baxter has won the ABSA Premiership League title twice with SA's Kaizer Chiefs and recently won the 2015 Nedbank Cup with his current side SuperSport United.

Buffaloes, Pirates close to swap deal

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - YOUNG Buffaloes and Moneni Pirates are reportedly close at clinching a swap deal before the kickoff of the MTN Premier League 2016/17 season in three weeks time.

It has been reliably gathered that the two teams are currently in talks over a possible move that could see Ndumiso 'Karas' Dlamini joining the army side with Sebenele 'Pienaar' Dlamini switching

to the opposite camp.

'Karas' has since stopped training with the 'Buccaneers' with the move imminent.

Sought for comment, Buffaloes Chief Executive Officer Sandile Gwebu confirmed the talks between the two teams.

Finalised

"It is true that we are still in talks with Pirates over 'Karas' but nothing has been finalised yet and we will announce to the media once everything has been concluded," he said.

Gwebu preferred not to talk much about the deal until it is

complete.

His Pirates counterpart, Thamie Dlamini also confirmed that the two players were close to changing camps. "We have since been told that 'Karas' wants to join Buffaloes in the new season and we won't stand on his way after spending over six seasons with the team. He is one of the players who have served the team diligently and we value his contribution to the team over the years."

He said it would all depend on the talks between the two teams.

'Landers move best ever for me - Menzi

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - NEW Mbabane Highlanders signee Menzi Sithole, has described his move to the capital city giants as the best decision in his football career.

Sithole, speaking after their tension-filled game against archrival Mbabane Swallows, said he was ready to help the team win trophies.

"I do not regret signing for Highlanders because they are a big team and that is an open secret. I already feel at home because the technical bench, management and players have been good to me. This will help me to



adapt easily and hopefully make an impact in a short space of time," said Sithole.

When asked about his first game under the new coach, Sithole said he had no problem adapting to the team's style of play.

"I am not the one to say how I played but personally I enjoyed myself in the derby. What I like the most about Highlanders is their die-hard fans. They kept ral-

lying behind us throughout the game. It was quite an exciting atmosphere knowing you had the fans to play for because they have faith in you," the player said.

Heights

He said he would work hard to help the team achieve greater heights this season.

"This is a big team and I know what is expected of me."

The player joined the black and white ensemble in a move that saw striker Lungelo Tsabedze moving the opposite direction.

Highlanders played to a 1-all draw against Mbabane Swallows in the first semi-finals of the Castle Premier Challenge.

Red Lions deny 'Navara' his clearance

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCKER - WITH the player set to join Manzini Sundowns, Mzwandile 'Navara' Ndzimandze has been allegedly denied clearance by current employers Red Lions.

A source close to the matter has revealed that the move was imminent but Red Lions were stalling, citing that the former South Africa's Jomo Cosmos and Vasco Da Gama player still had two years left in his contract with the red and white ensemble.

When contacted on the matter, Red Lions PRO Comfort Shongwe said there were channels one had to follow, when negotiating the services of a player and if the right channels had been followed correctly, there was no way they would deny a player his clearance.

"I doubt Sundowns followed the right procedure in their quest to land the player because there wouldn't be any case involving clearances. We have released players like Baimba Kamara and Mbaya Katala without any problem, why would we then

deny Navara his clearance. Actually, it is our utmost wish to see players experience greener pastures and blossoming in their careers,"

'Navara' once plied his trade with the 'Kappa Boys' back in the 2012/13 season under the guidance of Rodwell Dhlakama, who led them to the Telecom Charity Cup podium.

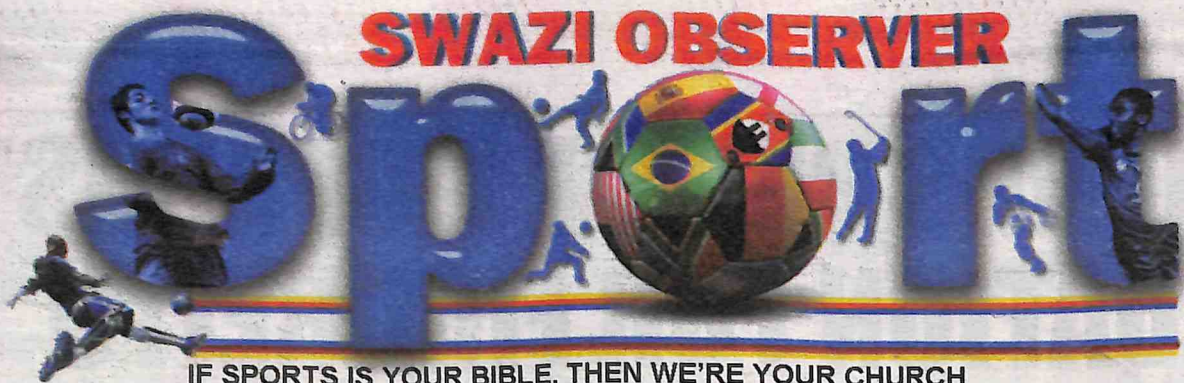
he said. Shongwe said the team was in good shape and looking forward to the commencement of the MTN Premier League.

Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa said negotiations were on-going between them and Red Lions to get the player and would eventually discuss the details with the media.

"For now it's between us and Red Lions and therefore, I cannot comment any further on the matter," he said.

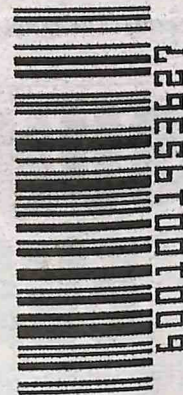
Meanwhile, 'Navara' once plied his trade with the 'Kappa Kappa' back in the 2012/13 season under the guidance of Rodwell Dhlakama, who led them to the Telecom Charity Cup podium.

The speedy player has already spent over three weeks training with the Godfrey Tamerepi-led charges.



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SIHLANGU/MALAWI IN TV BLACKOUT

**-Match won't be screened live on Super Sport
-FA says marketing issues are handled by CAF**

By Sibusiso Masilela

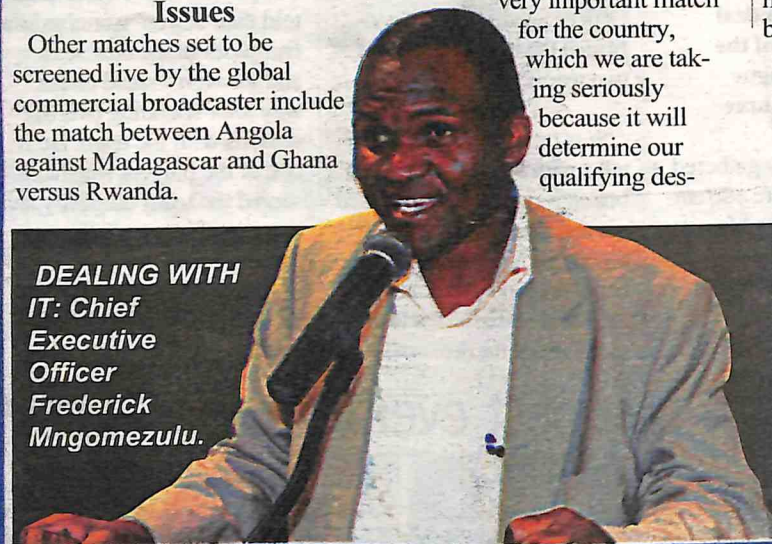
SOCCKER - IN what will come as bad news, the nation will not be able to watch Sihlangu play the 'Flames' of Malawi in their Africa Cup of Nations qualifier in Kamuzu Banda Stadium in Blantyre on Sunday.

According to information sourced from Super sport.com, the Group L encounter is not part of matches to be screened live. But the match pitting neighbouring Bafana Bafana and Maritana, to be played on Friday in Mbombela, will be shown on TV.

Issues

Other matches set to be screened live by the global commercial broadcaster include the match between Angola against Madagascar and Ghana versus Rwanda.

DEALING WITH IT: Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngomezulu.



Sport Five, a French-based company, is the marketing and media rights holder of matches organised by the Confederation of African Football, the continental soccer body.

Destiny

When sought for comment, National Football Association of Swaziland Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngomezulu said marketing issues were being handled by the Confederation of African Football (CAF).

"Such issues are beyond our control since marketing issues are under the CAF portfolio and there is nothing we can do as an association. This is, however, a very important match for the country, which we are taking seriously because it will determine our qualifying des-



tiny. We will announce travelling logistics for the team to the nation in due course," he said.

Sihlangu AFCON qualifiers matches, that were screened live, include the two previous ties against Zimbabwe, played at the Somhlolo National Stadium and National Sports Centre in Harare, respectively, in March.

The nation's pride will leave the country tomorrow for the encounter, which is a must win, in order to boost their chances of making it through to the finals, to be held in Gabon next year.

Mngomezulu said the intention

was to see the team have at least two days in Malawi so they could acclimatise to the weather conditions in that country. "The team will leave tomorrow to honour the second leg of AFCON qualifiers against Malawi to be played on Sunday, starting at 3pm. An 18-member squad will travel to Malawi for the game," he said.

The Harries 'Madze' Bulungale squad will have to pray that group L leaders Zimbabwe falters against Guinea, which can help the home side get the second best runners-up slot.

AFCON 2017 QUALIFIERS FIXTURES

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Mali vs	Benin	Ethiopia vs	Seychelles
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Burkina Faso vs	Botswana	Niger vs	Burundi
Uganda vs	Comoros	Guinea vs	Zimbabwe
Zambia vs	Kenya	Malawi vs	Swaziland
Congo vs	Guinea-B	Cameroon vs	Gambia
Cape Verde vs	Libya	Angola vs	Madagascar
Morocco vs	Sao Tome	Ghana vs	Rwanda

'XAVI' JOINS SIHLANGU IN CAMP

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCKER - DEMOCRATIC Republic of Congo based Swazi international, Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo, arrived early yesterday to join Sihlangu in training camp.

The former Royal Leopard player, who plies his trade with DRC side AS Vita, had his first training session with the team upon his arrival yesterday.

Mthunzi was included in the 26-man squad announced by head coach Harries

'Madze' Bulunga to face Malawi in the Africa Cup of Nations qualifying clash, slated for Kamuzu Stadium in Blantyre, on September 4.



The player was in the country for his off-season break, but had to report back to his team before joining Sihlangu.

National Football Association of Swaziland Marketing and Media officer Muzi Radebe confirmed the player's arrival yesterday, citing that all was well in the

camp. "The players are all in good

shape, there are currently no casualties. Mthunzi arrived yesterday morning and had his first training session with the team, he too is in good form," he said. It is a defining moment for Sihlangu as they play a crucial game that may hand them a ticket to the first ever Africa cup participation, if they win the match. This is the closest the senior national side has come to qualifying for Africa's greatest football glory. They are second in Group L, after Zimbabwe, who have already qualified for the Gabon finals, where the tournament will be staged.



IN CAMP: Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo.