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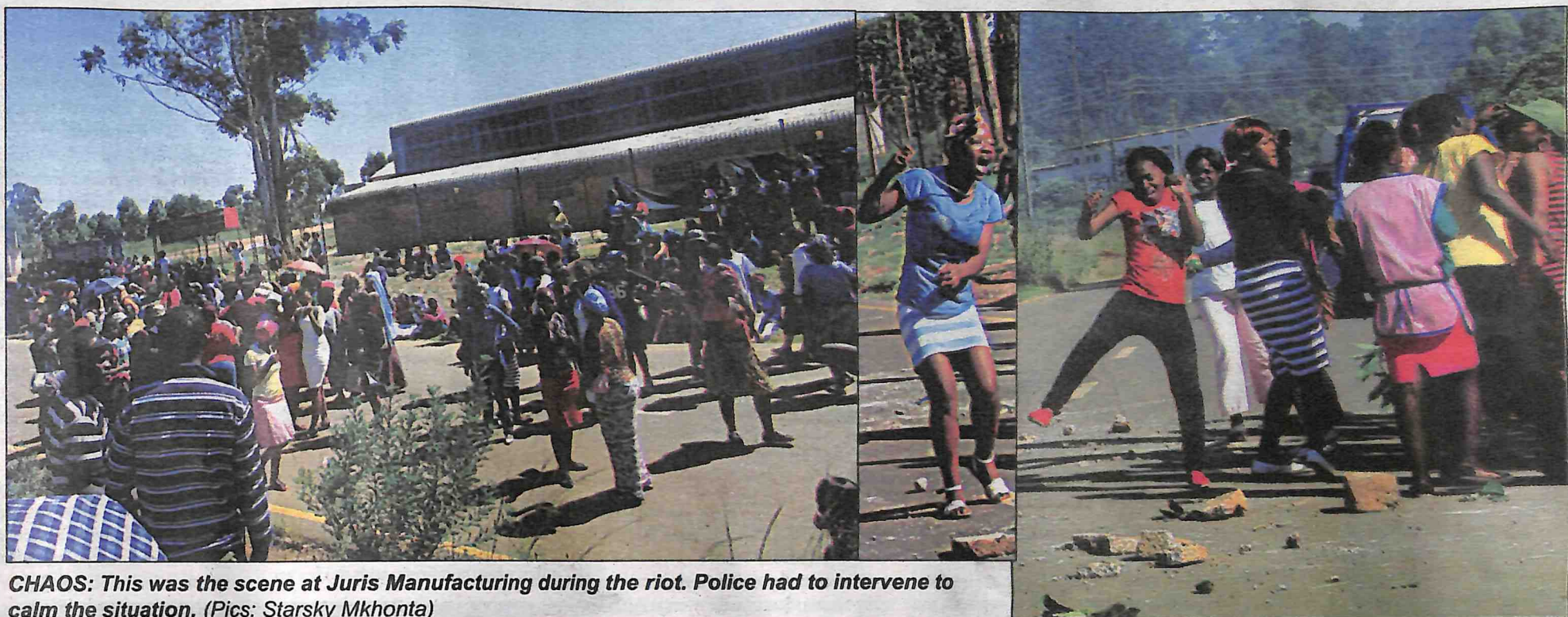
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# FOUR WOMEN FOUND WITH CLOSE TO E800 000 CASH

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**FOUR Mozambican women were nabbed with E789 000 in hard cash at Siteki.**

According to reliable sources, the women drove into the country with the money through the Lomahasha border gate and it remains a mystery how they 'dodged' security there.

They were apprehended in Lugongolweni by members of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF).

It could not be established where the Mozambican women were taking the money to, but it is suspected they had come to do shopping.

Laws of the country stipulate that if you are carrying a large sum of money, it must be declared at the entry point.

However, the women did not although they had the declaration forms.

USDF Deputy Public Relations Officer Lieutenant Nkosinathi Dlamini confirmed the arrest.

He added that the women's vehicle was controlled by soldiers.

"Yes it is true that we apprehended women with that amount of money, but were later released after producing declaration forms," Dlamini said.

On another note, the deputy PRO further stated that livestock rustling remains a nightmare for the army.

According to December 2016 and January 2017 USDF statistics, livestock rustling is on the rise.

As the USDF continues to patrol the country's borderline to stop illegal activities occurring there, in January alone there were 34 livestock rustled to Mozambique and South Africa.

The month of December as reported by the USDF statistics, was one of the

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**HERE: The Lomahasha Border Gate where the women entered the country.**

months where the rustling was said to be at its peak.

"Two men rustled 14 goats into the Republic of South Africa, but with the cooperation of RSA police, we were able to control them inside RSA," the Lieutenant said.

## Intercepted

Dlamini went on to add that 20 cattle were also intercepted at Mnyana in Maphungwane (Lubombo) whilst being rustled into Mozambique and were handed back to their rightful owners.

"Unfortunately there was no arrest made except the unlawful immigrants. These livestock-rustlers and drug ped-

dlers ran off leaving the livestock and dagga behind.

"Those with undeclared goods were only taken to Swaziland Revenue Authority Posts for taxation," Dlamini revealed. He further revealed that dagga weighing 280kg, was controlled at the country's borderline.

"The controlled herb was worth over E196 000," he said.

He said 45 illegal immigrants (Mozambicans and South Africans) were controlled at the country's different borders yet most of them were Mozambicans, who were handed over to various police stations.

## Locked out Swazi TV Finance Director bulldozes way back

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**SWAZILAND Television Authority's (STVA) Acting Director Finance and Administration Abel Simelane bulldozed his way back to the television station yesterday.**

This comes after Simelane was on Wednesday mid-morning dragged out of the TV station premises by a security guard from Big Man Security Services and further directed to cease coming to STVA from yesterday pending acquisition of the instruments of service as per the CEO's instruction.

A witness said yesterday morning, Simelane reported for duty before 8am only this time he came on foot, not driving. It is said he approached the television station's gate with a straight face and found that the gate was locked.

"Simelane asked the Big Man Security Services' security guard to open the boom gate which he refused to do.

"He then told the security guard that if he thinks by closing the gate he will be kept away from his work place, he must think again. He said this while bending under the boom

gate and making his way to his office," the witness said.

This act is said to have stunned the television station's staff as they watched in disbelief especially after the drama that had taken place the previous day.

"Simelane went straight to his office and it was work as usual for him," it is said.

When this newspaper called the television station, and asked to speak to Simelane the receptionists transferred the line straight to Simelane's office and he answered the call.

## Comment

Simelane however, refused to comment on the matter and referred all questions to the Corporate Affairs Manager Mncedisi Mayisela who was not in the office.

On Wednesday the Acting Director Finance and Administration was presented with a letter directed to make sure that all assets of the station with and in his custody should be surrendered to the office of the corporate affairs manager. The assets include a car and office /safe keys in his possession.

He was further directed to cease to come to STVA from yesterday pending acquisition of the instruments of service as per the CEO's instruction, which he defied.

## Zondle shortage; Schools break early

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**SOME schools around the country break early due to the shortage of zondle (food).**

This is despite the ministry of education's assertion that food in the schools is available.

General Secretary of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) Zwelithini Mndzebele has revealed that their office received a number of reports that some

schools break earlier than usual owing to food shortages.

He said the pupils cannot stand the long hours without having anything to eat.

"Some of the pupils come to

school without having eaten anything and they rely on the feeding programme at school for food. They cannot stand the long hours on empty stomachs, hence the principals cut the days short so they can concentrate and be able to grasp something," he said.

Mndzebele said schools have had a bad start.

"Imagine the impact the shortened classes will have in the long term work, pupils will be behind schedule on school work and this will mean a bad ending," he said. "The ministry must understand

that most of the store rooms in the schools lack ventilation. Imagine the state of the food that have been kept in those store rooms for almost two months," he said in reference to the ministry's stance that food was handed out last year and it should still be available.

## Money

The secretary general further said the fact that government has not yet paid for the free primary education (FPE) in the schools is not helping as principals have no

money to buy supplementary food while waiting for government to deliver.

The ministry of education and training delivers about four 50kg of rice, six to 10

50kgs of mealie-meal, depending on the size of the school and beans in each school to last a month.

Mndzebele said this is usually not enough but the schools' principals then use the FPE money to buy more food.

Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula said any school affected by this must report the shortage through their respective regional education officers (REOs).

Magagula, however, said the ministry will action the zondle issue so that everything returns to normal at the schools.

## MGWAGWA BLAMES IT ALL ON STIFF SA LAWS

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**THE struggle to get study permits at the South African High Commission has been attributed to the stiff immigration laws that were recently enforced by the South African government.**

Speaking on the struggles facing South Africa bound Swazi students, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze said as a ministry they were not idle as they have approached the commission on how things can be worked out.

The soft spoken minister said the struggle faced by the Swazi students was a result of the new immigration laws which the ministry of home affairs in South Africa enforced.

Gamedze described the laws as stiff and said government would continue to engage the South African government in a quest to loosen the laws.

"The pile-up is a result of the new immigration rules that South Africa has implemented, these have resulted in the commission having more requirements in place for the applicants," he said.

Gamedze said as a ministry, they were engaging their South African counter-



**IT'S NOT ON US: Minister of Foreign Affairs Mgwagwa Gamedze.**

parts as far as the laws were concerned because they were too stiff.

"We have engaged them on how the situation can be mitigated and how we can help them on the matter," he said. He said what must be understood is that this was seasonal, so working on the matter was not that easy.

"Students only apply for permits in January making this a seasonal occurrence," he stated.

Gamedze explained that when they

were engaging them, the commission had stated that they were over stretched.

"During our discussions with them they brought it to the fore that they were overstretched as their staff could only help 40 to 70 people per day," he said.

The minister said they had offered to help the commission where they needed help.

Gamedze said because this was the first time the commission had experienced such, they hoped that going forward, they would be better prepared.

In the past month, thousands of South Africa bound students have been spending nights at the commission's premises in a quest to apply for study permits.

Information gathered by this publication is that the commission only serves 50 people per day hence, people slept at their premises to make the first 50 for the day.

The students have also complained of the increase in requirements when applying for study permits and have further accused the commission of adding requirements willy-nilly.

The students have also questioned the commission's decision to open for two hours a day when they were aware there were thousands of them queuing outside.



# CHAOS AS 2 000 WORKERS ATTACK, STAB BOSS

● It is believed that the factory manager identified as Steven Westhuizen, was lucky to escape alive as the workers bayed for his blood

## COVER STORY

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

**POLICE** had to be called yesterday when over 2 000 workers at Juris Manufacturing company in Nhlango went wild and attacked their bosses, which saw one of them being rushed to hospital after he was stabbed with a sharp object.

The factory manager identified as Steven Westhuizen, was lucky to escape alive as the workers bayed for his blood.

In what at first started looked like a normal working day, the workers did the unthinkable just when they were preparing to start getting down to serious work at around 7:30am.

It all started when one of the male workers was called to the office where he was dismissed.

The employee was confused as he had not expected it and he allegedly reacted angrily, demanding explanations. It is claimed that in the heat of things, Steven, the factory manager, refused to entertain any questions as he had made a decision. It is said he decided to throw a cup of tea at the employee who wanted to know why his services were being terminated. The office then became a boxing ring as the employee insisted he was not going to leave until he was furnished with a proper explanation on why he was dismissed.

The employees heard about what had happened and all hell broke loose.

The workers decided to leave their workstations and wanted to see what was happening to their colleague. With other employees not at all prepared to listen to anything, drama unfolded at the factory as some of the employees reached for Steven and he was slapped, kicked and even punched all over the body.

As he was looking for a chance to flee he was stabbed with a sharp object believed to be screwdriver or a pair of



**TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER:** Uniformed and plain clothed police officers seen monitoring the situation at Juris Manufacturing.

scissors used by the employees when going about their work. There was a stampede when the employees had to find their way out as they feared something worse was likely to follow as word had started circulating there were moves to have the factory set alight.

The employees, even when outside the factory, ran amok and even a vehicle that was seen approaching from the distance said to be used by Steve, was turned back.

### Hidden

It had to be hidden in a nearby bush next to Crucifix where two occupants were found making calls, probably alerting relatives or the directors of what had transpired.

With the situation now out of control and employees chanting and dancing, police arrived armed to the teeth. Some were armed with rifles and others with sjamboks.

However, the employees were seemingly not at all ready to find themselves having to be pushed out by force as they remained by the gate, taking orders from their representatives.

A group of other workers confronted our news team demanding to be given the camera but others rebuked them warning the media was not supposed to be attacked as it was their 'mouthpiece' which they would use to make the world know about their challenges.

Police also came to the rescue of the media personnel.

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Manager of the company, Elmon Ndlovu, said he was not sure what actually sparked the violence.

He said it was resolved that the employees should return to work while all their issues were looked into.

### Grievances

"We agreed with their representatives that work should continue while all the grievances submitted are addressed using the right channels and platforms. We expect all of them back tomorrow (today)," said Ndlovu.

Ndlovu also confirmed that the factory manager was injured but he could not specifically say how he got injured other than stating it was during the skirmish that took place.

"Yes Steven, I heard he was injured and had to be rushed to hospital. He was fortunately treated and discharged. I was not able to see the nature of injuries he sustained," said Ndlovu.

Others said Ndlovu himself was not spared when the workers attacked Steven as he was allegedly assaulted.

However, Ndlovu denied such claims saying he was not assaulted.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba, confirmed that police had to rush to the company to monitor the situation during the riot.

He said he also heard that one of the managers was attacked and was injured.

"It is true there was riot at the said company but police were able to control the situation. So far no one has opened any case on what took place,"

## ...Workers want factory manager, HR dismissed

**THE** over 2 000 workers accused the factory manager Steven Westhuizen of being a racist.

The workers alleged that Steven was the reason of the unrest that broke out yesterday where the company's operations were brought to a standstill.

The workers alleged that Steven used vulgar language.

The workers said Steven must be fired as he was no longer in good terms with most of them because of the language he uses.

"He calls us with all sorts of names.

"Working with him is something we can no longer tolerate.

He has pushed us to a corner and we do not want to see him again here could be.

For a long time we have been stomaching the treatment he subjected us to. He does not treat us like human beings and this is the same style used by whites against blacks in SA," alleged the workers.

They said a majority of them were casuals, which was one of

the concerns that sparked the chaos. Others claimed they have worked for over five years but were still not full time employees.

Others said Steven's style of management was questionable as he did not want to be advised on anything, including when reminded about the country's labour laws.

"You get fired anyhow here. At times, he fires 15 people a day. Even today, he wanted to fire some of the employees and it led to the chaos.

He does not respect the labour laws of the country. There is no guarantee that tomorrow you can still be around as your services could be terminated anytime," alleged the workers.

The workers also want the human resources manager dismissed as they accused him of being a failure.

They also questioned the qualification of the incumbent HR, Elmon Ndlovu.



**READ HERE:** The employees at Juris Manufacturing lifting a banner with a message advising factory manager Steven to go.

## 'Minister Winnie must do something'

**"LABOUR** minister should come to our rescue as we are in this situation after failing to get a chance to disclose our grievances to her."

This was the view of the workers.

The workers said Minister Winnie Magagula should personally visit the company where they will tell her a number of unlawful acts

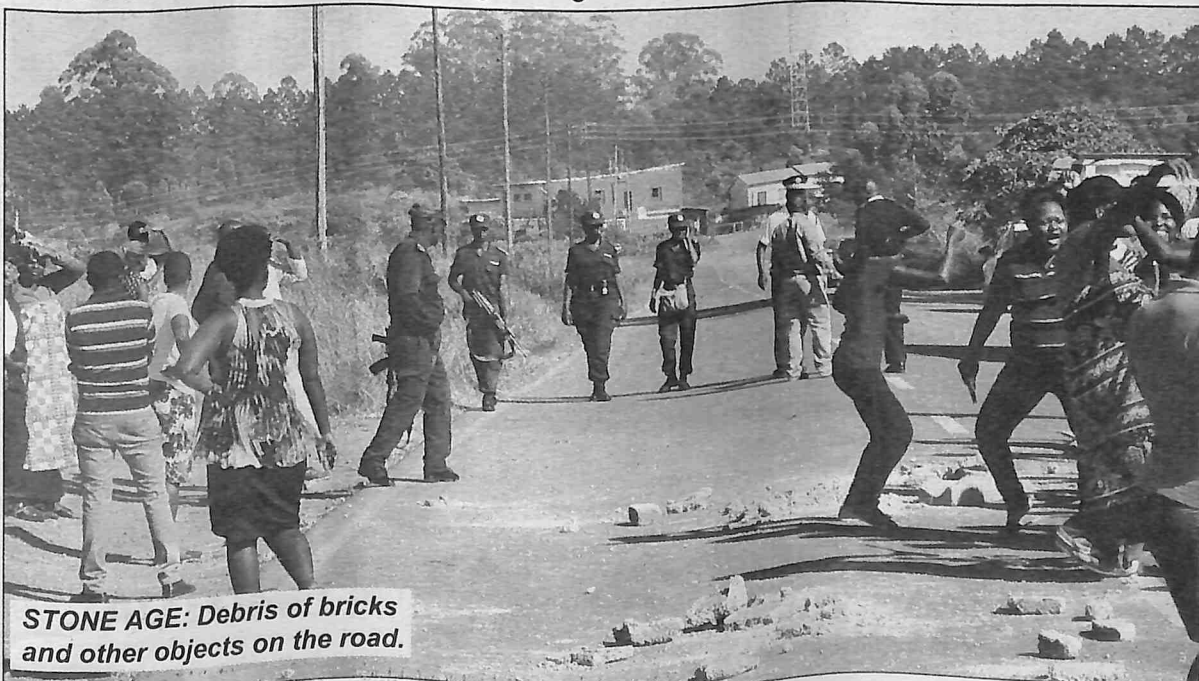
taking place, including how female employees were victims of alleged sexual abuse.

### Demands

"There is someone in the management who if you are not giving in to his sexual demands, you become his enemy. It is something we want to tell the minister and a number of other irregularities," they said.

## SOME OF THE GRIEVANCES

- Female employees not happy with maternity leave
- Sick sheets not considered
- Those on treatment (ARVs) feel management discloses their status to others
- Use of vulgar language
- Inconvenience on pay day where money is deposited late into bank accounts
- Almost a majority of the workers still casuals
- Workers want male colleagues not fired as it looks like company targets them.



**STONE AGE:** Debris of bricks and other objects on the road.



## 4 PICTURES



**ALL SYSTEMS GO:** Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini flanked by Senate President Gelane Zwane and her Deputy Senator Ngomuyayona Gamedze and Speaker Themba Msibi and his Deputy MP Esther Dlamini. This was after inspecting preparations for the state opening of parliament by His Majesty King Mswati III today. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

## PM INSPECTS PARLY PREPARATIONS



**THIS SIDE:** Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini leading the PM and his entourage during the inspection of the parliament opening preparations.



**MEDIA MATTERS:** ICT Communications Officer, Nozipho Mabuza briefing the PM on media related matters.



**EVERYTHING IS OK:** SWSC MD Peter Bhembe and SEC Acting MD Meshack Kunene also briefed the PM about progress on their part.



**ALL IS WELL:** Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini addressing the media after inspecting the preparations for the opening of parliament by His Majesty today.

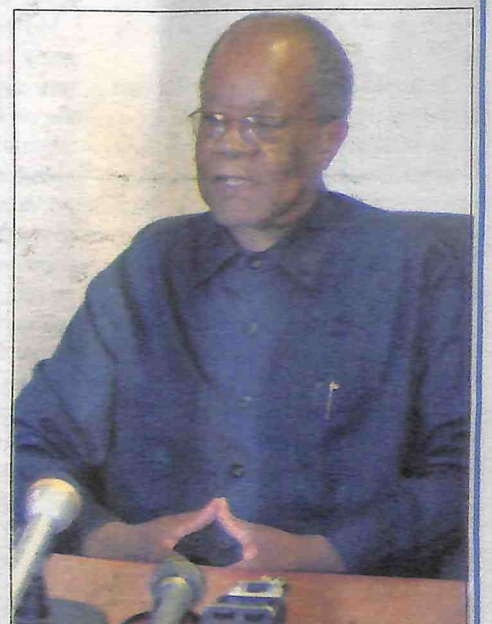
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**WORDS OF THANKS:** PM addressing the media after the tour.



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# SNAT IN COURT OVER DVULADVULA



**NEXT MOVE:** Swaziland National Association of Teachers leadership and members outside the Industrial Court after their case where they are challenging the ministry of public service for violating a court order concerning school heads of departments scaling after the famed dvuladvula salary review. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**OFF THEY GO:** SNAT members leaving the industrial Court after the court case.

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## 6 NATIONAL NEWS

# PARLY READY TO WELCOME KING - PM

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**PRIME Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini feels Parliament is fit and ready to welcome His Majesty King Mswati III for its opening today.**

The premier said this when he was inspecting the preparations of the opening of the fourth session of the 10th Parliament yesterday.

The PM was impressed with the conditions he found in Parliament and expressed hope that the event would go as planned.

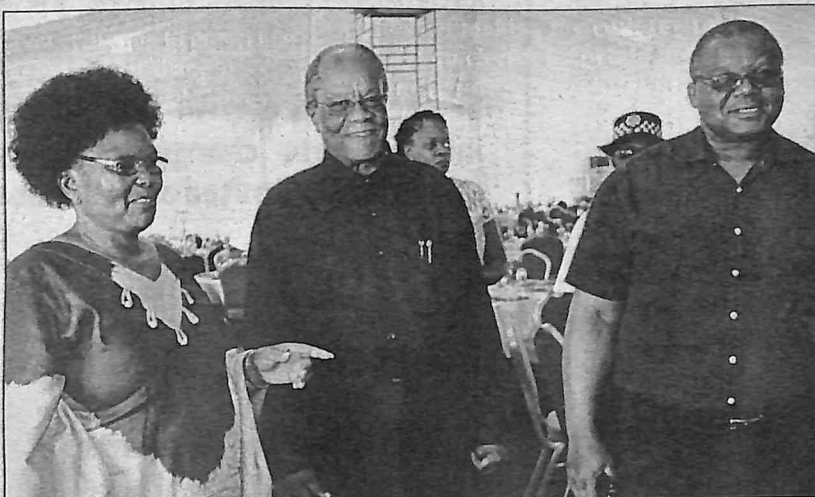
"We thank His Majesty for giving us the day of the event early because this gave us time to adequately prepare for it. It is imperative that when he speaks to the world tomorrow (today), he does so in befitting conditions," Dlamini said.

Dlamini arrived in Parliament at 12 midday, just after the arrival of Senate President, Gelane Zwane. He entered through the north gate and went into one of the offices in the main Parliament building, where he stayed for sometime.

At about 12:30, he was then led to the marquee, where some of His Majesty's guests will be sitting during the proceedings of the event.

This is where many performances are expected to take place. He was briefed by those tasked with the job of decorating the marquee. They told him that the job was almost done.

Clerk to Parliament, Ndvuna Dlamini also told the premier that the job was almost done in the marquee. The air conditioners were already connected and the tables were already set. The place showed that it was ready to wel-



**READY: Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini flanked by Senate President Gelane Zwane and Speaker Themba Msibi.**  
(Pic: Simon Shabangu)

come dignified guests.

After inspecting several places within Parliament premises, Dlamini was then taken to the conference room. There, he was given a briefing about the availability of the two most important commodities: water and electricity.

This called upon leaders of the companies that supply the country with such commodities to brief the head of government about what they had done.

Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) Managing Director Peter Bhembe assured the premier that his company would supply water throughout the event. "In our view, all is set from our side as SWSC. We have tried to ensure that even if our system is disturbed, water continues to be supplied in Parliament during this event," Bhembe said.

Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) MD Meshack Kunene also assured the

prime minister they had prepared several power stations to ensure that electricity was constantly supplied to Parliament during the event. "Mantenga Power Station supplies Parliament with electricity. If problems arise, we will ensure that we make use of other stations like Ezulwini, Malkerns, and Matsapha Power Stations," Kunene said.

The MD went on to say they would use two generators in case of power blackouts.

The briefing was graced by Senate President Gelane Zwane and her Deputy Ngomuyayona Gamedze. Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi and his Deputy Esther Dlamini were also present. Minister for Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama was also present. So was acting Minister for Public Works and Transport Phwayinkhosi Mabuza.

## Ejubukweni School, community receive E310 000 water project

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Ejubukweni

**FOR years, Ejubukweni community had to drink water from a well that had filthy substances found in it like used condoms.**

This is beside the fact that they shared the water with livestock.

However, this is a thing of the past as the community now boasts of a E310 000 water project, which has been funded by two international donors; Taiwan Fund for Children and Families and the Moss Foundation from Australia.

This was revealed by one of Ejubukweni High teachers, Victor 'Mavikana' Dlamini during the official hand over of the school and community water project. Dlamini revealed that the community can now enjoy clean and healthy water after being forced to drink water, where its source had used condoms lying around it. "We once went up the mountain, at the top of the stream we found used condoms, which did not only shock us but forced us to seek help to get clean and safe water," Dlamini added.

Thanks to the Taiwan Fund for Children

and Families and the Moss Foundation, the community can now enjoy clean water. The project, which began in November 2015, was officially handed over yesterday at the primary school.

"As you can see, our children are now not only healthy but beautiful, thanks to the safe and clean water they now drink," Dlamini joked.

Taiwan Fund for Children and Families donated E310 000 towards the project, as stated by its Water Project Manager Grace Nhleko. Druce Jameson of Moss Foundation in Melbourne, Australia has been in Swaziland for 31 years. He stated that the small foundation was specialising in providing communities with clean and filtered drinking water.

"We have been handling water pro-

jects in the country for close to 15 years, we are a low key foundation, which provides cost effective water projects for different communities in the country, the money is donated by willing individuals in Australia," Druce said.

Meshack Mnisi, a representative of Indhunkhulu stated that this project has solved some of the issues the community had. "We used to share water with animals, this project has helped the community greatly, yet there is more that we still need to be assisted with as a community, so we seek for help," he said. Mabuza further applauded the community for joining hands and working hard towards the success of the project.

## Teachers begged me to close school- Principal

**PRINCIPAL of Ejubukweni High Gideon Gama, revealed during the official project hand-over that one of the teachers approached him, saying the school should be closed.**

Gama said this was during the time when the pupils as well as teachers

were forced to drink dirty water, causing diarrhoea, especially amongst the pupils. "We can now even flush our toilets, which we thought were not working and were even blaming such faults on the plumber, yet we needed water," he said.

## VIP Security fails to stop writ of execution

By Sandile Nkambule  
Industrial Court

**ONE of the leading security companies in the country, VIP Security Services, yesterday had its application to stop a deputy sheriff from attaching a company vehicle, dismissed by the Industrial Court.**

The deputy sheriff from the Manzini region had attached the vehicle in order to execute a writ for defraying E21 707.76, which was in respect of a security guard's payment after his services were terminated.

Despite that the matter had been heard at the Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) for arbitration, where the arbitrator ruled in favour of the security guard and that VIP should pay a sum E21 707.76.

### Arbitration

VIP failed to abide by the ruling hence the writ of execution.

Sandile Mavimbela, a security guard at the company, had taken VIP to CMAC after his employment was terminated.

Before pronouncing judgment, Industrial Court Judge Nkosinathi

Nkonyane

said VIP

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was expected to act within that

period if it was not happy with the

arbitration award. The conduct of

VIP, according to the court, was

clearly inconsistent with conduct

of a dissatisfied litigant but it was

in fact consistent with conduct of

a party who is on a fishing expedi-

tion and bent on frustrating the

judgement creditor.

### Fairness

"In the present case, the applicant was required to pay the judgement debt on or before April 29

2016, but failed to do so, no reasons were given for failure to comply, there was no suggestion that the first respondent (Mavimbela) would not be able to refund the applicant if it succeeded at the High Court and considering the interest of justice and fairness and interest of all parties, the court comes into the conclusion that applicant's application must fail, there is no longer any employer/employee relationship between parties and the court will therefore dismiss the application with costs," Judge Nkonyane pronounced.

### Money

The security guard, Mavimbela was employed by VIP in January 2007 and he remained in employment until December 31, 2015 when his employment was terminated.

He reported the matter to CMAC as a dispute but the it not be resolved by conciliation as it was later referred to arbitration.

CMAC arbitrator Velaphi Dlamini handed down arbitration award on March 22, 2016, an award which was in favour of Mavimbela, with VIP being ordered to pay the

said amount, which was payable at the C M A C offices.

Both parties were represented during the arbitration process and VIP was fully aware of the arbitration award and that the amount was to be paid on the stipulated dates.

It was not until VIP

failed to pay the said amount that Mavimbela instituted an application before the Industrial Court to have the arbitration award registered, with VIP being served with application, an application which was not opposed and the Court granted the application in favour of Mavimbela. Thereafter, Mavimbela issued out a warrant of execution to have the company vehicle attached and sold by public auction in order to defray the costs and the deputy sheriff had already started the processes as the vehicle has been attached, hence VIP ran to court to try and stop the writ of execution.

In the meantime, VIP had filed a review application at the High Court seeking an order reviewing and setting aside the arbitration award that was handed down by the CMAC on March 16, 2016.





# GOVT VIOLATING DVULADVULA COURT ORDER – SNAT

Stories by Sandile Nkambule  
Industrial Court

IN a matter of utmost urgency, the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) has expressed concern over the ministry of public service's continued violation of a court order to the effect that school heads of departments (HODs) be paid on a larger scale.

This follows coming into effect of Circular No. 1 of 2016 dubbed 'dvuladvula' that was initially recommended by the consultants engaged by government for salary review of civil servants.

During an urgent application filed by SNAT against the ministry of public service at the Industrial Court yesterday, lawyer Sabelo Masuku, who is representing the teachers, expressed this concern.

The ministry has been cited as the first respondent, Principal Secretary Evert Madlopha as the second and the attorney general as the third respondents, respectively.

According to Masuku, following an order issued by the Industrial Court to the effect that the heads of departments be paid on a Grade E1 scale, the respondents have continued to violate same by paying the teachers their salaries on a Grade D3 scale.

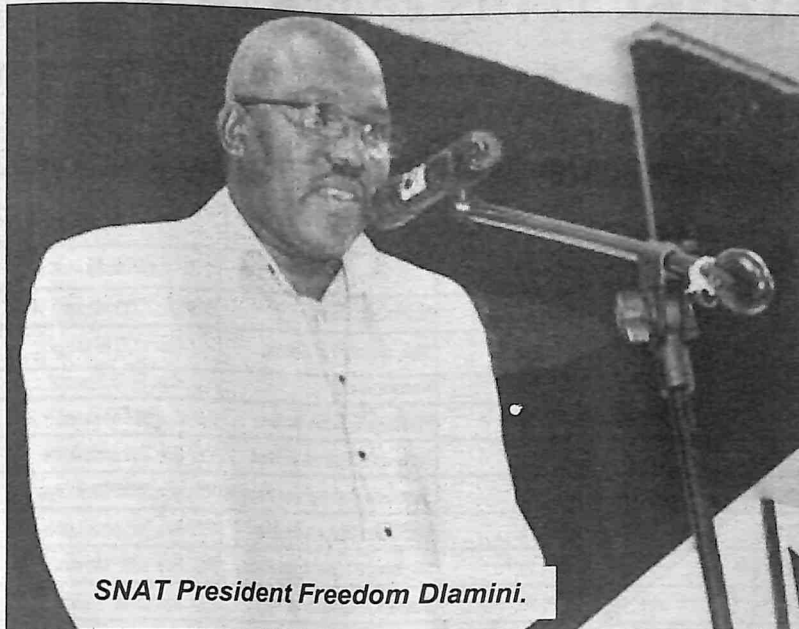
## Urgent

Masuku stated the matter was urgent on the basis that the respondents, for the past months have been paying the applicants contrary to the circular initially recommended adding the application could have been brought sooner as the applicants were trying by all means to solve the issue amicably by approaching the relevant authorities.

In his affidavit, SNAT President Freedom Dlamini said the application to have the ministry comply with the order of court, was urgent to obtain substantial redress from the court by mandating the respondents (ministry, Madlopha and AG) to act in line with the court order and the settlement agreement between the parties.

The damage and harm currently caused,

● Court had ordered that school heads of departments be paid on Grade E1 salary, yet ministry paying them on Grade D3



SNAT President Freedom Dlamini.

according to Dlamini, would be prejudicial to the objectives of the circular which was to operationalise the collective agreement signed by all parties in July 26, 2016 and as such the respondents are in contempt of the court order.

## Urgent

He said this was the reason the matter was urgent with full arguments to be advanced when the matter is heard before Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane.

It would be recalled that when teachers' salaries were reviewed for 'dvuladvula', HODs cried foul as they received relatively low pay despite the increment.

According to Dlamini, it is clear as to who signed the agreement, unless the parties are now denying the signatures on same and that the application was made in court and was not opposed as regards the payment to the heads of departments of the E1 Grade and can also not be opposed at this stage, since this is a court order which should be adhered to and moreover the respondents have not applied for the court order to be set aside.

The court order dated July 28 2016

was in fact to give effect to the collective agreement entered by the parties on July 6 of the same year, which according to SNAT, was an instrument safeguarding respondents since respondents did not oppose the court order but supported same.

## Agreement

"The parties concluded the collective agreement prior to the granting of the court order and circular dated July 12, 2015.

"It is denied that the circular adhered to the collective agreement by both parties as it is changing the scales per the consultant's report and that was agreed upon by the parties," lawyer Masuku, further submitted.

He said should this be denied, the respondents should submit proof thereof since no addendum is known, nor was it brought before or placed before the parties, including other members of the team.

This, Masuku said, was actually a fabrication by the respondents and such an addendum was never there at the time of signing of the collective agreement which was made an order of the court.

## ...SNAT objects to postponement

ALTHOUGH the matter which was supposed to be heard yesterday was eventually postponed, lawyer Sabelo Masuku argued that the respondents should not have been allowed to have the case postponed.

Masuku, in his submissions before Industrial Court Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane, said he came prepared for hearing of the matter and the respondents had been given enough time to file their heads of argument.

This was after lawyer Nhlanhla Dlamini from the attorney general's office applied for a postponement of the matter since he had not had enough time to file his heads of argument.

Dlamini said the matter was supposed to be heard in December last year but due to national duties, it did not continue since he had to attend same.

However, SNAT lawyer Masuku

objected to the postponement arguing the respondents had enough time as agreed during the last postponement.

"My Lord, we are surprised that despite having been advised to prepare their arguments on time, the respondents are now making yet another application to have the matter postponed, despite that the court had advised both parties to prepare same," Masuku said.

He said he was worried that the matter has been postponed on two separate occasions, despite being filed as that of urgency.

However, after hearing both submissions by counsel, Judge Nkonyane ruled that in the interest of justice, the respondents would be granted a postponement. The matter was postponed to next Friday where both parties are expected to be ready for arguments.

## HODs cram Industrial Court

FULL of hope that the matter would be heard yesterday, HODs attended the hearing in their numbers.

The teachers, who were fully packed at the Industrial Court, listened with keen interest as arguments on the postponement of the matter were made by lawyers Sabelo Masuku and Nhlanhla Dlamini.

With their cars littered at the parking lot of the court, one could tell there was a matter of interest

being heard.

While arguments on the postponement were made by both counsel, some of the teachers were heard mumbling each time Dlamini for the respondents made submissions, obviously in disagreement with what he was saying.

Most teachers also concurred with their lawyer (Masuku) to the effect that the respondents had been given enough time and therefore the matter should proceed.

**"At least something is being done, you must not despair, be positive in this. We, as SNAT, will always be there to support you, when one is about to see light, it becomes darker"**

poned and now they argued to have not yet filed heads of argument, despite the matter being of urgency.

## Despair

"At least something is being done, you must not despair, be positive in this. We, as SNAT, will always

be there to support you, when one is about to see light, it becomes darker," the SNAT chief said.

He called upon the HODs to come in their numbers next week and further invited other teachers to support them as the matter continues.

## Don't despair - SNAT president

IMMEDIATELY after the postponement of the SNAT case against the ministry of public service and two others, the organisation's President Freedom Dlamini convened a brief

meeting outside court.

When addressing the HODs, Dlamini said as much as they had been dejected by the continued postponements, they should be positive and soldier on

until the matter was finalised.

## Disheartening

Dlamini said it was disheartening to note that at first, the respondents cited royal duties when the matter was post-

## Education ministry still uncertain on Matric saga

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

THE ministry of education and training is still uncertain on the final verdict on whether schools offering Matric will be allowed to write the examination, come November.

It emerged last year December that the South African Department of Education had written a letter to the ministry of education and training notifying the country that schools that offer Matric will not be allowed to write their examination.

This sent pupils and parents into panic mode as they were left confused on what would become of them.

Minister of Education and Training Dr. Phineas Magagula, said the ministry sent a letter requesting extension of the deadline to their South African counterparts.

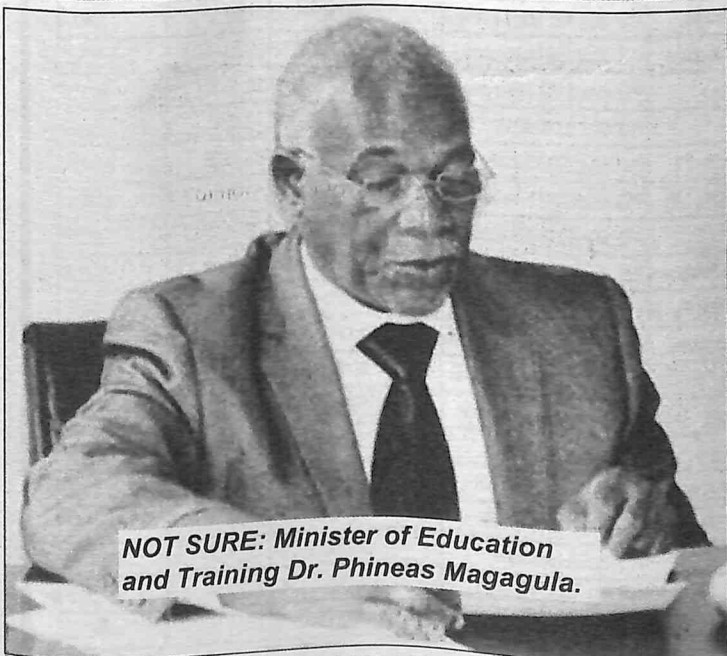
"We are still waiting for the reply from the South Africa Department of Education. We are hopeful we will a positive reply on the matter at hand," said the minister.

In South Africa, matriculation (or matric) is a term commonly used to refer to the final year of high school

and the qualification received on graduating from high school, although strictly speaking, it refers to the minimum university entrance requirements.

Students who fulfil certain requirements (an achievement rating of four Adequate Achievement, 50% - 59%) or better in four designated subjects) in their International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Form Five results receive a matriculation endorsement.

This endorsement is the legal minimum requirement for admission to a Bachelor's Degree at any South African university.

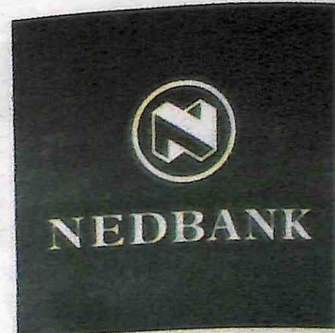


NOT SURE: Minister of Education and Training Dr. Phineas Magagula.



# NEDBANK SWAZILAND LIMITED

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After the expiry of three months from the date of this publication all monies still remaining unclaimed shall be deposited in the Guardian's Fund to be administered by the Master of the High Court in terms of the Act.

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# NEW YEAR REVIVALS AT LIGHT OF CHRIST MINISTRIES AT NDLUNGANYE



**PACKED:** The ongoing New Year Revivals at Light Of Christ Ministries at Ndlunganye attracted scores of people from near and far places. The revivals are hosted by Reverend Ellias Shongwe, of the famous Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved Group. The Guest is Apostle MS Mpungose from South Africa. The revivals will go on until Saturday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**INYAMA IBOLILE:** Apostle MS Mpungose from South Africa ministering the word of God.



**LET'S PRAY:** The congregation in prayer.



**BE BLESSED:** Reverend Ellias Shongwe praying for the congregation.

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## 10 NATIONAL NEWS

## Bursar's office sabotaging us – SANU students

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**SOUTHERN Africa Nazarene University (SANU) Student Representative Council (SRC) General Secretary Tiger Nxumalo has accused the bursar's office of sabotaging them.**

Nxumalo said the SRC executive was running helter-skelter trying to secure funds for transporting the students from Manzini to Mbabane to deliver the petition at the ministry of labour and social security.

He said the SRC made the request for transport money from the bursar's office on time, but when they were supposed to receive the cheque, they were met with a brick wall from the bursar's office.

"We were told that the relevant Deans who were supposed to sign off for the cheque did not sign and that meant there was no money for transport. We, as the SRC, view this act as an act of sabotage.

They were trying to prevent us from going to Mbabane to

deliver the petition, fortunately, we made alternative means," he said.

Nxumalo said the SRC had to solicit money from first year students who had

received

their personal allowances on Tuesday in order to hire transport to ferry the students to Mbabane. "We were supposed to deliver the petition at 11h00 but because of the transport money issues, we are late," he said.

The petition was finally delivered on Wednesday at 14h45.



## E32M SOLAR POWER PROJECT KICK-STARTS NEXT MONTH

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**WHILE government looks on possibilities of making the country self-reliant on electricity production in the near future, two Siteki based organisations are already two steps into the vision as they will be kick-starting a solar power project worth over E32 million next month.**

The project which is situated at Matsetsa, is pioneered by Wundersight Investments and Buckswood UK. Apparently, this will be the second project after another which was completed last year at Mzilikazi.

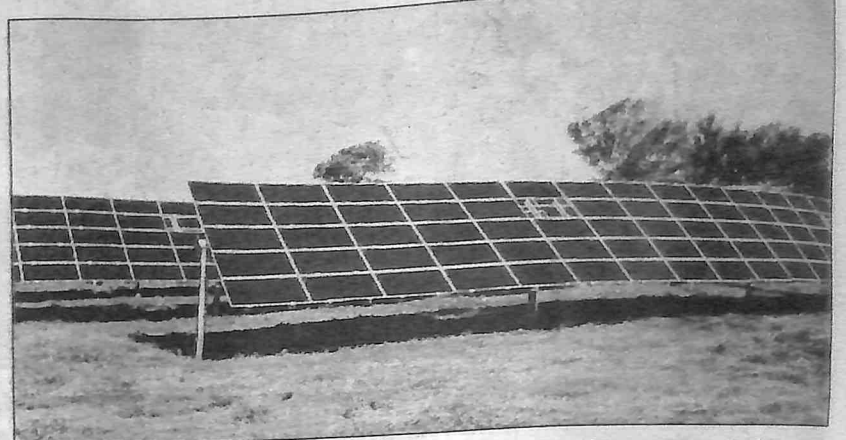
The project, has an output of 850 kilowatts, almost 10 times the one at Mzilikazi, which has a 100 kilowatts output.

Coordinator of the project, Sandile Simelane first reported that the Mzilikazi sub-station has been fully functional since last year in March.

The solar power station generates electricity and supplies it to the Swaziland Electricity Company.

This is one way of generating power which has been highly commended by environmentalists as it uses the sun, without any chemical usage.

Simelane said they had already started working on the Matsetsa sub-station



**LET THERE BE LIGHT: A section of the solar power station at Mzilikazi, which is now fully functional. Another station, which will cost slightly over E32 million, is being constructed at Matsetsa. (Pic: Wonderboy Dlamini)**

with fencing recently completed.

He also disclosed that the solar panels have also been delivered into the country.

The project will be overseen by three engineers from Spain and New Mexico in the United States of America.

Simelane said they have also partnered with other financial institutions like Swazi Bank and SIDC which have pledged to pump in a certain amount of money which cannot be disclosed for now.

He reported that the completion of the project would see a greater part of the

Lubombo region using electricity which has been generated through the solar system.

Simelane said the project was expected to be complete by September this year. Worth noting is that the country currently imports over 90 per cent of electricity from other countries which includes South Africa. In fact, during the peak of the drought, the country was reported to be importing 100 per cent of its electricity.

The solar power system is therefore expected to work as a major boost in electricity supply.

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## Matsapha Municipality dragged into E64 000 mess

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**MATSAPHA Town Council has been dragged into a E64 000 mess as a construction company is demanding payment for construction works whose services were not paid for.**

The Matsapha Council has in fact been cited as the second respondent in papers filed by AVEX Technical Works, while Consortium Loss Adjusters is the first respondent.

**Business**

The construction company, AVEX Technical Works, is duly registered and as such having its principal place of business at Matsapha industrial site, while the first respondent is also duly registered and incorporated according to the company laws, having its principal place of business at Mbabane.

According to AVEX, in the month of January 2016, they entered into an oral agreement

**• AVEX Technical Works demanding payment of money for renovations from Consortium Loss Adjusters acting on behalf of municipality**

with the Consortium who was acting on behalf of Matsapha Council in which agreement, AVEX was represented by Sambulo Masuku, while Consortium was represented by Frederick Ndiriwepi.

**Money**

In terms of the parties' agreement, AVEX was to effect internal works and renovations on the Matsapha Town Council main offices, works that covered roof covering, beam filling, replacing of barge boards, plastering and painting of damaged offices.

"The plaintiff as per quotation submitted and attached hereto, would be paid by defendants a sum of E71 250 upon satisfactory completion of the works and which sum would be payable at a sum of E7 250 by the second respondent with the balance of E64 125 whole-

ly payable by the first respondent," AVEX stated in its papers.

To the above end, AVEX completed the said works and to the satisfaction of Consortium and the town Council and duly presented its invoices and made the requisite demand for payment through a correspondence dated August 2016 in which the town engineer advised Consortium of the satisfactory completion of the works.

However, to date, Consortium has still not paid the E64 125 balance and still remains indebted to AVEX, rendering the company in breach of the agreement reached by the parties in that notwithstanding the fulfilment of the contractual obligations, to date Consortium notwithstanding lawful demand, still fails, refuses and or neglects to pay the outstanding amount of E64 125 and which sum is now wholly due and payable.

It is for that reason that AVEX has approached the court and prays for an order in the following terms, payment of the E64 125 by Consortium, interest at nine per cent per annum calculated from date of issue of summons, cost of suit and further or alternative relieve.

AVEX is represented by MTM Ndlovu Attorneys.



**HOUSE OF LORDS: The High Court of Swaziland.**



# SENIOR MAGISTRATE IN UNCOMPROMISING MOOD OVER CHILD MAINTENANCE CASES

Stories by Pheseyha Kunene  
Mbabane

**SENIOR Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini was in an uncompromising mood when dealing with child maintenance cases on Wednesday.**

Dlamini emphasised the importance of children's interests while also insisting both parents had to contribute equally. While dealing with a number of child maintenance cases, she made it clear she was not interested in the drama that saw the parents sep-

arating, saying she only cared about the child maintenance.

The applicants who were demanding money from defaulting fathers were not let off the hook too, as they were asked about the amount they were asking for. In fact, the senior magistrate asked them to be transparent on how the money would be used each month.

Dlamini simply had no time for games in her court as she sternly warned those who hid behind a litany of excuses they would face the wrath of the court. This method left most

women disappointed as they saw the amount they applied for being slashed. Dlamini further advised the applicants to approach the court

knowing exactly the expenses for the



children, so they demand an appropriate fee when before court.

Simphiwe Mnisi was amongst the applicants who saw the initial money she demanded being slashed by the uncompromising senior magistrate. She was in court to ask for an order demanding that the father of her child, Ncamiso Mavuso, should contribute E900 on monthly basis.

However, Mavuso told the court he could only afford E250 per month as he was dismissed from work on Tuesday.

Mnisi's efforts to try and oppose Mavuso's statement were thrown out of the window by Dlamini who then ordered the respondent to fork out E250 per month as child maintenance until he has found another job.

"The child is attending pre-school and E1 600 is needed as school fees," Mnisi said.

Dlamini ordered both parents to pay half the amount for pre-school.

## Man wants to pay E300 instead of E1 500

**SIFISO Malaza was asked by the court how he earns a living after he told senior magistrate he was struggling to contribute towards the upbringing of his child mainly because he was currently unemployed.**

The court simply did not entertain his statement as he was told he was able to survive himself hence he needed to also provide for his child.

Malaza then told the court he would be able to contribute E300 per month instead of the E1 500 demanded by his former lover.

On the other hand, Zanele Dlamini told the court she needed the money for expenses such as school fees, day care, transport to school and food for the child.

Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini understood the breakdown but was not convinced with the amount demanded as she said the expenses did not amount to the money she was demanding.



She further told the applicant to contribute as well as she was also in gainful employment.

However, the parents to a four-year-old child saw their matter being postponed to next week after the court learnt that Malaza was actually employed and he was only hiding it before court to avoid paying maintenance for his child.

Malaza also told the court the child was two years old and thus conflicted with the statement made by the applicant. Hence, Dlamini ordered the parents to come with an immunisation card or birth certificate when appearing before court next week.

Malaza left the court with a big smile while the applicant seemed less pleased, even though she thanked the court for being given a chance to produce proof.

Malaza had told the court he earned a living through odd jobs.

## 'I did not know my child attends school'

**SIKHUMBUZO Ndzinisa left the court shocked with his statement that he did not know his child was already attending school.**

Ndzinisa said he was still talking to the mother of the child about getting a school for the child but was unaware of the latest developments on this.

He was not prepared to pay school fees

presently as it was not on his budget. He told the court they had only discussed child maintenance. Bongwe Nyandeni asked for E1 500 from Ndzinisa while telling the court that a portion of the money would be used to pay school fees, food and E900 for transport for the child.

Ndzinisa offered to contribute E500 per month. "I have five children and one of them is in South Africa.

I will not be able to fork out the E1 500. I also do not have certificates for the other children," he said. The matter was also postponed to next Wednesday.

## 'Ask your wife to support your other child'

**SENIOR Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini told a defaulting man to seek assistance from his wife following his claims she was looking after him.**

Sizwe Mavuso told the court he was unemployed and was being supported by his wife. He made it clear he will not be able to pay the monthly child maintenance demanded but can only buy food.

Dlamini then suggested he must consider asking his wife to cater for the child maintenance as well as she was able to look after him.

However, Mavuso said it would be impossible for him to do so.

The applicant in the matter, Philisiwe Shongwe, demanded a sum of E700 per month. She also said she needed money for school fees as the child was already attending pre-school.

"I do not have money and had asked her to

choose a pre-school closer to home as we both live in the same area but she chose an expensive one," he said.

Shongwe said the respondent had suggested that their child to be admitted at a Neighbourhood Care Point (Edladleni), something she was against.

### Matter

Nonetheless, the matter could not be finalised as the child is currently registered under a surname belonging to the applicant's new husband.

Mavuso said he wanted this to change as the child belonged to him.

Shongwe, on the other hand, said the respondent had agreed to the changing of the surname and further took the birth certificate of the child. However, Mavuso denied all this, thus the matter was postponed to next Wednesday.

## I HAVE FIVE OTHER CHILDREN - MOSES

**MOSES Setota pleaded with the court not to issue the order of contributing E3 000 per month as he had other children to look after.**

Setota told the court the child maintenance demanded by Nomsa Zulu was not only steep but also above his salary as he alleged to be earning E2 800 per month.

Setota said his other five children were based in Mozambique.

He told the court instead of forking out the money, he wanted the two children to be under his custody. He said he was not happy that they are staying with their mother's new husband. He also was capable of looking after his own children, he noted. However, the court dismissed his application and told him he was

applying at a wrong platform as the day was solely focusing on child maintenance cases.

"You have to approach the right office and apply to have the children under your custody.

You are here for not supporting your children and we should focus on that, for now you are given a chance to either accept or oppose the amount demanded. But you have to contribute," Dlamini said.

Setota could not tell the court how much he would afford; hence Dlamini postponed the matter to next week whereby the respondent is expected to come with his proof of earnings and birth certificates for all his other children. "The court will then decide how much you have to contribute," Dlamini concluded.



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## 12 PICTURES



**DONE DEAL:** Druce Jameson of Moss Foundation seated with Taiwan Fund for Children and Families representatives and Nkhamba Member of Parliament Menzi Dlamini during the official Ejubukweni community water project handing over yesterday. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)

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## Ejubukweni community water project handing over event



**PARTICIPANTS:** A section of parents and teachers who came to witness the big day, listening to the speeches.



**ENJOYING:** A pupil enjoying her goodies as the event proceeded.



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# 'WE ARE SLAVES IN OUR OWN COUNTRY'

*"We miss him (Tsekwane) as we never experienced what we are going through now. It is a pity that our children are experiencing this and the only thing planted in their hearts is hatred. What is sad is that it seems there is no one who can bail us out," said another resident.*

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Lavumisa

**"WE have been subjected to so much ill-treatment that we now dislike anything," said frustrated residents of Qomintaba.**

They claim that no one seems prepared to listen to their concerns. They accuse the leadership of the area of having caused them to feel like Qomintaba was an island on its own and not part of the country.

"The way we are treated, it makes us see our government as a monster, this has kept us away from the Umphakatsi. It is the leadership of this area which should take the blame if we decide to boycott activities. The iron fist kind of leadership makes us feel like slaves in our own country," said another resident.

The residents have made it clear that under Chief Gasa WaNgwane, they feel neglected, something they never experienced during the reign of the late Prince Tsekwane.

The residents also said they miss former acting chief Mzweleni as he never troubled them when he was still in charge while Tsekwane's

successor was still being groomed. "It was far better than what is happening right now. Mzweleni never gave us problems. Someone has however messed up the good foundation he laid and we are now suffering," said the resident.

The residents said Prince Tsekwane had his own way of making the people more comfortable and never made himself an enemy of the people.

"We miss him (Tsekwane) as we never experienced what we are going through now.

It is a pity that our children are experiencing this and the only thing planted in their hearts is hatred. What is sad is that it seems there is no one who can bail us out," said another resident.

The residents claim that exorbitant amounts of money were being demanded by the Umphakatsi if anyone needed the official stamp. "Even if you have lost your loved one, you are made to suffer when you have to process things like death certificates.

There is no sympathy at the Umphakatsi.

The money one has to pay when you need a stamp is unbelievable," said one of the residents.



UNPOPULAR: Chief Gasa WaNgwane.

## Chief's 'welfare' fund irks residents

RESIDENTS of Qomintaba are made to contribute E20 per homestead quarterly towards a fund known as 'Inhlalakahle Yemntfwanenkhost', it is alleged.

The fund was introduced nearly a year ago, and according to the residents, anyone failing to contribute, does not get help from the elders. It is believed that the fund was established to cater for some of the chiefs needs.

The residents said even if one was without any income, he or she was expected to contribute to this fund. "So long as you are a subject of Gasa WaNgwane you are forced to pay that amount, which is E20 every three

months. One wonders as to where some of those who are not employed are expected to get that kind of money from.

Mind you, we are contributing towards the welfare of a chief who is employed, we know him to be an employee at His Majesty's Correctional Services.

He is receiving a monthly salary and some of us who are not employed are expected to contribute to this fund. We are being taxed and someone has to stop this," said the resident.

Responding to the claims, Senior Indvuna of Qomintaba Elias Fanalakhe Ndzinisa said he was not aware of any of the claims made by the residents.

He said it was likely that the people making such claims were

being used by a third force. "There is a possibility that some forces are all out to taint the image of Qomintaba.

They are spreading misleading information, yet we are always available to clarify anything one may need clarification on. Spreading lies about the leadership helps no one. Anyone who is not sure about anything, must know that our doors are always open," said Ndzinisa.

He added that the leadership of Qomintaba has the interest of its people at heart, especially the needy and orphaned. He said there were orphaned people who were looking up to the chief for their survival.

"Just not long ago, the chief brought goodies for orphaned and vulnerable children, and he is someone keen to improve the lives of all his people. Orphaned children are his burden and he sometimes goes around searching for those who can assist them in the area," said Ndzinisa.

Ndzinisa said it was also not true that there was a special fund meant to cater for the chief's needs. He said at times it happens that contributions were needed for a certain project, but that should not be interpreted to be designed to benefit the chief. "I don't think there is anything like 'Inhlalakahle Yemntfwanenkhost'.

People should have their facts right," said Ndzinisa.

**"Just not long ago, the chief brought goodies for orphaned and vulnerable children, and he is someone keen to improve the lives of all his people"**

## MTN Foundation/Young Heroes changing our lives – Beneficiaries

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**BENEFICIARIES of the Swazi MTN and Young Heroes skills training empowerment programme (STEP) are singing nothing but praises for the assistance they received from the programme.**

One of the beneficiaries, Qiniso Kunene from Nkoyoyo said when he completed his high school, he had no plan as his family had no money to support him to further with education.

He said it was not until he heard about Young Heroes.

"It is then that I approached them. Fortunately, I was awarded financial support through MTN Foundation. I am currently undergoing training in carpentry at Manzini Industrial Training Centre and already, I have learnt a lot through this hands-on training. I hope to start my own business soon.

### Courses

This dream will be possible because as part of our training programmes, we do a course on entrepreneurship," he said

Kunene said he will forever be grate-

ful to Swazi MTN Foundation and Young Heroes.

"I do not know where I would be if it wasn't for them, maybe I would be roaming the streets doing crime just to survive," he said.

Sicelo Mngomezulu, an Auto electrical student, said he has learnt so much since joining the institution and is looking forward to starting his internship soon.

### Opportunities

"I am very grateful to Swazi MTN Foundation and Young Heroes for giving me the opportunity to study auto electrical, I look forward to doing internship and thereafter, get employment because I want to save money so that I further my studies," he said.

Mngomezulu said he would like to be his own boss one day.

He said he believes he can achieve that by getting the experience needed and also furthering his studies. "Once again, I send my heartfelt appreciation to MTN Foundation for the generous support," he said.

In 2016, Swazi MTN Foundation funded 50 vulnerable youth through Young Heroes to undergo vocational skills training.

Youth between 19 and 26 years old were registered and are currently being trained in different trades.

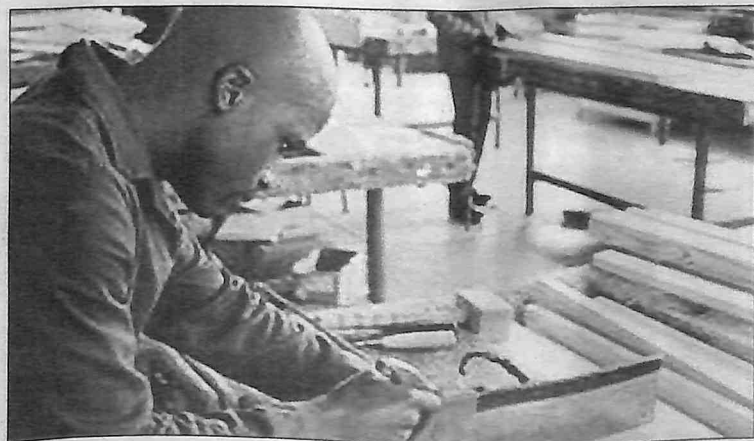
They were placed at various reputable vocational training institutions in Swaziland.

### Education

The courses which were sponsored include agriculture, art and craft, auto electrical, carpentry, computer, electrical house wiring, plumbing, metal work, motor mechanic and panel beating. The Skills Training Empowerment Program (STEP), initiated in 2013, is led by Young Heroes to promote economic empowerment amongst vulnerable youth.

The Swazi MTN foundation continues to support a wide range of social activities in the country, particularly in the areas of education, health as well as arts and culture.

Young Heroes, through funding from Swazi MTN Foundation supports the training of the 50 young people in the vocational institutions by paying for their application, registration, tuition and examination fees as well as protective clothing essential for the different training programmes.



BENEFICIARY: Qiniso Kunene from Nkoyoyo at Manzini Industrial Training Centre Carpentry workshop also benefited from the MTN Foundation/Young Heroes programme.



BRIGHT FUTURE: Sicelo Mngomezulu an Auto electrical student at Manzini Industrial Training Centre going through training.



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The fact of the matter remains though, that it is frustrating when things go wrong in life in general -- whether its deliverables not made in time, a debit order gone wrong or even the repairman not turning up!

On this issue, we will explain how you can lay complaints with the Central Bank of Swaziland Ombudsman office when you have been unable to resolve disputes with your bank.

## What is the office of the Ombudsman?

The Central Bank has an office within its structures appointed to investigate individuals' complaints against maladministration of the bank-

ing sector. This is called the office of the Ombudsman. The office is provided for in Section 42 of the Central Bank Order, 1974 which states that the Central Bank 'shall establish within itself an office of an Ombudsman for financial institutions and prescribe the rules that will govern controversy between financial institutions and their customers and financial institutions and the bank'.

## What does this mean to consumers?

Simply put, this means that the office of the Ombudsman acts as a middle person between banks and their customers in case they have disputes they are failing to resolve. It is your right to use this office, and the responsibility of the Central Bank to assist you if you have been unsuccessful with solving disagreements with your bank.

It is important though that consumers understand that the bank you think is responsible for a problem should have a chance to look into your complaint first -- before the Ombudsman steps in, the bank's internal structures having been fully explored. Below are steps you need to follow to assist you in laying your complaint:

## STEP1: Try to sort your complaint with your bank first.

Talk to the person you normally deal with as soon as possible. This could be the floor supervisor, branch manager or the customer care

department.

Explain what the problem is and explain to them what you want from them, this can be an explanation, apology or specific action. Tell them how you want the problem fixed. It is easier to solve problems this way.

If you are not happy with the response, make a formal complaint! Ask for the name of the person you can contact to make a formal complaint.

## STEP2: Complain formally to your bank

All licensed banks in the country are regulated by the Central Bank of Swaziland and must have a customer complaints handling system in place.

If the person you are dealing with is not sure how to handle your complaint or where to direct you, ask to deal with a manager or supervisor.

You can make a complaint in person or by telephone, but a written complaint is usually most effective because you can keep copies of your correspondence with the bank.

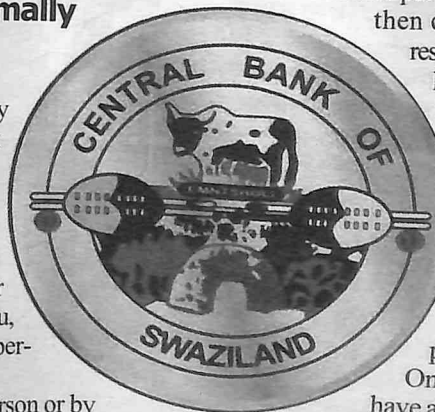
## Step 3: Contact the Central Bank of Swaziland Ombudsman

If the problem still remains unresolved, you can then contact the Ombudsman office at the

Central Bank. The Ombudsman will ask you to explain your side of the story as well as provide a written statement on your complaint, clearly stating what the problem is and your expected outcome. The Ombudsman will also ask for any supporting information you may have, including copies of all correspondences with your bank pertaining your complaint and accounts statements.

After the Ombudsman has received the details of the dispute, the Ombudsman will then contact your bank to respond to same to enable him to review the dispute holistically to determine what would be a reasonable and fair outcome as guided by relevant laws and or standards.

● Remember! Do not lodge your complaints with the Ombudsman when you have already taken the matter to a court of law because the Ombudsman cannot intervene at this stage.



● Also, it is important to know that commercial banks too can also lodge complaints against customers.

To lodge your complaints with the Ombudsman, call the Central Bank of Swaziland, Policy and Enforcement office at 2408 2417 or email us [info@centralbank.org.sz](mailto:info@centralbank.org.sz).





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It can also be defined as an integrated and usually automated communications system that coordinates all telephone and electronic contacts between an organisation and the public.

The Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation also has a contact centre, operating 24 hours.

This is the entry point for a majority of our customers when searching for information, whistle blow services and fault reporting.

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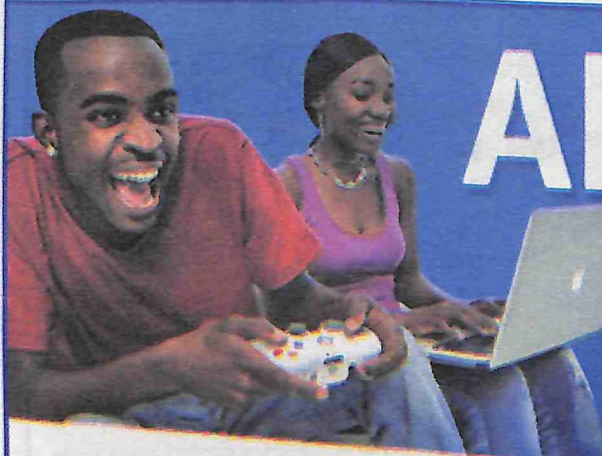
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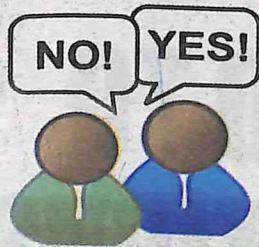
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# FEATURES & OPINION

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**SO, taximen now want old import vehicles, also known as Dubais, kicked out of the Mbabane Bus Rank. How interesting.**

They are mooted a move to rid the bus rank of Dubais older than five years and also scrape the locals that are five years older.

So far we have not been told the reasoning behind such a drastic move save for the obvious that we all suspect from afar. The main and obvious one for me would be to cut down of the number of taxis at the over-populated bus rank.

Besides affecting the business, the over-population of taxis has caused congestion and parking problems at the small and busy bus rank.

Never mind that a reduction of *boSandanezweas*, the Dubais as are aptly referred to, will cut down on the excess gas polluting our environment.

But that would be a reason far beyond the scope of taximen, thus we will only confine ourselves to the obvious ones—the congestion and business impact.

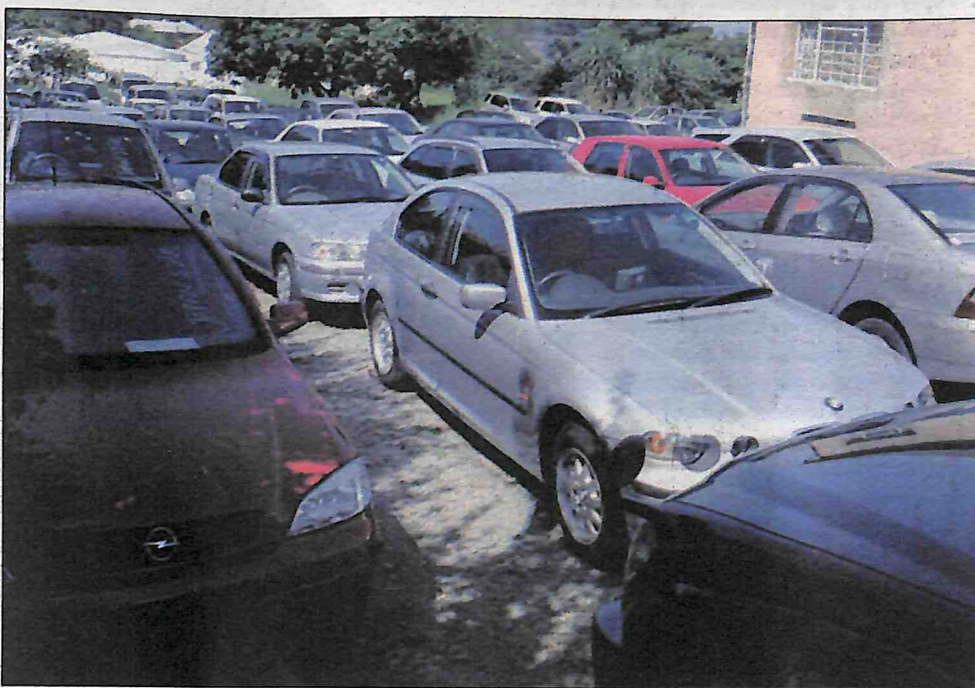
We know that the subject of Dubais is a very interesting one in the country, because of how it is these days—every other person owns one.

So, you hardly have a discussion on Dubais without attracting one or two people who own them. In short, you have to be careful where and who you discuss the subject with. That is why you always find yourself having to tip-toe the discussion.

But that's beside the point, what's more interesting about the discussion is that it came from taximen. I mean these are the very people you would think own the most Dubais in the country. But even they, want Dubais regulated.

That makes the issue more serious.

## TO BAN OR NOT TO BAN DUBAIS



**BAN THEM:** Some of the import cars in a file picture.

It makes you wonder therefore, why in a country full of intellectuals and learned people such a revolutionary matter would be initiated by taximen.

It says so much about our government and the people entrusted as think-tanks of the country, that is, if we have them anyway.

The discussion about banning Dubais from our roads is long overdue, and quite ironic it had to come from taximen. Quite an indictment on government.

In fact, it makes you wonder why government has deliberately chosen to overlook and turn a blind eye to this important subject.

We can no longer pretend that things are normal when you see the over-population of cars in our country's small and worn-out roads.

Our roads can no longer sustain the huge influx of cars, thus the many accidents, mostly fatal, that occur in our roads every day.

It's a fact Dubais have taken the country by the scruff of the neck and are threatening the local market. Why has government remained silent?

These imports brought to the country by Asians have exposed government in terms of infrastructure and readiness to absorb the high influx.

Why have the municipalities kept quiet when they know very well they can't keep up with the

sudden influx of cars in their cities?

If you want to sample what I'm talking about, take a drive around the capital city and see if you will be able to find parking space anywhere.

It's all congested and frustrating to drive in both cities, Mbabane and Manzini.

I'm not saying government must wake up one day and ban all Dubais from our roads. All I'm saying is that there should be a discussion on the matter.

Again, I'm not against Dubais but I believe if we had smart people leading our country they would have regulated the influx of these cars by now.

### Stakeholders

I believe in dialogue; let government invite all stakeholders to weigh in on the matter. You will be amazed that the very owners of these cars have all the answers to this problem, as the taximen have demonstrated.

Let's not bury our heads in the sand or at worst, play dead when we know that the issue of Dubai is a burning one.

South Africa did not just wake up one day and decided to ban these imports, their decision was informed.

There's quite a lot one can say about Dubais including the popular Honda Fit, which is now popularly referred to as *boDlamini*.

It's not a myth that for every 10 cars that pass by there will be at least two or three of *boDlamini*, and that says a lot about the economy of the country. It's also not a myth that most of these Honda Fit drivers are not good drivers.

Because they are the most common of the imports there's the temptation that drivers obtain licences through illicit means.

These are all pointers that government should do due diligence to the issue by thoroughly investigating these claims.

## Who are we? '94. And still counting'

**AT least 39 patients died after their transfer from Life Esidimeni Centre in Randfontein last year. But civil society groups and families of the affected have claimed the death toll could be as high as 60. Photo: eNCA**

It is not about the numbers. At some profound level, it is not even or only about the political, administrative, and professional failures which only partly explain the deaths. We cannot limit our response to this tragedy with political outrage, however righteous the impulse to do so, no matter how well-founded the feeling.

94 people have died. So far. We are told the number may rise. They were among the most vulnerable in this unequal society: poor, mentally ill patients in state care.

The policy violations aside, the administrative bungling and professional lapses notwithstanding, we need to come to terms with the deaths, and as Dr Malegapuru Makgoba, the Health Ombudsman points out, many of them preventable, and some of them in the cruellest, ugliest circumstances.

Of course officials must be held accountable, whether in their capacity as polit-

ical heads responsible for the administrative department overseeing health at the provincial level, or in their capacity as professional civil servant with a specific mandate to deliver the services of that department.

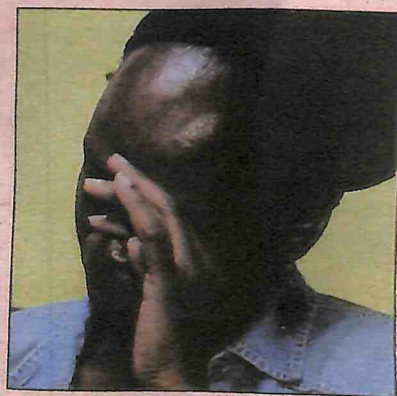
### Corporate

Additionally, those private citizens and corporate entities which were involved in the events which led to the tragedy—94 people dead, and 'still counting'—must be brought to account. But this is a larger social and political issue affecting and implicating all of us. We are a week away from the annu-

al State of the Nation Address. What does this damning report about the ill treatment of mental health patients in Gauteng say about us?

Who are we, when we allow ourselves to be confronted with the consequences of deeds done in our names? We may not be complicit with the neglect and indifference, with the lies and the cover-ups, with the simulation and dissimulation, but we are implicated in the consequences of all of those.

The image of the faces of mostly women wracked with grief is all too familiar in South Africa. Families without answers, survivors insistent on wrestling dignity for their loved ones from the state which governs in their name.



**IN TEARS:** A grieving family member. eNCA

Their demands for answers are directed at the government whose institutions have failed them so spectacularly. eNCA

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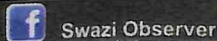
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## ON THIS DAY

...January 6

**1488** - The Portuguese navigator Bartholomeu Diaz landed at Mossal Bay in the Cape, the first European known to have landed on the southern extremity of Africa.

**1690** - The first paper money in America was issued by the Massachusetts colony. The currency was used to pay soldiers that were fighting in the war against Quebec.

**1783** - Spain recognised the independence of the United States.

**1809** - The territory of Illinois was created.

**1815** - The world's first commercial cheese factory was established in Switzerland.

**1862** - Thomas Edison printed the "Weekly Herald" and distributed it to train passengers travelling between Port Huron and Detroit, MI. It was the first time a newspaper had been printed on a train.

**1869** - Edwin Booth opened his new theatre in New York City. The first production was "Romeo and Juliet".

**1900** - In Frankfort, KY, gubernatorial candidate William Goebels died from an assassin's bullet wounds. On August 18, 1900, Ex-Sec. of State Caleb Powers was found guilty of conspiracy to murder Gov. Goebels.

**1913** - The 16th Amendment to the US Constitution was ratified. It authorised the power to impose and collect income tax.

**1916** - In Ottawa, Canada's original parliament buildings burned down.

**1917** - The US broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, which had announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

**1918** - The Twin Peaks Tunnel began service. It is the longest streetcar tunnel in the world at 11 920 feet.

**1927** - The Federal Radio Commission was created when US President Calvin Coolidge signed a Bill.

**1941** - In Vichy, France, the Nazis used force to restore Pierre Laval to office.

**1945** - Russia agreed to enter World War II against Japan.

**1946** - The first issue of "Holiday" magazine appeared.

**1947** - Percival Pratts became the first black news correspondent admitted to the House and Senate press gallery in Washington, DC. He worked for "Our World" in New York City.

**1951** - Dick Button won the US figure skating title for the sixth time.

**1951** - The Tennessee Williams play, "The Rose Tattoo", opened on Broadway in New York.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Isla Fisher (movie actress) February 3, 1976 - 41 years



Sean Kingston (pop singer) - February 3, 1990 - 27 years



Ackel Zwane

**COME TO THINK OF IT**

ONE of the outstanding features of an undemocratic system of governance is the violation of the right of the public to information, especially information that has been generated through the use of their taxes.

Cabinet ministers often hold it as a birth right that they can unilaterally decide to withhold information from the public, even if such does not raise issues of security but its withdrawal is solely to protect government inefficiencies or protect friends and acquaintances.

Were it not so we would have been given the reasons and allowed to question same why such vital information on the operations of government departments can be kept secret in the first place.

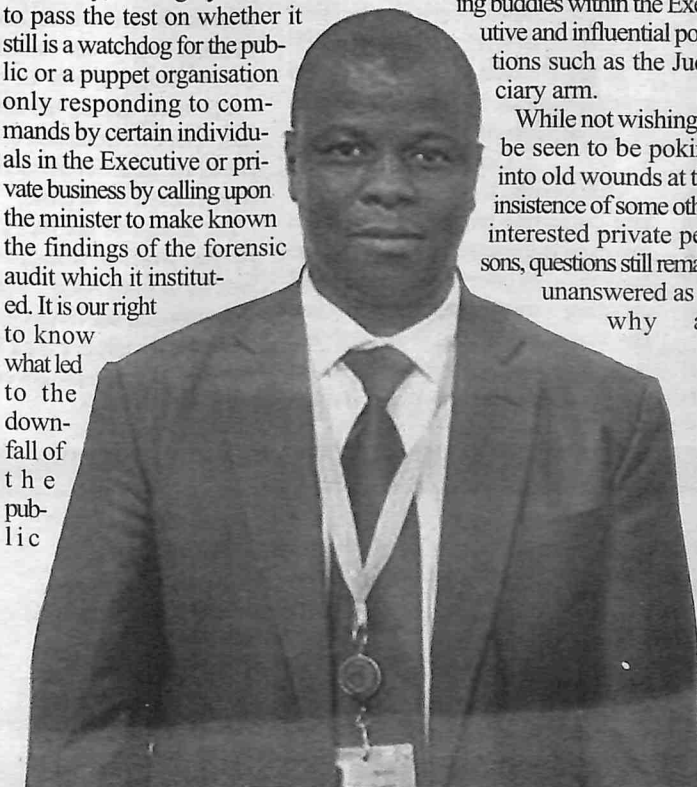
All public investigations instituted in the name of public integrity are in the public interest since they are instituted to satisfy questions on whether there had been no such malpractice as the abuse of office by those entrusted with the responsibility.

If then such investigations that are, in all the cases, instituted at extremely high and exaggerated costs remain secret, then the whole exercise is futile and smacks of bad intentions aimed at defeating the interests and expectations of the public.

## Behaviour

This kind of behaviour is rife with the ministry of housing and urban development but the recent pronouncements by the Information, Communications and Technology Minister, Dumisani Ndlangamandla, that the much awaited forensic investigation into the operations of Swazi TV will not be made public, is nothing but damning.

As parliament resumes its business today, its integrity would have to pass the test on whether it still is a watchdog for the public or a puppet organisation only responding to commands by certain individuals in the Executive or private business by calling upon the minister to make known the findings of the forensic audit which it instituted. It is our right to know what led to the downfall of the public



OFFSIDE: Information, Communications and Technology Minister, Dumisani Ndlangamandla.

## PUBLIC FORCED TO FUND INVESTIGATIONS

● blocked from knowing the findings



**FINDINGS:** Walter Bennett threatened to take the findings of the 2007 investigation to the Anti-Corruption Commission, but years down the line, we do not know if anything is moving on the part of the anti-graft bull dog.

broadcaster instead of the minister and some of his backers in the august House feeding the nation with an overdose of the hogwash about *gujana* and the rocket science that digital migration has been made to appear, all because someone is doing business distributing the set-top boxes.

The major issue at hand is the maladministration or what led to the collapse of the national pride, Swazi TV, that was forced to import foreign. Parliament would have, by now, enacted an access to information law in order to protect this country's citizens instead of backing buddies within the Executive and influential positions such as the Judiciary arm.

While not wishing to be seen to be poking into old wounds at the insistence of some other interested private persons, questions still remain unanswered as to why an

investigation into the malpractices at the municipality of Mbabane was never acted upon to its entirety as was the case with other commissions that were lucky to see the light of day. It is not enough to start pointing fingers at vocal citizens if their voices are on behalf of the rest of the taxpaying community. In 2015, Walter Bennett threatened to take the findings of the 2007 investigation to the Anti-Corruption Commission, but years down the line, we do not know if anything is moving on the part of the anti-graft bull dog.

## Submitted

Bennett submitted to the commission of inquiry back then that was appointed by then Minister of Housing and Urban Development Stella Lukhele.

Bennett still has some beef with a 2002 matter involving CEO Gideon Mhlongo, who is returning for the second time around at the helm of the municipality against a background of the Bennett beef, that Mhlongo bought a house but continued to draw housing allowance, much against the rules of corporate governance if not an act of outright corruption which the enquiry sought to uproot. In 2003, then Housing Minister Albert Shabangu ordered the recommendation of the commission of enquiry that made this discovery be implemented but this order continues to gather dust even before the very eyes of the dreadful ACC.

Here is another beef: "following the principle of unjust enrichment, Council should recalculate car loans for the CEO and other officers, with a view to make corrective measures. The interest should not start with current loans, but must be calcu-

lated from the date the anomaly started as per recommendation 12.3. Three weeks is allocated for this."

But it would be folly or unfair to single out Mhlongo and his paradise.

I still have in mind the case of the E100 000 stashes of cash that were taken by thugs from the hands of the industrial town's CEO Gciniwe Fakudze. Nothing happened to Gciniwe, save to hear accolades from her principal, Clifford Mamba that the act was a job well done. Mamba had single handedly investigated this and found it to be in order: having investigated the matter, the ministry discovered there was a justifiable reason that led to the town board official carrying so much cash with her.

This is the air Mamba told the Public Accounts Committee in 2012. Fakudze claimed to have been robbed the E100 000 loot which belonged to the Matsapha Town Board after crossing the border to South Africa where she had gone to do some shopping for office furniture or equipment.

Mamba insisted then that Fakudze did not take a unilateral decision to shove the stashes into her briefcase and cross the border but it was an agreement reached together with the board.

## Scheme

We all know what happened in Manzini where the Council lost E11.5 million to a ponzi scheme in South Africa that later collapsed and hopes are still being nursed that liquidators would some day recover what little of the moneys that included retirement funds belonging to managers. An enquiry was instituted but despite that a collective decision was taken, like in the case of Matsapha's E100 000, the friends of the minister were not disbanded while those not in her favour were given the marching orders but no further action was taken, justice had been delivered by Minister Lindiwe Dlamini.

The money was for capital projects such as roads upgrading. Then mayor, Owen Nxumalo, although got a bit of the suave whipping during the sacking, was to be later rewarded with a Cabinet post for an excellent job, that of investing taxpayers' money into a pyramid scheme that later collapsed.

Now on Monday we gather the Ezulwini report has been handed over to the Housing Minister Phiyinkhosi Mabuza but the million Emalangeni question is what can we expect from this report, will it ever be made public or it will become a private document for the minister? We can only pray, once more, Parliament will act on this one and demand it be made public unless Parliament is convinced it is in the public interest to keep the public document a private affair.





## your HEAL+H section

**EATING a diet rich in vegetable oil could put you at risk for dementia, experts claim.**

Emerging research shows the oil is more likely than others, to cause plaque build up in the brain, a known precursor to serious neurodegenerative diseases.

In the mid-20th century, Americans were increasingly concerned about the growing rate of heart disease and were told to ditch saturated fats - such as butter and cream - in favor of vegetable oil.

But Dr Catherine Shanahan, a nutritionist and family physician, says this was a serious mistake.

Shanahan explains that in the 1950s, consumers were told to stop eating saturated fats and turn to products like vegetable oil, which soon became a pantry staple. But there was another factor to its popularity.

### Establishments

She told Daily Mail Online: 'Restaurants and other establishments turned to vegetable oil because of the cost and availability. Olive oil is 10 to 50 times more expensive than vegetable oil.'

'Also, it's very easy to use in cooking because there's not a high smoke point and it doesn't have a flavor like olive oil. So it has a one-size-fits-all factor.' Vegetable oils come in a variety of forms - canola, palm, corn, soy, sunflower, safflower, cottonseed,

# DO YOU COOK WITH VEGETABLE OIL?

● It could increase your risk of dementia, new research warns



rice bran and grapeseed.

But according to Shanahan, too much of these types of oils in our diets can take a toll on our bodies.

She says vegetable oils can make you feel foggy and fatigued, cause

migraines and even trigger diseases such as Alzheimer's or dementia later down the line. 'Vegetable oil causes oxidative stress, which damages brain membranes and results in plaque building up on the brain,' she said.

● Vegetable oil could be causing neurodegenerative disease by building up plaque in the brain

● In the 1950s, experts warned consumers to cut out saturated fats like butter

● But vegetable oils have been linked to heart disease and antioxidant depletion

● Dr Catherine Shanahan explains how to reverse the damage being done to our bodies

'We've seen in research with Alzheimer's patients, that doctors will biopsy part of the brain and see that plaque has built up.'

But Shanahan says that even if you've grown up eating a diet rich in vegetable oil, you can reverse the negative effects by just cutting it out.

*Daily Mail*

The oil is promoted as healthy because it contains monounsaturated fats and Omega-3 fatty acids. But it also contains high levels of polyunsaturated fats.

These fats oxidise easily, depleting the body of antioxidants and causing inflammation and mutation in cells.

Vegetable oil also contains trans fats, which are highly toxic and associated with an increased risk of various diseases, like heart disease, cancer, diabetes and obesity.

In the last few years, research has begun to tout the benefits of heart-healthy fats such as butter and avocados.

Shanahan says that consumers would do well to replace vegetable oils with olive, coconut, avocado or peanut oils.

She said: 'I would say when you're doing your own cooking choose oils that have a flavor, like coconut or peanut, and then make sure that it's unrefined.' *Daily Mail*

## Could palm oil be cancerous?

**ONE of the main ingredients in Nutella, the popular hazelnut chocolate spread, was the subject of a recent warning.**

A report by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) declared palm oil to be more carcinogenic than any other oil, following similar claims from the World Health Organisation.

Nutella relies on palm oil for its smooth texture and considerably long shelf life.

Ferrero, the company that makes Nutella, has launched a television campaign, insisting it uses palm oil in a way that is not dangerous - because it is refined at a lower heat, and therefore contains fewer contaminants.

But the EFSA report says it is dangerous when refined at temperatures above 200 degrees Celsius.

High temperatures are used to remove

palm oil's natural red color and neutralise its smell. This process, however, causes contaminants called glycidyl fatty acid esters (GE) to form.

When digested, GE has a tendency to break down and release glycidol, a compound strongly believed to cause tumors. She said: 'I would encourage people to take a seven day challenge and they'll realise it's in everything and that's the problem.'

'If you get rid of it, your taste buds will wake up a little bit, you'll taste food the way it's supposed to taste and you'll see improvement. You'll have more energy.'

A report released in May by the European Food Safety Authority found components in palm oil - the most heavily utilised vegetable oil and found in products such as Nutella - to be 'geotoxic and carcinogenic'.

In a statement to the Daily Mail Online, a representative for Ferrero, the company that makes Nutella, said the palm oil used in the hazelnut chocolate spread is refined at a lower heat, and therefore contains fewer contaminants. Dr Shanahan said that this does help lower the risks, but not by much.

'It's like saying, "Mom, I'm going to start smoking but I'll be smoking just three cigarettes a day instead of a whole pack." You're not going to be very happy about it,' she said.

'Companies want these oils because they have anti-microbial benefits that extend their shelf life and prevent them from going bad - but that's because they're toxic.'

Much more research has since come out linking vegetable oils to heart disease and antioxidant depletion.

## Surprising foods you should always eat before bed if you want a good sleep

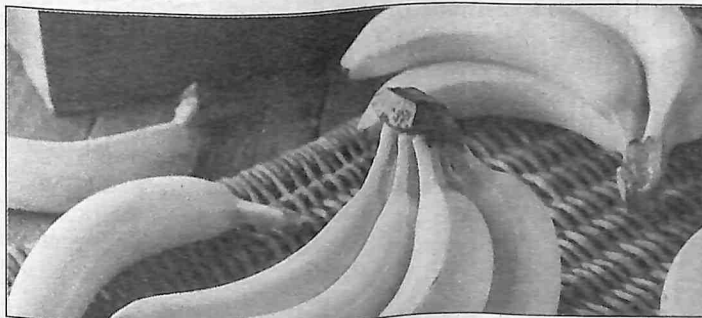
**INSOMNIA affects roughly one in three people, while most adults struggle to get a full eight hours every night.**

The reason for our restless nights could be the foods and drinks we're having just before we go to bed, according to a sleep expert.

Sammy Margo, author of *The Good Sleep Guide*, has revealed the five surprising foods we should always snack on before we try to fall asleep - before sharing the five we should never have before bed.

### 1. BANANAS

A recent survey by Simba Sleep found that the average adult manages just 6 hours and 28 minutes of



sleep a night, and misses out on 6 hours and 10 minutes of sleep each week.

### 2. HONEY

A teaspoon of honey contains glucose, which tells your brain to shut off orexin, the chemical known to trigger alertness.

Turbulent thoughts are the most common cause of a sleepless night, with 53 per cent of people unable to stop their mind racing when the lights go out, according to the survey.

### 3. ALMONDS

Almonds contain tryptophan and magnesium, which both help to nat-

urally reduce muscle and nerve function while also steadying your heart rhythm, says Margo. The survey also revealed that a quarter of people are kept up by soaring stress levels.

### 4. OATS

Grains in oatmeal trigger insulin production and raise your blood sugar naturally. Oats is also rich in melatonin, according to Margo.

### 5. TURKEY

The post-Christmas lunch nap is no coincidence - turkey is packed with sleep-inducing tryptophan, says Margo. Just 11 per cent of Brits have tried modifying their diet to see how it improves their quality of sleep, according to the recent study.

*Daily Mail*

## Wit and Wisdom

● You would wind up as a cat, I told her. They don't need anyone else. I need you, she replied. Well, I said. Maybe I'll come back as cat-nip." — Jodi Picoult, *My Sister's Keeper*

● Only one English word adequately describes his transformation of the islands from worthless to priceless: magical." — Kurt Vonnegut, *Galapagos*

● "Mathilde returned and strolled past the drawing-room windows; she saw him busily engaged in describing to Madame de Fervaques the old ruined castles that crown the steep banks of the Rhine and give them so distinctive a character. He was beginning to acquit himself none too badly in the use of the sentimental and picturesque language which is called wit in certain drawing-rooms." — Stendhal, *The Red and the Black*

● "Twelve dead?" I said. "Jesus." — Dennis Lehane, *A Drink Before the War*

● "Here comes Mamma Vauquerr, fair as a starr; and strung up like a bunch of carrots. Aren't we suffocating ourselves a wee bit?" he asked, placing a hand on the top of her corset. 'A bit of a crush in the vestibule, here, Mamma! If we start crying, there'll be an explosion. Never mind, I'll be there to collect the bits--just like an antiquary.' 'Now, there's the language of true French gallantry,' murmured Madame Vauquer in an aside to Madame Couture." — Honoré de Balzac, *Père Goriot*

● "There is not a man of common sense who would not chuse to be agreeable in company; and yet, strange as it may seem, very few are" — *The Town and Country Magazine*, vol. 11, 1779

● "Three," reckoned the captain, 'ourselves make seven, counting Hawkins, here. Now, about honest hands?' Most likely Trelawney's own men," said the doctor; 'those he had picked up for himself, before he lit on Silver.' 'Nay,' replied the squire. 'Hands was one of mine.' I did think I could have trusted Hands,' added the captain." — Robert Louis Stevenson, *Treasure Island*

● "His foe was folly and his weapon wit." — Anthony Hope

● "Deliver me from my disciples!" — Oscar Wilde, *The Autobiography of Oscar Wilde*

● "Among all the machines, motorcar is my favorite machine." — Amit Kalantri, *Wealth of Words*

● "Asking someone else to drive your sports car is like asking someone else to kiss your girlfriend." — Amit Kalantri, *Wealth of Words*

● "I love the wheels, I mean steering wheel." — Amit Kalantri, *Wealth of Words*

● "Hands can cook, hands can create, hands can kill. There is no better tool than our hands." — Amit Kalantri, *Wealth of Words*



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	8.7%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.75%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.25%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 2 FEB 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.3600	13.4100
British Pound/SZL	16.9318	16.9952
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.4012	8.4296
Swiss France/SZL	13.4868	13.5359
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2732	1.2820
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.2057	10.2493
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.2753	10.3130
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	14.4208	14.4748
Gold	1,215.4000	
Oil	55.7500	

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# CBS LAUNCHES E150m BOND

By Linda Dlamini

ON behalf of government, the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) yesterday announced the launch of a five-year government bond.

According to a statement issued by the CBS, the coupon rate, understood to be the interest rate for this bond, would be fixed at 10.5 per cent and the auction date shall be February 23, for the sum of E150 million.

"The bond will be issued by competitive multiple bid auction and is open to the public, including individuals, corporate and institutional investors," reads the statement in part.

The bank said all investors were expected to apply through primary dealers who are the four local commercial banks.

It also said investors should ensure applications were submitted timely in order that all bids were captured on the Central Securities Depository (CSD) system before 10am on the auction date.

"The purpose of the issuance is



to develop the secondary market, establish a fair market price which will compensate both the borrower and investors for interest rate risks and to facilitate financial intermediation, whilst also meeting gov-

ernment budgetary requirements," the CBS said.

Secondary market trading in multiples of E10 000 will commence on March 8. This refers to the buying and selling of bonds by own-

ers and potential buyers of the bonds. A financial analyst from a leading financial services firm said subject to the individual investors risk appetite, investment horizon time period and fixed income, government debt instruments present an opportunity for investors to obtain returns higher than inflation.

"It is widely accepted that in the investment industry, government bonds can be considered the closest investment that is said to be risk free as it is unlikely for a government to default on its financial market obligation," he said.

The analyst made an example of a parent that has a seven-year-old child that buys a fixed term 10-year government bond at 10.75 per cent.

"The parent would get annual interest payments of the money they invested for 10 years and at the end of that period they would receive their initial investment. At this time, the child is likely around 17 and is looking to get into tertiary education this investment would go a long way in paying for their tuition," he said.

## 'SMEs NEED TO FOCUS ON MANUFACTURING'

By Manqoba Makhubu

SMALL and medium enterprises (SMEs) can contribute much to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) if they can focus on manufacturing other than retail.

Southern African Research Foundation for Economic Development (SARFED) Regional Coordinator George Choongwa, said it had been observed that about 70 per cent SMEs were engaged in some form of retail businesses rather than manufacturing.

"There is a need for these businesses to consider some of the benefits associated with engagement in small scale manufacturing process such as job creation, skills improvement, and ready market," he said.

He said the manufacturing processes, despite its level and profile, had a high possibility of engaging human labour, "by so doing, this would eventually bring about a considerable wide spread of job creation in the country, especially among the people who might have had little chances of getting formal jobs."

As a result, he said this could eventually reduce levels of poverty per head count, because people would have basic means of survival.

"In as much as it is impossible for government to provide jobs for everyone in the country, but it is possible for it to encourage self-employment mechanism through the manufacturing approach," he said.

He said the second consideration with regards to focusing on micro manufacturing approach by small businesses, was the gaining of relevant skills and improvements in the levels of efficiency. Choongwa said this was because manufacturing demands a continuous

learning approach which could help small business owners to gain or improve on their respective levels of skills and efficiency. "It is important to know that once the individuals in the society, either, at domestic or commercial levels learnt or become



skillfully productive, then it would be much easier for them to learn and transmit the skills to others which would eventually bring about improved and high efficient levels of human capital in the country," said the regional coordinator.

### Vital role

Adding, he said this sector also played a vital role in the development of the SMEs in the sense that manufacturing has to do with high levels of creativity and innovation, which also describes the prominence of SMEs in the entire economy.

Meanwhile, he said the other advantage that comes into play with regards to promoting micro entrepreneurship manufacturing businesses was the market readiness, both at regional and internal levels.

The country is a member of both

the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) regions, amongst other trade blocs. Recently, the country signed and ratified the European Union (EU)-SADC Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) which allows the country duty free and quota free access for all their products, except arms and ammunition, into the EU market.

Choongwa said it was for this reason that manufacturers should take advantage of the export markets which would also attract the foreign direct investments (FDI).

"The country has gained much reputation in the region on its policies of peace and a good relation with other countries which makes it highly possible to take advantage of the competitive edge," he concluded.

NOTED: SARFED Regional Coordinator George Choongwa.



# Blue Financial Services Swaziland faces liquidation

By Linda Dlamini

**BLUE Financial Services Group has hit the final nail in the coffin of the local branch by firmly stating the subsidiary will be closed and liquidated.**

According to a trading statement released by the Group, it said a decision had been taken to proceed with the liquidation and closure of the following investments of the company due to their lack of viability; Blue Ltd Kenya, Blue Financial Services Lesotho, Blue Financial Services Ltd Mauritius, Blue Financial Services Swaziland (Pty) Ltd, Blue Employee Benefits Ltd Uganda and Mobile U (Pty) Ltd.

"As advised in terms of previous Stock Exchange News Service (SENS) announcements and as a direct consequence of the failed recapitalisation, Mayibuye has also called up the debts that the Blue Group has to it," reads the statement in part.

According to an article published in this newspaper dated May 22, 2014, Blue Financial Services was officially launched in the country in July 2008 and also opened its doors to customers at its office in Mbabane.

It initially invested eight million to establish the local branch and planned to invest a further E60 million in the



next year to expand its operations in the country. At the height of the micro finance institutions operations it had four branches in the country, mainly Mbabane, Manzini, Pigg's Peak and Nhlengano.

The company recorded losses, which culminated in the group closing all its branches in Swaziland, except for the Mbabane branch.

A trading statement released by the group last year, said Blue Financial Services would be audited to establish

its financial viability. The audits up to December 2014 for Namibia, Malawi, Swaziland and Uganda were anticipated to be completed by end of March 2016.

When the local branch offices of the company were visited yesterday, they were found locked. According to a next door officer, the offices have been closed for months now.

"Even before the closure, as I understand it, the company was no longer lending money to consumers," he said.

## Swaziland to receive IP system source code

By Manqoba Makhubu

**SWAZILAND has been named amongst beneficiary countries to receive an online automated Intellectual Property (IP) registration system source code from Microsoft 4Africa.**

A source code is specially designed to facilitate the work of computer programmers. In simpler terms, it works like an instruction or plan for system programmers.

Microsoft is handing over the source code with the intention to help IP authorities across Africa drive a culture of IP protection.

According to Africa Telecom&IT, the ready to scale and proven model would be shared with authorities in 18 countries across Africa, in collaboration with the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), to support their commitments towards IP protection.

Other beneficiary countries within COMESA include Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mauritius and Madagascar.

Africa Telecom&IT said the system was first developed and tested by Microsoft 4Africa, through their IP Hub initiative, and the Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO) in June last year.

"The system that KECOBO was privileged to pilot worked well during the trial. KECOBO saw over a 100 per cent jump in registrations in the June – October period when the system was running," said KECOBO Chief Executive Officer Edward Kipsigei.

"As a result of the test, KECOBO will



**GOOD NEWS: COMESA Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya.**

shortly commission a fully online registration system based on the prototype. My office highly recommends the adoption of the system by those states that will benefit from the source code. At KECOBO, we remain ready to share our experiences with other IP offices," he added.

### System

The online registration system replaces the traditional manual process of submitting paper-based forms, making the registration of IP fast, accessible and more efficient. COMESA Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya said this was good news to the region given that all of its member states were covered.

"Specifically, it will bolster our science, technology and innovation programme to further the COMESA regional integration agenda," he said.

"Every country in Africa is committed to accelerating its economic growth and becoming globally competitive. Because we live in the information age,

a critical aspect of achieving this is the monetisation of IP," said Corporate Affairs Director of Microsoft 4Africa, Louis Otieno.

"We created the online registration system as a way to jump-start this process and help close the structural gap. To now ensure its sustainability, we look forward to seeing local IP authorities own the process and the technology, which will only require minor customisations on our end," Otieno further stated. IP protection, including patents, trademarks and copyrights have been said to be essential for small businesses to get ahead of their competitors, generate investment and ultimately bring their ideas to market.

Analysts argued that innovations in Africa do not come to fruition due to of lack of knowledge about, and red tape around, registering IP.

According to the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), resident applications for patents in various African countries are still low. In 2014, there were 752 patent applications in Egypt, 132 in Kenya, 14 in Zambia and only five in Rwanda, compared to over 280 000 in the U.S. and 19 000 in the United Kingdom. At the same time, the registration of copyright in many African states has not taken off and this data is not taken into account in economic surveys.

"When the registration process becomes more accessible, fast and reliable, it also becomes more attractive. With the online system, we hope to see the number of copyright and other IP applications rise in the coming years," added Louis.

## Still a gap in milk, by-products supply

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THERE is still a mammoth gap in the supply of milk and milk equivalents in the country.**

According to the Swaziland Dairy Board (SDB) statistics for 2016, the country imported a total of over 20 million kilograms per litre of milk and milk equivalents in the previous year.

These included: raw milk, raw milk, baby formula, condensed milk, ice cream and yoghurt.

In its strategic plan 2015-2018, SDB said the local dairy industry has seen positive growth from the previous years in milk production. However the increase in milk demand has put much pressure on the local production.

Recently, Parmalat Swaziland Country Director Martin Herbst said they have had a significant increase in local milk production this year, about 96.9 per cent, which has reduced the requirement for raw milk imports.

However, due to the increasing domestic consumption demand, which now edges at 69 million litres in liquid milk equivalents, SDB said this indicates there were still enormous investments opportunities in the industry.

Only about five dairy products are processed in the industry.

These products include dairy juices, fresh milk, cream, *emasi* and yoghurt. The majority of the consumed products are imported.

Therefore, SDB said through the strategy, it seeks to improve the production and marketing of dairy products through continued capacity building, mentorship and coaching programmes, improved animal health services, local breeding programme for dairy animals, continues fodder flow, execution of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with partner financial institutions, value addition, group formation, resuscitation and management of royal farms and promotion of dairy consumption.

The board also said it would focus on governance and legislative reforms to guide the development and improvement of the dairy industry.

"An implementation plan has been prepared for the strategic plan that clear articulates all the action steps to be taken in order to achieve the formulated strategic objectives.

"The board has developed a strategic monitoring and evaluation plan to ensure that implementation of the progress is monitored and corrective measures are taken where remedial attention is required," said SDB.

## UNCERTAINTY LINGERS OVER PETROL PRICE INCREASE

By Linda Dlamini

**THE rise in international crude oil prices is expected to result in higher petrol prices in the country.**

In his most recent Monetary Policy Consultative Committee (MPCC) statement, Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) Governor Majozi Sithole, said the situation was likely to exert upward pressure on inflation.

"Other threats to the inflation outlook include a possible rise in some government controlled prices, such as prices of bread, electricity, water as well as transport," he said.

In a recent statement, the World Bank forecasted crude oil prices to reach \$55 per barrel from \$53 per barrel as members of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) prepare to limit production after a long period of unrestrained output.

"Energy prices, which include oil, natural gas and coal, are projected to jump almost 25 per cent overall this year, a larger increase than anticipated in July last year," he said.

"We expect a solid rise in energy prices, led by oil, next year," said John Baffes, Senior Economist and lead author of the Commodity Markets Outlook.

"However, there is considerable

uncertainty around the outlook as we await the details and the implementation of the OPEC agreement, which, if carried through, will undoubtedly impact oil markets."

The CBS said it expects food inflation to remain high for the first half of 2017 which would also keep inflation relatively high.

Previously, economist Theminkosi Dube said an increase in petrol prices would have negative impacts on the economy of Swaziland, especially now as the economy was still struggling.

"Fuel is the engine of any economy, fluctuations in its price is felt by all sectors of the economy," he said.

He said petrol price shocks tend to have significant effects on the macroeconomic variables of net oil-importing countries like Swaziland, including economic growth, employment, balance of payments and government accounts.

Adding, Dube said the effects of oil price increases on economic growth reflected reductions in output in most economic activities.

"Manufacturing and transportation are especially affected by the increase in costs, and indirectly as a result of the reduction in and unreliability of energy supply," he said.

Dube, echoing the CBS assertion, said even inflation would be affected by an increase in petrol prices.



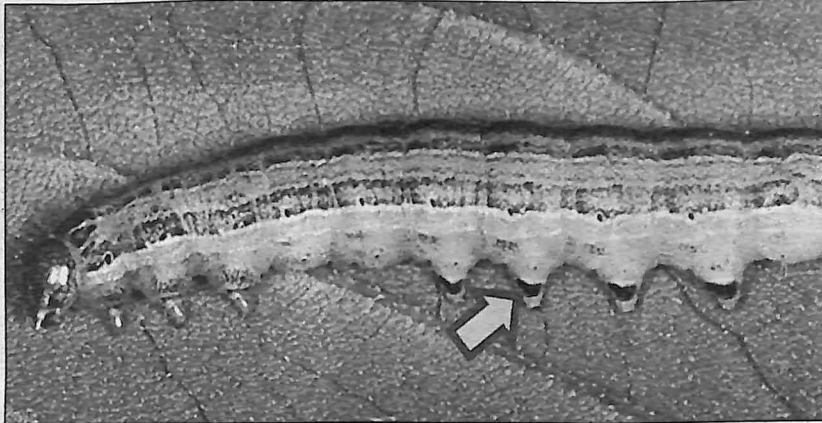
# ARMYWORM ATTACK ON SA FARMS WILL BE 'DISASTROUS'

**JOHANNESBURG** – South African maize farms are suffering “extensive” damage from what appears to be an alien caterpillar that destroyed fields in other countries in the region, according to the government.

While the government is yet to verify the pest as the fall armyworm that's native to the Americas and arrived in Africa last year, the caterpillar may pose a serious threat to production of the staple food, the department of agriculture, forestry and fisheries said in an e-mailed statement on Wednesday.

The pest has been reported in northern Limpopo and North West provinces, the department said. North West and the central Free State province account for the bulk of South Africa's maize output.

“If this pest is indeed the fall armyworm, it could be disastrous, particularly to maize production,” the department said.



ment said.

Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe already suffered extensive damage to tens of thousands of hectares of mainly corn fields. The arrival of the alien species threatens to hurt corn output as Southern Africa is recovering from its worst drought in over 35 years, even as rain-fall improves.

South Africa could increase its maize crop to at least 11.9 million metric tonnes this year from 7.5 million tonnes, the agricultural business chamber said last month. Maize for delivery in March, the most active contract, rose by 3.6%, the most since October, to R2 869 per tonne on Wednesday.

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## Budget 2017 is going to be painful

**JOHANNESBURG** - Burden falls on individual's shoulders.

The tax announcements in this year's budget is going to test the pain tolerance levels of all taxpayers.

Direct and indirect tax increases are a must, and by the looks of things Joe Average is going to fork out the largest chunk of the additional R28 billion needed to balance government's books.

As though things are not bad enough going forward, it appears that 2016 is going to end on a worse note than earlier anticipated. Tax experts now anticipate the revised shortfall of R23 billion to increase with another R7 billion at most.

Kyle Mandy, tax partner at PwC, says the “volatility” of the monthly tax collection data makes any projections on where the final collection numbers will end very difficult.

He says starting from a lower than anticipated base, with a huge revenue target in a slow-growth economic environment things are going to be tough on taxpayers.

He expects an increase across all personal income tax brackets, except perhaps the lowest bracket (18%), of one percentage point. This will increase the top marginal tax rate for individuals to 42%, filling the revenue hole with at least R15 billion.

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan will be delivering the budget to parliament on February 22.

Nazrien Kader, head of Deloitte tax services in Africa, says lifting the top marginal rate to 45% could yield R3.5 billion. It is also “conceivable” that a special levy or surcharge may be applied to individuals with earnings above a set threshold.

“This is also likely to apply to companies based on turnover as a means to collect some tax from companies when profits are non-existent,” says Kader.

Andrew Wellsted, tax head at Norton Rose Fulbright, expresses skepticism about the success of bridging the revenue gap by upping individual and even company tax rates.

He says with the economy dragging

its heels, taxpayers struggling to make ends meet and companies not coining it, it is a good time to consider an increase in the Value Added Tax rate. An increase of 1% or even 1.5% to 15.5% may have a significant impact on tax collections.

Kader notes that the South African VAT rate is much lower than the 20% in most other jurisdictions. The Davis Tax Committee reported that an increase to 15% will bring South Africa in line with the global average of 15.65% and the African average of 15.25%.

This can yield revenue of between R15 billion and R20 billion. Mandy says an increase is possible, provided there is relief to the poor in the form of an increase in the social grant allowance, or a widening of the zero rated goods.

Both these relief measures are possible and practical to implement in a short time frame. However, given the possible political fallout of a VAT increase, a significant increase in the fuel levy might be another option. A hefty 50c/l increase may yield around R10 billion, says Mandy. *News24*

## South Africa open to digital currency

**JOHANNESBURG** - Regulators are concerned with striking a balance between managing benefits and risks.

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) is open to issuing a national digital currency, which would likely be based on Blockchain or Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT).

“If we go the route of issuing a digital currency, the objective would be to take advantage of emerging technologies so that we reap the benefits,” said Tim Masela, head of the National Payments System at the SARB.

The central bank is currently observing moves by other countries to issue fiat currencies, which offer similar benefits and conveniences to cryptocurrencies, in a digital format. It will also carry out its own experiments and evaluations to determine whether such offerings would be appropriate for South Africa.

To date, Tunisia is said to be the only nation to have successfully issued a digital currency. It is reportedly migrating its self-created eDinar onto a blockchain. The eCFA, a digital version of the West African franc, is to be rolled out in Senegal later this year, with the Banque Régionale De Marchés planning to extend distribution across the West African Economic and Monetary Union. Meanwhile, the Swedish central bank is considering issuing an eKrona, and the United Kingdom's Treasury

has published the outcome of its call for information on digital currencies.

According to Masela, the potential benefits that could be derived from a South African national digital currency include the convenience of use, greater inclusion due to its reach, real-time settlements and a reduced cost of use.

“We foresee that these benefits could be realised, which would be good for the transacting public. But of course, the risks have to be borne in mind as well and that's what we want to balance,” he said.

He labelled cyber-attacks and the unregulated nature of the emerging business models, spurred by technology, as an area where potential risks may be introduced.

“The proponents of the technology say ‘you don't need to regulate it; it will self-regulate’.

We don't have an idea of how that will happen, we still need to reflect on this and need a good case [to show] that it can self-regulate. Otherwise, we believe that if it is not regulated and things go wrong, it could have a spillover effect into the financial systems,” he said.

The SARB has yet to establish a firm position on the use of a fiat currency in digital form and is open to further exploring the issue, Masela stressed.

However, its stance on cryptocurrencies is clear.

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## MTN ups stake in African cell tower operator

**JOHANNESBURG** - Mobile network MTN [JSE:MTN] has increased its stake in cellphone tower company IHS Group from 15% to approximately 29%, the company said.

To facilitate the transaction, MTN said it will exchange its 51% interest in Nigeria Tower InterCo, the parent company of Nigerian telecom tower operator INT Towers Limited, for the additional shareholding in IHS Holding.

INT Towers, which was founded in 2014 by IHS Group and MTN, previously acquired 8 850 existing towers from MTN Nigeria.

MTN said the transaction is expected to close once the new shares in IHS Group have been issued during Q1 2017.

In an update to shareholders, MTN said the transaction is aimed at simplifying its tower ownership structure and diversifying its infrastructure exposure across Africa.

IHS Group - founded in 2001 - describes itself as the largest independent tower operator in Africa, Europe and Middle East and the tenth largest independent tower company in the world, with over 23 300 towers.

In recent years, mobile net-

works across Africa have pushed to reduce their ownership of towers and increasingly lease them instead, from companies such as IHS, in a bid to reduce capital expenditure.

“The transaction represents a significant step in MTN's long-standing partnership with IHS,” said MTN's executive chairman Phuthuma Nhleko.

“It simplifies our ownership structure and diversifies our tower investments across the IHS Group. IHS Group is extremely well positioned for future growth and build-out from 3G upgrades and the move to LTE across its key markets,” said Nhleko.



**GOING UP:** MTN's executive chairman Phuthuma Nhleko.

## Vodacom data prices 'fall' by over 15%

**JOHANNESBURG** - Mobile network Vodacom says its data prices have fallen by 15.4% over the last year, according to the company's latest trading update for the quarter ended December 31 2016.

“As part of our effort to continuously reduce the cost to communicate in South Africa through our bundle pricing strategy, voice and data prices fell by 17.6% and 15.4% respectively as significantly more prepaid and contract customers benefitted from using bundles,” said Vodacom.

“Over the past four years we have reduced the price of data by more than 60%. Another significant win in helping bridge the digital divide was the introduction of a 4G device below the key R1 000 price-point to add to the success of the

Smart Kicks 2, a low-priced yet high quality 3G smartphone,” said Vodacom.

Vodacom's mention of falling data prices comes after the #DataMustFall trend went viral on social media late last year.

The hashtag was driven by radio personality Thabo “Tbo Touch” Molefe who said that South Africa's data prices are “daylight robbery” and that data must fall.

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# APPLE OVERTAKES SAMSUNG IN SMARTPHONE WARS

SAN FRANCISCO - Apple on Tuesday reported a rebound in iPhone sales to lift the tech giant to record revenue in the past quarter in quarterly results that eased concerns of slowing growth.

The results showed strong demand for Apple's iPhone 7 models launched last year, with demand outpacing supply.

Revenue climbed to an all-time record \$78.4bn compared to \$75.9bn in the same period a year earlier, the company said in its earnings update for the quarter ending in December.

Compared with the same quarter a year earlier, profit dipped 2.6% to \$17.9bn.

Apple shares were up nearly three per cent to \$124.80 in after-market trades that followed release of the earnings results.

Apple said it sold 78.3 million iPhones - the most ever in a quarter - up five per cent from the same prime holiday shopping period the prior year.

The sales made Apple the world's top smartphone vender in the final three months of last year, overtaking Samsung, according to industry tracker Strategy Analytics.

The growth promised to assuage concerns by investors that iPhone sales, which account for the bulk of Apple's revenue, were softening due to three quarters of sequential decline.

"We're thrilled to report that our holiday quarter results generated Apple's highest quarterly revenue ever, and broke multiple records along the way," said Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook.

The California-based company said it "set all-time revenue records for iPhone, services, Mac and Apple Watch."

The amount of money taken in from online services and digital content grew strongly, led by unprecedented buying



at Apple's online App Store, according to Cook.

"I have not yet done the numbers, but I think Apple had the best quarter in the history of humanity," Asymco analyst Horace Dediu said in a comment fired off on Twitter.

Apple, however, saw revenue in its important China market drop 12% to \$16.2bn, according to the earnings report.

The company's performance in China improved from the previous quarter and but was hampered by a strong US dollar, according to Apple.

## Challenges

Cook said he was encouraged, though Apple still faces challenges in mainland China.

Apple also intends to "invest significantly" in India, he told analysts during an earning call.

Neil Saunders, Managing Director of the research firm GlobalData Retail, said Apple's strong report eased concerns it had hit a bump in growth.

"The iPhone 7 will be a much steadier contributor and we would argue that the new model has been a success," Saunders said in a note to clients.

"It is clear that Apple did enough to

stimulate interest and persuade many consumers to upgrade."

But Saunders said Apple "competitors, including Google and Amazon, are still nipping at its heels with new products and ideas — so it needs to speed up, even if it is just to stand still."

Some analysts say Apple remains too dependent on the iPhone and it needs to better diversify revenue, amid a sputtering smartphone market and intense competition.

The success of the iPhone sets the stage for Apple to be at the heart of smartphone lifestyles in which people synch with homes, security systems, cars, health care and more with mobile devices.

It also puts Apple in position to make money from digital content, services, or online commerce.

"Our ecosystem is broadening to more and more of the areas where people spend their time: at the gym, on the go, in the home, and on the job," Cook said.

Apple said services revenue grew 18% from a year ago to \$7.2bn, while "other" products, including the Apple Watch, brought in \$4 billion.

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## DRDGold reserves revised upwards by 67 per cent

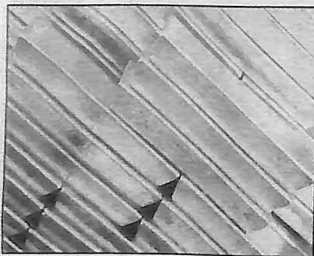
CAPE TOWN - DRDGold yesterday confirmed it had recorded a 66.6 per cent increase in mineral reserves on December 31.

The South African producer that recovers gold from the retreatment of surface tailings, said the revision was the result of a drilling programme and pre-feasibility study started in September 2016. The study re-evaluated surface gold tailings on the East Rand to the east of the Ergo plant.

DRDGold said the revision meant a five-year extension to the operating life of Ergo.

The company added that capital expenditure of R507.7 million would be needed to access these dumps and dams, which included the cost of 162.4km of pipelines and new pump stations. No major upgrades were required to the current Ergo processing plant, and the existing Brakpan/Withok tailings deposition facility had sufficient capacity to dispose of processing waste. All required permits are in place, DRDGold added.

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## JSE opens weaker as Jacob Zuma criticises the Treasury

JOHANNESBURG - The JSE opened weaker yesterday in risk-off trade as banks, retailers and property stocks retreated on reports that President Jacob Zuma attacked the Treasury at the ANC's lekgotla this week.

According to a report in Business Day, sources said Zuma had criticised the Treasury for not availing funds for certain projects.

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan is embroiled in a court battle with Oakbay Investments, a company owned by Zuma's friends, the Gupta family.

Gordhan is set to present the bud-

get on February 22.

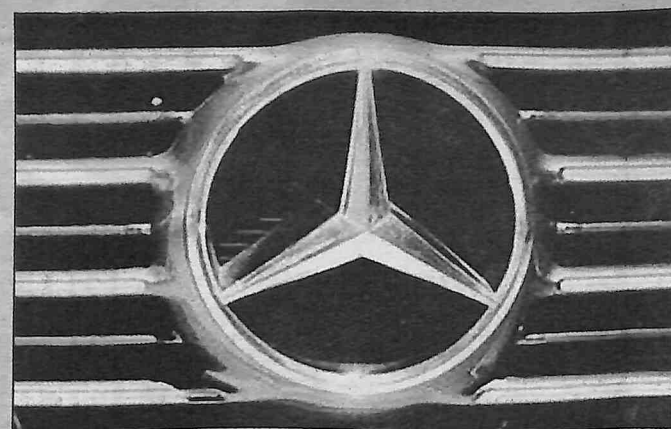
Market sentiment was subdued after an indifferent close on the Dow on Wednesday.

The index closed 0.14% up at 19 890.94 points, missing recent highs above 20 000 despite Apple climbing 6.1% and Facebook adding two per cent on updates and results.

The dollar weakened after the US Federal Reserve kept interest rates on hold.

The Fed gave little indication of further hikes this year, after earlier foreseeing at least three increases in 2017.

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## Mercedes-Benz luxury cars fuel fat profits at Daimler

FRANKFURT - German automaker Daimler says fourth-quarter net profit rose 18 per cent as the company's flagship Mercedes-Benz brand reaped fat returns on new SUV models.

Net profit hit 2.2 billion euros (\$2.4 billion), up from 1.9 billion in the year-ago quarter. Group revenue rose one per cent to 41 billion euros.

Booming profits at Mercedes-Benz outweighed losses at the company's truck business, which

lost sales in Turkey and the Middle East. Operating earnings at the luxury brand rose 53 per cent to 2.56 billion.

For the full year, Daimler made 8.7 billion euros net profit, up slightly from 2015.

The company said its profits from the full year meant it could pay up to \$5 400 in profit-sharing bonuses to 130 000 eligible workers in Germany. They'll get the money in their April paychecks.

AP

## Capitec still South Africa's most popular bank - Nielsen

CAPE TOWN - Capitec Bank on Wednesday said new research had shown that it had increased its lead as South Africa's most popular bank.

The bank, which was established in 2001, said consumer research group Nielsen's most recent annual banking survey also showed that Capitec Bank now had more clients than both FNB and Nedbank, making it the third largest retail bank in the country.

"These results are testament to the success of our vision and values, keeping

our costs low, giving customers the freedom to pay as they transact as well as offering the highest interest of 5.35 per cent on a positive bank balance," said Charl Nel, Capitec's Head of Communications.

Capitec said more than 120 000 customers opened accounts at Capitec Bank every month for "a simplified and affordable banking solution". It added that 5.5 million account holders, the majority of Capitec clients, paid less than R50 per month in bank costs. Africa News Agency

## We have failed, SASSA admits

CAPE TOWN - The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) is to apply to the Constitutional Court to extend the grant payments contract of Cash Paymaster Services (CPS) for another year.

The announcement by the agency on Wednesday confirmed concerns raised by political parties and civil society about the agency's ability to take over the payments of social grants, in line with a commitment to the court.

Sassa's current contract with CPS was declared invalid in 2014. Rather than appoint a new contractor, SASSA then submitted a plan to the court to take over the payments to 17 million beneficiaries on 1 April 2017.

"After carefully considering our options, we felt it may cause panic if we try and implement

a new system. We acknowledge we have failed," said SASSA official Raphaahle Ramokgopa. She said SASSA's legal team would head to the Constitutional Court next week to request that the ruling declaring the invalidity of the current CPS contract be suspended. SASSA is yet to approach CPS on this proposal.

Ramokgopa was among a delegation from SASSA and the Department of Social Development, briefing Parliament's portfolio committee on Social Development on its progress to institutionalise the payment of social grants.

She said since the last presentation to the committee, SASSA had been engaging with the National Treasury and the SA Reserve Bank regarding the payment system. FIN24



# Focus on SA scene

## Phahlane's legal troubles, Claassen report in spotlight

CAPE TOWN – Acting National Police Commissioner Lieutenant General Khomotso Phahlane's legal woes was in the spotlight at a meeting in Parliament yesterday.

Police Minister Nathi Nhleko has been summoned to address Parliament's police committee on the latest controversial reports around Phahlane.

The commissioner has been in the spotlight following an investigation by the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) into his lifestyle.

IPID is investigating Phahlane over property which allegedly cost R8m. His car collection has also been added to the scope of the investigation.

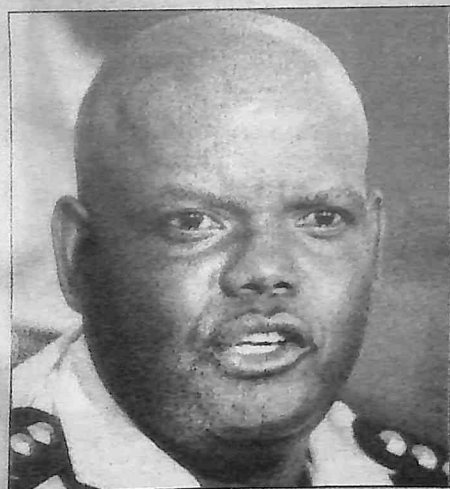
In January the watchdog carried out a search and seizure raid on Phahlane's home at the exclusive Sable Hills Waterfront Estate and removed a sound system.

The police committee will also consider the Claassen report on former national commissioner Riah Phiyega's fitness to hold office.

The report was referred to the committee by the Speaker.

Phiyega has since launched a review application for the Claassen report to be set aside.

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**SPOTLIGHT: Khomotso Phahlane.**

## ANC DENIES ZUMA ACCUSED TREASURY OF OBSTRUCTING TRANSFORMATION

PRETORIA – The ANC denied a newspaper report yesterday that President Jacob Zuma had accused the finance ministry of thwarting the party's efforts to give blacks a bigger stake in the economy.

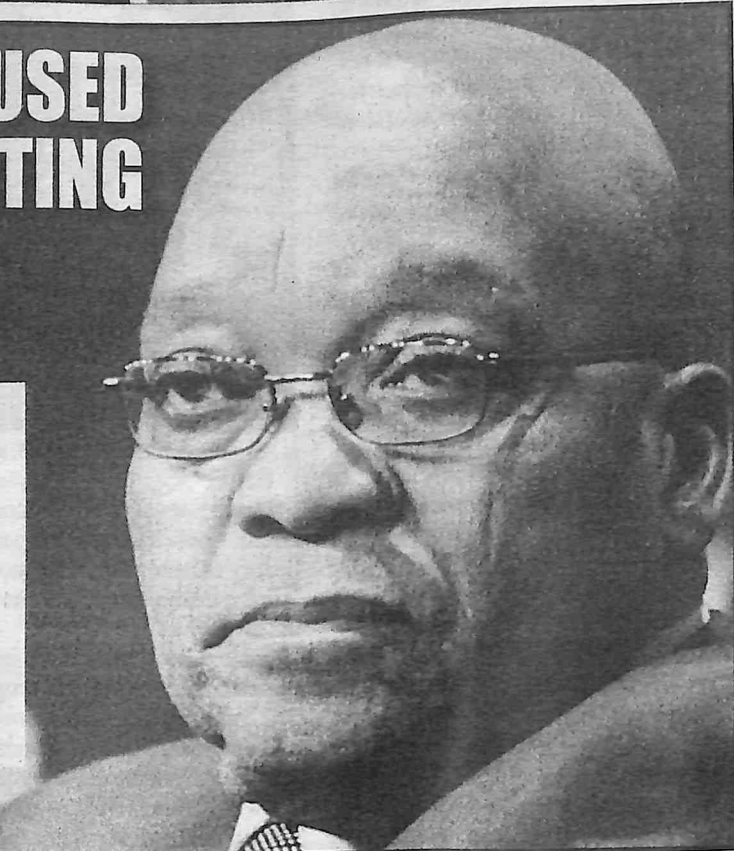
Citing sources that attended an ANC meeting of top leaders last week, Business Day newspaper said Zuma had accused the nation-

al treasury of restricting funds for certain projects. ANC spokesman, Zizi Kodwa denied the president had attacked the ministry, saying the article was "poor journalism."

"It's not true. The President never said that," Kodwa said.

Zuma's spokesman, Bongani Ngqulunga did not respond to telephone requests for comment.

Reuters



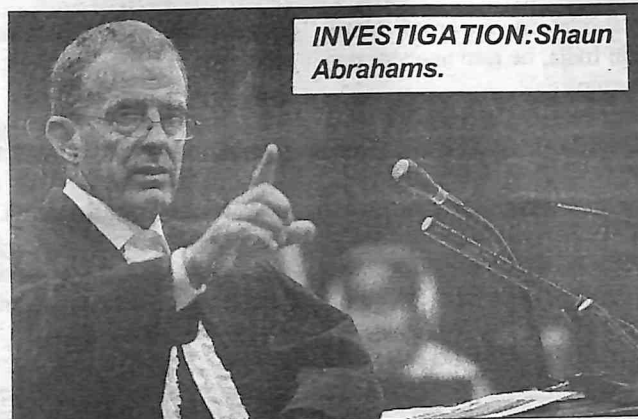
## Gerrie Nel faced internal investigation when he resigned

JOHANNESBURG – National Prosecuting Authority head Shaun Abrahams ordered an investigation into advocate Gerrie Nel and other senior prosecutors just three days before Nel resigned.

Abrahams asked a senior prosecutor in KwaZulu-Natal to provide him with a progress report relating to a complaint lodged against Nel and three senior advocates, for bringing the administration of justice into disrepute.

News24 has learnt that Nel was part of a complaint a Laudium businessman laid against him and the prosecutors in Pretoria.

Nel resigned on Monday to join lobby group AfriForum as head of its private prosecutions unit. The complaint, which was registered on December 20 last



**INVESTIGATION: Shaun Abrahams.**

year, relates to an allegation of tampering with evidence.

### Pressure

Speculation is rife among the legal fraternity that Nel was under some sort of pressure in the national prosecuting authority before he left, just five years before retirement, after a 36-year career. Insiders believe

this complaint may have been the straw that broke the camel's back.

Days before Nel's resignation, Abrahams responded to the complainant in a letter News24 has seen, indicating he was taking the allegations seriously.

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## EFF to lay criminal charges against Qedani over deaths

JOHANNESBURG – The Economic Freedom Fighters says it will lay criminal charges against former Gauteng Health MEC, Qedani Mahlangu at Johannesburg Central Hospital.

The party called Mahlangu a "killer" for being the driving force to move patients from Life Esidimeni homes to unregistered NGOs. The NGOs were found to have been unsafe, crowded, without sufficient heating and without skilled staff. At least 94 people died from hunger, dehydration and diseases unrelated to mental health.

Mahlangu's decision was described as "reckless" by health ombudsman Professor Malegapuru Makgoba.

Mahlangu's resignation was announced on Wednesday by the Gauteng Premier.

The EFF says it will lay charges against anyone else implicated in the killing of the patients.

The ANC Youth League has also indicated it wishes to lay charges of murder against the former health MEC.

Jack Bloom of the Democratic Alliance said: "It took 141 days for Mahlangu to resign following the first disclosure of deaths in reply to my question in the Gauteng Legislature on 13 September last year."

Bloom continued: "Premier (David) Makhura has failed badly in this matter and needs to keep his promises to ensure that action is taken against all those implicated, including criminal charges."

The DA's health spokesman said Mahlangu's replacement, Dr Gwen Ramokgopa, was a poor MEC when she was in charge.

"I am not impressed with the return of Dr Gwen Ramokgopa as MEC of the Gauteng Health Department," said Bloom. "She was mediocre in this position previously and does not have the drive to fix this deeply dysfunctional department. **TIMESLIVE**

## WITS PROFESSOR FOUND GUILTY OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, DISMISSED

JOHANNESBURG – A professor at the University of Witwatersrand accused of sexually harassing colleagues at the institution, was found guilty and dismissed on Wednesday, Vice-Chancellor and Principal Adam Habib said.

Three women laid complaints against the academic with the institution's gender equity office (GEO) last year, which subsequently investigated the case, he said.

"An independent investigation was undertaken and the staff member was found guilty of misconduct on the grounds of sexual harassment in respect of three complainants," Habib said in a statement.



"The independent panel further found the misconduct to be a dismissible offence, and the outcome was presented to me today [Wednesday]. In line with the university's policies and processes, I

have informed the individual concerned that he has been dismissed."

The professor reportedly committed the offences over a period of time. He allegedly pressured the three women for sexual favours in

exchange for his influence and seniority at the institution. Habib said the university's gender office was established five years ago to deal with sexual harassment complaints.

"The university does not tolerate any form of GBH and as a public institution, we are determined to eliminate gender-based harm. Again, I would like to make it very clear that the university will not tolerate any form of sexual harassment. We have revised our policies, instituted several programmes and conscientised the university community to speak out and act against gender-based harm."

Africa News Agency



## 10-YEAR-OLD GIRL'S BATTLE WITH THE 'TREE MAN ILLNESS'

- The girl, known only as Shahana, suffers from epidermodysplasiaverruciformis
- She first showed signs of the rare condition when she was just six-months-old
- Despite just having growths on her body, they quickly spread to affect her face
- Her family, from Bangladesh, are believed to be seeking treatment for her

**RAJSHAHI** - These pictures show a 10-year-old girl slowly being transformed into a tree as a result of a rare condition.

The girl, known only as Shahana, suffers from epidermodysplasiaverruciformis (EV) - also known as the 'tree man illness'.

She first showed signs of being plagued by the rare condition when she was just six-months-old. Growths broke out on her body, but these quickly spread to affect her nose, cheeks, chin and earlobes.

Her family, from a remote village in the northern part of Bangladesh, are believed to currently be seeking treatment for her at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. But despite her appearance, she said that her classmates don't judge her and are welcoming towards her, it is reported.

### WHAT IS EV?

EV is a rare and inherited skin disorder which creates wart-like lesions anywhere on the body.

The condition is caused by infection with HPV and can create widespread skin eruptions, includ-



**TREE MAN ILLNESS:** The girl, known only as Shahana, suffers from epidermodysplasiaverruciformis - also known as the 'tree man illness'.

ing wart-like lesions and reddish-brown pigmented plaques. In order to inherit the disease two abnormal EV genes, one from each parent, must be present. No serious treatment against EV has been found, yet several treatments have been suggested. *Daily Mail*



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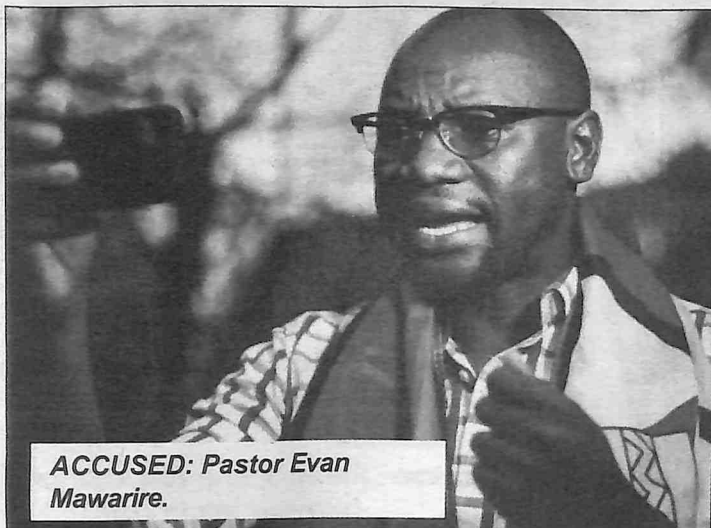
## PASTOR MAWARIRE ARRESTED ON RETURN TO ZIMBABWE FROM US

**HARARE** - A Zimbabwean pastor, accused last year of trying to overthrow President Robert Mugabe's government after calling for protests, was arrested at the airport when he flew home from the United States on Wednesday, his lawyer said.

Evan Mawarire was previously arrested and charged last July, but was freed by a magistrate's court which said police had not followed procedure.

Harrison Nkomo, his lawyer, said the pastor had been arrested at Harare's airport and was taken to the capital's central police station.

Police spokeswoman, Charity Charamba confirmed Mawarire's arrest, saying he had an outstanding warrant after failing to appear



**ACCUSED: Pastor Evan Mawarire.**

in court last year. She did not provide more details.

"The law will always catch up with you even if you go away.

Mawarire had a warrant of arrest against him," Charamba said.

After he was freed by the court in July, police had said they still

wanted to file more charges against Mawarire. He travelled to South Africa and then the United States, where he had been living with his family since July.

His absence drew condemnation from supporters, who accused him of abandoning them when his leadership was needed.

Mawarire rose to fame after posting a video online last year that went viral, venting his anger about deteriorating social and economic conditions in Zimbabwe and urging citizens to hold the government to account.

The preacher's social media movement #ThisFlag rattled Mugabe's administration, leading to accusations by the state against Mawarire of inciting public violence.

**Reuters**

## Gambian Imam urges reconciliation after dictator's exile

**KANIFING** - Locked inside a tiny cell, Imam Alhagie Ousman Sawaneh was only allowed out for an hour each day.

For one year, three months and nearly 10 days, he sought the answer to one simple question: "What have I done?"

Like so many others who disappeared in the dead of night in Gambia, Sawaneh had few answers as to why he had been targeted and imprisoned by dictator Yahya Jammeh's regime.

The 65-year-old had been picked up as he led volunteers

clearing grass in the local cemetery in October 2015 and held at a prison in the Central River Region. While he had helped present a petition calling for the release of arrested rice farmers, he never dreamt that would cost him his freedom.

Now he, like so many others in a new Gambia, can only look forward. "For 22 years, there has been suffering, killing," Sawaneh said with pain and conviction in his eyes. "Jammeh has gone. Gambia is here ... Let's work on the country for us."

Sawaneh was released on

January 24, just days after Jammeh fled into exile in Equatorial Guinea under an arrangement brokered by fellow West African leaders. It was the end to a political crisis sparked by Jammeh's refusal to cede power after losing December's presidential election to opposition candidate Adama Barrow.

In the final days of Jammeh's rule, political prisoners started to be released. An untold number, though, are believed to still be held at the notorious Mile

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**RIP: Etienne Tshisekedi.**

## DRC OPPOSITION ICON, TSHISEKEDI DIES

**KINSHASA** - Democratic Republic of Congo's opposition icon Etienne Tshisekedi, who pushed for democratic reforms for decades in the vast central African nation throughout dictatorship and civil war, has died, his political party has said. He was 84.

His death comes at a politically fragile moment for DRC, where he was heavily involved in the recent deal to get President Joseph Kabila to agree to step down by the end of this year, after months of deadly protests. The parties signed a deal that has yet to be implemented.

The stalemate already had worried observers, and Tshisekedi's death is likely to compound the difficulties.

Tshisekedi had been seeking medical treatment in Belgium, DRC's former coloniser. He has long battled ill health because of complications from diabetes. In 2010, he walked the 25km from the airport to his suburban home in Kinshasa upon his triumphant return from medical treatment abroad.

**AP**

## Zimbabwe slaps VAT on basic foodstuffs

**HARARE** - Zimbabwe started levying a 15 per cent value-added tax on basic foodstuffs Wednesday, the government said, dealing a further blow to cash-strapped consumers already battling to survive in an ailing economy.

The tax affects meat and staple foods such as cereals, rice and potatoes. Other goods listed by the finance ministry include margarine, fish and pork. The move comes at a time when Zimbabweans are faced with unemployment of over 90 per cent and rising levels of poverty. The country once considered the bread basket of Africa, now imports most of its food, after the agricultural sector was brought to its knees by the



seizures of white-owned commercial farms under President Robert Mugabe's administration. In 2016, the government banned a range of food imports from neighbouring South Africa, in a bid to boost the local mar-

ket which is battling cash shortages. The VAT announcement was slammed as "anti-people" by the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), which predicted a sharp increase in food prices. **iNet Bridge**

## BRIEFS

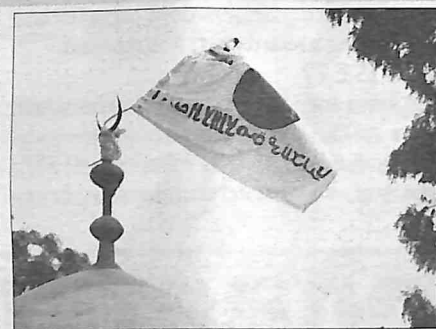
### killer Dog put down

**BANJUL** - The dog that killed the son of Gambian President, Adama Barrow has been put down, an agriculture ministry source said, with mystery over the circumstances sparking witchcraft rumours amid political turmoil in the country. Eight-year-old Habibou, one of Barrow's five children, died after the attack last month, days before his father's contested inauguration at a time when then-president Yahya Jammeh was refusing to step down. Jammeh's refusal to cede power to Barrow, who won a December election, triggered a crisis in the small west African nation, before the longtime leader eventually agreed to hand over the reins to his successor and leave the country. **AFP**

### Kenya to rejoin S. Sudan UN force

**New York** - Kenya has agreed to take part in a UN regional force for South Sudan, the UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres said on Wednesday, three months after Nairobi angrily withdrew its troops from the country. Kenya pulled its peacekeepers from South Sudan and announced it would not contribute to the planned regional force after Guterres' predecessor, Ban Ki-moon, fired the Kenyan commander of the peacekeeping force. The commander was sacked following a report that showed the UN peacekeepers failed to protect civilians during heavy fighting in Juba in July.

**AFP**



### Role play eases pain

**LAGOS** - Puffing on the cannabis joints dangling from their mouths, a group of teenage boys hurl insults at a stream of pupils as they rush past them on their way to school. But the joints are empty, and the words are hollow. These young Nigerians are using role play to highlight the problem of drug abuse among youths in a camp for the displaced, who are turning to marijuana to numb the pain inflicted by Boko Haram. The destruction of their homes and the killings of their friends and relatives have traumatised countless adults and children across northeast Nigeria, where the militant group has waged a bloody seven-year campaign to create an Islamic state. **REUTERS**

### Police pick more suspects in Malambo

**ZAMBIA** - Police have picked up the two family members of Shabu Benos, the girlfriend and suspect in the killing of Reeves Malambo, a Lusaka business executive who was stabbed to death on Sunday night. Malambo, 48, was stabbed on Sunday around 23:00 hours, allegedly, by Benos, 38, who took him to the hospital where he died 10 minutes later. **Times of Zambia**

### 3 decapitated bodies found in Somalia

**MOGADISHU** - Somalia residents say they have found three decapitated bodies just days after Islamic State group-linked fighters abducted nine people. Hassan Adan, an elder in Qandala town in the semi-autonomous state of Puntland, says the bodies found along a road near the town showed signs of torture. Puntland officials were not immediately available for comment. **AFP**



# World News

## 'TRUMP TRAVEL BAN NOT ANTI-ISLAM'

**ABU DHABI** - US President Donald Trump's travel ban on citizens of seven Muslim-majority nations is not anti-Islam, the United Arab Emirates foreign minister said on Wednesday.

Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed al-Nahyan, whose country like neighbouring Saudi Arabia is a close ally of Washington, said it was "wrong to say" that the decision by the new US administration was "directed against a particular religion". "The United States has made... a sovereign decision," he said at a joint press conference with his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov, pointing out it was "provisional" and did not apply to "the large majority" of the world's Muslims. In his defence of the ban which has stirred widespread protests across the globe, Sheikh Abdullah also said that some of



**DEFENSIVE:** United Arab Emirates' Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed al-Nahyan (r) and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov (l) at a press conference in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday. Nahyan said US President Trump's travel ban was not anti-Islam. (AFP)

the countries on the blacklist had "structural challenges" on the security front they still had to overcome. Trump's controversial executive order on Friday singled out

citizens from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen to prevent "radical Islamic terrorists" from entering the United States. But the 90-day ban, which

could still extend to other states, has exempted Muslim-majority nations associated with major attacks in the West. **AFP**

## Senate confirms Tillerson to be Trump's secretary

**WASHINGTON** - The Republican-controlled Senate on Wednesday confirmed Rex Tillerson to be Secretary of State, a crucial member of President Donald Trump's national security team.

Tillerson was quickly sworn in during a ceremony in the Oval Office, where Trump showered him with praise.

"You understand that the job of our diplomats and the mission of the State Department is to serve the interests of the United States of America to make our nation safer, our country more prosperous and our country much more secure," the president told him. "I do believe we can achieve peace and stability in these very, very troubled times."

**AP**

## 'Trump travel ban 'divisive and wrong'

**LONDON** - Prime Minister Theresa May on Wednesday told British lawmakers that US President Donald Trump's temporary immigration ban was "divisive and wrong," five days after she initially refused to condemn the move.

"On the policy that President Trump has introduced, this government is clear that that policy is wrong", May told MPs after being pressed by opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn in parliament.

"We believe it is divisive and wrong," she said, speaking to MPs for the first time since the travel ban came into force.

Trump's executive order bars refugee arrivals for at least 120 days and suspends visas from seven Muslim-majority countries



**CONDEMNS:** British Prime Minister Theresa May. (AFP)

— Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen — for 90 days.

The prime minister was keen to emphasise she had no advance notice of Trump's plans.

"If he (Corbyn) is asking me whether I had advance notice of

the ban on refugees, the answer is no.

If he is asking me if I had advance notice that the executive order could affect British citizens, the answer is no."

**AFP**

## HISTORIC MOMENT FOR BRITAIN AS BREXIT BILL PASSED BY MPS

**LONDON** - Britain passed the point of no return in its historic battle to cut ties with Brussels on Wednesday night as MPs backed the Brexit Bill.

The Commons endorsed the legislation by 498 votes to 114 after the government saw off a desperate bid by more than 100 Remoaners to block it.

In the first of a crucial set of votes in the Commons, a 'wrecking' amendment that would have effectively killed the law was defeated by 336 to 100. The House then gave the Bill its second reading by another huge margin, despite the opposition from Labour MPs, the SNP and most Liberal Democrats.

One Labour MP yelled 'suicide'



as the result was read out in the chamber. Minutes before the vote, two Labour MPs dramatically quit

the frontbench to defy Jeremy Corbyn and vote against the key legislation. Some 33 of the party's MPs backed

the wrecking amendment tabled by the SNP. More are thought to have voted against the Bill's second reading. A handful, such as Chris Bryant and Mary Creagh, opposed the legislation despite their constituents having decisively backed Brexit in the referendum.

Dozens more voted in favour of holding the EU referendum two years ago - but voted against implementing the result.

Just one Tory MP, arch-Europhile Ken Clarke, appears to have joined the Brexit opponents in the division lobbies.

The votes came after two days of bad-tempered and impassioned debate in parliament.

**Daily Mail**

## BRIEFS

### Israel evicts settlers from West Bank

**AMONA** - Israeli police began evicting dozens of hardline Jewish settlers from a wildcat outpost on Wednesday, just hours after unveiling plans for 3 000 new homes in other West Bank settlements. The announcement of new settler homes was the fourth since US President Donald Trump took office less than two weeks ago, having signalled a softer stance on Israeli settlement building. It was seen as a sop to supporters of the Amona outpost where hundreds of police officers moved in to carry out the evictions after the High Court determined the homes were built on private Palestinian land. **AFP**

### Iran confirms missile test

**TEHRAN** - Iran confirmed on Wednesday it had tested a ballistic missile, but denied that was a breach of its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. The comments from Defence Minister Hossein Dehghan came after the UN Security Council met on Tuesday to discuss the weekend test, which Washington described as absolutely unacceptable. "The action was in line with boosting Iran's defence power and is not in contradiction with the JCPOA (the nuclear deal) or Resolution 2231," Dehghan said. He was referring to a UN Security Council resolution that bans Iran from developing missiles that can carry nuclear warheads. **AFP**



### Dutch ballots to be counted by hand

**THE HAGUE** - The Dutch government says it will not use its usual computer software to tally and transmit election results, amid reports that the software is outdated and could easily be hacked. Interior Minister Ronald Plasterk says in a letter to Parliament that "no shadow can be allowed to hang over the result" of the March 15 election. Plasterk says municipalities and electoral regions will now have to tally all votes by hand. Dutch voters mark their choice in red pencil on a ballot paper. Amid fears of possible attempts to hack the results, the Dutch national electoral commission said this week that a computer security company was investigating election software for possible vulnerabilities. That investigation is continuing. **AP**

### 5 workers killed in India

**LUCKNOW** - A government official says a six-storey tannery building under construction in northern India has collapsed, killing at least five workers and possibly trapping up to 50 others. District Administrator Kaushal Raj Sharma said the army has been asked to help clear the rubble and search for the missing workers. The building came crashing down in Kanpur, a city in Uttar Pradesh state. **AP**

### Teacher, two students stabbed at school

**SYDNEY** - A teacher and two students were stabbed at a high school in Sydney yesterday with a teenager arrested nearby carrying three knives, but police ruled out any terror links. Images from the scene showed a meat cleaver among items seized from the 16-year-old boy, a fellow pupil. "I didn't kill anyone. You have to tell my brother," he was heard saying while being taken away in handcuffs by police, the Sydney Morning Herald reported. **AP**





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By Nomfundo Sifundza

**WELCOME to the month of love, glad you wonderful readers made it thus far.**

Guess January has been tough for parents but February is the shortest month in the calendar, we hope it will go by as beautifully as it bears 'LOVE'.

It is that time of the year when the capital city is painted in red outfits as every day, we love love. We celebrate love because most of all we all need it.

So be sure to treat your loved one just right this month and make the most of the year.

These are your spots to chill at this weekend and oh welcome back City by Night Club.

**TONIGHT FOR THE LOVE OF HOUSE MUSIC**

Where: Pub n Grill

**Time: 8pm**

As always, the Pub n Grill never fails to bring us fun. Tonight and tomorrow, join DJs Calinda and Knoxman.

Entrance is the usual E40 for ladies whilst gentlemen pay E50.

**CLAS OF THE TITANS**

Where: City by Night

**Time: 7pm**

The club that was once the life of the capital city, comes back to life this weekend. Entrance is for a meagre E20.

Spinners will include DJ Bigboi and crew.

**TOMORROW**

**BRING THE JUICE AND THE SAUCE (Brawam Album Launch)**

Where: Esibayeni Lodge (Déjà vu Cocktail Lounge)

**Time: 7pm**

Illa Pen Boy launching album number two is actually a good thing.

Join him at Déjà vu Cocktail Lounge

tomorrow to jam to hip

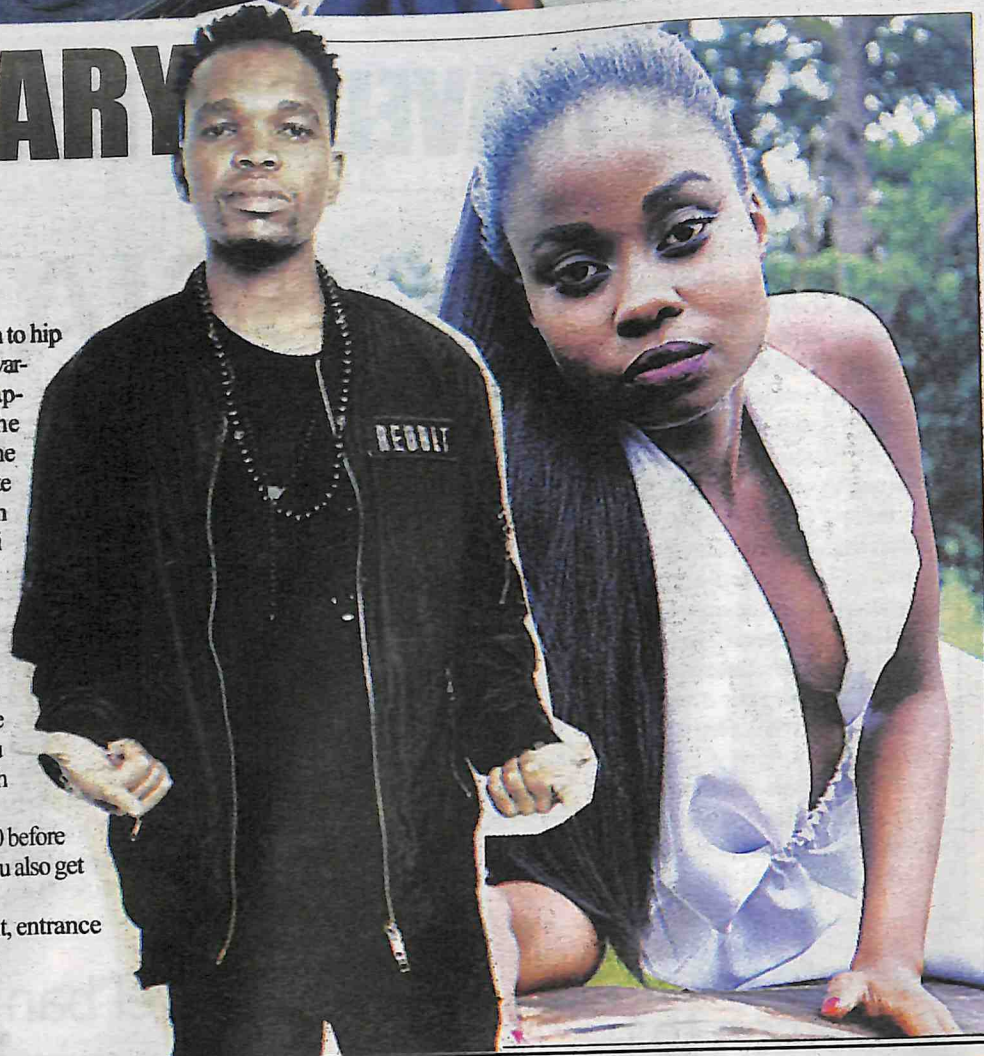
hop sounds from various talented rappers and also the man himself as he

sings his favourite track in the album called 'Bhekmuzi Mahlalela'.

LomaSoul, Mr Kngaroo, Lynikal Busta, Trippy King 20 and Eimsofly are ready to 'fly' you into an epic launch of the album.

Damage is E60 before midnight and you also get a free CD.

After midnight, entrance fee is then E80.



## Explosive line-up for Mega Sound Picnic

**THE Mega Sound Picnic organising team has fused the country's dopest deejays on the line-up of the event slated for March 4 at Luphohlo Recreational Park.**

The line-up comprises Swazi veteran deejays and the new skool deejays, who have kept hotspots happening all weekends.

On the line-up are; Mbo, Crooks, Cece, Dope Deep, Stitch, NYD, Makie, Smish, Yugo, Tibza, Tonic Deep, Tibza, Froggz, Drum Rhythm, 1D, LND, 711, Shibz, Bandzie, LFA, Mlinko, Tilungu, Tempt and Orthodox and performances will be by Illa Pen boy, Siyinqaba and Eskay.

Mega Sound's Samkelo 'Zulu D' Zulu pleaded with fun lovers to bring their drinks in cans only.

"This is made to avoid fatal fights so

everyone enjoys proceedings with ease. We emphasise that only cans will be permitted inside the venue," commented Zulu.

The public is allowed to bring their cooler boxes; limited to cans only. Food is also welcomed though it is encouraged that revellers carry it in their baskets.

"Camping for those with camping gear will also be allowed on

the night as security will be provided in the camping site," he added.

The event will start at 10am and finish the next day at 12 noon. Other artists to feature on the line-up are yet to be revealed.



## CORALEE SHOWING OFF SOME 'BOOTY'

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

**SWAZILAND'S shining model Coralee Vilakati, has taken the cyber world by storm with daring semi-nude pictures.**

The tantalising pictures portray the beauty living lavishly with her acquaintances at Zimbali Coastal Resort, based in Durban, South Africa.

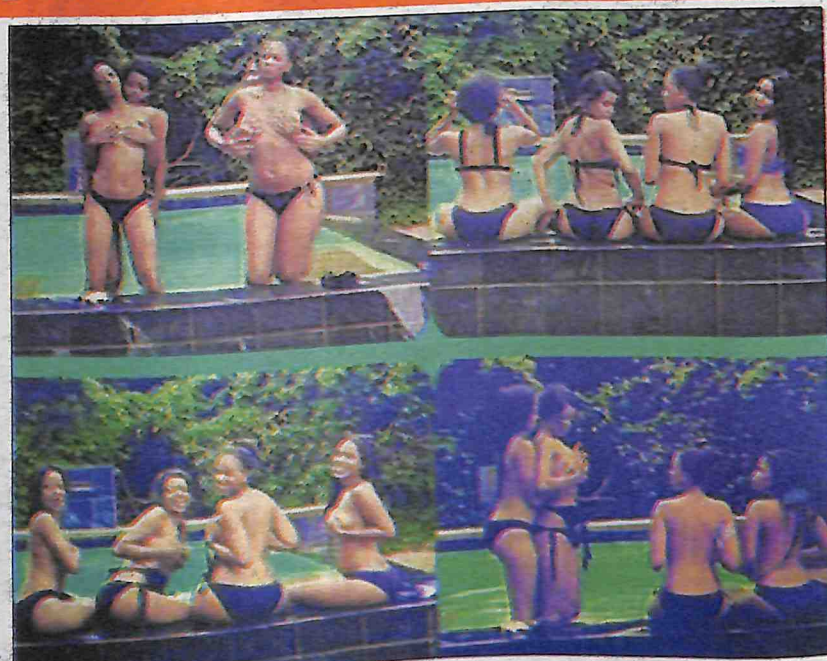
One of the pictures where she shows her back side is captioned 'It's not just lace it's Victoria's Secret lace'.

Contacted, the Top Model Swaziland (TMS) model said the 'naughty' pictures will not have any kind of impact even though she is a public figure.

**Fans**

Also, contrary to reactions in previous instances, her pictures are getting a big high five from her fans and followers, instead of being demeaned.

The model has followed suit to other



America celebrities like Kim Kadarshian, Blac Chyna, Rihanna and many more

who post their nudes without compromise.



# 80 SCRIPT PARTNERS WITH THASA

By Nomfundo Sifundza

AS he goes in the hip hop circles 'the dopest rapper in the game,'

80 Script has reached an agreement for a working relationship with Thasa Management and Booking Agency.

The rapper confirmed to have reached an agreement with Thasa Director Thabo Christian Sishwashwa to work together for the benefit of both.

"Thasa comes in to play the public relations role for me and also deal with bookings as that is their specialty", he said.

Sishwashwa also confirmed to have agreed with 80 Script and his management that from now on they would have a working relationship.

Even though most public relations for 80 Script would now be done by Thasa, the rapper is still under the management of Musena

Chikopa of Gold Ambition. 80 Script added, "Our partnership would then bring us to sharing the amount of

*80 Script*

money obtained from each gig Thasa would

have secured for me not that I'm fully signed under their stable." 80 Script made his indelible mark in the industry when he hosted his first ever one man show last year which was dubbed 'The Soirree.' The Soirree was a well attended event despite the heavy rains experienced. 80 Script added that all he wanted was for his career to flourish to even greater heights as he believed in himself.

"I believe some day I will live off my music. I take time and energy to compose my songs and at some point all of that effort has to pay off," he said. The rapper, real name Zolile Motsa, recently appeared on CNN's 'Inside Africa' where he also shared the high hopes he has for the local entertainment industry and his own career.



SEM CEO Melissa Marvis.

## SEM kick-start 'Epic Babes' Competition

By Phumelele Mkhonta

WITH a convoy of 20 Altezza cars driven by the SXE Kings from the Dairy Board building to the Mavuso Trade Centre in Manzini, the selected 11 Babes contestants were driven in style to begin their competition last Saturday.

Swazi Epic Models (SEM) started the competition to select their very own three 'EPIC BABES' which means these individuals will help the agency with their marketing campaigns.

The three winners will be selected to represent the agency on all events being hosted around Swaziland, helping newly appointed SEM CEO Melissa Marvis in the process, as brand ambassadors.

According to Marvis, the agency is already looking into expanding the brand by partnering and getting support from organisations that are in line with the agency's vision. This is why the agency roped in SXE Kings in the first photo shoot.

"Epic Babes Competition is giving contestants an opportunity to work hand-in-hand with our team on promoting our services and products to all big events being hosted in Swaziland. This is because our business revolves around events and targeted events include the most popular show MTN BushFire, Hypnotik, Trade Fair and many more."

The EPIC Babes are expected to spread the word about services and products offered by the agency during all events hosted locally, including being involved in charity projects.

"This competition is channeling the agency to its 2017 resolution and helping it to kick start one of their upcoming projects which is 'The Black and White Party' Session two, coming up sometime this year.

We urge people to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for the latest update based on what's new.

Our agency is still looking for 40 more models to sign up with us and our human resources department is already working on a good strategy to make all this possible," Marvis said.

## ZIYAWA TO PRODUCE DURBANITE ALBUM

By Majaha Nkonyane

TOP sound and music maestro, Ziyawa kaZitha, has been roped in to produce a Durban born singer's album.

The singer, Elihle Mbunda, was recently in the country and featured in Quad Element's show and promised to return to record with the group for his first album, which will be produced by Ziyawa.

The album will be titled 'Incwadi Encane page 1'. The multi-talented Durbanite is also involved in film writing, acting and fashion designing

"It is very exciting to eventually reach this point in my journey with music where I eventually record my first album. I am happy to have found a producer in Swaziland and people I can work with," he said.

He further added that the Swazi artists have a special way to bring a message to the people through their music and he admires how humble they are, which is translated in their music.

He has built a good relationship with the band as he was with it when they launched their first



LOCAL IS LEKKER: Elihle Mbunda.

album 'Love Traces' and also when they performed in Durban.

The band has also expressed how they view the SA artist; "We are very grateful to work with a talented young man like Elihle. It is very humbling to work with him. There are a number of bands he could have worked with given his exposure but we ended up working with him," Enkosi Mdluli said.

Mdluli further said they would be assisting him in recording his first album.



## THE SCIENTISTS IN 'FOUR' DURBAN GIGS THIS WEEKEND

By Nomfundo Sifundza

IT seems as though The Scientists move to join Thasa, has been by far the best thing they have done for themselves as the duo never rests for one weekend.

They are always booked, mostly outside the country.

This weekend will see the duo of Samkeliso Khumalo aka 'Metallic' and Wandile Mkhombe aka 'Kronic' take to the decks in four venues in Durban alone.

This was confirmed by Thasa Director, Christian Thabo Sishwashwa, who said he had been hard at work trying to secure all these gigs for The Scientists. "They will first play at Eyadini in the

afternoon then proceed to The Basement PMB Upper Level where they will be playing alongside Lulo Café," he said.

Explained

Sishwashwa explained that he understood and accepted the load on his shoulders after signing The Scientists as they were an incredible collaboration whom he believes could compete with the best of the world's house music giants.

The duo has been invited to numerous events outside the country and also got radio interview slots in most of their endeavours.

Their first radio interview this weekend is tonight with DJ Sabby on YFM. They will then proceed to four other radio stations namely; DUT Radio, DYR, EK and VOW FM.





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## HIGHLIGHTS



### The perfect man

**Saturday 20:00 | Universal Channel (117)**  
A girl plays Cupid for her mom,

but she has to invent the right man to woo her.



### Planet Earth II

**Sunday 16:00 | BBC Earth (184)**

A decade ago, Planet Earth marked a milestone in natural history filmmaking, proving an intimate portrait of life on Earth. Ten years on, the

unprecedented advances in both filming technology and our understanding of the natural world means we can look at our planet from a completely new perspective.



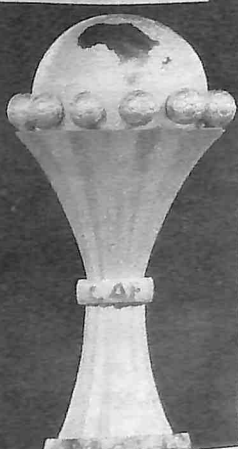
### Devious Maids

**Sunday 19:00 | Vuzu (116)**  
Lives are changed forever fol-

lowing the explosion at the Powell mansion.

### AFCON 2017 final

**Sunday 20:00 | SuperSport 4 (204)**  
Total Africa Cup of Nations 2017. Final: W29 v W30 from Stade de l'Amitié - Libreville, Gabon. LIVE.

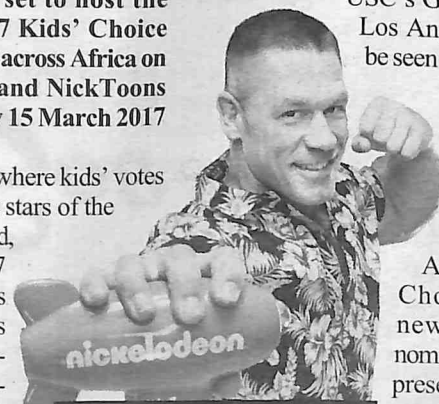


# JOHN CENA TO HOST KIDS CHOICE AWARDS

WWE superstar, actor and television host John Cena is set to host the Nickelodeon's 2017 Kids' Choice Awards, premiering across Africa on Nickelodeon (305) and NickToons (308) on Wednesday 15 March 2017 at 15:40 CAT.

The only live event where kids' votes count and the biggest stars of the day line up to get slimed, Nickelodeon's 2017 Kids' Choice Awards favourites from across the worlds of film, television, music, pop culture, animation and more. With stunts and surprises

at every turn, the show will air live from USC's Galen Center in Los Angeles and will be seen by kids around the globe on Nickelodeon channels in more than 180 countries and territories. Additional Kids' Choice Awards news, including nominees, and guest presenters, will be announced in the



HOST: John Cena

coming weeks. "The Nickelodeon's Kids' Choice Awards is the biggest party for kids, and I'm so excited and honoured to host this year's show," said Cena. "I have a lot of big surprises in store so bring on the slime!" "John Cena is an absolute megastar to kids, and we can't wait for the excitement and energy he's going to bring to this year's Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards," said Chris Torline, Marketing & Digital Director, Viacom International Media Networks (VIMN) Africa. "John's star has been rising among audiences everywhere, and it's set to get even bigger when he hosts the show."

## 89TH ACADEMY AWARD® NOMINATIONS

### Best Picture

Arrival

Fences

Hacksaw Ridge

Hell or High Water

Hidden Figures

La La Land

Lion

Manchester By the Sea

Moonlight

### Best Actress

Isabelle Huppert, Elle

Ruth Negga, Loving

Natalie Portman, Jackie

Emma Stone, La La Land

Meryl Streep, Florence Foster Jenkins

### Best Actor

Casey Affleck, Manchester By the Sea

Andrew Garfield, Hacksaw Ridge

Ryan Gosling, La La Land

Viggo Mortensen, Captain Fantastic

Denzel Washington, Fences

### Best Supporting Actress

Viola Davis, Fences

Naomie Harris, Moonlight

Nicole Kidman, Lion

Octavia Spencer, Hidden Figures

Michelle Williams, Manchester By the Sea

### Best Supporting Actor

Mahershala Ali, Moonlight

Jeff Bridges, Hell or High Water

Lucas Hedges, Manchester By the Sea

Dev Patel, Lion

Michael Shannon, Nocturnal Animals

### Directing

Arrival, Denis Villeneuve

Hacksaw Ridge, Mel Gibson

La La Land, Damien Chazelle

Manchester By the Sea, Kenneth Lonergan

Moonlight, Barry Jenkins

### Film Editing

Arrival

Hacksaw Ridge

Hell or High Water

La La Land

Moonlight

### Foreign Language Film

Land of Mine

A Man Called Ove

The Salesman

Tanna

Toni Erdmann

### Original Score

Jackie

La La Land

Lion

Moonlight

Passengers

Production Design

Arrival

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Hail, Caesar!

La La Land

Passengers

Visual Effects

Deepwater Horizon

Doctor Strange

The Jungle Book

Kubo and the Two Strings

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

Adapted Screenplay

Arrival

Fences

Hidden Figures

Lion

Moonlight

Original Screenplay

Hell or High Water

La La Land

The Lobster

Manchester By the Sea

20th Century Women

Animated Feature Film

Kubo and the Two Strings

Moana

My Life as a Zucchini

The Red Turtle

Zootopia

### Cinematography

Arrival

La La

Lion

Moonlight

Silence

Costume Design

Allied

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Florence Foster Jenkins

Jackie

La La Land

Documentary Feature

Fire at Sea

I Am Not Your Negro

Life, Animated

O.J.: Made in America

13th

Documentary Short Subject

Extremis

4.1 Miles

Joe's Violin

Watani: My Homeland

The White Helmets

Makeup and Hairstyling

A Man Called Ove

Star Trek Beyond

Suicide Squad

Original Song

"Audition," La La Land

"Can't Stop the Feeling," Trolls

"City of Stars," La La Land

"The Empty Chair," Jim: The James

Foley Story

"How Far I'll Go," Moana

Animated Short Film

Blind Vaysha

Boorowed Time

Pear Cider and Cigarette

Pearl

Piper

Live Action Short Film

Ennemis Interieurs

La Femme et le TGV

Silent Nights

Sing

Timecode

Sound Editing

Arrival

Deep Water Horizon

Hacksaw Ridge

La La Land

Sully

Sound Mixing

Arrival

Hacksaw Ridge

La La Land

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi



International  
Celebrity News

## Ed Sheeran aims to outdo Adele

LOS ANGELES - Ed Sheeran has revealed that he wants to outsell Adele as she is his only competition.

In a candid chat with GQ magazine, the 25-year-old singer claimed he would be 'selling himself short' if he didn't aspire to break her sales figures, as she's the only artist to have sold more records than him in the past 10 years.

Adele's last album, 25, became the world's best-selling album of 2015 and has since sold more than 20 million copies.

In comparison, Ed's 2014 offering, x (multiply), sold two million copies within a year, although it was the most streamed album of the year.

Whilst he reasoned that rivalling



**DETERMINED: Ed Sheeran.**

her success would be tough, he explained: 'If I don't set her as a benchmark then I'm selling myself short.' *Mail Online*

## Nicki, Drake reconcile, now that Meek's gone

LOS ANGELES - Nicki Minaj and Drake have ended the cold war that lasted more than 2 years.

Nicki posted a photo of herself and Drake Wednesday morning... with no caption, but we know what went down before they squashed the beef.

Our Young Money sources tell us Drake saw an NFL Network segment on January 8 that featured Lil Wayne and Nicki. Drake immediately called label honcho Mack

Maine, and said ... "Why didn't you tell me the family is back?"

Mack quickly set up a meeting for the full Young Money roster that turned into a peace summit.

*TMZ*



**RECONCILED: Drake and Nicki Minaj.**

## Chyna giving Kim flashbacks

LOS ANGELES - Blac Chyna's latest photo shoot is giving fans flashbacks.

Rob Kardashian's baby mama posted a nude photo on Instagram Wednesday morning, where she's seen rocking body paint and nothing else in a pic she simply captioned, "Queen."

Chyna got serious props for the image in the comments, as many complimented her for looking like a "beautiful black queen" on the first day of Black History Month.



**FLASHBACK: Blac Chyna.**

But others couldn't help but notice a similarity between this shoot and one Kim Kardashian did back in 2015. *MIO*

## Beyonce pregnant with twins

LOS ANGELES - Well here's some news that's fit to squeal over.

Beyoncé and Jay Z are expecting twins—as in two babies at once—and the collective joy with which the announcement was received says it all as to both how much the pop diva is revered and how much a little good news goes a long way these days.

We're going to guess that the timing of Bey's soon-to-be analysed, imitated and parodied pregnancy reveal on Instagram was strategically timed and, as it turns out,



**PREGNANT: Beyoncé**

laden with personal meaning. *Eonline*

## SA Celebrity News

## Isibaya's Florence on playing a bewitched girl

JOHANNESBURG - With a Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing Management, 24-year-old Florence Mkgatsi found herself more suited to acting than behind a desk in a nine-to-five job.

Having started with small roles on television, Florence has managed to build a solid reputation in the acting industry.

Currently playing the role of Lerato, the daughter to a taxi company supervisor on Mzansi Magic's series Isibaya, Florence says her character has been through many trials and tribulations.



**MY CHOICE: Florence Mkgatsi.**

"Lerato has gone through so much; first she lost her baby and she is currently trying to recover from being bewitched by a wicked sangoma who has also held her captive for weeks." *Drum*

## Nova is looking for a Valentine, do you qualify?

JOHANNESBURG - The R&B crooner often serenades his fans with his love songs, but he revealed to TshisaLIVE that he is still single.

"I broke up with someone around September last year when my last album came out and I have been single ever since. I am open to finding love. I still believe in love. I honestly believe she is still out there," Vusi said. There are probably hundreds of women who would line up to date the star and they'll have to fit the criteria Vusi has set for his potential dates. "I'm just looking for someone who loves herself."



**DO YOU QUALIFY: Vusi Nova.**

Someone who is giving. Someone with goals. Someone that I can build with. As long we get along and the chemistry is there," Vusi said. *Timeslive*

## 'Make a million for deserving students'

JOHANNESBURG - Media personality and entrepreneur, Sibusiso Leope, better known as DJ Sbu, is hoping to raise a million rand to help deserving matriculants further their studies.

The Sbusiso Leope Education Foundation (SLEF), will be holding a benefit concert at Moriting Park in Tembisa next month to raise funds for dozens of bursaries.

This year's concert, to be held on March 4, will see some of the biggest artists in the country perform, including Zola, Mafikizolo, DJ Tira, DJ Maphorisa and Mdu Masilela.

So far the foundation has given over 500 bursaries to deserving



**TO RAISE SCHOLARSHIP: DJ Sbu.**

matriculants and Sbu told TshisaLIVE that he hopes to raise a million rand to help add to that number. *Sowetan*

## Ayanda Ncwane makes first public appearance

SOWETO - Ever since her husband's death, Ayanda has been in mourning away from the spotlight.

However, in the wake of fellow gospel star Lundi Tyamara's death, Ayanda attended his memorial service at Grace Bible Church to pay her respects.

Lundi played a vital role in Sfiso's career by helping him break into the industry — a gesture that has not been forgotten by his family.

Dressed in all-black Ayanda, struggled to fight back tears throughout the service. Earlier this week Sfiso's son, Ngeweti said that Lundi's death had left Ayanda devastated. "Uncle Lundi, your passing has reversed



**FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE: Ayanda Ncwane.**

our healing process, especially mom," he said. *SundayWorld*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

## ISIBAYA

## TODAY

The Zungu women are left shaken after the Ngwenya invasion. Qaphela goes looking for Sunday. S'bu is outraged when he discovers what Thandeka endured at the hands of the Ngwenyas.



**ENDURED: Thandeka.**

## ISIDINGO

## TODAY

Nikiwe goes after whoever is leaking information about SG. Zukisa gets into the dating game and gets more than she bargained for. Kamogelo gets a job, but it's bloody.



**BLOODY JOB: Kamogelo.**

## Muvhango

## TODAY

## SECRET REVEALED: Nonny.



Mulimisi puts his fate in Azwindini's hands when he tells him the truth about his relationship with Mpho. Thandaza continues to go behind Vusi's back and plans his future without Kat in the picture. Nonny's secret reason for not giving anyone a ride in her new car is revealed.

## RHYTHM CITY

## TODAY

David is grateful to Sgegede for bewitching Flavia. Niki is paranoid that Suffocate is spying on her. Reneilwe is shocked when she sees her music video. Nox tries to keep Bash away from her. Lerato orders Lungile to seduce Bongile.



**GRATEFUL: David.**



## 3rd World Problems



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

**Capricorn**  
Dec 22 – Jan 19

Though you might feel compelled to get a head start on others, progress could be held back by the usual difficulties of others not having met deadlines. Stepping over work-in-progress is likely. A breakthrough in something you've been working on is probable though - and could be inspired by an article you read in a paper. News from someone living far away could also be exciting.



**Cancer**  
June 22 – July 22

In making arrangements for tomorrow you might learn more about someone who's been part of your group for a short time but whom you now know has been going through a period of enormous upheaval. It may be necessary for you to help them with travel arrangements.



**Aquarius**  
January 20 – February 18

You might still feel reined in. Yet you might also be testing the strength of certain rules and regulations. Though working around these problems might not be easy, you could arrive at understanding with someone born under one of the Fire signs (Aries, Leo or Sagittarius). It's possible that they don't want to be seen as the one who got in the way of progress.



**Leo**  
July 23 – August 22

Preoccupation with getting the best value for money could result in you prevaricating over a deal - which might drive an agent crazy. You could be indecisive in other ways - but especially if you are clothes shopping. Transference is possible too: someone close could be the procrastinator, leaving you to give them a deadline.



**Virgo**  
Aug 23 – Sept 22

It might be wise to listen ultra-carefully to what others have to say. You could unwittingly be sabotaging a plan. Someone close may be planning a surprise. At a slightly different level you could be destabilised by news of a partnership that's not worked out as you'd hoped. It may be that you need to set up a face-to-face meeting.



**Pisces**  
February 19 – March 20

It may be that you need to say goodbye to a partnership. Though you might relish the apparent freedom this would bring, it's as likely that you'll quickly agree to form another alliance (tomorrow). The need for change might also affect the way you think about your diet. It's even possible that a medical person will insist on a new regime.



**Libra**  
September 23 – October 23

Preparations for a technical gear-change could be on-going. Increased contact with someone who's a bit of a 'geek' is likely. This might be the start of a fruitful relationship. Contact with an alternative health practitioner is likely too. Yellows, lilacs and purple colours could help balance your mood - and might result in attraction to someone who wears these colours regularly.



**Aries**  
March 21 – April 19

True, progress could still be slowed by rules and regulations or by poor management. It's possible too that you've discovered a design flaw. Curious that you should be so in tune with the little things presently. By working closely with a Sagittarius (or someone who's always willing to see the bright side) you could effect change.



**Taurus**  
April 20 – May 20

The artist within could shine through - either in the colours you choose to wear or in the way you present information. In so many ways you could make things 'easy on the eye'. This is likely to impress someone who hadn't really thought through the finer details. Contact with someone working for an exam in either music or design is likely too - and could prove a turning point in your relationship.



**Scorpio**  
October 24 – November 21

Awareness that something is less than perfect could result in you focusing ever closer of what others haven't done. This exercise could lead you to miss the opportunity to get to know a younger person better. This individual is likely to be hugely gifted (artistic probably) and might benefit from your wealth of experience.



**Sagittarius**  
Nov 22 – Dec 21

Strangely for you, you could be more nit-picky than usual. True, you may have been asked to take part in a quality control exercise. Your presence on a team might also be required by those who know of your ability to get things done. In short, your 'performing' sub-personality could really be on show. It's likely too that you'll attract those who are technically proficient but who rarely grasp the bigger picture.



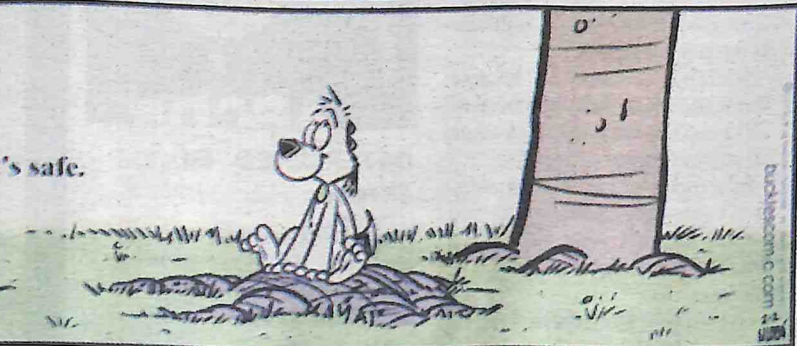
## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES

## A Dog's Haiku #105

I conceal and hide  
Deep in the ground where it's safe.  
Burying treasures.



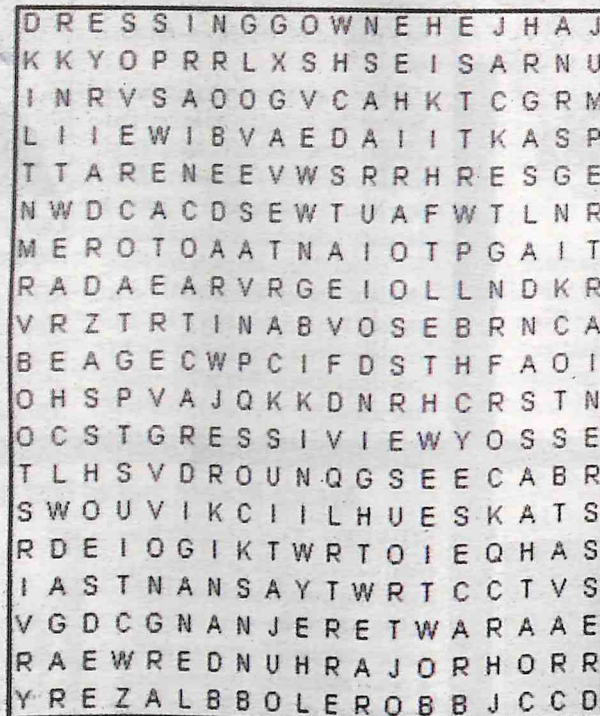
## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## PUZZLE CHOICE

## FIGURE IT

Look at the clues below and fill all the numbers you can into the grid. Then start again and use your answers to help solve the other clues.



BIKINI, BLAZER, BLOUSE, BOLERO, BOOTS, BOW TIE, BRACES, CARDIGAN, COAT, CRAVAT, DRESS, DRESSING GOWN, FOOTWEAR, FROCK, GLOVES, HAT, HEADWEAR, JACKET, JERKIN, JUMPER, KILT,

KNITWEAR, NIGHTWEAR, OVERCOAT, RAINCOAT, ROBE, SANDALS, SCARF, SHIRT, SHOES, SKIRT, SOCKS, STOCKINGS, SUIT, SWEATER, TIE, TRACKSUIT, TRAINERS, TROUSERS, UNDERWEAR, VEST, WAISTCOAT.

## I'm a Panda



A panda walks into a bar, sits down, and orders a sandwich.

He eats, pulls out a gun, and shoots the waiter dead.

As the panda stands up to go, the bartender shouts, "Hey! Where are you going? You just shot my waiter and you didn't pay

for the food!" The panda yells back, "Hey man, I'm a panda. Look it up!" The bartender opens his dictionary to panda, "A tree climbing mammal of Asian origin, characterized by distinct black and white coloring. Eats, shoots, and leaves."

## USELESS FACTS

1. If you believe that you're truly one in a million, there are still approximately 7,184 more people out there just like you.
2. A single cloud can weigh more than 1 million pounds.
3. A human will eat on average 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders

- while sleeping.
4. James Buchanan, the 15th U.S. president continuously bought slaves with his own money in order to free them.
5. Men are 6 times more likely to be struck by lightning than women.

BRAINTEASERS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Yesterday's brain-teasers

1. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, and has a bed but never sleeps?  
**Answer:** A river.
2. Imagine you are in a sinking rowboat surrounded by sharks. How would you survive?

**Answer:** Stop imagining.

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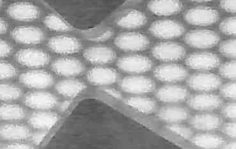
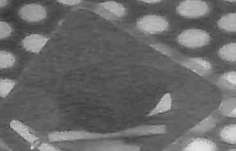
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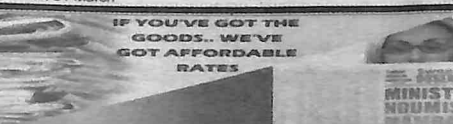
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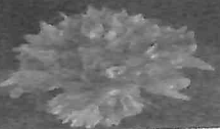
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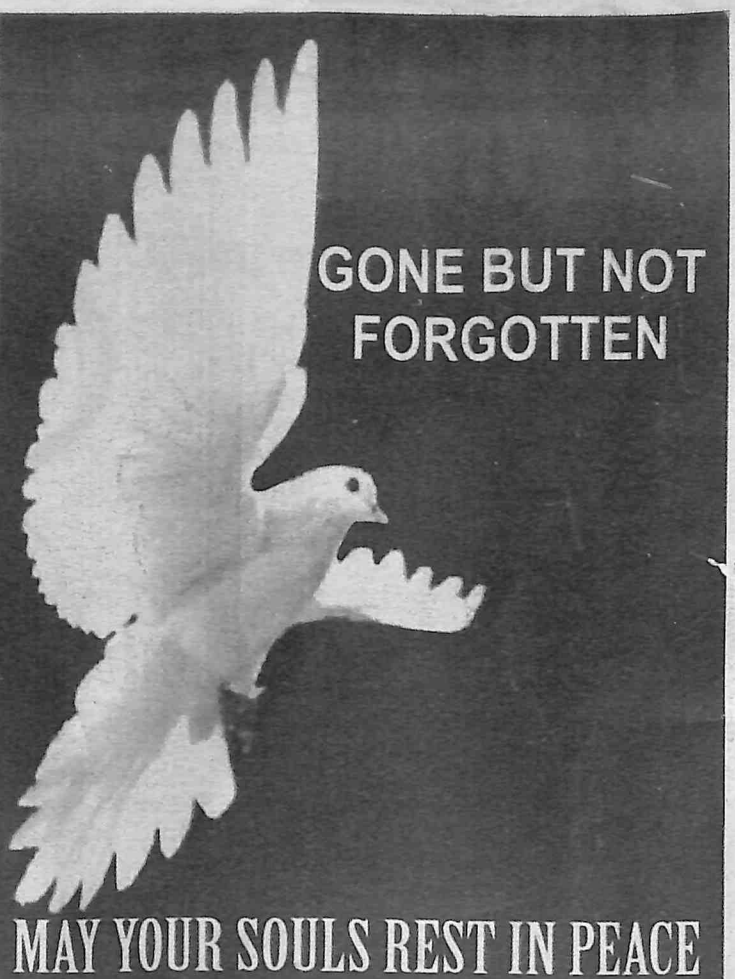
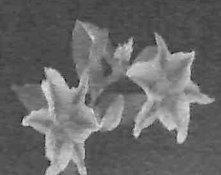


Relatives, friends and colleagues of **Nhlanhla Linda Nxumalo** are notified of his untimely death. There will be a memorial service at Limkokwing University at 09h00 on Saturday 4 February 2017. There will be no night vigil. Announcement by his family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani na **SNAT** nalebeka fundzisa nabo kaNdinda Primary kutsi **Hlobile Fortunato Maseko** akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihiwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 4 February 2017 ngemvawemlindzelo lotoba ngalesihlanu kubo eDvudvusini(ka Magagane). Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Senzo Maseko umnakabo egameni lemndeni. Rest in peace wena Wendlovu.

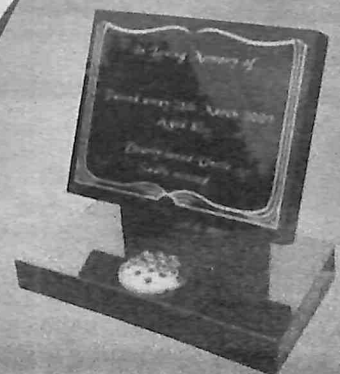
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## El Hadary heroics defy belief

**LIBREVILLE** - It is a script that would require a cast-iron suspension of disbelief, but film makers would have no shortage of material to document the exploits of 44-year-old goalkeeper Essam El Hadary, whose heroics helped Egypt reach the African Nations Cup final on Wednesday.

Not satisfied with getting another chance in the national team and breaking the record for the oldest player at a major continental championship, El Hadary saved two spot-kicks as the seven-time champions beat Burkina Faso 4-3 on penalties.

El Hadary, making his 150th international appearance, virtually carried his team to the final with a string of second-half saves in Libreville, keeping the score tied at 1-1 before stopping from Herve Koffi and Bertrand Traore in the shootout.

Flinging himself around his box like a sprightly teenager, El Hadary rebuffed the Burkinabe time and again and was all that stood between his tired-looking side and defeat.

"I had a feeling that I was going to save the final two penalties," El Hadary said after the game.

A place in Sunday's final in Libreville, where Egypt face either Cameroon or Ghana, offers him a chance to become the first player to win five Nations Cup titles.

His first came as a reserve in 1988, just two years after his debut, but he was at the peak of his career as Egypt won three back-to-back Nations Cup titles between 2006 and 2010.

"When we headed to the penalty shootout, our 2006 title victory crossed my mind," he added. In that final El Hadary saved from Didier Drogba as Egypt edged Ivory Coast 4-2 on post match kicks.

Images of El Hadary celebrating on top of the goalpost remain among the tournament's most endearing.

A recall as back-up in the squad last year and then injury to Ahmed El Shenawy in the first game of the tournament in Gabon opened the door for another remarkable chapter to his career, just two days after he turned 44 on January 15.

"I'm happy to be in contention for all of these records but the most important is for Egypt to win the cup," El Hadary told reporters on the eve of Wednesday's semi-final. *Reuters*



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## Chelsea legend Lampard calls it a day

**LONDON** - Lampard has called time on a 21-year professional career.

The 38-year-old spent last season with MLS side New York City but he will be best remembered for his 13 years as a Chelsea player.

He made 648 appearances for the Blues, winning three Premier League titles and becoming the club's all-time leading goalscorer in the process. Lampard also won 106 England caps and represented his country at three World Cups.

"After 21 incredible years, I have decided that now is the right time to finish my career as a professional footballer," said Lampard, who began his career with West Ham and also spent time at Manchester City, in a statement on his official Facebook page.

"Whilst I have received a number of exciting offers to continue playing at

home and abroad, at 38 I feel now is the time to begin the next chapter in my life.

"I'm immensely proud of the trophies I've won, of representing my country over 100 times and of scoring more than 300 career goals.

"I'd also like to pay tribute to the clubs that I have represented. Firstly, West Ham United who gave me my debut in 1996.

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"Thanks to the people there that believed in me at that young age. More recently Manchester City and New York City FC.

"I greatly enjoyed my last playing years at these two clubs and really appreciate the support I received from City Football Group and both clubs' fans.

"Of course, the largest part of my heart belongs to Chelsea Football Club, a club which has given me so

many great memories.

"I will never forget the opportunity they gave me and the success that we managed to achieve together.

"It is impossible to give thanks individually to all the people that helped and supported me in my 13 years playing there.

All I can say is from the day I signed until now and going forward, I'm eternally grateful for everything and to everyone.

"Chelsea fans gave myself and my teammates such incredible support.

"Their passion and hunger drove me on personally to give my best year after year. I couldn't have done it without them.

"Looking forward, I'm grateful to the FA for the opportunity to study for my coaching qualifications and I look forward to pursuing the off-field opportunities that this decision opens." *Dailystar*

## GRIEZMANN AGREED MAN UNITED MOVE

**MADRID** - France international striker Antoine Griezmann has reached an agreement with Manchester United over a transfer from Atletico Madrid at the end of the season, Yahoo Sport has reported.

According to the report, United will have to pay at least €100 million to secure the 25-year-old forward, who has scored 14 goals in 39 appearances for Les Bleus and was instrumental in the

side's run to the Euro 2016 final. Griezmann was the leading scorer in the tournament with six goals but hosts France lost 1-0 to Portugal in the title decider.

The Press Association, however, is reporting that no agreement has been reached, citing a Manchester United source.

United are sixth in the Premier League, 14 points behind leaders Chelsea.

*Reuters*



### TENDERS FOR PROVISION OF TRANSPORT SERVICES TO THE ROYAL VILLAS HOTEL

The Royal Villas Hotel is inviting suitably qualified companies to tender for the provision of staff transport (between Mbabane, Ezulwini and Lobamba) from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The written proposals should be addressed to the following address and be received by 16:00hrs on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 sealed and marked TENDER TO SUPPLY:

The General Manager  
The Royal Villas Hotel  
P.O. Box 511  
Ezulwini

### CONDITIONS

1. No faxed Tender will be accepted
2. Tender submitted after closing date will not be considered
3. The quoted price must be guaranteed for a full year from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018. A sum of E300.00 (Three hundred emalangen) to be paid on collection of Tender application forms from the Royal Villas Hotel Reception.

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# MOURINHO WALKS OUT OF POST-MATCH INTERVIEW

MANCHESTER - Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho walked out of a post-match television interview after his side were held to a 0-0 draw by Premier League strugglers Hull City on Wednesday.

United were left four points off the Champions League spots in sixth place after failing to exploit the points dropped the previous evening by leaders Chelsea, Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal. Mourinho suggested referee Mike Jones had showed Hull too much leniency, but when asked to elaborate, he told a BBC reporter: "If you do not know football, you should not have a microphone in your hand."

He then walked away, cutting the interview short. Mourinho had also accused officials of double standards, citing Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp's comment that the fourth official told him "I like your passion" during his



side's 1-1 draw with Chelsea. "Yesterday a fourth official told a manager: 'I enjoy very much your passion,'" said the

United manager. "Today I am told to sit down or I am going to be sent to the stand." *sport24*



**GAME ON:** Arsenal's German midfielder Mesut Ozil (c) battles with Chelsea's Brazilian midfielder Willian (r) and Chelsea's French midfielder N'Golo Kante (l).

## Arsenal face day of reckoning at Chelsea

LONDON - Arsenal travel across town to a vengeful Chelsea tomorrow knowing that another depressing defeat at Stamford Bridge would see their Premier League title hopes swept away with the lunchtime leftovers.

Victory for Chelsea in the early kick-off will send the Blues 12 points clear at the top and draw a definitive line under the 3-0 mauling Antonio Conte's side suffered at the Emirates in September.

Chelsea went on a 13-match winning run after that setback - their heaviest loss of the campaign so far - and are favourites against third-placed opponents shocked by a stinging 2-1 home loss to Watford in midweek.

"When you lose a match like that (in September) playing for this kind of club, it is very hard to accept," said Chelsea midfielder Nemanja Matic, ahead of a derby that never lacks need.

"I hoped it was going to be a wake-up call for us and it was... sometimes you have to lose a game to wake up and I am sure we will not allow any more defeats like that one," he told reporters after Chelsea drew 1-1 at Liverpool.

"Are we looking forward to this game even more to put things right? Of course."

Arsenal fans, who still have nightmares about the 6-0 drubbing suffered at Chelsea on Manager Arsene Wenger's 1 000th game in charge in 2014, will be hoping that the Watford result has a similar galvanising effect.

The Gunners have not won at their rivals in the league since October 2011 but need to do it more than ever this time if a first title since 2004 is to be anything more than a distant dream this season.

Wenger will not be on the bench, with the Frenchman serving the third game of a four-match touchline ban for his sending off against Burnley, but he will have had plenty to say to his players.

Goalkeeper Petr Cech, returning to his old surroundings, is sure to be pepped up already as will Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez, whose tally of 15 goals currently tops the league scorers standings with Chelsea's Diego Costa.

But Arsenal will need to be fully switched on, mentally as well as phys-

ically, to crack a defence that has conceded just 16 goals in 23 matches.

And there are those who doubt Arsenal's ability to put it all together in what could be their toughest test.

"Even Wenger must concede they need a miracle to win the Premier League now," commented old foe and former Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp in a column for the Evening Standard.

"They have to beat Chelsea on Saturday to have any chance, but the players must be at an all-time low after losing to Watford, who had one win in nine games before Tuesday.

"Their defending for both goals against Watford was shocking and it just makes me think even more that Arsenal's back four is not up to the level needed to win the title."

Wenger has given his players two days rest ahead of the clash, according to media reports. The Gunners will be without injured midfielder Aaron Ramsey and have striker Olivier Giroud doubtful with an ankle knock. © Reuters



## Donald Trump's golf club fined millions of dollars

WASHINGTON - A federal court in Florida on Wednesday ordered a golf club owned by President Donald Trump to pay nearly \$6 million to former members who sought reimbursement of their dues.

The group of about 65 former members of Trump National Jupiter Golf Club had said they wanted to leave the club after Trump bought it from the Ritz-Carlton in 2012.

Rules normally would allow them to keep playing until new members were found. They were paying \$18 000 a year in dues.

But the new management run by Trump changed the rules, refusing to return the deposits to the departing members and barring them from the club.

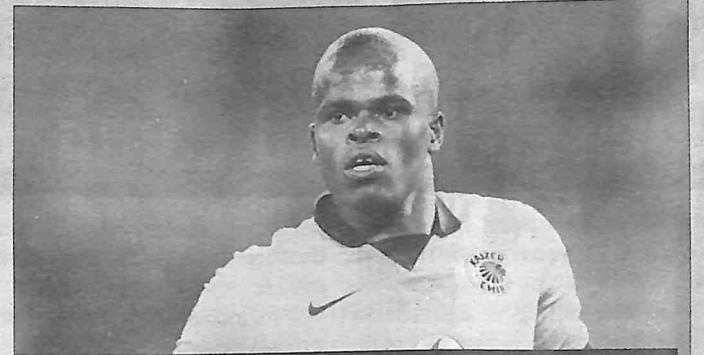
US District Judge Kenneth Marra

of West Palm Beach ordered Trump's club to pay them \$4.8 million plus some \$925 000 in interest, for a total of \$5.7 million.

"By categorically denying class members all rights to club access because they remained on the resignation waiting list as of December 31, 2012, defendant revoked or cancelled their memberships," Marra wrote.

"Because defendant did not refund class members' deposits by January 30, 2013, it committed a material breach of the membership agreement going to the essence of the contract, causing plaintiffs and the class members damages measured by the amounts of their refundable deposits plus accruing interest."

AFP



## Chiefs table offers to Katsande, Maluleka

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs have tabled offers to midfielders Willard Katsande and George Maluleka as they look to keep the pair at the club for the foreseeable future.

Katsande has become a stalwart in the holding position in front of the back four for Chiefs, while Maluleka has consistently displayed his potential.

Amakhosi Manager Bobby Motaung confirmed on Tuesday that negotiations are underway with the pair and offers have been made to extend their stay.

Motaung added that talks are also underway with Tsepo Masilela and Lucky Baloyi.

"We are working around the clock to review the contracts of Lucky Baloyi, Willard Katsande, Tsepo Masilela and George Maluleka," he told the club's official website.

"Proposals are on the table with regard to Katsande and Maluleka. We are waiting for Katsande to return from (AFCON) national team duty to continue with the negotiations. We are looking to finalise Maluleka's deal by the end of the week."

Katsande captained Zimbabwe at the African Cup of Nations, where his side crashed out of the group stages after their loss to Tunisia. *sport24*

## Jesus is like a watermelon - Guardiola

MANCHESTER - Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola feels he might have unearthed a gem of a player in Gabriel Jesus after the young striker's virtuoso display in Wednesday's 4-0 Premier League win at West Ham United.

The 19-year-old, who joined at the start of January from Brazilian side Palmeiras, scored one and assisted on another on his first start for his new club.

"You never know. It's like a watermelon. You have to open to see if it's good or not. The prospect was good. Jesus is a fighter with instinct for the goal," Guardiola told British media. "He has dreams about what he wants to do in his future career. He wants to become something in world football, and we're going to

try to get it for us."

Jesus' rise might have come at a cost for Sergio Aguero, who was benched on Wednesday despite being fit, but Guardiola said the explosive Argentine striker remained firmly part of his plans.

"Aguero is so important for us. He knows and everyone knows we cannot succeed without his contributions," Guardiola added.

"I sit with my staff and we take the decisions, and it depends on the performance of the past. In this crazy calendar, it is impossible to play with the same players all the time."

City, who are fifth in the league after 23 games, 10 points behind leaders Chelsea, host relegation-threatened Swansea City, in 17th, on Sunday. *Supersport*



# Weekend Sports Fixtures

...Compiled by Sibusiso Dlamini

**Ingwenyama Cup final**

**Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium**  
Mbabane Swallows vs Young Buffaloes 3:30pm

**MTN National First Division****Tonight at Mavuso Sports Centre**

Ludzeludze Brothers vs Hub Sundowns 6:30pm  
Matsapha United vs Hlatikhulu Tycoons 8:30pm

**Tomorrow at Killarney Stadium**

Malanti Chiefs vs Bad Boys 3pm

**Tomorrow at Manzini Club**

Mbabane Citizens vs City Warriors 3pm

**Tomorrow at Mayaluka Stadium**

Sikhalo Se-Africa vs Vovovo 2pm  
Madlenya vs Amalanda 4pm

**Brand active Mbabane Juniors knock-out tournament****Tomorrow at Msunduzi sports - Finals**

Dark city vs Wizards 8:30am (U13)  
Super Stars vs Swallows 9:30am (U15)  
All stars vs Hurricane 10:30am (U17)  
Umbelebele vs Supersport 11:30am (U20)

**Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League****Southern zone****Tomorrow at casino**

Swazi Sun vs Burning Spear 3:30pm

**Veni sports**

Umbelebele vs V. Killers 3:30pm

**Embo sports**

Tinyosi vs Wizards 3:30pm

**Hhukwini sports**

Sibuyeni vs Gordon Stars 3:30pm

**Prince of Wales**

PMT vs Billy Ocean 3pm

**Sibovini sports**

Sibovini vs M. Invaders 3:30pm

**Northern****Tomorrow at Prison sports**

19 Celtics vs Ndeva 1:30pm

Mvuma vs Ndlalambi 3:30pm

**Buhleni sports**

Horo vs Vultures 3:30pm

**Rocklands sports**

B. Swallows vs Nkonjaneni 1:30pm

Manchester vs N. Swallows 3:30pm

**Nttonjeni sports**

M. Arsenal vs Pachanga 3:30pm

**PMT Mbabane knock-out tournament****Promotion****Tomorrow at Msunduzi**

Freestyle vs Corporation 1:30pm

Supersport vs Pot O Gold 3:30pm

**Mandla mahewu Mbabane league**

Wailers vs Darkies 9am

Royal Dynamos vs Supersport 11am

**Bakhanyisele mabulala & Menzi Dlamini Maphalaleni league****Eastern Stream****Tomorrow at Maphalaleni**

Young lovers vs Liselesele 9am

Manchester vs Young stars 11am

Xi Experience vs Luvunjelo 1pm

Barcelona vs Killers 3pm

**Bizza Sports**

Blue Birds vs Khulungwane 9am

Umkhokha vs Thuluzobona 11am

Professionals vs Rangers 1pm

Junior Stars vs Hotspurs 3pm

**Pots construction Sigangeni league****Tomorrow at Ntsetse**

Men Unlimited vs Usushwana Eagles 1:30pm

Ntsetse vs Real Touch 3:30pm

**Sigangeni sports**

Kangaroo vs Mz. Celtics 1:30pm

L. Nationals vs Mighty Chiefs 3:30pm

**Magilane**

Cannibals vs Villa Sport 1:30pm

Kupheleni vs Real United 3:30pm

**Mhlambanyatsi sports**

Community vs Real United 3:30pm

**Sunday at Sigangeni sports**

Sigangeni vs Young Fighters 10am

Young Heroes vs Total Xi 10am

**Ematombeni Mdzimba league****Tomorrow at Hhukwini**

Rhumba vs Rebels 1:30pm

Sibuyeni vs Gordon Stars 3:30pm

**Nsukumbili sports**

Swallows vs Chiefs 1:30pm

Timbungulu vs Sundowns 3:30pm

**Sunday at Hhukwini**

Mashuba vs Rhinos 9am

Green Sea vs Monaco 11am

Rangers vs Kasiko 1pm

Arsenal vs All Stars 3pm

**Nsukumbili sports**

Cosmos vs Top Centre 2pm

**Futis Nkhaba League****Tomorrow at Majotini**

Mhlosehni Celtics vs Dribbling Stars 1:30pm

Super Stars vs Nkoyoyo 3:30pm

**Motshane sports**

Barcelona vs Manyisa 1:30pm

Ngwenya vs Atletico 3:30pm

**Sunday at Majotini sports**

Shooting Stars vs Crocodiles 9am

Majotini vs Motshane 11:30am

**Ngwenya sports**

Bafana vs Marisburg 11am

**Sikhumbuto Timpisini League****Tomorrow at LFTC**

Red lions vs Gunners 11am

Msahweni vs Golden 1pm

Soccer Rose vs Blue Birds 3pm

**Sunday at LFTC**

Stone breakers vs AK 47 11am

Mv. Sundowns vs Matsamo 1pm

Mb. Swallows vs Star wanderers 3pm

**Ngonini sports**

Choppers vs Zamalek 1pm

H. Pirates vs Njakeni 3pm

**Sharks Mhlangatane league****Tomorrow at Machibini**

Liverpool vs Xi Men 3pm

**Makhweya sports**

Makhweya vs Cosmos 1pm

New Castle vs M. Bombers 3pm

**Sunday at Makhweya**

H. Defenders vs Swallows 3pm

**Machibini sports**

Rovers vs M. United 11am

Real Aces vs T. Wizards 1pm

Tigers vs Seven stars 3pm

**Sompisi MP Nttonjeni league****Tomorrow at Nttonjeni**

Mbabatane vs Liverpool 1pm

Chelsea vs Express 3pm

**Mshinande**

Uprises vs Zibonele 1pm

Barcelona vs Trounge 3pm

**Sunday at ntonjeni**

Ntintinyane vs Teenagers 1pm

Hellenic vs Seven Up 3pm

**Mshinande sports**

Black stone vs Royal Madrid 1pm

United Aces vs H. Pirates 3pm

**Malindza Zonal E35 000 League****Mpaka Stadium**

Tomorrow vs Malindza United 9am

Dvokodweni vs Emahlokoohloko 11am

Gabi Gabi vs Bhelebane 1pm

**Sunday**

Zamalek vs Lubhuku 8:30am

Juventus vs Promising Stars 10:30am

**Tee and Jay LRFL Promotion:****Tomorrow at Lobamba**

L. Wanderers vs Emajukujuku 1:30 pm

L. Sunrise vs City Stars 3:30 pm

**Tomorrow at Elangeni**

Real Masters vs Smuza-muza 3:30 pm

**Tomorrow at Enkalakatha**

Emaselesele vs Stone Breakers 9:30 am

E. Rangers vs Prime Spurs 3:30 pm

**Tomorrow at Embo**

Fast Reaction vs E. United 1pm

**Sunday at Embo**

L. Dynamos vs Vutha 3:30 pm

**Tomorrow at Lobamba**

L. Blizzards vs Ezulwini Aces 1:30 pm

L. Wanderers vs Real Masters (replay) 3:30 pm

**Tee and Jay LRFL First Division:****Tomorrow at Lobamba**

Masters UTD vs Luveve Killers 11:30 am

**Tomorrow at Elangeni**

Lusito Lions vs Somjalose Classic 11:30 am

Power Stars vs Malagwane 1:30 am

**Tomorrow at Enkalakatha**

Ezulwini FC vs Umlilo 9:30 am

Scorpion vs Silomo 11:30 am

Servest vs X - Eleven 1:30 am

**Sunday**

Liwakawaka vs Elangeni Vultures 11:30 am

Z. All Stars vs Majitamajita 1:30 pm

**Manzini Super League****Tomorrow at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground**

Sisonkhe vs Nyakeni Heroes 3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at Golden Sports Ground**

Stumbo's XI vs Fairview Cosmos 3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground**

Milling Hotspurs vs Malkems 3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at Ludzeludze Sports Ground**

Sacrament vs Seven Dreams 1:30 pm

CNB Rovers vs Ludzeludze Killers 3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at Luyengo Sports Ground**

Luyenog Foxes vs Luve Cosmos 3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at Mankayane Sports Ground**

Young Warriors vs Dwaleni Star Point 3:15 pm

**Sunday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground**

Boyane Young Aces vs Gocweni Trompies

**Riverview Manzini promotion league****Tomorrow at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground**

African Chiefs vs Two Sticks Comrades 1:30 pm

**Riverview Manzini first Division League****Tomorrow at Salesian Sports Ground**

God's Property vs Ngculwini All Stars 1:30 pm

Skom Boys vs Bremer United 3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground**

Nhlambeni United vs Old Zakhele 1:30 pm

Lwandle Y. Tigers vs Wonderful Touch 3:15 pm

**Sunday at Salesian Sports Ground**

Manzini United vs God's Property 9am

Villa Sport vs Ngwane Park 11am

**Sunday at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground**

Ngculwini All Stars vs The Bones 9am

Manzini Bullets vs Bremer United 11am

**Sunday at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground**

Skom Boys vs Hot Beans 9am

Chaos LTD vs Parachute 11am

**Sunday at Salesian Sports Ground**

Green Way vs Manzini United 9am

**SAVE MOR Kwaluseni promotion league****Sunday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground**

Dark City vs Kwaluseni Rebels 1:30 pm

**Tomorrow at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground**

Royal Swallows vs Ntunja Arsenal 1:30 pm

FC Matsapha vs Sihhohweni Amajita 3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at Zombodze Sports Ground**

Kudzeni United vs Mhlane United 1:30 pm

Zombodze United vs Loxitha Spurs 3:15 pm

**Sunday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground**

Real Professionals vs Nsenga Comrades 9am

**Sunday at Zombodze Sports Ground**

Zama United vs Swazi Wire 10am

**Sunday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground**

Real Heroes vs Matsapha Auto Zone 11am

**SAVE MOR Kwaluseni First Division League****Sunday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground**

Mahashulane vs Fashion International 9am

**S & S Malkerns promotion League****Tomorrow at Mahlanya Sports Ground**

Ngodini vs NdindaVolcanoe 1:30pm

Mahlanya United vs Current Toasters 3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at Golden Sports Ground**

Vickery Nomads vs Home Talent 1:30pm

**Sunday at Golden Sports Ground**

Swazi Can United vs Izinyokanyoka 10am

**Mkhiweni Promotion League****Tomorrow at Nkhundleni Sports Ground**

Luve Classic vs Colani United 1:30 pm

Luve Suncity vs Sangcofo 3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at Mliba Sports Ground**

Manchester vs All Nations 1:30 pm

Bantu City vs Mbasheni Brothers 3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at Mcozini Sports Ground**

Zama United vs Liverpool 1:30 pm

Thuluzobona vs White Killers 3:15 pm

**Sunday at Nkhundleni Sports Ground**

Ngonini Young Aces vs Step Ahead 9am

**Sunday at Mcozini Sports Ground**

All Stars vs Luve Stars 9am

All Nations vs Bantu City 11am

**Sunday at Mliba Sports Ground**

Toronto vs Mantshonga 9am

**CORBAN Mafutseni Promotion League****Tomorrow at Vulamehlo Sports Ground**

Ma-G-Man vs Nkanga Pirates 1:30 pm

Mkhuzweni United vs Young Killers 3:15 pm

**Saturday at Nkonga Sports ground**

Khamatfo vs Dynamos 1:30 pm

Madubula Rovers vs Young Camibals 3:15 pm

**Sunday at Nkonga Sports Ground**

Moyeni United vs SicameloSa-Chief 9am

Dynamos vs Ntabamhloshana 11am

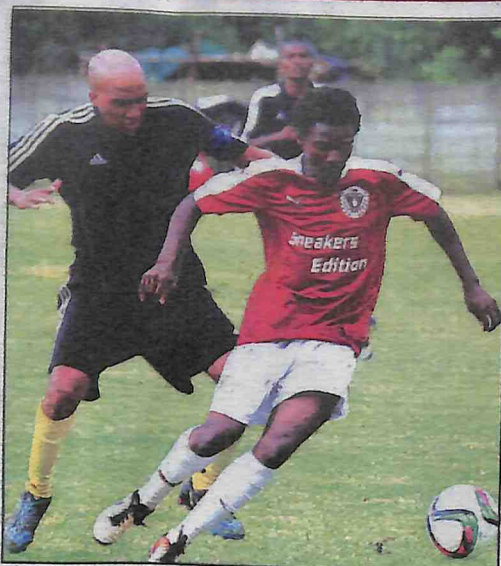
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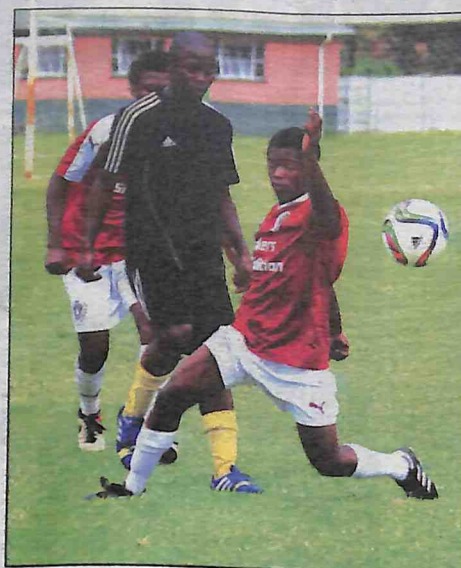
# MBABANE DRIBBLING WIZARDS, SIBOVINI GAME IN PICS



**THEY MEET:** Mbabane Dribbling Wizards player Sandile 'Theo' Motsa moves with the ball while former Wanderers teammate Sabelo Shongwe (now playing for Sibovini) pursues him. (Courtesy pics)



**TIGHT MARKING:** Former Malanti Chiefs striker, now Sibovini player Sabelo marking Wizards' 'Xavi'.



**SAFETY FIRST:** Wizards player Mncedo 'Stava' Shongwe clears the ball while his opponent closes in.



**GIVE WAY:** A Sibovini striker tries to negotiate his way past his opponent.



**TAKING ORDERS:** Mbabane Dribbling Wizards taking instructions from their coach before the start of the match.



**CLEAR:** A defender clears the ball from Sibovini striker Mphumzeni Dlamini.



**BALL CONTROL:** Part of the action during the match.



The Southern African Customs Union (SACU) has adopted a Vision and Mission statement and a new Work Programme for promoting sustainable development and deeper integration within the SACU region. The SACU Secretariat hereby invites suitably qualified and experienced citizens of Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia and South Africa to submit their applications for the following positions.

**TENDER NO: SACU / 010 / 2017 / 0**

## SACU STUDY TO ASSESS THE EXPORT MARKET AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EFTA

The SACU Secretariat wishes to appoint suitably qualified, experienced and reputable consultant(s) who have proven research experience and knowledge in export market and investment promotion issues in the SACU, EFTA and other Regional Economic Blocs; to undertake the above study.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) document can be obtained online at [www.sacu.int](http://www.sacu.int) OR directly from the SACU Secretariat Offices at Erf: 8531 Corner of Lazarett and Feld Street, Windhoek, Namibia.

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**Closing Date & Time: 13h00 (Namibian time) on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

The SACU Secretariat reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal that fails to meet its requirements and will not, in any case, be responsible or liable for any costs associated with the preparation and submission of any proposal. Kindly note that only short-listed bidders will be contacted. Please note that this tender requires two offers, a technical and a financial offer, submitted in separate envelopes as stipulated in the ToR document.



**SUPPORT:** Some of the fans who watched the games.



**IN SONG:** Wizards fans singing and dancing during the match.





**IT'S ON:** Bantfwabekhosi team captain representative Prince Sicalo meeting the chiefs' team representative Chief Ndlaluhlaza Ndwandwe. This was during the official handover of the kit to the teams who will battle it out before the main finals on Sunday. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)

## INGWENYAMA CUP KIT PRESENTATION



**CEOs:** SNAC CEO Stanley Dlamini receiving the CEO kits from Ingwenyama Cup board of trustees Chairman Prince Hlangabeza.



**KING'S OFFICE:** Tulujane Sikhondze, who represented the King's Office team, being presented with the team's kit.



**GAME ON:** SNAC CEO Stanley Dlamini, who represented the CEOs team, Chief Ndlaluhlaza who represented chiefs, Tulujane Sikhondze, who represented the King's Office and Gcogca Dlamini, all dressed up.



**BANTFWABENKHOSI:** Bantfwabekhosi captain representative Prince Sicalo was on hand to receive their kit.



**BOBABE BO CHIEF:** Chief Ndlaluhlaza accepting their jersey on behalf of the chiefs.



**YASH'INGOMA:** Teams who will be competing under the culture tournament were found busy preparing for the finals.



Until no child has AIDS

### ASSOCIATE ADVISOR: COMMUNITY OUTREACH (4 positions)

**Reports to:** Health Services Manager - Community and Outreach Services  
**Department/Unit:** Health Services Delivery (HSD)  
**Station:** EGPAF Mbabane Offices (2); EGPAF Shiselweni Offices/Nhlangano (2)

#### Job Summary:

The Associate Advisor for Community Outreach is responsible for implementation of community mobilization and engagement activities to strengthen uptake of clinical services (HTS, PMTCT/MNCH, TB, HIV care and treatment) and retention in care. Community engagement activities in HHOHHO & SHISELWENI regions will include community days, school debates, training and follow up of community cadres, male focused health days etc.

#### Core Duties and Responsibilities:

##### Program Planning, Management and Development (20%)

- Assists in the development of intervention guidelines and protocols, SOPs, as well as indicators and data collection tools for community engagement
- Assists in the development of training material for the training of community health care workers Participates in development of community services work plan and monitors implementation
- Facilitate program learning through documentation and dissemination of findings and promising practices
- Assist in monitoring of the budget required for the project as needed
- Participates in meetings with the selected community partner(s) to review implementation progress and address any challenges
- Participate in development of EGPAF work plans

##### Program Implementation (80%)

- Participates in the implementation of the community interventions which include community days, school debates, training and follow up of community cadres, male focused health days
- Maps out communities for community services and develop schedules for the implementation of the community interventions
- Ensures all relevant community structures, RHMTs and other stakeholders are engaged and informed of all community activities before implementation
- Ensures mobilization of target population in the communities for the planned activities
- Assists in ensuring relevant baseline information or data are collected before implementation of any activity
- Sets up planning communities and conducts pre-event planning meetings with relevant stakeholders
- Supports actual implementation of planned community activities including training of community cadre, conducting dialogues during community days etc.
- Supports the establishment and strengthening of a referral network model that facilitates linkages between communities and health facilities to ensure delivery of comprehensive HTS, PMTCT, TB and HIV care and treatment services
- Ensures successful linkage of all clients identified through community activities for follow up care at the nearest health facility
- Ensures all community activities follow set standards and SOPs
- Documents and shares successes and strategies in the community interventions implemented by EGPAF
- Compiles quality weekly, monthly and quarterly project reports as requested by the supervisor
- Other duties may be assigned by the supervisor as and when needed

#### Qualifications

- A degree/diploma in health related field or social science
- A Master's Degree in public health or related field will be an added advantage
- Training in HIV testing, PMTCT, MNCH, HIV care and treatment will be added advantage

#### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- 3-5 years of experience in HIV care and treatment, PMTCT and MNCH
- 3-5 years of practical experience in community entry and engagement processes in Swaziland
- Knowledge and experience working with health programs especially HIV/AIDS and TB in Swaziland
- 3-5 years of experience in managing or coordinating people at community level
- Good knowledge and understanding of HIV/AIDS and TB issues in Swaziland
- Ability and willingness to work during weekends
- Strong written and verbal skills
- Strong analytical skills
- Computer literacy including use of Word, Power point, Excel packages
- Ability to effectively manage lay staff and work as part of a team
- Ability and willingness to undertake frequent in country travel
- Fluency in SiSwati and English required

Please clearly indicate in the application letter which region you like to be based in i.e. Hhohho Offices or Shiselweni Offices. Interviews for each region will be done differently.

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## football talk

all your latest world football news

● Manchester United have an agreement in principle with Atletico Madrid striker Antoine Griezmann for the 25-year-old to join the Red Devils in the summer. (Canal+ via Guardian)



● However, United have denied a deal has been agreed for the France international. (PA, via ESPN)

● Celtic's French striker Moussa Dembele, 20, will be Chelsea Manager Antonio Conte's main target in the summer transfer window. (Daily Mirror)

● The Blues are also targeting Real Madrid striker Alvaro Morata, 24, and Southampton defender Virgil van Dijk, 25. (Daily Telegraph)

● Striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, 27, looks set to leave Borussia Dortmund in the summer, prompting the German club to consider a move for Athletic Bilbao's Inaki Williams, 22. (Marca)

● Manchester United striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, 35, could move to Napoli in the summer, according to his agent Mino Raiola. (CRC via Daily Star)

● Swansea City rejected an offer of more than £30m for midfielder Gylfi Sigurdsson, 27, after the Iceland international became the latest big-name target for the Chinese Super League. (Wales Online)



● West Brom boss Tony Pulis says top scorer Salomon Rondon, 27, has been unsettled by personal problems rather than a big-money bid from China. (Daily Mirror)

● Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe says an offer was made to bring Chelsea defender Nathan Ake, 21, back to the Vitality Stadium following an earlier loan spell. (Daily Express)

● West Ham would have received twice the £25m fee they got from Marseille for 29-year-old midfielder Dimitri Payet if the player's true value had been met, according to Hammers co-Chairman David Gold. (BT Sport)

● Crystal Palace and Hull City both failed with deadline-day moves for 26-year-old former Sunderland midfielder Yann M'Vila, who plays for Rubin Kazan. (Talksport)

● Leicester, Burnley, Swansea and Southampton made enquiries for Celtic defender Erik Sviatchenko, 25, and the Scottish giants also resisted interest in 22-year-old defender Jojo Simunovic from Torino. (Daily Record)



## DU'S CORNER

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PLS Youth Development  
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**FINALS:** The two captains Tony 'TT' Tsabedze and Ndoda 'Stomach' Mtseftwa posing with MVA CEO Helmon Vilakati and Ingwenyama Cup board of Trustees Chairman Prince Hlangabeza.

# INGWENYAMA CUP DELIGHT!

**WITHOUT any doubt, it has been a very long and demanding journey in the Ingwenyama Cup whose curtain will finally close on Sunday at the country's only MECCA, Somhlolo National Stadium.**

It started with an incredible 104 clubs sweating it out for the top honours but only two now remain.

It is undoubtedly the country's on-form teams at the moment; Mbabane Swallows and Young Buffaloes who will line up on Sunday and it remains to be seen who will have the last laugh?

Well, Swallows' astonishing record this season is there for everybody to see and after so many games played already this season, the Mbabane giants are yet to taste defeat in all competitions.

That in itself speaks volumes about the brutal form the red and white giants are currently in. Buffaloes' form this season has not been bad either because according to records, the army side has lost only once this season thus far, which was ironically against their very opponents on Sunday.

It is, therefore, fair to declare this will be the mother of all battles given the two teams' current form. We can only invite all Swazis around the country, including those that are in the local shores for other reasons, to be part of the fun on Sunday.

We are also appealing for good behaviour from those present because we are expecting important visitors for different departments, including government, National Football Association (FA) president, Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) chairman. Some will come from bigger leagues in the world including Spain, Germany and Italy, amongst others.

We are also expecting international scouts who will be attending

the game to look for fresh local talent, which the two finalists undoubtedly possess.

Let us all make this a day to remember by being at our best behaviour and accepting the result in the true spirit of sportsmanship.

### His Majesty King Mswati III – Our beacon of light

This column thanks His Majesty King Mswati III for showing invaluable support towards not only football but all sporting codes in the country over the years.

We also appreciate the fact that the Ingwenyama Cup, which is his brainchild, does not only bring the excitement of watching football but promotes the country's culture as well.

This actually makes the ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs to be fully functional, which is good for the country as a whole.

We have already seen the King being fully involved in other sporting codes

like golf where he is not shy to display his passion for the sport.

We truly salute His Majesty for his efforts in developing this country

through sports and we wish to assure him that as sports people, we

will always be there to make his dreams come true. Bayethe... Uyimbube Uyesabeka!

### MVA – Our good partners

We thank them for partnering with football and assure them this was not a mistake at all.

You have chosen the right vehicle to market your products through educational programmes. We thank the MVA CEO in particular because without his whole-hearted support, success in this tournament would be difficult to attain.

He has shown immense support towards football, which we need to appreciate in the football fraternity. We do hope his objectives in sponsoring this tournament will be achieved without any problem as we continue to make it bigger and better!

### Special message to PLS chairman

It would be a grave mistake if we do not recognise the efforts of our Chairman Victor Gamedze in ensuring this tournament is a success story.

What we need to highlight is the fact that upon negotiating the sponsorship with MVA, he found it fit that this tournament is com-

**...Somhlolo National Stadium the place to be on Sunday as Swallows and Buffaloes battle for supremacy in epic final**

peted for by 104 clubs, which is the first-of-its-kind in local football.

Any other chairman would have been tempted to keep such a huge sponsorship in the Premier League but Gamedze's kind gesture demonstrates the fact that he wants to see football develop even at regional level.

We cannot forget the other sponsors he has managed to clinch for the PLS and as an organisation, we feel very proud to have him as our leader. As if that was not enough, the chairman ensured that two developmental leagues, being the Under-20s and 17s, are fully catered for and functional at the same time. Those are traits of a good leader and we say thank you very much!

### To Swallows, Buffaloes players

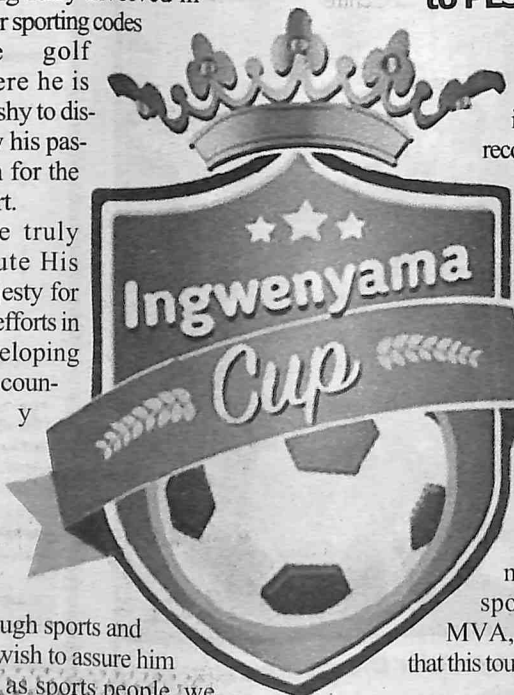
The 5th of February would be your day to enjoy and entertain the masses that will cascade at the Somhlolo Stadium.

We want you to show us your God-given talent but stick to the FIFA fair play spirit at all times. You have both shown true dominance this season and we are all looking forward to nothing but entertainment during the final. May the best club win!

### From the PLS COO

Mr Pat Vilakati is inviting all football lovers in the country to come in their numbers and be part of the entertainment on Sunday.

He has strongly warned against violence, warning that security will be at the highest order to ensure all those present are safe from start to finish. He further wished the two finalists the best of luck as they gear up for Sunday's final.





# TERISAYI JOINS MONENI PIRATES

...coach joins as head of development; team squashes reports of him replacing head coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – FORMER Mbabane Highlanders coach Terisayi Changari has joined Moneni Pirates.**

The former Tambuti coach, who takes over the team's struggling development side, has already assumed his duties.

Moneni Pirates CEO Thami Dlamini confirmed the matter when sought for comment yesterday.

"Our development sides, the U-17 and U-20 are not doing very well and a decision was taken by the team's leaders to get someone qualified to help in improving these structures," he said.

He said they were hopeful the coach would add a lot of value to the teams and help them perform better in their respective leagues.

"Moneni Pirates is a brand and it is



**NEW HOME:** Former Mbabane Highlanders coach, Terisayi Changari.

not right that we are at the bottom of the log in the development league," he said.

Dlamini further highlighted there were people out to disturb the team by circulating false rumours with regards to the hiring of Terisayi.

"Some people are saying Changari is here to replace head coach 'Ace' Dlamini but I must say that it is far from the truth. 'Ace' is our coach and we are happy with his contribution to Moneni Pirates.

"He is very professional and all structures including the elders and the MD have given him thumbs up. In short, 'Ace' is going nowhere, so people should stop spreading lies about the team," he said. Dlamini said only a few coaches in the country could coach Moneni Pirates.

"The team has a certain culture hence, only a few people can take the reins here. Our supporters should relax, nothing is about to change in our technical bench and we are looking forward to a fruitful season," he said.

## Mangaliso nets winner as Mbabane beat Big Bend

Stories by Sibusiso Dlamini

Mbabane Correctional Centre ... (1)2  
Big Bend Correctional Centre.... (0)1

**SOCCER – MBABANE** Correctional Centre's burly forward Mangaliso Ndzinisa scored his team's winning goal as they edged Big Bend 2-1 in their opening game of His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General League.

The mouth-watering encounter was played at Correctional Staff College Sports Ground.

The Mbabane side came into this game targeting the maximum points which saw trusted winger, Marco Vilakati, sliding home an effort from a close range to put the Njabulo Fakudze-led charges on the lead in the 10th minute of the first stanza. Big Bend should curse their gods as they missed a lot of scoring chances as the match went to break with Mbabane leading 1-0. Fatigue seemed to have the better of Big Bend players just after the resumption of the second half which saw the opposition capitalising on bloopers

they created inside the pitch. It was then that Big Bend's Joe had the chance to score what would have been an equaliser in the 56th minute, but the player lost his standing foot.

Mbabane wrapped up the game when Mangaliso Ndzinisa let fly a shot from Ntobeko Mdluli inside the box to make it 2-0. 20 minutes before time, 'Magwaza' negotiated his way past Mzwandile Mhlanga and Melusi Matsebula to give his team their lone goal.

Soon after that, the referee blew his final whistle to end the match. In another encounter that kept spectators on the edges of their seats, Nhlanguano Correctional Centre got the better of Pigg's Peak beating them 3-2.

### TEAMS:

**Mbabane Correctional Centre** – Mduduzi Fakudze, Wandile Mahoko (Mangaliso Ndzinisa), Ntobeko Mdluli, Sibusiso Magagula, Sakhile Phiri

(Mpendulo Khumalo), Melusi Matsebula, Mzwandile Mhlanga, Bongani Simelane, Bheki Ndzinisa, Marco Vilakati, Melusi Zungu

### Big Bend Correctional Centre

– Mphumelelo Nhleko, Makhosonkhe Dlamini, Mhlonishwa Ginindza, Banele Mamba, Bongani Gumedze, Luvuyo Joe, Mthokozi Vilakati, Bheki Ndzinandze, Ndzumiso Sibanyoni, Mlungisi Mlotjwa, Simphiwe Magagula.



**THE SPONSOR:** His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase addressing the gathering during one of the games.

## Commissioner General League put on hold

**SOCCER – HIS Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General League President, Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has put on hold this weekend games.**

According to Ntshangase, who is the patron of the E150 000 sponsored league, the postponement of the games was due to national and departmental duties which are underway this coming weekend.

The commissioner general then advised teams to stay active for the next games in order for the players to gain match fitness. Ntshangase then reminded teams that they should not take the league games lightly following that they were expected to partake in the much-anticipated knock-out tournament to start soon. "These games will gauge their preparedness for the knock-out tournament."

## Paint Somhlolo red and white, 'Birds' supporters urged

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows National Supporters Committee (NSC) has urged the team's supporters to paint the country's s Mecca red and white on Sunday.**

Swallows will take on army outfit Young Buffaloes in the second edition of the Ingwenyama Cup final at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Interviewed yesterday, NSC Secretary,

Jackson Dlamini urged the supporters to come and witness the game live as opposed to relying on other forms of communication.

"This is an important match and we are expecting the stadium to be red and white. We do not encourage the spirit of seeking score updates through social networks, but want the supporters there rallying behind the boys."

Dlamini stated that transport to the stadium has been arranged for supporters in all the different branches.

### THE TRANSPORT:

Pigg's Peak	Plaza	9am	Nancy Pereira (7608 3133)
Buhleni	Pick yours	9am	Sandile Maziya (7608 2575)
Tshaneni	Filling Station	9am	Costance Dlamini (7603 4124)
Siteki	Galp	9am	Velaphi Nhleko (7605 4400)
Big-bend	Mayaluka	9am	Jabulani Dlamini (7614 4594)
Nhlanguano	KFC	9am	Barcelona Sibandze (7647 6485)
Mankayane		12noon	Mlungisi Tsela (7651 2392)
Mphalaleni	Inkhundla	18am	Sikhumbuzo Magagula (7629 5296)
Luve	Shopping complex	8am	Paul Mncube (7608 8053)
Mpaka	Shopping complex	9am	Sikhumbuzo Simelane (7603 9945)
Manzini	Library	9am	Sabelo Msetfwa (7607 1396)
Mbabane	Swallows Corner	9am	Elvis Khanyile (7604 8389)



**GABON HERE WE COME:** Winner of the TOTAL AFCON competition Bheki Bulunga and his friend Mduduzi Zwane being sandwiched by TOTAL MD Anthony Sierbert, Sales and marketing manager intern Khetsiwe Mmemma, and Sini Horton.

## TOTAL gives away two tickets to Gabon for AFCON finals

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER – TOTAL Swaziland has made a dream come true for a fan who has won double tickets and an all expenses paid trip to the finals of the African Football Cup of Nations in Libreville, Gabon.**

The competition started on January 6, 2017 at all Total service stations.

From January 9-20 all customers, participated in the competition after spending E400 and above at the filling stations and won incentives which included bumper stickers, licence disks, branded caps, key rings and soccer balls.

A total of 1 796 Total service stations customers have won the AFCON incentives.

The service station with the highest number of entries was Total Moneni, leading with 210 entries.

On January 21, TOTAL Swaziland conducted a draw for the grand prize, which is a double ticket for a trip to Gabon.

The winner is Bheki Bulunga, who will be travelling with his friend Mduduzi Maziya to Gabon.

Bulunga was ecstatic upon hearing the news and said he was honored to be the winner of the com-

petition.

"I have never won anything in my life, I am ecstatic to have won this awesome prize. Thank you Total for the great prize, I am honored and humbled," said Bulunga.

His friend, Maziya said when he got the call from Bulunga, he thought he was pulling his leg, and it took him time to believe everything.

"I was surprised when my friend called me and asked whether I had my international passport with me. I could not believe him and I thought he was just joking until I got in touch with Total and that's when I got to know it was true."

TOTAL Swaziland MD, Anthony Siebert thanked customers for participating in the competition and further urged the African continent to continue supporting the tournament.

"The competition has been a great milestone for Total and we are grateful to all our customers, who participated in the competition. Today, we are excited to be sending the two winners of the competition to Gabon to watch the finals."

The trip will cost about E25 000 per person and it includes transport, accommodation and tickets.





#### NEDBANK CUP LAST 32 DRAW

FC Cape Town	v	Baroka FC
Free State Stars	v	Highlands Park
Cape Town All Stars	v	Bidvest Wits
Jomo Cosmos	v	United Rovers
Chippa United	v	Witbank Spurs
Buya Msuthu	v	Bloemfontein Celtic
Golden Arrows	v	Maritzburg United
Polokwane City	v	African All Stars
Royal Eagles	v	SuperSport United
Acornbush United	v	Cape Town City
KwaDukuza United	v	Ajax Cape Town

#### 2017 AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS

### CAMEROON DOWN GHANA TO BOOK AFCON FINAL SPOT

**GABON** - Cameroon secured their spot in the Africa Cup of Nations final after securing a 2-0 win over Ghana in their semi-final tie at the Stade de Franceville.

The Indomitable Lions got off to an encouraging start and managed to force Razak Brimah into a couple fine saves, while Adolphe Teikeu saw his header cleared off the line.

Ghana were on the back foot in the opening 25 minutes, but eventually grew into the encounter as the half went on, although chances were hard to come by.

The Black Stars had a wonderful chance to break the deadlock in the 40th minute when Jordan Ayew broke through on goal, however the forward dragged his effort wide.

There was a lively tempo to the encounter, however the score remained goalless as the sides entered the halftime break.

Fabrice Ondoa came to Cameroon's rescue in the 60th minute, as he produced a fine save to keep out Mubarak Wakaso's curling free-kick.

Cameroon eventually broke the deadlock in the 71st minute as an unmarked Michael Ngadeu was allowed to slot home at the far post, 1-0.

Avram Grant responded by introducing Asamoah Gyan in the 75th minute, as they looked for a way back into the encounter.

Cameroon sealed the win in stoppage time, as Christian Bassogog calmly slotted past Brimah to secure their spot in Sunday's final against Egypt.

Ghana will now face Burkina Faso in the third and fourth play-off tomorrow evening.

*Soccer Laduma*



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## NDODA SUSPENDED, TO MISS INGWENYAMA CUP FINAL

...blow for army side as trusted striker nabbed by yellow cards

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – YOUNG Buffaloes have been dealt a huge blow**

ahead of the Ingwenyama Cup final as they will be without the services of trusted striker, Ndoda 'Stomach' Mthethwa.

Buffaloes will lock horns with Mbabane Swallows in the much anticipated final of the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund (SMVAF) sponsored tournament at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

The striker, who played a vital role in the army side's road to the final, has been suspended due to the infamous yellow card rule.

Information gathered is that the striker has two yellow cards picked up during the MTN Premier League games.

According to the rules and regulations of both the MTN league and Ingwenyama Cup, any player who would have two yellow cards will miss the next official game.

Premier League of Swaziland (PLS Chief Operations Officer Pat Vilakati, confirmed the mat-

PROGRAMME:		
6am		- Gates open
6am	- 7am	- Vendors set up
7am	- 7:45am	- Athletics
7:45am	- 8:45am	- Social (MVA vs NFAS/PLS)
9am	- 11:30am	- Culture performances
11:45am	- 12:45pm	- Social (CEOs vs MPs)
1pm	- 1:55pm	- Culture grand closing
2pm	- 3pm	- Princes vs Chiefs
3:15pm		- Trophy parade
3:25pm		- Introduction of teams to guest of honour
3:30pm		- Kick-off (Mbabane Swallows vs Young Buffaloes)
4:15pm		- Athletics relay

ter when sought for comment yesterday.

"Buffaloes' Ndoda Mthethwa is amongst the players, who will miss the next match due to yellow cards. If the next game for him is the Ingwenyama Cup final then he will miss that one. This is according to the rules and regulations," he said.

He said other players, who have been suspended for next games were Manzini Wanderers' Sihle Mkhonta and National First Division

players Freddy Shabangu of Bad Boys and Hub Sundowns duo of Nkosinathi Lushaba and Xolani Gadlela.

Young Buffaloes PRO Sandile Gwebu confirmed the matter yesterday.

"We are aware Ndoda will miss the game on Sunday.

We will miss him but there are other players in the team capable of stepping up to the challenge," he said. The match will take place on Sunday and admission is E40.

### 'NKOMISHI' RECOVERS IN TIME FOR 'BUFFS' CLASH

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER – IN what will come as good news to their fans, Mbabane Swallows experienced goalkeeper Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza, will be available for selection when the 'Birds' take on Young Buffaloes in the Ingwenyama Cup finals on Sunday.** The player injured is back during their MTN Premier League encounter against Sea Birds

last week Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium. Although he was not substituted after the injury, the player was in obvious twinge as he would limp and continuously stroke his back to alleviate the pain.

The acrobatic shot-stopper sat out of Monday and Tuesday's training session while the rest of the players, including Mandla Palma, who was reportedly arrested, went through their paces.

The team's medical panel on Wednesday took the player to hospital to undergo X-rays where they were told the former Manzini Wanderers star could by chance resume training before the end of the week, ahead of the eagerly antici-

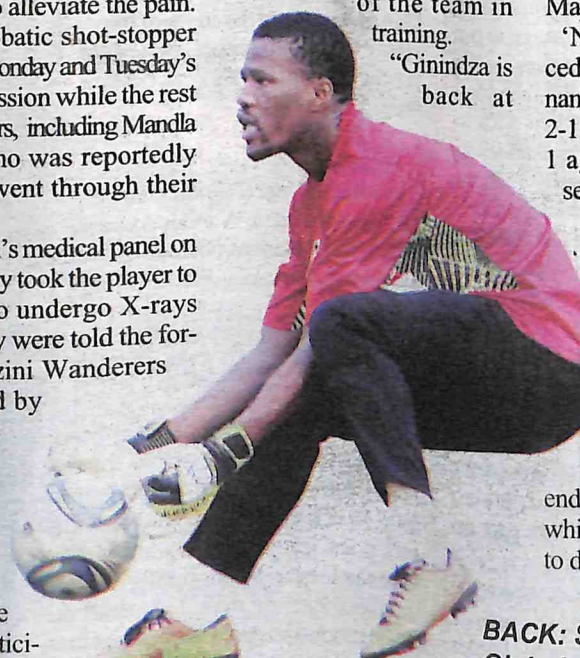
pated final against the army side. Sought for comment on the player's injury update, Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana said 'Nkomishi' had joined the rest of the team in training.

"Ginindza is back at

training and whether he would play or not on Sunday is entirely up to the coaches. All I can say is he will be available for selection when we take on Young Buffaloes on Sunday," Manana said.

'Nkomishi' has only conceded two goals in the tournament as they beat Sea Birds 2-1 in the quarterfinals and 2-1 against Sundowns in the semis.

Swallows will take on the army side in the battle for E1.2 million and 'epic' is the perfect word to describe the clash as Young Buffaloes senior management declared their desire to get the gold medals and put an end to Swallows' dominance while the latter will be all out to defend their title.



BACK: Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza.