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## KING CALLS FOR REFORM OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

**WELCOME TO ESWATINI:** His Majesty King Mswati III extending a warm welcome to New Zealand High Commissioner to Swaziland Mike Burrell who presented his letters of credence to the King at Lozitha Royal Palace yesterday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu) **STORY ON PAGE 3**

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## WARM TO HOT WEEKEND

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**FORECASTERS have predicted a warm to hot weekend ahead.**

According to information

sourced from Swaziland Meteorology Services the weekend will be warm but hot in the Lowveld on the weekend.

"Tomorrow temperatures will rise up to 29 Degrees Celsius at Big Bend, otherwise it will be

warm and mild in Mbabane will have a maximum of 23 Degrees Celsius," said the forecaster. Today, temperatures are expected to reach a maximum of 8/19 Degrees Celsius in the Highveld and 7/26 Degrees Celsius in the Lowveld.

However, temperatures are expected to drop on Monday.

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	BigBend
Today, there will be morning fog places, otherwise partly cloudy and mild in the Lowveld.					
8/19	9/20	10/23	1/22	9/25	7/26
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On Sunday there will be morning fog at places, otherwise partly cloudy and mild to hot in the Lowveld.					
11/20	8/18	9/21	10/20	8/22	6/23

SWINE FLU CASES  
RISE UP TO 14By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**The Ministry of Health has confirmed 14 cases of Influenza A (H1N1) (pdm09) strain to-date.**

The announcement was made by the Director of Health in the Ministry of Health Dr Vusi Magagula in a press conference yesterday. The first case of Influenza A H1N1 was first reported to the Ministry of Health through the Immediate Disease Notification System (IDNS) a month ago, where a 49-year-old female was diagnosed of Influenza A (H1N1) after presenting flu-like symptoms.

"To-date, the country has reported 14 cases of Influenza A (H1N1) (pdm09) strain. This type of flu is seasonal and has been seen to be occurring in our neighbouring countries like South Africa.

The cases are manageable", said Dr Magagula.



**NO CAUSE FOR PANIC: Dr Vusi Magagula Director of Health and WHO's Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu during the press conference. (Pic: Gugu Simelane)**

The director highlighted that the cases have been reviewed and all of them were found to be moderate.

He said all the patients who were found with the virus have since fully recovered.

He noted that the government has not posed any travel or trade restrictions, however the ministry continues to monitor fever cases at the points of entry, including the two international airports.

## No cause for panic - Dr Magagula

**DIRECTOR of Health in the Ministry of Health Dr Vusi Magagula said there is no cause for panic, with the rise in numbers of Influenza A H1N1 cases that has been reported.**

He said the ministry has everything under control and there is no need for the public to panic. He said the response of the Influenza A H1N1 is coordinated by the director of Health Services.

He said the ministry has activated the National Epidemic Task Teams which has representatives from the four regions. He revealed that weekly meetings of the Epidemic Task Forces at all levels are conducted to

provide updates on the current status and response operations.

"All the health facilities have been sensitised to be on the look-out for any person presenting with flu like symptoms.

The ministry would like to assure the public that inventory of all medication for flu-like illnesses has been undertaken and found to be available including the drug of choice Tamiflu", remarked Dr Magagula.

Epidemiologist in the Ministry of Health Nhlahlhla Nhlabatsi said the increase in the number of cases is a great thing as it indicates that a lot of people go to health facilities for the check-ups after experiencing pro-

longed flu. "After the first announcement of the three cases and requesting people to visit the clinics to be checked out, there has been great response, that is how we have been able to get all these cases and have had them tested and treated", he said.

Nhlabatsi revealed that more cases have been reported from the Hhohho region and Manzini region.

He said the youngest patient was a year old, with the oldest aged 61. He added that from their surveillance they discovered that the first case is not related to the other cases that have surfaced.

"From all the 14 cases, only one patient was admitted but was discharged the following day and rest of the patients were given medication", he said

Children, elderly  
more at risk

**DR Vusi Magagula highlighted that people who are a high risk of getting Influenza A are the elderly, pregnant women, people with pre-existing chronic disease like diabetes, HIV/AIDS and children below the age of five years.**

"It is advisable that these should urgently seek medical care when they experience flu-like symptoms such as headache, runny nose, sore throat, chills, flushed appearance and feeling very warm or sweating", he said.

Dr Magagula emphasised that everyone is prone to this type of flu and encouraged everyone to practice personal hygiene which is washing of hands with running water and soap, covering the mouth when coughing with disposable tissues or clothing and then washing their hands. He also encouraged healthy eating and physical exercise.

"The public is encouraged to avoid crowded and poorly ventilated places", he said.

Meanwhile, World Health Organisation (WHO)'s Country Director Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu advised people with the flu to drink plenty of water and rest. She said most people will recover within a week.

"Antiviral drugs for influenza can reduce severe complications and deaths although influenza viruses can develop resistance to the drugs.

They are especially important for high-risk groups.

Ideally these drugs need to be administered early, within 48 hours of onset of symptoms. Antibiotics are not effective against influenza viruses", she said.

She highlighted that there are three types of influenza viruses recognised as type A, B, and C.

She said Type A is more common. "The subtypes of influenza A virus currently circulating among humans in Swaziland is influenza A (H1N1).

## Circulating

The circulating influenza A (H1N1) is also written as A (H1N1) as it caused the pandemic in 2009 and subsequently replaced the seasonal influenza A (H1N1) virus which had circulated prior to 2009", she said.

She said seasonal influenza is characterised by a sudden onset of fever, cough which is usually dry, headache, muscle and joint pain, severe malaise (feeling unwell), sore throat and a runny nose. Some people may also have vomiting and diarrhea. The cough can be severe and can last two or more weeks.

She said most people recover from fever and other symptoms within a week without requiring medical attention.

"The time from infection to illness, known as the incubation period, is about two days", she said.

## 23.5% salary hike for public transport operators

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**It will come as good news to the Road Transportation Industry that their salaries are hiking by 23.5 per cent.**

This is according to the Swaziland Government Gazette Extraordinary No: 83, titled "The Regulation of Wages (Road Transportation Industry) Order, 2017".

The gazette came to effect on July 18, 2017. The Road Transportation Industry wages were last reviewed in 2013.



**MBABANE BUS RANK: Public transport operators salaries will hike.**

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# KING CALLS FOR REFORM OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

By Simon Shabangu  
Lozitha Royal Palace

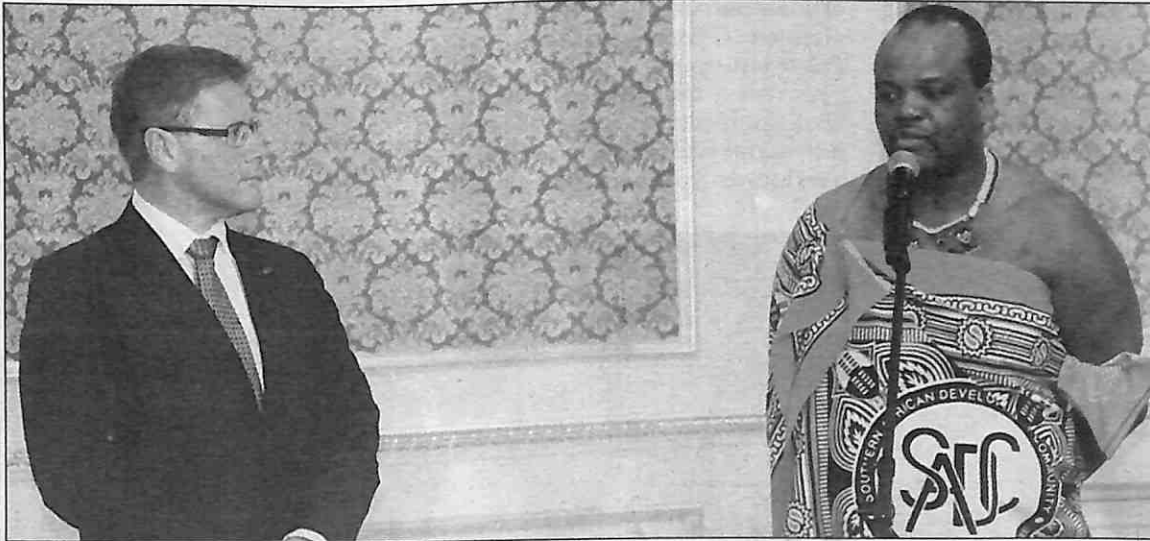
**HIS Majesty King Mswati III has said it is time the United Nations reviews the governing rules of the body and consider opening up the permanent membership so that all the continents are represented.**

His Majesty made these remarks at Lozitha Royal Palace yesterday when addressing the High Commissioner of New Zealand Mike Burrell who presented letters of credence to the King.

His Majesty, who is also the Chairman of Southern African Development Community (SADC), applauded New Zealand for the positive role it played while they were non-permanent members of the UN Security Council. His Majesty said New Zealand represented the non-members very well as they did not only look at their interests but also took up issues that affected other continents and countries at the United Nations.

"We are looking forward to the UN reform; this is the African position that is high up on the agenda. It is not only about the five permanent members but we open up to more members as permanent seat holders," he said yesterday.

His Majesty further added; "We



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III addressing New Zealand High Commissioner Mike Burrell. The High Commissioner presented his letters of credence to the King at Lozitha Royal Palace yesterday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

will recall that when the UN started a long time ago there were few members and it was understood why the number of permanent members were restricted to five. We will realise that there has been a significant growth in the membership and it is time there is a fair representation."

His Majesty pointed out that of the current five members, some of the regions are not represented in the permanent seats.

"This is something the UN needs to look at and consider opening up

for more members on the permanent seats," he said. "We are all looking forward to seeing these reforms taking place in the not so distant future. We appreciate the role played by New Zealand during their time as non-permanent members."

## Position

The SADC Chair said it was the African position that it was time for a review on the issue of seats in the UN. His Majesty, who is also SACU Chairman, expressed the country's appreciation the support it continues

to receive from New Zealand stating that the relations between the two countries must have mutual benefits.

He said with the High Commissioner taking the office, there is a need to explore more areas of cooperation. His Majesty urged the High Commissioner to be the country's ambassador in his country and by inviting potential investors and tourists to visit Swaziland.

"Likewise our people are encouraged to visit New Zealand and look at business opportunities and part-

nership with that country," he said. Meanwhile, the High Commissioner said his country was committed to working with the Kingdom of Swaziland especially in the maintaining and ensuring peace and security in the world at large.

He said New Zealand and Swaziland share a lot in common hence they have a number of similar values which makes the two countries good cooperation partners.

"This relationship is built on shared Commonwealth bonds, our cooperation in international organisations such as United Nations, our shared commitment to peace and security and sustainable economic and social development that benefits all our citizens. New Zealand recently concluded the two-year term as non-permanent member of the UN Security Council. Close engagement with African partners was a priority for New Zealand. We are grateful to Swaziland for the openness to sharing perspective on the regional peace and security in particular the SADC region," he added.

He said his country was committed to working with Swaziland in a number of fields especially in education and agriculture. He said currently, there are two Swazi students studying in his country through the financial aid from his government.

"We are pleased to offer development scholarships for African students to study at our universities. We are keen to explore ways to grow the participation of scholars from Swaziland," he added.

The presentation of credentials was witnessed by the acting Prime Ministers Paul Dlamini and acting Foreign Affairs Minister Edgar Hillary, Emazinyane and emabandla.

## PM's hot debate pushed to Monday

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**PRIME Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini's hot debate has been deferred to next week Monday by the House of Assembly yesterday.**

The debate was supposed to touch on what Members of Parliament (MPs) feel are the inefficiencies of the prime minister and his Cabinet team.

It did not continue because Dlamini left the country on Wednesday for Iran, where he was sent by His Majesty King Mswati III to take part in the inauguration of Iran President Hassan Rouhani.

The debate was supposed to take place through motion 14/2017, which was supposed to be moved by Manzini North MP Jan Sithole. He was supposed to be seconded by Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe.

The motion was to compel the House to debate with the prime minister and his executive on the violation of Parliamentary privileges, inefficiencies and lack of service delivery and prioritisation of the people-focused issues.

The House is also expected to focus on the image of the House of Assembly,

which they feel is no longer respected. The House finally decided to debate the motion on Monday, depending on whether the premier would be back from Iran.

This was not the only motion directed at the premier on yesterday's House of Assembly Order Paper.

The other one is the motion that made some MPs hot under the collar. Motion 12/2017 was supposed to be debated on Monday, after the verbal showdown between the legislators. However, the prime minister left the House while the motion was yet to be debated. The PM left regardless of the fact that MPs tried to remind him that a motion requiring his attention was yet to be debated.

## Required

The motion (12/2017) required the prime minister to table before the House, within 14 days, a Bill on the election of the four women on a regional basis, as stipulated in Section 86 of the Constitution Act, 2005. The motion was supposed to be moved by Manzini North MP Jan Sithole and was supposed to be seconded by Matsanjeni North MP Phila Buthelezi.

It must also be noted though that Buthelezi was also among the MPs that were absent yesterday during the sitting of the House.

Other items that required the premier's attention were two legislations that were passed by the House of Assembly.

The legislations included the Suppression of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill No. 10 of 2016. The other one is the Public Order Bill No. 8 of 2016.

## MPs move towards making SD eligible for AGOA

**MEMBERS of Parliament yesterday passed two important legislations that can put the country in a position of being eligible to trade under AGOA.**

The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) is a platform where the United States of America (USA) trades with African countries. The arrangement, which was enacted by the Congress in May 2000, is such that African countries should be able to sell products to the USA, which is considered as one of the largest markets in the world.

The legislators yesterday passed two legislations, which are part of the four benchmarks that are said to be the bridge towards regaining the AGOA eligibility. One of the two legislations is the Suppression of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill No. 10 of 2016. The other one is the Public Order Bill No. 8 of 2016.

These two legislations, which have been passed with amendments from the Senate, are very close to becoming Acts of Parliament. The only thing left for them is to receive a royal assent. The other two legislations that have to be passed include the Police Service Bill and the Correctional Services Bill. All the four benchmarks are supposed to have been done by next week Tuesday. The last two Bills are said to be at the Senate.

Yesterday, Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala tabled reports on the two legislations before the House of Assembly. He was doing that in his capacity as chairperson of the House portfolio committee of the office of the prime minister, which has been responsible for ensuring that the



**TABLED REPORTS:** Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala.

two legislations were processed to finality. The Zombodze Emuva lawmaker then moved that the House should adopt reports by his portfolio committee on both legislations, in consideration of the amendments by the senators.

He was seconded by Mhlangatane MP Mbalekelwa Ndwandwe. The House finally adopted the reports and that was how the legislations were passed.

By passing these legislations, the MPs have done something in bringing hope to thousands of Swazis who had been affected by the USA's decision to disqualify Swaziland from trading under this programme.

The textile employees were the most affected by this incident because most of the products they produced were sold to the USA markets.





**BHODLA MBUBE:** His Majesty King Mswati III addressing the New Zealand High Commissioner to Swaziland Mike Burrell who presented his letters of credence to the King at Lozitha Royal Palace yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

**(R) GUARD OF HONOUR:** New Zealand High Commissioner Mike Burrell inspecting the guard of honour.

# KING RECEIVES GEORGIA LETTERS

By Simon Shabangu  
Lozitha Royal Palace

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III has received the first ever High Commissioner of Georgia Beka Dvali to the Kingdom of Swaziland who presented his letters of credence to the King at Lozitha Royal Palace yesterday.**

His Majesty told the ambassador that his deployment to represent his country here was the beginning of bilateral relations between the two countries. He said

the fact that the two countries have officially resumed cooperation's there was hope that the two countries will start exchanging ideas and information sharing. He said the two countries have a lot in common especially with their rich cultural heritage.

He said the two countries value cultural heritage which he described as a backbone and roots of any nation. He said much as the country is moving towards development it cannot afford to leave behind its culture because that is what defines Swaziland as a nation.

"We are looking forward to working closely together and share a lot of information especially because we know that Information is power. We are aware your country is developed and as we move towards achieving first world status we are also hoping to learn a lot from you especially now that we have officially assumed bilateral relations," His Majesty said. His Majesty assured the ambassador that the country would give him all the support he needs to carry out his duties in his new assignment.

"My designation as Ambassador to this



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friendly and fascinating nation tells on Georgia's resolve to forge ties with Swaziland through deepening political dialogue, developing business to business links, promoting bilateral trade, cooperating in agriculture, tourism, arts, culture, education and other areas of mutual interest and need," he said.

Georgia is located at the crossroads of Western Asia and Eastern Europe; it is bordered to the west by the Black Sea, to the north by Russia, to the south by Turkey and Armenia, and to the south-east by Azerbaijan.

The capital and largest city is Tbilisi. The President of the country is Giorgi Margvelashvili who was elected into office in November 2013.



**YOU ARE WELCOME:** His Majesty extending a warm welcome to Ambassador Beka Dvali of Georgia.



**LIBANDLA:** Libandla was also present to support His Majesty.

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# 95% SCHOOLS NOW HAVE RECEIVED FOOD

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**THE ministry of education and training has now delivered food to about 95 per cent of children in schools.**

This was revealed yesterday by acting Minister of Education and Training Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane during the debate of the ministry's first quarter performance report yesterday.

The report was debated by MPs who are members of the portfolio

committee.

They praised the ministry for such a swift response to the needs of the children in schools.

However, the MPs strongly urged the ministry not to let such a situation happen again in the future.

## Disgrace

They said such was a disgrace to the country as it was one of the incidents that could stimulate violence in schools.

Ludzeludze MP Bambumuti Sithole advised the ministry to always ensure that food availed in time in schools.

He said children needed food first before they could undertake any

learning process.

He said what made matters worse was that other children did not have food at home and depended on schools to provide them.

Hosea MP Thulani Masuku said the problem could be that during the start of a year, only one third of the money allocated for education would be available.

He said this was also a big problem for the ministry and it needed to be sorted out.

The acting minister promised to provide written answers to the concerns of the MPs.

## PIGG'S PEAK HOTEL MAKES E5 MILLION IN THREE MONTHS

**PIGG'S PEAK Hotel and Casino is reported to have made E5 million in a space of three months.**

This is contained in the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs' first quarter performance report. This is something that made MPs, who are members of the ministry's portfolio committee, not to believe this. They asked Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze to confirm this for them.

Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo told Gamedze that if the

report was true, then the hotel was doing a great job because it seemed not to have many activities that could attract so much money.

Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini also shared the Lobamba Lomdzala MP's sentiments.

He said he once went to sleep in that hotel and it was so quiet and he was surprised how so much money could be generated.

Gamedze conformed to the MPs that the E5 million made by the hotel was genuine.

## SADC launches pharmaceutical business plan

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) has launched a pharmaceutical business plan which encourages active private sector participation.**

The launch is in line with Article 29 of Component of Protocol on Health (1999) established in August 2004 which places pharmaceuticals as a priority for improving access, affordability, and effectiveness of pharmaceuticals within SADC member states.

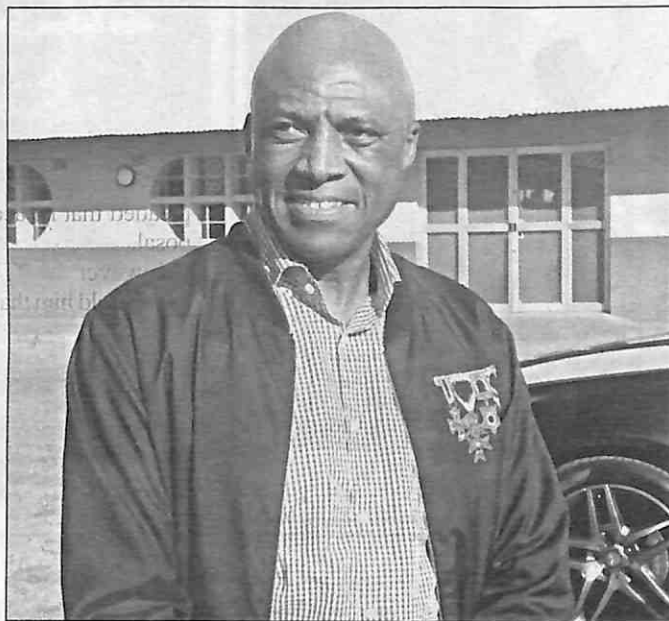
Senior Programme Officer, Health and Pharmaceuticals at the SADC Secretariat Joseph Mthetwa said the pharmaceutical business plan aims to harmonize standard treatment guidelines and essential medicine lists, promote research and production of generics strengthen regulatory capacity and supply chain management systems.

## Databank

Mthetwa said through the business plan SADC wants to establish a regional databank of African traditional medicines, and medical plants, develop and retain competent human resources for pharmaceutical programme. He said the plan will facilitate trade in pharmaceuticals within the SADC region and promote operational research in pharmaceutical issues.

"The SADC pharmaceutical business plan recognises that pharmaceutical manufacturing is providing new dimensions and opportunities for growth either in Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) or finished products in the region," said Dr Mthetwa.

During the launch, the youth had an opportunity to share their views and experiences on how to develop new ideas to increase the level of public health in pharmaceutical sciences. They also discussed emerging threats for therapeutic failure as a result of limited support to research in Africa and in particular within SADC region.



**MAN OF GOD: Bishop Musa Sono of Grace Bible Church upon arrival at Oshoek Border Gate.**



**GR8FUL: The cars the bishop and his delegation were travelling in upon arrival.**

## BISHOP SONO ARRIVES TO EMPOWER PASTORS

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**GRACE Bible Church Founder Bishop Musa Sono arrived in the country yesterday for a three-day visit.**

Bishop Sono arrived in the afternoon through the Ngwenya Border Gate, where he together with his delegation were welcomed by pastors from the country.

Bishop Sono is in the country courtesy of the Iron Sharpens Iron initiative by young pastors in the coun-

try who seek to empower each other through the Word.

Speaking on behalf of the initiative, Pastor Caiphus Mbingo said Bishop Sono will preach at different venues during his stay.

"Bishop Sono will be in the country for three days, tomorrow (today) he will be at the Salvation and Praise in morning and again in the evening.

"On Saturday, there will be a breakfast meeting at the George Hotel, one that will be attended by people in leadership positions in the country," he said.

He said the services which will

take place at the Salvation and Praise church were open to the public and especially pastors.

"To attend the Saturday breakfast service one must part with E160," he said.

Bishop Sono said he is in the country to motivate and empower pastors because he believed the church was the hope of the world.

"When the church is good we are set for greatness," he said.

He said in a world where there are many challenges, it is important to give the world hope and for the pastors to remain committed to their

job.

"We are bringing a message of hope in these trying times," he said.

He said on Saturday because he had been told that even cabinet ministers would be attending, his message he would be based on the importance of vision.

"My message will be based on vision, because every leader to be successful needs to have a vision," he said.

Bishop Sono is the founder of the Grace Bible Church, a church which has 34 branches all over South Africa.

## Minister witnesses violent fans clash in football match

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza witnessed a violent clash between football fans as they hurled beer bottles during a match which he sponsored.**

Minister Mabuza is also Member of Parliament for Pigg's Peak Inkhundla. The incident happened at Killarney Sports Ground during a football match between Pigg's Peak United FC and Khanjana Rovers last Saturday.

Sources close to the matter said the minister, who is a co-sponsor of the tournament along with Peak Timbers, watched in disappointment as Pigg's Peak United fans started to get violent throwing beer bottles and other missiles on to

**...as they throw beer bottles during clashes**

the field.

"It was an awkward case of football related violence and unfortunately happened just metres away from the minister who was seated close to the field of play. After the beer bottles started flying from all directions the minister along with other important dignitaries stood behind the stands.

The fans continued throwing beer bottles at each other but luckily no one was injured as the police were called to the scene to calm the escalating riot," said the source.

Meanwhile, Buy Cash Operations Manager Senzo Nhlabatsi confirmed the incident, saying the teams and their fans had since apologised to

the minister and the public for the unfortunate incident.

"The fans and the teams involved apologised to the minister after the incident. As a company we do not dwell on the negatives; we are committed to supporting such events as we believe in improving the lives of all people through our various social initiatives.

"We are happy that no one was injured and will continue to support and sponsor such events in the future. No one commends violence as it is just an unfortunate occurrence that happens a few times," he said.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident, saying no one was arrested.

She also said no one was seriously injured during the incident.



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# Ex-Minister defends arrested sex workers

...says government infringing on their rights

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

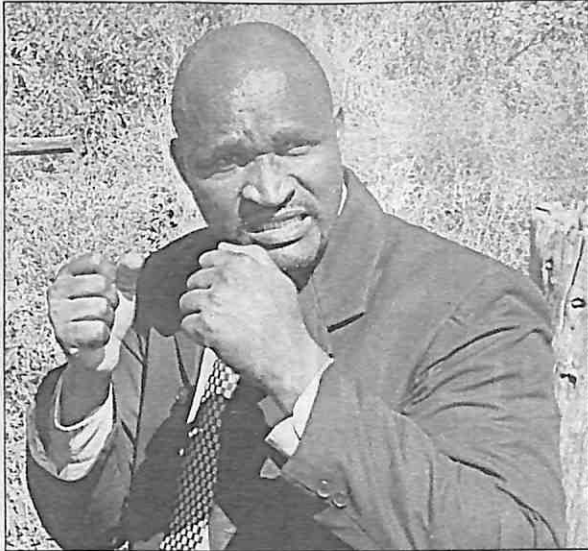
FOLLOWING the arrest of 30 sex workers in Manzini by members of the Royal Swaziland Police, former Minister of Public Works and Transport Ntuthuko Dlamini has come guns blazing condemning the arrest.

Dlamini, who posted his comment in the popular social network, Facebook, says the sex workers had committed no crime because it was their body that they were selling.

The former Lamgabhi *Inkhundla* member of Parliament even cited the country's Constitution, saying such an arrest was against the Constitution.

He said people are forgetting Section 14 of the country's Constitution. Dlamini called for the sex workers to be freed. He wondered who the complainant in the case against the sex workers was, adding it would be interesting to know who laid the charges.

The former minister went to the extent of saying such could only happen in the



**OPPOSE ARRESTS:** Former minister of Public Works and transport Ntuthuko Dlamini.

country (referring to the arrest of the sex workers).

Dlamini stated that the sex workers were pushed into sex trade because they were trying to earn a living as there is a high level of unemployment in the country. However, some of Dlamini's friends begged to differ as they stated that there were victimless crimes.

Some stated that the problem with the

sex workers was that they were no longer plying their trade in secret places but were acting as if it is legal to engage in sex trade in the city which results into them being all over the place.

The sex workers were arrested on Wednesday and made their court appearance at the Swazi National Court in Manzini.

## 'Sigwadzi' tries to kill girl for rejecting his love proposal

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

IN a rather indecent proposal, a man who could not accept his love proposal being rejected by a young girl did the unthinkable when he attempted to kill the girl.

Zwakele Motsa, who has pleaded guilty to the charge of attempted murder, waylaid the unsuspecting girl when she was going home from school.

When the young girl approached, Motsa stopped her and told her that she was in love with her and pleaded that he accept his proposal.

However the \*Thulile vehemently told him that she was not interested as she knew nothing about love, school going and young.

However, Motsa seemed not to have taken kindly to the response and dragged the innocent girl to a nearby forest near Landundu River.

In SiSwati, a person who does this is referred to as *sigwadzi*,

which means someone not successful with his advances to female members.

The young girl screamed for help and as the accused started stabbing her when, another young girl collecting firewood in the forest came to her rescue and that is when the accused bolted away leaving the girl for dead.

Help was sought and Thulile was rushed to the Mankayane Government Hospital, where she was treated before later being referred to the Mbabane Government Hospital for further treatment.

Appearing before High Court Judge Cyril Maphanga, Motsa was remanded back to Sidvashini Correctional facility as the matter was postponed to allow the Crown to make statements of agreed facts with the accused person.

\*Not her real name

## Works employee demands E800 000 from govt for wife's fake death

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

IN a rather shocking revelation, a civil servant under the ministry of public works and transport has tearfully related how the ministry allegedly fraudulently issued a memo to the effect that his wife had died yet she was alive in order to secure financial assistance for the burial of a senior official's maid.

The startling revelation has been made by Manene Gamedze in his application filed at the High Court, where he is seeking an order compelling the ministry to compensate him for damages he suffered as a result of the ministry's alleged action.

He wants government to compensate him to the amount of E800 000 as a result of the injury to his good name as the contents of the memo became widely known and even reached his in-laws who were seriously offended by same.

According to Gamedze of Siphofaneni, in his particulars of claim, the ministry of public works issued a memo on April 2011 falsely stating that his wife had died and he was unaware of the memo until January 2012.

He stated that although his wife Lomagugu Happy Gamedze was sick at that time, she was however alive and had not died. He says the memo by the defendants (principal secretary and ministry) was wrongful and of a defamatory nature to him in that when it was discovered that his wife had not died, this portrayed a dishonest person.

### Dishonesty

He submitted in his affidavit that as a result of the defendant's actions, his relationship with his in-laws broke down as his in-laws accused him of wishing for his wife's death and accused him of dishonesty.

He further stated in his papers that the memo was allegedly issued for the purposes of securing financial assistance for the burial of a senior official's maid since government could not disburse those funds for the said maid since she could not qualify. "The statement by the defendant was to injure my reputation hence the claims of E800 000 for the damages I suffered," Gamedze stated.

He further stated that when his wife eventually died on July 22, 2011 he could not get financial assistance from government as an official because the ministry had already fraudulently lodged the claim using his wife's name who at that

...When his wife eventually died he failed to get financial assistance from ministry

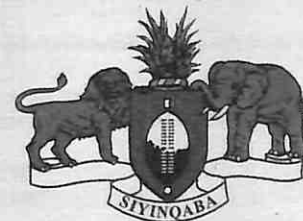
time was still alive.

He stated in his papers that he would have received a total sum of E15 000 for his wife's burial hence he alleged that the defendants are liable to compensate him to a total sum of E815 000 at a rate of nine percent per annum plus cost of suit. Represented by Manzini based lawyer Martin Internash Dlamini, Gamedze was yesterday in tears as he related the events that led to his name being allegedly shamed before the court.

However when the matter was supposed to commence, lawyer Ndabenhle Dlamini from the Attorney General's office applied that it be postponed as his office had not yet prepared to defend the matter.

High Court Judge Doris Tshabalala postponed the matter to September 27, 2017 for hearing and both counsels are to make their submissions.

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**SEARCH PARTY:**  
Members of the search party at Swazi Government Cattle Farm called the Ranch at Bulandzeni where a decaying corpse was found yesterday afternoon. The body is believed to have been dumped by dagga security guards who have since skipped the country. (Courtesy pic)

## ALLEGED DAGGA THIEF CORPSE FOUND ROTTING IN GOVT FARM

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

THE rotting corpse of alleged dagga thief Theminkosi Magagula has been found on a government cattle farm littered with dagga fields at Bulandzeni.

Sources close to the matter said the decaying corpse was found by a search party at noon yesterday within the very big cattle farm.

"The corpse was discovered by a search party consisting members of the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) as well as members of the public from Bulandzeni. It was found in between rocks already in an advanced state of decomposition.

Police had deployed sniffer dogs to the scene to search for the corpse to no avail from Tuesday but then asked members of the Bulandzeni public to join the search.

It proved a good idea because by noon one of the search teams found the corpse believed to have been rotting for at least three weeks," said the source.

It is believed Magagula was shot for trespassing in a dagga field and then dumped at the site by Mozambican men who were hired to guard the dagga fields that are located on the Swazi Government owned farm called the Ranch added the source.

### Confirmed

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that indeed a man's body was found yesterday.

She said the matter was still under investigation. "We want to avoid making too many statements which might jeopardise our investigations," she said.

The discovery of the corpse comes after this newspaper reported that an alleged dagga thief from Bulandzeni had been murdered by four Mozambican men who were hired to protect dagga fields located inside a government farm.

The four are said to have dumped the corpse five metres away from the dagga fields and are still at large as they are reported to have skipped the country.

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- 31 August to 01 September 2017 Pigg's Peak, Pigg's Peak Red Cross (Venue is only for these dates)

Dependants above 16 years of age should furnish their IDs, while those below this age should bring with them valid passports.

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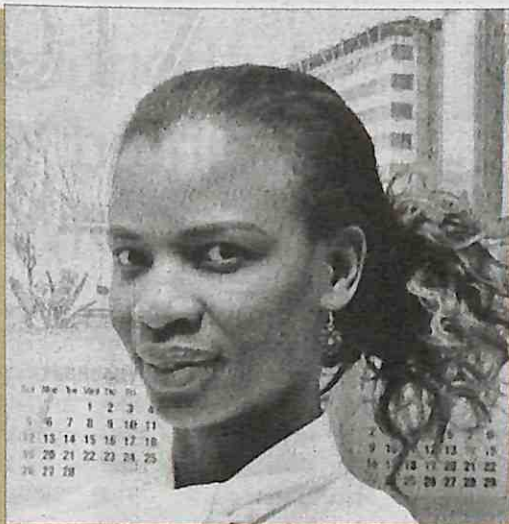
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...With Senior Communications and International Relations Officer, Lindokuhle Sithole-Shabangu

## YOUR NOTE ON DIGITAL CURRENCIES

It is without a doubt that the use of digital currencies has gradually increased and gained worldwide attention. So why are central banks around the world bothered, or not, by this new age currency.

Well, it is basically because of its association with crime especially money laundering as well as an alarming amount of price volatility that has left regulators and financial-market participants wary of its potential implications, and therefore reluctant to embrace it.

Moreover, and according to a statement recently released by the Central Bank of Swaziland, the CBS Order 1974 (as amended) stipulates that only notes and coins issued by the Central Bank shall be legal tender in Swaziland.

Currently, the bank has authorised, as legal tender in Swaziland, the Lilangeni (SZL), as well as the South African Rand (ZAR) which continue to circulate side by side and on par.

Other foreign currencies are traded by licenced institutions in the country in line with applicable exchange control legislation and it is understood that these foreign currencies have, as a key attribute, the feature that they are issued and redeemed by the duly authorised institution in their country of issue and hence enjoy legal tender status, which a crypto currency by definition, does not.

Against this backdrop, technology has significantly transformed the global financial services industry. New and innovative service delivery methods have been introduced and are marked by continuous improvement.

New technologies relevant to the industry include artificial intelligence, block-chain and distributed ledger technology and the emerging digital currencies.

These are all poised to drastically change traditional methods of financial service delivery and will without a doubt enhance the user experience.



### DIGITAL CURRENCIES - BY DEFINITION

#### Digital currencies as defined:

- Are a digital representation of value that can be digitally traded,
- They function as a medium of exchange and
- Are a unit of account and a store of value which does not have legal tender status.

There is a further distinction between centralised and decentralised digital currencies. A key feature of decentralised digital currencies is that they are not centrally owned or controlled by any institution but are issued and facilitated by peer to peer networks of computers using block-chain technology.

This negates the need for intermediaries such as central and commercial banks by placing full and direct control of the currency in the hands of its holders. Some decentralised digital currencies are based on the use of cryptography to control the creation of additional units of the currency and also to record and control transactions carried out on their network. These are called crypto currencies.

### THE CENTRAL BANK OF SWAZILAND ON BITCOIN

The bank is aware that Bitcoin is one of the leading crypto currencies globally, and has been advised of instances where this currency is being marketed and traded in Swaziland.

However, the Bank notes like other peer

central banks that due to its nature as a crypto currency, there are no restrictions, disclosures or regulatory compliance applicable to transactions executed using Bitcoin and yet, like any other currency, it can be used for illegal purposes or to facilitate fraudulent activity.

In fact, the anonymity and speed of execution in transacting with crypto currency makes it more susceptible to abuse by unscrupulous persons. This presents a risk to users of the currency because there is no protection or legal recourse available from any institution including the Central Bank in the event that the user suffers financial loss from the use of Bitcoin or any other crypto currency.

The bank is also aware that a few regulators have afforded legal tender status to crypto currency for use in trade while some have also licenced virtual currency exchanges to engage in the trade of the actual crypto currency. This is considered to be one way of mitigating the increased systemic risk that the use of crypto currency could introduce to the economy through, for example, modifying the money supply or facilitating illicit outflows of money.

The general observation globally however is that crypto currency is not yet widely accepted as a form of payment in many markets and as such, it tends to be held for speculative or investment purposes.

In Swaziland the act of collecting deposits from members of the public in exchange for future returns is a regulated activity that requires an appropriate licence to be issued by the regulating authority.

The Central Bank has not yet licenced any person or entity to carry out any activities related to the acquisition, sale and trade of crypto currency, in particular Bitcoin.

It is important then, that you and me recognise the clear distinction between crypto currency and electronic money (e-money).

While crypto currency is denominated in its own units of measure without a central

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issuer, electronic money is a digital representation of legal tender and is denominated to the Lilangeni that is issued and redeemed by the Central Bank.

Electronic money is issued, circulated and redeemed within a regulated space by the bank, commercial banks and licenced mobile money operators.

One example of electronic money is the mobile money product whose growth and usage the Bank recognises as a positive development in the financial industry.

In essence, the Central Bank, in line with its mandate to issue and redeem currency as well as to promote safe and accessible payment systems, continues to closely monitor developments in the financial services industry with a view to ensure that the regulatory framework remains relevant and appropriate.

The bank acknowledges its role in supporting innovation and adoption of new technologies in the industry and together with many other regulatory institutions worldwide, adopts an optimistic but cautious view that the financial services industry will certainly benefit from these technologies but that their development and deployment must be done in a manner that sufficiently safeguards the interest of the users. So whether such technology achieves approval from the Bank, remains to be seen at this stage, because of the reasons cited above.

**Until next time!**

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# Vimbizibuko residents want *indvuna* with 'clean' background

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Lavumisa

**RESIDENTS** of Vimbizibuko in Lavumisa have said they will not allow Chief of Lavumisa Gasa WaNgwane to appoint someone with questionable background to be an *indvuna*.

Vimbizibuko is one of the mini chiefdoms under Chief Gasa WaNgwane.

In all the close to 16 mini-chiefdoms, there are headmen who are answerable to senior *indvuna* at Qomintaba, Chief Gasa WaNgwane's main royal residence.

For all this time, *Indvuna* of Vimbizibuko was Robert 'Mugabe' Mbhamali but due to ill-health he is no longer active, hence there are plans to replace him.

Residents have claimed that someone who was serving in the inner council has already 'appointed' himself as Mbhamali's replacement, and this worries many.

It is said Gadlaza Phakathi who is a member of the inner council, has announced himself as the new *indvuna* of Vimbizibuko and told anyone questioning this that even the authorities from the main royal residence (Qomintaba) had endorsed him as Mbhamali's replacement.

"We are not going to allow that to happen. He can't just impose himself as we know his background is questionable. Should Gasa WaNgwane go ahead and confirm him to this position, there will be chaos. He can't be *indvuna*, he must just forget. He has no qualities of being *indvuna* and we have many stories about him

some of which when told to the world, Chief Gasa WaNgwane himself can be embarrassed," said one of the residents.

Others claimed that they opposed Phakathi as he was reportedly a member of one of the banned progressive groups.

"How can we be led by someone we know is a member of a political party? How can we be led by someone who we know has no wife or family? Let Gasa WaNgwane appoint him officially, we will tell the world what we know about this man," said another resident.

A number of the residents said they were waiting for the day the chief would arrive at the *umphakatsi* to confirm Phakathi to the position and that would be when hell would break loose.

"Let the chief come to officially announce the new *indvuna*. What he (chief) should know is that should his choice be Gadlaza, then he should not expect us to be part of that circus. We will boycott anything to do with the chiefdom," said one of the residents. There were already rumours circulating that 'Gadlaza' was supposed to be formally introduced to the residents as new *indvuna* today.

"We heard that he will be introduced soon as Mbhamali's replacement on Friday, and we will be there but should they appoint Gadlaza, let us make it clear now that it is going to be an embarrassing thing as the residents are not going to be part of that circus. We will leave that meeting," another resident said. When called, 'Gadlaza' preferred not to say much, but he won-



**CAUTIONED:** Lavumisa Chief Gasa WaNgwane.

dered as to why he was being 'painted' black when he had contributed so much to the community. "I cannot answer what you are asking me but I can only advise you to call Ndzinisa (Fanalakhe) who is senior headman based at Qomintaba," said Gadlaza.

When pressed further about his political beliefs and whether he was indeed a member of any political party, Gadlaza decided to be diplomatic. "Out of all the good things, why are they picking this one as I am one person who has done a lot in this area? I have played football. I have been a prophet and a number of things," said Gadlaza.

## Authorities have appointed 'Gadlaza' or anyone

**THE leadership of Qomintaba has refuted allegations that a new *indvuna* has been appointed in one of Chief Gasa WaNgwane's mini chiefdoms.**

Senior *Indvuna* of Qomintaba Fanalakhe Ndzinisa said it was not true that the authorities had appointed Robert Mbhamali's replacement who is sickly.

Reacting to reports that Mbhamali's replacement was now known, Ndzinisa denied this saying in as far as Qomintaba authorities were concerned, the position is still vacant. He said no one has been confirmed to the position and was adamant that no one even Gadlaza Phakathi had been endorsed to the position.

"It's all lies.

What I know is that the person you are talking about is part of 'bandlancane' (inner council). He has not been appointed and as to where those reports come from, I just wonder," said Ndzinisa. Ndzinisa said what he was aware of was

that members of the inner council; were the ones delegating each other on some of the tasks and no one had authority over the other.

"While the position will still be filled, the inner council members are the ones deciding who they send to be their representative on activities touching the *umphakatsi*. Even when there is an issue here at their headquarters (Qomintaba), they decide who they have to send when there are issues to be discussed.

No one has been appointed as their *indvuna* to replace Mbhamali," said Ndzinisa.

Ndzinisa also refuted the reports that today, the authorities from Qomintaba were planning to visit Vimbizibuko to officially introduce the new *indvuna*.

"It's all lies as our schedule does not indicate that. There is nothing which has been communicated to me by the chief or anyone that we will at Vimbizibuko on Friday or any other day. There are still more important duties we are busy," said Ndzinisa.



**KODAK MOMENTS:** The 20 women who received certificates in carpentry posing for a group picture.

## 20 WOMEN GRADUATE IN CARPENTRY

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**ABOUT 20 women** from different constituencies in the country have received certificates in carpentry following a training session with a group of other women volunteers from the United Kingdom (UK).

The over 20 women now have the skills which they will be able to use so as to earn a living. The graduation ceremony was held at MITC and the women who

took part in the workshop were from different constituencies including Manzini North, Motshane and Dvokodweni Inkhundla.

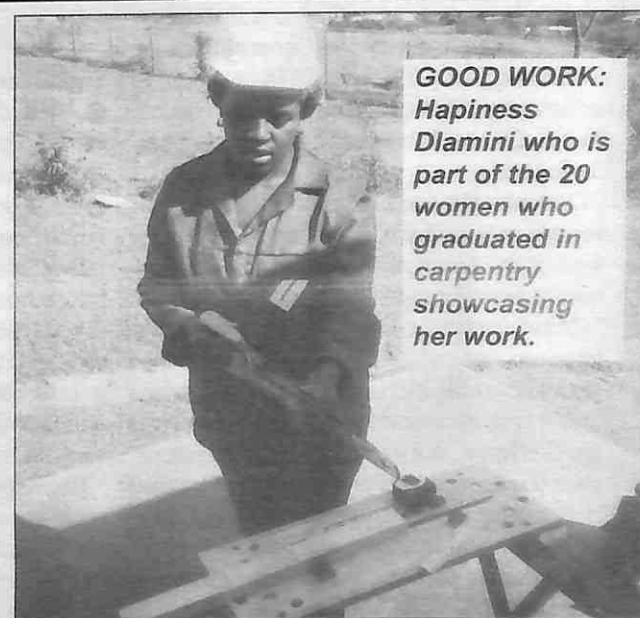
The project was initiated by Umhluma Women and Youth Foundation in partnership with SWIFT and Positive Women Association from UK.

Umhluma Foundation is an organisation which caters for women and the youth in the country.

Umhluma Foundation patron who also happens to be Manzini North Member of Parliament Jan Sithole, speaking during

the graduation ceremony, thanked the team from the United Kingdom for equipping women with such skills which will help them earn a living in their respective constituencies.

The MP stated that such initiatives should also be undertaken in other constituencies. Sithole said the next step would be introducing the graduates to the regional office and also try to take the initiative to the rest of the country because carpentry is one unnoticed skill that can change the lives of young women living in society.



**GOOD WORK:** Hapiness Dlamini who is part of the 20 women who graduated in carpentry showcasing her work.



**WOMEN'S WORK:** benches which were made by the 20 women.



# Go home and die in peace - RFM nurses

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

A sickly patient got the shock of his life when he was allegedly told by nurses at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital in Manzini to go home and die peacefully as he was not going to get help from them because he is too old.

The patient 'heeded' to that advice, and without receiving any help from the hospital, he went home. The old man was saved by Inalda Antonio Jorge, a resident of Ngwane Park, who took him to the Manzini Municipality Clinic.

In an interview with this publication, Jorge said she took the old man to Nazarene, but when they arrived, she claimed a nurse with an attitude told her that they would not help the patient because he was old. She alleged that the nurse said they would only help the sick man only if Jorge would stay with him all the time at the hospital.

Jorge said she was shocked by the manner and attitude in which the nurse addressed them.

She said they felt dejected and know-



**GOOD SAMARITAN:** Inalda Antonio Jorge.

ing very well that little would be done if she registered the complaint, as she once reported a complaint before on another different issue but was told to go investigate it and come up with names. She said she decided to seek services elsewhere. She said she then proceeded to the LaMvelase Clinic

where they referred her to Manzini Municipality Clinic.

She said there, they received help as they were given medication and were further advised to bring the patient back the following day.

Jorge who was appalled by the Nazarene nurses' act when interviewed said if one could take his or her time and see the women who had been admitted to maternity wards in the hospital they would be shocked at the way they are treated by the nurses.

She said the attitude the nurses displayed at the hospital was unprofessional and if they could go to work in countries like England they would not last because their attitude would not work there. Jorge further posted the incident on one of the social media platforms.

"So you go to the RFM to take an elderly person for treatment. You are told, too old, take him home to DIE QUIETLY! Yoh! This seems to be a TREND ENTRENCHED in the MINDS OF MANY. Once you are above a certain age, JUST DIE QUIETLY! Don't bother us! People have forgotten that this country got to where it is THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THOSE OLD PEOPLE". She stated

## We will investigate the matter – Nazarene CEO

**WHEN** asked if the hospital has age limitations when it comes to treating patients, Nazarene Health Institutions Chief Executive Officer Dr Benjamin Simelane says the health institution caters for anyone regardless of their age.

He said they would never turn back any patient and if such an incident did occur, he would investigate it.

Simelane said the only time they referred patients to other hospitals was when the condition of that person is very critical and they cannot be able to treat him. He added that

even then they did not refer patients to any hospital but to Mbabane Government Hospital. Simelane stated that there were also channels through which aggrieved people could register their grievances.

He said if such an incident had been reported, he would have known about it. Simelane said so far, he was not aware of anything pertaining to Jorge's matter. Simelane assured that they would, however, work on the matter because such incidents put the hospital in a bad light.

in one of her posts further adding that they went to Mvelase Clinic and were referred to the Municipality Clinic. "We got help. Blood pressure pills, pain killers, vitamins, etc. We also got told to bring the gentleman back tomorrow so he can see the doctor! Wow! I am eternally grateful to my Municipality for ALL ITS EFFORTS! I live in hope knowing that there are still THOSE

WHO WILL ASSIST OTHERS for VERY LITTLE, who will CARE, who will GO THE EXTRA MILE! I know the elderly gentleman will sleep well tonight" part of the statement reads.

The concerned citizen stated that if the health institutions are going to operate like this the country's goal to attain vision 2022 will not be achieved.

## Somntongo people have their MP in mind already?

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**SOME residents in areas under Somntongo constituency have reportedly decided who their next Member of Parliament (MP) will be.**

A majority of the people, have publicly declared that the current *Indvuna* *Yenkundla* Dumisani Mbhamali possessed all the qualities of being an MP.

On Saturday, some of the residents found at Emaplotini openly said they had done their assessment and noted that Mbhamali could be their right choice.

They said they were in no way decampaigning anyone or even campaigning for Mbhamali, but they felt he was the right candidate for them.

"We are in no way trying to influence anyone, but we are only saying we appreciate Mbhamali's work. We appreciate what he is doing for us. He

is with us in times of sorrow and also in joy. During difficult times such as when a family is bereaved, he avails himself by means of assisting. He has been doing this even when he was still *bucopho* and it's not like it's only now that he is of assistance to the community," one of the residents who identified herself as Ntombi Mkhola said.

Before elected *Indvuna* *Yenkundla*, Mbhamali served as *bucopho* for Vimbizibuko for two terms. He is now popular with most residents and others have already unofficially endorsed him as the next MP.

"He no longer deserves to be in this position but we want to elevate him just like we have done by 'promoting' him from *bucopho* to be *indvuna* *Yenkundla*. As we speak, his vehicle is assisting a family which has lost a relative. He has decided to come to this meeting using public transport and this is an indication that he has the interests of the people at heart," said

another resident.

Mbhamali was part of the gathering at Emaplotini on Saturday where the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) was conducting its voter education exercise. Even elderly people including one of the elders in the community who identified himself as Timothy 'Ngo 2' Matse said Mbhamali remained their choice as the next MP.

"It's time we elevate him, and what his work has already won our hearts," said Matse.

On the other hand, Mbhamali said he was not ready to go public and announce whether he was ready to take the risk of contesting for the MP's position in 2018.

"I can't go public about my future plans. I can't read much on what these people are saying. We simply have to cross the bridge when we reach it. Right now I am focusing on what I was assigned by the electorates to do," said Mbhamali who is also a pastor.

## 'Thikazi is still *indvuna*'

**MBILANENI** Chief Maphumzane has rubbished claims that *Indvuna* Thami Thikazi has been shown the exit door.

Rumours are all over the area that the leadership is now at crossroads with the headman and what has also fueled the rumours is the issue of the *umphakatsi* stamp which has allegedly been 'grabbed' from him. Thikazi is also reportedly now a notable absentee in some of the *umphakatsi* activities including meetings.

The chief said in as far as he was aware, things were still progressing well at the *umphakatsi* and no changes had been made. He said he was not aware as to where all the rumours were coming from in the first place. "It's business as usual at the *umphakatsi* and I have not noticed any difference. *Konkhe kuchubeka ngendlela yakhona*," said the chief when called.

The chief said he had not even announced anyone to replace any member of the inner council

including his 'gatekeeper' Thikazi whom he said he still regarded as his *indvuna*.

"I have not taken any decision and I can't make much comments but what I can say is that all the operations are progressing as required. People talk and they like talking. I have not taken any decision as regards the matter you are asking me about," said Malambule who is one of the youngest chiefs in the region. On Monday, Thikazi said he had not been reporting or attending any of the *umphakatsi* meetings or activities. He also highlighted how unhappy he was as he was at one stage ridiculed in front of his inner council. He also confirmed that the *umphakatsi* stamp was 'grabbed' from him which he said, was another indication that the authorities of the area were no longer happy with his services.

Thikazi on several times has been hogging headlines and has been Malambule's *Indvuna* for almost 10 years.

## Oscar Pistorius taken to hospital

**PRETORIA** - Oscar Pistorius was taken to the Kalafong Hospital in Pretoria on yesterday morning.

According to community newspaper Rekord East, Oscar was taken by ambulance to the casualty section after suffering from chest pains.

Singabakho Nxumalo, correctional services spokesman, confirmed to YOU yesterday that the former Paralympic athlete was taken to hospital by officials but could not immediately confirm why he was hospitalised.

"I would not say he was rushed there," Nxumalo said, and asked for

more time to determine the details.

Oscar's brother Carl and Uncle Arnold did not know when YOU called them on yesterday afternoon.

### Suicide

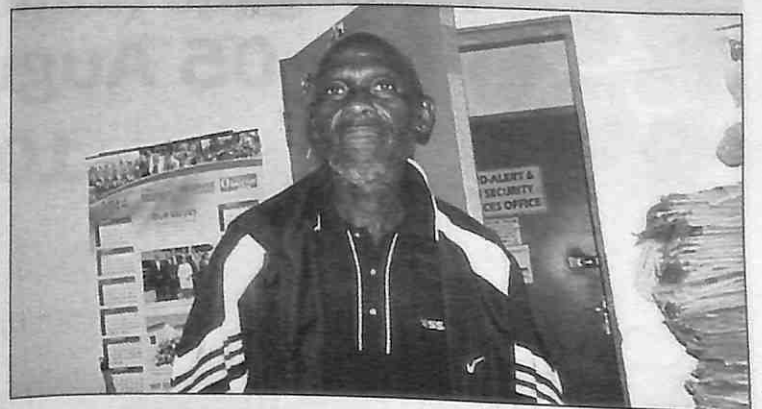
His brother Carl sounded taken aback, saying: "Last week we had to hear that he had committed suicide, now this." Oscar has been behind bars for the murder of his model girl, Reeva Steenkamp, since July 6 last year.

He was transferred from the Kgosi Mampuru II prison to the Atteridgeville prison, also in Pretoria in November 2016.

Logan Maistry, Deputy Commissioner of Communications from the department of correctional services, told YOU that Oscar (30) is doing well under the circumstances and he is well on the rehabilitation programme.

He confirmed Oscar could be eligible for parole within two years, but it has not yet been confirmed.

Oscar was sentenced to six years in prison after the murder of Reeva (29) when he shot her on Valentine's Day in 2013 through his bathroom door. He argued that he thought she was an intruder. *News24*



**STILL A LEADER:** Indvuna Thami Thikazi.



# PM TO HEADLINE CRIME PREVENTION DAY

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**PRIME Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini is expected to grace the first ever northern Hhohho crime prevention day which has been slated for next Friday.**

RSP National Commissioner Isaac Magagula will also attend the event.

Pigg's Peak Senior Regional Officer Mandla Mavuso said they expected to entertain about 12 000 people during the crime prevention day.

Mavuso is also the chairperson of the crime prevention day committee.

"We are happy to announce that we are expecting around 12 000 people who will come to the event.

"It will be aptly themed Pigg's Peak police, youth and community creat-

ing a barrier against drugs alcohol abuse violence and prevention of traffic accidents.

"We are also happy that the event will be headlined by the Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini who is our very important and special invited guest. Natcom will obviously join us," he said.

He said the people living in northern Hhohho would be provided with free transport.

Mavuso said buses will collect members of the public at bus stations to be announced on the radio in due time. He said on the actual day of the event, being August 11, there will be a march starting at the Pigg's Peak post office all the way to Killarney sports ground where there will be entertainment.

Mavuso further invited people to come and support the event.



**ANTI-CRIME:** A poster of the event were Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini and the National Commissioner of the Royal Swaziland Police Isaac Magagula are set to headline the first-ever northern Hhohho crime prevention day on August 11.

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## Foreigners infiltrate Swaziland to grow dagga

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**CHIEF of Mvuma, Prince Kekela says chiefdoms in Hhohho are concerned with the large number of foreign nationals who grow dagga in the country.**

He was speaking at the ministry of education and training's offices in Pigg's Peak during a stakeholder meeting on Wednesday.

The chief said it should now be known that there is a very serious concern at the various chiefdoms in Hhohho about the large number of foreigners who come to Swaziland to cultivate dagga.

"As Swazis, we cannot look away and act like these things are not happening. The truth of the matter is that there are too many foreign nationals who are now coming to Swaziland particularly in the northern Hhohho region, with the sole purpose of cultivating dagga.

"As we live and work at the various chiefdoms, we have decided to make this problem public knowledge. Just last Wednesday, if I am not mistaken, a South African man was arrested for dagga cultivation and upon further investigations, we heard that the man was from Transkei, South Africa.

"That is worrying as in previous months, we had a Ugandan and a Mozambican national who were also arrested for dagga cultivation. These incidents give Hhohho a bad name and show that foreigners are now infiltrating our fertile land to commit crimes," he said.

The chief said the country's culture does not condone crime in any form, thus such criminal activities must be stopped.







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## AVIATION SAFETY IS OUR BUSINESS

**I**n aviation we look at safety in a number of ways. We have numerous programs and systems to ensure safety of our passengers (it has to be about the customers first and not us) employees and property. We also want to make sure that the aviation business is safe and sustainable.

The word "safety" is everywhere. It is without doubt an industry buzzword. The reason is quite simple: if an accident happened in the aviation industry, more likely involving an aircraft, it becomes an international catastrophe because of the numbers involved but

also because an aircraft becomes some kind of a "united nations" in view of the multi nationalities that are in an airplane, at any given flight. So no stone is left unturned. That said, it has to be mentioned that flight is by far the safest mode of transportation of all transport

modes in the world.

Within the aviation context, safety is "the state in which the possibility of harm to persons or of property damage is reduced to, and maintained at or below, an acceptable level through a continuing process of hazard identification and

the introduction of Safety Management Systems (SMS) at all international airports. At KMI International airport SMS has been introduced and it will be implemented in phases. But what is an SMS? An SMS is an aviation system that prescribes the details – processes and procedures of safety of the

departing on an aircraft, a whole lot of precautions behind the scenes are made to prepare the next airport to receive them in a good state of safety until final destination.

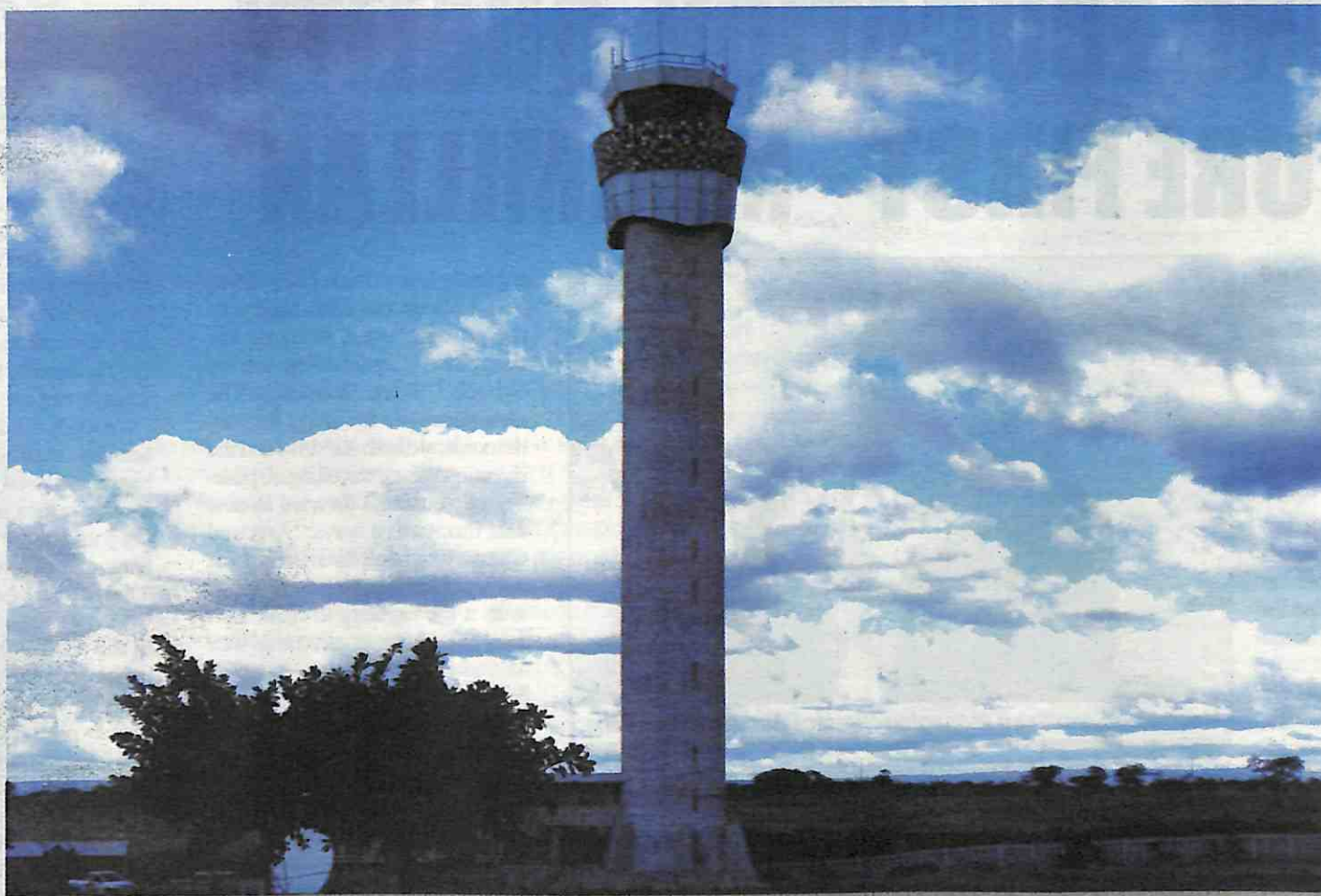
Aviation is one of the highly regulated industries. The introduction of SMS at KMI

International Airport comes as one of the requirements for airport certification just recently commenced. In order for an airport to be certified it must prove to the regulator that its SMS is in place and how it is managed.

There are responsible officers that have to be named responsible for

safety, whose job is to do nothing else but manage safety at KMI International Airport.

Indeed the King Mswati III International Airport is striving for full compliance with safety standards and the SWACAA Regulator ensures a continuous oversight program over the airport operator.



*Air Traffic Control Tower at King Mswati III International Airport.*

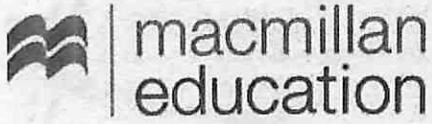
risk management."

SWACAA with her mandate of managing airports is required to make sure that it fully complies with all safety requirements of the convention on International Civil Aviation Organisation. These are contained in Annexure 19 to the convention on International Civil Aviation. These include

entire operations of an airport. It obliges those that are in charge of airport users' safety to protect them in a particular manner from the moment they enter the airport precinct; them and their belongings to the point where they depart from the airport either to ground transportation or to the aircraft. In respect of those that are

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# MACMILLAN SCHOOLS CULTURE COMPETITION



## Macmillan empowers association to reach more schools

By Simon Shabangu

THE sponsorship by Macmillan has empowered the Swaziland Schools Arts and Culture Association to be able to double the number of *tinkhundla* centres visited from four to eight this year.

This was an observation from the association's president Luis Mkhonta who said they were grateful to the company for the financial assistance in ensuring that the association activities are in line with the king's vision of moving to first world with its cultural heritage.

He said sponsored schools from the eight centres were workshopped at the national workshop in April at Swazi National School and Caritas respectively. This improved the standard as the one day workshops conducted at the *tinkhundla* centres were not effective as most of the schools were blank but now during the mini workshops those who went to the national workshops were demonstrating to their peers.

We thank the valued support from our main sponsor Macmillan Education Swaziland for the E200 000 00 sponsorship for the year 2017 towards the development of culture in the *Tinkhundla* level and motivation of the schools that are competing.

We were also able to successfully host culture days in all eight *tinkhundla*. This helped Swazi children to have an opportunity to showcase their talents as their schools could not join culture competitions due to challenges faced by their schools as they cannot afford to hire buses to the competition venues.

A large chunk of the sponsorship has helped in the motivation of those schools which join competitions. These competitions have been an overwhelming success and dignified as all the venues were branded with Macmillan banners and officers from Macmillan were with us throughout the regional and national competitions.

Schools which won in the regional and national competitions will be presented with prize money and first of its kind trophies branded with Macmillan logo. We therefore express our sincere thanks to Macmillan Education Swaziland for helping Swaziland Schools Arts and Culture Association in making sure that every Swazi child moves with his culture and heritage to first world status.

# PUTTING EDUCATION, QUALITY, CULTURE FIRST - MACMILLAN

**MACMILLAN** Swaziland Managing Director Busisiwe Simelane notes that Macmillan Education is a global publisher with a local presence.

The company operates from over 120 countries worldwide, but our global vision does not take away our local focus.

Today, Macmillan Education is a name synonymous with high-quality publishing and your partner in education. We provide support for teachers and pupils at every stage of the learning journey.

Working locally allows us to get close to the people who matter - the pupils, teachers, institutions and educational authorities who use our products and with whom we've developed real and lasting relationships. Today, as education changes, we're adapting with it to provide the solutions that enhance the teaching and learning experience for everyone. It is for this reason that Macmillan saw it fit to put forward sponsorship towards Arts and Culture in uncap Schools; and provide an opportunity for school children to stimulate and develop



Macmillan Swaziland Managing Director Busisiwe Simelane.

their creative ability and cultural identity. This is in line with the Swaziland National Arts and culture policy objectives which is to "stimulate and foster creativity in all spheres on national life so that Swaziland improves the quality of life of its citizens whilst making a unique contribution to the development of humanity."

As a stakeholder in the education space the company endeavours to continually make a meaningful con-

tribution towards the enhancement of education in the country and further support the ministry of education and training in their endeavour to achieve the Education For All Goals. It is for this reason that the sponsorship increased from 150k in 2016 to 250k in 2017. We have observed the growing enthusiasm on the part of the school children and genuine appreciation by the teachers.

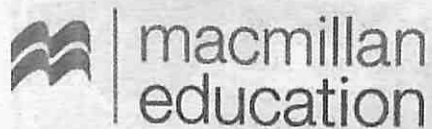
Prior to 2016, Macmillan's con-

tribution toward this competition was ad hoc but upon observing the growing need, the company committed to a partnership with the Schools Culture Association. The milestones we hit along the way demonstrate both our drive and the direction we are travelling in; pushing our business forward in new and innovative ways. Arts and Culture in schools opens new doors for teachers and pupils, it brings with it the capacity to create new jobs and generate income as well as make best use of the country's human resources. We are learning from our partners in other industries and creating products that adapt to different learning styles, combining the creative use of natural resources with our proven pedagogical understanding.

Against last year's 140 participating schools, this year a total of 175 schools participated and competed in several art and culture chords including: *Ummiso, Sibhaca, Umbholoho, Ingadla, Drama & Theatre and Drummies*. We look forward to increased participation in 2018.







## MACMILLAN SCHOOLS CULTURE COMPETITION



# PROMOTION OF CULTURAL AWARENESS KEY AMONG YOUTH

By Simon Shabangu

**THE** National Arts and Culture policy calls for the promotion of cultural awareness of the youth through formal and non-formal education to ensure that they are prepared to play their role in the cultural life of their communities.

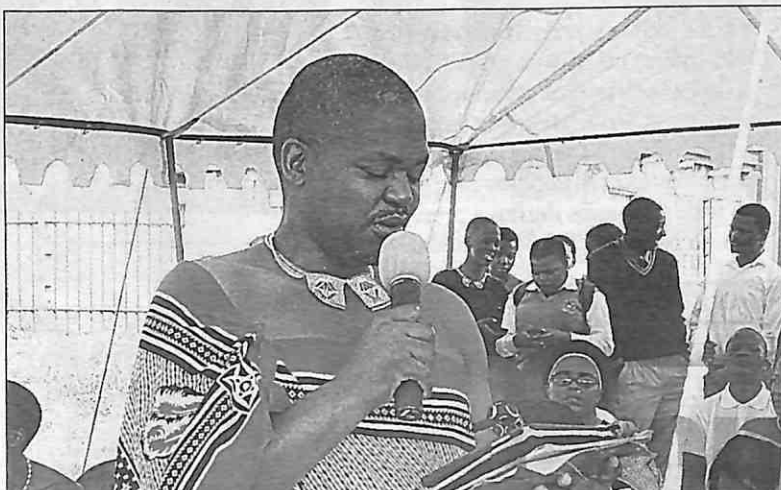
These are sentiments of the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture Chief Executive Officer Stanley Dlamini on the partnership they have with Macmillan Education and the Swaziland Schools Arts and Culture Association. He says through this partnership, the country will be able to get the youth involved in the promotion and maintaining of culture which the country is well-known for world-over.

He said the good part is that the schools are involved at both primary and secondary level, stating that the eventual dream is for this initiative to reach all the schools in the country.

### Embedded

He said this will put the country in the right path where 'Agenda 2063 is concerned. Article 42 of Agenda 2063 stipulates that 'Pan African ideals will be fully embedded in all schools curricula and Pan African cultural assets (heritage, folklore, languages, films, music, theatre, literature, festivals, religion and spirituality) will be enhanced'. 'African creative arts and industries will be celebrated throughout the continent, and in schools/ diaspora, and contribute significantly to self-awareness, well-being and prosperity, and to world culture and heritage' he said.

He said the council values the art and cultural activities that youth take for promotion of national identity, self-improvement, leisure and those undertaken by professional artists.



**AWARENESS:** Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture Chief Executive Officer Stanley Dlamini

He said recent research has found that partaking in arts and culture activities leads to a longer life span.

"Increased public spending on the arts and cultural activities will save money spent on health-related costs. SNCAC and Macmillan value the role our heritage has in the spiritual and physical health of the nation extrinsic of the value of the works created.

The council endeavors to build a cultural sustainable society and economy in which art and culture will be a major resource.

### Transformation

This involves long-term planning, policy transformation and integration. As we consider the richness and depth of our cultural heritage expressions and engagement on culture as a vector for economic development; we looked at a meaningful corporate sector partnership to transform the arts and cultural heritage sector" he noted.

He said the council, under the leadership of Busisiwe Simelane as board chairperson, continues to strengthen the functions, benefits and powers of

associations, such as Swaziland Schools Culture Association to consolidate the spirit of membership in its quest to cultivate and promote culture curricula and culture competitions in our youth.

### Paramount

"Strong relationships with the corporate community (such as Macmillan) and donor agencies, remain paramount to the agenda of the council.

It is through these links that a corporate mind could be inculcated in the transformation of the sector. Secondly, the partnership seeks to provide timely economic interventions for the lowly funded art and culture sector.

The partnership seeks to sustain quality and facilitate access. Disability and poverty should be no barrier to cultural access for our youth.

We will prioritise more corporate ventures with the aim of increasing schools participation and access in the arts and culture by the people of Swaziland and other communities" Dlamini who is also a staunch member of *Inyatsi* regiment added.



**HERITAGE:** Swaziland Schools Arts Association President Luis Mkhonta speaking during one of the events which was also attended by Minister David Cruiser Ngcamphalala.

## Schools sing Macmillan praises

Simon Shabangu

**THE** Swaziland Schools Arts Association has hailed Macmillan Swaziland for supporting culture in schools, stating that it helps the children to know and appreciate their culture.

President of the association Luis Mkhonta said the sponsorship by Macmillan came as a great relief because there is motivation for the schools and the pupils to take part in cultural competitions. He said the Swazi nation is known for its strong cultural heritage which needs to be instilled even to the youth.

He said Macmillan Swaziland sponsored the culture competitions to the tune of E200 000 and noted that today, the company will present prizes to the winning schools.

He said there is a lot of work which needs to be done especially in trying to reach all the *Tinkhundla* centres around the country to ensure that all the schools are reached. "All this need serious funds and government does not have a budget for such hence the sponsorship from socially responsible companies like Macmillan come in. We appreciate the company for the support which has helped us a great deal" he said.

He added that there is need for more financial assistance if the crusade has to reach all the school in the country. He said the mandate is to reach all the schools especially those closer to the borders with South Africa where the culture has the Zulu influence. "We need to frequent these schools and teach the children the the right way of doing the Swazi culture" he added.

He said another challenge is that currently the cultural activities are not part of the school's timetable since it is considered as an extracurricular activity. "This means that the teachers have to do this at their own spare time which at times causes a bit of conflicts with school heads when the teachers spend time especially when preparing for or attending the competitions," he noted.

He applauded government for considering to have culture included in the schools' syllabus, stating that this will help the teachers to have adequate time to teach the children. He also thanked the ministry of education and Training for assisting them with transport when attending the competition something which he said started this year. He said this will come as a great relief because schools do not enough budgets to cater for such.







# MACMILLAN SCHOOLS CULTURE COMPETITION



## MACMILLAN SCHOOLS' CULTURE COMPETITION GETTING POPULAR

By Simon Shabangu

**THE Macmillan sponsored culture competition is attracting more schools as the numbers are constantly increasing by the years.**

Last year saw a total of 140 partici-

pating schools, a number increased by 36 schools to a total of 175 schools which participated this year. The schools competed in several art and culture chords including: *Ummiso, Sibhaca, Umbholoho, Ingadla*, Drama and Theatre and Drummies. Indications are that the numbers will increase in the coming competition come next year.

There were 36 schools which made it to the top three bracket in each of the said categories as well as individual prizes which will be presented to the winning schools. Below is the list of schools (in no particular order) which will today receive trophies, cash prizes as well as medals during a presentation to be held at the Macimillan.



### HIGH SCHOOLS

1. Lobamba National High School
2. Mayiwane High School
3. Masundwini High School
4. Gundwini High School
5. Ngwan Park High School
6. Lomahasha High School
7. Malindza High School
8. Mhlume High School
9. Nawene Central High School
10. Christ The King High School
11. Elangeni High School
12. Sigcineni High School
13. Moyeni High School
14. Swazi National High School
15. Vulamasango High School
16. Mhubhe High School
17. Timphisini High School
18. Phonywane High School

19. Lavundlamanti High School
20. St Mary's High School
21. Ekuvinjelweni High School
22. Mkhondvo High School
23. St Mark High School
24. Ekuikhanyeni High School
25. Woodlands High School

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

1. Bekhaphi Primary School
2. Maphalaleni Primary School
3. Entfubeni Primary School
4. Sigcineni Primary School
5. Nkhalashane Primary School
6. Majombe Primary School
7. Ngomane Primary School
8. Sty Aidens Primary School
9. St Marks Primary School
10. Maliyaduma Primary School
11. Elangeni Primary School



The Macmillan Schools Culture Competition through the lense from the early stages to the finals. Part of the action included drama, cultural dances and activities, *kubutseka* traditional wedding among other activities. These were captured during the different venues during the course of the elimination stages leading to the finals which saw only 36 schools winning. (courtesy pics)







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**BUSY AT WORK:** Minister of ICT representative, ICT PS Bhekithemba Gama tilting the soil.



**PAINTING:** SwaziTelecom General Manager Francis Dlamini and Shiselweni Regional Manager Paul Shongwe, assisting Gogo Nde paint a portion of the kitchen wall.



**WEEDING:** FA & PLS rep Petros Vilakati, SPTC MD Petros Dlamini and SwaziTelecom Charity Cup PRO, Linton Gule weeding the vegetable garden.



**LIGHT MOMENT:** Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, David Ngcamphalala sharing a light moment with a patient.



**HELPING HAND:** SPTC Staff member, Patrick Msibi also came to lend a helping hand.

## SWAZITELECOM CHARITY CUP – HOPE HOUSE COMMUNITY PROJECT

### MODERNISING Health Through Technology Towards Vision 2022. Gogo Nde Community Visit

On the 29th of July 2017, the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup team along with their valued stakeholders Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, PLS, Soccer players and the general public, visited Gogo Nde's Orphanage Centre at KaZenze in the Shiselweni Region, to assist with cleaning and maintaining the landscape around the centre and painting of the kitchen which was constructed in 2015, during the "Gwcala MO" edition of the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup. A number of other activities which were performed on the day included, cleaning of a pigsty, weeding of a vegetable garden and also providing clothing material to the orphanage.

#### Present

The PS from the Ministry of ICT, Bhekithemba Gama was also present on behalf of the minister of ICT. Bhekithemba Gama took part in all activities which were performed on the day and applauded the great work that the orphanage centre was doing, because it ensured that every child had shelter, food, clothing and a descent education as children are the future of this country.

In 2015, the centre looked after 84 orphans and that number has grown to 218 to date, and a share of those orphans have graduated from university while some are still enrolled.

The SwaziTelecom Charity Cup would like to thank everyone that came and participated and would like to invite you all to our next community project which will be at Ntontozion the 12 of August 2017, where we will be constructing a soup kitchen, classroom



**RENOVATED:** The kitchen after it was painted.



**WHAT WE DO:** An SPTC Staff member explaining the House K project to Minister David Ngcamphalala.

and a pit latrine. SPTC staff members also came out in their numbers to assist in successfully carrying out charity work which included tilting soil for the planting of grass around the premises and also cleaning of the yard at Hope House.

They were supported by Swazi Telecom Charity Cup PRO, PLS, soccer players, team PRO's, Manzini Municipality

representatives, and the general public.

The SwaziTelecom Charity Cup would like to thank everyone that came and participated at Hope House and would like to invite you all to our next community project which will be at Gogo Nde Orphanage, KaZenze in the Shiselweni Region, on the 29th of July 2017, starting at 9am.

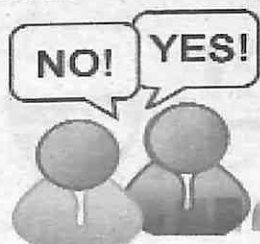


## SWAZITELECOM CHARITY CUP

'Modernising Health Through Technology Towards Vision 2022'







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## I LIKE THIS MP PHILA GUY!

THIS week has largely been dominated by Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini and his sparring partner Phila Buthelezi.

It's been gloves-off between the head of government and the young Matsanjeni North MP.

This follows MP Buthelezi's submission in the House of Assembly last week that the PM was censoring cabinet ministers.

This obviously did not sit well with the PM (you know some truths are difficult to take) as he haphazardly fired back, alias using the wrong forum. I will not focus much on the PM but I want to direct my attention to MP Buthelezi.

### Admires

This young MP has won a lot of admirers not just by taking on the PM but to me he's been the beacon light for the otherwise dormant 10th Parliament.

Buthelezi, amongst the youngest MPs in the House, has demonstrated a high level of maturity beyond his youthful years.

He is what our country needs especially in this day and age where leaders are proving time and again that they no longer want to be subjected to any form of questioning, accountability and transparency.

This country is headed to a state that is unpleasant and unwelcoming for

● *Buthelezi, amongst the youngest MPs in the House, has demonstrated a high level of maturity beyond his youthful years.*

people with a diverse mind.

We are grooming a stereotype generation so to speak, where you know questioning your leaders is equated to treason.

That's not the Swaziland we dream of for our kids and the generation to follow. We need to create a vibrant society that promotes the sharing of dissenting views to inculcate the culture of accountability.

### Point

But at the rate things are going, we will reach a point where people will only aspire to go to Parliament to be stooges. In fact, we are creating stooges out of our MPs if they are not going to question things.

That is why I have been extremely impressed by MP Buthelezi in the 10th Parliament because he's been the voice that brings sanity in the House.

On days when we even wonder if MP Marwick Khumalo still exists in that House, MP Buthelezi has been our voice of reasoning in Parliament.

I want to congratulate the people of Matsanjeni North for unearthing a rare diamond in MP Phila Buthelezi. I'm not his campaign manager but

MP Phila should walk straight back into the 11th Parliament.

It should be no a brainer for the people of Matsanjeni North when it comes to elections next year. Phila has been that good.

I first saw traces of his toughness and grit when he took on MP Marwick in the House, which showed he was not to be bullied.

Now he's gone on to tread on dangerous grounds by challenging the Premier and putting him in his place. Rightly so, if I may add.

No wonder the PM got hot under the collar over the matter because he knows MP Buthelezi is right. The ministers may not publicly admit that they are being stifled in their progress but their actions tell a completely different story.

The ministers' performance has not been convincing at all.

And if you asked yourself why, it would probably lead to what MP Buthelezi said.

**IMPRESSIVE: Matsanjeni North MP Phila Buthelezi.**



**Join the Dynamic Swazi Mobile Team**

## Swazi Mobile touching people's lives

**THERE'S** been overwhelming response for Swazi Mobile products since the company opened its doors for service.

It's reported that over 5 000 people are registering for Swazi Mobile services per day.

The long queues for Swazi Mobile products in most parts of the country, of course, tell the story better.

It goes to show that Swazis are sick and tired of being short-changed.

They couldn't wait for the 20-year monopoly to end so that they would be at liberty to choose a network of their choice.

### Swelling

It has been smoothing-sailing for Swazi Mobile, with the swelling numbers by each day, of course, adding to the

25 000 that had already been registered way before the company went into operation.

### Shares

This is a company that is giving away 33.3 per cent of its shares to ordinary Swazis in a move to empower them.

Talk about a calculated marketing strategy, which will surely do them a world of good.

*Kusezobamnandi la!*

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## ON THIS DAY

...August 4

1735 - Freedom of the press was established with an acquittal of John Peter Zenger. The writer of the New York Weekly Journal had been charged with seditious libel by the royal governor of New York. The jury said that "the truth is not libelous."

1753 - George Washington became a Master Mason.

1790 - The Revenue Cutter Service was formed. This US naval task force was the beginning of the US Coast Guard.

1821 - "The Saturday Evening Post" was published for the first time as a weekly.

1914 - Britain declared war on Germany. The U.S. proclaimed its neutrality.

1921 - The first radio broadcast of a tennis match occurred. It was in Pittsburgh, PA.

1922 - The death of Alexander Graham Bell, two days earlier, was recognized by AT&T and the Bell Systems by shutting down all of its switchboards and switching stations. The shutdown affected 13 million phones.

1934 - Mel Ott became the first major league baseball player to score six runs in a single game.

1944 - Nazi police raided a house in Amsterdam and arrested eight people. Anne Frank, a teenager at the time, was one of the people arrested. Her diary would be published after her death.

1954 - The uranium rush began in Saskatchewan, Canada.

1956 - William Herz became the first person to race a motorcycle over 200 miles per hour. He was clocked at 210 mph.

1957 - Florence Chadwick set a world record by swimming the English Channel in 6 hours and seven minutes.

1957 - Juan Fangio won his final auto race and captured the world auto driving championship. It was his fifth consecutive year to win.

1958 - The first potato flake plant was completed in Grand Forks, ND.

1958 - Billboard Magazine introduced its "Hot 100" chart, which was part popularity and a barometer of the movement of potential hits. The first number one song was Ricky Nelson's "Poor Little Fool."

1972 - Arthur Bremer was found guilty of shooting George Wallace, the governor of Alabama. Bremer was sentenced to 63 years in prison.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Barack Obama** (US president) - August 4, 1961 - 56 years old



**Meghan Markle** (TV ACTRESS) - August 4, 1981 - 36 years old



Ackel Zwane

**COME TO THINK OF IT**

IT is only up until we line the corpses of those either killed in a stampede or massacred by outright thugs masquerading as short-changed fans that Swaziland will begin to act on gullible events organisers who put the nation in danger.

The recent events at Mhlume Club where one DJ Kish of some Phelavele Entertainment could not account for the near fatal events resulting from his failure to bring much anticipated artist Professor but instead shifting the blame for the fracas on patrons, should be yet another lesson to fun starved Swazis.

This is a DJ who apparently just emerged from the nearby bundu sugarcane woods, to advertise a sold out show that never was. What followed was a complete breakdown in law and order that resulted in many getting injured with a public running riot. In the cross-fire was a journalist, Nozipho Sibiya, who is still nursing her wounds at home after the brutal attack by fans who did not want to see her capturing the unfolding events with her camera.

They took the camera and left her for dead after pummeling her to a pulp, thanks to her ancestors she lives to tell her 'side of the story'.

This has long been coming with promoters always having it their way all because the controlling body, the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture SNCAC, the mother body regulating such activities, has on several occasions in the past preferred to take backstage. In the process promoters have been robbing fun-lovers of hard earned moneys with promises of refunds after they had already pocketed large sums having promised to bring big names in the entertainment industry in the country as a bait.

## Expected

We would have expected that by this time the fraud section of the police or the other public protector offices should have sprung to action to put a stop to this madness.

Not very long ago, journalists Nhlanhla Mathunjwa and Howard Mavuso are my witnesses that some backyard promoter promised to bring United Kingdom based sensation Westlife to Swaziland. The stories went viral especially with announcements that fans would pay as little as E300 at the gate at Mavuso

**"When I laid my eyes on the scheduled artists for the local festival in a gig in Richards Bay on the very same New Year's Eve, I quickly contacted the team and they explained that the artists would be transported by private jets into the country just in time for their slots."**

Trade and Exhibition Centre.

This was too hard to swallow for party animals like Howard who doubted the news from the start and his doubts were confirmed come September 30, 2006 when the whole world was to have descended on Mavuso to watch Westlife.

Now look at the lineup of the organisers of the grand event that never was: Gcina Mtetwa, former

public Relations Officer of the Swazi Beauty Pageant Maria De Sousa, Marlin Hanwood and Big Five Entertainment Company big-wigs.

Gcina proceeded to call a press conference, according to media reports, one Friday at Mavuso where he allegedly announced that the show would be in

two sections, one for the ordinary fan to cost E370 which price tag would also be accompanied with *shisa nyama*, a braai pack for the lower classes, the other was for VIPs at E530 which priced tagged along a dinner offering. It was to be an all-night show to feature great South African names in the music industry with gates opening as early as 3pm. That was the last we heard of Westlife.

Then came January 2017 with bombshell courtesy of Mbekezeli Zulu of Umdabula (or is it umdubulo) Festival.

As early as October Zulu was all over the show calling upon doubting Thomases that indeed he was bringing household names in the international music arena such as DJ Black Coffee, Cassper Nyovest, Nasty C, Big Nuz and Babes Wodumo.

He even promised that he would be running a 30 seconds advert on Trace Africa channel 326 DStv. However at Tum's Water World the issue that featured prominently was not the much awaited 'wolo-lo' dance moves that Babes Wodumo is known for but a verbal diarrhea over E100 000 which Umdabula paid to Babes

# UNTIL WE LINE THE CADAVERS, WE SHALL NEVER LEARN TO ACT

Wodumo who never performed, now where does the fan who paid for the show come in?

Waking up from deep slumber SNCAC Chief Executive Officer Stanley Dlamini demanded answers long after the damage had been caused. He announced that he wanted answers from Zulu and his sidekick Khula Mkhabela. He wanted the duo to give him what he called 'festival registration together with signed contracts as if that would reverse the amount of damage already caused.'

"When I laid my eyes on the scheduled artists for the local festival in a gig in Richards Bay on the very same New Year's Eve, I quickly contacted the team and they explained that the artists would be transported by private jets into the country just in time for their slots."

The executive bought that hogwash and there were no artists who were ever flown in, logic is also in question as to how these would be flown from the stage in one country to perform at another stage in another country all in the same night!

However, Dlamini said since it did not turn out so, he made an effort to reach Zulu and

advised him that the world rule for an event that has gone wrong like his did, he should then host a make-up show to compensate the Swazis who paid their hard earned money.

The next thing that follows is that fans were promised some form of compensation dubbed 'makeover festival'.

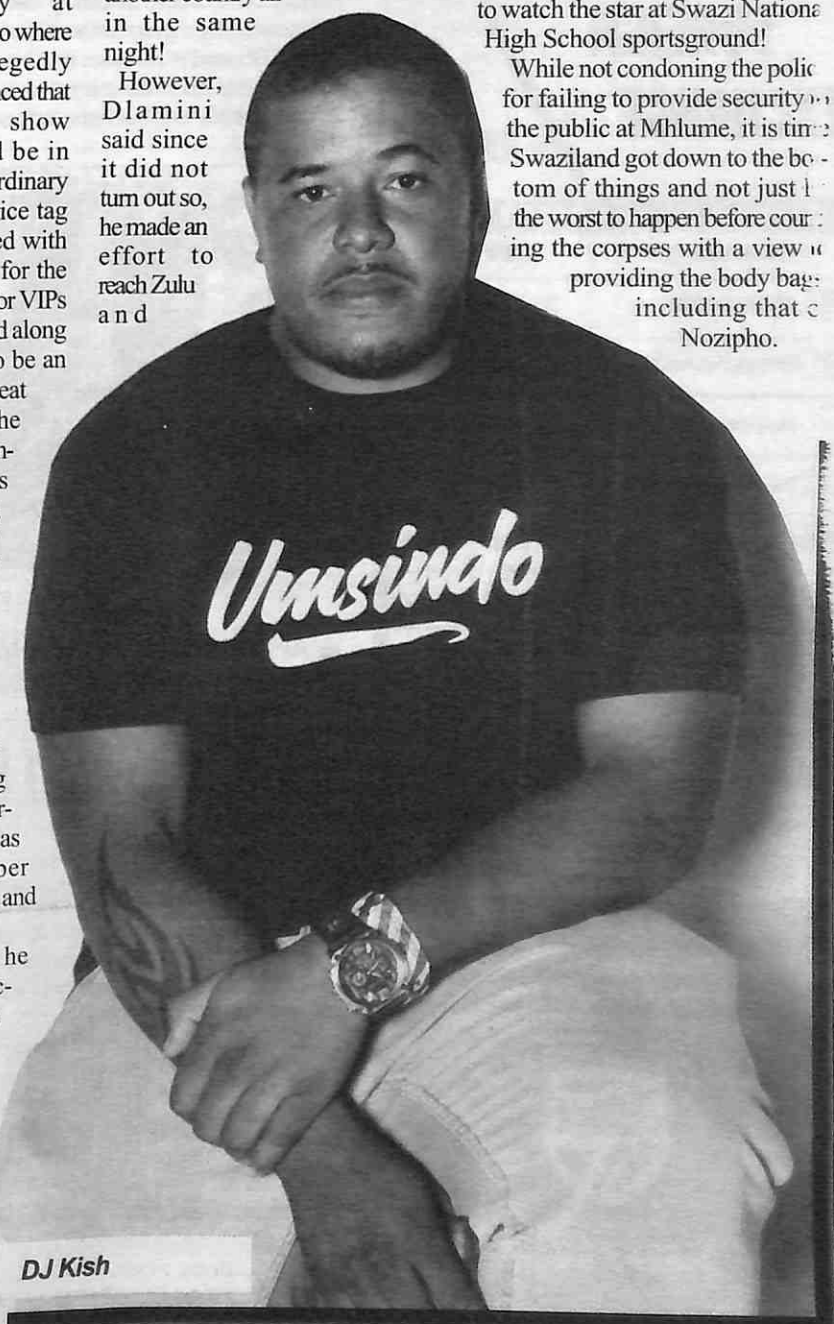
## Permission

Neymar will complete his E3 billion record move to Paris Saint-Germain in the coming days after being given permission to leave Barcelona, with the Brazilian poised to earn more than £500 000-a-week when he signs a five-year contract.

The 25-year-old will become the most expensive player in world football after saying his goodbyes to his Barcelona teammates on Wednesday.

Come to think of it one, do not be surprised that one sports promoter will be calling a press conference announcing that Neymar will arrive at Mbuleni township to oversee the revival of the legendary Kwaluseni Rebels, Bacambi Bendlela where tickets would be available for fans to watch the star at Swazi National High School sportsground!

While not condoning the police for failing to provide security to the public at Mhlume, it is time Swaziland got down to the bottom of things and not just let the worst to happen before covering the corpses with a view to providing the body bags including that of Nozipho.



DJ Kish



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
<b>First National Bank</b>	
Inflation Rate	6.9%
<b>Central Statistical Office</b>	
Mortgage Rate	9.75%
<b>Swaziland Building Society</b>	
Bank Rate	7.25%
<b>Central Bank</b>	
Petrol (u)	E11.80 per litre
Replacement	E11.85 per litre
Diesel	E11.70 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.95 per litre
<b>Engen Garage</b>	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 17 MAY 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.2109	13.2509
British Pound / SZL	17.4535	17.5196
Japanese Yen / SZL	8.3581	8.3613
Swiss Franc / SZL	13.6872	13.7362
Botswana Pula / SZL	1.2851	1.3035
Australian Dollar / SZL	10.3212	10.3623
Canadian Dollar / SZL	10.5062	10.5446
Mozambique Metical / SZL	5.5211	5.5542
Euro / SZL	15.6230	15.6830
Gold	1,264.3200	
Oil	1035.44	

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# USE VIRTUAL CURRENCIES AT YOUR OWN RISK, WARNS CBS

By Manqoba Makhubu

AMID the emerging bitcoin frenzy, the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) has warned users that should they suffer financial loss from the use of the currency or any other virtual currency; they will have no protection or legal recourse available from any institution, not even from the bank.

In 2012, the European Central Bank (ECB) defined virtual currency as a type of unregulated, digital money, which is issued and usually controlled by its developers, and is used and accepted among the members of a specific virtual community.

One of the virtual currencies is bitcoin. The digital currency created in 2009, uses decentralised technology for secure payments and storing money that doesn't require banks or people's names.

It has a range of uses, including funding companies, investing cash and transferring money without fees.

The CBS said it is aware that bitcoin is one of the leading cryptocurrencies globally and has been further

advised of instances where this currency is being marketed and traded in the country.

"However, the bank notes that due to its nature as a cryptocurrency, there are no restrictions, disclosures or regulatory compliance applicable to transactions executed using Bitcoin and yet, like any other currency, it can be used for illegal purposes or to facilitate fraudulent activity," said the CBS.

In fact, the bank said the anonymity and speed of execution in transacting with cryptocurrencies makes it more susceptible to abuse by unscrupulous persons.

The Central Bank of Swaziland Order of 1974 as amended, stipulates that only notes and coins issued by the CBS shall be legal tender in the country. Therefore, the bank said it has authorised as legal tender the Lilangeni (SZL) as well as the South African Rand (ZAR) which circulate side by side at par.

The bank said other foreign currencies are traded by licensed institutions in line with applicable exchange control legislation.

"It is understood that these foreign currencies have, as a key attribute, the feature that they are issued and redeemed by the duly authorised institution in their country of issue and

hence enjoy legal tender status, which a cryptocurrency by definition, does not," said the CBS.

The CBS has been trusted to issue and redeem currency as well as to promote safe and accessible payment systems.

The bank said it would continue to closely monitor developments with-

in the financial services industry with a view to ensure that the regulatory framework remains relevant and appropriate.

Meanwhile, Swazi Bitclub Network's Prosper Silienu said though there were security concerns all over the world with regards to the use of Bitcoin, it remains one of the safest financial transactions that has ever

existed.

He said this was due to blockchain, which is the distributed ledger technology underlying bitcoin.

"That is why many states have aligned themselves with the use of bitcoin," he said. Silienu said they were still trying to open a permanent branch in the country to promote the use of bitcoin.

"We also organise seminars and people have shown interest to join the network. This is a good platform to generate daily income," he said.

For example, he said one bitcoin was equivalent to about E9 240 in local currency around January, but now stands at over E35 640.

"This is huge opportunity for us to create millionaires," he said.

The CBS said it supports innovation and adoption of new technologies in the industry and together with many other regulatory institutions worldwide adopts an optimistic, but cautious view that the financial services industry will certainly benefit from these technologies, but that their development and deployment must be done in a manner that sufficiently safeguard the interest of users.

*The bank said other foreign currencies are traded by licensed institutions in line with applicable exchange control legislation*



APPRECIATION: Participants of the big day responding to minister's speech during the International Day of Cooperatives 2017 at UNISWA Sports Emporium yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

# COOPS E1BN SAVINGS EXPECTED TO GO UP

By Majaha Nkonyane

SAVINGS and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs) are expected to significantly increase their just over E1 billion savings portfolio.

Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza said their recent cooperative data analysis system indicates there was systematic growth in the cooperative movement each year.

"Currently the statistics indicate there is a savings portfolio of E1 037 644 661, assets worth E1 404 376 656 with a total of 432 registered cooperatives and a total membership



SAVINGS: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza delivering his speech.

of 56 617," he said. Mabuza said cooperatives have to work with everyone and ensure that no one was left behind.

The minister was speaking during the cooperatives day celebration themed, 'Cooperatives ensure that no one is left behind.'

The minister said the theme challenges cooperatives to work hard towards making it a point that all people from all sectors and spheres were mobilised through cooperatives.

"As a country we need a paradigm shift where people need to believe in themselves as developers of their own economy.

"Cooperatives area tool that has helped many counties to develop economies. It is, therefore, very important that all citizens of the country associate themselves with any kind

of business initiative," he said.

Mabuza said national development begins with individual commitment to do something and government alone cannot afford to develop the country without committed citizens.

He said government is all out to provide the necessary infrastructure and expertise to create an enabling environment.

"It is important that people work in groups under the banner of cooperatives what is important here is that these cooperative societies must be seen to be contributing towards the country's development endeavours to help alleviate poverty and curb unemployment," he said.



# Coops empowered to contribute much towards development

By Majaha Nkonyane

**MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza has launched the Swaziland National Cooperative Development Policy (SNCDP) alongside the Swaziland National Youth Cooperative Alliance (SNYCA).**

The minister launched both the policy and the youth cooperative alliance during the cooperative day celebration held at the University of Swaziland Sports Emporium.

"The national cooperative development policy entails guidelines on how cooperatives are to be established and nurtured to promote sustainable development. The ministry would like to extend its gratitude to the European Union for financing the development of this policy," he said.

Mabuza emphasised on the importance of cooperatives to the youth and further encouraged them on the benefits that come with being part of it.

"Our focus is on promoting the youth to be involved in developmental initiatives of the country. The ministry wants to ensure that no one is left behind," he said.

The minister said the co-ordinating body specifically for cooperatives of the youth formed part of the requirements stipulated in the national co-operative development policy.



**IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY: Members of different cooperatives arriving at UNISWA after the march from Ndlunganye.**

"The SNYCA is an apex body under which all co-operatives of the youth will affiliate. It will operate more or less like SASCCO," he said. According to Mabuza, for the country to have a federation of cooperatives it needs more apex bodies. "I would like to request members of other cooperatives to contribute towards a fund that will help the young people to lift themselves up. I would also like to request cooperatives to help these young people as they set up through social responsibilities," he said.

He said the youth structure already has 16 registered cooperatives and two school co-operatives with a

membership of 289 young people.

"This in itself indicates the determination of these young people to work and therefore there is a need for financial support," he said.

Young people were further advised to collaborate with other countries that were willing to work with the country.

"I am also advised of a youth cooperative tripartite collaboration between Botswana Lesotho and Swaziland (BOLESWA). It is a good initiative aimed at establishing networks for young co-operators. It's through this forum that

the young people share ideas and experiences for their involvement in cooperatives principle where there is a call for cooperation amongst cooperatives," he said.

The minister said the BOLESWA tripartite would also be an exchange programme which will boost trade between the three countries.

"Youth from the three countries will be able to engage in exchange programmes held rotationally between three countries.

Both Botswana and Lesotho have hosted the exchange forum in the past and it is now our turn as a country to host such a forum," he said.



**OFFICIAL LAUNCH: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza assisted by Commissioner of Cooperatives Nonhlanhla Mnisi during the launch of 2017 Cooperative policy and Swaziland National Cooperative Youth Alliance.**



## ICT PS lobbies for Mobile Money daily limit increase

By Manqoba Makhubu

**MINISTRY of Information, Communications and Technology acting Principal Secretary Bhekithemba Gama has lobbied for the increase of the E4 000 Mobile Money daily for individual transactions.**

He said this could add weight on the new partnership between the Swaziland Building Society (SBS) and Swazi MTN which twins Mobile

Money wallets with ATMs.

SBS and Swazi MTN recently launched two new products, 'Bank Push-Pull' which exclusively allows SBS account holders to transfer money from their bank accounts to their Mobile Money wallets and vice versa and the Mobile Money ATM cash out, which is a one-time-pin based transaction that allows any registered Mobile Money subscriber to initiate and withdraw at any SBS ATM regardless of their bank.

"I would like to ask the CBS to

consider increasing the daily limit for individuals for much convenience in terms of payments," he said.

Mobile Money is regulated by the CBS. Currently individuals are compelled to stagger their payments if they fare above the E4 000 daily limit.

For retail customers, since they are KYC (Know Your Customer) compliant, MTN Chief Consumer Officer Sam Shongwe said their payments are allowed to exceed the stipulated daily limit.



**LOBBIES: Ministry of ICT acting PS Bhekithemba Gama.**

## SMME department wants foreigners out of SNL

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE small, micro medium enterprises (SMME) unit under the ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade insists foreigners need to be driven out of Swazi Nation Land (SNL).**

In the ministry of commerce, industry and trade first quarter performance report for the 2017/18 financial year, the department said it expects the country's economy to remain in the hands of indigenous Swazis, especially on SNL.

"We expect the country's economy to remain in the hands of indigenous Swazi people through the strengthening of this organisation so that sustainability can be predicted and managed through empowered locals," he said.

The department has the overall responsibility of coordinating the implementation of the SMME policy objectives to foster economic growth and development, increase employment opportunities, alleviate poverty by creating access to sustainable livelihoods and increase levels of ownership in the economy for indigenous Swazis.

The department noted that job creation remains the responsibility of the local private sector and the nation expects full support from government to facilitate the empowerment of citizens interested in engaging in economic activities through entrepreneurship and create the necessary employment and improve performance of SMMEs in the development of the country's economy.

"It is imperative that for the country's economic transition to take serious effect, investment for the SMMEs has to take an elevated level so that the future of the country is predictable," said the department.

### Innovative

It also noted that there was a need to put more resources on the youth and allow for the creation of more innovative structures and facilities that shall allow for quick paced service provision and financial inclusion for all the main stakeholders and beneficiaries, especially women and the youth. Small scale credit guarantee repayment stands at 95 per cent.

The current repayment rate for the small scale credit guarantee scheme currently sits at 95 per cent.

The scheme is administered by the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) on behalf of government. The report noted that the demand for the facility remains high. "The E5 million recapitalisation by government has to date facilitated for the approval of 30 fresh loans," said the department. However, the department said the insufficient recapitalisation of the schemes remain a risk on all players involved in the scheme. Different banks participate in the scheme.

The department said they were looking forward to a well-oiled financial sector that accommodates financial inclusion for all business citizens. The department said this could contribute significantly to make entrepreneurship to become a culture and wealth creation to eliminate poverty.



# FOUR ESTEEMED PERSONALITIES FOR GBR'S ECONOMIC SEMINAR

By Njabulo Dlamini

**FOUR esteemed personalities have been lined up for the Global Business Roundtable Swaziland second economic symposium to be held on Monday.**

Set for the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre, from 7am, the event will be held under the theme 'Identifying and using the country's key competitive advantage to achieve sustainable prosperity'.

GBR Swaziland Head of Communications Thandeka Matsebula confirmed the event.

She said the guest list was as follows;

GBR Convener Siphosiso Mseleku, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade; Jabulani Mabuza, South Africa Deputy Minister of Economic Development; Madala Masuku and Dr Alexander Chisango from Zimbabwe, who is recognised among the church, academic, governmental and business authorities as a nation builder, apostolic father, kingdom statesman and empowerment engineer.

Chisango's diverse work became consolidated into four focused fronts, namely: The Kingdom International Nations of Christ (KINOC) movement; The World Economic Congress (WEC); King-

dom International Ministries (KIM), his home church; and the Kingdom International Apostolic Mandate (KIAM), spiritual sons.

Meanwhile, Masuku hails from the Mpumalanga Province and is a member of the Executive Council under the Department of Finance in Mpumalanga. He holds a Masters in Management - Public and Development Management from Wits University and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Policy and Development Management with the same institution, which he obtained in 2002 and 1996,

respectively.

"The first economic symposium for GBR Swaziland awakened us that as a country we have a competitive advantage that could be used to grow our economy for economic prosperity. With this event, we will be deliberating on the tools and strategies that could be utilised to grow our economy for the better," Matsebula said.

## Keen

She said they were keen as the local GBR forum to learn from successful businesses and organisations in the field such as SA, amongst others, the hurdles, and challenges they overcame to be where they are today.

The mandate of GBR Swaziland is to develop the person holistically to eliminate poverty amongst members of this forum and the nation in general through their various programmes and seminars convened on an ongoing basis.

In that regard, Matsebula extended invitation to private sector individuals, Christian organisations and or corporate to come and get insight on how they can take the nation forward in tackling its challenges and break yoke of poverty and stigmatisation.

Attendance to the event is E300 per head.

## The Global Business ROUNDTABLE

## UNESCO encourages more women to venture into ICT

By Majaha Nkonyane

**THE United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has encouraged more women to get into the information, communications and technology field.**

Speaking during the ICT awarding ceremony held at IDM in Matsapha yesterday, UNESCO Secretary General Hazel Zungu who was represented by Nelisiwe Ndwandwe said the organisation has taken an initiative to capacitate member states on gender equity strategies.

"We are aware that ICT is one of the fields of science where females are underrepresented compared to their male counterpart due to certain reasons including gender stereotypes, socio-economic factors, cultural beliefs among others," she said.

She said UNESCO has taken a holistic and comprehensive approach to promoting ICT in education.

"Access, inclusion, and quality are among the main challenges they can address. The organisation's intersectoral platform for ICT in education focuses on these issues through the joint work of three of its sectors, communication and information, education and science," she said.

Zungu said they hope that the activity of ICT fairs will impact more young people who need to be aware of the technologically advancing world.

"UNESCO's support was



**STRATEGIES: UNESCO Secretary General Hazel Zungu.**

aimed at strengthening participation of both boys and girls. However this does not mean that the boys are not critical, but our concern is to make sure there is maximum participation in ICT by ensuring that there is no gender disparity," she said.

"We hope that special effort has been made to encourage girl participation in the fair that for UNESCO would spell the achievement of the aim of partnership. It is within our mandate to provide member states with resources for elaborating ICT in education policies, strategies and activities," she added.

She also thanked the ministry of education and training for supporting ICT in education and for further encouraging the participation of girls in science and maths.

"With the availability of funds we are looking forward to continued partnership for many more years to come," she said.

## SACAU wants agriculture insurance for smallholder farmers

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) has joined the global call to make agriculture insurance available as one of the tools to help farmers in general, especially smallholders to adapt to the challenges of climate change.**

The global call to action follows a meeting which was held in Bonn, Germany, in May this year where these organisations agreed that a collective effort to support farmers adapt to climate change is required.

"We understand how farmers across southern Africa have been affected by the challenges of climate change. Smallholder farmers are particularly hard hit by extreme climate events, such as drought and odds," said SACAU Chief Executive Officer



**GLOBAL CALL: SACAU Chief Executive Officer Ishmael Sunga.**

Ishmael Sunga.

"Farmers need to constantly find ways to address these challenges.

Targeted insurance supports climate adaptation by providing funds when farmers are hit by extreme climate events, and by allowing farmers to adopt innovations to exploit opportunities when they are available," he added.

## Unlock

SACAU has joined other agricultural and climate change organisations in calling for farmers to have access to insurance products tailored to their 'context special needs that reduce vulnerability, unlock opportunity, spur uptake of climate-smart technologies and practices, and build resilience to a variable and changing climate.'

During the May meeting, the organisations noted that there were already successful examples to emulate in northern Kenya and Ethiopia.

Among the organisations involved in the call for action with SACAU are the CGIAR's Research Programme

on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS), International Research Institute for Climate and Society, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture and the Global Resilience Partnership.

The organisations identified key challenges that need coordinated efforts in order to support farmers.

## Risks

According to the SACAU, these areas require designing insurance solutions that equitably address farmers' context-special needs and risks, increasing the availability of data to tailor insurance to the needs of farmers and the risks that are important to them, extending insurance across the full agricultural value chain, including non-farm actors, developing the capacity of existing local distribution channels and potential aggregators, and, creating added

value by integrating insurance with climate-smart technologies, credit, value chains and development strategies.

Other areas are ensuring an enabling regulatory environment and creating support for such public-private partnerships and strengthening the evidence base to justify and guide investment, to identify and address market failure.

SACAU said the organisations also highlighted that farmer organisations need to foster two-way communication by promoting understanding of insurance and responsibility to manage risk to farmers, and in turn articulating farmers' needs to insurance providers, governments, and development partners; and, play a proactive role in facilitating data collection and the distribution of insurance.

The call to action also identified specific intervention areas for the private sector, the international development and climate adaptation community and the agricultural research community.





# Africa News

**PORN, PIRATED MOVIES POSTED ON ZANU-PF WEBSITE:**

## MUGABE AND 'DESPICABLE ME'



**SLAMMED:** Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.

**HARARE** - President Robert Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF party had its website hacked and pirated movies and pornographic pictures posted on it, reports say.

The hack on Tuesday appears to have gone undetected for some time, according to news and blogging website Techzim.

Pirated animated movies like Despicable Me 3 and Cars 3 were loaded under the Zanu-PF website's publication section, and pornographic pictures were also posted.

The website was eventually taken down on Tuesday evening and repaired. By Wednesday afternoon, most of its features were back up and running.

"It's hard to determine if the website was specifically targeted or if it was just attacked by bots crawling the internet for websites with

security weaknesses," Techzim said in one of its updates on the incident.

The Zimbabwe government says it wants a Cyber Crime and Computer Bill passed into law before elections in 2018.

### Criticism

Critics say the Bill contains lots of vague sections, which could be used to clamp down on freedom of expression, especially on social media where criticism of Mugabe's government and party is robust. But the Bill's proponents, including IT Minister Supa Mandiwanzira, believe it will reduce hacking and cyber-bullying.

"Our people are being abused," he said in June. "They are vulnerable and we need to protect them."

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## Rwanda set for elections today

**RWANDA** - Rwanda will hold presidential elections today.

It has been over 20 years since the genocide in the country, but Rwanda still faces wide-ranging problems.

One of these is a lack of press freedom.

"The reality is the people in Rwanda, they don't have any freedom. As we know very well there is no freedom of expression, no independence of the media.

"All the independent media has been forced into exile except those who are supporting the narrative of the current regime.

### Expect

"We can't expect a country like North Korea to have a free election... that's what we're saying in Rwanda where it's using the military to rule the country," said Kennedy Gihana of the Rwanda National Congress.

Rwandan President Paul Kagame, already in power for 17 years, predicts he will win overwhelming popular backing for a third term in elections this week, brushing off accusations of stifling political debate.

Kagame is able to run for the third term only after constitutional changes were approved in a 2015 referendum by what the opposition and Western diplomats described as a suspiciously high 98 per cent vote.

*Reuters*



**Liberia's outgoing Sirleaf campaigning for female candidates**

**CAMPAIGNING:** Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

**LIBERIA** - Liberia's outgoing President, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, says she will actively campaign for the handful of female candidates contesting elections in October, while her male vice-president seeks to replace her.

There is just a single female candidate among 20 contenders running for president this year in Liberia, as Sirleaf

steps down as Africa's first female head of state following more than a decade in power.

### Seeking

"I will not be seeking re-election in the October 2017 elections. I will be on my feet everywhere in my own little way to campaign for women listed and certified by the National Elections Commission (NEC) as candidates to par-

ticipate in the ensuing elections," Sirleaf said in a press statement.

Beyond MacDella Cooper, the former fashion model turned humanitarian running for the presidency, just 15.9 per cent of remaining candidates standing for vice-president and seats in the House of Representatives are women, according to NEC figures.

*AFP*

## Crooked Moz cops sent packing after tourist extortion bid

**DURBAN** - The entire Mozambican police force unit in the popular beachfront tourist resort of Ponta do Ouro has been suspended after local residents accused them of extorting bribes from South African tourists.

Several local business owners welcomed the news on Tuesday, which was featured on Mozambique television and the local newspaper O'Pais.

Their suspension follows the wide dissemination of an amateur cellphone video on social media showing an angry crowd blocking a police vehicle and shouting at officers.

The crowd apparently intervened to rescue a tourist who was about to be dragged to a local police station, where they feared money would be extorted from him.

The Mozambican news agency

AIM reported on Tuesday that corrupt behaviour by some policemen might be a reason for a decline of tourism to "Ponta" - a popular dive spot and beachfront holiday venue for Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal visitors.

The town is just north of the KwaZulu-Natal border at Kosi Bay.

The news agency said that during the weekly police press brief-

ing in Maputo on Tuesday, the spokesperson for the General Command of the police, Claudio Langa, said: "The Command has decided to remove the entire police unit stationed in Ponta de Ouro until the truth of the complaints raised by the public is established. Meanwhile, another unit will be placed there".

*News24*

## BRIEFS

### Zim bond notes to reach \$0.5bn

**HARARE** - Zimbabwe's central bank chief says the country will print an extra 300 million dollars' worth of bond notes, despite an earlier promise not to exceed the 200 million figure. Any mention of money printing in Zimbabwe fuels fears of a return to hyper-inflation and the black market trade in scarce foreign currency that peaked in 2008. Bond notes were introduced last November to ease chronic shortages of US Dollars, and to encourage exporters who earn the country foreign currency. The central bank has so far fed 175 million Dollars' worth of the notes, in denominations of two and five dollars, into the economy.

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### Election official was strangled

**NAIROBI** - An autopsy shows that a murdered Kenyan electoral official crucial to the running of elections next week was tortured then strangled. Christopher Msando's body was identified on Monday at a city morgue. He was in charge of running biometric readers and electronic transmission equipment meant to greatly reduce incidences of electoral fraud. Government pathologist Dr Johansen Oduor said on Wednesday that strangulation was the cause of death. Msando also had been hit by a blunt object and had deep cuts on his right arm indicating torture. Oduor says Msando's trachea had collapsed, indicating that he may have been strangled using 'bare hands'.

*AP*

### Libya Societe Generale profit cuts

**PARIS** - French bank Societe Generale said its net profit tumbled by over a quarter in the second quarter of this year due to the cost of settling a lawsuit with Libya's sovereign wealth fund. While it had already set aside some funds, Societe Generale had to book a charge of nearly a billion euros against second-quarter profits for the out-of-court settlement with the Libyan Investment Authority in May. The LIA sued the bank in 2014 for US\$1.5 billion (R19.5 billion) for allegedly channelling bribes to allies of Muammar Gaddafi's son.

*AFP*

### Zim to use of foreign currencies

**HARARE** - Zimbabwe will continue to use the foreign currencies that replaced its local unit until economic fundamentals improve. That is the word from the country's Central Bank Governor John Mangudya. Zimbabwe switched to the US dollar and South African rand eight years ago after inflation hit an annual rate of almost 500 billion per cent. The country experienced a shortage of dollars since early last year, leading to delays in foreign payments, even after the Central bank introduced a bond-note surrogate-currency last November.

*eNCA*

### Boko Haram attack kills 6

**KANO** - A group of Boko Haram gunmen killed six people in northeast Nigeria on Wednesday, a government spokesperson said, as the country works to ramp up its fight against the jihadists. The militants stormed Mildu village near the town of Madagali in the far north of Adamawa state, which has been repeatedly targeted by the Islamists. "The Boko Haram gunmen killed six people and injured three in the attack on the village around 1am," Adamawa state information commissioner Ahmad Sajo told AFP. "The attackers came in large numbers and the security personnel in the area aided by reinforcements engaged them in gunfight," Sajo said. Boko Haram jihadists set 'several homes and shops' on fire, forcing residents to flee, he said. Madagali has been repeatedly attacked by Boko Haram fighters from their Sambisa forest enclave.

*AFP*



# Focus on SA scene

## Joe Thloloe slams ANC plan for Media Appeals Tribunal

CAPE TOWN - Press Council Executive Director Joe Thloloe has laid into the idea of a Media Appeals Tribunal, saying an eventual Constitutional Court battle will be a waste of taxpayers' money.

Thloloe was addressing a thousand-strong crowd at a Daily Maverick media event at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

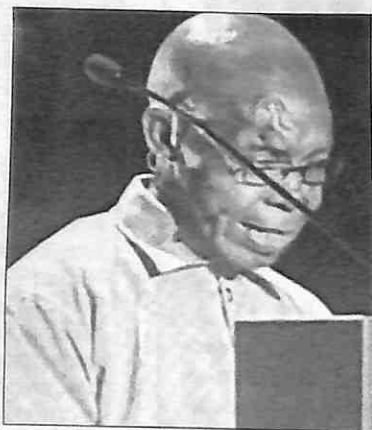
The veteran journalist and editor said the Appeals Tribunal proposal was still South Africa's biggest threat to media freedom.

"It's not just the recent intimidation that is the problem, but the anti-media rhetoric espoused around the tribunal that could fuel the violence aimed at journalists."

The ANC's resolution to introduce a parliamentary appeals tribunal to monitor the media was an undemocratic posture, and very soon journalists "would not be free to do their work in their own country".

"The threat of a Media Appeals Tribunal does not worry me; the Constitutional Court will rule against it," he told the audience.

"But by the time we get to the



**SLAMS:** Press Council Executive Director Joe Thloloe.

ConCourt, the taxpayers' money and time would have been wasted and publishers would be pulled into the courts for years before it's resolved."

He said it could also further fuel the likes of groups like Black First Land First (BLF) in their anti-media stance.

He also criticised some of the ANC's argument that self-regulation by print media had failed.

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## OPPOSITION PARTIES WELCOME SASSA HEARING DEVELOPMENTS

JOHANNESBURG - The appointment of Judge Bernard Ngoepe to oversee the inquiry into the Sassa grants debacle, is the first step in holding to account a rogue minister who has made a mockery of Parliament's oversight role.

That was the reaction of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), as it welcomed the latest move.

The livelihoods of 17 million people were put at risk earlier this year when the Social Development Department failed to find a suitable company to take over grant payments.

Civil society groups asked the Constitutional Court to intervene at the eleventh hour.

Cash Paymaster Services' contract with government was extended, despite the original contract being declared unconstitutional.

Minister Bathabile Dlamini is expected to testify in the

inquiry about her role in the crisis.

She has consistently denied wrongdoing.

### Cross-examine

The applicants, civil society groups Black Sash and Freedom Under Law, will be allowed to cross-examine her.

The DA welcomed the developments in the inquiry, saying it be-

lieved Dlamini manufactured the crisis, possibly for financial gain.

"This is a welcome step towards ensuring that Dlamini is held accountable and will shed light on the real reasons as to why Sassa was not able to institutionalise the grants payment system," said the DA in a statement.

eNCA

**CRISIS:** Social Development Minister, Bathabile Dlamini. (AFP)

## Edward Zuma apologises for his attack on Gordhan and Hanekom

DURBAN - President Jacob Zuma's son Edward has finally apologised for his vitriolic open letter in which he attacked senior ANC leaders Pravin Gordhan and Derek Hanekom.

ANC KwaZulu-Natal Spokesman Mdumiseni Ntuli confirmed yesterday morning that Edward had apologised for calling former finance minister Gordhan 'a stooge of white monopoly capital' and former tourism minister Hanekom a 'white Afrikaner askari'.

The ANC in KwaZulu-Natal had given Edward until midnight on Wednesday to retract his letter or face the consequences.

Ntuli said Zuma's son called him yesterday morning informing him that he had sent the letter to the ANC offices on Wednesday.

### Apologising

"We did not get a letter on Wednesday but he just gave a call now and forwarded me a letter that he says he sent to the ANC office yesterday apologising," said Ntuli.

He said whether or not Edward's apology made the deadline would not be discussed at the party's provincial executive committee at its meeting this weekend.

Edward on Wednesday said he would only comment on his letter at a press conference he will call soon.

Zuma junior is not entirely off the hook yet as he is still facing an investigation by the SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) over "statements that promote hatred based on race".

Sowetan Live

## Activists protest outside Helen Zille's residence

CAPE TOWN - Reclaim the City activists gathered outside Western Cape Premier Helen Zille's official residence early yesterday morning following a call to hold authority accountable.

According to Twitter posts, the gathering was aimed as 'a wake-up call' and to 'remind her (Zille) of her commitments'.

In a media release, Reclaim the City called for the suspension of the provincial Department of Transport and Public Works' rezoning application for the Helen

Bowden Nursing home as well as the Somerset Hospital Precinct area.

### Commitments

"The suspension should be until such time that any development plans for the precinct be aligned to spatial justice and the premier's own public commitments," the organisations said.

Zille, however, tweeted that she was not in Cape Town at present, and asked Reclaim the City to contact her office to set up a meeting to discuss their concerns.

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## Chamber of Mines shocked

JOHANNESBURG - The Chamber's urgent interdict application to prohibit Zwane from implementing the moratorium will be heard in the High Court today.

The Chamber of Mines said yesterday that the Department of Mineral Resources has instructed all its offices to halt the processing of new mining right or prospecting right applications despite a pending court case and a public consultation process.

"It has come to the attention of the Chamber of Mines that the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) Head Office has instructed all the DMR regional offices to

stop processing any Section 11, new mining right or prospecting right applications submitted by mining companies," Chamber's President Mxolisi Mgojo said.

"In essence, the DMR is implementing the DMR Minister's proposed moratorium on new applications in terms of Section 49 of the MPRDA despite the closing date for comments on the proposal only being today."

This comes as the Chamber last week lodged an urgent interdict in the Pretoria High Court to prevent mineral resources minister Mosebenzi Zwane from implementing a notice to suspend the processing.

Citizen

## Mashaba removes Economic Development MMC for alleged misconduct

JOHANNESBURG - The City of Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba on Wednesday removed mayoral committee member for economic development, Sharon Peetz for "suspected misconduct".

Peetz allegedly falsified a proof of payment to a travel agency to appear that she, and not the city, paid for a family member to accompany her on an official trip to Spain, Mashaba said in a statement on Wednesday evening.

"Through her actions, it is my belief that councillor Peetz has misled myself, the council and the residents of Johannesburg."

He said a forensic investigation revealed that the payment is still



**REMOVED:** Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba.

outstanding to the travel agency and that the city has not suffered any monetary losses.

Mashaba appointed Mpho Phalatse as acting mayoral committee member for economic development while a new candidate is considered.

Peetz, a Democratic Alliance (DA) member, has been referred to the party for consideration of further disciplinary action in order to determine her culpability.

She did not respond to messages from News24.

Mashaba said under his leadership the DA-run municipality would not tolerate such conduct, irrespective of political affiliation.

"A new era of accountability has dawned in the City of Johannesburg. Unfortunately, this has not yet removed the dishonesty that drives

the actions of some individuals. It does, however, mean that wherever it is found, action will be taken and our residents will be informed and treated with the respect that they deserve," he said.

Meanwhile, the African National Congress (ANC) has since called on Mashaba to step down, saying that although Peetz's dismissal was long overdue, Mashaba's act was an unimpressive publicity stunt.

"Mashaba pretends to be a man of integrity yet he tried to cover up the story by agreeing with councillor Peetz to repay the money so that the matter could be laid to rest," the ANC said.

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'PERFECT COLOR' QLED TV:

# SAMSUNG UNVEILS GIGANTIC 88INCH

**NORTH AMERICA - It could be the ultimate TV - with a price tag to match.**

Samsung has revealed its new Q9 TV, which has an 88inch QLED screen, is available from Best Buy in North America from today - for US\$20 000.

It features everything from a new picture technique said to display '100 per cent colour volume'.

The firm already offers its QLED TV lineup, which also includes 55-inch, 65-inch and 75-inch models.

When it was first shown off at the CES show in Las Vegas, Joe Stinziano, Executive VP of Electronics in America, said the QLED is set to give the 'perfect viewing experience.'

It works by enhancing the firm's pre-existing Quantum Dot Technology, which relies on precision wavelengths, and has optimised colour and light efficiency to prevent degradation over time.



**GIGANTIC:** The new \$20,000 QLED TV is designed to appeal to the 'ultra luxury' market. It comes with a 1.88mm, transparent optical cable, known as the Invisible Connection, which allows it to be connected to peripheral devices without the typical messy cables.

According to the firm, it can support all of the DCI color-space, meaning it achieves 100 percent color volume to display images 'exactly' as content creators intended.

The series includes the Q9, Q8, and Q7, and achieves peak

luminance of 1 500 - 2 000 nits.

The QLED aims to create a viewing platform that blends in with your home décor - and it uses just a single 'nearly invisible' cable to connect all your devices.

*Daily Mail*

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## VACANCY

### Nursing Sister

#### Main Purpose of the Job:

Responsible for the provision of Health Education to all employee and Health services to guests and employees.

#### Education, experience and competencies required:

- O'Level
- Bachelor's Degree/ Nursing Diploma
- Computer literate (MSOffice suite)
- 3-5 Years' experience in nursing a large Hospital/Private Clinic
- Previous experience in the hospitality industry would be an added advantage
- Must be organised
- Be a good communicator
- Must be self-motivated and efficient
- Ability to work and cope under pressure
- Good interpersonal Skills
- Excellent Customer Service
- Maintain confidentiality

#### Key Responsibilities:

- To do consultations with employees: must have excellent empathy for customer service.
- Making sure there is sufficient supply of all relevant medication/drugs.
- To provide physical baseline examination to employees whenever required.
- Safe keeping of health records for employees and remain confidential.
- To ensure that HIV/AIDS, Diabetes, Hypertension awareness is enforced and monitored.
- To ensure that condoms are effectively distributed and there is enough stock at all times.
- Submit monthly reports to Human Resources Manager.
- To assist Management to identify all employees who are terminally sick.
- To be responsible for the monitoring and completion of injury on duty register, supply of accident report forms to HOD's, keeping accurate register and keeping accurate records of all accident reported.
- Ensure proper hygiene within the Complex especially food services including Staff Canteens.
- To be responsible for referral of all patients who need Doctor's attention.
- To ensure all food handlers meet the required Health Standards and are periodically examined to ascertain the health status.
- Responsible for management of Family Planning and monthly Health awareness in accordance to the Government Annual Health Calendar for all employees.
- To ensure that the Staff Clinic cost are kept within the provision budget.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 11 August 2017**

Please forward application with certified copies of academic qualifications together with an updated CV to:

**The Human Resources Department**  
Swazisp Holdings Limited  
Private Bag, Ezulwini

Fax: (+268) 2416 8815  
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## VACANCY

### PA TO AREA GENERAL MANAGER

#### Main Purpose of the Job:

To provide a comprehensive, efficient and strictly confidential secretarial and administrative support function to the Area General Manager.

#### Education, experience and competencies required:

- O' Level
- Diploma in Secretarial studies, Business Studies and Basic Accounting
- 3-5 years' experience in similar role
- A high level of proficiency in MS Office (Excel, Word, Power Point and Outlook)
- Attention to detail
- Good Interpersonal Skills
- Experience in preparing and coordinating Board Papers and Board Meetings
- Strong organizing and administrative skills
- Must be able to interact professionally at an executive level
- Reliability and ability to work independently
- Highest level of confidentiality and discretion a must at all times
- Good writing and communication skills
- Must be self-motivated and efficient
- Ability to work and cope under great pressure
- High energy levels and hands on approach
- Ability to prioritise and multitask to meet deadlines
- Flexibility to work overtime and when required
- Presentable, confident and a positive attitude towards work

#### Key Responsibilities:

- To ensure administrative duties are fulfilled (record keeping, report distribution and clerical duties).
- Fulfill all secretarial duties as required and strictly adhere to confidentiality relevant to the position.
- Competently deal with situations in AGM's absence and be confident to delegate work on behalf of the AGM.
- Planning, organizing and managing events.
- Gathering information for weekly, monthly and quarterly reports from EOC and formatting the reports for AGM's approval.
- Screening phone calls/emails enquiries, requests and handling them appropriately.
- Preparing presentations; Roadshows, Announcements for the AGM's review and approval.
- Competently handle any written correspondence for the office.
- Taking minutes of meetings, and ensure necessary follow-up action is taken.
- Liaise with the Board Members to set up meetings.
- Assist and Co-ordinate Executive Operating Committee roster on a monthly basis.
- Assist with appraisal schedules for the Executive Operating Committee.
- Ensure that all work is of a consistently high quality.
- Carry out specific and other delegated tasks and responsibilities.
- Manage internet guest review sites and respond to comments/complaints on behalf of the AGM.
- Sourcing stationery and keeping a good filing system.
- Managing any projects assigned by the AGM.
- Make all necessary accommodation and travel arrangements on request and ensure confirmation thereof.

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## VACANCY

### SHE Officer

#### Main Purpose of the Job:

To Coordinate Safety, Health and Environmental operations by aligning Unit Operations with the Complex Strategy.

#### Education, experience and competencies required:

- O'Level
- 5 Years' experience in similar position (SHE)
- Computer literate (MSOffice suite)
- Previous experience in the hospitality industry would be an added advantage
- Applicable Health and Safety Auditors Qualifications
- Certified Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations Documentations
- Certificate/ Diploma in Environmental Law
- Occupational Incident Investigation Qualification
- Environmental Auditing Course (ISO 14001/EMA)
- HAZMAT identification and response diploma
- Must be organised
- Be a good communicator
- Must be self-motivated and efficient
- Ability to work and cope under pressure
- Good interpersonal Skills
- Excellent Customer Service
- Maintain confidentiality
- Certified:
  - First Aid Level 2 A qualification
  - ITIS (Health and Safety Facilitator) and any other relevant fire prevention qualification

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Helps employer reduce accident-related costs and prevent losses due to a decline in productivity.
- Update and maintain Health and Safety procedures and the Organization's Safety Statement in compliance with Regulatory requirements.
- Understand and apply business procedures, rules and processes.
- Determines what policies are needed and solicits input from managers and workers.
- Inspects interior and exterior work areas to determine if there are any safety hazards.
- Checks the safety procedures on Complex: ALL departments especially the Operations, ensuring that workers use required personal protective equipment, and checking to make sure employees operate hospitality equipment safely.
- Represents the company in meetings with government bodies and other agencies on matters regarding workplace health and safety; and liaises with these agencies for regular updates on legal regulations and program initiatives on workplace safety and environmental issues.
- When a workplace accident occurs, conducts an investigation to determine why the accident happened. Once the cause of the accident is determined, writes a report detailing the cause and provides recommendations that can help prevent future accidents. Identifies training needs, develops appropriate training programs and delivers training to employees. Improving the health and safety culture, through training and awareness campaigns.
- Provides weekly and monthly reports to immediate Supervisor/Manager.
- To monitor, review and ensure the company is compliant with all Health and Safety policies and procedures and enforcing them on Complex.
- Ensuring that risk assessments and method statements are kept up to date.
- To participate in Site Safety Meetings on each site with site management and client and discussing any upcoming works and potential hazards.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 11 August 2017**

Please forward application with certified copies of academic qualifications together with an updated CV to:

**The Human Resources Department**  
Swazisp Holdings Limited  
Private Bag, Ezulwini

Fax: (+268) 2416 8815  
[recruitment.swazisp@suninternational.com](mailto:recruitment.swazisp@suninternational.com)

NB: Should an applicant not receive feedback 14 days after the closing date that application would have been unsuccessful.



## BRIEFS

## 2 killed as plane crashes

LISBON - A light plane made an emergency landing on a packed beach near Lisbon on Wednesday, killing a man and an eight-year-old girl who were sunbathing, authorities said. Hundreds of sunbathers were on the beach at Espicheira, 30km south of Lisbon, and witnesses said some sunbathers ran into the sea to avoid the plane. The National Maritime Authority said the man and girl died on the beach. It did not give the man's age, but local media reported he was 50.

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## Comey signs as FBI career ends

WASHINGTON - Former FBI Director James Comey, who was fired by US President Donald Trump, has signed a deal for a book on leadership and decision-making that will come out in spring 2018, the publisher said. The book deal with Macmillan's Flatiron Books comes three months after Comey's firing raised questions about whether Trump tried to interfere with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's probe into Russia's alleged meddling with the US presidential election. Russia denies any interference, and Trump has denied collusion with Russia and interfering with the investigation.

Reuters

## Libya naval mission approved

ROME - The Italian parliament gave the go-ahead on Wednesday to a naval mission aimed at boosting the Libyan coast-guard in its fight against human traffickers and further reducing the number of migrant arrivals on Italy's coasts. Defence Minister Roberta Pinotti said Italy would provide technical support without infringing on the crisis-hit country's sovereignty but would not take part in a "hostile" naval blockade to prevent the departure of migrant boats. The number of arrivals in July was down dramatically on the same month last year, suggesting efforts to close down the Libya-Italy route to Europe by training and equipping the North African country's coastguard could be having an impact.

AFP



## N Korea travel ban deadline

WASHINGTON - The United States on Wednesday officially set a September 1 start date for a ban prohibiting its citizens from traveling to North Korea. "The Department of State has determined that the serious risk to United States nationals of arrest and long-term detention represents imminent danger to the physical safety of United States nationals traveling to and within the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)," read the restriction as it appeared Wednesday in the US government's federal register.

AFP

## Afghan suicide bomber kills 2

KABUL/WASHINGTON - A suicide bomb attack killed two American troops in Afghanistan on Wednesday as they were travelling in a convoy near the airport in the southern city of Kandahar, the US military said, in a strike claimed by the Taliban insurgency. The attack was a reminder of the dangers posed to the 8 400 US forces in Afghanistan as President Donald Trump weighs sending thousands more troops to America's longest war. The goal would be to better assist Afghan forces, who are locked in a stalemate with a resurgent Taliban after nearly 16 years of conflict.

Reuters

# World News

## TRUMP SIGNS RUSSIA SANCTIONS INTO LAW

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump reluctantly signed off on new sanctions against Russia on Wednesday, bowing to domestic pressure and putting efforts to improve ties with the Kremlin on ice.

Trump signed the legislation behind closed doors and away from the cameras, after failed efforts to scupper or water down the bill.

Trump's reluctance was on full display in an angry signing statement, in which he called the legislation 'significantly flawed'.

"In its haste to pass this legislation, the Congress included a number of clearly unconstitutional provisions," he said, including curbs on the president's ability to conduct foreign policy.

The legislation - which also includes measures against North Korea and Iran - targets the Russian energy sector, giving Washington the ability to sanction companies involved in developing Russian pipelines, and placing curbs on some



SIGNED: US President Donald Trump. (AFP)

Russian weapons exporters.

It also notably constrains Trump's ability to waive the penalties, a statement of mistrust from the Republican controlled Congress which remains unsettled by Trump's warm words for President Vladimir Putin.

The sanctions seek to penalise the Kremlin for meddling in the 2016 US presidential election - which Trump won - and Russia's annexation of Crimea.

Trump said he would 'honour' some of the bill's provisions, but stopped short of saying it would be fully imple-

mented.

The White House said only Trump would give Congress's "preferences" mere "careful and respectful consideration."

Trump received the legislation on Friday and waited until Wednesday to sign it.

### Speculation

The nearly week-long delay in signing had raised speculation that Trump might veto or try to somehow shelve the sanctions, which were approved in a 98-2 Senate vote.

By signing it, he avoided the humiliating prospect of Congress overriding his veto.

Expecting the signature, Moscow preemptively ordered Washington to reduce its diplomatic presence in Russia to 455 persons before September 1 - bringing it in line with the size of Russia's mission in the US.

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said on Tuesday he will meet with his Russian opposite Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov over the weekend, but warned US-Russia ties could still get worse.

AFP

## Human Rights Watch sounds alarm over Italy's Libya mission

ROME - Human Rights Watch warned on Wednesday that Italy's naval mission to prevent migrants from setting sail from crisis-hit Libya for Europe could see Rome commit human rights abuses.

The Italian parliament earlier gave the go-ahead to providing technical support to the Libyan coastguard in its fight against human traffickers in the hope it would reduce the number of people arriving on Italy's coasts.

But the American-founded rights group said Rome risked preventing genuine asylum seekers from escaping a country where migrants face detention in squalid camps and abuse at the hands of traffickers.

"The Italian navy deployment in Libyan waters could effectively lead to arbitrary detention of people in abusive conditions," said Judith Sunderland, associate Europe and Central Asia director at Human Rights Watch.

"After years of saving lives at sea, Italy is preparing to help Libyan forces who are known to detain people in conditions that expose them to a real risk of torture, sexual violence, and forced labour," she said.

Such a move "could implicate Italy in human rights abuses".

Italy is expected to begin by sending a logistics ship and patrol boat as well as mechanics to maintain equipment.

AFP

## Brazil congress ready to block Temer corruption charge

BRASILIA - Brazil's lower house of Congress was poised on Wednesday to reject a corruption charge against President Michel Temer, a move that would save him from standing trial in the Supreme Court for allegedly taking bribes.

The unpopular leader is trying to shake off a scandal that has paralysed his administration, and has said that he wants to focus on passing legislation needed to end a budget crisis and help pull Latin America's largest economy out of its worst recession in history.

Opposition lawmakers, carrying briefcases stuffed with fake money, chanted "out with Temer!" on the House floor.

Lawmakers voted by 292 to 20 to end debate and move to a final vote, a sign that the government would secure more than enough support to reject the charge.

Brazil's top prosecutor Rodrigo Janot in June charged Temer with arranging to eventually receive a total of 38 million reais (US\$12.16 million) in bribes from the world's largest meatpacker, JBS SA in return for political favours.

Reuters



CHARGED: President Michel Temer.

## VOTE MANIPULATION CHARGE HANGS OVER VENEZUELA'S NEW ASSEMBLY

CARACAS - The legitimacy of a powerful new assembly in Venezuela being sworn in on Wednesday was thrown further into question when the voting technology firm involved in its election said the turnout figure was "manipulated."

President Nicolas Maduro was to inaugurate the Constituent Assembly, whose loyalist 545 members include his wife and son, in a ceremony in a Caracas concert arena, his press office said.

The body, which was elected despite months of street demonstrations and interna-

tional condemnation, is tasked with rewriting the constitution of the crisis-hit South American country.

It has wide powers superseding those of the opposition-controlled legislature, the National Assembly, whose palace it was to take over from yesterday, when it starts work.

The election of the new assembly on Sunday was marred by several deaths and clashes between security forces and protesters. Several Latin American countries said the vote destroyed Venezuela's democratic system.

The United States imposed



CONTROVERSIAL: President Nicolas Maduro.

direct sanctions on Maduro, whom it called a "dictator."

The European Union on Wednesday joined the US, Mexico, Colombia and Argentina in saying it would not recognise the new assembly.

AFP

## Trump: White House is a real dump

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump has told members of his New Jersey golf club that he spends so much time away from Washington because the White House is a 'real dump'.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the account,

which appeared in a lengthy article posted on the website golf.com.

The story on Trump's complicated love for golf also appears in Sports Illustrated magazine.

The story recounts a scene in which Trump was chatting with some club members.

Trump told the members he

makes such frequent appearances at the property in Bedminster, New Jersey, because: "That White House is a real dump."

Trump has spent nearly every weekend of his presidency visiting various properties he owns and leases, including Bedminster.

AFP



# ESWATINI ENTERTAINMENT

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# IT'S A BE-YOU-TIFUL WEEKEND

Judith Sephuma.



Mmatema-Moremi.

Compiled by Samukelisiwe Ginindza

AS if to usher us to the new month and remind us that we only have four months to go before we finish this year, this weekend is seriously preparing us for December.

It is not just a busy weekend but there are a galore of events to choose from. The varieties covers from a woman who needs a little bit of inspiration or to tell out her story to help other women, to the vocally gifted who seek to acknowledge the Most High that He still reigns with a song, fashion and comedy.

Then we have the long-awaited SWAMA awards, which I am sure by now we all know only come once in two years, feels like Christmas to musicians, I know.

Fashion lovers who have something to give back to the community, serve for a purpose, will be scouted this weekend.

It's safe to say it is a weekend that covers for everyone and all ages, so go out there and have fun. Stay alert and stay alive, do not drink and drive. Fasten that seatbelt. Cheers!

### TONIGHT

**What:** Women empowerment initiative

**Where:** Happy Valley Hotel

**About:** The initiative is finally here and scores of women cannot wait for this eagerly anticipated event. For the woman who does not want to be left out in this event, tickets are still available for E200. Tickets can be purchased

**BIRTHDAY BASH: Originelle.**



at all Galito's outlets, the Hub Manzini and Link Pharmacy Manzini.

**What:** Dale Comedian

**Where:** e-Dish Café

**About:** Swazi born comedian Dale Abrahams will be hosting yet again another one-man comedy show after the success of his first show earlier this year in the country. He will be bringing his brand of five-star comedy and top notch live entertainment. The show starts at 7:30pm, Entry is E200.

**What:** One night with the King

**Where:** Lozitha Royal Palace

**About:** Benjamin Dube featuring Dube Brothers, Judith Sephuma, Nothando Hlophe, Mmatema Moremi, and many more artists. Tickets to the show have been sold out.

**What:** Originelle

**Double Celebration**

**Where:** Sharma House, Ezulwini  
**About:** The hip hop artist will be celebrating her 21st birthday as well as launch her EP in style. Artists like Bholoja, DJ Wicked, 80 Script, Sci-Fi, Broken C'fer, Milkiee, Dantee Lway, Linda Rego, Master P and DJ Slu will be performing.

The master of the ceremony will be comedian Ndosh, Tickets are E100 (Pre-Sale) E120 at the door and E200 (Pre-sale) and E250 at the door. Available at Sneakers, Sdeez and Labonita.

### Tomorrow

**What:** Fashion forward fashion mania

**Where:** Mbabane Mall

**About:** Reign Entertainment has come up with a brilliant idea to launch a fashion show that will take place annually.

**What:** MTN SWAMA awards

**Where:** Royal Swazi Convention Centre

**About:** They are finally here; all the voting and well wishing will be show-

cased on the stage. With 85 nominees, 19 categories and only one stage to share, the whole country is anticipating for the outcome. The dress code is proudly Swazi. The South African Music Industry Council's and Trompies group member Eugene Mthethwa and Akhumzi Jezile will be amongst the international celebrities gracing the event. Tickets have already been sold out.

**What:** Victorious in his presence double launch

**Where:** Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre, Manzini

**About:** the 'One night with King' and in his 'Victorious in his presence' show will see the likes of Benjamin Dube featuring Dube Brothers, Judith Sephuma, Nothando Hlophe, Mmatema Moremi

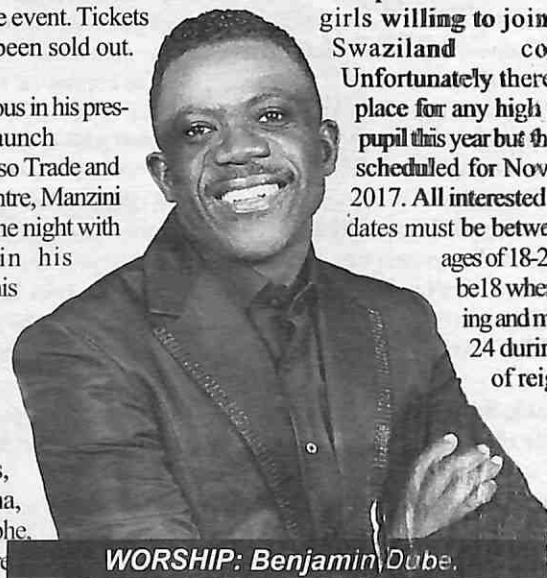
and many other artists sharing the stage. Entry is E450 VIP and E250 general.

**What:** Miss Swaziland 2017

**Where:** Siteki Hotel

**About:** The Miss Swaziland beauty content organising committee will be in the quiet town scouting for girls willing to join Miss Swaziland contest.

Unfortunately there is no place for any high school pupil this year but the finals scheduled for November 2017. All interested candidates must be between the ages of 18-24, must be 18 when entering and may turn 24 during year of reign.



**WORSHIP: Benjamin Dube.**



# BENJAMIN DUBE'S SHOW MOVES TO LOZITHA PALACE

By Ayanda Dlamini

IT is now literally a 'one night with the King' as gospel music maestro, Bishop Benjamin Dube's show has been moved to the palace!

The aptly titled, 'One Night with the King' show was initially to be held at Esibayeni Lodge. However, given its stature and magnitude, the popular gospel musician will now get to stage his show at Lozitha Palace.

But, this is only for tonight's show, which is also sold out at already.

Leserato Events' Mandla 'Cheeks' Nxumalo yesterday confirmed that the event has been granted the honour of being hosted at the palace. His Majesty the King has been behind the concept of the 'One night with the King' show, which he is expected to attend.

Nxumalo has invited all those who might need additional information to contact him (76029027) or his events organisers.

Nxumalo stated that tickets were selling fast from day one of release and yesterday they sold the last ticket. 'One night with the King' is an exclusive live DVD recording in honor of His Majesty King Mswati III.

Those attending tonight's show can expect an exciting performance from Benjamin Dube, who has been in the country for a week to prepare for the two shows he is hosting.

The event also offers a banquet set-

## ...TICKETS SOLD OUT



**EXPLOSIVE: Benjamin Dube pictured with Leserato Events' Mandla 'Cheeks' Nxumalo at the Swazi Observer Offices early this week. (Pic: Lungelo Nkambule)**

up and an amazing intimate night of worship. 'The One Night with a King' is a live DVD recording event which will feature Judith Sephuma among other well established SAMA winners under Spirit Music.

According to the celebrated pastor Benjamin Dube, local artists will also get a chance to share the stage with

these seasoned singers and witness Princess Sikhanyiso collaborating with the Dube Brothers and Redemption Story will be backing his set.

Meanwhile, tomorrow's show at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre still goes ahead as planned. The second show is to launch the 'Victorious in His Presence' project.

'Victorious In His Presence' project was recorded live at Carnival City, Big Top Arena on the July 1 and will be launched first in the country Swaziland before anywhere else. Tickets retail for E450 for VIP and E250 general.



## Miss Teen Swaziland partners with SPTC

Stories by Susan Dlamini

**THE evolution of the Miss Teen Swaziland pageant continues as they have revealed that they are partnering with local telecommunications company SPTC.**

SPTC and Miss Teen Swaziland have joined forces to make this year's Miss Teen Swaziland bigger and better by adding a voting line for the pageant.

Miss Teen correspondent Mark Andrade confirmed the partnership.

"This is the first of its kind in local pageantry and it will allow SPTC prepaid customers to vote for their favourite contestant," he said.

The voting can be done by utilising the prepaid card or phone box for the preferred contestant by dialling the number specific to each contestant to gain access to the Miss Teen Swaziland 2017 voting platform.

Andrade further said, "the public also have the option of voting online via the SPTC website".

Public voting opens officially on Sunday August 6. Voting will run until the August 25. It will then be followed by the top 12 voting, which will run until the eve of the

final crowning event scheduled for September 9, at the Nkonyeni Golf Estate. The Miss Teen Swaziland are very enthusiastic about this new innovative way that has been introduced pageant organisers as it is bringing the pageant up to international standards as Andrade said that this offered a new dimension.

"We are able, thanks to SPTC, to add a new dimension to the Miss Teen Swaziland pageant which will take the pageant to the next level," he added.

He continued to say public participation in beauty pageants has become a value adding global trend with the likes of Miss USA, Miss Universe and Miss World pageants all incorporate forms of public participation.

This year the public will also have a chance to help their favourite win the title, it will not only be left to the judges although they will still contribute to the final judgement to make sure that the eventual winner of the pageant has what it takes to make the nation proud on the international stage.

The Miss Teen Swaziland is very excited about the new voting way that they have introduced and hope that the public will participate.

## NEW ENTERTAINMENT STABLE

**There is a new entertainment house in Swaziland called Level UP Entertainment.**

The entertainment stable was started by Mayibongwe Sinkala and co-founded by Malibongwe Nkonyane.

The duo hopes that the entertainment stable, which was launched on July 29, becomes one of the biggest entertainment powerhouses in the kingdom.

The stable has a small employment structure but works with a number of agents to deliver on their promise.

They are currently situated in Mankayane where they have their main office and a recording studio. "We are looking to have our main office in Mankayane but the long-term goal is to have at least one recording studio in each of the four regions of Swaziland's rural areas," Mayibongwe revealed.

He further said that the reason they want to put the recording studios in rural areas is because this

will be a way of discovering talent in the rural areas and getting them to the right places in their lives.

The new entertainment house not only wants to look

into artists but also

wants to venture

into the clothing

industry. "We are

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recognised,"

Malibongwe fur-

ther said.

Not only will

Level UP help

young upcoming

fashion designers

but they too

have merchandise

that is coming out

on August

20.

Level UP Entertainment is not just any entertainment stable but one that is purpose driven and looks to change people's lives for

the better.

Mayibongwe explained that they want to engage the youth and help them realise their dreams and grow not only as artists but as better

people of the

community.

This will in

turn lead to

community

development

and empower

young people

through help-

ing go after

their dreams.

Level UP

entertainment

believes that

there is so much potential in the small towns and rural areas that

is undercover so providing such opportunities would be means of

taking development and innovations to the less exposed who have

the right talents for the entertain-

ment scene.

**"The new entertainment house not only wants to look into artists but also wants to venture into the clothing industry. "We are currently working with upcoming fashion designers to get their talent recognised," Malibongwe said.**



# BSA LAUNCHES 'SHOW OFF' TALENT SEARCH

By Ayanda Dlamini

IN what is to excite throngs of aspiring music, dance, and poetry artists in the country, one of the leading technical training colleges BSA Training Centre has launched a talent search competition called 'Show Off'.

The initiative was unveiled by the show's coordinator Malibongwe Zwane on Wednesday evening, at a brief ceremony held at Lugogo Sun in Ezulwini.

"We are excited to unveil that BSA Training Centre is sponsoring and hosting the first ever edition of a new talent search show titled 'Show Off'; a show aimed at unearthing and nurturing Swazi talent," said Zwane. Zwane revealed

the three categories of the talent search show as music, dance, and poetry, and urged the youth from all over the country to make haste and register for this show.

"Under the music category, we accept entries from both solo and group artists.

Entry is open to any genre, and artists are allowed to sing either their own or other people's songs," said Zwane, giving 'South African Idols' as an illustration.

## Revealed

He revealed that the dance category will be divided into two: the solo dancers and the group dancers. He urged dance groups from all over the country to give out their A-game, as the winning group will get to feature in a music video for a big unspecified artist, on top of

the cash prize.

"For poets, they should recite their own poems in either English or SiSwati, as the two official languages in the country.

Each poem should not be less than one minute and not more than 10 minutes long," explained Zwane.

Meanwhile, the date for the first 'Show Off' Talent search has been revealed as August 12.

This was revealed by project coordinator Malibongwe Zwane, who said the contest will take place at the BSA Training Centre Hall in Ngwenya, starting at 12 noon.

"The first edition of the 'Show Off' talent search kicks off next week, Saturday August 12, 2017 at the BSA Training Centre Hall in Ngwenya, with the winners of the competition sharing about

E5 000 worth of prize money," revealed Zwane.

Zwane said the prize money will be shared by performers who come first and second in each of the three categories: music, dance, and poetry.

He urged people who want to enter for the competition to make haste and register through calling 2442 4944, or 7832 4746, or 7602 5418. Registration costs E100 per group or act and is open to people aged between 12 and 35.

## ...about BSA Training Centre

BSA Training Centre is a school that specialises in equipping individuals with the necessary skills in plumbing, electrical, welding and construction, and has branches in Mbabane, Ngwenya, Ezulwini, Matsapha, and Manzini.

...celebrity judges for 1st 'Show Off' talent search show

The first edition of the 'Show Off' talent search show, which is scheduled for August 12, 2017 at the BSA Training Centre in Ngwenya will be adjudicated by famous personalities who are experts in the arts and entertainment sector.

This was revealed by the project coordinator of the show Malibongwe Zwane, who said the judges would be very impartial and fair in ensuring that deserving winners are chosen.

## Went

Zwane went on to reveal that free soft drinks will be given to the first 100 people to get to the venue next Saturday as a token of appreciation from the organisers for time keeping given that they expected a busy day till late.

Entrance fee, which comes with the said freebies, for members of the public is only E50, and tickets are available from all BSA Training Centres in Mbabane, Ezulwini, Matsapha and Manzini.



ALL SET: MTN SWAMA Organising team Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, Penny B, BMW Club Chairman Malangeni Dlamini with SWAMA President Lutfo Dlamini, Swazi MTN's Meshack Maseko Nondumiso, SWAMA PRO Menzi Mthethwa during the award presentation yesterday at Royal Swazi Sun, Ezulwini. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)

## All set for MTN SWAMA AWARDS

By Ayanda Dlamini

All is set for tomorrow's inaugural night of the stars; the MTN SWAMA Awards tomorrow.

The yellow carpet is ready and arrivals are strictly between 5pm and 7pm. This was revealed by the chairman of the awards organising team Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini.

"At 7pm everyone will be expected to be inside the auditorium and no tickets will be available tomorrow

as they are sold out already," Dlamini said during the award presentation yesterday at Royal Swazi Sun Hotel.

Dlamini mentioned that rehearsals have started and set up is underway.

"We urge people to please keep time because we have a very important guest coming through. Nominees are going to be chauffeured by BMW CLUB; Club E 46 and will all assemble at Lugogo Sun.

Dlamini revealed that 7 000 SMS votes were received on the last day

of the voting period and a total of 23 000 for the month of July alone. In total, the number of votes received were 30 000.

MTN brand and Sponsorship Senior Officer Mashack Maseko said they were excited to be part of the event and were looking forward to a spectacular event.

## Sponsor

"From us as a sponsor, Swazi MTN, we are very excited to be part of the first MTN SWAMA Awards. The preparations are at an advanced stage

and are going very well," he said. Maseko added that actually everything was ready.

"We are ready for the day; we are looking forward to this day. We are looking forward to award the best of our artists," Maseko delivered.

The night of stars will be held tomorrow at the posh Royal Swazi Convention Centre, and will see the crowning of the country's celebrated musicians and spinners following an intense period of public voting that ended Monday.

...Tickets sold out  
...30 000 votes received



International  
Celebrity News

## I can't accept if I'm over 200 Lbs - Oprah

LOS ANGELES - Oprah Winfrey opened up about her continuous struggle with weight loss in a new interview with The New York Times Magazine. For your heart to pump, pump, pump, it needs the least amount of weight possible to do that. So all of the people who are saying, "Oh, I need to accept myself as I am" - I can't accept myself if I'm over 200 pounds, because it's too much work on my heart," the magazine mogul, 63, told the outlet. "It causes high blood pressure for me. It



**OPENED UP:**  
Oprah Winfrey.

puts me at risk for diabetes, because I have diabetes in my family." The Weight Watchers representative, who lost over 40 pounds since joining the company in 2015, clarified her comments by promoting a healthy lifestyle. "This whole PC about accepting yourself as you are, you should, 100 per cent," she said, while explaining that she holds herself accountable through Weight Watchers' point system. **US Weekly**

## Sofia Vergara poses, bares all

LOS ANGELES - Actress Sofia Vergara posed completely nude on the cover of 'Women's Health' magazine, and she's never looked better. The 'Modern Family' star told the magazine that she's proud of her figure at 45. "Here's a woman, 45, being able to show her body," she said of the photo shoot. "It's not like before, when it was just young girls who would make the cover of a magazine." Vergara insists that she wants to look her age. "People say, 'Oh, you look like you're in your twenties.' Well, it's not



**Women's Health**

true," she said. "Our skin is different. I had never thought of the word 'pore,' then I'm like, 'S---! What do I do with these?'" Before stripping down for the shoot, Vergara looked at other nude photos to figure out how to strategically cover up her famous curves. "They're all of tall models holding their boobs with one arm. But I can barely cover my boobs with two arms, I'm a 32-triple-D!" she said. "My boobs are real, and I had a baby. If I grab them, I can't even cover the nipple!" **E entertainment**

**NUDE: Sofia Vergara.**

## Ramona reveals brother died 3 weeks ago

NEW YORK - Ramona Singer revealed to US Weekly that her younger brother died three weeks ago. The 'Real Housewives of New York City' star, 60, exclusively shared the sad news with Us at Jill Zarin's annual Luxury Luncheon in South Hampton, New York, on Saturday, July 29. "My brother just died," she shared. "No one knows this. He died about three weeks ago, my

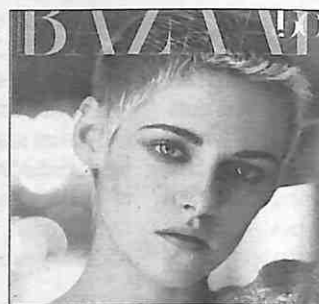


**REVEALED:**  
Ramona Singer.

younger brother, and we weren't close anymore." She said that she's trying to look on the bright side, though. "Because of this death, I got closer to my niece. I flew her out ... for about a week," she said. "And I spoke to her and said that I was really sorry about her dad's death, but if it wasn't for his death, you wouldn't have bonded with I and my daughter, Avery. So we have this whole new relationship we never had." **US Weekly**

## Kristen Stewart is open to dating men again

LOS ANGELES - Kristen Stewart loves a good metaphor. While discussing her sexuality in a new interview, the actress, who branded herself "like, so gay" on Saturday Night Live in February, turned to food to explain that she's open to dating men again. "Yeah, totally. Definitely," Stewart, 27, said of the notion in her cover story for Harper Bazaar UK's September 2017 issue. "Some people aren't like that. Some people know that they like grilled cheese and they'll eat it every day for the rest of their lives. I want to try everything. If I have grilled cheese



**DATING MEN: Kristen Stewart.**

once I'm like, 'That was cool, what's next?'" **US Weekly**

## SA Celebrity News

## Major League DJs won't let thugs ruin their gigs

JOHANNESBURG - Music duo, Major League, have responded to criticism about the lack of security at their 'Major League Gardens' events by assuring fans that they will beef up security ahead of the massive festival next month. Major League Gardens has become one of the most popular music festivals in the country but has also become a target for thugs who have sometimes spoilt the day by mugging and assaulting concert-goers out-



**ASSURED: Major League DJs.**

side of the venue. Security fears also led to the postponement of a Major League All Black party in Soweto in May amidst protests in the community. Speaking to TshisaLIVE, the group's Bandile said they were aware of the security issues at their events and were working hard to ensure that fans' safety inside and outside venues that they selected to host at. **Tshisa Live**

## She's an angel who inspires me - Proverb

JOHANNESBURG - Rapper Proverb is completely smitten with his beauty queen girlfriend, Liesl Laurie, who he describes as an inspiration and an angel. Speaking to TshisaLIVE at his unveiling as a new ambassador for Status deodorant this week, Proverb said he was blessed to be in an "incredible relationship".



**MY ANGEL:**  
Proverb and Liesl Laurie.

"She is on her own path. She works on radio, does corporate gigs, she is always busy with these. She is an inspiration to me and we keep each other motivated. We connect

on that level and many others. She is an angel," he said. Speaking of the day they met, Proverb said he was immediately drawn to Liesl's drive. "Fate happened. We met and realised we connected on so many levels. Our aspirations are similar and we both have high goals for each other. That was a massive draw card for me," he explained. **Sowetan**

## Rhythm City actor Dumi Masilela dies

JOHANNESBURG - It has been confirmed that Rhythm City actor Dumi Masilela died in a hijacking on Wednesday evening. The actor spent the night fighting for his life in hospital after being shot during an attempted hijacking in Tembisa on Wednesday night. The Rhythm City actor was parked on a road in the area with a friend when they were approached by a black Jeep. They tried to flee but a chase ensued. "The tried to drive off but the black Jeep followed and the occupants opened fire. He (Masilela) was shot



**NO MORE: Dumi Masilela.**

in the upper body," police spokesperson Kay Makhubele told TshisaLIVE. His friend who was in the car with him rushed the actor to hospital where he spent the night fighting for his life. Officials confirmed he died this morning. The actor was married to Muvhango actress Simphiwe Ngema and the two had become media darlings as their romance blossomed. When contacted for comment, a distraught Simphiwe refused to speak and put down the phone. **Tshisa Live**

## Tributes pour in for Tsekeleke

JOHANNESBURG - South Africans have been inundating social media with messages of condolences and memories of kwaito star Anthony Motaung popularly known as Tsekeleke. Tsekeleke spent the past two months in hospital after having various amputation procedures on his right leg. He was diagnosed with diabetes and last year said he would "rather die" than have his leg amputated. His close friend and mentor Max 'Chief' Mjamba, who was at Tsekeleke's bedside as he took his last breath, told TshisaLIVE the



**RIP: Tsekeleke.**

musician had been in pain for months. Just hours after it was confirmed the Fatty Boom Boom singer had died, Chief told TshisaLIVE Tsekeleke had been rushed to ICU at a Vosloorus hospital on Monday after a fourth amputation procedure. He had been in and out of hospital since last year. The musician became a household name after the release of his Fatty Boom Boom song and was later a fan favourite for his impressive dance moves and energy on stage. **Tshisa Live**

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Blade tells Mpiyakhe and Mkabayi his suspicions of the accident. Mam'Ntuli is surprised and unimpressed by the development of Mandla's tactics.



**WARY: Blade.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Ntate Chefu reassures Sechaba of his position as a Moloi clan leader but encourages him to look at other options to have a child. Hendrik gives Zandre an ultimatum: show up for the mine work interview or move out. Gatanga is shocked to receive an sms notification showing a R7 000 transaction on his card made at the Duncan.



**SHOCKED:**  
Gatanga.

Muvhango

TODAY

Are Imani's suspicions valid? Will James take up Matshidiso's offer? Will Vhangani get his money back?



**SUSPICIOUS:**  
Imani.



TODAY

Lungile takes drastic steps with Bongibong, with a bigger plan in mind. Lerato receives some shocking news. Kgaugelo's plotting continues, as she splits Mampho and Reneilwe.



**HAS A BIG-GER PLAN:**  
Bongibong.



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No chill in Mzansi



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn December 22 – January 19

The Moon is bringing your sign harmonious energy. Contemplative and quiet at times, with a great emphasis on your heart.



## Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You might be able to see the world through the eyes of another today. You are in the observer position right now. What are you learning? No need to jump right in.



## Pisces February 19 – March 20

The key focal point in your sign today is the Sun in Leo in position with Neptune that just so happens to be in your own sign! The Ocean planet has been there for a while, in this case there is a boost of creative energy today.



## Aries March 21 – April 19

You might not know the solution to everything, but there is nothing wrong with jumping in and figuring it out as you go. That's what your sign does best. You might have to just move through or over the mountains in order to grow!



## Taurus April 20 – May 20

The Moon is in great harmony with your own sign today. Especially if you are thinking about working on your own business or self-promotion. A great day to work on career and finances together. Romance might be touch-and-go or feel a bit emotional right now.



## Gemini May 21 – June 21

A great day indeed! You do not need to take the leader's hat; hey that rhymes! You might feel a little left out or part of the system at this time. You can still create



what you want, but are asked to follow some of the rules of life right now.

## Cancer June 22 – July 22

You might feel extremely connected to the world at this time. You could be more intuitive or even psychic! Respect your gifts and maintain your connection with a great yoga or meditation session today!



## Leo July 23 – August 22

Ego and pride might need to release at this time. You are in a visionary journey, and nothing can hold you back from the experience you've gained on a specific matter or field of study.



## Virgo August 23 – September 22

Connection to mind, body, and soul are all important aspects in today's transits. Look, your words hold power. Whether you write poetry, are a public speaker, or simply organizing something for your own life. You are directing the show in some capacity.



## Libra September 23 – October 23

This is a great day to appreciate the little things in life. "Tend to your garden" so they say! It is all about your health and body, and feeling good. If you are revisiting a plan regarding exercise or getting out and being more social this is a great day to do so.



## Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Today could be a quiet day, or so it seems! What is going on beneath the surface? If power struggles are entering your life this could be a pivotal time for you.



## Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

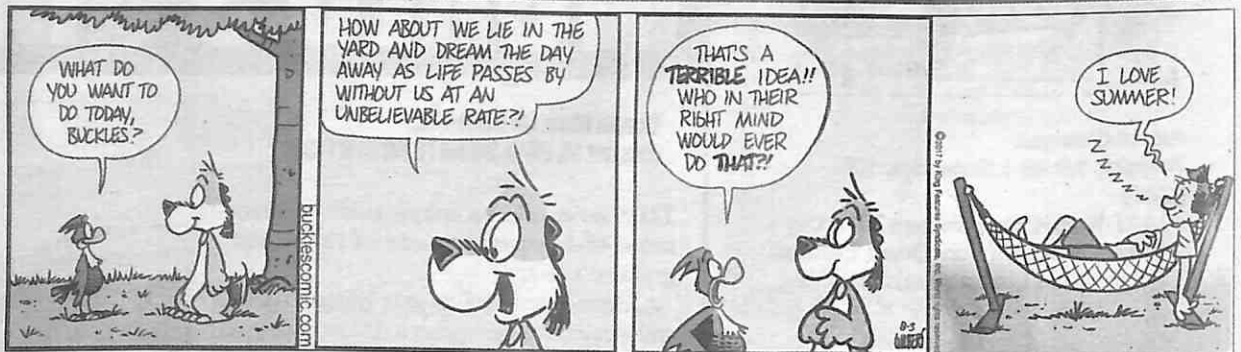
This is an excellent time to take the next steps forward and really embrace a matter you might have found quite difficult. It's not truly final decision time, just movement forward.



## BABY BLUES



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LOL  
Laughing Out Loud

## DNA TESTS

The attorney tells the accused, "I have some good news and some bad news." "What's the bad news?" asks the accused.

"The bad news is, your blood is all over the crime scene, and the DNA tests prove you did it." "What's the good news?" "Your cholesterol is 130."

## USELESS FACTS

1. There is a sea squirt found in the seas near Japan that digests its own brain. When the sea squirt is mature, it permanently attaches itself to a rock. At this point it does not need to move anymore and has no need for a brain. So, waste not want not, it eats it.
2. A male gypsy moth can

smell a female gypsy moth in heat up to a mile and a half away.  
3. One in 5 000 north Atlantic lobsters are born bright blue.  
4. The brown myotis bats when born are equivalent to a woman giving birth to a 30 pound baby.  
5. The housefly hums, middle octave, key of F.

BRAinteasers  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Yesterday's brainteasers

1. What kind of animal lives longest in zoos?  
Answer: Turtles.
2. What are the three Rs of keeping the Earth clean?  
Answer: Recycle, Reduce, Re-use.

## Today's brainteasers

1. Three eyes have I, all in a row; when the red one opens, all freeze?
2. What animal walks on all fours in the morning, two in the afternoon and three in the evening?





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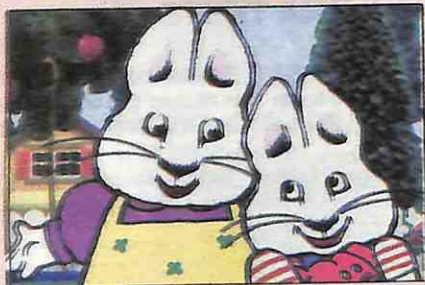
### World Champs: Tonight, 19:30 | SuperSport 8 (228)

IAAF World Championships 2017. Day 1 - Afternoon Session from Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park - London, England. LIVE



### The Best Place To Be On Monday, 20:00 | Travel Channel (179)

"S1/E1 - Rio, Fit For A Queen". Queen Latifah and her friends explore Rio de Janeiro, taking moto-taxis to the favelas, trying local dishes and dancing the samba. Along the way, they discover why Rio is the best place to be.



### Max And Ruby On Monday, 11:00 | Nick Jr (307)

With a remixed theme song and a whole bunch of new experiences for Ruby and her little brother Max, this season's episodes can't be missed. Meet the siblings' new friends, see what they get up to when they have special visitors and laugh along as they learn, play and grow up together.



### A Very Soul Train Special: Boyz II Men On Wednesday, 22:05 | BET (129)

While it may have come to the end of the road, beloved US music show Soul Train lives on in a series of nostalgia laden specials. Relive the sweet days of R&B mega-group Boyz II Men, who take us on a trip through Motown Philly memory lane.

# A UNIQUE GUIDE TO THE WORLD'S GREATEST CITIES

**Travel Man: 48 Hours In...**  
August 14, 2017, 20:58 | BBC Brit (120)

**THIS series offers a unique guide to the ultimate 48-hour stay in one of the world's greatest cities.**

Acclaimed actor and director Richard Ayoade and a celebrity guest visit a different destination each episode with the aim of having a holiday with all the boring bits taken out. Richard and his guests have a varied and full itinerary that involves visiting popular attractions and heading off the beaten track.

In this series, Richard Ayoade takes Katherine Ryan for a whistle-stop tour of the Big Apple, and the usually spiky Canadian comedian is an excitable kitten compared with the gloriously deadpan Ayoade.

Together they visit the Rockefeller Center, try a croissant-doughnut hybrid called a 'cronut' and go rollerblading in Central Park. Richard tackles Lisbon, Portugal, at break-neck speed in an electric rickshaw with writer, actor, comedian and podcaster Adam Buxton.

They visit a tinned-fish emporium, listen to



some fado - Lisbon's version of the blues - try a potent cherry liqueur for breakfast, take a tram ride up a steep hillside and even squeeze in a trip to a doll hospital.

Richard also visits the Finnish capital Helsinki with actor Paul Rudd and enjoys two days of

humour, history, culture and pizza in Naples with Jack Dee.

Packed with useful information for the discerning world traveller, Travel Man also sees the fun and good humour in enjoying all that these beautiful destinations have to offer

## SOCIAL SCENE OF LITTLE WOMEN

**Little Women: Atlanta**  
August 16, 2017, 20:00 | Lifetime (131)

**IN this brand new season of 'Little Women: Atlanta', we continue to follow the lives of the bold little women living in Atlanta.**

Two new ladies, Samantha Ortiz and Tanya Scott, join the Southern social scene and the series starts with Tanya inviting the ladies over for a party.

Confessions, past lies and baby daddy drama rear their head this season, as the little women with big personalities navigate the ups and downs of their friendships.



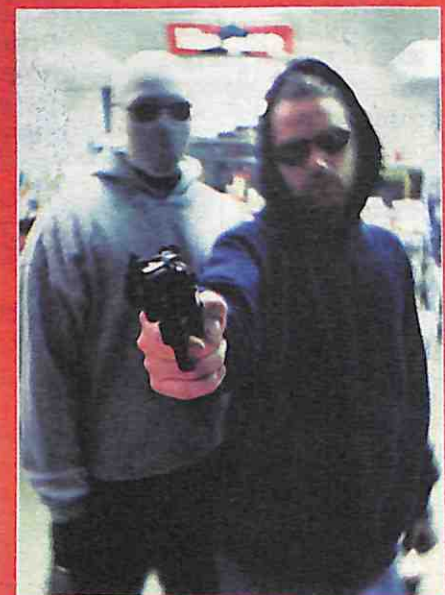
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Mondays and Fridays at 19:00

**WHAT would you do if you were confronted with death?**

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Sony Channel airs on DStv (Channel 127).



## THE AMAZING RACE

**The Amazing Race Season 29**  
Day: Tuesdays to Thursdays at 19:00  
Cast: Phil Keoghan (Presenter)

'THE Amazing Race Season 29' is the twenty-ninth installment of the reality television show.

Unlike previous seasons, which almost exclusively feature teams with preexisting relationships, this edition features 22 contestants who are all complete strangers.

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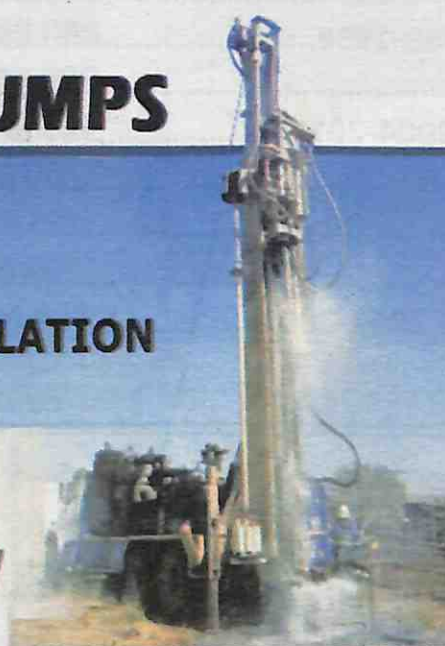
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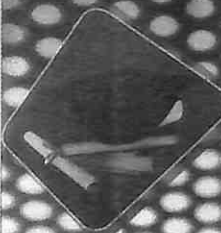
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## 12 DEATHS

Calvin Livi Shongwe



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
04/08/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
05/08/2017  
PLACE: ESIBUYENI

Friends and relatives of Calvin Livi Shongwe known as "Mdzayi Longababi" are notified of his demise. Funeral on Saturday 05/08/2017 after a night vigil at his home Esibuyeni. Announcement by his family.

Nkosinathi Bongani Mavimbela



FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
06/08/2017  
PLACE: KANYAMA SIPHOCOSINI

Kwatsiswa tihlobo, bangani kanye nebaka Fakudze eNkhanini kutsi Nkosinathi Bongani Mavimbela usishiyile emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeLisontfo mhlaka 06 August 2017 ekhaya eSiphocosini kaNyama. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabae wakhe Johane Mavimbela.

## Our Deepest Condolences

Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with God. Certainly Heaven is rejoicing for another soul as finally reached his true home.

## Our Deepest Condolences

Nicholine Herbert



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
05/08/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
06/08/2017  
PLACE: MBEKELWENI

Relatives and friends of Nicholine Herbert are notified of her untimely demise following a short illness. She will be laid to rest on Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 at Mbekelweni after a night vigil on Saturday at her home at Logoba. Announcement by her family.

Meshack Zintjente Mkhabela



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
05/08/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
06/08/2017  
PLACE: KANDINDA

Relatives and friends of Meshack Zintjente Mkhabela of kaNdinda Ngoyiya area who was employed by the Fire Emergency Services are notified of his demise. The Power Redeeming Church under Pastor T. Mkhabela jointly with the Pentecostal Church are kindly requested to attend. Night vigil on 05/08/2017 and laid to rest on Sunday 06/08/2017. Announcement by his wife Joice Mkhabela on behalf of family.



Zinhle Sundvutwako Ngobe



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
05/08/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
06/08/2017

Kwatsiswa tihlobo nebangani waka Ngobe kaNdinda nebaka Fakudze nebekhabonina ka Dlamini Emakhungutje kutsi akasekho emhlabeni Zinhle Sundvutwako Ngobe lowendze kaFakudze kaLobamba. Kulindzelwa ngeMgcibelo nga 9pm ntsambama kufihlwa ngeLisontfo nga 06:00 am ekuseni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Gabsile Fakudze umntfwana wakhe egameni lemndeni.

Phindile Mamba



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
04/08/2017  
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PLACE: ENGCULWINI

Kwatsiswa tihlobo ta Phindile Mamba lebekatiwa ngekutsi ngulaMbatjane kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kubo eNgculwini ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 05 August 2017 emvakwemlindzelo lotoba ngaleSihlanu mhlaka 04 August 2017. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Bigger indvodzana yakhe egameni lemndeni.



John Magebane Dlamini



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
05/08/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
06/08/2017

Kwatsiswa tihlobo ta John Magebane Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatsiswa bekhahonina kaMlota, bekhakhakhe ka Zubuko ufihlwa mhlaka 6 August 2017 emvakwemlindzelo lotoba mhlaka 5 August 2017. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

Bhojabhoja Andrew Dlamini



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
04/08/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
05/08/2017  
PLACE: ESITJENI

Kwatsiswa tihlobo tihlobo nebangani kutsi Bhojabhoja Andrew Dlamini lobekasebenta ka Railway akasekho emhlabeni ushone mhlaka 30/07/2017. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eSitjeni ngeMgcibelo 05/08/2017 ekuseni nga 5 am. Umlindzelo ucala nga 10pm. Kwatsiswa bekhakhakhe baka Shabangu enkhungwini baka Kunene eLuhlangotsini nebaka DlaminiNsangwini. Inkonzo yesikhumbuto iseMahlanya Nazarene Church nga 1pm.



Sibusiso Blessing Nkambule



FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
05/08/2017  
PLACE: SIDWASHINI

Relatives and friends of Sibusiso Blessing Nkambule known as Mabura or Knorox are notified of his demise. Memorial service will be at Helemisi FEA starting at 2:00pm. Funeral Mbabane at his parental home, on Saturday at Sidwashini Cemetery. Announcement by his mother Sipiwe Kenny. Contact 78341416.

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Mthunzi Mtheleni Gulwako



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
04/08/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
05/08/2017  
PLACE: KUMABANE

Kwatsiswa tihlobo nemndeni ta Mthunzi Mtheleni Gulwako kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Lobekase Masotjeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Musa Moses egameni lemndeni. Kwatsiswa belibandla lakhe. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo, kulindzelwa ngaleSihlanu kuMabane. Kwatsiswa nalabanebantfwana naye.

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Thoko Maria Simelane



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
05/08/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
06/08/2017  
PLACE: NHLAMENI

Friends and relatives of Thoko Maria Simelane are notified of her demise. Funeral shall be held on the 06th August 2017 after a night vigil on the 05th of August 2017 at Nhlambeni. Announcement by family.

Anthony Morgan



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
04/08/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
05/08/2017  
PLACE: NGCULWINI

Friends and relatives of Anthony Morgan are notified of his sudden death. Funeral at St Josephs Mission at 08:00am Saturday after a night vigil at his home in Ngculwini 04/08/2017. Announcement by his family.

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# HEAVY WEIGHT LEGEND KLITSCHKO RETIRES FROM BOXING

... Ends hopes of a potential rematch with champion Anthony Joshua

**LONDON - Wladimir Klitschko has retired from boxing, killing any hope of a rematch with heavyweight king Anthony Joshua.**

The Ukrainian was beaten by Joshua in a heavyweight blockbuster back in April and the Brit was eyeing another colossal bout in Las Vegas on November 11.

But the 41-year-old Klitschko has released a video to confirm

his decision to call time on his 21-year career in the ring.

Sportsmail columnist Eddie Hearn, Joshua's promoter, confirmed the Brit must now fight his mandatory IBF challenger Kubrat Pulev in his next fight following the announcement.

'I had a call last night saying he was retiring,' Hearn told talkSPORT.

'Contractually Klitschko had

to take the rematch unless he retired or decided against it. We have been working on it with people in Las Vegas two or three months. We were gearing up for an announcement shortly.

'We'll focus our attention on [mandatory IBF challenger] Kubrat Pulev. When we got the agreement with Klitschko it was under the provision we'd fight Pulev if it didn't happen.'

The heavyweight legend hangs up his gloves with the stellar record of 64-5-0. 'Dr Steelhammer' ruled the division throughout the 2000s, holding the IBF, WBA,

WBO and IBO titles.

Klitschko burst onto the scene when he claimed gold in the 1996 Olympics in the super-heavyweight class. He claimed

his first professional belt just two years later, knocking out Marcus McIntyre, and set about making his mark in the new millennium. *Daily Mail*



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## NEYMAR IS WORTH THE MONEY - MOURINHO

LONDON - Jose Mourinho believes that Neymar is worth the astronomical fee Paris Saint-Germain are set to pay Barcelona for his services.

PSG are set to pay €222 million to sign the Brazilian forward, making the €89 million Manchester United paid for Paul Pogba seem less exorbitant in comparison.

"For £200 million I don't think he is expensive," Mourinho said. "Neymar is one of the best players in the world, commercially he is very strong and for sure Paris Saint-Germain thought about it."

"So I think the problem is not Neymar, I think the problem is the consequences of Neymar."

"I think he is expensive in the fact that now you are going to have more players at £100 million, you are going to have more players at £80 million and more players at £60 million. I think that's the problem."

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## MAHLAMBI IMPRESSING IN EUROPE

JOHANNESBURG - Bidvest Wits Chief Executive Officer Jose Ferreira has confirmed that club starlet Phakamani Mahlambi appears to be on the verge of winning a deal in Europe.

The 19-year-old forward sensation is currently rated as one of the best attacking prospects in South Africa, and is on trial with Portuguese Primeira Liga outfit, Guimaraes.

Since making his debut in 2015/16 for the Students, the player has banged in a number of goals as well as providing a healthy number of assists. As such, a big future abroad is predicted for the teenager. Ferreira told reporters of Mahlambi, "We've got Phakamani who's on trial overseas, and there's been quite a bit of interest on Phakamani."

"Things are looking good. He had an outstanding game last week for Guimaraes against Sporting. They're very happy with him, they're monitoring his progress and obviously, we'll find out over the next few days (what's happening)."

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MADRID - Spain's La Liga refused to accept the payment of Neymar's 222 million euro (\$260 million) buyout clause, a league spokesperson confirmed

yesterday, potentially delaying the Brazilian's world record move from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain.

"We can confirm that the legal

representatives of the player attended La Liga to pay the clause and this has been rejected," the spokesperson told AFP.

La Liga chief Javier Tebas pre-

viously threatened to file a complaint with UEFA for financial fair play breaches against Paris Saint-Germain over their pursuit of Neymar.

"La Liga will file this complaint because it's a problem for La Liga's competitiveness. Today it's happened to Barca, tomorrow it could happen to Real Madrid, it's happened to Atletico Madrid," Tebas, the La Liga chairman, told Mundo Deportivo.

Should PSG bid, and then pay, the €222 million needed to prise Neymar from the Catalan capital, they would struggle to meet UEFA's financial fair play conditions that limit a team to losses of no more than €30 million over a three-year cycle. And that is despite a mega-money sponsorship deal with the Qatar tourism board.

According to Tebas, "no-one believes" the commercial revenue figures presented by PSG to justify their spending.

"PSG cannot have figures in which PSG's commercial rights exceed those of Real Madrid and Barcelona," said Tebas.

"No-one believes that. We've carried out economic studies and it's impossible. AFP

## PATOSI BACKED FOR CAPE TOWN CITY SUCCESS

JOHANNESBURG - Former Premiership star Mkhanyiseli Siwahla believes that Cape Town City attacking midfielder Ayanda Patosi will prove to be a big hit with the Citizens in 2017/18.

Siwahla currently plies his trade for Polish club Proch Pionki after earlier making his name in the PSL with the likes of Ajax Cape Town, Bloemfontein Celtic, Chippa United and Mpumalanga Black Aces.

Nonetheless, the 28-year-old takes the view that Patosi will thrive under club boss John Comitis at City, as he worked with the football supremo during his Ajax days.

"Cape Town City is a good team with good management. I have worked with John Comitis in the past and he is a very good club boss.



He has very good knowledge of football," he told Soccer Laduma website.

"I rate him among the people that should be involved in football for a very long time. He has the knowledge of grooming a player from a young age to making him a star.

"He (Patosi) is in a good space. He is in a good team and I hope that he will grab the opportunity in a right way." Sport24

## Arsenal to decide Perez future

LONDON - Striker Lucas Perez's future will be decided by Arsenal, according to the player's agent Rodrigo Fernandez Lovelle.

The 28-year-old is eager to secure a move away from the Gunners where he endured a frustrating campaign last term as he struggled to break into Manager Arsene Wenger's first team.

Perez has been linked with a move to Newcastle United, and Lovelle has revealed that there are a number of clubs interested in his client, but added it is up to Arsenal if he is sold.

Lovelle told AS newspaper in Spain: "Two clubs in Spain have already contacted Perez for a transfer, Sevilla also want to sign him, and a German team and Fenerbahce are negotiating to sign the player." He added: "Perez is a footballer who has a three-year contract with Arsenal and his future depends entirely on the decision of the club. "If the club decide to close the transfer for him they must convince Arsenal."

"Which clubs can reach an agreement with Arsenal can sign him. There is no problem for us.

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## MOURINHO PRAISES NEMANJA MATIC AFTER SAMPDORIA WIN

LONDON - Jose Mourinho was full of praise for new signing Nemanja Matić after his debut for Manchester United in a 2-1 win over Sampdoria in Dublin.

The 29-year-old Serbian international, who signed from Chelsea last week for £40 million, played the first half at the Aviva Stadium.

Henrikh Mkhitaryan headed the opener on nine minutes for United, before Dennis Praet grabbed the equaliser for Samp from range just after the hour.

Juan Mata then came off the bench to score the winner in the 81st minute when he side-footed home Anthony Martial's cross.

Matic slotted seamlessly into the

side and gave a good account of himself, which left Mourinho purring with delight after the final whistle.

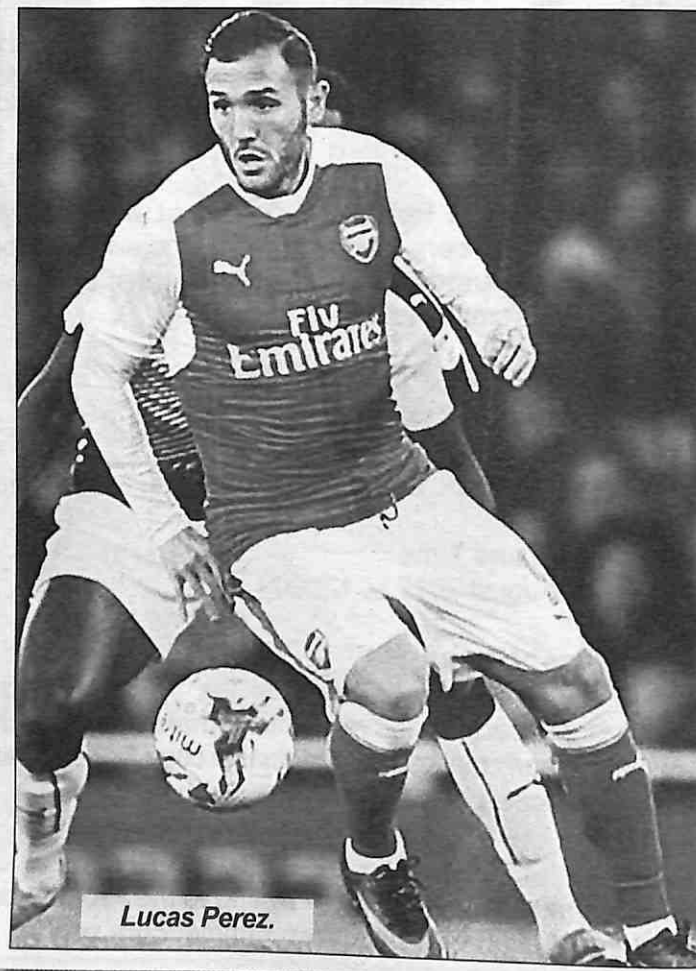
"He needs time but [his] experience, intelligence, a genius in the way he thinks - he thinks football," Mourinho said.

"We will help him to be ready sooner rather than later."

Mourinho's side ended their pre-season programme with six wins and one loss from seven games.

United now play Real Madrid in the UEFA Super Cup final next Tuesday before getting their Premier League season underway August 13 when they host West Ham.

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Lucas Perez.



# Orlando Pirates announce Sredojevic as head coach

**JOHANNESBURG** - Orlando Pirates have unveiled Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic as the club's new head coach.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Buccaneers released a statement confirming the sudden departure of Kjell Jonevret after just over five months into the job.

As soon as the Sowetan giants suffered a 4-1 defeat against SuperSport United in the Nedbank Cup final, speculation of the Swedish-born manager's exit began.

Sredojevic's name was the first to be linked to the club as his contract with the Uganda national team came to an end.

Micho, as he is fondly known in the soccer fraternity, now returns to the hot seat after 10 years.

He previously mentored the Buccaneers for seven months from July 2006 to January 2007.

"Orlando Pirates Football Club is pleased to announce the appointment of Milutin Sredojevic as new Head Coach," read a statement on the club's official website.

"The 47-year old takes over with immediate effect.

"Micho, as he is affectionately known, returns to the Bucs stable after joining as a 37-year old in



**WELCOME TO THE BUCS SHIP:** Orlando Pirates Chairman Dr Irvin Khoza shaking hands with newly appointed head coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic.

2008, where he led the squad to a CAF Champions League semi-final berth.

"Since leaving the club, Micho has gone on to establish himself on

the African continent for both club and country. "Micho recently led the Ugandan national team to their first African Cup of Nations participation in 38 years. "The newly

appointed head coach is due to meet with the Chairman later today to discuss matters around the squad and his support staff."

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## Shocker! Oupa Manyisa joins Mamelodi Sundowns

**CAPE TOWN** - Orlando Pirates Chairperson Irvin Khoza have confirmed that club captain Oupa Manyisa has joined Mamelodi Sundowns.

At the unveiling of the club's new head coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic, Khoza 'sadly' announced the departure of the midfielder. "I want to sadly announce that one of our key players will be joining Mamelodi Sundowns," said Khoza at the press conference.

"There were serious discussions with Mr Patrice Motsepe, discussing for the last two-three days.

"It was not an easy decision, especially in terms of the value of the player, what he means to the supporters and what he means to the club. "After serious soul-searching I thought it was in the best interest of the player."

Manyisa has donned the Pirates jersey for **SPORT24**



**GOODBYE:** Oupa Manyisa.

## England are the best team in Europe - Mark Sampson

**LONDON** - England take on hosts Holland in tonight's Euro semi-final in Enschede, where victory would put them 90 minutes away from an historic triumph.

And Sampson said: "We've prepared for this on the training field, in the meeting room, in the changing room.

"We're looking to establish ourselves as the best team in Europe." Sampson is already only the second England boss after World Cup winner Sir Alf Ramsey, to reach two successive major tournament

semi-finals.

Sir Alf did it by leading his side to the last four of Euro '68 after winning the World Cup two years earlier. Welshman Sampson guided the Lionesses to the 2015 World Cup semis, now he is on the brink of becoming the first England coach to win a major women's tournament.

That was my huge motivation in taking this job." But he knows the Lionesses must pass a mighty difficult test to clinch a place in Sunday's final.

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**GOT A POINT TO PROVE:** England boss Sampson.

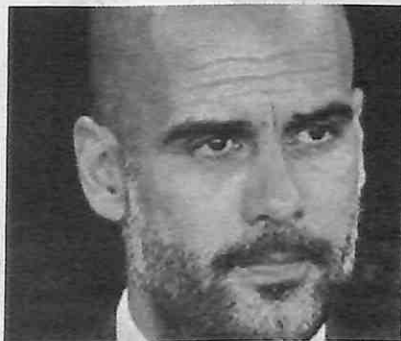
## Guardiola left red-faced as he forgets passport

**REYKJAVIK** - Manchester City were almost left without a manager on their final pre-season trip as Pep Guardiola forgot his passport ahead of the team's flight to Iceland.

The Spaniard was left red-faced as he was forced to wait inside the Manchester City team bus while a committed staff member rushed to the airport to deliver his documentation.

It arrived in time for Guardiola to take his seat aboard the team plane as it headed for Reykjavik, where they will play Premier League rivals West Ham in their final pre-season fixture today.

Guardiola looked angry as he discovered that no level of fame can exempt from the rules of international travel and waited outside the airport for 30



**FURIOUS:** Pep Guardiola.

minutes before his passport finally arrived.

His troubles soon evaporated as personal assistant Manel Estiarte collected the passport and joined the Manchester City squad on the plane, where new

signing Bernardo Silva sat with his new team-mates.

The Portuguese midfielder is likely to play his first game in a Manchester City shirt this evening following his big-money move from Monaco.

And he will get a good taste of what is to come as they play a familiar foe in the shape of West Ham, in what constitutes their final friendly before their Premier League campaign gets underway against Brighton.

It may also be the last chance for youngsters Brahim Diaz and Phil Foden to impress as they look to secure a regular spot in Guardiola's senior side following a string of impressive performances this summer.

**Daily Mail**

## Fuzile challenged in class and the ring

**JOHANNESBURG** - Azinga "Golden Boy" Fuzile has never shied away from a challenge and the young boxer is not fazed by a tricky schedule that will see him writing his final matric exams just days after participating in a boxing tournament.

The 20-year-old boxing sensation will be part of the money-spinning Feather Super Four Series, which kicks off at Emperors Palace in Kempton Park on October 21, and concerns were raised when it seemed

the event would interfere with his examinations.

But his trainer, Mzamo "Chief" Njekanye, said yesterday measures were in place to ensure he was able to execute the tricky balancing act.

"I double-checked with the relevant people in the Department of Education and they assured me the timetable allows Azinga to fight before he starts with the examinations," Njekanye said.

**TIMESLIVE**

## Sturridge feels good despite muscle pull

**LIVERPOOL** - Daniel Sturridge isn't overly concerned about the injury he picked up as Liverpool defeated Bayern Munich 3-0 in the Audi Cup on Tuesday.

Goals from Sadio Mane, Mohamed Salah and Sturridge sealed the comprehensive win and their place in the final of this pre-season tournament against Atletico Madrid on Wednesday.

Bayern Munich play Napoli in the Third-placed final.

Sturridge pulled up while scor-

ing his side's third goal, having only been on the field for 18 minutes, but said he was merely fatigued and doesn't expect to be out of action for long.

Speaking after the match, he told the club's official website: "There's a little bit of tension. We've had a lot of training. I think it's just fatigue to be honest. I'll be okay. I'm feeling great. I put in the work this summer..**SPORT24**





# DU'S CORNER

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PLS Youth Development  
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## NEW SEASON UPON US NOW

THIS column, with great pride and appreciation, will today start by thanking the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) executive committee led by Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze for working so tirelessly in securing many sponsors for Premier League football.

To say these good gentlemen of local football have done well would actually be an understatement because they have surpassed expectations and made the PLS brand very attractive to the world.

We are proud that this executive comprises of young, energetic people who think, eat and drink football.

We should thank these guys for elevating our football to such respected status in the continent. Leading such an organisation is not child's play but we are fortunate to have people who share a similar passion for the game. Not so long ago, nobody had an interest in the PLS but today, this organisation is a big brand attracting even the mighty.

Everybody suddenly has interest to lead the PLS, which was not the case not so long ago. Ours would be to implore them to continue working hard to make our brand even bigger and would like to encourage them to

**...PLS AGM next week will kickstart preparations for start of new campaign**

remain calm even under criticism because such will make them even better tomorrow.

I would also advise those that love to criticise to provide solutions. Mathematically, we are the most expensive league in our continent, even better than our neighbours South Africa.

The biggest challenge, which is also a great concern to our chairman, is lack of sponsorships for clubs.

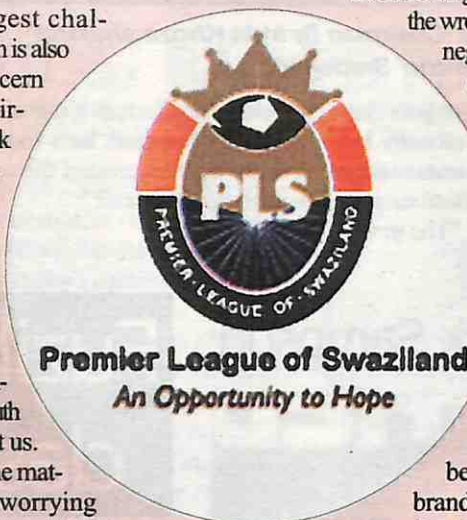
That is where we are lacking and that is where countries like South Africa beat us.

This is one matter that is worrying the league and this is a challenge to premier League clubs to work on changing this if we aspire

to be professional by 2022. This is a responsibility for clubs to market and sell their brand to the business world. Before they can be able to do that, they should know their membership and discipline is very key in achieving that.

For instance, you should always avoid being in the media for the wrong reasons because negative publicity will always chase away sponsors. Clubs must also start to be vigorous in going all over the four regions of the country to revive supporters branches like some of our members are doing. No one will be interested in your brand if you are always associated with bad publicity.

People do not want to sponsor hooli-



gans, it is as simple as that.

The massive experience of our executive committee can never be measured because it is through that this brand has grown so big, proving that experience is acquired with time.

You cannot wake up today and think that you have experience but you must be patient and learn from those who have been in the game for a long time. It is the same as being away from football for a long time and you come back a confused man who does not add value to the game.

Football is dynamic and scientific hence must be treated as such. We do not need small minds in our game because football is business now. To those who think football is leisure, I dare say they are in the wrong place.

I have a dream that one day, all football clubs will sit in a round table, be it breakfast, lunch or dinner and discuss football as business. Through God's grace, that day will come.

### Board of governors

This column would like to thank the 24 of you for being the wind beneath the executive committee's wings because the truth is that they would not have achieved such a huge milestone without you.

A majority of you are business people in their own right but you still give yourselves time to look after your clubs as well.

### Sure

I am sure that your clubs rely entirely on your financial support to survive in the absence of club sponsorships.

I felt this column should thank you as you are not normally thanked for all the good work and effort you put for the organisation. We cannot forget to commend you for supporting the PLS Youth Development programmes, which are yardstick for the upliftment of elite football.

We are also appreciative of the fact that you promote our products to your senior squads which is making our job very easy. As you are preparing for the general assembly next week, we are looking forward to the decisions that will be taken with the intention of moving our football forward.

I further welcome the new members into the board as they will be joining us for the first time as they are new in the big league. They should be kindly reminded that they are not coming to join us with only their senior teams but should have development squads like the Under-17s and Under-20s ready for action as well.

We can only wish these gentlemen the best of luck as they prepare for the new season.

### From the PLS COO

Mr Pat Vilakati is inviting all 24 governors including the new comers to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 10 August 2017 at Sigwaca House.

He is appealing to all attendees to keep time as the meeting will start at exactly 6pm. The COO is also thanking teams for sending representatives to the registration workshop last week and sounded optimistic that they (PLS) were of great assistance in educating those present about the new FIFA registration technology which is now online.

Mr Vilakati concluded by lauding the teams for the effort they are putting in their pre-season preparations, singing praises for those that are crossing the borders to play professional South African clubs as part of their training.

He then reminded clubs to handle the transfer of players professionally and always practice fair play to avoid unnecessary complaints that could end up disrupting the smooth progress of the league.

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# BUSINESS LEAGUE PRESENTATION @ ROYAL SWAZI GOLF COURSE



**GOOD JOB:** SRIC Marketing Manager Sizwe Shongwe presenting Vusi Dlamini with a trophy. This was during the Business League presentation held at the Royal Swazi Golf Course on Wednesday. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)



**GOOD JOB:** SRIC's Shongwe presenting Banele Mthethwa with his prizes.



**PLEASED:** Swaziland Railway's James Nkambule accepts his prizes from SRIC Marketing Manager Sizwe Shongwe.



**THANK YOU:** Clement Nhleko accepts his prize from Shongwe.



**WELL-DONE:** Shongwe presenting Sam Richards with his prize.



**DUO:** M.J. Dlamini and Mandla Dlamini were also part of the winners.

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■ Monaco's 18-year-old forward Kylian Mbappe has decided to leave the club, with Real Madrid, Manchester City and Paris St-Germain in the race to sign him. (*L'Equipe - in French*)

■ Barcelona have already made contact with Monaco over a move for the highly rated French forward. (*Le10Sport - in French*)

■ The Spanish league will not accept PSG's payment of Neymar's release clause with Barcelona because of the 25-year-old forward's loyalty payment dispute with Barca, and concerns over PSG breaking UEFA's Financial Fair Play rules. (*Sport*)

■ European governing body Uefa will ask PSG to explain how they intend to finance the transfer. (*Daily Telegraph*)

■ Barca will not try to sign Atletico Madrid's 26-year-old forward Antoine Griezmann despite Neymar's impending departure. (*AS - in Spanish*)

■ The Spanish club will replace Neymar with Borussia Dortmund's 20-year-old French forward Ousmane Dembele. (*Marca - in Spanish*)

■ Borussia Dortmund have rejected a bid from Arsenal for Dembele. (*Mundo Deportivo - in Spanish*)

■ Neymar's former representative Wagner Ribeiro says: "PSG will pay the release clause and Neymar will be presented in Paris this week." (*Marca*)

■ The Brazilian passed his medical with PSG on Wednesday in Portugal. (*L'Equipe - in French*)

■ Barcelona will use the money from Neymar's sale to fund moves for Chelsea attacking midfielder Eden Hazard, 26, and Liverpool forward Philippe Coutinho, 25. (*Sun*)

■ The Catalan club will bid £100m for Coutinho, but Reds boss Jurgen Klopp says the playmaker will not be leaving Liverpool. (*Daily Mail*)

■ Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino is set to make Argentine goalkeeper Paulo Gazzaniga, 25, his first summer signing from Southampton in a £2m deal. (*Sun*)

■ Atletico Madrid boss Diego Simeone has told his club's board that they must sign striker Diego Costa, 28, who Chelsea value at £50m. (*Evening Standard*)



## CHARITY CUP ROAD SHOW IN NHLANGANO TOMORROW

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER** - The Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) will host the first road show of this year's edition of the Charity Cup tournament.

The event is scheduled for the Zama-Zama complex in Nhlanguano tomorrow starting at 10am.

SPTC Corporate Communications Manager Nqobile Magagula invited people from Nhlanguano and surrounding areas to come and be part of the event.



**INVITES:**  
SPTC  
Corporate  
Communications  
Manager  
Nqobile  
Magagula.

He said there would be a lot of prizes to be won on the day.

"We will be promoting the tournament in Nhlanguano and those

who will be at the event will get a chance to win prizes and also meet some of the PLS players who will be playing in the competition," she

said.

The one day tournament will be played at the Somhlolo National Stadium on August 27 and will include defending champions Royal Leopard, Mbabane Swallows, Mbabane Highlanders and the winner between Mweni Pirates and Manzini Sundowns. The two will fight for the fourth slot during a play-off slated for August 20.

The winner of the tournament will walk away with a whooping E950 000 while the individual prizes will include a mouth-watering E15 000 for the Player of the Tournament.

## ITS SUPERSTARS VS STEELS

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**BASKETBALL** - Basketball fanatics should brace themselves for a humdinger when the Swaziland National Basketball League (SNBL) action returns on August 12.

The MTN sponsored league will be on break this weekend due to the non-availability of the Mavuso Sports Centre which has been booked by other sporting codes.

According to the second round fixture released by the association yesterday, defending champions Superstars will battle it out with the high flying log leaders Steels in the headline fixture of the round.

Superstars will be out to prove that they are a force to be reckoned with in the Elite Men's League as they will face off with the current log leaders Steel who have not made any mistake this season thus far. The match is scheduled for 5pm at

the Mavuso Sports Emporium.

The games action will begin with a National Women's League (NWL) fixture pitting the high flying Phoenix against basement side Shooting Stars. Tip-off is at 9am.

The next match at 11am will also be another NWL match, where youngsters Griffins will take on Super Ladies who currently trail the log leaders by three points. At 1pm, sparks will fly in the Elite Men's League (EML) match which will see ambitious Imbumba taking on capital city giants Steels.



IT WAS A GREAT GAME: Lucky and Nhlanguhla after their game.

## MANZINI B HALTS EZULWINI B

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SQUASH** - HIGH flying Ezulwini B were yesterday held to a 2-2 stalemate by Manzini B in the UNITED Health Squash League.

This was during the games which were played at the UNISWA Sports Emporium.

Ezulwini B have been on a roll in the league and are seated at the summit of the log standings with 30.5 points. The results will help Manzini B consolidate their third spot

on the log standings with 26.5 points, three ahead of second placed UNISWA.

The first match of the day featured basement side Pigg's Peak which faced-off with Mbabane B, and the former emerged victorious on a 3-1 score.

### Standings

The result condemns Pigg's Peak as they are still on the basement of the log standings with only three points.

In the ladies section Bridget Farrell walked away with a comfortable 3-0 victory against

Nosmilo Fakudze.

Dumsile Madonsela was also victorious, walking away with a 3-1 victory against Tanele Mantimakhulu.

The tournament's media liaison Rhoo Nxumalo expressed gratitude to the teams for their commitment and dedication to the games.

"I would like to thank the teams for religiously participating in these games. Also our hands are open to all those interested in knowing more about the sport," he said.

## STIFF COMPETITION IN SRIC LEAGUE

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**GOLF** - Competition is tough in Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) Business League as four teams are battling for the first spot.

The teams, which all won their games played at the Royal Swazi Golf Course on Wednesday and are tied on 12 points. These are Previc which recorded a 6-0 against Royal Swazi, SRIC which also won 6-0 against Go Big. Others are Manyatsi Nhleko QS and Pots Construction which won their games against Liberty and ERG, respectively.

THE RESULTS		
Ecsponent	0 Swaziland Beverages	6
Galp	3 African Alliance	3
SRIC 'B'	3 RSP	3
Inyatsi	6 Swazi Mobile	0
BPMC	1 Africa Chicks	4
Ladies	0 Swaziland Railway	6
ERG	0 Pots Construction 6	
Liberty	0 Manyatsi Nhleko QS	6
SRIC	6 Go Big	0
Royal Swazi	0 Previc	6
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### CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE LOG

1 Previc	12pts
1 SRIC	12pts
1 Manyatsi Nhleko QS	12pts
1 Pots Construction	12pts
5 Easigas	9pts
5 SEC	9pts
7 Go Big	6pts
8 ERG	0pts
8 Civics	0pts
8 Royal Swazi	0pts
8 Sekusile Insurance Brokers	0pts
8 Liberty	0pts

### THE DAY'S PRIZE WINNERS

1. Vusi Dlamini & Mduduzi Mtselfwa (SEB) won 6/5
2. O B Macwele & Sam Richards (Easigas) won 6/4
3. Sibusiso Moisa & Banele Mletwa (SRIC) won 5/4
4. Mandla Dlamini & M J Dlamini (SRIC) won 4/3

### Consolation League Log

1 Africa Chicks - 10pts
2 SRIC 'B' - 9pts
2 African Alliance - 9pts
2 Royal Swd Police - 9pts
2 Swaziland Beverages - 9pts
2 Inyatsi - 9pts
7 Galp - 6pts
7 Swaziland Railways - 6pts
9 Asakhiwe - 3pts
10 BPMC - 1pt
11 Ladies - 0pts
11 Standard Bank - 0pts
11 BPMC - 0pts
11 Ecsponent - 0pts

### The Day's Prize Winners

1. Willard Mkhwanazi & Lunga Mavimbela (RSP) won 7/6 (on a countback)
2. James Nkambule & Mbongeni Mthethwa (Railways) won 7/6
3. Mpumelelo Makhubu & Musa Shongwe (Swd Beverages) won 6/5
4. Clement Nhleko & Frank Hlophe (Swd Beverages) won 6/4



# 'WESLIANS', 'DOWNS' PROMISE FIREWORKS IN BIBLE CUP

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCKER - HUB** giants Manzini Wanderers defender Brian Vilane says their main objective this season is bringing back the team's glory days.

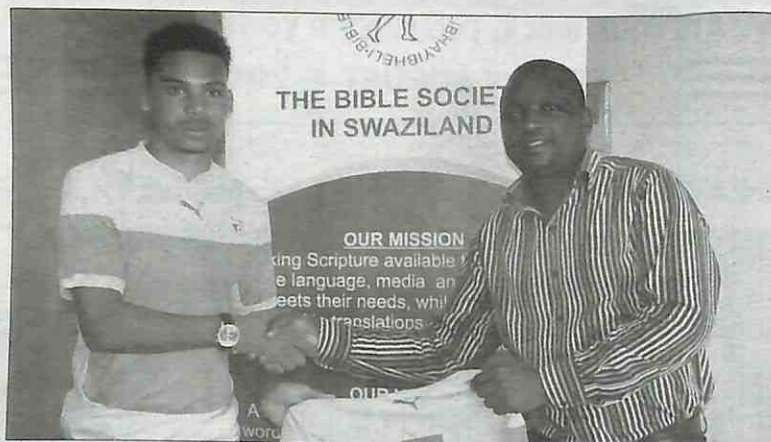
Speaking during the kit presentation of the inaugural Swaziland Bible Society tournament held at the company's premises in Manzini yesterday, the youngster said most of them grew up supporting the team. He said they knew what was expected of them, and that was bringing back joy to the yearning supporters who have not tasted success in over a decade.

## Supporting

"Most of us grew up supporting the team and are Manzini Wanderers at heart. We know very well what is meant to have the rare privilege of donning the historic maroon and white jersey. We are clear with the mandate and this entails making our supporters who have been patient with the team happy," he said.

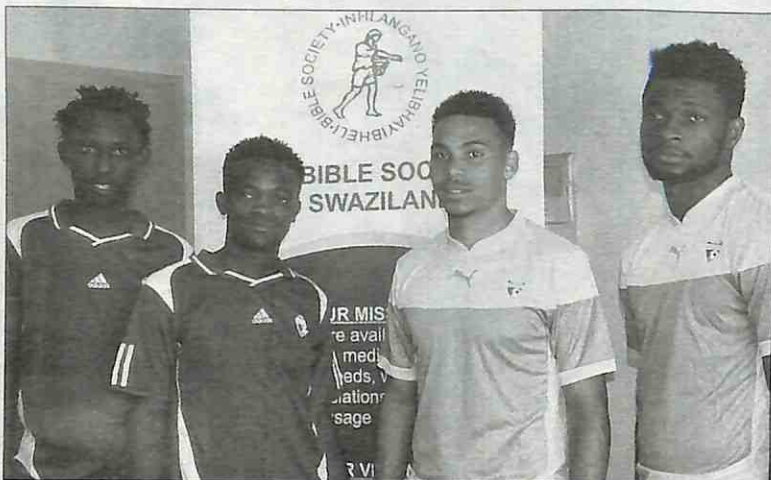
Meanwhile, his Manzini Sundowns counterpart Justice Figareito stated that they were upbeat ahead of the tournament as it would help them in readiness for the upcoming season.

This tournament will help us prepare for the season because we have been in pre-season training so we will show our fans what we've been working on. Also we have the Moneni Pirates game in the Charity Cup in mind, so this match will prepare us for that match as well."



**HERE YOU GO:** The inaugural Bible Society Cup PRO Mduduzi 'Mr G' Ginindza presenting Manzini Sundowns, forward Justice Figareito with their kits. This was during the presentation at the Bible Society yesterday.

(Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)



**FOR CHRIST:** Manzini Wanderers and Manzini Sundowns players pose for a group picture with their new kits.

## Nyanga trusts youngsters to end trophy drought

**SOCCKER - MANZINI** Wanderers Head Coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe says he will be banking his hopes on the team's youngsters this season.

The coach said this when making his remarks during the kit presentation of the Swaziland Bible Society Cup yesterday.

The coach he said he loved working with youngsters because they were hungrier for success and more determined inside the field of play.

"I am happy with these young boys. They are hungry for success and this works perfectly well with the team's objective of adding trophies to our trophy cabinet," he said.

## Tournaments

Meanwhile, the tournaments' PRO Mduduzi 'Mr G' Ginindza invited all fans in the country to come in great numbers and rally behind their respective teams in what he described the biggest pre-season tournament in the country.

ause it will the biggest pre - season tournament in the country, even jokingly stating that they two teams were 'pre-ritualing' with the word of God.

"This will be a ground breaking tournament and supporters should come and be part of this exciting tournament.

This will also be a blessing for the teams as they will start the new season with God as opposed to other rituals performed in the game," he said jokingly.

## Oladele settling well with the rest – Chaminuka

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCKER - MATSAPHA** United Coach, Saul Chaminuka believes Nigerian born Solomon Oladele is settling well with the rest of the team.

Information sourced from the team's website is that the coach, who was inspired by Oladele's goal during their 1-2 defeat to Witbank Spurs in a match played at Puma Rugby Stadium on Wednesday, the former Red Lions forward was played on the wing as a bid to create more variations.

"Solo is a good player and he is settling well with rest of the team. On Wednesday he

was playing on the wing and he did well and it only succeeds in giving us more options," said Chaminuka.

The Zimbabwe born mentor refused to dwell on negatives from the defeat.

## Eating

"We got there late leaving us with little time to settle especially after eating and I want to believe the boys did well to control the damage that could have been done.

"Most important is we had good run on a heavy and big pitch. It was a good practice for the team," said Chaminuka.

He said the Matsapha United project was still work in progress.

**GOOD PLAYER:** Matsapha United Coach, Saul Chaminuka.

## Tambuti FC reported to players' status committee

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCKER - REFUSING** a player his dream move has landed Lubombo based outfit Tambuti FC in hot water as player Bhengkosi Mlota has taken them to the players' status committee.

Tambuti FC is said to have refused the player his desired move of joining capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders where he has been training with the hopes of landing a permanent move with the 'Black Bull'.

A source close to the matter revealed that the player had a contract with his employers that

expires in 2019 and is also not happy with the salary he earns at the team.

Tambuti FC PRO Nathi Dlamini said he was not aware of the matter when reached for comment yesterday.

He said Highlanders have not formally approached them for the services of the player.

"We are not standing in Mlota's way, actually we are ready to release him to his desired destination if he wants to leave the team but the right procedures have to be followed," he said.

Another pair of Tambuti players linked with a move to Highlanders are skipper Mpendulo Ngidi and Gabriel Goshen.



## SOGCA raising awareness on Paralympic Games

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SPORTS - THE** Swaziland Olympic Games and Commonwealth Association has started raising awareness on the Paralympic Games.

The association had applied with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to be part of these international

**OPTIMISTIC:** Chief Executive Officer Muriel Hofer.

al games.

The association's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Muriel Hofer said on Wednesday that they were still waiting for a response from the International Paralympics Committee.

She said they were working with the Swaziland National Volleyball Association (SNVA) where they have already introduced sitting volleyball.

"Our application to the international Paralympics Committee was sent to the IOC and it's still with them, but in the meantime we are already raising

ing awareness of the issue.

Volleyball is currently the front runners in the campaign and we hope that other associations will join in as well because I'm pretty sure they have something on that planned for the year," she said.

## Application

The country's application to IOC follows the establishment of the National Paralympic Committee last year where all associations in the country met at the OlympAfrica sports development centre to develop the founding constitution.

This was viewed as milestone in the country as it paves way for Swazis living with disabilities to compete in sports and further register for international tournaments.

On the other hand, the Swaziland National Sports and Recreational Council (SNSRC) also has a disability sports programme, which they deliver through centers for the disabled, and conduct it more like the Shukuma Swaziland activities.

The last activity was hosted last year at Prince of Wales for the Ekwetsembeni Special School.



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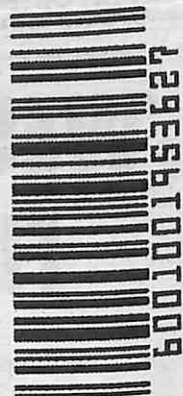
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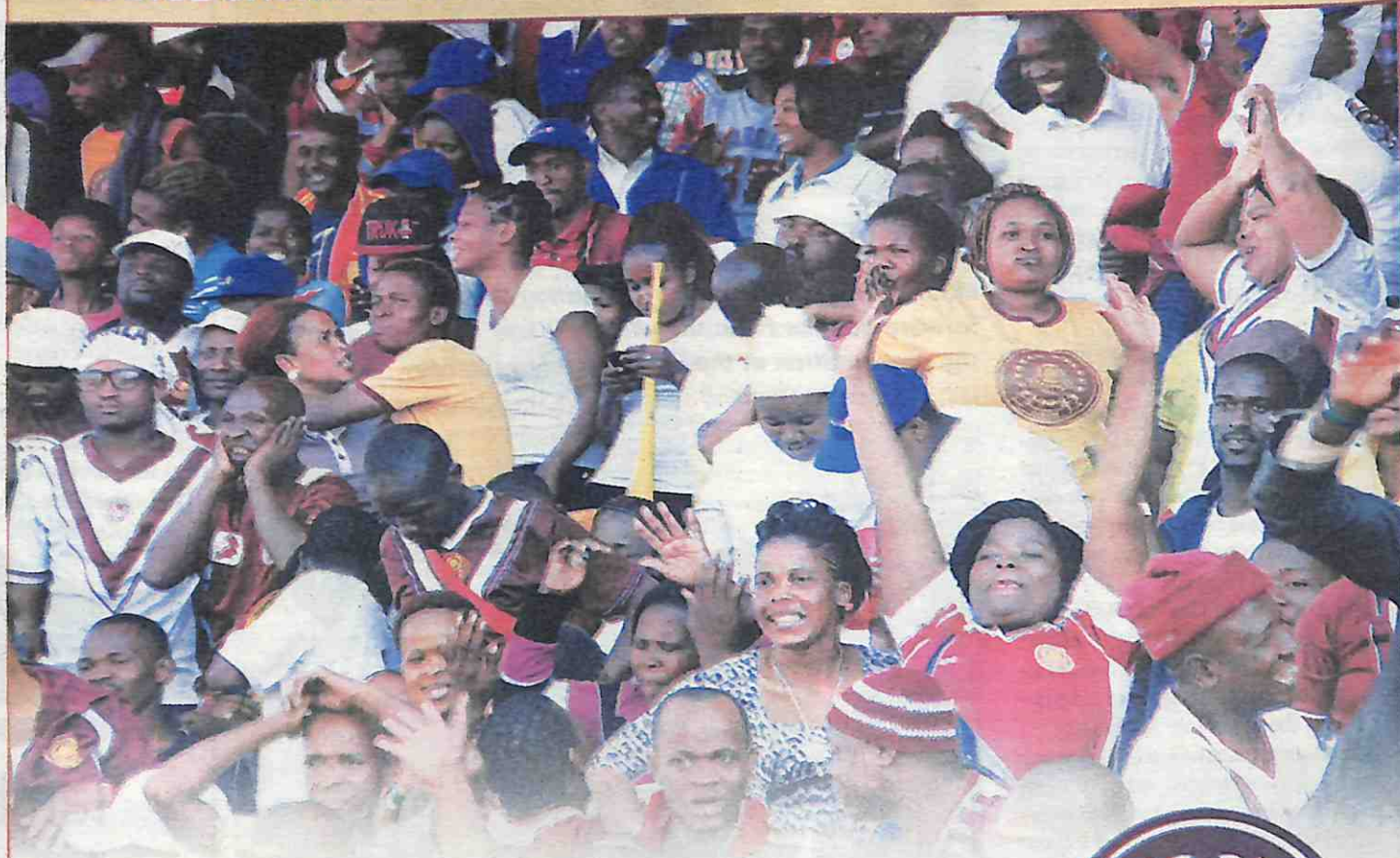
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## LARGE CHUNK OF MONEY SAID TO BE MONEY LOANED TO TEAM BY PLS



# WANDERERS



# E0.5M IN THE RED

By Sabelo Majola

### SOCCER - OUTGOING Manzini Wanderers directors are said to be leaving the club with an over E500 000 debt.

Information gathered by publication is that a larger chunk of the money is owed by the team to the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) following a loan given to the team amounting close to E500 000.

A source close to the matter revealed that part of the debt was incurred by the Bheki Shongwe led directorship when they came

into office about two years ago.

"The directors are leaving the team with debts amounting to over E0.5 million. Part of this debt was incurred when they took over as directors. It is now not known what will happen next as the directorship structure has been disbanded and the team changed into an association. We are waiting to see how the team will try and settle these debts now that the directors have been shown the exit door," said the source.

The directorship structure was outvoted by the team's supporters during a meeting held over two months ago.

This was after the supporters expressed disappointment on the

structure comprising Sandile 'Chief' Dlamini and Peter Mathaba.

Sought for comment on the matter, Manzini Wanderers General Manager Patrick Gamedze confirmed that the team was in debt but was quick to add that the outgoing directors found the team already in this state.

#### Partially

He said they partially paid some of the owed money but a portion of it was outstanding.

"It is not the outgoing directors that landed the team in debt but when they took over, the team was already in debt, owing to the fact that there was no proper hand-over from the previous directors," he said.

Wanderers' co-director Sandile 'Chief' Dlamini said there is no truth in that they owe the team.

"On behalf of the board, I want to say that it is not true that we owe any amount, our financial reports are known to the board only not anyone else," he said.

Meanwhile, PLS Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati said he could not divulge how much Wanderers owed the organisation as such information was confidential.

"The only time the PLS can reveal figures is when a team has been fined otherwise such information is not for public consumption but between the parties involved," he said.