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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

## Government still not moving from 0% offer

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane**THE Joint Negotiation Forum (JNF) has again failed to reach an agreement.**

The public sector associations (PSA) and the government negotiation team (GNT) yesterday convened a meeting after the court ordered that both parties should go back to the negotiations table and negotiate in good faith.

They once again hit a deadlock.

The PSA is made by the Swaziland Nurses Association (SNA), Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP), National Public Services and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) and the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT).

A highly placed source said the meeting between the two parties was far from fruitful as the GNT did not want to barge from their zero percentage for

the Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA).

"When we resumed the meeting, the GNT Chairman Evert Madlopha produced documents which he said justified that the government cannot afford to offer civil servants anything more than the zero per cent which they have been offering since the beginning of the negotiations process.

This shocked us because the court had asked that we negotiate in good faith," he said.

The source said the PSA took heed to the court's advice and dropped the CoLA request from the original 9.1 per cent to 7.85 per cent cost of living adjustment.

"The PSA had the courtesy of dropping 1.3 per cent economic growth from the 9.15 per cent and we were willing to settle for the 7.85 per cent but government refused to barge. The GNT chairman is still maintaining that government has no money and that it cannot offer anything to its workers," he said.

The source said now that the JNF has failed to reach an agreement, the PSA will on Monday report the outcome of the meeting back to court.

"We refused to sign anything with the GNT. We cannot accept that government is giving us zero per cent. Going back to the negotiating table was the court's order and we will definitely go back and report the outcome. It is now in the court's hands on what next will happen.

**Deadlock**

The court will either pronounce a deadlock or something else. We will have to wait and see," he said.

The source further said even though the PSA National Executive Committee (NEC) met to decide on the next step, he believes that if a deadlock is pronounced, the PSA will pursue the matter to arbitration.

It is worth noting that when the cost of living adjustment started, the PSA demanded that government gives civil servants 9.15 per cent adjustment.

Government has from the onset maintained that they had nothing to offer to civil servants as it had no money.

This resulted in both the GNT and PSA snubbing a meeting that was scheduled for September 20 after they failed to reach an agreement.

**Negotiations**

This was the same day on which civil servants marched to the ministry of public service, where they had accompanied the PSA National Executive Committee (NEC) for the CoLA negotiations. JNF Chairman Evert Madlopha in a press statement days later said the march contravened the provisions of the JNF constitution which governed matters of the forum.

"This act on its own is against the spirit of negotiations; clause 6.3 of the JNF Constitution clearly stipulates that 'issues that are before the JNF shall be dealt with to finality without the involvement of others unless this is agreed to by the JNF,'" said Madlopha in the

statement.

Madlopha said the GNT raised their concerns regarding the presence of PSA members who he said were not only disturbing the negotiations proceedings but also intimidating the parties.

He said such an act never yields positive results save to frustrate the whole process.

Again on September 27, the PSA and the GNT snubbed a meeting and this resulted in the PSA deciding to take the matter to court, where they wanted the court's intervention on the matter. The PSA wanted the court to order government to go return back to the negotiating table. If government would agree on the 7.85 per cent cost of living adjustment, it would part ways with approximately E450 million to pay the civil servants. In 2016, government spent about E850 million on the salary review which saw civil servants getting anything from 17 per cent increment up to about 30 per cent which was received by politicians.

## TREAT MTN, SWAZI MOBILE EQUALLY - PRINCESS PHUMELELE

Govt shouldn't be seen to be supporting only MTN, Swazi Mobile should also be engaged

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule  
Lobamba

**NOW that the country has two operational mobile networks, government must not be seen to be supporting one and not the other.**

The Government of Swaziland has an obligation to engage fairly both mobile networks in the country for their services.

Making her submissions during the portfolio committee first quarter debate of the ministry of finance, Senator Princess Phumelele said while it was commendable that the Swaziland Revenue Authority could now collect taxes through Mobile Money, a service provided by MTN, they should in the same vein engage Swazi Mobile.

"We commend the agreement between SRA and MTN but why is this service only offered by MTN because we now have two fully operational mobile networks?" she asked.

She argued that government could not be seen to be taking sides; instead she must engage both companies.

"Government shouldn't be seen to be supporting only MTN, Swazi Mobile should also be engaged," she said.



**EQUALITY IS KEY: Princess Phumelele and Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini.**

She further said because now people were spoilt for choice others would soon resort to using one network that better served them, hence the SRA service should be available on both networks.

"What happens when a person decides to use the Swazi Mobile network only, they will not be able to pay their taxes on their mobile phones?" she asked.

On the other hand, Senator David Dlamini who is also the Chairman of the MTN board of directors, applauded the partnership between MTN and SRA saying besides his interests this was a good move as it allowed people to do this from their mobile phones.

"We are moving into an era where



carrying cash is outdated, people swipe and this allows them to pay their taxes from the comfort of their homes," he said.

Minister Martin Dlamini, responding to this submission said while the concern by the senator was a valid one, Swazi Mobile had not been engaged on the matter because they had no service like Mobile Money and they were fairly new.

"This is a new project we just signed the agreement with MTN. We haven't engaged Swazi Mobile because of two things; they are fairly new and they don't have a tool similar to Mobile Money," he said.

## ...Gciniwe's departure a big loss for Matsapha

**SENATORS want the vacant post of Matsapha Municipality Chief Executive Officer filled as soon as possible.**

Making submissions during the portfolio committee first quarter debate of the ministry of housing and urban development, senators told the minister to quickly replace the former CEO Gciniwe Fakudze who recently left for greener pastures.

"My apologies minister in losing one of your hard working soldiers in the former Matsapha CEO. However, she must quickly be replaced before all her hard work goes down the drain, every organisation needs a head," Senate Deputy President Ngomuyayona Gamedze submitted. Gamedze further wanted to know if the ministry had a succession plan because replacing Fakudze would not be an easy task.

"We don't want the Mhlongo

(Mbabane CEO Gideon Mhlongo) debacle happening all over again because Mhlongo was brought back even though some people didn't want him to come back," he said.

Gamedze said hard working people like Gideon Mhlongo and Gciniwe Fakudze were rare and replacing them was a mammoth task.

Senator Menjeni Mahlalela also applauded Fakudze for the job she had done at the town, saying Matsapha Municipality was by far the best performing local government authority.

"Matsapha as small as it is, is performing better than the big towns," he said. Mahlalela said it would be interesting to see who would replace her.

Fakudze left Matsapha Municipality in August for new mobile network Swazi Mobile where she occupies the position of Chief Customer Executive.



**LOSS: Senate Deputy President Ngomuyayona Gamedze and former Matsapha CEO Gciniwe Fakudze.**



tions to the EBC.

"Why is it taking so long when the constitution was adopted so long ago? Does the ministry want to keep the elections to itself so that it seems like it is working hard or what?" he asked. Responding to the concerns of the senators, the minister said in 2012 the ministry had been advised by the ministry of justice that the constitution did not provide for the local government elections to be run by the EBC. "In 2012 because we wanted to implement this but were advised that the constitution wasn't clear

on local elections hence they must not be conducted by the EBC until an Act providing for such is in place," he said.

Mabuza said they had again this year engaged the EBC on what should be done but were advised that the elections should be conducted by the ministry.

"We wanted to touch base if they had been advised any differently. However, one can point out that even though we are conducting the elections we are in constant contact with the EBC, we turn to them for guidance and advice," he said.

## Why is EBC not running towns elections? - Senate

**"WHO between the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) and the ministry of housing and urban development is refusing to comply with the constitution?"**

This was a question posed by Prince Fipha yesterday during the portfolio committee first quarter debate of the ministry of housing and urban development.

Making his submissions, Prince Fipha said the constitution of the land provided that all elections should be conducted by the same body, which is the EBC. He said it was, therefore, essential for Minister Phiyinkhosi Mabuza

to explain to them why the upcoming local government elections were not conducted by the EBC.

"I want to know from the minister why something enshrined in the constitution is still not implemented to this day and what the holdup is," he said.

Other senators echoed the prince's submission, saying this was long overdue.

Senator Menjeni Mahlalela said if the elections were conducted by a body like the EBC that worked specifically on elections then they would have known what move to make during the Ezulwini debacle.

"There was a time when Ezulwini Town Council was making headlines for all the wrong reasons and it seemed no one knew what to do under the circumstances.

**Elections**

"I strongly believe if the EBC was conducting the local government elections the situation would have been better handled as they would have known what happens when councillors and employees of the institution clash," he said. Senate Deputy President Ngomuyayona Gamedze, in his submission, also wanted to know why it was taking so long to transfer the elec-



# SOLDIERS IN SHOOT-OUT, HIGH SPEED CHASE WITH GANGSTERS

## COVER STORY

Stories by Samukelisiwe  
Ginindza  
Mbabane

**THERE** was drama when soldiers and a well-known bunch of dagga gangsters engaged in a high speed chase and shooting along the Mahamba/Nhlangano road.

This happened on Tuesday at around 8:30pm.

At the centre of the shooting and high speed chase were about six bags of dagga that were impounded by the army personnel at the Mahamba Border Gate.

Sources close to the matter told this newspaper that members of the army seized the bags of dagga that weighed 91kg at the border gate and were transporting it to Nhlangano when the gangsters emerged in speeding vehicles.

The gangsters were allegedly driving in a van, Audi and another vehicle that was not identified.

The speeding cars in particular the Audi attempted to block the way of the soldiers' vehicle. Sensing danger, the soldiers are said to have fired two warning shots.

Out of panic, the gangsters' van rammed into the Audi causing an accident.

Two gangsters were injured in the

● At the centre of the shooting and high speed chase were about six bags of dagga that were impounded by the army personnel at the Mahamba Border Gate



**AFTERMATH:** This bakkie and the blue sedan (Audi) were involved in an accident at Maseyisini along Nhlangano-Mahamba public road on Tuesday evening during a chase with soldiers.

accident.

The cars were extensively damaged. USDF Acting Public Relations Officer Nkosinathi Dlamini confirmed the incident.

### Troops

He stated that the resilient troops managed to transport the six bags of dagga safely to Nhlangano police where they are still kept at exhibits.

"Yes I can confirm that we had an incident like that on Tuesday evening

in Nhlangano around Maseyisini, adjacent to the Inkhundla centre," he said.

Dlamini further revealed that they do have an idea of the people who were involved in the high speed chase with the troops.

The publication is aware of their identity but will not be revealed due to ethical reasons.

"We are aware of their identity and they are known to be notorious around Nhlangano," the acting PRO said.

## ...Soldiers always ready for any criminal hazards

**THE** troops managed to save the six bags of dagga from possible capture by the six men involved in the four-car high speed chase and shooting with only two soldiers.

This number was confirmed by Swaziland Umbutfo Defence Force (SDF) Acting PRO Nkosinathi Dlamini.

"Yes I can confirm that there were only two soldiers transporting the dagga in the car. However that should not mean that people should take chances," he said. He added that troops are always ready for any hazards confronting them. "Our mandate is never to kill but protect, so we carry guns to protect, which is why

we even fired warning shots. We only shoot when the opposition starts firing back at us," Dlamini added. The injured are said to have been rushed to Nhlangano Health Centre where they are currently receiving treatment. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba also con-

firmed the incident and added that they have opened a commission of inquiry into the matter.

"I can confirm that we attended a road accident scene where two cars were involved in a collision. The four occupants were transferred to Nhlangano Health Centre for treatment," Mamba confirmed.

## Judge Hlophe, 'Tsotsi' in court showdown

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**THE** marathon car theft trial involving businessman Mfankhona Dlamini known as 'Kakona' yesterday saw a High Court Judge and Advocate Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila engaged in a heated argument that resulted in the court adjourning for a while.

The heated exchange between Judge Nkululeko Hlophe and Advocate Mabila emanated from an application that was moved by the latter to the effect that a car that is amongst those alleged to be stolen by the accused person, be brought to court to confirm that it was not stolen but clean as it was bought from the CTA. The CTA is the Central Transport Administration which normally conducts public auction sales for old and damaged government vehicles.

Mabila applied that the car, a Toyota Hilux be brought to court in order to show that its chassis number was not tempered with as part of the evidence brought before court was to the effect that the car's chassis had been tempered with. However, Mabila submitted before court that same was never tempered with and that the car was never stolen



**IN SHOWDOWN:** Judge Nkululeko Hlophe and lawyer Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila.



hence it should be brought to court in order to prove that.

Judge Hlophe asked Mabila if such was necessary and wondered why these questions were arising at this stage.

Mabila submitted that the court had earlier on said that they as defence should make the application to have the vehicle brought before court if the need arose hence they were moving same in order to prove that the number on the chassis was never tempered with.

At this stage Judge Hlophe told Mabila that he should not worry if chassis number was not tempered with, but Mabila insisted that they are moving the application because the issue was contentious following their inspection *in loco* at

Malkerns.

"We are all officers of this court and have a right to bring exhibits for evidence purposes, we cannot take chances on this one since we want to prove that the numbers were not tempered with and further request the Toyota expert, Naidoo to be brought to court to state whether the numbers were tempered with or not," Mabila submitted.

This was when Judge Hlophe told Mabila that he has put the cart before the horse and accused Mabila of black mailing him and stressed that he was making a ruling on record in this matter to the effect that the application to have the car brought shall be made when the need arises.

## Temperatures to drop today, tomorrow

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**TEMPERATURES** are expected to drop today and tomorrow with some parts of the country receiving rains.

According to information sourced from Swaziland Meteorology Services, temperatures today and tomorrow will drop to around 16 Degrees Celsius in the Highveld while in the Lowveld they are expected to reach a maximum of 22 Degrees

Celsius.

"Today, there will be drizzle and fog in some places, otherwise partly cloudy and cool but cold in the Highveld. Isolated thunderstorms can be expected in the afternoon," said the forecaster.

Meanwhile, tomorrow there will be occasional rains in some places, otherwise cloudy and cool but cold in the Highveld.

"Few thunderstorms are expected mainly over the western parts of the country," said the forecaster.

## Dead truck driver is Robert Dlamini

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE** driver of one the two horse and trail trucks that were involved in a nasty head-on collision resulting in both bursting into flames along the Hhelehhele/Siphofaneni road has been identified.

His name is Robert Dlamini of Makhwelela. He was the unlucky driver who could not escape the claws of death when the two trucks collided on Monday evening next to Joy Mission. Dlamini was certified dead on arrival at Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital.

The other driver who survived the accident with serious injuries was identified on the day of the accident as a 37-year-old man of

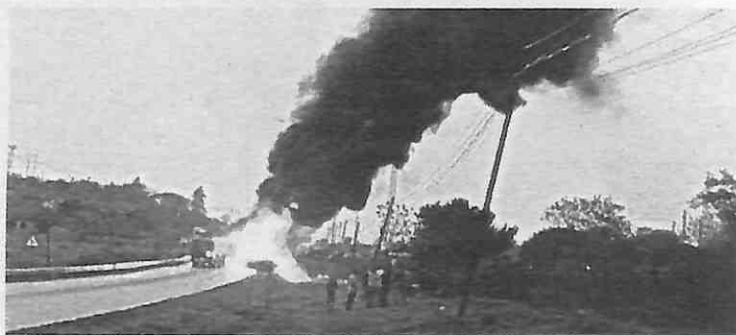
Bethany. He is currently is recuperating at RFM Hospital.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said through investigations the police were able to trace the relatives of the driver who died in the spine chilling accident.

### Accident

"The police have taken the relatives of the deceased to the scene of the accident, near Joy Mission and they will be taken to Dups Funeral to identify the body of the deceased," said Mamba.

Both trucks that were involved in the head-on collision caught fire and were burnt beyond recognition in a way that police could not even identify what the trucks were ferrying.



**ON FIRE:** The trucks that were up in flames. The driver of one the two horse and trail trucks that were involved in a nasty head-on collision resulting in both bursting into flames along the Hhelehhele/Siphofaneni road has been identified.

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# NATCOM receives E107 000 mobile police post

● When receiving the facility yesterday, the national commissioner extended words of thanks to Mhuma Investments saying as a police service they are grateful to the company for the utility structure which is an immense gesture of support and generosity to the police and community at large

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

A company known as Mhuma Investments donated a mobile police post worth E107 000 to the Royal Swaziland Police.

The Mobile Police Post facility was officially handed over to the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula yesterday.

The facility will be at Mahhala Shopping Complex where police used to sit under a tent when conducting their work.

When receiving the facility yesterday, the national commissioner extended words of thanks to Mhuma Investments saying as a police service they are grateful to the company for the utility structure which is an immense gesture of support and generosity to the police and community at large.

Magagula said clearly the company embraces the virtue of corporate social investment which espouses that business entities have a social responsibility to contribute to the socio-economic up-liftment of the communities within which they operate.



**THANKFUL:** The National Commissioner Of Police Isaac Magagula making his remarks during the hand over of the Mobile Police Post at Mahhala Shopping Complex.

economic up-liftment of the communities within which they operate.

The national commissioner added that what struck them the most as police was that the generous offer came from a Swazi owned company which they hope as police will be supported as they have illustrated that they have the welfare of the Swazi Nation at heart.

Magagula stated that by leveraging efforts of

tackling crime, the company is addressing the main nemesis of social well-being and development, in particular, given that an environment plagued by acts of criminality militates against business growth and economic vibrancy. The national commissioner urged the spirit of patriotism and goodwill to be emulated by other members of the business community.

Magagula also extended his appreciation for

**REMARKS:** Mhuma Investments Director Christian Ntshangase speaking during the handing over ceremony.



**TOOK PART:** RSP senior officers following proceedings during the event.



**OFFICIALLY YOURS:** Mhuma Investments Director Christian Ntshangase handing over the Mahhala Police Post keys to National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula.

the support they received as police from the Matsapha Town Council, which allowed them to use the facility. With the provision of the mobile post, Magagula said police will now be able to offer a range of services.

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**TENDER NO. 137 OF 2017/2018**

The Private and Cabinet Office invites reputable and qualified firms to express their interest in providing the above mentioned services. The Expression of Interest document can be obtained at the Private and Cabinet Office on **09<sup>th</sup> October 2017** at 1000 hours for the price of E300 (three hundred Revenue Office).

The evaluation will follow the Public Procurement Regulations, 2008, be competitive and result in a 'short listing' of firms. The following documents must be attached to the Expression of Interest:

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- The Original General receipt of E300 from the Mbabane Revenue Office;
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The Expression of Interest, including the receipt of the E300, should be deposited in the Treasury Tender Box situated at Treasury Building, MBABANE at the latest by **03<sup>rd</sup> November 2017** at 0900 hours. Late applications will not be considered.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



# Asian who tried to bribe Bennett loses over **E600 000** to the state

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**A Matsapha based Asian businessman who attempted to bribe former senator and auctioneer Walter Bennett was yesterday sentenced to two months in jail.**

He will also forfeit E650 000 to the state.

The Asian was caught up in a public auction bribery incident in which he tried to bribe his way with E150 000 to lay his hands on SPTC cooper wires worth E3 million during the auction sale.

Charged with Contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006, Patel Akther Hussein of IMM Investments bribed the auctioneer by offering him E150 000 to pay E700 000 for the copper wire worth E3 million.

The copper wire belonged to the Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC).

Represented by Manzini based lawyer Sabelo Mngometulu, Patel yesterday appeared at the High Court where he pleaded guilty to the charge of contravening the Act. High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi, following his plea, convicted him as charged after evidence had been led and he was sentenced to two months in

prison which was however wholly suspended for a period of two years on condition that he is not found to have committed a similar offence. The monies to the amount of E650 000 which were paid by the businessman in respect of the auction deal that went wrong, had been forfeited to the state as per an order of court. Patel could not believe it when he was told by Judge Nkosi that he was a free man yesterday as he was seen

bowing down in respect and rushing to the exit at Court D, joined by his fellow countrymen and business associates. "I will never commit such a crime, thank you my Lord," Patel said when jumping out of the accused dock after mitigation, conviction and sentencing.

As part of his mitigating factors, Patel told the court that he is a sickly person who is diabetic, has children and his business to look after and that a custodial sentence would not be conducive to his health.

People charged under the Prevention of Corruption Act can face a sentence of up to 10 years in prison with a fine option to pay E100 000 or both. He had been initially co-charged with two of his business associates who however had their charges withdrawn by the crown.

## SRA Ombudsman coming

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Lobamba

debate wanted to know how far the ministry has gone in forming the ombudsman's office.

**The Ministry of Finance will soon table the Swaziland Revenue Authority Amendment Bill that will set up the Tax Ombudsman.**

People who are not satisfied with how their taxes are collected will soon have a platform where they can lodge their complaints.

According to the Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini the ministry is working around the clock so that the SRA Amendment Bill is tabled before Parliament and passed into an Act so that the ordinary citizen can have a platform where they report the SRA where they believe there was wrong doing as far as tax collected from them is concerned.

"We are still pushing here in Parliament for the Bill that will help us set the Tax Ombudsman where people can run to in the event they feel cheated by the Swaziland Revenue Authority," he said.

Dlamini was responding to submissions made by senators during the portfolio committee first quarter debate.

The senators had wanted to know why such a structure was not in place.

Senator David Dlamini debating the ministry's

"I understand that there must be some form of a tax tribunal where people can lodge whatever complaints they have over their taxes. How far has government done with setting up this structure?" he asked.

Prince Kusa also asked the same question saying

that Swazis were disgruntled with the manner in which SRA was conducting business hence they needed a structure where they could lodge their complaints.

"Swazis are disgruntled hence a structure like this is necessary so they are able to complain," he said

## Gogo (61) found with dagga bags in her car

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**A 61-year-old woman of Nanda in the Republic of South Africa was busted by police trying to smuggle dagga into her native country through Mkhitsini informal crossing on Tuesday morning.**

According to a reliable source, the woman in her 60s was found with bags of dagga compressed and wrapped in refuse bags in her car.

"The police who were patrolling along the Mkhitsini areas, found the old woman's car parked near the informal crossing," said the source who further stated that the police got suspicious and requested to search the car.

The police first asked the woman why she was parked there as it is not a safe place.

"The police searched the car and they found the illegal herb and the woman was arrested on the spot," said the source.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the arrest of the South African national.

Mamba said the suspect appeared before Nhlanguano the Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Meanwhile, Tshaneni Police arrested and charged a 41-year-old man of Nhlanguyavuka for being found in possession of two 12 bore shotguns without a licence or permit while at Nhlanguyavuka. Suspect appeared before the Simunye Magistrate's Court yesterday.

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# STUDENT TO SPEND FOUR YEARS IN JAIL FOR CAR ROBBERY

By Sifiso Nhlabsi  
Matsapha

A college student will spend four years in a correctional facility without the option of a fine for robbery.

Melusi Ginindza (27) was sentenced together with Sicelo Matsebula (29) who is a mechanic, for stealing a vehicle and cash from a couple at Matsapha.

Ginindza, who had already applied at one of the colleges in Manzini for the August intake this year, appeared in court with his partner in crime Matsebula before Magistrate Lucia Lukhele at the Matsapha Circuit Court yesterday.

**Money** They were charged with robbery in that they robbed a man of his vehicle, a Kia Rio valued at E42 000 and money in cash to the value of E800 while at Mhlaleni area.

The two are said to have robbed the complainant of his vehicle by pretending to help him pass through a police roadblock.

One of the accused, who was turned to a state witness, informed the court



that they found the accused's vehicle parked at Mhlaleni near a grocery shop known as 'Sigud Snayisi'.

The accused are said to have walked up to the complainant identified as Ndawandwe and asked him if he was parked next to the road to avoid the road block which was set up by the police ahead and the complainant responded to the affirmative.

## Girlfriend

He told the accused persons that he was drunk and was afraid to drive because the police were going to arrest him.

He then asked the accused to drive for him until they pass the police at Mhlaleni. The witness told the court

that the accused persons agreed and once they had passed the police, the complainant paid them E60 for driving him and his girlfriend.

However, when it was time for the accused to alight from the vehicle, they then hijacked the accused and robbed him of his vehicle at knife point, leaving the couple stranded at in the middle of the night.

The court was further informed that not only did the accused rob the complainant of his vehicle, but they also took money in cash amounting to E800 which was inside the car.

The accused drove off to Fairview area where they spent the money

on alcohol at a shebeen until the morning. The accused then proceeded to another Sithole homestead where they took number plates from a vehicle, a Kia Rio which was similar to the one they stole and swapped them with those of the stolen vehicle.

The accused were later caught by the police after the complainant opened a case with them.

The car was later discovered hidden at a homestead with a wall fence and the accused were arrested while hiding in the mountains.

During their appearance before court, the accused pleaded not guilty to the charges of robbery. They informed the court that they were only helping the complainant.

Ginindza, in particular, pleaded for mercy, adding that he was supposed to be at college as he was admitted for an ICT programme. Matsebula said he was self-employed and earned a living through fixing cars. However, the court informed the accused that robbery sentences had no fine option. Accordingly, they were found guilty and sentenced to four years imprisonment without an option of a fine.

## Three men charged with 4 counts including attempted murder

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THREE men aged between the ages of 19 and 23 have been charged with four counts, including attempted murder.

Following a gang war on Sunday which exploded from one of the drinking holes at Mvutshini, two men have been hospitalised whilst the three young men stand accused of bringing terror to Mvutshini and Somnjalo, places found in Ezulwini.

Two of the three men, Lungelo Kunene (19) of Somnjalo and Sihle Ndzima (23) of Mvutshini are facing a serious charge of attempted murder after they allegedly assaulted Sifiso Magongo on Sunday and further stabbed him once on his head using a knife.

They are alleged to have then used a golf stick and a knobkerrie to hit him on his head and several times on his body.

## Harm

The third suspect, Linda Mkhize (21) of Somnjalo, only faces three counts where it is alleged whilst working hand-in-hand with the other suspects, they assaulted Musa Matsenjwa on his head.

The gang is alleged to have further vandalised his door worth E5 500 and thus were charged with malicious injury to property and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

They were further slapped with another count of malicious injury to property after they allegedly attacked Lucky Matsenjwa whilst at his home. They are said to have damaged his door lock and window worth E4 500 as they forced entry to his house. The young men represented themselves as they appeared before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini. They were remanded into custody until Monday, pending recovery of the two complainants who are currently hospitalised.

The arrest came after two gangs allegedly fought over spilling of alcohol on Sunday night.

The arrested suspects are said to be amongst the six-gang member that attacked the complainants who are part of the opposing gang when the fight ensued.



**LOOTED:** The library at the Luyengo Campus was vandalised and looted by some of the rioting students recently.

## SNAT condemns tertiary crisis

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) has blamed government for the education crisis reported in the country.**

The calamity has seen a number of tertiary institutions indefinitely closing down.

SNAT Secretary General Zwelithini Mndzebele said as they commemorated the World Teachers' Day today, it is distressing that it is at the same time when government had endangered an unparallel crisis in the training institutions around the country.

## Future

Tertiary institutions that are currently closed are William Pitcher, Swaziland College of Technology (SCOT) and Swaziland Christian University (SCU), while the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) students are boycotting classes.

"Scholarships are not availed to all deserving tertiary students and by doing this, the govern-

ment deprives the country of the rich pool of capability that these young adults can provide in the future. Tertiary education is too expensive and cannot be afforded by a middle class parent who has a kid in tertiary institution. As a country, we have been complaining about the lack of training institutions and the fact that the curriculum that is offered therein is irrelevant to the needs of the time," said Mndzebele.

## Audit

Mndzebele said when institutions such as the SCU opened, people believed that the country had made a milestone achievement.

"However, at present the institution has been closed down and a number of Swazi children have been left stranded. The reason behind the closure of the institution is unclear. In fact, if an audit of all the training institutions could be made, it may not be surprising that all of those that are in operation might as well be closed down," he said.

Mndzebele said most of the tertiary institutions had dilapidated structures and yet education that is offered by them has been made to be too expensive.

He pointed out that the failure by government to release personal allowances to the learners in good time to facilitate learning has led to some institutions to be riddled with class boycotts.

He said SNAT believed government was responsible for the education crisis in the institutions. The government, he said, decided not to consult stakeholders on anything pertaining education.

Mndzebele said as SNAT they demanded that government reopens the SCU immediately. "Government must also bring stability to the other training institutions around the country. It should also make sure that all deserving tertiary students are provided with tuition instead of availing same to a selected few," he said.

## It's World Teachers' Day today!

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**TODAY, the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) is commemorating the 2017 World Teachers' Day.**

This year's theme is "teaching in freedom, empowering teacher."

However, SNAT will stage the celebrations during its 20th anniversary on October 13, at Mcozini High School.

SNAT Secretary General Zwelithini Mndzebele said the importance of commemorating World Teachers' Day could never be overemphasised, and as such they would join other teacher organisations around the world to celebrate the day.

## Success

"It is a day in which teachers reflect on past challenges and successes as they go about discharging their duties.

The 2017 commemoration is made in light of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their targets, especially goal number four, which advocates for inclusive and equitable quality education and promotion of lifelong learning opportunities for all. This year's theme connects well with the aims of Education International, especially those that have been highlighted earlier," said Mndzebele.

He said imparting knowledge to learners thrives well under specified conditions and one of those was the freedom of the educator and that of the learner.

He said the assimilation of knowledge by the learner was enhanced if he or she was provided with a wide array of concepts and then makes an analysis of all of them.

"The censorship of teachers in terms of what they teach and which books they utilise, with what content, indisputably compromises the freedom in teaching.

The censorship of education is tantamount to indoctrination and citizens who are a product of this kind of an education system, will be social misfits. If Swaziland is to remain a truly developmental state, greater freedom must be afforded to teaching and to teachers," he said.

Mndzebele said SDG 4 entailed that the teacher was actually at the centre of the education system.

He said a well remunerated teacher would have a high morale and motivation.

"A highly qualified teacher will always be effective in handling and delivering this public good. Governments must ensure that the empowerment of teachers remains key in all educational programmes and the national priorities must be set in such a way that they put more emphasis on teacher empowerment and development.

## Education

The dynamic nature of education requires an empowered people," he said.

He further commended government for motivating teachers to learn and broaden their academic horizons. However, he said there were deep-seated problems when it comes to the remuneration of these educators and this has been a perennial challenge which needs to be addressed. Mndzebele said in remote schools there was lack of running water, electricity, decent housing and impassable roads.

"These challenges, together with many others, are demotivating to the educators of this country.

Teachers, therefore, find themselves having to sacrifice a lot with their resources so as to impart education to the Swazi child. As SNAT, we, therefore, demand that government invests significantly on education since it is a public good," he said.



# NATION FROWNS AT RISE IN RHINO POACHING - JUDGE

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**HIGH** Court Judge Sipho Nkosi has expressed concern over the continued poaching of rhino, adding that the nation frowns at such a criminal offence.

Judge Nkosi who was supposed to make a ruling in the long going suspect rhino poachers bail application, told the suspects that it pains to see one of the big five (rhino) laying down with its horn missing after having been killed. "The nation hates such poaching, these animals are for Ingwenyama and the Swazi nation and for people to come from as far as South Africa to poach is so bad," Judge Nkosi said.

This was after the Judge had noted that the crown and defence counsel have filed all their papers and the issue which had all along been dragging the application has been set aside for the trial court to deal with.

This is the issue of evidence that was expected to be given by Fana Mbatha, the Hlane Game Park ranger who is alleged to have entrapped the four into poaching before rangers allegedly showered them with bullets killing two suspect poachers in the process.

The four will now know their fate on tomorrow following the submissions that have come into finality after the bail



application that was filed a month ago. The court had expressed concern over the additional charge of murder instituted by the crown in its amended charge sheet for four suspect rhino poachers.

**Wondered**

Judge Nkosi who was supposed to make a ruling in an application filed by four of the suspects, wondered from the crown as to how the four suspects Stanley Nhlakalufu, Isaac Mkhabela, Muzi Dlamini and Sipho Mhlanga have now been charged with the murder of two suspected poachers they were with in the alleged poaching.

This, after he noted that the shooting that resulted in the death of two Mozambican nationals who were allegedly part of the team of poachers, was directly made by the rangers and the police officers.

Judge Nkosi who was supposed to make the ruling yesterday postponed it to tomorrow (Friday) as he mentioned that the crown has since noted that the issue of the charges they have added is that of the trial court. Representing the four in the matter is lawyer Machawe Sithole while the crown is represented by Patrick Mkhathjwa.

## Escalating rate of teenage pregnancy worries DPM

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Lobamba

**THE** alarming rates of teenage pregnancy in the country must be looked into.

The office of the Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) has been implored to come up with means to mitigate the situation because at the rate things were happening, the country was in danger.

Speaking yesterday during the portfolio committee first quarter debate of the DPM's Office, Prince Fipha said he read with dismay at reports that in one school 31 pupils were pregnant in just this year.

He said what disturbed him further was the realisation that the pregnancy rate was not high in this school only, but it was a country-wide problem.

"The fact that pupils are being impregnated and in turn drop out of school is alarming and it's everywhere. I am worried, where are we headed to as a country if such things are happening?" he asked.

He pointed out that in yesteryears things like this did not occur as children did not have children of their own as is the case now. He said this showed that there was a problem somewhere and the DPM's Office should look into it.

"As the office in charge of the social welfare of children, it is important that you look into this matter as it shows that there is a problem somewhere. It is very important that government looks into it especially now because it (government) is the one paying for most pupils' education, because if they are dropping out, then we are not serious. Government should not be paying for pupils through primary only for them to drop out in high school because they are pregnant. Government must look into this teenage pregnancies and how they can be curbed," he said.

Responding to Prince Fipha's submissions, DPM Paul Dlamini said his office was also concerned with

...DPM's office has been implored to come up with a solution because at the rate things were happening, the country was in danger

the alarming rates, however, it was hard to curb such.

"The issue of teenage pregnancy is a complicated one, we realise that the numbers are high but we cannot fight this problem on our own. It boils down to parenting. Parents need to get to a point where they sit their children down and speak to them about issues such as pregnancy," he said.

He further lamented the fact that it was not the pupils' age mates that impregnated the young girls, but it was grown men.

"Growing up we were parented by any elder but now elders see young girls and see wives. The world is corrupt," he said.

On another note, the DPM said government was working around the clock to make means of dealing with fathers or parents that neglected their children.

He said the issue of negligence by parents (failing to maintain your child) was a very sensitive one, hence it was important that it be handled with the same sensitivity it deserved.

He stated that they were currently consulting stakeholders on how this issue could best be handled while protecting the child's life and rights. Dlamini noted that in other instances, children had been killed by a negligent or frustrated parent.

"It's a very sensitive matter, we are currently in the process of consulting on how best these issues could be dealt with," he said.

The DPM was responding to a submission made by Senator Lungile Gama on why there was no ACT in line with child maintenance because too many fathers were running away from this responsibility.



**THIS WAY:** The Annadale Primary School pupils preparing to board the plane, courtesy of SWACAA. (Courtesy pics)

## SWACAA gives free air touring rides to pupils

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Sikhuphe

**PUPILS** of Annadale Primary school were yesterday treated to free air rides courtesy of the Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority (SWACAA).

SWACAA seeks to enhance the culture of travelling by plane amongst the youth and the general public. The pupils were the first group to have been offered free touring rides at KM III International Airport.

Speaking during an interview, Marketing and Communications Director Sabelo Dlamini said the aviation authority has engaged in a project to encourage Swazis to travel by plane on international trips. Dlamini said currently, statistics indicated that few Swazis travelled by plane when visiting other countries. Apparently, the few that trav-



**BOOK ME:** The pupils registering at the departure point.  
**FLIGHT CHECK:** The pupils preparing to get into the plane.  
**BUCKLE UP:** One of the pupils being assisted to fasten his seatbelt.

el by plane are mainly those who are on official trips.

Schools normally take pupils to the airport to familiarise them with the operations of an airport to enhance their education. Dlamini said SWACAA has therefore found it proper to afford the children the full experience of an airport's operations. He explained that interested schools would have to register with

the SWACAA offices and make arrangements on the schedules.

Dlamini addressed concerns which are to the effect that some people were of the view that using flights in the country tend to be a long process as one would have to wait for hours at the airport before a flight takes off.

He stated that familiarising the public with the operations of an air-

port was one other way of addressing this issue. "With more people using flights, the intervals of departures and arrivals will be subsequently improved," said Dlamini. He further pointed out the benefits of more people preferring to use flights as compared to road trips.

Meanwhile, Dlamini said they have engaged a private pilot for the schools' touring rides.

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**HELD AT MABANE** **CASE NO: 22/2017**  
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Notice is hereby given that the Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of Swaziland Empowerment Limited will be held at Swaziland Water Services Corporation, Ezulwini on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from 10AM. The agenda is as follows:

1. To confirm minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 October 2016
2. Matters arising
3. Chairman's Report
4. Corporate Social Responsibility Report
5. Investments Report
6. Adopt Annual Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2016
7. Confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors
8. Any other business
9. Lunch

For the convenience of members who are unable to attend the annual general meeting but wish to be represented thereat, a form is provided. The attention of members is drawn to the fact that, if it is to be effective, a properly completed form of proxy must reach the company's secretaries, PricewaterhouseCoopers Services (Proprietary) Limited, Rhus Office Park, Karl Grant Street, P. O Box 569, Mbabane, H100, Swaziland at least 48 hours before the time appointed for the annual general meeting.

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Please note that minimal services will be available on the new premises on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 to make way for an opening ceremony of the building scheduled for that day. Business will resume as normal after the ceremony.

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The Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) wishes all taxpayers a **HAPPY CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK 2017**, a concept which aims at celebrating customers as well as the people who provide service. Customer Centricity has been a key strategic pillar of the SRA since inception in 2011 and even as we continue to explore new heights, relationships with stakeholders (customers being key) take centre stage in our strategic outlook.

In celebration of our customers, a number of exciting activities have been rolled out this week through all SRA field offices and we hope that you will appreciate them. We do appreciate that customer satisfaction is not achieved in a week of activities, but rather through continuous engagement with customers and appreciation of their expectations. We therefore invite our taxpayers to continuously communicate with the SRA to provide feedback on what needs to improve as well as provide insights that could be of mutual benefit as we

continue to grow as an Administration and as a country. I further implore all taxpayers to apply due diligence towards knowing their legal rights and obligations and where in doubt, do contact the SRA, through our field offices or the other many channels we have created, to verify facts.

The SRA has undertaken a number of initiatives aimed at enhancing the customer experience as taxpayers go about complying with the tax laws and these cover the following broad aspects in our value chain:

- Business Process Management
- Automation and accessibility
- Productivity Management
- Customer engagement and information dissemination
- Total Quality Management

The SRA's Strategic plan is available on our website for you to have a more in-depth appreciation of the above listed initiatives.



*Commissioner General, Dumisani Masilela.*

May I once again thank our taxpayers for steadily coming to appreciate that the future of our beautiful country lies in effective domestic resource mobilization, which calls for voluntary compliance to the country's tax laws. As the SRA, we will continue to pursue strong relationships between ourselves and taxpayers and we will strive to make it easy to comply towards achieving 100% Voluntary Compliance for a better Swaziland.

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*SRA's Nhlangu Tax Office staff with one of their customers.*



*Pigg's Peak Service Centre team all dressed up.*



*Matsamo border team at work.*



*Lavumisa team pose for a pic.*



*SRA's Mananga border staff ready to face the day.*



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*CG with the Headquarters Consultation Centre team.*



*Sicunusa border team with Immigration officers.*

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# GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH WITNESS PROTECTION OFFICE

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**IN an effort to protect witnesses during prosecutions, the government now wants to establish a witness protection office.**

The office will be established with the intention of protecting witnesses and their relatives during prosecutions of serious crimes.

The office will be established under the Witness Protection Bill No. 5 of 2016, which might be enacted into a Witness Protection Act, 2016, if things go according to plan.

Currently, the Bill is still in Parliament, where it is being processed into an Act. The portfolio committee of the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs has tabled a report where it had been debating the Bill. The



**MAKE IT SNAPY: Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs Edgar Hillary.**

House of Assembly is expected to debate and adopt the Bill, with an intention to enact it as legislation. After that, the legislation will go to the upper chamber, the Senate.

The objectives of the Bill includes

establishment of the witness protection programme in Swaziland by making provision for the protection of witnesses in serious offences, who are under threat.

The Bill also aims to encourage mem-

bers of the public to give evidence as witnesses in criminal cases by offering effective protection to them.

According to the Bill, there will be an appointment of a director to be appointed by a minister for justice and constitutional affairs.

The director will be responsible for formulating and making sure that programmes of the office and that of protecting witnesses are fully followed. The Bill would also provide for matters incidental to or connected therewith.

Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs Edgar Hillary pleaded with the legislators to speed up the process of enacting the legislation.

Hillary said the criminal justice system, in the prevention and prosecution of crime, was faced with the challenge of obtaining the cooperation of witnesses and victims.

"Witnesses in serious offences are often reluctant to give information and evidence because of perceived and actual intimidation against themselves or their family members. Witnesses who receive care and support are more likely to cooperate with the justice system in the prosecution of offenders," Hillary said.

The minister said prosecution of serious and organised crimes could be very dangerous. Organised crimes were committed by highly connected and international gangs which had a lot of resources in different countries and places.

In some cases, the gang had more resources than the governments which had the responsibility of bringing the gang to justice. The criminals would do anything to avoid prosecution or, at most, conviction. Investigators, prosecutors, witnesses, and even presiding officers and their families could be harmed by the perpetrators of the crimes.

Hillary said it would be imperative for the country to put in place measures to protect witnesses, whose lives could be in danger.

The witness protection office, according to the minister, would help the country achieve this objective.

## ...Rotary, Macmillan applauded for support

**THE organisers of the competition applauded Macmillan and Rotary Club of Mbuluzi-Mbabane for their support.**

They said the partners' help enabled them to stage the competition even this year.

In their remarks, the organisers of the competition through the director of Mbuluzi-Mbabane, Thabiso Ngwenya, thanked Macmillan and Rotary Club of Mbuluzi-Mbabane for their support. He said everyone of the 40 national participants received a hamper from Macmillan, with the top 10 participants receiving stationery, a book and two bags.

"Another supporter of the competition was Mobilize TV who were present to capture the action as it unfolded and will replay some of the clips for their public transport subscribers." He said the partnership with Mobilize would make it even easier to have a digital track record, to help educate future spellers. "We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Mbuluzi-Mbabane as their sponsorship will see each and everyone of you take home a gold medal for making it to the national competition. The top three will each take a trophy home."

Rotarian Timothy Mabaso, making a speech on behalf of the Rotary Club emphasised on the importance of literacy and education, especial-

ly at a tender age.

He said the Club supported this initiative as it focussed on education. He encouraged the organisers to stage a bigger and better competition next year.

Meanwhile, Mbuluzi-Mbabane, Thabiso Ngwenya who is a partner and supporter of Spelling Bee expressed sincere gratitude and happiness that the competition has grown rapidly since inception last year. He said there were challenges in terms of getting funding for the competition, as it is strictly reliant on sponsorship.

"This year we received more sponsors compared to last year and we look forward to maintaining those for years to come and to create lasting relationships with them. This year we secured another partner, Lovefield, a company that has developed a Spelling Bee application that will help the learners to prepare for the competition," he added. He said they have been invited to participate at the Africa Spelling Bee, which they hope to attend next year, should funds allow. He said more schools were showing interest in the competition, also there was increased sponsors' participation, involvement and participation of learners, as well as the visible outcome of the participants' cognitive skills.



**PARTICIPANTS: All the participants walked away with Macmillan hampers after the Spelling Bee finals held last Saturday at Khanyisile Primary School.**

## Beaufort Nazarene pupil crowned National Spelling Bee champion

Stories by Nozipho Sibiyi  
Mbabane

**BEAUFORT Nazarene's Wandile Ngwenya scooped the first prize during the Spelling Bee championships held last Saturday at Khanyisile Primary School.**

Sydney Williams' Kwandokuhle Nkhosi came second while Tambuti Primary's Tenzile Mathunjwa was in third place.

The competition is aimed at empowering the local youth to improve their communications skills with the English language.

The second edition of the Swaziland Annual Spelling Bee competition finals was a success, and Lubombo, like last year took the trophy home.

The event was attended by 30 participants from 14 schools.

According to Ciniso Matsebula, one of the competition organisers, after a tough battle for the first prize, and 400 words were exhausted, Beaufort Nazarene's Wandile Ngwenya emerged on top, scooping first prize.

"It was not an easy road as all the participants were well prepared and competitive, by the 10th round there



**CHAMP: Rotarian Timothy Mabaso, the winner of the Spelling Bee Wandile Ngwenya, and Mbuluzi-Mbabane Director Thabiso Ngwenya. (Courtesy pics)**

were still 15 spellers competing for the first position.

Kwandokuhle Nkhosi managed to come second after failing to spell barometer," he said.

There was also girl power in the top three as Tambuti Primary's Tenzile Mathunjwa also made it to third place,

after missing the first prize by an inch as she mistakenly added an "i" to champagne before the "g" after the second "a" and thus missed first position.

She also missed second place by incorrectly spelling apartheid while Kwandokuhle Nkhosi correctly spelt it thus made it to second place.



**ME TOO: Timothy Mabaso Kwandokuhle Nkhosi of Sydney Williams and Thabiso Ngwenya of Mbuluzi-Mbabane.**



## PIGG'S PEAK TOWN COUNCIL'S OPERATIONAL COSTS INCREASE BY E2M

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**IN just a year, operational costs of the Pigg's Peak Town Council shot up by E2 million.**

Town Clerk Mzwandile Ndzinisa during the annual general meeting (AGM) said operational costs for employees had gone up over the past 12 months and for good reason.

The AGM was held at the Civic Centre building in Pigg's Peak on Saturday.

It was chaired by interim chairperson, Glory Msibi-Dlamini.

"Salaries of our employees have increased from E3 819 528 in the 2015-2016 time period to E5 442 800 in the 2016/17, an increase of about E1 620 000. Total budget expenses for the Council has increased from E7 888 275 million to E9 918 006 million that is an increase of about E2 million for good reason as the Council has successfully completed important infrastructure upgrades



**EXPLAINING: Pigg's Peak Town Clerk Mzwandile Ndzinisa during the AGM.**

like the complete paving of Market street and Hlube as well as Nkomazi roads. Also, operational costs for the telephone also increased from E132 456 to E245 288," he said.

He added that currently the Council

had four vacancies available namely for, environmental health manager, town planning officer, internal auditor and environmental health officer.

"We hope that these positions will be filled as soon as possible," he added.



**ATTENTIVE: The meeting was attended by members of the Pigg's Peak public as well as members of the Pigg's Peak Town Council and all relevant stakeholders and business people at the Civic Centre building on Saturday afternoon.**

## ...Gets new E43 000 website

**THE Pigg's Peak Town Council has officially launched a new website that cost about E43 000.**

Town Clerk Mzwandile Ndzinisa said the Council engaged OnSwazilane to redesign and upgrade the website.

"The Council has invested E43 000 on an upgraded website so that the town's rates payers and residents are provided with up-to-date information.

"It will also improve communication

with rate payers and residents, since the Council will be able to publish important notices regarding operations of the organisation, like the change in refuse collection schedules in Pigg's Peak.

### Complaints

"Also, the website will enable ratepayers to post their complaints, requiring the Council's attention," he said.

The new website could also be used as a marketing tool to the many tourists

who are interested in visiting the small town of Pigg's Peak.

"We have seen that a majority of tourists always consult the internet to first research about the place they are planning to visit, so in this regard this new website will allow such people to research about Pigg's Peak and find the vital information they seek.

"This is all part of the King's vision 2011," he added.

## COMESA infrastructure ministers meet in Zambia

By Observer Reporter  
Mbabane

**THE 10th meeting of the COMESA ministers responsible for transport and communications, information technology and energy began today in Lusaka, Zambia.**

The ministers will consider the report of the COMESA committee of infrastructure experts' that concluded on Monday October 2, 2017 which reviewed the status of domestication and implementation of programmes in transport and communications, energy and information technology in the region.

At the opening of the meeting, COMESA Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya informed the Ministers that the absence of cross border production networks that would result in intra industry trade between and among firms within the region has been a major trade barrier.

"The current intra-regional trade in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa is US\$20 billion with a potential of over US\$82.3 billion," he said.

"This potential can only be unlocked by addressing transport and logistic challenges which are fundamental to the COMESA agenda of inclusive and sustainable industrialisation."

The sectors with the highest intraregional trade potential are textiles, wooden furniture, horticulture, household items, confectioneries, hides and skins, footwear and leather products, sugar confectioneries, tobacco and precious metals.

The Secretary General observed that COMESA member states have the highest potential in producing and exporting the products whose total value is approximately 10 times that of existing trade. He noted that while considerable progress has been made in establishing favourable trading arrangements among member states, there was need to ensure the productive side was properly structured.

"The paradox is that the products are produced and exported to the rest of the world and at the same time imported from the rest of the world into the region,"

Since the launch of the COME-

SA free trade area in 2000, intra-regional trade has risen from US\$3.2 billion in 2000 to the current \$20 billion.

Zambia's acting Minister of Transport and Communications Mathews Nkhurwa opened the meeting. He called on member states to put in place policies, systems, institutions and resources to ensure adequate infrastructure capacity in terms of quantity and quality.

"We need to mobilise adequate resources to address this challenge in line with national and regional priorities because infrastructure is pivotal in enhancing economic development of the region," Nkhurwa said.

A report presented to the ministers at the meeting highlighted notable infrastructural projects that have been completed in the region. These include the first phase of the standard gauge railway between Mombasa and Nairobi which will eventually connect Kenya to Ethiopia, Uganda and South Sudan. Ethiopia has also completed constructing a 750 KM standard gauge railway which will connect to Djibouti.

### Power

In the energy sector, the region currently has a total installed power generation capacity estimated at 65 791 megawatts as at the end of 2016. This is a 36 per cent increase from 2012 figures of 48 352 megawatts.

On ICT, COMESA countries represent 37 per cent of the internet users in Africa. There is therefore needed to do more to enable majority of Africans have access to ICT services.

At the meeting, the ministers were taken through a new transport system known as the Futran. The system which was developed in South Africa seeks to address the need for a new class of cost effective large scale transportation systems in Africa especially for densely populated cities. It can be applied to bulk freight, factories and warehouses, and public transport.

Once implemented the Futran System shall provide efficient, cost effective, transportation for the goods from points production to market places at very low costs and provide affordable rates for passengers.

## Mpolonjeni land dispute far from over

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A land dispute at Mpolonjeni is far from being over as the man who lost a court battle in 2013 is back in court and wants the court order issued in March, 2013 removed.**

Maxwell Masuku is adamant that the court had no jurisdiction to grant Patrick Masuku a court order pertaining a land dispute at Mpolonjeni as the matter was supposed to be deliberated by the Mpolonjeni *umphakatsi* as they are fully aware of the rightful owner of the land.

Masuku moved an application highlighting his concerns that when the court

order was issued on March 10, 2013 he was not aware, even though he was present in court on this very same day.

He said he was only served with an application for an order interdicting and restraining him and others from threatening or destroying any structure of Patrick Masuku on Swazi National Land at Mpolonjeni area under Ekupheleni Chiefdom.

### Interfering

Another order sought was one interdicting and restraining him and others from interfering with the applicant's rights to occupy the said land in any manner whatsoever.

Masuku said he was shocked the original file had an entry that an order was

issued on March 20, 2013. He said he was in court on that day and had appeared before Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli who referred the matter to the *umphakatsi* and refused to grant the orders sought by the respondent since they touched upon Swazi Law and Custom. Masuku said he was never served with the order said to be issued by Magistrate Dlamini and he further argued that when the respondent was invited to the *umphakatsi* he never talked about the court order which was issued in his favour.

He said when the respondent was told by the community police to stop any activity on the land in question, he heeded and never told them about the court

order. Masuku said the court made an error by issuing the order hence asked the court to put it aside.

Moreover, in court Patrick Masuku came without an attorney as he told the court the matter was being dealt with by his *umphakatsi*. However, he was told by Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini to secure services of an attorney as the matter was now in court.

"You must not mix the procedures of the court with those of *umphakatsi*, now what has happened is that they want the order that was given to you to be removed, therefore you need to respond in written papers, you must get a lawyer or write an affidavit, you need to protect that order that the court granted you," the court said.



**PRESIDING: Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli.**

Masuku said this matter was frustrating him as he had no money and that he was neighbours with Maxwell Masuku.

"It is now known that we are enemies, and we are not on speaking terms. My life is now in danger your worship. However, I will seek advice and prepare the affidavit," he said.



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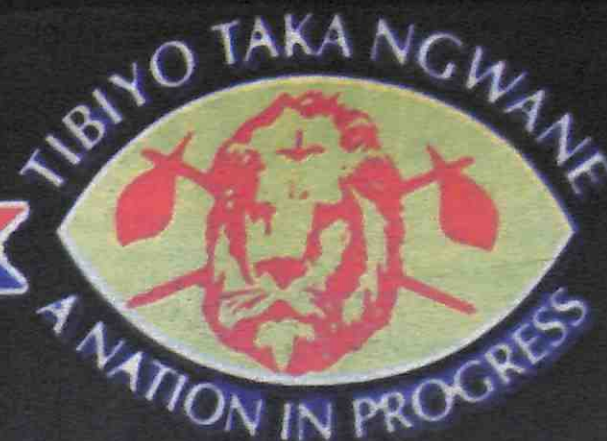
The following pupils who applied for Secondary and High Schools Bursary at Tibiyo Taka Ngwane are requested to attend interviews on **10 and 11 October 2017**. The interviews will be held at respective REO Offices starting at **8:00am** (Mbabane REO, Manzini REO, Pigg's Peak REO, Nhlanguano REO and Siteki REO). **PLEASE NOTE:** Those whose names do not appear in the list have regrettably been unsuccessful.

	Surname & Names	Present Class	Present School or Last School attended (if not in School)		Surname & Names	Present Class	Present School or Last School attended (if not in School)
1	Cebekhulu Lindokuhle Musa	F1	At Home	86	Nkwanyana Sebenele Gcina	F4	At Home
2	Dlamini Andile Smiso	F4	At Home	87	Ntshalintshali Philile Faith	F3	At Home
3	Dlamini Bonakele	F3	At Home	88	Ntsini Nelisiwe Khulile	F2	At Home
4	Dlamini Bongile Lenhle	F3	At Home	89	Nxumalo Mpendulo Muzi	F4	At Home
5	Dlamini Busisiwe Nobuhle	F2	At Home	90	Nyamane Inga Mthokozisi	G7	At Home
6	Dlamini Khosi Constance	F2	At Home	91	Nzima Nokukhanya Tanzile	F3	At Home
7	Dlamini Lindelwa Prudence	F2	At Home	92	Nzima Samkelo Samkeliso	G7	At Home
8	Dlamini Lwazi Jake	F2	At Home	93	Sacolo Celimphilo Thandeka	F2	At Home
9	Dlamini Mfundo Ntando	F4	At Home	94	Sacolo Sinethemba Celumusa	F1	At Home
10	Dlamini Nkhosingiphile Takhona	F3	At Home	95	Shabalala Lungile Glory	G7	At Home
11	Dlamini Nokwanda Bongile	G7	At Home	96	Shabangu Nomvuselele Precious	G7	At Home
12	Dlamini Nompilo Nonhle	F1	At Home	97	Shongwe Londiwe Temantimandze	F4	At Home
13	Dlamini Ntokozi Gcina	F1	At Home	98	Shongwe Nkosingiphile Sifiso	G7	At Home
14	Dlamini Siphephelo	G7	At Home	99	Shongwe Nsika Babongile	F1	At Home
15	Dlamini Siyabonga Bonginkhosi	F1	At Home	100	Shongwe Sebenele Zandile	F2	At Home
16	Dlamini Temphilo Nomcebo	F3	At Home	101	Sikhondze Ncobizwe Sweetness	G7	At Home
17	Dlamini Thembela Bongisisa	G7	At Home	102	Sikonela Celucelo Benkhosi	F1	At Home
18	Dlamini Wandile Zakhele	G7	At Home	103	Simelane Babazile Northandazo	F1	At Home
19	Dube Colani Siphio	F1	At Home	104	Simelane Nomzamo Tebenguni	F1	At Home
20	Fakudze Khayelihe Sibahle	G7	At Home	105	Thwala Nozwelo Mbali	F2	At Home
21	Gadilela Hlengiwe Fortunate	F1	At Home	106	Tsabedze Mpendulo Lwazi	F3	At Home
22	Gama Thandukwazi Bonkhe	F2	At Home	107	Tsabedze Simphiwe Vulindlela	F2	At Home
23	Gamedze Nonhlanhla	F3	At Home	108	Xaba Nonhle Tandzile	F2	At Home
24	Ginindza Bongile Nosipho	F2	At Home	109	Zwane Nosimilo Melody	F4	At Home
25	Gwebu Neliswa Zwelithini	F1	At Home	110	Mahlalela Tengetile Angel	G7	Antioch Primary
26	Gwebu Zinhle Grecious	G7	At Home	111	Dube Minenhle Precious	G7	Assembly Of God Primary
27	Hlandze Siphesihle Sizile	G7	At Home	112	Vilakati Ngimphiwe Indira	G7	Bahai Primary School
28	Hlophe Bagezile Nkhosingiphile	G7	At Home	113	Masuku Temanhlane Lindokuhle	F1	Bhalekane Nazarene Primary
29	Hlophe Fortunador Mmoleli	F4	At Home	114	Motsa Siphesihle Temnontfo	G7	Bhalekane Nazarene Primary
30	Kamba Zoe	F1	At Home	115	Dlamini Nompandulo Alicia	G7	Bhunya Primary
31	Khulu Nokuthula Nonhlanhla	F5	At Home	116	Msimango Sibusiso Mancoba	G7	Bhunya Primary
32	Khumalo Bongekile	F3	At Home	117	Mkhathwa Sabelo Siyabonga	F2	Bhunya Usuthu High
33	Khumalo Mcolisi Patrick	F3	At Home	118	Mkhabela Notsile Richness	G7	Bulembu Primary
34	Kunene Siphesihle Thandeka	G7	At Home	119	Mamba Nokwazi Lucia	F3	Christ The King High
35	Mabuza Noxolo	F1	At Home	120	Mamba Sobahle Penelope	F4	Christ The King High
36	Mabuza Tessa Jessica	F2	At Home	121	Maseko Baphelile Ceda	F2	Dialisile National High
37	Magagula Bandziso Siyabonga	F1	At Home	122	Sangweni Nosisa Nokukhanya	G7	Dudusini Primary School
38	Magagula Collie Sweetness	F1	At Home	123	Matsenjwa Sandziso	F1	Dvokolwako High School
39	Magagula Mandla Ntufutuko	F1	At Home	124	Dlamini Sandziso Nimrod	G7	Dzakasini Primary
40	Magagula Silindile Nokwanda	F1	At Home	125	Makhanya Nomazwi Tiri	G7	Dzakasini Primary
41	Magagula Sive Sakhumuzi	F1	At Home	126	Ndlangamandla Nondumiso Siphakeme	G7	Dzakasini Primary
42	Mahlalela Nonsikelelo	F2	At Home	127	Diadla Sinethemba Grecious	F1	Ebenezer High
43	Makhanya Nelisiwe Nobuhle	F3	At Home	128	Malinga Sethabiso Samkeliso	F3	Ebenezer High
44	Malinga Nhlanhlenhle Nolwazi	F3	At Home	129	Ndzimandze Ayanda Nozizwe	G7	Ebenezer Primary
45	Mamba Bongiswa Fisokuhle	F2	At Home	130	Mkhathwa Meluleki Martin	G7	Ebugeleni Primary School
46	Mamba Fikile Nompilo	F2	At Home	131	Dlamini Nombuso Adorable	F4	Edwaleni High
47	Mamba Lethukuthula Precious	F1	At Home	132	Dlamini Thembalethu	G7	Edwaleni Primary
48	Mamba Nolwazi Precious	G7	At Home	133	Gama Lihle Sisekelo	F1	Ejubekweni High
49	Mamba Siyabonga	F1	At Home	134	Gama Nothando Nobandile	F1	Ejubekweni High
50	Mamba Xolile Precious	F3	At Home	135	Mavimbela Yonzokuhle Malwandze	G7	Ejubekweni Primary
51	Manana Gcinaphi Nombuso	F3	At Home	136	Hadebe Nokuthula Cynthia	F3	Ekudwaleni High
52	Maseko Mabuya	F2	At Home	137	Mkhonta Arnold Phathizwe	F1	Ekukhanyeni High
53	Maseko Mduduzi Mzwakhe	G7	At Home	138	Fakudze Ndumiso	F5	Ekuphakameni Central High
54	Maseko Nathi Paul	F2	At Home	139	Kunene Nomcebo Nothando	F4	Ekuphakameni Central High
55	Mashaba Thabiso Bafana	F1	At Home	140	Jele Bongile Lomagugu	G7	Ekuthokozeni Primary
56	Masuku Nombuso	F1	At Home	141	Mavimbela Lindiwe Lindsa	G7	Ekutsimleni Primary
57	Masuku Nontokozi Ayanda	F3	At Home	142	Mhlanga Mayenziwe Mitchel	G7	Elangeni High
58	Matsaba Ishmael Zama	G7	At Home	143	Sibandze Njabulo Mncedisi	F4	Elangeni High
59	Matse Sandile Lyzo	G7	At Home	144	Langwenya Khanyisile	F1	Elulakeni High School
60	Mavimbela Sandile Bongiswa	F1	At Home	145	Nhleko Sanelisiwe Pertunia	G7	Elwandle Primary
61	Maziya Cebolenkhosi Khethukuthula	F3	At Home	146	Nsingwane Bonginkhosi Siyabonga	F1	Emkhuzweni High School
62	Maziya Michael Sandile	F1	At Home	147	Magagula Noxolo Zinhle	G7	Endzingeni Nazarene Primary
63	Maziya Nkosiya Bongile Bonkhe	F1	At Home	148	Ndlovu Philane Clement	F1	Endzingeni Nazarene Primary
64	Mbingo Mciniseli Christian	F3	At Home	149	Mamba Nhlanhla Samson	F1	Entandweni High
65	Mbukwane Majahonkhe Ndumiso	F2	At Home	150	Maseko Siyabonga Mpendulo	F4	Entfonjeni High School
66	Mbuli Musawenkosi Leonard	F3	At Home	151	Masimula Ngcebo Mcondisi	F1	Esandleni High
67	Methula Ncobile Patricia	G7	At Home	152	Nhlabatsi Bandle	F1	Esandleni High school
68	Mhlanga Thabiso Gcinabafana	F2	At Home	153	Fakudze Nolwazi	F2	Etimphisini High
69	Mkhabela Lungelo	F2	At Home	154	Mlambo Celiwe	G7	Etiendlovu High
70	Mkhabela Philiswa Philmon	G7	At Home	155	Fakudze Sikhanyiso	F2	Ezulwini Community High
71	Mkhwanazi Lindelwa Phinda	F3	At Home	156	Kubheka Siphokazi Alicia	G7	Fonteyn Primary
72	Mkoko Phephile Phepsile	F3	At Home	157	Ginindza Siphosethu Khanya	F3	Franson Christian High
73	Mthembu Machawe	G7	At Home	158	Maphanga Noxolo Mayenziwe	G7	Geza Primary
74	Mthembu Tenele Nelsiwe	F3	At Home	159	Ndzabandzaba Nozipho Bony	G7	Global Primary
75	Mtsetfwa Siniketive Nakiwe	G7	At Home	160	Mabaso Mpendulo Tebe	F1	Gudivini Primary
76	Ndlangamandla Samkelisiwe Goodness	F1	At Home	161	Ntshangase Mhlonishwa	F2	Gundwini High School
77	Ndlovu Sebenele Meshack	F2	At Home	162	Chauke Mavela Freezer	F2	Herefords High
78	Ndzimandze Tenele Penelope	F3	At Home	163	Mavuso Temalungelo	F2	Hillside High
79	Ngcamphalala Thando Mncedisi	F1	At Home	164	Ndaba Cedusizi Jennifer	F2	Hillside High
80	Ngubeni Sebenele Portia	G7	At Home	165	Dlamini Nokulunga Temakhosi	F3	Hlathikhulu Central High
81	Nhlabatsi Lenhle Adorable	G7	At Home	166	Dlamini Nothando Nolwazi	F5	Hlathikhulu Central High
82	Nhleko Nakekelo Zwelo	F1	At Home	167	Gamedze Sphelile Tanele	G7	Holy Family Primary School
83	Nhlengetfwa Simphiwe	G7	At Home	168	Masango Mfunwa Nkhosinomusa	G7	Holy Ghost Primary
84	Nkambule Angel Sakhile	F1	At Home	169	Maziya Nkululeko Sibonginkosi	F2	Holy Rosary High
85	Nkambule Avuyile Sinakekelwe	F1	At HOME	170	Diadla Nolwazi	G7	Holy Rosary Primary



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171	Mawelela Samkelisiwe Vicky	F4	Inyandza High
172	Gwebu Simangele Precious	F2	John Wesley Secondary
173	Mpila Sihle Nkosenhle	G7	John Wesley Secondary
174	Mkhabela Thembela Linola	G7	Joy Primary
175	Mhlanga Nontobeko Angel	G7	Kuhlaha Primary
176	Ngozo Thobeka Mayibongwe	G7	Kwaluseni Central High
177	Chawuke Yolanda	F3	Lamawandla High School
178	Mamba Mzamo Majahonkhe	F3	Langa High
179	Maziya Ncamiso	F2	Langa High School
180	Mdlovu Neliswa Temlandvo	G7	Lavumisa Primary
181	Mhlanga Sihle	G7	Lavumisa Primary
182	Dlamini Mzwakhe Brighwell	F2	Lobamba National High
183	Fakudze Melusi	F2	Lobamba National High
184	Shabalala Siphesihle Pretty	F3	Lobamba National High
185	Dlamini Nothando Nokwanda	G7	Lobamba National Primary
186	Khoza Nhlahlhla Sibusiso	F2	Lomahasha Central High
187	Dlamini Sibongiseni Sanelisiwe	G7	Lonhlopheko Primary
188	Mafu Vuyisile Ntombi	G7	Lonhlopheko Primary
189	Maphalala Fundile Thobekile	F3	Lubombo Central High
190	Mazibuko Menzi Walter	F1	Lubombo Central High
191	Maziya Sibonelo Wandile	F4	Lubombo Central High
192	Dlamini Mabutfo Bongumenzi	G7	Lucaceni Primary
193	Dlamini Setsabile	G7	Lucaceni Primary
194	Dlamini Sibusiso Zwelithini	G7	Lucaceni Primary
195	Luphoko Mukelwa Sizo	G7	Lucaceni Primary
196	Magongo Salebona Jacob	G7	Lucaceni Primary
197	Ngwenya Lwazi Simphiwe	G7	Lucaceni Primary
198	Msibi Colane Innocent	F1	Ludzeludze Primary
199	Mtsetfwa Mayibongwe Siyabonga	F4	Lusoti High
200	Ginindza Siphesihle	G7	Macudvulwini Primary
201	Simelane Celani Meluleki	F3	Madulini High School
202	Mamba Noma Noah	G7	Mahlabatsini Primary School
203	Mabuzza Mncedisi Nhlanganiso	G7	Makhwane Anglican Primary
204	Kunene Silindile Tengesihle	G7	Malandzela Primary
205	Mamba Phumlani Prince	F3	Maloyi High School
206	Mabila Thabo Simphiwe	F4	Malunge High
207	Mngometulu Celumusa	F2	Malunge High
208	Nyawo Lindelwa Mdelwa	F4	Malunge High School
209	Manana Phumlani Wandile	F3	Mandulo High
210	Gwebu Sivikwe Londeka	G7	Mandulo Primary
211	Manana Mxolisi Douglas	G7	Mandulo Primary
212	Dlamini Nokwanda Temaswati	F1	Manzi Central High
213	Lukhele Mxolisi Ntambo	F4	Manzini Central High
214	Gumedze Sindisiwe Ntombifuthi	G7	Manzini Central Primary
215	Ngwenya Thabiso Colane	F1	Manzini Central Primary
216	Dladla Simphiwe Mphumelelo	F1	Manzini Nazarene High
217	Gina Siboniso Sibonelo	F4	Maphilingo High
218	Mamba Sekhetseto	F1	Masiphula High
219	Dlamini Colani Mlamuli	F2	Mater Dolorosa High
220	Motsa Nosipho Cebile	F1	Matsapha National High
221	Dlakubi Phetsai Tematiti	F4	Matsetsa Nazarene High
222	Fakudze Mdumiseni Mduduzi	F4	Matsetsa Nazarene High
223	Matsaba Bezile	F2	Mavula High School
224	Mabuzza Mphumelelo Sanele	F2	Mayiweane High School
225	Masuku Cebolenkosi Mnelisi	G7	Mayiweane Primary
226	Dlamini Siphesihle Temalangen	F1	Mbabane Central High
227	Gama Lethumusa Mangaliso	F4	Mbabane Central High
228	Shongwe Wandile Mcondisi	F2	Mbabane Central High
229	Kunene Lungelo	G7	Mbalenhe Primary
230	Dlamini Phumlani Temcwasho	F1	Mbekelweni High
231	Mhlongo Phindile Nothando	F3	Mbokojweni High
232	Jele Junior Magwaza	G7	Mbokojweni Primary
233	Mahlalela Sakhile Mzwandile	G7	Mbokojweni Primary
234	Mfuma Bongane Vusumuzi	G7	Mbokojweni Primary
235	Msibi Fisokuhle	G7	Mbokojweni Primary
236	Sifundza Nontobeko Nosipho	G7	Mbokojweni Primary
237	Dube Sharon Nobuhle	F1	Mbokojweni High
238	Dube Thabiso Ronaldo	G7	Mbokojweni Primary
239	Dlamini Temaswati Nokubonga	F3	Mbowane High
240	Ndlovu Gcinumuzi Celumusa	F3	Mbukwane High
241	Ngcampalala Samkelo Maxwell	G7	Mbukwane Primary
242	Mamba Calisile Jabulile	F2	Mbuluzi High
243	Mthupha Precious Nomdoli	F4	Mbuluzi High
244	Hlophe Mangaliso Simphiwe	G7	Mcolo Primary
245	Hlophe Mabutfo Veli	F2	Mdzimba High
246	Dlamini Saneliso Sizwe	G7	Mhlaba Nazarene Primary
247	Mathunjwa Ncobizitha Njunju	G7	Mizpa Primary
248	Dlamini Nothando	F3	Mkhondvo High
249	Masilela Nosimilo Sibahle	F1	Mkhondvo High
250	Dlamini Tebukhosi Nomvuyo	F1	Mkhuzweni High
251	Makhanya Takitsi Tema	F1	Mkhuzweni High
252	Nxumalo Mbongiseni Richard	G7	Mliba Nazarene High
253	Munyimba Mazabuka	G7	Mliba Nazarene Primary
254	Zulu Sithulisiwandaba Kimberly	G7	Mnyokane Primary
255	Mamba Mfankhona Mfanfikile	G7	Mouth Hermon Primary
256	Mabuzza Samkelisiwe Khumbulani	F4	Mpaka High

257	Gamedze Marcia Khayelitshe	F4	Mpakeni High School
258	Metiso Zolani	F1	Mpofu High School
259	Mazibuko Phathizwe	F1	Mpuluzi High
260	Maziya Sifisiwe Thandiswa	G7	Mshingishingi Primary
261	Manana Ncamiso Reginald	F1	Mzimnene High
262	Dlamini Nontokozo Sikhulile	F4	Ndabazewe High
263	Marks Ronaldo Olivia	F1	Ndabazewe High
264	Mngometulu Wandile Pheneas	F4	Ndzangu Lutherane High
265	Ginindza Sizakele Nelisa	F3	Ndzevane High School
266	Gamedze Zoliswa Cebisa	F4	New Life Christian Academy
267	Kunene Sandziso Mvuselelo	F1	New Life Christian Academy
268	Dlamini Sibusiso	F1	Ngwane High School
269	Bhembe Sisana	G7	Ngwane Park Primary
270	Motsa Bonkhe Mfanukhona	G7	Ngwane Park Primary
271	Magagula Zodwa Ntombi	G7	Ngwazini Primary
272	Mamba Ziyanda Simangele	F1	Nhlangano Central High
273	Nhlabatsi Vuyisile Happiness	F4	Nhletjeni High
274	Dlamini Nothando	G7	Nhletjeni Primary
275	Mkhwanazi Delisile Nestar	G7	Njoane Primary
276	Dlamini Temalangen Phetsile	G7	Nkalashane Primary
277	Matse Samkelisiwe Sibongile	G7	Nkalashane Primary
278	Mhlanga Scedile Nontokozo	G7	Nkalashane Primary
279	Sifundza Mandla Jalani	G7	Nkalashane Primary
280	Mamba Siphesihle Thandolwakhe	G7	Nkamanzi Primary
281	Dlamini Dudu Penny	F2	Nkhungwini High
282	Magagula Bakhile	F1	Nkiliji High School
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285	Manana Sakhile Khanyakwezwe	F1	Nsongweni High School
286	Mkhathshwa Nkosingiphile Takhonan	F1	Ntabezimphisi Primary School
287	Msibi Ntando Angele	F1	Nyatsini High School
288	Mabundza Mlungisi Sizwe	F1	Peak Central High
289	Kunene Philani Nduduzo	F1	Phakamani Primary
290	Gama Nonhle Melody	G7	Phocweni Primary
291	Gamedze Neliswa Apple	G7	Phocweni Primary
292	Dlamini Temalangen Success	F4	Phonjwane High
293	Ngubane Temvelo Nandzile	F1	Phonjwane High
294	Mngometulu Nkosiyele Lindelani	F3	Pro-Learning High School
295	Dlamini Tandzile Ntombizondwa	G7	SAGM Primary
296	Jele Ayanda Calvin	F1	Salem High
297	Khumalo Wandile	F1	Sdlangatsini High
298	Dlamini Thabo Masotja	F1	Sibovu High School
299	Mngometulu Nobuhle	G7	Sidvokodvo Nazarene Primary
300	Ngozo Simanga Phiyayinkhosi	G7	Sidvokodvo Nazarene Primary
301	Mkhaliphi Ncedo	F3	Sigcaweni High School
302	Gama Sihlelewe Phiwa	G7	Sigombeni High School
303	Gumedze Khanyisile Neliswa	F2	Sigombeni High School
304	Nkambule Lihle Thandeka	F1	Sigombeni High School
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309	Mtsetfwa Phetsile Promise	F4	Siphofaneni High
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311	Dlamini Mathokoza Sibongumusa	F1	Siteki Nazarene High School
312	Gamedze Andile Patricia	F1	SOS Hermann High
313	Nkonyane Simengaye	F3	St Annes High School
314	Bhila Minenhle	G7	St Boniface Primary
315	Mamba Simanga Simangaliso	G7	St Boniface Primary
316	Mayisela Thandi Melusi	G7	St Boniface Primary
317	Mnisi Nhlahlhla Gift	G7	St Boniface Primary
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319	Ntshangase Nosipho	F2	St Francis High
320	Hlatshwako Sweetie Chichi	F2	St Marys High School
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329	Mazibuko Simile Lobesuthu	G7	St Phillomena Primary
330	Ndlovu Lesedi Similosihle	G7	St Theresas High
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335	Maziya Thokozani Mayibongwe	F4	Tikhuba High School
336	Mkhonta Niketiwe Angel	F2	Vulamasango High
337	Magagula Sithembile Bongile	F4	Vuvulane High
338	Mavimbela Thandolwethu Rosemary	F3	Zandondo High
339	Dlamini Ntsika Abraham	G7	Zombodze Primary School
340	Dlamini Mpendulo Mahlubi	G7	Zondwako Primary



# 'My father wants me dead'

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**A man who was arrested for damaging his father's property has claimed that his stepmother plans to kill him.**

Ndumiso Gwebu (33) from Mayiwane had appeared in the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court on Monday after being arrested for destroying his father's property worth about E6 000.

Gwebu said after consulting a traditional healer in Mayiwane, he was informed that both his biological father and his stepmother wanted him dead.

"I was arrested at my parental home-

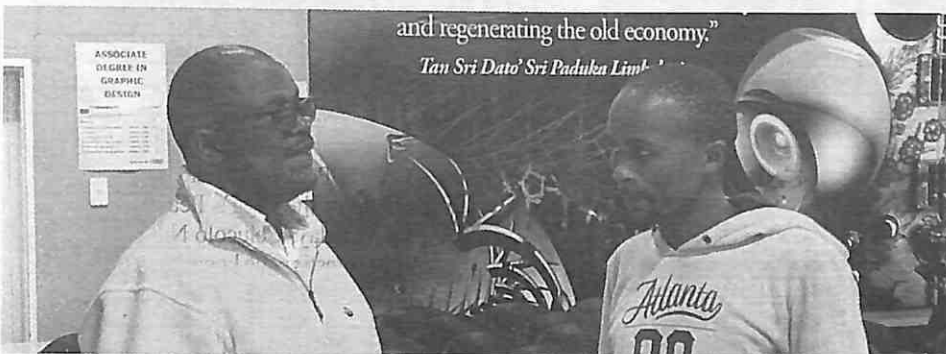
stead in Mayiwane for destroying a sofa and a fridge belonging to my father. Both these items have a combined cost of E6 000, but they were not destroyed. What happened was, I was just sitting on the sofa taking care of a toothache, then I got up and went to the fridge and I struck the corner of its door with a kitchen chair, that is when my step mother then called the police to have me arrested for the damage of the property," he said.

Gwebu said the real problem they had as a family was that after consulting a traditional healer, he was told that his parents wanted him dead for helping his biological mother.

He claimed to have been avoiding both his father and stepmother.

Pigg's Peak Magistrate Simangele Mbatha advised Gwebu against placing all his faith in traditional healers who sometimes operate as 'prophets of doom'.

"You should not place all your faith in traditional healers, some of these healers can be called pastors of lies as they never have any tangible evidence on many issues. I will sentence you to spend two years in a correctional facility if you fail to pay a fine of E2 000 for destroying the sofa and fridge, remember that you pleaded guilty to both the charges," she said.



**INSIGHT: MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo explaining something to LUCT Public Relations student Mciniseli Kunene.**

## LUCT STUDENTS OPEN ONLINE RADIO

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**LUCT students have launched an online radio.**

LUCT is the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology.

The online radio was launched by three male students last Thursday and these are Liyandza Masuku, Sandile Mahlinza, and Zemvelo Mbewe.

The pioneers said they saw the need for Swazi citizens to have a platform that would enable them to express themselves on entertainment and sports issues.

The radio station, known as South Cast Radio, will be broadcasting from Limkokwing University.

This is where people from different backgrounds would air their views.

The station would also play music and help address issues that affect their daily lives.

Members of the public will be able to access the radio only through electronic applications which could be installed in cellphones, laptops, and other electronic gadgets.

The content of the radio would only

and regenerating the old economy."  
Tan Sri Dato' Sri Paduka Lim...



**LAUNCHING: Sandile Mahlinza, one of the pioneers of the South Cast Radio Station explaining how the radio station would work last week Thursday at Limkokwing University during the launch of the radio application. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)**

be heard once the application is open.

Without the application and internet connectivity, the radio content could not be accessed. This can prove to be a challenge because internet access in the country is still expensive and is not accessible in all places.

During the launch, the students invit-

ed MTN Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ambrose Dlamini to be part of the event. He was represented by MTN Corporate Communications Manager Mandla Lumphondvo.

During the meeting, Lumphondvo suggested that the pioneers of the radio station should approach the mobile telecommunications companies in the country to see how best they could address the challenge of the high costs of internet access. He said they could sit down with whatever company and see how it could be possible for the application to be zero rated.

This could help enhance easy access of the radio content for the people and that could in turn attract many advertisers to their radio station.

This could result in a situation where the station generates more income from many advertisers that would buy air space from the online radio station. Lumphondvo mentioned that he was not promising them anything, but was only raising a suggestion.

Lumphondvo's suggestion was enthusiastically accepted by the students, who showed that they wanted to implement his suggestion.



**FOCUSED: A section of the people who were part of the launch.**



**DUMPED: A back view of the stolen VW GOLF 5 vehicle which was found dumped in Roodepoort area. (Inset) the registration of the stolen vehicle.**

## VW Golf with local registration dumped in SA

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**THE VW Golf 5 GTI vehicle seems to be one of the most sought after models by criminals these days as yet another one has been discovered dumped at the Retail Crossing area in Roodepoort on Monday by the South African Police Services (SAPS).**

The vehicle, which is suspected to have been stolen and used in criminal activities, was found abandoned with no occupants inside.

Its registration plates are; PSD 551BH.

Those who witnessed police inspecting the vehicle, shared its picture in one of the social network pages where information about hijacked and stolen cars in South Africa is shared.

Information gathered about the car is that it was left on the spot since Sunday morning and police only noticed it on Tuesday after realising that it had no owner.

Meanwhile, last week, Sibusiso Mavimbela, who goes by the

stage name of DJ Yugo, had his Golf 5 stolen.

It was taken by two unmasked men on Tuesday evening. It is said the DJ was robbed at gunpoint as he was tied up and covered with a refuse bag before the criminals fled with the vehicle.

To date, the whereabouts of the car are unknown.

The news of the dumped Golf vehicle raised hopes that the numerous local cars that were stolen would be found in South Africa by the police.

However, the Golf which was found in Retail Crossing yesterday is not the one which was stolen from Yugo.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba said as police they had received news that a vehicle with Swazi registration plates was found abandoned in South Africa. However, Mamba said when they checked they discovered that the vehicle did not reflect in the system as the number plate is suspected to have been forged. Mamba said police are still working tirelessly to find the vehicle which was stolen from DJ Yugo last week.



**STOLEN: The front view of the car.**



# 'Woman must consider insurance as cases of abuse increase'

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**WOMEN** have been urged to get legal insurance cover as abuse cases continue to rise.

This was revealed during a breast cancer awareness event which was hosted by the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) and United General Insurance (UGI) at Dups Holding on Tuesday.

UGI is a subsidiary of Dups Holdings (PTY) Limited, and it offers services such as legal and health insurances.

Women were advised that it was about time they protect themselves and have equal access to justice as men.

During the event, women had the opportunity to discuss matters affecting them in their household and in society as a whole.

## Hindered

During the questions and answer session, one participant wanted to know where they stand (as women) because once they get married it is usually hard to be separated from their spouses, even if they want divorce.

She said this was because most of the time they were frustrated by Swazi culture and if they take the legal route, it usually takes forever for the matter to be finalised.

Speaking during the event, Simphiwe Dlamini from UGI advised women to not only get legal cover, but also health insurance too. Siphelele Mngomezulu from the Royal Swaziland Police Service said the



**IN ATTENDANCE:** A section of those who attended the event.

gist of the event was to give women an opportunity to interact and be sensitised on issues of breast cancer.

## Entailed

Mngomezulu said women are usually left out of many programmes that could benefit them. She said this also entailed to women who are in the police service which is an industry that is dominated by men.

Mngomezulu said initially they had planned to host the event in August, which was a women's month but due to national events, they had to postpone.

**MASTER OF CEREMONY:** MC for the day RSP's Siphelele Mngomezulu directing the proceedings.



**HEALTHY:** Assistant Inspector Vuyi addressing the issue of a healthy lifestyle and encouraging her colleagues to use the health facilities provided in their work stations around the country.

**ELABORATE HERE PLEASE:** A woman posing a question while others listen attentively during the discussions.



## Drunk fined E1 000 for rushing pregnant wife to hospital

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**A man who was rushing his wife to hospital to give birth has been fined E1 000 for drink-driving.**

The arrest happened along the MR1 public road in Pigg's Peak on Sunday evening.

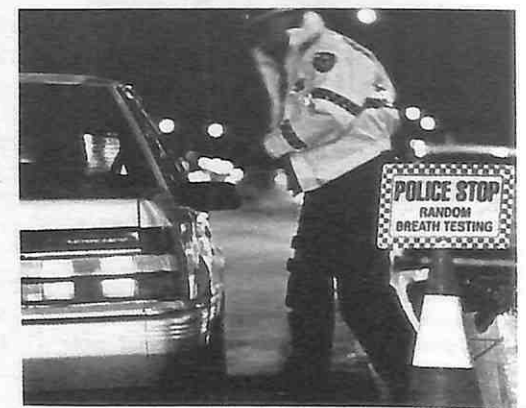
Appearing at the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court on Monday, Celucolo Nxumalo said on the night in question, he knew he was drunk but nobody was in the house to help him drive his wife to the hospital.

"I was forced to drive the car that night because my wife was in labour, and there was nobody else in the house who would help me drive her to hospital.

## Unfortunately

"So I took the risk of trying to drive my wife to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital, unfortunately along the way, I was stopped by the police who then made me take a breathalyser test that I failed. I was then arrested but my wife was taken to the delivery room by the police," he said.

He pleaded for the court's leniency, adding that when he was nabbed for drink-driving, he was desperate to help his wife and his unborn baby. After a long deliberation, Pigg's Peak Magistrate Simangele Mbatha sentenced Nxumalo to five months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay a fine of E1 000 for driving under the influence of alcohol.



## NHLANGANO 'COUNCILLORS' GEAR-UP FOR ELECTIONS

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

**WITH** the municipal elections drawing closer, aspiring councillors in Nhlango have upped their game in lobbying for nominations.

The nomination forms are supposed to be submitted not later than today, which is the deadline.

It has been hectic for a number of aspiring councillors, with some seen going around negotiating with those they consider as honest and loyal to add to the list of the 10 people or more



to nominate them.

Apart from negotiating for the list of 10 people, some of the aspirants have further set up a plan to use when campaign is opened. It is said some of the aspirants now have campaign managers (*bogalajane*) in place.

Some of these campaign managers

have already started influencing people on who to vote for, but they are doing this with caution as they are aware of the consequences should it be known that they were now campaigning for these aspirants when such a process has not even opened.

In other wards like Ward Four

(Mathendele Township) which boasts heavyweights, there is reportedly some tension.

"The eventual winner in this Ward this time around will be someone who would have done his or her homework. Some of these people who are aspirants in this ward are not businesspeople, but they are popular and have been here since birth.

## Chances

"It is difficult to predict who amongst these people will eventually win as all of them have fair chances. The local government elections will be tightly contested," observed Muzi Dlamini,

one of the residents under the Ward.

Some of those who have been seen busy going around looking for people to add to the nomination forms, said they only approached individuals they trust.

"We are careful as we do not just approach anyone to add on the list but we consider people we feel are honest and not those who would only be bluffing you," said one of the hopefuls from one of the Wards.

Since Nhlango is made up of six Wards, six are expected to be winners come October 28. The council team in Nhlango is made out of eight people. With six being people elected in the six Wards, the two are appointees.



# MZUTHINI BIDS FAREWELL TO 45 PUPILS

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase recently bid farewell to 45 pupils from Vulamasango School in a glamorous event held at Mphophoma Conference Centre.

He hosted the farewell dinner for the pupils because he was motivated by the good work and behaviour that they exhibited during their academic journey with the school.

The farewell dinner for the Form Five class of 2017 was also graced by the HMCS' senior officers and teachers who joined the pupils in merriment to celebrate their academic achievements.

Ntshangase was represented by Deputy Commissioner General Thokozile Nxumalo, who advised the pupils that Form Five was not yet the end of the journey, but the beginning of their life journey.

He said as they would be writing their external examination, he was confident about the results as they had a great track record of academic achievement attained over the years.

He said now that the pupils would be graduating from high school education, they should

be mindful of the fact that it marks the first steps towards achieving their actual education goal which would see them earn a life fulfilling profession.

Ntshangase said a successful life can only be attainable if they remained disciplined and positive about life and also bearing in mind the good advice they have been getting from their teachers.

"This includes being respectful, not only to their parents but the community as a whole. The department would continue giving professional support to the pupils while pursuing their educational dreams," he said.

## Shaping

Ntshangase further applauded the staff which comprised of teachers, psychologists, social workers and everyone who had played a mammoth role in shaping the future of the pupils.

"We are also here to celebrate the work of teachers who are change makers in society through empowering learners with education," he said.

## Thanked

He thanked the entire teaching staff for being the driving force in the learning process at Vulamasango School throughout the year, adding that it was the culmination of the efforts by the entire Vulamasango community, including parents.



**CLASS OF 2017:** His majesty's Correctional Services Deputy Commissioner General Thokozile Nxumalo flanked by HMCS senior officials, Vulamasango High School pupils and teaching staff. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)



**IZI-GIRLS:** Some of Vulamasango High School girls posing for the lenses.



**GOOD JOB:** Nonduduzo Khanyile receiving her gift from HMCS Deputy Commissioner General Thokozile Nxumalo.



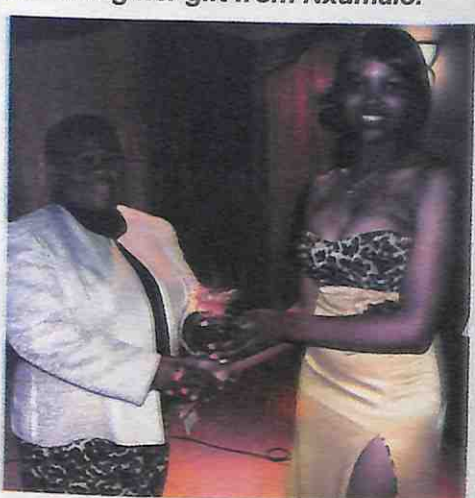
**WELL EARNED:** Mbali Nkambule could not be left out of the honours.



**WELL DONE:** Sebenzile Nhlabatsi receiving her gift from Nxumalo.



**GREAT WORK:** Khulekile Simelane accepting her award.



**MARVELLOUS:** Nomvelo Dlamini was also honoured by the school.



**ACHIEVERS:** Vulamasango High School Class of 2017 posing for a picture.

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# FEATURES & OPINION

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## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

Information Centre Assistant Manager  
The National HIV and AIDS Information  
and Training Centre

**WE are now officially into the last quarter of the year 2017. In the HIV response, we have already seen various activities take place.**

Of these, the highlight has been His Majesty King Mswati III's stellar address to the UN General Assembly (UNGA) side meeting on HIV/AIDS last month. His Majesty presented the success of the kingdom to reduce new infections and suppress viral load in people living with HIV, as attested by the Swaziland HIV Incidence Measurement Survey (SHIMS) 2.

His Majesty told the world of the *Umgubudla* (yes, said it in SiSwati) which is the roadmap for Ending AIDS in 2022 - eight years earlier than the global target for 2030.

Thanking those who supported the kingdom in the HIV response, His Majesty said, "The challenge is to keep the momentum (to reduce new infections, health for PLHIV and viral suppression), address complacency and sustain funding for treatment and re-invest in prevention". He presented that we cannot speak of ending AIDS without a directed focus on new infections, which have remained high among adolescents and young women.

As we navigate the last quarter of the year, there are many key activities that are still to take place in the HIV response, nationally and regionally. A few of these are:

### The Fourth National Health Research Conference (NHRC)

The 4th NHRC is billed to take place on 8-10 November at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre in Ezulwini. The conference is expected to bring together about 600 delegates, including experts

## MANY INTERESTING ACTIVITIES TO LOOK TO IN HIV RESPONSE AS YEAR'S END APPROACHES

in the field of health and related disciplines within and outside our borders to share scientific knowledge under the theme, 'Research-based evidence for improved policy, programming, and practice' for health.

The NHRC is a ministry of health led conference that is held every two years. It is a must-attend event for leaders, policy makers, change agents, health and development practitioners, scientists, researchers and members of the public who have interest in health issues.

### Efforts

Through the NHRC, the ministry of health strives to contribute to the country's development objectives as stated in the Swaziland Development Index 'Vision 2022' and National Development Strategy (NDS).

For its part, the NDS states that, "Research efforts should extend to all areas: natural sciences, production technology, social science, humanities and health." It explicitly states that there should be specific research programmes in all fields of major importance to help the country in meeting its developmental endeavours.

The 4th NHRC will offer, discuss and evaluate recent scientific developments and derive lessons to cooperatively contribute towards the achievement of Vision 2022.

Regular registration opened on September 1 and runs until October 31, and costs of E600, while onsite registration will be open from 6-9 November at E850.

Undergraduate students in tertiary institutions of learning have a special discounted rate of E300 (valid student ID card must be produced as proof), however, part-time and doctoral students will not benefit. International delegates will pay US\$100.

### The 2017 ICASA

The International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa (ICASA) is a major international African AIDS conference that takes place every second year. Its current biennial hosting alternates between Anglophone and Francophone African

countries. The 2017 ICASA will be held in Côte d'Ivoire at the Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire, Côte d'Ivoire, on the 4th - 9th December. ICASA is expected to convene over 10 000 delegates from nearly 150 countries, including 200 journalists.

The conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as leaders, people living with HIV and others committed to ending the epidemic. ICASA 2017 coincides with the MDG target year, and it is offering the strategic first forum for post MGD to leaders, activists, scientists and community to take stock of the outcomes of the MDG High Level Meeting challenges and to pave the way for a new innovative and efficient approach towards an Africa AIDS-free generation. It will also provide an opportunity for researchers from around the world to share the latest scientific advances in the field, learn from one another's expertise, and develop strategies for advancing all facets of the collective efforts to treat and prevent HIV.

Gathering in Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire, will therefore, work together to strengthen efforts across all regions and around the world, building on the momentum of recent scientific advances and the momentum from ICASA 2015.

### Frame work

The conference theme 'Africa: Ending AIDS-delivering differently' engages the whole continent and all stakeholders in the post SDG framework, where sustainability of the response in reaching 90, 90, 90 of UNAIDS will not be possible if human rights are not key priority for a new vision of leadership

in the context of strengthening the application of science based evidence. The specific objectives of conference are to: promote innovation, partnerships to increase domestic investments to achieve 90.90.90 targets; integrate approaches for sustainable responses towards ending AIDS, TB, Hepatitis and associated diseases; translate science into action to maximize programme impact; provide a platform to maintain and sustain investment for civil society organizations and faith based organizations; and provide a platform to promote rights-based models to overcome structural and policy barriers towards universal access.

The conference will provide a tremendous opportunity for researchers around the world to share the latest scientific advances in the field, learn from one another's expertise, and develop strategies for advancing all facets of our collective efforts to treat and prevent HIV. It will also provide an excellent opportunity to promote multi-sectoral achievements in the AIDS response and to strengthen the partnership among governments, civil society, and development partners. Therefore, individuals, government and organisations are encouraged to make means to attend the conference. If interested and in need of more information, you can visit the ICASA 2017 website or contact NERCHA at [tengetile.dlamini@nercha.org.sz](mailto:tengetile.dlamini@nercha.org.sz)

World AIDS Campaign / World AIDS Day (WAC/WAD) 2017

World AIDS Day has taken place on December 1st every year since 1988

It provides an opportunity to draw attention to the HIV epidemic around the world. Many organisations and people organise events around the 1st December, to raise awareness on HIV; to remember loved ones who have died; to show solidarity with people living with HIV; to celebrate survival and health; and to raise money for HIV and related causes.

We have witnessed extra-ordinary progress since the turn of the millennium. The recently released figures from the Swaziland HIV Incidence Measurement Survey (SHIMS) 2, show significant reduction of incidence rates in some key age segments of the population. The most formidable obstacle remains that many people, especially young people, women, are getting newly infected with HIV, a sizeable people do not know their HIV status and some people living with HIV that are not accessing treatment or not adhering to their treatment regimens.

This year, the country will celebrate the increasing confidence that we will see the day when AIDS will no longer be the major public health challenge for Swaziland. We will celebrate the achievements made but also recognise the hard work that lies ahead, in particular the re-invigoration of HIV prevention and to reduce complacency as directed by our Leader. There is need to accelerate the pace of innovation, to end AIDS. The 2017 WAC / WAD is inspired by zero new infections goal and the "90-90-90" global diagnosis and treatment targets -for improving the health of PLHIV and for reducing the virus to a point where it undetectable, making transmission of HIV to another person unlikely.

Preparations for the WAC / WAD have started in earnest and the roll out begins in November. To get to an AIDS-Free Swaziland, everybody counts. Individuals and organisations are urged to do their bit. #Play your part!

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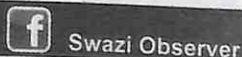
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## ON THIS DAY

...OCTOBER 5

1969 - A Cuban defector landed a Soviet-made MiG-17 at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida. The plane entered US air space and landed without being detected.

1969 - "Monty Python's Flying Circus" debuted on BBC television.

1970 - Anwar Sadat took office as President of Egypt replacing Gamal Abdel Nasser. Sadat was assassinated in 1981.

1974 - American David Kunst completed the first journey around the world on foot. It took four years and 21 pairs of shoes. He crossed four continents and walked 14 450 miles.

1985 - An Egyptian policeman went on a shooting rampage at a Sinai beach. Seven Israeli tourists were killed. The policeman died in prison the following January of an apparent suicide.

1986 - "Business World" began airing on ABC-TV.

1986 - Sandinista soldiers captured American Eugene Hasenfus after shooting him down over southern Nicaragua.

1988 - In a debate between candidates for vice president of the US, Democratic Lloyd Bentsen told Republican Dan Quayle, "You're no Jack Kennedy."

1989 - The Dalai Lama (Lhama Dhondrub, Tenzin Gyatso) was named the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent campaign to end the Chinese domination of Tibet. Gyatso was the 15th Dalai Lama.

1990 - The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall opened.

1991 - Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev announced that his country would cut its nuclear arsenal in response to the arms reduction that was initiated by US President George Bush.

1993 - China set off an underground nuclear explosion.

1995 - A 60-day cease-fire was agreed upon by Bosnian combatants. The civil war had lasted 3 1/2.

1997 - In London, the Express Newspapers printed an article claiming that Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman were homosexual and that their marriage was a sham to cover the truth. The paper paid damages in a settlement on October 29, 1998.

1998 - The US paid \$60 million for Russia's research time on the international space station to keep the cash-strapped Russian space agency afloat.

1999 - Kevin Spacey received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

1999 - MCI Worldcom Inc. and Sprint Corp. announced plans to merge.

2006 - Walmart rolled out its \$4 generic drug program to the entire state of Florida after a successful test in the Tampa area.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Kate Winslet** (tv actress) - October 5, 1975 (42 years old)



**Jesse Eisenberg** (movie actor) - October 5, 1983 (34 years old)



# THE THIRD WAY: A ZUMA WIN IN CAMOUFLAGE?

**JOHANNESBURG** - Recently there has been much talk about a possible third way as a compromise position before the ANC elective conference.

The so-called third way is pushed by David Mabuza (from Mpumalanga) under the banner of unity and in an attempt to prevent another bruising electoral battle at the conference.

The idea would be to reach an agreement before the conference on some of the top positions and thus they would be elected uncontested. In order to secure that Mabuza and co. are proposing Zweli Mkhize as the presidential candidate.

Of course Mkhize has a long history in politics, is liked by the business community and most importantly has significant support in KwaZulu-Natal.

## Leaders

It also seems that Mkhize was deeply hurt by the fact that he was dropped from Ramaphosa's slate, which is why he announced that he was running for the presidency just three days after Ramaphosa's preliminary slate was released.

Rumour has it that senior members of the premier league have been unhappy with Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma's unwillingness to assure them of key positions on her slate, so undoubtedly such a third way will also feature some of the premier league leaders on the slate. However, it might also include Paul Mashatile from Gauteng and Gwede Mantashe - both of whom are more aligned to Ramaphosa.

Of course for the Ramaphosa camp this alternative becomes acceptable if they realise that they are going to lose. For the Zuma camp the advantage would be the prevention of a

split in the party - which is very likely if Dlamini-Zuma wins.

Although this looks like a good compromise, I am convinced that the third way as proposed at the moment is a win for the Zuma faction in camouflage. With Mabuza and other premier league leaders involved it cannot be anything else - and is probably Zuma's plan B.

It was always obvious that a strategist like Zuma would never put all his (political) eggs in his ex-wife's basket. The question was just what his back-up plan would be. This could be it.

## Support

The third way possibility will diminish Ramaphosa's chance of winning. If kingmaker Mabuza can secure the support of the Free State, North West, Mpumalanga, and Gauteng as well as the Mkhize and Zuma's support of KZN, it is game over for all the other candidates. If presented with such an alliance Ramaphosa would be wise to withdraw.

It is also worthwhile considering that Dlamini-Zuma might be willing to work with Mkhize and that he could become her deputy or she his. So President Zuma gets the dynamic leader in Mkhize and the figure-head and safety net of Dlamini-Zuma.

It is interesting that those supporting Ramaphosa are now pushing the narrative of tradition (that the deputy president always becomes president) in order to oppose the Zuma camp's narrative of unity, but it seems that the unity argument - albeit a rather dishonest one in this case - might win the day.

If this camouflaged Zuma-win actually materialises the ANC will without a doubt form a more united front and assuming President Zuma retires shortly after the conference, it will most likely ensure a comfortable majority for the ANC in 2019.

However, even though Mkhize is a different calibre of leader than most in the Zuma camp, the question remains how compromised he will be by those who secured his victory?

My guess is that he will not be able to bring much reform or a different way of governing, because he will be beholden to those who put him there. And so, over the long run the ANC might win, but the country will lose.

Some have argued that the proposed third way might be a cunning

plan between Ramaphosa and Mkhize. They argue that Mkhize would drop out at the end to support Ramaphosa with the promise of a senior Cabinet position - such as Finance Minister.

That would be a very high risk strategy.

It is important to remember that Mkhize (like all the other candidates) can stand for only one position in the top 6 (which might now become the top 9 or 10). So if he was to withdraw at the last minute he would be out of the office bearers' race and could at most be an additional NEC member.

So if Mkhize were to drop out at the end he would have to be pretty sure that Ramaphosa would win and also honour his word for a senior position in government.

The question remains that if Mkhize can secure a win for Ramaphosa by bringing in for example enough additional votes from KZN, why would Ramaphosa not put him on his slate from the start? Why risk this elaborate move?

In order to secure a Ramaphosa win Mkhize would most probably have to "deliver" Mabuza and it is very doubtful that Mabuza would agree to this - not without his premier league brothers-in-arms, such as Ace and Supra, also joining the slate.

It is also doubtful that Mkhize (who is clearly ambitious) would help Ramaphosa to be president if he could secure the top job for himself. So as much as we might want to believe otherwise, this is far more likely Zuma the ultimate strategist at work. - **Melanie Verwoerd** is a former ANC MP and South African Ambassador to Ireland.

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## THE ABUSE CALLED 'A SERIAL KILLER'

TODAY I want us to look at a form of abuse that I would term 'A SERIAL KILLER', a form of abuse that is as bad as physical abuse.

We all know the bruises and the broken bones that physical abuse leaves, but this particular type is worse in that it leaves scars and a broken mind. Yes it does, and that is emotional abuse. Are you filled with a sickening dread every morning knowing you're facing another day of psychological warfare, feeling perpetually drained because all your energy is expended trying to keep your partner happy (and, you'll eventually come to realise, those efforts are in vain), and being nauseous, anxious or fearful when interacting with your partner? Well those are some of the signs that you are being emotionally abused.

Maybe one can stress that nothing is more damaging to your self-confidence and self-esteem than being in an emotionally abusive relationship.

### Emotions

Unlike physical abuse which rears its ugly head in dramatic outbursts, emotional abuse can be more insidious and elusive, and the sad part is that the victim may not be aware its happening.

Basically, emotional abuse is an act that involves a regular pattern of verbal offence, threatening, bullying, and constant criticism, as well as more subtle tactics like intimidation, shaming and manipulation. In a relationship, this cycle starts when one partner emotionally abuses the other, typically to show dominance. Emotional abuse is least talked about yet most women in our country and the entire world are devastated by this form of abuse, some to the extent of suicide.



### Blame

Imagine being in a relationship with someone who makes you feel they are always right and you are always wrong, some who always wants to control what you do and where you go, someone who always blames you for everything that goes wrong in the relationship, and someone who belittles and makes you feel worthless.

It is very heartbreaking and it creates wounds of the heart and scars

of the mind that are hard to heal.

What makes emotional abuse very dangerous is that it is experienced by the victim, and it slowly eats away their self-esteem and confidence until they are incapable of judging a situation realistically, and they may begin to think there is something wrong with them, they may also think they are crazy and may begin to isolate themselves as they feel less important.

The effects of physical abuse are

obvious; a black eye, a cut or a bruise, but the effects of emotional abuse may be harder to spot.

They are as severe and as crippling as those of physical abuse, and perhaps even worse is the fact that victims of emotional abuse tend to blame themselves.

Some effects of emotional abuse include; surprise and confusion, feeling undesirable, feeling powerless and defeated, guilt and shame, and feeling like you are walking on egg shells.

Extreme cases are emotional instability, inability to trust, depression, feeling trapped and alone.

Surely we can tell that this is a serious case and it needs serious attention. In every relationship, women should feel safe, loved and happy, not tense, scared, anxious or worthless.

To all the ladies out there, I say 'staying in an unhealthy relationship that robs you of peace of mind is not being loyal, do not stay in a relationship that hurts you mentally and emotionally.'

No women should be in a relationship with narcissists who want to remain in control by keeping you confused, anxious, scared and apologetic. A healthy relationship does not drag you down, it inspires you to be better.

I know that one of the important principles for me has been treating everyone fairly.

So whether that's women, people of different races, different religious faiths, or different sexual orientations. One of my core principles is that I will never engage in a politics in which I'm trying to divide people or make them less than me because they look different or have a different religion.

President Barack Obama

## COSATU has a point, but the delivery is farcical

CAPE TOWN - It's been a while, but SA Rugby is having to deal with another threat by the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) to cause a scene on a Springbok match-day.

This happened in 2015 as well, when then-Bok coach Heyneke Meyer was under attack for his perceived questionable treatment of players of colour.

As it turns out, there was no match-day protest back then.

Hopefully, after discussions with SA Rugby take place today, there will be no match-day protest on Saturday either.

With Newlands expected to be packed and with the small matter of a 2023 Rugby World Cup bid pending, it is the last thing South

African rugby needs.

The issue that COSATU has, however, is extremely pertinent, and it certainly deserves attention.

The trade union is challenging SA Rugby and SuperSport, demanding that Springbok Tests should be available to everybody and be broadcast free-to-air on SABC.

As it stands, only those who have subscriptions to DSTV and SuperSport can watch Springbok matches live. It has been that way since forever, but that doesn't make it right.

SA Rugby, and South African sport in general, is under pressure to facilitate transformation and unearth a pool of promising, young black talent is crucial.

It would make sense, then, that the whole country be allowed to

support the Springboks, and all of our major sporting teams, regardless of their economic situation.

The majority of young, black sports fans currently have no exposure to Springbok rugby unless they are fortunate enough to have access to a DSTV subscription.

It is not only rugby where this is an issue. When the Proteas play away from home, they are also not televised on SABC while Bafana Bafana have had their own well-documented troubles when it comes to getting their matches on the public broadcaster.

In a perfect world, all of our major sporting codes would be available to everybody.

But the SABC, unfortunately, has problems that make it far from per-

fect and the reality is that broadcast deals are designed to make money.

Crickets South Africa, SA Rugby, the PSL, SAFA, SANZAAR ... they all benefit from their relationships with SuperSport.

And they do that because SuperSport has money to spend. SuperSport buys the rights and has the monopoly, the sporting body benefits from a cash injection and everybody wins. SABC, simply, isn't in the ball-park.

When one looks at their financial problems, it is easy to see why.

But that doesn't mean that COSATU's concerns are not valid. Springbok rugby ideally needs to be on SABC, and all parties concerned should be engaging in discourse to make that happen. *News24*



● "If there's a single lesson that life teaches us, it's that wishing doesn't make it so."  
— Lev Grossman, *The Magicians*

● "People come, people go - they'll drift in and out of your life, almost like characters in a favourite book. When you finally close the cover, the characters have told their story and you start up again with another book, complete with new characters and adventures. Then you find yourself focusing on the new ones, not the ones from the past."  
— Nicholas Sparks, *The Rescue*

● "Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts."  
— Charles Dickens

● "If you end up with a boring miserable life because you listened to your mom, your dad, your teacher, your priest, or some guy on television telling you how to do your shit, then you deserve it."  
— Frank Zappa

● "If people refuse to look at you in a new light and they can only see you for what you were, only see you for the mistakes you've made, if they don't realise that you are not your mistakes, then they have to go."  
— Steve Maraboli, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

● "Still round the corner there may wait A new road or a secret gate And though I oft have passed them by A day will come at last when I Shall take the hidden paths that run West of the Moon, East of the Sun."  
— J.R.R. Tolkien

● "Don't waste your time with explanations: people only hear what they want to hear."  
— Paulo Coelho

● "Sometimes you read a book so special that you want to carry it around with you for months after you've finished just to stay near it."  
— Markus Zusak

● "We do not grow absolutely, chronologically. We grow sometimes in one dimension, and not in another; unevenly. We grow partially. We are relative. We are mature in one realm, childish in another. The past, present, and future mingle and pull us backward, forward, or fix us in the present. We are made up of layers, cells, constellations."  
— Anais Nin

● "To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance."  
— Oscar Wilde, *An Ideal Husband*

● "I love books, by the way, way more than movies. Movies tell you what to think. A good book lets you choose a few thoughts for yourself. Movies show you the pink house. A good book tells you there's a pink house and lets you paint some of the finishing touches, maybe choose the roof style, park your own car out front. My imagination has always topped anything a movie could come up with. Case in point, those darned Harry Potter movies. That was so not what that part-Veela-chick, Fleur Delacour, looked like."  
— Karen Marie Moning, *Darkfever*



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Swiss France/SZL	13.9788	14.0230
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Australian Dollar/SZL	10.6780	10.7187
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# HOW SSA PREPARED FOR EU SUGAR QOUTA DEREGULATION

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

THE European Union (EU) has introduced radical liberalisation of the sugar market effective this week, with farmers free to grow as much as they want and refiners able to sell sugar globally after decades of strict output quotas and export limits.

Prior to the deregulation, a number of big economies disclosed their intention to significantly increase their production, ahead of the deregulation of the EU market.

For example, leading German sugar producers Suedzucker and Nordzucker said they plan to expand in the deregulated EU sugar market.

As a result, post the EU market deregulation, SSA embarked on a strategy to grow sales to both the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and regional markets to prepare for the changes.

The association said SACU and regional markets, including the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), were expected to provide better returns for Swazi sugar than the EU.



AT THE HELM: SSA Chief Executive Officer Phil Mnisi.

"Preferential access to these regional markets is necessary in order to ensure that Swazi sugar is competitive in these markets and that the prices attained are higher than those to be realised in the EU," said SSA.

The association said it has also worked very closely with government in targeting specific markets both to create and sustain preferences, where a dual line of communication was maintained, "and we are happy with the support we have been receiving from government thus far. More work will be directed at

ensuring that these preferences continue and where possible are improved in the future, including through the Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA)."

Recently, the country signed and ratified the European Union - Southern African Development Community (SADC) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

SSA said even though prices were anticipated to go down, the EU remains an important market for the country's sugar - both in terms of ability to absorb surplus volumes of sugar (not sold to the primary SACU and

regional markets) and to also provide a remunerative, preferential outlet for the country's sugar in cases where EU prices happen to pick up in the future.

"The EPA provides preferences for Swazi sugar, which will ensure that the commodity continues to receive better market access when exported to the EU market, as compared to sugar from non-EPA countries or less developed countries. SSA will maintain an open approach to supplying this market but the volume supplied would be dependent on the amount of surplus (on the one hand) and the expected returns (on the other)," said the association.

Another market opportunity was presented by the COMESA sugar safeguard, where the country was granted the highest allocation to sell over 60 000 tons of sugar per annum to the Kenyan market. This allocation would be reviewed after two years.

SSA said fulfilling the supply of the quota to Kenya remains an important target.

"We are working tirelessly to meet it. Maximum effort is being exerted to ensuring that Swaziland supplies a volume as close to the quota as possible," said the association.

## CORBAN BUILD TAGS VIETNAM PARTNERS

...promises to introduce new product lines



VIETNAM: Corban Build Hardware Marketing Manager Reggie Kunene.

let it pass, since we believe it will be pivotal to help us achieve our dreams," he said.

Kunene said the relationship with their Vietnam partners will be symbiotic in the sense that they were also sourcing some products in the country.

"Hence we are also looking to supply some materials to them," he said. Kunene said their Vietnam partners have also offered to meet them halfway with the shipping costs.

"So our customers should expect new product arrivals with assured quality in the near term," he said.

Kunene said they were also able to

interact with companies from Mozambique during the meeting.

"We have a lot of customers from Mozambique who buy our products and we are still receiving invitations to set up shop there," he said.

To date, Corban Build has set up seven hardware shops countrywide and three electrical shops at Siteki, Manzini and Nhlanguano.

The company has created close to 100 job opportunities and the figure is anticipated to increase.

"We are still conducting feasibility studies in diverse new locations as we continue to get invites from different communities, especially after our participation at the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) 2017," said Kunene.

Recently, the company pledged E20 000 support to Mampondweni High for the construction of toilets for the school's teachers quarters.

They have also donated wiring material worth E3 500 to an elderly woman from Mangcongco.

"Since we are a wholly owned Swazi company, we are very proud to have

contributed in improving many lives of our fellow natives through our corporate social responsibility programme. We also look forward to impact as many lives as we can," said Kunene.

Referring to the ongoing commemoration of the Customer Service Week, Kunene said they sat down and looked at how they could improve their commitments to the company's customers.

"We have made an undertaking to continue improving the experience of our customers at all our touch points, even post the Customer Service Week commemoration. We acknowledge that our customers remain the key stakeholders of the business. We are here we are

today because of their relentless support, they chose us, hence we shall forever remain indebted to them," he said.

He said they have also introduced a number of customer feedback mechanisms.

"We want to use their feedback to properly package our service offering. We strongly believe that the business belongs to Swazis and we vow to give them the best service we can," he said.

**The meeting was a very good opportunity for them, since it brought together companies in the mining and construction sectors**



# EYA regional awards take off

By Majaha Nkonyane

**The Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (EYA) regional awards will begin next week.**

Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) Stakeholder Relations Specialist Mxolisi Dlamini said the awards have taken a different route and embraced the regional awards concept, where they will award farmers per region.

"We will be moving from region to region starting from the Shiselweni region to the Lubombo region, Manzini and the Hhohho region. We would like to encourage farmers to avail themselves for the judging process. We will also ensure that we contact every par-

ticipating farmer," he said. He said competition has also incorporated a youth wing after there have been a significant number of young people who joined the competition.

The competition recorded about 125 entries this year.

He said the judges were currently involved in the screening process where they were dealing with the diverse pool of entries.

"The screening process that the judges will be doing will cover all the 125 entries that have submitted entries for the competition," he said.

"This is the most challenging phase of the competition, but we are work-

ing with a dedicated team and we are confident that the team will do a thorough job," he added.

He said the regions results will be ready before the scheduled dates for the award ceremony.

The regional awards will be hosted in October 12 for the Lubombo region at Siteki Hotel, October 19 for the Shiselweni region at Nhlanguano Casino, October 23 for the Manzini region at The George Hotel and October 26 for the Hhohho region at Pigg's Peak Hotel.

The regional awards winners will then feed on to the national awards where winners across the categories will then compete for the grand prize.



## 4th annual IPM convention aligns business leaders to digitised world

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE fourth annual Institute of People Management's (IPM) convention will provide a diagnosis for challenges of preparing for a digital future.**

The convention themed 'Aligning Business Leaders to the Digitised World' will be held on October 11-12 at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre in Ezulwini.

The institute said the theme was based on the realisation that many organisations were responding to the increasing demand for digitisation and operations integration with the aim to achieving operational efficiencies, better decision making and value chain management of the business.

"This assures businesses that its leaders have an overall sight of the business as opposed to silo-focus. This also speaks to organisations increasingly focusing on the need to innovate not only to ward off competition but also to assure operational efficiencies, employee engagement and future oriented organisational culture," said the institute.

However, the IPM said most executives have recognised that their companies were not adequately preparing for the industry disruptions that they expect to emerge from digital trends.

It said though nearly 90 per cent of respondents to the 2015 global survey of managers and executives conducted by MIT Sloan Management Review and Deloitte anticipated that their industries



**GUEST SPEAKER: Inviolata Chinyangara.**

would be disrupted by digital trends to a great or moderate extent, but only 44 per cent said their organisations were adequately preparing for the anticipated disruptions.

The IPM said the survey also established that most companies were constrained by lack of resources, talent, and the pull of other priorities, leaving executives to manage digital initiatives that either take the form of projects or are limited to activities within a given division, function, or channel.

"It is anticipated that the conference will highlight the challenges of preparing for a digital future. It means developing dig-

ital capabilities in which a company's activities, people, culture, and structure are in sync and aligned toward a set of organisational goals," said the institute.

About 17 speakers have been lined up for the two days convention and these include guest speaker, Inviolata Chinyangara and Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE&CC) Chief Executive Officer Bonisiwe Ntando.

Chinyangara is Senior Specialist for Workers Activities within the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Bureau for Workers Activities.

She is also part of the ILO Decent Work Team for eastern and southern Africa based in the ILO Pretoria office.

"This year's approach has been differentiated by the selection of diverse presentations on tracking of legislation changes as well as open discussions," said the IPM.

The topics will range from how organisations have leveraged technology to increase employee engagement, used digitisation as a catalyst for human capital growth, a benchmarked view of labour broking, the retirement crisis and potential solutions, the digital HR future its risks and opportunities, leadership accountability and change management as well as labour economics consideration in effective human capital management.

In addition to the aforementioned there will be two open discussions on leveraging technology for positive organisational culture as well as financial wellness and employee behaviour change.

## STTP PREPARES FOR ISO AUDIT TRAINING

By Majaha Nkonyane

**SWAZILAND Truss Timber Products (STTP) is working hard to keep their clients happy with their modern technology equipment.**

The company will be sending its senior managers for audit training on quality management systems aligned to the International Standards Organisation (ISO 9001:2015).

STTP Managing Director Mhululi Ndlovu said the company would continue to bring the best available options to their clients.

"Our machinery division offers extensive trusses industry experience from equipment design to installation and warranty support. We offer the most complete, reliable, and the most productive component manufacturing equipment in the industry," he said.

The company recently introduced a table saw and edging machines which were meant to better serve our clientele and

take a lead in the market.

STTP offers services in trusses, upholstery, joinery, couch manufacturing, and repairs, bedroom, and bathroom and fittings kitchen fittings.

Ndlovu said the company takes pride in customer service excellence, accountability, integrity, respect, and rewarding excellence. "We are dedicated to satisfying clients and honouring commitments that we have made to them. We also accept responsibility for our actions and support business decisions through experience and good judgment.

"The company also acts with honesty and integrity, not compromising the truth. We treat our staff, clients, and suppliers with mutual respect and sensitivity, recognising the importance of safety. We respect all individuals and value their contributions," he said.

STTP also works with Mittek Industries for their software which has the enviable international reputation of being the best timber roof truss system supplier in the

world.

The company has licensed over 140 timber truss manufacturers in Southern Africa using the Gang-Nail and Hydro-Nail truss systems which are acknowledged as being among the world's finest.

Ndlovu said the ISO certification helps with setting out areas of responsibility across the organisation.

"It is also mandatory when a company wants to tender for some public sector work. It further helps to communicate a better understanding of work processes to staff and customers," he said.

He said the certification process helps identifies and encourages more efficient and time saving business processes.

"It provides continuous assessment and improvement throughout the business, reduces costs and wastages and highlights deficiencies in the business processes. Companies through the ISO certification are able to get marketing opportunities to enter new markets and expand in existing markets," he said.

## 91 entities feed into govt's E10 billion procurement bill

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) has a mammoth task to work with 91 procuring entities that feed into the E10 billion bill by government and parastatals.**

SPPRA Board Chairman Dr. Gideon Mahlalela said part of the board's responsibility is to safeguard against duplicate payments to the same suppliers, fictitious payments and overstated and inflated prices that edged above the value of actual service.

He also stressed that there was no need for the board to be in the committees for awarding tenders.

"The board has delegated authority to management and should abide by the 'Business Judgement Rule.' The rule assumes there is sufficient information for the board to make decisions.

The board needs to make sure through its various board committees there are checks and balances to make sure the right information reaches the board to make decisions," he said.

Dr. Mahlalela said the board represent the voice of the customer, stakeholders and citizenry.

"Any decision and resolutions must be in line with King IV with checks and balances of adhering to the fourth industrial revolution



**SAFEGUARD: SPPRA Board Chairman Dr. Gideon Mahlalela.**

where today's decisions must address the needs of employees, the company and the future generations," he said.

He said SPPRA has a mammoth task to work with 91 procuring entities to an amount of E10 billion or 25 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP).

"All entities must avoid duplicate payments to the same suppliers, fictitious payments, overstated and inflated prices that are well above the value of actual service. The board must get reports from management on fruitless, irregular, unauthorised and wasteful expenditure," he said.

**The board has delegated authority to management and should abide by the 'Business Judgement Rule'**

## MOLLY'S RESTAURANT EMBRACES CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK

By Majaha Nkonyane

**As Customer Service Week continues to run, more businesses are joining the movement and embracing the activities involved.**

Molly's restaurant in Manzini is also treating their customers with different specials that are drawing more and more customers.

Molly's Restaurant Director Xolile Msibi said they decided to do things differently this month, such as offering free venue to their customers who will be hosting events.

"We would like to invite customers this month to come celebrate with us as we are offering a free venue for different celebrations as we commemorate Customer Service Week," She said.

Msibi said the celebrations could include birthdays, bridal showers, baby showers and dinners.

She said they welcome all customers who have supported them ever since they opened the shop and they also look forward to get feedback from their clients.

The Customer Service Week is

celebrated annually during the first full week of October.

The commemoration gives an opportunity for customer-oriented organisations and institutions around the world recognise the importance of customer service excellence to their organisations.

Msibi said they have made it their priority to ensure that they appeal to almost everyone, from shoppers to business lunches and couples who are out on dinner.

### Mixture

She said their menu was a mixture of both grilled meals and chef prepared meals from starters to main course and dessert.

She said they were also active social media platforms where they are running different promotions specifically for Customer Service Week.

"We understand that treating each customer as a king is the right culture to be adopted in any businesses environment and we are making sure that we give our customers the best treatment.

"This is something we are practicing continually and not just doing it for the Customer Service Week commemoration," she said.



# Exxaro is making chemistry with its Tronox shares

JOHANNESBURG - Exxaro shares strengthened 4 per cent on the JSE yesterday after the diversified mining company said it would sell 16 million shares in its New York-listed chemical business Tronox through a public offering.

Exxaro said it was selling the shares to focus on its core activities to provide funding for its future capital commitments, to repay debt and to return capital to its shareholders.

It said JPMorgan, Barclays and Morgan Stanley would act as joint book-running managers and underwriters for the offering.

"If today's offering is completed, Exxaro's ownership in Tronox would be reduced to approximately 29.4 per cent, assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares," the company said in a statement.

Exxaro, one of the largest black-empow-



ernment diversified firms in South Africa, owns 51 million shares which represents a 43 per cent stake in the US-based titanium-dioxide producer.

The company said it planned to grant the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 2.4 million shares at the public offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions. It also said that the offering was subject to market

and other conditions.

"There can be no assurance as to whether or when the offering may be completed, or as to the actual size or terms of the offering," Exxaro said.

Cape Town-based Cadiz Corporate Solutions Director Peter Major described the proposed offering as good news for the company.

Major said while he had not yet seen

the details, the transaction would correct value destroyed by directors since Exxaro listed in late 2006.

"The whole Tronox saga was not good at all for the South African mineral sands assets put into it. Exxaro had no control over Tronox, nor the assets they placed into it," said Major.

"They don't control Kumba either - but at least it is well managed by long-experienced South Africans and pays good dividends. One has to ask oneself - what if Exxaro had just kept and managed the assets it originally had and paid out dividends from excess cash flow, instead of all the value destructive wheeling and dealing we saw these past 10 years? So sad! Where are all those directors now?"

The company in March flagged that it was exploring alternatives for monetisation of its sharehold-

ing in Tronox through an efficient staged sales approach in the second half of this year.

The company reportedly did not rule out returning a portion of the proceeds from the sale of its R11.82 billion stake in Tronox to shareholders.

Exxaro Finance Director Riaan Kopperschaar said at the time that the company would consider distributing part of the proceeds from the sale to shareholder.

"Yes, we might. Everything will be in the pot. We will have to look at the (capital expenditure) programme, what money will be going to the (black economic empowerment) transaction. At the end of the day, it is about capital allocation."

Exxaro shares rose 4.99 per cent on the JSE yesterday to close at R131.85.

- Business Report

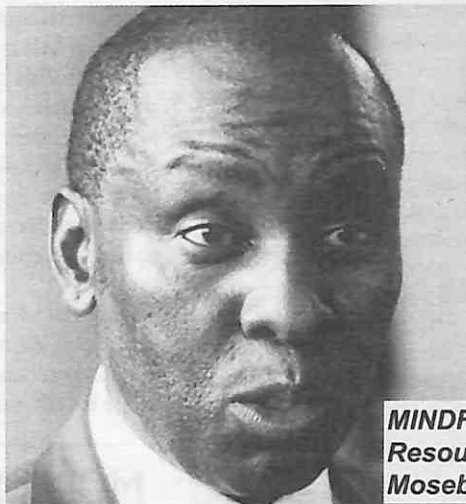
## GOVT 'VERY MINDFUL' OF INVESTORS, SAYS ZWANE

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's government is open to talks over the country's much-criticised Mining Charter but the industry must do more to benefit the black majority, Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane said.

The mining industry, represented by the Chamber of Mines, has rejected the government's new rules, saying extra levies and black-economic empowerment requirements threaten to curb the appeal of investing in projects. A judicial review of the legislation is scheduled to be held in December, in which Zwane must justify the new measures to a bench of judges. The charter, which was published in the Government Gazette in June, is "a living document that's the subject of the court," Zwane said in a speech in Johannesburg on Tuesday.

"As government and this department, our doors are always open to listen to the people of South Africa - business, labour, communities, investors. We are very mindful of the interest of investors in our country."

Though he's open to talks, Zwane said mining companies must not seek to do the job of government. "I listen, then I



**MINDFUL:** Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane.

go back and produce legislation," he said. "Don't help me to produce legislation. You are not legislation producers, you are business people."

Chief among the chamber's concerns is a rule requiring mines to be 30 per cent black-owned in perpetuity. That would lead to shareholder dilution because many companies already sold 26 per cent stakes to black investors at preferential rates in the 2000s to comply with previous rules, believing it was a one-time deal, detractors say.

Other concerns include a 1 per cent levy on revenue that must be paid black investors before other shareholder dividends, and increased local procurement targets.

"We recognise the contribution" that the industry has made to improving the lives of black South Africans after the country ended white-minority rule in 1994, Zwane said.

"Is it enough? I'm sure we'll agree a lot more needs to be done."

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## Sasfin hopes for a SIPP of big success with acquisition

DURBAN - Sasfin Holdings has entered into an agreement to acquire SIPP Investments for an undisclosed amount.

Sasfin said the purchase would be integrated into the Sasfin Wealth suite of products and solutions over the coming months.

Sasfin Holdings Executive Director Michael Sassoon said the acquisition, still subject to regulatory approval by the SA Reserve Bank, would provide Sasfin Wealth with an additional suite of financial solutions, including an additional range of



**SUCCESS:** Sasfin Chief Executive Roland Sassoon presents the company results in Johannesburg.

managed personal portfolios as well as in-house tax efficient wrappers, such as retirement annuities, preservation funds.

"It further provides Sasfin Wealth with a host of digital

tools as well as independent financial advisers to service their clients more effectively and efficiently," Sassoon said. SIPP primarily markets its solutions and tools to independent financial advisers.

Sassoon said Sasfin Wealth would continue to look at exploratory opportunities for bolt-on acquisitions. SIPP's offering includes retirement annuities, preservation funds, tax-free savings account, direct exchange-traded fund portfolio and group retirement annuities.

Last month, Sasfin Wealth delivered a disappointing set of numbers for the year-end to June reporting headline earnings had decreased 51.91 per cent to R36.75 million as a result of the mark-to-market loss on its investment in Efficient. - Business Report

## Weak rand takes a dollar hammering

JOHANNESBURG - The resurgent dollar yesterday saw the rand continue its downward trend with the demand for the local currency dampened by disappointing data which showed a R13 billion budget deficit for August, spiking fears that further credit downgrades were looming.

The local unit weakened nearly a per cent against the greenback and was bid at R13.6842 as it struggled to find its footing amid deteriorating sentiment. In intra-day trade, the rand reached a more than five months low of R13.76 against the dollar. The slumber of the rand follows negative sentiment that emerging market currencies were expected to suffer in a climate of renewed dollar strength. Investec analysts said that outflows from bonds had been particularly impactful.

"The problem for South Africa is that it remains one of the standout recipients of hot money flows, which render it vulnerable to a turn in sentiment either local or abroad. At the moment it is a combination of both, which makes it difficult for the rand to withstand the poor sentiment and it has weakened," Investec said. "Although the domestic funda-

mentals continue to suggest that the rand has yet to reach its terminal inflection point, there is no question that political developments have detracted from the overall performance of the local unit and will likely continue doing so to the end of the year."

The Institute of International Finance report on capital flows to emerging markets yesterday said that prospects for capital flows in South Africa going forward hinged on both global market conditions and local developments. Last week the rand opened at R13.33 to the dollar, and then weakened to R13.63 on the back of increased prospects of a future US interest rate hike.

The dollar rose by a per cent last week, its best week of the year. The US Federal Reserve Bank's Federal Open Market Committee, which set US interest rates last week, sprung a surprise in its September policy meeting when it left the rate unchanged against the market expectation of a balance sheet reduction programme. The committee instead took a surprising hawkish monetary tone and indicated confidence in the US economy, signalling the possibility of another rate hike before the end of 2017 - and three more hikes in 2018. - Business Report





## BRIEFS

## Defence casts doubt on case against suspect

WASHINGTON - Defence attorneys are trying to cast doubts on prosecutors' case against the suspected mastermind of the 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya, that killed the US ambassador and three other Americans. Tuesday was the second day of Ahmed Abu Khattala's trial in a federal court in Washington. His attorneys questioned a diplomatic security agent about how local Libyan forces working for the Americans failed to defend the US diplomatic compounds. **AP**

## Victory for gender identity

GABORONE - In a legal first for Botswana, the country's High Court has ruled that a transgender man should be allowed to hold official documents that reflect his gender identity. The judgment is a huge victory for transgender people in Botswana, who face considerable challenges when their gender identity is not reflected in official papers. The applicant who brought the case was assigned female at birth, but self-identifies as a man. The court found that by refusing to change the man's gender on his identity document, Botswana's Registrar of National Registration had violated several of his basic human rights. **AllAfrica**

## Killing ritual

ABUJA - Nine-month-old David drops to his knees, crawls toward a bottle of milk on the counter and begins to whimper. A young lady picks him up and rests him on her hips. "David," she says. "Are you a hungry boy?" David coos and grins. "What about Davida? Is she hungry?" Davida is sleeping on one of the dozens of cots that line the yellow walls in the nursery. David and his twin sister, Davida, have been branded evil by his community, the Kaida village on the outskirts of the Nigerian capital, Abuja. **AllAfrica**

## Clerics urged to foster peace in families

RWANDA - Methode and Mary Kamanzi have eight children; three are their biological, two adopted and three are foster children. The foster children will be taken care of until they are old enough to lead own lives. Mary says her family is not financially well-off but believes that "irrespective of financial status of a home, a child is better off growing in a family setup than living on street or in orphanage." And this, she says, has inspired their passion to give the once-wandering kids a "home to thrive" from. **AllAfrica**

## Defence minister resigns

BAMAKO - Dutch Defence Minister Jeanine Hennis resigned late Tuesday in the wake of a damning report over the death of two soldiers killed in an accidental mortar explosion in Mali last year. "I am politically responsible and am taking that responsibility," Hennis told the lower house of Parliament in The Hague. "I resign as minister and will ask His Majesty the King for my immediate release," she said after more than four hours of parliamentary debate over the deaths of the two men who served as UN peacekeepers in the troubled west African state. **AFP**



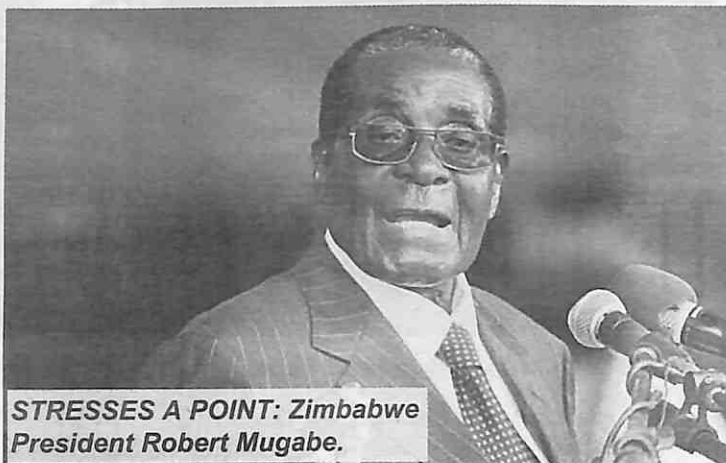
# SA, ZIM MUST WORK TOGETHER TO FIGHT CYBER ATTACKS - MUGABE

PRETORIA - Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe has urged his country and South Africa to stand together to protect their economies against cyber attacks.

During his opening remarks at the annual Bi-National Commission between South Africa and Zimbabwe held in Pretoria, Mugabe said cyber attacks were being used as a means to undermine the economies of the two countries and that this should be guarded against.

"I think together we should protect our economies from those trying to destroy them," said Mugabe.

Zimbabwean Minister of Defence Sydney Sekeramayi said at the forefront of the cyber attacks were the British. "Regime change is an agen-



STRESSES A POINT: Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.

da that is being pursued very vigorously by the British," said Sekeramayi.

"They have always been fighting

against ZANU-PF."

Sekeramayi said cyber attacks were a global problem being suffered by countries including China,

the US and Russia.

"So you get a situation where every country is taking the necessary precautionary measures so that they are able to identify where cyber attacks are originating from and what measures can be taken to neutralise them."

"So as Zimbabwe we are also in the process of now building that machinery that is able to identify and neutralise those attacks."

He added that while the biggest threat to the Zimbabwean economy, recently, has been sanctions and companies and investors leaving because of the country's land reform programme, the economy was now under threat because of cyber attacks. **AFP**

## #TAJAMUKA SPOKESPERSON QUILTS AFTER EMBEZZLEMENT CLAIMS

HARARE - Zimbabwean Tajamuka/Sesijikile lobby group spokesperson Promise Mkwanzani quit following allegations of donor fund embezzlement, the group confirmed on Monday.

The Tajamuka/Sesijikile pressure group has been lobbying for President Robert Mugabe to be ousted.

"We want to inform stockholders of the campaign and all progressive activists that Promise Mkwanzani voluntarily decided to temporarily recuse himself from the task as #Tajamuka/Sesijikile campaign spokesperson to allow allegations levelled against him to be investigated," a statement by the pressure group read.

"However, he will continue to participate in campaigns activities.

We welcome this noble decision that detaches the young peoples' campaign from potential jeopardy. We applaud Mkwanzani for leading by example."

The pressure group spokesperson stood accused of misappropriating funds meant for their activities.

He was said to have personalised a Subaru vehicle, which was reportedly donated for their activities as well.

Tajamuka said they would soon probe the allegations.

"A five-member committee (comprising three women) chaired by a legal practitioner will be set within five days

to allow Mkwanzani to answer to the allegations," the group said.

"The report shall be tabled before the general meeting."

Mkwanzani confirmed stepping down, saying: "Following serious allegations being levelled against me by Fadziso Doyce nee Jena, I am temporarily recusing myself from the position of Tajamuka spokesperson to save the movement from my personal troubles and to take time to clear my name and allow my colleagues to take a look at the allegations.

"I will continue to serve and participate in Tajamuka activities, but no longer in the capacity of its spokesperson."

**African News Agency**

## Boris Johnson under fire for 'dead bodies' Libya gaffe

MANCHESTER - British Foreign Minister Boris Johnson came under fire on Tuesday for saying Libya could become a magnet for tourists and investors - if it can "clear the dead bodies away" first.

Reflecting on his August visit to Libya, strife-torn since a war and the eventual toppling of longtime dictator Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, Johnson said British businesses wanted to invest in the city of Sirte.

"They have got a brilliant vision to turn Sirte into the next Dubai," he told Conservatives attending the party's annual conference in Manchester, talking up its "bone-white sands, beautiful sea" and "brilliant young people".

"The only thing they have got to do is clear the dead bodies away," he added, before laughing. Johnson's political career has been characterised by outspoken comments and personal controversy, which have won voters unbelievably crass and insensitive from the European Union. **AFP**

## Rwanda charges president's critic with insurrection

KIGALI - Rwandan prosecutors said on Tuesday that a prominent critic of President Paul Kagame had been charged with inciting insurrection against the state as well as other offences.

Provisional detention was requested for Diane Rwigara, who was blocked from challenging Kagame in August's presidential election, as well as for her mother Adeline Rwigara and her sister Anne Rwigara. "The charges include forgery of

documents and signature counterfeiting by Diane, sectarian practices by Adeline Rwigara and inciting insurrection for all the three," a spokesman for the state prosecutor's office, Faustin Nkusi, told AFP.

Diane Rwigara has said they were questioned by police almost daily in the first three weeks of last month, before being detained for questioning on September 22.

There was no mention of allegations of tax evasion, which had been

raised previously.

In an interview with AFP just before her detention last month, Rwigara said she was a victim of political persecution "for standing against oppression and speaking my mind."

Other critics and opposition figures have also been detained in recent weeks in what observers say is a post-election crackdown on dissent.

**AFP**



ARRESTED: Diane Rwigara.



# Focus on SA scene

## Hawks anti-corruption commander arrested for theft

**MBOMBELA** - An anti-corruption commander has been suspended amid allegations that he stole over R400 000 cash from different suspects during operations, the Hawks said on Wednesday.

Captain Richard Nkwanyana, 48, handed himself over in Middelburg on Monday, October 2, after a protracted investigation, said Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi.

The National Intervention Unit, which was deployed to Mpumalanga in May 2016, apparently seized two cash amounts from two different suspects.

Both cases, involving cash amounts of R232 400 and R164 500, were transferred to the Hawks for further investigation.

"There was no evidence which linked both suspects to the suspected cash seizures. The two alleged suspects sought the intervention of private lawyers to retrieve their cash and these were granted by the Nelspruit Magistrate Court."

It transpired that the money had apparently vanished.

Nkwanyana, who took responsibility to safeguard the cash, gave different statements.



**SPOKE OUT:** Acting Hawks head, Lieutenant-General Yolisa Matakata.

After an investigation in Mpumalanga, it emerged that a further R43 000 was also said to be missing from a total of R118 800 cash seized from a suspect, that was supposed to be forfeited to the State. Nkwanyana appeared briefly in the Nelspruit Magistrate's Court this week on charges of theft and defeating the ends of justice. He was released on R5 000 bail and barred from entering any Hawks offices.

He was expected in court again on

October 17.

Acting Hawks head, Lieutenant-General Yolisa Matakata warned that unethical actions of a few members would not be tolerated. She said the presence of corruption was "like a cancer eating out the very heart" of the Hawks.

"The fight against corruption must be fulsome, total and unrelenting and hence I have ordered that the member be suspended immediately."

*News24*

## MK vets call all-inclusive conference

**JOHANNESBURG** - The ANC has attracted "opportunists and careerists" into its ranks.

Members see their membership as a means to advance personal ambition to attain power and access to resources.

This is contained in a discussion document to be presented by former UmKhonto we Sizwe (MK) combatants at an all-inclusive conference in Nasrec, Soweto, this weekend.

The former combatants, who include General Sphiwe Nyanda and Deputy Minister of Justice and Correctional Services Thabang Makwetla, are challenging the legitimacy of the UmKhonto we Sizwe Military Veterans Association (MKMVA) conference which saw Kebby Maphatsoe - one of President Jacob Zuma's allies - re-elected the association's leader in June.

That conference discussed the ANC's policy documents and how to empower ordinary people economically.

"The opportunists and careerists joined the ANC not because they believed in its policies and upheld its values, but because it created the possibility to access positions of state power," the document says.

"These positions would then be

abused for self-enrichment and otherwise to promote the interests of opportunists and careerists, against the interests of the ordinary working people."

The report cites careerism as one of the negative features that have emerged within the ANC in the past three years.

"In reality, during the last three years, we have found it difficult to deal with such careerists in a decisive manner."

"We have also seen the emergence of elitism among some of our members." The former MK combatants argue that there is also the emergence of the use of lies and fabrications by members of the ANC to promote their political objectives.

"This goes together with the regular practice of leaks to the media in an effort to create a public climate favourable to the interests of those who use misinformation as their organisational tool."

The document is proposing urgent action against ANC leaders, members and public officials who are facing damaging allegations of improper conduct. The document also points out that the scramble for positions in the state machinery has encouraged indiscipline in the ANC. *SowetanLive*

## Song, dance as churches pray for 'troubled' South Africa

**PRETORIA** - An interdenominational prayer service was held at the Union Buildings in Pretoria on Tuesday, in an initiative called the "Garden Prayer for the South African Nation and Government", where hundreds of people prayed together, calling for divine intervention in the country.

One of the event organisers Pastor Frank Booysen said believers from Gauteng, Eastern Cape, Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal had gathered to pray.

"We are called by God to pray — to pray for the nation, to pray for our government, to pray for justice and righteousness in our country. We are also called to pray for the church community. There is a reason why there is the structure of a church in the community," Booysen said speaking to reporters.

"We have decided to come and pray at the Union Buildings. Why the Union Buildings? Because it is the highest office in the land. The President [Jacob Zuma] and the Deputy President [Cyril Ramaphosa] sit in these offices."

Booyesen said plans are afloat to make the interracial prayer ser-



vice an annual gathering.

"We are planning to have this as an annual event, by the grace of God, so that we all have a calendar date where we come together and remind our beloved country that we can all fulfil the roles and mandates that we have been called to," he said.

Another organiser, Nthabiseng Moeketsi said the believers gathered in Pretoria because of the love of their country deeply.

"This is an initiative organised by women. We are telling the Lord that women are being raped, there are drugs, there is child abuse, and shootings happening at schools. Here is a nation in trouble, and we are asking for the Lord to intervene and help us. We are going to continue to pray about this in our provinces, in our homes. This gathering today has kicked off a prayer movement," she said.

*African News Agency*

## Wits University drops KPMG

**JOHANNESBURG** - Wits University announced in a statement yesterday that it would be dropping KPMG as its auditor.

This comes in the wake of the fallout from revelations about unethical dealings between KPMG and Gupta-linked companies, and the withdrawal of KPMG's forensic audit into the SARS 'rogue unit' that was partially blamed

for the firing of then finance minister Pravin Gordhan.

Much of KPMG's local leadership resigned in the wake of the scandal, but new CEO Nhlanhla Dlamini, who promised that the company would be more transparent going forward, has seemed unable to stem the tide of KPMG clients seeking a new auditing partner.

Munich Re's Africa division and Sasfin

bank have ditched KPMG.

The university's Council "resolved at its meeting on Friday, September 29, not to renew contracts with KPMG for internal auditing and risk management services once the respective contracts lapse at the end of the 2017 financial year," the statement noted.

"Members of the Council Audit and Council Risk committees deliberated long and hard on the presentations made by KPMG. *eNCA*

## 'STARK CONTRAST BETWEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVANTAGED, DISADVANTAGED UNIVERSITIES'

**EAST LONDON** - A donation of 25 000 books valued at R12.5m to the Walter Sisulu University will contribute to levelling the playing field for students at previously disadvantaged institutions, NSFAS chairperson Sizwe Nxasana said.

In a statement, the former chief executive of Telkom SA said he made the donation to help overcome some of the challenges within the country's higher education sector.

"Institutions like Walter Sisulu University have undergone major transformation since 1994, but still lack much-needed support to match the standards of more advantaged tertiary institutions, they are not 'previously' disadvantaged, but, still to this day, disadvantaged," Nxasana said. "While the challenges are great, the will to succeed is greater and I am



**BRIDGING THE GAP:** Arts and Culture Minister Paul Mashatile and Sizwe Nxasana pose at the Future Nation School book fair in Lyndhurst.

very confident that Africa is on the cusp of a revolution in education."

Nxasana received an honorary doctorate from the Walter Sisulu University in 2016.

He donated the books to the university at the Future Nation Schools book fair in Lyndhurst, Gauteng, on Saturday. *News24*



# AUTONOMOUS TWO-SEATER PASSENGER DRONE COMPLETES FIRST MANNED FLIGHT

**CALIFORNIA** - Passenger Drone can be piloted manually or passengers can simply select their destination, sit back and relax, as the drone takes control.

Flight testing of the vertical take off and landing (VTOL) craft began in early May and for the last few months it has undergone intensive assessments.

Experts at the company, based in California, used different simulated payload weights, engine failures and control modes, before field testing began.

It was then put through its paces without a pilot onboard and, following successful testing, in August 2017 the first manned flights took place.

Footage of the first flight, which was around two to three miles (roughly four km), was released this week as part of the product's official launch.

In a written statement, a company spokesman said: "On-demand aviation and manned drones has the potential to radically transform how we get from place to place, and to restore precious lost family and personal time to commuters worldwide.

"Overall, the lower cost and improved flexibility provided by aerial drone technology may afford compelling solutions for individuals, businesses or governments worldwide.

"Passenger Drone is excited and passionate about the potential benefits, and

positive impact VTOL urban air transportation can offer."

Equipped with 16 electric engines, the firm says Passenger Drone is a low-noise, high-speed, and economical mean of transportation with zero emissions.

Its engine system is less complex than most quad-copters, which the firm says provides enhanced safety, performance, greater payload and range.

It also claims it produces less noise than other models already available on the marketplace.

The vehicle's structure is composed of lightweight and strong carbon fibre composites, especially created for Passenger Drone.

The avionics, stability systems and electrical control systems have been custom designed, especially for the company.

Passenger Drone's internal communications are transmitted through fibre optics.

With the exception of the main power cables, there are no other wires in the entire aircraft.

From the connection between the control joystick, main control CPU, engine controllers and the navigation screens, everything is communicated by light.

This is designed to ensure the safety, reliability, and security of the drone.

The 16 individual rotors are all powered separately to enhance stability,

cohesion, and redundancy.

Its creators believe that social and economic benefits of such a vehicle are numerous.

In cities around the world, traffic congestion costs commuters millions of hours every year and billions in lost productivity.

The average travel time to work in the United States is 25.4 minutes, representing almost an hour every day, and just under two weeks annually.

## Congestion

In 2016, the total cost of congestion to all drivers in the US was £226 billion (\$300 billion) including environmental costs, according to Passenger Drone.

That total is expected to rise by 50 per cent over the next 15 years.

In many global megacities, the situation is far worse.

Over time, many firms believe that VTOLs could have the potential to become the go-to form of daily transportation, surpassing that of owning a car.

Air travel has historically been seen as an expensive proposition, due in great part to the small volume of production in the aerospace industry.

Mass production of vehicles like the Passenger Drone could potentially revolutionise transport methods in the future.

*Daily Mail*



**ONLY TWO:** The vehicle's structure is composed of lightweight and strong carbon fibre composites, specially created for Passenger Drone. It can carry up to two passengers at a time.



**STABILITY:** The avionics, stability systems and electrical control systems have been custom designed especially for the company. (*Daily Mail*)



**PILOTLESS:** It was then put through its paces without a pilot onboard before a first manned flight was conducted. This image shows how the information displayed mid flight might appear.

## PASSENGER DRONE SPECIFICATIONS

**Empty Weight (including batteries):**

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(360kg)

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# World News

## Macron fights 'president of the rich' tag after ending wealth tax

PARIS - President Emmanuel Macron fought off accusations of favouring the rich on Tuesday after making good on a campaign pledge to scrap France's wealth tax - a symbol of social justice that has scared off thousands of millionaires from French shores.

Macron's move to replace the tax with a levy targeting only real estate in last week's 2018 budget was used by political opponents to brand him the "president of the rich", a label the ex-Rothschild banker has been struggling to shake off since taking office in May.

In a visit to a Whirlpool factory in his native town of Amiens, scene of a showdown six months ago with his then far-right challenger Marine Le Pen in the presidential election contest, Macron defended the policy.

"It's all well and good to want to spread the wealth, but you first need to produce, to create wealth before redistributing, that's how it works," he told journalists.

After many European countries abolished their own, France was left as the only EU member with a wealth tax, a charge introduced by the Socialists in the 1980s which were levied on individuals with assets above 1.3 million euros (R20.52 million).

That led to thousands of rich French families to move to countries such as Belgium to avoid paying the tax, including most famously 'Green Card' actor Gerard Depardieu and members of the Mulliez family, owners of the Auchan supermarket chain.

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe has estimated some 10 000 people with 35 billion euros worth of assets left in the past 15 years.

But coming after the government's decision to cut a housing allowance enjoyed by millions of poorer French people, the move on the wealth tax - which will cost the treasury 3.2 billion euros in lost revenue - has sparked outrage in opposition ranks.

Reuters

## BRAZIL COPS BUST TUNNEL INTENDED FOR \$317M BANK HEIST

SAO PAULO - Brazilian police say they have foiled a bank heist plot in which would-be robbers dug a 500m tunnel to a Sao Paulo branch of government-owned Banco do Brazil.

The Sao Paulo state Public Safety Department said on Tuesday in a statement that agents had been monitoring the gang for three months but only discovered the tunnel on Monday.

By then the tunnel was complete. But police arrested 16 suspects before they could pull off the heist.

They allegedly told officers they had hoped to steal the equivalent of \$317m.

Investigator Fabio Pinheiro Lopes said the gang spent \$1.27m to build the tunnel from a rented home nearby.

Twelve years ago, a different gang tunneled into a bank vault in Fortaleza and made away with \$70m in Brazilian reals.

AP

## TRUMP PRAISES PUERTO RICAN, US OFFICIALS

SAN JUAN - US President Donald Trump has praised Puerto Rican and US officials for their efforts in dealing with the damage caused by Hurricane Maria.

Trump is on a mission to reassure residents their well-being matters to him.

San Juan's Mayor, Carmen Yulin Cruz has repeatedly accused Trump of showing insufficient concern for the US territory.

In response, Trump took to Twitter a few days ago to criticise Cruz's poor leadership skills.

While he shook hands with Cruz on arrival, he was full of praise for local and federal authorities.

"We've saved a lot of lives - every death is a horror - but if you look at a real catastrophe like Katrina and you look at the



**BYE:** US President Donald Trump waves to reporters as he and first lady Melania Trump arrive to board Air Force One for travel to Puerto Rico, to survey hurricane damage, from Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. (eCNSA)

tremendous hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people that died and you look at what happened here with really a storm that was just totally overpowering - nobody's ever seen anything like this - and what is your death count as of this

moment, 17? 16 people certified. 16 people versus in the thousands. You can be very proud of all of your people, all of our people working together," said US President Donald Trump.

eNCA

**DONE:** New photos show Vegas shooter's dead body on the floor of his hotel room after he committed suicide (centre). In the photo, Stephen Paddock (top right inset)

wears a brown long-sleeved top, black slacks, loafers, and black gloves. Next to his body are two assault rifles, one of them set up on a bipod and one with a 'bump stock' added to make it effectively fully automatic. Dozens of spent shells litter the floor and in one corner magazines sit in neat stacks (top left). A hammer is also seen, which Paddock presumably used to smash open two windows in his suite. It was from both of those vantage points that Paddock fired on a crowd of 22 000 attending a music festival. He killed at least 58 people and injured 527 in the attack - the deadliest in US history. (AFP)



## US EXPELS 15 CUBAN DIPLOMATS FOLLOWING MYSTERIOUS ATTACKS

WASHINGTON - The United States ordered the expulsion of 15 Cuban diplomats on Tuesday, accusing Havana of failing to protect their American counterparts from harm in a series of attacks on their health.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said, however, that Washington would maintain diplomatic relations even though the size of the US mission in Havana

would be reduced to a minimum. "Until the government of Cuba can ensure the safety of our diplomats in Cuba, our embassy will be reduced to emergency personnel to minimise the number of diplomats at risk of exposure to harm," he said.

"This order will ensure equity in our respective diplomatic operations," he said.

Cuba's Foreign Minister Bruno

Rodriguez Parrilla said he would protest the order - which he branded "unjustified... unfounded and unacceptable" -- but did not immediately threaten further tit-for-tat action.

"By these politically motivated and thoughtless actions, the US government is responsible for the current and possibly future deterioration of bilateral relations," he said.

AFP

## BRIEFS

### US admin backs Tillerson's effort

WASHINGTON - Pentagon chief Jim Mattis tried to clear up doubts about the US administration's North Korea strategy on Tuesday, backing Secretary of State Rex Tillerson's effort to find a diplomatic solution to the nuclear stand-off. Defence Secretary Mattis was speaking two days after President Donald Trump appeared to undermine his top diplomat by saying Tillerson was "wasting his time" by maintaining contacts with Kim Jong-Un's regime. State Department officials insist Trump was not criticizing Tillerson, but pressuring Kim Jong-Un's regime to agree to discuss its disarmament while a diplomatic option remains on the table. AFP

### Funeral director accused

EAST STROUDSBURG - A Pennsylvania funeral director already facing charges of taking photos with corpses to gross out her friends and relatives is facing new charges of evidence tampering. The Monroe County district attorney's office alleges Angelielgha (an-jah-LEE'-ah) Stewart deleted four images from her Google photos account during an ongoing investigation. Prosecutors say two of the photos were selfies with bodies in the background and two were of the faces of dead people. Stewart previously was charged with abuse of a corpse and marijuana possession. AP

### Child falls through manhole

NEW YORK —

A nine-year-old western New York girl who broke her ankle after falling through an open manhole into the sewer 12 feet below yelled for help for an hour before a passer-by heard her. Captain Daniel O'Leary of the Buffalo Fire Department tells WKBW-TV the girl was trapped in a foot of rushing water after falling through the open hole while walking to school in Buffalo around 07:30 on Tuesday. He says crews lowered a ladder, and she was able to climb out. It's unknown why the hole was not covered. A spokesperson for the city says crews weren't doing sewer work in the area. AP



### Mother accused of killing daughter

GLENWOOD — A southwestern Iowa mother accused of giving her eight-year-old daughter fatal amounts of an antidepressant drug is set to stand trial in December. Mills County court records say 34-year-old Misty Frazier, has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder, child endangerment and giving prescription drugs to a minor without a prescription. The trial is set to begin on December 12 for the Glenwood resident. AP

### Builder 'had films of beheaded women'

COPENHAGEN - Videos of women being decapitated alive have been found on the hard drive of a maverick Danish inventor accused of murdering a Swedish journalist aboard his homemade submarine, the prosecutor said on Tuesday.

Accused of Kim Wall's death and desecrating her body by throwing it overboard, self-taught engineer Peter Madsen appeared in court where his custody was extended until October 31. AFP





WITH: Majaha Nkonyane

## CHURCH NEWS



## Sympathetic High Priest

WE have "a great high priest" who sympathises with the weaknesses of a wife and mother, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:14-15). He is the one who bears the failures and weaknesses of his bride.

Jesus' experience with the spectrum of sin and his infinite compassion makes him fully able to relate to the busy demands of wives and mothers. He knows what it's like to be grapes breaking and squirting out sweet wine.

He was moulded and shaped on the path of obedience to his Father. His role as teacher and healer was difficult and taxing on his time and energy.

Primarily the breaking of Jesus was at the cross, but we overlook his daily breaking in his itinerant ministry work. Every day he broke



himself through denial to meet the needs of others. All throughout the daily tasks before him that led to Calvary the Son operated out of his intimate and rest-filled relationship with the Father. **Luke 5:15-16** says,

But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great

crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

In the Gospels we can see a pattern of Jesus getting away from the crowds and disciples who would be looking for him. Jesus wasn't

getting away to get some quality "me" time, but was seeking his Father through prayer. Jesus in his humanity could grow tired like us, he would most likely be drained from his ministry work, and he knew Golgotha was before him. His true need for strength was found in intimacy with God. In the same way, we need to draw from the wellspring of God's reserves of grace for us through prayer and the word.

This is how we open ourselves up for the ministry of the Spirit to work in us.

The Spirit uses our daily pressing trials to minister to us our need for grace, but also provides the grace through prayer, so we can endure to the end in his power.

We must position ourselves to receive from the Spirit, just like Jesus did with God the Father. The cross was the culmination of Jesus' daily grind. In the end — when Jesus' body was crushed on a tree — it poured forth the sweet wine of redemptive blood (**Isaiah 53:5-10**). Christ was crushed so

## "One Heart one way"

Theme: Being Together with the People of God

The Methodist Church in Swaziland will be having an annual regional service at St Pauls Methodist Church, Fairview Manzini on Sunday the October 8 2017 starting 0900hrs. This service combines the three Circuits in Swaziland that is Mahamba Circuit, Hhohho Wesley Circuit and Central Swaziland Circuit.

Over the years the three Circuits have been working in isolation and reporting to the District but this service seeks to unite the Methodist Church in Swaziland. Such a service started last year 2016 at Mahamba and it will rotate with the three Circuits on a yearly basis, every second Sunday of October of each year has been chosen to be the day of this Regional service.

This is a Methodist service but open to every Swazi citizen to come and worship with the Weslians on the day. Reverend V.M. Dlamini of Mahamba Circuit will be ministering the word of God on the day whilst the energetic Hhohho Wesley Superintendent Rev. M. Mdakane who doubles as the regional convener will be directing proceedings.



## VERSE OF THE DAY

24 Truly, truly, I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a seed; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

25 Whoever loves his life will lose it, but whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life....

John 12:24-25

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**Thursdays - Mid-week**  
Service 6:30-8:00pm  
**Sundays - Teachings**  
9:30-10:30am  
**Main Service**  
10:30am - 1pm  
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Tuesdays - Prayer  
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Prayer:  
1800hrs - 2000hrs  
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Month  
Family Fellowship:  
1800hrs - 2000hrs  
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6-8pm  
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Prayer 9am  
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(Lobamba, Esitjeni on  
you way to Mlilwane)

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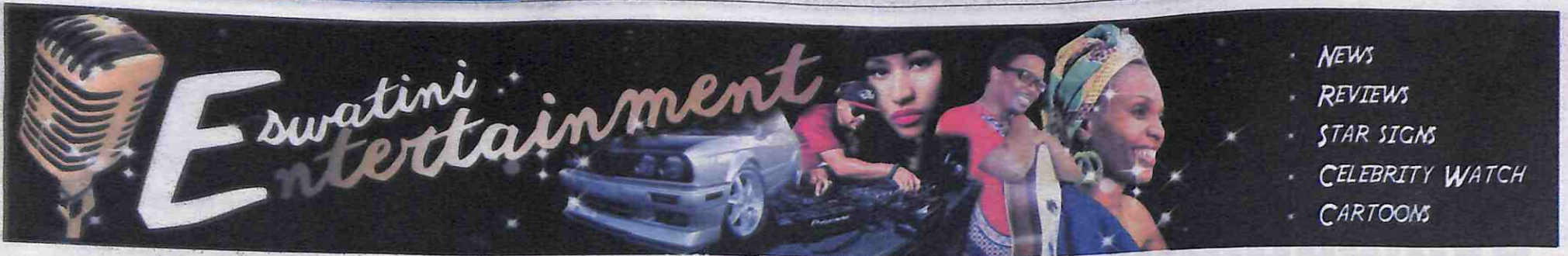
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## THASA IN MONEY SCAM, AGAIN

● Jay Follen claims to have approached the stable with the sole intention of doing a track with an artist signed under the stable but when all had been settled, Thasa then sang a different tune, making the young Follen lose faith in the deal

By Lusito Tsela

**THE storm never passes for entertainment stable Thasa Group as they are now being accused of scamming young upcoming artist Jay Follen.**

Previously, the agency was accused of conning UK based Swazi music distributor King Siso who owns Langalam.com, an online music distribution platform.

Follen claims to have approached the stable with the sole intention of doing a track with an artist signed under the stable but when all had been settled, Thasa then sang a different tune, making the young Follen lose faith in the deal.

Follen said he approached Thasa as he was mainly interested in collaborating with RnB crooner Tiyas.

Thabo Christian Sishwashwa, who apparently plays the role of being the award winning artist's manager, took care of all the

money related paperwork and even offered the young Follen a discount for collaborating with Tiyas.

Initially Follen was supposed to pay a total of E3 000 but due to financial constraints as he is still a scholar, he was then given E2 000 as his final figure.

This amount, the youngster managed to pay and that kicked off the recording processes but down the road, Thasa then again sang a different tune; giving the youngster another bill for studio time.

### Deal

This new E700 bill did not go down well with the youngster as they had not discussed it prior to the recording, which then made him (Jay Follen) want out of the deal, taking with him the song.

"When I approached Sishwashwa for my track, he told me to pay E550 for mastering the track which was not something we agreed upon," he said.

The youngster elaborated "when Tiyas found out what had happened, he gave me the share he got from the vocals

which was E1 000 however, Sishwashwa has been avoiding my calls and playing hide



**CITED: Thabo Christian Sishwashwa.**

and seek, as up to now he still has not given me my balance."

Follen said what Thasa Group is doing was not fair as they have been ripping off artists and giving them false hope, thus destroying the industry and it was about time the law took its place.

Follen revealed that he had been waiting for his money for so long and Sishwashwa had been making empty promises.

Sishwashwa confirmed knowledge of the matter, but alleged that Follen did not want to pay mastering fees which led to Thasa Group falling out.

He said the deal between the two did not materialise and they gave him the deposit of E1 000 back.

Sishwashwa claimed his reason for not paying the young rapper was because he was out of the country but would soon sort him out, in the next two weeks.

He also lamented the fact that Follen had now ran to the media as he said he (Follen) is one of the artists who took Swazi Jive's side and they were working tirelessly to tarnish his image.

Worth noting, however, is that the song that is now the bone of contention between the two (Jay Follen and Thasa Group) was recorded at Swazi Jive studios.

## Judah releases inspirational 'Ngohamba' single

By Lusito Tsela

**SONGWRITER and versatile singer, Judah has released an inspirational single titled 'Ngohamba.'**

The singer made the announcement that his single would be officially released this week at the 'Three Kings of Funny' performance on Friday.

"The track is basically an inspirational song which sets it apart from my other songs because I sing mostly about love, however, 'Ngohamba' speaks to the heart," he said.

With lyrics such as '*khululeka nhlitiyo, kusemhlabeni la, tsembe kutawulunga, ngiphokophele embili, emuva angeke, ngohamba. Ngohamba is truly an inspirational song.*'

"As people we have gone through a lot, incurring debts, killing each other and how the economy is not good, 'Ngohamba' is saying despite all that we can get ourselves together and keep on moving to just build ourselves and a better country which is my motivation behind this song," he said.

The singer also said he was ready for what might be his big break in the music industry through the man-

agement deal he has signed with Leserato Events.

"I have recently signed a management deal with Leserato Events and I am very excited about it, especially the fact that they will be managing me full time now and I believe in God, which is why I believe He is preparing me for something bigger as with Him on my side there are better opportunities. On the other hand, am looking forward to seeing what Leserato have in store for me," he said.

Judah said his fans should expect great music which has a taste of soulful, jazz and very appealing to the ear.

Judah will also be performing at the 'Gospel meets

jazz' slated for October 14.

He urged music lovers to attend the show as they will have a great time of a fusion of jazz and gospel music.

Speaking of a great time in music, Judah congratulated rapper Illa Penboy for a great time he gave fun lovers at the 'Gcwalisa Mogambo' show this past weekend.

"Swazi artists must unite so we work together to develop the music industry in the country rather than looking down upon each other," he advised.



**NEW SONG: Judah.**

## SA's Reason, Mandisa for Emfuleni Lifestyle

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**SOUTH African rapper, Reason who introduced Swazis to an impeccable level of hip hop at the MTN Bushfire in May, is set to return to the country on October 29.**

This was confirmed by DJ Master P's manager, who is responsible for the rapper's show in the country.

The rapper is set to perform alongside equally talented local stars; Mozaik, King Terry Master P and award winning rapper 80 Script.

The only cherry on-top of this juicy line-up is MTN SWAMA Award nominee, Mandisa Mamba.

The former model will by then have a brand new single to render on the day.

According to a source, the song will be titled 'Party.' Reason

is a South African born rapper who had the country eating from the palm of his hand at the MTN Bushfire in May when he kicked off his performance with an orchestra.

This scene is not really normality in hip hop performances, hence the rapper had the revellers eating from the palm of his hand.

Many attested to have been blown away by his entry after which he then dropped lyrics and had the audience singing along.

Speaking to Master P's manager, she said hip hop lovers can anticipate seeing more or less as the Bushfire scene during the rapper's performance at Emfuleni Lifestyle, come October 29.

The show is set to kick-off at noon and have well experienced events MC Leendor Mthupha directing proceedings.

Reason has something new for hip hop lovers as he recently released a 14 track album titled 'Love girls' that has had hip hop circles in South Africa drooling.

Reason will not be the first SA celebrity to have an experience of the exquisite Emfuleni Lifestyle as she follows after actors Kay Sibiyi and Uzalo's Mastermind.



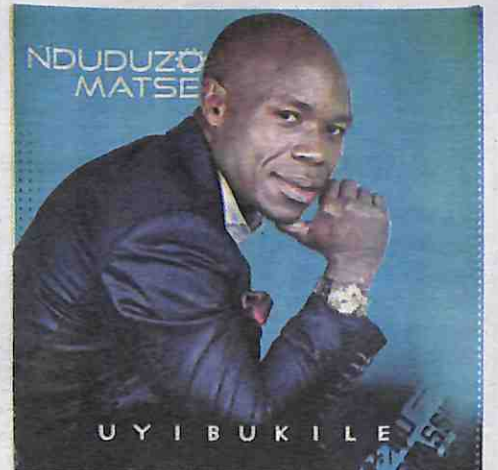
**COMING: Reason.**



**SEXY: Mandisa.**



# NDUDUZO MATSE IN 'CITY TO CITY' TOUR



By Njabulo Dlamini

ONE of the country's popular and energetic gospel artist Nduduzo Matse is currently busy promoting his music, mostly in different areas of the Republic of South Africa.

The 'Gelekece' hit maker is engaged in an event dubbed 'City to city tour', which kicked off last weekend and continues this Friday as well as on different dates and venues of Republic this month.

He started off at Pietermaritzburg and this weekend he is at St Michael's Beach in Port Shepstone under KwaZulu-Natal Province.

Later this month, he would be headed for Cape

Town and other prominent cities of SA and the region as he takes his music to another level.

Commenting about the upcoming events, Matse said these were indeed exciting times in his career which he had not anticipated.

## Humbling

Equally humbling, according to him, is the support he has been receiving from the SA audience that seemingly cannot have enough of him.

His hit track 'Gelekece' has elevated his profile and music in ways he cannot describe, he says.

"Gelekece has become so big all over the continent, I have no problem introducing myself to people who have never met me; they just cannot have enough of this hit track wherever it is per-

formed. Other songs liked by my fans and generally gospel music fanatics wherever I perform are; 'On your marks', 'Uyibukile' and 'Uyisiphephelo'.

## Impacting

"I had no idea how big this tour would turn out to be until I experienced it last weekend. It is truly impacting my music career in a mighty way and connecting me to a lot of people I always wanted to work with.

It would take me a long time and possibly millions of Emalangenis reaching those cities but this tour is making it possible in just three months," he said.

More shows are lined up for Mozambique, Botswana and Cape Town (which has already

been confirmed for October 28, 29 and 30).

"I'm billed to shake Cape Town with the sounds of 'Gelekece'. This weekend we are at Port Shepstone and last Friday we rocked Pietermaritzburg. It was raining heavily in Pietermaritzburg but the number of people who filled the place shocked me. It was such a warm reception from the fans that I shall forever treasure".

Matse has won several awards since he launched his solo career several years back. In 2010 he won the 'Best New Comer of The Year', the NACAs (National Arts and Culture) Best Male Artist Award in 2014, amongst other honours under his belt.

## VVIP TICKETS SOLD OUT AS:

# SA acts confirm FNB SmoothFest

By Ayanda Dlamini

FOLLOWING the unmerited behaviour of event organisers in the country to falsely book international acts to perform at their shows, South African acts who will be headlining the third FNB SmoothFest have confirmed that they will be performing at the festival.

'Zajik' Izinto' hitmaker Zonke confirmed on Twitter Monday night that she is indeed coming for the SmoothFest.

"Swaziland I will be with you soon," she tweeted. Her local fans could not hold their breath as they retweeted her tweet, mentioning that they cannot wait for her performance since she has not performed in the country for a while.

"We cannot wait @ZonkeMusic, dancing shoes and my ticket is ready for the show," read a tweet from Nomfundo Simelane.

Amanda Black also posted on her social media page that she will be performing in Swaziland soon.

Also Jimmy Dladla highlighted on his gig guide on Facebook that he will be in the country this month.

It is worth noting that the VVIP tickets to the show have sold out. This was confirmed by FNB Communications Specialist Sibusile Sigwane yesterday. Sigwane also mentioned that the VIP tickets are flying off the shelves.

## Expecting

"Our VVIP tickets are sold out and the VIP tickets are selling very fast. This shows that the music aficionados are looking forward to the fest," Sigwane said.

The fest is expecting only 3 000 music fanatics is slated for October 21, it will see Nomalungelo Dladla, Floewe, Zonke, Amanda Black, Jimmy Dladla, Apple Gule, DJ Mix Mash, DJ Ntombs and South African reality TV star and Idols

Judge Somizi Mhlongo is the MC of the show.

This year's show will be held at Riders Ranch and available tickets cost E485 VIP and E 300 general retailing at Computicket, all FNB Swaziland branches and Shoprite outlets.

**SMOOTH:** 'Zajik' Izinto' hitmaker Zonke.



## Free Nothando Hlophe CD's at Gospel meets jazz show

By Ayanda Dlamini

IT is going to be a night to remember at the Gospel meets Jazz show, the first 50 music devotees to buy a ticket will get free copies of Nothando Hlophe's CD.

This was released by Leserato Events' acting Director Siphile Nxumalo yesterday.

Nxumalo also mentioned that they have only 300 tickets for the show and urged music lovers to get their tickets quickly. "We have an exciting line-up for people who really love and appreciate good music. It will be a great experience. The first 50 people to buy tickets at Sdeez will receive a free CD, first 25 in Mbabane outlet and first 25 in Manzini outlet.

"We encourage the public to secure their tickets immediately to avoid disappointment. We only have 300 tickets on sale so we can put together a beautiful and intimate evening of worship open to the entire family to come out. "There are still going to be more surprises as the days draw closer, so do not miss out," Nxumalo advised. The show is slated for October 14 at Happy Valley. Tickets cost E300 VIP including meal and E 200 general.



# Phathwakahle to embark on tour

By Lusito Tsela

GOSPEL artist, Phathwakahle is set to embark on a tour to promote her latest album 'Umangibiza leligama' locally and internationally.

The singer is scheduled to perform in places such as Nelspruit, Durban and Cape Town in the next few weeks.

She said she was grateful to her distributor who has managed to distribute her album very well in a short space of time, this has been evident through the number of invitations to shows, increasing quickly.

However, the singer is not new to big stages as she once performed at the South African Crown Gospel Music Awards. This year she left spectators in awe at the SWAMA Music Awards when she rendered a spectacular performance together with her back up vocalists and dancers.

## Excited

Speaking on the tour, the singer said she was excited to about it as it would see her travel to places she has not been to. All music lovers will witness God's work through her music and unfor-

gettable dance moves.

"I cannot take the credit as all this is God's work and I am grateful to the Almighty that the new album is reaching more people than before."

She revealed that people have been witnessing miracles as they listen to the album and they have had testimonies of people being healed and set free which is proof enough that God is at work through her and it has been amazing.

## Direction

Phathwakahle further said, "this is definitely a move in the right direction as we look to grow our brand beyond our borders. We are excited about the latest development and we are looking forward to seeing more shows outside the country so we can grow in leaps and bounds and become a household name in other countries."

Over and above, I want to pass my sincere gratitude to my fans as they have supported me and made sure I become bigger and better every day. However, all in all it is God, not about Phathwakahle.



ON TOUR: Gospel artist Phathwakahle.



International  
Celebrity News

## Obama's sweet anniversary message to Michelle

WASHINGTON - Former US president, Barack Obama held nothing back when he surprised his wife, Michelle with the sweetest video recording to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday.



**SWEET ANNIVERSARY:** Former US president, Barack Obama and wife Michelle.

The former first lady was at an event, which was pleasantly interrupted by a video of Obama, that was played on a giant TV screen. "The idea that you have to put up with me for a quarter of a century is a remarkable testament to

what a saintly, patient, wonderful person you are," he said.

Obama gushed about how Michelle was an extraordinary partner for 25 years. *People*

## Hugh Hefner's cause of death revealed

LOS ANGELES- Hugh Hefner's death rang through the country last week as people realised another American legend left the world.

Now, E! News has learned the cause of the Playboy mogul's death. According to his death certificate, the 91-year-old passed away after going into cardiac arrest and suffering from respiratory failure.

The certificate also notes that Hefner suffered from a recent bout of E. coli and Septicemia (a severe blood infection), listing them as contributing factors to his declining health and eventual passing. We've learned the E.



**TRUTH REVEALED:** Hugh Hefner.

coli was highly resistant to antibiotics. *Eonline*

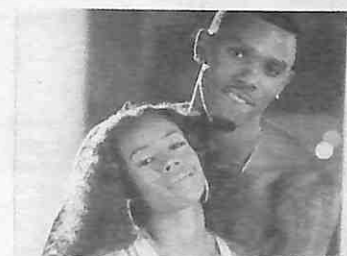
## Keyshia's husband sues her

NEW YORK - Keyshia Cole and her estranged husband Daniel Gibson seemed to have a positive co-parenting relationship when they were shown on love and hip hop.

Well that's all over. A little birdie tells us that he's extremely jealous that Keyshia is now dating Floyd "Money" Mayweather - and so he's suing her for all kinds of stuff.

Here's how the Jasmine Brand is reporting it:

Keyshia Cole's estranged husband, Daniel "Booby" Gibson wants full custody of their son. The former couple shares a 7-year-old son named



**CONFLICTS:** Keyshia Cole and Daniel Gibson

Daniel Gibson Jr. According to documents, the former NBA player also has requested spousal support.

*MTO*

## Sam Smith kisses in NYC

NEW YORK - Sam Smith has sparked rumors he's romancing handsome '13 Reasons Why' star Brandon Flynn.

And on Sunday, the singer seemed to confirm the gossip as he strolled in New York City with his arm around the actor before the pair indulged in a public embrace.

The 25-year-old Grammy winner and the 23-year-old Miami-born actor appeared comfortable in each other's company as they enjoyed the sights.

On Monday night, Sam and Brandon were seen grabbing din-



**COUPLE:** Sam Smith and Brandon Flynn.

ner together at Catch NYC with a few friends, according to *People*. *Daily Mail*

## SA Celebrity News

## Uzalo's GC mobbed by fans

DURBAN - After apparently being mobbed and manhandled by admirers on a few occasions, Uzalo actor Khaya Dladla had to hire bodyguards to protect him.

Khaya revealed on Afternoon Express that fans sometimes get so enthusiastic about seeing him, it landed him in hospital with cuts and bruises. "(There have been) a few hospital visits, a few cuts here and there. They (fans) are just so excited that they don't even notice they are hurting me," he said.

Khaya explained that the first time he was hurt, he broke down and



**MOBBED:** GC.

wanted to throw in the towel. *SundayWorld*

## Hugh not performing at Delicious Food Festival

JOHANNESBURG - DStv has announced that jazz veteran Hugh Masekela will no longer be performing at this year's DStv Delicious International Food & Music Festival to be held at Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit on October 7 and 8.

Massive management's Lloyd Comwall says the festival organizers are disappointed that Hugh Masekela will not be able to be part of this year's line-up, which includes other several high-profile international such as Common, Femi Kuti, Alexander O'Neal, Omar, Soul II Soul, Imagination featuring Lee



**ABSENT:** Hugh Masekela.

John and local artists. "We understand that Hugh's health takes priority and we wish him a speedy recovery in the weeks ahead." *Drum*

## Here's how Minnie &amp; Quinton's fairytale began

JOHANNESBURG - As die-hard fans eagerly wait to watch Minnie Dlamini's three-part wedding series, the TV personality has been doing a great job with feeding everyone's appetite.

Minnie who tied the knot to her hubby, Quinton Jones during a lavish ceremony in Cape Town last month can't stop gushing about her man. And, rightfully so!

During an interview on Jacaranda FM ahead of the debut of her wedding documentary, Minnie revealed how she and Quinton started dating.

"I met my husband seven years ago when we both worked at Urban



**WELL DONE:** Minnie Dlamini.

Brew Studios, he was much senior than me and I was an assistant runner or something, and he honestly became my best friend," she said.

*Timeslive*

## Sbu Noah survives scary car crash

JOHANNESBURG - Gospel singer Sbu Noah has been left shaken, but is grateful to have escaped with minor injuries after being involved in a car crash last Friday.

The musician said he was grateful to God for saving him and hoped to be well enough to be back on stage soon.

The Joyous Celebration member was involved in a car accident in Kuruman, Northern Cape last Friday. Although not badly hurt, Sbu told his followers on social media that the car accident involved four other cars.

"This weekend I saw God! I left on Friday on my way to a gig in Kuruman. I never reached my des-



**SURVIVOR:** Gospel singer Sbu Noah.

tinuation as the car I was in crashed into four other cars," he wrote, before explaining that his vehicle spun and hit the other cars. *Tshisalive*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Samson almost loses it with Mandla. Thandeka's good news for Phumelele is tainted by S'bu's condition. Mbazo continues with his bloody mission.



**TAINTED:** Phumelele.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Sechaba tells Benjamin and Ofentse that he will not be associated with murder. Kgothalo agrees to meet with Rajesh's parents. The miners ask Matlala why ON! TV has said nothing about the talent show as advertised on Nina's fliers.



**AGREES:** Kgothalo.

Muvhango

TODAY



**GETTING WORSE:** Hangwani.

Tendamudzimu might have cancer. Hangwani's headaches are getting worse. Vusi takes Vuyiseka for an interview.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



**MAKES DECISION:** Puleng.

Bongi and Lerato join forces to stop Lungile. Lungile turns on Mawewe, who protects Bongile. The church turns on Jamaica, and Puleng makes a choice.



PICTURE OF THE DAY

Him: "go talk to your other boys"  
Me:



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

### CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

News from a neighbour or someone who used to work close by could be unsettling. It might also be inspiring. Part of the difficulty seems to be in you learning to swim in different financial waters. You might prefer to follow the lead of someone close who has more experience. On a speculative (cash) level you could receive a minor body blow when events blow you off course.



### CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22

News from someone who works at great distance from you could cause you a moment or two's wistfulness. It might also prompt you to discuss how best to save cash to plan a visit. A neighbour's news might take time to absorb. A Capricorn's ability to view from a different perspective could prevent you from seeing this as a potential 'problem' and more a possible opportunity.



### AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

A financial bolt from the blow might need time to absorb. You might also wish to discuss this with a trusted friend. Emotionally you could be shell-shocked. Difficulties with someone from another generation continue to require attention and might once again cause you to make contact with someone who's supposed to be an expert but whose professionalism you find hard to understand.



### PISCES FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

You could blow someone close away with an act of defiance - putting your relationship at risk. The more others talk of what you 'should' do and the restraints of convention, the more rebellious you could become. Interestingly, you might choose to use regulations to insist that a problem is solved your way. What does seem clear in all this is that a business/financial partnership has arrived at 'high noon'.



### ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

You could fly off at a tangent. It's likely that this will be dramatic and inspired. Even someone you've rubbed up the wrong way will surely be impressed with your flair and willingness to stand out from the crowd. They might not realise just how much you're putting on the line: you may be being true to yourself but could find yourself at odds with a regulatory body.



### TAURUS APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Today could bring a make-or-break moment - possibly as a result of a break within a group or team. Unacceptable news could cause you to challenge someone today; even if this is exhausting. This might simply be a run-in with someone who's less experienced. It might also be that you need to call their bluff.



### GEMINI MAY 21 - JUNE 21

You might unwittingly challenge other people's expertise. Whilst you may be content with changes to your routine - and even delight in the unexpected and the chance this gives you to try out new technologies, friends and colleagues might prefer an old system. It will surely exhaust you to explain that this is no longer an option.



### SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Pressure - of both the financial and emotional kind could be exhausting. This might be one of those occasions when you can't buy your way out of a jam though. Trying to tune into someone's wavelength could be taxing. It might also seem that friends are drained and unable to help you - perhaps because they're facing a few challenges themselves.



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## LOL

Laughing out Loud

### NOT FROM ME BUDDY

When the lodge meeting broke up, John confided to a friend. "Mike, I'm in a terrible pickle! I'm strapped for cash and I haven't the slightest idea

where I'm going to get it from!" "I'm glad to hear that" answered Mike. "I was afraid you might have an idea you could borrow it from me!"

### USELESS FACTS

1. Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth.  
2. When taken in large doses nutmeg works as a hallucinogen.  
3. Eating bananas can help fight depression.

4. Canola oil was originally called rapeseed oil, but rechristened by the Canadian oil industry in 1978 to avoid negative connotations. "Canola" is short for "Canadian oil."  
5. Honey is made from nectar and bee vomit.

### BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### Yesterday's brainteasers

1. What element is derived from a Norse god?  
**Answer:** Thorium  
2. What planet has the shortest year?  
**Answer:** Mercury

#### Today's brainteasers

1. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?  
2. What is the easiest way to double your money?





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## THE IMPOSTER COMES TO MZANSI MAGIC

**FROM** the producers of Rockville, Igazi and Mzansi Magic's popular telenovela, *The Queen* comes a brand new drama series called *The Imposter*. A story about identical twins torn apart by evil.

The bold narrative kicks-off with its first episode on Sunday, October 8 at 20:00 on Mzansi Magic, DStv channel 161.

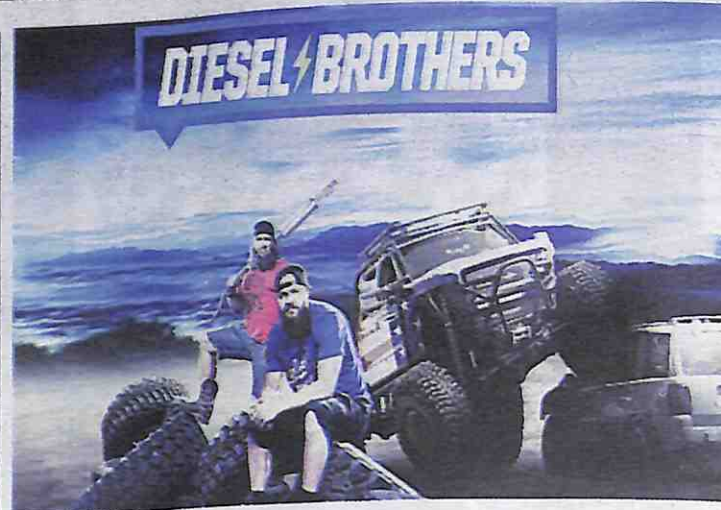
The *Imposter* follows a story of twin sisters, Mantwa and Matshepo Tau who find themselves at war as a consequence of a moment that changed their lives. One of the sisters breaks out of prison

after spending seventeen years behind bars and takes over the wonderful life of her identical twin who is responsible for her incarceration.

"We are excited with the reception our dramas have received from the viewers thus far. Our partnership with Ferguson Films has ensured that we attract an even larger audience. 'The Imposter' is ground-breaking and it comes packed with all the ingredients of a great story touching on themes such as love, betrayal, revenge, secrets and manipulation", says Reneilwe Sema, Director of Local Entertainment Channels at M-Net.

Viewers will uncover the many layers and complexities of characters as they get to know the actors bringing the story to life. Thishiwe Ziqubu takes the lead portraying the role of Matshepo alongside Mpumi Mpama (as Reginald), Khulu Skenjana (as Caesar), Omuhle Gela (as Lerato), Zenzo Nqobe (as Junior), Mary Twala (as Gogo), Owen Sejake (as Warden Moloisi) to name a few.

All is not what it seems in this intriguing 13 part drama and sibling rivalry is expressed in a new level. Can love turn an evil heart to good?



## Diesel brothers

**'S1/E19 - Race Against The Machine'.** Heavy D enters the crew in the Mint 400 Desert Race. With just one week until the race, can they fix up their completely untested race truck in time?

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## Power Rangers Ninja Steel

**S24/E1 - Return of the Prism'.** Brody escapes to Earth from an alien spaceship with a special artefact called the Ninja Nexus Prism.

Red, pink, blue, yellow, gold and white - are these the colours of the rainbow, or the colours

of a new generation of your favourite heroes?

The new generation of the teenage ninja warriors are back and they won't stop until all evil has been eliminated and Earth has been saved!

The new Power Rangers series

follows the young enthusiasts on their mission to beat Galvanax, the reigning champion of Galaxy Warriors, the top intergalactic game show in the universe.

Catch the brand new show on Saturday October 7 at 11:05.



## Descendants 2: It's going down

**WHEN** the pressure to be perfect gets to be too much for Mal, she returns to the Isle of the Lost.

The story of the teenage sons and daughters of Disney's great-

est villains continues in this contemporary, music-driven, imaginative sequel to the global smash hit original movie.

In *Descendants 2* the pressure to be royally perfect gets to be

too much for Mal, and she returns to the Isle of the Lost. She discovers that Uma, the daughter of Ursula, has taken over as Queen, and that her gang is finalising plans to bring down the barrier. Tune in tomorrow at 16:30.





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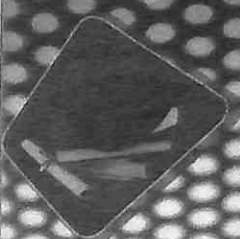
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# DEATHS

**Mfundo Bright Shongwe**



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
06/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
07/10/2017  
**PLACE: MHOBODLENI**

Relatives and friends of Mfundo Bright Shongwe are notified of his sudden death. He will be laid to rest at Mhobodleni Saturday 07 October 2017 after a night vigil. Memorial service at Nhlambeni kaMnisi at 3pm. Announcement by Lomcabango Ndlovu.

**Khosi Thuli Lukhele (nee Mahlaela)**



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
06/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
07/10/2017  
**PLACE: NGWANE PARK**

Friends and relatives of Khosi Thuli Lukhele (nee Mahlaela) are notified of her untimely death. A night vigil will be held at her home in Ngwane Park on Friday 6 October 2017 and she will be laid to rest on Saturday 7 October 2017 at Ngwane Park Cemetery. Morning service starts at 6am. Announcement by Cyprian Lukhele on behalf of the family.



**Bonginkhosi Tshabalala (Shabza)**



**VIGIL: SATURDAY**  
07/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SUNDAY**  
08/10/2017  
**PLACE: EMAGUBHELENI**

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Knowledge Bonginkhosi Tshabalala (Shabza) kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya eMagubheleni ngelisoonto mhlaka 8 October 2017 emva kwemlindzelo ngemgicibelo. Kutawuba nenkonzo yesikhumbuto (Memorial Service) ngemgicibelo nga 1pm emini eZakhele kamasipala (ngase Tiger City). Simemetelo sikhishwa ngunkakhe egameni lemndenani.

**Abraham Shabangu**



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
06/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
07/10/2017  
**PLACE: MLINDAZWE**

Friends and relatives of Abraham Shabangu are notified that he has responded to the call of the Lord. Memorial service at Hosannah Church Siteki at 1pm on Friday 6 October 2017 following a night vigil at 9pm at Emvelo Township Siteki. Funeral on Saturday 7 October 2017 at Mlindazwe Homestead. Announcement by Vovayi Shabangu on behalf of the family.

**Enock Dvingane Mphila**



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
06/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
07/10/2017  
**PLACE: KUBOYANE**

Kwatiswa tihlobo, bangani nelibandla church kris kutsi Enock Dvingane Mphila usishiya. Ufihlwa kuboyane ngemgicibelo 7 October 2017 ekuseni nga 6am umlindzelo ungalesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndenani.

**Thandi Gladys Zulu**



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
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Relatives, friends and colleagues are notified that Thandi Gladys Zulu our beloved mother has answered her final call by the Lord. Please join us in celebrating and honouring her life this Friday 6 October 2017 at her memorial service at St Joseph's Mission, 2pm followed by a night vigil and procession to St Joseph's Cemetery on Saturday morning on 7 October 2017 at 5am. Announcement by family.



**Joseph Matanatana Maphalala**



**VIGIL: SATURDAY**  
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Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani be Joseph Matanatana Maphalala lobekutsi wanguSitungeletane kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eGebeni mhlaka 8 October 2017 emva kwemlindzelo. Kwatiswa basekhabonina kaNgwenya nebekhakhe kaZwane, kaManyatsi kanye nebaka Motsa. Kwatiswa labekasebenta nabo kaRailway. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndenani.

**Nomzamo Gcezu Dlamini**



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
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**Ncamsile P Zwane laMbuyisa**



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Relatives and friends of Ncamsile P Zwane laMbuyisa are notified of her sudden death. She will be laid to rest on Saturday on 7 October 2017 at her vigil. Announcement by Mgiyelwa Cyprian Zwane her father in law.

**Tfobhi Evelyn Mathabela**



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
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**PLACE: EMATHUNENI SIPIKI**

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndenani waTfobhi Evelyn Mathabela kutsi emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngemgicibelo Mhlaka 7 October 2017 emva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu emathuneni eSipiki. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngudzadze wabo Elizabeth Mathabela.

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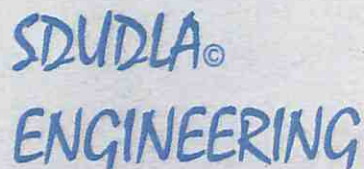
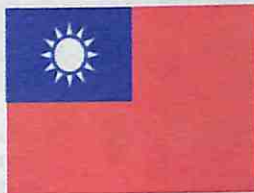
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# South African SOCCER

## Moses Mabhida undamaged despite Chiefs fans' behaviour

**DURBAN** - No damage was done to Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban after a mischievous behaviour from Kaizer Chiefs supporters following their defeat to Baroka FC this past weekend.

Chiefs supporters were enraged by the 1-2 defeat to 'Bakgaga' in an Absa Premiership match.

Some fans threw missiles onto the pitch, while others tried to jump the stadium security in their quest to reach the players and the coach.

"No damage was done to the Moses Mabhida Stadium, according to the report that I got," revealed Stadium Manager at Moses Mabhida, Vusi Mazibuko.

"I want to thank our team of security for the good work they did. They anticipated the situation and no damage to property was made and no people were injured. "What happened was uncalled for. This trend of people fighting when they lose is not on. It is not only happening in football it is also happening in politics, families and in sports. It is not right. This needs to be addressed. People need to accept defeat in a right manner." *The Star*

## Returning home helped City's Johannes find form

**CAPE TOWN** - Robyn Johannes has discovered, to his joy and advantage, that the old idiom 'east or west, home is best' contains more than a kernel of truth.

The Cape Town City captain and central defender's superb form over the past year has coincided with his move back to the Mother City, and he was justly rewarded with a Bafana Bafana call-up on Monday.

In the words of Stuart Baxter, the head coach of the SA national team: "Robyn has been an important part of the Cape Town City team this season and even as far back as last season. People have to believe that if you do well in the PSL you will be rewarded."

Johannes' opportunity came on the back of Baxter losing both first-choice centre-backs, Eric Mathoho (suspended) and captain Thulani Hlatshwayo (injured). Bafana are scheduled to take on Burkina Faso in a 2018 World Cup qualifier at the FNB Stadium in Johannesburg on Saturday afternoon (3pm).

*Cape Times*

**REWARDED:**  
Robyn  
Johannes.

# How Baroka went from relegation candidates to the **top** of the PSL

**JOHANNESBURG** - Baroka FC Chairman Khurishi Mphahlele predicts that in the "next two to three years" Bakgaga will go into every competition, including the Absa Premiership, as favourites.

This isn't a delusional prediction like the many Baroka made last season, after they gained promotion to the elite league, promising to win everything on offer and then graduate to the CAF Champions League.

Mphahlele's prophecy comes from a sober mind, having seen his team go from fighting to avoid relegation only via the play-offs.

This season, however, they have proven to be early pacesetters - unbeaten after seven matches and sitting at No. 1 in the league.



**ABSOLUTE TURNAROUND:** Baroka FC players celebrating after the match.

"We have changed a lot from the team we were last season, from our thinking to how we do things," Mphahlele said. "A lot of the mistakes we made were because of sentimental attachments and not seeking enough advice from people who had been at this level. But the hardships we endured made us a better team."

"In every league we have played in, from the SAB League to the PSL, it has been about trial and error until we succeed."

That's why in the next two to three years, we will go into every competition, including the league, as favourites because we would have learned enough."

*The Star*

## Former Pirates striker Tendai Ndoro pops the question

**JOHANNESBURG** - Former Orlando Pirates striker, Tendai Ndoro is on cloud nine after proposing to his girlfriend during a surprise visit recently.

The star, who currently plays football in Saudi Arabia, took the opportunity during the surprise visit to pop the question to his bae in front of close friends and family.

He documented the "big" moment and posted it on social media for his fans to see.

In an open letter, Tendai poured his heart about his missus.

"I have found the one whom my soul loves, therefore what God has joined together let no man separate. With this ring, I give you my heart. I promise from this day forward You will never walk alone. My heart will be your shelter and my arms will be your home," Tendai wrote.



**PROPOSED:** Tendai Ndoro.

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# ARGENTINA HOPES ON LINE IN PERU CLASH

**ARGENTINA** - Argentina's stumbling 2018 World Cup qualification campaign faces another awkward hurdle today as the misfiring South American giants take on in-form Peru in Buenos Aires.

The 2014 World Cup finalists have lurched from one disappointment to the next since South America's qualifiers kicked off two years ago, with the two-time champions invariably failing to add up to the sum of their talented parts. Despite a formidable arsenal of attackers led by Lionel Messi, the Argentinians have scored just 16 goals in 16 games, the second lowest total behind already-eliminated Bolivia.

A lacklustre 1-1 home draw with Venezuela in their last outing on 5 September left Argentina's hopes of automatic qualification for next year's finals in Russia hanging by the slenderest of threads.

## Final

With just today's game against Peru and next week's challenging trip to Ecuador remaining, Argentina are in fifth place in the table, outside the top four automatic qualifying places.

While a fifth-place finish would likely still see them qualify for Russia – with what ought to be a straightforward play-off assignment against New Zealand awaiting – a crowded table means Argentina can't take anything for granted.

If South American champions Chile – currently in sixth place, one point adrift of Argentina – win their home match against Ecuador, and fourth-placed Peru win or draw in Buenos Aires, Argentina will head into the final round of games next week outside both the automatic qualifying and playoff places.

In a bid to avoid that scenario, Argentina

have sought to obtain every advantage possible against Peru, who have reignited their qualification campaign with consecutive wins over Uruguay, Bolivia and Ecuador.

The match has been moved to Boca Juniors' intimidating La Bombonera ground, where steep stands surrounding three sides of the pitch help to create a bearpit-like atmosphere in the 49 000-capacity venue.

## Venue

Peru last month requested to FIFA that the game be moved to another venue on safety grounds. A 2015 Copa Libertadores match at the ground was suspended when River Plate players were assaulted with a substance similar to tear gas.

Ironically, however, the choice of venue may be a good omen for Peru. The Peruvians secured a famous 2-2 draw at La Bombonera in 1969 which saw them qualify for the 1970 World Cup at the expense of Argentina. It was the last occasion Argentina failed to qualify for the World Cup.

Whether the move to La Bombonera is able to provide the spark Argentina have

lacked so far remains to be seen. Under new coach Jorge Sampaoli – their third of the qualification campaign – Argentina drew their last two matches against Uruguay and Venezuela.

Mario Kempes, one of the stars of Argentina's 1978 World Cup triumph, gave voice to the exasperation of many fans struggling to understand why a squad boasting the likes of Messi, Paulo Dybala, Mauro Icardi and Angel Di Maria has failed to fire.

"When they pull the Argentina shirt on, it's like they suddenly forget how to play football," a bemused Kempes said in a recent interview.

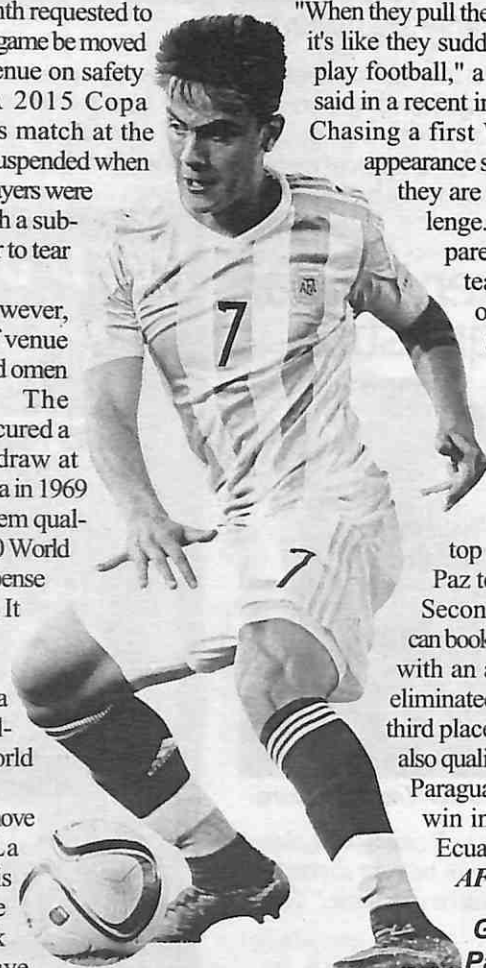
Chasing a first World Cup finals appearance since 1982, Peru say they are ready for the challenge. "We are fully prepared for this, we are a team that is capable of beating anyone," said their Argentinian coach Ricardo Gareca.

Elsewhere today, Brazil – who have already qualified and are assured of top spot – travel to La Paz to face Bolivia.

Second placed Uruguay can book their ticket to Russia with an away victory over eliminated Venezuela, while third placed Colombia could also qualify today if they beat Paraguay and Chile fail to win in Santiago against Ecuador.

AFP

**GOLDEN BOY:**  
Paulo Dybala.



# ENGLAND BANK ON 'HOT' HARRY KANE

**LONDON** - England will look to red-hot Tottenham Hotspur striker Harry Kane to fire them to the World Cup finals when they tackle Slovenia in their penultimate qualifying match today.

After a barren August, 24-year-old Kane hit brilliant form in September, scoring 13 goals in eight matches for club and country.

Victory over Slovenia at Wembley will give England a place at next year's World Cup in Russia and with Kane scoring goals so freely, his teammates will take to the field buoyed by an extra measure of belief.

"He is hot, isn't he?" goalkeeper Joe Hart said to journalists at England's St George's Park base earlier this week.

"He is scoring just as many goals as the people we have related to as world-class and he has been doing it for many

seasons. Harry gets put in that bracket and deserves to be.

"He has (Mauricio) Pochettino, one of the hottest managers in the world, who regards him highly and there are reasons for that.

"Harry is just brilliant at what he does and he is just one of the best out there. He keeps scoring goals and you cannot ask for any more than that. Long may it continue in an England shirt."

Since Kane returned to the international fold at the end of last season following a spate of injuries, his goals have helped to keep Gareth Southgate's England side on course for qualification.

His 93rd-minute equaliser prevented England from falling to a first defeat against Scotland since 1999 in June's 2-2 draw

in Glasgow and he netted twice as Southgate's men won 4-0 away to Malta last month.

Kane and Liverpool midfielder Jordan Henderson have shared the captaincy between them in England's last four games and the wearer of the armband today will give a clue as to Southgate's long-term thinking on the matter.

Kane's Spurs teammate Dele Alli is unavailable due to suspension after being given a one-match ban by FIFA for flashing his middle finger during England's 2-1 win over Slovakia last month.

Manchester United centre-back Phil Jones and Manchester City midfielder Fabian Delph have both withdrawn from the squad, joining Spurs left-back Danny Rose, Liverpool's Adam Lallana and Leicester City striker Jamie Vardy on the sidelines.

Drafted into the squad to take Delph's place, 21-year-old Spurs midfielder Harry Winks will hope to get his first taste of senior international football.

Five points clear of Slovakia at the top of UEFA qualifying group F, England need just two points from today's game and Sunday's trip to Lithuania to reach the World Cup for the sixth time in succession. AFP



**ON FORM:**  
Harry Kane.

## Talking points for this week's qualifiers

**LONDON** - Six talking points ahead of the European World Cup qualifiers before the final

two rounds are played between today and Tuesday.

### PLAYOFF LOOMS FOR EDGY ITALY

Barring major surprises, Italy will finish as Group G runners-up behind Spain and will have to face the uncertainties of the perilous playoff round – a prospect that has fans and media on edge. Italian federation President Carlo Tavecchio has described the possibility of the four-time champions not qualifying as "the Apocalypse."

He even suggested FIFA should change the rules in the future so

that a team's past record is taken into account during the qualifiers – though he did not elaborate on how this would work.

"It's not right that they don't take into account the four world titles; it goes against history," he said. Barring the inaugural World Cup in 1930, which they did not enter, Italy have appeared at every tournament except in 1958 when they were squeezed out by Northern Ireland.

### ICELAND'S EURO 2016 PERFORMANCE NO FLUKE

Iceland's displays in Group I have dispelled any suggestions that their run to the Euro 2016 quarterfinals was a fluke.

They go into the final two rounds of matches level on 16 points with leaders Croatia and with an excellent chance of making at least the playoffs.

Under Heimir Hallgrímsson, who

was joint coach alongside Lars Lagerback two years ago and is now in sole charge, Iceland, have a 100 per cent home record with wins over Finland, Turkey, Croatia and Ukraine.

After a crucial visit to third-placed Turkey (14 points) tomorrow, they host bottom side Kosovo three days later.

### NETHERLANDS ON THE BRINK

Italy's problems are minor compared to Netherlands who must win away to Belarus on Saturday and then beat Sweden at home, probably by several goals, next Tuesday to have a realistic chance of finishing second in Group A and making the playoffs.

Their campaign, featuring home-and-away defeats by France and a loss in Bulgaria, has already cost coach Danny Blind his job, with the reins being handed to old favourite Dick Advocaat – recalled for a third stint in charge at the age of 70.

### PORTUGAL, SWITZERLAND SET FOR LISBON SHOWDOWN

Switzerland kicked off Group B with a shock 2-0 home win against a groggy Portugal who had barely recovered from their Euro 2016 triumph two months earlier and were missing Cristiano Ronaldo through an injury sustained in that tournament.

Both teams have won all their matches since then, leaving the Swiss top with 24 points from

eight games and Portugal second on 21, helped by 14 goals in seven outings from Ronaldo.

If Switzerland beat visiting Hungary on Saturday and Portugal win in Andorra that will set up a showdown in Lisbon on October 10 where the European champions, who have a far superior goal difference, could snatch top spot by beating the Swiss.

### BIG NIGHT FOR MONTENEGRO

Tiny Montenegro face one of the biggest matches in their short history when they host Denmark today. The teams, second and third respectively in Group E, are level on 16 points, three behind leaders Poland.

Montenegro, led by Sevilla midfielder Stevan Jovetic and Atletico

Madrid's Stefan Savic, are bidding to qualify for their first major tournament since independence in 2006. Montenegro, with a population of only 650 000, beat Denmark away and, with a tough visit to Poland in their last match, would ideally need to beat the Danes again to stay on course.

### GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR SCOTLAND

Scotland were last sighted at a major tournament in 1998, traipsing off the field after a 3-0 World Cup thumping by Morocco in their final group match in France. Nineteen years and eight managers later, they host Slovakia today trailing their second-placed

opponents by one point in Group F. A win against the Slovaks followed by another away to Slovenia three days later would guarantee Scotland runners-up spot and probably take them into the playoff round.

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# CRISTIANO RONALDO SELLS BALLON D'OR

● for charity as Madrid forward helps raise £530 000 for Make-A-Wish Foundation

**MADRID** - Cristiano Ronaldo isn't recognised for his generosity on the pitch but the Real Madrid star makes up for it in his charity work after selling off a prized Ballon d'Or trophy to raise over £530,000.

The Real Madrid star donated a replica of his 2013 award to a London auction at the weekend which was snapped up by Idan Ofer, Israel's richest person, for €600,000, according to Spanish daily Marca.

Ronaldo specifically asked for the replica of his 2013 award to be donated to the charity auction, raising funds for a UK charity.

The funds will go towards the Make-A-Wish Foundation, a charity that grants wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions or who are terminally ill.

Pep Guardiola and Jose Mourinho also contributed to the event with €30,000 (£27 000) being paid to watch a boxing match in Manchester, which included a meet and greet with the respective City and United managers.

The Ballon d'Or trophy is recognised as one of the highest personal accolades a player can receive in the game. Under



**FOR SALE:** Cristiano Ronaldo has auctioned off the trophy awarded to him after his 2013 Ballon d'Or win.

a FIFA banner between 2010 and 2015 it was also the official world player of the year award.

Ronaldo's 2013 triumph came following a four-year winning streak by on-pitch rival Lionel Messi.

The Portugal international has won the award four times in all, having also collected the accolade in 2008, 2014 and 2016.

Ronaldo has been gearing up with Portugal ahead of two crucial World Cup qualifiers, where his side take on Andorra on Saturday before facing Group B leaders Switzerland in their final game next week.

The European champions need two wins to be certain of finishing top of their group and secure a spot in Russia next summer. *Daily Mail*

## Ruthless Halep ousts Sharapova from China Open

**BEIJING** - Maria Sharapova was emphatically dumped out of the China Open in the third round yesterday by Simona Halep, going down 6-2, 6-2 to Romania's world number two.

The Russian, a former number one now languishing at 104 in the world rankings, is still searching for her first title since returning in April from a 15-month suspension for taking the

banned substance meldonium.

Sharapova, 30, struggled all week with her serve and she made a nightmare start as she lost the opening game to love, before breaking Halep back.

### Attempts

Halep had never got the better of the five-time Grand Slam champion in seven previous attempts, but she began to take a grip on the match

despite the crowd's vocal backing for Sharapova.

Halep, the second seed on Beijing's outdoor hard courts, rammed home her superiority in the second set after again breaking Sharapova early.

With world number one Garbine Muguruza exiting in the first round with a virus, the 26-year-old Halep is now favourite in the Chinese capital. *AFP*

## Kyrgios enjoys 'redemption' for Shanghai meltdown

**BEIJING, China** - Nick Kyrgios said he wanted to make up for his notorious meltdown last year in Shanghai as he beat Mischa Zverev in the second round of the China Open yesterday.

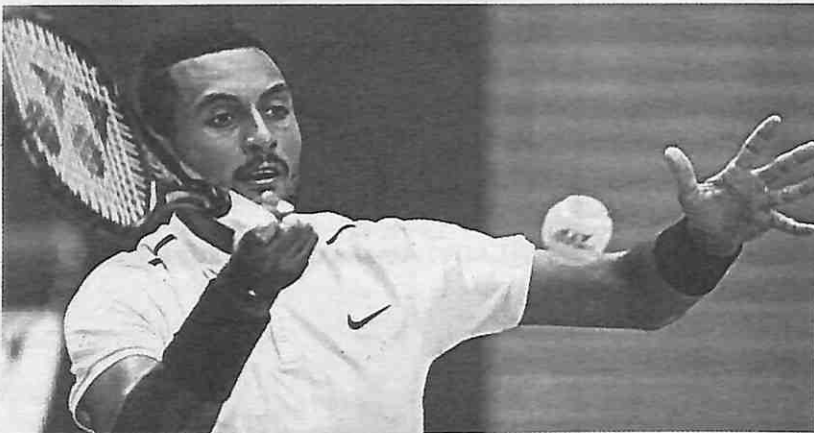
A year ago the supremely talented but combustible Kyrgios was suspended for his petulant behaviour at the Shanghai Masters, where he swore and argued with the crowd and appeared to give away points in caving in to the German.

The enigmatic Australian, seeded eighth on Beijing's outdoor hard courts this year, smashed his racquet on the floor in anger, bending the head in half, when he conceded the opening set yesterday.

That earned the world number 19 a warning from the umpire and raised the spectre of one year ago. But the 22-year-old returned for the second set with renewed determination and errors began creeping into Zverev's game.

Zverev, ranked 27 in the world and the older brother of rising star Alexander, surrendered his first service game of the second set and Kyrgios was never in trouble after that, surging into the next round 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

During one changeover the Australian



**TAKE THAT:** Nick Kyrgios returns a shot against Mischa Zverev during yesterday's match in Beijing.

appeared so relaxed that he sat back on his chair, arms behind his head, and sang along with a pop hit being played over the stadium loudspeakers.

"Nothing really, just chilling out," Kyrgios, whose suspect temperament sometimes outdoes his talent, said afterwards when asked about his demeanour at times during the match.

Kyrgios said facing Zverev a year after Shanghai, and again in China, was the perfect opportunity to show how far he has come.

"Obviously didn't have a great one

last year, obviously got suspended after that," he said.

"I just wanted to go out there today and kind of redeem myself a little bit from last year," he said, adding: "I just wanted to prove to myself how much I have improved."

Kyrgios, one of the most colourful characters in tennis, added: "I knew it was going to be tough and I got broken early in the first."

"Then I kind of knew I had to loosen up and find my rhythm a little bit." *AFP*

## Leicester registration appeal rejected

**LEICESTER** - Leicester's appeal to register Adrien Silva has been rejected by FIFA.

The Foxes and the Football Association had asked FIFA to ratify the midfielder's transfer after the paperwork for the £22million deadline day move from Sporting Lisbon was submitted 14 seconds late.

But it has been denied and Silva will now not be registered to play for Leicester until January.

It means FIFA will continue to withhold the International Transfer Certificate (ITC) for the Portugal international midfielder.

In the meantime, Silva is not legally allowed to even train with the rest of the Leicester squad.

Instead, Silva has been training alone rather than with the rest of Craig Shakespeare's first team as the wrangle has dragged on.

The 28-year-old recently flew back to his homeland to be with his pregnant wife, and Shakespeare admits that the player's professional concerns lies with not just Leicester but his place in the national team too.

"The conversations I've had with him so far are very brief. But of course in the back of his mind the World Cup will be a concern," Shakespeare said recently.

"But I think he is more interested in finding the right solution for here and now."

*Daily Mail*



**CONTROVERSY:** Britain's triple world champion, Lewis Hamilton, triggered further controversy when he was criticised for posting photos on social media during a press conference.

## Heat on Hamilton in Japan after Red Bull ambush

**TOKYO** - Lewis Hamilton is looking to hit back from his defeat in Malaysia at this weekend's Japanese Grand Prix, scene of a bizarre 'Snapchat' row that overshadowed last year's race.

Britain's triple world champion was forced to play second fiddle to Red Bull's Max Verstappen in Sepang on Sunday after securing his ninth pole of the season and 70th of his career.

Despite stretching his Formula One world championship lead over Ferrari rival Sebastian Vettel to 34 points with five races left, Hamilton took a swipe at his Mercedes team.

"There are some real big problems that I can't really explain to you," he said. "There is stuff that has been happening through the weekend that is not acceptable for this great team."

Hamilton came into last year's Suzuka race in a foul mood and seeking solace after raising the possibility of a Mercedes conspiracy against him following an engine fire in Malaysia.

But the Briton triggered further controversy when he was criticised for posting photos on social media during a press conference.

Furious with tabloids for labelling him "snap prat" and the "berc in the Merc", Hamilton sulkily refused to answer questions after qualifying in Suzuka as the row rumbled on.

Hamilton, a three-time winner in Japan, will be hoping for a better

performance from his car this week than in Malaysia.

"Every point counts," said Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff.

"We got lucky again (in Malaysia) and we expect a very close fight between ourselves, Ferrari and Red Bull at Suzuka."

Hamilton, who has 281 points to Vettel's 247, had warned Ferrari would push Mercedes hard in Malaysia.

But they dodged a bullet as Vettel finished fourth after starting from the back of the grid, while Kimi Raikkonen suffered a calamitous engine failure that knocked him out of the race.

Hamilton snatched the title lead from Vettel at Monza last month but Mercedes, who have dominated the sport in recent years, face a growing threat from Ferrari and Red Bull.

Verstappen capped a fairytale 20th birthday weekend in Malaysia with his second Formula One victory, as Australian team-mate Daniel Ricciardo took third.

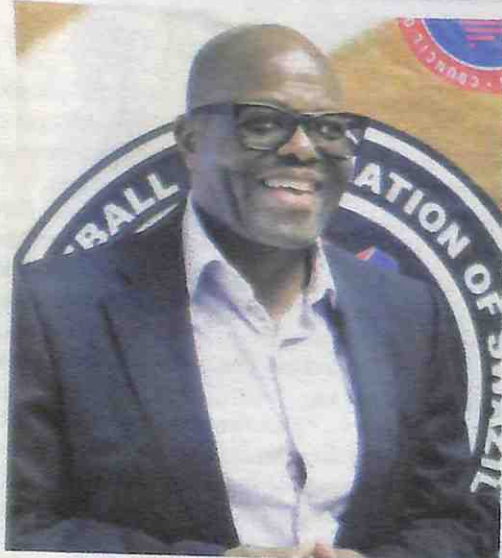
But with Valtteri Bottas finishing fifth, Mercedes will need to find some extra speed at Suzuka, where Nico Rosberg's 2016 victory completed a hat-trick of wins for the Silver Arrows in Japan.

Verstappen's sizzling performance in Malaysia suggests he may have turned the corner after retiring from seven of the first 15 races this season.

*AFP*



# FIFA MIA COURSE OFFICIAL OPENING



**DO GOOD:** NFAS President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa delivering his speech.



**ADMINISTRATORS:** Mauritius native FIFA instructor Jacquer Desire Laval Malie, NFAS President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa, CEO Frederick Mngomezulu and Technical Director Boy 'Bizzah' Mkhonta pose for a group picture with the participants. This was during the official opening ceremony of the FIFA MIA course currently ongoing at the Technical Centre in Lobamba on Monday. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)



**MC:** NFAS CEO Frederick Mngomezulu directing proceedings.



**I WANT TO IMPART KNOWLEDGE:** Instructor Jacquer Desire Laval Malie making his remarks.



**FUNNY MOMENT:** The instructor Malie and Mngomezulu sharing a joke.



**BULL:** Mbabane Highlanders' Musa Masuku was also in attendance.



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# THE RSSC CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



**COLOURFUL:** RSSC Team A also gave a good account of themselves.



**ALL SMILES:** Team Solid Wage pose for a photo.



**WELL DONE:** The tournament's organising team excitedly pose after the successful tournament.



**GREEN TEAM:** The SEC team posing before the start of the tournament.



**SWING:** An RSSC Team B player takes a shot during the RSSC Charity Golf Tournament played over the weekend. (Courtesy pics)



**RUNNERS-UP:** RSSC Team B came second best in the tournament.



**(R) PUTT:** Augusta Enterprises' Tenele Dlodlu putts the ball on the greens during the tournament.

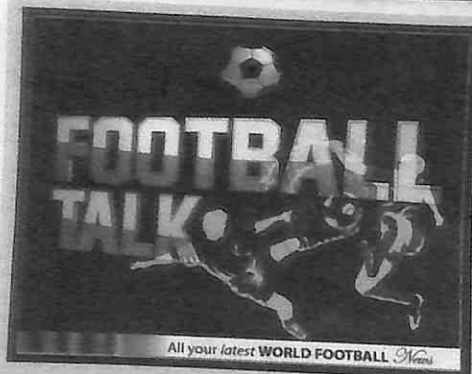


**PINK IS THE COLOUR:** Speed Clean team also took part in this year's tournament.



**BANKROLLERS:** Major sponsor Augusta Enterprises team.





● Manchester City are interested in signing Roma's attacking midfielder Lorenzo Pellegrini after club officials scouted the 21-year-old in action against Verona on 16 September. (Sky Italia)

● Barcelona will rekindle their interest in Liverpool playmaker Philippe Coutinho in January with an offer worth a total of £97m for the 25-year-old. (Mundo Deportivo via Daily Mail)

● Inter Milan are more likely than Manchester United to land Arsenal's unsettled playmaker Mesut Ozil in January if the 28-year-old leaves the Emirates. (London Evening Standard)

● Crystal Palace defender Jairo Riedewald has described the club's sacking of Frank de Boer after five games and 77 days as 'very crazy'. (AD via Croydon Advertiser)



● Bayern Munich have approached former Barcelona boss Luis Enrique about their managerial vacancy. (SB Nation)

● Former Germany defender Christoph Metzelder has tipped Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp as the man to replace Carlo Ancelotti at the German champions. (Sky Sports Germany via Liverpool Echo)

● West Ham and Everton are interested in Arsenal forward Theo Walcott, 28, who will not commit to a new contract at the Emirates if it means more time on the bench. (Sun)

● Manchester City could face a fight to keep hold of coach Patrick Vieira with the Frenchman actively considering his future and Saint-Etienne interested. (Manchester Evening News)

● Real Madrid are preparing a 200m euro (£177m) bid for Tottenham striker Harry Kane. The Spanish and European champions are not put off by the huge asking price for the 24-year-old. (Don Balon - in Spanish)

● Manchester United are confident of signing Arsenal playmaker Mesut Ozil, 28, when his contract ends at the end of the summer. (Independent)



● Manager Antonio Conte could leave Chelsea for AC Milan at the end of the season. The 48-year-old told an Italian radio station that he 'misses' Italy. (Sun via Corriere dello Sport)

● However, the Blues are ready to make a move for £60m Juventus left-back Alex Sandro, 26, in order to keep Conte at the club. (Mirror)

● Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero could miss a further two weeks with a broken rib. City were hopeful the 29-year-old would be fit for their first match after the international break. (Daily Mail)



# THE NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS COUNTDOWN: 24 DAYS TO GO!

● glorious night where excellence will be rewarded on October 28

By Dumisani Ntiwane  
(SNSRC Media Officer)

**Shukuma Swaziland!**  
Greetings and welcome to yet another edition of your favourite read, Shukuma Swaziland.

As you will recall, two or three weeks ago, the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) unveiled the list of nominees for the inaugural National Sports Awards 2017. We cannot wait for the glorious evening of October 28 where the country's finest will be rewarded, recognised and honoured.

Voting lines for some of the nominations will be open soon, so that

the public can get the opportunity to cast their votes electronically. Just watch this space. Of course we want the public to have a direct say on who should take home the ultimate reward and national accolades. The SNSRC will be announcing the voting procedure soon. It should be before the end of the week to be precise. The awards night is slated for 28 October at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre.

Just to remind readers, we will once again publish the categories and nominees of this prestigious event. Please note that the list was published in the previous column but due to the public demand, we have been forced to once again do that.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

The National Sports Awards carry a total of 13 categories. These are:  
Outstanding Junior Sportsman;  
Outstanding Junior Sportswoman;  
Outstanding Sportsman;  
Outstanding Sportswoman;  
Outstanding Sportsman with a Disability;  
Outstanding Sportswoman with a

Disability;  
Outstanding Sports Team;  
Outstanding Coach;  
Outstanding Sports Administrator;  
Outstanding National Sport Association;  
Outstanding Sports Journalist;  
Sports Star;  
Lifetime Achievement Sport Award

## 2017 NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS NOMINEES

**The nominees:**  
**Outstanding Junior Sportsman**  
Thandolwethu Motsa  
Taekwondo  
Mfanwekhaya Duce

**Outstanding Junior Sportswomen**  
Lwethu Simelane Football  
Carlota Munave Taekwondo  
Robin Young  
Swimming

## We want to develop the nation through sport

The Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) has its own strategic objectives, which will be briefly discussed in today's column.

### Objective 1 (Sport for all)

To create participation opportunities in sport/physical activity and recreation for people of all ages and gender groups.

### Objective 2 (Capacity Development)

To build capacity of the council and its recognised bodies to effectively and efficiently implement sport and recreation programmes.

### Objective 3 (Marketing and communication)

To define and establish brand SNSRC's value proposition in order to strengthen its perceived value amongst both internal (associates) and external (possible funders/sponsors) stakeholders.

### Objective 4 (Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation)

To foster institutional sustainability through partnerships and resource mobilisation initiatives.

### Objective 5 (Governance and

### Administration)

To streamline and coordinate all administrative activities of Council through development and utilisation of operational instruments and founding documents.

### Objective 6 (High Performance)

Otherwise now known as the Podium Performance Programme (PPP); this is meant to create an environment and programmes that will enhance the development of high level performance by Swazi athletes

### Objective 7 (International Relations and International Participation)

To maintain alignment of sport practice in Swaziland with international trends, practises and policies, to enhance the quality and standard of sport in the country.

### Objective 8 (Infrastructure Development)

To create an enabling, supportive and sustainable environment for proper practice of sport and recreation activities in the country.

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## Country now boasts of over 30 anti-doping educators

The country now boasts about 40

### Outstanding Sportsman

Sibusiso Matsenjwa

Athletics

Tony Tsabedze

Football

Linda Dlamini

Oyama Kyokushin

### Outstanding Sportswoman

Phumlile Ndzinisa

Athletics

Jabulisile Khathwane

Netball

Carol Preat

Cycling

### Outstanding Paralympics'

Sportsman

Mcebo Dlodlu

Athletics

Qhawe Nzima

Special Olympics

### Outstanding Sports teams

Sihlangu Semnikati

Taekwondo 2015

MTN Khemani

### Outstanding Coach

Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati

Football

Muzi Mabuza

Athletics

William Kelly

Cycling

### Outstanding Sports leader

Phumlani Ndwandwe

Darts

Frederick Mngomezulu

Football

Mbusi Motsa

Cycling

### Outstanding Association

### The Participants

NO	APPLICANT	GENDER	ASSOCIATION
1	Tinky Mthombo	F	Athletics
2	Sakhile Zwane	M	Athletics
3	Sipho Mamba	M	Basketball
4	Thabisi Mngomezulu	F	Boxing
5	Mneli Nkhamibule	M	Boxing
6	Shirley Saulus	F	Cycling
7	Moshoeshe Khumalo	M	Cycling
8	Bheki Nkonyane	M	Darts
9	Phephile Matsenjwa	F	Football
10	Bongani Dlamini	M	Football
11	Knowledge Dlamini	M	Handball
12	Prosper Sithole	M	Hockey
13	Mashumi Sihlongonyane	M	Judo
14	Lucky Thomo	M	Karate
15	Nokuphila Nkonyane	F	Karate
16	Qhawe Mduli	M	Karate
17	Lwazi Nxumalo	M	Karate
18	Bandile Dlamini	M	Gymnastics
19	Thokozani Khumalo	M	Taekwondo
20	Ncobile Gimindza	F	Taekwondo
21	Sanele Gimindza	F	Taekwondo
22	Themba Dlamini	M	Netball
23	Lethokuhle Hlatshwayo	F	Netball
24	Nhlanhla Sithole	M	Shooting
25	Thulani Masinga	M	SSA
26	Wandile Gwebu	M	Swimming
27	Nomphumelelo Malaza	F	Swimming
28	Temangamane Maseko	F	SOCGA
29	Mbali Dlamini	F	SOCGA
30	Hazel Mdlovu	F	SUCSA
31	Sibusiso Dlamini	M	SUCSA
32	Mhlonishwa Magagula	M	Volleyball
33	Zwelethu Gamedze	M	Weightlifting
34	Sifiso Dladla	M	Weightlifting

anti-doping educators.

This follows a two-day workshop, which was held at the OlympAfrica Sports Development Centre in Lobamba the past weekend.

Doping can be defined as the use

of banned substances to enhance performance. Facilitating during the workshop was the Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Muriel Hofer.



# SITSEBE TO FACE-OFF WITH LESOTHO IN AWCON QUALIFIERS

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER** – THE country's female squad Sitsebe Samhlekezi will take on Lesotho in the first round of the African Women Cup of Nations (AWCON) Qualifiers early next year.

Sitsebe will play the first leg of the encounter away in Lesotho on February 26 while the second leg is slated for March 6.

In the event they win against the Mountainous Kingdom outfit, Sitsebe will take on South Africa in the second round of the tournament. Interviewed yesterday, National Football Association of Swaziland Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe said they were still waiting for official correspon-



**SWAZI PRIDE:** The country's female squad Sitsebe Samhlekezi.

dence from CAF.

The Mduduzi Sikhalo Nxumalo-led charges are fresh from competing in the COSAFA Women Championship held in Zimbabwe

where they finished second in their group after Kenya. They are expected to go back into camp soon in preparation for the continental showpiece. The seven-nation champi-

onships to be held in Ghana in November will also serve as qualifiers for the FIFA Women World Cup slated for France in 2019 where the three top teams will qualify.



#### The draw

First Round:	(26/02/2018)
Second Round	(06/03/2018)
Senegal	v Algeria
Libya	v Ethiopia,
Morocco	v Ivory Coast,
Sierra Leone	v Mali,
Burkina Faso	v Gambia,
Congo	v South Africa,
Kenya	v Uganda,
Lesotho	v Swaziland,
Tanzania	v Zambia,
Namibia	v Zimbabwe.
Second Round:	
Senegal/Algeria	v Libya
Ethiopia, Morocco/Ivory Coast v	Sierra Leone/Mali,
Burkina Faso/Gambia	v Nigeria
Congo/Central Africa	v Cameroon
Kenya/Uganda	v Equatorial Guinea
Lesotho/Swaziland	v South Africa
Tanzania/Zambia	v Namibia/Zimbabwe

## SRIC Darts League launch Saturday

Stories by Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER** – THE 2017/18 edition of the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) bankrolled darts league will be launched and officially kick-off at the Zakhele Hall on Saturday.

This was announced by the Swaziland National Darts Association (SNDA) and the SRIC Marketing Manager Sizwe Shongwe yesterday at the company's boardroom.

"We will be officially launching this season's league, courtesy of our long-standing sponsor in SRIC. We would like to thank them for supporting us for all these years and are looking forward to another exciting and improved darts season," said the association's President Michael 'Scara' Gama.

Meanwhile, Shongwe said the company was happy to be associated with the darts sport.

He said they would once again bankroll the league, but chose not to reveal the figures, stating that it would be inappropriate to preempt the figures, pending the launch on Saturday.

"All we can say for now is that



**ANNOUNCED:** Swaziland National Darts Association President Michael 'Scara' Gama.

we are happy as a company to grow with the darts sport. We will definitely support them once again this year. Unfortunately, figures can only be revealed during the official launch on Saturday," he said.

The launch is scheduled for 3pm, and games will start at 4pm.

## Sea Birds, Callies battle now on Monday

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER** – THE match between relegated Premier League side Manzini Sea Birds and current National First Division top-spot holders Tambankulu Callies has now been moved to Monday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

This is as according to the amended NFD fixture released by the Premier League of Swaziland yesterday.

Initially, the two team's battle was scheduled for tomorrow night at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

Sea Birds will have a mountain to climb when they face-off against current log leaders Tambankulu Callies in this MTN National First Division (NFD) League game.

#### Points

The Gcina Dlamini led-side will be facing a daunting task although they seem to be finally finding their footing after a terrible start.

Two back-to-back wins have definitely been a morale booster for the team ahead of their clash with the table-toppers, who have only dropped two points in the campaign thus far.

This match is scheduled for the country's soccer Mecca, Somhlolo National Stadium on Monday. Kick-



**MOVED FORWARD:** Sea Birds will play Tambankulu Callies on Monday.

off is 7pm.

The NFD games will begin today with a double-header pitting Tinyosi against Milling Hotspurs at 6:30pm with Mbabane Citizens clashing with Amalanda at 8:30pm.

Elsewhere at the Mavuso Sports Centre tomorrow, Hub Sundowns will face-off with Bad Boys at 7pm. On Saturday at Tambankulu Stadium, Madlenya take on Hlatikulu Tycoons at 3pm while Mahlalini have a date with Sikhalo se-Africa at the King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium.

#### THE FULL FIXTURE:

Tonight at the Somhlolo National, Stadium		
Tinyosi	vs Milling Hotspurs	6:30pm
Mbabane Citizens	vs Amalanda	8:30pm
Tomorrow at the Mavuso Sports Centre		
Hub Sundowns	vs Bad Boys	7pm
Saturday at the Tambankulu Stadium		
Madlenya	vs Hlatikulu Tycoons	3pm
Saturday at the King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium		
Mahlalini	vs Sikhalo Se-Africa	3pm
Monday at the Somhlolo National Stadium		
Manzini Sea Birds vs	Tambankulu Callies	7pm

MTN National First Division										
Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts		
Callies	4	3	1	0	5	2	3	10		
Madlenya	4	3	0	1	4	1	3	9		
Citizens	3	3	0	0	5	2	3	9		
Sea Birds	4	2	1	1	6	2	4	7		
Tinyosi	4	2	1	1	8	7	1	7		
Milling	4	1	2	1	4	4	0	5		
Mahlalini	4	1	1	2	6	7	-1	4		
Amalanda	4	1	1	2	3	4	-1	4		
Tycoons	4	1	0	3	7	8	-1	3		
Bad Boys	3	1	0	2	3	7	-4	3		
Sikhalo	4	0	2	2	2	5	-3	2		
Hub Sundowns	4	0	1	3	2	5	-3	1		

## ... 'BANTFWABENKHOSI' TO FORM OWN DARTS TEAM

**DARTS** – THE darts sport is slowly but surely moving away from being a sport associated with drunkards as chiefs will form their own team to participate in the league.

This was announced yesterday by the Swaziland National Darts Association executive. The team will be led and guided by Chief Zubeni Shiba. "We will have a team of Bantfwabwenkhosi and chiefs but everyone will be free to join it because it

*"We will have a team of Bantfwabwenkhosi as chiefs but everyone will be free to join it because it will be based at Lozitha. We are forming this team to show our support to the sport. Nhlanguano are also a new team in the league and we urge more interested teams to join"*

will be based at Lozitha. We are forming this team to show our support to the sport. Nhlanguano are also a new team in the league and we urge more interested teams to join," said the chief.

SNDA President 'Scara' Gama

said they would also form a team for the disabled, which would be based at Mzimpofo.

"We want everyone to join the sport. This of course includes the disabled because while they may have disabilities, they also need to train the

mind, which is something this sport does."

Gama also congratulated two of their nominees in the inaugural Swaziland Sports Awards.

"We would like to congratulate (Phumlani) Koffi Nxumalo for being

nominated as best administrator. He has worked tirelessly for the sport and deserves all the credit.

Our youngster Silindile Mathabela, who is nominated in the best youngster category has been phenomenal, especially during the recent games in Germiston where she was voted as best Under-15 and was the first ever Swazi to be chosen to form part of the SADC national team."



TODAY

2018 World Cup Qualifiers - Asia

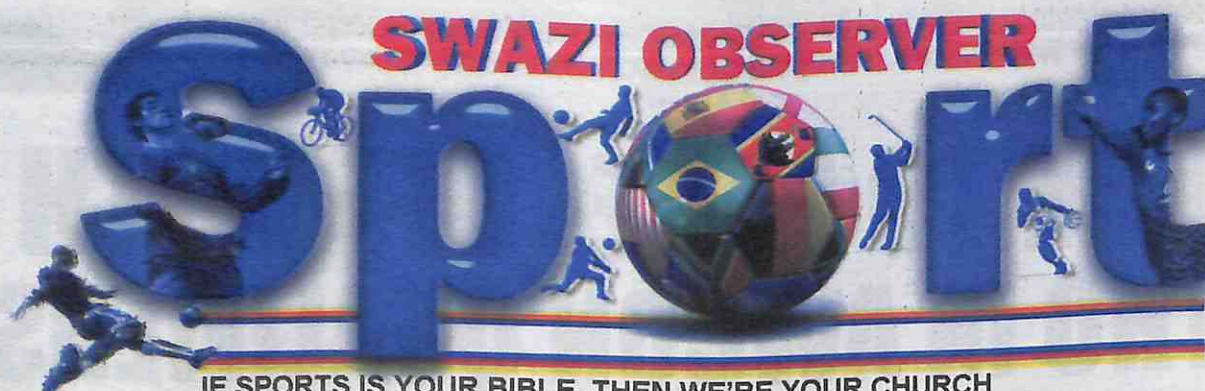
14:30 Syria vs Australia

2018 World Cup Qualifiers - Europe

18:00 Armenia vs Poland  
18:00 Azerbaijan vs Czech Republic  
20:45 Montenegro vs Denmark  
20:45 Northern Ireland vs Germany  
20:45 Scotland vs Slovakia  
20:45 San Marino vs Norway  
20:45 England vs Slovenia  
20:45 Malta vs Lithuania  
20:45 Romania vs Kazakhstan

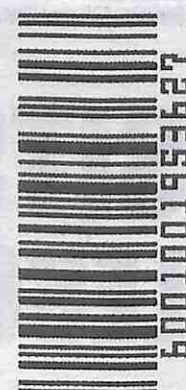
2018 World Cup Qualifiers - South America

22:00 Bolivia vs Brazil Hernando Siles  
23:00 Venezuela vs Uruguay



IF SPORTS IS YOUR BIBLE, THEN WE'RE YOUR CHURCH

Thursday October 5, 2017



## NGOMA DEFENDS DE JONGH BUT...

**SOCCER**—DEPUTY Senate President Ngomuyayona Gamedze has defended under fire national team Sihlangu coach Pieter De Jongh.

Gamedze said it was unfortunate that the coach was being crucified for the country's dwindling status in the international FIFA rankings when he was not to blame.

He said the rankings saw the squad going down not because of the coach but due to inactivity for some time.

"De Jongh came at a bad time and it is unfortunate he is being blamed for the rankings when it is not his fault. We will go down further in terms of rankings and there are a number of challenges associated with this," he said.

### Blame

The deputy president, however, stated that part of the blame could be shifted to the Netherlands-born coach as nothing had changed since he arrived in the country.

"We cannot offer a person a one-year contract with the requirement being that he takes us to CAF. Our contracts should have exit clauses so that when a person fails to perform they leave instead of relying on a non-performing official," he said.

He then urged the Senate chamber to support the ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs, which he said was working hard despite the challenges they face.

"This ministry gets the least budget but they are doing a great job. They need our assistance and deserve a respectable budget considering that the sports are a vehicle to 2022."

### Perform

The issue of the coach was raised by Senator Lungile Gama, who wanted to know why the national team was now failing to perform.

"Learning that our national team would be playing was great news but things are different now. I would also like to know the issue of the assistant coach as it was discussed," she said.

The senators had urged the minister to table a report on the non-performance of the team as well as appointing former head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga as the team's assistant coach.

In response, the minister said they were still working on the report and that it would also be tabled before the House.

Meanwhile, Senator Menjeni Mahlalela urged government to consider all the money allocated to Sihlangu on time.

"We always hear of millions being allocated to Sihlangu. Does the team receive this money on time as this would allow it to be able to do all that is needed for them to perform," he said.

# SENATORS BLAST 14-TEAM LEAGUE

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER**—THE issue of the 14-team league has not gone down well with some senators, who feel there was lack of integrity in the way the matter was handled.

The matter was discussed during the Parliament Portfolio Committee on Sports sitting yesterday. The senators wanted to know from Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala how the issue of 14 teams came about.

First to raise the issue was Senator Sibusiso Shongwe, who asked if there was integrity in dealing with this situation.

"I am happy to hear the minister speaking of integrity. I hope it will come in handy in informing us how the issue of relegation was changed so suddenly. This doesn't make sense to the lay man on the street. Were favours done because of friendship matters?"

### Fate

"If we wanted to increase teams, why didn't we promote those from the lower divisions and let those facing relegation suffer their fate? It should be clear that I am not fighting anyone here and don't even know the team but I am appealing to the minister to look into this matter before 2018," he said.

Shongwe was seconded by Senator Lungile Gama, who wanted to know why other teams were getting special favours.

"I would like to know from the minister why we are protecting other teams. Such conduct brings back unnecessary talk of favours for this certain team, including boardroom decisions in the past. I would really like to know why our

- Question why a certain team is being protected
- Say piloting theory meant to bluff the tax-paying nation
- Ngom'uyayona says Highlanders did not ask to be saved



relegation has eyes," she said.

Also submitting on this matter was Senator Menjeni Mahlalela, who said it was the right of the tax-paying nation to get an explanation on this issue.

### Relegation

"As Parliament we are not interfering with football but we have to ask on behalf of the nation what happened in the issue of 14 teams. As a football person I know that relegation of some teams may not be good for football but why then do we have to wait until the last minute to help when we see these teams struggling for a long time?"

"Don't bluff the nation by making statements that this is a pilot programme, what is it that is being piloted here as the increment of teams is not new in football?" he said.

The senator also added that it was unfair to

the other team to be subjected to play-offs and that such treatment resulted in them failing to make the cut.

"Let us be honest if this team was at the bottom of the log, would it have been subjected to play-offs?" he said.

Deputy Senate President Ngomuyayona Gamedze, however, came to the rescue of the minister, stating that the ministry had no say over this matter. "The ministry is not in charge of relegation but the clubs. Not even the FA president had a say because if it were the case it wouldn't have gone down at any given time because it is closer to his heart. Highlanders did not ask to be saved from relegation, the team has gone down before," he said.

In response, the minister echoed Gamedze, stating that the ministry was not responsible for such decisions taken at other forums.

## Swazi Mobile urged to consider sponsoring local top eight

**SOCCER**—DEPUTY Senate President Ngomuyayona Gamedze has appealed to new communications company Swazi Mobile to consider sponsoring the top eight tournament in local football.

Making his submissions during the Parliament Portfolio Committee for Sports yesterday, the deputy president said it would be good for the local company to sponsor the tournament, which could not be staged this year following the withdrawal by Swaziland Beverages.

### Sponsoring

"MTN Swaziland is already sponsoring the league and it would be good for Swazi Mobile to take over the top eight because we need such tournaments. It can be any other company but

the good thing about Swazi Mobile is that it is headed by a football loving person," he said.

Meanwhile, Senator Menjeni Mahlalela expressed gratitude to the company for their gesture of allowing the nation free entry to the stadium.

### Opportunity

"I would like to thank Swazi Mobile for their efforts in ensuring that the soccer loving public watched games for free. This is not just my feeling but that of the nation. The opportunity revived passion for the game, even to those who had stopped attending football games.

"The support from the fans also comes in handy for the players when inside the field of play," he said.



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