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FIT FOR A BISHOP: Thembinkosi Gcaba of the Gcaba Brothers presenting the keys of the over E700 000 sleek BMW to Bishop Sabelo Mavuso of Victorious Life Christian Church based in Durban. The presentation was witnessed by elders and church members after the church service on Sunday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

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PRESIDENT WELCOMES HIS MAJESY AT AIRPORT

By King's Office Correspondent
Malabo, Equatorial Guinea

HIS Majesty the King was treated to a royal welcome in this oil rich country when the president personally received him at the airport.

A large contingent of diplomats from various countries also lined up to greet the king, Inkhosikati LaMatsebula and local the delegation. President Obiang Nguema Mbasogo went beyond the traditional handshake to give a hug to the monarch before the two leaders ascended the podium for the national anthems of the two countries.

First Lady Constancia Mangue De Obiang also gave a warm embrace to the Inkhosikati who also received a bunch of flowers from a young girl.

The King inspected the guard of honour before the president introduced him to his government officials and diplomats.

Escorts

His Majesty reciprocated with an introduction of the local delegation.

After a brief moment in the VIP lounge of the Malabo airport His Majesty and the president were escorted to one of the presidential villas at Sipopo in the same car.

Notably, the highway was decorated with congratulatory messages

for the president who turns 75 today but the country will not mark this day with a national celebration.

Upon arrival at the Villas, the two leaders and the First lady and Inkhosikati LaMatsebula shared close to half an hour together before His Majesty was left to rest ahead of a three day programme of activities for the official visit which will also feature a private celebration of the President's 75th birthday.

The programme began yesterday with an official reception at the People's Palace where government officials, diplomats and other VIP guests were expected to be in attendance.

Later in the evening, the king was

invited to a private family dinner at the Hall of "La Colina".

Today (Tuesday) the King and Inkhosikati are scheduled to visit "Punta Europa" petroleum facility as well as the National Amusement Park of Malabo.

Economy

Equatorial Guinea is steadily gaining recognition on the world stage having recently been accepted as member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). This organisation was founded in 1960 to coordinate the petroleum policies of its members and to provide such states with technical and economic aid.

This country has also just recently been given a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. Swaziland and Equatorial Guinea signed a bilateral agreement in 2011 and the most recent highlight of this agreement is the training of police officers from the latter at the Matsapha police college where 30 are currently undergoing training.

Forming part of the Swaziland delegation are Chairperson of the Border Restoration Committee Prince Guduza, Minister of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile, Foreign Affairs Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze, Chief Lutfwacula and Swaziland Ambassador to the AU Promise Msibi.



DURBAN CHURCH PRESENTS BISHOP SABELO MAVUSO WITH E700 000 BMW M SPORT

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Stories by Simon Shabangu
Durban

PHUMELELE High Schools Founder and Director who is also Bishop and founder of Victorious Life Christian Church, was over the weekend presented with a brand new BMW 3 series M Sport worth over E700 000 by his Durban based church.

The price was sourced from auto trader's website.

The soft spoken preacher who is only known in the country as the first Swazi to establish private schools commands a huge following in South African mainly in Durban.

Leadership

The blue sleek wheels were officially presented to Mavuso after the Sunday service by the church's leadership and the business people who bought the vehicle for him.

Thobani and Theminkosi Gcaba operate a business in the public transport sector under the style name Gcaba Brothers. They own a fleet of taxis including small

and big buses. The two brothers are the ones who sponsored the vehicle on behalf of the church.

They are also members of the church and they felt it would be wise for them to get a safe, fast and fuel saving vehicle for their pastor to do the Swaziland-Durban trips that he does every weekend.

Glory

"This is our token of appreciation to our bishop for the word of God he delivers to us every week.

He drives down to Durban every week and for his safety we felt this is an appropriate car that will also save him fuel expenses. We have been observing his love for the word of God. We hope this will help him and also encourage him to look after our spiritual needs as a congregation," Theminkosi said.

Secretary General of the church Sithembiso Mbasela thanked the business people for the car donation to the bishop on behalf of the church.

"We praise God and give glory to God for such a blessing which we trust will be of assistance to the pastor. God has been great to us as a church since we start-

ed some two years ago and we are growing on a weekly basis due to the miracles and healing that people receive from our bishop," he said.

Mavuso said he was grateful to the Gcaba brothers for the kind gesture stating that he was humbled by such generosity from the business people.

Mavuso said he sees God at work because this was not the first time he received a car as a gift from church members who have received blessings under his church.

Gift

"I never thought it was such an expensive car which also happens to be the latest model. I was shocked myself but through all this I saw God performing his miracles.

This tells me that the God I serve is doing wonders to the people I preach to and pray for every weekend," he said.

The church members gathered outside the church to congratulate Mavuso while others prayed for the car. Some sections thanked the generous Gcaba Brothers and commended them for representing the congregation well by buying such a gift for the man of God.

Jesus performed his first miracles in a foreign land - Mavuso

A lot of people will be surprised that Sabelo Mavuso is a well-respected and powerful man of God who perform miracles through prayer in his church in Durban.

When asked why he opted to start a church in Durban instead of starting one at home, Mavuso said he would have extended the same question to Jesus Christ because he also first performed miracles and his Godly given powers in a foreign land.

"In Luke 4 Verse 24, when Jesus was confronted with the same question he said 'And he said, verily I say unto you, no prophet is accepted in his own country'. Everything I do, I follow God's command which is what brought me to Durban. Many people are asking me the same question and my answer is that when the time is right I will start a branch in Swaziland.

Glory

For now I have my church in Durban where God is doing miracles and people are getting healed. I receive a lot of support from the people of Ethekeini where we also receive people coming from as far as Johannesburg to be part of our services.

Through all this I give glory to God because this is all his doing," he said.

He said what he does outside the country is just lifting the country's flag.

"I represent Swaziland very well in Durban and promote the country as well. Even in Swaziland we have a lot of foreign pastors who started churches and ministries. God is using them to win lost souls of the Swazi people.

Pulpit

My case is not an exclusive one because even here in Durban we have the likes of Bishop Mpendulo Nkambule among other foreign internationals that are doing wonderful miracles in ministering the word of God and also promoting the country so that people know that Swaziland is indeed the pulpit of Africa," he said.

When asked if he would consider doing a service for the people of Swaziland, Mavuso said that was in his plans stating that for now he has a big service coming June 18 at his church and another one in September which he will host together with Pastor Ncanda from Durban. He said he will do a service in Swaziland thereafter.

Mavuso has preaching sessions in three different radio stations

BISHOP Sabelo Mavuso is not only preaching at his church but also has slots in three different community radio stations in KZN.

These include Imbokodo FM, Highway FM and Devine Touch FM. As early as five in the morning every Sunday, Mavuso moves from one station to another to minister to the people through these airwaves.

There is great demand for his sermons, if the response received during this Sunday session at Imbokodo FM is anything to go by. The 30 minutes session on air where Mavuso preaches seems rather too short.

Soon after his sermon there is a call-in session, where listeners call in for prayer requests while others give positive testimonies on what God has done through Mavuso's sermons.

Imbokodo FM Programmes Manager Sambulo Nkwanyana said they started hosting Mavuso

as a guest pastor some two years ago. He said since he started preaching at the station they received positive response from his programme stating that there are a lot of testimonies.

He said some call to make their testimonies while others come physically to the station and to the church.

"God is using Bishop Mavuso in a strange way and we thank God for him. Since we started hosting him we have seen growth of the listenership every Sunday morning.

The people come from all over KZN and this tells us that God is doing great things. It is amazing that the man of God travels from Swaziland every weekend, without fail, to minister here. I am personally a member of the church and I must say that since I joined the church I have seen a lot of positive change in my life," Nkwanyana added.

National Warning; Fire department not hiring

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE Swaziland Fire Emergency Services authorities are warning the public about a jobs hoax circulating on social media.

Members of the public have been receiving messages about the fire department hiring countrywide.

This is not true. There is currently a Whatsapp message circulating via social media and email regarding job opportunities at the fire Services.

The message contents read; "The Swaziland Fire Emergency Services are looking for more people who are interested in working for the company. Requirements include a Form Five certificate, Identity card, birth certificate, application letter and curriculum

vite". According to the hoax message, applications should be handed in from June 8-10 2017 at any site of fire services around the country.

Divisional Operations Officer at Swaziland Fire Services Meshack Mkhabela said they knew nothing

about jobs vacancies. "As far as I know there are currently no vacancies at Swaziland Fire Services," he said. Mkhabela also warned Swazis to be very vigilant of comments. "Such messages are very disturbing because we will be getting reports of fraud by false pretences," he said.

PM APPOINTS 15-MEMBER HEALTH TASK TEAM

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

Cover Story

DRUG shortages in the country's health facilities will soon be a thing of the past as the Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini has appointed an Inter-ministerial task team on health service delivery.

The 15-member task team resumed its duties yesterday after the press conference which was held at the Cabinet offices.

The head of government said the prime minister's inter-ministerial task team on health delivery were commissioned following the serious challenges that have emerged in the form of an inconsistent availability of medicines from the Central Medical Stores.

He said a preliminary assessment revealed that there were a number of shortcomings which included late payments to suppliers, capacity weakness in a number of disciplines and lack of accountability in inventory control.

Solutions

Former Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Information Communication and Technology Sikelela Dlamini has been appointed chairman of the task team.

According to the prime minister who is fresh from an operation in Taiwan, the team consists of professionals in key ministries who will examine the problem analytically and objectively

The head of government highlighted that the terms of reference for the work of the task team include the designing of a methodology that will identify and analyse the strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats in the area of supply of medicine and medical supplies. He said the team will also present a schematic framework of the supply chain system with ministerial responsibilities clearly assigned.



ACTION MAN: Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini addressing the press conference. (Pic Gugu Simelane).

and with the greatest urgency.

The team has been given six weeks to produce a report containing the initial solutions.

"An interim report will be submitted to the office of the prime minister on June 13, 2017 and the final report will be delivered on July 18, 2017," he said.

Dlamini highlighted that the terms

of reference for the work of the task team include the designing of a methodology that will identify and analyse the strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats in the area of supply of medicine and medical supplies.

He said the team would also present a schematic framework of the supply chain system with ministerial responsibilities clearly assigned.

Resources

"There will also be an accountability policy drawn up for all relevant stakeholders," he said.

The prime minister further said from this work, there will be a set of time-based, quantified and measurable action, outputs and outcome targets to achieve the intended solution within a reasonable time.

"Cash flow projections would also be produced along with realistic and acceptable plan payments to suppliers to the fullest extent within the parameters of the government budget.

There will also be a stock control system established that will ensure purchases and issues are properly authorised and any material discrepancies fully investigated.

The health of the people of our country, the Kingdom of Swaziland, is of the highest priority to His Majesty's government. Regarding the health service that is provided by government to our people, all systems and processes are designed to maximise the quality of the service that can be delivered with the resources available," he said.

PEPFAR to provide technical assistance

THE Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini revealed that the task team has an urgent and challenging assignment hence the United States government, through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) will provide expert technical assistance in an advisory capacity to the Inter-Ministerial.

The prime minister further said the identification of the supply of drugs as the subject matter for the task team does not presume that all other aspects of the government health service do not warrant a similar examination.

He said an assessment of that will be dealt with separately.

"In the first instance we must therefore concentrate our expert human resources on resolving the immediate problem of supply of medicines and medical supplies," he said.

Medical suppliers' debts have been paid, PM says government has paid most of the money owed to suppliers.

Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini therefore said the nation can expect that there will be sufficient medicine in the health facilities.

He however said there is no excuse for the situation where health facilities are without medicine at any time.

"When defects such as these become evident, then immediate action to remedy the problem is essential. In taking this initiative, my office recognises the extent of the challenges faced by the ministry of health, and will work closely with the ministry to ensure it operates at optimum efficiency and provides the nation with the service it deserves," he said.

Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane added that 90 per cent of the total debt to medical suppliers has been paid.

She said in January 2017, the debt to suppliers stood at over E400 million and by May it had been paid down to E236 million.

The Task Team is as follows

1. Sikelela Dlamini	Chairperson
2. Fortunate Bhembe	Chief Pharmacist - Secretary
3. Dr Makhosazana Dlamini	Mbabane Gvt. Hospital's
4. Senior Medical Officer	
5. Sincodile Dlamini	Ministry of Health's
6. Procurement Officer	
7. Dr Vusi Magagula	Director of Health Services
8. Lonkhululeko Magagula	Chief Economist
9. Thuli Magagula	Mbabane Gvt. Hospital
10. Pharmacist	
11. Zinhle Matsebula	RFM's Hospital Pharmacist
12. Brenda Dlamini	Central Medical Stores
13. Pharmacist	
14. Dumsile Ngwenya	Accountant General
15. Khangezi Jele	e-Government Specialist
16. Zandile Dlamini	Attorney General's Office
17. Dr Thembisile Khumalo	Chief Nursing Officer
18. Mazwell Masuku	Management Services
19. Division, Ministry of Public Service	
20. Vusi Dlamini	Budget Director, Ministry of
21. Finance	

Scholarship recovery; PAC blames labour

By Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

THE Public Accounts Committee (PAC) blames the labour ministry for not being robust in recovering scholarships loaned to tertiary students in the country.

This was during the appearance of the ministry of labour and social security before the PAC.

The PAC and the ministry were deliberating on the performance audit of the scholarship recovery.

The ministry was led by Acting Principal Secretary (PS) Norman Gamedze, while the PAC was led by Chairperson Thuli

Dladla. Acting PS Gamedze represented PS Thulani Mkhali, who is currently away in Geneva to be part of the International Labour Conference.

Companies

The PAC was of the view that if the ministry was robust, there would be no need for the ministry to engage a consultant. The consultant is expected to collect scholarships to all who owe government, including those that are employed by government.

The consultant was formally introduced last Thursday at Cabinet offices in Mbabane to collect scholarships from owing former tertiary students, which is E3 billion.

The consultants include SV Mdladla

and Associates, DataNet, and Transunion ITC.

The three companies, which are referred to as a consortium, entered into an agreement with government in September 2012.

The consortium has already started collecting funds from the owing former students and they are said to be taking a certain percentage from whatever money collected from the former students.

It will be collecting the money, while at the same time completing phase two of the project, as per the agreement of the existing parties. However, acting Accountant General (AG) Elizabeth Matsebula advised the ministry to meet

her office in order to discuss how they can pay the consortium.

Worry

The AG further stated that they should pay the consortium through her office, not directly from the ministry.

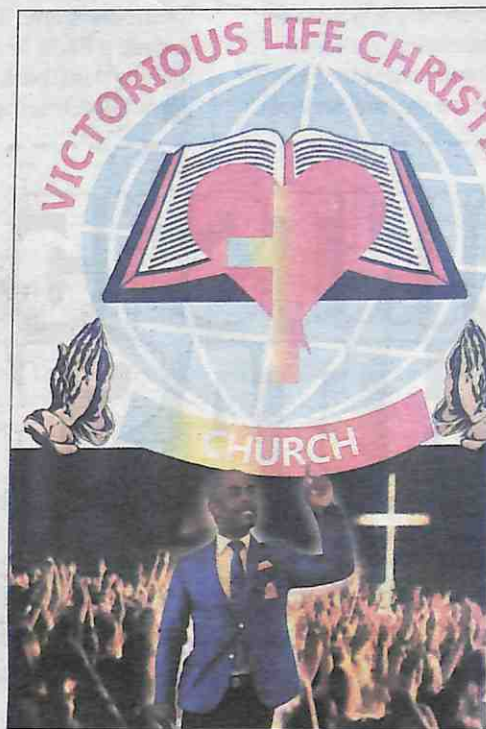
The PAC felt government was going to lose more money to the consultants. They will have to pay money to the consultants for a job that would otherwise have been done by the ministry.

The consortium is expected to collect the money in three years and after that, the ministry will then take over and continue collecting the money from former tertiary students who were sponsored by government whether locally or out of the country.

BISHOP SABELO MAVUSO PRESENTED WITH A BRAND NEW BMW 3 SERIES M SPORT



THANK YOU: The Gcaba Brothers Thobani and Thembinkosi presenting Bishop Sabelo Mavuso with a brand new BMW 3 Series M Sport they bought for the bishop on behalf of the church. The presentation was witnessed by elders of the church and the congregation of Mavuso's Victorious Life Christian Church after the Sunday service.



MC: Church Vice Chairman Raymond Sophothela directing proceedings during the service.



REMARKS: Church Secretary Sithembiso Mbasela making his remarks. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



WORSHIP: The congregation in prayer during the service.



SLEEK: Mavuso feeling the comfort of his new sleek wheels.



IN THE POWER: Mavuso in song and prayer as he busted demons from some of the members who were healed on the day.



IN SONG: Congregants in high spirits during the service.



RISING FOR THE LORD: Congregants on their feet as the sermon got deep.



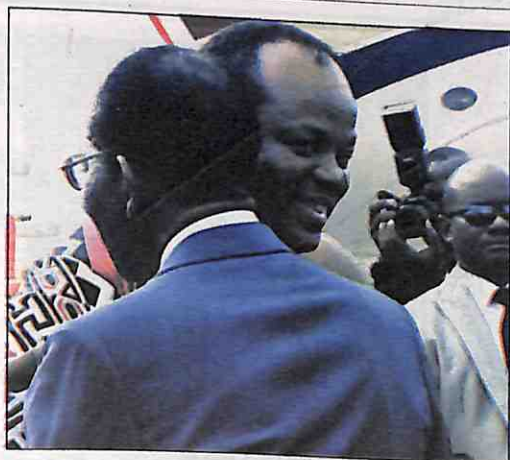
THE SICK WILL BE HEALED: Mavuso praying for the sick during the service.



OFFERINGS: Congregants giving their offerings.



(BELOW) MEMORABLE: Church members pictured after the service.



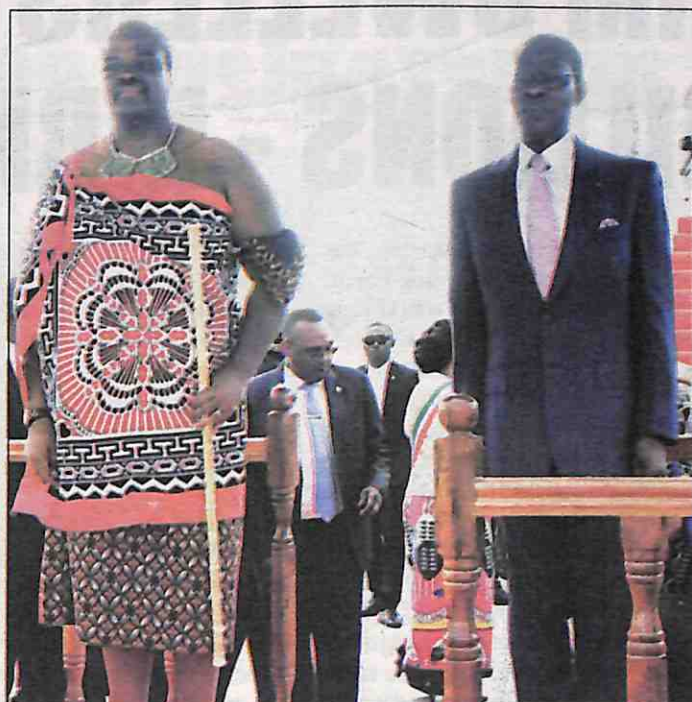
WELCOME: The president embracing His Majesty on his arrival.



GREETINGS: His Majesty was introduced to Equatorial Guinea authorities, personalities and diplomats by the president. (Pics: Len Mohale)

MEETING: President of Equatorial Guinea Obiang Nguema Mbasogo and First Lady Constanca Mangue De Obiang walking towards Siyinqaba to welcome His Majesty the King and delegation this past Sunday afternoon.

KING ARRIVES SAFELY IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA



NATIONAL ANTHEMS: His Majesty the King and President Nguema Mbasogo observing the national anthems of the two countries.



EMAZINYANE: Prince Lindani and Prince Majaha seated with Prince Guduza upon arrival at Malabo VIP lounge.

PRINCES: Sicalo and Bandzile relaxing in the VIP lounge upon arrival.



THIS WAY: Swaziland Ambassador to AU Promise Msibi welcoming Foreign Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze upon arrival.

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STUBBORN FARM DWELLERS COSTING ME MILLIONS - KIRK

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

FARM dwellers who are refusing to move from businessman Tom Kirk's farm in Malkerns are said to be costing the businessman millions of Emalangeni in expenses as the project he wants to undertake in the area is failing to kick off.

Kirk, who was given the go ahead for the project by the Environmental Authority, stated that the approval was valid for three years, dating back from 2014. He said this meant

that the approval period had elapsed and he (Kirk) has to start the whole process afresh.

Speaking before Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo yesterday during the trial of the matter, Kirk said failure to go ahead with the project would create enormous expenses which would amount to costs of several millions.

Kirk stated that he would have to start everything afresh including planning. The businessman said currently there were excavators and a whole construction team on site. He said the farm dwellers were causing a frustration for the whole

process and he even requested that the court visit the site so that it could see for itself what he was talking about.

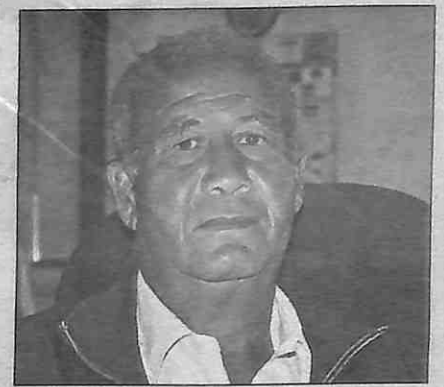
Frustrations

Kirk said the whole project could collapse anytime because of the frustrations caused by the people who do not want to move from the farm.

When asked to inform the court what frustrations were caused by the people living in the farm, he said they had started building dams and extract water from the canal without permission from the relevant structures.

He said at the end of the day he is the one who is held liable for whatever happens in the farm. He stated that when he and his team tried to fix the water canal problem they met resistance from the family as his team was instructed aggressively to stop what they were doing.

He added that one of the defendants' homesteads is just right in the centre of where a road is supposed to be. "Belinda's house is planted in the main vertical road which is the pipeline of the project, we are virtually stuck," Kirk told the court.



GET OUT: Tom Kirk.

Gazette declaring Malkerns a town presented to court

A government gazette which declared Malkerns as a town was yesterday handed in to Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo as evidence to the application moved by Tom Kirk to kick the farm dwellers out of his property.

Kirk said ever since the area was declared urban he has been paying rates and has invoices for that. He said his company acquired the piece of land in 2006.

He stated that he has never at any given time given permission for Donald and Marry Masina to build houses on the farm. However, the defendants stated that they have been living in the area for over 40 years and believe because of that they have the right to the land.

Kirk said there were certain procedures to be followed when acquiring land and the defendants never did that.

I WILL NOT COMPENSATE ANYONE -KIRK

TOM Kirk made it clear yesterday that he would not be compensating anyone for being kicked out of his farm in Malkerns.

Kirk was informed that the people whom he wanted out of the farm had stated that they had no problem with moving out of the farm but they wanted Kirk to give them a piece of land where they

were going to be relocated and also be compensated for their houses which they would be leaving behind.

The businessman made it clear however that he will not be compensating anyone, saying people must tell the tribunal which they once approached before to allocate them land. Kirk said what they were asking for was just out of his

jurisdiction.

Kirk even presented a will left by the late Marry Inskip which she wrote in 1991.

The will states that should Inskip die all farm dwellers who had not been moved from the farm should be vacated. The will further states that Inskip never gave anyone permission to build permanent struc-

tures in the farm, including structures which when the people are evicted from the farm would seek compensation.

The court, however, did not consider the new evidence which was brought before it as there are proper channels which must be followed when presenting such evidence before court.

Unhealthy lifestyles lead to stroke in younger generation

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

DUE to unhealthy lifestyles being led by the younger generation these days there is a new trend where by young people are attacked by stroke.

This was revealed by Cheshire Homes Director Muzi Dlamini when making his therapy services overview. Dlamini in his presentation stated that stroke continues to be a leading condition amongst patients attended for occupational therapy followed by traumatic brain injury together with spinal cord injury.

He stated that stroke has also continued to be a leading condition amongst patients attended for occupational therapy followed by two forms of back pain. The director was referring to statistics of people attended at Cheshire Homes Swaziland.

Dlamini pointed out that recent statistics have shown that there is a new kind of stroke which attacks the younger generation as opposed to the older generation which was usually associated with such.

According BCC Research (www.bccresearch.com) in its new report on stroke management, it states that researchers found that more than 83 000 people aged 20 and younger suffer of strokes every year. The medical researchers warned the shift in stroke burden towards younger people would continue unless urgent steps are taken to encourage people to improve unhealthy lifestyles mainly by reducing their consumption of salt, alcohol and tobacco.

The research based on statistics taken from Asia-Pacific region states that in 2010, 61.5 per cent of disability and 51.7 per cent of deaths were caused by hemorrhagic strokes which occur when a weakened blood vessel ruptures and is mainly caused by high blood pressure and unhealthy lifestyles. It further states that most affected are people younger than 75 years and those living in low-income and middle-income countries, where the incidence of hemorrhagic stroke has risen by around 19 per cent.

Sibebe Survivor registration open

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE Rotary Club of Mbuluzi has announced that entries for the 2017 Sibebe Survivor Fundraiser are now officially open.

Rotary Club of Mbuluzi Public Relations Officer Sindi Ntombini said they were calling on everyone to register early, especially big corporates that require bulk orders with various sizes in terms

of T-Shirts. She said individuals who want to partake are encouraged to do so early to avoid disappointment.

"The days for registration at the Portuguese Club are Saturday June 24 and Saturday July.

Everyone is welcome to register by sending an email and paying via EFT.

Please do send the proof of payment to secure your place in the challenge. We urge all Swazis to partake in this amazing Sibebe Survivor Challenge," she said.



UNISWA students applaud ruling on assistant registrar

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

THE ruling by the Industrial court that University of Swaziland Assistant Registrar Sandile Hlophe should go back to the university and face his sexual harassment charges has been applauded by UNISWA students.

Hlophe, who is accused by female students of sexual harassment, had approached the court in a quest to have his disciplinary hearing conducted by his employers stopped.

Industrial court Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane making the ruling said an employer had a right to dis-



cipline its employees and therefore the court could not interfere in the process.

UNISWA Student Representative Council (SRC) President Sibusiso Siyaya said they were still awaiting communication from the university management but had already learnt of the ruling through the newspapers and they were

happy with it.

"We appreciate the ruling by the honourable court and we hope now the disciplinary hearing can go on as planned," he said.

Siyaya said as students they wanted Hlophe to pay for what he did to their fellow sisters. "If he didn't do anything wrong like he claims then he must allow the

process to take its course," he said.

was out they would be waiting for communication from the management on the way forward on the matter.

Hlophe who is based in the IT department within the University was late last year accused of sexual harassment by several female students.

In the wake of the allegations the institution investigated the matter and eventually slapped Hlophe with three charges of sexual harassment.

Hlophe then approached the court to have his DC hearing stopped, however this application has been dismissed by the court.

Almor Oliveira's wife confronts Matsapha Asian businessman

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

ALMOR Oliveira's wife was yesterday spotted at Mahhala Industrial in a business area adjacent to where her businessman husband was allegedly kidnapped.

Oliveira's wife according to reliable sources visited one of the businessmen who operate a car dealership industry. Even though the purpose of the visit was not clear, it was alleged that the kidnapped businessman's wife had gone there with the intention of warning the car dealer against selling import vehicles on the property which is rented out by Oliveira.

Efforts to get hold of the Oliveira family to ascertain the exact purpose of the visit were futile as Nonhlanhla Shongwe, who is responsible for Oliveira's businesses, couldn't be reached on her cell-phone.

Later in the day when someone answered her phone she informed this reporter that Shongwe was held up in a meeting and when called later her phone rang unanswered.

Worth noting is that this publication's sister newspaper, the Sunday Observer once reported that Oliveira was involved in a dispute with an Asian businessman over a plot about a year ago which saw



HELPING HAND: Mrs Oliveira with her husband's PA Nonhlanhla Shongwe.

him allegedly destroying vehicles belonging to the car dealers with an excavator.

According to the article, the bone of contention is alleged to have been the leasing of a plot belonging to Oliveira by an unknown individual who swindled the Asian businessman as he claimed ownership of the plot only for the actual property owner to make this discovery a while later while checking on his properties.

This incident is alleged to have resulted to two vehicles being crushed beyond recognition by an excavator on Oliveira's orders. It would seem the wrangle with the Asian businessmen who are selling vehicles on Oliveira's property is far

from over.

The kidnapped businessman has been missing for almost two months now after he was reportedly kidnapped at his place of business in Matsapha on April 16.

Investigations so far have led to the arrest of two suspects and among these suspects is Oliveira's former tenant Qing Ming He, who saw murder charges incorporated in his charge sheet over the past week-end.

'SCHAHA' MURDER SUSPECT HAD BAIL CONDITIONS ALTERED

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

AN order by Judge Mpendulo Simelane will be used in court, to oppose the fourth count that was recently added to murder suspect Lucky Matsenjwa.

The order issued by the controversial judge will be used as evidence in the case where Matsenjwa has been charged with contempt of court for intentionally and unlawfully failing to hand over his passport, on the month of October 2014.

The order, which was granted on the January 23, 2015, varied the bail condition that Matsenjwa should remain in Swaziland at all times. Instead, Judge Mpendulo states that inconsideration of Matsenjwa's health condition his bail condition was varied.

The order, which this publication has in its possession, states that the investigating officer in Matsenjwa's

fingerprint case will release the passport every time the suspect needed to travel to South Africa upon making a written request, the stating the reasons and duration of stay for his intended visit.

According to well placed sources, Matsenjwa's lawyers will use this order in court to defend himself against the fourth charge.

The charge came after it was revealed in court that Matsenjwa was arrested upon arrival at the Ngwenya Border Gate, where he found a team of police awaiting his return. It is alleged that he had gone to Nelspruit for assessment and was due for an operation on June 9.

The other charges faced by the suspected killer include murder, defeating the ends of justice and theft.

He is alleged to have tried to conceal evidence by killing key witness Mduduzi 'Schaza' Matsebula and further stole his shoes and cell-phone.



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Smallholder Market-Led Project - Project Overview

The Smallholder Market-led Project (SMLP) is targeting reducing poverty and food insecurity of poor rural dwellers through investment supporting increased agricultural production and productivity and market-led commercialization of smallholder agriculture. Production of commodities suitable both for household nutrition and market supply will be enhanced as will the linkages between markets and producers, resulting in improved food security and incomes. The project targets economically active poor households and food deficit households in thirty-seven (37) chiefdoms located in within twelve (12) Tinkhundla in the southeast of Swaziland. This position is based at Siphofaneni/Sidvokodvo.

Position: Community Development Specialist Reports to: SMLP National Project Director

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- Support integration of cross cutting issues into program activities to ensure that correct targeting is done (with a focus to HIV/AIDS, youth and gender mainstreaming)
- Work closely with the consultants and agencies hired to provide different service under Component 1 (Baseline studies),
- Development of appropriate training materials and capacity building of smallholder farmers
- Organise studies tours under the component
- Document trainings interventions (including pictures)

Qualifications

- MA degree in social science/or a field related to rural community development and a minimum of 5 years' experience in community development empowerment OR
- Bachelors' Degree in social science/or in a field in rural community development and minimum 10 years of experience in community development/empowerment
- Experience in gender mainstreaming at project and institutional level
- Experience in Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) methodologies
- Experience in design of training material and delivery of such trainings
- Strong Facilitation and Training skills
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- Proven ability to work in teams

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Government kombi causes pile-up in Pigg's Peak

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

TRAFFIC was halted for an hour after a government kombi crashed into a sedan yesterday during peak traffic hour in Pigg's Peak.

The accident happened opposite the Boxer Supermarket car park exit and resulted in two other cars being involved.

Sources close to the matter said the government kombi was driving down the MR1 public road heading towards the Pigg's Peak branch of Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) while the Corolla was heading in the opposite direction towards Buy Cash Hardware.

Unfortunately, the kombi then collided into the sedan head-on, with the impact forcing the sedan to knock two other cars.

"The head-on collision resulted in the sedan



PILE-UP: The government kombi that was involved in a head-on collision with a Toyota sedan in Pigg's Peak yesterday afternoon.

flung backwards into a Mazda that was turning on to the main road while the Mazda then hit another Toyota sedan. This took the number of cars involved in the accident to four, all

the owners of the cars were driving alone without any passengers," said the source.

Emergency services were found at the scene removing the vehicles involved in the accident.

However, no one was injured as only the vehicles were damaged.

The government kombi driver was blamed for the accident.



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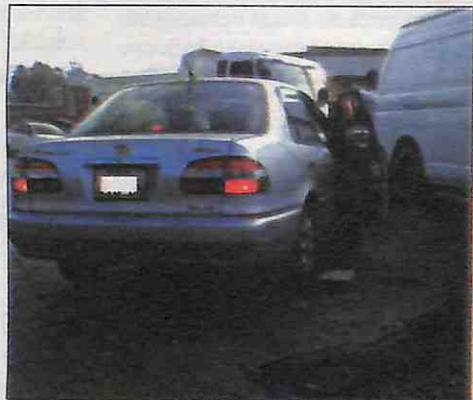
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ABOVE AND BELOW: The side and back view of the Toyota Corolla.



DAMAGE: The Mazda that was bumped into by the Corolla.



FAST RESPONSE: Emergency services quick to the scene.

PM'S THANKSGIVING AND BELATED 75TH BIRTHDAY



ME AND MY SISTERS: Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini with sisters Lomagugu, Amy Joyce Manthata and Siphiwe Sebola during his thanksgiving and belated 75th birthday celebration at Bhékinkosi Church of the Nazarene on Sunday. (pics: Lucky Simelane)



BIG FAMILY: PM surrounded by his grandchildren.



LISTEN: The PM with Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini and the PM's son Muzi.



MUSIC: Royal Swaziland Police choir among the entertainers.

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BROTHERS TEAM UP TO GET RID OF UNWANTED GIRLFRIEND

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE court heard how two sibling brothers orchestrated a plan to get rid of unwanted girlfriend by first locking her out and later hacking the woman in the head after a heated argument with her boyfriend.

The upset girlfriend Bonsile Maseko, who has a child with one of the brothers, told the court she had a heated argument with her boyfriend thus he walked out of their rented house.

He later came back in the company of his brother.

Bonsile Maseko who works as a housekeeper, alleged Bongani Makhanya, her brother-in-law attacked her when she came back from work on May 21.

Child

Appearing before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini, Maseko said after the argument with the father of her child she went to work and when she came back in the evening she found the door locker changed.

"When I came back I found all my

belongings thrown out. I could not gain entry into the house; I then asked the father of my child to open for me and further talked to the landlord. My brother-in-law then came to me and told me to go away as I was no longer needed," she said.

She added that when the locked house was finally opened by her baby's father she went in and refused to leave.

"While inside the house I sought for answers from my boyfriend as to why he had thrown my belongings out.

He went outside and that is when

my brother-in-law started assaulting me. He started by slapping me on the face three times," she said.

Shock

In addition, she said he assaulted her after she asked him to pay back the E100 she had lent him.

"While I was still shocked that he was assaulting me with open hands all over my head, he produced an axe and hacked me in the head and hands," she added.

The complainant then started crying as she related the sad ordeal. Moreover, she then told the court she

defended herself by biting Makhanya's hand. "My boyfriend then called the police while the landlord came to my rescue," she said.

When asked by the Crown where her boyfriend was during the severe assault, she revealed he was outside and never made an attempt to rescue her.

She added that police came and took her to hospital where she was admitted. However, on the other hand, Makhanya denied he assaulted her because she did not want to leave.

"I was there to calm the situation down as my brother had called me and told me they were having a fight, and she became violent and used a stick to assault me," he said.

He added that his sister-in-law did not only assault him but further insulted and humiliated him, which he said resulted in him being angry. "I am sorry for my conduct," he said.

The matter was postponed.

Nonhle swamped by adoring Pigg's Peak fans

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

GOSPEL artist Nonhle Mtsetfwa was swamped by members of the Pigg's Peak public who wanted to win free copies of her DVD.

Mtsetfwa was performing in the car park outside the Boxer Supermarket this past Saturday afternoon.

Speaking to this newspaper, organiser of the event Mabandla Mtsetfwa said they were elated by the love people have shown towards the young gospel star.

Mtsetfwa, who is also the young artist's father, said people crowded the gospel star clamouring for her latest DVDs.

He said this was after members of the public heard that if they spent E100 or more inside the Boxer Supermarket then they would qual-



IDOL: Swamped by Pigg's Peak fans Nonhle Mtsetfwa performing outside Boxer superstore on Saturday afternoon.

ify to win a free DVD of the gospel artist.

"We are involved in a promotion

with Boxer Supermarket in Pigg's Peak and as part of the promotion we are giving away free DVDs to

customers who have spent more than E100 inside the shop. Unfortunately, the response from the public was forceful resulting in the ensuing chaos.

However, we had things under control after Nonhle was briefly swamped by the adoring fans," said Mtsetfwa.

Nonhle's performance started at midday until about 5pm and featured other gospel artists who wowed Pigg's Peak residents.

Members of the public when interviewed said they were happy to be entertained especially during the day with good local gospel music.

"We, in Pigg's Peak, do not have many gospel shows let alone public ones that happen during the day. This is good for the gospel music industry in Swaziland and we hope to see more shows of this nature in future," said members of the public.



NICE MEETING YOU: Fans of Nonhle Mtsetfwa speaking to her outside the Boxer superstore. (R) Gospel artist Nonhle Mtsetfwa and father Mabandla Mtsetfwa.



IN SONG: Nonhle and her father performing for the crowd.



Moza man busted for dagga bags thought it was meat

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A Mozambican man who was recently arrested at Mhlumeni Border Gate and charged for possession of dagga told the court that he was not aware he was carrying dagga.

Paulo Magwagwa was arrested last week at the border after he was found carrying two plastic bags full of dagga. He was charged with contravening Section 7 as read with Section 8(1) of the Opium and Habit Forming Drug, Act 37 of 1922.

During his appearance before court last Thursday, the accused had to be remanded back in custody as he could not understand SiSwati and English. He was back in court yesterday, where an interpreter translated for him from English to Shangan and vice versa.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge while conducting his own defence.

When asked on why he committed the offence, the accused stated he

was tricked by four men who asked him to assist them in taking their bags across the border.

He said the men came to him while carrying a number of bags and plastic bags which they said were carrying meat. They asked him to assist in taking the bags from the Swazi side of the border to that of Mozambique.

He accused said he checked only one of the plastic bags and found it was indeed carrying meat. The accused said the men further promised to pay him a sum of E200 if he assisted them.

However, he was arrested just before passing through the Swazi police. When asked about his initial purpose at the border gate, the accused stated that he was employed at one of the shops situated close to the border.

He was eventually found guilty on the charge and sentenced to four months in a correctional facility with an option to pay a E1 000 fine.



HABITUAL LIQUOR THIEF BUSTED AGAIN AT SHOPRITE

By Phesheya Kunene
Swazi National Court

IT has become clear to Philemon Shongwe that his alcohol addiction is the cause of all his current problems.

As soon as Shongwe was called into the accused dock for stealing alcohol, the court recognised his face as he had committed a similar offence before.

However, in his poor defence, the law-breaker blamed security guards as he explained they always followed him each time he enters a liquor shop.

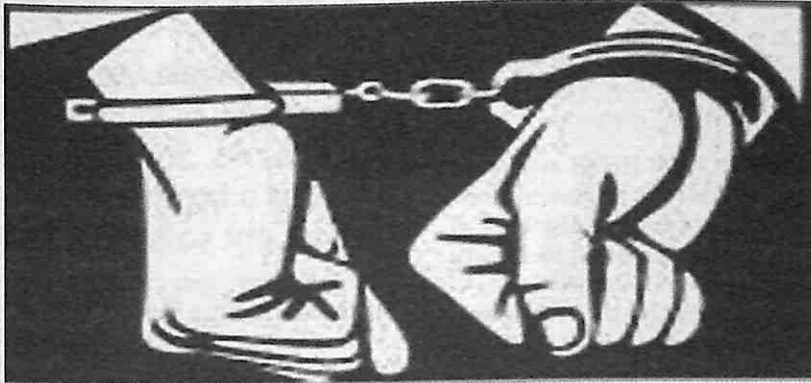
With a face filled with grief, Shongwe told Court President Ngeto Cindzi he served time in jail for his previous crime as he could not pay the fine ordered by the court.

Nonetheless, he apologised before court and pleaded for leniency as he made it clear he was not happy with the situation he has found himself in.

"I have always been accused of stealing and each time I go there to buy they suspect that I have stolen alcohol," he said with great disappointment.

However, the court was not interested in the explanation he was giving, saying it needed a clear answer why he stole the 375ml bottle of Fish Eagle worth E109.99 whilst inside the Shoprite Liquor shop. The habitual offender failed to give the court an answer.

The court concluded this is what he usually does. "You planned this. You are old; you should desist from embarking on such evil deeds. Since you like



alcohol, go to the liquor shops when you have money to buy the alcohol," the court president said.

According to Mbongiseni Hlatjwako, a security guard at Shoprite in Mbabane, the 52-year-old man went inside the liquor and roamed around for a few minutes before taking the bottle and hid behind the shelves as he shoved it inside his pair of trousers.

Suspicious

Hlatjwako told the court the bottle was found hidden inside his private parts after they noted his suspicious movements inside the shop.

"I called my colleague and asked him to go check on him since he was busy peeping through the shelves. I waited at the door to monitor every customer going out. After he realised that my colleague was coming towards him, he then quickly walked straight towards the door and I stopped him dead in his tracks," Hlatjwako said while leading his evidence.

The vigilant security man further said after finding the bottle of alcohol hid-

den amongst the clothes of the offender, he blocked him from leaving the place. "He lied to me by saying he was going to make a call outside and that he would come back and pay for the alcohol," he added.

That said, during his defence, Shongwe pleaded not guilty to the offence as he told the court he never hid the bottle in his private parts.

"I was carrying the alcohol with my hand when he came to me. I was going to pay for it but there was a long line there and I had to make a call," Shongwe said.

The court harshly told him to desist from his conduct as it was apparent this was his habit.

The court further demanded to see the money he claimed he was going to use to purchase the alcohol, however, Shongwe struggled to produce it and thus he was found guilty and convicted as per the evidence brought before court.

He was fined E400 or five months imprisonment.

TEENAGE BOY KNOCKED DEAD BY ROLLING CAR

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

A teenager died after being knocked down by a car along Tsambokwayo road on Saturday.

The 14-year-old boy was walking along Tsambokwayo road in Gege at around 5:30pm when a VW Jetta, driven by a 21-year-old man of Gege, veered off the road and overturned, knocking him down.

According to the source, the 14-year was rushed to Nhlangu Health Centre, where he was certified dead on arrival.

"The driver and two passengers who were travelling in the VW Jetta sustained minor injuries and were treated and discharged at the same health centre," said the

source.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the accident.

"On Saturday at 5:30pm at Tsambokwayo, a pedestrian sustained serious injuries and was rushed to Nhlangu Health Centre where he was certified dead on arrival."

Mamba said the driver has been charged with culpable homicide.

Meanwhile, Pigg's Peak Police arrested and charged a 22-year-old man of Lungungu for being found in possession of dagga weighing 12kg with a street value of E9 600 without a licence or permit while at Lungungu.

The suspect will appear before Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court today.



CONFIRMED: Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.



VOLUNTEERS: Amitofo volunteers with children who received food parcels at an NCP in Lavumisa.



POSE: Equisweni Deputy Head teacher Emmah Myeni, Amitofo Director Amber Ko and staff with pupils taking a group picture after receiving stationery. (Courtesy Pic)

Amitofo reaches out to communities, schools

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

AMITOFO Care Centre Swaziland has yet again put smiles on Swazi children as they donated over 2 000 stationery items to pupils from four schools.

The centre did not end there but also went as far as donating food parcels to neighbourhood care points (NCP's) of the Lavumisa community.

Pupils from Equisweni Primary could not hold their excitement after receiving stationery from Amitofo Director Amber Ko.

Equisweni was one of the four primary schools that Amitofo donated stationery consisting of pencils and

pens.

A total of 1014 pencils and 1250 pens were donated to Nkoneni Primary, Makhonza Primary, Nyamane Primary and Equisweni Primary.

Amitofo's Director Amber Ko said she donates stationery to schools to cultivate positive relationships within the community and neighbouring schools at the beginning of each school term.

Necessities

"The pupils are presented with stationery to assist them in school and also during exam time. Education is important and having the necessities for class helps pupils," she said.

Principal of Nyamane Primary Freedom Matsebula said he was delighted to receive the stationery on behalf

of the pupils. "We are very thankful for Amitofo and what they do for the community, thank you very much," he said.

Brenda Kgaledi Amitofo Care Centre further revealed that in addition to donating of the school stationery, Amitofo also donated food parcels to 10 neighbourhood care points (NCPs) in Makhonza and two in Lavumisa.

"The food parcels consisted of 50kg mealie meal, 10kg sugar, 5kg sugar beans, 2-litre cooking oil and 1kg salt to each of the NCPs," she said.

Kgaledi further said community children who had nothing to eat or only had one meal per day rely on the NCPs for food.

"Amitofo lends a hand in the community as much as they can," she said.



INVITATION TO RESIDENTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS CIVIC EDUCATION

The Ezulwini Municipality hereby invites all Ratepayers, Residents, Service Providers and Developers to a Local Government Elections Civic Education Meeting. Details are as follows;

Date: Wednesday 07th June 2017

Time: 17:30 Hours

Venue: Swaziland Water Services Corporation Auditorium

AGENDA

1. Opening
2. Elections Civic Education
3. Discussions
4. Closing

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UMMEMO: Enikwakuyengwa Chief Roy Nkosi delivering his speech, flanked by some of his family members. This was during Ummemo over the past weekend at Enikwakuyengwa. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



GREETINGS: Ubuhele Bamatshitshi Cultural Group greeting the Mpumalanga chiefs who attended the event.



ARRIVAL: Mpumalanga chiefs upon arrival at the event. From (l) are Teyani Nkosi, Hlungu Nkosi, and SM Mnisi posing with Paulos from the department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA).



DANCING: Imbali doing Ummiso cultural dance.

CULTURAL EXCHANGES AT ENIKWAKUYENGWA UMMEMO

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Beeskop, South Africa

RESIDENTS of Hertebeeskop in South Africa were treated to some memorable cultural displays at Enikwakuyengwa Royal Residence at Hertebeeskop, South Africa.

Enikwakuyengwa is one of the Swazi royal residences found in Mpumalanga, South Africa. It is situated in a place known as Hertebeeskop, which is about 20 kilometres from the Oshoek Border Gate. It is one of the many royal residences that are said to have been left out of present day Swaziland, when Boers took a great portion of land from the Great Swaziland that is said to have been built by King Mswati II in the middle of the 19th century.

The Enikwakuyengwa dynasty is said to comprise descendants of King Sobhuza II, who was also known as Somhlolo. Somhlolo gave birth to Prince Fokoti, who was a brother to King Mswati II, who is said to have fought so hard to build the Great Swaziland.

Fokoti gave birth to Prince Makhahleleka, who is said to be the founding father of Enikwakuyengwa. He is also a grandfather to the current Enikwakuyengwa Chief Roy Nkosi.

The *ummemo* took place over the last weekend at the royal residence.

Participants included Swazis and Zulus. However, people from other cultures including those who speak seSotho, were also spotted at the event. People under the Mpumalanga House of Traditional Leaders (MPHTL) Chairman Kgoshi Lamech Mokoena speak seSotho. Mokoena is a chief of KwaMathibela

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Traditional Council in Bushbuckridge in Mpumalanga, South Africa. He usually attends these events accompanied by his subjects and this event was no exception.

The indigenous nationalities got a chance to exchange their cultural experiences and values with one another. Enikwakuyengwa Chief Roy Nkosi was escorted by Zulu warriors during the event. He was escorted from his house to the arena, where the event was taking place. He was also escorted by them when he went to the podium to deliver his speech to his people.

Whenever they did this, the Zulu warriors would pretend as if they were at war with one another. They would use sticks to beat one another. They also used shields to protect themselves and anyone who had no fighting skills could easily be spotted and the audience would laugh at that particular person, labelling him a coward.

The audiences were also made to watch different cultural groups displaying amazing cultural dances. Some of these groups were out to outdo themselves, like the Bergville cultural group. They danced with their hands on the ground while their heads almost touched the ground.

Some even dipped their heads in buckets used to prepare sour porridge. One

could bet that these people were high on something to give them more energy.

It must also be noted that some sections of the audience were not only amazed by the dances but by the revealing nature of the cultural dress code of both Zulus and Swazis. Men would even be heard proposing to any girl who happened to pass near them.

They would propose by shouting to the girls, admiring how beautiful they were and would express their wish to have them as their romantic partners.

Women would also be heard talking about the different looks, shapes and sizes spotted among men. However, they would laugh their lungs out whenever they saw big tummies on some of the men. They would also rebuke men whenever they made their shouting proposals, telling them to employ some decent approaches like secretly going to a girl to propose.

The event was also graced by the presence of *Lutsango* from Motshane. The women, who were also joined by their counterparts from Enikwakuyengwa, gave a splendid performance whenever they were given an opportunity to dance during the event. They made the event colourful with their Swazi traditional attire. They were invited to the event by Chief Roy Nkosi.

Ummiso was also part of the event

NIKWAKUYENGWA residents decided to be different this time around by providing *Ummiso* cultural dance.

This was done by one of the many cultural dance groups that performed at the event. This was a group of seven young girls, who are in their teen years.

They were from Enikwakuyengwa and wore *indlamu*.

Ummiso is one cultural dance that is

not usually performed during *ummemo* in other royal residences in Mpumalanga. This cultural dance is usually done by young girls, who are not married.

Trend

The absence of this dance made Director of Culture Prince Bukhosi speak against that trend. Prince Bukhosi spoke about this during *Ummemo* at Nkonjaneni when the Mnisi clan was having its *Ummemo* last month.

The prince said he had noted with a bit of disappointment that *Ummiso* was one cultural dance that was not attracting attention to young girls and women during such events in the Mpumalanga chiefdoms.

Dance

He urged women in those areas to make sure that the cultural dance is revived and young girls be taught the dance.



LUTSANGO: Lutsango from Motshane also attended the event.



MAHEWU STYLE: A member of a group called Bergville dipping his head in a bucket that was carrying emahewu while his teammates and spectators cheered him on.

Culture is about love

IF one wants to be a proud member of a nation that strongly supports its culture they must show love to their neighbours.

Mpumalanga House of Traditional Leaders (MPHTL) Chairperson Kgoshi Lamech Mokoena said this during an *Ummemo* ceremony at Enikwakuyengwa in Hertebeeskop in Mpumalanga, South Africa over the weekend.

Mokoena said he noted that there was

a disturbing trend becoming common in South Africa.

He said people hated one another and were becoming violent towards one another.

Acceptable

He said this was not acceptable as it made people live in fear.

The chairperson encouraged people to stick to their different cultural background so that they could start loving

their neighbours as they loved themselves. Cultures taught people how to love one another and they showed people how to live cooperatively for the benefit of everyone.

Habit

He also spoke against frequent church goers who practised this bad habit. "We think such people are the ones that should encourage people to love one another. It is painful to see them hating on other people. There are readers of the bible who have many bibles but still cannot love one another," Mokoena said.

Nkosi also spoke against people who relocated to other areas.

He said they should report to the royal residence and not leave pieces of land in their name.

Practice

"This practice should stop. You cannot have a piece of land while you no longer live here. When you relocate, you report to the royal residence so that the land you were living goes back to the residence.

This is done so that the land can be given to another person who wants to become a resident here," he said.

SOCIAL ILLS RIFE AT ENIKWAKUYENGWA

LIKE many places, Enikwakuyengwa is not immune from social ills like rape and theft.

This was said by Enikwakuyengwa Chief Roy Nkosi, who spoke against perpetrators of such bad behaviour, saying they made the area look bad. This, according to the chief, made people from outside the area commit crimes in the area.

The chief promised to intro-

duce stringent measures to ensure that this corrupt practice comes to an end.

Freedom

"We know that there is freedom of movement nowadays, but people who are not known in this place will have to be introduced by their hosts.

Our visitors have to be known so that even police can be given the right information about them when they need the information," the chief said.



LABADZALA: Chairperson of Mpumalanga chiefs Kgoshi Lamech Mokoena about to make his remarks. He was flanked by Chiefs Teyani Nkosi (l) and SM Mnisi.



NOVAVAZA: Novavaza Cultural Group performing during the event.



ATTENDED: Part of the many people who braved the cold weather to be part of the event.



LIGCABHO LEMASWATI: Imbali from Enikwakuyengwa entering the arena to render Ummiso cultural dance.

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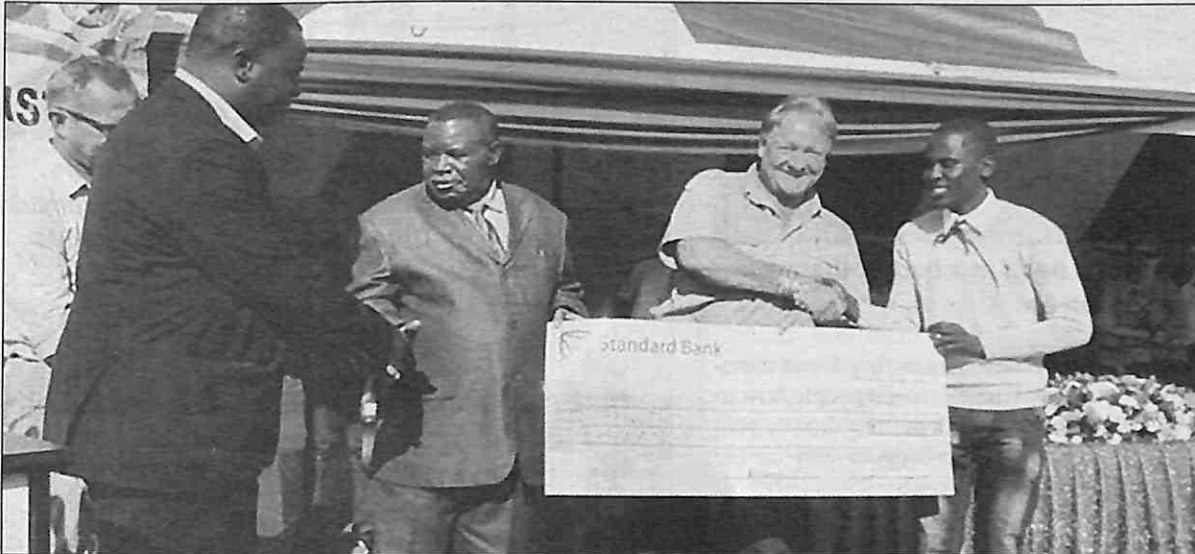
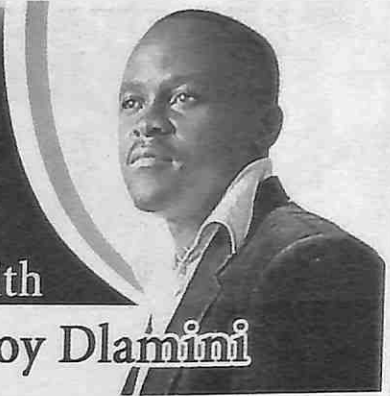
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HELPING HAND: Big Bend Business Against Crime Forum Chairperson Hunt Holley handing over a cheque of E10 000 to a member of Ngevini Anti-Crime Youth Club while National Police Commissioner Isaac Magagula looks on.

BIG BEND BUSINESS FORUM DONATES E10 000 TO YOUTH

IN a move to empower the youth to start income generating projects, Big Bend Business Against Crime Forum on Saturday presented the youth of Ngevini with a cheque of E10 000.

The forum is made of about 18 businesses and individuals who have joined hands with the police in the fight against crime.

Amongst the forum's aims is to create awareness about crime amongst the youth so that they can also contribute towards crime reduction. This transpired during a crime prevention awareness day which was held at Mahlabaneni near Big Bend on Saturday.

Chairperson of the forum, Hunt Holley said they were recently made aware of a youth club of Ngevini which is also working on initiatives aimed at preventing crime.

Seeing that the youth lacked some resources as they are mostly unemployed, Holley said the forum then decided to make it their responsibility to assist the youth to achieve their goals.

Income

The youth, which is registered as Ngevini Anti-Crime Youth Club, was then taken for a workshop where they were educated about criminal elements and their prevention.

Holley said the E10 000 cheque which was presented to the youth will be useful in establishing an income generating project for them. Apparently, it was reported that the youth was currently working on a chicken production project.

This was said to be part of efforts to shield the youth, who are the embodiment of the nation's future, from being swept away by the tide of crime. Holley

said they would also timeously monitor the youth's progress and provide them with the necessary guidance.

National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula commended the forum's kind gesture, saying it will go a long way in fighting crime and improving the livelihood of the youth.

Magagula said a gesture of this nature merited the police services' sincere gratitude as it is at the core of fighting crime which is a scourge that is also perpetrated by poverty and destitution.

On another note, Magagula noted that the contributions made by the forum illustrated that the entity fully embraced their concept of fighting crime.

He stated that this indicated that businesses have a key role to play in supporting crime fighting initiatives, through availing resources; both financial and material.

Stop watching soapies, engage your sons in real talk - chief

CHIEF Mshikashika Ngcamphalala has challenged men to stay away from petty things like spending, time watching soapies and use that time to engage their sons in real life talks.

Speaking during a crime prevention awareness day at Mahlabaneni, Ngcamphalala said the rate of crime amongst the youth was evidence that parents have neglected their duty of parenting.

The chief pointed out that crime such as house breaking, robbery and assault were dominant amongst the youth. He said in many instances, the delinquent youth would start showing signs of being engaged in criminal activities while still school.

Ngcamphalala said it has also been evident that most of the youth who find themselves engaging in crime lacked proper guidance from their parents.

To mitigate this situation, Ngcamphalala said fathers must revive traditional habits such as *lisango*, where a father gets to know about issues affecting his son(s) and educating them about ways of preventing crime. At present, it was reported that some parents did not even know whether their children attended school as expected or not.

"These are the small things



REAL TALK: Chief Mshikashika Ngcamphalala addressing the gathering.

which have great implications to a society full of criminals to a point that one would not be guaranteed to walk freely on the streets," said Ngcamphalala.

Meanwhile, the chief also decried the escalating number of gender based violence in the communities.

Ngcamphalala noted that some men still believed in assaulting their female companion as a way to resolve their differences. The chief said such behaviour must be condemned at all costs, and the perpetrators reported to the police.

NATCOM urges employees, employers to promote dialogue

NATIONAL Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula has urged employees and employers under the sugar-belt to promote dialogue as the only way to resolve their differences.

Magagula noted that the sugar-belt has in many instances been engulfed by incidents of burning of sugarcane fields in a vengeful and malicious manner during times where companies and their employees are not in one accord over labour issues.

He said this has become a disturbing trend in the sugar industry. He said such acts cannot be condoned as they are essentially self-defeating and result in substantial loss-

es to the companies, and are a severe blow to the economy of the country as a whole.

More critically, this behaviour is said to be an element which could translate to job losses, which also have a spin-off effect of raising the level of crime and other social ills.

The national commissioner said it was important therefore, that employers and employees maintain a state of transparent dialogues to avoid such.

"We advocate for a spirit of dialogue whenever there are issues where employers and employees do not see eye to eye, as opposed to resorting to stunts of violence and anarchy," said Magagula.

'Tag donkeys to minimise stray animals on the road'

THE ministry of agriculture has been urged to consider tagging of donkeys for easy identification when they get involved in traffic accidents.

Chief Mshikashika Ngcamphalala said a worrying number of donkeys and other domestic animals would be found straying on the roads, and subsequently causing accidents.

The owners of such animals however, remain unknown as everyone distances themselves from an animal which has caused an accident, especially when damages have to be paid.

It was noted that the Big Bend road was the most affected with such incidents as many residents from sur-

Chief Mshikashika Ngcamphalala said a worrying number of donkeys and other domestic animals are found straying on the roads

rounding communities own donkeys which they use to transport goods. Ngcamphalala said tagging of donkeys would therefore help in taking to task the residents who allow animals to stray into the roads and cause fatal accidents. Similarly, cattle owners who have their cattle knocked down by a motor vehicle are usually traced using the tags. They would then be charged with contravening the Road Traffic Act.

Meanwhile, the chief called upon the police to also take to task drivers who

load their vehicles with goods in a random manner.

Ngcamphalala pointed out that in many instances, children living near Big Bend are tempted by hanging sugar cane in trucks and start chasing them so that they could pull out some.

While in the act, the children can be involved in accidents. Ngcamphalala was of the view that there must be a penalty for truck drivers who are found with loads hanging on the sides.

NEW TWIST AS EVUSWENI INNER COUNCIL KICKED OUT

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlango

THE Evusweni leadership dispute has taken another twist as one of the factions bulldozed their way to the Umphakatsi and appointed new leadership on Sunday.

It has been reported that a meeting for the residents which had been aired on national radio was meant to unveil the new leadership structure. All those who were all along been considered to be in leadership were replaced including the inner council which was headed by Reggie Lukhele.

Police were littered all over the place with the purpose of making sure that no confrontation or violence took place. From the first day of the announcement on national radio, tension started building within the community with some not sure whether to attend or not.

There were also claims that threats were being issued with one of the opposition factions warning others against

attending the meeting. However, people numbering to over 100 attended the meeting where the new leadership was announced.

Dumisani Mdluli, who for a long time was touted as the one to be appointed as senior family member in the ruling Evusweni clan, was finally unveiled.

He takes over from Mangedla Mdluli who was previously considered a senior member in the household. Titus Mabuza was announced as the new Evusweni Indvuna, a position previously occupied by the controversial Lukhele.

It is said others were overjoyed upon learning that the Lukhele-led inner council was finally being shown the door. This happened in their absence. Of note is that Mabuza once served as Indvuna of Evusweni, a position which has been held by different people.

One of the elders Oscar Msibi confirmed that everything went smoothly and the leadership structure at Evusweni was introduced during a well attended meeting.

"It is true that we now have new faces

and Dumisani Mdluli is the overseer of the royal residence. He is 'Umntfwanenkhusi Lomkhulu' while Titus Mabuza has been appointed Indvuna," said Msibi, who also wields influence in the ruling household.

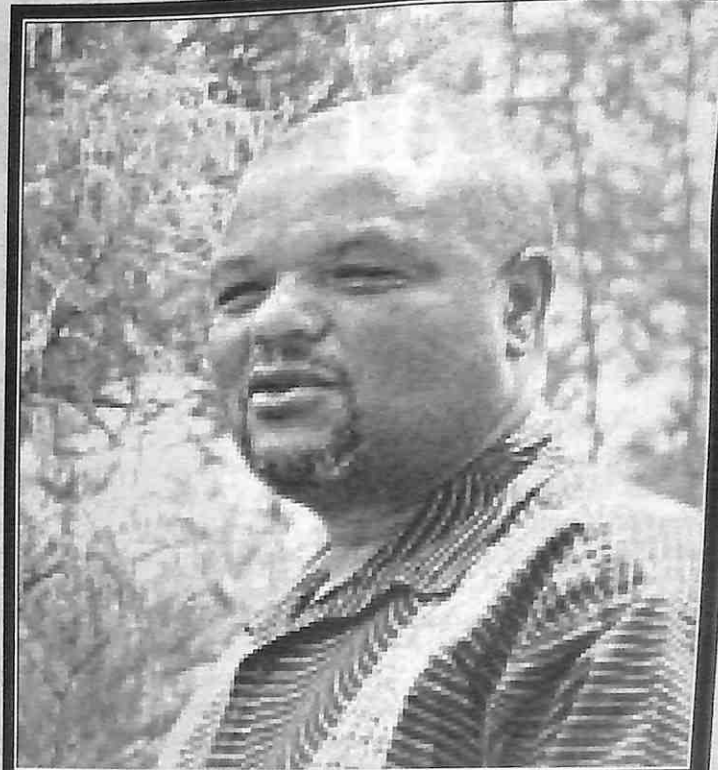
Msibi said there was joy when the new leadership structure was announced, stating that some of those kicked out were never appointed by any authorised body but they imposed themselves in those positions.

"Lukhele was never Indvuna in the first place and we don't know who appointed him," said Msibi.

Msibi said they hope no one would be confused as to who the rightful people in authority were following Sunday's meeting.

"Now with the community aware who the people in power are, we expect no confusion and anyone who is seen disturbing the new structure will be in trouble.

This is an authorised leadership and it is expected to be accorded all the respect it deserves," said Msibi.



DIRTY WORK: Reggie Lukhele.

LUKHELE DOES NOT RECOGNISE NEW LEADERSHIP

"IT was not a meeting but just a circus organised by clowns who have no direction," were remarks by axed Evusweni Indvuna Reggie Lukhele.

Lukhele was said to have together with his inner council been kicked out by another faction which claims to be responsible for overseeing the household.

Interviewed, he stated that he was not at all ready to vacate office as the authority which entrusted him to the position has still not told him to step down.

He said even the alleged meeting which took place at Umphakatsi on Sunday, where he was ousted with his inner council in absence was not authorised.

"I don't have time for clowns. I don't also have time for marbles. Who are they in the first place to remove us? My official

comment is that clowns cannot push us out and if they think we are just pushovers, they got it all wrong. We are still in office until we are advised otherwise by those who appointed us to be part of the inner council in the area.

Mangedla (Mdluli) who I still regard as the only senior family member (Umntfwanenkhusi Lomkhulu) has not informed me of anything. Even Inkhosikati LaSenzangakhona (Princess Sipiwe) has not informed me of anything.

These are clowns who are power hungry and hell-bent on causing this confusion in the community. If anyone behind this dirty work can show me the authority of removing us maybe I can start

believing this. As things stand, not a single one has the power to remove us," he said.

Lukhele said this was another reason he did not attend the meeting as he was not going to be taken seriously by those who entrusted him with the leadership role.

"I don't have time for clowns. What the people should know is that we are still in office executing our duties as normal. Even tomorrow, you can find us still doing our work," said Lukhele.

Lukhele said if the opposition was having court document authorising them to push them out then it would be a different story.

"In the event they feel empowered by a court order to do what they are said to have done then we were going to respect that. But it looks like they read the

court order upside down and really need someone to interpret it for them and not what they are said to have done.

They have to seek a legal expert to interpret for them any document

from the court and not to stage such a 'coup' which I still consider a joke," said Lukhele.

He also wondered as to who had authorised the opposition to appoint new leadership as even the authorities at Mashobeni South, the main royal kraal knew nothing. "It's funny because senior family members at Mashobeni South are also blank about the matter. This is the reason I feel these are clowns who are behind this," said Lukhele.



NEW TWIST: Stephen Mdluli, who is chairman of the ruling Mashobeni South. (R) Regional Administrator Themba Masuku.



Mashobeni South knows nothing about removal of inner council

STEPHEN Mdluli, who is chairman of the ruling Mashobeni South household, said he was not aware that a new leadership structure has been appointed at Evusweni.

Evusweni is considered one of the mini chiefdoms under Mashobeni South and any activity taking place there, the ruling clan should know and give its blessings.

Mdluli said nothing had been communicated to him as someone who chairs the ruling clan's meetings. He said he was first confused by an announcement which was aired on national radio calling the Evusweni community to a meeting.

He said a senior elder in the family, Sibhebhu Mdluli had communicated nothing to him concerning any meeting at Evusweni.

"That was my first concern as the said meeting needed to be authorised by us first. We are now interested as to who stamped the announcement which was aired on radio. There is only one stamp being used belonging to the Umphakatsi and I doubt if that announcement had the authorised stamp. That's also something which should be addressed," said Mdluli.

Mdluli said when he first heard the announcement, he contacted the Regional Administrator Themba Masuku requesting him to stop anyone calling a meeting at Evusweni. "The RA failed to do that and I must say I have a problem with that office. The RA is not cooperating and he seems to be having an

interest on what is happening at Evusweni and here at Mashobeni," said Mdluli. Mdluli said what they were aware of

was that the two factions were still having their differences deliberated in court. "As elders we were still considering to bring the two factions to a round table with the view of finding a way forward. It's disturbing now to hear that the leadership structure which I recognise as authorised has been kicked out.

I still have to know how it happened and who exactly is behind this move which has not received our blessings," said Mdluli.

Meanwhile, the RA confirmed that he received a call from Mdluli where he asked that he should stop the announcement calling a meeting at Evusweni.

Masuku said he then asked Mdluli as to who was directing him to do that.

"I asked him as to who was really directing me to do that and then he said it was someone senior in the family.

I advised him to tell the said senior member of the family to be the one directing me to stop the announcement calling the meeting at Evusweni. No one called and there was nothing I could do," said Masuku.

3 CARS STOLEN IN MANZINI IN ONE WEEKEND

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

AS motor vehicle theft cases continue to rise in the country, another car has been reported stolen in the country's hub, Manzini.

According to a press release by Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba, Manzini police are investigating the theft of a grey Honda Fiton.

The car was under the ownership of a 33-year-old woman of Fairview and the motor vehicle was stolen in the family yard.

Registration

"The car registered PSD 700CM valued at E38 000 was stolen while parked at Makholweni," police said in a statement.

This brings the overall figure of cars stolen to three over the past weekend in Manzini alone.

Mamba further mentioned that another car was stolen on Sunday while parked at S&S Motors in Manzini. "Two cases of car theft have been reported at S&S Motors in one weekend," he said.

Regarding the second incident, Manzini police are investigating a theft of a vehicle where on Sunday at 7pm, a 49-year-old man of Fairview discovered that his motor vehicle, a grey VW Golf 4 registered JSD 202 BH valued at E35 000, had been stolen while parked at S&S Motors Manzini.

Emergency

This comes after a personalised 2008 Mercedes Benz model valued at E200 000 was stolen while parked at the same garage on Saturday.

The Mercedes Benz was stolen at

around 08:00 hours. The car was stolen together with 12 car keys valued at E174 000.

Sources suspected that the businessperson was robbed his car by the infamous Landela gang in Manzini/Matsapha corridor.

Mamba said anyone who might have information which may lead to the arrest of the suspect(s) can contact Desk Officer Manzini - A/Supt Mr Madlopha at 7605 7428 or Manzini Police at 2505 2221 or dial 999/9999 for Emergency.

Female livestock rustler apprehended

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

A female livestock rustler is said to have been apprehended by the USDF troops at Sivule attempting to steal four goats into South Africa.

It is said the woman was with three men in the middle of the night as they attempted to rustle the animals into the neighbouring country.

Escape

This matter was confirmed by USDF

PRO Nkosinathi Dlamini who further mentioned that livestock rustlers and drug smugglers usually escape arrest by running into the South African side of the border, however, the troops outsmart the 'terrible four' this time.

"Yes, they were caught trying to rustle the livestock into South Africa and with the hawk's eyes of our troops we managed to apprehend them handing them over to Hluthi Police, where a criminal case was opened," Dlamini revealed.

THANK YOU



The Zwane family of Mtsambama, Hlatikulu, would like to pass their sincere appreciation to relatives, friends and all those who supported them during the sad moments and funeral of Mrs. Emmeline T. Zwane.

Special thanks to Liberty Funeral Undertakers, SNAT Burial, Free Evangelical Assemblies Hlatikulu and all those who took time to attend the funeral service.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9 NIV)



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CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Ministry of Agriculture, invites Expressions of Interest from suitable qualified dealers for supply and delivery of: **office furniture, computers equipment and, surveying equipment** in three lots, to the **Water Harvesting, Small and Medium Dams Project (WHDP)** for the Department of Land Use Planning and Development, LUPD, WHDP in Mbabane with financial assistance from the EDF 11.

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THERE are different styles of leadership and practice shows that there is no single best style to lead but the varied styles become applicable for different situations when leading. Hence, situational leadership is always voted as the ideal style of leading.

AUTHORITATIVE LEADERSHIP

An authoritarian leadership style is one that is used when a leader dictates policies and procedures, decides what goals are to be achieved, and directs and controls all activities without any meaningful participation by the team members or subordinates.

This leader has full control of the team, leaving low autonomy within the group. The leader has a vision in mind and must be able to effectively motivate the group to finish the task. The group is expected to complete the tasks under very close supervision, while unlimited authority is granted to the leader. Team members respond to the orders given which could be either punished or rewarded.

Authoritarian leaders are commonly referred to as autocratic leaders. They sometimes, but not always, provide clear expectations for what needs to be done, when it should be done, and how it should be done. There is also a clear divide between the leader and the followers.

Authoritarian leaders make decisions independently with little or no input from the rest of the group. Authoritarian leaders uphold stringent control over their followers by directly regulating rules, methodologies, and actions. Authoritarian leaders construct gaps and build distance between themselves and their followers with the intention of stressing role distinctions. Autocratic type of leadership dates back to the earliest tribes and empires. It is often used in present-day when there is little room for error, such as construction jobs or manufacturing jobs. It can also be used for situations when an organisation has to drive change but for conditions when the organisation is at the brink of collapsing. It is of essence to note that normal change initiatives require situational leadership

LEADING CHANGE, IS AUTHORITATIVE LEADERSHIP AN OPTION?

Change-Leadership Wheel



not autocratic leadership.

THE RIGIDITY OF AUTHORITATIVE LEADERSHIP

Authoritarian leadership typically fosters little creativity in decision-making. A research that was done by Lewin found that it is more difficult to move from an authoritarian style to a democratic style than from a democratic form to an authoritarian form of leadership. Abuse of this style is usually viewed as controlling, bossy and dictatorial. Authoritarian leadership is best applied to situations where there is little time for group discussion.

A common belief of many authoritarian leaders is that followers require direct supervision at all times, or else they would not operate effectively. This belief is in accordance with one of Douglas McGregor's philosophical views of humankind.

THE MIND OF AN AUTHORITATIVE LEADER

The autocratic leader draws belief from two theories. The first theory proposes that it is a

leader's role to coerce and control followers, because people have an inherent aversion for work and will abstain from it whenever possible. The second theory also postulates that people must be compelled through force, intimidation or authority, and controlled, directed, or threatened with punishment in order to get them to accomplish the organisational need.

In the minds of authoritarian leaders, people who are left to work autonomously will ultimately be unproductive, hence the need to always direct them.

COMMUNICATION PATTERNS OF AUTHORITARIAN LEADERSHIP

- Downward, one-way communication, the leader gives orders, hence bottom down communication

- Controls discussion with followers
- Dominates interaction
- Independently/unilaterally sets policy and procedures
- Individually directs the completion of tasks

- Does not offer constant feedback
- Rewards submissive obedient behavior and punishes erroneous actions
- Poor listener
- Uses conflict for individual gain

Authoritative leadership can also be an option when leading or implementing change. However, it should have a time limit or else team members tend to develop a dependency syndrome of not performing task unless the leader is watching.

- Incorporating autocratic leadership in change initiatives

- Always explain rules - it allows your team members to complete the task you want done efficiently.

- Be consistent- if you are to enforce rules and regulations, make sure to do so regularly so that team members take you seriously. This will form a stronger level of trust.

- Respect your team members - always recognise your team members' efforts and achievements.

- Educate your team members before enforcing rules - do not present them with any surprises. This can lead to problems in the future due to false communication.

- Listen to suggestions from your team members, even if you do not want to incorporate them.

Authoritarian Leadership style can be effective when implementing change.

Effects of Authoritarian Leadership Communication Styles

- Increase in productivity when leader is present

- Produces more accurate solutions when leader is knowledgeable

- Is more positively accepted in larger groups

- Enhances performance on simple tasks and decreases performance on complex tasks

- Increases aggression levels among followers

- Increases turnover rates

- Successful when there is a time urgency for completion of projects

- Improves the future work of those subordinates whose skills are not very applicable or helpful without the demands of another

LIMITATIONS OF AUTHORITARIAN LEADERSHIP

- Long term use can cause resentment from team members. Use this form of leadership sparingly and when absolutely necessary

- Continual research shows that authoritative leaders lack creative problem solving skills

- Without proper instruction and understanding from team members, confusion may arise

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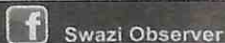
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ON THIS DAY

...JUNE 6

1674 - Sivaji crowned himself King of India.

1813 - The US invasion of Canada was halted at Stony Creek, Ontario.

1833 - Andrew Jackson became the first US president to ride in a train. It was a B&O passenger train.

1844 - The Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London.

1882 - The first electric iron was patented by H.W. Seely.

1890 - The United States Polo Association was formed in New York City, NY.

1904 - The National Tuberculosis Association was formed in Atlantic City, NJ.

1924 - The German Reichstag accepted the Dawes Plan. It was an American plan to help Germany pay off its war debts.

1925 - Chrysler Corporation was founded by Walter Percy Chrysler.

1932 - In the US, the first federal tax on gasoline went into effect. It was a penny per gallon.

1933 - In Camden, NJ, the first drive-in movie theater opened.

1934 - US President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Securities Exchange Act, which established the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

1936 - The first helicopter was tested in a building in Berlin, Germany.

1941 - The US government authorized the seizure of foreign ships in US ports.

1942 - The first nylon parachute jump was made by Adeline Gray in Hartford, CT.

1942 - Japanese forces retreated in the World War II Battle of Midway. The battle had begun on June 4.

1944 - The D-Day invasion of Europe took place on the beaches of Normandy, France. 400,000 Allied American, British and Canadian troops were involved.

1946 - The Basketball Association of America was formed in New York City, NY.

1968 - US Senator Robert F. Kennedy died at 1:44am in Los Angeles after being shot by Sirhan Sirhan. Kennedy was shot the evening before while campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination.

1971 - "The Ed Sullivan Show" aired for the last time. It was canceled after 23 years on the air. Gladys Knight and the Pips were the musical guests on show.

1978 - "20/20" debuted on ABC.

1982 - Israel invaded southern Lebanon in an effort to drive PLO guerrillas out of Beirut.

1985 - The body of Nazi war criminal Dr. Josef Mengele was located and exhumed near Sao Paulo, Brazil. Mengele was known as the "Angel of Death."

1985 - The US Senate authorised nonmilitary aid to the Contras. The vote authorised \$38 million over two years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Paul Giamatti (movie actor) - June 6, 1967 (50 years old)



Vic Mensa (rapper) - June 6, 1993 (24 years old)



BISHOP KEITH HARRINGTON'S CORNER

WE thank God for protecting us from January until now. Five months have passed and we are still alive. All this is because of God's grace.

As we enter the sixth month, I want us to look back and remember our loved ones who couldn't make it this far and then stop some cycles in our families. We will look at Proverbs 30: 15 - 16:

● "15 The leech has two daughters: "Give" and "Give". Three things will never be satisfied; four will never say "Enough"—

● 16 The afterlife, the barren womb, earth that still demands water, and fire—they never say, "Enough". ISV

The mistake that a lot of people make in Christianity and in life generally, is their disposition to life is that whatever happens to you or whatever comes your way is a function of what God has said, or what God wants. But I want to correct something because I have a divine injunction to put some things in place.

The truth is that whatever you become or whatever happens to you, in life and in destiny, is a function of what you permit. It's not all up to God. Any man or woman, boy or girl, that thinks that it is the responsibility of God for his lifting and he that believes that his lifting is the sole responsibility of God is an irresponsible Christian. Why? Whatever you will experience or whatever you will encounter or whatever you will become, in life, or whatever happens to you in life is a function of what you allow.

He said in Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, but every tongue that rises up against thee in judgement, thou shalt condemn." Thou, not God shall condemn whatever is against you. It is what you say that He says. That is why He says "Whatsoever you bind on earth is bound in heaven." In other words it is earth that determines what heaven binds. Another version says 'what you permit on earth, is permitted in heaven.' Ladies and gentlemen, what happens to you is what you allow.

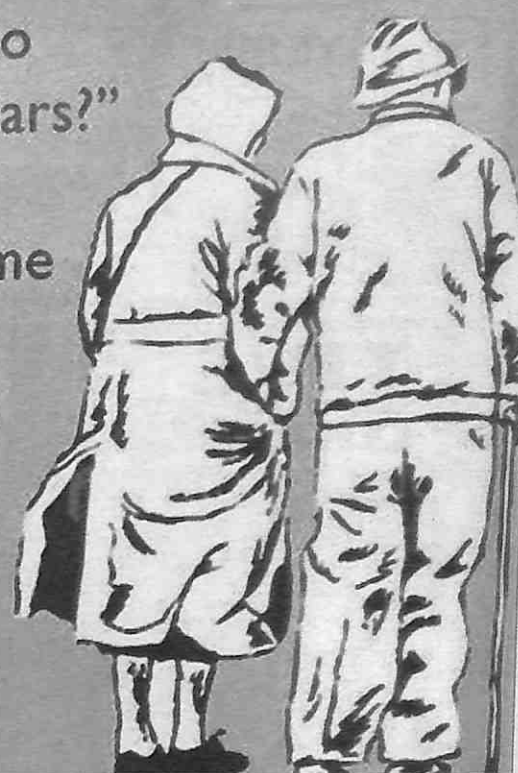
- ◀ The last miscarriage you had is because you allowed it.
- ◀ The last accident you had is because you allowed it.
- ◀ The last disappointment you had is because you allowed it.
- ◀ The last failure in your life is because you allowed it.
- ◀ The last confrontation is because you allowed it. But we have to declare that it is enough.

The place where we read from says 'there are three things and especially 4, that are never satisfied.' If you allow them they will keep on consuming. He said they never say it is

"How did we manage to stay together for 65 years?"

"We were born in a time when if something was broken we would fix it, not throw it away..."

our cards



IT IS ENOUGH

enough. In other words, if your responsibility to stop these four things from consuming further. Because if you leave them alone, they are never satisfied.

I came as a voice to raise up angry and aggressive believers. No more yoke of bondage around your life in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

Psalms 91 says that 'He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.'

LET'S LOOK AT THE FOUR THINGS THAT NEVER GET ENOUGH:

1. The grave - The grave is never satisfied. The grave kills the young and it kills the old. The grave kills the prisoner and it kills the warden. The grave kills the bound and kills the free. The grave kills the slave and kills the master too.

The grave is open and wants to keep swallowing lives. You see families today, they keep losing family members. Brother dies, sister dies, mother dies, father dies. Why? Because of the grave.

You see a man leaving his house in the morning, giving a kiss to his wife and pecks his children. He gets into his car whistling as he's happy to go to work. Suddenly, a drunk man in a truck runs him off the road and he immediately expires. Little children, a beautiful wife and parents are left behind. Why? Because of the grave.

A student comes to class who has an exam to write. She goes to bed after reading through the night, but as she lies on the bed when they fire an arrow at her and she can't wake up again. Why? Because of the grave.

A woman goes shopping, prepares a meal, as she's about to serve her children, she collapses. Before they rush her to the hospital she dies, because of the grave.

I'm here to say, IT IS ENOUGH. I don't know who died before. IT IS ENOUGH. I don't know who they

killed, IT IS ENOUGH.

Whether from your mothers side or from your father's side. IT IS ENOUGH.

Psalms 49: 15 it says: 'Thou will redeem my soul from the power of the grave.'

1 Corinthians 15: 55 "Oh death, where is your sting. Oh, grave where is your power."

So the strength of the grave is death. The enemy cannot condemn you to the grave until he communicates the spirit of death. Everyone who wants you to die, that death will backfire. You shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.

You are protected by the Almighty God. The Uncreated Creator. The One Who sits on the circle of the earth and all power is in His hands.

The One Who has no birthday and No anniversary. He rides on clouds like He's riding a chariot. He wears power like a garment.

You can't just say IT IS ENOUGH, but you have to enforce it.

In **Acts 12** from verse 1: 'Herod stretched forth his hand to vex certain in the church'. Not everyone, selected people. Satan goes for those who have a future. When Samson wanted to get married he went with his father and mother to go see his bride. A lion came and it didn't go for his mother or father, but it went for Samson.

Acts 12 and he stretched forth his hand and killed James. When the church did nothing, he proceeded to take Peter. That is death. But then prayers were made, not prayed, but when the church manufactured prayers something happened.

The same demon that came for Judas, came for Peter also and that demon is in **Luke 22**. In verse three the Bible says and Satan entered Judas.

In verse 31 & 32 He said: "Simon, Simon, Satan hath desired to have you, that he might sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for you"

So the difference between Judas and Peter is prayer.

When you are making prayers, it's not you that is praying. **Romans 8 verse 26**, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us, with moaning and groaning that cannot be uttered."

2. The Barren Womb - Fruitfulness is not just reproduction. Fruitfulness is reproduction after your kind. Not just biological.

This can be equated to success and progress too. If you are a lady and 32 years old, not married, you need attention.

A man who has reached the age of 40 and has never entered a plane, needs attention.

Some people, your great grandfather started building a house. Left it window high. Your grandfather continued to roof level. Your father got it plastered and you have to do the painting. When you stay too long on a spot you end up looking like the spot.

Life without results is full of insults. Set a goal for your life. A man without a goal is like a goat.

3. The Earth - In **Genesis 26:15** we find all the wells that Abraham dug, the Philistines covered with earth in the days of Isaac. The earth represents our flesh. Our flesh is never satisfied.

Romans 8:9 says "They that dwell in the flesh, cannot please God."

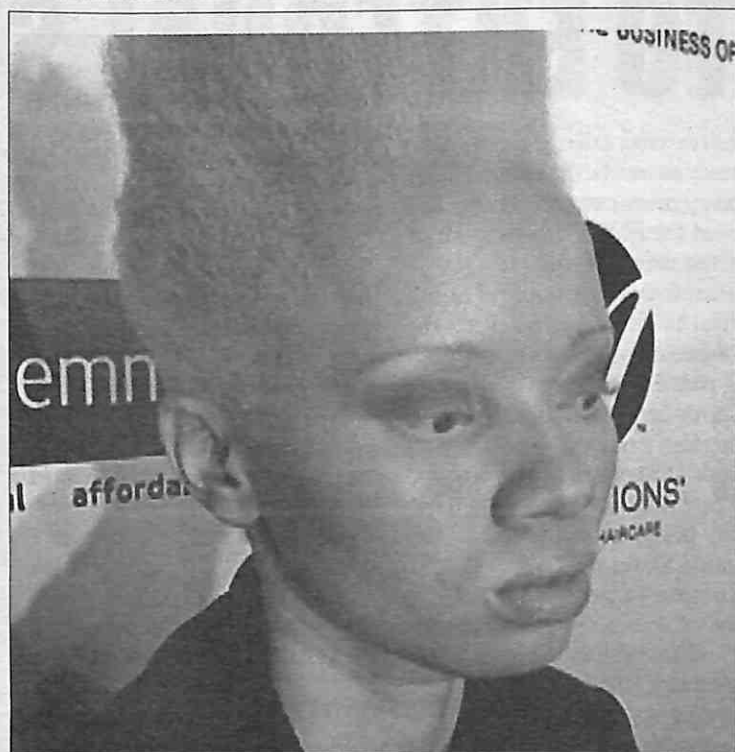
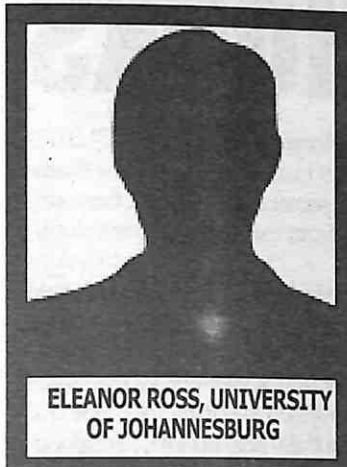
4. The Fire - There are two types of fire.

1. When you go through the fire found in Isaiah 43:2 means fire of experience and troubles of life. Experience of life is better than the wilderness of life.

2. Fire of attack - That's the type of fire that Shadrack, Meshach and Abednico went through. It was meant to completely destroy them.

As we continue with the year 2017, let's all say IT IS ENOUGH. Till next week.

BEING BLACK IN A WHITE SKIN: STUDENTS WITH ALBINISM BATTLE PREJUDICE



NOT DISABLED: It is knowledge and awareness be provided in society about the condition of albinism.

MYTHS and stereotypes about albinism abound. People with the condition are called derogatory names, like *inkawu* – the Nguni term for white baboon – and *isishawa*, a Zulu word for a person who is cursed. They are stared at, and must field ignorant questions.

Some beliefs about albinism are incredibly dangerous, like the idea that having sex with a woman with albinism will cure a man of HIV. The bones and body parts of people with albinism are believed by some to bring good luck. In countries like Tanzania, Kenya and Zimbabwe, people with albinism are hunted so their body parts, particularly their hands and genitals, can be used in traditional medicine (*muthi*).

Albinism is a word derived from the Latin *albus*, meaning white. It's a genetically inherited condition where a shortage of melanin pigment affects the eyes, hair and skin. Most people with albinism tend to have light hair, skin and eyes – but their other facial features and hair texture resemble those of Africans. They are usually born into black African families.

This means people with albinism tend to identify with the black rather than the white community. Their physical differences, though, mean they don't fit into either the black or white race groups. I worked with two other researchers, Relebohile Phatoli and Nontembeko Bila, to try and understand the experience and contradiction of being a black person in a white skin in post-apartheid South Africa.

People with albinism often battle poor vision and blindness because of their condition. The students we interviewed struggled to keep up in lectures because they couldn't see the board properly.

There were other struggles, too. Our findings confirmed the lack of knowledge about albinism, as well as stigma, "othering" – to separate "them" from "us" – and discrimination in relation to people with this condition.

● STIGMA AND STARES

About one out of every 4 000 South Africans is living with albinism. Although the dangers aren't as great in South Africa as for those in countries such as Tanzania, Kenya and Zimbabwe, people with albinism still struggle with stigma and discrimination.

We interviewed five university students with albinism and 10 students at the same university without the condition. The institution in question is a large urban university with several satellite campuses.

There are an estimated 10 students with albinism registered at this university; it is not compulsory to register with the institution's programme for disabled students and some people with albinism do not regard themselves as being disabled.

Our aim was to explore the beliefs and practices regarding albinism within a South African university. What we found exposed the sort of discrimination and "othering" that people with albinism experience.

One of the students with albinism said:

Honestly, I think albinism is a curse because people always stare at me, talk about me behind my back and also make very nasty remarks when I pass, saying that I do not know that my father is not black but is a white person and that is why I look the way I do.

This type of comment highlights the intersection of race, colour and gender in the social construction of such beliefs.

A student without albinism believed that albinos:

Don't die, they just go missing and they disappear. Last year when I was pregnant, I was told that I must not look at the albinos because if I do I will get a child with albinism or if I do look at them by mistake I should spit at them to avoid a child with albinism.

at them to avoid a child with albinism.

Such forms of stigma have far-reaching psychopathological ramifications, such as self-exclusion from services, alienation and social withdrawal, loss of identity, poor self-image, depression and anxiety.

Stereotypes also dramatically affected the way people without albinism interacted with people with albinism.

This in turn influenced how people

with albinism viewed themselves. One student with the condition remarked: *"I always have to prove myself, work extra hard and put in more effort into everything so that people can see me as 'normal'."*

Isolation was another problem for students with albinism. They preferred to exclude themselves from the rest of the student population to avoid being judged or experiencing discrimination.

The students who didn't have albinism said they were willing to befriend people with the condition – but wouldn't necessarily go on dates with them. Those students who had befriended peers with albinism said they were able to value and appreciate the person behind the condition.

● LEARNING AND EMPOWERMENT

So what are the lessons that can be learned from this research? How can young South Africans learn more about albinism and start breaking down the myths around it?

We recommend that schools provide knowledge and awareness programmes about the condition of albinism in the Life Orientation curriculum. Life Orientation is the holistic study of the self in relation to others and to society and focuses on the personal, social, intellectual, emotional, spiritual and physical growth of learners. This subject is usually offered in the last three years of high school.

Universities and colleges also need to engage in awareness programmes with students and lecturers. These programmes must explore the impact of beliefs and stereotypes on people affected by this condition, and the challenges posed by reading lecture notes.

Social workers, psychologists, nurses and other helping professionals need to arrange support groups and educate parents, learners, teachers, traditional healers and the general public about what causes albinism.

They can also teach people how to treat those with the condition and equip those with albinism to handle discrimination.

People living with albinism must be given the tools they need to exercise agency and help play an active role in breaking the cycle of stigma and discrimination. By being out in the world, empowered to discuss their condition, they can demystify it and be positive role models.

Through these strategies we can hopefully create a safer, more just, humane and caring society where the rights of all groups are respected. Eleanor Ross, Visiting Professor of Social Work, University of Johannesburg

The Conversation.

Wit and Wisdom

● "I follow my own methods, and tell as much or as little as I choose. That is the advantage of being unofficial."
– Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*

● "A palindrome," I said the first time she told me. She looked at me, perplexed, and that's when I knew I could never love her. What a waste of a palindrome she was, that Hannah.
– Owen Gentry
– Colleen Hoover, *Confess*

● "Everything can always be better! To know this is a wit! But if you also know that everything can always be worse, that is wisdom! Wisdom is to see both the lights and the shadows!"
– Mehmet Murat ildan

● "Being a Gentleman, has more to do with hiding his flaws, than exhibiting the virtues!"
– Ramana Pemmaraju

● "Deep down, he's shallow."
– Peter De Vries

● "The earth is an arena of champions. We are all champions. We all did overcome millions of potential human beings' before making it unto the earth. Our spectators watching our race of life are the Seen and the Unseen. Thought, attitude and choice are what bring the differences in the arena of mother earth. The real champions in this life are they that will run the race of life facing the storms, overcoming the hurdles, unraveling the puzzles of life, questioning the status quo in wit, over ruling environmental mediocrity and daring for great and indelible change out of comfort or discomfort."
– Ernest Agyemang Yeboah

● "Let your personality be your profit and not your punishment."
– Amit Kalantri

● "If you cant beat 'em cooperate 'em to death!"
– Charles M. Schulz, *Peanuts Guide to Life: Wit and Wisdom from the World's Best - Loved Cartoon Characters*

● "I moved out of my head office and went out of my mind."
– Benny Bellamacina, *Little Luigi: A Musical Adventure*

● "Beauty is more a danger than intelligence or wit. One becomes a living mirror for the inadequacies of others."
– Gordon Dahlquist, *The Chemical Marriage*

● "He has got no good red blood in his body," said Sir James.
"No. Somebody put a drop under a magnifying glass, and it was all semicolons and parentheses," said Mrs. Cadwallader."
– George Eliot, *Middlemarch*

● "question the status quo; rebuke the existing rules, though it may be at the discomfort of the masses. They may however come to a later realisation that it was really worth it and you may now have the status quo"
– Ernest Agyemang Yeboah

● "It is not that I object to the work, mind you; I like work: it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours. I love to keep it by me: the idea of getting rid of it nearly breaks my heart."
– Jerome K. Jerome

● "The difference between your crazy and my crazy is that you don't think you're crazy."
– Steve Maraboli

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Mortgage Rate	9.75%
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SWAZILAND NEEDS TO REACT FASTER TO EXTERNAL SHOCKS

By Manqoba Makhubu

THERE is a need for the country to react faster to external shocks, to safeguard effective monetary policy.

These shocks emanate primarily from international oil prices, United States (US) inflation rate, exchange rates, South Africa inflation and discount rate.

In a research paper compiled by Simiso F. Mkhonta which was published under the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) research bulletin volume 1, 2017, Mkhonta recommended that external shocks emanating from these factors need to be taken into serious consideration in conducting monetary policy in the country and not wait for the external shocks to manifest in domestic inflation before monetary policy reacts.

Ripple effect

"External shocks basically cause a ripple effect across countries that have strong trade links and through transmission from a country less traded with to a country more traded with," he said.

The country's closeness to South Africa and the pegged exchange rate is significant in transmitting monetary policy shock both from internally and externally.

"Swaziland, at most instances, takes a cue from movements in monetary policy in South Africa

when the other external factors have already shown the direction of inflationary pressures and sundry followed the FED's drastic hike of interest rates," he said.

Therefore, Mkhonta said South Africa transmits significant shocks to the country from its major trading partners as seen in correlation matrix where the relationship of the Kingdom's monetary policy with South Africa sits at 86 per cent and by extension South Africa's monetary policy is influenced by the United States of America 44 per cent.

He observed that the country's monetary policy was mostly driven by domestic economic sentiments as it remains flexible to growth concerns domestically by lagging rates behind those of South Africa, but cautious of consistency with the fixed exchange rate against South Africa leading to a degree of correlation in the two countries' monetary policies.

Mkhonta said the high values of the correlation matrix have shown a synchronisation of monetary policy with the US setting the general tone of monetary policy as they choose to or not to react radically

to external shocks in particular oil price shocks.

As a result, he said the less restrictive the US would react to a shock in oil price, will also invite less aggressive monetary policy from emerging markets.

"Swaziland could react by increasing the discount rate in light of external inflationary pressures like high oil prices to be more efficient in keeping inflation low and then could later ease to a relatively accommodative monetary policy stance

in consideration of sluggish growth and equate or lag the discount rate below that of South Africa," he said. He noted though that the country instead waits for monetary policy reaction in South Africa and manifestation of inflationary pressures in the domestic inflation outcomes

to react.

He said this sets it a bit late in reaction which results in a higher inflation trajectory than it could have been should the country had been proactive with domestic inflation by reacting to inflationary pressures sooner.

The country recently launched the Financial Sector Development

Implementation Plan (FSDIP) 2017-2019 in a bid strengthen the financial sector and to de-risk the country from external markets volatility.

Interviewed after the launch held in April, World Bank Representative Ayanda Mavundla said the implementation of interventions that would strengthen the financial sector will essentially help in terms of responding to whatever shocks and developments that could happen within the financial system going forward.

Risk assessment

She said risk assessment and mitigation was obviously a key aspect as well and all of that was also incorporated into the strategy.

Mavundla said the FSDIP was a live document.

"When I mentioned that it's a live document, it's speaking to that specific point, how does the country, in the implementation process respond to the various market effects, not only from South Africa, but around the globe in terms of the events that could happen overtime. That is why it is very important to keep the finger on the pulse of change because it is very important that it is not something just rolled out as it was," she said.

The FSDIP seeks to create a stable diversified, modern and competitive financial system that provides quality, affordable and accessible financial services to all, in order to support economic growth.

These shocks emanate primarily from international oil prices, United States (US) inflation rate, exchange rate, South Africa inflation and discount rate

GEP to create at least 400 jobs

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE recently launched Graduates Enterprise Programme (GEP) championed by the Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO) anticipates to create at least 400 jobs for the youth.

SEDCO Board Chairperson Sharon Maziya said the ultimate objective of the programme was to enhance the creation of employment opportunities for the youth.

"We are all aware that the country's economic growth remains subdued and that it continues to face social challenges, such as high poverty, inequality and high unemployment, especially among youth. It is with this background that such an intervention couldn't have come soon enough," she said.

The programme was aimed at

graduates who are in the process of finding jobs and will have companies joining in to partner with this initiative.

"SEDCO is creating partnerships with different institutions to enhance the delivery of its mandate; we are currently engaged in structural reforms to enhance the delivery of our mandate. Given the enormous challenges facing our country, we have adopted the business unusual stance in our operations," she said.

The programme also got support from government.

"I am happy that government recognises that entrepreneurship can help the youth unemployment challenge. I note that the government is focusing on various measures comprising inclusion of entrepreneurship training in the school curriculum, continued support of specific programs that offer hands-



MORE JOBS: SEDCO Board Chairperson Sharon Maziya.

on experience at the secondary and tertiary levels and resuscitating the Youth Enterprise Fund initiative," said Maziya.

According to Maziya, the programme was meant to upscale SEDCO's mandate, 'to help stimulate the micro, small, and medi-

um enterprise (SMME) sector so that it can contribute to increased employment opportunities and creation of wealth.'

"This is why we have partnered with other players in business development and finance to come up with the programme," she said.

SEDCO ANTICIPATES TO RAISE OVER E1.1M FOR EYA

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO) hopes to raise at least over E1.1 million for this year's edition of the Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (EYA).

Also amongst other priorities, the parastatal housed under the ministry of commerce, industry and trade seeking to take the awards patronage back to His Majesty King Mswati III.

SEDCO Managing Director Dorington Matiwane urged the business community to wholly support the awards.

"We urge the business community to be part of the awards and contribute towards the broader objective of contributing to the growth of small and medium enterprises (SMEs)," he said.

Matiwane said the call came at the most appropriate time as SMEs face a lot of challenges.

"By participating in the awards, the seasoned businesses will be empowering their fellow citizens not to only do business, but to do business the right way," said Matiwane.

This year, the awards sponsorship package has been graded into four ranks;



LAST YEAR'S WINNERS: EYA 2016 past winners with Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza.

platinum, gold, silver and bronze respectively.

Matiwane urged corporate to go for the higher rank which is platinum.

"This level guarantees sponsors national visibility by the leadership of the country and maximum mileage through other promotional initiatives to be rolled out at the sidelines of the awards," he said.

The minimum for platinum sponsorship is E200 000, gold falls between E100 000 and E200 000, silver between E50 000 and E100 000 and the maximum for bronze is E50 000.

Adding, Matiwane said this year, they would also take the contest to regions.

"Businesses from the regions will first compete amongst themselves and then the ultimate winner will stand a chance to compete in the national contest," he

said. Last year's grand prize winner was Lilawu Construction. They walked away with a Nissan bakkie sponsored by the Swaziland Industrial Development Company (SIDC) worth E260 000 and a floating cheque worth E18 000.

The EYA competition is an indigenously Swazi initiative aimed at recognising and rewarding business excellence in the endeavour to cultivate an entrepreneurial spirit amongst the Swazi people. The awards have been held annually since 2002 and have continued to register stellar growth in both stature and quality.

Last year, the awards recorded a 22.2 per cent increase in entries.

SEDCO remains optimistic that even this year, the awards will continue to register further growth and exceptional implementation.

SACU'S SD MEETING TO DISCUSS ROADMAP ROLL OUT

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE Southern African Customs Union (SACU) fifth Heads of State and Government meeting to be hosted in the country will amongst other things consider the implementation of the SACU roadmap.

The summit will be held at Lozitha on June 23 and is expected to be attended by delegates from the five member states; Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland.

The implementation of the roadmap was approved in November 2015 by the heads of state and government.

Speaking during his recent visit to SACU headquarters in Windhoek, Namibia, His Majesty King Mswati III said the bloc remains important to its member states economies as the success attained in its objectives translates into achievements in respective member states and collectively in the region.

"It is through SACU that increased markets for goods and services from the region can be secured through various ongoing trade negotiations that are aimed at advancing greater regional and continental integration," he said.

Just recently, SACU hosted the

inaugural Joint Administrative Committee for the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)-SACU in Johannesburg, South Africa.

This follows the enactment of the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) between the MERCOSUR and SACU on April 1, 2016.

SACU also participates as a bloc in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa-East African Community-Southern African Development Community (COMESA-EAC-SADC) tripartite.

His Majesty said they were grateful that at SACU level, regional industrialisation was identified as the overarching priority area in the SACU work programme.

"This recognition supports SACU's efforts to play an integral and active role in the advancement of the regional and global integration agenda. It therefore moves away from the traditional perception of SACU only serving as a revenue collection and sharing arrangement," he said.

Adding, the King said the summit would also consider the outcomes and provide necessary guidance and direction of the SACU work programme in response to challenges in relation to its implementation.

Internal auditors convene to improve competitiveness

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Institute of Internal Auditors Swaziland (IIAS) is preparing to host a two day conference under the theme raising the bar to meet stakeholder expectations.

Institute of Internal Auditors Swaziland Board Chairman Mandla Shabalala said the conference forms part of their continued professional development targeted for practicing internal auditors, board members and chairpersons of audit committees.

He said the conference would cover different topics that affect smooth running of the workplace.

"During the conference, some of the topics that will be covered include amongst others international standards for the profes-

sional practice of internal auditing, high road low road, raising the bar of professionalism as an internal auditor and why risk management for internal auditors," he said.

Shabalala said the conference was also meant to equip internal auditors to be able to deliver satisfactory results.

"Our aim is to better our profession and make sure that our clients are happy with our work, we are in a critical industry and it is very important that as we service different clients we deliver the best," he said.

The conference will start this coming Thursday and end on Friday at the Pigg's Peak Hotel.

Shabalala said they were still finalising with a few speakers that would tackle the different proposed topics.

"We are looking forward to having different professionals so to have a better working environment with informed audi-

tors," he said.

Adding, he said the profession helps an organisation accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes.

"The internal audit activity provides assurance that internal controls in place are adequate to mitigate the risks, governance processes are effective and efficient, and organisational goals and objectives are met.

Such diversity gives internal auditors a broad perspective on the organisation.

And that, in turn, makes internal auditors a valuable resource to executive management and boards of directors in accomplishing overall goals and objectives, as well as in strengthening internal controls and organisational governance," he said.

Enactus teams working tirelessly ahead of national contest

By Majaha Nkonyane

WITH exactly three weeks before the Enactus Swaziland National Competition, the participating university teams are working tirelessly for final preparations of the national contest.

The national competitions held annually, marks the climax of the university teams participating under the Enactus programme.

"We are working towards final preparations for the competition which is scheduled for July 1 at Royal Swazi

Sun Convention Centre and there isn't a lot of time left as we are three weeks away from the competition," said Enactus Swaziland Country Director Teclar Dube-Maphosa.

He said the competition will have six teams presenting to the panel of judges on their different projects that they have been working on during the reporting period.

"The institutions are still working on different projects and others are on holiday whilst others are busy with teaching practices, but we are in constant communication with them," she said.

"This year we are changing things

a bit, as we are letting the teams know who they will be up against earlier than in previous competitions where they found out on the day who they were competing against when presenting," she said.

The projects that the teams would be presenting on have focus on two important aspects; entrepreneurship and community involvement.

"These projects have a mandate of improving the lives of the people involved from the communities and also bridge the gap in the entrepreneurial sector," she said.

"At the moment we are visiting the different institutions doing final prepa-

rations with them, allowing them a chance to ask necessary questions and we are also ensuring that they have everything under control.

This is a critical time where teams are working around the clock on their different presentations," she further stated.

The competition will have at least 112 students coming from seven teams from different institutions.

"We are expecting to host students from seven institutions who will be presenting on their projects, this will be a big day for the students," said Maphosa.



GETTING READY: Enactus Swaziland Country Director Teclar Dube-Maphosa.



USING CREDIT TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

HAVING understood credit from our discussion in last week's article, today we will discuss how you can use credit to your own advantage.

The use of credit has its consequences if misused.

Interest rates and fees can dramatically increase the cost of a purchase made on credit. However, when used correctly, credit can be an excellent tool, and it's the only way to build a positive credit history – which will help you get what you want in the future at the lowest cost.

Good reasons of credit

In the use of credit there are good and bad reasons for its use. Some of the good reasons include;

- **Borrowing money to buy a home** - is considered a good decision provided you are able to pay the mortgage instalments comfortably.

- **Borrowing to finance education** - when you borrow money to pay for education, whether for a child or for yourself, you are investing on your future earning ability.

- **Borrowing money when you are faced with an emergency** - borrowing money to meet an emergency may be a good decision depending on the nature and magnitude of the emergency.

Bad reasons of credit

The fact of the matter still remains that people borrow money because they don't have the cash to purchase whatever they want to purchase; as a result they resort to borrowing. Without understanding and discipline, borrowing can be a habit most people fail to get rid of.

Whilst you may have an immediate need to address using a loan, the loan itself could be a long term commitment. Impulse borrowing may be a recipe for your long-term financial woes.

- **Borrowing money just because a sales person came to offer you a loan facility** - This is a temptation most people fail to withstand.

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posed to you does not mean you have to fall for it. There should be a compelling reason why you need the loan in the first instance.

- **Borrowing money to finance a gambling venture** - Whilst some people may have varied reasons for borrowing money for this purpose, gambling is one of the riskiest financial addictions or ventures in the planet.

- **Borrowing when you can't afford payment** - if you are struggling to pay back the debt you already have, borrowing isn't going to solve the problem. It may compound your situation.

Managing your debt

If you currently owe money on credit cards and / personal loans, it is a good idea to develop a plan quickly as possible.

Finance charges makes holding onto balances extremely expensive. There are several methods you may be able to use to delete your debt efficiently.

1. Pay Extra

Are you just making minimum required payments now? Minimum payments are often set very low, and you may be able to shave years of your debt repayment time just by pay-

ing extra.

If you have multiple accounts, it is better to be systematic and focus your extra payments on one creditor at a time instead of sending a little extra to all your creditors. However, you should continue to make minimum payments to all your creditors. Once the first debt is paid off or settled, put that money toward the debt with the next lowest balance or highest interest rate and so on until all of the debts are paid off. If you feel that you currently do not have any spare cash lying around, take a close look at your budget. Are there any expenses that you can cut off or reduced like eat-

ing out? Do you receive periodic sources of income, such as a bonus that you can direct toward your debt, even if you cannot afford to pay extra on a regular basis?

2. Balance Transfer

A balance transfer is the transfer of the balance from one credit card (or another type of debt) to another. The lower your interest rate, the more of your payment that goes toward principal and the sooner you will be debt free. However, before you do a balance transfer, be aware that most creditors charge a balance transfer fee. If the interest rate on the new card is only slightly lower, the savings may be negligible.

3. Debt Consolidation Loan

Another possibility you may have is consolidating some or all of your debts into a new loan. Financial institutions offer unsecured loans specifically for debt consolidation. The advantage is that you have one convenient payment, and if your credit standing is good, you may be able to get an interest rate that is less than what you currently have.

4. Debt Management

Debt management plans are administered by debt counsellors. You can make one payment to them, and they distribute the money to your creditors. For people with multiple accounts, being able to make one payment can be a relief. Furthermore, many creditors may reduce or even eliminate interest rates and fees for borrowers on a debt management plan, so less money goes toward finance charges and more goes toward the principal. You may be required to suspend further use of your credit lines when on the plan; hence there is no risk of getting further into debt like there is when taking out a loan. **For more information, contact the FSRA at 2406 8000 or alternatively visit our offices at the 2nd Floor Ingcamu (PSPF) Building in Mbabane.**

PMI still positive but shows weak economic growth

CAPE TOWN - There's good news and bad news in the latest Standard Bank South Africa Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) released by Standard Bank and IHS Markit on Monday.

A positive outcome is that the index has remained above 50.0 - with values above this figure signalling an improvement in business conditions from the previous month - for the ninth month running in May, the longest sequence of overall improvement in operating conditions in five years.

However, the PMI fell for the fourth



time in five months from 50.3 in April to 50.2, signalling only fractional growth. The main positive influences on the PMI in May was the growth of employment as well as longer sup-

pliers' delivery times. Output and new orders were both broadly neutral and stocks of purchases contracted during the latest period, weighing on the PMI.

Data on new business inflows revealed weak underlying business conditions in the South African private sector economy in May. The volume of new work received was broadly unchanged since April, following only modest growth in the first four months of 2017.

Notably, the level of new export business declined for the seventh consecutive month and at the fastest rate since October 2015.

Reflecting the trend in new business, output was broadly flat in May. Moreover, the volume of outstanding business changed a since April,

indicating a lack of pressure on capacity.

With overall workloads broadly stagnant during the month, private sector firms in South Africa lowered their purchasing activity. This followed a seven-month sequence of growth. Despite this, suppliers' delivery times lengthened to the greatest extent in four months.

The main positive finding from the latest survey was a further rise in employment. The current 11-month sequence of private sector job creation is the longest observed in four years. However, the rate of workforce growth was only marginal. Average purchase prices were broadly unchanged in May.

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World News

LONDON - Seven people were killed in a terror attack in London on Saturday night when a van smashed into pedestrians on London Bridge before three assailants went on a stabbing spree.

The trio of attackers were shot dead by the police at the scene.

Here is what we know about the attack, which came 12 days after a suicide bombing in Manchester and just days ahead of Britain's general election on Thursday.

What happened?

Police received reports of a van speeding into pedestrians on London Bridge at 22:08pm.

These emergency calls were quickly followed by reports of multiple stabbings in the popular Borough Market area on the south side of the bridge.

After the white van crashed into fencing by Southwark Cathedral, knifemen sprinted towards near-

LONDON ATTACK: WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

by bars packed with revellers enjoying a night out.

Armed police were quickly on the scene and three assailants were shot and killed within eight minutes of the first call to emergency services.

They were wearing what appeared to be explosive vests that were later discovered to be fake.

Eight armed police were dispatched to the site, firing about 50 rounds -- "an unprecedented number," according to a Metropolitan Police statement on Sunday. A member of the public also received gunshot wounds,

which were not critical, and was being treated in hospital.

The toll

Seven people were killed and 48 others were initially admitted to hospital. Of these 36, are still being treated, 21 one of whom are in a critical condition.

The injured included a London transport police officer who was one of the first responders on the scene. He was stabbed in the face and leg. An off-duty police officer was also injured.

A Canadian national and a Frenchman were among those

killed, while seven other French nationals were wounded and another remains unaccounted for.

A Spanish citizen and one Australian were also injured.

The investigation

Police on Sunday said officers involved in the "fast moving investigation" were working "tirelessly" at the crime scenes.

Searches have been carried out in East London and 12 people were arrested, with one 55-year-old man later released without charge. Seven women and four men, aged 19 to 60, remain in custody. **AFP**

Trump targets London mayor over attacks

WASHINGTON - Donald Trump lashed out Sunday at London's mayor Sadiq Khan, accusing him of downplaying the threat of terrorism a day after knife-wielding men mowed down and stabbed revelers in the British capital.

London's mayor swiftly shot down the US president's remarks, made in a series of overnight tweets, as critics accused Trump of exploiting a terror attack for political gain, and not for the first time.

A spokesman said Khan "has more important things to do than respond to Donald Trump's ill-informed tweet."

Trump poured scorn on Khan's attempt to reassure the public after three assailants smashed a van into pedestrians on London Bridge then attacked revelers with knives.

AFP

Terror attacks, election place UK PM under microscope

LONDON - Prime Minister Theresa May is seeking re-election as a tough leader to take Britain through Brexit, but her "strong and stable" image is under close scrutiny after a string of terror attacks and campaign missteps ahead of Thursday's vote.

May won praise in many quarters for her initial responses to the Manchester concert bombing and Saturday night's rampage in London, which left seven people dead.

But by focusing much of her Conservative party's campaign on her rival Jeremy Corbyn's security credentials, she has faced accusations of politicising the attacks.



CRISIS: United Kingdom Prime Minister Theresa May.

A U-turn on a key manifesto proposal to fund elderly social care was also damaging, while some voters also expressed irritation that she called the snap vote despite promising not to.

The election is May's first since taking office after last year's referendum vote to leave the European Union, when she replaced David Cameron with little opposition.

From the outset, the 60-year-old vicar's daughter presented herself as a steady hand on the tiller.

Despite having campaigned to stay in the EU, she promised that "Brexit means Brexit" -- and in March, formally began the two-year process of leaving the bloc.

She promised to cut immigration and fight for those who feel left behind by globalisation, an approach that won her support from voters across the political spectrum.

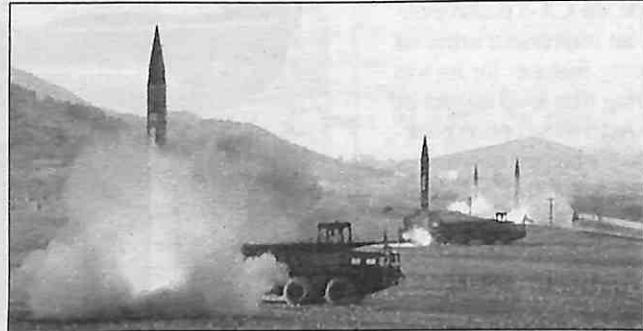
Russia says North Korea nukes are a 'direct threat'

SINGAPORE - North Korea's nuclear ambitions were threatening to Russia, a Russian official said on Sunday.

"It is not only (a) ballistic missile defence system - it has real function," said Deputy Defence Minister Alexander Fomin. "That is why it is alarming. And it is direct threat to Russia. We are convinced that it will increase the tensions of the region. That is our principle position."

Fomin spoke at the Shangri-La Dialogue, an international security conference in Singapore attended by defence ministers and experts from 39 countries, including US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis.

Russia borders North Korea and saw one of Pyongyang's



missiles land close to its waters. But it differs from the US and its allies on how to rein in the North's rapidly escalating nuclear and ballistic missile programme.

Backing new sanctions to be imposed on North Korea, Russia's deputy UN ambassador Vladimir Safronkov stressed in June that "the choice here has to be made in favour of using diplomatic

tools to the maximum extent possible".

Fomin had similar sentiments. "Economical restrictions should be a kind of tool to invoke North Korea to a peaceful process of resolving the dispute and conflict, and not to once again deteriorate the economic situation in North Korea," he said.

AFP

BRIEFS

Tech firms react to leader's call for curbs

LONDON - Social media giants Google and Twitter have responded to British Prime Minister Theresa May's statement that internet companies are complicit in terror attacks by giving extremist views "the safe space it needs to breed". Representatives for the two companies issued statements on Sunday saying they've been working to improve the technology to identify and remove inappropriate content, including posts and files that are terror-related. Nick Pickles, UK Head of Public Policy at Twitter, said: "We continue to expand the use of technology as part of a systematic approach to removing this type of content". Google said: "We're committed to working in partnership with the government and NGOs to tackle these challenging and complex problems and share the government's commitment to ensuring terrorists do not have a voice online".

AP

Child stabbed to death at refugee shelter

BERLIN - A five-year-old child was stabbed to death by an Afghan national at a refugee shelter in southeastern Germany, German authorities said. The 41-year-old assailant also injured the child's mother, a Russian national, and a six-year-old child at the scene was treated for shock and taken to hospital.

AFP

Etihad Airways suspend flights from Qatar

DUBAI - Abu Dhabi's state-owned Etihad Airways said it will suspend all flights to and from Doha from today until further notice. The last flight from Abu Dhabi to Doha will depart at 02:45 local time today, the airline's spokesman said in an email. The move came after Saudi Arabia, Egypt, UAE severed ties to Qatar, accusing the wealthy Gulf Arab state of supporting terrorism. Etihad said its flights yesterday will operate as normal. Qatar Airways has also said on its official website that it has suspended all flights to Saudi Arabia.

Reuters

Putin says he 'didn't really talk' to Flynn

WASHINGTON - Russian President Vladimir Putin says he had only a brief and passing acquaintance with former US national security adviser Michael Flynn, though the two sat next to each other at a dinner in Moscow in 2015. In an interview aired in the US, Putin minimised his contact with Flynn, who was fired by US President Donald Trump in February after offering misleading descriptions of conversations he had had with Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak. Putin told NBC interviewer Megyn Kelly that the dinner where the two had met was routine. "I made my speech."

AFP

Syrians displaced from IS of Eid at home

SYRIA - As US-backed forces prepare a final assault on the Islamic State group's Syrian bastion Raqqa, displaced civilians are dreaming of spending the end of Ramadan feast back home. The Kurdish-Arab Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) militia is expected to begin its assault on the northern Syrian city as early as next week, after months of fighting to seal off Raqqa. In a camp for the displaced in the town of Ain Issa, 50 kilometres north of Raqqa, waves of people arrive every hour. The conditions are dire, including for those observing sunrise-to-sunset fasts during the holy Muslim month of Ramadan, which will end in late June with the Eid al-Fitr holiday.

AFP

Western terror policies have backfired - Khamenei

TEHRAN - Attacks by the Islamic State group in Europe and elsewhere showed that Western policies in the Middle East had backfired, Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Sunday.

Khamenei said in a televised speech: "Daesh (ISIS) is being pushed out from its birthplace in Iraq and Syria and is moving to other countries - Afghanistan, Pakistan and even the Philippines and European countries."

"This is a fire that (Western powers) themselves ignited and now it has backfired on them," he told a gathering of senior officials in Tehran at a ceremony to mark the anniversary of the death of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1989.

Khamenei used the speech to push back against some of the reformist rhetoric used by President Hassan Rouhani during his successful bid for re-election last month.

AFP



WHAT'S the safest SUV you can buy? That question is not as easy to answer as you might think, since the concept of auto safety is made up of so many different criteria that are difficult to sort through.

We've made it easier by collecting this list of Europe's safest new crossovers and SUVs. We started by taking the ratings from the two organisations that test for automotive safety in the United States: the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). Every vehicle on this list received NHTSA's five-star overall crash-test rating as well as IIHS's Top Safety Pick+ award, which includes headlight performance and evaluation of the forward-collision-warning system. We then ranked the crossovers in order of how well they performed in C/D's key instrumented test, with criteria including zero-to-100-km/h acceleration, grip around a skid pad, and braking performance, since being able to avoid an accident is every bit as important as performing well in a crash. Because active-safety features and more powerful headlights often cost extra, the prices listed here also represent the least expensive way to equip each vehicle with the specific options or trim levels you'll need to take advantage of the highest safety ratings.

2017 Mitsubishi OutlanderSEL S-AWC (AWD) with touring package. Even if the Mitsubishi Outlander doesn't score high on style, it aces crash tests and offers the latest active-safety features. You do have to climb up the price ladder to get the top-rated headlights and the full suite of safety aids; the front-wheel-drive model only gets four of the possible five stars from NHTSA, so the \$2 000 all-wheel-drive option is a must if you require the safest possible Outlander.

2017 Toyota RAV4Limited
The popular RAV4 crossover is on its way to pass the perennially best-selling Toyota Camry atop the sales charts—and the two are similar in their anonymity and appliance-like nature. Still, there's no faulting the RAV on the safety front: It offers a full package of active-safety features as standard, and it gets top marks in crash tests. Only the higher-grade, \$30 000-plus Limited and Platinum trims achieve the top IIHS rating, due to their stronger LED headlights. That also includes the Limited hybrid model, which is one of the few gas-electric crossovers in its segment and achieves a 32-mpg EPA combined rating.

2017 Lexus NX200t with optional Pre-Collision System package
With the angular-looking NX, Lexus struck gold by shrinking its popular RX crossover to a pocket-sized package. The NX's aggressive front end suggests sportiness, but it instead focuses on quiet comfort and luxu-

TOP MARKS: CROSSOVER SUVs WITH THE BEST SAFETY RATINGS

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ry over corner carving. A solid collection of active-safety features come standard on every NX; you need only add the \$900 pre-collision system (adaptive cruise control and automated emergency braking), available as a stand-alone option, to get the full spate of driver-assistance systems. An all-wheel-drive, hybrid-powered NX300h model is available with the same features, but it costs \$3 000 more than the AWD version of the turbocharged NX200t, and in our testing, it was only 5 mpg more fuel-efficient.

2017 Mazda CX-3Grand Touring with i-Activsense package

Even though the Mazda CX-3 is the lowest-priced entry on this list, its sophistication and style could make you think otherwise. Nice to look at, pleasant to drive, and surprisingly upscale inside, the CX-3 is also tech-savvy with an impressive array of optional safety features for its top Grand Touring trim level as part of the \$11 70 i-Activsense option package. The CX-3's biggest downsides are its cramped rear seat and small cargo area.

2017 Toyota Fortuner / HighlanderLE

Toyota is pushing to make active-safety equipment standard across its entire model range, and the Highlander is impressive in that it achieves top safety scores even in its base trim level. The Highlander LE, which sticks at just over \$30 000, doesn't require any options to get equipment such as forward-collision warning, which is unusual for this class. The

cheapest Highlander does come with an underachieving four-cylinder engine, so we'd advise springing for the LE-V6 model, which is \$2050 more expensive but has a gutsier V-6 that motivates the Highlander more authoritatively.

2017 Hyundai Santa FeSE

Ultimate with Tech package

The three-row Hyundai Santa Fe (not to be confused with the two-row Santa Fe Sport) is getting on in years, but a recent refresh brought all manner of safety technologies to this SUV. The mid-level Santa Fe SE Ultimate trim level offers HID headlights and automated emergency braking in its

optional \$2100 Tech package. All Santa Fe models come with a 3.3-liter V-6 engine, which pairs with a six-speed automatic transmission and either front- or all-wheel drive.

2017 Subaru Forester2.5i limited with Eyesight package

Subaru has made safety a priority as of late, and every model in its lineup except the BRZ coupe achieves at least a Top Safety Pick award from IIHS. The popular Forester SUV is no exception; it offers an optional bundle of active-safety features, called EyeSight, which includes forward-collision warning and lane-departure alert, among other technologies. Only the upper models that have LED headlights receive top ratings, so the less expensive trim levels don't qualify for the highest IIHS award.

2017 Lexus RX350 AWD with Bi-LED Headlights

Lexus practically invented the luxury crossover with the original RX, and it still sits atop the sales charts with the current, fourth-generation version.

Although it looks extreme on the outside, it prioritises comfort, quiet, spaciousness, and safety. Lexus now offers several active-safety features as standard on every RX, so the only options one needs for top ratings are the \$415 bi-LED headlights and the \$1400 all-wheel-drive system, as the front-drive model rates lower in the NHTSA's safety testing due to a slightly higher risk of rollover.

2017 Volvo XC60 T5 with Active Dual Xenon Headlights

Saying that Volvos are safe is like saying that Rolls-Royces are expensive: The two go hand-in-hand. So it's no surprise that the XC60 crossover aces crash tests and offers the latest active-safety technologies, even though it's getting on in years (a redesigned XC60 goes on sale later this year). An autonomous emergency-braking system called City Safety comes standard, so the only box you'll need to check for the safest-possible XC60 is the \$400 Xenon headlight option.

2017 Honda Pilot Elite

With up to eight seats and a highly configurable interior, the Honda Pilot is a family-friendly choice. Getting the full complement of safety features along with the top-rated LED headlights does require going straight to the top Elite trim level and giving up one of those eight spots in favour of heated second-row captain's chairs.

The Elite carries a price even higher than its Acura-badged sibling, the MDX, which includes more safety equipment as standard.

2017 Toyota RAV4Limited



motoring news



2018 MERCEDES-BENZ GLA250 4MATIC

ENTHUSIASTS may cringe at the term crossover, but the Mercedes-Benz GLA-class is not the bloated people carrier usually associated with that word.

Mercedes-Benz may not be known for building small, front-wheel-drive-based hatchbacks, but in Europe it sells several of them. Across the pond, the luxury brand's compact range includes the A-class hatchback, the B-class mini-MPV (available in the States as an EV), the CLA-class shooting-brake wagon, and the GLA-class crossover. The four look so similar that it's hard to tell them apart.

Toughened Up?

Newly optional LED headlamps flank a restyled grille with crossbars that feature rectangular punctures like those on the larger GLS-class SUV. A new front end sports a reshaped bumper and a restyled grille that looks more like those found on Benz's larger SUVs, the GLE and the GLS. Dimpled black plastic body cladding, added along the side sills, suggests off-road ability, while the tail features a mildly reshaped bumper and restyled taillights. Inside, an 8.0-inch infotainment screen replaces last year's 7.0-inch; additional chrome bright work adorns the door panels and the centre console; and new, more legible black-faced gauges replace the 2017's grey-faced units.

A backup camera is now standard and the power rear lift gate that can be opened or closed with a quick wave of your foot under the bumper, so long as the key fob is in your pocket.



Android Auto joins the connectivity party as part of the Smartphone Integration package that previously included only Apple CarPlay.

The GLA has never been particularly roomy, and the 2018 model is no different.

Front-seat occupants don't have much to complain about, especially when seated in the Benz's optional sport seats, but those relegated to the back may feel cramped on longer journeys.

Fitting five adults in the GLA makes for an all-too-intimate setting that's unpleasant even for short trips. Although the cabin isn't as posh as what you'll find in an S-class—or even a C-class, for that matter—it's stylish enough, a bit more so with the newly added flourishes. It also seems well made and from high-quality materials.

New Look, Same Cook

Mercedes-Benz doesn't note any engine or transmission tweaks. Under the GLA's contoured hood lies the same turbocharged 2.0-liter inline-four as before.

Its 208 horses and 350Nm of torque are dispatched through a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission and then out to either the front or all four wheels. Mercedes-Benz claims a zero-to-100-kph time of 7.1 seconds. That's quick enough for a small crossover, and we have no reason to think the 2018 model won't be just as swift.

Ruling Highs:

Quick reflexes and acceleration, all-weather capability, stylish inside and out.

Lows:

Cramped cabin, turbo lag around town, ride can be overly firm at times.



Bugatti Chiron: everything you need to know

THE iconic Bugatti Veyron was an almost impossible act to follow, but that's exactly what the legendary luxury French brand has managed with the new Chiron.

Armchair pedants may quibble over competitors' acceleration times, torque and top speed, but the simple fact is that nothing has the cachet of Bugatti's new all-wheel drive hyper car.

Launched at the 86th Geneva Motor Show in March 2016, it made its first public appearance at the Goodwood Festival of Speed in June. This year's festival's motto was "Full Throttle—The Endless Pursuit of Power," so a highly appropriate venue. With a production run limited to just 500 cars (more than a third already sold), the Chiron is built at Bugatti's headquarters in Molsheim, north-eastern France, and the first car is due to be delivered to an extremely wealthy customer this autumn.

Named after race ace Louis Chiron (1899-1979), the most successful Bugatti works driver, the new car is all about numbers—and two in particular stand out:

1. The basic price is €2.4m (around \$2.7m)
2. It has a top speed of 261mph (420km/h) "limited for road travel,"



el," which means that it has a new speed record in its sights

All that blistering performance is delivered by a W16 engine (eight litres, 16 cylinders, in a 'W' arrangement), just like the Veyron's. The difference is that the Chiron's power plant has been completely redesigned, featuring four larger high-performance turbochargers and 32 fuel injectors, resulting in a 25 per cent power boost.

Chiron stats to stop you in your tracks:

- W16 engine develops 1,500hp (1500hp)
- 0-62mph (0-100km/h) in less than 2.5 seconds
- 0-124mph (0-200km/h) in less than 6.5 seconds
- 0-186mph (0-300km/h) in less than 13.6 seconds
- Massive torque: 1600Nm (or 1180lb ft) at 2000-6000rpm

When a car stretches as many boundaries as the Chiron, engineers and stylists have to think of innovative new ways to harness the performance.



"Refreshed 2018 Subaru legacy sedan debuts at Chicago Auto Show"

SUBARU unveiled its refreshed 2018 Legacy, which features styling changes, a retuned CVT, and additional infotainment features.

The sixth-generation Legacy launched for the 2015 model year and 2018 brings changes needed to keep this all-wheel drive sedan competitive. For Subaru's 2018 update, the name Legacy is especially apt because this family sedan carries on without any major eye-opening changes.

With wider, lower grille openings and a new front bumper that complements the new grille, Subaru aims for a sportier looking Legacy. The redesigned C-shaped headlights now feature the "Konoji" daytime LED running lights. Two new exterior colours Magnetite Grey Metallic and Crimson Red Pearl and two new wheel designs lend a hand in the sportier appearance.

Now integrated into the lower fascia, the tailpipe also receives a slight redesign.

Subaru combed through the Legacy's chassis in an effort to improve comfort and drivability.

Starting with the suspension, the dampers were re-tuned to help reduce initial impacts of bumps while also helping to reduce body roll. In order to offer a more engaging drive, improvements were made to the electric power steering and the brake pedal feel.

Engine

Subaru carries over the same 2.5-litre flat-four engine and the 3.6-litre flat-six engine but improves the CVT on the 2.5-litre engine with a quieter ultra-short pitch chain and adjusted engine timing under acceleration to reduce powertrain noise. Sound-insulating inner glass film and reshaped

exterior mirrors also help to reduce noise entering the cabin.

The 2018 Subaru Legacy debuts with improved interior materials, a redesigned centre console, and a new, sportier looking steering wheel. Subaru's latest Starlink multimedia system now offers quicker performance, eight additional available apps, and smartphone integration with Apple Car Play and Android Auto as standard. Additionally, the newly available Steering Responsive Headlight (SRH) system will aim the headlights into a turn as the driver steers.

Competing with some of the best-selling cars in the industry Honda Accord, Toyota Camry, and the Nissan Altima the refreshed 2018 Subaru Legacy hopes to take more of the market share from its fellow Japanese competitors.

BRIEFS

Mugabe off to NY for Oceans summit

HARARE - Zimbabwe is landlocked - but that hasn't stopped President Robert Mugabe flying off to attend a UN summit on oceans in New York. In news that's been greeted with disbelief by some in Zimbabwe where there is strong criticism of the 93-year-old's frequent foreign trips, the state ZBC broadcaster confirmed the 93-year-old's departure on Saturday. Said ZBC: "The conference in New York will be co-hosted by the governments of Fiji and Sweden at the United Nations headquarters in New York, from Monday to the ninth of this month."

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Sirro to visit violence-hit districts

DAR ES SALAAM - The new Inspector General of Police, Simon Sirro, will tour Rufiji and Kibiti districts, areas that have been hit by a series of killings which targets local leaders and the police. Speaking to The Citizen just a day after elders urged him to visit the two district Sirro said he would study reports from coast regional security and defence committee before speaking to wananchi. Apart from having discussions with the defence and security committee as well as wananchi Sirro will hold talks with religious leaders. "Yes, I have received the request and I am promising the (Rufiji and Kibiti districts) I will visit them next week," Sirro told The Citizen in a telephone interview. He added: "It is my belief that if wananchi will cooperate with the authorities, we will end the killings."

All Africa

War leaves disabled, elderly at risk

BENTIU - More than one million disabled people are vulnerable to the increasing violence of South Sudan's brutal civil war. Mary Nyakwas lost her leg to a crocodile while fleeing the fighting. She and her four children had taken refuge from the conflict in a nearby swamp when the reptile attacked her. Now the 30-year-old sits on the floor of her hut in a civilian protection camp in Bentiu, running her finger over the curve of her stump. Nyakwas relies on friends and neighbors to bring her water and food. Without them, she says, she'd starve." *All Africa*

'Sgr is no threat to your business'

NAIROBI - President Uhuru Kenyatta has told public transport players in the country that their jobs are not under threat, following the start of the standard gauge railway (SGR) operations. President Kenyatta said SGR will instead create more opportunities for matatu and boda boda operators as he directed the ministry of transport and infrastructure to put up a matatu terminus at every SGR station to facilitate ease of transportation. "The public transport sector plays a key role in our economy and we will always work to facilitate its operations," he said.

All Africa

31 nationals detained for illegal mining

BEIJING - Zambia has detained 31 Chinese nationals for illegal mining in the African country's copper belt but has failed to provide strong proof of their crimes, a senior Chinese diplomat said as he lodged a complaint. Lin Songtian, the Chinese Foreign Ministry's director-general for African affairs, told a Zambian diplomat in Beijing that China understands and supports actions to crack down on illegal mining, the ministry said in a statement late.

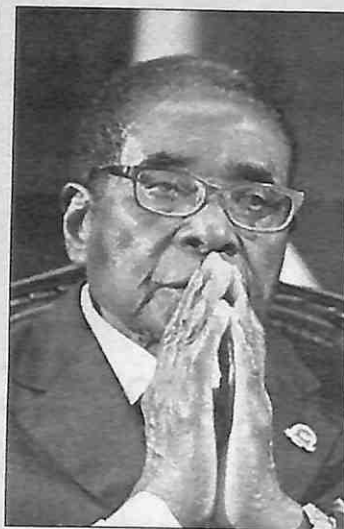
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Africa News



MUGABE TO KICK OUT ALL REMAINING WHITE FARMERS



YOUR TIME IS UP:
Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe.

MARONDERA - Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, 93, has threatened to embark on fresh land grabs targeting the few white commercial farmers still remaining in the country.

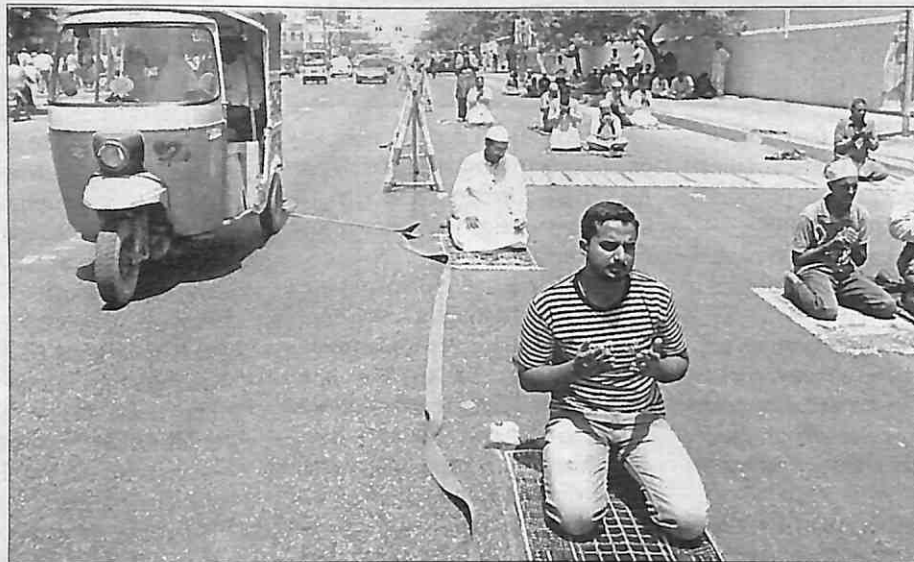
Addressing thousands of his ruling ZANU-PF party supporters in the farming town of Marondera on Friday, about 80km east of the capital Harare, the nonagenarian said white commercial agronomists who still remained on the farms should be removed from their properties

because most Zimbabweans were in need of land.

"We told (former British premier) Tony Blair to keep his England and we keep our Zimbabwe because land is our heritage. We have discovered that in Mashonaland East province alone where Ray Kaukonde was the resident minister, there are 73 white commercial farmers who are still occupying some farms when our people do not have land," said Mugabe speaking in the local Shona language.

Kaukonde was kicked out of ZANU-PF in 2014 on allegations of siding with former vice president Joice Mujuru who now leads the opposition National People's Party. Mujuru was the first to be shown the exit door for allegedly plotting to assassinate Mugabe in her quest to take over power from Mugabe. For her part, Mujuru is on record saying former white commercial farmers should be compensated if she becomes president.

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PRAYER: The faithful pulled over onto the side of the street and began praying in the middle of the road in Karachi, Pakistan. (Daily

AU commission chair visits Sahel Saharan region

JOHANNESBURG - The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, is on a five-nation tour of the restive Sahel Saharan region to reaffirm the AU's commitment and solidarity with the region in its fight against terrorism and crime.

Mahamat's visit, which ends on Saturday, is also part of the AU's endeavour to create a safe and secure environment while contributing to the stabilisation and long-term development of the Sahel region.

The AU Commission Chairperson, who is being accompanied by the Commissioner for Peace and Security, Ambassador Smail Chergui, and the Commissioner for Political Affairs, Ambassador Minata Samate Cessouma, will visit Niger, Chad, Mauritania, Mali and Burkina Faso - also known as the G5 Sahel states.

Addressing security issues along common borders due to the interlinked effects of terrorism and transnational organised criminal networks and inter communal conflict in the region is extremely important to the AU. *ANA*

Saudi, Bahrain, Egypt and UAE cut ties with Qatar

SAUDI ARABIA - Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates announced on Monday they were severing diplomatic ties with Qatar, as tensions escalate in the region over accusations Doha sponsors terrorism.

Saudi news agency SPA said Riyadh cut diplomatic ties and closed borders with its neighbour to "protect its national security from the dangers of terrorism and extremism".

A Saudi official cited by SPA said the country decided to "sever diplomatic and consular ties with Qatar, and to close all land, sea and aviation ports". The "decisive" measure was due to "gross violations committed by authorities in Qatar over the past years", the Saudi statement said.

The UAE followed suit in cutting ties, and Egypt's foreign ministry also accused Doha of supporting "terrorism" as it announced the severing of diplomatic relations.

The statement said all Egyptian ports and airports would be closed to Qatari vessels and planes. *AFP*

Netanyahu woos West African leaders at Liberia summit

MONROVIA - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday joined West African leaders at a summit in Liberia, where they hailed peace-keeping efforts in the region but warned about threats to stability.

Netanyahu, who had visited east Africa in July 2016, vowed that they had "no better partner" than his country after he was received by Liberian President and outgoing head of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

"Israel is coming back to Africa and Africa is coming back to Israel. I believe in Africa. I believe in its potential, present and future. It is a continent on the rise," said the Israeli leader.

"Africans are seizing the future. Israel wants to seize this future with you. You truly have no better partner for this mission than Israel," he added.

Netanyahu and Senegalese President Macky Sall later announced the normalisation of diplomatic relations between



HAILS: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

their two countries, following a spat over a UN resolution demanding Israel halt expansion of settlements in the occupied West Bank. After the motion in December, pushed by Senegal and New Zealand, Israel recalled its ambassadors to both nations and cancelled an aid programme in Senegal. "The two leaders announced an end to the crisis

between their countries," a statement from the Israeli prime minister's office said.

ECOWAS also announced it had in principle approved Morocco's request to join the group, despite Moroccan King Mohamed VI refusing to attend the summit due to the presence of Netanyahu, according to Rabat's foreign ministry. *AFP*



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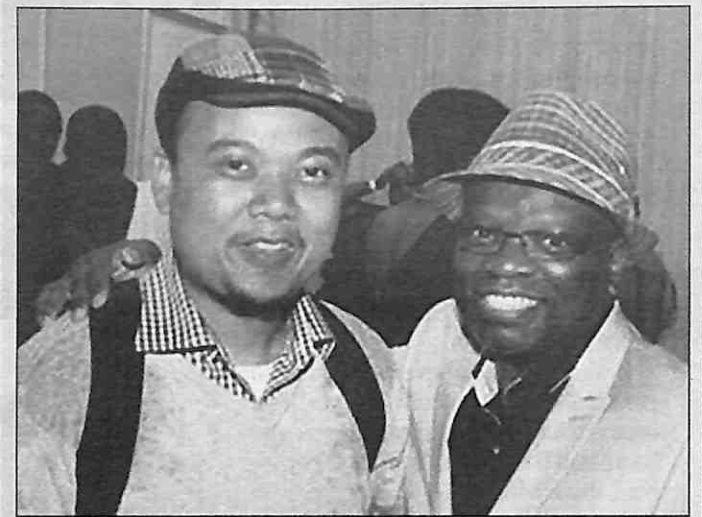
Destiny invites other companies to partner in event

DESTINY Group has once again opened the door for companies to participate in the show's event as support sponsors.

The Main Sponsor of the event is MTN Swaziland, however other companies can also leverage on the popular show by partnering on any part of the event logistics. Destiny Group Director Tom Lin said the event was growing with

each year.

"We would like to give other companies a chance to also participate in this event with any pledges that can be made in return for a wide range of benefits to be discussed with all parties," he said. Last year the likes of Carson Motors, Swaziland Beverages and MVA Swaziland were among the partner sponsors for the event.



JOY: Destiny Music and Sound Managing Director Tom Lin with Joyous Celebration's Lindelani Mkhize. (Courtesy pic)

It was the first time Joyous has recorded outside of South Africa and the music produced in three CD and two DVD combo.

As is tradition with Joyous, they have unearthed new gems that debuted during the Joyous Heal Our Land Tour which started at Carnival City in Brakpan, east of Johannesburg.

New voices are Esethu Mngxuma

from Cape Town; Nozipho Phiri from Empangeni in KZN; and Londiwe Masondo from Durban.

Details about entry fees for the Swaziland show as well as show times will be revealed at the launch.

The group has already issued a save the date call on their social media pages about the Swaziland leg of the tour confirming their participation this year.



JOYOUS 21 STARS HERE ON THURSDAY

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

MTN Joyous Celebration's 'Heal Our Land concert' which will be staged in the country next month will be launched on Thursday with some of the choir's top stars coming through to grace the launch.

The MTN Joyous Celebration 21 show is brought to the country by MTN Swaziland and Destiny Group and this will be the fifth year in a row that the group comes to perform in Swaziland at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

The launch will be held at Royal Swazi Sun's Gigi's Restaurant in an

...super fans' to win entry to Joyous launch for a meet and greet with Joyous Celebration stars.

evening event to be spiced up by live entertainment.

This was confirmed by Destiny Group's Managing Director Tom Lin yesterday. Lin also revealed that the launch would offer a unique surprise digital experience for guests.

"The launch aims at creating awareness about the event logistics to the public and our partners. MTN Joyous Celebration has confirmed availability to send through a number of their cast and managers for the launch. There will also be some live music at the launch for the first time," Lin said.

Entry to the launch will be by invite while 'super fans' will also get a chance to meet the group by qualifying for entry through a social media competition.

"However, the names of the members coming through cannot be disclosed for now as the group wants to a surprise their fans and guests," he said.

The much-loved gospel ensemble performed and recorded at the Potter's House in Dallas, US and at the church of gospel icon Bishop T.D. Jakes in December last year.

DJ TOUCH OF SOUL NOW VODACOM BRAND AMBASSADOR

By Phumelele Mkhonta

● alongside DJ Zinhle, Lucas Radebe and Cassper Nyovest

TOS Founder and deejay, Thabo 'DJ Touch of Soul' Mnisi has yet again escalated the general expectation by being appointed as the Vodacom NXT LVL Brand Ambassador.

NXT LVL is a people's performance, business excellence and development organisation that enables true measurable success for people and business. Vodacom also has its claws on NXT LVL, mainly offering music and lifestyle services to under 25-year-olds, taking the South African youth to the 'next level' hence the youthful abbreviation 'NXT LVL.'

Vodacom NXT LVL is designed to enable and support youth on their journey to success through technology. It

supports the South African youth mainly by grooming talented musicians, exposing them to fashion and sponsoring sporting activities with the use of the Vodacom website.

DJ Touch of Soul was revealed by Vodacom as an official NXT LVL Ambassador last Friday.

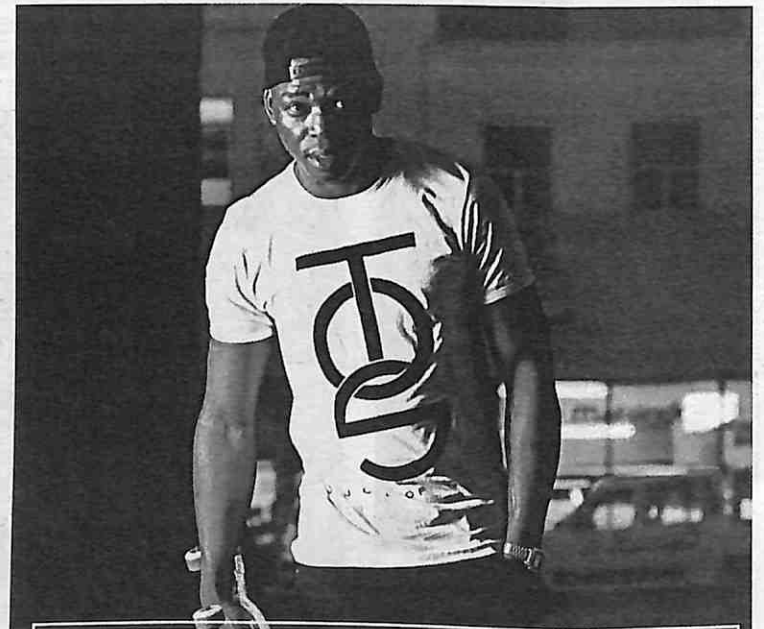
Other Vodacom NXT LVL Brand Ambassadors include renowned South African stars, the likes of DJ Zinhle, Danny K, Lucas Radebe, Mark Fish, Cassper Nyovest and other faces that are relevant to the youth.

Touch of Soul has been an inspiration to many off late; his clothing merchandise 'TOS' has gained popularity in the country and South Africa, having most celebrities wearing it,

even in during performances like AKA, PRO and most recently SAMA Awards king Kwesta donned an orange TOS cap during his performance at the Bushfire Festival. Touch of Soul has scored a nomination in the forthcoming MTN SWAMA Awards. He is racing for 'DJ of the Year' award alongside maestros; Master P, Karly B, Tenderness and DJ 1D.

The DJ's mixes have been aired on South Africa's Gagasi FM and he is also the resident DJ of well known Durban chill out spot called 'Eyadini.' Touch of Soul thanked Student Village and Vodacom for making him Vodacom NXT LVL Ambassador.

"It is all God, to God be the glory," he said.



VODACOM: Thabo 'DJ Touch of Soul' Mnisi.

CASTLE LITE WINNERS EXCITED ABOUT TRIP

.... 15 lucky winners to experience Bryson Tiller and Travis Scott live

By Ayanda Dlamini

SWAZILAND Beverages through Castle Lite will be taking 15 local fun lovers to Johannesburg, South Africa next week.

The winners were picked through a raffle draw on Thursday evening at Mbabane Club, Albert Millin. Some of the winners were not there when their names were picked but some were available.

The lucky winners were very excited to be part of the Castle Lite unlocks guests lists to be held in South Africa, June 15.

The 15 fun lovers will get to watch American hip hop stars Bryson Tiller and Travis Scott live in action.

"I'm so excited because it's my first time getting such an opportunity and I'm expecting to meet other friends from different countries," said one of the winners Sandile Ngwenya during an exclusive interview with this publication.

"It was hard to believe it and I am so excited about this initiative and yes, it's a once in a lifetime experience. Thank you Swaziland Beverages," said another winner Labane Mdluli.

"To say that I am excited is an understatement. I'm ecstatic on winning one of the tickets to the to the Castle Lite Unlocks VIP Extra Cold Music Experience at the sold out show at The Ticketpro Dome.

There has been a lot of hype around the show since it was announced as evidenced by it being sold out.

Sensations

It will be an epic show and being part of it will be quite an experience. I can't wait to see hip hop sensations Travis Scott & Bryson Tiller plus the host of South African acts. It's going to be lit," said another winner Wilfred Mdluli.

According to Swaziland Beverages' Mxolisi Dlamini, the hospitality pack for the trip involves fully paid for accommodation, meals and drinks at the concert.

However only 13 winners were officially announced on the night as Dlamini mentioned that the other two who had been chosen had not yet confirmed important details that would make them eligible for the trip. During the winners draw at the



PACKED: The fun lovers braced the cold and attended the Castle lite unlocks draw on Thursday at the Albret Millin.



DRAWING: Swaziland Beverages' Mxolisi preparing for the draw as Master P Dishes out good music.

Millin, good music was served. DJ Zulu D of Mega sound thrilled the crowd with his famous set; commercial house, he first played 'Rejoice' by Black Motion featuring Bucie and later also rendered 'Memeza' a house song that has become famous in clubs and most played by local DJs.

At 20:40 rapper and MTN SWAMA Awards nominee, 80 Script serenaded the crowd with his rendition and music lovers braced the cold and sang along to some of his songs.

Later, in the thick of the night DJ Master P took over the decks and was loyal to local as he rendered songs by locals; 'Jika' by DJ Tenderness featuring Bholoja, 'Mporoma' by Nomalungelo and 'Tigi' by Sands.



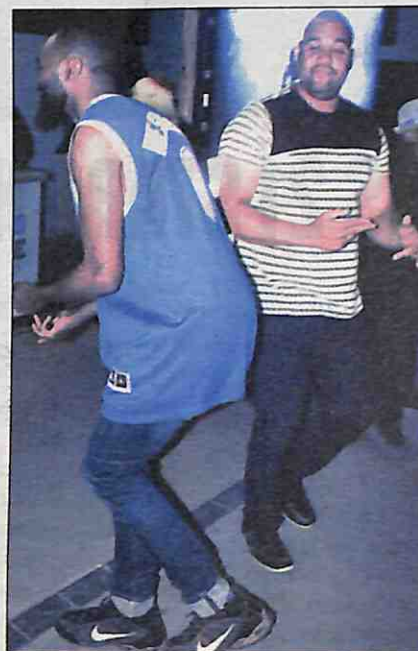
HELLO- 'Hello America' hit maker Mandisa welcoming fun lovers as she was the MC.

THE CASTLE LITE LUCKY WINNERS

Mdluli Wilfred	Mr	Swaziland
Vilakati Mthunzi	Mr	Swaziland
Mkhwanazi Thulani	Mr	Swaziland
Nkomo Themba	Mr	Swaziland
Ngwenya Sandile	Mr	Swaziland
Mdluli Labane	Mr	Swaziland
Gamedze Mthokozisi	Mr	Swaziland
Dlamini Mfundo	Mr	Swaziland
Dlamini Sifiso	Mr	Swaziland
Ndlangamandla Banele	Mr	Swaziland
Mngometulu Wesley	Mr	Swaziland
Mabuza Nothando	Miss	Swaziland
Magagula Menzi	Mr	Swaziland



ONE OF THE WINNERS: Master P picking one of the winners' name. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)



IRRE-SISTIBLE VIBES: Revellers enjoying every moment as they danced the night away.



HOPING: Fun lovers patiently waiting for their names to be drawn.



ATTENDED: SB's Ncobile Simelane observing the proceedings of the show.



A FEW NIGHT SCRIPTS: MTN SWAMA nominated artist 80 Script serenading the crowd.



RELAXING: Friends enjoying themselves, socialising and bracing the cold.



COURAGEOUS SINGERS RECORDING POSTPONED

By Nomfundo Sifundza

DESPITE having promised fireworks, the Courageous Singers group 'lost courage' resulting to their highly anticipated show being postponed.

The show that was supposed to take place at Mavuso Trade Centre on Friday never saw the light of day as according to the groups PRO Pslams Nxumalo their ordered sound equipment could not get through to the country.

Reasons for this abrupt cancellation could not be ascertained on Friday evening as none of the organising team could be reached on their mobile phones, it would later be reported that they had left the venue at around 7:30pm.

Nxumalo confirmed that she herself left the venue at 7:30pm and had hoped that the security guard would disseminate the information as requested.

"When I left the police and the security guards were there and we had requested that they inform all who had

come to the show that it had been postponed," Nxumalo said.

She further assured ticket holders that there would be another show as soon as all technical issues are addressed.

"We kindly request that all who had purchased the tickets must hold on to them as they will be still valid when we do the next show sometime this month, she said.

Supposed

Nxumalo revealed that the major delay was due to the sound equipment they were supposed to use; it failed to arrive in the country in time for the show.

"We were going to use sound equipment from Joyous Celebration which included their technical crew and specifications which is why we could not opt for a plan B sound team."

She elaborated "we could not use any other sound equipment as we had rehearsed according to the specifications of the equipment to be brought by the Joyous Celebration team.

Music lovers and supporters of the

newly revived choir got the shock of their lives upon reaching the gates of Mavuso Trade Centre as they were turned back by VIP Security Guards.

The VIP Security Guards claimed an unidentified man gave them the instruction to inform all who had come to the Courageous live CD and DVD recording that the show had been postponed.

Zethu Ndlangamandla, a supporter of the group was furious as she said she was not told prior that the show would be postponed and she drove all the way from Mbabane for nothing.

"I bought my ticket to watch and support Courageous Singers; little did I know that I was pouring my money down the drain," an enraged Ndlangamandla stated.

Tickets to the show had cost E150 whilst VIP cost E250, E350 VVIP.

The Courageous Singers live CD and DVD recording was supposed to have performances from Joyous Celebration's Hlengiwe Ntombela and Zodwa Mahlangu.

Dale Abrahams returns with one man's show

By Phumelele Mkhonta

KNOWN on a DStv advert and South African comedy shows, Swazi born comic Dale Abrahams is making a return to the country by hosting a comedy show at the Mbabane Club on June 21.

According to Abrahams, the comedy show is themed 'It's About Time' and it will include dinner.

"It's About Time' is a tour that I ventured to as a comedian. My first stop was in Pretoria and the response was remarkably good. I thought it was high time that I bring it back home as I had last performed in the country in 2012 at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre in a show titled 'Laughs You Lungs Out'," said the comedian and actor.

Abrahams added that he was now relocating back home as he was done with his endeavours outside the country. He also revealed that he will incorporate other two local comedians to the line-up which will be revealed in time.



MORE ABOUT DALE

Dale Abrahams is an actor and comedian who has appeared in numerous films, television shows and theatre productions.

Abrahams attended the Joan Lee Theatre Arts School Johannesburg from 1988-89 before being accepted to the University of Cape Town's drama school, from where he graduated in 1993.

In 1994 he appeared in the annual open-air Shakespeare production at Maynardville in Cape Town, which in that year was A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The following year he travelled to the Grahamstown Festival of the Arts and to Stockholm with a theatre production called People Like Us, and the following year appeared in Julius Caesar at the Windybrow Theatre in Johannesburg.

From 1999-2001 he appeared in four major comedy shows: The Funny Farm, Jungle Connection Comedy Club, the Joe Parker Comedy Express and The Comedy Sprite Jam at the Civic Theatre in Johannesburg.

He also appeared in two corporate theatre productions: a Spoomet Staff Training video in 1999, and a Santam training video in 2005.

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"I encourage all people who are up for laughs to make it to the show, I will make it a memorable night," he said.

Abrahams has appeared in the following television shows: Molo Fish, Kidz, Generations, Explorer, Your Universe, The Toasty Show, Take 5, Charlie Jade and Species Odyssey.

Benjamin Dube sets JC Manzini on fire

By Ayanda Dlamini

SOUTH African gospel legend Bishop Benjamin Dube set the Mfanyana Hall in Manzini on fire on Sunday where he was hosted by Jesus Calls Worship Centre.

The service was hosted by Pastor Zakhele Malaza from the Manzini

and Piggs Peak branches.

The last day of the service; Sunday, was on fire. The South African pastor touched on the power of the Holy Spirit and how it worked through worshiping.

The Sunday service lasted for two hours and left members of the church yearning for more. The revivals started on Friday and ended on Sunday.

"This is was the most powerful service I've ever attended, I've been attending the revivals since Friday and today I will go home blessed," said Nomcebo Dlamini who was touched by Benjamin Dube's words on the pulpit.

"The message he shared today was taken from the entire Bible and how he gave us encouragement to worship

God because it shows us that God loves us and has a wonderful plan for us. Our creator formed us in his image. Human beings have the capacity to be shaped spiritually by God through His Holy Spirit to become like Him in character," Dlamini added.

Touched

Dube also touched on specific laws of God, when he said there are many encouraging Bible verses that help individuals to know that there is a loving, caring God who understands the

frailties of human life.

Another saint; Zanele Shiba who was touched by Benjamin's service at Jesus calls Worship said "regardless of what a person's situation may be, the creator God wants to be present with us and empower us through his Spirit. The bishop's words were healing to me more especially when he said our countenance; the expression on our face will change from sad to joyful as a result of his divine help and presence.

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International
Celebrity News

Ariana Leads Emotional Manchester Concert

MANCHESTER - Ariana Grande returned to the stage Sunday to perform at the One Love Manchester concert, an event she co-organised to help benefit the survivors and families of the victims of the May terror attack.

A suicide bomber had killed 22 people and injured dozens more at the singer's concert in Manchester Arena. This Saturday, just a day before the benefit show, three people drove a van into pedestrians walking on London Bridge and stabbed others nearby, killing seven people and injuring dozens.

Ariana is said to have been very devastated by the terror attack and



DEVASTATED: Ariana Grande.

so poured out her soul on stage.
Eonline

Bella Thorne wears most daring look

LOS ANGELES - She is known for rocking rather racy ensembles.

And Bella Thorne may have debuted her raciest look yet.

The 19-year-old star put on quite the eye-popping display as she went braless under a completely sheer top while out in West Hollywood on Saturday night. She was definitely not shy as her breasts complete with nipple rings could be seen under the see-through garment while leaving hotspot The Peppermint Club.

TMZ

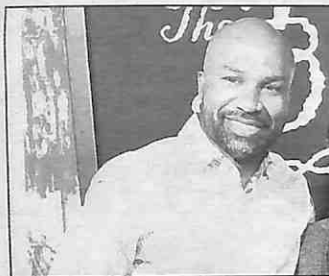


EXPLICIT: Bella Thorne.

Derek Fisher Arrested for DUI

LOS ANGELES - Former Lakers champion and ex-New York Knicks head coach Derek Fisher flipped his car while driving on the freeway with his girlfriend, Basketball Wives star Gloria Govan, yesterday morning, E! News can confirm. After the accident, the hoopster was arrested by the California Highway Patrol on suspicion of DUI charges.

Luckily neither Fisher nor his 32-year-old girlfriend appear to have gotten hurt. According to the CHP's news release, there



ARRESTED: Derek Fisher.

were "no injuries noted or claimed" at the time of the accident.

Bangshowbiz

Little Mix criticised for 'naked' outfits

MANCHESTER - Little Mix took to the stage to perform an emotional rendition of Wings at the One Love Manchester concert on Sunday night. Dressed in typically revealing fashion, the four-piece girl group all wore outfits in striped black and white with flourishes of gold jewellery.

All but one of the girls wore eye catching knee length leather boots that showed off their incredible figures, though some viewers at home complained that the stage outfits were inappropriate for a family-friendly benefit concert. *Daily Mail*



CRITICISED: Little Mix.

SA Celebrity News

Jabulani throws opulent birthday party

JOHANNESBURG - Popular entrepreneur Jabulani Ngcobo who is well known as 'CashflowNgcobo' hosted his birthday party this past Saturday at the Munro Boutique hotel.

The extravagant party was attended by some of Ngcobo's close friends, celebrities and his family. The party had many highlights but one stand out was Ngcobo's birthday cake which looked like a Louis Vuitton duffle bag with US dollars.

Drum



THROWS PARTY: Jabulani Ngcobo.

SAMAs organising panel 'cheats' Musa of his award

JOHANNESBURG - Mthandehle hitmaker Musa Sukwene missed out on votes after a major bungle by the South African Music Awards (SAMAs) organising committee last week.

Sunday World revealed that the committee published the muso's cellphone number on the SABC flagship channel LiveAMP instead of a five-digit SMS number that was used for public voting. As a result, the artist received a flurry of SMSes from his legion of fans trying to vote for him, only to find



ROBBED: Musa Sukwene.

that the number given was wrong. It is understood that due to the barrage of SMS messages flooding his cellphone, Sukwene had to change his cellphone number and use a new one. *SundayWorld*

The sex is great, says polygamist Musa's third wife

Johannesburg- Reality TV show Uthando Nes'thembu has fast become the latest hit on Mzansi Magic that everybody is obsessed with. Musa Mseleku has been described by his wives as being "firm yet loving" and being firmly entrenched as the King of the Mseleku kingdom.

His third wife, Thobile MaKhumalo described Musa as a "respectful and truthful" husband. MaKhumalo, who is 28 years old, is a weekly guest on Gagasi FM where she speaks about love, relationships and marriages. So, what about sharing her man? MaKhumalo said when it is her



OPENS UP: Musa Mseleku and his four wives.

turn she makes sure she has his undivided attention. "There is no competition. It's me time. We have good sex and love. I'm in a happy marriage and proud of my husband," she said. *Sowetan*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Iris threatens the livelihood of the Ngwenyas. Lerato worries about her safety while Samson avoids spending time with Khanyi.



DRAMA: Iris.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Nikiwe offers to buy Benjamin and Ofentse's shares for double, even triple of what they paid for them; but they decline. The rot happening at the mine hostel comes to light and Sechaba decides it's time a new mine hostel caretaker is appointed.



OFFERS: Nikiwe.

Muvhango

TODAY



IN TIME: Azwindini.

Will Azwindini get all the ritual's requirements in time? The private investigator makes a shocking discovery. Rendani thinks Nonny is putting on an act for her.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



WORRIED: Rene.

Rene is under pressure to finish her album. Dineo comes home. Pearl makes contact with TK, Speshil and Bash at Kilowatt, looking for a job.

Trevor Noah recounts day his stepfather shot his mom

NEW YORK - SA-born comedian and TV host Trevor Noah has reflected on the rage he felt after discovering that his stepfather had shot his mother in the head.

The incident which took place several years ago, has been well documented but Trevor has often been shy to speak about the incident. However, during an interview with People magazine US recently, Trevor opened up about the moments that followed the incident and the rage he felt over it.

"I remember after the shooting, my mother was in the hospital, and all I felt was rage," Noah said. He said that his mother tried to calm him down by telling him to not har-



FLASH BACK: Trevor Noah.

bour anger towards his stepfather.
TimesLive

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Girls

How her Parents see her



How her boyfriend sees her



How her brother sees her



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Chasing paper-work seems likely: possibly because your expertise has been called into question or because you're trying to meet a deadline. Rising to these various challenges might also give you the opportunity to impress someone close.



AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Putting your best foot forward is likely to include making contact with a large organisation who owe you something (not necessarily money). You might also have to cope with an element of shock when a younger family member (possibly a Scorpio) makes an announcement.



PISCES FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Even those who think they know you well could be amazed by your actions. It might seem that your batteries have been replaced. New enthusiasm for a project and determination to free yourself from a chore or worry that's going nowhere could be the propellants.



ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Despite the fact that you may be openly complaining about a deadline or the kind of work you're being asked to do, you might also be getting an emotional charge out of the situation. Working with people born under one of the Water signs (Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces) could give useful insight into behavioural patterns: you might even enjoy modifying your own and watching reaction.



TAURUS APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Quirky neighbours or a distinctive accent could capture your attention. Sure, there could be misunderstandings and irritation: it's as likely that there'll be moments of great humour (except if cars or parking are involved). On the down-side, it's possible that a leak could sabotage a trip - or that someone's drinking habits will affect a schedule.



GEMINI MAY 21 - JUNE 21

You may now be ready to sign on a dotted line - especially given the financial rewards that would ensue. (This would be a great day for starting a new job). Domestic arrangements may need to be made at short notice - but for the nicest of reasons: unexpected guests being one possibility.



Your relationship with a piece of new technology could bring pleasure too.

CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22

You may feel as though you're rushing toward a finishing line - though this particular chase could be bring pleasure. You might also need to explain to someone who doesn't yet know you well that there's method in your apparent madness and that your priorities are slightly different to theirs.



LEO JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

A deadline could be reached with you finally gaining control of something you've wanted for some time. Though this looks as though it's the start of a new financial adventure, it seems likely you'll be embracing this positively. Indeed, you might even be flexing your credit card further.



VIRGO AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

You could allow yourself to feel undermined: or you could go completely the other way and make a challenge. It's probable that someone's memory isn't anything like as good as yours - and that their basic administration is wanting. You could talk yourself into a job!



LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

You may be more than happy to relinquish to control and to allow a close friend or partner to make decisions on your behalf. You may have been beating yourself up trying to do things 'perfectly'.



SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21

The tide may well be flowing in your favour. Your efforts over the last two years could pay off later this week. Today though you may feel you need to draw a line in the sand and pass responsibility to someone younger. They may lack experience but can always use you as a sounding block.

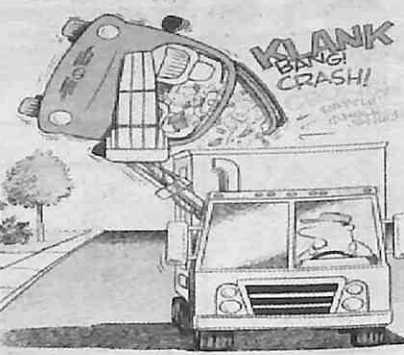
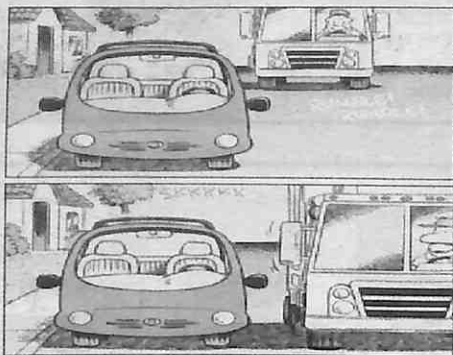


SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

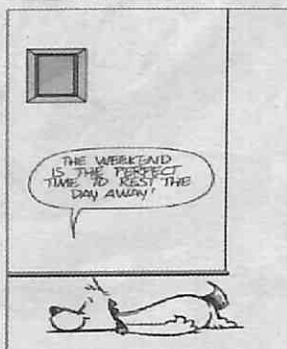
This is likely to be a busy day with your efficiency being tested both at home and at work. A deadline (possibly preparing for builders) could be reached. You might also find yourself involved in a test or examination.



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MINI CROSSWORD - PUZZLE CHOICE

SPACE EXPLORATION

Can you find the nine planets and forty space exploration words from the list below? They may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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Laughing Out Loud

The lawyer

One day there was a rabbit and a snake who were both growing old and could not remember what animal they were. "OK I'll describe you and then see if you can guess what you are." said the snake.

the rabbit. "You are white, fluffy, and you have big ears and feet." said the snake. "Oh good, I'm a rabbit! So the rabbit says, "You are long, slim, and have a forked tongue."

"That's a good idea." said

USELESS FACTS

1. Bismarck, North Dakota, holds the record for the most snow angels at one time. On February 17, 2007, several schools joined forced to create 8 962 snow angels.
2. Even today, the Kwakiutl Indians of British Columbia change their names and take on the names of their ancestors at the beginning of winter. They believe this will protect them from the spirits of the dead who return at this time of year.
3. Suicides actually increase during the summer months.

Research suggests several reasons, including increased interaction with other people and seasonal hormonal changes. 4. Around the summer solstice, some Christians celebrate St. John's Eve, which marks the birth of John the Baptist. John supposedly was born six months before Christ, which is traditionally considered to be around December 24. 5. The word "season" is from the Old French sowing, which means "sowing/planting" or "seed time."

BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brainteasers

1. Why did the pencil cross the road first?
Answer: He was the LEADER!
2. What is a snake's favourite subject?

Answer: HISStory!

Today's brainteasers

1. What do ducks use for math?
2. When is a blue school book not a blue school book?

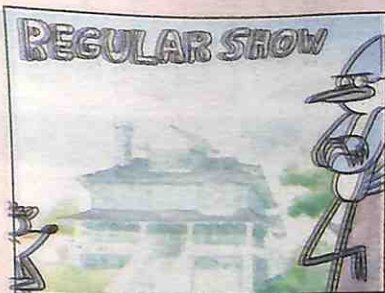


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REGULAR SHOW
TODAY 17:20 | CARTOON NETWORK (300)

'S8/E15 - Space Escape'. The guys must escape a bad guy.



LOVE AT FIRST KISS
TONIGHT 19:30 | WUZU (116)

'S1/E1 - 1/1'. Love at First Kiss is a bold new dating show. There's nothing more nerve-racking than a blind date but what if you skipped all that and went straight for the first kiss?



Dinner date
Tomorrow 20:59 | BBC Lifestyle (174)

In the show where people hope to find true love through their love of good food, one lucky person gets the chance to find romance as they enjoy three very special meals, cooked for them by three very special blind dates. Series six kicks off in Lancashire, where Damien must choose which three ladies he'll be dining with out of five menus – but when the dinners have been eaten and the dates are done, who will he want to see for seconds?



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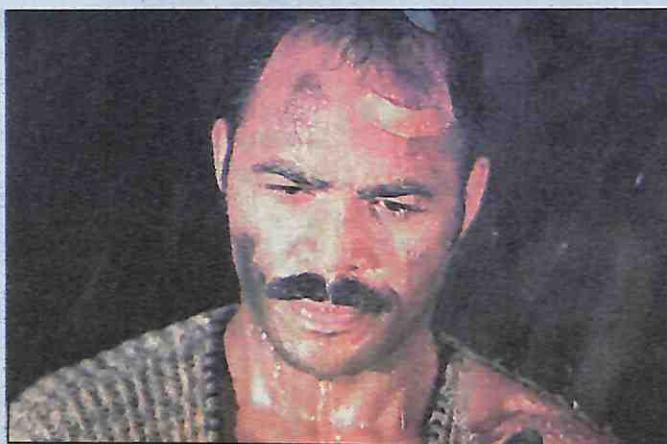


THE GRIPPING WAR DRAMA, '76' PREMIERES ON DSTV

GET set for the big budget, Nigerian blockbuster that took five years, military backing and an all-star cast to complete.

Hailed as the first, Nollywood film to get Hollywood circulation, '76' is based on the true-life events surrounding the attempted military coup of 1976 which lead to the assassination of Murtala Mohammed. The film's Director, Izu Ojukwu, confesses that he's always had a fascination with coups and war stories and so creating such a film was an inevitability. That said, his focus with '76' was to highlight how women are the true "soldiers" of war both "on and off the battlefield" since they bear the brunt of the decisions men make in times of conflict.

He also reveals he wanted to



draw attention to the characters and their stories rather than gory scenes and shock value. The result is an award winning film that captures the humanity of the people affected by the events as well as the climate of Nigerian society at

a time when the nation was still reeling from the civil war.

The film was also very much a labour of love, riddled with challenges at every turn. Ojukwu lost his brother on set whilst shooting the production and even consid-

ered giving up at that point. The Nigerian army endorsed the production making it the first movie for which filming was permitted in military barracks.

However, the process of vetting the film's script and making sure it was historically accurate took several months. Further, post-production delays would ensue but in the end, the years of strife were worth it with the film impressing critics so much that it scored a premiere at the Toronto Film Festival.

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Wayde van Niekerk clocks SA best in 200m street dash

LONDON - But, frustratingly, his magnificent time won't be officially recognised.

Wayde van Niekerk delivered a superb performance this past Sunday night, storming to victory in a 200m street race in Boston.

The 400m world record holder, who was preparing to double over both distances at the World Championships in London later this season, charged across the line in 19.84 seconds.

Though it was the fastest time ever run by a South African athlete, the performance could not be recognised for record purposes as it was held on a

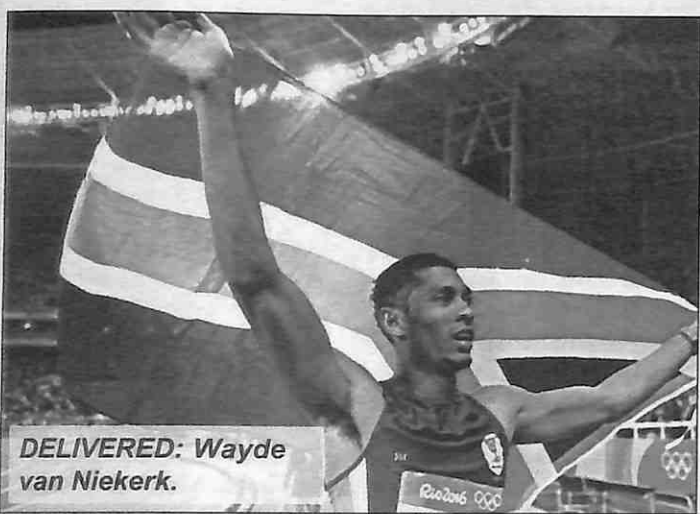
temporary track without a bend.

He was well clear of American sprinter BeeJay Lee who took second place in 20.17.

National 100m record holder Akani Simbine took second place over his specialist distance in 10.21, narrowly edged out by Keston Bledman of Trinidad and Tobago who was credited with the same time.

Simbine and Bledman were separated by 0.001 at the finish line. Last Friday's opening day of the Boost Games meeting, distance runner Dominique Scott had clocked 4:12.48 in the women's 1 500m race.

Citizen



DELIVERED: Wayde van Niekerk.

Schalke wait on Rahman recovery before extending loan

BERLIN - Schalke 04 will wait to determine the extent of the injury sustained by on-loan left-back Abdul "Baba" Rahman before extending his loan deal.

The 22-year-old Chelsea defender, who spent the 2016/17 on loan with the German giants, picked up an anterior cruciate ligament injury while on international duty with Ghana in January - but has been slow to recover.

A former Young Meteors Tamale and Dreams FC youth player, Rahman spent some time on loan with Asante Kotoko before spells with Greuther Fürth and FC Augsburg ahead of joining the Blues in 2015.

With his current deal coming to an end, Schalke will want to ensure the player is fully-fit before he signs a new contract.

Schalke sporting executive Christian Heidel told Bild: "Our team doctor met Abdul in London. His knee injury is more complex and [his recovery] might be prolonged.

"We will wait another four weeks and then decide with Baba and his agent whether [another loan] makes sense." *Sport24*



REAL MADRID FANS DEMAND BALLON D'OR FOR RONALDO

MADRID - Thousands of delirious Real Madrid fans called for Cristiano Ronaldo to win a fifth Ballon d'Or this past Sunday as the Spanish giants paraded the Champions League trophy for a record 12th time.

Ronaldo scored twice in Real's 4-1 thrashing of Juventus in Cardiff this past Saturday as Madrid became the first side to retain the Champions League.

Sporting a newly cropped haircut, Ronaldo was the star of a spectacular lights and firework show as 81 000 fans crammed into Real's Santiago Bernabeu stadium. "Cristiano Ballon d'Or," the Portuguese sang along with the fans as he was lifted into the air by his team-mates.

Ronaldo is the hot favourite to win the annual award for the best player in the world for a fifth time that would see him equal Barcelona rival Lionel Messi's record as Real also

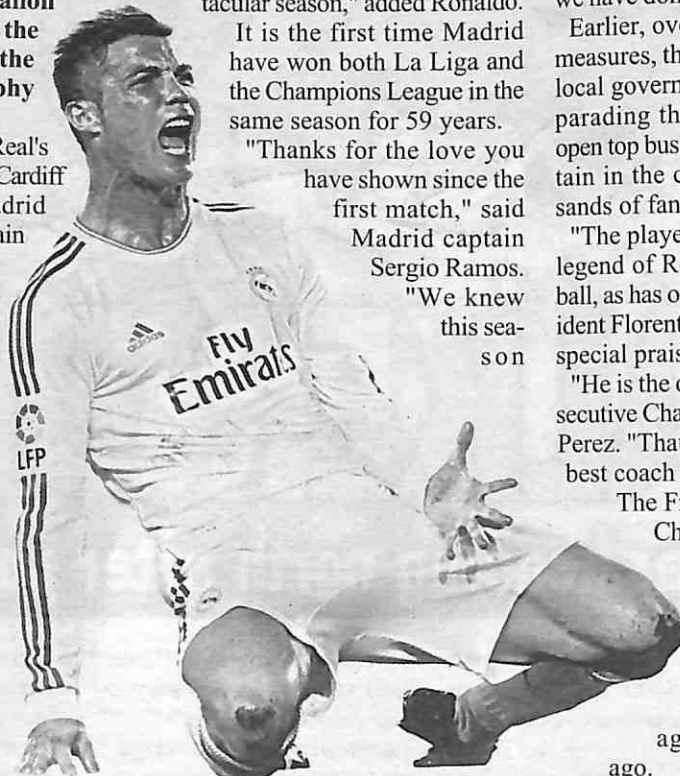
beat out Barca to win La Liga.

"The truth is it has been a spectacular season," added Ronaldo.

It is the first time Madrid have won both La Liga and the Champions League in the same season for 59 years.

"Thanks for the love you have shown since the first match," said Madrid captain Sergio Ramos.

"We knew this season



was going to be different. "The team has worked hard from the first minute... we have done a marvellous double."

Earlier, overseen by strict security measures, the Madrid squad greeted local government dignitaries before parading the famous trophy in an open top bus around the Cibeles fountain in the city centre where thousands of fans had gathered.

"The players have entered into the legend of Real Madrid and of football, as has our coach," said club president Florentino Perez, as he reserved special praise for Zinedine Zidane.

"He is the only one to win two consecutive Champions Leagues," added Perez. "That is why he is already the best coach in the world."

The Frenchman, who won the Champions League as a legendary player for Real between 2001 and 2006, has enjoyed spectacular success since taking his first role in senior management just 18 months

ago.

AFP

ALLEGRI RUES JUVENTUS SECOND HALF SHOWING

MILAN - Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri was left to rue a "static" second-half following his side's 4-1 defeat to Real Madrid in the Champions League final this past Saturday.

Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice as Madrid beat the Italians in Cardiff to retain the Champions League trophy.

The loss meant that Juve missed the chance of a treble after winning their league and domestic cup. It also meant the Italians have lost their last five European Cup finals.

Talking after the match, Allegri said that the loss came after their performance dropped off after half time.

"In the first half, we played beautifully. In the second half, we were too static," Allegri said at the post-match press conference.

"We managed to defend for 15 minutes. As you know, football can be a nightmare. [Miralem] Pjanic's shot was deflected wide, Casemiro's shot was deflected into the goal.

"We knew we were playing a really strong team. In the run-up to the final, it sounded like Juventus were favourites and were playing a team who'd reached the final by chance.

"The truth is that Real Madrid have many important players. If somebody wins the Ballon d'Or and scores so many goals, obviously it's a big advantage.

"The only criticism I could make is that after conceding the second goal, we should have stayed in the game."

Despite the devastating defeat, Allegri said his players could still hold their heads high after a successful season.

"Let me congratulate my boys for what they've done this season," said Allegri, whose side were beaten 3-1 by Barcelona in the 2015 final in Berlin.

"It's been an extraordinary season. We won Serie A and the Coppa Italia and reached the Champions League final. I have to thank them. It's important to reach finals. Unluckily, we didn't win it." *Sport24*

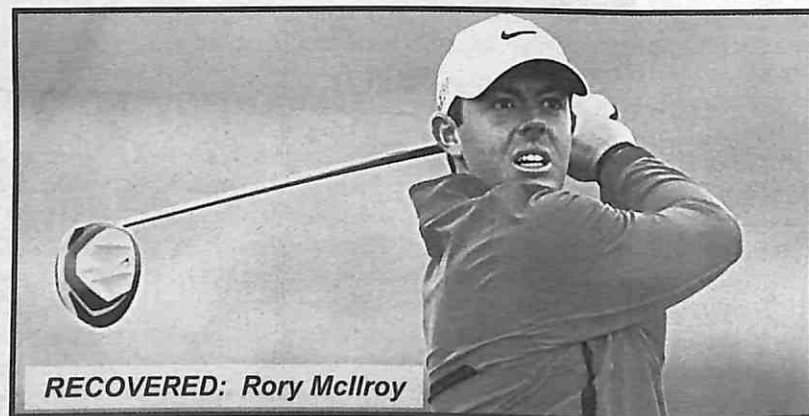
RORY MCILROY FIT FOR US OPEN

QUINTA DO LAGO - World number 2 Rory McIlroy has recovered from a rib injury that has kept him out of action since the middle of May and has declared himself fit to compete at this month's US Open, the 28-year-old has said.

The four-time major winner has been regaining fitness at the Quinta do Lago resort in Portugal and will return to action at the year's second major in Erin Hills, Wisconsin when the tournament begins on June 15.

"I am ready for Erin Hills and looking forward to playing there for the first time," McIlroy told The Guardian newspaper.

"The last few weeks have obviously been frustrating... but it was important I got back to a level of fitness where I felt like I could give myself



RECOVERED: Rory McIlroy

the best possible chance at the US Open.

"As I have said many times before, majors will ultimately determine my golf career but I have had the rest of this busy season to consider as well."

McIlroy sustained the injury earlier

this year and suffered a recurrence during the Players Championship, where he finished tied for 35th. He subsequently withdrew from the European Tour's PGA Championship and the Memorial tournament on the PGA Tour. *Reuters*



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++EXCLUSIVE++ CITY'S £40m WALKER DEAL Spurs star heading north after positive talks

MANCHESTER - Manchester City are closing in on a £40m deal for England and Tottenham ace Kyle Walker.

Starsport can reveal Etihad bosses are confident of completing a move for Walker once England's games with Scotland and France have taken place.

Pep Guardiola made Walker one of his main targets six months ago and wants the deal done before the end of this month with signing a right-back a priority for the Spaniard.

First Choice

The England international, 27, moved to White Hart Lane from Sheffield United in 2009 for £9m and has gone on to become first choice for club and country.

Walker, who has won 25 caps, is cur-

rently with Gareth Southgate's Three Lions squad preparing for Saturday's World Cup qualifier in Glasgow.

He is a target of a number of clubs, but it is understood he has chosen to join City so he can be closer to his family, who still live in Sheffield.

Salary

Talks between the clubs have taken place, with City willing to meet the asking price of Spurs chairman Daniel Levy.

Levy is reluctant to lose Walker but does not view him as irreplaceable like prize assets Dele Alli and Harry Kane.

Etihad bosses will hand Walker a long-term deal worth around £100,000-a-week that will see him double his wages.

Guardiola handed his list of targets

to Chairman Khaldoon Al-Mubarak before the end of the season.

The Spaniard is determined to waste no time in signing them and wants all of his targets in place before he takes his squad to America for their pre-season tour in early July.

City face Spurs in Nashville on July 29 and Guardiola has no intention of waiting until then to land Walker.

Guardiola has already spent almost £80m on Monaco's Bernardo Silva and Brazilian goalkeeper Ederson.

And that figure is set to smash through the £250m barrier this summer with Southampton's Virgil van Dijk, Alexis Sanchez of Arsenal and Monaco's Benjamin Mendy.

Daily Mail

Carrick always makes the right decision - Giggs

MANCHESTER - Manchester United legend Ryan Giggs has praised the influence of Michael Carrick, claiming that the midfielder makes everyone around him better.

Carrick recently penned a one-year extension to his contract at United, and Giggs believes it's a great decision by the club's decision makers to keep the midfielder for another season. The 35-year-old made 23 Premier League starts for Jose Mourinho's side last season, and his former teammate has spoken highly of Carrick's positive

impact on and off the field.

"Michael just makes players around him play better," said Giggs, according to talkSPORT.

"He's got that calming influence that you can see on and off the pitch, it's a pleasure to play with him.

"When you play with players, you want to trust them when they have the ball and Michael is one of those players.

"When he is on the pitch, you can trust him. He always makes the right decision."

sport24

Herrera praises Mourinho's first season at Man United

MANCHESTER - Manchester United midfielder Ander Herrera has praised Manager Jose Mourinho for bringing home the silverware in his first season at the club.

The Red Devils were sixth in the final Premier League standings, but victory in the Europa League means they qualify for next season's Champions League, and can add that trophy to the League Cup and Community Shield. "First season, three trophies. Our manager is a winner," Herrera told Sky Sports. "Now we are going to play Champions League.

"We are already thinking about the European Super Cup. Football is about trophies, no? About achieving objectives. "In the beginning

of the season we were talking about that. The manager said he was coming to Manchester United to win trophies and he has done it."

It has been a good year for Herrera on a personal level, as he was named Manchester United Player of the Year, but he had to adapt his game to fit into Mourinho's plans.

"I knew at the beginning of the season that I could be an important player for the team," Herrera added. "I had a meeting with him and he told me I was going to be important to him if I got some points and I did it. "I know it is difficult to play in a big club like Manchester United as a number 10 because you know how many goals you have to score to play there. So I thought I had to add something to my game." *sport24*

Shaqiri says 'everything would have to be right'

LONDON - Xherdan Shaqiri says he will only leave Stoke for a big club, and has played down any disagreements with Manager Mark Hughes.

Shaqiri missed large parts of last season with injuries, but still managed to contribute four goals as Stoke finished in mid-table again.

And though he has been linked with moves to top clubs in Europe, the for-

mer Inter Milan and Bayern Munich midfielder insisted he is in no rush to get away from the Potteries. "I have a contract with Stoke until 2020," Shaqiri told Swiss paper Blick.

"If I were to leave Stoke, it would have to be a step up for me. Everything would have to be right." Shaqiri's injuries have been blamed by some on a poor lifestyle, but the Swiss star was quick to rubbish those reports, as

well as the suggestion that he and Hughes fell out this season.

"It is nonsense that there was a problem with Hughes. We never even had a discussion," Shaqiri added.

"And there is no truth in reports that my lifestyle was not healthy. Such accusations annoy me. It is utter nonsense. I am the opposite of someone who is not professional." *Daily Mail*

Mertesacker to take up non-playing role at Arsenal

LONDON - Per Mertesacker looks set to bow out of the game on a high after revealing he is negotiating a non-playing role to stay at Arsenal.

The World Cup winner endured a frustrating season on the sidelines with a troublesome knee injury, which saw him make just one start - the FA Cup final against Chelsea.

Mertesacker was his assured self at the back for the Gunners as they went on to record a surprise 2-1 win over the Premier League champions at Wembley and claim a record 13th title.

But the 32-year-old centre-back concedes he can no longer cope with the demands of top-flight football and feels he will be better served by hanging up his boots, although Manager Arsene Wenger wants him to stay at the Emirates Stadium.

Motivation

"I was extremely lucky with my career and I want to finish on a high," the German told Sport1. "I am motivated, but I cannot play every three days any more. I don't want to stretch my luck.

"I recently told him [Arsene

Wenger] that I am tired, mentally wasted.

The first time in my career I thought it makes no sense anymore, that I'll retire. No matter how hard I practiced I didn't get a chance.

"At Arsenal you are replaceable so quickly as a player, I don't want to stand in someone's way. Winning the FA Cup was an extreme close which I could not expect.

Sport24

Martial has no reason to leave Manchester United

MANCHESTER - Anthony Martial's agent has insisted his client will not be leaving Manchester United this summer.

The French forward had been linked with a move away from Old Trafford after struggling for regular game-time under Jose Mourinho. However, Philippe Lamboley - who represents Martial - claims there is 'no reason' to suggest a departure is imminent.

He told Journal du Dimanche: "Martial has two years left and there is no reason for him to leave Manchester today. "If executive Vice-chairman Ed Woodward tells me

they want him to leave, things are different.

"But that is not what he told me during our last meeting."

Martial, who was signed for an initial £36million from Monaco in 2015, netted just eight goals in 42 appearances across all competitions last season. In April, Mourinho hinted that he wanted to see an improvement from his young forward. He said, "Do I think Anthony is player with great potential? Yes. Do I think he can play successfully for me? Yes. But he needs to give me things that I like."

Daily Mail



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MURRAY PAYS ON-COURT TRIBUTE TO ATTACK VICTIMS

PARIS - Andy Murray paid an emotional on-court tribute to the victims of the recent terror attacks in London and Manchester that left 29 people dead and scores injured.

The world number one advanced to the French Open quarter-finals yesterday for the seventh time with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win over Russia's Karen Khachanov.

But Murray took the on-court microphone afterwards to voice his support for those impacted by the tragic events in Britain. "Obviously there was a terrible tragedy in London, and in Manchester six or seven days ago. Paris has had its problems

too in recent years," said Murray. "I am sure everyone will join me... we share our thoughts and prayers with everyone who has been affected."

"It's obviously something that has affected large parts of Europe. I appreciate everyone still coming out to support the tennis. I am grateful that I can still perform in front of everyone," he added. The Briton will meet either Japanese eighth seed Kei Nishikori or Spain's Fernando Verdasco for a place in the semi-finals. Murray lost to Novak Djokovic in last year's final at Roland Garros.

AFP

Simona Halep batters Carla Suarez-Navarro

PARIS - Simona Halep established her credentials to become the newest French Open champion with a blistering 6-1 6-1 victory over Carla Suarez-Navarro to reach the quarter-finals yesterday.

With no former champions left in the field, pregnant Serena Williams watching from the sidelines and Maria Sharapova not invited to compete, third seed Halep has a golden opportunity to break into the grand slam winners' circle.

Yesterday's evidence suggested the Romanian may be ready for it.

"I was expecting a tough game against a very good claycourt player," Halep said. "But I managed to push her back."

"I played a good game."

There could be no arguments from any observers or from Suarez-Navarro who appeared stunned at the outcome.

Before this clash there had been little to suggest it would be so one-sided. Halep led their head-to-head record, but only by 6-5.

Soon as the match began, however, its complexion became quickly apparent. Halep settled faster and raced into a 5-0 lead before Suarez-Navarro could register on the scoreboard.

The Spaniard finally held her serve for 5-1 when Halep made a rare forehand error to end a 15-stroke rally, but the Romanian put that blip behind her to seal the set with a backhand pass a game later.

There are few players who strike the ball more

crisply than Suarez-Navarro, especially on the backhand side where she usually unfurls a big top-spin shot.

But whether it was the swirling wind which snapped the flags lining the roof of the showcourt, or Halep's varied pace, the Spaniard repeatedly struggled to find her range.

The one high point for Suarez-Navarro was when she broke back for 1-1 in the second set, but it was all downhill from there. Her timing had gone, then her footwork. At one point she was forced to lunge forward to strike a backhand and accordingly popped it into the net, her foot positioning all wrong.

Halep was toying with her now, switching things up, throwing in dropshots followed by lobs. Suarez-Navarro scampers around court to no effect, while many in the crowd shifted uncomfortably in their seats.

On the stroke of the hour Suarez

Navarro was put out of her misery, having made 41 errors.

As the two kissed at the net, Halep kindly patted her opponent on the back, and the Spaniard could hardly wait to get out of there.

The 21st seed gathered her racket bag and, after a quick wave to the crowd, left the arena while Halep took the plaudits and plotted her course.

Next she will meet either Croatian qualifier Petra Martic or fifth-seeded Ukrainian Elina Svitolina.

Dailymail

Rafa Nadal hits out at referee

PARIS - Rafa Nadal believes referees should not be too quick to punish players who take longer to prepare between points, after he received a penalty for slow play during his French Open fourth round victory this past Sunday.

The nine-time champion beat fellow Spaniard Roberto Bautista Agut to reach the last eight but was twice warned by umpire Carlos Ramos for slow play, before being docked a serve after breaching the mandated 25-second limit between points.

And Nadal said it was bad for the game to see players rushed, and believed he had been targeted by the umpire. "If you want to play well, you have to let players breathe a little. We're not machines that cannot think. That's my viewpoint," Nadal

told reporters.

"What else can I say?... But this umpire is, I think, trying, in a certain way, to look for my faults, my errors."

The 14-times grand slam champion believes that umpires should focus on the match rather than the time elapsed.

"Theoretically, the umpires are here to analyse the match and they are not here to use the stopwatch, otherwise we should have a stopwatch on the court," Nadal added.

"That's the whole point. Some dictate things or give their calls in a certain way. Other umpires have different styles," Nadal next faces Spaniard Pablo Carreno Busta in the quarter-finals and remains on course to win the competition for a 10th time.

Dailymail

Tomas Berdych fires coach

PARIS - Tomas Berdych fired former Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic from being his coach yesterday.

Berdych was eliminated from the French Open in the second round by Karen Khachanov of Russia 7-5, 6-4, 6-4. And he has responded by canning Ivanisevic, although he insisted he would remain close with his now former coach.

"Goran and I will not be working together anymore," Berdych said. "I enjoyed the ride and we will remain great friends. Wish him all the best in the future and I am committed to go after my goals with current team."

Ivanisevic, who won Wimbledon in 2001 and helped Marin Cilic win the US Open in 2014, joined Berdych's coaching team in August.



ALL THE BEST: Tomas Berdych

During their partnership Berdych dropped from number eight to number 14, leaving the top 10 for the first time since 2010. The 31-year-old Berdych led the Czechs to two Davis Cup titles but has never won a Grand Slam tournament. Dailymail

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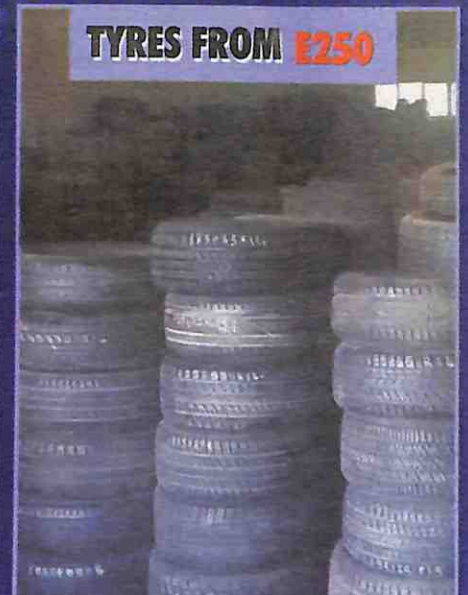
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Ex-soccer player sells Range Rover to pay R200K monthly maintenance

JOHANNESBURG - The son of a top PSL club owner claims he's homeless and his father's club has provided him with accommodation.

The son of a top PSL club owner and ex-soccer player, who cannot be named for legal reasons, has reportedly sold his Range Rover Sport for R785 000 so he could afford to pay the R200 000 monthly maintenance he owed to his wife.

The former soccer star had been ordered to pay the money to the wife but only managed to pay for five months, after which he approached the court asking to be relieved of the monthly spousal maintenance order as he could not afford it anymore, reported Sunday World.

The wife had reportedly demanded he pay towards the spousal maintenance for five years or until she remarries. But five months later, the ex-husband has pleaded poverty.

According to court docu-

ments filed in the High Court in Johannesburg last week, the husband said his wife's demands were four times his monthly income of R60 000, and accused her of concealing information about her income and assets to the court.

He alleged the wife owned a R3 million property in a foreign country and that she exaggerated his worth and income in an attempt to have him jailed for defaulting on his maintenance.

Though the wife had reportedly claimed the man received money from two companies in which he was a director, the ex-player admitted to being part of the entities but denied receiving financial compensation from them.

He further reportedly told the court his assets were valued at R1.6 million and that the SA Revenue Service was demanding an immediate payment of close to R40 000 he owed.

Citizen

'CHIEFS FAILED TO KEEP PROMISE'

JOHANNESBURG -Kaizer Chiefs Player of the Season Sphiwe Tshabalala believes the club failed to honour their promise to win trophies in 2016/17, and that Chairman Kaizer Motaung deserves better.

Shabba ended the campaign as Chiefs' top scorer in all competition with eight strikes, with at least three of his goals said to be goal of the season contenders.

Nonetheless, the 32-year-old revealed he expects the club to try and improve greatly in 2017/18

campaign, in order to live up to the legacy that Motaung expects.

"Ja, you know, our chairman is old. So we cannot have these moments all the time," he told reporters.

"One point is to take responsibility. And promise him that we have a team here. "We are a team who can compete. It's just that we need to up our game. We need to give our best week in, week out. I think it's only a fair question to ask. We made a promise and it never happened."

Sport24

Dikwena outclassed in Tunisia

CAPE TOWN - A 0-3 defeat to Sfaxien at the Stade Taieb Mhiri in a CAF Confederation Cup game in Tunisia on Sunday night has left Platinum Stars rooted to the foot of Group B.

The Tunisians took immediate hold of the game and after a sustained period of pressure, they took an early lead when Kingsley Sokari's rather tame shot from 30-yards went straight through the hands of Dikwena keeper Steve Hoffman.

Robert Ng'ambi had a decent effort on goal in the 18th minute, but Sfaxien keeper Rami Jridi did well to tip the ball over the bar.

Stars however remained off the

pace and they were further behind in the 27th minute when Karim Aouadhi scored from the spot after Siyabonga Zulu had needlessly fouled Meher Hanachi.

With their clever movement and passing the hosts stayed on top and should have scored a third just before half time, but Meriah Yassine headed over the bar from just a few yards out.

Serigne Niang was nearly in on goal seconds after the restart, but Hoffman did well to intervene.

But the next goal was not long in arriving as Hanachi headed in a hanging cross at the back post to make it 3-0. Having avoided conceding a fourth goal only through an

off-side call, the South Africans finally had a chance, but Jridi made a good reflex save to keep out Bonginkosi Ntuli in the 70th minute.

Hoffman denied Hanachi his second goal with a superb reflex stop 10 minutes from time and also pulled off a wonderful save to keep out Houssein Habbassi as Stars were at least able to limit the damage in the goals-against column. *Sport24*

Golden Arrows unsure of Mahachi return

JOHANNESBURG - Golden Arrows CEO Gordon Masondo is unsure if Zimbabwean winger Kudakwashe Mahachi will be at the club next season.

Mahachi returned to Arrows at the beginning of 2016/17 from Mamelodi Sundowns, having somehow made the same switch from The Brazilians outside the transfer window in 2015.

Mahachi's contractual situation remains unclear, with the player currently away from Durban on international duty with the Warriors along with Danny Phiri and Knox Mutizwa.

"Mahachi is currently on national duty," Masondo tells KickOff.com.



"They were called to their national team together with Phiri and Mutizwa. But we'll see when he returns because he is also still busy with his own stuff at the moment.

"We really don't know at this stage if he is staying or he is leaving." Asked about the length of

Mahachi's contract with Abafana Bes'thende, Masondo was reluctant to comment.

kickoff

JALI LOOKING TO LEAVE OOSTENDE

JOHANNESBURG -Bafana Bafana midfielder Andile Jali could leave Belgian club KV Oostende, according to his agent Mike Makaab.

The 27-year-old was in impressive form for the Belgian Pro League side this season, helping them to a fifth place finish on the league table, and a place in next season

Champions League qualifiers.

However, with the former Orlando Pirates star having entered the final 12 months of his contract with the club, Makaab has told the Sowetan LIVE website that their are club's across Europe and South Africa that are interested in signing the player.

"We are looking at a move for him," Jali's agent Makaab said.

"We have been contacted and there has been some interest from both Europe and South Africa.

"But if he does come back to South Africa it will have to be a lucrative deal for him, because he is now an experienced player who is a regular in the national team."

Rather than lose him on a free transfer, Oostende could opt to sell Jali, who was close to completing a move to English Championship side Leeds United at the beginning of last year.

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ON WAY OUT: Bafana Bafana midfielder Andile Jali.

FORMER NEWCASTLE STAR TIOTE DIES AT THE AGE OF 30

BEIJING - Former Newcastle midfielder Cheick Tiote has died at the age of 30 after collapsing during a training session in China.

Tiote, who only moved to Chinese second division outfit Beijing Enterprises four months ago, was rushed to hospital yesterday evening at 6pm local time.

However, the Ivorian passed away at around 7pm, and his agent confirmed the Ivorian's death in a statement. "It is with deep sadness that I confirm that my client Cheick Tiote sadly passed away earlier today after collapsing in training with his club Beijing Enterprises," said Emanuele Palladino. "We cannot say any more at the moment and we request that his family's privacy be respected at this difficult time. We ask for all your prayers."

A Beijing Enterprises statement read: "At 6pm on June 5, Tiote fell unconscious during training. He was immediately taken to hospital but died at 7pm."

The world of football was quick to pay tribute. Newcastle posted a short statement via Twitter, which read: "We are devastated to have learnt of the tragic passing of former Newcastle United midfielder Cheick Tiote in China today." Manager Rafael Benitez called Tiote 'a great man' as he remembered his former charge.

"It is with great sadness that I have this afternoon learned of Cheick's death," he said. "In the all the time that I have known him, he was a true professional, dedicated and above all, a great man."

"Our hearts go out to his family and friends at such a sad time."

Demba Ba, with whom Tiote played during his six-and-a-half-year stay at St James' Park, paid tribute to his former team-mate on Twitter.

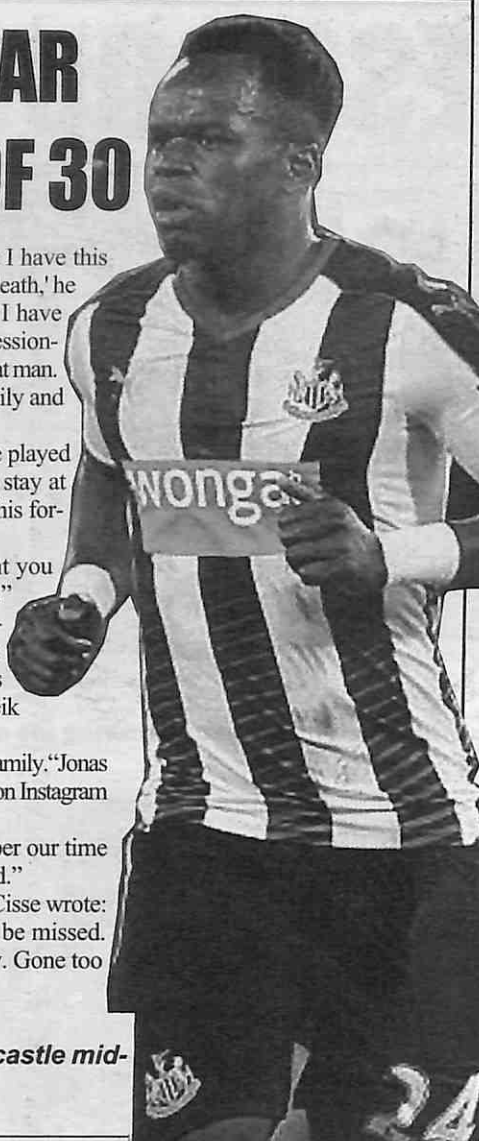
He wrote: "may Allah grant you jannah (paradise) brother Tiote." Another former colleague, goalkeeper Stephen Harper, wrote: "Gutted to hear the awful news about my former teammate Cheick Tiote today."

Thoughts with his friends and family: "Jonas Gutierrez posted a photo of Tiote on Instagram and wrote: "Sad news."

"Always going to be remember our time together at #nufc RIP my friend."

Ex-Newcastle striker Papiss Cisse wrote: "Goodnight brother, You will be missed. My heart goes out to his family. Gone too soon." *Dailymail*

NO MORE: Former Newcastle midfielder Cheick Tiote.



Pitso livid after Bangaly penalty

JOHANNESBURG - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane was livid after defender Soumahoro Bangaly gave away an 89th minute penalty that allowed Esperance to score late in their CAF Champions League game to beat the Pretoria side 2-1.

After Yassine Khenissi had given the visitors the lead after just six minutes at the Lucas Moripe Stadium last Friday, before Sibusiso Vilakazi pulled one back in the 21st minute.

Yassine completed his brace from the penalty spot in the last minute of regulation time.

The win kept the Tunisians at the top of Group C after three games, while Mosimane's Brazilians remain in second. After the game, Mosimane lamented the 89th minute penalty, saying his team again let themselves down at a critical moment during the game.

"I think it's a foul. I'm not sure - I haven't seen the

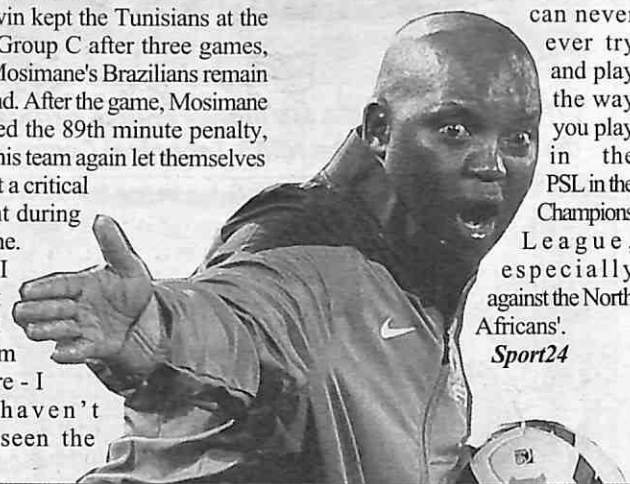
footage, but from where I was sitting it looked a foul in the box," Mosimane was quoted by SowetanLIVE website.

"Really, really, unbelievable. I mean, Esperance were playing for a draw. And if you don't win, at least you are still joint-leaders."

"And I told the guys, 'You've got to understand the mentality of the North Africans'. If you look at the penalty they got against Vita, you could see, they are smart. They know how to play. They play for a penalty. 'I'm not saying this was no penalty. But they always put the leg there, and you know the story."

"And I told the guys, 'You've got to be smart. You can never ever try and play the way you play in the PSL in the Champions League, especially against the North Africans'."

Sport24



FURIOUS: Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane.

BALE AIMS FOR MORE TROPHIES AT REAL

MADRID - Real Madrid midfielder Gareth Bale is enjoying life at Spanish champions Real Madrid and has committed his future to the club, the Welsh international said after the side's Champions League triumph this past Saturday.

Bale, who joined Madrid in 2013, has scored 67 goals in 146 appearances and signed a contract extension in October to keep him at the club until 2022 but his future in Spain has been cast in doubt following a frustrating injury-riddled campaign.

"We are winning trophies and I am happy. I have signed a long-term contract at Madrid," Bale is quoted as saying by the BBC after Madrid beat Juventus 4-1 in the final in Cardiff.

"My family is happy and I am happy, so yes we will continue what we are doing."

Madrid's third Champions League triumph in four years marked Bale's seventh trophy at the club but the 27-year-old remains hungry for more success. "It's the reason why I came to Real Madrid - to win trophies. We're enjoying winning them at the moment, so we'll continue to do so,"

Bale added.

"Three Champions Leagues in four seasons isn't too bad."

"I think we can get better. We are still quite young as a whole team and we have a great squad." Saturday's victory was made sweeter for Bale as he became just the sixth player to win a European final in his home town as well as the only Welshman to win the continent's top trophy three times, surpassing Ryan Giggs and Joey Jones. "To play a final in your home city is incredible but to win it is even better, a great experience," Bale said. *Reuters*

Glory glory Real Madrid legend's parade

SPAIN - Thousands of delirious Real Madrid fans poured onto the streets of the Spanish capital to catch a glimpse of Cristiano Ronaldo and his teammates this past Sunday as they paraded the Champions League trophy for a record 12th time.

Ronaldo sported a newly cropped haircut and along with captain Sergio Ramos led the traditional festivities for a major Real celebration as the players greeted local government dignitaries before parading the famous trophy in an open top bus around the Cibeles fountain in the city centre. From there the squad headed to the club's Santiago Bernabeu where a capacity 81 000 fans are expected for further celebrations, including a lights show and firework display.

Strict security measures were visible across the city in light of recent terror attacks in London and Manchester.

Ronaldo scored twice in Real's 4-1 thrashing of Juventus in Cardiff this past Saturday as the Spanish giants became the first side to retain the Champions League.

"The players have entered into the legend of Real Madrid and of football, as has our coach," said club President Florentino



HAPPY: Real Madrid's Sergio Ramos (R) and Marcelo celebrating Champions League title at Cibeles Fountain.

Perez, as he reserved special praise for Zinedine Zidane. The Frenchman, who himself won the Champions League as a legendary player for Real between 2001 and 2006, has enjoyed spectacular success since taking his first role in senior

management just 18 months ago. As well as winning back-to-back Champions Leagues, Madrid also beat Barcelona to La Liga two weeks ago to complete a first league and European Cup double for 59 years. *Reuters*

Warriors dominate Cavs to take 2-0 lead in NBA finals

OAKLAND - The Golden State Warriors overcame 20 turnovers and a triple-double by Cleveland's LeBron James to beat the Cavaliers 132-113 at Oracle arena this Sunday and pushed their Finals series lead to 2-0.

Warriors forward Kevin Durant was once again the best player on the court as he electrified the gold-clad sold-out crowd in Oakland with 33 points and 13 rebounds to go along with five blocks three steals. Guard Stephen Curry had a triple-double of his own but also committed eight turnovers.

Curry and Durant have been hailed as the best duo in the NBA but the Warriors guard said they were just trying to play good basketball.

"It's for us to debate," Curry said.

"We're young, healthy, and playing a game we love."

With the win, the Warriors set an NBA record for most consecutive playoff victories at 14.

They are now two wins away from making their case as the greatest team of all time.

Durant declined to comment on the winning streak, saying he was not going to take a step back until the team claims the Larry O'Brien trophy for its second time in three years.

"We're worried about the series right now," he told reporters.

"We're just trying to stay in the moment."

James came out strong, with 18 first half points but struggled down the stretch on both ends of the floor, scoring just two fourth quarter points and turning the ball over four times.

The game's defining sequence came in the third quarter when Curry used a dazzling display of dribbling to dart past the much bigger James and finish with a layup off the glass. *Reuters*



DRIBBLES: Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) dribbling past Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving (2) during the first half in game two of the 2017 NBA Finals at Oracle Arena. (AP)

FIFA MA FITNESS COURSE OPENING



FITNESS: Local FIFA MA fitness course participants posing with football officials during the opening ceremony of the course held at the NFAS Technical Centre yesterday. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



INSTRUCTOR: England based FIFA fitness instructor Gary Phillips delivering his remarks.



TRAINERS: Buffaloes fitness trainer Isaac Ndlamandla and Mbuso Gina posing with the NFAS President Adam Mthethwa after the opening.



ATTENDED: Buffaloes ladies team assistant coach Fisiwe Hlophe with Amalanda FC's Mthunzi Ginindza.



REMARKS: FA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa making his remarks.



PRESENT: Sundowns goalkeeper coach Satali Mulife and Green Mamba development coach Mbuso Gina listening to the speeches.



ATTENTIVE: Former Royal Leopards and Swallows defender Dennis Fakudze is also part of the course.



PART OF THE COURSE: Mbabane Swallows assistant coach Siyabonga Bhembe smiling next to Christian Thwala.



TOOK PART: Malanti Chiefs coach Mduduzi Nxumalo and Manzini Sundowns Head of Youth Development Penuel Malinga could not miss out.



FOR THE COURSE: Red Lions defender Siphilile Sihlongonyane and former Sihlangu trainer Frank Maziya will also take part in the course.

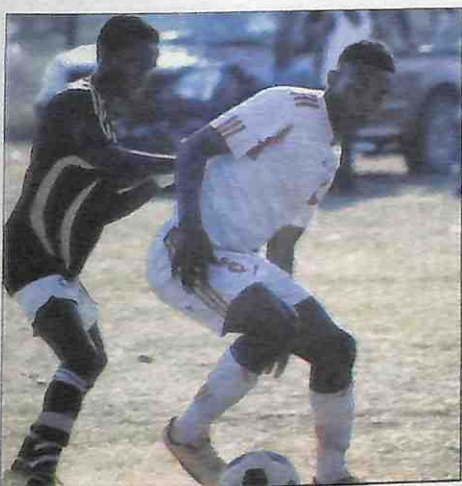
MOYENI FC ARE MAFUTSENI CHAMPIONS



HERE YOU GO: Delegates presenting Moyeni captain with the trophy.



IT'S OURS: Moyeni cheerleaders and fans celebrating the teams second goal.



NO WAY: A Moyeni player trying to shield the ball to safety.



MY BALL: Players battling for the ball.



GOOD LUCK: Corban Hardware Marketing Manager Reggie Kunene greeting the players before the match.



HAPPY PEOPLE: Fans happy with the win.



CHAMPIONS: Moyeni FC being presented their trophy after their 3 - 2 win over Nkonga Pirates on Sunday. The match was attended by Ministers David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, Owen Nxumalo and Christopher Gamedze. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)



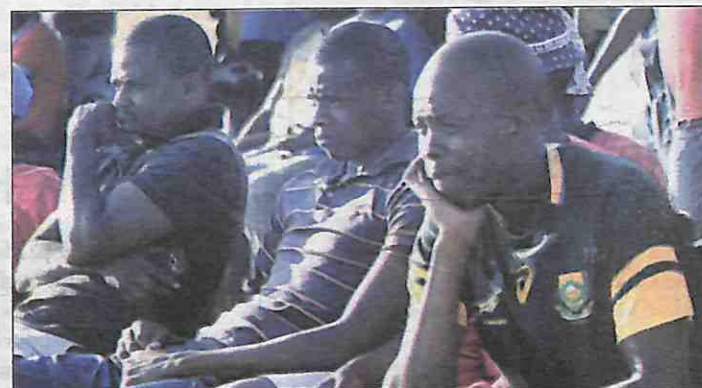
READY FOR WAR: Moyeni players pose before the game.



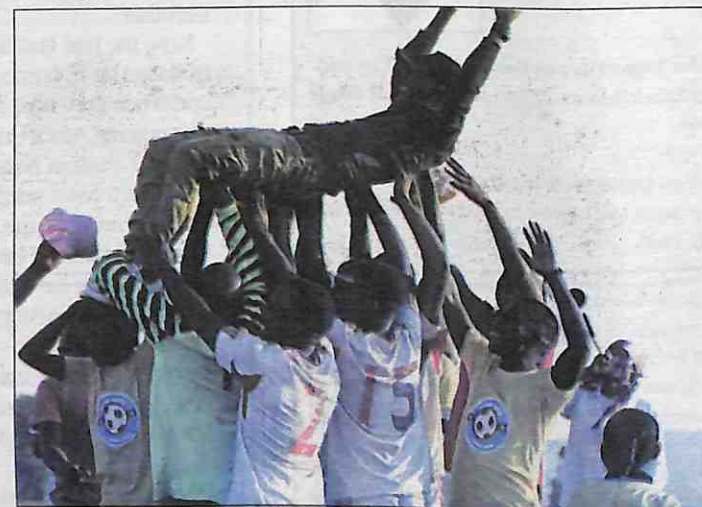
BATTLE: Nkonga Pirates players pose.



IT'S YOURS BOY: 'Birds' defender Mandla Palma celebrating Moyeni's third goal with the goalscorer.



DEJECTED: Nkonga technical bench looking dejected during the match.



HERO: Moyeni players lifting their coach in celebration after the final whistle.

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ROAD NOW TOUGHER FOR 'BIRDS'

THERE is no denying the fact that the road to the quarter-finals in the Confederation Cup now looks much tougher for local envoys Mbabane Swallows.

The crippling 0-0 draw against Algeria's MC Alger last week Friday at the Somhlolo National Stadium hugely dented their hopes.

The visitors last Friday, unlike the other previous opponents in this competition, came here with a proper game plan. The Algerian side seemed to have studied their opponents comprehensively. They never did anything much in terms of attacking but they just parked the bus (the Zeeman bus they decided to hire instead of using the one offered to them by the FA). There is no denying the fact that they came here looking for a draw and they got it. A draw away from home obviously favoured them more.

Unlike the other teams, which the 'Birds' blew to smithereens at home, MC Alger were a different kettle of fish altogether. They exposed the local side's tactical frailties, as the Mbabane giants clearly struggled to break them down.

Swallows did not make matters any easier for themselves as well. In the absence of their inspirational skipper and buzzing left winger in Tony 'TT' Tsabedze, one would have expected the technical bench headed by Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati to start with a natural winger in Kingu Mydo. The afro haired player, has proven time and again, he is the ideal replacement for the

experienced Tsabedze and was even played at left back in Swallows last league game of the season against their relegated rivals Mbabane Highlanders where he excelled and even assisted in Swallows' second goal. Surely he would have been an automatic choice for the left winger role in the absence of 'TT'. Vilakati and his assistants, however, thought otherwise and fielded the lanky Sandile Hlatjwako.

Suicidal

It was a suicidal decision really. Hlatjwako could not provide one decent cross the entire time he was on the field of play. Of course, he is not a winger. The player struggled to trek back and help in defence. He struggled to beat one defender in front of him. He cannot be blamed though. Hlatjwako is an out and out striker – the ideal target man especially during these international games.

Relegated

If Vilakati badly wanted to start him, then he should have fielded the player as a number nine, period. Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa would have then been the second striker, something that is most likely could have relegated playmaker Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze to the bench. It could have worked wonders for Swallows, especially seeing that the opponents were sim-

ply here to park the bus. 'Sikhali' could have taken them on from behind his strike partner and I am positive the result would have been different.

Introduced

Swallows would have also had the option of having a 'game changer' in the form of 'Pupu' on the bench. The team clearly had no depth and options on the bench. Once Mydo had been introduced, Swallows had no other player to use. These international games have a way of exposing one's limited tactical awareness and the Algerian side simply did that on the day.

Swallows would not have scored a goal even if the game would still be playing simply because they ran out of ideas in trying to break a resolute MC Alger defence.

One thing positive though was the team's decision to recall overlapping left back Sanele Mkheweli. We can only thank the powers that be in the team for the wise decision. Mkheweli did not disappoint and was easily one of the best performers on the day. It was a wise move by the team. A wise man once observed that 'a clever man changes his mind'. Going forward, Swallows

now need to win all their remaining games against the Algerians (away from home), CS Sfaxien (home) and Platinum Stars (away). It is a tall order but it can be done. They just need to work hard, focus and get their tactics right.

It will be extremely difficult, especially in the away games but the Mbabane giants need to hold their breath and execute their master game plan. They have the right players for the job and I believe they can. They are experienced campaigners and can hold their own even in tough and hostile away games.

Expected

My other worry is that the Swallows players could soon be exhausted, as they are also expected to play a role for Sihlangu. Right now they are training with the national squad. I would have expected the Sihlangu coach to excuse them so that they concentrate on the task at hand. This could be confusing and tiring to the players as well.

Sihlangu must simply excuse the Swallows players until the team achieves its mandate. It is not fair to Swallows, who are an ambitious side that wants to do well in Africa to be expected to provide a majority of the players to the national team as well. It is, however, good to note the players will not play part in the COSAFA Cup to be played in South Africa. We cannot run away from the fact that they are also needed in the national team but this is where we need to strike a balance and see they get some rest somehow.



DE JONGH'S SIHLANGU FACE FIRST REAL TEST

THE nation's pride Sihlangu coach Pieter De Jongh has talked tough, pace and discipline ever since his first media conference as the national team coach.

He has only played two games against Lesotho where they managed to win one match and lost the other.

Now the real test of this 'new Sihlangu' will come this weekend when they take on Niger in their opening Africa Cup of Nations Group J clash in Niger.

Sihlangu have seen a surge in their fortunes, to the surprise of many, under coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga as we have seen the team rising to position 88 in the World FIFA rankings.

The team has been on the rise since getting a bronze medal in last year's COSAFA Cup played in Namibia.

Nothing much could be drawn from the two matches against Lesotho as I personally think they

were not good opponents to gauge our readiness for the AFCON qualifiers seeing that we are also in the same group with strong countries like Tunisia and Egypt.

De Jongh's style is uncomplicated, and he is a strict disciplinarian but must have the ability to get the players to rally behind him.

He has already fallen out with two players in 'Buff's Phiwa Dlamini, who was said to be overweight while Nhlahlhla 'Mshemgu' Kunene walked out of the team due to unknown reasons.

Sacking

We also heard that goalkeeper Nhlahlhla Gwebu was also not picked for the national team because of his weight and height.

This is a new era for Sihlangu following the sacking of 'Madze' Bulunga whose contract was not renewed by the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS).

The coach picked some posi-

tives during the two friendly games against Lesotho, but bemoaned other persistent shortcomings of the local game, such as being quick on the ball and being able to read the game quickly.

He also noted that Mbabane Swallows players were tired seeing that their team is also busy in the CAF Confederation Cup where they are in the group stages.

Polished

This is a tough match (against Niger) and I hope for a much more polished performance from Sihlangu as they will be playing against strong teams in their group.

This weekend De Jongh starts in earnest the job for which he is paid almost E100 000 a month: giving us some pride among the continent's football powerhouses. This quest will manifest itself in the encounter with Niger this weekend.

Niger are ranked 130 in the world, 40 places lower than

Swaziland. On that score alone, Sihlangu, who dropped two places to 90 when the latest rankings were announced, should not have much of a problem against Niger.

Statistician

But football, as we are so often reminded, is played on pitches and not in the statistician's office. And that is where Niger ought to feel a justified sense of optimism.

The players have been in camp and went as far as Big Bend so to get the players used to the heat they might experience in Niger.

All these give the coach an opportunity to showcase his abilities as an organiser, strategist and motivator. I can only hope the players will wear the national team jersey with pride and they must be reminded that any player who needs motivation when playing for his country is in the wrong place. De Jongh should expect that his relationship with the local football public will change after this game. The results will determine if it's either the best or worst.

DIKWENA TO PARADE NEW COACH AGAINST 'BIRDS'



By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - ABSA Premiership side Platinum Stars will have a new coach when they meet Mbabane Swallows in the last game of the CAF Confederation Cup Group stage after parting ways with Cavin Johnson.

Johnson's contract expires at the end of June and the Rustenburg based side decided not to renew his contract. This is the second coach to be fired after playing against Swallows as CS Sfaxien parted ways with their coach Nester Clausen despite winning 1-0.

Information sourced from Kickoff.com suggests that Dikwena, as Platinum Stars is affectionately known Chairman Cliff Ramorora came to the decision of not renewing Johnson's contract. "We can confirm that the club is

not going to renew the contract of Cavin Johnson for the 2017/18 our season.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the hard work and efforts Johnson and the technical team. Johnson did his best in terms of ensuring that the club reaches the level that it is at," said Ramorora.

Ramorora revealed that the club is in the process of looking for Johnson's successor.

"We will be able to make an announcement concerning the new coach before the beginning of next season. We would like to move to another level. We believe that a change of this nature would really bring someone who will take the club to another level.

This is a contract not being renewed. It's not a firing or anything," said Ramorora.

Stars are said to be eyeing former Maritzburg United coach Roger De Sa and Polokwane City mentor Luc Eymael as possible replacements for Johnson.

Swallows beat Stars 4-2 in the tournament last month at Somhlolo National Stadium and the two sides will meet on July 7 at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium for the return leg.

FIRED: Coach Cavin Johnson.

Moyeni crowned Mafutseni league champs

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER - THE Corban Hardware sponsored Mafutseni Zonal League ended on a high note as Moyeni were crowned champions after winning 3 - 2 over Nkongga Pirates in a pulsating match played at the Mafutseni sports Ground on Sunday.

The high anticipated encounter which was attended by Minister of Sports David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, Minister of Tourism Christopher Gamedze, Minister of Public Service Owen Nxumalo and NFAS President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa lived up to its expectations,

with fans coming in their numbers.

Making his remarks during the presentation, Corban Marketing Manager Reggie Kunene thanked the Mafutseni community for the continued support the company has been getting.

He further announced Timbutini FC as the team that bought the most in the store hence they received a soccer kit.

"As a company, we would like to thank the Mafutseni community for their support towards our business. The MP himself (Christopher Gamedze) has been an example. It is my pleasure then to announce Timbutini FC as winners of the soccer kit after we found that they

had the most buyers."

Kunene added that the champions (Moyeni) would also receive a soccer kit to aid them during the playoffs as they would be representing the brand and the community.

"We have also decided we will buy a soccer kit for the champions because they are going to be representing our brand and the community in the playoffs." Meanwhile, Ministers David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala and Owen Nxumalo both applauded the Mafutseni community structure for effectively working towards the development of sports in the constituency.

Manzini Striders get 4 bronze medals in Comrades Marathon

By Sibusiso Dlamini

ATHLETICS - Manzini Striders athletes who took part in the renowned Comrades Ultra-marathon held in South Africa lived up to their promises of representing the nation as they got four bronze medals.

The team which was made of 10 athletes, six of which were first time participants, put on a gallant performance and were rewarded for their efforts. The race started in Durban and ended in Pietermaritzburg.

Vusane Mhlanga was the first Manzini Striders athlete to cross the finishing line at 10 hours 23 minutes and was followed by Bongani Ntshalintshali at 10hrs 27 min while Sandile Simelane and Sibusiso Gwadze finished at 10hrs 50 min and 10hrs 54 min respectively.

The athletes received bronze medals for finishing between nine hours and 11 hours.

The achievement was indeed amazing for Striders, considering that they are

only celebrating their two-year anniversary this year but already have athletes, who have conquered the well-known Comrades Ultra-marathon.

Bongekile Shongwe was the first local lady to finish, with a time of 11 hours and 30 minutes. She went on to grab her back-to-back medals and in the process became the first lady to have ever gotten back to back medals in the team's colours.

Four other athletes managed to finish the race and secured Vic Clapham medals, which are given to athletes finishing between 11 hours and 12 hours. These were Sandile Shongwe, who finished at 11 hours nine minutes, Siyabonga Mbhamali (11 hours 14 minutes), Banele Matsebula at 11 hours 40 minutes and Nonhle Matsebula, who finished after 11 hours 53 minutes. The surprise package for this year edition was the trio of Ntshalintshali, Simelane and Gwadze, who were all novices (first time runners) to have finished in good-time and went on to grab bronze medals. Speaking

on behalf of the Manzini Striders team, PRO Wandile Fakudze described the race as tough, and stated that they were proud of their achievement as a team, which he said was were result of hard training which began in January.

Fakudze then thanked the Athletics Association of Swaziland (AAS), sponsors and the whole nation for supporting them.

Race

"This was a very tough race and we are very happy with what Manzini Striders have achieved. The route has hills for the first half of the race with the last one at 79 km being the famous Polly Shorts. As Manzini Striders we would like to thank AAS, our sponsors, and the nation at large for supporting our team. The journey started in January and the team has been training for this ultra-marathon and to have received nine medals is such an amazing triumph for the team."

He said the Comrades 2018 training programme would soon be issued out for those interested in taking up running as a sport or would like to keep fit and healthy. "The spirit is that everyone should run comrades at least once in their lifetime. The team base is at the Mavuso Trade Centre and training is from Monday until Saturday."

Local football has vastly improved - 'Bomber'

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - NATIONAL Football Association of Swaziland President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa has noted massive improvement in local football over the past 10 years.

The president said the sport had not only grown locally but also internationally where Mbabane Swallows are currently doing well in the CAF Confederation Cup.

He said this during the opening ceremony of the FIFA MA fitness course at the NFAS Technical Centre yesterday.

"There is an improvement in the sport from what it was in the past where we used old fashioned exercises when working on physical fitness.

This was when players with big physique were tasked to conduct exercises. Things have now changed because of courses that help to improve the sport.

"We believe this course will add value to our sport because I also

see a number of coaches, who have played a major role in the transformation of the sport. I believe through such courses, there will be progress and further take the product to greater heights," he said.

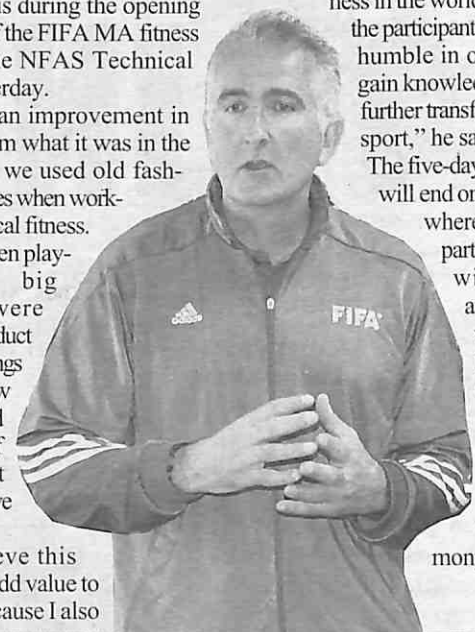
Meanwhile, England FIFA based fitness instructor Gary Phillips said he was in the country to help improve the standard of the sport in the kingdom.

"I am here to assist Swaziland improve its standard of football which has a lot of potential to reach the highest level of competitiveness in the world. I urge

the participants to stay humble in order to gain knowledge and further transform the sport," he said.

The five-day course will end on Friday where the 29 participants

will be awarded with M A certificates during the closing ceremony.



REMARKS: England based FIFA Fitness instructor Gary Phillips delivering his remarks.

'I want to become a coach'

SOCCER - AFTER serving two of the country's biggest teams in Mbabane Swallows and Moneni Pirates, versatile defender Menzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane has expressed his desire to become one of the best home grown coaches.

Simelane said he had done his part inside the field of play and now wanted to groom future players for the country.

"I am now approaching my retirement and I now want to help contribute towards the development of the sport through coaching. I believe this course will help me achieve my goal," he said.

Another active player, who is part of the course, is Red Lions defender Elliot Lukhele, who is also approaching his retirement with the Fairview based side.

The list of the participants:
Mbuso Gina - Green Mamba

Melusi Lukhele - Amalanda
Penuel Malinga - Manzini Sundowns
Isaac Ndlangamandla - Young Buffaloes
Alex Zulu - Midas City
Sabelo Dlamini - Sea Birds
Christian Tfwala - Mjinga High School
Dunisani Mhlanga - Red Lions
Percy Shongwe - Manzini Wanderers
Mbaya Katala - Matsapha United
Menzi Simelane - Moneni Pirates
Siyabonga Bhembe - Mbabane Swallows
Dennis Fakudze - Royal Leopard
Simanga Sibiyi - Tabankulu Callies
Satali Mufie - Hub Sundowns
Elliot Lukhele - Red Lions
Stopper Mthethwa - Royal Leopard
Fisiwe Hlophe - Women Football
Frank Maziya - Football Association
Mandla Dlamini - National Under 20
Mthunzi Ginindza - Amalanda
Velkhaya Mthethwa - National Under 17
Mduduzi Nxumalo - Women National Team
Caleb Ngwenya - National Under 23
Bongikholi Sibande - Hlatikhulu Tycoons
Sifiso Mabuza - Ludzeldzwe Brothers
Stopper Msi - Midas City
Musa Mamba - Football



BOSOZINYAMA: Local FIFA MA fitness course participants posing with football officials during the opening ceremony of the course held at the NFAS Technical Centre yesterday. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela).

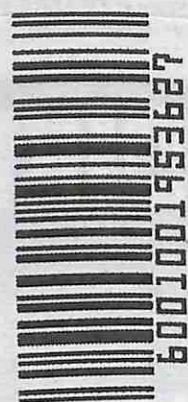
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SWALLOWS NOW 37TH IN AFRICA



By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER – GLAMOUR capital city giants Mbabane Swallows' heroics in the Total CAF Confederations are paying off and definitely not going unnoticed as the 'Birds' are now ranked 37th in the continent, which is an improvement of 80 places.

According to the latest CAF club rankings released on June 1, the 'Beautiful Birds', who are fresh from a gruelling 0-0 draw against Algerian side MC Alger last week are the highest movers.

The Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati-led has been on the rise with their daring performances which has seen them beat African powerhouses such as Congo Brazzaville's AC Leopards, and even held North African giants and MC Alger to a draw.

Interviewed on the team's achievement, Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2 000' Zwane attributed the achievement to hard

- Team moves 80 places in rankings
- Their next game is against MC Alger



work and determination.

He said this was not about Swallows but the country at large.

"This achievement is really big for the team. It's not about Swallows

but the entire nation. We would like to thank His Majesty King Mswati III, the government through the Ministry of Sports and Culture, the FA, PLS, sponsors and the

whole nation for the support we are getting. Companies like Inyatsi and Swazi Mobile have been always behind the team in this mission."

He also thanked team boss Victor Gamedze for his vision.

Vision

"Our chairman has changed the team from ordinary to a force to be reckoned with in the whole continent. We thank him for his vision and support. Football is leading the way to vision 2022 with such thinking.

He also thanked the supporters (12th player) for always being there for the team through thin and thick.

"Their undying love and unwavering support for the club is what keeps us motivated. I will end with the technical team and players. To them it's brief – your hard work is paying off gentleman.

"There's still a lot of room for improvement, and let us lead the way into His Majesty's 2022 vision, whereby he sees the nation competing against the best in the world."

Swallows players to miss COSAFA

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows players will be omitted from the senior national team Sihlangu squad to represent the country in the COSAFA Cup to be held in South Africa next month.

The COSAFA tournament will clash with CAF competitions including the Confederation Cup where Mbabane Swallows have historically reached the group stages.

Sihlangu will play in the quarterfinals of the tournament on July 9, two days after Swallows take on South Africa's Platinum Stars in the last fixture of the group stages for the local CAF envoys hence the decision to omit them.

Focus

National Football Association of Swaziland CEO Frederick Mngomezulu did confirm that Swallows players would be excused from the national team during the COSAFA to focus on their CAF competition task.

"The COSAFA Cup would see 10 of the Swallows players in the national team being omitted to focus on their CAF assignment. This tournament will present an opportunity for other players to showcase their ability and prove their worth. Swallows players will only feature for Sihlangu in the Africa Cup of Nations 2019 (AFCON) qualifiers and the CHAN," he said.

Palma, Mabila doubtful for Niger clash

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows and Sihlangu defenders Mandla Palma and Sifiso Mabila are both doubtful for the nation's pride next match against Niger in the AFCON 2019 qualifier slated for Saturday in Niamey.

The two players are nursing knee and muscle strain injuries that saw them being excused from the camp currently held in Big Bend in preparation of the group J opener.

The duo also missed their team's CAF Confederation Cup outing against MC Alger last Friday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

FA Media & Marketing Officer Muzi Radebe said they would announce

the travelling team for the upcoming match on Wednesday.

Injured

"It is true that the two players are injured but their fate will be known on Wednesday during the announcement of the final 18 of players to be part of the match."

Excused

Another player also likely to miss the match is Matsapha United midfielder Menzi Mamba, who is also currently excused from camp



due to flu.

The Peter De Jongh-led side will leave the country on Wednesday to face the West Africans in their quest to qualify for the next finals of the continents showpiece to be hosted by Cameroon in 2019.

Preparation

Sihlangu will also take on two North Africans giants in Egypt and Tunisia in their other Group J matches.

Sihlangu are currently in camp at Big Bend in preparation for an away AFCON qualifier clash against North African's Niger on June 10 and ten of Swallows players are part of the team provisional squad.

INJURED: Mbabane Swallows and Sihlangu defenders Mandla Palma.

CS SFAXIEN TOP GROUP B

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows have shifted to third place in Group B of the CAF Confederation Cup after Tunisian side CS Sfaxien beat South Africa's Platinum Stars 3-0 this past Sunday night to claim the top spot.

The three-time winners of the competition recorded their second victory in the group stages to take their point tally to six following a narrow 1-0 win over local CAF envoys last month. Second on the group is the

unbeaten Algerian side MC Alger with five points, having won one game and drew two, including the barren stalemate with Mbabane Swallows at Somhlolo National Stadium last Friday.

Platinum Stars now sit at the bottom of Group B, with just one point

from their opening three group stage games while Swallows are two points shy from the

leaders.

Swallows' next assignment in the competition will be an away fixture to MC Alger on July 20 at Stade 5 Juillet 1962 and the game is set to kick-off at 10pm.

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
CS Sfaxien	3	2	0	1	5	2	3	6
MC Alger	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	5
Mba Swallows	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
Platinum Stars	3	0	1	2	3	8	-5	1