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BAYETHE: His Majesty and Inkhosikati LaFogiyane disembark Siyinqaba upon arrival in Zambia. President Lungu invited His Majesty for a private visit to Mfuwe where they will spend three days before they return to Lusaka. (Pics: Len Mohale - State Photographer)

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2 NATIONAL NEWS

Temperatures to rise, drop this week

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

After the hot weekend experienced by the country, forecasters have predicted that temperatures will drop as the week progresses.

Information sourced from the Swaziland Meteorology Services shows that this week will start off hot with temperatures dropping as the week progresses. Today, there will be morning fog patches otherwise fine and hot mainly in the Lowveld with a few thunderstorms are later.

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| On Thursday there will also be drizzle and fog at places otherwise cloudy with sunny intervals and cool but cold in the Highveld. | | | | | |
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UNION CALLS OFF SEC STRIKE, BONUSES TO BE PAID SOON

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

The Swaziland Electricity Supply Maintenance and Allied Workers Union (SESMAWU) has called off the planned strike by Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) workers because of two important reasons.

The first was that SEC got a court order yesterday interdicting the workers from engaging in the strike action from the Industrial Court.

The second reason was that SEC has assured workers that they will be paid their bonuses, which was the source of the industrial stand-off, soonest. Both SESMAWU and SEC have communicated to the



workers about the proposed strike action. SEC has warned workers to respect the court order and abandon the strike action.

"Management would like to inform all employees that on Sunday, November 5, 2017, the Industrial Court issued an interim order interdicting SESMAWU and its members from participating in the intended industrial action of converging at the head office or participating in any action calculated or likely to constitute a deviation from normal working activities. All employees are reminded that SEC is an essential service and our agreements do not allow employees to engage in a strike action," reads the memo issued by the company.

In the same token, SESMAWU responded positively by issuing a memo too to its members as regards the strike action.

"Management has promised to push our issue with the intent of paying us our 2016/17 bonus soonest. SEC management's worry is that should SESMAWU continue with the purported strike, such could jeopardise their efforts to have our

issue addressed and again this might also affect SCOPE's attention in as far as dealing with the matter at hand is concerned. SEC management has again emphasised that our bonus issue is being pushed through the relevant authorities on a daily basis. We therefore plead with you SESMAWU members to reconsider the resolution upheld as we collectively strive with SEC management to have the bonus issue resolved amicably.

The SESMAWU EXCO shall update you accordingly on the progress dear comrades. We have been served with a court order stopping the action and continuation of the intended action will result in contempt of court," the union wrote to its members.

SWAZI TV EDITOR GETS 3 YEARS FOR ASSAULTING WIFE

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

Swazi TV News Editor Nkosinathi Dlamini has been sentenced to three years imprisonment for assaulting his wife Lungile Makhanya.

He was however given a fine option of E4 000.

Dlamini was sentenced by Magistrate Lucia Lukhele on Friday.

This was after the court found the accused guilty of the assault charge

he was facing. The news editor during his court appearance maintained his stance and denied ever assaulting his wife. Dlamini claimed that he was the one who allegedly suffered endless abuse in silence at the hands of his wife and has scars all over his body to show for it.

However, the crown represented by Fakazi Mngomezulu submitted that the evidence led in court proves beyond reasonable doubt that the accused is guilty of the offence he was charged with. When leading her evidence before court, Makhanya did not deny biting the accused per-

son and told the court that the bite marks on Dlamini were caused by her in self defence.

The complainant informed the court that the accused assaulted her with an open hand on the head and further sat on top of her and strangled her.

Makhanya informed the court that it was not the first time the accused assaulted her as there were other incidences where she was given a hiding. She informed the court that the scars which the accused displayed before court claiming that he was being abused by her were

just old scars which some she had nothing to do with. Makhanya in her statement also confirmed that on the day of the incident the accused tried grabbing the house keys which were in her bag but she refused which led to the accused forcefully grabbing her bag which is something that led to a scuffle between them. The court did not dispute that the two were involved in a confrontation and that they were injured in the process. The court further revealed that it seemed like the accused was not remorseful of his actions.

PM presented with double bed by the love of his life

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

YESTERDAY Ndzingeni came alive when the newly-wed Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini's wife Gugu Primrose Simelane presented gifts (*umhlambiso*) to her husband and in-laws.

The *umhlambiso* ceremony attracted hundreds of people who came to witness the colourful ceremony at the prime minister's parental home.

The National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula, Commissioner General of His Majesty's Correctional Service Mzuthini Ntshangase, Chief Mphatfwa, Minister of Commerce Jabulani "Buy Cash" Mabuza and

the Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela Simelane and other dignitaries came through to witness the PM and his family receiving gifts.

The two lovebirds tied the knot in a lavish wedding ceremony on Saturday which was held at the Matsapha Evangelical Church.

The prime minister, his wife and her bridal party were clad in orange outfits which brought vibrancy to the whole ceremony.

First to be presented with the gifts was the prime minister's sister, Lomagugu Magagula, who was presented with a stylish blanket and a carpet. Thereafter, Simelane presented her husband a blanket and a carpet before proceeding to the other Dlamini family members.

The gifts presented to the prime minister included a bed, a sofa, bedding, a carpet, two blankets, a kist, serving plates, a tea set and a set of towels. Before being presented with his gifts, his wife started by sorting out the bed for her husband and then she invited him to see his *umhlambiso*.

The prime minister was all jolly as he held his bride's hand as she ushered him to the bed, where they sat together, while Simelane was seen wiping Dlamini's face before proceeding to the sofa which was amongst the gifts.

While Dlamini was seated on the sofa, Simelane presented him with the tray with a tea pot and a cup and thereafter a set of bowls.

She knelt next to Dlamini while mimicking serving him tea and food. The couple was then seen talking amongst themselves exchanging smiles, which saw the crowd ululating, attesting that the couple's love was written on their faces.

Gifts to the Dlamini family included blankets, grass sleeping mats and ottomans.

Simelane also presented the prime minister's grand children with large bath towels which was a marvel to on-lookers who said it was rare for a bride to present gifts to younger children.

The bride did not leave out the elderly of the area as she also presented them with gifts, which included soap and matches. The elderly expressed their joy at their gifts saying their bride is generous.

Tractor hire: E200/hr, 10 000 hours covered

By Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

Farmers should prepare themselves to pay E200 per hour for tractor hire services from government.

This was revealed by Minister for Agriculture Moses Vilakati. He communicated this in a ministerial statement in the House of Assembly. Vilakati encouraged all Swazis to take part in farming this season in order for the country to have enough food and fight hunger.

The minister expressed hope in that there were many chances for the country to realise a bumper harvest this season.

"This year, the meteorology department has informed the nation that rainfall predictions indicate a normal to above normal rainfall during the 2017/2018 farming and cropping season. This means the chances of El Nino effects are low," Vilakati said.

In that regard, the minister called upon farmers in high rainfall areas to prepare for the ploughing season.

With the government tractor hire service standing at E200, it seems as if people are not finding it that steep.

The minister reported that already 50 000 hours had been registered for ploughing countrywide.

Out of the 50 000 hours that were registered, 10 000 had already been ploughed. The total number of tractors available for ploughing stands at 331, out of a total fleet of 400 tractors. The rest of the tractors were being attended to as they had mechanical problems.

Contributed

In addition to that, Vilakati mentioned that the private sector contributed 135 tractors up to now.

He encouraged more tractors owners from the private sector to assist.

Most RDAs had enough diesel for ploughing and the ministry was monitoring the situation closely with the Central Transport Organisation (CTO) to ensure timely supply.

On input supplies, like fertiliser and seeds, he said the ministry was working with suppliers and had prepared a delivery schedule. The unfortunate part, in this regard, was that farmers paid very late for the inputs, hindering their smooth distribution countrywide.

Despite this, the minister thanked the Swaziland National Agricultural Union (SNAU) for mobilising farmers to assist in the delivery logistics.

The plan was to complete the delivery operation, which was already in progress, within the next two weeks.

On another note, the minister said his ministry, working with National Maize Corporation (NMC), had seconded 10 extension officers to NMC for the smooth running of the ploughing and planting season.

In 100 days Swazi Mobile records 100 000 subscribers

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

IN just 100 days of going live, new mobile telephone company Swazi Mobile has attracted over 100 000 users to subscribe to their network.

This information was revealed by the company's Brand and Communications Manager Macford Sibandze who said the company had hit the target of getting 100 000 people to subscribe with them in the first three months of going live.

The company, which reportedly had 91 100 users two Fridays ago was able to register over 8 000 users on



FIRST CALLER: His Majesty King Mswati III was the first caller to use Swazi Mobile network. The company now boasts 100 000 users in 100 days.

to its network in just one week.

Speaking of this milestone, Sibandze

said they were overwhelmed by the response from the public and that

implored them to work even harder to deliver on their promises to their customers.

"We now have more than 100 000 active subscribers which is a landmark and we have not stopped persuasions.

Wait until our network is all over the country then we will launch massive aggressive outreach programmes. If in three months we have these numbers what about after a year?" wondered Sibandze, without expecting an answer.

"The company has made great strides in penetrating the mobile industry and 100 days down the line it is now welcomed as a serious player and competitor. We made a psychological mindset shift and persuaded the people to buy into our business model.

Fortunately we made our advent when the people were readily waiting for us and when we arrived we delivered," he added confidently.

He stressed that they didn't want people to support Swazi Mobile just because they have 100% Swazi ownership.

"No! We are more than that and we wanted them to buy into our excellent and quality deliverables. And if you do that, the quality service becomes your agent of marketing and through word of mouth people become our ambassadors. We don't have a pity or empathy budget but we are a bank of excellence and quality. Go anywhere people will tell you about our cheapest data and internet speed," he said.

The company went live in August.

Lungu flies with King to Mfuwe

By King's Office
Correspondent

LUSAKA, ZAMBIA – His Majesty yesterday morning flew with President Edward Lungu to a town called Mfuwe for a three day private visit.

Prior to their departure, His Majesty was briefly asked by Zambian media what he thought of Zambia as a tourist destination and what the trade prospects.

The King said Zambia was a great country to visit and that it also held good trade prospects for both countries to explore.

He was hopeful that his visit would strengthen these prospects. The King recently hosted President Lungu to the official opening of the Swaziland International Trade Fair.

During this visit, Lungu indicated that Zambia was ready to promote trade with Swaziland as relations between the two coun-

tries were growing stronger by the day.

Mfuwe, according to Wikipedia, is the main settlement of South Luangwa National Park in the Eastern province of Zambia, serving the tourism industry and wildlife conservation.

This village holds the record of the highest temperatures ever recorded in Zambia with 42.8 degrees Celsius set on October 26, 2011.

The king and queen were welcomed by the president and the First Lady at the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport on Saturday evening before being hosted to a private welcome reception at the State House. His Majesty is accompanied by Inkhosikati LaFogiyane while members of the local delegation include Foreign Affairs Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze, Prince Masitsela, Emazinyane Sicalo, Majaha, Lindani and Chief Officer in the King's Office Dr Vincent Mhlanga, among others.

MINISTER GOES AGAINST PM ON DAGGA DEBATE

COVER STORY

By Observer Reporter
Mhlambanyatsi

MINISTER of Housing and Urban Development Phwayinkhosi Mabuza is headed for a collision course with his boss, Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini over the dagga legalisation debate.

The minister, who never shies away from being a supporter of the legalisation of dagga in the country, once again addressed the topic, branding those who speak negatively about dagga as being irresponsible.

The prime minister is the lead vocalist of the faction that does not take kindly to having dagga legalised.

It would have been assumed that under the collective responsibility spirit, the minister would take the Cabinet's leader position and abandon the dagga debate because of the stance taken.

The PM vowed that dagga will not be legalised during the term of office of the government he leads.

However, Minister Mabuza aimed shots at dagga legalisation critics.

The minister was addressing over 500 residents who had converged at the Mhlambanyatsi Inkhundla where he is an elected MP on Saturday.

He said people should refrain from concentrating on the negatives caused by dagga abuse only but look at the bigger picture.

He said there are many positives and medicinal products that can be harvested or produced from dagga if it could be legalised.

He said the delay in the legalisation of dagga has cost the country a fortune in terms of monetary values.

"I have personally seen people getting healed by products made of dagga. I am actually one of the first MPs who stood up in Parliament to support the legalisation of cannabis," the minister said. "Umuntfu loti insangu ihlanyisa bantfu is irresponsible," he said.

"In fact, as a country we have been

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CROSS ROADS: Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini and Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phwayinkhosi Mabuza.

left behind when it comes to legalising dagga. Countries like Lesotho have overtaken us. The United States of America has conducted studies on how dagga products can be of benefit. Even the University of Jerusalem has launched studies and research on dagga and its biological effects with an eye toward commercial applications," said the minister. Mabuza's statement goes against that of the PM who stated that his Cabinet would not look at options of cultivating cannabis for improving the economic situation of the country.

The premier said this in April during a breakfast meeting he had with the Swaziland Editors' Forum.

The breakfast meeting was held at Sibane Hotel in Ezulwini.

"There are ways in which we can improve the economy and create jobs, but this cannot be done by growing cannabis," Dlamini said.

The prime minister was also taken to task in May this year in the House of Assembly.

The MPs wanted him to clarify why he was talking about Parliament matters in other forums.

The MPs also wanted to know if Cabinet would help Parliament as it

investigated on the viability of growing cannabis in the country.

Dlamini told the MPs that his Cabinet was not ready to help Parliament with whatever recommendation they would give to Cabinet.

He told the MPs that maybe the next Cabinet could help in that regard, but not his Cabinet. He told the MPs that maybe they could move a private members' motion to try and direct government to enact legislation related to cannabis. Government would not table a bill related to cannabis.

In March this year, Nkilonko MP Hans Steffen moved a motion for a five-member Parliament Select Committee to look at the possibilities of using dagga for health and industry. Steffen mentioned that the economy of the country would improve a great deal.

He was seconded by Nkhamba MP Menzi Dlamini. The committee was given eight weeks to table a report in the House. They had to extend because of some difficulties. A report was finally tabled on October 18. Some mistakes were identified in it and the MPs had to pull it out of the House to fine tune it. It is expected back in the House before MPs proceed on their break this year.

FACT: No arrest in FBN ATM bombing

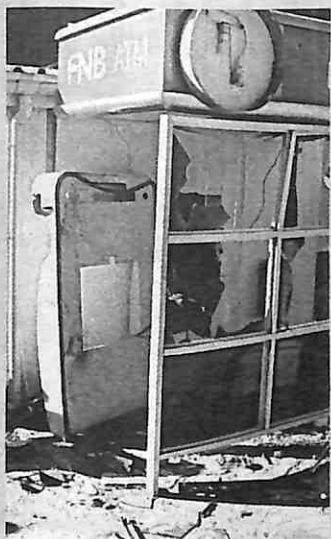
By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

CHIEF Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said it is not true that there are suspects arrested in connection with the FNB ATM bombing at Solani's last week.

Mamba was speaking to this publication yesterday afternoon.

Mamba lamented that the public was misled by the Times of Swaziland that published a story alleging police had arrested a suspect.

"We were shocked as the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) to read a story in the Times of Swaziland that was published on Friday that arrests have been made in Pigg's Peak in connection with the bombings of the ATM at Solani's in Mbabane. This is not true as nobody in Pigg's Peak has been arrested for that crime, we have no idea where the story originated from



because even police in Pigg's Peak have confirmed with myself that no such arrest has taken place, we encourage journalists to please confirm stories before writing them," said Mamba.

Police are still looking for suspects in the bombing incident where the thugs went away with cash.

KING HITS GROUND RUNNING IN ZAMBIA



BAYETHE: His Majesty and Inkhosikati LaFogiyane disembark Siyinqaba upon arrival in Zambia for a state visit. (Pics: Len Mohale - State Photographer)



HELLO: Zambian President Edgar Lungu introduces the government officials to His Majesty at the airport.



THIS WAY: First lady Esther Lungu and Inkhosikati LaFogiyane enter the state house for the reception.



DINNER: President Lungu invited His Majesty for a private visit to Mfuwe where they will spend three days before they return to Lusaka. They departed on a presidential jet yesterday morning.



FAR RIGHT: President Lungu invited His Majesty for a private visit to Mfuwe where they will spend three days before they return to Lusaka. They departed on a presidential jet yesterday morning.

MEDIA ADDRESS: His Majesty addresses Zambia media on what he thought of Zambia as a tourist destination and trade with the kingdom. This was shortly before he departed for a private visit to Mfuwe with President Lungu.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MBABANE

KING CREDITED WITH REDUCING FOREST FIRES IN NORTHERN HHOHHO

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

COMMUNITY Liaison Officer at Peak Timbers Nhlanhla Nxumalo has credited His Majesty King Mswati III for the low rate of commercial forest wildfires experienced in Northern Hhohho during the past winter.

Nxumalo, interviewed by this publication yesterday, said the King had spoken to all senior traditional leaders in Northern Hhohho during the annual Baganu ceremony at Buhleni in February to allow forestry companies conduct vigorous fire awareness campaigns.

"Forestry companies in Northern Hhohho owe the King a huge debt of gratitude for his pivotal role in decreasing the number of wild forest fires in the region.

Fortunately, we as a commercial forestry company were informed by our own sources that during the Baganu ceremony early this year in Buhleni, the King called a meeting with all senior traditional leaders in Northern Hhohho to discuss how to best handle the issue of wild forest fires.

In that meeting they discussed the things that were hampering the development of the region as a whole and the fruits of this meeting were seen in the office of the Hhohho Regional Administrator (RA) Prince Tshekedi,

which permitted companies to carry out more vigorous fire awareness campaigns by involving traditional leaders from the various chiefdoms," he said. He said after the traditional leaders got involved they allowed the companies to first teach them about the dangers of the wildfires.

"These leaders then went on to teach their communities on the dangers of wild fires and while these exercises were taking place we then approached the schools to continue teaching the youth on the dangers of these forest fires. Now it seems that all our hard work has paid off, because this peak fire season being winter, we recorded very few wild forest fires," he added.

SUSPICIONS HIGH AS MAN FOUND HANGING FROM ROOF

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A family from Mgubudla near Ngwane Park was left shocked after they made a gruesome discovery of one of their own who had taken his life by hanging himself while inside his house yesterday morning.

A source close to the matter said the man, who was discovered by a family member, never showed any signs that he was contemplating taking his own life.

Information gathered is that the deceased's family suspect foul play in the whole incident as they refuse to accept that the man had

taken his own life.

The family alleges that he was murdered and then brought back to his house where he was hanged so that it may look like he committed suicide. Information gathered is that the deceased was last seen on Saturday by family members, only to be found dead yesterday.

What raised suspicions among family members is that the deceased did not even leave any note or send anyone a message or made a distress call to any member of the family. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed that a matter of suicide was reported to them.

Mamba stated that as police they are investigating the circumstances leading to the death of the young man. He went on to say even though the general suspicion is that the unnamed man had committed suicide, investigations were ongoing. Although he would not name the deceased man as police were still to inform his next of kin, information gathered was that the man was married and had a child. Worth noting is that in the same area not long ago it was reported that a lifeless body of an old man was discovered near the banks of Mgubudla River. Information gathered is that the deceased was epileptic and he might have fallen into the river during one of his seizures leading to his death.

'Malpractice not possible in Matric exams'

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

DIRECTORS and principals of schools offering Matric in the country have emphasised that malpractice during exams of the South African syllabus was almost impossible as papers are normally guarded by police officers.

In fact, the directors and principals are of the view that running examinations of the South African syllabus was safer than those of the local syllabus.

This made part of the submissions made before the parliamentary select committee which met the schools' administrators at U-Tech High School last Thursday.

The schools' administrators dismissed reports to the effect that government was reluctant in signing a bilateral agreement with the South African government because of fears of the costs that government would incur when there has been malpractice reported.

The administrators said the issue of malpractice was a mere excuse used by government in sabotaging the syllabus.

U-Tech Principal Mavela Shongwe disclosed how exam papers are conveyed from South Africa to Swaziland on a daily basis under heavy security provided by both governments. Shongwe said they had made an

arrangement with the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) to escort the exam papers from the Lavumisa Border Post and straight to the exam room.

The paper would then be escorted back to South Africa on the same day after the pupils had written it.

In the meantime, papers of the local syllabus are normally delivered at the schools at least a month before commencement of the exams.

Shongwe said if there was any risk that government had to be worried about, it was that of keeping exam papers at the schools for such a long period of time, something which is being done by the Examinations Council of Swaziland.

Moreover, Shongwe reported that invigilators for the Matric were also trained and accredited by South African officials before the first date of exams. "With all these precautions, there is no room for Swazi pupils to engage in malpractice," said Shongwe.

He was echoed by Pro-Learning Institute Director Ernest Magongo who added that even teachers who were not accredited to oversee the exams were not allowed to go anywhere near the exams room, even when there was no paper in session. The exam room is normally guarded by police officers throughout the day.

Cop killed in car crash at Nsongweni

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlengano

A police officer based at Mafutseni Police Station died in a car crash at Nsongweni along the Nhlengano/Hlatikulu public road.

The unidentified constable met his death last Thursday. Two vehicles were involved in the horror crash, with one of them towing another one car from the Nhlengano direction towards Manzini. The vehicles collided head-on, with the police officer who was in one of the cars killed on the spot.

The police officer was driving a Toyota D4D which was towing another vehicle, a white Nissan Navarra. Both vehicles

were completely wrecked due to the impact.

The officer was trapped inside for quite sometime as means were made to retrieve him from the wreckage, and when he finally was retrieved he had died.

Those who attended the accident had no clue as to what exactly caused it but others claimed it was the tow-bar size which probably contributed to the fatality. The accident, which attracted scores of people, saw traffic along this road delayed as police and the Fire and Emergency team had a hectic time trying to clean the mess on the road and resuscitating lives.

Members of the public, some being residents around

Nsongweni, joined other onlookers with many of them still not sure what could have led to the fatality. The driver of the other car, a Nissan Navarra was in pain and did not even notice that the police officer was dead before he was taken to hospital. Police mouthpiece Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the tragedy and the fact that a police officer based at Mafutseni Police Station was killed.

"It's true that the deceased was a young police officer based at Mafutseni. We can't disclose his identity at this stage. We are, however, passing our condolences to his family and friends," said Supt. Mamba when called yesterday.



FATAL ACCIDENT: These are the two vehicles that were involved in the crash which resulted in the death of a police officer. (Pic: Starsky Mkhontsa)



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

All companies that may wish to tender for Tibiyo Properties (Pty) Ltd for a period of one year commencing 01st December 2017 to 30th November 2018 are invited to apply by procuring tender documents through the tender committee.

The invitation is targeting reputable small, medium and big companies who are fully registered to supply under the following categories:

- Cleaning
- Security Services
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- Fire equipment & Installation
- Pest elimination
- Aluminium & glassworks
- Printing & Stationery
- Signage
- Office furniture & Equipment
- Carpentry

Interested companies are expected to make a non-refundable payment of E250.00 per category to obtain the tender documents at ground floor revenue office **Mona building, Karl Grant street Mbabane.**

The forms will be available from the 02nd of November 2017. All relevant document contained in the tender document to be submitted not later than 16:00hrs on the 10th of November 2017.

The documentation must be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to 'The Tender Committee, Tibiyo Properties, P.O. Box 4769, Mbabane.

MANAGEMENT

'SCU-UNISWA MERGER A BIG NO'

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE mooted merger between Swaziland Christian University and the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) should not be allowed.

Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe stated in Parliament last Thursday that Cabinet was in a secret mission of merging SCU with UNISWA.

He even mentioned that Cabinet knew about the deal he was talking about. Shongwe ended up by vowing that he would fight so hard to ensure that such never happened. Not even a single Cabinet minister stood up to dispute Shongwe's submission. On Saturday, one local weekly newspaper exposed government's mission to make that process a reality.

Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini also shared the sentiments of his Mbabane West counterpart, when called yesterday on the issue.

He said as MPs they would not allow SCU to become part of UNISWA. "I believe SCU and government should negotiate a way forward. We, as the select committee, will oversee that transition to make sure interests of SCU and students are not being trampled on," MP Sitezi said.

Nkhaba MP Menzi Dlamini also echoed the sentiments shared by MP



BIG NO: Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe.

Sitezi. He said it would not be good for the country to let that happen for now.

"This would undermine the principles of free-market economics. Allowing private institutions like SCU to exist in the country would be helpful to government because government alone would not be able to provide all the educational needs for the Swazi citizens," he said.

However, he said that should not mean that anyone could introduce fake problems just because government encouraged running of private businesses in the country. Government

would then play its role of ensuring that everything was done in order.

He said it would not be wise for government to take over the institution now because the King had already said the teething issues that government and SCU had should be ironed out.

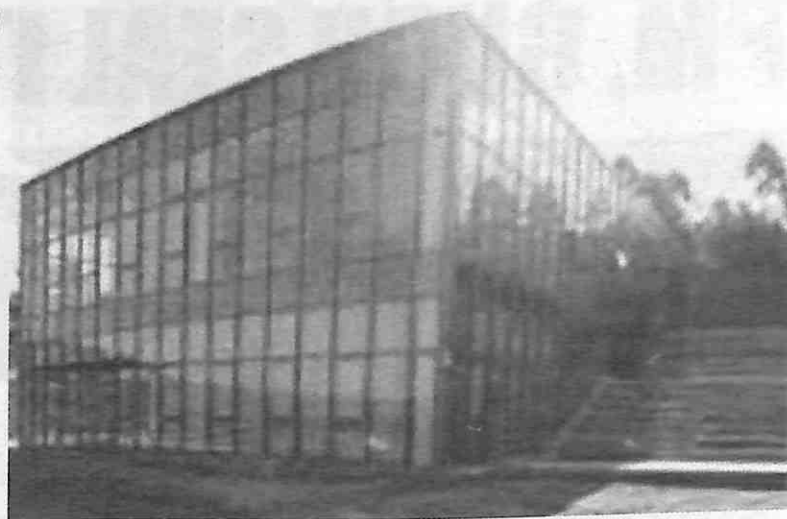
The Parliament committee would oversee that and ensure it happened.

MP Menzi said any takeover of the institution should not be allowed because the King had issued a directive to the effect that life should be put into that institution.

The Nkhaba MP was of the view that if the affected parties were to work honestly in this matter, the university would be of great help in 10 years' time. The university would help the country in saving money that was spent by government in sending Swazis to countries like South Africa, Russia and others for programmes offered by the institution.

MP Menzi made an example of a situation in communities.

He said people of a homestead do experience a stage where they are at each other's throats. Authorities of that community do not hastily take over that household, but they rather send a mediator to solve the problems of that household. No household would be allowed to take over the household in trouble.



Swaziland Christian University.



UNISWA (Kwaluseni Campus)

Parly Committee should help in drafting new govt-SCU MoA

A Parliament Select Committee working on the Swaziland Christian University (SCU) saga should facilitate in drafting a new Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between government and SCU.

This was an opinion expressed by Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini, when asked what exactly would be done by the Parliament Select Committee, now that His Majesty King Mswati III has ordered government to re-open the SCU on Wednesday last week.

It is worth noting that MP Sitezi was saying this as an individual MP. He was not speaking on behalf of the committee. The King also ordered the select committee to continue working on the matter until the situation at SCU was under control.

The Parliament Select Committee includes Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Paul Dlamini, House of Assembly Speaker Themba Msibi, Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini, Nkhaba MP Menzi Dlamini and Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini.

MP Sitezi said they would work on ensuring that a new Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between government and SCU. The MoA should be done after all the workers at SCU have been paid. In other words, the MoA, according to the MP, should be negotiated, not coerced.

The prevailing situation could not be conducive for any MoA to be signed because SCU could agree to anything because of the situation they were in now.

MPs have been complaining about the way in which SCU has been treated compared to other universities. The university had been given a subvention of

about E2 million, instead of E27 million. At the time when the university was closed the workers were reported to have not been paid their salaries paid by government.

The situation, according to MP Sitezi, was not conducive for any agreement to be signed. The SCU party should be paid their salaries first and their misery should be dealt with first. This would allow them to apply their minds when signing the MoA with government. They should not be in a compromised position to sign the MoA.

The institution should also have a financial controller. The controller should be seconded by the ministry of finance and report to that ministry. This would help the institution in avoiding a situation of mismanaging funds, because that deeply affected the performance of the institution.

The MP also emphasised on doing all these activities while SCU was in operation. He said the students should be

allowed to be in class and no time should be wasted just because there were problems that were attended to.

The committee will be added to another that is already working on normalising the discrepancies found by the Swaziland Higher Education Council (SHEC) at SCU.

This committee was appointed by a Cabinet sub-committee, which was also appointed at Cabinet level to deal with the discrepancies found at SCU.

The sub-committee included Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula, Minister of Health Sibongile Simelane, Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula (chairman), Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini, Minister of Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangusemphi and Attorney General (AG) Sifiso Khumalo.

To establish the correction of the issues that led to the suspension of the university, a technical committee had been established to conduct financial audit and develop strategies to re-establish SCU. The committee consists of technocrats from different government ministries and departments. This committee would report to the Cabinet sub-committee.



EXPRESSED: Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini.

Parly committee won't be more active

THE Parliament Select Committee is not going to be as active as the technical task team appointed by Cabinet to work on SCU.

This was said by Nkhaba MP Menzi Dlamini when asked to state what would be done by the Parliament Select Committee. The Nkhaba legislator was speaking in his individual capacity as an MP from Nkhaba Constituency. It must be noted though that MP Menzi is also part of the committee.

The MP stated that the committee was still to meet with other concerned parties to find out how the

committees would work cooperatively, for the good of the university.

This should be the case because His Majesty the King said there should be a harmonious working relationship between all the parties involved.

Dlamini said the committee would not be that active as the other committees, but would be working in ensuring that the teething problems between government and SCU were ironed out. They would then report back to the King, if there was a need.



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUESTED TO URGENTLY CONTACT COUNCIL

The Municipal Council of Manzini requests the following people to contact the City Planner, Mr Zweli M. Maphanga, by Friday 10th November 2017. Anyone who happens to know and have their contacts is also requested to inform them about this important and urgent request.

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8 PICTURES

PM, GUGU SEAL IT WITH A RING



SLEEK: The Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini's convoy on arrival for his wedding ceremony at Matsapha Evangelical Church on Saturday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



CONGRATULATIONS: Reverend David Chaliyumba congratulating the prime minister.



TRENDY: The PM on arrival for his ceremony.



COME CLOSER: The premier receiving warm wishes from his daughter Busi Johnson.



ON BEHALF: Maggie Khanyile speaking on behalf of Gugu's friends.



SIGODLO: Inkhosikati LaMatsebula and balondolozis with sigodlo as they watched the proceedings.



GRAND ENTRANCE: The prime minister makes his grand entrance.



SUPPORTIVE: Also present were Chief Mphahfwa, Minister Princess Tsandzile and her husband Musa Mdluli, as well as Senator Ndumiso and his wife Mavis.



MATSAPHA
Municipality

Corner Police College & Airport Road
P.O. Box 1790 Matsapha, Swaziland

PUBLIC NOTICE

MATSAPHA TOWN COUNCIL SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLL 2017/2018

Inspection of and objections to the Draft Supplementary Valuation Roll

Notice is published in terms of Section 16 of the Rating Act No.45 of 1995 that a copy of Draft Supplementary Valuation Roll is open for inspection from the 07th November 2017 to 15th December 2017 at MATSAPHA TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES situated at Corner Police College Road and Airport Road during working hours on Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Any person can inspect and take copies or extracts of the Roll free of charge, during the hours specified above.

- The owner of or occupier of property included in the Draft Supplementary Valuation Roll or their duly authorized representatives, may make an objection to any valuation, or in respect of any other error, omission or wrong description in the Roll;
- An objector must lodge their notice of objection in the form prescribed and set out the grounds upon which objection is based. No person is entitled to urge an objection before the Valuation Court unless they first lodge their notice of objection, in the prescribed form before or on the 15th December 2017 and should be addressed to the ACTING TOWN CLERK;
- The objectors who lodge their objections will be notified thereafter when the Valuation Court will sit to consider and determine any objection duly lodged.

LUCKY SUKATI
ACTING TOWN CLERK



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ELECTION WINNERS SPEAK DEVELOPMENT, UNITY IN MBABANE

MBABANE - In today's article we introduce the 12 people that won the Mbabane Local Government Elections on the 28th of October 2017.

In the following interviews, they reveal their plans and targets for their different wards as they are soon expected to assume office.

1. Zeph Nkambule

"What I want to achieve as Ward Councillor in this term is to help the municipality be understood by the people from my ward. I have observed that the Council often has good programmes for our communities but these are wasted or understood because residents do not understand most of the good initiatives that are brought about to the people by the Council. Take for instance in Ward 1 Council has been encouraging residents that have been allocated plots to pay for the properties which however has not been received well by the people and in the long run it has caused negative publicity for the Council. That is a problem when no one bothers to unpack these good initiatives by the organisation can in the long run harm relationships. Residents and the Council must work in harmony. Service delivery is also a very sensitive and critical part of the relationship between Council and its residents".

2. Musa Dlamini (Ward 2)

"There are a few numbers of things I would like to address. Firstly I want to introduce Neighbourhood Watch Schemes to reduce the high rate of crime. I also want Council to assist in having recreational facilities in Ward 2 and the youth tends to be idle and end up being involved in illicit acts and crime. The issue of poor roads has been headache for this part of the city, especially at Qobonga and Sitibeni. I wish something can be done either resealing those roads or rather patching the potholes there. There is also this issue of street lights, which I believe they are a necessity in this day and age. Also Ward 2 needs two or three youth projects.

3. Mbutfo Nhlengetfwa (Ward 3)

As a councillor for Ward 3 I would like everyone to have access to council stamp, since Council stamp is hard to get, it can only be accessed at Mangwaneni. It is hard for Mvakwelitje residents to have their documents stamped and I believe this matter can be solved easily between the Local Community Committee (LCC). I will also ask Council to help Mvakwelitje residents by constructing concrete pathways because that part of Ward 3 is uneven, houses get flooded during the rainy season because it cannot be controlled because of the terrain.

4. Sikhatsi Dlamini (Ward 4)

Mbabane is growing very fast and with that growth comes the responsibility to maintain the beautiful infrastructure that we have around the city and we in Ward 4 are focusing on that as one of our key goals. We are happy that Swaziland Local Government Project (SLGP) has seen the city develop its roads and we are very impressed by the work that has been on Gwamile road. Also we want the city to have facilities for many sporting codes not just soccer, I believe we have many talented people in our city but without the infrastructure we will never know the potential of our residents. Then there is also the thorny matter of the bus rank which we all agree something needs to be done because it is very congested".

5. Arnold Dlamini (Ward 5)

Mbabane has a development plan, it's my wish to oversee implementation of the said plan to the latter. Communication between Council and Residents is a challenge, wish to see improvements in this part. An LCC has been established in one of the ward areas, it will be good to roll up this concept to other areas.

Security is another challenge requiring urgent attention, it will be good and fair to establish neighborhood watch schemes in all areas falling with the ward. Lastly, recreation still poses a challenge in the city not just ward five, to will be a huge success for Mbabane to broaden this sector in the near future.

6. Sikhumbuzo Dube (Ward 6)

As a returning councillor for ward 6 I have identified a number of problems. Firstly there's a lack of participation by all Mbabane residents. We need people to participate in the goals. I also want to see all policies e.g indigent policies because I also want to see the municipality make use of our public open spaces and I know Eveni falls under those that are earmarked for a public partnership project (PPP). I happy that in Ward 6 we already have a number of capital projects completed but then focus should now go towards tarring feeder roads that are still untarred. Then, accountability and the matter of financial statements must be looked at and match the common approaches used by other organisations.

7. Sithembiso Hlanze (Ward 7)

For the duration of my term as a Councillor there a few number of issues I would like to address. The main problem in my ward is the building ban and allocation of plots. This issue has been going on for a long time and its hindering development. For example at Sitibeni area there are informal settlements there and there roads are not tarred, they use community water yet the place is in the boundaries of Mbabane town. I would also like to meet with the ratepayers association to amend the rating act to be changed and be suitable for the way of life of people currently. The Municipal has programs for example, the International leadership programs whereby kids go to USA to be trained on leadership skills. I would propose that when these kids come back, they become active in the communities and teach their peers on what they have learnt during the Academy. I would also suggest that the Municipal Council create awareness on these programs especially the ILA so that residents can become aware on such programs especially the youth.

8. Mkhonta Thandayena (Ward 8)

For Ward 8, we obviously have a serious challenge with potholes and having tarred roads in Extension 3. I want the Council to also look at the possibility of having a market structure built for vendors at Macobolwane.

9. Vusimuzi Thulani Dlamini

I want Council to really put an effort in uplifting residents in my ward through its Local Economic Development wing which should be instrumental in empowering our communities. I also believe that Council should look into ways of addressing the rates issue. Another point that must be addressed is the lack of recreational facilities especially in Ward 9 and I am also determined to help the residents form Neighbourhood Watch Schemes to fight crime. It is also my opinion that community meetings no longer work and we must come up with better ways to help us engage with residents.

10. Sabelo Magagula (Ward 10)

During my last term as a councillor for Ward 10 I noticed that there is a lack of participation of ratepayers on programs and meetings on my Ward. To solve this matter I would like the formulation of working committees (LCC) for the effectiveness of programs and development. I also plan on lobbying parliament for renewal of outdated legislations for example, the rating act with the adoption of council policy (indigent policy). I would love that government subsidise the vulnerable group. For the duration of my term I am planning on speeding up the programme of pegging and allocation of plots to formalise the informal settlements. I am also planning to address the issue of street lighting in my ward as it tends to be a security threat for residents. I would also address the issue of neighbourhood watch schemes. Another pending issue is the issue of water in my ward as the residents still struggle with water as some are still using community water. Another point that must be addressed is the lack of recreational facilities in Ward 10 especially for the out-school youth.

11. Smangalis Gama (Ward 12)

First and foremost I would pledge with the Municipal Council to lower the price of plots so that there can be affordable plots for everyone. There is also this major problem which is the building ban, this matter is delaying development and building materials are going up daily, so this delaying people to build permanent formal

structures. I would also like to introduce empowerment projects whereby people will be taught entrepreneurial skills so they can start their own businesses and be able to pay rates.

MBABANE IS SD's MOST OUTSTANDING MUNICIPALITY

MBABANE - The Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games (SOGCA) has recognized the Municipal Council for continuously engaging residents of the city in sports sporting activities.

The Council was recognized for initiatives like the Age in Motion League which engages about 450 men in an intense soccer league. The soccer league targets men over the age of 35 from all the city's 12 wards and as a result the tournament has grown in stature as social teams from the capital compete for a whole.

The council was also recognized for availing its sporting facilities for use by residents and organisations that host sport tournaments within the perimeters of the city.

Also mentioned on the day was the blossoming relationship between SOGCA and the municipality as proven by the now annual Olympic Day Run which has already been hosted for the past six years.

The municipality was also recognized for School Ball Games which is also run on an annual basis.

CITY SHARES GRAND PLANS ON WORLD STANDARDS DAY

MBABANE - The municipality shared its grand plans during the World Standards Day at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre.

The Council was invited to present during the event because it is the first municipality in Swaziland to receive ISO 9001 certification.

The organisation was represented by Vusi Dlamini who is the Quality Assurance and Risk Manager.

As the country's leading city, council unpacked its plans that will make it possible for residents and visitors to have access to information in real time.

"the municipality is working to ensure that every person could access real time information for a number of reasons, for instance we want motorists to be able to have information with regards to free vacant car parking spaces around the city. We also want to reach a level where our refuse collectors know exactly when your recycling bins are full and where urban parks are designed to promote biodiversity, and give you free wi-fi connection throughout the city," said Dlamini during his presentation.

Ensuring that ability to collect and access city data is easier than ever before.

Dlamini also mentioned that free wi-fi is being piloted to four schools and at the bus rank and was welcomed by clients through partnership with Real Image as an Internet Service Provider (ISP). This will be roll-out to the entire CBD in the near future.

"We are also pleased to state that our traffic signals were installed with timers and are audible to assist the visually impaired people. For now, these traffic lights were installed at Msakato, Mahlokohla and Dr Sishayi Streets," said Dlamini.

Some of the Winners:



Sikhumbuzo Dube



Thandayena Mkhonta

10 NATIONAL NEWS

3 ARMED ROBBERIES IN MANZINI IN ONE NIGHT

Stories by Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

SOME parts of the Manzini region were left in despair as the past weekend was filled with robberies.

At least four cases of armed robbery were reported.

According to police reports, an armed robbery took place on Friday at 11pm, where a 37-year-old man of Mafutse was robbed at gun-point money in cash amounting to E3500 and property valued at E16 100 by three unknown men while at Fairview South.

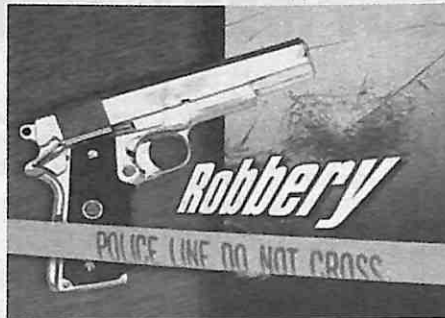
The Manzini police are still investigating the matter, therefore, there has not been an arrest made yet.

There was another armed robbery at the same time in the same area, where a 40-year-old man was robbed at gun-point his property and money in cash all valued at E12 700 by three unknown men while at Fairview South.

There has not been an arrest yet.

As if that was not enough, the Manzini police

...all incidents took place at Fairview South



are investigating yet another armed robbery took place at the same area with the others on Friday.

This time around, a 35-year-old woman of Fairview South was robbed at gun-point her property and money in cash all valued at E5 000 by three unknown men while at Fairview South. There has not been an arrest yet.

The police are appealing to anyone who may have information that will lead to the arrest of

the suspects to kindly contact Manzini Police at 2505 2221 or dial 999/9999 for emergency.

In Lobamba, the police are investigating an armed robbery where on Saturday at 04:15am, a 33-year-old man of Bhunya was robbed at gun-point his money in cash amounting to E1 600 by five unknown men while at Somnjalo area.

The police have not made any arrests yet. The police are appealing to anyone who may have information that will lead to the arrest of the suspects to kindly contact Lobamba Police at 2416 1130 or dial 999/9999 for emergency.

On Friday, another armed robbery took place at Mathangeni at 10pm where a 38-year-old woman of Mathangeni was robbed at gun-point her money in cash amounting to E50 by two unknown men. There has not been an arrest yet. Police are appealing to anyone who may have information that will lead to the arrest of the suspects to kindly contact Matsapha Police at 2518 7111 or dial 999/9999 for emergency.

One fatal accident over the weekend

THERE was one fatal accident reported over the weekend.

It occurred on Saturday at 2pm at Maphopheni along Mafutse/Mbadlane MR 3 public road. A Mazda Rasta LDV driven by a 27-year-old man of Mafutse lost control, went to the opposite lane and collided with another motor vehicle, a Toyota LDV driven by a 61-year-old man of Kutsimuleni. A passenger in the Toyota LDV, being a 26-year-old woman of Nyakeni, was seriously injured and was rushed to R.F.M Hospital where she was certified dead on arrival.

73 drunk drivers arrested

THERE were 73 drunken driving cases reported over the past weekend, announced Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba yesterday.

These figures were recorded in all the country's roads in the four regions over the weekend.

Mamba said most of the offenders had already appeared before a magistrate to answer for their indiscretions. He said some of them will be greeting magistrates this morning.

Stories by Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A student studying overseas saw his holidays in the country end on a sour note after he was nabbed for drink-driving.

According to mitigation, the past weekend was supposed to be the most fun-filled for him and his family. He said his family and friends had organised a farewell party for him since he is set to return to Russia to continue with his studies as he is enrolled in one of the universities there.

However, Banele Mhlanga's joy was cut short as he spent Saturday night behind bars after being nabbed for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Driving

Mhlanga was arrested at Motshane after the Hyundai sedan he was driving was pulled over by the traffic police.

According to the charge sheet, the alcohol content found in the blood system of the remorseful offender stood at 0.88mg/l. This was after his breath specimen was tested using a breathalyser.

Russia bound student arrested for drink-driving



While dressed in a sweater, trousers and worn out sandals, Mhlanga insisted he made a mistake by driving whilst intoxicated. He said the excitement of the farewell party got the better of him while he was having fun with those close to him.

"I am sorry your worship, I made a mistake. I am in a mess right now because I am still at school and it will be hard for me to ask money for fine

from my parents. I will soon go back to school since my visa will be issued this week. I was just having fun and my decision-making was very poor," he said.

The first offender added he would not commit the traffic offence ever again and further asked the court to be lenient with him since he was a student. Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati said it was fine for Mhlanga to have fun and host a party but driving a car when drunk was unlawful and reckless of him.

He fined him E1200 or 12 months imprisonment. It is worth noting the court showed leniency to Mhlanga as it ordered that his fingerprints should not be taken.

Moreover, the court was quiet the past weekend as offenders nabbed along the Lobamba-Ezulwini corridor were not brought to Mbabane instead the Principal Magistrate presided over their matters while at the Lobamba Police Station.

Soccer fanatic arrested at his gate

A soccer fan found himself on the wrong side of the law Saturday night after driving a car while intoxicated.

Nhlanhla Dlamini made the mistake of opening one of the two cans of alcohol he had bought along the way while coming from watching a soccer match.

He told the court he could not wait to reach his place before he satisfied his thirst and thus he drank the alcohol while on his way home.

"I apologise to the court for committing the crime. I only drank one can of alcohol. I drank it because I was about to reach home and did not think I would be arrested," he said.

He said to his surprise he found

the traffic police by his gate at PTS and he was arrested following a breath test which detected there was 0.44mg/l of alcohol content in his blood system.

When asked by the court how much it cost him to buy the two cans of beer, Dlamini said only E30.

"Now you have to part with a huge amount of money to pay fine. You must not drink and drive, you should have drunk your beer at home," Vilakati said.

Dlamini promised the court such a mistake would not be repeated. The court found him guilty and he was convicted. He was fined E1 000 or 10 months imprisonment.



I WAS TEMPTED AFTER VISITING FRIENDS – OFFENDER

A kombi driver regretted his visit to his friends as it landed him in jail.

Thabo Thwala said after knocking off from work, he headed home to park the Toyota kombi he uses to transport the public.

However, he decided to visit his friends nearby his place, which is where the alcoholic drinks flowed until he exceeded the lawful limit.

"I was on my way home, I have never drunk alcohol then drove a motor vehicle and I had no intention to drink on this day. I only

made a turn to visit my friends and I found them drinking alcohol. I was tempted since I was closer to home," he said.

He said he regretted his actions and further apologised to the court for being found on the wrong side of the law. The alcohol content found in his blood system stood at 0.50mg/l.

Arrested

Thwala was arrested at PTS on Saturday night at around 9pm and spent the rest of the night at the Mbabane Police Station holding

cells. He told the court he would fix his mistakes.

He was fined E1000 or 10 months imprisonment.

On another note, another drunk driver showed great remorse as he mitigated for a lenient fine.

Law

After being arrested in the early hours of yesterday morning, Bongani Mamba said he did not mean to break the law.

His facial expressions told the whole story as he continued to say he would not commit the offence again.

He was fined E1000 or 10 months imprisonment after 0.45mg/l of alcohol content was detected in his blood system. Moreover, an offender who was knocked down by a car, Gcina Gama, did not make it to court hence Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati issued a warrant of arrest for him. He was charged with jaywalking which led to him being knocked down by the car.

PRESIDING: Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati



REMOVE DRINKING HALLS FROM NEAR SCHOOLS - UMPHAKATSI

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini Siteki

KA-LANGA Umphakatsi has called upon the Lubombo Regional Education Office (REO) and Siteki Town Council to jointly work towards the removal of drinking halls and bars which are situated close to school premises.

Drinking halls are said to be having a negative effect on the academic performance of the pupils as they would abscond classes and go for drinks at these outlets. This transpired during a speech and prize giving day at Lubombo Central High on Friday.

Member of the inner council of Ka-Langa David Shiba said the *umphakatsi* was worried by the mushrooming drinking halls situated close to school premises.

Apparently, there is one situated less than 30 metres away from the Lubombo Central schools, just across the road. Shiba said they had received



REMARKS: Lubombo Central High School Principal Pilatu Vilane making his remarks during the speech and prize day.

reports to the effect that some pupils would be found at the drinking hall during school hours and in full uniform. He also noted that the pupils would be seen sharing drinks with elderly residents. Shiba said this also

translated to pupils being uncontrollable and disrespectful to teachers.

He then urged the town council to review the kind of businesses which were allowed to operate close to schools' premises.

Shiba noted that the Lubombo Central schools were not the only ones facing the problem of bars being situated nearby as other learning facilities within the town have reported similar complaints.

Disturbing

On another note, Shiba urged teachers to remain professional and be exemplary to the children. He said it was disturbing to have complaints of teachers behaving unprofessionally in the midst of children.

Meanwhile, school committee Chairman Mbokodvo Vilakati warned parents against renting flats for their children.

Vilakati said the school has received reports to the effect that some drug pushers had taken advantage of pupils staying alone in rented flats and used them to sell their illegal stuff.

The pupils would be rewarded with food hampers and, or money for rent. Parents were urged to take pupils to the nearest school to avoid having them to rent flats.

Lubombo Central aims for sky next year

LUBOMBO Central High Principal Pilatu Vilane has disclosed his plans to have the school in the top 10 bracket of best performing schools in the country by next year.

The school, which in the past years has been referred by critics as a 'zoo' has been making significant improvements in its academic performance in the past three years.

Apparently, it has had pupils appearing in the list of top 50 best performing pupils in external exams. Vilane has said this was an achievement which the school was currently building on to become one of the excelling schools in the country. The principal reported that the school also managed to outshine the Siteki branch of schools in the 2016 Form Three results. The school recorded a 97 per cent pass rate.

Meanwhile, the principal said the administration was currently working on restructuring the school by constructing double-storey classrooms.

This is because the school is faced with a shortage of space as it shares premises with its primary feeder school. To adapt to the situation, Vilane said the introduction of double-storey classrooms was the only solution.

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ENTERTAINING: Lubombo Central High School pupils rendering a song during the speech and prize day.

Put God first to succeed - Businesswoman

WELL established businesswoman, Mildred Carmichael shared her secret to success with pupils, saying putting God first was the answer.

Carmichael is regarded as the second richest person in Siteki as she owns almost half of the shops in the town centre. She was the guest speaker at the speech and prize day at Lubombo Central High School.

Carmichael urged the completing class not to be overcome by the excitement of attaining this feat but instead, remain obedient to their parents and teachers at the school.

Pointed

The businesswoman, who is also an ordained pastor, pointed out that many people had acquired the highest educational qualifications but still lived miserable lives.

She said some were languishing in poverty while employed by reputable companies.

Carmichael said the only explana-



ADDRESS: Businesswoman Pastor Mildred Carmichael addressing the gathering. (Pics: Wonderboy Dlamini)

tion to such a puzzle was that some people valued their educational achievements more than they did their relationship with God. She then urged the

pupils to ensure that in their life journey, they put God first and pray for His guidance.



CREAM OF THE CROP: Some of the excelling pupils with their awards.

By Nomthandazo Nkambule
Mbabane

TOP 10 maize farmers who delivered the most grain to the National Maize Corporation (NMC) this year are in for an unprecedented treat as the organisation is sending them to an all-expenses-paid trip to neighbouring South Africa tomorrow as part of the prize package for the enhanced CEO's Award competition.

In an interview, NMC Marketing and Communications Manager Nokwanda Dlamini-Masuku revealed that the CEO's Award was established three years ago by NMC CEO Sabelo Msibi as an incentive to farmers who brought the most maize to the corporation.

Introduced

"When the CEO Award was introduced in 2015, the top 10 farmers who brought the most maize to NMC were rewarded with free farming inputs of their choice.

However, this year's winners were quite delighted to discover that we have since increased the package to include an all-expenses-paid three-day trip to South Africa for exposure and learning purposes," said Dlamini-Masuku.

She said this development was first revealed to the nation by Msibi at the 27th National Maize Competition (NAMCOM) prize presentation ceremony last month; an event that was graced by the Prime Minister, Dr

NMC CEO'S AWARD WINNERS LEAVE FOR SA TOMORROW



INCENTIVE: NMC CEO Sabelo Msibi.

Barnabas Dlamini. NAMCOM was established by the ministry of agriculture, and NMC are the main sponsors of the competition.

"While NAMCOM aims at inspiring competitiveness among farmers while simultaneously imparting technical knowledge and skills for continual improvement of maize yields per unit area in the country, the CEO's

Award, on the other hand, awards those farmers who actually bring their maize to NMC," she explained.

In previous years, said Dlamini-Masuku, the overall winner of the NAMCOM often signified a certain level of maturity in terms of maize production, resulting in the respective farmer being excluded from the competition in subsequent years so as to

encourage new entrants a fair competing field.

"The CEO's Awards were then introduced to ensure sustainability and continuity, in terms of monitoring the production of that particular farmer as well as to ensure their steady growth. While NAMCOM awards farmers with the best yields, the CEO's Awards award those that bring large volumes of their yields to the NMC," she said.

Of the top 10 maize farmers to sell their grain to NMC, the 2017/18 season's top three registered impressive figures compared to the 2016/17 season.

For 2017/18, the farmer who came first brought in 75.2 metric tonnes (MTs) of maize to NMC, the second brought 72.9MTs, while the third sold 54.7MTs. This is a tremendous increase when compared to 2016/17 figures,

where the farmer who came first had sold to NMC 17MTs of maize, 13MTs for the second position, and 8MTs for the third.

"Now that the CEO's Award has been bolstered to include an educational trip to South Africa, where the top 10 farmers will tour various farms and interact with industry experts from that country, we hope to see these figures sustaining their upward trend going forward," said Dlamini-Masuku.

"When the CEO Award was introduced in 2015, the top 10 farmers who brought the most maize to NMC were rewarded with free farming inputs of their choice."

Some of the places that will be visited by the winning Swazi farmers include Piet Retief and Baadplas, both in the Mpumalanga province.

They are expected to share knowledge they will gain from their outing with their local counterparts in line with NMC's call for collaboration among farmers as a strategy for growth.



MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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| Vusimuza Mamba | - | Employment No 7064164 |
| Ntsetselelo Ndzima | - | Employment No 101872216 |
| Bongiwe Vilakati | - | Employment No 9023541 |
| Philile Dlamini | - | Employment No 300177815 |
| Andreas Simelane | - | Employment No 7201776 |

They are to bring with them the following;

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Gospel artist Zaga to pay back money

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

ARRESTED gospel artist Zaga Dlamini, who is alleged to have used Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) Army Commander Sobantu Dlamini's name to defraud desperate Swazis seeking jobs in the army, has promised to pay back the money to the two complainants who took him to court for theft under false pretences.

Dlamini is currently out on bail as the matter is continuing before court.

Zaga pleaded guilty to the two charges of theft by false pretences by defrauding two people money amounting to E45 500 by promising to secure them jobs in the army.

The first person who fell prey to the gospel

artist's scam was Sipho Tfwala and he was conned E20 500. Information gathered is that during one of Zaga's recent court appearances he revealed that he would reimburse the two aggrieved parties.

Alleged

It is alleged that when the gospel artist informed the court that he had some cash with him and wished to present it to the court. However, when asked more about the money

the accused revealed that he was carrying E800.

However, the accused was advised that the offer he was bringing to the table was too little as it would mean he would be paying each person E400.

After discussions the accused agreed that he would raise about E5 000 which he will pay to the complainants until they are fully reimbursed.



PAY THE MONEY: Gospel artist Zaga Dlamini.

SUSPECT CONMAN'S LIES CATCH UP WITH HIM IN COURT

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE court was left suspicious when a man facing 21 counts of theft by false pretences said his lawyer was in hospital following an operation.

The calm and collected 29-year-old man from Makholweni, Vusi Magagula, said his lawyer told him he was not well following a kidney cleansing procedure.

However, Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi was not convinced by the story related by the suspect as she said a person who goes for kidney cleansing does not undergo any operation.

Accused

"You are not telling the truth accused person, your story does not add up at all. You only drink specific medication for kidney cleansing," she said.

Magagula was quick to tell the court it must have been a misunderstanding on his part when the message from his attorney was relayed to him.

He showed humbleness as he apologised for the misunderstanding.

The suspect, who is currently out on bail, was in court to ask for postponement of his trial. He said his attorney Njini Maseko was not in a state to rep-

MAGAGULA'S CHARGES:

- Conned Albert Sihlongonyane E200 while at Mhlaleni on August 31
- Conned David Dlamini E200 while at Corporation on August 25
- Conned Lucky Matse E170 while at Lobamba on August 10
- Conned Ndimiso Jele E150 while at Luyengo on October 9
- Conned Themba Nhlabatsi E150 while at Mbekeleweni on September 7
- Conned Velefani Kunene E110 while at Manzini
- Conned Thulani Jele E150 while at Mahwalala on September 7
- Conned Sabelo Bhembe E220 while at Ezulwini on August 31
- Conned Sibusiso Dlamini E200 while at Mbabane on June 23
- Conned Sanele Dlamini E60 while at Mbabane on October 9
- Conned Mkhuleko Mavuso E110 while at

- Manzini
- Conned Nhlanhla Dlamini E200 while at Manzini in August
- Conned Colani Dlamini E100 while at Nhlengano on August 19
- Conned Siphiso Sibiya E200 while at Matsapha in August
- Conned Brain Simelane E200 while at Matsapha in September
- Conned Adman Shabangu E120 while at Sibane Hotel on September 14
- Conned Mlamuli Nhlabatsi E350 while at Manzini on September 7
- Conned Elijah Maziya E200 while at Mbabane on October 4
- Shiyinduku Ngwenya E242 while at Manzini on September 6
- Conned Bongani Hleta E100 while at Mhlaleni in July
- Conned Nkosinathi Msweli E200 while at Siteki on August 27

resent him in court. This left the court wondering if Magagula had secured the services of an attorney or not.

The court granted him his wish as the matter was postponed to November 10.

Magagula is alleged to have used car adverts published in daily national publications to defraud his victims. The suspect allegedly started committing the crimes in July this year until October, where he was arrested. He allegedly

committed the offences around the country.

He stands accused of conning clients a sum of E3 632 from the complainants.

It is alleged the suspect called his victims and told them he was interested in buying their motor vehicles advertised on the publication; however, he would then pretend to be far away and asked the complainants to send him money to buy petrol so he would be able to meet them.

Bush Clearing and Land Preparation for HVCHP Schemes under the Lower Usuthu Small Holder Irrigation Project.

EuropeAid/ 139-238/ID/WKS/SZ

The Ministry of Economic Planning and Development intends to award a works contract for Bush Clearing and Land Preparation for HVCHP Schemes under the Lower Usuthu Small Holder Irrigation Project in Siphofaneni Swaziland with financial assistance from the 11th European Development Fund. The CD containing the Tender Dossier is available from;

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The deadline for submission of applications is 08th January 2018 at 1100hrs, Swazi local time.

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RETIRED COP DREAMS OF BEING A MILLIONAIRE

A retired police officer is now dreaming of becoming a millionaire and wants to see his dream coming to fruition soon.

Mduduzi Frank Zwane, aged 64, has started working on achieving his dream and is already involved in a number of projects as a way of establishing the family business empire.

Zwane retired in 2013 whilst holding the rank of inspector and his last work station was at Siteki in the Lubombo regional police headquarters under the Intelligent Branch (IB) department.

He is now a resident of Maseyisini where he has embarked on a number of projects which are raking in thousands of Emalangeni for the family. The family is into piggery, livestock, public transport and chicken businesses, which are all operated within their piece of land which is over a hectare in size.



"I served in the police service for over 37 years, which is almost four decades. I spent almost all my working days in the police service but it was only after my retirement where I sat down with my wife (Nomsa) and worked on a plan of starting projects which would not just to keep the family going but make us millionaires. I am about to live that dream as almost all the projects are now flourishing and generating income, which is something that never happened while I

was still employed," said Zwane.

Zwane said he did not regret having spent all the years working and having not achieved much but now since he was not answerable to anyone, he was enjoying being at home as he was fully concentrating on the projects which he dreamt of while still young. He said being employed was a good thing but it also had its disadvantages, especially if one does not plan. "That's the problem with our education system as we are trained to be employed and not to be employers. If the 37 years I spent in the force I was focusing on these projects I started four years ago, by now I would not be a millionaire but a billionaire.

I am not complaining, however, as even in the police service I gained valuable skills and knowledge which I am now applying in these projects which I believe will make me a millionaire," said Zwane.

Piggery core business for the family

OUT of the several business projects that Mduduzi Frank Zwane is operating, piggery is the leading source of revenue and he believes that's where the family business strength lies.

"Raising pigs has made me become a reputable farmer not just here at Maseyisini but even in other areas around Shiselweni. Pork is in demand, a number of my clients are butchery owners.

I have customers as far as Matsapha, including individuals. With the festive holidays already approaching, we now have orders.

However, it's not like the piggery business only flourishes during the festive season but it's a business that is doing well throughout the year," said Zwane.

Zwane said he was impressed in the manner the piggery business was progressing.

He said almost weekly, two or three pigs were sold. He said for quality pork to be produced, the

pigs should be well taken care of. He said a certain hygiene standard should also be maintained for the pigs to produce quality pork.

"The shed where these pigs are kept should be a clean.

We take care of our pigs like we are taking care of our own lives.

To see them making money for you, pigs should be well fed and the feed should be of quality to produce quality pork," said Zwane.

Zwane said within the less than three years the piggery business was started, it has contributed to a number of the assets owned by the family.

"The market for pork is always available and this is the business I see taking us to the target we have set for ourselves as a family. We are aiming high and we keep pushing all the time to be where we want to be. We want to see our dreams becoming a reality," said Zwane.



PREGGIES: Retired police officer Mduduzi Frank Zwane is seen with some of his pigs which he expects to give birth to piglets next month.

Family transport business flourishing

AFTER his retirement almost four years ago, Zwane has also joined the transport business industry.

Zwane is a proud owner of a fleet of kombis operating under the 'Mangweni Transport'. All his kombis service local routes with some used as 'school bus' transporting children as well as employees to their different work stations, mostly in the textile industries. He said being in the transport industry was not child's play as he has to monitor everything.

"I took a risk when joining the pub-

lic transport business and at first, it did not work to my expectation but as time progressed, I noticed changes.

I now don't regret taking that risk as this business is working wonders for me now.

My kombis are hired almost every month end while others are servicing the local routes.

With the festive season already here, it's also during such time of the year where we see the business flourishing," said Zwane.

Zwane said his wife Nomsa

(LaMasuku), operates the kombi business while he focuses on the other family businesses.

"My wife is the driving force as even when I feel like giving up, she gives me the strength.

Sometimes transport business causes you headaches, especially when you cash far below what you expect.

My wife does not give up even when some of our vehicles are making no money, she keeps telling me that we should soldier on and advised me that we should not expect to make profit without spending first. She is my financial advisor," said Zwane.

Cattle also generates income to family

RETIRED police officer Mduduzi Frank Zwane says within the piece of land where his home is situated at Maseyisini, it is also reserved for cattle.

"I am also into livestock which is a project I used to like even during the time I was a boy. I sell cattle to anyone, including butchery owners. It's a good project but not as good as that of piggery," said Zwane.

Zwane said raising cows was not something easy, especially in a peri-urban area like Maseyisini. "There is no grazing land around here which means I have to also buy their feed. Livestock farming has its own challenges and you have to be patient," said

Zwane.

Zwane said he was planning to start dairy farming business which he said also had lot of money. "Right now, we only have cows which we only sell when there is a need. If someone approaches us, we make a deal. As for butchery owners, they now know where to buy a cow for quality meat.

For social events or family gathering of any nature we sell at a reasonable price. Next year, we will be starting dairy farming business. There is no one supplying milk in this community and we have already done our homework in as far as this project is concerned," said Zwane.

Water scarcity delaying family's dream

SCARCITY of water at Maseyisini has delayed retired senior police officer Mduduzi Frank Zwane from achieving his goal of being a millionaire.

Zwane said all the projects he embarked on when retiring nearly four years ago were digging in his pocket. He said the piggery, livestock and chicken businesses operated by the family relied on water. He said a result; he was forced to fork thousands of Emalangeni to buy water almost daily.

"For all the projects we are talking about, water is a must. Breeding and raising pigs, water should always be there. It's been an outcry I found in this community when I arrived several years ago. I find myself having to buy water almost every day and I hire transport for the water to be delivered here.

The problem of water has delayed us in a number of ways. By now I should

have reached my target of being a millionaire but because of water scarcity, I see that dream taking longer than I anticipated," said Zwane.

Zwane then made a special appeal to anyone who can sponsor him in drilling a borehole. He said having just a borehole would see all his businesses flourishing without any hindrance.

"Water is life, but here at Maseyisini we are all struggling when it comes to such an important commodity. There are people who we

tasked with the responsibility of changing our lives as a community but these individuals are only good in lip service. They know themselves and some of them do not even bother to assist me access funds for my businesses. All

that we have is through our sweat and toil as we are financing ourselves from the pockets. We have not been able to get financial help from organisations like Inhlanyelo Fund because of certain people who have stopped some of these financiers due

to some having their own agenda," said Zwane.



HE MUST PAY ME E8 000 MAINTENANCE FEE MONTHLY

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A Mbabane based business-woman wants the court to force an attorney to fork out E8 000 for child maintenance.

Welile Masuku, who owns a media company, has taken the father of her two children to court for allegedly failing to maintain the children since their separation in 2015.

Masuku was married to Mlungisi Simelane in terms of Swazi Law and Custom in 2011. Simelane runs his own law firm and he represented himself in court as he opposed the application made by the applicant.

In her application, Masuku stated that the monthly expenses for both children amounted to E9 500.

Expenditure

"The children's basic monthly expenditure far exceeds the sum of E8 000 which I state is reasonable and affordable to the respondent who is gainfully employed as a sole partner in his law firm," she said.

She alleged the money would cater for things such as school fees, clothing, food, medical expenses, accommodation and entertainment.

Masuku said she is currently unemployed and relies on irregular media consultancy jobs, which she said do not provide enough to cater for the children and her personal needs.

Neglected

She alleged Simelane had refused and neglected to contribute anything towards maintenance of their children. She is represented by Mkhwanazi Attorneys.

Masuku asked the respondent to make the payments to her attorneys. However, Simelane dismissed the allegation that he was neglecting his children.

He alleged that according to his knowledge they are supposed to provide equally for the welfare of the children. He said they agreed that Masuku would buy food and clothes for the children.

Responsibility

"My responsibility was to cater for school fees in the private school we selected," he said.

He further complained that Masuku declined employment which came with a salary of over E29 000 per month.

Simelane said he was also struggling to pay on time due to the loss his law firm was currently making. However, he highlighted he had negotiated terms with the school.

He further said he was spend-

ing over E20 000 on each child, considering school fees, food, clothing and medical expenses. "I have two other children, who are older than the ones we have with Masuku," he said.

He asked the court to force Masuku to produce a statement of her earnings for the past six months whilst adding that he would do the same to prove that his business was struggling and that he was not getting paid.

Welfare

"The court should order parties to cater for the welfare and the maintenance of the minor children according to the percentage to be determined by the court. The parties should select responsibilities of maintenance of the two minor children that they are going

to fulfil and thereby be ordered to do so," he said in his answering papers.

He further said the minor children should be admitted at an affordable school as the E45 000 he is currently forking out at their school was too much for him.

The matter was postponed indefinitely.



Railway to pay E335m in Rail Link compensation

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

SWAZILAND Railway is expected to pay about E335 million in compensating people who will be affected by the Rail Link project.

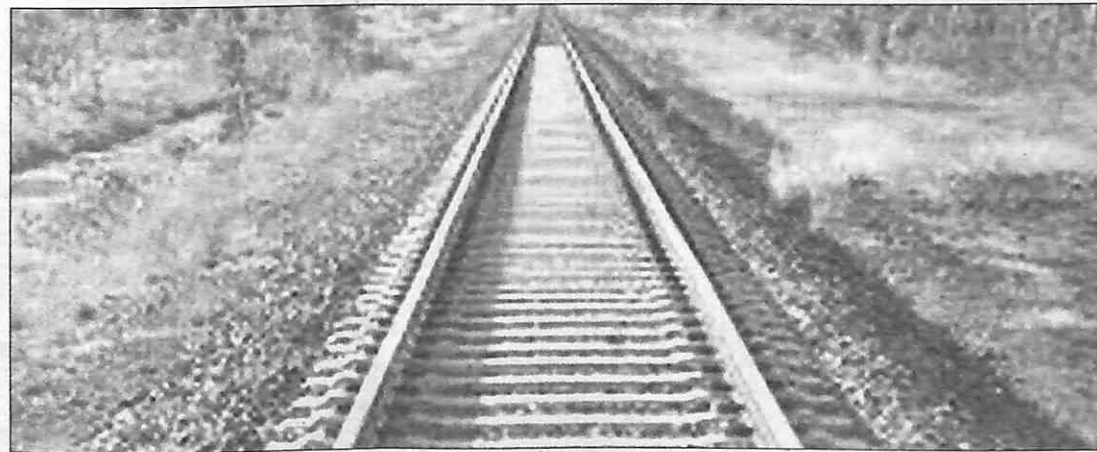
The Swaziland Rail Link entails the construction of a 150 kilometre new railway line from Lothair in South Africa to Sidvokodvo in Swaziland and the revamping of two existing lines in both countries.

The overall project will cost E17 billion once completed. This line has been designed to carry 150 general freight wagons at a time and will be operated as a seamless service without stopping at any of the borders either into Swaziland or out of Swaziland.

Estimated

According to a second quarter report from the ministry of public works and transport, the compensation would be carried out on Swazi Nation Land (SNL) and on Title Deed Land (TDL). The total compensation for the project is estimated to be E320 million for SNL and E15 million for TDL.

Eight land parcels were affected on TDL, compared to 235 households on SNL, of which 57 structures would only have affected struc-



tures relocated within the premises of the existing household premises. The balance of 178 households will be wholly resettled to new land. Below is what was done by the Swaziland Railway in the second quarter (July to September, 2017).

● On the TDL, the owners of the eight affected farms have been engaged in the negotiations and "in principle" agreements reached with six of them. Negotiations were in progress with the outstanding two farm owners (De Souza and Mndzebele families).

● The Mndzebele farm is to be re-evaluated, following an advice from the ministry of natural resources and energy. This is due to conflict of interest concerning the Mndzebele

family's valuer, who also undertook similar services for Swaziland Railway. The process of engaging an independent land valuer to re-evaluate Nhlulweni Farm was in progress.

Agreement

● The De Souza family had requested for time to present the compensation offer to their board and further meetings were to be held with them and an agreement would be reached by the end of the next quarter (October to December 2017).

● Two of the six TDL parcel owners, with whom the "in principle" agreements were reached required that the crop on their land be also evaluated and compensation values determined for loss of future

earnings. The process was to engage a crop valuer to evaluate and determine payable compensation for crops was in progress during the quarter.

● On SNL, negotiations had not commenced, pending gazetting of affected properties. The process to gazette the eight title deed properties and 235 households on SNL commenced in the quarter and a gazette was to be issued by the end of the next quarter.

Preparatory work, which included review and updating of the asset and infrastructure survey by the mapping of affected assets, was ongoing for the 57 households which would have structures relocated within the existing premises.

GIRL (14) RAPED FOR NOT GIVING SUSPECT MONEY

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A friend to an alleged rapist told the court that the survivor together with her friends were assaulted for not providing the alleged rapist with money to buy cigarettes.

Siboniso Mavuso of Mahwalala was paraded as a state witness in the rape case involving Sifiso 'Ngodvwana' Dlamini. It is alleged that the incident took place at Nkwalini, Zone 2 on April 30.

Dlamini was told he is facing a serious crime mainly because the survivor was a minor (14 years old) and he did not use protection while raping her.

The survivor also resides in the same area. It is alleged Dlamini stabbed the minor child with a sharp object and further threatened to kill her. According to reports, the survivor cried throughout the ordeal. Therefore, the crown made it clear such an act will be a life-long trauma for the minor child.

While clad in formal wear, Dlamini pleaded not guilty to the charges he is facing.

When Mavuso took to the witness dock, he said he knew Dlamini and further said he was with him on the day of the incident but stated that he did not witness the rape.

"At around 8pm, Ngodvwana asked me to accompany him to fetch his girlfriend. I agreed and along the way we met the survivor together with other minor children.

Ngodvwana asked them to give him money to buy cigarettes but the children told him they did not have money and he started assaulting them," he said.

Mavuso said he asked his friend to stop assaulting the children but he was told the minors deserved it since they failed to give him money. "One of the minor girls rushed to her home-stead and came back with her mother. Ngodvwana produced a knife and threatened to stab the woman but I held him back and injured my hand in the process," he added.

He added that the suspect dragged the minor child on the tar road and continued to assault her. He said the survivor was taken to a place by the suspect and when he tried to reason with him he did not listen to him. "I had to rush to work at Nkosana Bar where I work as a bouncer and also responsible for locking the place. When I left I tried calling someone to come rescue the minor child since the suspect did not want to listen to me," he said.

Mavuso said the suspect told him he was punishing her for not giving him money. He further said the suspect had threatened the mother to one of the minor children with assault. "He told her he was from Hilltop and thus he would deal with her," he said.

Mavuso said he did not suspect Dlamini would rape the minor child. On the other hand, Dlamini denied that he raped the child.

The matter was postponed.





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The Global Business ROUNDTABLE Platform

PREPARATIONS for next year's 8th GBR World Congress have already started, and a brief checklist on those earmarked to partake at this congress, fireworks better describe this event set to take place from April 17th-20th.

Themed: 'Africa-The New Frontier For Economic Development,' the four day event will be paired with the Trade and Investment Summits, which are poised to address ways that businesses can drive Africa's new economic era, courtesy of this Christ centred organisation. Cherry on top is that the first day of the congress will strictly be an SME Day. One may ask, why is Africa the focus?

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Next year's theme is a follow from this year's one which was: 'Harnessing Africa's Resources for Beneficitation and Industrialisation', and it saw world experts both in the business and spiritual sphere unleashing, bit by bit on how the countless resources of Africa can be harnessed for the continent's beneficitation and industrialisation. The 8th World Congress and Exhibition will see more than 100 countries from all continents participating in the World Congress.

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- **At Simunye** - Simunye Club- second Tuesday of the month
- **Manzini** - third Tuesday of the month, at The George Hotel
- **Mpaka** - Malindza Primary School, third Thursday of every

month.

● **At Nhlangano** - Ngwane Teacher's Training College- every last Thursday of the month

● **Siteki** - second Thursday of the month, new building next to Baceth Hardware

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...NOVEMBER 6

1789 - Father John Carroll was appointed as the first Roman Catholic bishop in the United States of America.

1832 - Joseph Smith, III, was born. He was the first president of the Reorganised Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was also the son of Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism.

1851 - Charles Henry Dow was born. He was the founder of Dow Jones & Company.

1860 - Abraham Lincoln was elected to be the 16th president of the United States.

1861 - Jefferson Davis was elected as the president of the Confederacy in the U.S.

1861 - The inventor of basketball, James Naismith, was born.

1869 - The first official intercollegiate football game was played in New Brunswick, NJ.

1894 - William C. Hooker received a patent for the mousetrap.

1903 - Philippe Bunau-Varilla, as Panama's ambassador to the United States, signed the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty. The document granted rights to the United States to build and indefinitely administer the Panama Canal Zone and its defenses.

1913 - Mohandas K. Gandhi was arrested as he led a march of Indian miners in South Africa.

1917 - During World War I, Candian forces take the village of Passchendaele, Belgium, in the Third Battle of Ypres.

1923 - Jacob Schick was granted a patent for the electric shaver.

1935 - Edwin H. Armstrong announced his development of FM broadcasting.

1952 - The first hydrogen bomb was exploded at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.

1961 - In the Sahara Desert of Algeria, a natural gas well ignited when a pipe ruptured. The flames rose between 450 feet and 800 feet. The fire burned until April 28, 1962 when a team led by Red Adair used explosives to deprive the fire of oxygen. (Devil's Cigarette Lighter)

1962 - The UN General Assembly adopts a resolution that condemned South Africa's racist apartheid policies. The resolution also called for all member states to terminate military and economic relations with South Africa.

1965 - The Freedom Flights programme began which would allow 250 000 Cubans to come to the United States by 1971.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Emma Stone (movie actress) - November 6, 1988 (29 years old)



Lamar Odom (Basketball player) - November 6, 1979 (39 years old)

I APOLOGISE

JOHANNESBURG - On Monday, October 30th I misrepresented the #BlackMonday protest action by many South Africans when I posted images on my Twitter feed.

I illustrated my post about the necessity of moving beyond old racist ideas about South Africa using images of people wearing clothes marked with the apartheid era South African flag.

The post was ill-conceived and the attempt to engage in that particular debate poorly timed on my part.

I apologise unreservedly and unequivocally to everyone who was offended by my actions.

While I may have wanted to make a point about contemporary South African politics and protests about crime and criminals, I did so without doing the basics.

I never checked the veracity of the photographs and fired off a Tweet which did not contribute constructively to that debate but skewed it.

I used old, rather than contemporary photographs.

I acknowledge now and should have done so then, that even if the photographs were from the day of the protest, they did not represent the majority of those who had gone on those protests.

Furthermore, in not verifying their origin, I failed in my professional duty as a journalist.

Additionally, it was discourteous to the journalist who did take some of the images, who had warned against their polemical misuse.



STRESSING A POINT: Nickolaus Bauer writes that while he may have wanted to make a point about contemporary South African politics and protests about crime and criminals, he did so without doing the basics. (eNCA)

I accept that I distributed images unrelated to the specific newsworthy event in ways which made it appear as if they were.

My own personal anger against, and political opposition to lingering racism in South Africa may have informed my actions, but they do not excuse them.

Even though my mistakes of omission (not checking the origins of the images) were not committed with

malice, the consequences remain no less serious than had they been.

South Africa continues to be blighted by issues of racism, and my attempt to be a productive participant in the battle against it has backfired, and not only on me.

In distributing those images with the lack of due consideration I have done the very cause so close to my heart much damage, and it has given me reason to pause and consider how

better to engage in anti-racist activism.

The protests on 30 October 2017, across South Africa, were organised to oppose murder in South Africa's rural areas and I could have seen them as a rallying point to oppose violence in any form.

And while there were indeed other images showing the presence of the old South African flag at some protest sites, those images were not truly representative of all the events.

I take full responsibility for having created that impression in my Tweet.

I continue to feel that racism and displays of symbols of white supremacy are fundamentally unacceptable in the democratic society we all hope to build.

It is my sincere hope that any future campaign against violence in rural areas – or anywhere in South Africa – will be characterised by unity of purpose among all South Africans.

Partly what I have learned from this experience is the limits of my own worldview and political position against racism.

I, therefore, commit to engage in working with those who teach about 'race' and racism in South Africa and elsewhere to learn better ways to channel my desire to combat racism, both as a citizen dedicated to the democratic project in post-apartheid South Africa, and as a professional journalist in a developing state committed to helping to undo the injustices of the past and the present.

The standards I am expected to hold the world to in my role in the fourth estate must apply more stringently to myself.

Once more, I apologise unreservedly for my ill-considered conduct and hope that with time my misguided actions on 30 October 2017 can be judged in light of my full record as a journalist and a citizen.

eNCA

SABC faces long recovery



JOHANNESBURG - Staff are unhappy about possible zero per cent salary increases as the new board tries to restore credibility, contain costs and increase revenue.

It is nearly three weeks since I was appointed with my 10 colleagues to serve on the new SABC board for a five-year term. The unprecedented challenges at the public broadcaster are well known and the new board has begun its work with vigour and urgency to ensure good governance, financial stability and programming excellence. During this short period, the new board has been through an intense induction process, appointed board committees and taken a number of crucial decisions to try and stabilise an organisation that has been plagued by maladministration for nearly a decade.

Given that all our top executives are serving in an acting capacity, a major priority is the appointment of a new CEO, COO and CFO. While

no board decisions have been taken yet, we are involved in an intense and detailed process to scrutinise and find the right executives to lead the SABC into the next era.

Continuing where the interim board left off, we are determined to turn the SABC around and entrench its place as the shining light for independent public broadcasting in South Africa and on the continent.

In order to achieve this, we need the support of all our stakeholders, including our management and staff, Parliament, the minister of communications and, most importantly, the South African public.

Our management and staff have kept the organisation going during a time of extreme dysfunction. Our people at the SABC are undoubtedly our most valuable resource. We empathise with and support those who have suffered intimidation as a result of the behaviour of rogue executives. We have approached the courts to recover money we believe was acquired improperly. People must be held accountable.

With the firing of COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng and the disciplinary action against acting CEO James Aguma and his subsequent resignation, the SABC has begun the process

of healing and rejuvenation. We will not rest until all those implicated in misconduct, illegality and corruption are removed from the SABC, following due process. There have to be consequences for those who played a part in destabilising this vital public institution. Huge losses and massive debts. The new board received a detailed handover from former members of the interim board and we have met members of the Special Investigating Unit to get a progress report on the various investigations the interim board asked for.

The inescapable reality is that this recent period of chronic governance failure has led the SABC down a road of huge losses and massive debts. As will be presented to Parliament this week, in the SABC's second

quarter report, mismanagement by previous SABC boards and executives has left a significant hole in the corporation's finances and it will take us time to move the dial in a different direction. This board has agreed to defer its own fees while it assesses the SABC's finances.

We continue to pursue a government guarantee – not a bailout – from Treasury, to deal with the overhang of approximately R650m in debt we inherited. Our intention is to

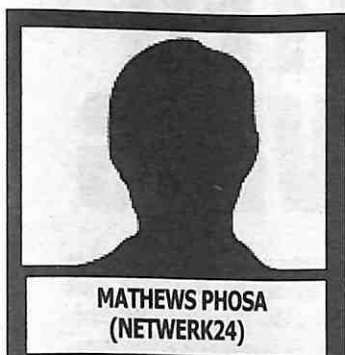
use this guarantee to solicit a bank loan to enable us to bring our back payments up to date while we return the corporation to growth. Treasury has not approved this guarantee and the new board will review and refine its proposal. *City Press*

However,



RESIGNED: Former acting SABC CEO James Aguma.

THE LITCHI FARMER WHO WOULD BE PRESIDENT



A lawyer, poet and businessman, Mathews Phosa does not allow government tenders in his family and is passionate about farming.

Mathews Phosa beams as he hands me a framed copy of cartoons from late 2001, which he keeps in a small personal library at his family home in White River, Mpumalanga. The City Press cartoon shows Phosa standing next to businessman Tokyo Sexwale and Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, all of them looking down at a kneeling Steve Tshwete who profusely apologises for claiming that the trio were plotting to topple former president Thabo Mbeki. At the time, Tshwete was minister of safety and security. He died in 2002.

A second caricature, by cartoonist Bethuel Mangena, is even more brutal. It shows the three men carrying long whips and chasing Tshwete down a road. Phosa sees the humour in it, and cracks into laughter.

"We are hitting him," he chuckles. Later, as we talk, it becomes clear that that part of his life was not a laughing matter.

Solved

At one point during that episode in his life, former justice minister Penuell Maduna called him. Maduna suggested the "conspiracy thing" could be solved if Phosa and crew apologised to Mbeki.

A furious Phosa rejected the idea and told Maduna in rather colourful words to go jump.

"I have never been involved in a plot so I'm not going to apologise to Mbeki at all," he told Maduna. A later investigation cleared the three leaders.

Fast-forward to 2017 and it is no more a rumour that Phosa is among a throng of candidates vying to take over from President Jacob Zuma at the ANC's national elective conference in December.

Unlike some of the other contenders – Lindiwe Sisulu, Jeff Radebe and Ramaphosa – Phosa started his presidential campaign on a front foot. He already had the human infrastructure that he had set up in 2012, when he unsuccessfully contested the post of ANC deputy president at the ANC's Mangaung conference.

However, as it becomes clear later that day, when he speaks at a graduation ceremony of one of his protégés, Phosa's Forces of Change anti-Zuma grouping has weakened following the birth of Julius Malema's Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in 2013. Many of his backers opted to jump the ANC ship and join the



FAMILY TIES: A golden rule in the family is that government tenders are banned. This is despite Pinky Phosa being a former deputy speaker, speaker and MEC in Mpumalanga.

new party.

But first we have a family lunch with the children and grandchildren where Phosa, a lawyer and a ruthless businessman, shows different sides of himself: a family man and passionate farmer. The lunch is a weekly Saturday ritual, explains Phosa's wife, Pinky, an ANC MP.

For the next hour or so, the discussion around the table is about business, ethics and how to handle money. Phosa's firstborn daughter Moyahabo, now married with three children, runs her own public relations company. Her younger sister, Tshepiso, runs a Puma filling station in Nelspruit. His other two children Matlhatse and Lesika are absent.

Tshepiso says her father is health conscious and drinks only water and tea.

"He avoids rice and pap and he eats green salad. He works out at the farm," she says, referring to a litchi farm a few minutes from Nelspruit.

A golden rule in the family is that government tenders are banned. This is despite Pinky Phosa being a former deputy speaker, speaker and MEC in Mpumalanga.

"You cannot live off the fat of the state because you have access to it," says Phosa, adding that "these are not the Duduzanes" – a reference to Zuma's son Duduzane.

Moyahabo says her father is so strict that whenever she asks for "a push" – a loan – for her business she always has to pay it back, with interest. Tshepiso is renting the petrol station's site from her father.

"The principle behind it is that I should learn how to pay my dues," says Tshepiso. Phosa quips: "There is nothing free in life. You must pay back the money."

Phosa speaks passionately about his litchi farm, where he frequently goes

to spend quiet time with the family. "You get to know your children better when you are calm," he says. The 22-hectare farm has up to 6 000 litchi trees. The litchis take seven years to harvest and the trees are in their sixth year.

"You have to have the patience of the farmer before you harvest."

He says a culture of farming, and game farming, is big in the family. He breeds buffalo, sable antelope and black and white impala, "just like Ramaphosa" on another farm near Tzaneen. This includes a hunting farm. He breeds Bonsmara cattle and exports avocados to Europe, competing with countries like Mexico.

"I'm more of a farmer than people realise. It is one of the biggest parts of my business."

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A second caricature, by cartoonist Bethuel Mangena, is even more brutal. It shows the three men carrying long whips and chasing Tshwete down a road.

country," he says.

He has deliberately kept all this out of the public eye.

"My businesses are cheekily independent because first I banked on myself. I made millions from consulting and put that into business. I did that very quietly, so today many ANC people do not know my businesses because I hide it and keep it private."

He rejects as "superficial nonsense" and "politics of the ignoramus" the suggestion that he was in the pockets of Afrikaner businesspeople.

"What do I have to do with Afrikaners? Afrikaans is a subject I excelled in and had 85% of my subjects in Afrikaans," he says. He writes poet-

ry in both English and Afrikaans.

When he was approached to be president of the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, he got former president Nelson Mandela's blessing.

"The ANC embraced the move, describing it as a breakthrough for national unity and nonracialism."

Likewise, he says, it is wrong to claim that Ramaphosa is in the hands of the Jews.

"I will defend Cyril because I know him. We come from university together, we were in the same classroom. I have never known him to be a puppet of the Jews."

Treasure

The two were students at the University of Limpopo's Turfloop campus in 1972 and both led student activism. Later in life, Ramaphosa became ANC secretary-general and Phosa followed later as treasurer-general. He put Ramaphosa in his ANC finance committee. "We have known each other for many years. I know his first girlfriend and he knows mine."

He does not mince his words when he says that Indians control Zuma.

"Of course they run him and there is enough evidence." He says many of his colleagues in the ANC agree that they were wrong to think they really knew Zuma.

"He was the kindest of all uncles and leaders. He was charming, always laughing and worrying about all of us. He had a soft human side about him which was very nice. I think in a way he still has it."

"You would not see the greed aspect of him" because it did not manifest itself. Some say he must have been very deceptive. Others say Mbeki should have warned all of us because he was close to him. They were like twins." At one point during the interview he looks at his phone and giggles. He seems pleasantly amused.

"I'm getting more nominations from Eastern Cape. It is amazing," he says as he hands me his phone. The message comes from his campaign organiser in that province.

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Wit and Wisdom

● "A day without sunshine is like, you know, night." – **Steve Martin**

● "Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." – **William Shakespeare, All's Well That Ends Well**

● "Have you ever been in love? Horrible isn't it? It makes you so vulnerable. It opens your chest and it opens up your heart and it means that someone can get inside you and mess you up." – **Neil Gaiman, The Kindly Ones**

● "Never put off till tomorrow what may be done day after tomorrow just as well." – **Mark Twain**

● "There is never a time or place for true love. It happens accidentally, in a heartbeat, in a single flashing, throbbing moment." – **Sarah Dessen, The Truth About Forever**

● "It is never too late to be what you might have been." – **George Eliot**

● "I love deadlines. I love the whooshing noise they make as they go by." – **Douglas Adams, The Salmon of Doubt**

● "It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends." – **J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**

● "My thoughts are stars I cannot fathom into constellations." – **John Green, The Fault in Our Stars**

● "If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't understand it yourself." – **Albert Einstein**

● "Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own." – **Robert A. Heinlein, Stranger in a Strange Land**

● "Anyone who thinks sitting in church can make you a Christian must also think that sitting in a garage can make you a car." – **Garrison Keillor**

● "I'm not upset that you lied to me, I'm upset that from now on I can't believe you." – **Friedrich Nietzsche**

● "Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea." – **Robert A. Heinlein**

● "There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you." – **Maya Angelou, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**

● "Everything you can imagine is real." – **Pablo Picasso**

● "Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple." – **Dr. Seuss**

● "You love me. Real or not real?" I tell him, "Real." – **Suzanne Collins, Mockingjay**

● "We read to know we're not alone." – **William Nicholson, Shadowlands**

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VITALS

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| Prime Rate | 10.75% |
| First National Bank | |
| Inflation Rate | 5.9% |
| Central Statistical Office | |
| Mortgage Rate | 10.78% |
| Swaziland Building Society | |
| Bank Rate | 7.25% |
| Central Bank | |
| Petrol (u) | E11.80 per litre |
| Replacement | E11.85 per litre |
| Diesel | E11.70 per litre |
| Paraffin | E 7.95 per litre |
| Engen Garage | |

MAIZE YIELDS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IMPROVING

By Manqoba Makhubu

DEPUTY Prime Minister Paul Dlamini says ever since government started providing farming input support to farmers, there has been some stability in terms of maize yields even during periods of erratic rainfall.

Having realised the impact of the input support programmes, Dlamini said government would push for the extension of the programme to sorghum and beans for the benefit of low rainfall parts of the country.

The deputy prime minister was speaking during the official launch of five satellite soil testing laboratories and accompanying structures under the Food Security Project last Thursday. He said the aim of the project was to ensure that the country

...Five satellite laboratories were established under the Food Security Project at the Motshane, Ntfontjeni, Ka-Langa and Ngwemphisi Rural Development Areas (RDAs).

improves the production of maize to a level that meets the national grain requirement of 130 000 metric tons.

He said the establishment of soil testing laboratories was a wise decision and an extremely critical intervention by government.

Five satellite laboratories were established under the Food Security Project at the Motshane, Ntfontjeni, Ka-Langa and Ngwemphisi Rural Development Areas (RDAs).

The other one was established at the Nhlanguano Farmer Training Centre.

"I should mention that ever since the period government started providing the input support to farmers

in the country, we have seen some stability in terms of yields, even during periods of erratic rainfall. I have been assured by the ministry's officials that the yield of maize is expected to increase as soil conditions improve for a period of up to five years," he said.

Dlamini said the soil testing laboratories were the source of valuable information and an important guide to the type of intervention required.

The deputy prime minister urged farmers to fully utilise these facilities and also use the results obtained to make informed decisions with regards to optimising their productivity.

The government's food security project funded by the EXIM Bank of India also supported the construction of vermin-compost sheds, tractor service workshops and training rooms. Dlamini said these structures form a package on offer as means of improving farmer's resilience to the negative effects of climate change, improving service delivery and to pick up the pace towards the achievement of food security goals.

"For food security to be achieved, the main pillars should be in existence. That is the availability, unhindered access, affordability and nutritionally balanced food," he said.

"It is, therefore, the goal of government to make sure that as a country, we are able to produce food in its different forms, maize grain being the primary target," he further stated.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 01 NOV 2017

| CURRENCY | BUY | SELL |
|-------------------------|------------|---------|
| US Dollar / SZL | 14.1081 | 14.1581 |
| British Pound/SZL | 18.7306 | 18.7970 |
| Japanese Yen/SZL | 8.0399 | 8.0663 |
| Swiss France/SZL | 14.1321 | 14.1765 |
| Botswana Pula/SZL | 1.3346 | 1.3464 |
| Australian Dollar/SZL | 10.8181 | 10.8593 |
| Canadian Dollar/SZL | 10.9365 | 10.9719 |
| Mozambique Meticals/SZL | 5.5211 | 5.5942 |
| Euro/SZL | 16.4148 | 16.4729 |
| Gold | 1,274.4100 | |
| Oil | 61.79 | |

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JANUARY 2018 ADMISSIONS

The College will offer courses in the following fields of study in January 2018.

AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Diploma in Motor Vehicle Systems (Returning Students)

Applicants must possess a Certificate in Motor Vehicle Systems
Applicants who are not former trainees of VOCTIM are required to submit a written reference from their institutions.

Applicants must contact the Head of Department not later than 17th November 2017.

SHORT COURSES 2018 (JAN - MAY)

| DEPARTMENT | Courses | DURATION |
|------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| BUILDING | Setting out, block work, brick work and plastering. (Option to select one or do all) | Jan - March |
| | Preparation for grade testing (Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3) | April - May |
| AUTOMOTIVE | -Drivers' motor mechanics course (basic) - women only -Basics in auto electrics (battery, lighting, charging systems etc) - Basics in auto electronics (electronic controls) - Vehicle Air Conditioning | Jan - March |
| | - Vehicle painting techniques -Defensive driving techniques (companies or individuals) -Preparation for grade testing (Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3) - Drivers' motor mechanics course (basic) - men & women. | April - May |
| ELECTRICAL | - Preparation for grade testing (Grade 3) House wiring - Basics in refrigeration and handling of refrigerants | Jan - March April - May |
| | | |
| COMMERCIAL | -Computerised Accounting - Pastel Partner -Spreadsheet processing -Word processing | Jan - Feb Jan - March Jan - May |

Courses will vary from 1 week to 12 weeks, and are mainly practice based.
For short courses, collect application forms from Reception.

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PRINCIPAL

Only one out of 14 EYA past winners was lost

By Manqoba Makhubu

OUT of the 14 past winners of the Entrepreneur of the Year (EYA) Awards, only one was lost and the rest are still going strong and are now massive employers.

This was disclosed by the Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) Managing Director Dorrington Mawane during the EYA held last Friday at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

The awards were graced by His Majesty King Mswati III. Mawane told the King that they were impressed by the phenomenal growth shown by these companies and the role played by the awards in enabling growth for these businesses. This year, the awards started at regions. Mawane said they were heartened by the discovery of businesses by both young and old female and male Swazis who are even 'worthy to be mentioned in international magazines and gain world recognition.' "A young Swazi boy started selling airtime still at school and with the savings has now started a grocery shop to mention one wonderful story," he said. He said another 2015 past winner is now going to manufacture tractor ploughs and is a major dealer in tractors. "Another 2012 winner is working on opening a branch in neighbouring Botswana as his furniture products are of international standard and our 2011 winner, a rural restaurant, is now beating them in town as he has opened two food shops in the city," he told the King. However, he said the sector continues to grapple with challenges like unfair competition and limited resources and taxation issues. "But we are convinced that together we shall overcome these challenges and reach the 2022 vision," he said. Mawane said they were positioning themselves as per the instruction from His Majesty that he doesn't want the attitude of smallness in businesses, but unprecedented growth that would take the country to 2022.



HAPPY PEOPLE: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza in this group photo during the EYA gala dinner and prize presentation.

LILAWU CONSTRUCTION NOW TAKES ON WORKS WORTH E25M

By Manqoba Makhubu

ENTREPRENEUR of the Year Award (EYA) previous winner Lilawu Construction now takes on contracts amounting to E25 million.

The company was also elevated to category B2 by the construction Industry Council of Swaziland (CIC).

Lilawu Construction Bhekisisa Mavimbela said this was part of the prestige that the company enjoys after winning the crown last year.

The reigning champion is now Waterman Swaziland following the 2017 edition of the awards held last Friday. Mavimbela said they started from humble beginnings and were awarded micro projects like, guard houses, classrooms school kitchens and maintenance projects for the Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF). He advised young entrepreneurs to choose their career at an early age, in order to identify their strength and weaknesses.



THANK YOU: Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) Managing Director Dornington Matiwane during the EYA held last Friday at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

"Once you have identify your strengths, then try and sell your business idea to people, especially those who are in that type of business to see if there is profitability in your business and by so doing that, one will be able to know the capacity needed to establish that type business," he said.

"Then, research the business competitive edge, on how your business will be different from others. At the

same time, try and choose a partner who knows the business, so that the two individuals can help each other in solving administration problems," he further stated. He also emphasised that compliance to rules and regulations is also vital to the success of a company. He said these include paying of taxes, labour compliances and national provident fund contributions amongst others.

SD's trade with UK looks safe for now in post Brexit

By Manqoba Makhubu

ENGAGEMENTS between the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and Mozambique and the United Kingdom (UK) have started as UK's exit from the European Union (EU) looms.

This is according to the international trade department which is domiciled under the ministry of commerce, industry and trade. The UK is expected to officially exit the EU in March 2019 and this had been anticipated to jeopardise various agreements including Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs). "In this regard, an engagement between SACU including Mozambique has started with the UK," said the department in the ministry of commerce, industry and trade second quarter performance report.

The department further disclosed that the UK has expressed its firm commitment to maintain the current market access to SACU and

Mozambique has to the UK.

"The engagement with the UK has given the country an assurance that there will be no disruption of trade between Swaziland and the UK post-Brexit," reads the report in part.

According to the report, the country's exports to the UK include mainly citrus fruits, canned fruits, clothing and apparel, sugar and sugar confectionery, raw hide and skins, as well as handicraft inclusive of glass and glassware, sandals and article of animals.

Producers

On the other hand, the country imports toys, games and sports items, furniture and bedding accessories, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus, electrical machinery and sound recorders and producers, nuclear reactor boilers and machinery.

Going forward, the department said it seeks to conclude the trade negotiations with the UK before March 2019, when the UK will formally exit the EU.

DATA Matics makes it twice in a row

By Majaha Nkonyane

IN the spirit of consistency Data Matics has once again emerged as a winner in the Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (EYA) Techno savvy category.

The IT consulting company and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) specialists won the very same award last year.

"When we started the business back in 2012 no one believed in us, we left our jobs just to sell computers and the business has grown to what it is today. We are looking into growing the business even more and also expand our reach," Data Matics Director Sibusiso Banties said.

The business currently has six permanent employees with a pool of different employees who are contracted on different projects. The business also deals in networking and data collection and they recently launched compass point, which is an application that helps locate shops and buildings in Mbabane.

The business also gives back to the community as they are supporting a few university students with their tertiary fees. "We are happy to give back to the community and assist where we can, as the business grows we are committed to support more young people," he said.

International

The business is further looking to grow beyond the borders of the country and work with international companies. The company recently won a tender with Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa COMESA to map informal crossings.

The tender has helped the business to be recognised internationally as they are now being approached by companies from South Africa to partner with them on certain projects.

"We are happy to work with different entities in the country which include amongst others the Ezulwini Municipality and Siteki Municipality amongst others. We are also looking forward to working with companies like Swaziland Railway and Tibiyo," he said.



ITS OFFICIAL: SEDCO Managing Director Dornington Matiwane appending his signature whilst BEDCO CEO Dr Makatlelo Matabooe also signs the MOU.

By Majaha Nkonyane

IN growing the Import export sector of the country Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) and the Basotho Enterprises Development

Corporation (BEDCO) of Lesotho have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The purpose of the MoU is to foster relations and strategic cooperation between the two entities that share similar mandates of over-

BEDCO, SEDCO signs MoU

seeing the development of the SMME sector in their respective countries.

"These relations have been characterised by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which the two organisations signed alongside Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) of Botswana.

Development

We share the same mandate of enterprise development, with one as an agency of the Government of Lesotho and the other as a company owned by the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland," BEDCO CEO Dr Makatlelo Matabooe said.

The two countries are members of what has historically been known as BOLESWA and have been famously known as sister countries because their

economies have historically been on the same level. The two are also members of similar regional blocs which include, The Southern African Development Community (SADC), The South African Customs Union (SACU), Rand Monetary Unit (RMU) and SADC Economic partnership Agreement (SADC EPA). The two countries within this agreement further enjoy a 100 percent free access to the European Union market.

"SEDCO and BEDCO must encourage joint ventures to improve survival chances as well as size to attack the COMESA and the SADC markets and harvest the opportunities to be presented by the possible Rugby World Cup in our neighboring South Africa,"

SEDCO Managing Director Dornington Matiwane said.

The relationship forged by the management of the two institutions will create other important activities such as exchange programmes aimed at achieving efficiency in executing mandates. It will also help with Benchmarking which is already happening as BEDCO was received in the country's Swaziland International Trade Fair in August.

Entrepreneurs

"We have since sent entrepreneurs to participate in the Swaziland International Trade Fair, which is an annual event here. We are also aware that Swazis are fond of our traditional Seshoeshoe dress, which stands out as Lesotho's cultural identity dress code; we can explore market opportunities in that area. This is an example of many activities that we will engage in from this collaboration," Matabooe said.

ICT CAN REVOLUTIONALISE DELIVERY OF AGRICULTURE EXTENSION SERVICES

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

THE third annual Institute of Development Management (IDM) conference has explored the beauty of e-learning and how it could benefit the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region, including the country.

This was contained from research papers presented during the third research conference held last week at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre in Ezulwini.

"E-extension enables agricultural extension service providers to reach large numbers of clientele; the purpose of the study is to assess the level of awareness of agricultural extension practitioners regarding ICT opportunities in agricultural extension work. This is to further assess the level of awareness of agricultural extension practitioners regarding ICT advances in enhancing extension service delivery," said IDM Lesotho's Mojaki Relebohile.

Awareness

Relebohile's research paper explored the level of awareness of agricultural extension practitioners regarding ICT opportunities in agricultural extension work and ICT advances in enhancing extension service delivery.

The research unveiled that practitioners were well acquainted with the advances in ICT with varying percentages on the use of electronic communication tools, including social media at 99 per cent, internet 96 per cent,

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radio 84 per cent, and smart phones 84 per cent, television 81 per cent, cell phones 79 per cent and laptops at 50 per cent.

He said the different electronic platforms in Lesotho were promoted by different factors which could also assist farmers in the country to learn from neighbouring countries.

"Social media, as facilitated by the increasing use of cellular phones, is clear demonstration that ICT is socially compatible and has potential to revolutionise the delivery of agricultural extension services," he said.

Education

On the other hand, Gloria B Samunzala from IDM Botswana explored challenges faced by higher education system's e-learning in Botswana.

Digital learning within the SADC region was further encouraged by the researcher, exploring challenges experienced by the region's higher education institutions in implementation of e-learning and their possible solutions.

"By comparison with developed countries, they found that most challenges concern the individual since cost of infrastructure support and maintenance

is not an issue (Moakofhi, et al 2017). Tarus, et al (2015); Naidu (2003); Islam et al (2015) indicates that majority of e-learning initiatives implemented in Sub-Saharan countries tend to fail, partially or totally due to the absence (or inadequacy) of infrastructure," she said. She said the e-learning process further requires that facilitators should be motivated to do the work.

Implementation

"This comes from Sikwibele and Mungoo (2009) who reveals that lack of interest and commitment among majority of the teaching staff to use e-learning in teaching is another challenge hindering the implementation of e-learning," she said.

Samunzala said the use of ICT for distance education makes access to the technology an enabling factor, which is access to the quality of the connectivity.

She said the reliability of this connection and the bandwidth affects the users' ability to access the full range of the content needed.

"This raises two issues – one is how to increase bandwidth and another is how to make e-learning content small-

'Research could influence different sectors of the economy'

MINISTRY of Public Service Principal Secretary Evart Madlopha says research has the potential to influence different sectors of the economy.

Madlopha was represented by the Under Secretary Nhlanhla Mnisi during the IDM research conference held last week at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre in Ezulwini.

"This does not only give our local people exposure, but also puts the country on the international stage given the representation we have today. During this occasion, we believe that some areas of our economy, particularly the service sector, tourism and hotel industry will experience a small injection to their businesses," he said.

He said the conference came at a time when dialogue needed to happen in order to determine the ability and aptitude to compete not only regionally, but internationally. Mnisi further said declining openness in the global economy was harming competitiveness and making it harder for leaders to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

The conference touched on the core mandate of IDM which was to meet management needs of the region through management development activities, including training, research, and consultancy.

It further provided an opportu-



REVEALS: Evart Madlopha.

nity for fellow academicians, researchers, educationists and other professionals regionally and internationally to network and have scientific discussions and to further develop recommendations that could go a long way to improve people's lives.

Mnisi said the importance of research cannot be over emphasised as it has a very high potential of giving direction to government when developing and implementing policies.

"Let us be reminded that decision making and policy development are influenced by research; progressive nations achieve and sustain levels of development through benefits that accrue from investment in innovation, knowledge, and research," he said.

er, multimedia and computer graphics should be adjusted according to the prevailing bandwidth situation," she said.

"Effective online courses are well designed so that teaching and learning is organised in the most effective and engaging manner

possible. In an online learning situation, the student's learning experience is almost entirely mediated through some form of technology; therefore, the design of the teaching and learning experience is especially critical," she further stated.

Can KPMG's Miss Fixit 'really' fix it?

JOHANNESBURG - Five colleagues, and still hers is the only black female face at the table.

She seems tense, but that could be because the company has decided to direct a team that includes a lawyer, a communications specialist and an executive from the mother company in London to accompany her to the interview.

This is the first impression one gets when meeting KPMG's new CEO, Nhlamulo Dlomu, for a long-overdue interview at the company's Johannesburg head office on Thursday.

It is one of the first comprehensive interviews she has granted.

A number of conditions have been laid out beforehand by KPMG.

Chief among them is the one stipulating that Dlomu will not be answering questions related to the recent corporate sins of the company she now leads.

These have to do with the report KPMG had compiled – and recently withdrew – regarding the so-called rogue unit of the SA Revenue Service (SARS), and work on Gupta-linked entities.

Dlomu and the interim Chief Operating Officer, Andrew Cranston – who has been seconded to South Africa from KPMG International, where he holds the same position – take turns in answering City Press' questions.

Interview

They also take turns glancing at what I am writing in my notepad while responding to questions. This goes on for the entire interview.

KPMG has lost a host of valuable clients, signalling hundreds of millions of rands in potential lost earnings for the audit firm.

The bleeding is unlikely to stop soon as several more clients are set to decide on whether to retain the beleaguered firm's business at their respective annual general meetings.

"We have lost about five per cent of our client book overall. It's the ones that have decided to terminate," Dlomu says, pointing out that the figure does not include the non-renewal of contracts.

She says although there is anxiety among KPMG's staff, there are no extreme levels of staff exits.

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Business Extra

DA to push for better Gautrain subsidy deal

JOHANNESBURG – Taxpayer's will, over and above the R30 billion Gautrain construction price tag, have paid well over R50 billion for this service if current subsidy levels continue, the Democratic Alliance said yesterday.

The current Gautrain subsidy was the largest single item of expenditure in the budget of the Gauteng roads and transport department, making up roughly 35 per cent of its budget for the past financial year, DA spokesperson Justus de Goede said.

The recent announcement of the expansion plans for the Gautrain had focused attention on the possibility that this high subsidy would be perpetuated should a new contract be signed.

This contribution made it possible to subsidise each passenger trip by around R60, according to the auditor general's estimation.

"Virtually all public transport systems worldwide are subsidised, but this is an unusually high proportion, to the extent that the Competition Commission will



be looking into the matter in its current investigation into public transport in South Africa," he said.

"If the annual subsidy for Gautrain maintains a level of between R2 billion and R3 billion for the duration of the concession, the taxpayer would, over and above the R30 billion construction price tag, have paid well over R50 billion for this service."

The Gautrain was an efficient and extremely well-run public transport

mode, but unaffordable for many residents of the province.

The root of the problem lay in the contract that the province signed initially with the consortium of concessionaries; the subsidy contained a large component known as the ridership guarantee, which effectively protected the concessionaries against ridership figures falling below a threshold determined before the system started operating.

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World News

BRIEFS

Protesters detained at nationalist march

MOSCOW - Russian riot police on Saturday detained dozens of people at a nationalist anti-Kremlin march on a public holiday known as the Day of National Unity. Marchers at the event, which attracts nationalist protesters, shouted slogans including "Putin is a thief" and "freedom for political prisoners". Police in helmets and body armour moved in to seize activists, mostly young men, at the authorised event in Lyublino, a suburb of southern Moscow.

AFP

Saudis intercept ballistic missile

RIYADH - Saudi Arabia on Saturday intercepted and destroyed a ballistic missile over Riyadh after it was launched from conflict-torn Yemen, with debris landing inside the capital's international airport, officials said. Residents in Riyadh reported a loud bang near the airport after the missile, claimed by Iran-backed Huthi rebels, was shot down, but authorities reported no major damage or loss of life. The attack underscores the threat posed by the raging conflict in Yemen, increasingly spilling across the border since a Saudi-led coalition began its military intervention in 2015.

AFP

Study finds horse DNA in 10% of meat dishes

MEXICO CITY - A study in Mexico has found horse DNA in almost 10 per cent of the ground beef and meat dishes served or sold in public markets, butcher shops, street stalls and taco stands in five Mexican cities. Researchers at the School of Veterinary Medicine at Mexico's National Autonomous University analysed 433 samples of steak, ground beef and prepared meat dishes from businesses.

AP

Macri to honour truck attack victims

BUENOS AIRES - Argentine President Mauricio Macri is set to travel to New York to pay tribute to the victims of the bike path truck attack and seek investments, his office said. Five of the eight people killed in the October 31 attack were friends from Argentina celebrating the 30th anniversary of their high school graduation. An Argentine national is also among the 12 people injured, while four other Argentines -- all from the same group -- survived the attack unscathed. Macri, who travels to New York with his wife Juliana Awada, is set to hold a ceremony at 9:00am (1500 GMT) at the site of the truck attack.

AFP

Climate activists march to keep coal in ground

BONN - Thousands of demonstrators converged on Bonn Saturday ahead of UN climate negotiations demanding that governments step up action to halt global warming, starting with a rapid phase-out of coal-burning power plants. Decked out in red to signify their "Stop Coal" campaign, the protesters chanted slogans and beat drums as they snaked through the former West Germany capital toward the UN centre that will host the 12-day, 196-nation talks, tasked with implementing the landmark Paris Agreement.

AP

Scottish minister quits over 'inappropriate behaviour'

LONDON - A junior minister in Scotland's government resigned on Saturday after admitting "inappropriate behaviour", the latest official to quit in a deepening scandal over sexual harassment and abuse that has been sweeping British politics.

Childcare Minister Mark McDonald said in a statement that he apologised "unreservedly to anyone I have upset or who might have found my behaviour inappropriate."

... "Some of my previous actions have been considered to be inappropriate - where I have believed myself to have been merely humorous or attempting to be friendly, my behaviour might have made others uncomfortable or led them to question my intentions,"

"Some of my previous actions have been considered to be inappropriate - where I have believed myself to have been merely humorous or attempting to be friendly, my behaviour might have made others uncomfortable or led them to question my intentions," he said. He said his behaviour was "entirely my own responsibility", adding

that by resigning, he hoped "neither any particular woman or my family will be the focus of undue and unwarranted scrutiny".

Resignation

A government spokesperson confirmed McDonald had tendered his resignation to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon on Saturday.

He is expected to remain a law-

maker in the Scottish Parliament, representing Sturgeon's Scottish National Party in Aberdeen.

Several claims of harassment and abuse have emerged against British politicians in the wake of the allegations by dozens of women against Hollywood tycoon Harvey Weinstein.

AFP

Bush Sr. voted for Clinton, called Trump a 'blowhard'

WASHINGTON - Former US president George H.W. Bush voted for Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election and called Donald Trump a "blowhard" who was driven by "a certain ego."

His son George W. Bush left his ballot blank and said of Trump: "This guy doesn't know what it means to be president."

The revelations, contained in historian Mark Updegrove's "The Last Republicans," available in bookstores later this month, represent the strongest criticism to date from the Bush clan on why their Republican successor is uniquely unfit to hold office.

"I don't like him," the elder Bush told Updegrove in May 2016 before the elections in November of that year, according to excerpts of the book obtained by AFP.

"I don't know much about him, but I know he's a blowhard. And I'm not too excited about him being (our) leader."

While travelling to Tokyo on Air Force One, Trump walked back to the press cabin and responded to the Bushes' criticism.

"I don't need headlines. I don't want to make their move successful," he said.

The younger Bush was skeptical about then-candidate Trump's chances in a race in which his younger brother Jeb was an early favourite.

"Interesting, won't last," was his initial reaction when Trump entered the race.

Once the bombastic billionaire real estate magnate secured the Republican nomination, Bush expressed surprise and worried about Trump's lack of humility, and thus his inability to recognize his own limitations and surround himself with more knowledgeable people.

"As you know from looking at my family," Bush said, humility "is a certain heritage, that's what they expect, and we're not seeing that" in Trump.

After Trump said, "I'm my own advisor," Bush quipped: "Wow, this guy really doesn't understand the job of president."

The comments are sure to escalate a long-running feud and come after George W. Bush gave a speech last month that condemned bigotry, bullying and lies in US politics in what was widely seen as a broadside against Trump even though the president was not mentioned by name.

AFP

NO DICTATOR' SHOULD UNDERESTIMATE US RESOLVE - TRUMP

TOKYO - President Donald Trump yesterday warned that "no dictator" should underestimate the United States, in a thinly veiled reference to North Korea, which is likely to dominate his Asian tour.

Speaking to cheering servicemen at Yokota Air Base just west of Tokyo, Trump donned a military jacket offered to him and issued a threat that "no one, no dictator, no regime and no nation should underestimate... American resolve".

"Every once in a while in the past, they underestimated us. It was not pleasant for them, was it?" roared Trump.

"We will never yield, never waver and never falter in defence



WARNS: President Donald Trump.

of our people, our freedom and our great American flag."

Trump's marathon trip comes with the North Korea crisis at fever pitch, with US bombers running sorties over the Korean peninsula and fears mounting of another Pyongyang missile

test. The president's first stops are Japan and South Korea -- frontline US allies in the effort to force Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear programme, and the two countries with most to fear should a full-scale conflict break out. AFP

Austrian party head quits over sex harassment claims

VIENNA - Prominent Austrian politician Peter Pilz on Saturday quit Parliament and stepped down as head of his newly formed anti-establishment party over sexual harassment allegations.

"I've always fought for strict standards and these standards also apply to me," the veteran leftwing MP, 63, said in a statement.

The announcement came after weekly newspaper Falter confronted him early Saturday with allegations of sexual misconduct.

A woman told the paper that an inebriated Pilz had groped her in 2013 at a major annual discussion forum in the western town of Alpbach.

"His hands were everywhere,"



QUITS: Prominent Austrian politician Peter Pilz.

she was quoted as saying by Falter.

Participants

The woman said two other forum participants eventually dragged the politician away.

Pilz said he could not remember the incident, but took the

allegations "extremely serious". However, Pilz rejected claims made last week by a female Greens member who also accused him of fondling her on dozens of occasions when he was still with the party.

Reuters

Focus on SA scene

RAMAPHOSA, DLAMINI-ZUMA IN A TIGHT RACE

JOHANNESBURG - The race for the presidency of the ANC is shaping up to be a tight two-horse race between deputy president Cyril Ramaphosa and former African Union Commission head Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma.

The other presidential contenders, including Mathews Phosa, Jeff Radebe, Lindiwe Sisulu, Baleka Mbete and Zweli Mkhize, are all competing for a distant third.

City Press this week looked at two provinces with contrasting fortunes for Ramaphosa and Dlamini-Zuma.

With 331 of the 806 branches having sat for their branch general meetings (BGMs) over the past weeks in KwaZulu-Natal, Dlamini-Zuma has taken an early lead with 260 branch nominations and Ramaphosa getting the nod from 69 branches. Former KZN chairperson and current party Treasurer-General Zweli Mkhize - who was touted as a dark horse in the



TIGHT RACE: Former African Union Commission head Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma and Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa.

contest for the top position - has only received nominations from two branches.

KZN is the ANC's largest province going to the December conference and many believe getting majority support

is key to the success for anyone aiming for top position.

Figures

Despite the apparent setback from the latest figures, Mkhize's main foot soldier Alpha Shelembe has put on a

More smoke in Dlamini-Zuma cigarette backer saga

JOHANNESBURG - Further details of meetings between presidential hopeful Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma and her alleged campaign backers have surfaced.

The Sunday Times has published pictures of at least two meetings between Dlamini-Zuma, self-confessed tobacco smuggler Adriano Mazzotti and his business associates.

The report claims Mazzotti

and Supabet owners Philip and Photios Anastassopoulos flew Dlamini-Zuma to the UK and Greece earlier this year to raise funds for her presidential campaign.

The allegations first surfaced in the new book *The President's Keepers*.

Mazzotti last week denied having any political affiliations, saying he'd only met Dlamini-Zuma once. *eNCA*

brave face, insisting that the campaign is going according to plan. His branch, ward 18 in Moses Mabhida region, with parts of Pietermaritzburg and surrounding areas, managed to get him nominated for deputy president.

Balance

"We read the balance of forces carefully and realised that all over the region, and even the province for that matter, there is an obsession towards who becomes president, but our focus is the presi-

dency and branches are not hostile towards this," said Shelembe on Friday evening.

Mkhize's branch ward 14, that has Pietermaritzburg suburb Willowfontein, will hold its BGM this afternoon. Shelembe also conceded that the Eastern Cape had probably been lost; citing misleading information from some provincial executive committee members who had told the Mkhize camp that the province was behind him. *City Press*

SASSA's time is running out

JOHANNESBURG - The agency keeps missing deadlines as it fails to decide who will disburse social welfare grants to millions in SA.

Almost two months ago, a panel of experts warned that the South Africa Social Security Agency (SASSA) would not meet its deadlines because it did not have the skills and experience to successfully transfer the payment of social grants to a new system by April next year.

The panel was convened in June to evaluate the implementation of the payment of social grants, including evaluating the steps envisaged and taken by SASSA to appoint a new contractor to pay the grants.

Deadlines

The panel, which is chaired by Auditor-General Kimi Makwetu and has former South African Reserve Bank governor Gill Marcus as one of its members, also noted that several of the deadlines set out in SASSA's first report to the court have not been met.

SASSA's timelines could probably only be achieved by compromising on the quality of work required to realise the project milestones, the panel added.

Things came to a head this week as SASSA and the South African Post Office failed to decide whether the latter was capable of disbursing the grants to millions of South Africans from April 1, which is when the illegal contract with Cash Paymaster Services (CPS) comes to an end.

News24

JOHANNESBURG - Newly appointed State Security Minister Bongani Bongo is under investigation for alleged corrupt land transactions during his time as legal adviser in the Mpumalanga provincial government.

The probe covers the allegedly suspicious purchase of a BMW by Bongo's brother using money from a conveyancer. Only Bongani Bongo used the car.

City Press has seen a letter in which acting Hawks head Yolisa Matakata updates Police Minister Fikile Mbalula about the probe, which names Bongo as one of the implicated people.

As Mpumalanga human settlements department legal adviser, Bongo was respon-

HAWKS GUN FOR SPY BOSS



INVESTIGATION: President Jacob Zuma and State Security Minister Bongani Bongo.

sible for drafting the contracts for the purchase of Rietspruit farm (Ermelo), Portion 156 of the farm Malelane and Naauwpoort (Emalahleni). They were col-

lectively sold for millions more than their actual price.

Reshuffled

The letter, which implicates Bongo, was signed seven days after President Jacob

Zuma reshuffled his Cabinet on October 17, promoting the ANC backbencher to the crucial portfolio of state security.

City Press

Head of SABC legal services killed

JOHANNESBURG - The South African Broadcasting Corporation's (SABC) head of legal services Sizwe Vilakazi has been shot dead, the SABC said yesterday.

"It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Sizwe Vilakazi, the SABC's head of legal services.

"Vilakazi was shot dead last night [Saturday]," SABC spokesman Kaizer Kganyago said.

Kganyago said Vilakazi would be remembered for his immense contribution at the SABC.

"He was dedicated to his work and entrusted with a huge responsibility of heading the SABC's legal division," Kganyago said.

Vilakazi had served the SABC in various capacities.

African News Agency

Political parties unite to condemn alleged rape against domestic worker

BRONKHORSTSPRUIT - A 45 year-old man accused of first raping, and then forcing his domestic worker to perform sex acts with his dog abandoned his bail application in the Bronkhorstspuit Magistrate's Court.

The accused sat stone-faced when he appeared before a packed court presided over by Magistrate Ignatius du Preez.

It is alleged that the suspect dragged the woman into his room on October

23, where he attacked her and forced her to perform acts of bestiality with his dog.

"If you are convicted of all these charges, you will face life imprisonment," Du Preez told the man.

Accused

The accused is facing 10 charges including rape, sexual assault, and malicious damage to property. He was arrested last week for allegedly raping a 41 year-old woman. The incidents allegedly happened in

Riama Park, Bronkhorstspuit, on October 23.

The man's legal aid lawyer, Ehleketani Maluleke told the court that he was abandoning his bail bid, but did not give any reasons.

The State asked for the matter to be postponed to February 5, to allow for further investigations and to wait for the DNA test results.

Du Preez granted the postponement as requested, but warned that the case would continue on the next

date even if the DNA test results were not available. "The defence's concern that it will be a long wait carries no weight because it is their choice to abandon their bail application. It is not the choice of the court," Du Preez said. Outside the court, hundreds of people, including members of the African National Congress (ANC), Democratic Alliance (DA) and Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), sang and danced.

African News Agency



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HEAD OF LOANS AND EQUITY

Reporting to: Business Development Manager

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS JOB:

The Head of Loans and Equity position's main priorities will be: taking responsibility for the maintenance and continued growth of well diversified loans and equity portfolio in line with SIDC's approved strategy anchored by the company's investment guidelines and principles. The successful candidate will market loans and equity finance services offered by SIDC, conduct appraisals and make recommendations on loans and equity finance applications. The functions of this position will include monitoring the performance of the portfolios under loans and equity, reporting on the performance, as well as managing and keeping staff motivated within the section/department. The Projects Appraisal Officer reports to this position

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Economics or equivalent
- 8 years' experience as a Loans and Equity Officer or Loans Appraisal Officer
- Minimum 5 years in a management position
- Entrepreneurship related qualification will be an added advantage

REQUIRED FUNCTIONAL APTITUDES:

- Financial accounting
- Customer Service
- Management Reporting
- Strong Analytic Skills
- Confidentiality and Integrity
- A background in Sales and Marketing

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Identifying and using suitable marketing strategies to grow the loans and equity portfolios in line with the company strategy
- Prepare Board and/or committees' paper in respect of loans and equity applications
- Coordinating the preparation of financial contracts or loan agreements
- Arrange for the commitment of funds and signing of contracts
- Liaising closely with Borrowers to ensure fulfilment of disbursement conditions and monitoring covenants
- Making contact with customers to ensure regular payments of loans are made as agreed
- Preparing periodic reports for management and quarterly reports for SIDC Board
- Using knowledge and understanding of industries to recommend new investment spread to reduce concentration risk.
- Providing regular reports on the performance of loan finance and equity portfolios
- Regularly reviewing staff performance, identifying training needs and working with HR in fostering improvements
- Assisting in the preparation of reports for the regulators, particularly on the activities that pertains the loans portfolios

ASSISTANT IT OFFICER

Reporting to: IT Officer

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS JOB:

The Assistant IT Officer's main priorities will be to: assist the IT Officer with the daily support of customers/users. These include hardware, software, network and printers but not limited to the listed. The successful candidate will also be involved in projects to improve the current network infrastructure, training of users with basic computer skills. Managing the help desk to keep track of reported issues and responding to them.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology or related field
- Minimum of three (3) years of experience in the field of Information Technology
- Experience in the most current technologies and products used in the industry
- Experience in using SQL language and writing SQL reports.

REQUIRED FUNCTIONAL APTITUDES:

- Database administration
- System troubleshooting
- LAN proficiency

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Ensure computer systems availability and compatibility to meet company's requirements.
- Regular data and systems back-ups
- Assist in Implementation of new computer systems and security protocols

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Reporting to: Chief Executive Officer
REF: AMRS - MBD2017

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS JOB:

The Business Development Manager's main priorities will be: to provide strategic and operational leadership in line with the Company approved strategic plan and to ensure a financially viable company as well as develop and implement policies. Improve the company's market position and achieve financial growth, identify business opportunities and understand market conditions. The successful candidate will oversee the entire lending process, including initial application, review and disbursement of funds as well as the evaluation of loan applications in accordance with laid down procedures within agreed turnaround times. Reporting to the CEO, the Business Development Manager will also assist in the coordination and implementation of Board approved SIDC investments.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- B.Comm Honors in Accounting, Economics or equivalent
- MBA or Equivalent will be a strong recommendation
- 10 years' experience in the financial sector
- Minimum 8 years in a senior management position
- Management or leadership related qualification will be an added advantage

REQUIRED FUNCTIONAL APTITUDES:

- Project management
- Management reporting
- Financial accounting
- Budget preparation
- Strong problem solving and relationship building skills

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Define long-term strategic goals.
- Build key customer relationships.
- Develop policies and ensure compliance with policies.
- Manage staff and develop training requirements.
- Risk management
- Managing the property portfolio.
- Assisting in the provision of an implementation plan/programme for all projects
- Coordinates the preparation of finance contracts or loan agreements
- Participating in further negotiations and/or finalization of terms and conditions of financing
- Making site visits and administration of finance contracts and loan agreements
- Prepare periodic reports for management and quarterly reports for SIDC Board
- Advise clients on potential problems
- Assist in the preparation of corporate budget and other financial matters

PROJECT APPRAISAL AND MONITORING OFFICER

Reporting to: HEAD OF LOANS AND EQUITY

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS JOB:

The Project Appraisal and Monitoring Officer position's main priorities will be: identifying projects, conducting pre-feasibility studies, project appraisal and preparing reports for the Head of Loans and Equity. The successful candidate will also investigate investment opportunities, assess project proposals submitted to SIDC for financing by promoter, monitor implementation of approved projects as well as maintaining a record of all approved, rejected or deferred projects.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Economics or equivalent
- 3 years' experience as a Project Appraisal and monitoring.
- A qualification in data management will be an added advantage

REQUIRED FUNCTIONAL APTITUDES:

- Financial accounting
- Data Management
- Customer Service
- Management reporting
- Strong analytic skills
- Confidentiality and integrity

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Obtaining information on investment opportunities.
- Conduct feasibility studies
- Use relevant tools to assess project proposal submitted from time to time by promoter for financing by SIDC.
- Conduct project appraisal in accordance with standards established by SIDC; establish the viability of projects.
- Monitor implementation of approved projects.

Applications

Interested applicants should send their applications and CVs with three contactable references quoting the job title on the subject line; accompanied by certified academic qualifications to carol.amrecruitment@g-mail.com on or before **10 November 2017**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

(Should you not receive feedback within 14 days after the closing date, you may consider your application unsuccessful)

BRIEFS

\$6m in Ebola funds went missing from fraud

DAKAR - Red Cross officials say nearly \$6m meant to help fight the Ebola outbreak in West Africa went missing because of suspected fraud. In one instance, an internal investigation found "likely collusion" between bank employees and former staff of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. A statement says as much as \$2m was lost. The IFRC says it is working with Sierra Leone's Anti-Corruption Commission to "investigate and legally pursue any persons involved."

AP

Just 2 dogs patrol for wildlife trafficking

JUBA - Leaping from the van, South Sudan's only two patrol dogs raced toward passengers disembarking a plane in the capital, Juba. After frantically sniffing their luggage, one dog abruptly sat in front of a wary young man and stared at his bag. Removing a piece of ivory from a side pouch, the man breathed a sigh. It was just a drill, though the dogs hardly need practice runs to sharpen their skills. Ivory and illegal animals regularly flow through this civil war-torn nation that advocacy groups say has become a critical hub for traffickers.

AP

US forces to arm drones in terrorism fight

NIAMEY - Niger will allow US forces stationed in the country to arm the drones being used to track jihadists, having previously allowed their use only for surveillance, the government said. The decision comes a month after jihadists ambushed a joint US-Niger patrol in a volatile area near the border with Mali, killing four American soldiers and four Nigerien troops. But Defence Minister Kalla Moutari said the decision had been taken before the October 4 attack at Tongo Tongo.

AFP

US warns diplomatic staff of 'specific threat'

MOGADISHU - The US mission to Somalia on Saturday urged all of its non-essential staff to leave Mogadishu immediately following a specific threat against them at the capital's international airport. The warning came just hours after US forces confirmed carrying out their first-ever drone strikes targeting Islamic State (IS) jihadists in the Horn of Africa nation. "Due to specific threat information against US personnel on the Mogadishu International Airport, the US Mission to Somalia has directed its non-essential US citizen employees to depart Mogadishu until further notice," a statement posted on its website said.

AFP

Mourners left in shock after hearse bursts into flames

NAIROBI - Mourners were left shaken when a hearse carrying the body of a man burst into flames at Kimicha village in Kirinyaga County. The body of the man, who died last week in Ngong, was being ferried from Nairobi to Kerugoya area for burial when the incident happened. According to Benson Munyua, the driver of the hearse, the journey from the city went smoothly but on arrival at the village, he heard the vehicle backfiring before a huge fire emanated from under the vehicle spread out.

AFP

**Fraud probe to delay Liberia run-off: commission**

MONROVIA - A presidential election run-off in Liberia scheduled for tomorrow will be delayed by a Supreme Court fraud investigation, the National Elections Commission (NEC) said.

Former soccer star George Weah and Vice President Joseph Boakai are competing to succeed President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate whose election in 2005 helped draw a line under 14 years of civil war.

The vote is meant to mark Liberia's

first democratic transition of power since 1944, but the Supreme Court this week halted preparations while it examined charges by third-place finisher Charles Brumskine's Liberty Party that the Oct. 10 first round was marred by fraud.

Following arguments by the Liberty Party and counter-arguments by the NEC, Chief Justice Francis Korkpor said that the court would give its decision at 10 a.m. (1000 GMT) today, one day before the scheduled poll.

"The election will definitely be delayed, but we don't know for how long," NEC spokesman Henry Flomo said. "The fact that the court will not rule until Monday is a delay."

Boakai's ruling Unity Party has backed the Liberty Party's allegations and even accused Johnson Sirleaf, one of its own members, of interfering in the vote by holding private meetings with election magistrates.

Johnson Sirleaf denied the meet-

ings were inappropriate. Observers from the European Union and the Carter Center said they saw no major problems with the first round vote.

Addressing the court's five justices, Brumskine cited "gross irregularities". In its complaint last week, the Liberty Party alleged various problems, including the late opening of polls, the absence of queue controllers and fraud by NEC officials.

Reuters

MUGABE THREATENS TO SACK VP AS WIFE BOOED

BULAWAYO - Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe openly pilloried his deputy and possible successor on Saturday, saying he might sack him, in a combative speech at a rally where his wife Grace was booed by some in the crowd.

The 93-year-old leader's remarks exposed tensions in the ruling ZANU-PF party over who stands to take power after him, an event only expected when Mugabe dies but a generational change likely to prompt bitter battles.

Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa, nicknamed "the Crocodile", is one of the top candidates.

But Grace Mugabe - 41 years younger than her husband - has become increasingly active in public life in what many say is a political grooming process to help her eventually take the top job.

Mnangagwa has been accused by Mugabe loyalists of undermining the president and of fanning factionalism in ZANU-PF, which has already named the incumbent as its candidate for next year's presidential election.

Mnangagwa, 75, was appoint-



TOGETHER WE STAND: Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe and First Lady Grace Mugabe.

ed vice-president in 2014 and has been widely touted as the obvious successor to Mugabe, who has led the country for 37 years.

But a visibly incensed Mugabe unleashed wrath at his vice-president, sitting nearby, when speaking in Shona in the opposition stronghold city of Bulawayo.

"We are denigrated and insulted in the name of Mnangagwa. Did I make a mistake in appoint-

ing him as my deputy?" Mugabe asked.

"You know nothing" "If I made a mistake by appointing Mnangagwa... tell me. I will drop him as early as tomorrow. We are not afraid of anyone. We can decide even here," he said.

"If it has come to this, it is time we make a final decision," he added, telling Mnangagwa and his supporters they were free to leave ZANU-PF. *News24*

Mugabe to appoint woman deputy, all eyes on Grace

HARARE - Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe is set to appoint a woman deputy after a special ruling party congress next month, the first lady said on Saturday and added that there was nothing wrong if her husband appointed her.

The 93-year-old Mugabe has held power in the southern African nation since independence from Britain in 1980 and consistently refused to anoint a successor. He argues that the ruling ZANU-PF party would choose his replacement if and when he decides to

retire. Grace Mugabe told a ZANU-PF rally in the second city of Bulawayo that the party would amend its Constitution this month and the changes would be adopted at a special December congress to ensure that one of Mugabe's two deputies would be a woman. Allowing Mugabe to appoint a woman deputy could scuttle the presidential ambitions of Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa, who had been seen as a shoe-in to succeed Mugabe. Phelekezela Mphoko is the second Mugabe deputy, but lacks

any political base. Mnangagwa, nicknamed 'Ngweni' (Crocodile), has seen his political stock plummet in the last few months, on accusations by party rivals that he was plotting to get Mugabe to step down in his favour. He denies the accusation.

On Saturday Grace cranked up the pressure against Mnangagwa, calling him the "root cause of factionalism" that was gnawing at the ruling party. She also accused the vice president's supporters of booing her while she gave her speech. *Reuters*

Ping slams proposed changes to Gabon constitution as 'autocratic'

LIBREVILLE - Gabon opposition leader Jean Ping on Saturday said he would try to scuttle proposed changes to the country's Constitution, describing draft changes as "autocratic" and liable to violate the principle of separation of powers.

"We must thwart this constitutional revision," Ping told a crowd of supporters in an address at his home in capital Libreville.

"We need to derail it because it carries the seeds of the Republic's liquidation and... the establishment of a kingdom in Gabon".

The proposed changes specifically focus on "determining the relationship between the president and the government in case of cohabitation", "strengthening Parliament's oversight powers" and the creation of a Court of Justice to prosecute senior officials.

Adopted in late September by the Cabinet and soon to be debated in Parliament, the draft includes decisions agreed during a political "dialogue" that took place at the presidential palace in March, in an effort to resolve a crisis sparked by President Ali Bongo's re-election in August 2016.

Ping, a 74-year-old career diplomat defeated by Bongo by just a few thousand votes, maintains he was the winner of the poll, in defiance of Gabon's Constitutional Court, which upheld Bongo's victory.

The court ruled that Bongo won 50.66 percent of the vote and Ping 47.24 percent, leading the opposition leader to accuse the administration of electoral fraud.

Violence broke out days after the vote, and opposition figures say more than 50 people were killed in clashes. The official toll was only three dead.

AFP



OPPOSES: Gabon opposition leader Jean Ping.



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'ZOX' IS NEW SWAMA PRESIDENT

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

FIRST he chaired the SWAMA awards organising committee, now 'Zox' is the new SWAMA President. Zox ascended to his new seat after beating his fellow title contenders with 19 votes on Saturday at the SWSC auditorium where SWAMA had held their AGM.

SWAMA stands for Swaziland Arts and Music Association.

Worth noting is that the new committee consists of three members that were part of the memorable first ever MTN SWAMA awards organising committee.

These include Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, Lindelwa 'Lindz' Mafa who is now the Vice President of SWAMA and Penny Bouwer who is an additional member to the executive.

Untrue

It was as though the saying 'if wishes were horses beggars would ride' was untrue as indeed some artists wish was that Zox assumes the SWAMA presidential seat, and it was so on Saturday.



INTRODUCING: The new SWAMA Executive Committee being introduced to the artists during the SWAMA elections which were held at Swaziland Water Services Corporation auditorium, Ezulwini on Saturday. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)

Dlamini was battling for the presidential seat with Ambrose Zwane and Dan Dlamini.

He beat the other candidates with 19 votes followed by Dan Dlamini with seven votes and Ambrose Dlamini received only four votes.

Dlamini will lead the SWAMA office alongside with radio personality Lindelwa 'Lindz' Mafa, who

is the new SWAMA Vice President beating Pachanga who had one vote and Dan Dlamini with 11. Mafa received 19 votes and scooped the vice presidential seat.

Youthful

The new SWAMA executive team consists of youthful and pioneers of the entertainment industry such as Bongani 'DJ Tizalami' Dube, lawyer

and RnB crooner Tiyamike 'Tiyas King' Maziya, Nqobile Simelane, Quad Element Manager Thabile Mdluli, Brian 'Mr stay cool' Mdluli, Sicelo 'DJ Chuidy' Zwane and Penny Bouwer.

The new executive is to pursue the association's main objectives; unearthing, assisting and promoting artistic and musical talent amongst

its members in the country, they are also set to make the nation aware of the existing artistic and musical talent amongst SWAMA members. They also have to raise funds in the name of the association and spend such to further the interest of the association.

Entrusting

The new president has pledged to give full support to artistic, "Thank you very much for entrusting us with such a fragile and important industry. I'm very excited with this group of young, passionate people that I will be working together with."

"I can't really say much now but we promise to do best and make sure that we improve from the great work that has been done by the outgoing executive and we will definitely be a consulting and working with the outgoing executive going forward."

"We look forward to serving the arts and we need people to pray for us, support us and let's take it further. Thank you," Dlamini delivered his first speech as the SWAMA president.

...Outgoing executive finds E600, leaves E 29 375

BEFORE the elections took place the outgoing committee tabled their reports including a very startling financial report.

The outgoing executive which was led by Lutfo Dlamini was able to record profits for the association as they left E 29 375 in SWAMA account after their three years in the office.

In 2014 when they were introduced to the office, the association had E 600 in the account. Nonetheless, Dlamini with the help of his team was able to make a total income of E541 775. 28 from different sponsors to roll out the great initiatives that they did such as T55 Talent search and MTN SWAMA Awards to mention a few.

GOODBYE: Outgoing SWAMA President Lutfo Dlamini paying attention to the proceedings.



WOOW: The new SWAMA PRO Thabile Mdluli.



IS IT ME: SWAMA Vice President Lindelwa Mafa reacting.

(L) **EXCITED:** Nqobile Simelane is the new SWAMA Treasurer. (R) **HAPPY MOOD:** The new SWAMA Executive Secretary Bongani Dube.



IN: The new Vice Secretary Tiyamike Maziya.



THE NEW SWAMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini
Vice President: Lindelwa 'Lindz' Mafa
Executive Secretary: Bongani 'DJ Tizalami' Dube
Vice Executive Secretary: Tiyamike 'Tiyas' Maziya
Executive Treasurer: Nqobile Simelane
Public Relations Officer: Thabile Mdluli
Additional Members: Sicelo 'DJ Chuidy' Zwane, Penny Bouwer, and Brian 'Stay cool' Mdluli.

OUTGOING SWAMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President - Lutfo Dlamini
Vice President - Phindile Mabuza
Secretary General - Dan Dlamini
Vice Secretary - Dumisa Dlamini
Public Relations Officer - Menzi Mtsetfwa
Treasurer - Sithembile Majola
Additional Members - Nomsa M, Rasmoolah,

...PACHANGA PLEADS FOR E 1 000 TO HOST HER BIRTHDAY

MUSICIAN Pachanga pleaded for E1 000 from the outgoing executive so she could host her 41th birthday on November 24.

In this birthday celebration, the

singer hopes to invite SWAMA artists to celebrate with her.

She pleaded after the outgoing President Lutfo had made his report, "I'm sorry Mr Dlamini, may I please have E 1 000 I want

to celebrate my upcoming birthday around Manzini," she asked.

The generous outgoing president Lutfo Dlamini promised to give her from his pocket and that's if Pachanga would host SWAMA

artists.

Meanwhile, Pachanga was nominated several times during the elections, but got the least votes and so could not scoop a single post.

HIGH FASHION AT ST FRANCIS PROM NIGHT

By Ayanda Dlamini

PUPILS from St Francis High School were on Saturday night at Royal Swazi Libandla Hall celebrating their last day as high school pupils.

They came dressed to the nines. Most of the girls' outfits were out of this world, most come with a slit and some in body hugging dresses and stunning hairdos.

The gents were well suited-up, blue was the most favoured colour, with brown shoes.



PINK BOY: Machawe Dlamini went for pink at his prom night.



GREEN MAN: Phiwayinkhosi Bhembe went for a green three-piece suit with brown loafers.



HAPPY: St Francis pupils looked good in their different outfits at their prom night which was held at Royal Swazi, Libandla Hall on Saturday. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)



SIMPLE: Sphiwe Dlamini upon arrival looked amazing.



VEZA ITHANGA: Lindokuhle Dlamini went for pink-laced dress which supplemented her hairstyle.

ANGELIC: Sineke Smith went for a white gown accessorised with silver. It cost her E 1 500.



FLAMES: Nozibele Msibi looked classy and elegant.



SHOW US: Nokwanda nailed it with her E 2 500 outfit.



AMANTOMBAZANE: Ladies came well prepared as they looked amazing at their prom.



SEXY: Yendziwe Mahlalela went for a body hugging black dress worth E 1 500. Her facebeat was onpoint.



SUITED UP: Celimphilo Matsebula in a three piece suit.



SIZZILING HOT: Linda Mkhonta looking sexy in her white outfit.



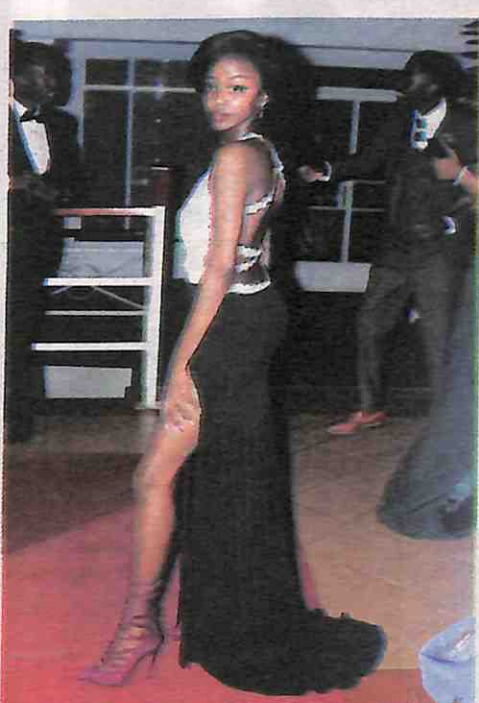
CLASSY: Andile Nkambule kept it classy and elegant with her creamy gown with some flower petals on it as she showed a bit of flesh.



CLASSY: Sibonelo Msibi looked sexy and her hairstyle matched perfectly with her dress.



SIMPLE: Phumelele Nxumalo went for a simple red dress.



YASS GIRL! Fezile Matsebula looked amazing in her black sexy number worth E 2 200 showing off her thigh and back.



BLACK AND BEAUTIFUL- Siphelele Dlamini went for a black gown with a bit of lace worth E 1 800.



LADY IN SUIT: Nothando MacDonald well suited up.

International
Celebrity News

Bobby Brown, Bobbi Kristina estate settle biopic suit

LOS ANGELES - Bobby Brown and the estate of Bobbi Kristina have reached a settlement with TV One over the dispute about the biopic on her life ... according to new legal docs.

We broke the story ... the estate joined forces with Brown in September to stop the biopic from airing. Bobby claimed the portrayal of him as a bad dad was defamatory, and Bobbi Kristina's estate claimed the show violated her right to privacy. It aired anyway last month on October 8.

TMZ



DONE DEAL: Bobby Brown.

'Diddy' changes his name to 'Brother Love'

LOS ANGELES - Happy birthday to our main man...Brother Love?

As those crazy kids Romeo and Juliet once taught us about the importance of the question, "What's in a name?"—so has Sean 'Diddy' Combs. For the rapper, the answer to the query is: both a lot and a little. The constantly name-changing music mogul, who was born Sean John Combs, announced yesterday that he has decided to once again tweak his moniker—this time he's moving from 'Diddy' to 'Love' or 'Brother Love.' *Eonline*



NAME CHANGE: Brother Love.

Kate Upton, Justin Verlander wed in Italy

MILAN - It's been an incredible week for Kate Upton and MLB star Justin Verlander -- first he wins a World Series ring with the Houston Astros ... then they both get rings at their amazing Italian wedding. The famous supermodel and pitcher were both beaming after saying their "I dos" on Saturday at an old church at the Rosewood Castiglion Del Bosco resort in Italy. The wedding party looked pretty small -- close friends and family. Verlander missed Houston's championship parade on Friday to head with Upton to Italy right after their Game 7 win over the Dodgers. *Eonline*



MARRIED: Kate Upton and MLB star Justin Verlander.

Kim apologises for Aaliyah halloween costume

LOS ANGELES - Kim Kardashian didn't mean to rock the boat with her Halloween costume.

While celebrating the spooky holiday earlier this week, the 'Keeping Up With the Kardashians' star received attention for her portrayals of Cher and Madonna. Her decision to dress up as Aaliyah, however, received the most reviews from fans and followers. "Aaliyah was such an amazing singer and she will forever be a music legend," Kim wrote to her fans.

Daily Mail



I'M SORRY: Kim Kardashian.

SA Celebrity News

Don Laka accused of neglecting grandchild

JOHANNESBURG - Legendary kwaai-jazz maestro Don Laka has been accused of neglecting his responsibilities as a grandfather. The family of a seven-year-old boy who is said to be Laka's grandson wants the musician to assist financially in raising the child. The KwaMakhutha, KwaZulu-Natal, family claimed the boy's father was Laka's son Karabo, who was born in Lesotho.

Karabo died in a car accident last December. A family friend claimed Laka did not even attend the funeral. The family friend told Sowetan that he had personally tried to reach



ACCUSED: Don Laka.

out to the musician because the family was struggling financially. *Drum*

Nomzamo Mbatha named UNHCR ambassador

JOHANNESBURG - Screen siren Nomzamo Mbatha was announced as a United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) ambassador on Saturday. The actress, famous for her role in Mzansi Magic's 'Isibaya', has joined some high-profile African public figures whose responsibility it is to "educate and influence on the cause of tolerance, acceptance and unity", according to a statement from her representative. "Growing up with little comforts instilled a charitable [streak] in me, to sensitively give towards increasing the wellbeing of others." *Sowetan*



AMBASSADOR: Nomzamo Mbatha.

Ntando sends hater packing

JOHANNESBURG - Everyone knows that you never mess with a woman's maternal instinct. Well, at least everyone accept one follower on Twitter who seemingly threw shade at Ntando Duma's baby girl. Obviously things were never going to go down smoothly.

The trouble started when a follower picked on little Sbahle's weight, asking Ntando why her baby was fat. Nooo guys that's just not cool! Ntando wasted no time in setting the follower straight with a stinging clap-back.

The hater wrote "why is your child fat, while u are so sexy?? Ntando responded "coz your mom gave birth to an idiot child which happened to be you." *Tshisalive*



STRAIGHT TALKER: Ntando Duma with son Sbahle.

Skolopad nominated for Feather Award

JOHANNESBURG - Singer Nonhlanhla 'Queen Skolopad' Qwabe made headlines earlier this year after she showed up at the 2017 Metro FM Music Awards in a rather revealing dress.

Now the lady-in-a-yellow-dress has been nominated for a Feather Award alongside 'gqom queen' Babes Wodumo and entertainer Zodwa Wabantu as drama queen of the year. Skolopad told DRUM she's very happy with the nomination and that it "feels amazing" being nominated alongside Babes and Zodwa. "Every time I go to the event without being invited but this time it's a different story. I was very happy when I got the invitation and



NOMINATED: Skolopad.

I can't describe what I am feeling right now." *Drum*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



WORKING TOGETHER: Zungu and Ndlovu families.

The Zungus and the Ndlovus combine their efforts to hunt Nkabinde down. Thandeka's conscience is getting the best of her.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Anja's attempt to avoid Hendrik comes to an abrupt end when Lalage puts her foot down. A conniving Nina has a hard time accepting Georgie's newly found child. Rajesh and Kgothalo struggle to keep their hands off each other.



IN LOVE: Rajesh.

Muvhango

TODAY



REVEALS: Rendani.

Rendani reveals details about her kidnapping. Vusi shares a revelation about Busi. James opens up to Thandaza. Mulalo has a surprise for Teboho.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



SHOCKED: Puleng.

Puleng has a terrible realisation about MamMothibi and Wiseman. The noose closes around Lerato's neck - and there's only one way to escape.

Me getting ready for work every morning...



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

You could discover a gift for asking the kind of questions that prompts answers that are more informative than you'd expected. New ways of working could emerge - and be prompted by Scorpio and Pisces friends. A network could amaze you too. What's been happening in a partner's life could be developing a momentum neither of you had expected - possibly requiring you to reschedule appointments.



someone you'd like to do business with. This could apply to your romantic life as well.

CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

Vastly improved relations with someone you used to work with could make extraordinary difference to your day. True, you may be asked to consider involvement in a project that would be so, so time consuming. However, you may now be far more confident about your skills.



AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

Talk about relationships and partnerships, the sharing of secrets and of financial commitments could dominate the day. For reasons you possibly can't explain (except perhaps to very close friends), you may have concerns that revolve around whether an obvious attraction will stand the test of time. You might even suggest that some sort of break-clause is considered.



LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

A comment you make could stop someone in their tracks. What you have to say may be so insightful and not at all what they'd expected. Not only could this have great benefits for that particular relationship: when this person relays this information, it could cause others to look at you in a new light too. It might then be supposed that you can keep a secret and given one almost as a test.



PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

A few weird and wonderful ideas may be headed your way - but could offer timely distraction. True, this could take the form of a person to whom you're instantly attracted. It's as likely that a code or different calculation method would solve a problem. You might also discuss the possibility of putting a relationship on a new footing: an alliance could be forged.



VIRGO AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

Though it may take me all day to arrive at a conclusion, you and someone close could finally settle on a plan that concerns property or a large purchase. In the process, you could discover that your relationship is stronger than you'd believed. It might seem to you to be an extraordinary coincidence that a commercial deal is also on the table.



LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

The prospect of meeting with someone whose work, style and general approach you really like suggests excitement. Your own gift for words could be discussed as well. Harmony and design especial in relation to music could have a strong role to play too. As important however could be a shopping trip to buy items for a journey that you'll make either later this month or early next. Gift-shopping is probable.



SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

This could be a red-letter transaction day: which covers everything from a useful shopping trip to negotiating bigger deals. Insurance or tax-related matters might attract your attention - possibly prompting a call to someone who proves more helpful than you expect. Your romantic life could experience high-level activity too - with delicious secrets to share.



SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

With others clearly needing you to know that they've sourced sound information for you, you may need to show your appreciation. Notes and words of thanks could endear you to someone unused to having their efforts noticed.



GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

For a variety of reasons you may be reminded that it's important to look after yourself. It may be that you now have too many irons in the fire. That said, there's strong probability of tying up a deal or improving relations with



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Laughing Out Loud

Cats and Dogs



A dog thinks: 'Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of me ... THEY MUST BE GODS!' A

cat thinks: 'Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of me ... I MUST BE A GOD!'

USELESS FACTS

1. You can lower your blood pressure just by petting your pup!
2. Corgi is Welsh for "dwarf dog."
3. The reason dogs curl up is because of an age-old instinct to keep themselves warm and to protect vital organs while they sleep.
4. Anything smelly your dog rolls in only smells gross to you—to them it's DIVINE.
5. Dogs have wet noses because it helps to absorb scent chemicals.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brainteasers

1. Where is the ocean the deepest?
2. Answer: On the bottom!
1. A man rode in to town on Tuesday, and left two days later on Tuesday. How so?

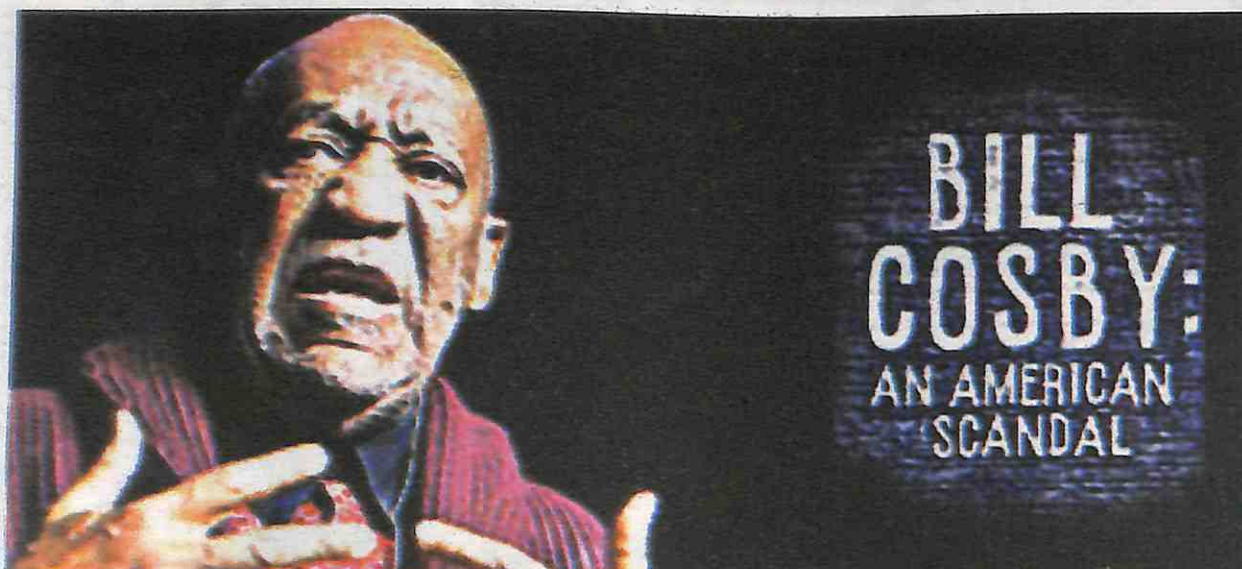
Answer: His horse is named Tuesday!

Today's brainteasers
1. Why is the letter A the most like a flower?
2. What are two things you wouldn't eat after waking up?



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NEWS



NOVEMBER DOCUMENTARY MANIA

IT'S happening guys, the year is coming to an end.

And yeah, November looks like a pretty decent month - such that it calls for something special like a shot of tequila (if that's your thing) or thrilling documentaries on DStv.

Motive to Murder

What better way to kick off November than watch this new documentary Motive to Murder. Based on true stories, this

show takes a psychological look into some of the real-life murder cases that have made headlines around the world: from crimes of passion and serial killers, to opportunistic slayings and mass shootings.

Tune in from Friday November 3 at 20:50 CAT on Crime & Investigation, and lock in your Fridays after that.

Bill Cosby: An American Scandal
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Now it comes alive once again in this chilling documentary Bill Cosby: An American Scandal, which investigates the shocking embarrassment that is now Bill's life, also featuring exclusive interviews and insider details and the headlines from Cosby's past.

Tune in to the premiere tomorrow at 23:00 CAT on IDx (171).

New November shows

IT'S a brand new month, with new and thrilling shows to look forward to on DStv.

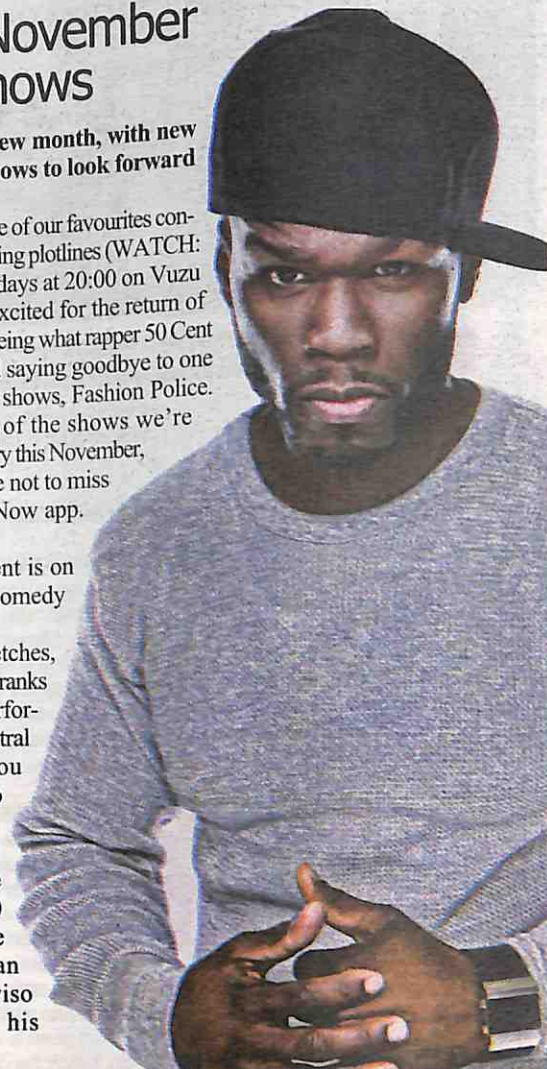
And while some of our favourites continue with intriguing plotlines (WATCH: The Fixer, Mondays at 20:00 on Vuzu AMP), we are excited for the return of old favourites, seeing what rapper 50 Cent has lined up and saying goodbye to one of our favourite shows, Fashion Police. Here are some of the shows we're putting in our diary this November, and making sure not to miss with the DStv Now app.

50 Central

Rapper 50 Cent is on BET with his comedy showcase.

Featuring sketches, hidden camera pranks and musical performances, 50 Central is one show you don't want to miss.

And we can't wait to see the episode of 50 Central, where South African comedian Loyiso Gola makes his appearance.



PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS November 2017

LA VECINA Series 1

Weekdays at 18:00, repeated at 12:00 & 00:00, and next day at 06:00 CAT

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CORAZON TRAICIONADO Series 1

Weekdays at 14:00, repeated at 20:00 & 02:00, and next day at 08:00 CAT

A mother is willing and capable of doing anything for her children. That's what Lorena Garcia did when her 5 year old son was abducted. It all starts on the night when Lorena discovers that her husband Guillermo is a hitman who has failed in an attempt to murder Marco Aurelio Corona, a prestigious and well known city attorney. Driven by desperation, Guillermo and his boss decided to take Lorena's child, forcing her to work as a nurse at the home of the lawyer with a plan to kill him.



PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER 2017

LA MUJER PERFECTA Series 1 (THE PERFECT WOMAN)

Weekday double bills at 11:20 (repeated 18:00 & 00:40). Omnibus Saturdays at 06:00 and Sundays at 16:00.

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ALVES ADMITS MOVE TO JUVENTUS HARMED HIS CAREER

PARIS - Paris Saint-Germain full-back Dani Alves has admitted that moving to Juventus last year harmed his career.

The veteran Brazilian defender decided to end his time at Barcelona in the summer of 2016 and joined the Italian giants.

But despite winning the Italian championship and reaching the Champions

League final, Alves regrets going to Turin and said it was an easy decision to join PSG. He went to Paris after turning down the chance to work once again with Pep Guardiola at Manchester City. He told FourFourTwo: "It was a combination of a few factors. I have many friends at PSG, my partner had lived in Paris and she adores the

city, and the club has huge ambition to evolve and get bigger. "Sure, I was hypnotised by the idea of working with Pep Guardiola once more".

Daily Mail

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Partey nets late winner as Simeone's side stay in touch in La Liga

MADRID - Thomas Partey scored for the second time in five days as he struck a stoppage-time winner to help Atletico Madrid nick a narrow win at Deportivo La Coruna.

Partey found the net after Gabi rolled the ball into his path from a free-kick just outside the penalty area.

Atletico's victory, which had looked unlikely for much of the game, saw Diego Simeone's men climb to third in the La Liga table.

Their title hopes looked set to suffer another setback at the Riazor as they stumbled towards what would have been a seventh draw in their last eight matches in all competitions.

However, with regulation time up and Atletico seemingly out of ideas, the Rojiblancos won a set-piece 25 yards out which Gabi nudged to Partey for the Ghana international to curl an unstoppable shot into the top corner.

The win was far from convincing and did little to answer Atletico's goalscoring problems - they have not netted more than once in a game since September



GOAL SCORER: Ghana international Partey has now scored seven goals for club and country this season.

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But that will matter little to coach Simeone as his side moved to within five points of leaders Barcelona, who face Sevilla later on Saturday.

It was another disappointing day for

Antoine Griezmann, who was subbed off on 80 minutes.

Zakaria Bakkali was Deportivo's most lively player, trying his luck with five shots but none of them tested the goalkeeper. *Daily Mail*

LUIS SUAREZ IS A KILLER - ERNESTO VALVERDE

BARCELONA - Barcelona boss Ernesto Valverde has hailed Luis Suarez as a 'killer', despite the striker's uninspiring start to the campaign.

The former Liverpool marksman failed to fire once more as Barca beat Sevilla 2-1 at the Nou Camp, meaning he has chalked up only three La Liga goals so far this term.

Despite Suarez falling short of his usual high standards, Valverde's men have extended their lead at the top of the table to four points following Saturday's win.

However, the Barca coach has backed his striker for a swift return to form after displaying some encouraging signs in recent weeks.

"We talk a lot about Suarez lately, but I'm pleased to have him because of how he works and all the things he gives us," Valverde said. "He is a killer".

"Despite the fact he's not scoring lately, he always has chances, [against Sevilla] too. And that is a good sign."

Valverde had one eye on Sunday's fixtures, as rivals Real Madrid host Las



KILLER: Ernesto Valverde and Luis Suarez.

Palmas.

Barcelona next visit Leganes on November 18 following the international break.

Daily Mail

Robben, Lewandowski, Alaba get in dominant victory

MUNICH - With five minutes left on the clock, the away fans started singing 'Super Bayern'.

An Arjen Robben opener, a Robert Lewandowski flick and a David Alaba fluke had just torn apart Borussia Dortmund. The same Borussia Dortmund who had been five points clear at the top of the Bundesliga just a month ago.

Bayern fans haven't had much cause to sing 'Super Bayern' this season, after Carlo Ancelotti's reign ended in ignominy in September.

This weekend, the chant will ring

out loud and clear. Bayern have exorcised the ghosts of the previous regime, and are now six points ahead of Dortmund - and four ahead of RB Leipzig - at the top of the table.

The season, it was said, hinged on this game. Victory for Dortmund would have brought the top three within a point of each other, and set the tone for a thrilling title race. After Saturday's display, Bundesliga fans are bracing themselves for another year of brutal Bayern dominance.

If Dortmund have any hope of being title contenders, they urgently need to sort out their defence. A team which had conceded nine in its last three

Bundesliga games shipped another three on Saturday. It could have been more.

Daily Mail



CAVANI, MBAPPE NET TWICE IN NEYMAR'S ABSENCE

PARIS - Edison Cavani and Kylian Mbappe both scored twice in the absence of record-signing Neymar as Paris St Germain thrashed Angers 5-0 in Ligue 1.

Cavani passed 100 goals in the French top flight in a facile victory for the star-studded Parisians, who were without the Brazilian Neymar as he recovered from a thigh strain ahead of the international break.

Nonetheless Neymar was unneeded by the runaway French league leaders as they flexed their muscles once again, extending their unbeaten start to the campaign to 12 matches.

Julian Draxler also found the target on a night where PSG dominated from first to last as marauding full-back Dani Alves set the tone early on with a string of pacy runs and inch-perfect passes to which Angers could simply find no answers.

Mbappe put PSG ahead as early as the fifth minute, firing home a sweet first-time effort as Alves' teasing cross dropped over his shoulder.

The 18-year-old made his fifth PSG goal in all competitions look effortless, such was his sterling technique in the finish.



GOAL: Edison Cavani

Alves was at it again for PSG's second, threading a fine through-ball for Draxler, who raced clear and dinked the ball over the onrushing Angers goalkeeper Mathieu Michel.

Mbappe's flashy backheel then teed up the third, with Cavani rocketing home his 100th goal in France's top flight.

The visitors took just the three-goal lead into the break and, despite a low-key opening to the second half, still eventually pushed themselves further ahead.

Cavani doubled his tally for the night to put PSG four goals to the good on the hour mark before Mbappe claimed his second late on.

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KLOPP HAILS LIVERPOOL AFTER WEST HAM DEMOLITION

LONDON

Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp praised his players after they put West Ham to the sword on Saturday night, winning 4-1 at the London Stadium to heap the pressure on Slaven Bilic.

Mohamed Salah put Liverpool ahead and Joel Matip doubled the visitors' lead before half-time. Manuel Lanzini reduced the deficit, but woeful West Ham capitulated and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain netted Liverpool's third before Salah bagged his 12th goal of the season to seal the rout.

"The result, it feels good,"

said Klopp. "We changed our approach, it was a counter-attacking line-up to use our speed from a deep situation.

"It was brilliant play for the first goal.

"Our counter-attacking was pretty perfect, we had some wonderful play. Roberto Firmino, I'm not sure I've ever seen a player play a third game in the week with such intensity and I'm a few days in this business."

"It's a really good week," he added. "It's a good moment to have a little break. We lost our skipper overnight and Gini Wijnaldum did not have his boots here".

AFP



POCHETTINO NOT TEMPTED TO DITCH SPURS

LONDON - Tottenham Manager Mauricio Pochettino insists that he has not had his eye caught by rumours linking him with Real Madrid.

Spurs beat Madrid 3-1 in the Champions League on Wednesday, which did little to dampen reports that he is being considered as a successor to Zinedine Zidane, should results continue to go against the Galacticos.

"The most important club in the world is Tottenham," Pochettino said. "And it is the best club in the world. I need to feel like this and that emotion is real because I cannot be fake.

Difficult

"It's too difficult to create the trust if you don't really believe and it's not real, that emotion. Today, Tottenham is in my head 100 per cent. Today, I do not change Tottenham for another position in the world because I am so involved, so focused.

"The club deserves to have people that think only about the club, the fans, the players and the struc-



NOT LEAVING: Tottenham Manager Mauricio Pochettino.

tures - and they provide us with an unbelievable life. It's important to recognise that.

"It's an amazing club and it's so important for us to pay back the club for the way that they treat us.

"It's not about win or lose, it's about trust, and when you achieve that in a club like Tottenham, with massive potential, you must create something together to try to be strong and win." *Sport24*

BILIC ON BRINK AFTER LIVERPOOL DEBACLE

LONDON - West Ham Manager Slaven Bilic admits his side's "naive" 4-1 thrashing by Liverpool could be fatal to his hopes of avoiding the sack.

Bilic's side are just one point above the Premier League relegation zone after slumping to a dismal defeat at the London Stadium on Saturday.

With West Ham winless in their last four league games, Bilic heads into the international break fearing he might be on the way out.

Hammers owners David Gold and David Sullivan were reportedly ready to axe Bilic before their side's surprise League Cup win over Tottenham last month bought the Croatian some breathing space.

Now Bilic is back on the brink



NO FUTURE: Slaven Bilic.

and, while he insists he remains the right man to turn results around, he concedes Gold and Sullivan could be ready to wield the axe.

Asked if he thinks he will be given more time, Bilic said: "I don't know. It's hard for me to

talk about that now. "Of course I believe in myself. I definitely don't feel a broken man. I'm very strong. "I believe in my dedication and my previous work. I know my value".

AFP

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LIVERPOOL - Slaven Bilic was set to be sacked as West Ham manager yesterday to be replaced by David Moyes on a deal until the end of the season.

Moyes will be named interim manager, and will bring his coaching staff with him to the London Stadium, but that is unlikely to include former Valencia assistant manager Phil Neville.

The decision comes after the 4-1 thrashing at the hands of Liverpool on Saturday and a

period of terrible form for the Hammers.

Bilic has overseen a run of four Premier League games without a win, and his side have only earned two victories in the league all season.

They are 17th in the table and could end the weekend in the relegation zone depending on Everton's result against Watford.

Moyes left his post as Sunderland manager in the summer after overseeing the team's relegation to the Championship. *Daily Mail*



REPLACEMENT: David Moyes.



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The Ministry of Health now invites sealed Tenders for installation of water purifier system for quality control laboratory at Central Medical Stores (CMS).

Tenders must be accompanied by a receipt for E300.00 (three hundred) which should be paid at Swaziland Revenue Authority offices, Account No. 451-2101-21990. Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope. The outer envelope must be marked as follows:

"The Secretary to the Tender Board
Treasury Building
P. O. Box 38
MBABANE"

The envelope must be clearly marked with the following words; "Ministry of Health Tender No.157 of 2017/18, Installation of water purifier system for quality control laboratory at Central Medical Stores (CMS). Do not open before 9.00 a.m. Friday 1st December, 2017.

There will be a compulsory Pre-tender meeting on Friday the 10th November, 2017 at 10.00am in the Conference Room situated at Central Medical Stores.

Tenders must be delivered to the offices of Tender Board, Treasury Building, P. O. Box 38, Mbabane, Swaziland, by Friday 1st December, 2017 at 9.00 am and deposited in the Treasury Tender Box.

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The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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Mokoena can't understand why he is yet to find a new club

JOHANNESBURG - When Lebohang Mokoena looks at players such as Siyabonga Nomvethe and Mabuthi Khenyeza still playing football at the highest level, he does not understand how he is not also on the pitch at a professional grade.

At 31, 'Cheeseboy' feels he still has a lot to offer, but he is currently training on his own, waiting for a club to sign him in the January transfer window. He left Ajax Cape Town at the end of last season after an unsuccessful spell and is itching to get back onto the pitch to do what he loves most.

Responses

"I am working hard. There are a couple of coaches I've been speaking to. I have been having positive responses, but cannot mention which clubs I have been talking to," the former Orlando Pirates and Mamelodi Sundowns winger says in an interview with KickOff.com. "Hopefully come January I will have a team to play for. I am so anxious, looking at the league and saying to myself 'I need to be playing'. I will have to prove my worth and give my all to whoever says I believe in you and gives me a chance to play for their team. I am idling and playing a lot of friendly games right now, that's all I can do. I am only 31 and when I look at guys like 'Bhele' [Nomvethe] and Mabuthi killing people, I ask myself what I did wrong."

Kickoff

MOTUPA HAS BAFANA IN HIS SIGHTS

DURBAN - Having tasted what it is like to compete in a major international tournament, Orlando Pirates' attacking midfielder Gift Motupa, who is on loan at table-topping Baroka FC, has set his sights on becoming a regular for Bafana Bafana.

Motupa is one of the top goal-scorers in the ABSA Premiership this season, having netted five times. He is level with Rhulani Manzini of AmaZulu, both trailing Polokwane City marksman Rodney Ramagalela by a single goal.

Motupa was one of the shining stars for South Africa's Under-23 team at the Olympic Games last year in Rio de Janeiro.

Having started like a house on fire in this campaign, Motupa is working diligently to catch the eye of Bafana coach Stuart Baxter.

Focus

"My focus is to play for Bafana Bafana. I have to keep on working hard and the rest will follow," Motupa said.

"In football you are as good as your last game. If you do well today and you don't perform the next game, people will forget about you. So I need to be consistent with my performances," he elaborated. Motupa has already represented his country on 10 occasions and has managed to net four goals.

Saturday Star

I DON'T ENJOY SCORING THE GOALS I SCORE - KEKANA

PRETORIA - It's not often that you'll hear a footballer talk about scoring from within his own half as being touched with sadness in thoughts for the man it was scored against.

Hlompho Kekana last week notched a second spectacular goal from within his half to his bedpost with his audacious 55-metre lob for Mamelodi Sundowns' 13th-minute second, after scoring the first two, in the Brazilians' 3-1 league win against Orlando Pirates.

Remarkably, for Downs' captain and defensive midfielder extraordinaire, it was a second such career goal, having scored from his own half too in Bafana Bafana's 2-2 Africa Cup of Nations qualifying draw in Limbe in March 2016.

Orlando Stadium, too, has been a happy hunting ground for Kekana, where he scored another memorable long-range scorcher past the late Pirates keeper Senzo Meyiwa in 2014.



Yet, asked about



NOT NICE: Hlompho Kekana of Mamelodi Sundowns celebrates a goal during the ABSA Premiership match between Orlando Pirates and Mamelodi Sundowns last Wednesday at Orlando Stadium.

his two stunners at Orlando, Kekana resisted crowing about his own ability and genius à la Zlatan Ibrahimovic, and instead showed sympathy for the keepers that had been scored against.

Wednesday's double strike was past Kekana's old Downs team-

mate, Pirates keeper Wayne Sandilands.

"The goals that I score at Orlando, they look good on videos.

Enjoy

"For me it was good that we won the match, but I don't enjoy them because I score against people who

are close to my heart," Kekana said.

"Remember the late Senzo was close to my heart. Wayne, also, is close to my heart.

"He was our church pastor at Mamelodi Sundowns. So for me, it's a very difficult thing to score against Wayne.

"But we have to do a job. You can't personalise it. We have to do a job, and it's done.

"I'm happy we could win the match with that goal. And who cares if it's a fluke. We won the match this time round.

Excited

"I was excited at the three points. It has been long since we won and we should be happy as a team."

Downs' win against Pirates ended a rare three-match losing run for the now ex-African champions.

Very few footballers have ever scored twice in their careers from their own half. Kekana and David Beckham, for Manchester United against Wimbledon and LA Galaxy against Kansas City Wizards, are two that are known of.

Sowetan live

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JOHANNESBURG - The disruptions to putting out a consistent lineup are haunting Bidvest Wits coach Gavin Hunt, even as his team has clawed some semblance of form and entered a semifinal.

Wits reached the semi-finals of the Telkom Knockout with Saturday's 1-0 win against Baroka FC and Hunt even made some attempt at saying that perhaps it was not a good thing that they reached the stage after the quarterfinal win at Bidvest Stadium.

But such is the coach's ultracompetitive nature it was hard to believe him.

Wits were far from fluent in their dispatching of Baroka - a



fourth win for the league champions against the Limpopo team since Bakgaga's promotion at the start of last season.

Hunt's team took their lead through Amr Gamal in the 11th minute, then should have killed the game with a string of chances in the opening 20 minutes. They largely laboured after that. "I thought the first half, they had a chance, but come one, we could have killed it. You can't have as many opportunities as we had and not score," Hunt said. "So we're disappointed at not

putting away so many chances. But, all in all, they had two or three chances [in the game]. "And we were slack. We would be better if we were three or four-nil up. But we weren't.

"I don't know if it's a good thing or a bad thing to get through.

"It may be a bad thing because with our squad, to have three games in six days, including Sundowns and Maritzburg [and a semifinal], I don't know, maybe we'll play the Under-19s in the semifinal." The TKO semis are on the weekend of November 18 and 19, following the coming week's FIFA international date.

Wits follow that with league games against Mamelodi Sundowns at Bidvest Stadium on Tuesday, November 21 and Maritzburg United at Harry Gwala Stadium on Friday, November 24.

Wits went to three wins from four games, even if they are still far from fluent. *Sowetan live*

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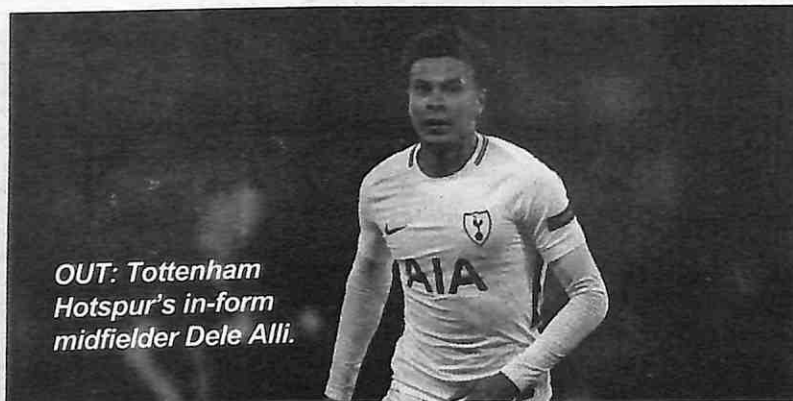
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The result put Sampdoria on 23 points from 11 games, one point adrift of fifth-placed AS Roma, but seven clear of Fiorentina, AC Milan and Torino directly below them.

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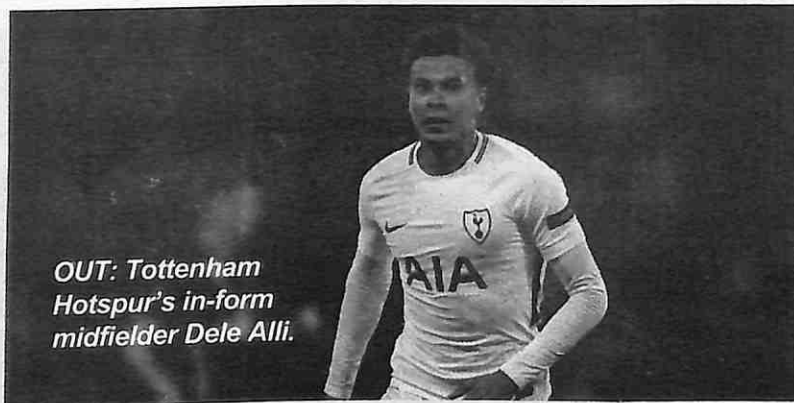
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England host Germany next Friday and Brazil four days later.

AFP

Sampdoria cement sixth place

MADRID - Gaston Ramirez and Fabio Quagliarella struck either side of halftime to earn Sampdoria a 2-0 win at Genoa in the Derby della Lanterna on Saturday, as they cemented sixth place in Serie A.

The result put Sampdoria on 23 points from 11 games, one point adrift of fifth-placed AS Roma, but seven clear of Fiorentina, AC Milan and Torino directly below them.

Ramirez held off a defender in the area before tucking the ball past Genoa keeper Mattia Perin in the 24th minute to put the visitors ahead.



Quagliarella doubled the lead six minutes from time to leave Genoa second from bottom on six points.

Reuters



MORATA HEADER GIVES BLUES DESERVED WIN

LONDON - Alvaro Morata's superb second-half header secured a deserved 1-0 Premier League win for Chelsea over an insipid Manchester United at Stamford Bridge.

The Spanish striker was reportedly close to a move to Jose Mourinho's side before his eventual switch to the Blues and he haunted United with the game's decisive moment in the 55th minute.

The former Real Madrid man escaped the attentions of United's three central defenders - Eric Bailly, Chris Smalling and Phil Jones - to meet Cesar Azpilicueta's cross with an immaculate header and secure all three points for Antonio Conte's side.

United looked bright in the opening 20 minutes - coming close through Marcus Rashford's looping header - but faded badly and posed little threat during a desperately poor second-half display.

The defeat means they are now eight points

behind Premier League leaders Manchester City, whose seemingly unstoppable march at the summit continued with a comprehensive 3-1 win over Arsenal earlier yesterday.

Chelsea, who have now lost just once to United at Stamford Bridge in 16 league games, remain in fourth place, but are just a point behind their beaten opponents and Tottenham.

Display

Conte responded to Tuesday's calamitous defensive display against Roma by replacing David Luiz with Andreas Christensen, while N'Golo Kante returned to the midfield after six games out with injury.

Chelsea had the ball in the net after just six minutes and might well feel aggrieved to have seen it disallowed. Marcos Alonso's cross was met in slapstick fashion by Jones, who skewed a volley past David de Gea, but referee Anthony Taylor ruled that Morata had pushed the England defender in the back.

United should have taken advantage of that reprieve just a minute later when Rashford escaped his marker to meet Ashley Young's cross. Fearing a challenge from Thibaut Courtois, though, the 20-year-old closed his eyes and his header looped harmlessly onto the roof of the net.

Opportunity

In a pulsating start to the game, Tiemoue Bakayoko then squandered a golden opportunity to give the hosts the lead. Davide Zappacosta's cross caused havoc in the United defence and fell invitingly for the former Monaco midfielder 12 yards out, but he could only horribly slice a half-volley over the crossbar.

Neither side could maintain the frenetic early pace and the next clear opening did not come until five minutes before the break. Cesc Fabregas' corner was met by the unmarked Christensen six yards out, but the Dane mistimed his jump and the ball bounced off his shoulder and over.

Goal

Chiefs sneak into TKO semifinals

PORT ELIZABETH - Kaizer Chiefs overcame Chippa United 1-0 in a Telkom Knockout Cup quarterfinal match at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in Port Elizabeth yesterday afternoon to advance to the semifinals.

Amakhosi, who have won the league cup a record 13 times, join Bloemfontein Celtic, Bidvest Wits and Polokwane City in the last four.

The Chilli Boys were the better side in the opening exchanges as they created goal-scoring opportunities, but they failed to convert in the first 10 minutes of the game.

Chiefs goalkeeper Itumeleng Khune denied Mpho Mvelase with a decent save, before Andile Mbenyane fired wide of the target from close range.

United looked dangerous on the counter-attack and Mvelase found some space outside the Chiefs box in the 24th minute as he forced Khune into a low save.

However, the Chilli Boys conceded a penalty five minutes later when James Okwuosa was adjudged to have fouled Joseph Molangoane in the box.

Bernard Parker then stepped up and fired past United keeper Daniel Akpeyi to make it 1-0 to Chiefs, much to the delight of the Amakhosi fans inside the stadium.

The hosts nearly responded with a goal in the 33rd minute, but South Africa international Khune brilliantly parried away Sizwe Mdlizozo's deflected shot. The visitors managed to contain United in the remaining minutes of the first half and Chiefs were leading 1-0 at the interval.

In-form forward Samuel Julies, who had scored three goals in his last two competitive matches, was introduced by United coach Teboho Moloi in the 50th minute.

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Guardiola's men underpin favourites status

MANCHESTER - Kevin De Bruyne, Sergio Aguero and Gabriel Jesus were on target as Manchester City underpinned their status as Premier League title favourites with a dominant 3-1 beating of an outclassed Arsenal.

Belgium international De Bruyne continued a sublime season by beating Petr Cech with a well-placed shot during a first half completely controlled by the home side at the Etihad Stadium.

Aguero, who became City's all-time club-record goalscorer in the 4-2 Champions League beating of Napoli, then completed a memorable week with City's second from the penal-

ty spot early in the second half.

Substitute Alexandre Lacazette briefly restored hope for Arsenal, but Jesus - who also came off the bench - ended hope of what would have been an unfair comeback.

Missed

It was a more-than-deserved three points for City, whose mesmeric play, lightning speed and swift movement left Arsenal with no reply, and in truth the scoreline could have been worse had Aguero not missed an early chance and Sterling showed more composure in a two-on-one.

City, who had beaten Arsenal just once in nine competitive matches prior to this fixture,

have now stretched their unbeaten run to 23 matches and lead the Premier League by eight points from Manchester United.

From Arsenal's perspective, the season may only be in November but a 12-point deficit to City appears insurmountable on this evidence for Arsene Wenger's men.

Aguero nearly stretched his new club record in just the second minute when he fired wide of the right post at the end of a frightening counter-attack started by a mislaid pass from Alexis Sanchez, who but for some failed last-minute deadline-day deals may have been lining up for City in this fixture.

Goal

LOGS

PREMIER LEAGUE

| Team | P | W | D | L | GF | GAGD | Pts |
|-----------------|----|----|---|---|----|------|-----|
| Man City | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 7 | 31 |
| Man United | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 5 | 18 |
| Tottenham | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 7 | 13 |
| Chelsea | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 10 | 22 |
| Liverpool | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 21 | 17 | 19 |
| Arsenal | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 16 | 19 |
| Burnley | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Brighton & Hove | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| Watford | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 21 | -4 |
| Huddersfield | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 13 | -5 |
| Newcastle | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Leicester City | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| Southampton | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 11 | -2 |
| Stoke City | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 22 | -9 |
| Everton | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 22 | -12 |
| West Bromwich | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 14 | -5 |
| Bournemouth | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 14 | -7 |
| West Ham | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 23 | -12 |
| Swansea City | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 13 | -6 |
| Crystal Palace | 11 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 22 | -18 |

SPANISH LA LIGA

| Team | P | W | D | L | GF | GAGD | Pts |
|------------------|----|----|---|---|----|------|-----|
| Barcelona | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 30 | 4 | 26 |
| Valencia | 11 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 30 | 11 | 19 |
| Athletico Madrid | 11 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 16 | 6 | 10 |
| Real Madrid | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 9 | 10 |
| Sevilla | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 11 | 1 |
| Villarreal | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 11 | 5 |
| Real Betis | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 21 | 20 | 1 |
| Legan | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Real Sociedad | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 21 | 20 | 1 |
| Getafe | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 13 | 2 |
| Espanyol | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 13 | -4 |
| Levante | 10 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 13 | -2 |
| Girona | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 15 | -4 |
| Celta de Vigo | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 19 | 16 | 3 |
| Athletic Club | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 12 | -2 |
| Deportivo La | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 20 | -7 |
| Eibar | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 22 | -17 |
| Deportivo Alav | 11 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 16 | -11 |
| Las Palmas | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 25 | -17 |
| Malaga | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 21 | -15 |

BUNDESLIGA

| Team | P | W | D | L | GF | GAGD | Pts |
|----------------|----|---|---|---|----|------|-----|
| Bayern Munchen | 11 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 8 | 19 |
| RB Leipzig | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 13 | 5 |
| Dortmund | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 28 | 14 | 14 |
| Schalke 04 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 10 | 4 |
| Hannover 96 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 11 | 4 |
| Frankfurt | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 11 | 2 |
| M'gladbach | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 19 | -2 |
| Leverkusen | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 16 | 7 |
| Augsburg | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 11 | 5 |
| Hoffenheim | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 14 | 3 |
| Hertha BSC | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 12 | -1 |
| Stuttgart | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 14 | -4 |
| Mainz 05 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 17 | -5 |
| Wolfsburg | 10 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 13 | -3 |
| Hamburger SV | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 18 | -8 |
| Freiburg | 11 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 21 | -15 |
| Werder Bremen | 11 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 14 | -10 |
| KO n | 10 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 19 | -15 |

ITALIAN SERIE A

| Team | P | W | D | L | GF | GAGD | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|------|-----|
| Napoli | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 32 | 8 | 24 |
| Internazionale | 11 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 22 | 8 | 14 |
| Juventus | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 33 | 10 | 23 |
| Lazio | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 12 | 19 |
| Roma | 10 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 5 | 12 |
| Sampdoria | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 13 | 11 |
| Fiorentina | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 19 | 13 | 6 |
| Milan | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| Torino | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 18 | -2 |
| Atalanta | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 15 | 3 |
| Chievo | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 19 | -5 |
| Bologna | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 15 | -4 |
| Udinese | 11 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 18 | 22 | -4 |
| Crotone | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 23 | -12 |
| Cagliari | 11 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 20 | -11 |
| SPAL | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 19 | -10 |
| Sassuolo | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 19 | -13 |
| Genoa | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 19 | -9 |
| Hellas Verona | 11 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 24 | -17 |
| Benevento | 11 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 29 | -25 |

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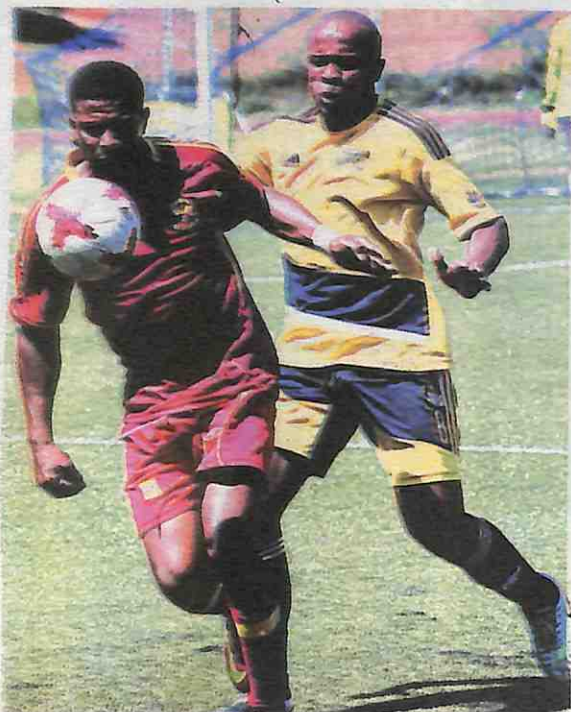
| Team | P | W | D | L | GF | GAGD | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|---|---|----|------|-----|
| PSG | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 39 | 8 | 31 |
| Monaco | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 34 | 12 | 22 |
| Nantes | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Lyonnais | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 27 | 15 | 12 |
| Marseille | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 17 | 4 |
| Saint Etienne | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 3 |
| Caen | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Montpellier | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Bordeaux | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 18 | -2 |
| Rennes | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 15 | -1 |
| Troyes | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 15 | -3 |
| Toulouse | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 17 | -5 |
| Guingamp | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 21 | -8 |



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BUFFALOES HAMMER MALANTI 5-1



MY BALL: Young Buffaloes' Ndoda Mthethwa winning the ball from Malanti Chiefs' Thembumenzi Mayisela during the MTN Premier League match at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Buffaloes won 5-1. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



GOALS GALORE: Buffaloes' second goal scored by Ndoda Mthethwa.



FROM BEHIND: Malanti's Charles Molo-po trying to mark Ndumiso Dlamini.



TACKLE: Buffaloes' Sifiso Mazibuko blocking Malanti's Potego Mokoena.



ASAKHULILE AMATHOLE: Buffaloes celebrating one of their five goals.



HEADER: Phiwa Dlamini and Bongani Tshabalala in a heading duel.



TEAM SPIRIT: Young Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene with Malanti Chiefs counterpart Christopher Tembo after the game.

MOVE: Sandile Mazibuko attempts to go past Bongani Mhlanga.



FOLLOW ME: Lindokuhle Faku-dze outpacing Wandile Maseko.



NEVER GIVE UP: Malanti Chiefs coach Christopher Tembo encouraging his players to soldier on.



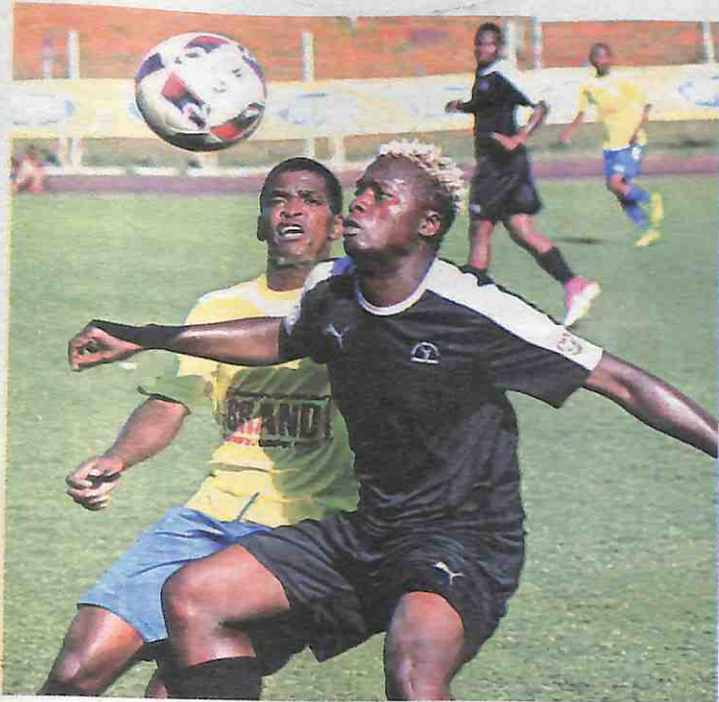
TOO HOT: Buffaloes players cooling themselves.



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LANDERS TAKE 3 POINTS FROM 'DOWNS



ALL EYES ON THE BALL: Mbabane Highlanders' Mfanufikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze and Manzini Sundowns' Ndumiso Shongwe battling for the ball during their MTN Premier League match at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Highlanders won 1-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

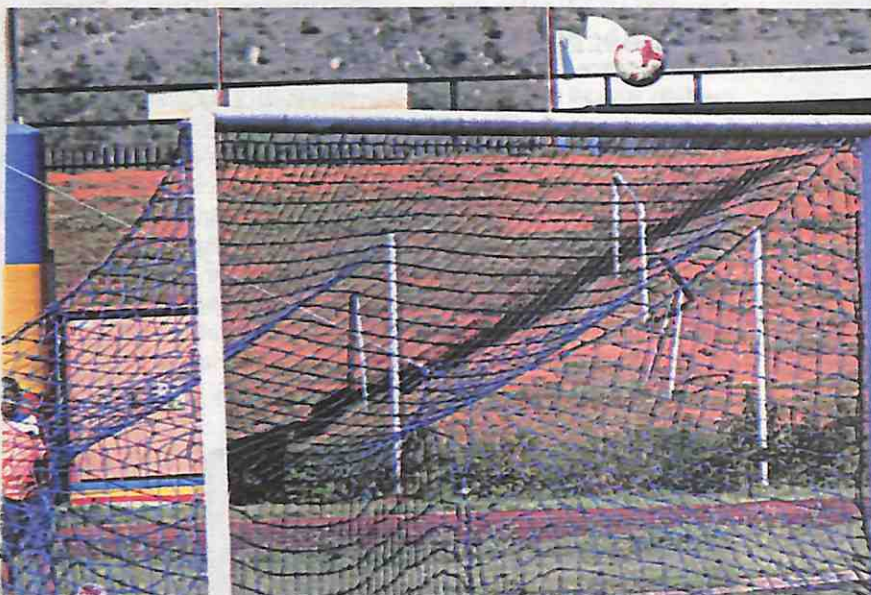


INSPIRED: A Highlanders fan clad in a Zionist uniform at the stadium.

TACKLE: Menzi Sithole tackling Sundowns' Justice Figureido.



LIKE A CAT: Sundowns goal-keeper Lwethu Simelane making a brilliant save.



MR REFEREE: Sundowns goal-keeper protesting after Highlanders scored their goal.



NOT THIS ONE: 'Fash' came face to face with Sundowns goalkeeper Lwethu Simelane but he missed the scoring opportunity.



CHALLENGE: Sandumuzi Zwane challenged by Vusumuzi Vilakati.



AT LAST: Mbabane Highlanders supporters led by Silevu (r) singing and dancing after recording a 1-0 victory against Manzini Sundowns.



HAPPY: Highlanders technical bench celebrate after the referee blew the final whistle.

(L) GWAZA NKUNZI: Highlanders followers in jubilation after referee blew the final whistle.

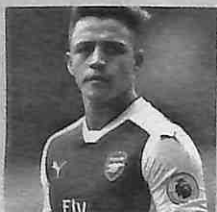
(R) LET'S GO: Goal scorer Xolani Sibandze and Kingu Pemba vying for the ball.





● David Moyes is in pole position to take over at West Ham until the end of the season, should Slaven Bilic be sacked. (*Sunday Telegraph*)

● Bayern Munich have ruled out re-entering the race to sign Arsenal star Alexis Sanchez, 28, because they believe he has already decided his next destination. (*Metro*)



● Midfielder Cesc Fabregas, 30, has confirmed he wants to sign a new contract at Chelsea despite interest from Manchester United. (*London Evening Standard*)

● Real Madrid are considering a move for Tottenham duo Harry Kane, 24, and Dele Alli, 21, after their impressive displays against the Spanish giants in the Champions League. (*Marca*)

● Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino has also been linked with Real Madrid but says he is at the 'best club in the world'. (*Observer*)

● Chelsea Manager Antonio Conte could be a target for AC Milan if the Italian club decides to sack Vincenzo Montella. (*Sunday Express*)



● Alvaro Morata says he had the chance to join Manchester United over the summer but the forward, 25, chose Chelsea because they 'demonstrated to me that they really wanted me'. (*The Independent*)

● Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho wants a £3m-a-year pay rise on his current deal at the club. (*Sunday Mirror*)

● Real Betis are preparing to make another move for Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere, 25, after the La Liga side failed with a summer bid for the player. (*Sun on Sunday*)

● Midfielder Fernandinho, 32, is set to sign a new 12-month contract at Manchester City. (*Daily Star*)

● Arsenal face competition from north London rivals Tottenham for Schalke's 22-year-old midfielder Leon Goretzka. (*Sunday Mirror*)



● Everton have joined Manchester City in seeking to sign West Brom centre-back Jonny Evans, 29. (*Sun on Sunday*)

● Tottenham midfielder Eric Dier, 23, says he has 'always been so happy at Tottenham' and of a rumoured summer move to Manchester United he says 'never did it turn my head'. (*Sunday Times - subscription required*)

INJURIES KILLING US - 'TSO'

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MATSAPHA United assistant coach Zwelibandzi 'Botsotso' Khoza has lamented his side's growing injury list after suffering more injury setbacks in the hard-fought 2-1 victory over Moneni Pirates in the MTN Premier League on Saturday afternoon.

Goalkeeper Khanyakweze Shabalala and striker Sidumo Shongwe were both rushed to Mpilo Clinic after suffering different injuries in the

match played at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

Shabalala suffered a concussion while Shongwe suffered a severe knock to his head.

While happy with the result, Khoza, speaking to journalists after the match, expressed concern over his side's growing injury list which sees the duo join the likes of Sifiso Maseko, Sphamandla Dlamini and Msimisi Nanywa on the sidelines.



"This win is very important, it's a comeback after the two consecutive defeats we've had. Moneni is a good side. We showed character today and had confidence some-

thing we did not have in our last two matches. The confidence would have gone even lower today had we lost. But the injuries are killing us," he said.

Khoza went on to praise his side's supporters for sticking with the team even during diffi-

cult times. "I would also like to thank our supporters who came today even though we had lost our last two matches," he said.

Meanwhile, Pirates head coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini bemoaned the opportunities his side missed.

"We missed so many chances, even obvious ones. It wasn't our day. You saw, we attacked them throughout, we flowed," he said.

When quizzed on what his opponents had done better than his side, Dlamini was brief in his response. "I don't want to talk about Matsapha," he said.

Volleyball team wins all three games in SA

By Sabelo Majola

VOLLEYBALL - THE Swaziland National Volleyball Association (SNVA) has every reason to be proud as the national team (ladies) successfully won all three friendly games during the international friendly games played in Johannesburg this weekend.

The 13-member team left the country on Friday for South Africa to participate in the games in preparation for the 2019 All Africa Games qualifiers.

THE FULL RESULTS

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|--------------------------------|-----|-----------------|
| Swaziland | 2-0 | Kamplits |
| Swaziland | 3-2 | VUT |
| Swaziland | 3-2 | Gauntein Select |
| Congratulations Team Swaziland | | |

The 12th African Games will take place in 2019 in Equatorial Guinea.

The friendly games were hosted over the weekend at the University of Johannesburg, Auckland Park Campus.

The highlight for the local side was beating reigning female champions Kamplits (SA), who are based in Bela Bela at

Limpopo 2-0. Swaziland also triumphed 3-2 over Vaal University of Technology (VUT) before ending the tour with a 3-1 victory over Gauntein Select.

The trip to South Africa was sponsored by the Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA), who selected the female team for the practice matches in SA.



POSE: The Volleyball national ladies team that went to South Africa for the international friendly games held in Johannesburg over the weekend. (courtesy pic)

Sosai intensify Japan preparations

By Sibusiso Masilela

KARATE - ALL karatekas continue to prepare for next year's Japan International tournament slated for Tokyo.

The Sosai Kyukoshin Karate Association of Swaziland (SKKAS) is currently preparing the karatekas as conduct weekly training sessions ahead of the upcoming competition. Top local coaches including

Mandla Mdluli, Allie Mdluli and Bonga Ngcamphalala took over 30 karatekas through their paces during a joint session held at the Zakhele Hall on Saturday.

Sosai President Mandla Mdluli said the session was a huge success and thanked the artists for attending in numbers.

"We are happy with the response received from teams as they sent a lot of their players to the session. Players were taken through basic skills. We

are also assessing the physical fitness of the players and the next training session will be in two weeks time," he said.

Mdluli also said they were still waiting dates of the Japan Cup from the organisers.

"We will try and keep our players in good shape until we get the dates of the upcoming tournament where will select the final squad to travel to Japan. We will also work on the budget and other logistics," he said.

'Sputla' bemoans mental fragility

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - RED Lions coach Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane says his players were mentally not ready to play in their 2-0 defeat to Green Mamba on Saturday afternoon.

This was during an MTN Premier League match played at the Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday where Red Lions conceded two first half goals and the first of which was in the 7th minute goal that caught goalkeeper Sicelo Dlamini way out of his line.

Dlamini, who looked nervy, was subbed off in the 27th minute for Jim Knowledge. Even though his side came into the match on the back of morale boosting results, having beaten Midas City and drawn with Royal Leopard, Lions coach Zwane says his side was not up for the Green Mamba tie.

"We gave away easy goals, especially the first one. Mentally the players were just not ready to play and I am not sure why. I did psychology so I know they were just not ready mentally which is why I made the early goalkeeper substitution. We just didn't have the fighting spirit but in the second half we came back stronger.

The players need to be stronger mentally," Zwane said. Meanwhile, his counterpart Caleb Ngwenya, who has won two of his first three matches in charge of the Correctional Services side, was quick to shift praise from himself to his players. "We played well especially in managing the conditions. It was too hot so we wanted to be conservative in terms of our energy and we did that well. We were also solid defensively. We want to be consistent and I have also emphasised the importance of tactical discipline. I don't want to talk a lot about what I have done but I am happy with the progress the team is making," he said.



BEMOANS: Red Lions coach Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane.



Young Buffaloes against Malanti Chiefs at Somhlolo National Stadium.

SHISA MPAMA AS 'BUFFS' WHIP MALANTI

By Qondile Ntiwane

Young Buffaloes..... (1)5
Malanti Chiefs..... (1)1

SOCCER - IT was mission demolition for army side Young Buffaloes as they handed Malanti Chiefs a 5-1 thrashing during an MTN Premier League match played at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

A brace from Amathole Ezinyathi striker Phiwa Dlamini and goals from Ndoda Mthethwa, Sanele Ngcamphala and Banele Mkhabela inspired the army outfit to their eighth victory of the season. The lanky forward Phiwa scored the goals within a space of four minutes after restart. The first goal came when he headed home a Ndoda Mthethwa pass.

He was at it again a few seconds later, when he beat an advancing Malanti Chiefs goalkeeper Ntokozo Shabangu before looping the ball inside the net.

Ngcamphala registered his name on the scorers chart 10 minutes before time when he fired a ground shot past the hapless goalkeeper. Former Malanti Chiefs pint sized attacking midfielder Banele Mkhabela came back to haunt the side in the last five minutes when he, against the run of play, let one fly



ASAKHULILE AMATHOLE: Buffaloes celebrating one of their five goals.

past the shot-stopper. The game had gone to recess with the teams with a goal apiece. The army outfit was first to draw blood just two minutes into the game through forward Ndoda Mthethwa, who outsmarted Malanti Chiefs' Thembumenzi Mayisela before converting a Banele Mkhabela pass to make it 1-0. The now Pigg's Peak based side's Sandile Mazibuko could have done better in 27th minute but directed his shot, unmarked inside the box, wide.

Buffaloes remain in second spot with 28 points, seven behind log leaders and defending champions Mbabane Swallows.

Teams

Buffaloes - Nhlanhla, Sifiso, Wandile, Dumsani, Shikes, Sihlangu, Banele, Ndoda (Mazibuko), Sandile, Phiwa (Ndumiso), Bongani

Malanti - Ntokozo, Bhakisisa, Potego, Lindo, Sandile, Thembumenzi, Senzo (Jabulani), Charles, Bongani, Sithembiso, Sifiso

Tembo feels they deserved to lose

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - MALANTI Chiefs coach Christopher Tembo says his side deserved the 5-1 thrashing from Young Buffaloes during the MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Interviewed after the game, the coach said they were let down by their defence and that their performance on the day was the reflection of the score.

"What can I say, we deserved this. We failed to defend today (yesterday) and we cannot survive with such defen-

sive blunders." The coach said they were just not in the game.

"Some can say we were off form but players need to adjust and work with what you have on the day.

It was a disappointing performance," he said.

Meanwhile, Young Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene said he was happy to have collected maximum points.

"We didn't start well and had to change the game plan in the second half.

There is really nothing we have achieved but ours is to collect more points to make sure we survive," he said

Asked on their preparation for CAF, the coach stated that they have a pro-



REVEALED: Malanti Chiefs coach Christopher Tembo.

gramme in place for the international competition. "We already have a plan for CAF but focus now is on the league."

He said they would continue working hard.

ERNEST MAVUSO CRIES FOUL OVER REFEREEING AFTER 'BULL' LOSS

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MANZINI Sundowns head coach Ernest Mavuso cried foul over the officiating during their 0-1 loss to Mbabane Highlanders at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Mavuso said they didn't get quality officiating especially when Highlanders scored their goal.

He said their goalkeeper was not protected hence they suffered to their third loss of the season.

"I am not happy with the officiating of the day after Highlanders were handed a controversial goal where our goalkeeper Lwethu Simelane was not protected following an infringement by the opposition striker Mfan'zile 'Fash' Ndzimandze. I feel we should have been given a foul since the keeper had already handled the ball. True, Highlanders are a big side but they shouldn't be given favours to win matches," he said.

Mavuso said matches were sometimes decided

by the referees.

Coming to the game, the coach said they tried their best on the day but could not get the elusive goal.

"We really tried our best but it was not to be. I am happy the players fought until the end and its only that we failed to get the equaliser," he said. Mavuso said they would continue working hard.

Meanwhile, newly appointed Highlanders assistant coach Durnisani '2010' Dlamini said he was happy with the win. "I am happy with the result as I managed to bring back confidence among the players and make them believe in themselves. This worked

well as we managed to get the desired result at the end of the match,"

he said. When asked about the prospect of taking over the hot seat at the club, the former Malanti Chiefs mentor said the decision lied in the hands of the board of directors.

"I cannot say much on that, only the team's elders can make the decision on that aspect," he said.



UNHAPPY: Manzini Sundowns head coach Ernest Mavuso.

MANCHESTER UTD ON INGWENYAMA REGIONAL TITLE DEFENCE ROLL

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - NORTHERN Hhohho side and Ingwenyama Cup regional champions Manchester United are on a quest to defend their title after a winning 2-1 over Ntabenezimpisi Swallows at Killarney Stadium yesterday.

Each region now has four teams

left in the showpiece except for Lubombo who did not play this weekend. Last year's finalists and Shiselweni South outfit Rangers also made it to the region's last four after a 1-0 victory over Shooting Stars. All four games at Manzini which were played at Manzini Club were decided in penalties after ending in stalemates. Boyane, Nsuka United, Stumbo IX and Maliyaduma were all victorious after penalty shootouts.



HAPPY: Sibuyeni players celebrating their lone goal during their Ingwenyama Cup regional competition against Billy Ocean yesterday at the Prince of Wales Sports Ground. Billy Ocean won the match 2-1. (Pics: Sibongiseni Zondi)

FIXTURES

TELKOM KNOCKOUT SEMI-FINAL

| | | |
|----------------|----|---------------------|
| Polokwane City | vs | Bloemfontein Celtic |
| Bidvest Wits | vs | Kaizer Chiefs |

RESULTS

TELKOM KNOCKOUT

| | | |
|--|-----|---------------------|
| Chippa United | 0-1 | Kaizer Chiefs |
| Orlando Pirates | 2-2 | Polokwane City |
| <i>(Pirates lost 4-2 on Penalties)</i> | | |
| Bidvest Wits | 1-0 | Baroka FC |
| Platinum Stars | 1-2 | Bloemfontein Celtic |

PREMIER LEAGUE

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|
| Tottenham Hotspur | 1-0 | Crystal Palace |
| Manchester City | 3-1 | Arsenal |
| Chelsea | 1-0 | Manchester United |
| Everton | 3-1 | Watford |
| West Ham United | 1-4 | Liverpool |
| Southampton | 0-1 | Burnley |
| Swansea City | 0-1 | Brighton |
| Huddersfield Town | 1-0 | West Brom |
| Newcastle United | 0-1 | AFC Bournemouth |
| Stoke City | 2-2 | Leicester City |

SPANISH LA LIGA

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----------------|
| Barcelona | 2-1 | Sevilla |
| Deportivo Alavés | 1-0 | Espanyol |
| Deportivo La Coruña | 0-1 | Atlético Madrid |
| Valencia | 3-0 | Leganes |
| Levante | 1-2 | Girona |
| Celta de Vigo | 3-1 | Athletic Club |

BUNDESLIGA

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|------------------|
| Borussia Dortmund | 1-3 | Bayern München |
| Freiburg | 0-1 | Schalke 04 |
| Borussia M'gladbach | 1-1 | Mainz 05 |
| RB Leipzig | 2-1 | Hannover 96 |
| Hamburger SV | 3-1 | Stuttgart |
| Augsburg | 1-1 | Bayer Leverkusen |
| Köln | 0-3 | Hoffenheim |

ITALIAN SERIE A

| | | |
|----------------|-----|---------------|
| Genoa | 0-2 | Sampdoria |
| Bologna | 2-3 | Crotone |
| Internazionale | 1-1 | Torino |
| Juventus | 2-1 | Benevento |
| Cagliari | 2-1 | Hellas Verona |
| Chievo | 0-0 | Napoli |
| Florentina | 2-4 | Roma |

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

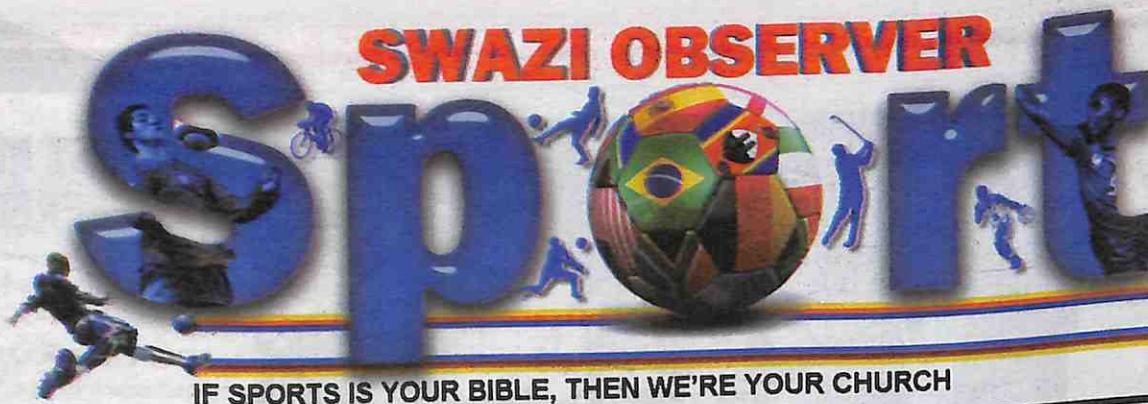
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| Wanderers | 3-1 | Vovovo |
| Swallows | 2-0 | Leopard |
| Green Mamba | 2-0 | Red Lions |
| Matsapha | 2-1 | Pirates |
| Young Buffaloes | 5-1 | Malanti Chiefs |
| Mbabane Highlanders | 1-0 | Manzini Sundowns |
| Tambuti | 2-0 | Midas City |

MTN NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION

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|--------------|-----|-----------|
| Hub Sundowns | 1-0 | Tycoons |
| Citizens | 5-1 | Sikhalo |
| Amalanda | 2-1 | Bad Boys |
| Tinyosi | 3-1 | Mahlalini |
| Milling | 1-0 | Callies0 |
| Madlenya | 3-1 | Sea Birds |

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

| Team | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | PTS |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Mbabane Swallows | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 5 | 18 | 32 |
| Young Buffaloes | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 23 | 7 | 16 | 28 |
| Matsapha United | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 22 |
| Manzini Wanderers | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 16 | 2 | 21 |
| Green Mamba | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| Malanti Chiefs | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 20 | -2 | 18 |
| Mbabane Highlanders | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 17 |
| Manzini Sundowns | 12 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| Royal Leopard | 12 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 15 |
| Moneni Pirates | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 16 | -3 | 15 |
| Vovovo | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 17 | -6 | 13 |
| Tambuti | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 19 | -6 | 13 |
| Red Lions | 12 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 21 | -14 | 5 |
| Midas City | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 26 | -19 | 0 |



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SCRAPPY WIN FOR 'BULL'

By Sibusiso Masilela

Mbabane Highlanders..... (1)1
Manzini Sundowns..... (0)0

SOCCER - TROUBLED Mbabane Highlanders finally ended their two match losing streak with a scrappy 1-0 win over a resilient Manzini Sundowns at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

This means the 'Black Bull' ended their miserable week with a questionable solitary goal scored by their trusted servant Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze, beating the resilient 'Kappa Boys' to record their fifth win of the season at the hands of the seventh placed hub outfit.

'Chocco' scored the questionable goal at the stroke of halftime where Sundowns goalkeeper Lwethu Simelane was not protected by referee Theminkhosi Dlamini after he was obstructed and pushed by Mfanfikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze, allowing Sibandze to score on an empty net.

The goal came as a huge sigh of a relief for Highlanders, who had lost their two previous outings to Green Mamba and Young Buffaloes, something that led to the resignation of former head coach Alou Badara and his assistant Christian Tfwala.

Chances

The match started brightly for Highlanders as they created most chances but were denied by the brave goalkeeping of Sundowns young shot-stopper Lwethu Simelane, who pulled some daring saves.

The development product made an acrobatic save 12 minutes into action, denying Zambian striker Michael Musonda, who unleashed a powerful rocket outside the box.

Simelane was at his best as he also denied



YES: Mbabane Highlanders supporters celebrating their goal against Manzini Sundowns during their MTN Premier League match at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Highlanders won 1-0. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

midfielder Menzi Sithole five minutes before the break when he saved a close range for a fruitless corner.

Sundowns took control of the proceedings in the second stanza as they took the match to the opposition, who looked tired.

Unlucky

The 'Kappa Boys' pushed hard for an elusive equaliser but they were let down by the poor decision making in the final third. Midfielder Phumlani Ngwenya was unlucky not to level matters eight minutes before fulltime when his timely volley was saved by Sidumo Vilakati

between Highlanders poles.

The party started for the 'Bull' faithful soon after referee Dlamini blew the final as celebrations erupted from the Highlanders grandstand and it was like they had won the league.

Teams:

Highlanders: Sidumo, Vusi, Vukile, Simphiwe, Mncedisi, Ndumiso (Bongani), Musonda (Mphucuko), Mlamuli, Mfanfikile (Antwi), Sithole, Xolani

Sundowns: Lwethu, Ndumiso, Sandile, Kingu, Bongani, Ejike, Justice (Senzo), Phumlani, Sandumuzi, Enzo (Melusi), Linda (Nkambule)

MATSAPHA EXPRESS SHOCK AT LACK OF PARAMEDICS

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MATSAPHA United have expressed shock at having to play their MTN Premier League match against Moneni Pirates without any paramedics or ambulance present.

The Matsapha side won the entertaining encounter at the Mavuso Sports Centre 2-1 but there were no paramedics on the pitch side or ambulance present for the two Premier League matches at the venue. The Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) usually enlists the help of the Red Cross for paramedic services. The first match saw Green Mamba beat Red Lions 2-0. While there were no serious injury concerns in the first

match, the second one saw Matsapha goalkeeper Khanyakwezwe Shabalala and striker Sidumo Shongwe rushed to Manzini Clinic after suffering differing injuries.

Shabalala suffered a concussion while Shongwe suffered a knock to his head.

Matsapha CEO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini expressed the club's shock at having no paramedics to assist them pitch side, which is a norm in every MTN Premier League match.

"We didn't understand why there were no paramedics at the stadium. We were shocked by that. There were no stretchers, no ambulance. We had to carry both Sidumo and Khanyakwezwe on our shoulders and used our own cars to ferry them to the clinic," he said.

Dlamini went on to add that the club was worried by its burgeoning injury list.

"Both Sidumo and Shabalala have suffered serious injuries. They were checked and discharged on Saturday and were ordered to return for X-ray today (Sunday).

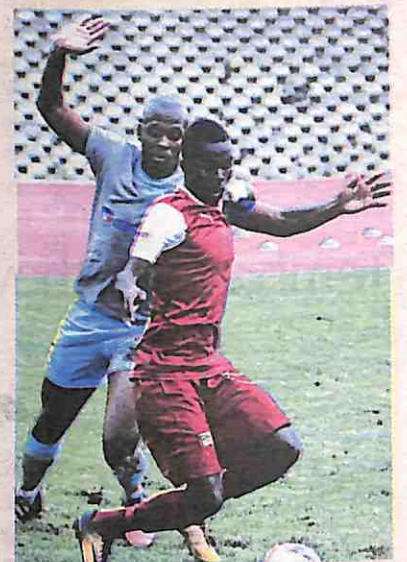
"They join Siphamandla Dlamini, Nkosingiphile Nkambule, Sifiso Maseko, Msimisi Ncanywa and Dennis 'Yuki' Masina on our injury list. 'Sawa' is also playing with an injury. We are worried but we will cope as a team. I would like to urge our supporters to pray for us during these hard times," he said.

The CEO then confirmed that Shabalala would miss Sihlangu's upcoming camp. Shabalala was named in Sihlangu coach Pieter de

Jongh's 30-man squad for the November FIFA week. "Khanyakwezwe will be out for at least two weeks. That is what the doctors told us. We know that the FA (NFAS) requires even injured players to report for camp so we will follow all protocol and allow him to report for camp and also bring the doctor's report with us," he concluded.

Reports

Meanwhile, PLS COO Pat Vilakati said the organisation had not yet received a report on the two matches. "We usually receive our reports on Mondays and Tuesdays so we haven't yet received a report on the matches you are referring to. When we announce the fixture we also send invites to the paramedics so we don't know what happened," he said briefly.



TACKLE: Matsapha United's Vusumuzi Zungu and Manzini Wanderers' Mike Dombo fighting for the ball during their game at Mavuso Sports Centre in Manzini recently.