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**JURIS DRAMA:** Police and workers from Juris Manufacturing Company had a confrontation yesterday that resulted in property being vandalised after management did not agree on a new working arrangement with workers. Police had to fire warning shots and teargas to get workers to disperse, something that saw an exchange of missiles. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)

## CHAOS REIGNS DOWN SOUTH...

# GUN SHOTS, TEARGAS AS COPS CLASH WITH WORKERS

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**DPM REQUESTS 20% ELDERLY GRANTS INCREASE**

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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

# DPM requests 20 per cent elderly grants increase

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**ELDERLY grants might be increased from E240 to E300 per month, something that shows a 20 per cent rise.**

This is what has been requested by the DPM Paul Dlamini from the Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini.

The final raise on the elderly grants will be known before the end of February during the presentation of the national budget in parliament.

His Majesty King Mswati III on Friday announced during the official opening of the Fourth Session of the 10th Parliament, that elderly grants would be increased this year.

The skimpy elderly grants have been a burning topic in many circles, with a number of voices calling for an increase.

The pronouncement by the King gave the elderly and the entire Swazi nation something to smile about as their prayers have been answered after a protracted fight for an improvement.

The DPM said his office was thrilled and grateful that the elderly grants would be reviewed.

"The exact amount of how much the elderly grant will be increased by would be known during the upcoming national budget speech. As the office responsible for the elderly grants, we submitted a thorough review of our social services. We had proposed an increase of E60 to the elderly grants, however, the budget speech will be the determining factor of how much the elderly will finally receive. For now, I cannot confirm the actual figure," he said.

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**PROPOSAL: Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini.**

Currently the elderly earn E240 a month, which could be translated to them living on about E8 a day.

If the elderly grants will be increased by the proposed E60, they will add up to E300 per person a month, translating to E10 a day.

Currently, the elderly receive their grants every three months, which come

as a lump sum of E720.

A few months ago, the elderly grants payouts were moved from being disbursed at the tinkhundla centres to the Swazi Post offices in all the four regions.

The finance minister confirmed that the national budget speech would be delivered before the end of February, which means the elderly will find out about the exact increase in less than a month.

His Majesty announced that social grants for the elderly, the orphaned and vulnerable children, together with those who are physically challenged, will be increased in the next financial year.

The King reminded the nation that the elderly are an important reference for guidance for the country hence each and every individual has a responsibility to look after them.

The King urged the nation to come up with strategies to complement government efforts in order for the country to create a befitting comfort for the elderly during the remaining days of their lives.

The grant for people living with disabilities is E80 per month whilst OVC are getting E1 950 for Form One to Form Three whilst for Form Fours and Fives government pays E2 100 for their school fees.



**BUDGET: Minister for Finance Martin Dlamini.**

Government's financial year starts on April 1 and ends on March 31 of the following year.

## Budget speech before end of Feb

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**THIS year's budget speech is likely to be delivered before the end of this current month.**

This was revealed by Minister for Finance Martin Dlamini yesterday when asked when such an event could take place now that Parliament is open.

It was officially opened by His Majesty King Mswati III last Friday.

Dlamini stated that the delivery of the budget speech would depend on how fast the finance committee would prepare the speech.

"The finance committee of the ministry is still to meet and discuss the budget speech. After that, it will be submitted to the Cabinet, where it will be

approved. We hope that by the end of this month, we will already be in Parliament," Dlamini said.

The minister said it would all depend on how fast the finance committee was in dealing with the preparations of the speech. Dlamini was asked about the possibilities of March arriving without the speech being delivered.

He stressed that the budget speech would be delivered before the end of the current month.

The budget speech is a financial declaration from government that gives direction on how money for the approaching financial year would be used.

It can also be described as a term used to highlight a financial situation of a country. Usually, such speeches illustrate how state funds would be used during a financial year.

## Government to sponsor 3 140 first year students

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**A total of 3 140 first year tertiary students are to be sponsored by the government of this country in 2017/2018.**

The government will be sponsoring the students through the ministry of labour and social security.

This includes students studying in eight tertiary institutions in the country.

This is according to information obtained from the acting Ministry of Labour and Social Security Principal Secretary (PS) Norman Gamedze.

The local institutions include the University of Swaziland (UNISWA), Swaziland College of Technology (SCOT) Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU), William Pitcher Teacher's Training College, Ngwane Teacher's Training College, Swaziland Christian Medical University (SCMU), Good Shepherd Nursing College, and Linkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT).

If all goes according to the ministry's plan, UNISWA will receive a lion's share in the scholarship allocations.

A total of 1 000 students will be sponsored in the 2017/18 academic year at UNISWA alone.

These include those who will be pursuing their Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE).

LUCT will have 600 students sponsored by government.

SANU will have 400 students sponsored by government. A total of 200 will be sponsored for teaching, while another 200 will be sponsored for nursing.

At SCOT, there will be 300 first year students to be sponsored by government.

Ngwane College will have 250.

The Swaziland Christian Medical University will have 200 students catered for by the government this year.

William Pitcher will have 150 first year students paid for by government.

The Good Shepherd Nursing College in Siteki will be receiving the least number of first year students from government. Government will only afford to pay for 50 students in that institution.

This adds up to 3 030 students to be based locally.

Government also plans to send 100 students to South African universities.

Normally, government sponsors students to go outside the borders for educational programmes that are not offered in the country. The same thing applies to students who will be sponsored to study in tertiary institutions in the Southern African region.

Government will sponsor 10 students in the Southern African region. This means a total of 110 first year students will be sponsored beyond our borders.

### Below is the number of students and the institutions where they will be sponsored

Institution	Number of students
SCOT	380
SANU	400
William Pitcher Teacher Training College	150
Ngwane Teacher Training College	250
UNISWA	1 000 (Including PGCE)
Swaziland Christian Medical University	200
Good Shepherd Nursing College	50
LUCT	600
Local Total	3 030
SADC Region	10
South Africa	100
Abroad Total	110
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>3 140</b>

## Swazis trafficked to South Africa found

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**THE Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation, known as The Hawks, rescued a number of Swazis who were trafficked to Madadeni area in the Republic where they were exploited as cheap labour.**

Information gathered is that the Hawks in KwaZulu-Natal Province rescued about 72 human trafficking victims that included a good number of Swazis.

Hawks Captain Simphiwe Mhlongo, in a press statement, stated that 72 foreigners who were allegedly trafficked from Lesotho and Swaziland for labour exploitation in one of the factories in Newcastle were rescued by the Hawks.

Mhlongo stated that the Hawks received information about foreign nationals who were kept in a certain factory in the area, which is also known as 'Emadadeni'.

"A search warrant was swiftly obtained and Hawks members, together with department of labour as well as home affairs officials, raided the said premises on Friday February 3, 2017," Mhlongo

stated. Information gathered is that a search was conducted and the victims, including those from the country (Swaziland) and Lesotho, were found working.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the victims were brought into South Africa illegally.

Mhlongo stated that five suspects aged between 18 and 35 were arrested and they have since been charged with human trafficking and were due to appear in the Newcastle Magistrate's

Court anytime this week.

According to Mhlongo, when the factory workers were searched for documents allowing them entry into South Africa, it was discovered they had none.

It is said the victims also did not possess work permits and it was further found they were not being paid accordingly.

Mhlongo stated that the department of labour was assisting them in terms of handling the issue.



## Buganu ceremony at Buhleni this weekend

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

THE first Buganu ceremony will be held at Buhleni Royal Residence

in Northern Hhohho this coming weekend.

Lutsango has been summoned by His Majesty King Mswati III for the Buganu ceremony to be held from Friday to Sunday. According to an

announcement aired on national radio on behalf of the leader of the Lutsango regiment, the women are expected to make their presentations at the Royal Residence on Friday with the main festivities, including singing and dancing on the second day (Saturday). This event does not only bring smiles to tourists but even to business people within the small town as they make money by selling the Buganu itself, food and traditional regalia. The main celebration kicks off after lunch on Saturday and carries on into the night. Her Majesty is joined by Lutsango in

dance in the afternoon on Saturday through to the evening while His Majesty and Libutfo join in the dance during the night. The ceremony continues until the following day (Sunday) before the regiment disperses to return on another date to be announced by authorities, where the ceremony proceeds to Hlane Royal Residence.

## Stick to original umhelwane - Princess Tsandzile

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Lozitha

MINISTER of Home Affairs Princess

Tsandzile has urged Hhohho Lutsango to stick to the original umhelwane this weekend.

This will be during the annual Buganu

ceremony to be held at Buhleni Royal Residence.

"Please refrain from using the silky umhelwane, even if it is of the same

colour or pattern, we emphasise on neatness," the minister said.

She urged the Hhohho Lutsango to wear orange (Kanga) Lihya on Saturday and the red one on Sunday.

"We just want order and to look as one, representing the Hhohho region

well, the pattern should also be the same, to look as a unit that we are," she added.

Lutsango is urged to stick to the theme by all majors and to be certain that they wear the right kanga, for the right day.

# Gun shots, teargas as cops, workers clash

### COVER STORY

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

JURIS Manufacturing company in Nhlangano was yesterday turned into a battle field as police, combined with security guards, fought with over 2 000 employees.

Police had to fire warning shots and use teargas as workers went berserk and vandalised property, leaving a trail of yet un-quantified damage.

It was at around 7am yesterday when the employees reported for work as usual only to find management with armed police and security guards from VIP security firm by the gate. When male employees tried to make their way into the factory, it was allegedly announced that only females would be allowed. Males were advised to wait outside

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Management said there were issues that needed to be resolved with the males.

### Arrangement

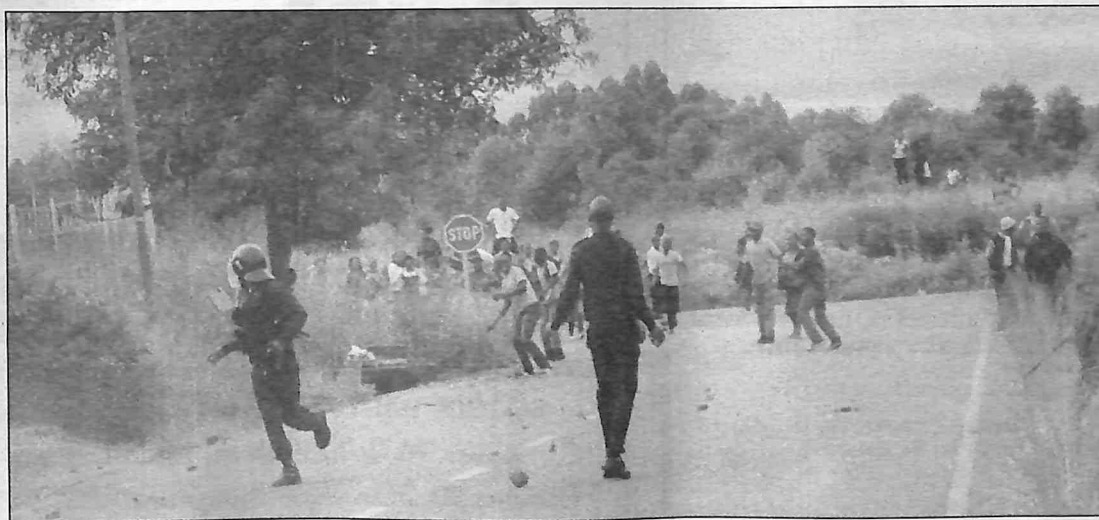
Sniffer dogs were also found by the gate and it is believed these were brought as means of beefing up security. The dogs belonged to VIP security firm. This arrangement was probably influenced by last week's incident where workers from the textile company ran amok and assaulted a manager before stabbing him.

Information gathered was that the males openly defied yesterday's order to remain outside the premises and bullishly followed their female colleagues.

There was serious pushing and shoving before all hell broke loose. The female employees were not at all amused and they joined the fracas that ensued as males attempted to bulldoze their way inside the factory.

Inevitable, there was a stampede. The workers resorted to violent means as the security guards and police employed force as they blocked

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**RUN FOR IT:** The fierce fight between the employees and police was joined by the security guards. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)

the entrance.

The company's buildings were vandalised with windows smashed by the angry workers who used all sorts of missiles.

The shattering of glass doors and windows saw some management team members running for their lives.

The company premises resembled a war zone as the workers and police exchanged missiles.

### Hoping

Police fired warning gun shots in the air, hoping to scare off the workers who were on the rampage.

Police found themselves left with no alternative but to use 'minimum' force to push the employees away after realising the workers were not ready to budge.

They fired teargas at the strong crowd of workers who ran helter skelter in all directions.

A thick cloud engulfed the area with some of the employees seen dashing towards the nearby forests as police were hot on their heels to ensure they keep a distance from the company premises.

The employees were however seen regrouping and the 'war' entered its second phase.

Stones, bricks and other objects were once again used by the workers.

Police mouthpiece Superintendent Khulani Mamba, confirmed that police had to use teargas to disperse the employees who had resorted to use violent means to communicate with their employer and vandalised property.

"Police were there to maintain peace and order. The employees decided to be violent and it was then that teargas was used to disperse them," said Supt. Mamba.

### Entrance

Mamba said no injuries were reported and no one was arrested.

Elmon Ndlovu, who is the Human Resources Manager, who also had to duck missiles, said it all started when management suggested there should be control at the entrance gate.

He said it was decided that the employees should be allowed to come inside in groups so that even

if there could be anyone with weapons and anything that could be a threat to the company's security setup, it could be detected.

"Following last week's mayhem, today (yesterday) it was decided that security measures should be tightened and we therefore decided to allow them to come inside in groups. It is not true that male employees were denied entrance. They were allowed inside but the employees decided against the arrangement and that was when the riot started," said Ndlovu.

### Discussions

Ndlovu said all employees are expected to report for work on Thursday. He said today and tomorrow, management would be engaged in discussions with other stakeholders and employees' representatives with the aim of finding a lasting solution.

"No one has been fired. From tomorrow (today) and Wednesday, we would be having discussions with the labour authorities and representatives of the employees," said Ndlovu.

## Town came to standstill

THE employees stormed the small town and literally took over as they roamed the streets before marching to the police station.

They demanded the release of some of their colleagues who had been taken in for questioning.

The workers disturbed the flow of traffic as they expressed displeasure as regards the detention of their colleagues.

With police seemingly aware of the pending danger if the employees remained detained, they released the three workers as they emerged and joined their colleagues.

They then took to the streets again, jumping and chanting. Police had to keep a close eye on them and were seen tailing them wherever they went.

Meanwhile, Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku and the Regional Secretary Zwakele Dlamini had to rush to the company after hearing about the chaos which led to almost all the buildings vandalised.

The RA and RS had just finished being part of the launch of the national census programme at Ngwane Teacher's Training College.

Elmon Ndlovu, the company's Human Resources Manager, confirmed that both the RA and RS visited the company to assess the situation.



**GUN POINT:** A police officer at work.



## 4 PICTURES

● Chaos erupted at Juris Manufacturing Company yesterday when the employees reported for work, only to be told a new arrangement had been implemented. Whilst armed police and guards from VIP security manned the gate, male employees were barred from entering the factory, with only the females allowed inside. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)

## NHLANGANO COPS, WORKERS CLASH



**DOG TO BEEF UP:** Sniffer dogs were brought to beef up security during the confrontation between management and the workers.

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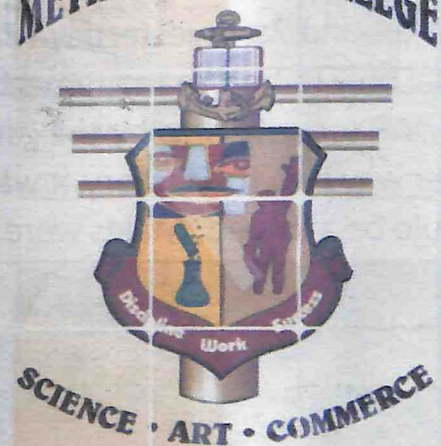
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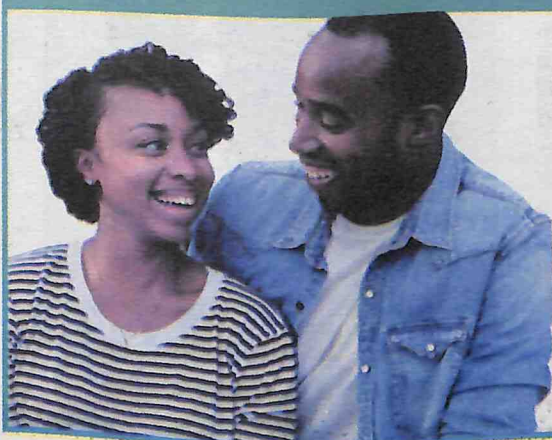
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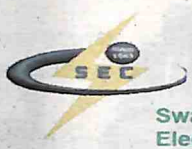


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We look to these judges to ensure that they maintain the highest standards in the execution of their duties and preserve the confidence in our judiciary.

We now need to ensure that those found guilty are brought to book and illicit assets recovered as soon as possible." (An excerpt from His Majesty's Speech from the Throne when he officially opened the 4th session of the 10th Parliament of the Kingdom of eSwatini).

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE ANTI CORRUPTION COMMISSION WISH TO THANK HIS MAJESTY THE KING FOR RELENTLESSLY PIONEERING THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN THE COUNTRY

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**HARD WORK PAYS:** National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula in a group picture with the best performing Ejubukweni pupils with their teachers at the police headquarters yesterday. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)

## NATCOM PRESENTS 4 LAPTOPS TO EJUBUKWENI HIGH BEST PUPILS

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**NATIONAL** Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula presented laptops worth E16 800 to four Ejubukweni High pupils who performed exceptionally well in their 2016 external examinations.

The pupils were each awarded with Lenovo Laptops at the Police headquarters yesterday. They are Phinda Zwane who obtained a merit, Nomthandazo Tfwala, Lucrece Mokoena, both obtained first classes in Junior Certificate (JC) and Bhukumusa Maseko who got six credit passes in Form Five.

Making his remarks during the presentation, Magagula congratulated the four learners for the excellent performance, describing it an illustration of their dedication and commitment to

their studies.

"We are confident that the prizes you are receiving today (yesterday) will not only motivate you the recipients, but will induce a yearning among your peers at Ejubukweni and other schools in the country to attain similar standards of excellence for recognition in future."

Magagula had pledged to reward a category of pupils who would excel academically in the 2016 external examinations during a speech and prize giving day last year.

He also congratulated the teachers at Ejubukweni High who were able to inspire their learners to attain high grades during the 2016 external examinations. "Without them, the pupils wouldn't have reached this far," he said.

Magagula mentioned that the police and the school shared common goals

and complement each other, since both entities promote social order and harmony among the youth.

This sharing of goals has resulted in the police service conducting regular outreach programmes in schools where, through the assistance of teachers, the police service has established Anti-Crime Clubs that are used as a medium to impart knowledge to learners about the undesirability of juvenile delinquency.

They have further forged a relationship with the ministry of education and training as the key players in their multi-pronged approach of the youth and policing programme, which is aimed at insulating the youth from vagaries of social maladies.

The police service has also accepted 10 students from Limkokwing University of Technology for an internship programme.

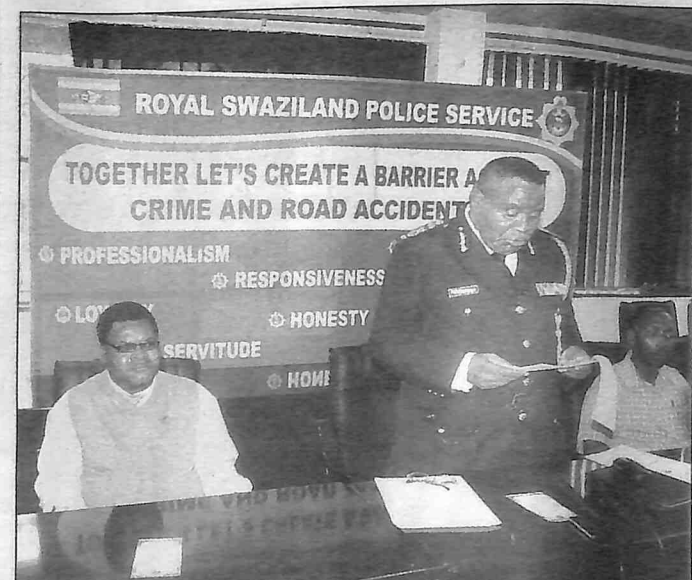
## COPS TO ENSURE SAFETY AT BUGANU CEREMONY

**POLICE** will be out in full force ensuring that nothing disturbs the peace and smooth running of the Baganu ceremony over the weekend.

The event will take place from Friday to Sunday at Buhleni Royal Residence. Magagula appealed to the public to adhere to the instructions and directions that will be issued by the police to ensure maximum safety during

the ceremony especially on the roads and at Buhleni.

"The nation is geared up to participate in Baganu ceremony slated for this coming weekend," he said. He said the police were working hand in hand with other security agencies to make sure all Swazis were safe. "We, therefore, urge the public to enjoy responsibly and exhibit good behaviour," he said.



**SPEECH:** NATCOM delivering his speech while Ejubukweni teachers look on.



**ATTENTIVELY:** Limkokwing interns also listening attentively to the commissioner's speech.

## KING'S SPEECH MOTIVATING - MAGAGULA

**NATIONAL** Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula has described the speech by His Majesty King Mswati III during the opening of parliament last Friday, as motivational and comprehensive.

Magagula said the speech was full of wisdom and best outline of the

national policy vision for 2017 and beyond. He then congratulated Their Majesties for the successful state opening of the fourth session of the 10th Parliament.

"To this end, as an instrument of peace and stability in the country, we

pledge our full support in ensuring that efforts to attract investor capital for socio-economic development are not compromised," he said.

He also thanked the nation for good behaviour during this important day. No untoward incidents were reported.



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## NEWLY-APPOINTED HIGH COURT JUDGES GET TO WORK

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**NEWLY** appointed Judges of the High Court Doris Shabalala and Cyril Maphanga have hit the ground running as they have begun work.

The two judges last Friday, did criminal and civil matters for the first time after being appointed by His Majesty almost two weeks ago.

This will ease the backlog of cases as there has been limited judges of the High Court as stated by Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Edgar Hillary when announcing the appointment of the judges.

The two were appointed together with Justice John Magagula at the High Court.

The first session of the High Court has already begun following the official opening last Monday.

Minister Hillary had stated that following the long standing challenges of limited Justices and the need for Supreme Court judges, His Majesty the King has appointed four judges of the Supreme Court and three at the High Court.

The four permanent Judges of the Supreme Court are Justice Stanley Bheki Maphalala, Majahenkhaba Dlamini, Robert Cloette and Justice Jacobus Annandale.

This comes after the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) had openly advertised the new post for permanent judges of the Supreme Court following a boycott by the Law Society of Swaziland (LSS) which called for the appointment of the judges on a permanent basis as opposed to that of acting.

Minister Hillary said following the long standing challenges of limited justices and the need for permanent Supreme

Court judges, His Majesty, in his wisdom had found it prudent to appoint more justices in order to strengthen the Judiciary.

Meanwhile, Industrial Court Judge Dumsani Mazibuko was appointed Acting Judge President of the Industrial Court of Appeal. He had made it clear that the appointment of the judges was with immediate effect as pronounced two weeks ago.

The First Session of the Supreme Court was expected to resume yesterday.

According to a notice issued by the office of the registrar, the first session of the Supreme Court is expected to last up until May 3, 2017, while the second session is expected to begin on July 1 to November 30, 2017.

This is in accordance to Section 139 (5) and 142 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Swaziland.



# IMMIGRATION OFFICER ARRESTED ON DUTY

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**AN immigration officer was arrested at work on a corruption related crime last Tuesday.**

The officer is said to have been arrested for stamping five travel documents for people who were nowhere to be seen at the time.

Velenkosi Mkhwanazi, who is based at Mahamba Border Gate, got the shock of his life when police officers pounced on him unexpectedly as he was suspected of being involved in a serious crime. He was about to resume work at 2pm after lunch.

It is said police were already armed with information about his wrong-doing and arrested him immediately when he emerged, reporting for duty.

Reports are that Mkhwanazi had arrived at his workplace but just before he could start doing anything, he was seen proceeding to one of the nearby liquor outlets.

It is said he had not gone to the liquor

● *The officer never gave the police any problem when he was told he was under arrest. He was charged under the immigration Act No: 17 of 1982 Section 14 (1).*

outlet to buy anything but to fetch the travel documents as that was the arrangement with his accomplices.

Not realising that the police were waiting for him, he was caught with all the five travel documents hidden in his pockets.

Apparently he had stamped all the travel documents and was making arrangements on how they would get to the owners.

What was also striking about the documents was that they were first stamped on the South African side as if the holders were entering that country, which is said to have also contributed to Mkhwanazi's arrest.

Had the plan been meant to work out, it is said the travel documents were supposed to have at least been stamped on the Swazi side with the departure stamp.

Mkhwanazi was visibly shaking when he was approached by police officers

who then called him into one of the offices where he was grilled and searched.

It dawned then that he was in trouble and he took out all five travel documents.

When asked about the owners, it was then where the truth came out. Owners of the documents were in South Africa and it was an arrangement made between them and Mkhwanazi.

Police mouthpiece Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the arrest, saying the suspect has already appeared in court.

"He was arrested last week Tuesday and he should have appeared in court the following day (Wednesday)," said Supt Mamba.

It transpired that indeed the disgraced Mkhwanazi appeared in court before Shiselweni Senior Magistrate Philisiwe Dlamini.

He was admitted to E2 000 bail.

## Ellerines comes back to haunt debtors

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**CUSTOMERS owing the defunct Ellerines Furnishers are in for a shock as the shop is demanding payment of all outstanding debts, despite closing shop years ago.**

The shop had all its branches in the country closed and during that time when they closed down, they were owed millions by Swazis who had bought furniture from them on a hire purchase option. The furnisher shop has opened an office that is purely for debt collection.

According to Country Supervisor Samu Zondo, they were fully operational and collecting what is due to Ellerines. "Those who bought on hire purchase and never finished their payments before our shops were bought by Lewis, are advised to pay the outstanding balances or come to us so we can arrange new payment plans," she said.

Zondi said they had the list of the debtors and had started

calling them even though some had changed numbers.

"We are in contact with them but the challenge is that some have changed numbers," she said.

She, however, encouraged the debtors to not wait to be contacted as they only had 21 days to do so.

"People have 21 days to pay or come to us and we make new payment arrangement plans," she said.

Zondo said debtors who failed to pay or contact them in the stipulated 21 days will be listed with TransUnion ITC. "If people do not contact us in 21 days, we will have no choice but to list them with TransUnion ITC and have them blacklisted," she said.

The new offices are situated at The Gables and customers who can't make it there have been advised to visit a Lewis Store nearest to them.

"If you visit a Lewis branch, they will call us and from there, we can make arrangements with the customer," she said.

## 3 V.I.P. managers arrested for assault of junior officer

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**THREE senior V.I.P security personnel have been arrested and charged with assault for allegedly ganging up and beating a junior security guard with a baton and fists.**

The three men appeared before the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court, where the charges were read and they were granted bail fixed at E3 000 each.

The court heard how V.I.P Site Supervisor Sidumo Gama (34), Johane Sibeko (40) and Pigg's Peak Branch Manager George Mkhweli (40) allegedly assaulted junior V.I.P security guard Mancoba Shongwe.

According to court records, the incident occurred at a residential area on the way to Ndzingeni known as Power, outside the servant's quarters of a Magagula home at 10pm on the eve of December 30.

The three appeared before Senior Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.

Shongwe had reported the incident of his assault on January 10 but it was flatly denied by the company's management.

"I was assaulted by these three senior V.I.P officers who I call my bosses after they thought I had stolen a tablet belonging to a client whose home I was guarding.

I was assaulted with claps,



**ARRESTED: Two of the V.I.P personnel who assaulted a V.I.P officer Manqoba Shongwe leaving the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court last week.**

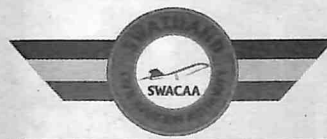
punches and a baton. I was also stripped naked in front of the client," alleged Shongwe.

He reported the matter to the Pigg's Peak police who then took him to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital for treatment but two hours after the assault, the tablet was found

from another man who had taken it.

"The men who assaulted me then rudely told me to report back to work," stated Shongwe.

Magistrate Dlamini granted all three accused bail and told them to appear before court for their remand hearing.



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### INVITATION TO TENDER FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES- AIR SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FOR KING MSWATI III INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TENDER NO. OF 2016/17

#### Objectives

The purpose of this project is to develop air services to and from Swaziland to attract potential investors and visitors. Markets to be connected to King Mswati III International Airport have been identified, together with recommendations on which specific airports and airlines should be contacted.

The approach for air service development should follow industry standards and be comprehensible and reproducible.

Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified companies for the following consultancy services:

#### Scope of Work

- Understand the market specifications and situation of Swaziland
- Assess current and future air traffic demand, with support of market intelligence tools
- Apply sophisticated methodologies to assess unseen market potential due to lack of current service
- Evaluate inbound tourism potential for Swaziland
- Analyse potential passenger traffic between Swaziland and selected airports
- Conduct regular workshops with Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority during the project

#### Specific Deliverables:

- Traffic forecast for King Mswati III International Airport up to 2026.
- List of top 15 potential destinations.
- Estimation of surface leakage to Johannesburg International Airport.
- Detailed route studies for 3 different flight destinations from King Mswati III International Airport.
- Business case ranking based on highest realization potential.

The consultancy has to ensure close cooperation with Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority for continuous know how exchange and support.

- Request for Proposals may be purchased from: the **Swaziland Civil Aviation Head Office, Matsapha Airport Road** effective 2017 for a non-refundable fee of **E300.00** per set. The method of payment shall be cash or Electronic Fund Transfer bank proof in favor of SWACAA.
- Completed Tender Documents shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to:  
**Secretary of the Tender Committee**  
**Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority**  
**Matsapha Airport**  
**Matsapha**

Not later than 12 noon Swaziland time on 2017 at which time the tenders will be opened in public.

On the outside, the envelope shall be clearly marked:

**TENDER NO. OF 2016/17**  
**PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES - AIR SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FOR KING MSWATI III INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**(Not to be opened before 12 noon on the 2017)**.

Consultants shall include the following documents with their bids: Air Service development, including implementation experience, traffic forecast, advisory services for airports and airlines, project experience in Africa (Mandatory), Trading license, Tax clearance certificate, Form J, Form C and Tender purchase receipt.

- The Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tenderer and reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

BY MANAGEMENT



# KIA PICANTO WINNER TAKES CAR TO CHURCH

Stories By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

"IT happens to those who wait and trust in Him, never doubting His power and also glorifying His Holy name," Nhlangano socialite and young businessman Bongani Nkonyane, popularly known as 'Boykie', said, referring to winning a brand new car during a raffle competition.

He said starting the year in such a fashion was something humbling and also a sign of how God loves him.

He sounded optimistic that there was still something big God has in store for him. He worships at High Praise Assemblies, a church founded by Apostle Jethro Malindzisa.

'Boykie' is a popular figure in Nhlangano and other parts of the region. He is well known in the motor mechanic industry and his home is situated at Equisweni.

'Boykie' won a brand new Kia



**CONGRATS:** Founder of High Praise Assemblies Apostle Jethro seen congratulating Boykie for winning the car.

Picanto worth over E132 000. He qualified for the draw after entering a competition sponsored by Engine Filling Station and Kia Motors, known as 'Engen Swaziland

Shift into Gear Competition'.

'Boykie' spent over E500 at Engen Filling Station in Matsapha and is considered as one of the loyal customers at the filling station. He said

he was so excited to win the vehicle and it would remain a memorable thing for many years to come.

The car he won adds to a fleet he owns.



**WE ARE FAMILY:** Boykie seen surrounded by friends and relatives while he is shaking hands with Apostle Jethro.



**MY BOYS:** Boykie's Big Boys (BBB/Triple Bs) with relatives leaning on some of Boykie's vehicles.

## Winning car prophesied by pastor - 'Boykie'

EVEN before being declared a winner of a brand new car, 'Boykie's pastor prophesied that he would win one.

'Boykie' said it was on January 17, 2017 when he was informed that he had qualified to win the car. He said he had actually heard Apostle Jethro Malindzisa of High Praise Assemblies, saying he had won the car. He said by that time he had not even told the pastor about receiving a call from the competition sponsors who called from South Africa.

"My spiritual father, the Apostle is the one who first informed me that he saw me in a vision with a number of people and in the process, saw a car flying straight to me. When he told me of the vision, I was confused and wondered what exactly the Apostle was telling me.

This is despite that I had already received a call from the sponsors, I had not disclosed anything to the Apostle who even before I told him that I was on my way to Mbabane (Kia Motors), had seen it before it happened," said Nkonyane.

He said he was so shocked when hearing the Apostle explaining what he saw in the vision.

"Apostle Jethro prophesied about this before it actually happened. I was so amazed and I later informed him through the phone that I was going to Mbabane after getting the call. I now believe God is using Apostle Jethro in a special way. I was tongue-tied when he told me about the vision," he said.

He said he was happy to be a member of the church whose leader sees things before they actually happen. He said since the Apostle had prophesied that he would win the car, he had to take it to the church for blessings by his spiritual father.

"I feel the Apostle should bless the car in the presence of my family and church members."

On the other hand, Boykie encouraged Swazis to enter such competitions in future. "I must encourage Swazis to support the two companies. People should think of no other filling station when they want to re-fuel and buy other necessities but Engen Filling Stations," said Boykie.



**HAPPY:** Boykie's elder brother Wiseman.



# Boykie's mother over the moon!

**BOYKIE'S** mother, Alice Nkonyane said she was excited when she received a call from her son telling her that he had won a car.

"I received a call from him and when he told me that he won a car, I found myself shouting and screaming with joy. At first I thought he was pulling a stunt. I was convinced when I saw

him arriving in the car. I shouted and thanked God. It's something we are going to cherish for a long time as a family," said the old woman.

Nkonyane said her son was a hard worker. She said 'Boykie' is also a kind person who is idolised in the community because of his caring personality.



**BLESSING:** The car Boykie won parked at the church premises waiting for Apostle Jethro to bless it.



**THIS IS MINE:** Nhlengano socialite and businessman Bongani Nkonyane popularly known as 'Boykie' standing next to the car he won.

## Apostle Malindzisa congratulates 'Boykie'

**APOSTLE** Jethro Malindzisa, the founder of High Praise Assemblies, has congratulated 'Boykie' for winning a brand new car.

Apostle Jethro, on behalf of the church, said it was a great honour that a church member could win a car in a competition with so many entries. He said God saw it fit to have the winner come from his church.

"It is the true God we believe in that blesses our members with such. The God we serve

will continue showering those who believe in Him with blessings," said the popular pastor, who is also believed to be gifted in prophecy.

Apostle Malindzisa went on to thank the two companies that sponsored the competition, saying it was gratifying that they ploughed back to their customers.

"We appreciate what Engen and Kia Motors have done by considering the safety of their customers by helping them to

drive safely in brand new cars.

While we congratulate Boykie for being the winner, we also trust that he is not going to be sidetracked and forget about God's purpose and what He wants him to do while on earth.

We are looking forward to seeing Boykie continuing to worship and giving glory to God all the time and also thanking Him for this wonderful gift as the year begins. We are all celebrating with him for such a gift," said the Apostle.



**THANK YOU LORD:** Worshippers at High Praise Assemblies during one of their services. This is where Boykie attends church.

She said as a closely knit family, after 'Boykie' won the car, his siblings celebrated as if they had personally won something.

"God has blessed me with these children and one thing I like about them, is that they are united. Pain and joy felt by one of them affects all of them.

I am a proud mother and they are such a blessing," said Nkonyane.

Nkonyane said all her son has achieved was

through the grace of God. She said her son, who is also a God fearing person, has his own way of comforting those who are in sorrow, not only in the family, but also in the community.

Nkonyane, a widow, has two sons and two daughters all who were found at home celebrating with 'Boykie' as they proceeded to High Praise Assemblies to have Apostle Jethro Malindzisa bless the vehicle.



### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

#### DESIGN OF CLIMATE SMART BUILDINGS

TENDER NO. : NDMA 2017/004  
TENDER NAME : DESIGN OF CLIMATE SMART BUILDINGS

Proposals are hereby invited from **Registered Architects** and **Quantity Surveyors** for the development of designs for climate smart and sustainable buildings.

#### EXPRESSIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING:

- Company profile
- Tax Compliance Certificate.
- Trading License.
- Construction Industry Certificate
- Workmen Compensation certificate
- Technical Proposal
- Financial Proposal
- Trade references (letters)

All interested service providers must collect the Tender Document at the National Disaster Management Agency Offices upon payment of a non-refundable E400 deposited at: Ned bank, Mbabane Branch, **A/C: 20000 7611 77**

Expressions must be deposited in the tender box in a sealed envelope clearly showing the project name and contract number not later than **1200 Noon, Friday 24 February 2017** at:

**National Disaster Management Agency,  
Head Quarters Reception  
RHUS Office Park, Lot 195, Karl Grant Street  
Mbabane**

#### Terms & Conditions

- NDMA does not bind itself to accept the lowest
- NDMA does not bind itself to award the tenders
- No faxed tenders will be accepted

### REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Proposals are hereby invited from registered companies, who have the capacity to assist the National Disaster Management Agency with the supply of goods and services within the following categories.

**CATEGORY A**  
TENDER NO. : NDMA 2017/001  
TENDER NAME : SUPPLY OF FOOD COMMODITIES

**CATEGORY B**  
TENDER NO. : NDMA 2017/002  
TENDER NAME : SUPPLY OF BUILDING MATERIAL

**CATEGORY C**  
TENDER NO. : NDMA 2017/003  
TENDER NAME : SUPPLY OF TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS SERVICES

**CATEGORY D**  
TENDER NO. : NDMA 2017/006  
TENDER NAME : SUPPLY OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

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- Quoted prices must be guaranteed for the year up-to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

#### REGISTRATION IN NDMA SUPPLIER BASE FOR 2017/18

TENDER NO. : NDMA 2017/005  
TENDER NAME : Registration in NDMA Supplier Base  
CLOSING DATE : 03 March 2017

Proposals are hereby invited from suitable qualified and interested registered companies for the supply of NDMA requirements in the following categories.

- Tents, Tarpaulin and Sponges
- Office Stationery, toners & Cartridges
- Computers and Printers
- Branding & Designs
- Accommodation & Conferences
- General maintenance

#### SUPPLIERS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO BE REGISTERED:

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- Tax Compliance Certificate.
- Trading License.
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- Trade references (letters)

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## Focus on drink-driving cases

# TRAFFIC OFFENDERS SWEET-TALK SENIOR MAGISTRATE

Stories by Phesheya Kunene  
Magistrate's Court

IT was the same old story for traffic offenders as they gave varying reasons for their misdemeanours while pleading with the court to be lenient for their wayward actions.

While showing utmost remorse before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini, the lawbreakers blamed different circumstances leading to incidents of drink-driving.

However, all of them acknowledged the mistake of intentionally getting behind the wheel while intoxicated.

On the other hand, Dlamini told the offenders the court was being lenient to all of them in respect of the back to school period. Unlike in previous appearances, Dlamini allowed offenders to relate their sad tales that led to their arrests.

Musa Mdluli is amongst those who opened up about his problems as he pleaded with the court to be lenient with him.

The first offender, who is also a kombi driver, told the court his two wives and six children were causing him a lot of stress at home.

Mdluli raised this issue after being charged with two traffic offences committed at or near KaZondle. Mdluli broke the traffic laws in the early hours of Sunday morning, when he drove a Toyota

*"I am in pain your Worship; hence I sincerely ask the court to be lenient with me. I could not stay at home as they always bring up things that depress me.*

*I drank because I was trying to deal with my stress but it seems I made things worse,"*

Kombi on his way home after attending a party at Msunduzi.

Mbabane police pounced on him and charged him with the offence of drink-driving. As if that was not enough, Mdluli further turned off the lights of his vehicle and sped off when traffic police ordered him to stop. He is said to have further caused an accident.

The police slapped him with a charge of failure to stop when ordered to do so. Before pleading guilty to the first offence, Mdluli acted confused as he argued that the charge was not exactly what happened during his arrest.

He said his only crime was driving while under the influence of alcohol, hence he pleaded not guilty to the second charge.

"I know nothing about that count, I never committed it," he said loudly.

Mdluli told the court his two wives were causing him a lot of stress. He further said on top of that, three of his children were currently out of school due to

lack of funds.

"I am in pain your Worship; hence I sincerely ask the court to be lenient with me. I could not stay at home as they always bring up things that depress me.

I drank because I was trying to deal with my stress but it seems I made things worse," he mitigated.

He was giggling as he related his ordeal, thus leaving the court in stitches.

Senior Magistrate Dlamini suggested that he must undergo an operation that would make him not produce children anymore.

"Your worship, life is difficult out there. I do not think I would be able to do that operation as it is against the Bible. I also plead with the court to allow me to pay the fine in instalments," he pleaded.

However, the court dismissed his application.

He was fined E1 500 or 10 months imprisonment for drink driving. The court further acquitted and discharged him of the second count.

**Choose your ride.  
Drink. Drive. Go to Jail.**



## I was craving two beers – SCOT student

A student from the Swaziland College of Technology (SCOT) told the court his thirst for at least two beers led to his arrest.

Sithembiso Mkhabela saw his night of fun ending badly after being slapped with three counts in the early hours of Sunday morning. Mkhabela told the court he quickly left his room and went to a nearby bar at Sandla, where he drank alcohol then drove a Ford Fiesta when returning to the college.

The long arm of the law caught up with the first offender when a breathalyser test was conducted on him.

He was found with 0.79mg/l of alcohol content in his system.

The first offender pleaded guilty to the first offence while asking for forgiveness from the court.

Nonetheless, he then gave a different version to what unfolded when police stopped him at SCOT.

"When the police officers told me to stop I heeded the order but the

security guard at SCOT asked me to move the car away from where I had parked, so I had to find another spot. To my surprise, I was charged for failing to stop," he said.

The court took his statement as a plea of not guilty.

On top of these crimes, Mkhabela was further charged with driving an unroadworthy motor vehicle as it had a cracked windscreen.

The lawbreaker apologised before court and vowed not to commit the offence again.

Dlamini fined him E1 500 or 10 months imprisonment for the first count.

He was acquitted and discharged on count two while the court fined him E200 or 30 days in jail for driving an unroadworthy car.

On another note, Thando Mthupha was also fined E1500 after being found intoxicated while driving a Toyota Corolla on Saturday night.

He said he was nabbed after sleeping and thought he had sobered up.

## Offender does a Schumacher on cops

**THE highway from Mbabane to Nkoyoyo became dangerous for other motorists as drunk driver Sithembiso Dlamini drove like Michael Schumacher as he tried to escape from traffic police.**

Dlamini was ordered to stop by traffic police while at or near KaZondle but did not stop. He was driving his

Toyota RunX. The first offender claimed he was under the influence of alcohol when he committed the offence, thus he ignored the police signal and sped off.

### Arrested

The police gave chase and he was finally arrested while at Nkoyoyo, whereby he had accumulated four

traffic offences.

Dlamini had also failed to stop at Nkoyoyo as he added another charge by driving at a speed of 107km/h on 80km/h zone.

Dlamini pleaded guilty to three counts and denied that of failing to stop while at or near KaZondle.

He said he did not see the traffic

police when they signalled to him to stop.

He further told the court he was remorseful for his unlawful actions.

### Leniency

Dlamini said it was his first time appearing in court for such an offence hence he pleaded for leniency. The alcohol content detected in his system read 0.55mg/l.

"I do not usually drink; I only did because I was with my friend who

was drinking. I ended up being tempted since I have problems back home," he said.

The court fined him E1 500 or 10 months imprisonment for drink driving, while he was fined E400 or three months in jail for count three.

On count four, Dlamini slapped him with a E300 fine or two months in jail.

However, the sentences were made to run concurrently.

## Parliamentarians in Seoul for peace summit

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**THREE parliamentarians are in Seoul, South Korea to represent Swaziland at the 4TH World Summit on Peace, Security and Human Development hosted by Universal Peace Federation (UPF).**

The three Members of Parliament are Dr Titus Thwala, Mkhosi Dlamini and Sicelo Jele. They left the country last week to attend a five-day summit which started last Wednesday. The World Summit also features the first Global Assembly of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP).

The three are also joined by Family Federation for World Peace (FFWP)-Swaziland Director, Mensah Noumonvi and his Deputy Sabina Makhanya.

Last Friday, all world summit delegates



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attended, as special VIP guests, the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony, which featured a presentation of a major award to an individual or institution representing the highest ideals and practices that contribute to sustainable and lasting peace.

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rent and former heads of state and a large number of current parliamentarians associated with the newly launched International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP).

Also in attendance, are distinguished religious leaders, women leaders and civil society leaders.

Recently, Swaziland Parliamentarians represented the country at the International

Leadership Conferences in Zambia and Washington DC. UPF hopes that these important conferences will help to fulfill common objectives.

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With this in mind, the World Summit brings together world leaders, whose individual and collective experience, wisdom and insight are needed if we are to build a world of mutual understanding, sustainable peace and prosperity for all.

In addition to the high-level sessions of the World Summit, delegates will be offered a wide range of opportunities to meet with high-level officials in Korea, representing the government, academia, and the private sector.

Last Thursday, all World Summit participants were guests of honor at a special Founders' Celebration program at a spectacular venue in the mountains outside of Seoul.



# Gwamile VOCTIM needs 6 lecturers urgently

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

## THE Vocational, Commercial and Training Institute Matsapha (VOC-TIM) is in need of six lecturers.

The vocational education institute is in the process of filling the vacancies in order to normalise the work load of the present lecturers.

Gwamile VOCTIM Principal Musa

Thabang Mokoena said the Civil Service Commission (CSC) was helping them in filling up the vacancies.

This comes at a time when the ministry of labour and social security has announced that it would be sponsoring students who would be enrolling with Gwamile VOCTIM.

This has come as good news to the principal. He said this would be a relief to the students because previously, they found it hard to pursue their edu-

cation.

"Some of them had to get themselves piece jobs so they were in a position to get education.

But the problem with this is that the money is usually insufficient and it gets finished even before the whole education is acquired," Mokoena said.

He went on to say they were still in talks with the scholarship selection board.

He said there were problems they

had to sort with the board.

He said the board required that students should have at least five credits to get the scholarship and an aggregate of not more than 25.

"This is disadvantageous for us because our requirement is that a student should get at least three credits to be admitted here," he said.

The principal said it was unfortunate for a student to qualify to get into their institution but fail to get a scholarship

because of a difference in requirements. He urged the ministry of labour to adopt a different point of view when looking at their affairs.

He said theirs was vocational education, which did not need to be approached from an academic point of view.

He said the lecturers were needed for them to prepare for a possible influx of students, if the negotiations ended up favouring them.

## Govt to teach people about businesses

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

### THE Swazi nation should gear itself for more workshops on businesses as the commerce ministry wants action for economic development.

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza, said the citizens should actively work towards turning around the economy. He was reacting to the Speech from the Throne delivered by His Majesty King Mswati III in Parliament last Friday.

Mabuza thanked the King for giving direction and guidance to the nation as the country moves towards attaining first world status.

The minister said the King touched on a very important subject, which was the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). This is a trading arrangement between the Southern African countries and the European Union (EU).

The countries forming the Southern part of Africa, including Swaziland, will be trading directly with the countries, which are part of the EU.

His Majesty commended the MPs for ratifying the agreement, which was done late last year. In his own words, the King said he was pleased that the country, together with its Southern African neighbours, had concluded the EPA with EU. The King was hopeful

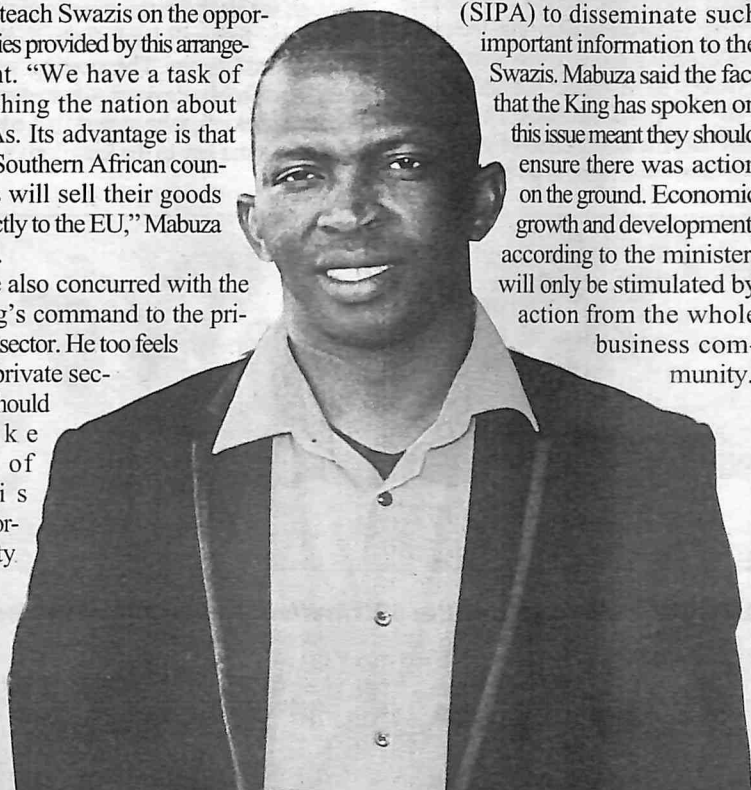
that the Brexit (Britain's movement out of the EU) would have a minimal effect on the agreement. His Majesty urged the private sector to fully utilise the opportunities provided by the EPA.

Minister Mabuza said the pronouncement of the King on the EPA made him realise they had to stand up as a ministry and teach Swazis on the opportunities provided by this arrangement. "We have a task of teaching the nation about EPAs. Its advantage is that the Southern African countries will sell their goods directly to the EU," Mabuza said.

He also concurred with the King's command to the private sector. He too feels the private sector should make use of this opportunity

because it presented more chances of making good money. To those who could not see the opportunities presented by this arrangement, Mabuza promised to help convert them. He mentioned that his ministry would make use of organisations such as the Swaziland

Investment Promotions Authority (SIPA) to disseminate such important information to the Swazis. Mabuza said the fact that the King has spoken on this issue meant they should ensure there was action on the ground. Economic growth and development, according to the minister, will only be stimulated by action from the whole business community.



**BUSINESS MINDED:** Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza.

## Tertiary graduates to come aboard - Minister

**STUDENTS who have graduated from tertiary institutions will not be left behind from the business workshops to be launched by the commerce ministry.**

The 'crusade' will be launched by the ministry for commerce, industry and trade following the Speech from the Throne, which called for the Swazis to "come out in full force towards creating a strong economy that will help us realise the aspirations of vision 2022."

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza said this was an opportunity for tertiary graduates to play a vital role in turning around the economy to attain the first world status.

Mabuza said tertiary graduates possessed good skills attained while pursuing their different educational programmes in their respective learning institutions.

"The problem is they graduate in large numbers and it becomes difficult to absorb them in the corporate world, thus it causes a high rate of unemployment. Organisations

that can give jobs to tertiary graduates are smaller than the number awarded with their different credentials in these institutions."

The minister is of the view that it is upon his ministry to teach the graduates to start businesses which can create more jobs. This can alleviate the unemployment rate and

help the graduates out of poverty. "We will meet the graduates to teach them they can start businesses using the skills acquired while still pursuing their studies.

The Small Enterprise

Development Company (SEDCO) is there to ensure it assists the graduates in that regard. They will be taught how to come up with good business plans that can give them financial capital to start their businesses," Mabuza said. The minister said they would make use of tinkhundla centres for their business 'crusade.'

That is one of the effective ways, according to the minister, of reaching the people.

## COOPERATIVES ARE IMPORTANT - MINISTER

**COOPERATIVES are important because they teach a culture of saving, which can also enable Swazis to start businesses.**

This was said by Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza in reaction to the Speech from the Throne, which was delivered during the opening of Parliament last Friday.

According to Mabuza, cooperatives are very important because they foster a culture of saving among its members. This, according to the minister, can provide a financial capital to aspiring entrepreneurs to start their own businesses. "The problem with money is that it is difficult to save it, hence we need cooperatives to introduce conditions that can make people save to access financial capital to start their businesses," Mabuza said.

He also raised the importance of the Loan Guarantee Scheme during their 'crusade.' He said it would be imperative to also teach about it so that Swazis would know how to make good use of it. The Loan Guarantee Scheme was set up by government to ensure it was easier for aspiring entrepreneurs to get finances to start businesses.

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**PRESENT:** Chairperson of the Elections and Boundaries Commission Chief Gija Dlamini next to Hhohho Regional Administrator Prince Tshekedi at the consultative meeting on civic education for traditional leaders held at the Pigg's Peak hotel last Thursday. (Pic: Sifiso Sizwe Dlamini)



**HAIR CUT:** Also present was Chief Magudvulela.

# King calls for all Swazis to register to vote

Stories by Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III wants all Swazis to vote and encourages them to register for the upcoming 2018 national elections.**

That is the firm message that was delivered by the Chairperson of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Chief Gija Dlamini.

Dlamini was speaking at the opening of a consultative meeting on civic education for traditional leaders at Pigg's Peak Hotel last Thursday. Over 120 guests attended the meeting including Hhohho Regional Administrator Prince Tshekedi, chiefs from Hhohho as well as other traditional leaders. "Our King is a firm believer in allowing the people of the kingdom to speak and wants all Swazis to have free, fair and credible 2018 national elections. Therefore, he has told me to inform all of you leaders in your own right, to go back to the

areas you administrate and encourage all your people to register to vote in the upcoming 2018 national elections," said Dlamini.

He said if a Swazi fails to register to vote it was similar to having abandoned one's duty to their country and vacating their basic human right to pick their own leader.

"If any Swazi fails to register to vote for the upcoming 2018 national elections then they are abandoning their basic right of choosing their own leader, thus hurting the whole Kingdom in the process because they would be silencing their own voice because voting unites the kingdom and gives all people a voice and a chance to be counted, but most fundamentally of all, Swazis through voting, have the right to choose who they feel will lead them to the future," said Dlamini. The meeting was opened by Hhohho Regional Administrator Prince Tshekedi, who stated that education was the key to the kingdom's success.



**CHAIRMAN:** Chairperson of the Elections and Boundaries commission Chief Gija Dlamini speaking at the opening of the consultative meeting on civic education for traditional leaders held at the Pigg's Peak hotel on Thursday.



**PARTICIPANTS:** Some of the 120 invited guests that included chiefs, at the Pigg's Peak hotel.



**ALL EARS:** Another section of the traditional leaders at the Pigg's Peak hotel during the Consultative meeting on civic education for traditional leaders.



**ALSO THERE:** Some of the traditional leaders in attendance.

## Swazis abroad failing to unpack Tinkhundla

**SWAZIS living abroad have been accused of failing to explain the Tinkhundla system of governance properly.**

This was said by Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Communications Officer Mbonisi Bhembe, when making his submission to 120 invited guests. They included Hhohho Regional Administrator Prince Tshekedi, EBC Chairperson Chief Gija Dlamini, chiefs and traditional leaders of Hhohho.

This was at a consultative meet-

ing on civic education for traditional leaders at the Pigg's Peak Hotel last Thursday.

Swaziland is not the only country that is using the Tinkhundla system of governance.

### System

For example, Ghana has 750 of its own tinkhundla and a little closer to home, Zambia has 150 tinkhundla, England has 650.

All this proves that the system works very well because if it did not, then all these countries would have not adopted it," said Bhembe.

Swaziland currently has 55 tinkhundla, but Bhembe said they were working hard to increase that number to 60.

"In Swaziland, tinkhundla is an administrative subdivision that is smaller than a district but larger than an umphakatsi or 'chiefdom' and we do see the need of increasing this number of Tinkhundla from 55 to 60 as we want to give the people of Swaziland a larger voice.

Currently, Swaziland has 14 tinkhundla in Hhohho, 11 in Lubombo,

16 in Manzini and 14 in Shiselweni," said Bhembe.

**STRESSING A POINT:** The Communications Officer at the Elections and Boundaries commission Mbonisi Bhembe making his submissions at the Pigg's Peak hotel last Thursday.





# DON'T TRADE YOUR VOTE FOR GIFTS – EBC's NCUMBI

**"DO not vote for people who buy your vote with gifts because those people will sell you and our kingdom to foreigners," Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Commissioner Ncumbi Maziya has said.**

Maziya issued the stern warning during the question and answer session at the consultative meeting on civic education for traditional leaders at the Pigg's Peak Hotel last Thursday.

"Beloved do not be fooled by those who win your votes with gifts of money, blankets, beans or cooking oil because those same people once elected will abandon you and sell our kingdom to foreigners in an effort to get back the money they spent on buying you those gifts," said Maziya.

He urged voters to vote for upright and honest leaders who will not disappear once the 2018 national election has finished.

He also told voters to avoid electing those leaders who abuse the King's good name and have 'spiritual horns'. "Enough is enough, we are tired of those people in power who abuse the King's good name and use it to do mischief, thus cheat the kingdom and the people of Swaziland.

I mean those people who have spiritual horns who abuse their positions and then act like it is the King who told them to commit these crimes of robbing the people. Our King loves his people, therefore, be wary of individuals who lie in his name," said Maziya.

He said the voter education exercise was not a platform where they could argue about petty non-administrative issues.

## Instructed

"We are all gathered here to consolidate our future and prepare for the 2018 elections as instructed by His Majesty King Mswati III, therefore, I encourage all Swazis to elect honest individuals willing to serve the people in their communities," said Maziya.

"We, as Swazis, are sick and tired of those people who only show up when it is campaign time before the elections and start handing out various gifts, those same people disappear from their communities after the elections and aban-



**MC: Commissioner Elections and Boundaries Commission Ncumbi Maziya addressing the traditional leaders.**

## A year after Lily Mine tragedy, families still in limbo

**BARBERTON** – The families of the three miners whose remains have still not been recovered from the Lily Mine disaster near Barberton in Mpumalanga are demanding answers.

They said the government has not done enough to resolve their situation.

Sunday marked exactly a year since a makeshift office with Pretty

Nkambule, Solomon Nyerende and Yvonne Mnisi fell into a massive sinkhole at the mine.

## Relatives

Their relatives said all they want is to give them a proper burial.

Some also want to discuss possible solutions with the government, mine management and traditional leaders.

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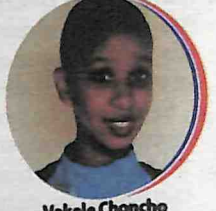
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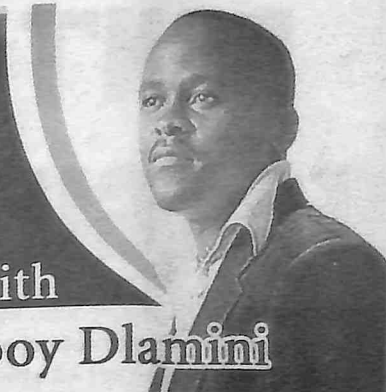
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# Lunkuntfu children sleep at school

**RESIDENTS** of Lunkuntfu community have always felt neglected as they lack many essential needs, but it appears that the situation is worse for their children who find themselves forced to sleep in classrooms as they fail to make it back home due to the long distances they have to travel every day.

Lunkuntfu is a tiny community situated in the southern part of the Lubombo region, below the mountains overlooking Big Bend. It is under Nkilonko constituency.

## Varying

It is a remote area, which faces challenges varying from shortages of transportation, water scarcity and insufficient schools.

Children from the area are reported to be walking very long distances and through bushes in order to get to school. Nkilonko Constituency Headman Nkosinathi Mamba has reported that children of area walk over 10 kilometres to school on a daily basis. The nearest school is Ebholi Primary,

which is much closer to Big Bend.

Mamba revealed that the children, mainly those in lower grades, would sometimes have to be accommodated at the school as they fail to walk the long distance. He said apparently, parents had arranged with the school to convert some of the classes into hostels where the pupils are accommodated.

## Assisted

The children also have to be provided with food and are assisted to prepare for classes every morning. However, the pupils return home every weekend as they still need intensive care from their parents. Mamba said this was a situation which was affecting the performance of the children as they take time to adapt to the arrangement.

He said, however, this was the only way that the children can continue with their education as they are too young to walk the long distances.

The unavailability of schools nearby is also said to be the cause of many chil-

dren dropping out immediately after completing their primary level.

Mamba said currently, they have engaged the ministry of education and training to work on the possibility of establishing a school in the area.

He said they have already acquired land from the traditional authorities, upon which the school would be built.

## Experienced

Meanwhile, Mamba reported that they are also working on the establishment of two other schools at Gamula community. These would be a primary and high school. He stated that the area was also facing challenges similar to those experienced at Lunkuntfu.

Another area which is said to be in need of a high school is Mahlabaneni community where children are said to be walking long distances to school.

"If everything goes according to plan, the construction of some of these schools will start before the end of the year," said Mamba.

## Multimillion water project almost complete

**THE** long awaited Mahlabaneni-Gamula water project, which is expected to serve about 750 homesteads, is almost complete.

Constituency Headman, Nkosinathi Mamba has reported that the project which had cost millions of Emalangeni is expected to be fully functional at least by the end of April.

This has been one of the priority projects set by the constituency as part of its vision to develop Matata to a city by 2022.

The project is expected to minimise the scarcity of water in all the communities surrounding the proposed city.

Mamba reported that the piping system of the project is now complete, with each homestead having a tap.

What is left is to pump the water

up to the tanks from the source before it is distributed to the homesteads.

Mamba said they were currently working on the conclusion of the project with a company which will be working on purifying and pumping the water to the tankers.

Meanwhile, Mamba stated that they were also working on another similar project at Mndobandoba where about 500 homesteads will have supply of clean water before the end of the year.

Mamba said the project started last month and is expected to be complete within a period of seven months.

Currently, residents of the area get drinking water from the crocodile infested Great Usuthu River. The residents also share the river with livestock and wild animals.

## Drought not yet over for Nkilonko

**WHILE** many parts of the country have been receiving significant rains and gaining confidence that the recently experienced drought will soon be a thing of the past, residents of Nkilonko foresee a situation where they will require food aid at least until the next summer season.

Constituency Headman, Nkosinathi Mamba has said there is little hope that they will have a good harvest at the end of this summer season.

In fact, Mamba has reported that crops are currently drying up in the fields as there has been no sufficient rain since they started ploughing. Mamba said it was also for this reason that many communities under

his constituency still face an acute shortage of water.

Mamba however, urged residents to continue with ploughing and planting leguminous crops as there is still hope that there may be better rains before the end of the season.

Meanwhile, many parts of the constituency depend of food aid from government and non-governmental organisations.

The constituency is closer to Lubulini, another area which has been greatly affected by the drought.

These are constituencies which have seen almost all water sources drying up, leaving them to share dams with wild animals and livestock.



**FILTHY:** The entrance to the Siteki Market is currently filthy due to uncollected waste by the council. This has been a concern for vendors who use the market and consumers

## Good Samaritan comes through for Bulunga needy pupil

**FOLLOWING** a desperate plea by a guardian who asked for assistance from the public to pay school fees for her orphaned nephew, a Good Samaritan, who has preferred not to be named, has come through to assist.

Busi Shongwe had asked the public to help her raise funds for the boy who passed with a merit in the 2016 Junior Certificate examination at Bulunga High in the Manzini region.

Shongwe is a vegetable vendor and has been looking after her nephew after

his parents died some years ago. She reported that she was now having difficulty in paying school fees for her nephew as she also has children of her own who are also in high school.

Her main concern was that the boy could not return to school as she also owed school fees from last year, amounting to E2 500.

A few days after her plight was reported by the Lobombo News, Shongwe said she received a call from an anonymous caller who asked for further details on the matter. The caller went on and

deposited a sum of E2 500 towards the fees of the needy pupil. Shongwe reported that she has since been able to use the said amount to settle the balance from last year.

"I am very grateful to the kind gesture as my nephew is now back in class after I cleared last year's balance with the assistance from a member of the public," said Shongwe.

She stated that she was now working on raising funds to pay for other needs for the pupil which includes uniform and stationery.



**WELL DONE:** The rehabilitated Jacaranda Street which was recently completed has now been painted. Residents have praised the Siteki Town Council for attending to the road which was already developing potholes in the centre of the town.



# WHO Swaziland embraces Addis Declaration on Immunisation

Stories by GuguSimelane  
Mbabane

**WORLD Health Organisation (WHO) Swaziland has embraced the Addis Declaration on Immunisation.**

The declaration includes 10 commitments which advocate for increasing vaccine-related funding, strengthening supply chains and delivery systems and making universal access to vaccines a cornerstone of health and development efforts.

The WHO Swaziland Country Office has expressed gratitude for the endorsement of the Addis Declaration on Immunisation.

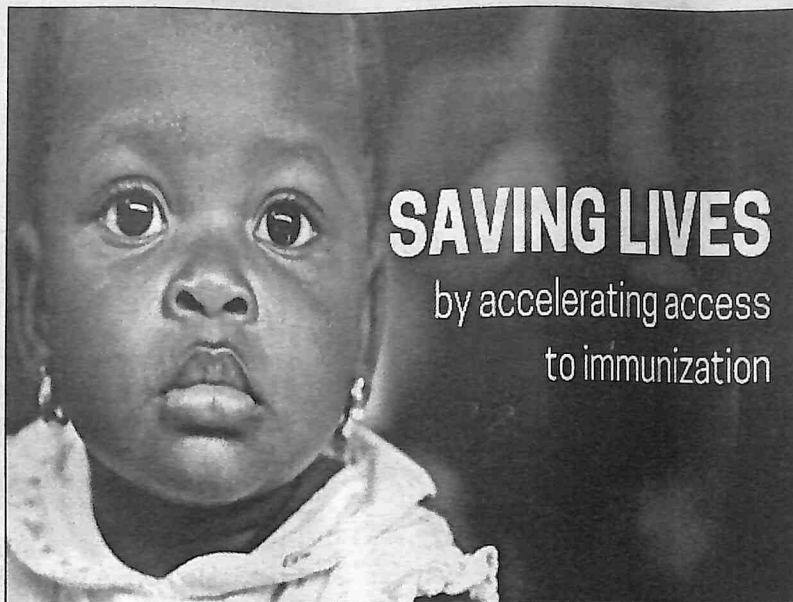
Last Tuesday, heads of state from across Africa adopted a Declaration on Universal Access to Immunisation in Africa, in which they endorsed the "Addis Declaration on Immunisation, a historic and timely pledge to ensure that everyone in Africa, regardless of who they are or where they live receives the full benefits of immunisation."

The endorsement was issued during the 28th African Union (AU) Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Representing His Majesty King Mswati III during the summit was Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini.

The Addis Declaration on Immunisation calls for countries to increase political and financial investments in their immunisation programmes.

It includes 10 commitments, such as increasing vaccine-related funding, strengthening supply chains and delivery systems, and making universal access to vaccines a cornerstone of health and development efforts.

WHO EPI Officer Lonkululeko Khumalo, said WHO embraces the declaration and congratulates the country for being part of the commitment.



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"It came at the right time where more children need to be protected against vaccine preventable diseases.

The ministry over the past years has fully supported introduction of new vaccines and the procurement of vaccines, both traditional and new and supplies to reach all children.

## Declaration

However, there is need to fully commit to this declaration by reaching the unreached and under-immunised children in order to increase population immunity," she said.

During the Summit, outgoing African Union Commission Chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma said universal access to immunisation was achievable.

"The Addis Declaration on Immunisation is a historic pledge. With political support at the highest levels, we are closer than ever to ensuring that all children in Africa have an equal shot at a healthy and productive life," she said.

World Health Organisation (WHO)

Regional Director for Africa Dr Matshidiso Moeti said vaccines were among the most effective public health tools available.

"When children are given a healthy start, communities thrive and economies grow stronger. This show of support from heads of state is a significant step forward in our efforts to achieve universal access to immunisation and, ultimately, improve child health and drive sustainable development across Africa," she said.

While Africa has made impressive gains over the last 15 years towards increasing access to immunisation, progress has stagnated, and the continent is falling behind on meeting global immunisation targets.

One in five children in Africa still does not receive basic life-saving vaccines and, as a result, vaccine-preventable diseases continue to claim too many lives.

Measles alone accounts for approximately 61 000 preventable deaths in the African region every year.

## WHO, partners developing roadmap to implement ADI

**TO guide the implementation of the Addis Declaration on Immunisation (ADI), a roadmap is being developed in close collaboration with the WHO offices in the African region and Eastern Mediterranean region, the African Union Commission and immunisation partners.**

In a statement released by the WHO Regional Office for Africa, the Regional Director Dr Matshidiso Moeti noted that fewer than 15 African countries fund more than 50% of their national immunisation programmes.

As Africa nears polio eradication, critical funding for immunisation through the polio eradication programme is expected to ramp down. Additionally, countries approaching middle-income status will transition away from Gavi support for immunisation in the coming years.

Consequently, governments must redouble their efforts to make universal immunisation coverage a national priority.

WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Dr Ala Alwan

said as long as even one child in Africa lacks access to immunisation, the work remains unfinished. "With the right mix of political will, financial resources and technical acumen, Africa can and will stem the tide of vaccine-preventable diseases across the continent", he said.

Ethiopia's Minister of Health Professor Yifru Berhan Mitke said immunisation was one of the smartest investments a country can make in its future," he said.

## Preventable

"Africa must do more to protect all our children from preventable diseases not only because it is the right thing to do, but also because it makes economic sense. When our children are healthy, our families, communities and countries thrive", he said.

The Addis Declaration on Immunisation was signed by ministers of health and other line ministers at the Ministerial Conference on Immunisation in Africa (MCIA) in February 2016 in Addis Ababa. MCIA was the first-ever ministerial-level

gathering with a singular focus on ensuring that children across the continent can access life-saving vaccines.

To guide the implementation of the ADI, a roadmap is being developed in close collaboration with the WHO offices in the African region and Eastern Mediterranean region, the African Union Commission and immunisation partners.

Chair of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance board Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said African leaders were showing outstanding leadership by endorsing this landmark commitment which will allow more African children to be reached with life-saving vaccines no matter where they live.

"We must now ensure that the commitments translate into sustainable financing for immunisation. Gavi stands ready to support African countries in their efforts to implement equitable health approaches and maintain strong immunisation coverage so we can create together a more prosperous future for communities across our continent," he said.

## Illegal immigrants soldiers' main concern

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**ILLEGAL migrants coming in and out of the country remain the main concern for Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF), especially in the borderlines of the country.**

Amongst the things the USDF prevents from entering and exiting the country illegally are immigrants, which in most cases lead to human trafficking.

The country is currently fighting against human trafficking, which according to statistics, has decreased, since the tightening of laws in such matters.

According to USDF's Deputy Public Relations Officer Lieutenant Nkosinathi Dlamini, in January alone, 45 illegal migrants were apprehended at the country's borderlines.

"The USDF is dedicated to continue patrolling the country's borderlines with keenness, mainly to stop illegal activities happening there," Dlamini said.

According to Dlamini, these ille-

gal immigrants included Mozambicans and South Africans.

"We can reveal that most of the illegal immigrants controlled in January were Mozambicans and were handed over to various police stations," he said.

He said they were also dealing with a number of border-jumping cases which involve Swazis crossing illegally in and out of the country. Dlamini further mentioned that dagga smuggling between the country and its neighbouring countries remains rife too.

"In the month of January alone, our troops controlled dagga weighing 280kg worth E196 560 according to street value," he said.

The lieutenant further added that these figures show a rise in smuggling of the herb.

"The dagga was handed to various police stations, to assist in opening criminal cases," Dlamini explained.

However, there has not been any arrest made for drug smuggling yet as most of the drug peddlers reportedly escaped, leaving the drugs behind, which were then taken to various police stations in the country.



**RIFE: Dagga smuggling between the country and its neighbouring countries remains rife too.**

## SCHOOLGIRL (9) KILLED BY CAR AT LUSEKWANENI

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**A nine-year-old schoolgirl was killed after being bumped by a van belonging to the ministry of health.**

The tragic accident happened at Lusekwaneni last week.

The driver of the van, an Isuzu double cab, was coming back from a workshop with four other passengers.

"The child was killed on the spot when she was hit by the car after disembarking from a school kombi. The driver of the van tried to avoid her as well as the kombi but it was too late as the car hit her, veered off the road and rolled in-between two cement blocks," said an eyewitness.

All the passengers in the van were

rushed to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital for treatment but the minor died on the spot.

"The minor did not see the van coming as she was blind-sighted when she disembarked from the school kombi," added the eyewitness.

"Three of the men involved in the accident were admitted to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital while another was discharged.

"They all suffered injuries.

We just wanted to keep them here overnight for observation," said a doctor at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital.

Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba, confirmed the accident but stated he was not privy to details, adding they would investigate and get to the bottom of everything.





**YOUTH: A section of attendees of the Youth Leadership Forum general meeting at Park Hotel on Saturday. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)**



**MOTIVATING:** Nellie De Sousa of Dups Holdings had some words of inspiration for the youth.

# MUSEKA URGES YOUTH TO EMBRACE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi**  
*Manzini*

**THE youth of the country has been urged to engage in entrepreneurial activities as opposed to waiting to be employed.**

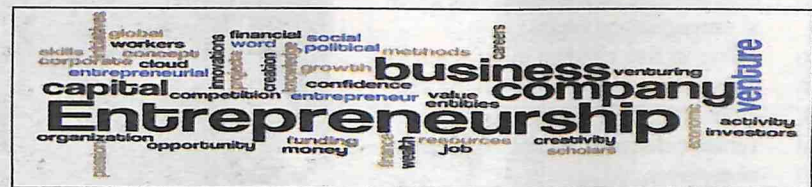
As the country's youth is facing a major unemployment challenge, Director of the Institute of Research Management and Development (IRDM) and Chartered Institute of Customer Management (CICM) Country Manager Oliver Museka has urged the youth to go out there and make things happen by engaging in business.

Museka was speaking during the Youth Leadership Forum general meeting held at Park Hotel on Saturday. The theme was 'Retaining the youth by dealing with issues affecting maturity level and improving the country's development.'

Speaking about the challenges faced by the youth these days, Museka said unemployment was a major challenge for them, noting that in the past, finishing high school meant one was guaranteed of a job. However, nowadays it does not matter how many university certificates or degrees one has as



**FIRST TABLE: Guests at the meeting with Manzini region youth.**



jobs are scarce.

Museka said the youth should cease to be job seekers, and instead be creative and innovative.

The meeting was also attended by high profile figures such as Nellie De Sousa, the Executive Chairperson of Dups Holdings. De Sousa also shared her life story, motivating the youth on how they could rise above all the challenges they were facing in life. She told

the youth it does not matter what environment one comes from but if a person is determined and disciplined, he or she can achieve whatever they set out to be in life. She said most leaders in Swaziland had inspiring stories, about where they came from that would help motivate others.

"If you can hear their life stories, you would be surely motivated to go further in life," she said.



**YOUTH ISSUES:** A section of the youth following proceedings.



**ALSO THERE:** Youth came out in their numbers for the forum.

## Youth told to refrain from violence

**CO-FOUNDER** of Youth Leadership Forum Phindile Vilakati, who is also Deputy Public Information and Communications Officer for the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Service, has urged the youth to refrain from any form of violence.

Vilakati said there were many reported incidences in the country whereby people killed each other in a violent manner.

She said it would be sad to hear that one of the members of the forum has assaulted another person, be it a girlfriend or boyfriend. Vilakati encouraged the youth to stay away from vio-

lence and also advised them not to resort to committing suicide whenever faced with challenges.

The deputy PICO said it had become a norm for people to commit suicide whenever faced with challenges in their relationships.

She said this was not the solution, adding that people must always remember they once lived without that particular person in their lives and what then could prevent them from surviving without them again. She was emphasising that the youth must end such abusive relationships that may lead them to committing suicide.



**ATTENTIVELY:** Members of the Youth Leadership Forum listening to the presentations.





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## A RESPECTFUL LEADER IS RESPECTED

Great leaders have to be respected in order to be successful, but earning that respect takes time and effort. When team members and employees respect you as their leader, they are more likely to work harder to accomplish a shared goal they believe in.

Leaders need to realise that employees are people just like them, and they have basic needs that must be met and nurtured in order to enhance performance. Every person wants to be recognised as a human being, regardless of the position he or she may occupy in the organisation. Hence, leaders that show respect to employees earn respect from their teams, and that is critical for a leader to succeed.

### EARNING RESPECT

Many people like to be respected, yet reality is that in order to be respected, you have to respect the people yourself. The nature of humans is such that they reciprocate. So to be respected you have to respect your followers.

Leaders who earn respect often are much more successful than those who demand respect, and there are ways to achieve that tricky balance, the

Harvard Business Review (2014 Vol. 6) list the following areas that can be noted for building respect

■ Be consistent: If you do what you say, people will recognise and respond to that.

■ Be punctual: Time management should not be hard. Making others wait diminishes respect. If you sanction a meeting, you cannot keep the people waiting for you.

■ Be responsive: Leaders should always be available, whether at work or not, and workers and or team leaders need to know that when they need you, they can reach you.

■ Be right, but be OK being wrong too: Know your facts, but if you make a calculated decision that proves false, own it and accept that you made the best effort. People will notice.

■ Forgive mistakes: employees are not perfect, and neither are leaders. When you make a mistake, show others how to shake it off. Do not penalise

those who try to be creative in solving a problem and do not succeed.

■ Show respect, always: It is easy to criticize when others mess up. It is better to support someone, even in error, in order for them to bounce back strong.

■ Be proactive: Not everyone is as good as your best workers. Help those struggling, but be firm. If people continue to undermine the team, do what is best for the team to succeed.

By avoiding a leadership vacuum in which you ignore simple steps to creating a more productive, more satisfied workforce through respect, you can achieve something more lasting than meeting targets of the organisation. Though respect is reciprocal, the other side of the coin is that, the business environment we work in nowadays is far different than in years past. Younger employees do not hold the same views of work and management as their parents did. Distrust

and entitlement can be crippling traits to overcome. That is why it is more important that leaders embrace their position and actually lead. It is imperative that leadership shows others respect in order to gain it.

### AS A LEADER, WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH RESPECT?

With respect you can get others to follow you. Getting people to follow you willingly is a key point to leadership. People want to be part of something special. If people admire you, they will think that you have something special to offer and will be much more willing to lend a hand.

Once you get a following, you can then use people to achieve the goals of the organisation. Great leaders will inspire respect in others and be a great example.

### GETTING RESPECT

Respect is earned. It is not given freely. This statement has been the reason that so many people hold back respect. The truth is that it is important to show respect whether the person deserves it or not.

A lot of employees/team members are not on the same level as the leader. The employees often feel inferior and wonder how they are valued. A great leader can come in and show people respect and admiration for their work. If the leader is genuine, the employee will have more willingness to work hard. The reason is that by being respected and valued, employees feel happy to do more than is expected and that is a key component to the success of any organisation.

### WHY LEADERS NEED RESPECT

A good leader must follow the first rule of leading and that is to lead by example. Respect and leadership work together. Think about every small thing you do. Will people admire you for your actions? If you are not admired or respected, your leadership will be weak and performance will suffer. All great leaders convey with enthusiasm and optimism, goals and they do it with respect for those around them. Leaders that give the respect will get much more loyalty and better performance from employees.

## RELIGION IS LIKE A PAIR OF SHOES

WHILE I tried to make sense of Apostle Suleiman Johnson's unguarded utterances which hardly reflects the tenets of the gospel he sought to defend, I was further mortified by the executive bill signed by President Trump that temporarily bans travels into the United States from seven countries; Iran, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Libya, Iraq and Somalia.

The ban however comes with a

somewhat divisive caveat which gives non-Muslims a preference and stereotypes all Muslims.

Such a simplistic bill lacking in intellectual rigour only ends alienating friends and giving foes something to rejoice about.

It is no wonder that republican Senator Benjamin Sasse argued that "if we send a signal to the Middle East that all Muslims are Jihadists, the terrorist recruiters win by telling

kids that it is America against Muslims".

This kind of populist thinking that paints every Muslim with the same brush was the exact same kind that Hitler thrived upon which resulted in the execution of over six million Jews. We cannot afford another global catastrophe. Very few of us forget that the tech maestro Steve Jobs was the son of a Syrian immigrant Abdulfattah Jandali, or that Sergey Brin, Co-founder of google was the

son of a Russian immigrant.

Whether it was Albert Einstein, Henry Kissinger or even the very vocal Rudy Giuliani (former Mayor Of New York), the American dream, at its very core, is about giving opportunities to the children of a nobody, irrespective of race, religion or gender to become the best they possibly can be.

I dare say that without the noble contributions of immigrants, even Muslims, and the constitutional guarantee of liberty for all, the American dream would have lost its flame to

bigotry. Populists must come to the realisation, that hundreds of thousands of people do not leave their home to the West just to catch a glimpse of Disney land, they do so out of utter economic desperation and survival.

These refugees from Syria, Libya, Iran, flee from oppressive regimes, economic exclusion, extreme violence and a total breakdown of order and hence, are not forced out of free will but by necessity to knock on the door of conscience of the West.

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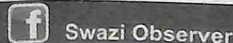
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## ON THIS DAY

...FEBRUARY 7

1862 Federal fleet attack on Roanoke Island NC

1863 HMS Orpheus sinks off the coast of Auckland, New Zealand, killing 189.

1864 Federal troops occupy Jacksonville, Florida

1872 Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College opens

1876 Pres Grant's private-secretary Orville acquitted in Whiskey Ring

1877 First Guernsey Cattle Club organises (NYC)

1881 Battle at Ingogo, Transvaal: Boers beat superior British forces

1882 Last bare knuckle champion John L Sullivan KO's Paddy Ryan in Miss

1883 Lt-colonel Borgnis-Desbordes founds Fort Bamako Niger

1884 Canadian Rugby Football Union forms

1889 Astronomical Society of Pacific holds first meeting in SF

1891 Great Blizzard of 1891 begins in England

1894 The Cripple Creek miner's strike, led by the Western Federation of Miners, begins in Cripple Creek, Colorado.

1900 British troops vacate Vaal Krantz, Natal

1903 VVV '03 soccer team forms in Venlo

1904 Baltimore catches fire (1500 buildings destroyed in 80 blocks)

1905 Dominican Rep signs treaty turning over customs collection to US

1907 The Mud March was the first large procession organised by the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS).

1907 Conservative coalition take over Reichstag in Germany after rallying conservatives against the threat of a socialist government

1997 US and Russia announce summit set for Helsinki, March 20-21

1998 18th Winter Olympic games open at Nagano, Japan

1998 NHL's Dallas Stars retire Neal Broten's #7

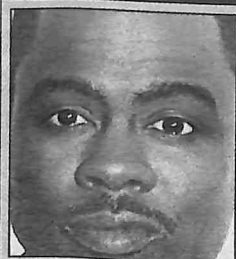
1999 Crown Prince Abdullah becomes the King of Jordan on the death of his father, King Hussein.

2000 Bahria University is established through Presidential Ordinance No. V of 2000 by the Government of Pakistan.

2001 51st Berlin International Film Festival: "Intimacy" wins the Golden Bear

2005 Britain's Ellen MacArthur becomes the fastest person to sail solo around the world.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



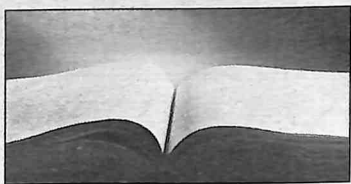
Chris Rock (COMEDIAN) - February 7, 1965 (52 years old)



Garth Brooks (COUNTRY SINGER) - February 7, 1962 (55 years old)



BISHOP KEITH HARRINGTON'S CORNER



**YESTERDAY** we celebrated our daughter Natasha's birthday, while on Friday we'll be celebrating our son Joshua's birthday.

We are really grateful to the Lord for the gift of life and good health in our families. With Valentine's day coming up next week Tuesday let's use that opportunity to tell our loved ones how much we love them and thank God for their lives.

**Let us look at 1 Corinthians 4 verses 1 and 2:**

"1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

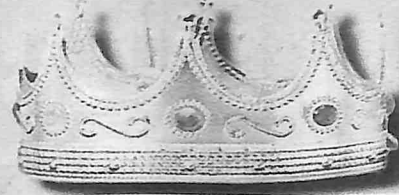
2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

Being a faithful steward also means that one must be trustworthy. Therefore when you are invited as a guest speaker in any event, be aware that your hosts have confidence in your ministry, thus expecting you to perform your duties with integrity. I will discuss some things that are do's and don'ts for a guest speaker.

● Always be ready to be picked up from your hotel by the time given to you by the host and don't let

## BEHAVIOUR OF A GUEST SPEAKER

**You don't have to be the strongest, or the bravest, or the best speaker, or the most charismatic, or the best soul-winner. You just have to remain faithful in whatever the Lord gives you to do.**



them be kept waiting for long.

● You don't discuss your host with his members. Instead your ministry should connect the host to his people, more especially during your preaching. Be careful of people who come to you privately to discuss things about their pastor with you. You don't ask your host's members to come see you secretly for prayers. If you feel led to pray for a specific person privately because of the nature of the problem you sense spiritually, request permission from your host. Let the place where such prayers will be made also be allocated to you by the host.

● You are never to be found collecting your host members telephone numbers. Anyone who still needs your ministry, should access you through their pastor. You can't be inviting your host members to another church or your next series of services either. In this case, you should extend the invitation to the pastor, who if he decides to do so, will encourage members to attend your meetings.

● At least let the host know if someone wishes to bless you, hereby ensuring it won't affect your honorarium. Do not collect special offerings secretly, but rather tell people to inform their pastor and get his permission to give you a

special offering.

● Never come to the city of your host to hold a programme without his knowledge. Whether you are running the programme independently or you're invited by another minister, let your friends who invited you before about such an engagement.

● Respect and acknowledge the wife or husband of your host whenever you are ministering and also off the pulpit. Know the full name of the church that is hosting you as you may want to refer to the church during ministry. Likewise, know the full name of the pastor you are ministering for and call the pastor by his preferred title.

● You don't ever belittle the pastor before his members. The pastor has to remain a hero in the eyes of his members at all times.

● After your visit, ensure that you call the host pastor and thank him for the opportunity to minister in his church. This will give you the chance to hear his comments and words of appreciation as well.

● Never complain about any gift(honorarium) given to you with the church leadership. Rather be in agreement about finances with your host before you agree to the invitation extended to you.

● Don't be asking the members of

your host to do shopping for you.

● Refuse dinner with host members unless the host pastor is invited too. In actual fact, every invitation to any meal should come via your host. Make sure that no pastor regrets bringing you to his church. Never feel that the reason why you're invited is because you are more anointed than your host.

● Stay within the time limit given to you and respect the order of the service at all times. If you are a guest artist invited to sing, please don't say things like "before I sing let me share". Don't preach when you are invited to sing.

● Don't be stressing your host and the protocol team assigned to you with unnecessary demands. Let them know what you will need before you arrive and try to stick to that, unless in emergencies when, for example, you need medication for something that you experience there because of change of weather or other reasons.

● It is a TABOO to sleep with or have any sensual contact with any member of your host. It's always safer to always travel with your spouse whenever you can. Temptations are everywhere and we need to be aware of the strategies of the devil.

● Don't use the pulpit of your host to promote yourself. Never assume you are allowed to sell books and CDs without your host's prior knowledge. Better ask for permission first.

● Always make your visit a joyful experience by smiling and don't insult the congregation, even when rebuking them through the Word of God. This is a mere summary of what is expected from any invited guest. Next week we will be celebrating our God given ability to love.

## Politicians' egos caused Gauteng health tragedy

**THE tragedy that has befallen the Gauteng Health Department raises disturbing questions regarding how the department conspired with non-government organisations (NGOs) in a scheme that ultimately resulted in the death of nearly 100 mentally ill patients.**

The health ombudsman's report on the matter lays the blame squarely on the politicians, particularly former Gauteng Health MEC Qedani Mahlangu, who has subsequently resigned from her position. Mahlangu, however, maintains her innocence.

The issue is very complex. One side of the story is that the department sought to cut costs by terminating its relationship with Life Esidimeni Hospital, which cared for those patients before they were moved to the NGOs. The report shows that the decision to remove patients from Life Esidimeni was not executed properly. The community based NGOs that received the patients were not ready to care for such patients.

The hasty way in which patients were removed from Life Esidimeni raise suspicions that the department wanted to cut the lifeline of Life Esidimeni Hospital; a public-private partnership between government and a private healthcare provider. I remember listening to Mahlangu on radio justifying the impending decision to remove patients from the centre. She then created the impression that the agreement between her department and the private hospital was unjustifiably milking the department coffers. This created the impression that Life Esidimeni was a bloodhound; only there to suck the life out of the Gauteng Health Department. It is not surprising that the former MEC reached the hasty conclusion to pull the plug on the Life Esidimeni deal. I see this as an increasing suspicion that government officials tend to show towards public-private partnerships where government enters into an agreement with the private sector to provide institutional services to

the people.

Because such agreements involve risk sharing and pooling of resources between government and private companies, they tend to be inherently more open and transparent than agreements where government simply goes out and procure a service and pays for it.

Public-private partnerships are entered into because government on its own would not have the resources or capacity to provide a particular key service to the people. Then private companies are brought in to raise money and build the infrastructure through which it would provide a service. Government would then buy the service under such an agreement.

Because the private sector does not want to be excessively exposed, it shares the risk with government and at times government have to provide financial guarantees in case there are financial problems during the course of the agreement.

This complex system of providing services requires a proper fea-

sibility study, including a sound budgeting process, to ensure the project is planned for properly. Under this type of agreement, kickbacks are not too common.

The truth is that politicians do not like this type of agreement. They often mischaracterise it as a vehicle for private companies to amass huge profits from government's lack of capacity to provide key services. Politicians forget that the very reason these types of agreement are entered into is because government does not have the capacity to provide the key services in the first place. The decision by the Gauteng Health Department to cut ties with Life Esidimeni comes from this unfounded suspicion that the latter was making lots of money from the public coffers, and probably not paying any kickbacks in the deal. It is unfortunate that pulling the plug on Life Esidimeni meant pulling the plug on the lives of nearly 100 patients. The department's cost saving measures were achieved at the expense of its core responsibility to provide a decent health service to those patients. *News24*





**SMILES:** A throw away text is acknowledged with an appropriate smiley, be it a sad face or a unicorn.

## SILENCE SPEAKS VOLUMES

The other day I sent a man a message, sharing details of a contact.

"I was just thinking of you actually," he wrote back.

**"What were you thinking?"**

I said, hoping it was something nice, because I have an ego.

He sent me a picture of a peach. Then he sent me a picture of an aubergine.

*I screamed and dropped my phone.*

Now, if you think this demonstrated a healthy concern for my diet, for me getting my five-a-day, then perhaps I can clear up any confusion by misquoting former

US president Bill Clinton: "I have never had sexual relations with that man."

And there you have it. We are living in the age of the emoji, where a picture really does paint a thousand words.

Rude fruit aside, of late I find I'm a little addicted to emojis. This is curious because I can confidently state that I had never, ever sent an emoticon, the forerunner to the emoji. The difference? An emoticon is the smiley face you type into your keyboard character-by-character when sending messages, using semicolons for winking eyes

and brackets for smiles and frowns.

To me, emoticons seemed ridiculous because if you're typing anyway, using punctuation (hopefully!), why waste time making pictures from brackets? Just state what you mean in words, as intended – or so I thought. But then emoticons morphed into emojis – ready-made icons, fat and yellow and crying with laughter, or blowing kisses, or a smiling turd, or a lady doing the flamenco, or a pig's snout, or, indeed, a swollen, purple aubergine – and here we are. I seem barely able to send a message from my phone without dropping emojis.

For instance, a friend and I never say "Trump" anymore; instead we SMS the picture of a farty puff of wind, although we may need to amend that to the green vomit face or blazing inferno. A throwaway text is acknowledged with an appropriate smiley, be it a sad face or a unicorn. I send lightning to denote bad weather or when I'm angry... And now I'm starting to missemojis when I'm writing seriously, for work. \*worried face\* Enough now! How then did I reply to the aubergine guy? I didn't. Sometimes silence speaks volumes too.

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## TRUMP IS NOT THE APOCALYPSE

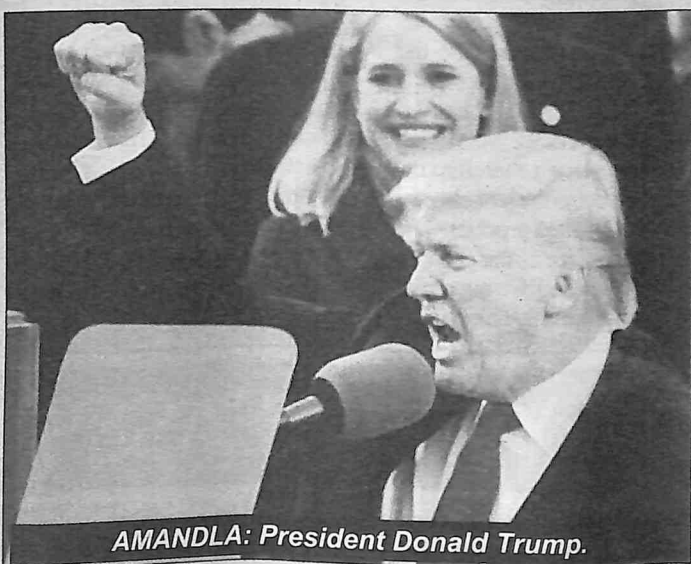
**"Without a proper sense of urgency, we will be eventually defeated, dominated and very likely destroyed," wrote former general Michael Flynn, President Trump's national security adviser, in his recent book.**

"They are dead set on taking us over and drinking our blood."

It's so early in the new year that nominations for year's most ridiculous statement are not even officially open yet, but this has to be a strong contender. Flynn was talking, believe it or not, about the "Islamic terrorist threat".

He was predicting that the United States, despite having the world's biggest economy, 325 million people, the world's most advanced technology and more than 4 000 nuclear weapons, faces defeat, domination and probably destruction at the hands of 10 000 or 20 000 Islamist terrorists – unless, presumably, it gets serious and starts torturing people again.

Even if all of the world's 1.6 billion Muslims were politically and militarily united and committed to a cold or even a hot war against America, the United States would survive. This is not just doomsday talk. It is extremely stupid doomsday talk. But there is a lot



**AMANDLA:** President Donald Trump.

of it around at the moment.

Take, for example, the famous Doomsday Clock, a metaphorical device concocted by the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists in 1947 to signal how close we are to the end of the world. Midnight was the apocalypse, all-out nuclear war. Last week, the bulletin moved the minute hand of the clock to two-and-a-half minutes to midnight, the closest it has been since the depths of the "second cold war" in 1984. What's going on here is simply inflation.

Terrorism is strategically a mere nuisance and in terms of your personal threat level, it is statistically irrelevant. An American, for example, is 10 times more likely to drown in the bath than to die in a terrorist attack. The scientists who calibrate the Doomsday Clock are not immune to the inflationary trend.

The clock was set at seven minutes to midnight during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 – which came close to triggering global nuclear war and killing hundreds

of millions of people. Now, they say, it's only two-and-a-half minutes to midnight. Really? Are you sure?

However, the people who run the clock have greatly expanded the range of threats they worry about since the risk of a nuclear war declined. They include climate change and the resurgence of old-fashioned nationalism, from America and Britain to India and Japan, and pretty well everything else down to acne and hangnail.

There is no fate worse than being ignored. That's how we got to this point, allegedly two-and-a-half minutes to midnight. From seventeen minutes after the end of the Cold War, they pushed the minute hand forward every time anything worrisome happened.

So when Donald Trump came to power two weeks ago, frightening people with his reckless talk and impulsive actions, the clock was already at three minutes to midnight and they could only push it forward by another 30 seconds.

That's about right in terms of the extra threat Trump represents. It's completely wrong in terms of where the global threat level is now. Trump is a loose cannon, but he's not the apocalypse and most other world leaders are still grown-ups. Let's say 10 minutes to midnight. **Citizen**

## Wit & Wisdom

"Two blind men waited at the end of an era, contemplating beauty."  
- Brandon Sanderson, *Words of Radiance*

"What you did tonight was clever," Wit said. "You turned an attack into a promise. The wisest of men know that to render an insult powerless, you often need only to embrace it."  
- Brandon Sanderson, *Words of Radiance*

"Expectation. That is the true soul of art. If you can give a man more than he expects, then he will laud you his entire life. If you can create an air of anticipation and feed it properly, you will succeed."  
- Brandon Sanderson, *Words of Radiance*

"I'll admit, Jasnah, that I empathise with your skepticism, but I don't agree with it. I just think you've been looking for God in the wrong places."

"I suppose that you're going to tell me where you think I should look."

"You'll find God in the same place you're going to find salvation from this mess," Wit said. "Inside the hearts of men."

"Curiously," Jasnah said, "I believe I can actually agree with that, though I suspect for different reasons than you imply."  
- Brandon Sanderson, *Words of Radiance*

"This lot won't suffer you forever. I wouldn't see you dead by their knives; I see a fine man within you Wit."

"Yes, He tasted quite delicious."  
- Brandon Sanderson, *The Way of Kings*

"I chase goals, not girls."  
- Amit Kalantri

"There are essentially three types of people: those who love life more than they fear it, those who fear life more than they love it, and those who have no clue what I'm talking about."  
- Neel Burton

"I don't understand this irony - valuable things like cars, gold, diamond are made up of hard materials but most valuable things like money, contracts and books are made up of soft paper."  
- Amit Kalantri

"This is a lot more satisfying," he said, "when I have intelligent life whom I can render awed, rapt with attention for my clever verbosity." The ugly lizard-crab-thing on the next rock over clicked its claw, an almost hesitant sound. "Your right, of course," Wit said. "My usual audience isn't particularly intelligent. That was also the obvious joke, however, so shame on you."  
- Brandon Sanderson, *Words of Radiance*

"Reading is the noblest of all the hobbies, that is why people mention it so frequently in their resume even if they don't read much."  
- Amit Kalantri

"In spite of being complicated people choose superstitions over common sense."  
- Amit Kalantri, *Wealth of Words*



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## VITALS

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

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 6 FEB 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.2800	13.3300
British Pound/SZL	16.5382	16.6005
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.4486	8.4782
Swiss France/SZL	13.3655	13.4051
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2682	1.2757
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.1712	10.2121
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.1926	10.2302
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	14.2806	14.3344
Gold	1,223.9000	
Oil	55.6100	

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# SNPF APPLAUDS KING'S RESOLVE ON MINING SAGA

By Simon Shabangu

SWAZILAND National Provident Fund (SNPF) Chief Executive Officer Prince Lonkhokhela, has applauded His Majesty King Mswati III for his commitment to open up the mining sector in order to attract foreign investments and create jobs for the nation.

He was reacting to the Speech from the Throne delivered by His Majesty during the opening of the Fourth Session of the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament last Friday.

The CEO said His Majesty touched a raw nerve on the issue of mining, which he described as a sector not workable due to the existing stringent legislation.

In his address, His Majesty noted that the full potential of the country's mining sector remains untapped.

"We, therefore, need to continue maximising our mining legislation in order to create an environment that is competitive and attracts new investment. In our pursuit of earning foreign revenue with our minerals, we need to ensure that we fully harness the opportunities presented by value addition on our products," reads his speech in part.

Prince Lonkhokhela said as private sector, they have always wanted to venture into mining, but the current laws governing this sector made such impossible.

He said at some point, SNPF forged partnership with investors from Taiwan who were keen to invest in the mining sector and create over



APPLAUDS: SNPF Chief Executive Officer Prince Lonkhokhela.

1 000 jobs, but that project failed to take off due to the existing legislation.

He said this was despite that all systems were in place as government and the geology departments had given them a green light on the project.

"We wanted to venture into the mining of granite stone, which is available in many places in the country. The plan was that we were going to also put in place a manufacturing plant to process the stone so we just export a finished product.

The market was in place as the company currently operating two big mines in South Africa are only able to sup-

ply 40 per cent of the market. This was going to be a good opportunity for the country to attract foreign investment as well as create many jobs as projections showed over 1 000 jobs could have been created," he said.

The CEO said as private sector, they were now banking their hopes on Parliament to speed up the processing of amending the current law and come up with a new flexible legislation.

On the issue of sustainable energy, Prince Lonkhokhela said it was key for the country be self-sustainable when it comes to electricity.

He said this was critical as power was the first thing that investors look at when they want to do business in a country. Therefore, he said increasing local power generation was key so that investors can be assured of affordable and sustainable power once they set up a business in the country.

In his remarks, the King said an affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy supply, as advocated by the United Nations sustainable development goal number seven, was essential for the national development agenda.

"Our ambition to develop an independent energy supply remains on course. Government is currently undertaking a feasibility study in conjunction with international energy partners on how best this can be achieved. This objective is further supported by an increase in independent power producers contributing to the national grid while plans to expand hydro power generation are also in the pipeline," said the King.

The CEO commended the King for touching on such important issues.

Meanwhile, with regards to the issue of the SADC University, the prince said the private sector needs to partner with the King.

"His Majesty has proved that he prioritises education, both at country and regional level. It is now upon us as private sector to partner with the King's vision and ensure the SADC University becomes a reality because it will also put the country in the map since it will be the first of its kind," he said.

## BROAD MONEY INCREASES BY 4.2%

By Linda Dlamini

**BROAD Money Supply increased by 4.2 per cent at the end of December 2016 than recorded at the end of November 2016.**

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) recent economic development report, the improvement in broad money supply was driven by narrow money which rose by 17.7 per cent in the review month.

"The improvement in narrow money was driven by an increase in transferable deposits which increased by 21.7 per cent," the CBS said.

The report said currency outside depository corporations, on the other hand, fell by 8.6 per cent in the review month.

"Quasi Money, comprising time and savings deposits, contracted by 2.1 per cent month on month. Time deposits fell by 2.7 per cent to E8.9 billion while savings deposits grew by 0.9 per cent, to close at E1.8 billion at the end of December 2016," the CBS said.

Broad money is the total money floating within the economy; it is broken down as quasi and narrow money.

Narrow money, refers to all the coins and notes floating in the economy whilst quasi money refers to

savings and time deposits.

Time deposits is cash deposited in banks for a fixed period, they are commonly referred to as fixed deposits. Savings deposits are those accounts held for transaction purposes like the ones tied to an ATM card account. The growth of money in the economy has come at a time when the economy was taking some strain as a result of high inflation, increasing interest rates and slow economic growth.

An economist, who preferred not to be named, explained that the preference of the type of deposit chosen was largely tied to the purpose for which an individual was using those deposits.

"An individual could have both a savings and time deposits with a bank and keep them both for different reasons," she said.

"They could keep the savings deposit account because he can withdraw it anytime unlike time deposits in which the deposit is fixed for a certain period," she said.

"It depends on their preference, that being said, I cannot say if Swazis have grown to prefer time deposits over savings deposits," she added.

"From the data I have observed, as I have mentioned, it is mainly the corporates that are driving the growth rates of time deposits and therefore driving up the money supply in the economy," she stressed.





**YETHEMBE:** An artistic impression of the Yethembe Fuel filling station which seeks to open franchises in the country.

## YETHEMBE FUEL HOPES TO OPEN FRANCHISES IN SD

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

**SOUTH African based black owned energy company; Yethembe Fuel, hopes to partner with locals and open filling stations in the country.**

According to its website, the company is headquartered in Middelburg, Mpumalanga.

It has announced that it is looking for closed filling stations or those not operating at full capacity around South Africa and Swaziland.

"If you know one, let us know we can be partners in your area," announced the company in their official Facebook page.

This was further confirmed by the company through a response email endorsed by Manager Finance, Lerato Phatlane.

However, Swaziland Fuel Retailers Association (SFRA) Chairman Sean Stewart said they were not aware of the company's intention yet.

This might be a bit of concern for the industry. Stewart said in as much as it could be a good thing to bring somebody in, their concern was that the market was already saturated.

"We by now have seven players which are already too much if you look at the size of the market. This is quite vivid if you look at the number of the working population, then you can tell we don't

have enough numbers and that is a critical consideration for financial stability," he said.

He said the market was too tight already and the margins were petite.

Yethembe said they were already exporting diesel and petrol to countries, including Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia and Namibia.

The company boasts 100 per cent black ownership and management. It sources and distributes refined petroleum products and runs retail outlets.

"Our business focus is mainly on strategic sourcing, contracting and delivering quality products designed to create long term benefits for us and our customers."

## 'We are always willing to advance job creation'

**FEDERATION of the Swaziland Business Community (FESBC) President Henry 'Tums' du Pont says they are always willing to advance job creation measures.**

Du Pont said the King had yet again set the tone and the business community must just do what he implored the Swazi nation to do.

He was responding to His Majesty's Speech from the Throne 2017 which he delivered during the official opening of the Fourth Session of the 10th Parliament last Friday.

### Address

During his address, His Majesty implored every citizen to come out in full force towards creating a strong economy that would help the country realise its aspirations of vision 2022.

Adding, the King congratulated the country for concluding the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the European Union (EU) and further implored the private sector to fully maximise opportunities availed by the EPA.

Du Pont said they were aware of the opportunities availed by the EPA and others presented by regional blocs like the Common Market for Eastern and

Southern Africa (COMESA).

"We are grateful that His Majesty has constantly been reminding us on such opportunities. Once he sets the tone, we have to just do that," he said.

Adding, du Pont said going forward they would also be looking at how to advance their level of engagement with government, as the later should be at the forefront with regards to creating a strong economy.

### Privy

"We need to be clear of government's yearly programmes.

"If we can be privy of such as early as possible, then we can have a meaningful engagement and be able to fully play our role," he said.

He said this could also ensure they were on the

same page with government.

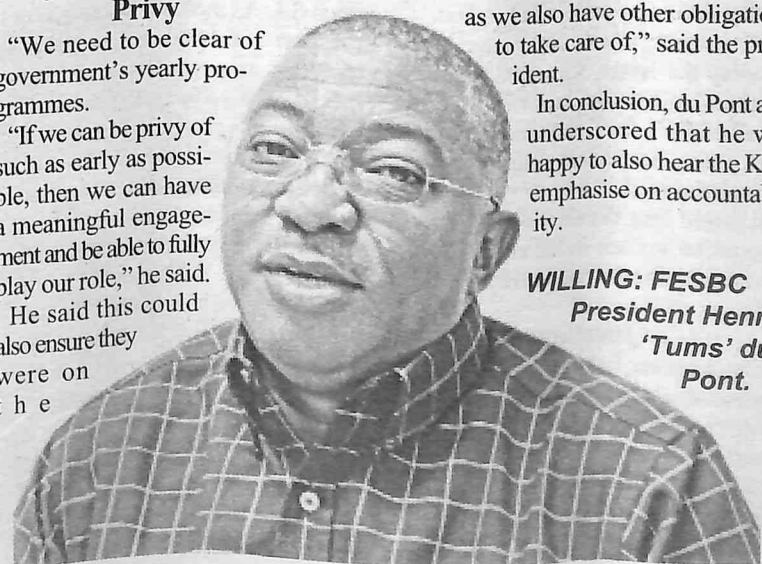
"We can have as many business ideas as possible, but we need to be at the same page with government as our core stakeholder," he said.

He also appreciated that the King touched on the issue of payments.

"The payment process has been very slow and payments from government have not been coming in time. This affects our cash-flow and production as we also have other obligations to take care of," said the president.

In conclusion, du Pont also underscored that he was happy to also hear the King emphasise on accountability.

**WILLING: FESBC President Henry 'Tums' du Pont.**



## 'Compounded growth is preferred wealth generation type'

Stories by Linda Dlamini

**COMPOUNDED growth is a powerful wealth creator and a strong bulwark against the onslaught of inflation.**

Ecsponent Financial Services Group said consumers could turn a small nest egg into a treasure over time, so much so that experts consider the words compounded growth to be the two most important words in the investment industry.

"Inflation is our worst enemy, and then compounded growth is our greatest friend. This is not only capital growth, but growth on your investment returns.

"Time is a critical factor when it comes to compounded growth because the longer you invest, the greater your return will be. Hence, the earlier you start, the sooner and greater you will see your wealth grow," Ecsponent said.

The financial services group said getting rich overnight was a myth.

"Creating real wealth requires time, patience and financial discipline to reap the full benefits of compounded growth but will give you the best chance to create long term prosperity," Ecsponent said.

In its latest newsletter, the financial services group said Ecsponent's Class B capital growth plan was

a good example of how compounded growth can work for consumers.

"It provides returns of 11.2 per cent per annum, but if the investment is held for five years, it increases to 14 per cent per annum, or 70 per cent growth in total. In other words, E100 000 will grow to E170 000 after five years," Ecsponent said.

Ecsponent said these returns clearly beat inflation, ensuring that consumers would be able to maintain their standard of living now and into retirement.

"Inflation, however, continues to affect anyone planning their retirement or those who are already retired.

"The elderly are left powerless against the corrosive power of inflation, which can ruthlessly reduce the value of retirement funds," Ecsponent said.

The financial services group said even in a low inflation scenario of only three per cent per year, the impact on money and retirement was frightening.

"Should consumers take, for example, E1 000 today and leave it in a safe for 20 years during which the annual inflation rate is three per cent, the original E1 000 would finally be worth only E544 just about half the original value," the financial services group said.



## GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO EASE FOOD MARKET REGULATION

**IN order to support local traders and ensure cheaper food for households, government should try to ease its highly regulated food market, especially regarding maize.**

The ministry of agriculture Market Assessment Report said maize prices should be reviewed more frequently to more closely reflect regional price trends. It also called for import tariffs and bans to be reduced to spur competition and reduce food prices paid by consumers.

"The market assessment analysed numerous market components and uncovered a plethora of information.

"Specifically the assessment looked at food price trends over time as well as forecasting future price trends," the report said.

The MoA report said it covered macro-economic and food security analyses.

"We have looked at trade patterns over time, trader food sources,

market interconnectedness, as well as traders' ability to expand production to meet demand. It has covered road type and mobile phone network coverage and has also looked at trader storage capacity and constraints to trade," the report said.

The assessment found that food markets in Swaziland were functioning.

The report said even though in need of maintenance, Swaziland has decent infrastructure roads, mobile networks, storage facilities which facilitates and catalyses trade across regions and national borders.

"The ability of most, if not all, traders across the country, to procure food within two to three days throughout the year demonstrate good market functionality and food supply chains in the country. The single most important trader constraint mentioned was low consumer demand," reads the report in part.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON PENSION FUNDS



## WHAT IS A PENSION FUND?

A pension fund is a fund set up by an employer for the benefit of its employees. The objective of this fund is to provide annuities or pensions for the members (employees) upon their retirement, or to provide lump sum benefits for the dependants of such members upon death of the members.

## WHAT IS A PROVIDENT FUND?

A provident fund is a fund set up by an employer for the benefit of its employees. The objective of this fund is to provide a cash lump sum benefit for the members (employees) upon their retirement, or to provide lump sum benefits for the dependants of such members upon the death of the members.

## WHAT IS A RETIREMENT ANNUITY FUND?

A retirement annuity fund is set up by an administrator or insurer to cater for individual people who want to invest for retirement purposes. The objective of this fund is to provide annuities or pensions for the members upon their retirement, or to provide lump sum benefits for the dependants of such members upon death of the members. In the retirement annuity fund, there is no employer/employee relationship. Retirement annuities are often used as a retirement savings vehicle by self-employed people and those wishing to make additional provision for retirement.

## WHAT IS A PRESERVATION FUND?

A preservation fund is a fund designed specifically to receive lump sum proceeds of retirement savings for people in the event they are dismissed, retrenched or resign from their jobs. It is

designed as a temporary parking bay for withdrawal benefits from registered and approved pension or provident funds. The preservation fund aims to protect and preserve the retirement savings until the person retires. A preservation fund can either be a preservation pension fund or preservation provident fund. A preservation fund must be approved and registered by the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA).

## WHAT IS AN UMBRELLA FUND?

An umbrella pension or provident fund is a single fund, established and managed by a retirement fund administrator, to which any employer or group of employers can apply for membership as a participating employer. One advantage of an umbrella fund is that the employer joins a fund which is already registered and approved and has an established board of trustees. There are also no general rules that need to be drawn up for each employer, as a master set of rules already exists, which governs all participating employers. Variations applicable to each participating employer known as "special rules" are registered and approved for each participating employer.

## WHAT IS A BENEFICIARY FUND?

A beneficiary fund is a specialised type of pension fund that exists exclusively to receive lump-sum payments, known as death benefits, awarded in terms of Section 33, Subsection (6) and (7) of the Retirement Funds Act, 2005 to a beneficiary of the deceased member. Like any other fund, beneficiary funds need to comply with regulatory requirements in terms of the Act. When a member of a retirement fund dies, leaving minor children, the trustees would

decide how to pay the death benefits in the best interest of the surviving children. Sometimes the guardian would receive the child's share and use it for the child's upbringing or the trustees would pay the money into a beneficiary fund and the fund will be responsible for paying schools fees for the child.

## WHAT IS A FUND ADMINISTRATOR?

A Fund Administrator is an entity which is registered with the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) and its business is to administer retirement fund. An administrator is responsible for collecting contribution, managing member exits, paying benefits and reporting to members and trustees.

## WHAT ARE ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS?

Additional Voluntary Contributions are contributions a member makes to a retirement plan voluntarily to build up an

additional retirement benefit in addition to the normal contributions required to be made. Extra benefits may be purchased by additional contributions but no additional cost is borne by the employer.

## WHAT IS A DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN?

A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that defines in advance the pension benefits that the member will receive, based on length of service, final salary, etc. If the plan is contributory, the rate of employee contributions may be specified, with the employer paying the balance of the cost. The investment risk of the fund is borne by the employer.

## WHAT IS DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN?

A defined contribution plan is a retirement plan under which the contributions of the employer and the contribution of the employee are specified in advance and the

benefits to be received by the member at retirement is calculated at the date of retirement based on the accumulated contributions and the return on the investment of the contributions.

Is the fund an asset of the employer? No.

In terms of Section 5 (7) of the Retirement Funds Act, 2005 a registered fund is a separate body corporate capable of suing and being sued in its own name. As it is a separate legal entity from the sponsoring employer, it cannot form a part of the assets of the employer. As a result, should insolvency of the employer occur, the assets of the fund cannot be used to liquidate the company's debt. If the principal employer was declared insolvent, the fund could still continue for the remaining participating employers; for example, if the fund is an umbrella fund.

*For more questions or enquiries contact the FSRA on 2 406 8000 or alternatively email [info@fsra.co.sz](mailto:info@fsra.co.sz)*

# SADC launches essay writing competition 2017

By Linda Dlamini

**THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat has once again launched its annual SADC pupils essay writing competition for year 2017.**

According to a statement released by the SADC Secretariat, the competition intends to broaden knowledge of secondary school pupils on SADC activities.

"The competition is open to Form One to Form Six pupils. The pupils are required to begin researching on the topic prior to writing and submitting to their heads of school," the secretariat said.

During the 36th Summit of Heads of State and Governments, held in Swaziland, the secretariat agreed that,

the topic for the year 2017 would be, 'Resource Mobilisation for Investment in Sustainable Energy Infrastructure for inclusive SADC Industrialisation for the Prosperity of the Region.'

The secretariat encouraged principals to ensure the pupils adhere to the guidelines.

## Title

"The essay should not be longer than 1 500 words and not shorter than 1 000 words. Where pupils have access to computers, they are advised to type their essays and submit both the soft and hard copies," reads part of the instructions.

The secretariat said the handwritten essays should be written on one side of an A4 paper with double margin of two centimetres.

"Pupils who will type their essays will have to sign and initial the hard

copies to make sure they have not been altered," the secretariat said.

The statement emphasised that the essay should be written in English.

"The front page or cover page will display the name, sex, class, school address and stamp, headmistress or headmaster's email address, signature and phone no, region, country," the secretariat said.

It stated that the title of the essay should be written in the cover page and pupils should not paraphrase the title.

## Questions

The statement further provided pupils with a set of questions which are meant to guide them when responding to the question.

"Thus, on answering the above question, pupils should answer all the questions listed," the statement said.

The question provided by the secretariat reads as follows;

1. Discuss the economic benefits, which SADC member states accrue in respect to investments in sustainable energy resources. Discuss at length types of sustainable energy technologies that are upholding 'going green' global initiative.

2. As a secondary school learner, identify key critical skills which are required to advance sustainable energy projects in SADC region. Discuss and give examples of sustainable energy projects in the SADC region, which are geared towards regional integration and energy security supply.

3. Discuss the negative impact of energy sources on our environment and what measures SADC is putting in place to mitigate against these impacts.

4. What role should be played by the non-state actors, private sector, non-governmental organisations, traditional authorities and local communities in the supply and distribution of sustainable energy for economic and social development?

The secretariat said pupils were expected to begin writing immediately and submit their essays to their school principals.

"The principals will then be expected to constitute a marking panel which will choose best essays of the school. The panel should go through the essays and choose three essays to be submitted to the principal secretary's office of the ministry of education not later than 15th April 2017," reads the statement in part.

The secretariat said the national adjudication will take place from May 2 to 11, in order to get three entries which will be submitted to the SADC Secretariat in Botswana.



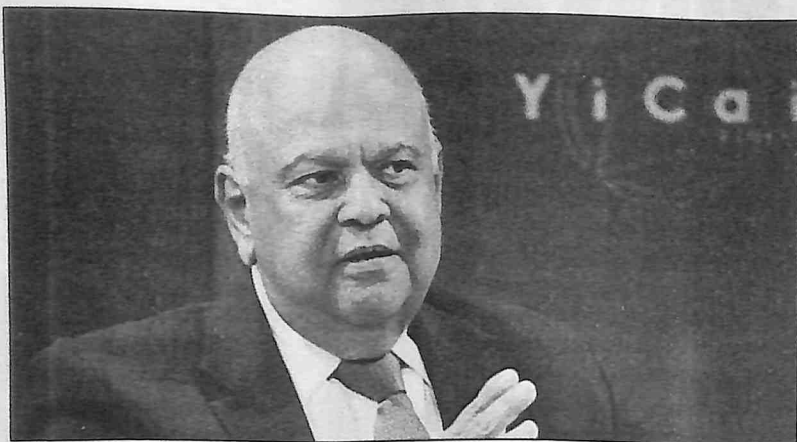
# SARB OPPOSES GUPTA ASSOCIATE'S BANK BID

**JOHANNESBURG** - South Africa's central bank has recommended rejecting a bid to buy Habib Overseas Bank's local unit because of concerns about the source of the two businessmen's income and tax declarations, according to government officials with knowledge of the matter.

The Reserve Bank has written a letter to Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan recommending that the merger between the Habib Overseas Bank unit and a South African company be blocked, said the officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision hasn't been made public yet. One of the businessmen is linked to the Gupta family whom President Jacob Zuma describes as friends. Salim Essa, Director of VR Laser Services, which is partly owned by the Gupta family's Oakbay Investments, and Hamza Farooqui had bid to buy all of Habib Overseas Bank's South African assets. Habib Overseas, which is owned by Luxembourg-based Pitcairns Finance, has about R1.1 billion in South African assets, according to one of the people.

The deal would have merged Habib's South African arm and Vardospan, a joint venture between Cinq Holdings and Pearl Capital, owned respectively by Essa and Farooqui.

"We have received no communication that our application has been reject-



WRITTEN TO: Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan.

ed," Farooqui said Friday in an e-mail. "To be very clear, there is no information from our side that is still pending or that has not been provided to SARB."

## 'Positive conclusion'

Essa expressed confidence that the deal will be approved.

"Our agreement with Habib Overseas Bank remains strong and in place. Vardospan continues to engage with the regulator and our application remains under consideration," Essa said by e-mail on Thursday. "We are confident in our application and look forward to a positive conclusion, allowing us to fulfil our vision of a 100 per cent black-owned bank." South Africa's biggest lenders closed the accounts of Gupta-

owned companies last year. The Guptas have alleged that the lenders, including Standard Bank Group, Barclays Africa Group, FirstRand and Nedbank Group, colluded when they decided to close their accounts. The banks deny the accusation. Gordhan, in a court application, identified allegedly "suspicious transactions" totalling R6.8 billion by the companies. "The application is still under consideration," the central bank said in an e-mailed response to questions. "The South African Reserve Bank does not comment on the specifics of the application or the application process," it said in an e-mailed response to questions.

*Bloomberg*

## SANRAL overpaid close to R10bn on Gauteng freeway upgrade

**JOHANNESBURG** - Overpayment of close to R10bn by the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) for the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project (GFIP) should be accounted for, according to civil rights body, the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse.

At a press briefing held at the Gordon Institute of Business Science yesterday, OUTA highlighted that the project which cost SANRAL R17.9bn could have cost between R8bn and R9bn.

OUTA Chairperson Wayne Duvenage said that the civil rights body wants to see corrective action taken and will be writing letters to relevant ministers and engaging with SANRAL's management to act in the best interests of the public.

He said OUTA will be writing to Transport Minister Dipuo Peters and Public Enterprises Minister Lynne Brown to request that they launch a commission of inquiry into the excessive costs pertaining to the GFIP, the general high cost of road construction in South Africa over the past decade, the R15bn costs indicated in the forthcoming 80km N3 Cedara to Durban freeway project, the lack of meaningful action taken against collusive construction industry players and the appointment of the previously promised transport regulator.

OUTA will also lodge complaints with the public protector, treasury and others, to intervene. Duvenage added that information on the GFIP has been "deliberately" withheld from the pub-

lic and that information from other roadworks projects, including others by SANRAL, is available. This brings SANRAL's transparency into question and there is no explanation why they have paid close to R18bn for this project.

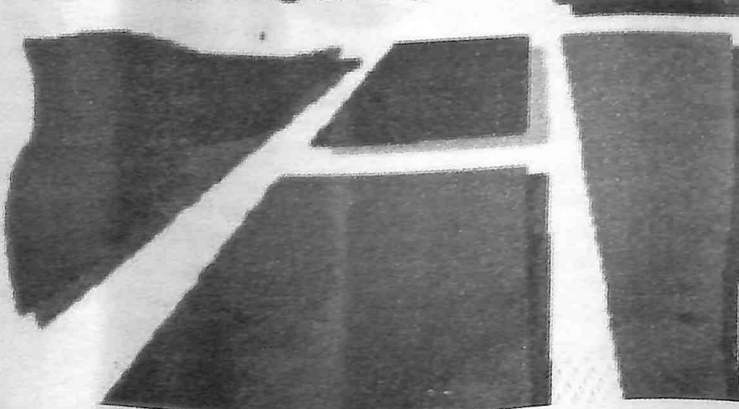
OUTA used three methodologies to determine the potential price of the projects. This information is available in an updated position paper entitled: The Road to Excess: A Paper on High Pricing, Collusion and Capture of National Road Construction.

Duvenage said that even if OUTA's figures are not accurate, the price tag of the project remains excessive. "We have been generous in the amounts we have used," OUTA engaged with experienced industry experts such as road construction engineers and quantity surveyors, and conducted a range of price estimation methodologies to arrive at its "fair value" price tag for GFIP.

In addition, OUTA gathered more information on other road construction projects internationally and locally which offered further benchmarking evidence to reiterate the excessively inflated price of R17.9bn paid.

SANRAL has a bigger problem. Debt is mounting and it is in a difficult position, said Duvenage. "It is not our intention to see SANRAL fold. It is our intention to see Sanral run transparently and efficiently and professionally for and with the best interests of the public." If the company adopts that as a central point to what it does, things will change, he added.

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## DRDGold to report headline loss

**JOHANNESBURG** - Miner DRDGold says it will report a loss for the six months to December.

This is as the final clean-up and closure of specific crown sites continued to weigh on costs causing both accelerated depreciation and retrenchment costs of about R18 million each.

The company says earnings per share will drop by between 76 and 96 per cent to between 0.17c and 1.03c.

Its headline loss per share will come in at between 2.66c and 2.14c compared to earnings of 2.6c in the six months to December 2015.

DRDGold also noted volume throughput amounted to 6 million tonnes compared to 6.6 million tonnes, a 10 per cent decrease. In a statement yesterday, it said

gold production amounted to 1 066kg compared to 1 034kg, a 3 per cent increase and operating costs increased by 9 per cent to R 82 per tonne.

After paying a final dividend of R52 million for the year to June, it ended the second quarter of the 2017 financial year with R290 million in cash and cash equivalents, compared with R335 million at the end of the first quarter. The cash position was also influenced by an increase in working capital of R 70.5 million for the first half of the year.

Gold production for the year to June is expected to be between 136 000 and 140 000 ounces at cash operating costs of between R468 000 per kilogram and R482 000 per kilogram. The company expects to report on February 15. [iol.co.za](http://iol.co.za)



## Mondi buys tech company

**JOHANNESBURG** - Paper producer Mondi has bought Excelsior Technologies in a deal worth R545 million.

The company, listed in London and Johannesburg through a dual-listed structure, says it bought the company from funds managed by Endless and certain other minority shareholders, for £33 million on a debt and cash-free basis.

Excelsior is a vertically-integrated producer of flexible packaging solutions, mainly for food applications, with a packaging technology for microwave steam cooking, Mondi says in a statement issued

yesterday.

With two plants, located in Deeside (Northern Wales, UK) and Nelson (Lancashire, UK) the company serves both domestic and US customers.

For the year to December, it generated revenues of £39 million.

Mondi CEO David Hathorn says the deal "supports the development of our consumer packaging business in high growth product applications. Its leading microwave steam cooking packaging technology complements and enhances our global food packaging offering".

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## Businesses to be fined if 60% of staff are not from SA

**CAPE TOWN** - The department of home affairs has promised a crackdown on businesses not complying with legislation that at least 60% of its staff complement comprise South African citizens.

Widespread noncompliance appeared to be prevalent in the hospitality, construction, agriculture and mining sectors, Minister Malusi Gigaba said, adding that the department's intervention comes amid "grave concerns" from citizens, communities and government departments. Last week, Gigaba met role players in the hospitality industry, including hotel and restaurant owners and managers, to address "the high rates of immigrant employment in the country". "It was an

open and frank meeting from which I expect measurable benefits for the country and citizens," Gigaba said. "The requirement to employ 60% citizens came out strongly, with all acknowledging its importance. There was consensus on dire consequences of failure to respond and the impact on communities, as well as on balancing international migration with security needs of the state." Gigaba said department officials would be conducting surprise inspections. Businesses found to be on the wrong side of the law would be fined heavily and have their licences reviewed, while managers and owners could be jailed for up to two years if legal action is taken by the department.

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# Focus on SA scene

## ZUMA, DLAMINI-ZUMA'S DAUGHTER ATTACKS ANC LEADERS

**JOHANNESBURG** - President Jacob Zuma's daughter, Thuthukile, has been accused of meddling in internal ANC politics after she attacked both the party's Head of Communication Khusela Sangoni and Secretary-General Gwede Mantashe on her Facebook wall.

Thuthukile, who's the youngest of Zuma's four daughters with ex-wife Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, shocked many of her Facebook friends when she pounced on Sangoni over an ANC statement expressing shock at the ANC Youth League's recent press release criticising the party's Gauteng leadership for the deaths of 94 mentally ill patients who died in non-governmental organisations after being moved from Life Esidimeni centres in the province.

She wrote on the social networking site: "In my view Khusela's statement about the ANCYL Gauteng puts the ANC into disrepute. This is why unelected officials should not be writing statements on behalf of real elected leadership and about elected leadership. It just puts us in a mess. Can we stop juniorising serious posts in the ANC?"

Former ANC national media coordinator Nomfanelo Kota responded to Thuthukile's post, saying her statements on the matter defied logic and



**NO NONSENSE: Thuthukile Zuma.**

spoke to a "creeping culture of entitlement by birth not by credentials to our body politic".

"A little bit of advice to Thuthu and her siblings is that they refrain from treating ANC cadres who work hard with contempt."

Thuthukile - who is also controversially the chief of staff in the department of telecommunications and postal services - called for Mzwanele 'Jimmy' Manyi, known as a staunch supporter of her father's leadership,

to be elected to the ANC's highest decision making body between conferences, the national executive committee.

She has described Manyi as the "real deal".

"The SG [should] not pretend as [though] he is the organisation. Also, he is not a spokesperson. He is articulating his heart's wants and desires, not an organisational position," she wrote in her criticism of Mantashe.

On assessment of her Facebook posts, it's quite clear Thuthukile wants her mother to succeed her father as the ruling party's next president.

She once posted: "2017: sikolento yeDoek [we're in this thing of the Doek] Revolution. #NDZ [Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma]."

In 2014, at the tender age of 25, Thuthukile was appointed to her current position, to much public outcry over alleged nepotism. Ironically, Sangoni was one of the people who defended her.

Her criticisms come a few days after Zuma's eldest son, Edward, on Friday released a statement attacking Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan and his deputy, Mcebisi Jonas, claiming they are corrupt and have been using National Treasury as their "playground."

*citizen*



## Move on with your life - ANCWL to Thuli

**JOHANNESBURG** - The ANC Women's League has taken a swipe at former Public Protector Thuli Madonsela for her attacks on President Jacob Zuma and her successor Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

The ANCWL said yesterday it was disappointed with the conduct of Madonsela, and called on her to stay away from matters relating to the office of the public protector. This followed a complaint by Madonsela that a portion of her pension has been withheld by Mkhwebane and Zuma. This related to the car crash caused by her son in 2012. But Mkhwebane said the money was withheld to determine if she was liable for the damage caused to the state-owned car given to her during her tenure. ANCWL Secretary-General

Meokgo Matuba said Madonsela must move on with her life as her term ended in October last year. She said it was unacceptable that the former public protector has waged a relentless campaign to attack Zuma and her successor. "The allegations that the president, Jacob Zuma, had influence in the appointment of Mkhwebane as public protector is a direct attack on Parliament's ad hoc committee, which was responsible to shortlist, interview and recommending a suitable candidate for the position of the public protector," said Matuba. She said Mkhwebane was appointed in a fair and credible process. Zuma said at the weekend he was outraged by Madonsela's comments linking him to her pension issues.

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## 'Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma is like Jesus'

**JOHANNESBURG** - The ANC Women's League (ANCWL) has once again defied the governing party's directive barring its leagues and structures not to start campaigning for the party's next leader by again publicly endorsing Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma for ANC president.

League President Bathabile Dlamini, speaking in Khutsong, Gauteng, at a church service on Sunday, heaped praise on Dlamini-Zuma, saying, just like Jesus, she was "both a lion and a lamb".

Dlamini said the ANCWL, which last month formally announced its backing of the former AU Commission chairperson, is campaigning for an honest leader and Dlamini-Zuma is a "woman among women". *citizen*

## Phosa enters race for top ANC job

**JOHANNESBURG** - New battle lines have been drawn in the ANC succession debate, as one of the biggest ANC branches in Limpopo by numbers, Milo Malatji, seems to have broken ranks with party provincial bigwigs.

ANC provincial senior leaders support Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa to succeed President Jacob Zuma as ANC leader at the party's elective conference in December. Now, it has emerged that the Milo Malatji branch is in talks with former ANC treasurer-general Mathews Phosa. Branch Chairperson Boy Mamabolo said yesterday Phosa was lobbying his branch to support him. "We are open to discussions," Mamabolo said. "We will support anyone who is suitable to lead the ANC." Phosa, Ramaphosa, Minister in the Presidency Jeff Radebe, National Assembly Speaker Baleka Mbete and former African Union Commission chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma are all already in the race for the job. Phosa yesterday declined to comment when asked about his intentions. However, his decision to grace the ANC Youth

League members meeting in Polokwane, Limpopo, at the weekend raised eyebrows. This is likely to be interpreted in political circles as the first sign of his readiness to join the ANC leadership race. Last week, the ANC in the Western Cape said it wanted Phosa to replace Zuma. The move by the Milo Malatji branch is seen as a blow to Ramaphosa and his supporters in the province, who formed the CR17 lobby group with the sole aim of lobbying for Ramaphosa. But Ramaphosa can still count on allies such as Premier and ANC Provincial Chairperson Stan Mathabatha, and the economic development, environment and tourism MEC and ANC Mopani Regional Chairperson, Seaparo Sekoati. They wield enormous influence among ANC members in the province. Dlamini-Zuma's allies, such as ANC Provincial Secretary Nocks Seabi, former ANC provincial chairperson Dickson Masemola and former ANC Youth League provincial chairperson Lehlogonolo Masoga, are said to be making inroads in the province in their bid to ensure Dlamini-Zuma becomes the next ANC leader. *ANA*

## DA wants public protector to probe Myeni's jet-set big spending

**CAPE TOWN** - The Democratic Alliance said yesterday the allegations that SAA Chairwoman Dudu Myeni abused more than half a million rand on luxury travel in her capacity as head of a water board warrants a probe by the public protector.

"The DA will write to the Public Protector, Advocate Busisiwe Mkhwebane, to request that she launch an investigation into Chairperson of the Mhlathuze Water Board Dudu Myeni's flagrant abuse of public funds," the DA spokeswoman for human settlements Tania Baker said. The Sunday press reported Myeni spent R678 761 on five-star hotels, business class travel, hotel

room service and a limousine ride during 23 trips booked and paid for by the Mhlathuze board. Baker said since the Pietermaritzburg High Court found in November the extension of her contract should be set aside, she should be made to pay back all the money she was paid in that position after her contract was unlawfully renewed in February 2015. "The truth is that Myeni should not have been allowed to be in this position at all," Baker said. "The Mhlathuze Water Authority's 2014/15 and 2015/16 annual reports indicate Myeni was paid R538 000 in 2015 with an additional R508 000 in 2016. Since a court has ruled her appointment from February 2015 to date was unlawful, Myeni should pay back the full R1 046 000." *ANA*





# CURSED £20MILLION INHERITANCE ROTTING AWAY

● **Illiterate fisherman who was left his master's entire fortune is STILL living in poverty - and locked in a legal battle as colourful as it is bizarre**

**WEST INDIES** - A single brown cow wanders around the decaying mansion, which was once an architectural jewel of the West Indies.

The tiles are falling off and the white coral facade, once so dazzling, is rotting - victims of neglect and the salt-wind blowing from the Caribbean sea stretched out below.

It is hard to believe this was once a millionaire aristocrat's pleasure palace, the backdrop to decadent parties attended by royalty and the jet-setting beau monde, all presided over by the self-styled King of St Lucia.

For it was here - perched between the Pitons, St Lucia's picture-postcard rocky outcrops - where the late Lord Glenconner built his dream home. And it was within these crumbling walls that his close friend Princess Margaret would sip whisky cocktails as revellers danced long into the night.

Glen House is mouldering because it lies at the centre of an extraordinary dispute that has left the house abandoned and in legal limbo. The problems started six years ago when Glenconner - known to friends and staff alike as Colin Tennant, the name he bore before inheriting his title - shocked his family by bequeathing his entire £20million estate to his West Indian manservant, deliberately cutting his own children out of his Will.

It sparked a legal wrangle between two of the most unlikely litigants: Kent Adonai, an illiterate St Lucian fisherman, against Tennant's grandson, Cody, 22, the fourth Lord Glenconner.

By any rights, Kent should today be enjoying his riches, after agreeing an outline settlement to split his inheritance with Tennant's family, accepting half of the prospective £20 million sale of the estate where he had served his master for so long.

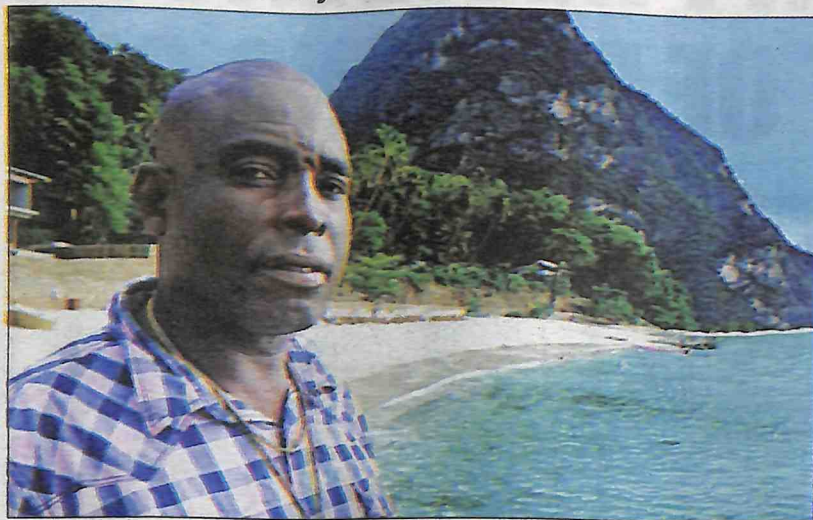
## Income

Instead, he still ekes out a living as a fisherman, rising long before dawn to push out to sea in his old wooden boat, the 'Slice Of Life', returning with red snapper or mahi-mahi to sell at the market in the nearby village of Laborie. He supplements his income by auctioning a few of the furnishings that were bequeathed to him, and selling the occasional cow from the small herd that grazes his land. He worries constantly about providing for his eight children.

Despite being, in theory, a property multi-millionaire, Kent cannot afford to repair the decaying mansion at the centre of his inheritance. Indeed, he refuses even to enter it.

He says: "All I see now is broken

**All I see now is broken glass and things rotting. One day I may say the real reason why Princess Margaret died**



**CURSED:** Kent Adonai, an illiterate St Lucian fisherman, is in a legal battle with his former master's grandson after he was named as the inheritor of the estate. (Daily Mail)

glass and things rotting. I want to be able to move on and sell it so that his dream house can be restored by someone to its former glory.

"I cried so much when he died - I was beside him. I am so sad that he is not here. I spent so much of my life with him, listening and learning and also trying to keep the peace.

"He always said, 'Never live like me.' He knew better than anyone how to spend! He was one of those very rare, totally honest Englishmen. What he said he did, and he treated everyone the same."

## Battles

If Kent's gilded inheritance has been tarnished by years of bitterness and legal battles, then that may not surprise those familiar with the Tennant family history.

For despite their wealth, they have endured so many tragedies over the years that it gave rise to a rumoured 'Curse of the Tennants.'

Colin's eldest son, Charlie, died of a heroin addiction; his second son, Henry, died of AIDS; and his youngest son, Christopher, was left brain-damaged in a motorcycle accident. As disorganised as he was extravagant, Colin himself lost two Caribbean estates due to his mismanagement. The final surprise in his life was learning, at the age of 82, that he had a 45-year-old illegitimate son by Henrietta Moraes, the muse of Francis Bacon and Lucian Freud.

Today, more than six years after his death, his Will has still not been resolved in a case that has echoes of Charles Dickens's Jarndyce vs Jarndyce, the legal battle at the heart of Bleak House, which lasted a generation and left no money for anyone.

For Kent Adonai, Glen House, is bleak indeed, and his life no better off than before his extraordinary inheritance. He cannot even afford a new

engine for his boat, while the money he has made by selling off some family furniture and pictures from the house has been used to honour a pledge made by Tennant to build a road for a neighbour. So loyal was he to the elderly aristocrat that Kent even personally footed the bill for Tennant's burial.

"He wanted a state funeral but the family opposed that. I did these things because it was what Mr Tennant wanted, and that is all I can do," he explains.

As for the ongoing dispute, Kent claims: "Mr Tennant would be turning in his grave. I just want to get the money to put into an escrow account so I can get an income. I just wanted to do what he wanted. But I don't understand why we don't have a deal agreed. I want money now so I can look after my family." Kent had entered Tennant's life aged 18 when he accompanied his father, a stevedore, on the docks at Castries, the capital of St Lucia.

Daily Mail



**EXTRAVAGANT:** Lord Glenconner in 1985 in Mustique, the island he owned before being forced out.



**PARTY PALS:** Lord Glenconner with his close friend Princess Margaret in Mustique in 1976.



## VACANCY: FINANCIAL ANALYST

An opportunity has arisen for a suitably qualified and experienced individual to join our client, the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA). NERCHA is a public enterprise established by the NERCHA Act No. 8 of 2003 to coordinate and facilitate the National Multisectoral HIV/AIDS and oversee the implementation of national strategic plans and frameworks. The position listed above is tenable in Mbabane, Swaziland.

### JOB PURPOSE

This position is also responsible for preparing grant related financial statements, providing financial reporting and analysis support of all grants managed and funded by NERCHA. The Financial Analyst will focus heavily on budgeting, compliance, reporting, variance analysis and accurate reporting on grant management. This position is established to work in close collaboration with the Grants Management, Finance Unit and Procurement Unit and accurately report on grant financial performance.

### KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

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• Minimum: B Comm degree in Accounting • Added advantage: Pursuing professional accounting qualification (CIMA, ACCA etc)

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• Completed articles and a registered accountant with Swaziland Institute of Accountants or equivalent body • 3 years' experience in financial accounting or management accounting at not less than Accountant's level • Added advantage: Accounting or financial management experience in donor funding environment

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## BRIEFS

## Sudan vows to boost ties with US

**SUDAN** – Sudan on Saturday vowed to enhance its bilateral relations with Washington despite US President Donald Trump banning the African country's citizens from entering the United States. Citizens of Sudan, along with those from six other Muslim-majority countries, have been banned from entering the United States, although a US federal judge on Friday ordered a temporary nationwide halt to Trump's ban.

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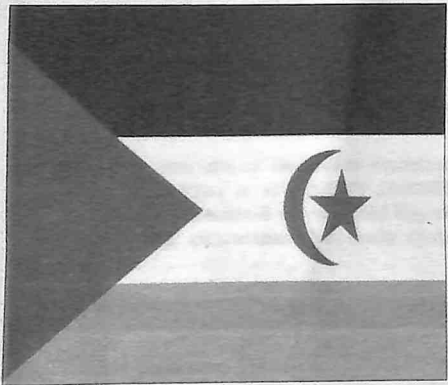
## Al-Shabaab behead four men

**MOGADISHU** – Al-Shabaab militants in Somalia publicly beheaded four men accused of spying for the country's Western-backed government, the United States and neighbouring Kenya, residents in the south of the Horn of Africa country said. The al-Qaeda-linked group confirmed the executions, which took place on Sunday after the men were found guilty by a Shabaab court in Jamame district of lower Jubba region, some 70km north of Kismayu. *Reuters*

## 'All options open' for W.Sahara

**ALGERIA** – The Polisario Front chief has said "all options are open" for Western Sahara's independence struggle and voiced hope for renewed talks with Morocco after its readmission to the African Union. Morocco quit what was then the Organisation of African Unity in 1984 after the bloc admitted the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) declared by the Polisario at the height of a war for the territory.

AFP



## Convict vanishes at court

**HARARE** – A Harare man who had just been convicted of theft last Tuesday escaped from the Harare Magistrate's Courts as he waited for transport to go to prison.

Bruce Vera (35) was sentenced to an effective six months imprisonment by Harare Magistrate Tilda Mazhande for theft after he broke into Paul Noel Madzudzo's car and stole two cellphones.

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## IBB returns from Switzerland

**MINNA** – Former Military President General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida has returned to Nigeria after a seven-week medical vacation in Switzerland.

The former military president, who arrived at Minna International Airport at 6.45 pm on Saturday, said he was stronger and better, and thanked Nigerians for their prayers and goodwill messages during his vacation. *allafrica*



# SUDAN PRESIDENT ACCUSES EGYPT OF BACKING OPPONENTS

**DUBAI** – Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir accused the Egyptian government of harbouring and backing Sudanese opposition figures fighting his troops, in remarks broadcast on Sunday.

In his first such accusation against Cairo, Bashir said in an interview broadcast by Al-Arabiya that Sudanese opposition figures were "backed by Egyptian intelligence services".

"We raise this issue every time when we meet Egyptian officials," said Bashir.

Sudanese troops are fighting rebels in three conflict regions – Darfur, Blue Nile and South Kordofan.

"Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi is a good man and he is my friend, but it's the Egyptian intelligence that I am accusing," he said.

"I'm not accusing President Sisi. I'm accusing the regime."

Bashir also denied allegations that Khartoum was hosting sever-



**STOP IT: Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir.**

al members of the Islamist Muslim Brotherhood movement banned by Cairo.

"Our policy is not to disturb the peace and security of any country and not to intervene in any internal issues of any country," he said.

Bashir reiterated that Sudan will protest to the United Nations if Egypt does not end its occupation of a border region claimed by his country.

"The Halayeb triangle is Sudanese and we will not make any concessions," he said.

Sudan will lodge a protest with the UN Security Council if Egypt refuses to settle the dispute, said Bashir, calling for "negotiations" with Cairo.

Egypt occupied the sparsely populated 25 000-square-kilometre (10 000-square-mile) Halayeb triangle in 1995, during a low point in relations between the two

countries.

Sudan has regularly protested about Egypt's administration of Halayeb, which lies near the Red Sea in a mineral-rich border region.

Khartoum says Halayeb has been part of its sovereign territory since shortly after independence in 1956.

Bashir, who is wanted by the International Criminal Court on charges of war crimes and genocide related to the conflict in Darfur, also spoke in the interview of Sudan's ties with Washington. The United States has blacklisted Sudan as a state sponsor of terrorism since 1993 and imposed a trade embargo on Khartoum in 1997 over its alleged support for Islamist groups. "There is a five-point roadmap between us and the United States. The first point, terrorism, has been completed 100 per cent and the Americans have acknowledged that," said Bashir.

AFP

## NGO calls on Malawi to release civil society delegation

**LILONGWE** – The Bench Marks Foundation has urged delegates attending mining conferences in South Africa this week to add their voices to its call for the release of members of a Tanzanian fact-finding mission who were arrested in northern Malawi in December last year, and are still being held in detention.

The call was made on the eve of the influential Investing in African Mining Indaba and Alternative Mining Indaba, that started yesterday in Cape Town.

Bench Marks Executive Director, John Capel, said both indabas had a responsibility to make their voices heard in calling for the release of the Tanzanian delegation and asked them to send a letter of protest to the Malawian High Commission in Pretoria.

Capel says the fact-finding mission was concerned with the social and environmental impacts of the uranium mining.

The civil society delegation from Tanzania visited the Kayelekera uranium mining com-

plex in northern Malawi in December, but its members were arrested on December 22, as spies and have been jailed ever since. The accusations range from trespassing to being members of a foreign organisation.

The mine, run by the Australian-based company, Paladin, no longer operates due to the diminishing price of uranium and the costs of mining it. It is Malawi's only mine and was the biggest foreign investment in the country's history, according to Capel. *iol.co.za*

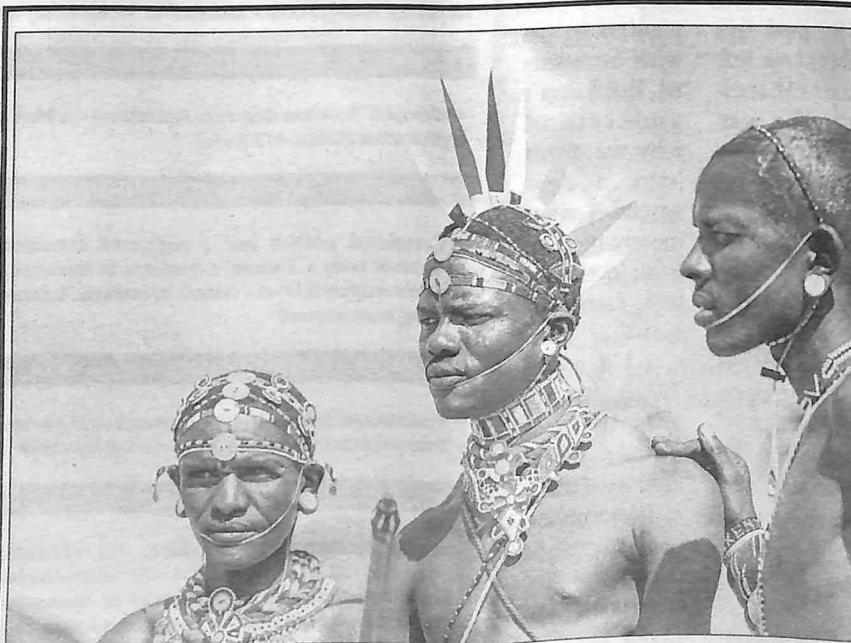
## Congolese pay last respects to opposition head in Brussels

**BRUSSELS** – Thousands of members of the Congolese diaspora gathered in Brussels on Sunday to pay their last respects to their nation's opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi, who died in the Belgian capital last week.

After a three-day funeral wake, Tshisekedi's coffin was put on display for several hours in a large hall made available by city authorities, near the famous Atomium tourist attraction, AFP journalists said.

They came from across Belgium but also travelled from France, Britain and Germany, to pay a final tribute to 'Tshishi', as his supporters called him. "He is dead but his spirit remains among us. We will keep his heritage alive," one man told the crowd through a microphone, drawing applause in a hall filled with a festive atmosphere and many tearful eyes. Tshisekedi died on Wednesday, having left the Democratic Republic of Congo eight days earlier for medical care abroad.

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**STRICT: Young Samburu warriors in Wamba, Central Kenya, are known as 'morans'. They play a crucial role in the Alternative Rite of Passage ceremonies, as they are the prospective husbands and promise to marry the uncircumcised girls.**

[Jeroen Van Loon/Al Jazeera]



# World News

## 'IF SOMETHING HAPPENS BLAME THE JUDGE WHO BLOCKED BAN'

**PALM BEACH** - President Donald Trump blasted the federal courts for a second day in a row on Sunday after his efforts to implement a travel ban were suspended and warned that the judiciary could be placing Americans in "peril."

"Just cannot believe a judge would put our country in such peril. If something happens, blame him and court system. People pouring in. Bad!" the president tweeted, after uncharacteristically taking a nearly day-long break from Twitter.

"I have instructed Homeland Security to check people coming into our country VERY CAREFULLY. The courts are making the job very difficult!" The saga



**BLAME GAME: USA President Donald Trump.**

began on January 27 when Trump issued a blanket ban on all refugees, as well as on travellers from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia,

Sudan, Syria and Yemen. That sparked a worldwide furore, prompting protest marches and demonstrations in cities and at

airports across the United States. On Friday, a federal judge in Seattle, James Robart, blocked the ban nationwide pending a wider legal review. On Saturday Trump angrily fired off multiple tweets on the matter, stating that the "so-called judge" was "ridiculous" -- and drawing criticism from Democrats and others who said the president was dangerously close to interfering with the judicial branch of government.

A leading Democratic Senator, Patrick Leahy of Vermont, said Trump seemed "intent on precipitating a constitutional crisis."

Then early on Sunday, a US appeals court rejected an urgent government request to reinstate Trump's controversial ban.

AFP

### Australia seizes record 1.4 tonne of cocaine on yacht

**SYDNEY** - Australian law enforcement agencies seized a record 1.4 tonnes of cocaine worth A\$312 million (R3.1 billion) from an Australia-bound yacht during a covert midnight operation last week, the authorities said yesterday.

Six men, including five Australians, have been charged with the conspiracy to import drugs and could face life imprisonment, Justice Minister Michael Keenan and Immigration Minister Peter Dutton said in a joint statement. This is the largest cocaine haul ever seized in a single operation in Australia and is over 400 kgs (880 pounds) greater than the previous record of 938 kgs (2,06 pounds) in Western Australia state in 2001, they said. "The interception was the result of a dogged, two and a half year, multi-agency pursuit involving the Australian Federal Police, Australian Border Force and New Zealand Customs Service," the ministers said in the statement. The cocaine could have resulted in 1.4 million street deals, they added, without providing details of the latest seizure. Keenan told a press conference that the street value of cocaine in Australia was up to 9 times more than that of the United States, making the South Pacific island nation an attractive market for drug peddlers.

AFP

### Eighteen killed, 18 injured in massage parlour fire

**BEIJING** - Police detained one person yesterday, in connection with a fire at a foot massage parlour in China that killed at least 18 people and injured another 18, media said.

The fire broke out at around 17:26 on Sunday in eastern Zhejiang province, the official Xinhua news agency reported. It was extinguished in less than two hours. Eight lost their lives in the fire, while another 10 died in hospital, according to Xinhua. Video posted on Chinese social media website Weibo showed thick black smoke billowing from the massage parlour and people

jumping out of the second-floor window of the six-storey building.

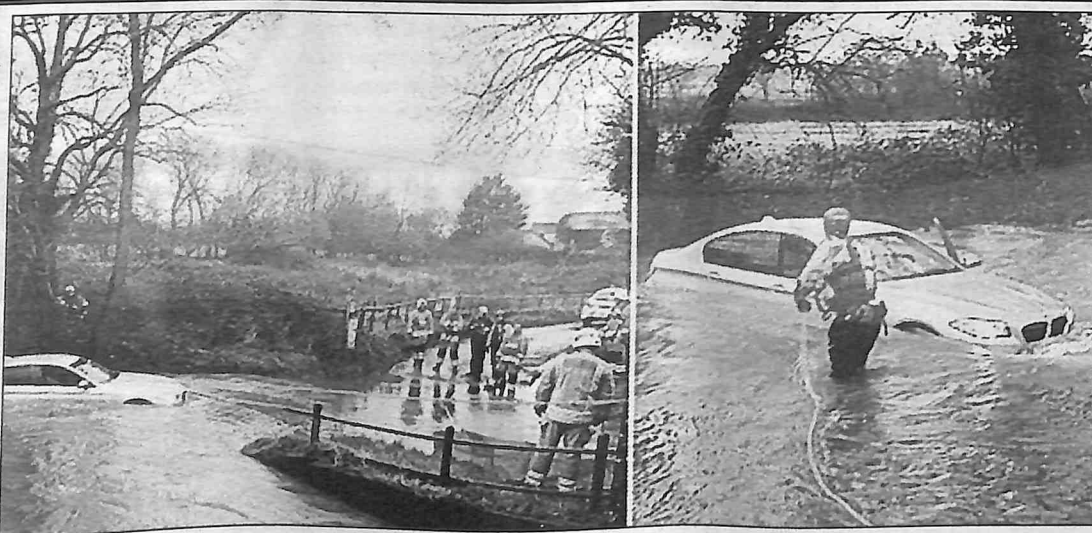
Shards of broken glass were strewn across the floor of the massage parlour. "Windows in the third and fourth floor, where residents lived, were also shattered," the Beijing News said, quoting a witness.

The cause of the fire is unclear, Xinhua said. Fire safety procedures are routinely ignored in China, with exit doors often locked and escape passages blocked in buildings across the country. Seven people died in a fire in an elderly care facility last month.

AFP



**TRAGEDY: Police detained one person in connection with a fire at a foot massage parlour in China that killed at least 18 people.(ap)**



**CAR WASH: A stricken BMW driver had to be winched to safety after he followed his sat nav into a river. Emergency services raced to the scene in Carmarthen, South Wales, to rescue the motorist when his car became almost completely submerged. Fortunately, the man escaped with his life - but police are now warning drivers of the dangers of using sat navs.**

(Daily Mail)

### BRIEFS

#### Le Pen launches election bid

**LYON** - France's far-right party leader Marine Le Pen on Sunday, told thousands of flag-waving supporters chanting "This is our country!" that she alone would protect them against Islamic fundamentalism and globalisation if elected president in May. Buoyed by Trump's victory and Britons' vote to leave the European Union, Le Pen's anti-immigration, anti-EU National Front (FN) hopes for similar populist momentum in France.

Reuters

#### Pope urges prayers for children

**ROME** - Pope Francis urged the faithful to pray for unborn children threatened by "the termination of pregnancy" in a throwaway culture marked by falling birthrates. "Every life is sacred. Let us promote a culture of life as a response to the logic of throwing away and in the face of demographic decline," he said in an address to mark the "international day for consecrated life".

AFP

#### Trump to meet NATO leaders

**WEST PALM BEACH** - President Donald Trump agreed to meet alliance leaders in Europe in May in a phone call on Sunday with NATO Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg that also touched on the separatist conflict in eastern Ukraine, the White House said. Trump was elected on a pledge to push NATO members to increase their funding to the western alliance to ease the financial burden on the United States.

Reuters

#### Australian PM under threat

**SYDNEY** - A prominent member of Australia's government is set to defect to form his own conservative party, media reported yesterday, further evidence of a shift towards the right that is weakening Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's already tenuous grip on power. Adding to center-right leader Turnbull's woes, an opinion poll published yesterday showed that support for his coalition had slipped to its lowest since he took power in a party-room coup 17 months ago and that his Liberal-National coalition would easily fall if an election was held now.

Reuters

#### Man makes death threats against PM

**BANGKOK** - Thai people wanted for breaking a law on insulting the monarchy have issued death threats against the Thai prime minister, from Laos where they have fled to avoid arrest, Thailand's top security officer said yesterday. Last month, Thailand pressed Laos over the extradition of Thai fugitives accused of lese majeste, or royal insult, which carries a jail term of up to 15 years for each offence.

Reuters





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# Miss Cultural Heritage for global showpiece

By Majaha Nkonyane

WHILST Miss Swaziland Linda Hutchinson has missed the Miss World pageant, Miss Cultural Heritage Sindiswa Dlamini will be heading to Johannesburg to represent the country at the Miss Heritage Global.

The Miss Cultural Heritage queen will be leaving tomorrow to represent the country on the world stage and will be away for 10 days as the main day is February 18.

The actual event will be taking place at the Carnival

City Big Top Arena in Johannesburg.

The beauty queens will be involved in modelling classes, swimming, hiking, sweating it out at the gym and a number of outdoor activities. They will also get a chance to showcase their different designs, from traditional to formal wear. She will be dressed by Millennium Trends.

"I am very excited to be part of this competition and am hoping to bring the crown home," she said.

Sindiswa was crowned Miss Cultural Heritage on November 27, 2016 with Minenhle Mthembu as her First Princess and Nontobeko Simelane as her Second Princess.

Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture

(SNAC) CEO Stanley Dlamini said they were proud to be sending the queen to the pageant.

"We are very proud of this young lady as she will be representing the country on the world stage. All competitions we attend we make sure to influence the world stage and let them know about our kingdom. We wish nothing but the best for her as she competes," he said.

Sindiswa is not new to winning as she is the former SCOT Miss Heritage queen. She will be competing with different women from various countries of the world.

Miss Swaziland, on the other hand, would miss the opportunity to represent the country on the Miss World stage as the local Miss Swaziland Committee does not have the license to send her there.

Linda is having a hard time proving her capabilities to the nation as she is a student at the University of Swaziland and most of her time is dedicated to her school work, more than her national duty.



WORLD STAGE: Miss Cultural Heritage Sindiswa Dlamini.

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## ILLA'S 'ADVICE' TO SANDS ON TIGI VIDEO

By Phumelele Mkhonta

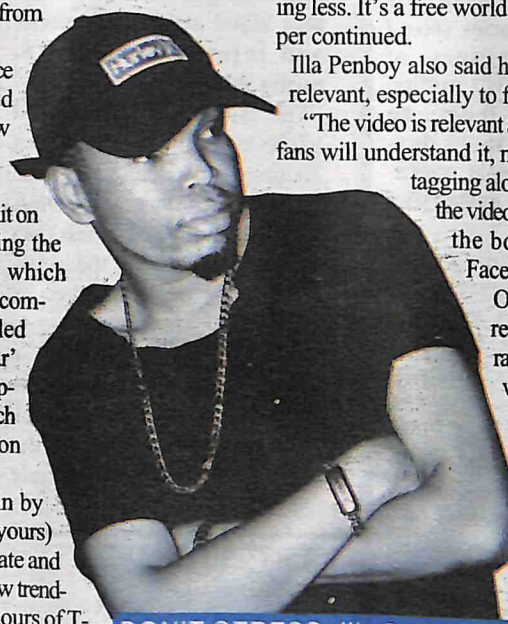
"DOGS bark at moving cars and pee on parked ones so Sands should not stress when people 'bark' at him as that shows he's doing something."

Rather he must move from glory to glory."

These are words of advice rapper Illa Penboy had for Sands after the new 'Tigi' video was heavily criticised.

The rapper became a hit on Saturday after defending the newly released video, which was critiqued by an upcoming local musician called Abster. The 'This Year' artist stated he was disappointed by the video which premiered last Friday on SABC1's Live AMP.

Illia Penboy jumped in by asking Yakho Yini (Is it yours) and it stirred a lot of debate and the 'mega' question is now trending. There are even rumours of T-



DON'T STRESS: Illa Penboy.

shirts that will be branded 'Yakho Yini'. Some fans of the controversial rapper even predict the next hit to be 'Yakho Yini'.

Illia said his question was an honest one to a public opinion made about his friend, Sands.

"Someone posted his opinion about my friend's video and I questioned this, nothing more nothing less. It's a free world for everybody," the rapper continued.

Illia Penboy also said he thought the video was relevant, especially to fans.

"The video is relevant and 'Tigi's' fans or Sands fans will understand it, not the ones who are just tagging along with the hype. He did the video for his fans not to impress the boardroom of artists or Facebook critics," he added.

On the other hand, Sands resumes his Johannesburg radio stations tour this week whilst his song 'Tigi' sits on number six on Metro FM top charts.

The song is also rated number three on the most played songs in South Africa whilst it is the most played track in Swaziland.

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# SKEEL IMPRESSES SWAZIS ON SABC 2

By Ayanda Dlamini

**GOSPEL** rap star Sakhile 'Skeel' Simelane made his impressive debut on SABC 2's Gospel Classics show on Sunday night making Swazis proud at the rate locals penetrate the South African music industry.

The new Tall Tree Management signee performed a song titled 'Gelekece' in pure Siswati lyrics with former Joyous Celebration bassist Bheka Mthethwa. He left his fans tweeting and posting on social network platforms about his extraordinary performance.

"So proud to hear that someone I've

worked with was on Gospel Classics," read one of the tweets. Gospel award winner, Switch could not hold himself but showed his proud moment as he tweeted, "yes people, that's my boy @skeelisme on gospel classics."

## Appreciate

"It is an absolute honour, I learnt a couple years back to appreciate every opportunity I'm given, be it small or big as Sunday night's performance. I learnt so much while I was there. The level of excellence required was 'way up' and I was impressed and in particular, challenged - one must take their craft as seriously as one expects other people to do so," said Skeel.

He thanked Bheka Mthethwa for his contribution and his fans for supporting him, "I am proud of myself and am particularly grateful to Bheka Mthethwa for contributing so greatly to my journey as an artist.

I would also love to appreciate the people who showed genuine love and support through phone calls, smses and whatsapp texts. Finally, the team who worked extra hard to ensure that people tuned in to SABC2 at that time," he said. Public Relations for various local artists and former journalist, Faith Mngometulu congratulated Skeel for such a performance.

She expressed her pride for local artists



**GELEKECE:** Skeel with Bheka Mthethwa during the first performance of Gelekece.

who push and show off their talents beyond borders, "As a person who has always been very kin to expose the gold that we have in Swaziland, I am filled with so much delight when our local artists showcase on various international stages like we have been seeing recently," she said.

"I just hope and pray that the various organisations which are meant to push local talent would see and affirm that. I believe they match and surpass inter-

national standards and that this is not just a hobby," she added.

Gospel Classics is a gospel music show hosted by Tshepo Maseko on SABC 2 every Sunday at 8 pm and its repeat is every Tuesday at 10pm.

The gospel show invites South African Gospel singers, young and old onto one stage to take South Africa down memory lane on classic gospel hits and good old time hymns, with an energetic band led by the popular Bongani from Malaika.

## EmceeDaComedian excited about first DVD recording

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**COMEDIAN** EmceeDaComedian whose real name is Nduduzo Nkonyane, will follow Mdura's footsteps as he will have his first ever one man show which will also be a live DVD recording.

The comedian is excited about his

first ever one man show and has vowed to make an impression that will last.

The recording dubbed 'Things in My Head' will be held at his church, the Mbabane Alliance Church (MBAC).

The comedian has been around in the industry ever since the birth of comedy during the LOL Comedy competition and he said it was about time that

he too, had a professional recording of his work.

Emcee as his name is shortened, has performed at a number of corporate and entertainment events where he managed to crack ribs.

He has also been a part of the ongoing MTN Rhymes and Laughter Comedy meets hip hop concept. Over the years,

the comedian has presented himself as a corporate man than just a funny guy as he is employed at his former school, KaBoyce High School as a Technical Subject's teacher. He will be the third comedian in the very narrow stream of comedians the country has, to host a one man show after Mandy had hers last October where she joined in the commemoration of Breast cancer Awareness.

Renowned comedian, Comics Choice Awards and SIC Festival Ambassador,

Mdura will be the man handling the proceedings at the show whilst performances will be handled by songstress Velemseni, Unitone, Sthera and gospel hip hop rapper Switch who has sadly announced that he will be retiring from the music industry to focus on 'bigger' things like politics.

The 26 year old rapper said age 30 would mark as his final retirement from the music industry as he believes he would then be too old to be jumping on stage.

## Trippy King, Ice Prince video done

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**TRIPPY** King revealed to fun lovers on Saturday night at Ronde Vu at Esibayeni Lodge that his 'Ballers Only' music video which features Nigerian's most celebrated hip hop artist, Ice Prince, is done and will be released for download soon.

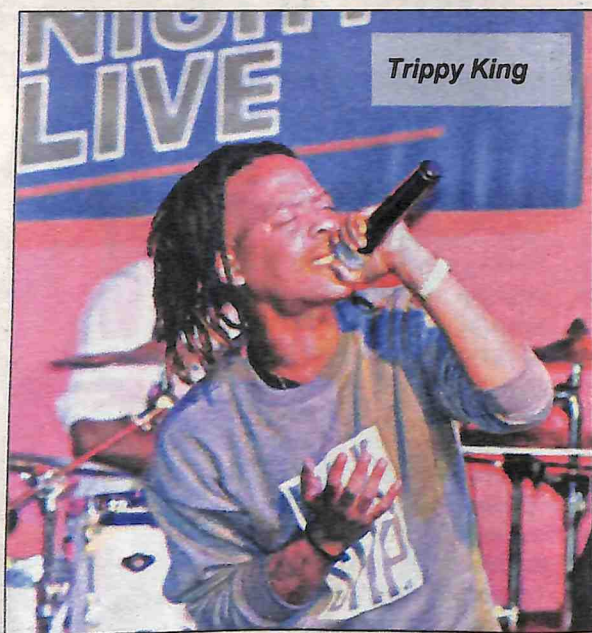
"The video was shot at Sandton in Johannesburg and it has been completed," said Trippy King.

'Ballers Only' features Ice Prince and DJ Toxic and it was produced by Pro of Life Time Music.

"Ice Prince and I go way back. We met in 2012 and we have been good friends since then. I had assumed he was waiting on me to be on a certain level of maturity in music before we record together. I guess I have reached that level as we made a song together last year," explained Trippy King on their relationship.

He added saying the 'Oleku' hit maker has always said he would change his life.

Ice Prince came to Swaziland last year to make the track with Trippy King.



'Ballers Only' was shot by Black and White Production, a company based in South Africa, owned by Swazi born film maker, Michael Hlatshwayo. It is the same company that shot Trippy King's 'All Night' which featured Khetsiwe Alexandra.

## Launch

"My manager is working on when we will drop the video but we will officially launch it and it will be the first video on my upcoming album titled 'The Future'. For now, we are also focused

is on 'Gravel Roads and Blue Sky's which I dropped in January," he explained.

Trippy King said it was a memorable experience to spend time with Ice Prince and actually do some work with him. "This experience has shown me that one's background and financial situation cannot determine one's future. Coming from a homestead headed by a single mom, to being the first rapper to make such moves in my country sure feels like I am on God's right hand," he commented.

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## HIGHLIGHTS



**House Hunters International**  
Today 18:00 | Travel Channel (179)

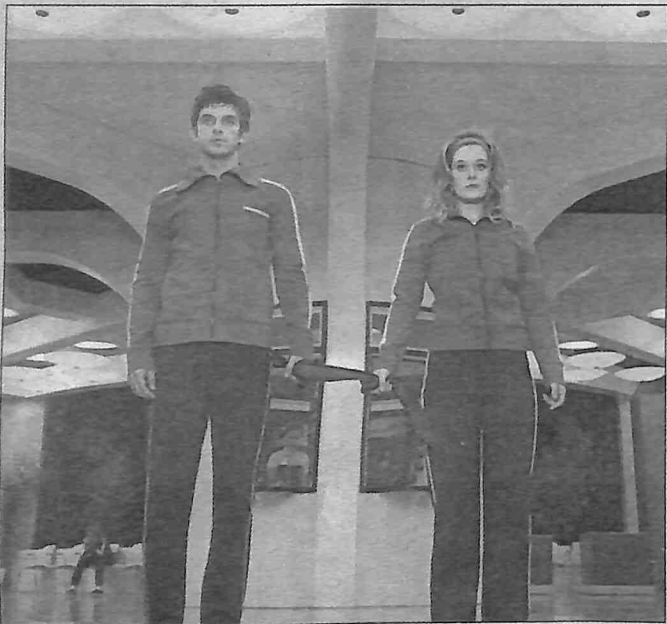
House Hunters International returns for a brand new series as we travel the globe in search of the perfect home. From Australia to Zimbabwe, House Hunters International follows eager home owners as they prepare to relocate – sometimes thousands of miles away! In this brand new season, bestfriends Carey and

Shannon move to Prague with no home and no job, a Florida couple search for a home on a budget near the Northern Beaches of Australia, and Brits Dee and Jason are moving back to the UK after living in Tulsa – can they find a place with the same amount of space back in Blighty? Find out on House Hunters International.

**Legion**  
Thursday 20:10 | FOX (125)

David Haller is a troubled young man who may be more than human. Diagnosed as schizophrenic, David has been in and out of psychiatric hospitals for

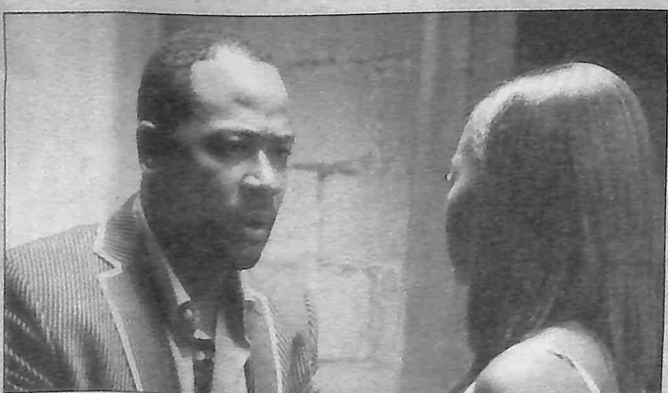
years. But after a strange encounter with a fellow patient, he's confronted with the possibility that the voices he hears and visions might be real.



**Mr Right**  
Thursday 21:00 | BET (129)

A conservative writer whose sworn off dating is swept off her feet by a man who, she

learns, works for an upscale dating service.



# AFRIDOCS LINE-UP ON BET

BET will show some of the best documentaries from Africa and across the world every Sunday at 20:00.

AfriDocs tell compelling stories that are not only educational but entertaining too. Delve deeper into some of the most influential figures of the continent and see some amazing stories from ordinary people.

Here are the AfriDocs to watch out for:

### Shake the Dust

Get to know the revolutionary world of hip-hop in this film by rapper Nasir "Nas" Jones and Adam Sjöberg.

See how hip-hop has influenced young people worldwide. Catch Shake the Dust on Sunday February 12.

### Under African Skies

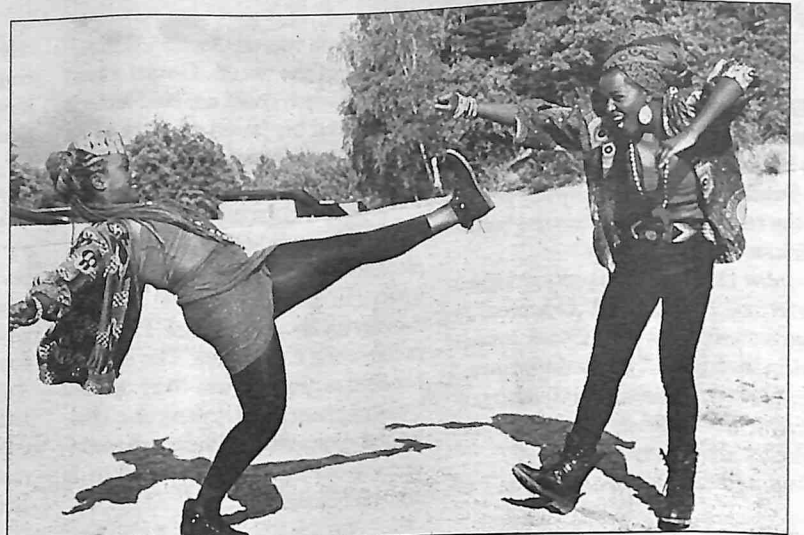
Composed of a mixture of township sounds like *Iscathamiya* and *Mbaqanga* among others, the album *Graceland* has even won a GRAMMY® Award. This film showcases Paul Simon's journey as he celebrates the 25th anniversary since he came to South Africa to make the album.

See it on Sunday February 19.

### Martha & Niki

See how Martha and Niki became world champions on the hip-hop dance stage.

See what inspires them and keeps them going. Watch Martha & Niki on Sunday 26 February



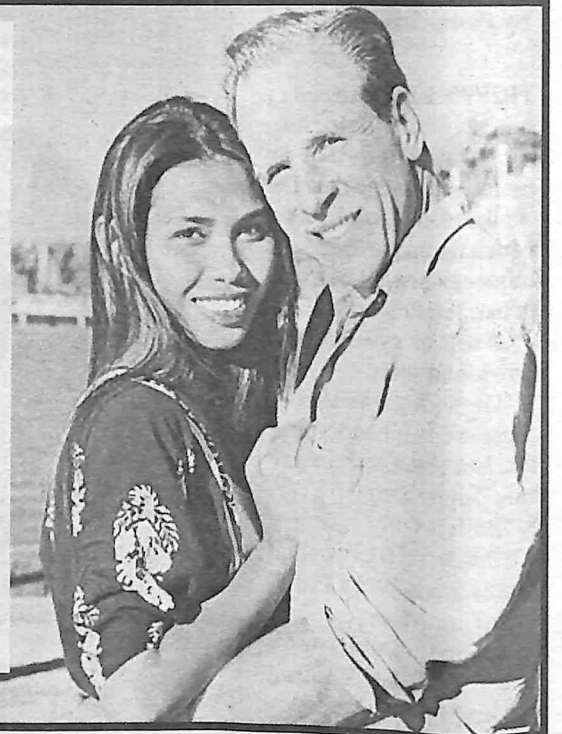
**90 DAYS TO WED**  
THURSDAY 20:00 |  
TLC ENTERTAINMENT  
(135)

Six foreigners are entering the US on unique fiancé visas to live with their partners for the first time, but they have just 90 days to get married or leave the country. This fascinating reality series is back to follow more couples through the ups and downs of the 90 life-changing days that prove love works in mysterious ways.

They'll have to overcome language barriers, culture shock

and sceptical friends and family all with a clock that starts ticking the moment they step foot on US soil. Coming up in the series, meet Florida native Nicole and Azan from Morocco, who have been engaged in a long distance relationship over the internet and have now met to discover how much they actually have in common.

Will there be tears of joy or heartbreak when they meet? The stakes are incredibly high as these couples are forced to make a life-altering decision: get married or send their international mate home.



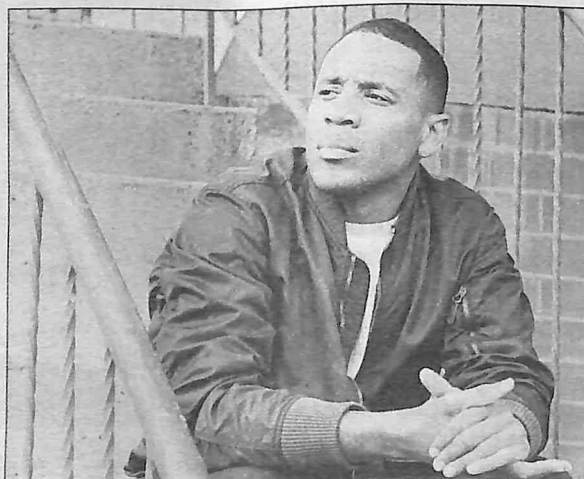
**REGGIE YATES:**  
**EXTREME SOUTH AFRICA**  
FRIDAY 19:59 | BBC  
BRIT (120)

Twenty years since the first free elections and in the shadow of Nelson Mandela's death, Reggie Yates gets up close and personal with three different communities in South Africa.

Yates visits a community rocked by gang related vio-

lence and helps out in a local hospital, dealing with dozens of stab victims. He also visits a poor white settlement camp in a park and later meets influential preacher giving hope in exchange for hard cash.

All the while, he tries to understand different communities by immersing himself in their cultures and their issues. What he discovers is a South Africa quite unlike anything he could have expected.





## International Celebrity News

### Donald Trump leaves Super Bowl party early

**LOS ANGELES** - He was pictured earlier in the night, sitting next to wife Melania, looking miserable as he watched his team get hammered. President Donald Trump is believed to have left his own Super Bowl party early - with his team, the Patriots, getting smashed 28-3 in the third quarter. But his strop meant he missed the team's unlikely comeback as they



**TIME TO GO: US President Donald Trump.**

managed to tie the game 28-28 and grab a last-gasp win with James White's 2-yard touchdown in overtime. Trump had predicted a Patriots win, saying they would beat the Falcons by eight points. Speaking before the game, he told Fox News: "I hate making predictions. I hate to do it. 'But I'll say ... I don't even know what are the odds, but it's pretty even, right? Two great teams. Pretty even. So I'll say the Patriots will win.'" *Mirror*

### Fast and Furious thriller amazing

**LOS ANGELES** - A new trailer for Fast And Furious 8 was released during the Super Bowl hot spot break. The one minute trailer gives more insight on what's about to go down with an epic battle that'll be much bigger than expected. Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) and Deckard (Jason Statham) are about to lash it out in what can only be one memorable showdown. The new trailer shows these guys' attitudes, not just in their fighting skills, but in the way they mock each other.



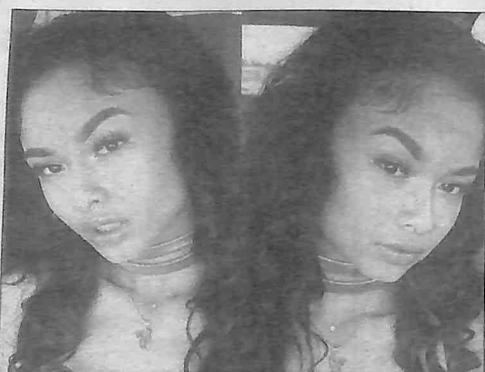
**AMAZING: Fast and Furious.**

Hobbs wants to know why he would

be put in the same room with this guy when Deckard tells him that the size of his small T-shirt could be cutting off the circulation to his brain. The fun doesn't stop there though. It turns out that these guys have been ordered to work together. Clearly, neither of them are happy about it, but they may have what it takes to tackle more fights ahead of them. Considering that these two actors are known as action icons, it's likely they will bring something entertaining for the eighth installment of the franchise. *Daily Mail*

### Rick Ross' New GF India Love celebrates 21st birthday

**LOS ANGELES** - Rick Ross's new girlfriend India Love turned 21 this weekend. To celebrate her entering adulthood ... she posted nude pictures on her social media pages giving men a free view of what Rick Ross has in store. *MTO*



**BIRTHDAY GIRL: Rick Ross's new girlfriend India Love.**

### Lady Gaga takes Super Bowl to new heights

**LOS ANGELES** - Lady Gaga's Super Bowl halftime show was no perfect illusion—it was the real deal. The 30-year-old songstress wasted no time taking this year's performance to new heights when she kicked off her show from the top of Houston's NRG Stadium with pitch-perfect renditions of "God Bless America" and "This Land Is Your Land." Above her head, drones painted the sky



**THE REAL DEAL: Lady Gaga.**

in the shape and colors of the American flag. However, it was one of the few mellow portions of the performance as Mother Monster quickly jumped from the edge of the stadium into the air and descended upon the Super Bowl crowd. Landing on a platform above the Texas audience, she launched into a mix of "Just Dance," "The Edge of Glory" and "Poker Face." *Daily Mail*

## SA Celebrity News

### Enhle Mbali steps in for upcoming Collen Chauke biopic

**JOHANNESBURG** - Actress Enhle Mbali Mamphumulo is excited to tell a "rich South African story" as the wife of notorious heist-master Collen Chauke in an upcoming biopic set to be released later this year. Enhle is set to star alongside fellow actor Mduzuzi Mabaso in the upcoming film, *Enemy of the State: Collen Chauke*, which tells the life story of a former MK soldier a man who was once SA's most wanted criminal.



Playing Chauke's wife, Grace has given Enhle the opportunity to tell a story that forms part of SA's rich history, she told TshisaLIVE. "We all knew the stories of Collen and how tactical his bank robberies were. It is such a rich South African story and the cast is so rich in performance. I loved the love story between Collen and Grace and wanted to be able to tell their story," she said. *Drum*

### Zizo Tshwete reveals details about motherhood

**JOHANNESBURG** - It's been almost two months since TV personality Zizo Tshwete welcomed the arrival of her little bundle of joy, and if her glow is anything to go by, it seems the new mom is enjoying every single bit of motherhood. TMG Entertainment recently caught up with Zizo at the LEGiT Firestarters campaign launch, which she co-hosted alongside Tshego Seakgoe. Looking amazing like she didn't just give birth seven weeks ago, the TV and radio personality revealed that she hasn't actively done anything to get back in shape, but is looking forward to going back to the gym. "I haven't started doing anything just yet. But I'm ready and excited to get back to gym." *Drum*



**ENJOYING: Zizo Tshwete.**

### Ayanda Ncwane's feels like giving up

**JOHANNESBURG** - Johannesburg - In an attempt to piece together her life after the death of her husband, Sifiso Ncwane, Ayanda has spoken out about wanting to "throw in the towel." Ayanda posted a picture of herself and described how her life has been completely shaken up. "After breaking and being torn into pieces, ready to throw the towel... But mercy said no! Yebo, many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord, and only the Lord delivers them from all. Thank you to everyone praying for us, loving



**BROKEN: Ayanda Ncwane.**

us even thinking about us. @mawenzancwane insisted i take my first selfie today, i will feel better." In January she posted a picture of herself next to her husband's grave. She said that it had only been 54 days since he had died but it still felt like yesterday. "I can still smell your perfume, feel your arms around me each morning. Only if there was a manual to walk this journey. Hmnn! But you said to us 'Wethembekile Baba' i'll hold on to that my love." *Timeslive*

### Babes Wodumo pays homage to Mampintsha

**JOHANNESBURG** - Although they've kept their relationship under wraps, these two are reportedly an item and Babes took to her Instagram page to honour West Ink boss, Mampintsha. In a short message the talented singer said, "cant thank him enough" with a picture of them together. *SundayWorld*



**GREATFUL: Babes Wofumo and Mampintsha.**

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

TODAY

Judas delivers a chilling message to Mpiyakhe. Jabu is torn between his family and Zama. Mabuyi struggles to cope with what's happened to her.



**CHILLING MESSAGE: Judas.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

An emotional Nikiwe calls time on her personal and professional relationship with S'khumbuzo. Tyson and Kgothalo play cat and mouse with each other. Sparks fly between Zukisa and Matlala.



**TAKE A BREAK: Nikiwe.**

Muvhango

TODAY

Katlego's family brings her to live in Thandaza's house. KK starts preparing to get custody of his son. Nonny comes clean to Pule.



**PREPARING: KK**

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Nox tells Bash Dan will kill her if he finds out they are seeing each other. Bash ignores Niki's warning to keep away from Nox. Niki lends Puleng a helping hand with her business. Niki and Toolkit swear allegiance to David. Reneilwe tries to do damage control after the release of her video.



**IGNORES: Bash.**



You can't even go down to tie your shoe nowadays, ladies want marriage proposals.



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

This would be a great day for you to be involved in a buying/selling project. The wheeler-dealer in you is ready to play. At another level you could crack a technical code - or even write one.



## CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

You're likely to tune in to some wacky energy today. You might even wonder if the people you're with have completely lost the plot. A thirst for ideas could surface too.



## AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

The prankster in you could be out in force. You could also show skills as an experienced hostess by bringing together a group of people who've each got something to say.



## LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

OK: it might seem as though others are intent on playing pranks on you - and some might be quite inappropriate. One person though could be playing 'tricks with your mind' for the sole purpose of bringing you light-relief.



## PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

You may be wishing you could be a fly on the wall. Knowing what other peoples' romantic plans are would probably be very helpful indeed.



## VIRGO AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

This looks as though it might be a 'list-making' day - yes, even more than usual. You could so easily be swept away on the crest of other peoples' ideas.



## ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

Friends need fun and games - and may be looking to you to 'direct traffic'. In trying to please everyone, you could end up pleasing no-one however. You may need to put one person's needs and desires first.



## LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

Mentally you're likely to be firing on all cylinders. You might also find yourself in the company of younger people or with those who really only have one thing on their mind: romance. This is sure to bring out the best in you.



## TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

Both your career and domestic life are likely to be blessed with ideas for change. On one level this could lead you to buying ingredients for a new (to you) recipe.



## SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

You may not know which foot to stand on - or, indeed, where you feel 'safe'. Your resources (all kinds: emotional and financial) may seem thrown to the four winds. Partnerships particularly may have drained reserves.



## GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

What you hear and see today could whet your appetite for relationships generally. Having fun with friends - and possibly with siblings or friends of childhood friends - could result in a change of romantic direction.



## SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

You might like to think of yourself as a telephone exchange. For today at least you seem to be central to communications.



## BABY BLUES



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## PUZZLE CHOICE

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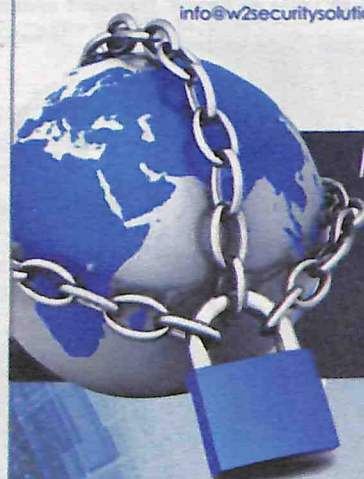
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## Dembele insists Chelsea, Man Utd talk was no distraction

**EDINBURGH** - Moussa Dembele insists the intense speculation surrounding his future at Celtic has been no distraction.

The highly-rated French forward dominated gossip columns during the January transfer window after enjoying a dream start to his time at Parkhead.

Having hit the ground running in Scotland, a steady stream of goals – including notable efforts in the Champions League – helped to put him on Premier League radars.

Goal understands Chelsea were interested in landing the striker, while Real Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane was quick to talk up the talents of fellow countryman.

Manchester United, Arsenal and Manchester City were also believed to be keen on securing former Fulham ace Dembele's services.

Dembele, though, remained focused on his football throughout, with Celtic making it clear early on that big money would be required to acquire their prized asset.

No move was made before the winter deadline passed, despite the youngster sparking plenty

of Chelsea talk after being spotted in London undergoing a scan on his knee, and Dembele's first post-window performance saw him net a hat-trick against St Johnstone on Sunday.

After that fixture, the 20-year-old frontman told reporters: "I don't really listen to what has been said in the media. I don't really follow it."

"I just try to do my best when I'm out on the pitch and show everyone the level of how good I am."

"It's easy not to get distracted. I'm a very calm kind of guy and don't really let this type of thing get in my head."

"I focus only on enjoying my football at Celtic and I'm very happy to be here."

"I don't really listen to what has been said about me -- I just try to get fit as quickly as possible and back on the pitch."

Dembele now has 23 goals for the season, from 39 appearances across all competitions.

He penned a four-year contract upon his arrival at Celtic last summer, meaning Brendan Rodgers and his Scottish Premiership leaders are under no pressure to sell. **Goal**

# JOOST VAN DER WESTHUIZEN DIES



**JOHANNESBURG** - Former South African rugby player Joost van der Westhuizen died yesterday afternoon, just short of his 46th birthday.

The former Springbok No. 9 had battled with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis -- the most severe form of the neurodegenerative illness called motor neuron disease (MND), for six years.

He was rushed to hospital in a critical condition on Saturday morning after being placed on oxygen on Friday.

Many sports commentators consider Van der Westhuizen the greatest scrumhalf ever to play for the Springboks.

As a scrumhalf for the Blue Bulls, he made his international debut in 1993 at the age of 24 and played for South Africa for the next decade, notching up a record 38 tries from 89 caps before retiring from rugby. He still holds the record of being the scrumhalf with the most tries scored in Test rugby.



**RIP:** Former South African rugby player Joost van der Westhuizen.

His participation in the 1995 Rugby World Cup -- a sporting event of immense social and political significance for South

Africa -- ranks as his most momentous achievement.

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## JUVE END INTER STREAK, MILAN LOSE AGAIN

**MILAN** - A spectacular piledriver from Juan Cuadrado gave Serie A leaders Juventus a 1-0 win over Inter Milan, ending a run of seven successive Serie A wins for their opponents in a pulsating end-to-end match on Sunday.

Marco Parolo scored four goals in Lazio's emphatic 6-2 win at basement side Pescara while AC Milan's season continued to nosedive as they were booed off the San Siro pitch after a 1-0 home defeat against Sampdoria.

Juve's 28th successive home league win left them on 54 points, six clear of Napoli who thumped Bologna 7-1 away

in the weekend's opening game on Saturday.

Chasing a sixth successive title, Juve also have a game in hand on their pursuers.

Lazio's win took them into fourth place with 43 points, four behind third-placed AS Roma who host Fiorentina today, and one ahead of Inter Milan and Atalanta.

Juventus and Inter served up an enthralling first half in Turin with Paulo Dybala and Miralem Pjanic both hitting the crossbar for the hosts, who also found goalkeeper Samir Handanovic in inspired form. Inter also had their chances but Juve went ahead two minutes before

halftime when a corner was cleared to the edge of the area where Cuadrado met the loose ball in his stride and fired a magnificent rising shot into the net.

Handanovic continued to deny Inter in the second half with saves from Pjanic and Mario Mandzukic while substitute Eder wasted Inter's best hope of an equaliser when, with two players free, he failed to pass the ball and ran into a crowd of defenders.

The game ended in heated arguments after Inter's last attack resulted in a free kick being awarded to Juventus and Inter forward Ivan Perisic being sent off. **AFP**



**QUITS:** Alastair Cook resigned as England Test captain on Sunday after a record 59 matches in the role. (AFP)

## Cook quits as England Test captain

**LONDON** - Alastair Cook resigned as England Test captain after a record 59 matches in the role, saying yesterday it was "a sad day" but the right decision for the team.

Cook, England's leading scorer in Tests with 11,057 runs, became captain in August 2012 and led his country to Ashes glory on home soil in 2013 and 2015 as well as series wins in India and South Africa.

Yorkshire batsman Joe Root is the early favourite to take over with an announcement expected in the next fortnight.

"It's been a huge honour to be England captain and to lead the Test team over the past five years," Cook, 32, said in a statement.

"Stepping down has been an incredibly hard decision, but I know this is the correct decision for me and at the right time for the team." Cook, who also led England in a record 69 one-day

internationals between 2010 and 2014, is the country's most capped Test skipper and has scored more Test centuries than any previous captain. He was named Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 2012 and ICC World Test Captain in 2013. He tendered his resignation to England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Chairman Colin Graves on Sunday, but intends to continue playing Test cricket. "It's a sad day personally in many ways, but I want to thank everyone I've captained, all the coaches and support staff and, of course, the England supporters and the Barmy Army who follow us home and away and have given us unwavering support," Cook added.

"Playing for England really is a privilege and I hope to carry on as a Test player, making a full contribution and helping the next England captain and the team however I can." **AFP**

## 'REAL MADRID SIGN PLAYERS WHO HELP SELL SHIRTS'

**MADRID** - Real Madrid President Florentino Perez has admitted the world's richest club buys players who sell shirts.

It's been the open secret of the club's massive commercial success since the turn of the century but in a rare interview given to Columbia Business School Professor Steven Mandis - to be aired on the BBC World Service this week - Perez pulls no punches about Madrid's methods.

He says: "People understand the obvious -- that we sign big players like Ronaldo, [Zinedine] Zidane and [Luis] Figo. But after the players, there is the economic sports equation."

"In our model, it is fundamental to understand that in the signing of every player, we have to have in our heads: what's the income generated?"

Madrid's president, who will clock up 500 games at the helm this coming weekend, has been criticised for

signing players for their commercial worth and not just their suitability to the needs of the team.

He signed Europe's best right-sided midfielder David Beckham in 2003 despite the fact Real already had Luis Figo. But Beckham's huge value to Madrid off the pitch and his ability to sell shirts and open up the Asian market to the club made his signing a runaway financial success, despite the fact the team went three years without a trophy after he arrived.

In the interview, which features as part of Mandis's book 'The Real Madrid Way: How Values Created the Most Successful Sports Team on the Planet', Perez admits: "In the year 2000, Real Madrid suffered a very big economic crisis. "So big that it risked losing its status as a member-owned club. But the club has to belong to its members and not belong to just one individual." **Daily Mail**





# 2017 AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS



**WINNING GOAL:** Cameroon's Vincent Aboubakar celebrates after scoring his side's second goal during the African Cup of Nations final soccer match between Egypt and Cameroon at the Stade de l'Amitié, in Libreville, Gabon on Sunday. (AP)

## CAMEROON'S AFCON 2017 VICTORY IN PICTURES



**FIRST BLOOD:** Elneny pictured firing the ball past Fabrice Ondoa in the Cameroon net in the 22nd minute.



**DEJECTED:** Egypt players react at the end of the African Cup of Nations final soccer match.



**MOEMISH:** Members of security carry away a man that invaded the pitch after Cameroon scored their second goal.



**CHAMPIONS:** Cameroon coach Hugo Broos, from Belgium, centre, celebrates with the players after winning the the final 2-1. (AP)

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## BASSOGOG NAMED MAN OF THE TOURNAMENT



**A CUT ABOVE THE REST:** Christian Bassogog of Cameroon won the Total Man of the Competition award. (BackpagePix)

**LIBREVILLE - Cameroon** forward Christian Bassogog has been named the Total Man of the Competition, the prize given to the Most Valuable Player of the Total Africa Cup of Nations Gabon 2017.

Bassogog proved to be the big difference for Cameroon with his speedy runs and clever play on the wing that put so many defenders in trouble.

The 21-year was influential in Cameroon winning the ultimate, after a 2-1 win over Egypt in the final on Sunday at the Stade de l'Amitié in Libreville, and was deservedly named the best player of the competition by the CAF Technical and Study Group.

Christian Mougang Bassogog currently plays for club AaB in Denmark, but a move looks to be in the offing after he left so many clubs and intermediaries

salivating over his immense talent.

Here is a list of further honours; **Total Man of the Competition:** Christian BASSOGOG (Cameroon)

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1005376	ELIJAH MANDLAKAYISE NHLABATSI	Mbabane Township, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 46, Sidwashini South, Mbabane Township	4060/15	10, 162.45
1003316	FARRELO'DISCOLL	Mbabane Township, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 46, Farm No. 188, Dalriach, Ncoboza Street	3258/15	9, 663.62
1002981	EVANGELICAL DISCIPLES CHURCH	Farm No. 2, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 869, Mantsholo Road	2666/15	13, 228.24
1003136	ZIBUSE MICHAEL DLAMINI	Farm 48, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 68, Fonteyn Road	3517/15	15, 799.19
1001696	CINDY LOMALUNGELO DLADLA	Extension 20, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 2215, Extension 20, Selection Park, Beetham Road	4021/15	12, 343.57
1002636	SIPHO ADAM MATSEBULA	Farm No. 2, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 410, Fonteyn Road	2866/15	14, 144.63
1011521	MGCINI PETER SHONGWE	Lomkire Township, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 16 -17, Lomkiri Township	749/16	10, 416.26
1002427	MICHAEL MTSHALI	Farm 2, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 122, Farm No. 2, Fonteyn Road	2821/15	22, 362.43
1004128	MANDLA ELIAS MNCINA	Farm 315, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 7, Farm No. 315, Mbabane / Manzini Road	1876/16	20, 399.42
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1005626	CONTRAPEST PROPERTIES LTD	Entabeni Township, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 9, Off Fonteyn Road	876/16	11, 163.40

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# KAIZER CHIEFS HOPING TO OPEN 2017 WITH A BANG

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs will hope to resume their 2016/17 Absa Premiership campaign with a bang as they host Free State Stars on Tuesday night at FNB Stadium.

Steve Komphela's men finished 2016 on a high as they managed to bag two back-to-back victories, over Polokwane City and Golden Arrows.

Coming to the second round of the league, Amakhosi are aware that to remain in contention to win the league, they must keep collecting the points.

Meeting the bottom-placed Ea Lila Koto will present challenges, but Chiefs are set to use their home advantage and claim the spoils.

The Soweto giants occupy the fourth spot with 24 points from 15 matches and will now want to move up the log table.

Amakhosi will also be hoping to use their new Venezuelan striker



**FIRED UP:** Kaizer Chiefs will hope to resume their 2016/17 Absa Premiership campaign with a bang as they host Free State Stars

Gustavo Paez, who was unveiled by the club last week.

"The team just needs to make sure that we head forward with the intent to raise our performance in order to bring in good results," said mid-

fielder Siphwe Tshabalala.

"There's a lot happening in the team, but all is well and we look forward to kick-starting in good shape. The future is bright and as Amakhosi we will be opening our

second half of the season with a fixture against Stars.

"This will produce a platform for us to hit the road running. The team have played 15 matches and have collected 24 points. We will take it a game at a time and build on that."

Looking at the Bethlehem-based side, Stars recently parted ways with coach Giovanni Solinas and hired former club skipper Serame Letsoaka.

The new mentor will want to win his first match as they travel to Johannesburg aiming to prove a point against their former coach and Letsoaka's ex-Stars teammate, Steve Komphela. Although Stars lost the home tie 2-0 in the first round, the aim is to get something out of this match at FNB Stadium although odds are stacked against them.

Letsoaka has a task to ensure they move away from the 14th spot with as many points from 15 games.

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## Bidvest Wits host rejuvenated Ajax

JOHANNESBURG - Top of the table Bidvest Wits will welcome a rejuvenated Ajax Cape Town team to the Bidvest Stadium in Braamfontein on Tuesday evening, in what promises to be an intriguing Absa Premiership clash.

Despite suffering a dip in form towards the back end of 2016, the Clever Boys still remain tied on points (25) atop the league standings, having played fewer games than both SuperSport United and Cape Town City.

Gavin Hunt's troops have won just one of their last six league matches, with their last clash ending in a 1-1 draw away to Maritzburg United on 20 December.

Following their success in the MTN8 earlier this season, Hunt will be eager to bring more silverware to the club.

"I'm not complaining as I prefer to be playing games," Hunt told the Daily Sun newspaper in regard to the busy schedule that lies in wait - following what was more than a month-long hiatus due to the recently concluded 2017 Africa Cup of Nations. **Backpage TXT**

## Larsen and Gordinho win PSL monthly awards

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs defender Lorenzo Gordinho and Lamontville Golden Arrows coach Clinton Larsen, were voted the best player and coach of the month for August and September 2016.

After impressive performances during this period by the centre-back, which included him scoring some crucial goals in the opening two months of the 2016/17 Absa

Premiership campaign, Gordinho was also selected due to his consistent displays at the back for Amakhosi as well as his level of maturity having recently made a step up to regular football in the elite division.

### Award

This is the first time Gordinho claimed the monthly award. The 22-year-old from Benoni, took the award after receiving the most votes from

a panel of experts.

Durban-born coach Larsen, who after guiding Abafana Besthende to four wins during the two respective months, became the first coach to win the award in the 2016/17 Absa Premiership season, as he guided his side to top of the log standings by the start of October.

The judging panel were impressed by the exciting display of his team

in producing the good results.

Larsen masterminded a good turnaround of results following Arrows' opening day of the season defeat to Orlando Pirates, guiding his team to 3 wins and one draw after that loss in Soweto.

### Season

During the August-September block of fixtures, Arrows collected 10 points as they registered away wins at Free State Stars and Bloemfontein Celtic, a home victory over newboys Cape Town City,

drew with SuperSport United, while they lost their opening game of the season away at Orlando Pirates. The club scored 7 goals during this period. Larsen narrowly got the nod ahead of Bidvest Wits' coach Gavin Hunt.

The Players and Coach of the Month awards were selected by a panel of judges made up of members of the broadcast partners and football analysts and was convened by renowned local coach Farouk Khan.

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## Martial rubbishes Man Utd exit talk

MANCHESTER - Striker Anthony Martial has rubbished reports claiming he is unhappy at Manchester United.

The forward has failed to make an appearance for the Red Devils since his side's 4-0 FA Cup win over Wigan Athletic at the end of January, leading to speculation surrounding his future.

Martial has since been linked with a summer switch to Paris Saint-Germain but the 21-year-old has shot down the reports on Twitter.

The marksman wrote: "Don't (sic) listen the papers it's wrong thanks Come on United."

Martial, who has scored six goals in all competitions for United so far this season, has made 22 appearances for the club but has struggled for a regular starting berth.

He has been forced to turn out several times as a substitute but was unused from the bench in United's last two Premier League games against Hull City and Leicester City.

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## 'Hurt' Wenger says Chelsea drubbing was difficult to watch

LONDON - Arsene Wenger was hurt by the "naive" performance of some of his Arsenal players during a defeat to Chelsea that was "difficult to watch".

Goals from Marcos Alonso, Eden Hazard and former Gunners captain Cesc Fabregas sealed a 3-1 victory for Antonio Conte's side on Saturday, with Olivier Giroud's

late header serving as scant consolation.

The result leaves Arsenal 12 points adrift of the Premier League leaders and only one above fifth-place Liverpool with 14 matches left to play. And Wenger - who watched from the stands as he continues to serve a touchline ban - says his side's defensive nous and creativity in attack left much to be desired, and suggested the 2-1 home loss to Watford the previous Tuesday had damaged their belief more than he thought.

"That defeat against Watford had bigger consequences, maybe, than expected," he said. "We didn't create enough. In the final third we didn't look dangerous enough."

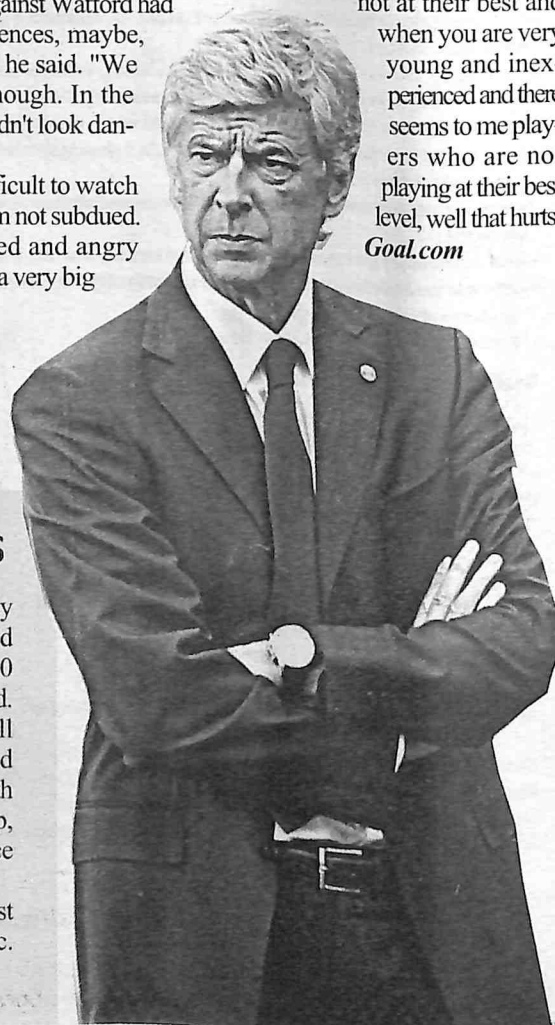
"That was difficult to watch from upstairs. I'm not subdued. I'm disappointed and angry because we lost a very big game."

"The title's slipped further out of our hands

and there's no hiding that." Certain players individually were not at their best and

when you are very young and inexperienced and there seems to me players who are not playing at their best level, well that hurts.

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## Ranieri certain he has backing players

LEICESTER - Leicester City manager Claudio Ranieri insisted his players are fully behind him following media reports suggesting he has lost control over his dressing room.

Following their stunning title triumph last season, Leicester are battling relegation as they sit 16th in the table, a point above the bottom three after 24 games.

"Journalists ask about the players, and whether they are happy

with me, and I can tell you they are happy with me," Ranieri told Sky Sports after Sunday's 3-0 home loss to Manchester United.

"We are together, I have full confidence in the players, and also the players are confident with me. Normally we never give up, but at the moment the confidence is not so high."

"It is important to forget. Last season was something terrific. Now, we have to fight. **AP**



# Weekend Sports Results

Ingwenyama Cup final			league			Black Swallow			Nhlambeni United								
Mbabane Swallows	1	Young Buffaloes	0	Eastern Stream			3	Juventus	0	4	Old Zakhele	1					
MTN Nationsl First Division			Blue birds			2	Khulangwane	2	3	Darkies	3	God's Property	1				
Brothers	2	Hub Sundowns	1	Umkhokha	3	Thuluzobona	1	Railway united	1	Lubhuku Liverpool	2	Villa Sport	3	Ngwane Park	0		
Matsapha	5	Tycoons	1	Professionals	1	Rangers	0	RSSC Siyakhla Northern Zone League			3	Skom Boys	3	Hot Beans	0		
Malanti Chiefs	4	Bad Boys	1	Junior stars	2	Hotspurs	3	Brave lions	1	Skyline	0	Ngculwini All Stars	1	The Bones	3		
Amalanda	0	Madlenya	4	Young lovers	5	Liselesele	1	Revelations	1	Mhlume Highlanders	3	Manzini Bullets	0	Bremer United	3		
Vovovo	2	Sikhalo	0	Manchester	4	Young stars	0	Mhlume Professionals	1	Tonga	0	God's Property	1	Ngculwini All Stars	1		
Citizens	2	City Warriors	2	Xi experience	2	Luvunjelo	1	Tabankulu FC	0	Killers	1	Lwandle Young Tiegrs	0	Wonderful Touch	2		
Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League			Pots construction Sigangeni league			4	Killers	1	Save MorKwaluseni Promotion League								
B. Division			Community			0	Real United	2	Peace makers	1	Tsambokulu Rovers	1	Dark City	0	Kwaluseni Rebels	1	
Darkies	1	Wailers	1	SD Civils	0	U. Eagles	1	Silver stars	2	Summerise	0	Royal Swallows	4	Ntunja Arsenal	1		
Dynamos	0	Supersport	1	Ntsetse	0	Real Touch	1	Shewula Professional	0	Free at last	0	FC Matsapha	5	Amajita	2		
PMT Mbabane knock-out			Cannibals			1	Villas	1	Juventus	1	Arsenal	3	Real Heroes	2	Matsapha Auto Zone	1	
Freestyle	3	Corporation	5	Express	0	Kupheleni	0	Zamalek	2	Bacambi	0	Real Professionals	3	Nsenga Comrades	0		
SuperSport	3	Pot O Gold	1	Kangaroo	1	M. Celtics	4	Cosmos	0	Rhinos	1	Zama United	3	Swazi Wire	1		
Swazi Trac Hhohho super league			National			1	Chiefs	0	Eastern Zone Results			Zombodze United			2	Lozitha Spurs	0
Southern zone			Sigangeni			2	Fighters	1	Classic	2	XL Stars	1	Kudzeni United	3	Mhlane United	1	
Swazi Sun	2	Burning Spear	1	Heroes	1	Total	1	Samampela	0	Hot Chillies	3	Save Mor Kwaluseni First Division League					
Sibuyeni	0	Gordon	1	Buy Cash Piggs Peak League			2	Wenela	3	Heroes	1	Mahashulane	1	Fashion International	6		
Tinyosi	3	Wizards	0	Citizens	2	Hotspurs	1	Boys to Man	2	Madrid	2	S & S Malkerns Promotion League					
Sibovini	3	Invaders	2	Mangwaneni	0	Thuluzobona	3	Western Zone Results			0	Vickery Nomads	1	1995 Home Talent	2		
Umbelebele	2	Killers	1	K. Rovers	6	PP Forest	0	Sea Birds	1	Gucuka	0	Swazi Can United	3	Izinyokanyoka	1		
PMT	4	Billy Ocean	1	Mhlalane	1	Rise & Shine	2	Mamisa	0	Tarwen	0	Mahlanya United	0	Current Toasters	3		
Northern zone			Bush Bucks			1	Phophonyane	3	Kukhanyeni	4	Redlions	1	Ninda Volcanoe	0	Ngodini	1	
19 Celtics	4	Ndeva	0	Supersport	2	PP United	1	Manchester	1	Mauritius	0	Mkhiweni Promotion League					
Mvuma	1	Ndlalambi	1	Mpolonjeni	2	White Killers	1	Nkunzemnyama	1	Bombers	1	Colani United	1	Luve Classic	1		
Horo	0	Vultures	0	Futis Nkhaba League			2	Heroes	1	Mbuzana	1	Sangcoffo	4	LuveSun city	3		
Arsenal	0	Pachanaga	1	Dribbling	2	Celtics	1	Second division			1	Ngonini Young Aces	2	Step Ahead	1		
B. Swallows	1	Nkonjaneni	0	Nkoyoyo	4	Super Stars	1	Mtjeke	1	Western blues	0	Luve Stars	2	All Stars	0		
Manchester	1	N. Swallows	1	Barcelona	1	Manyisa	0	Mamisa united	1	Typers	0	All Nations	4	Bantu City	2		
Shark Mhlangatane league			Ngwenya			1	Atletico	0	Thuluzobona	1	Junior stars	0	Zama United	1	Liverpool	1	
Eastern			Shooting			2	Crocodiles	1	Nceka	1	Bekela chiefs	1	Thuluzobona	3	White Killers	0	
Makhweya	1	Cosmos	1	Majotini	2	Motjane	1	Peacemakers	2	White city	2	Kukhanyeni Inkhundla Promotion League					
Rovers	2	M. United	3	Bafana	1	Marisburg	1	Big boys	0	Celtics	2	Mbuluzana 1995	1	Nyakeni Cosmos	1		
Liverpool	1	Xi Men	4	Malindza zonal E35 000 League			6	Green stars	2	Liweseli2	0	Corban Mafutseni Promotion League					
Aces	1	Wizards	3	Zamalek	6	Lubhuku	0	Western Blues	2	Peace makers	0	Ma-G-Man	0	Nkonga Pirates	2		
Seven Stars	0	Tigers	1	Promising stars	4	Juventus	0	Manzini Regional Football Association			3	Mkhuzweni United	3	Logoba Young Killers	0		
H. Defenders	1	Swallows	4	Dvokodweni	3	Malindza UTD	1	FA Rainbow Stationery Manzini Super League			1	Khamatfo	2	Dynamos	2		
Sikhumbuto Timpisini league			Bhelebane			2	Siweni UTD	0	Ludzeludze Killers	4	CNB Rovers	3	Madubula Rovers	1	Young Camibals	3	
Soccer rose	8	Blue Birds	4	Malahlani	2	Black Mamba	0	Boyane Young Aces	5	Gooeweni Trompies	1	Moyeni United	8	SicameloSa-Chief	0		
Mshweni	3	Golden	3	Emahlokhloko	1	Gabi Gabi	0	Milling Hotspurs	2	Malkerns	0	Dynamos	0	Ntabamhloshana	1		
Choppers	3	Zamalek	2	Home Sweepers	1	Seven Stars	1	Luyengo Foxes	3	Luve Cosmos	1	Khamatfo	4	Ma-G-Man	1		
H. Pirates	4	Njakeni	2	Lubombo Weekend Results			1	Young Warriors	4	Star Point	0	Classic XI	0	Vultures	0		
Red Lions	1	Gunnars	1	Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League			1	Sisonkhe	0	Nyakeni Heroes	0	Emataliyane	1	MoyeniSupersport	2		
Mb. Swallows	2	Star Wanderers	1	T Callies	1	Young Aces	0	Stumbo's XI	0	Fairview Cosmos	0	Mkhuzweni United	3	Bhudla Celtics	0		
Stone	2	AK 47	1	Equator	1	Magwanyane	2	Seven Dreams	3	Sacrament	0	Usuthu Promotion League					
Mv. Sundowns	1	Matsamo	2	Cpl	1	Xi Man	2	Riverview Manzini Promotion League			1	Young Internationals	4	Africa 2010	3		
MP Bakhanyisele Mabulala & MP Menzi Dlamini Maphalaleni			Richmond			2	Illovo	2	Riverview Manzini First Division League								
			Ngcina			1	Ubombo Flyers	2									

## Uganda bound Veli shines in Ingwenyama Cup

By Sibusiso Masilela

**ATHLETICS - THE SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup did not only blend football with culture but continued to add flair into the competition by featuring athletics in the finals.**

The over 10 000 spectators were offered a rare opportunity to watch the country's top athletes outclassing each other in the finals of the historical tournament held at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Despite the scorching heat, Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force's Veli Dlamini stole the show as he won both the 1 500m and 5 000m races.

Dlamini will be competing in the World Cross Country championships and used this event as preparations for the international competition.

He will be representing the country at the international event to be staged next month in Uganda.

Dlamini clocked 14.50 minutes to win the 5 000m, outclassing his colleagues in Ntokozo Dlamini and Melusi Sihlongonyane, who came second and third at 14.51 minutes and 14.54 minutes, respectively.



**THE BEST:** Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force's Veli Dlamini (l) stole the show as he won both the 1 500m and 5 000m races.

utes, respectively.

Speaking after completing his races, Dlamini

said he was honoured to be part of the prestigious event.

"I am very happy with my performance today where I excelled through hard work and determination. I was also honoured to perform in the Ingwenyama Cup and am confident I will make the country proud during the World Championships," he said. Other winners of the day included top sprinter Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa, who won the men's 100m while his Royal Swaziland Police teammate Lewis Mashaba won the males' 400m.

### Results:

#### 5 000m-Males

1. Veli Dlamini - 14.50m
2. Ntokozo Dlamini - 14.51m
3. Melusi Sihlongonyane - 14.54m

#### Ladies

1. Nomvula Ntshalintshali - 18.31m
2. Nosipho Sibandze - 19.04m
3. Zamandulo Maphanga - 19.37m

#### 400m - Males

1. Louis Mashaba - 47.70s
2. Thantaza Dlamini - 49.80s
3. Andile Lusenga - 51.90s

#### Ladies

1. Futhi Dlamini - 1.02.30s
2. Nobuhle Mamba - 1.02.70s
3. Tenanile Ngcamphalala - 1.02.30s



# SMVAF INGWENYAMA CUP 2016/17



**CHAMPS:** Ingwenyama Cup champions Mbabane Swallows receiving the trophy from His Majesty King Mswati III on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium after beating Young Buffaloes 1-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**FOLLOW THE BIRDS:** Mbabane Swallows goalscorer Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa joined by teammates in celebrating his goal.



**PART OF THE FAMILY:** Former Swallows player Khizitha Dube holding the team's trophy.



**VULA VALA:** Both teams displayed great ball skills on the day.

## Mr Ref!



**CATCH ME IF YOU CAN:** Young Buffaloes captain Mphile Tsabedze lodging a complaint with referee Thulani Sibandze as his team claimed he denied them a goal before full time.

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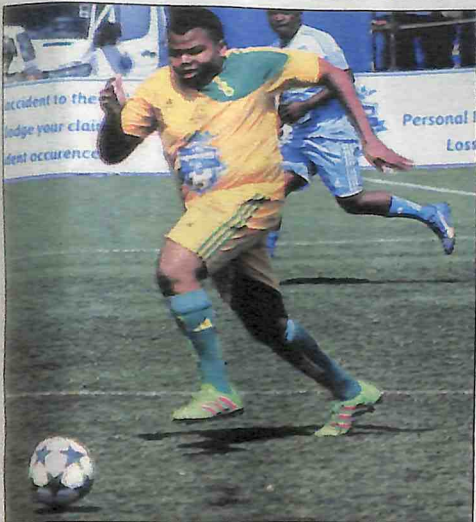
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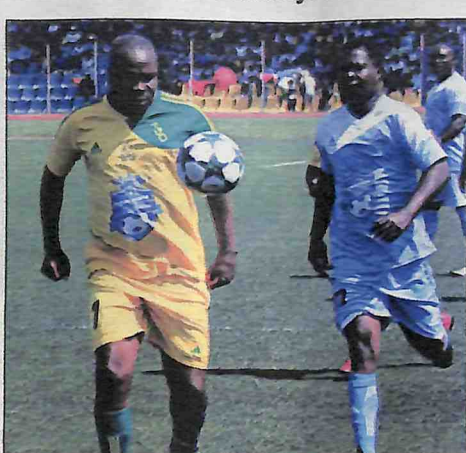
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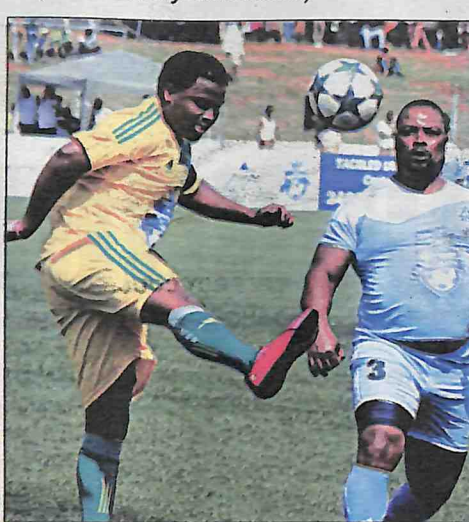
**READY:** Princes posing before their clash against Chiefs (Tikhulu) in curtain raising for the final of Ingwenyama Cup match between Mbabane Swallows and Young Buffaloes at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. Princes won 4-1. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



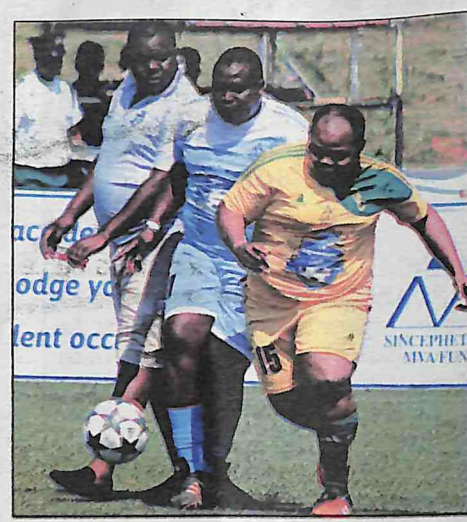
**DASHING:** Prince Mavela dashing away with the ball.



**BALL CONTROL:** Minister of Economic Planning Prince Hlangusemphi controlling the ball while his opponent challenges him.



**MY BALL:** Prince Lindani winning the ball from Chief Mlotjwa.



**50-50:** Prince Sicalo and Chief Nkamane battling for the ball.

## ABSA PREMIERSHIP FIXTURES

07 FEBRUARY 2017

19:30 CHIPPA UNITED V BAROKA FC  
19:30 CAPE TOWN CITY FC V HIGHLANDS PARK  
19:30 BIDVEST WITS V AJAX CAPE TOW  
SMS "SAPLS" TO 6464  
19:30 KAIZER CHIEFS V FREE STATE STARS  
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08 FEBRUARY 2017

19:30 PLATINUM STARS V ORLANDO PIRATES  
SMS "PIRATES" TO 6464  
19:30 BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC V MAMELODI SUNDOWNS  
19:30 POLOKWANE CITY V MARITZBURG UNITED  
19:30 SUPERSPORT UNITED V GOLDEN ARROWS  
SMS "SAPLS" TO 6464

11 FEBRUARY 2017

15:30 MAMELODI SUNDOWNS V ORLANDO PIRATES  
SMS "PIRATES" TO 6464  
15:30 GOLDEN ARROWS V BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC  
20:15 AJAX CAPE TOWN V CAPE TOWN CITY FC  
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20:15 MARITZBURG UNITED V KAIZER CHIEFS  
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**15:30 HIGHLANDS PARK V POLOKWANE CITY**  
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11 FEBRUARY 2017

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17:00 Stoke City v Crystal Palace  
17:00 Sunderland v Southampton  
17:00 West Ham United v West Bromwich Albion  
17:00 Middlesbrough v Everton  
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19:30 Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur  
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15:30 Burnley v Chelsea  
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18:00 Swansea City v Leicester City  
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● France forward Anthony Martial, 21, is set to quit Manchester United for Paris St-Germain this summer. *(Sun)*

● Bayer Leverkusen and Turkey midfielder Hakan Calhanoglu, 22, hope to join Premier League leaders Chelsea this summer. *(Fanatik, via Daily Mail)*

● Watford are already planning to make French striker M'Baye Niang's move from AC Milan permanent in the summer. The Premier League club have an option to sign the 22-year-old for £13.5m. *(Daily Mail)*



● Manchester City will make a renewed bid for Athletic Bilbao's French defender Aymeric Laporte in the summer, despite the 22-year-old's £55m buyout clause. *(Daily Mirror)*

● City say Argentina striker Sergio Aguero, 28, will not be leaving this summer. *(Manchester Evening News)*

● Uruguay defender Martin Caceres has turned down a move to AC Milan and is considering a move to Crystal Palace or Southampton. The 29-year-old is a free agent. *(CalcioMercato)*

● Belgium boss Roberto Martinez has compared Chelsea forward Eden Hazard, 26, to Barcelona's Lionel Messi, 29, and Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo, 32. *(Daily Star)*

● Sunderland manager David Moyes is taking his players on a four-day bonding trip to New York City. *(Sun)*

● Pundit Gary Neville criticised Arsenal fans after they called for manager Arsene Wenger to be sacked following their defeat by Chelsea on Saturday. *(Daily Express)*

● Manager Jurgen Klopp says he will accept the blame if Liverpool's lack of transfer activity costs them at the end of the season. *(Liverpool Echo)*

● Bournemouth midfielder Andrew Surman says the Cherries' defeat at Everton was "very damaging" but has urged the squad to "stick together". *(Bournemouth Echo)*

● Leicester City manager Claudio Ranieri is now favourite with bookmakers to be the next Premier League manager sacked. *(Daily Telegraph)*



● Aston Villa owner Dr Tony Xia has criticised rumours manager Steve Bruce's job is under threat. *(Birmingham Mail)*

● Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeping coach Andy Rhodes says it is "surreal" to see his son Jordan playing for the club. The 27-year-old striker joined the Owls on the final day of the January transfer window. *(Sheffield Telegraph)*

# THE SUNKER PUNCH POW!

...with Mphikeleli Msibi [STRIKING, STRAIGHT AND STRENGTHENED]



**CHAMPS:**  
Ingwenyama Cup  
champions  
Mbabane  
Swallows posing  
with His Majesty  
King Mswati III.

## CONGRATS SWALLOWS

**I don't have much to say except, congratulations Mkhonto KaShaka, you are the champions of the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup.**

Against a strong team, the 'Beautiful Birds' showed class, endurance and stamina in front of over 10 000 football lovers, who joined His Majesty King Mswati III for the finals of the richest tournament in the country.

Let us once again salute Mbabane Swallows for successfully defending their SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup on Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

It was not an easy game, I must say, but Swallows' cup pedigree and effective tactics made a difference on the day.

The red and white ensemble side displayed a high level of fitness and their cup experience helped them beat the stubborn Buffaloes, a team that matched Swallows pound for pound throughout the match before bowing down through a goal scored by their quick silver and the ever improving striker Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa in the first half. I would also like to send my commiserations to the losing finalists 'Buffs', who tried their best, but were unlucky on the day.

Both clubs gave as much as they were getting hence it was literally a game of two halves.

I also thank His Majesty King Mswati III and other Royal family members, who even gave the spectators something to smile about as they battled with chiefs from different chiefdoms, a performance that was welcomed with cheers and roars from supporters.

This turned out to be a harmonious day filled with energy and enthusiasm from football supporters, who came in numbers to support the finals.

Athletics were also part of this special day to add more enthusiasm and innovation to the events of the day. Culture groups dressed uniformly in their respective traditional attires took to the field to compete in different cultural activities which included sibhaca, ingadla, timbongi and lutsango. This is what this tournament is all about.

Culture is the vehicle for unity and harmony in the country and

its collaboration with football brought an overwhelming experience. His Majesty's vision once again came alive and he was jovial to see his subjects supporting the initiative.

Congratulations are in order for Mbabane Swallows, who have won the historical Ingwenyama Cup tournament for the second time in a row. They came a long way to being the first team in the country to win over E1 million in a cup competition last year and this year they pocketed E1.2 million after defending the title.

Taking nothing from Buffaloes, the army side also gave a gallant performance on the day but a win wasn't to be. The support from fans was overwhelming as more than 10 000 of them crammed Somhlolo to cheer their respective teams while others came just to have an experience of this wonderful event and give their eyes something to marvel at.

Worth noting is that people maintained a high level of respect as there was no violent incidences throughout the day.

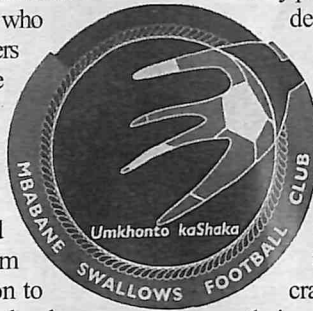
I was a bit disappointed with

Young Buffaloes players' behaviour as they attacked the referee after the final whistle. It was totally wrong and embarrassing for a disciplined force to behave in such a manner, especially in front of the king. A lot of people expected Swallows to win this match, but Buffaloes dished out a five-star performance in the second half which for sure, gave the 'Birds' a scare. The army side was all over Swallows and almost scored the equalising goal, but it was disallowed as the referees, thought it did not cross the goal line.

Truth be told, it was not the best final, but the teams tried their best inside the field of play and this game will linger in the minds of those who attended. Some thought Swallows would have it easy following their 25 games winning streak, but that was not the case on the day as they were left bemused with their coach attesting to that.

Despite losing in the end, Buffaloes' technical team, players and fans need to take the positives from this good performance going forward.

Special thanks go to the football stakeholders and the sponsor for organising such a great tournament that blended football with culture.



## GOOD LUCK SWALLOWS, LEOPARD

**ON a parting note, may I take this opportunity to wish both Royal Leopard and Mbabane Swallows the best of luck in their continental assignments.**

Leopard, the police ensemble, will be campaigning in the CAF Champions League, while, the red and white glamour side, Swallows will be playing in the CAF Confederations Cup.

We are optimistic the two teams will hoist the country's flag. They are experienced campaigners, who are not new to these kind of games.

Leopard have done us proud ing for the first time against AS Vita as they once beat them at Somhlolo National Stadium before losing away in Kinshansa.

They will be playing against AS Vita from DR Congo. This will not be an easy match but Leopard know what to expect from their opponents.

The police side will not be play-



Scintillating displays. We trust

that the 'Birds' can take such a form to Africa.

They are straight from winning the Ingwenyama Cup and we hope this will motivate the players to do better in this tournament.

Swallows will be playing against Orapa United from Botswana. They are a closed book to Swallows, but we hope the 'Birds' will make it to the next stage of the tournament, something they have failed to achieve in the past. Let us all support the teams as they are now representing the county. It's not about Swallows or Leopard but the nation.

**Good luck to both teams!**



# KING'S PASSION FOR SPORTS KEY – SNSRC

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER - THE Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) has hailed His Majesty King Mswati III's passion for sports, noting it is key to success.**

His Majesty attended the SMVA Ingwenyama Cup final played at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. The final pitted army side Young Buffaloes against eventual champions Mbabane Swallows.

SNSRC Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane said they were grateful to His Majesty for his enthusiasm towards sports.

He said this would go a long way towards uplifting the standard of sports in the country.

"Seeing His Majesty bless us with his presence during the finals of the Ingwenyama Cup, shows we have a King who loves sports passionately as he made time in his busy schedule to



**GRATEFUL: SNSRC Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane.**

watch the final with his people at the national stadium.

"Council is alive to the perception and expectations of the populace regard-

ing sports in the country. Swazis are indeed demanding greater government intervention towards sports development and sport for human development. We are very grateful to the King for showing so much love and passion for not just football but sports in general," Ntiwane said.

He also lauded the soccer fans as they generally behaved well throughout the day on Sunday and for the role they played in ensuring the day was the success it was.

"As Council, we were more than thrilled to see the King being part of the day. Council is positioning itself to work on delivering a sports system through collaboration with its key strategic partners. Once again, we say Bayethe Wena Waphakathi! To this end we call upon our stakeholders, partners and the business community to support and cooperate with us as we embark on this ambitious project to 'Build our Nation Through Sport,'" Ntiwane said.

## We are now focusing on Orapa United – 'TT'

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows skipper Tony 'TT' Tsabedze said they had now shifted focus to their CAF Confederation Cup tie against Orapa United.**

The match will be played this weekend (Saturday) in Francistown, Botswana.

Tsabedze said this soon after their Ingwenyama Cup final against Young Buffaloes at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday where he led his team to their E1.2 million first prize carot through a Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa first half header.

"I am very happy we have won the trophy and this will boost our morale ahead of the match against Orapa United. This win came at a time when we are

focusing on the continental adventure where we also want to do well as a team," he said. The Sihlangu skipper said they would give it their best shot during the preliminary round stage tie slated for Saturday as they wanted to make it to the next stage of the tournament.

"We will work hard as a team in Botswana and try salvage something out of the match for the country. Orapa won't be easy for us but we will put extra effort inside the field of play until the end of the match," he said.

The 'Beautiful Birds' will be looking to advance to the next round of the continental competitions, something they have failed to achieve in the past.



**POSITIVE: Mbabane Swallows skipper Tony 'TT' Tsabedze.**

## 'Bomber' watches AFCON final

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – NATIONAL Football Association of Swaziland President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa is currently out of the country in Gabon where he watched the 2017 African Cup of Nations final between Egypt and Cameroon played on Sunday in Libreville.**

The president was expected to return home last night or possibly today after witnessing the Indomitable Lions triumph over the 'Pharaohs' with a 2-1 win.

Mthethwa travelled to Gabon, courtesy of the continent's mother body Confederation of the African Football where he watched the finals together with FIFA President Gianni Infantino

and CAF President Issa Hayatou.

Efforts to get Mthethwa proved futile as his cell phone was out of the network when contacted yesterday.

The next AFCON finals will be held in two years time in Cameroon where the 'Indomitable Lions' will be looking to defend their crown in their home soil.

Nations pride Sihlangu will have to overcome two of the continent's giants Egypt, Tunisia and Niger in Group L in their quest to make it through to their maiden final appearance.

Sihlangu will also take on Zambia in the Champions of the Africa Nations (CHAN) qualifiers in pursuit of a place in the finals to be hosted by Kenya next year.

## 'Buffs' face E10 000 fine for confronting referee

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - INGWENYAMA Cup runners-up Young Buffaloes, could be charged for misconduct after confronting the referee during their 0-1 loss to Mbabane Swallows in the finals of the competition played at Somhlolo National Stadium.**

FIFA accredited referee Thulani Sibandze was confronted by Buffaloes players, resulting to substitute Nhlanhla 'Mshengu' Kunene getting a yellow card when the match was already over.

It is alleged the players were demanding answers on why they were denied a goal, after 'Mshengu's' shot was cleared off the goal line two minutes from time.

The player was so convinced his shot crossed the goal line and was joined by his teammates, who confronted the referee, only for him to invite the yellow card in the process.

### Charged

Buffaloes could be charged according to Article 10 (3) c of the Ingwenyama Cup Rules and Regulations that says 'threatening by conduct or words to assault or attempt to assault a referee or match official, carries a minimum fine of E5 000 and maximum E10 000'.

Buffaloes are E500 000 richer for obtaining the silver medal in the tournament that was successfully defended by Swallows, courtesy of Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa's first half strike that handed the red and white ensemble the trophy and E1.2 million.



**BUT WHY?: Buffaloes players attacking referee Thulani Sibandze after the game where Nhlanhla 'Mshengu' Kunene got a yellow card.**

## 'Nyandoro' rues missed chances

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER – YOUNG Buffaloes captain Mphile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze says the team regrets not punishing eventual Ingwenyama Cup winners Mbabane Swallows, after getting a number of scoring opportunities.**

The player said this soon after losing 0-1 to the 'Birds' during the finals played at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

"To be honest with you; we got a lot of goal scoring opportunities but did not make use of them. We should at least have scored one goal, but instead we missed clear cut

chances. This was a cup final and you have to make sure you bury every scoring opportunity that comes your way. Look at Swallows, they only got one scoring opportunity and they made it count. If we were more clinical, we could have managed to come back into the game."

### Defensive

The army side's tough as nut defensive midfielder was, however, optimistic the team would improve and challenge for other tournaments.

"I think you saw how we performed in this match, we will do well in other tournaments. We worked hard but it was not to be, and now we have to take the positives from this match and move forward."

He said they would now focus on the next match. "We just have to learn from our mistakes and do better as a team. We were let down by just a moment of lapse in concentration. We will make sure this does not happen again. We have the league and SwaziBank Cup all to look forward to. Crying over spilt milk is no use, we have to soldier on."

**REGRETFUL: Young Buffaloes captain Mphile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze**



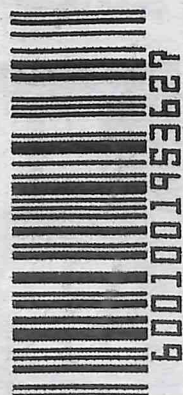
**GUEST: National Football Association of Swaziland President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa.**



<b>Tonight</b>			
Chippa United	vs	Baroka FC	7:30pm
Cape Town City FC	vs	Highlands Park	7:30pm
Bidvest Wits	vs	Ajax Cape Town	7:30pm
Kaizer Chiefs	vs	Free State Stars	7:30pm

<b>Tomorrow</b>			
SSU	v	Golden Arrows	7:30pm
Polokwane City	v	Maritzburg	7:30pm
Platinum Stars	v	Orlando Pirates	7:30pm
Bloemfontein Celtic	v	Sundowns	7:30pm

Tuesday February 7, 2017



# SWALLOWS MAKE E2.4M IN 27 GAMES

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – MONEY makers and high flying giants Mbabane Swallows, have continued to strike it rich this season, as the team has already raked in E2.4 million in the 27 games they have played in the ongoing 2016/17 season.**

The red and white glamour side is fresh from defending the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup crown after beating Young Buffaloes 1-0 on Sunday where they pocketed E1.2million at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The 'Beautiful Birds' have also won the Castle Premier Challenge where they took home E800 000 after beating Royal Leopard in the finals of the top eight knock-out competition.

They have already won the MTN Premier League E300 000 first round incentive following their impressive league run as they have won all the 16 games.

This is a record on its own as they are the first team to achieve this feat.

The Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati-led troops are also on course of winning the MTN Premier League as they are a point away from clinching E750 000 first prize money.

They are uncrowned league champions as they look set to wrap up the league with five games to go, something that has

- Monies include Ingwenyama Cup and Castle Premier Challenge first prizes
- One match away from clinching E750 000 league first prize car-rot



**MONEY MAKERS:** Mbabane Swallows have accumulated a total of E2.4 million in prize money this season. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

never happened before.

Swallows are chasing yet another quadruple, which they achieved last year, as they are still to compete in the SwaziBank Cup that carried E1 million first prize last season. Mbabane Swallows Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Manana, said this was through hard work from the entire Swallows family.

"We would like to thank the entire Mbabane Swallows family for their continued support, which has also resulted in the team winning trophies. We are

very much grateful to our board of directors for their endless efforts in ensuring there is continuity, both administratively and in the technical personnel of the team. This they do by maintaining almost the same squad over the years." Manana further said they will not relax following their current success but would continue working hard to compete effectively in the remaining competitions. "We will continue working hard in the remaining tournaments and remain united in everything we do in order to keep

## THE PRIZES:

SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup - E1.2m  
Castle Premier Challenge - E800 000  
MTN Premier League first round - E300 000  
SPTC Charity Cup - E100 000

our brand growing. We further thank our supporters for continuing to rally behind the team. The fans are always there for the team," he said.



## ...Team leaves for Botswana on Thursday

**SOCCER – THE country's CAF Confederation Cup envoys Mbabane Swallows will on Thursday leave the country for Botswana to face Orapa United on Saturday afternoon.**

The red and white glamour side are expected to leave the country by road on Thursday morning before connecting a flight in Johannesburg (OR

Tambo International Airport) to Botswana.

The match will be the first leg of the preliminary round while the second leg will be played at Somhlolo National Stadium on the weekend of February 17-19.

Swallows Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Manana, confirmed the developments when contacted yesterday.

"We will be leaving on Thursday morning even though the full logistics have not been finalised by the football authorities.

We are looking forward to the match as we want to conquer the continental scenes and further hoist the country's flag high." He said they were ready for the match against Orapa United. "We are appeal-

ing for support from the entire nation and our supporters to accompany the team to Botswana where our continental mission will begin," he said. Manana said it was not about Swallows as they would now be representing the country.

## We are ready for AS Vita – Leopard

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER –MTN Premier League defending champions Royal Leopard PRO Frank Hurube, says preparations for their crucial first leg encounter in the CAF Champions League are now at advanced stages.**

The police side will take on AS Vita from DR Congo this weekend at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Hurube said they had been working hard at training for this crucial encounter.

"We have been training twice a day and that's how seriously we are taking this encounter. This is to make sure we are ready to face the Congolese giants. We cannot afford to lose at home because it is where we have to pick up the maximum points. We simply can't afford to lose here at home in front of the nation."

Hurube said they would double their effort to win this match.

"If we lose in our very own backyard, it will then be a mountain to climb when we go for the return leg away. We can't let them win at home; we will stamp our foot and command authority in the game. Preparations are now at advanced stages and the spirit in the camp is high."

Hurube added that playing against AS Vita in previous appearances in the tournament was an added advantage to them as they were now familiar with their opposition's style of play.

"We know AS Vita very well because we've met them before. We are not scared of them but only respect them as a team.

They haven't been playing much football of late, and that will also be an advantage to us as well."

The police side only made two signings to beef their squad in the January transfer window.

"We decided to sign only two players because we are content with the squad. The boys are very much capable and we have faith in them," he said.

Meanwhile, it will be E30 to watch Saturday's Orange CAF Champions League first leg tie.

The game is slated for the Somhlolo National Stadium and kick-off is 3pm.

Hurube confirmed the entrance fee and invited the nation to once again rally behind the team in their African surge.

"It is a big game and we are ready to make the country proud. Entrance fee will be E30."

He further reported a clean bill of health for his players.

"Swazis must come in their numbers as they have done before in their respective teams' regalia," he added.