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2 NATIONAL NEWS

Electricity blackouts was sabotage - SEC

THE Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) described the electricity blackouts that were experienced in some parts of the country yesterday as sabotage.

A press statement issued by the SEC management states that there was some kind of sabotage on the part of their employees.

"SEC management has learnt with disappointment that some of the network switches have been interfered with, which is tantamount to sabotage. The SESMAWU executive has been warned that such conduct is a crime and unacceptable. We would like to extend an apology to all our customers and stakeholders for the disruption of power supply and other services over the last two days. This was due to circumstances beyond our control, particularly the unlawful abandonment of work by some of our employees," reads the statement.

The statement states that the company made every effort over the weekend to avert the unfortunate situation by reaching a consensus with the Swaziland Electricity Supply Maintenance and Allied Workers Union (SESMAWU) to have all employees report for work.

"Furthermore, the Industrial Court of Swaziland issued an order interdicting the workers from participating in an unlawful strike action. Unfortunately, these were not heeded to," the statement reads.

It further urges customers who are still experiencing outages to report such to the Call Centre on 800 9000 (toll free line) when using a landline or 25083333 (standard rates apply) when using a cellphone.

"Management has put in place a makeshift team to respond to the customer concerns and this means that our response time may be below normal. We appeal for your understanding and patience while the matter is being addressed amicably," reads the statement.

Blackouts not intentional - Staff

SEC staff refuted suspicions and allegations that they tampered with network switches, which resulted in a number of areas in the country experiencing power outages.

A staff member who did not want to reveal his identity refuted the allegations and said employees cannot do such an act.

Some parts of Mbabane, Manzini, Bhunya and Big Bend reported to have electricity outages from Sunday night up until yesterday afternoon.

"It is still early for us to play that card. We are going to do that if the management fails to cooperate with us. 'Sisatamucisha logesi,'" he said.

Meanwhile, social media was abuzz, about the power outages, blaming it on the strike.

Some Facebook users however, condoned the act of power outages, encouraging the SEC workers to press on and fight for their bonus.

PHUMA: Workers shouting at management.

SEC STRIKE: COUNTRY HIT

COVER STORY

Stories by Gugu Simelane and Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

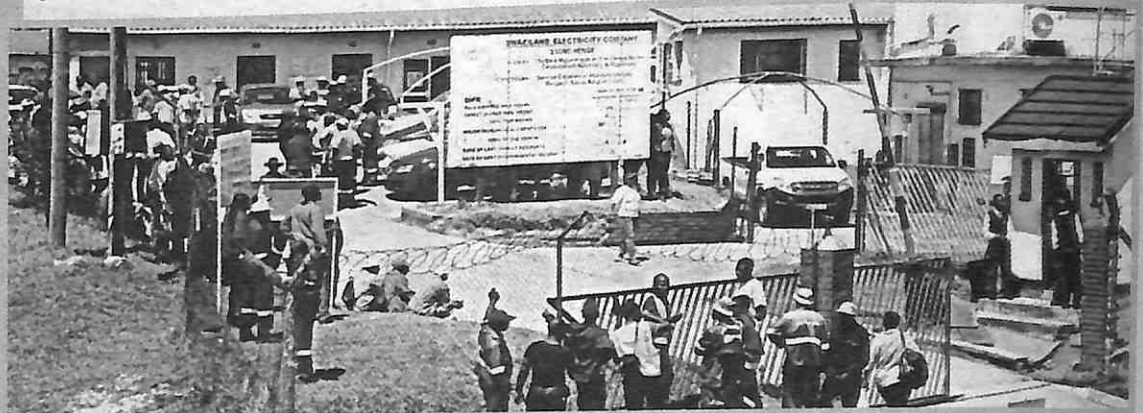
SWAZILAND Electricity Company (SEC) workers yesterday defied the Industrial Court and engaged in a devastating strike action that left many parts of the country in total darkness for hours.

The workers went ahead with their proposed strike despite an order interdicting them from embarking on such.

The workers left their various work stations and coincidentally most areas were left in the dark and had nowhere to run since their nearest depots had been left empty as workers engaged in the strike.

SEC employees are unionised

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NO OPERATIONS: Workers relaxing at Stonehenge.

under the Swaziland Electricity Supply Maintenance and Allied

Workers Union (SESMAWU). Most people took to social media

to express disgust at the treatment they got from SEC.

SEC strike concerns MPs

MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) expressed concern on the risk the country is being put through by striking Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) workers.

The legislators' concern was that some areas of the country were already switched off because the SEC workers were on strike.

The bone of contention of the strike is the bonuses, which were demanded by the workers, because they believe they should get them, based on the performance of the company.

The lawmakers stated clearly to Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini that they were not in a position to

sit back and pretend as if everything was normal yet the country was in darkness because of the strike.

Mangcongco MP Patrick Pha Motsa yesterday stood up on Standing Order 58 to move a motion to direct Cabinet to urgently work on the matter because the country could come to a stand-still in a short space of time.

Motsa said when he was driving to Parliament, some areas like Malkerns Research Station did not have electricity.

About 11 MPs had a say on the matter. They all spoke in one voice in directing acting Minister for

Natural Resources and Energy Jabulani Mabuza to act on the matter.

The MPs said if things were to be done their way, Cabinet ministers would work on the matter as soon as they finished Parliament business yesterday.

Siphofaneni MP Gundwane Gamedze said Cabinet should treat this matter urgently because in a few days' time, the rate of accidents would rise because some roads had traffic lights.

This would also affect government because the problem would have to be resolved by the same government.

Nkhamba MP Menzi Dlamini stated that the situation in some areas was bad that some of his col-

leagues in Parliament would have to use other forms of power to survive because they could not be able to use electricity in the next couple of days.

LaMgabhi MP Sicelo Jele said he was also affected by this situation. He also received numerous phone calls from Swazis in his Constituency. They wanted to enquire on what the situation on the ground was because they had no electricity. The MP yesterday rushed to a Malkerns SEC depot, where he found that workers were boarding hired vehicles to Mbabane to take part in a strike action. Jele pleaded with Cabinet to work on normalising the situation as a matter of urgency.

MD mum about 2015/2016 bonus

THOUGH SEC employees engaged in the strike action with the hope of getting answers about when they will receive their 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 bonus pay, they were disappointed when the Managing Director Meshack Kunene told them he cannot address the 2015/2016 bonus issue since it was in court.

Kunene told them the only matter up for discussion was that of the 2016/2017 bonuses not the 2015/2016 one as it is currently in court.

Difficult

"It will be difficult for me to address the matter of the 2015/2016 bonus as it was taken to court," he said.

One employee questioned the MD on why he does not withdraw the matter from the court.

"SEC has an army of legal advisors, why are they not dealing with the matter in-house, instead of it being in court.

It is time management conducts a little introspection on how they run the company instead of being careless about such issues," he said.



LET'S GO: Workers on their way to Eluvatsini House to meet management.



BY SERIOUS BLACKOUT

Some areas started experiencing darkness on Sunday night the day when the SEC workers were preparing for yesterday's wildcat strike.

Hundreds of company workers assembled at the headquarters in Mbabane demanding their bonuses for the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/2017.

The strike action did not however yield the desired results as the employees returned back to their workstations empty handed without any bonuses, let alone a date on when their bonuses would be paid out by the company.

The court order dated November 5 (Sunday) stated that SEC employees were an essential service hence they do not participate in a strike action.

It further stated that engaging in the intended work stoppage would be in breach of employee terms and conditions of employment.

The SEC employees did not only defy the court order but also failed



REINFORCING: Arrival of one van and two caspers from OSSU at SEC.

to adhere to their union's instruction as it also issued a memo to all SESMAWU members advising the staff to refrain from continuing with the intended strike action.

A memo which was addressed to "all SESMAWU membership" stated that the strike action should be called off to allow the SEC management to address the issue without jeopardising their efforts.

Memo

The memo also advised the mem-

bers that they had been served with a court order stopping the strike action and further stated that the continuation of the intended action will result in contempt of court.

The strike action started at 9am and ended at about 3pm.

Before embarking on the strike action, the employees said they had not come to negotiate but just wanted a straight answer on when they can expect their bonus as promised.

"Site managers came to us and

informed us that management had sent them to tell the staff that the company performed well in 2016/2017 and therefore we were going to receive our bonuses by October 31, 2017.

We have waited and nothing has been deposited into our bank accounts as per the message we received," said one employee who wanted to remain anonymous.

The employees unfortunately left their headquarters crushed and disappointed as they had hoped that the strike action would atleast force management to give them a date on when the company intends paying their bonus.

The SEC employees further said they were not happy to learn that some employees had allegedly received the bonuses already. "We have heard that some of the employees have already received their bonuses and we do not understand which criterion was used for that," said an angry employee.

MD refuses to commit on bonus pay date

SEC Managing Director Meshack Kunene yesterday flatly refused to commit his management to a fixed date for the payment of the 2016/2017 bonus.

Kunene told the SEC employees who had converged at the SEC headquarters that he could not commit on giving them a date on when their bonuses would be paid as the matter is currently before the SCOPE.

He said after the yearly company financials were completed, SEC management met and decided that the employees had done well and deserved a bonus as per the company law.

"After that, the matter was put before the board of directors who also approved of the bonus being paid out. As you may all know that SEC is 100 per cent government owned, the bonuses could not be effected without having the matter being referred to SCOPE for approval.

The matter has been with SCOPE times, but we are hoping that the matter will soon be resolved and we can get the approval to effect the bonuses. You know that at times government processes take longer than normal, but we are



GO AND TELL THEM: SESMAWU Vice president Bongani Kunene listening to SEC MD Meshack Kunene.



ARMED: An employee carrying a knobkerrie.

hoping it will be resolved soon," said Kunene.

He said the delay is however not

intentional.

He said management is in constant communication with gov-

ernment over the progress of the matter.

"Your union was told about the delays that we are currently experiencing. The management is doing all it can for the bonuses to be finally paid. The board of directors is also supporting the management on the matter," he said.

The managing director told the employees that management has all the intention to pay the bonuses but they cannot just do it without getting the green light from main shareholder who is government.

Done

He said management has done all it can, which includes writing motivation papers for the payment of the bonuses to the staff.

Kunene further said though October 31, which was previously stipulated to be pay day for the bonuses has passed, the company still have an extra two months which they can still make the bonus payment within.

"The company law stipulates that the bonuses may be paid between the month of August and October, and if due to unforeseen circumstances the company fails to pay it, they have an extra two months which they should make the bonus payment within," he said.

I pulled SEC from E70million overdraft - MD

Far from the employees' belief, SEC Managing Director Meshack Kunene said he saved the company from going down.

Kunene was described as lacking leadership skills by the union, stating that he failed to solve problems brought to his office.

Kunene told the SEC employees that when he assumed office as MD, the company was in about E70 million over draft and he pulled the company through. He

said this act also shocked the board of directors, whom, when he made the proposal to give the company's staff bonuses this year, wanted to know where the money was from because as far as they knew the company was struggling financially.

He said it was then that the board approved the giving out of bonuses to the employees after learning that the company made a huge turn around and met its targets.

One employee questioned the MD as to why is that every time he holds MD's position whether fulltime or acting, the employees always face the same problem, which the MD failed to answer.

Meanwhile, the SEC employees urged the company to pay up their bonuses fast otherwise the company will continue to lose millions due to strike action.



DON'T PASS HERE: Police officers tried to block them but they failed.

This is an eye opener - MP Sitezi

The strike action by SEC workers should be an eye-opener to all Swazis that the country should move away from the dependency syndrome.

This was said by Dvokodvweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini when making a submission on the SEC strike.

Dlamini based his argument on the fact that SEC bought 100 per cent of electricity from Eskom in South Africa.

The importation is the one that was used by SEC to state why the price of electricity increased in April this year. The MP said the situation was an eye-opener in the sense that the country should hastily find a solution to use alternative sources of producing electricity. The Dvokodvweni MP said in Mpaka, there was enough coal that could be used to produce electricity to make the country self-sustainable.

Meanwhile, the MP said the SEC strike was not good for the country in terms of doing business.

He mentioned that the country was number 123 in the ease of doing business index in 2013.

The country wanted to be number 60 by next year. The MP doubted that such would be achieved if there would be strikes that could be solved by affected parties.

We thought strike was off - Minister

ACTING Minister for Natural Resources and Energy Jabulani Mabuza said they thought the strike was called off on Sunday.

Mabuza said they were equally surprised to wake up yesterday morning to be told that SEC workers were striking.

The minister said they appreciated that electricity was a need to Swazis and they would do all they could to work on the matter.

The minister pleaded with the affected parties to ensure that all channels were used before they could engage on a strike action because innocent Swazis would suffer at the end of the day.



SAFETY: A police officer paving the way.

Songs that were sung

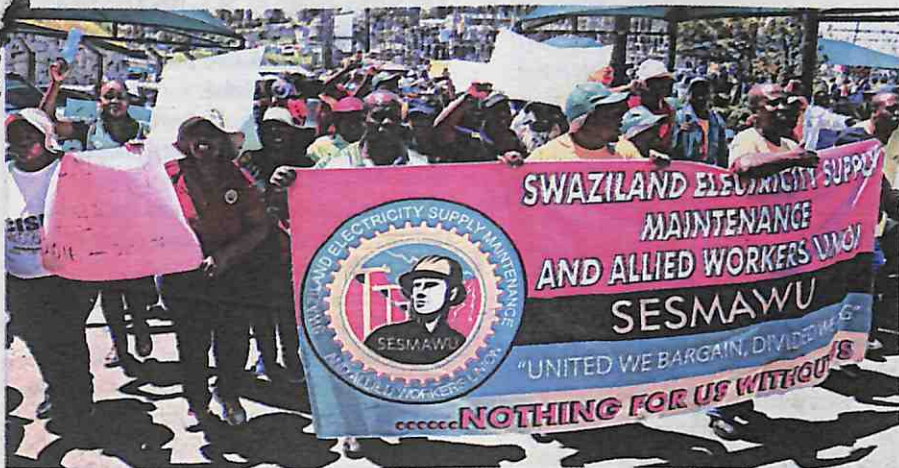
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"Meshack ulawula kwekugcina"
"SESMAWU abamazi, abazange bambone"
"Phansi nge PEU, phansi ngema dividents"

Placards writings

"No bonus, no work"
"Incontact will be the saving grace"
"Att: Meshack, sifuna ibonus yetfu"
"Bonus yetfu ya 2015/2016 siyayifuna"

4 PICTURES

SEC WORKERS STRIKE OVER UNPAID BONUS



SITOCISHA LOGESI: Some of the over 600 Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) workers unionised under the Swaziland Electricity Supply Maintenance and Allied Workers Union (SESMAWU) who downed tools over unpaid bonuses marching to the headquarters of the company in Mbabane yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



COME OUT: Another placard on display.



WAY FORWARD: The employees in discussion while waiting for feedback from the union executive.



BONUS OURS: One of many placards carried by a worker.



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: Some of the SEC employees singing and dancing.



GO AND TELL THEM: SESMAWU Vice President Bongani Kunene listening to SEC MD Meshack Kunene.



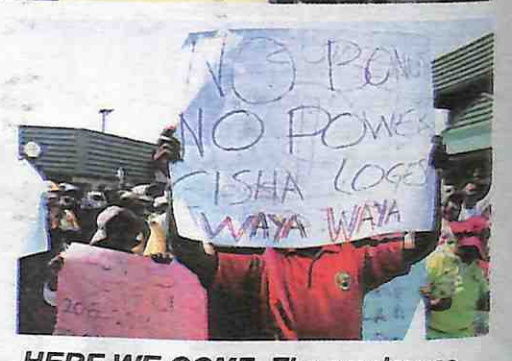
SWEEPING THE PROBLEMS: SEC workers toyi toying at the stonehenge premises before moving to the company's headquarters (Eluvatsini House).



CISHA LOGESI: Singing and dancing at the Stone Henge.



DON'T PASS HERE: Police officers tried to block them but they failed.



HERE WE COME: The employees toyi toying at the headquarters premises.

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WHEN ARE WE GETTING OUR MONEY: One of the employees speaking before handing over the mic to the MD.



TWO THINGS: SEC Managing Director Meshack Kunene addressing the workers.



LET'S GO: On their way to Luvatsini House to meet management.



SESMAWU Vice President Bongani Kunene introducing the MD.



PAVING THEIR WAY: Swaziland Electricity Supply Maintenance and Allied Workers Union (SESMAWU) members arriving at Luvatsini House.



PHUMA: Shouting to the management.



SILILO: The workers pretending to cry upon the arrival of their MD.



REINFORCING: Arrival of one van and two caspers from OSSU at SEC. **GIVE WAY:** Angry SEC workers tried to block the operational Support Services Unit (OSSU) van but failed.

WITH YOU: MD surrounded by management and police officers.



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6 NATIONAL NEWS

EXPLOSIVES FOUND NEAR MPAKA SHOPPING COMPLEX

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

AMID incidents of Automatic Teller Machines (ATM) bombings by unknown criminals who went away with an undisclosed amount of money, some explosives were found near Mpaka Shopping Complex last Wednesday.

The explosives are said to have been found just under the bridge leading to Mpaka Railway depot, which is situated about 300 metres away.

This is also about 100 metres away from three ATMs belonging to Standard Bank, Swazi Bank and First National Bank which are situated within the shopping complex.

According to a source close to the matter, the explosives are normally used for blasting rocks in the mining industry. They were discovered by a resident who was crossing the rail line just before. The resident is said to have first thought it was some metal which may have been stolen from the railway depot.

Upon a closer inspection, it transpired that the 'metal' had some tiny cables connected to it, something which gave the impression that it could be a ticking bomb. The resident then called the police who made a prompt response.

The source disclosed that the railway line had to be temporary blocked while



BOMBED: The bombed FNB auto teller machine (ATM) at popular hang out Solani's in Mbabane (Msunduzi) where unknown thugs bombed last week. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

police under the Bomb Disposal Unit made an assessment of the area.

It was eventually confirmed that the said metal was indeed a live explosive which was not yet set to make an explosion. The recovery of the explosives was also confirmed by Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba when sought for comment yesterday.

"It is true that some explosives were found near Mpaka Railway depot last week, and we are currently conducting intensive investigations on the matter,"

he said.

When asked whether or not the explosives could be linked with the bombings of ATMs which took place recently, Mamba said so far there was not much information on the matter.

Meanwhile, police said there have been no arrests on the recent ATM bombing incident which took place in Mbabane last week. It is however believed that some Swazi criminals are collaborating with others from outside the country in carrying out the bombings.

SCU staff finally gets paid

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

STAFF from the Swaziland Christian University (SCU) will from tomorrow start getting their long awaited salaries.

The staff of the university which has been recently engulfed by controversy has not been paid their salaries for the past two months after operations were suspended by the ministry of education and training. The staff members which include administrative, academic and support will tomorrow smile all the way to the bank to get their long awaited two months' salaries. SCU Executive Director Siphos Vilakati revealed that the processing of the staff payment is on-going and the first batch is expected to start receiving their salaries today. He said the university has already done all the paperwork and have submitted to the relevant banks. "The banks have been very helpful and have been very cooperative with us in the whole process and definitely some will start getting their pay tomorrow (today). The ministry of labour and social security and the ministry of education have been very helpful too in the whole process," he said. Questioned on when the university's graduation will be held, Vilakati said the university's senate is looking into the matter. He revealed that the senate had their meeting yesterday and part of their agenda was formulating a new calendar for the university. He said the decision to set a graduation date for the final students only lies with senate.

Govt's new cost of living offer hearsay – civil servants

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

THE latest cost of living adjustment (COLA) offer by government for civil servants is nothing but hearsay.

Civil servants unions say they are unaware of the new COLA offer made by government as there is nothing new that has been tabled on the negotiation table.

Speaking on behalf of the Public Servants Associations (PSAs) Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) Secretary General Zweli Mndzebele said they were unaware of the new offer made by government as there was still zero per cent on the negotiation table.

Arguments

"Government hasn't given us a new offer, these reports that we see we regard them as nothing but hearsay because there is nothing new on the negotiation table. We talk about what is on the negotiation table nothing else," he said.

Mndzebele said what was said in court during proceedings was nothing but arguments and submissions so they were good as hearsay he said. "No disrespect to the court but we can't take an argument made in court to be a fact unless it is a court order," he said. He said the only thing they would take from the court proceedings would be an order.

"If the court orders that we are given so much then we will take that as a fact but for now there is still nothing," he said.

He said civil servants mustn't be fooled as there was still nothing new on the table.

Issues

"Our members mustn't be fooled there is no new offer. The offer that government has tabled remains zero per cent unless we get a court order making the five per cent an offer," he said.

Government making her submissions in court in the ongoing court case with the civil servants following government's refusal to sign a deadlock in the COLA negotiations between the two parties, said they were now offering the civil servants five per cent.

Mndzebele added that they were still exploring the option of taking yet another of their disputes with government to court. "We are still exploring the option of taking yet another of our disputes with government to court. Our membership has said it clearly that we must deal with this issue and elevate it to the courts as well if we need to, as long as government is brought to order," he said. The other issue Mndzebele was referring to was that of senior government officials whose salary grades were reviewed. Civil servants have called for the reversal of these reviews because they are unlawful and unfair.

Woman raped by lover, discovers he's on ARVs

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

A young woman has been left hurt and devastated after her boyfriend forced himself on her without protection only to later discover a packet of Anti-Retrovirals (ARVs).

The young woman is on the verge of taking her life after her partner did not disclose his HIV status to him. The young woman has laid a rape charge with the police against her boyfriend.

Narrating her ordeal Thuto Mdluli* said she had been in a relationship with her boyfriend Lindelani Nzima* for a while but on this particular day the boyfriend grabbed and forced himself on her even though she didn't want to engage in sexual intercourse with him.

Children

The emotional Mdluli said she discovered a week after this ordeal that her beloved boyfriend who had forcefully had unprotected sexual intercourse with her was on ARVs. Explaining to this publication the events to her terrible discovery stated that it all started when he forced himself on her.

"I went to visit him and he grabbed me, telling me that he wanted me to be his wife. He told me he wanted to have children with me. I told him I was too young for that but he insisted. I didn't agree with him but he still had his way with me," she said.

Like every other woman who has been raped by her partner in the name of love, Mdluli let this pass and continued her relationship with her boyfriend. She then asked Nzima to get her morning after pills (MAPs) to prevent pregnancy something he agreed to.

"The following morning I went home as he had promised he would bring the MAPs but didn't. He then started being

Boyfriend opens case with police

THE boyfriend who allegedly raped his girlfriend has filed a case of malicious injury to property with the police against the girlfriend.

The couple is at odds after the girlfriend, Thuto Mdluli* discovered her boyfriend who had forcefully had unprotected sexual intercourse with her was on ARVs.

Mdluli is said to have upon finding the packet of ARVs at her boyfriend, Lindelani Nzima's* house lost her cool and destroyed furniture, windows and everything that she could come across.

According to a well placed source, the couple is said to have been

funny the whole week because he kept promising he would come see me, which he didn't do," she said.

She said a week went by with Nzima promising to come see her but he didn't.

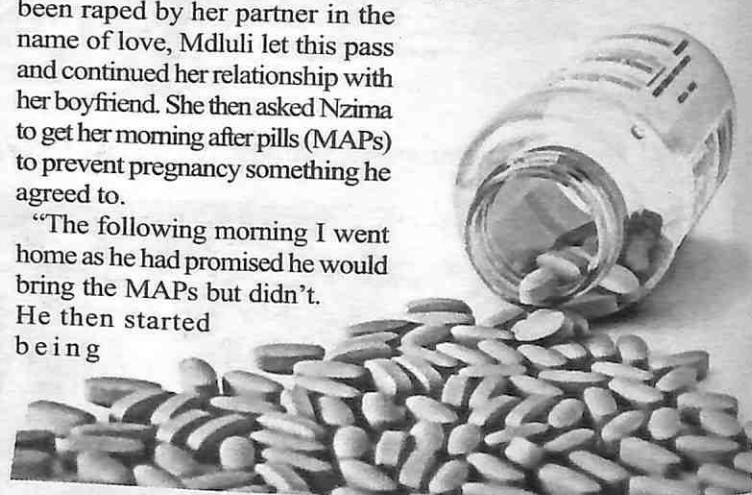
"I then bumped into him with a friend of his on Saturday in one of the big supermarkets in Mbabane where he said as soon as he was done with his friend he would come see me something that didn't happen," she said.

Mdluli said later that night she went out with her friends and after the party she had them drop her off at Nzima's house. On arrival, Mdluli alleges Nzima tried to have sexual intercourse with her again but this time she was able to stand her ground.

"He then stood up and went out after I refused to have sexual intercourse with him. Before going out he convinced me to stay the whole night so we would talk in the morning but I told him I wanted to talk at that moment and then go home," she said.

She said it was then that she discovered the shock of her life. "I looked for my cap because I had lost it but instead I found the ARVs which I didn't know he took," she said in between sobs.

Mdluli said it was at this point that she felt her world fall apart. "I realised then what he had done and why he had done it," she said. The betrayed Mdluli said she then went home to tell her mother who advised her to go to the police to lay a charge which she did.



engaged in a brawl after Mdluli (22) discovered her boyfriend was on ARVs yet the previous weekend he had forced her to have unprotected sexual intercourse.

Mdluli upon finding the pills is said to have lost her cool and damaged everything that she came across. "She vandalised everything that was there," the source said.

When reached for comment, Mdluli refuted this saying she had only smashed a window using a stone because she was angry and felt betrayed. "I didn't damage everything I just smashed one window using a stone," she said.

NB: *not their real names

HUNTER PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO FLOUTING AVIATION REGULATIONS

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

...He was arrested for flying a drone at Mvutjini much against aviation laws as he allegedly occupied Swazi airspace without civil aviation licence

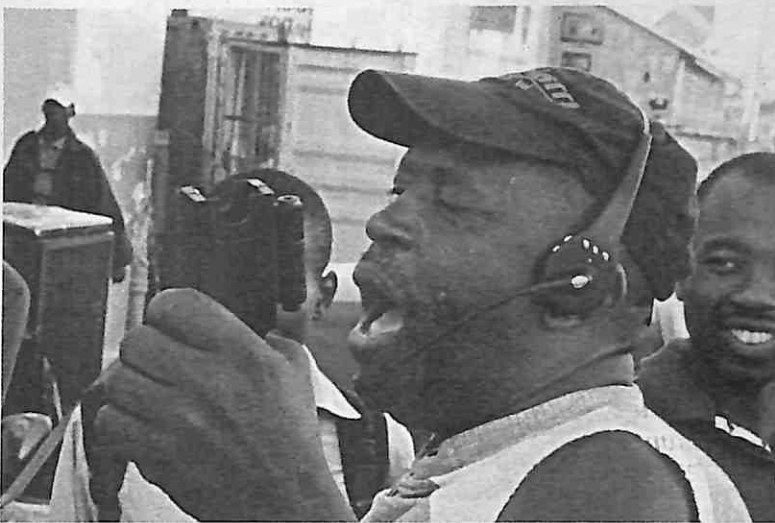
PRIVATE Investigator Vusi Hunter Shongwe has pleaded not guilty to flouting aviation regulations in all three counts he is facing.

Shongwe has also pleaded not guilty to contravening the Swaziland Administration Order by allegedly failing, refusing or neglecting to appear before the Ezulwini *Umphakatsi* when called to answer certain issues regarding his forceful stay as a tenant in his office despite an order by the Royal Kraal.

Shongwe made these pleas when he made his appearance on his first day of trial before High Court Judge Cyril Maphanga after the Crown represented by Nomkhosi Dlamini had put them to him.

Act

The private investigator is facing a total of four counts in that on the first count he is charged with contravening Section 3 (1) of the Civil Aviation Regulations in that he allegedly piloted a drone while at Mvutjini without being a holder of a valid Civil Aviation licence.



NOT GUILTY: Private Investigator Vusi Hunter Shongwe.

On the second count, Shongwe is alleged to have contravened Section 59 (1) of the regulations in that he flew the same drone in the Swaziland Air Space and thus flouted the Convention of International Aviation.

Shongwe on the third count is charged

with contravening Section 54 of the Civil Aviation Regulations in that while at Mvutjini, he flew the same drone without being a holder of an Aircraft Certificate while on the fourth count he is alleged to have contravened Section 60(1) of the same reg-

ulations in that he flew a pilotless aircraft.

Licence

Meanwhile, on the last count he is alleged to have gone against the Swaziland Administration Order in that while at Mvutjini, he refused to appear before the Ezulwini *umphakatsi* after being summoned by *Indvuna Ndlavela* Mavimbela on behalf of Chief Sifiso 'Mashampu' Khumalo.

Represented by lawyer Derrick Jele from Robinson Bertram Attorneys, Shongwe remorsefully, pleaded not guilty to all the four counts when they were put to him before the trial commenced.

According to the Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority (SWACAA) Act of 2009, all people who want to fly an aircraft for whatever reasons are supposed to obtain a licence from SWACAA.

Shongwe reported the drone missing while flying in the direction of Somhlolo National Stadium during

Ester Services where the League of Churches had descended for the annual services and he had claimed the drone cost about E20 000.

Giving evidence in the matter was Terence Tsela of Mbekelweni, who told the court that he had gone for a visit at her granny's place at Mvutjini and was busy with other family members in the maize fields when he noticed the small 'aircraft' and picked it up.

Tsela said upon inspection, he discovered that this was an 'aircraft' which was fitted with cameras and reported same to his elders who advised that they keep the object pending the appearance of someone who would come and claim it.

Tsela told the court that it was not until they heard an announcement through national radio that Shongwe was the owner of the 'aircraft' as he pleaded with anyone who might have come across it to call him through his cell phone.

"Indeed, Shongwe arrived and we gave him the 'aircraft' and that is when he demonstrated to us through his iPad how it functioned," Tsela said.

Nhlanhla Maphalala also of Mbekelweni collaborated Tsela's evidence on how the drone was found.

Meanwhile Ezulwini Royal kraal elders *indvuna Ndlavela* Mavimbela and *umgijimi* Hlalalemphe Vilakati were also paraded by the Crown and stated how Shongwe was summoned on three different occasions to the *umphakatsi* after his landlord had complained about his continued occupation at his rented offices.

Defence concerned drone not shown to them

DESPITE numerous written letters requesting the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to furnish the defence with the drone, such had not been done up until yesterday when the trial kicked off.

Lawyer Derrick Jele submit-

ted before court that they have not had sight of the 'aircraft' in question and jokingly wondered on which airstrip it was going to land at the High Court as the crown indicated that the 'aircraft' would be brought before court as an exhibit.

This after the crown repre-

sented by crown counsel Nomkhosi Dlamini had advised that the 'aircraft' was on its way as it would form part of exhibits in court. However, the court allowed that the matter proceed and that the 'aircraft' would be seen when the time comes for the crown to show its exhibits.

Cops to reinforce for festive season

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

WITH the festive season approaching and a number of robberies reported, the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) has promised to reinforce on its visibility.

Following the recent bombing of three auto-mobile teller machines and four robberies reported in Manzini in the same neighbourhood, the police have vowed to put their best foot forward this festive season in order to curb the high crime rates. Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said criminals had

made a statement that they meant business this festive season. Mamba said they were up to the task and would do whatever possible to protect the public. "We are going to reinforce our visibility, not just in towns but in remote areas as well."

Mamba said they were up to the task and would do whatever possible to protect the public.

We will also be patrolling areas where there are ATMs because we realise now that they are targets and we can't take any chances anymore," Mamba said.

Mamba further said motorists must look out for road blocks as they would be mounting a lot of those across the country. "We will also have roadblocks on all local roads, motorists must be aware of these and adhere

to traffic rules because we will not tolerate or accept any excuses. We will be on the lookout for speeding, over loads and drug trafficking. We will continue to make arrests when motorists are found driving under the influence of alcohol. We sincerely acknowledge that December is a time for festivities but that is no excuse for breaking the law," he said. "Sitabe sivutsa bhe singadlali," he said in vernacular. He said even the landela gang should be warned because the police are on the lookout for them. He advised them to go back to their hole and hide the whole year because if they resurface now they would be spending their Christmas behind bars.

"They must not dare operate because we will be out and about, making sure members of the public are not disturbed while going through their errands this season," he said.



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8 NATIONAL NEWS

MOB OF 8 PETROL-BOMBS TWO HOUSES, ARRESTED

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

EIGHT people have been arrested for a mob justice attack at Masekweni village at Lwandle on Sunday afternoon.

The group was arrested after allegedly petrol bombing two houses and also vandalising three more houses belonging to a woman who was accused of hiding two suspects who were wanted by the police. They are Mfanukhona Dlamini (32), Magida Dlamini (30), Machawe Dlamini (51), Mcimba Dlamini (19), Sibusiso Dlamini (22), Menzi Dlamini (25), Banele Dlamini (25) and Mlungisi Dlamini (20). They made their first court appearance yesterday before Magistrate Lucia Lukhele.

All the accused persons are facing a malicious injury to property charge. Information gathered is that the complainant, Nomphumelelo LaNgwenya was accused of having harboured two suspects Sifiso Mavuso (27) and Bongani Mavuso (25) who were on the police wanted list for an assault

they allegedly committed some time back.

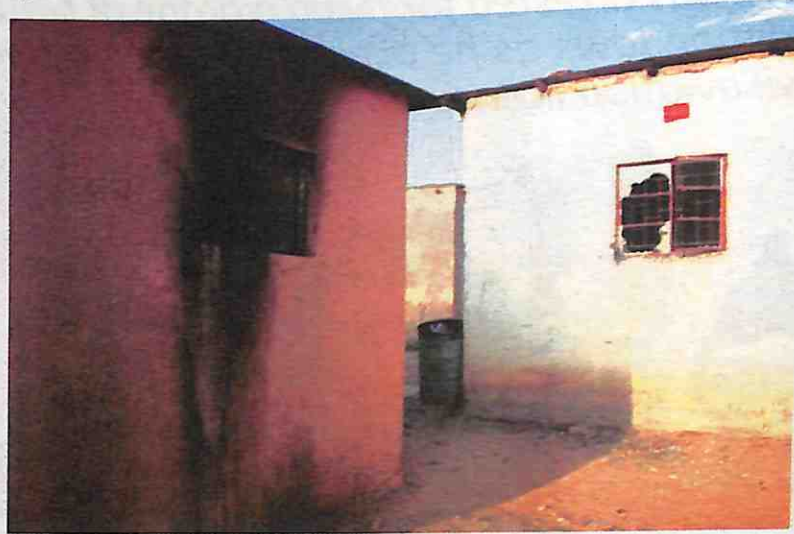
The alleged suspects were spotted in the area by a resident who then alerted one of the people who was assaulted with a slasher in the head during the incident, which the Mavuso brothers were wanted by the police for.

The resident is said to have gone and informed the affected parties who came together and organised a mob to attack the homestead where the suspects were said to be hiding.

A mob of about 20 people arrived at Masekweni, which is an area under Lwandle Chiefdom, and ransacked every house at Nomphumelelo Ngweya's place.

The mob which carried every sort of weaponry dragged the woman outside the house and assaulted her with slashers and stones. It is said the suspects fled the scene after causing havoc and came back later at night and petrol bombed two houses.

Sources close to the matter said when the group was not allowed to search each and every house they started breaking down doors to gain entry to locked houses.



BOMBED: This is one of the houses which was petrol bombed on Sunday night by a mob at Masekweni village in Lwandle area. Eight people have been arrested for the bombing incident. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

The mob is said to have started vandalising whatever they came across as they pelted the place with stones breaking every house window including glass doors at the homestead. Police were called to the scene and eight people were arrested for vandalising five houses. The property

which was damaged during the skirmish is alleged to be amounting to E9 460. The eight accused persons were remanded into police custody and informed that should they want to be out on bail they must pay E1 500 each. They were warned to appear back in court next week Thursday.



UNDER FIRE: a tyre which was found in the yard, two tyres were burnt at the homestead by the mob.



Meanwhile, the two suspects who were alleged to be hidden by LaNgwenya were also arrested and charged with assault with an intent to cause grievous bodily harm in that they acted jointly and assaulted Machawe Dlamini (51) by hitting him with a slasher on the head.

The two were also remanded back into police custody and told that should they want to be released on bail they must pay E2 500 each. This brought the total number of people arrested at the burnt homestead to 10.

Acts of vengeance condemned by police

SUCH an incident occurred at a time when the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula has raised his concern on the practice that is slowly taking root in communities.

Magagula condemned such a reprehensible practice of violence in the form of vengeance or retribution whenever people in communities do not see eye to eye on a particular matter. Worth noting is that the people of Moseni and Lwandle communities have a history of mob justice attacks whenever they have disputes.

Just last year about 11 people were arrested when a mob attacked and set a homestead on fire during a land dispute battle that has rocked the area for many years.

This is not the first time that the homestead belonging to LaNgwenya has been under attack as back in 2012 it was petrol bombed by a mob during a chieftaincy dispute matter.

Charges faced by the accused:

Mfanukhona Dlamini (32), Magida Dlamini (30), Machawe Dlamini (51), Mcimba Dlamini (19), Sibusiso Dlamini (22), Menzi Dlamini (25) Banele Dlamini (25) and Mlungisi Dlamini (20).

The accused are facing a charge of malicious injury to proper-



AFFECTED: This house was also petrol bombed and had its sliding glass door smashed by the mob.



INSIDE: The inside of this house was gutted by fire after it was petrol bombed.

ty in that on November 5, the accused persons acting jointly and with a common purpose used slashers, knives and stones to vandalise property belonging to Nomphumelelo LaNgwenya.

The accused according to the charge sheet damaged a door valued at E200 and another valued at E220, they also broke a sliding glass door valued at E1 100 and broke windows for five houses which were worth E6 840. The amount of




BURNT: Tyres which were burnt outside the yard by the angry mob on Sunday night.

property that was destroyed during the attack amounts to E9 460.



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BENEFIT: Celumusa Ngcamphalala at the construction site.

MY SEED CAPITAL PROJECT GIVES BIRTH TO CONSTRUCTION FIRM

Stories by Observer Reporter

MTN Foundation and TechnoServe officially launched a partnership

to the value of E350 000 in March this year.

This was not a first. Last year, MTN Foundation invested E300 000 towards the same initiative targeting young

people between 19 and 35 years.

The project seeks to empower young entrepreneurs establish, or expand their current businesses through providing seed capital, training and men-

torship. Covering seven chiefdoms in rural communities, the project has already changed lives, and created employment opportunities.

Celumusa Ngcamphalala (30) is one

happy beneficiary of this project who gladly shares how much value the project has added to his business.

Ngcamphalala ventured into the world of business in 2014. Then, it was low-key as he specialised in drawing house plans. A few months into this trade, he diversified into construction, a highly contested and cost-intensive sector. The move to diversify was triggered by his clients who often asked him to convene a team of builders to undertake various construction projects.

RELATES JOURNEY IN BUSINESS

BEFORE he received seed capital from MTN Foundation through TechnoServe, Ngcamphalala was recuperating from a huge loss which he incurred because of inexperience.

Understandably, he was new in the business world, which is essentially a school of knocks. "One of the many challenges I experienced was that I had no equipment. And, timely execution of assignments was a mission. Because of this challenge, I was forced to rent working tools from other people.

In some instances, part of the rented equipment would either be unavailable, or break down while in use. This meant that often, the project deadlines, were often not met. Further, costs would quite naturally escalate, something that made it difficult for me to keep the business afloat," he explains.

However, after Ngcamphalala received funding from MTN Foundation he prioritised securing working tools like a grinder, drill, and a power generator, to mention but a few. And since then, things began to change, for the better. He was

nowable to meet project deadlines through timely execution, cutting back on rental costs in the process.

"Additionally, this change allowed me to maximise the money I was saving by not renting working tools. I was able to attract more clients too. Further, through this new business, I have further bought my own brick moulding machine that will help me establish my own block yard," he explains with pride.

Subsequently, his company has been awarded a construction job worth E250 000 – something that has since given wings to his business.

Ngcamphalala and his team are currently constructing twenty units of bedsitters and two bedroom hous-

es at Siphofaneni. He is also looking forward to securing two construction tenders worth about E300 000. And, chances of securing the construction deal are not just in the horizon.

"I am confident that my business has capacity, and experience to secure this assignment. After all, I am now equipped with less need to rent most of the required equipment to execute assignments. Importantly, I remain grateful for the Seed Capital project jointly implemented by MTN Foundation, and TechnoServe," says Ngcamphalala. Additional to providing financial resources through MTN Foundation, TechnoServe provided training on documenting

all business operations, processes and transactions. Ngcamphalala has also been hand-held through TechnoServe's mentorship program.

"This has helped my business grow in the right direction because TechnoServe is readily available to provide business counsel which helps guide me on any major business decisions I need to take," says Ngcamphalala.

In two years' time, Ngcamphalala plans to diversify his business beyond just pursuing construction tenders.

"Over time, I am looking at growing into property development. Later on, I see an opportunity to advance into precast business – where I could sell pavers and tiles," concludes Ngcamphalala.



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DRUNK TOURIST BEATS GUEST HOUSE EMPLOYEES

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A drunk client caused havoc at Crisovik Guest House as he assaulted employees and broke windows over a payment dispute.

The tourist and businessman based in South Africa appeared in court with a bandaged hand and a gloomy face as he was slapped with four counts of malicious injury to property and assault common he committed on Saturday.

Johannes Petros Duplesis (54) of Pretoria was in a remorseful state as he realised his conduct was unlawful and uncalled for.

Duplesis appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

He was charged with intentionally damaging windows valued at E400 by breaking them with his fist. He fur-

He allegedly refused to pay and fought with the employees by assaulting them with fists and juice containers.

ther confirmed he assaulted three female employees of the guest house using a plastic juice container and his fist.

The property damaged by the visiting man belongs to Larry Sokuu and he was quick to let the court know he was ready to compensate the owner of the guest house by forking out the E400 to fix the broken windows.

Offender

Duplesis, who is in the country for business purposes, was caught up in a misunderstanding with the staff after he allegedly did not want to pay for the room he had booked.

According to reports, the offender went to the guest house while already intoxicated and he caused a commotion when he was asked to make a payment.

He allegedly refused to pay and fought

with the employees by assaulting them with fists and juice containers. He further pushed them against the wall as he refused to follow the guest house's protocol. It is said he then demanded receipts from the employees as proof of payment.

Upon realising that the employees were not relenting, Duplesis then locked himself inside the room and started breaking windows whilst locked inside.

According to reports, he broke the windows because he could not exit through the door.

While in court, Duplesis was represented by attorney Sabelo Chicken Dlamini, who told the court that his client was provoked by the employees.

"None of this would have happened had it not been the manner the employ-

ees approached my client. He ended up losing his cool due to how he was treated. My client is remorseful, he understands that his conduct was unlawful," Dlamini said.

Business

He further observed that the actions of his client must have been influenced by being intoxicated.

He admitted it was not good for his defence to highlight such but he revealed his client also got injured during the fiasco.

"He injured his hand and received about 10 stitches. I plead with the court to exercise its leniency as the offender was in the country for business, he usually visits the country," he said.

Vilakati advised the man not to take the law unto his own hands whenever he is provoked.

"It is saddening to see a man like you conducting himself in this manner. You must refrain from such behaviour," the magistrate said.

Duplesis assaulted Gugu Khumalo with a plastic juice container once on the neck and further assaulted Phindile Gwebu with a fist once on the face and pushed her against the wall. His actions caused the complainants hurts and injuries.

As if that was not enough, Duplesis also assaulted Vuyiswa Dlakudze by pushing her against the bathtub and thus caused her hurts and injuries.

He was fined E500 or five months for breaking the windows and E1 000 or a year imprisonment on each of the three counts of assault common.

However, the court made count two to four to run concurrently.

Children gang up, attack dad

By Phesheya Kunene
National Court

A family has been left torn apart following a dispute between a father and his two children.

This transpired after the children were told by their father to vacate the homestead as they were no longer needed. It is not clear why Duma Msane took the decision to chase his children away from his home soon after the passing away of their mother about two years ago.

However, Msane told the court he noticed lately that his children were plotting to eliminate him hence he told the court he no longer needed them near his homestead.

Relationship

"I know they are my biological children but I have had enough, I do not want to see them coming near my home. They must go away before they kill me," Msane said.

Msane added that he was losing his property at his home due to his children. "Our relationship is no longer healthy as we do not see eye to eye," he added.

He told the court everything seemed fine until the passing away of his wife. He said the two siblings, an elder sister and a boy, teamed up against him.

The siblings denied they were rebellious against their father but said he was the one who was always on their case.

Plots

"He chased us away early this year but we did not go because of the two



MENGAMELI: Swazi National Court President Chief Lembelele Dlamini.

school-going children who are still young. We had planned to leave after their done this year and go live at our mother's parental home," Philile Msane said.

She also confirmed that she was not on talking terms with her father to an extent that he no longer provided for them as the head of the family.

However, the court frowned upon the issue which brought the two siblings to court. They are charged with malicious injury to property after Philile broke the windows of the main house occupied by her father. She further attempted to

set it alight while her father was locked inside.

National Court President Chief Lembelele Dlamini said he was disappointed at the siblings for failing to show respect to their parent.

According to the father, his son joined the plot as he supported his sister. "We were fighting over a mobile phone charger I had used. My daughter attacked me and assaulted me. We fought as she entered my house and demanded to take the charger," he said.

Msane said he was disappointed with the conduct of his children.

Speaking for herself, Philile said her father pushed her to the ground over the charger which belonged to her. "He assaulted me until I was injured. When my brother arrived, he found me crying and bleeding.

He only came to rescue me, he did not attempt to assault our father," she said.

Bheki also confirmed he never assaulted his father.

"I was trying to help my sister but my father came out with a knobkerrie and chased after me, I ran away and picked up a stick to defend myself as I was afraid he would hit me. He once threw a bush-knife at me while I was running away from him," he said.

The court said Msane should meet with family and resolve the matter or approach the court for peace binding order. The siblings were each fined with E400 or six months imprisonment. They were further ordered to pay for the damaged windows.



Cops bash us in cells – suspects

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

TWO suspects bitterly raised their complaints in court over recorded brutal assaults in police cells.

Maswazi Simelane and Fani Simelane told Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati they were brutally assaulted during investigations.

They added they were further humiliated by the police as they alleged the officers took pictures of them while injured.

Injuries

Fani told the court he was heavily assaulted all over his body such that the police postponed his court appearance due to his serious injuries.

"I was taken to hospital by the police; they must explain why I was admitted in hospital if they are denying that they assaulted me. They further did not take me to court as they were scared the court would notice my injuries," Simelane said.

However, the arresting officer, Blessing Mamba denied such allegations. He said every offender had a right to be admitted at hospital if he complained of not feeling well.

"I never assaulted any of the

suspects, I only investigated on the theft case against them and they assisted me by pointing out where the stolen items were," he said.

Items

The second accused person, Maswazi also said he was assaulted in one of the rooms at the Mbabane Police Station. "I was handcuffed during the assault and the handcuffs injured me badly.

They took pictures of me whilst I was being assaulted. I did not go to court for a week due to the injuries," he said. The two are facing charges of theft where they are accusing of stealing 10 car tyres from different cars in Mbabane.

They allegedly stole the tyres at Makholokholo and Thembelihle.

It is alleged they further broke into a shop and stole property that included a printing machine.

The duo pleaded guilty to stealing some of the items but denied some. The investigating officer told the court they pleading guilty to all the items and helped the police in recovering them. He added that one of the suspects, Fani, was still at large when Maswazi mentioned he was with him.

The matter was postponed to Thursday for continuation.

FOREIGN NEWS

Robert Mugabe axes vice president

HARARE - Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe fired Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa yesterday, the government said, as the battle between Mnangagwa and Mugabe's wife Grace to succeed the veteran leader intensified.

"(President) Mugabe has exercised his powers to relieve honourable vice president E.D. Mnangagwa of his position as vice president," Information Minister

Simon Khaya-Moyo told a press briefing in Harare. This came just a day after the first lady reportedly declared that the under fire vice president should be gone from both the government and ZANU-PF before the congress.

"Trouble causers in the party must go before the next congress. He (Mnangagwa) must be dropped before we meet at congress in order for us to have unity in the party," Grace was quoted as saying.



AXED: Emmerson Mnangagwa.

KaLuhleko assassination: How Lukhozi was roped in

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

HAVING been convinced that the suspects in the KaLuhleko assassination were indeed the ones who allegedly committed the murder offence, the Serious Crimes unit (Lukhozi) was roped in by Bhunya Police.

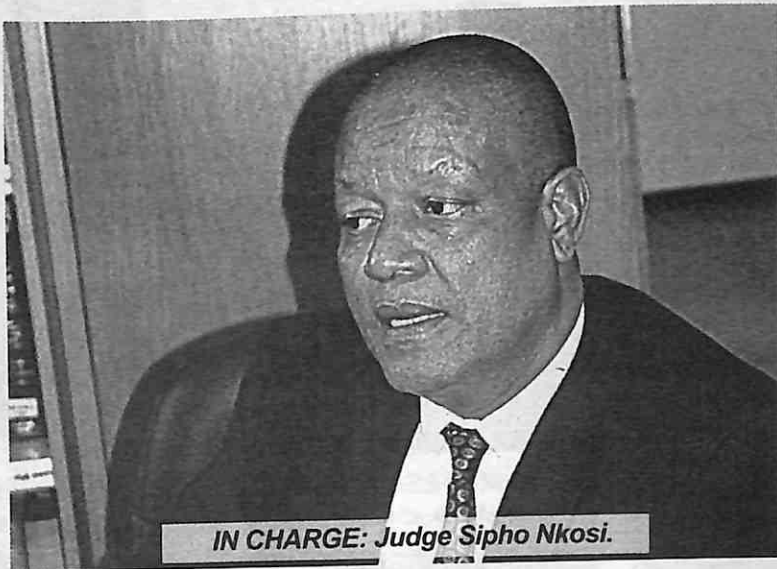
This was yesterday revealed by Bhunya Desk Officer Detective Inspector Bongani Mhlanga when giving evidence before Judge Siphon Nkosi in the marathon trial.

According to Mhlanga, upon receiving a docket on the murder of Camber Dlamini, he acted on it and his investigations led him to Zinhle Dube who was the second accused Khanya Dlamini's girlfriend.

Khanya was made accomplice witness in the matter and he gave damning evidence against the accused persons Bhekawo Dlamini and Mxolisi Mabuza in as far as the killing of Camber is concerned.

Mhlanga told the court that when Dube was interrogated, she assisted the police and informed him that two of the people involved in the killing were arrested and kept at the Zakhele Remand Centre on another charge of stock theft.

Dube's information also led to the arrest of *mkhulu* Bhekawo according to Mhlanga, who voluntarily recorded a statement after he was cautioned and positively identified the murder



IN CHARGE: Judge Siphon Nkosi.

weapon a Silver Star pistol.

Mhlanga told the court that since the two Khanya and Mndeni Mndzebele were to appear at the Magistrate's Court for the stock theft, he applied that the stock theft case been struck off from the roll since the two were involved in a now serious crime of murder.

The two were also brought to the Manzini Regional Headquarters, where they appeared before investigating officers from Lukhozi and also had something to say after being cautioned and later recorded statements.

Giving her evidence under oath, Dube had related the events that led to the assassination of the Inner Council Member Camber, as she told the court that it all started when her boyfriend

Khanya, was arrested for a criminal offence and was fined two years plus an additional two months or E2 500 fine.

Since her boyfriend had no money, Dube said she was approached by the third accused in the matter Mxolisi Mabuza who informed him that the first accused Bhekawo Dlamini was willing to pay for his fine and that she should visit him at His Majesty's Correctional facility to find out how much was needed.

Indeed, she informed Mabuza about the fine and he gave her the E2 500 which he said was from Bhekawo as he paid the fine for him because he wanted a job done for him by Khanya, Mxolisi and Mndeni Kunene, who was referred to as Mndodi boy.

She told the court that upon his release, Khanya was ordered by Bhekawo to come to him in order to be cleansed with muti as he was fresh from jail.

Dube told the court that she was in the company of Khanya when he told him that Bhekawo wanted them to assassinate seven people whom he had differences with and amongst them was Inkhosikati LaMakhungu.

"Mkhulu Bhekawo said E20 000 would be paid to Khanya, Mxolisi and Umfana wakaMdodi after killing one of the people in the hit list Linda Maseko and for the killing of Inkhosikati bebatawu badalwa tinsambansa," Dube told the court.

She narrated that there were two attempts to kill Maseko and both failed as his wife came out of the house each time they went for him.

However, she told the court that after Bhekawo had instructed that Camber be next on the hit list, Khanya, Mxolisi and Mdodi boy successfully carried out the assassination and she was the one who hid the gun after Khanya had been arrested in connection with stock theft.

Khanya in his evidence had told the court that the chief, her mother and five members of the inner council were to be assassinated.

The six targeted persons including Chief Zulehile and Inkhosikati La Makhungu survived the carefully

orchestrated plot to assassinate them, while Camber could not make it as he was shot and killed in cold blood at his homestead.

He said the old man offered then a silver pistol with 13 live rounds of ammunition and that they should proceed to the deceased homestead and gun him down.

Given the responsibility to use the pistol was Mxolisi Mabuza and after being promised that they would be paid E5 000 plus a cow each, they proceeded to the deceased's homestead.

"Upon arrival at Camber Dlamini's homestead, we approached the main door and knocked before he answered the knock and that is when Mxolisi wasted no time, he shot at the deceased five times with three shots hitting the target while two missed," Khanya told the court.

Khanya further told the court that Camber had been killed, Mndeni who had been carrying a note with information on it, dropped it on the ground within the deceased's yard and the note was framing a Malkerns resident. The note contained information to the effect that one Jabulani Nkambule was the one responsible for the killing reflecting that the deceased had sold land to the said Nkambule, a land deal that went wrong.

This according to Khanya was meant to lead all suspicions on the murder to Nkambule who knew nothing about all this.

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MAN ASSAULTS FEMALE NEIGHBOUR FOR NUDITY

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

THE Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court heard how a man (20) who spends all his time with female friends was arrested for assaulting his naked neighbour.

The arrest happened at a Simelane homestead in Horo on Saturday evening. Appearing in court yesterday, Thabiso Simelane pleaded guilty to assaulting his neighbour Nhleko Motsa for alleged nudity. "The bone of contention was that I spend a lot of time laughing with my neighbours who are females only, so it makes other females who are not in our group very jealous of me.

On Friday afternoon one of my neighbours was cooking in the kitchen like she usually does during that time, she told me that the other girls in our team were jealous of me because I was popular.

This hurt my feelings so I went back to my homestead but as I

was going home four older girls then approached me and started to insult me but I ran home," he said. He said the next day while standing beside his fence Motsa, who was in the company of the four women who had assaulted him the previous day, then stripped naked and exposed her buttocks to his direction.

"This infuriated me and led to me going next door and assaulting her with a stick all over her body. I then went back home and was arrested a few hours later," he added.

A very amused Senior Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini told Simelane to try and stop spending all his time socialising with women only. "I see that you spend a lot of time socialising and laughing with women, as a man that is not very healthy unless you don't see any problem with it. I like the fact that you said you will continue to be friends with Motsa but I will have to sentence you to spend two years in a correctional facility if you fail to pay a E2 000 fine for the assault," he said.

Truck driver admitted to E2 000 bail

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

TRUCK driver Vulile Nxumalo was arrested and charged with causing an accident outside the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital.

The incident happened on October 23. According to court records, Nxumalo crashed into the back of a Toyota Rav4 that belonged to Mthunzi Magagula. It is further alleged that after causing the accident Nxumalo then drove off without stopping to report the accident to the police.

Appearing at the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's

Court yesterday, Nxumalo said he was innocent of the charges that were read out to him.

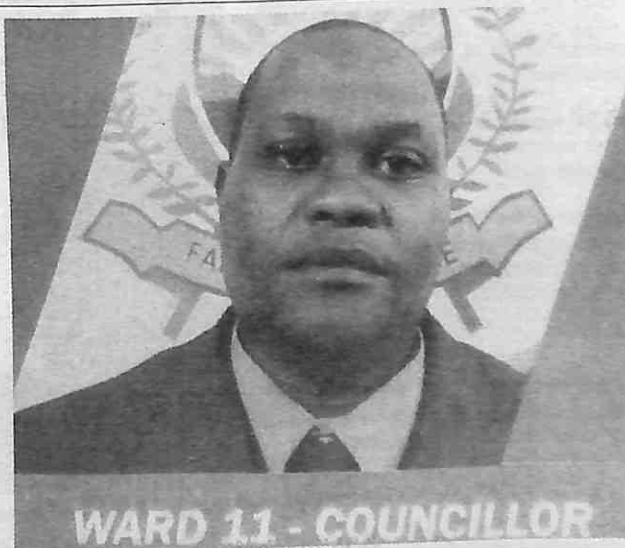
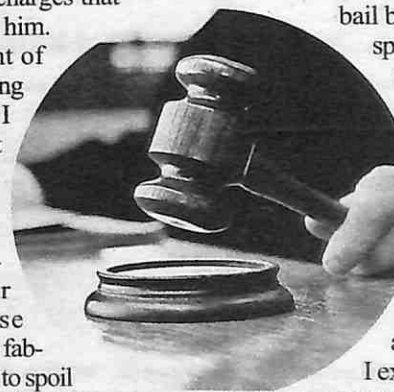
"I am innocent of the reckless driving charge because I did not cause that accident. I am also innocent of the charge of not reporting the accident. Your Worship, these charges are just a fabrication designed to spoil my good name. Ever since the incident I have been harassed by the

police who kept on phoning and telling me to appear in court," he said.

He added: "I plead not guilty to these crimes and I ask that I be admitted to bail because I cannot afford to spend any time in police custody while waiting for my actual trial."

Senior Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini admitted Nxumalo to bail set at E2 000.

"Your bail is set at E2 000, whether you manage to pay this bail or not I expect to see you inside this court room on November 13 for your next remand," he said.



Ward 11 Musa Mamba wants development

AS a councillor for Ward 11 firstly I would like to see the City at large developing more.

There are few issues I would like to address as soon as I assume office. I would like to build a strong relationship between Municipal Council and the ratepayers.

Another issue that I would like to address especially in my ward is the issue of

building ban which is holding back development right now.

I would like the indigent policy to be effective whereby government supports the vulnerable group when it comes to paying rates. I would also like to address the issue of infrastructure development in my Ward which includes the issue of water, roads as well as electricity.

12 PICTURES



A FEW WORDS: AG Sifiso Khumalo delivering his keynote address to lawyers while Chairperson of Law Society of Swaziland President Ben J Simelane also had something to say. This was during the legal eagles dinner and dance at Ezulwini.



PRESENT: Learned friends gather for dinner and dance.


LAWYERS DINE,



IN THE MIX: LSS Secretary Bongani 'Banyaza' Mdluli listening to the different speakers at the Lawyers' Dinner and Dance.



BRAINS BEHIND: Co-founding member of the Lawyers Dinner and Dance Thembeke Magagula advising lawyers to be involved in the organisation of the sixth event. **RIGHT -** FNB Representative at the Lawyers Dinner and Dance event last Friday night.


Ministry of Health

INVITATION TO TENDER

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER PURIFIER SYSTEM FOR QUALITY CONTROL LABORATORY AT CENTRAL MEDICAL STORES (CMS)

Tender Reference: 157 of 2017/2018

The Ministry of Health now invites sealed Tenders for installation of water purifier system for quality control laboratory at Central Medical Stores (CMS).

Tenders must be accompanied by a receipt for E300.00 (three hundred) which should be paid at Swaziland Revenue Authority offices, Account No. 451-2101-21990. Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope. The outer envelope must be marked as follows:

**"The Secretary to the Tender Board
Treasury Building
P. O. Box 38
MBABANE"**

The envelope must be clearly marked with the following words: "Ministry of Health Tender No.157 of 2017/18, Installation of water purifier system for quality control laboratory at Central Medical Stores (CMS). Do not open before 9.00 a.m. Friday 1st December, 2017.

There will be a compulsory Pre-tender meeting on Friday the 10th November, 2017 at 10.00am in the Conference Room situated at Central Medical Stores.

Tenders must be delivered to the offices of Tender Board, Treasury Building, P. O. Box 38, Mbabane, Swaziland, by Friday 1st December, 2017 at 9.00 am and deposited in the Treasury Tender Box.

Tenders received in time by the date and time for submission will be opened at the Treasury Building immediately after 9.00 am on Friday 1st December, 2017. Late, telegraphic, electronic and faxed tenders will not be considered. Tenderers or their Representative may attend the opening procedure.

The documents specified in the Instructions to Tenderers including the copy of current Tax Clearance Certificates for Government Tender, Trading Licence, Form J, Form C, Labour Compliance Certificate for local Tenders, Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) Employers Compliance Clearance Certification for local Tenderers and Tender Security must be enclosed in an envelope and be attached to the tender.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

For further information and collection of tender documents contact the Procurement Unit, at the Central Medical Stores, Plot 77, King Mswati 111 Avenue, Matsapha Industrial Estate, Matsapha, Swaziland. Telephone No: 25184111/25184496/25184373. Send your request for a soft copy of the bidding document to procurement.swazihealth@gmail.com copySncedile@gmail.com

SECRETARY TO TENDER BOARD



ALL SMILES: A section of those who were at the event.



ALSO THERE: Lawyer Martin 'Internash' Dlamini was also there. **RIGHT -** Macilongo Ndlovu listening to the speeches.

DANCE AT GIGIS



ALL EARS: LSS President Ben J Simelane listening to speeches.



BE WISE: Stanlip Swaziland Mlungisi Lukhele lecturing Lawyers on Investment opportunities. **RIGHT - Liberty- Swaziland Karabo Fakudze** taking lawyers through the journey to financial Independence insisting value instruments.



MUSICAL: Themba 'Mthimbawawa' Xaba and JUDA the musician.



LEGAL WISE: Judges of the High Court Justice Titus Mlangeni and Justice Doris Shabalala.



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

EuropeAid/ 139-238/ID/WKS/SZ

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

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The deadline for submission of applications is 08th January 2018 at 1400hrs, Swazi local time.

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Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Irrigation System for 765 ha Schemes under the High Value Crop and Horticulture Project.

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KaLanga Nazarene Primary honours teachers for excellence

SELFLESS dedication and commitment in their various fields paid off for KaLanga Nazarene Primary School teachers as the administration honoured them with certificates of appreciation for demonstrating excellence towards the improvement of the school academically and otherwise.

This was during the school's speech and prize giving day event held last Friday which was attended by parents and pupils. The principal of the school, Bonga Magagula presented the certificates to the all the teachers whom he said played a pivotal role towards the improvement of the school. Magagula first honoured six teachers who excelled in various categories before awarding all the teachers.

The six categories comprised the "Most Improved Award" which went to Nomphumelelo Manana,



HONOURED: Teachers lining up to get certificates of excellence from Deputy Principal Gerald Tsabedze.

"Most Passed Subject Award" which was received by Science teacher Sizakele Dladla while Joyce Groening received an award for

cleanliness.

The "Most Dedicated Award" went to sports teacher Bongani Mtsetfwa while Faith Gule received

an award for being Longest Serving Teacher at the school.

Religious Education teacher Nomsa Lukhele was given an award for showing excellence in the subject.

In brief remarks, the principal applauded parents, teachers and pupils for showing cooperation in their endeavour to bring development to the school.

"This is the beginning of great things in the school and we sincerely hope to honour even the parents in future for the support we get from them," Magagula said. Meanwhile, excelling pupils were awarded for their achievements and they received certificates of excellence plus gifts.

The school's sports teams, athletics, soccer and netball were also awarded with gifts and medals for their improved performance in the SSSA Ball Games.

Mvila implores minister to appoint female councillors

LONG serving Siteki Councillor Mvila 'Mugabe' Dlamini has implored Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza to appoint female councillors.

Apparently, it is a norm that the minister would appoint two councillors in addition to those who are elected by residents of the town.

In the recent elections which were held on October 28, it happened that all the elected councillors were males. The elections also saw only two former councillors retaining their seats.

Taking

Dlamini, who is now taking his 26th year as a councillor, has pointed out the need to balance gender in the council. He noted that it was unfortunate that women residents seemed to be less interested in forming part of the council as evidenced by their attitude in the elections.

From the start of the elections process, none of them showed interest of being nominated.

Instead, they rallied behind male candidates and voted for them.

The well experienced councillor, who is otherwise known as 'Mugabe', said they were now banking hopes in the minister to correct the irregularity. "It would be unworkable in the council if there are only men sitting as councillors," he said.



STARS: Soccer team of KaLanga Nazarene Primary pose for a photo with sports teachers after they were awarded with medals and trophies.

Completing class commends teachers for positive contribution

FORM Five pupils at Good Shepherd High on Friday conveyed their gratitude to teachers who have positively contributed to their lives.

This was during their prom night event which the school hosted for the first time at Siteki Hotel. Speaking

on behalf of the pupils, Noncedo Magagula said the teachers showed commitment and sincere love as they carried out their duties of educating them.

Noncedo said through the teachers they had learnt to prioritise and make informed decisions at all times.

She recalled that their teachers handled each of them according to his or her needs while ensuring that all the learners are at the same level of understanding.

Meanwhile, principal of the school, Sanele Ngwenya urged the pupils not to hesitate coming back to the

school for advice at any given time.

Ngwenya said the school would be happy to render assistance, especially in the academic path. She also urged them to accept their final results and work on correcting them if they come out to be not what they wanted.



FOR THE BOSS: Teachers presented Principal Bonga Magagula and his Deputy Gerald Tsabedze with portraits of themselves.

Pupils encouraged to emulate their teachers

KALANGA Nazarene Primary committee Chairman Samson Dlamini has urged pupils to work hard in their academic studies for them to emulate their teachers who graduated from tertiary institutions.

Dlamini was speaking on behalf of parents during the school's speech and prize giving day held last Friday. All the school's teachers were wearing their graduation gowns during the event and Dlamini made reference of that when encouraging the pupils to double their efforts if they wanted to be like their teachers in the near future.

"If you want to wear gowns like your teachers today here, you must ensure that you make your education a priority and work hard in class," said Dlamini.

He further expressed his concern about the escalating crime rate in the area of which the teachers are also not spared; something which he said can be curbed through cooperation from everyone in the community to look out for any criminal activity.

"As parents we are very much concerned about the escalating crime rate in the area especially the break-ins at the teachers' quarters, thus we urge everyone to take responsibility to protect the teachers as they play a significant role in shaping the future of our children," Dlamini said.

He then presented a gift to one of the teachers, Joyce Groening for showing dedication in her work since she arrived at the school.

Dlamini emphasised that as parents, they were happy about the dedication shown by the teacher, hence they felt it would be worthy to present her with a special gift comprise a blanket and a wooden book shelf.

EX-PRINCIPAL EYES PLACE IN NEXT PARLY

By Starsky Mkhonta
Hlatikulu

FORMER Engudzeni High principal Pepe Simelane has set his eyes on becoming the next Member of Parliament (MP) for Mtsambama.

He wants to replace current MP Mphaya Richard Simelane.

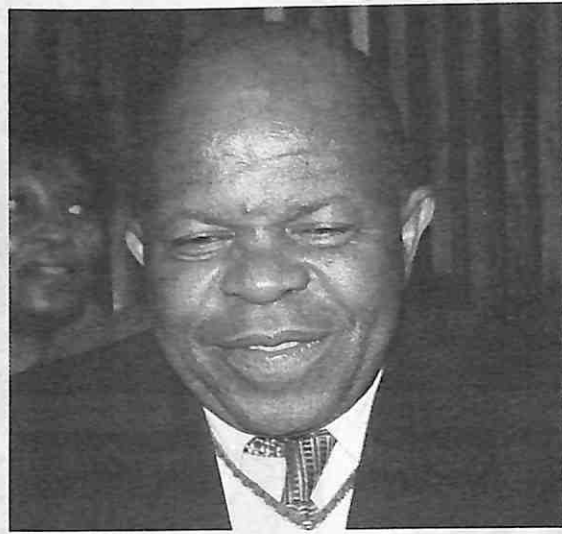
Pepe retired from the teaching profession nearly two years ago and his home is situated at Hlatikulu under Mtsambama Inkhundla. MP Mphaya has already indicated that he is likely not to stand for the national elections in 2018.

MP Mphaya is also a former principal and before joining politics, he was a principal at Ebenezer High.

"I am going to stand for the elections in 2018 and I feel I have all it takes to be a messenger of the people and I am more than ready to serve them.

I have made the decision and I have also done the spadework to see if people do need me and from what I have observed they want me to be their next MP," said the former principal, who transformed Engudzeni High into a leading learning institution.

Simelane said he has started moving around the constituency to have a feel of the electorate and find out if it was worth it joining the race in 2018. He said he was not afraid of anyone who may also be having his or her focus on becoming an MP. "It's not campaign-



INDICATED:
MP Mphaya
Richard
Simelane.

ing but I am getting accustomed to what is happening on the ground. I am convinced from what I have seen so far and soon I am going to unpack my plans once the time is right to start talking about the elections," said Simelane.

It is believed that the competition is set to be tight at Mtsambama Constituency as a number of prominent figures are reportedly keen to stand for the elections in 2018.

Businessman Simosakhe Shongwe, who was a strong challenger for MP Mphaya Simelane, Simo Dlamini, Mlamuli Dlamini are some of those believed to be gearing up for the elections in 2018. Asked if he was aware that he would be facing stiff competition, Simelane said such would be a

good thing.

"Competition is something healthy and I strive under such challenges. I have been informed that there are well known people who also one keen to join the race. Bring them on. Otherwise, let's wait until we are told when are the elections are to be held, I mean the specific date," said Simelane.

Meanwhile, Simo who is the former Hlatikulu mayor said it was still early for him to go public on whether he would be standing for the elections in 2018.

"We better leave it up to the time where we are to be officially informed of the specific period when the elections are to be held. Again, it is the people who are to decide who they want to be their representative," said Dlamini.

Ex-prisoners get funding for training

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

AS part of a crime prevention strategy, ex-prisoners are receiving training which will enhance their dreams of becoming entrepreneurs.

The ex-prisoners have just received funding to engage in training from an overseas organisation. According to Swaziland Association for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (SACRO) Chairperson Goodman Simelane, the training is funded by Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) through SEDCO and it commenced last Wednesday and ended on Saturday.

Simelane said the training is a means to rehabilitate and reintegrate ex-prisoners. It commenced with a number of 10 participants enrolling for the programme.

Simelane pointed out that ex-prisoners will be trained in batch-

es of 10 individuals due to financial challenges until the exercise is fully accomplished.

Participants who excelled during the training received their certificates. Simelane expressed his sincere gratitude to the stakeholders involved in the workshop, saying such partnerships are highly appreciated and should not just end with them, he further applauded participants for behaving themselves during the lectures.

Simelane urged the nation to support SACRO in any way possible as the exercise is continuing. He said there are 30 more ex-prisoners under the Swaziland National Federation of Ex-prisoners (SWANFE) that need to be trained on the same programme.

He said the training apparently proves that SACRO is fulfilling its mandate of adopting crime prevention strategies and rehabilitation.



SUCCESS: Sibusiso Musi SEDCO Training Officer, Elvis Mazibuko SWANFE Coordinator, Goodman Simelane SACRO Social Worker officer, Samkelo Lushaba SEDCO Admin Rep handing out a certificate to one of the participants.

MINISTERS FACE FIGHT FOR THEIR SEATS IN 2018

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

SOME of the 14 Members of Parliament from the Shiselweni region will face tough and tight competition to return to the August House as some of the constituency headmen and women (Tindvuna Tetinkhundla) have set their eyes on being MPs.

It has been gathered that some of the Tindvuna Tetinkhundla from the 14 constituencies are already set to contesting for the hot seat with others having even already made their intentions known to the communities.

In other constituencies the working relationship between the MPs and Tindvuna Tetinkhundla has become sour after the intention to contest the election was announced.

There are rumours that in other constituencies the tension has become unbearable such that the MP and Indvuna Yenkhundla no longer talk to each other.

Any activity organised by the Inkhundla, even if it's an innocent activity, the MP always feels it's a ploy to see the Indvuna winning the hearts of the people. Others have revealed that in other constituencies



the MP has advised all those he works with at Inkhundla to first alert him on any event in order to see if it was not organised with the aim of 'ousting' him in 2018.

"There are now those MPs who always make sure that anything organised at constituency level he has to be alerted first. They (MPs) fear that there could be some of the Tindvuna Tetinkhundla who are organising activities just to send a signal on what they (residents) should expect in 2018.

Some of these MPs want anything organised at Inkhundla to go via them.

Even if it is a minor event, the MPs in some of the constituencies demand to know the agenda," said one of the members of Inkhundla council in one of the constituencies.

It has also been disclosed that so uncomfortable are some of the current MPs that others want any activity taking place in some of the areas under their constituencies to be approved by them.

Bucopho from one of the constituencies in the region also revealed that not long ago during their meeting the MP suggested that each one

of them should declare which of the categories they were to be showing interest to occupy, come 2018.

"When this year began, our MP wanted each one of us to state which position we would be interested in. It was easy to tell that he is feeling threatened as Indvuna Yenkhundla is the hot favourite to succeed him. We all wondered when he asked us to declare now when elections are a year or many months away," said the Bucopho.

Some of the Tindvuna Tetinkhundla said MPs were now restless and com-

fortable as they feel threatened by them. "They are of the view that each time they are away in Parliament we take advantage by discrediting them to the electorate.

Most of the time we are the ones dealing with the people directly and some MPs do not feel comfortable with this at all and others have even decided to plant spies who are to be their eyes and ears on anything taking place," said one of the Tindvuna Tetinkhundla.

Mouthing

Other reports are that some former MPs who are keen to make a comeback in politics now go around badmouthing the current MPs with some also scheming with Bucopho and the Tindvuna Tetinkhundla.

"At our constituency, there is this former MP who is campaigning already and he badmouths the current MP to the people and even says he was replaced by a failure," said Indvuna Yenkhundla from another constituency.

On the other hand, some of the MPs said they were aware how some of the Tindvuna Tetinkhundla were desperate to succeed them.

"We are aware and they are doing this under our nose. Some of the people scheming with Tindvuna Tetinkhundla and Bucopho are those (former MPs) who lost the election and are still bitter," said one of the MPs.



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MASTERING THE ART OF LISTENING



MANY people may be impressed with how well you speak, but the right people will be impressed with how well you listen. Listening is an art that many leaders lack.

Great leaders are great listeners, and therefore it is very clear that to increase influence you have to talk less and listen more.

The best leaders are proactive, strategic, and intuitive listeners. They recognise knowledge and wisdom are not gained by talking, but by listening. Take a moment and reflect back on any great leader who comes to mind – you will find they are very adept at reading between the lines. The best leaders possess the mysterious ability to understand what is not said, witnessed, or heard.

GIVE OTHER PEOPLE A CHANCE TO BE HEARD

If you want to become a better leader, stop talking and start listening. Being a leader should not be viewed as a licence to increase the volume of rhetoric.

Rather astute leaders know there is far more to be gained by surrendering the floor than by dominating it. In this age of instant communication everyone seems to be in such a rush to communicate what is on their mind, they fail to realise the value of everything that can be gleaned from the minds of others. Hyatt (2012) says "show me a leader who does not recognise the value of listening to others and I will show you a train-wreck in the making".

It is simply not possible to be a great leader without being a great communicator. This partially accounts for why we do not encounter great leadership more often. The big miss for most leaders is that they fail to under-

ACT OF LISTENING: ...whole day and listened to everyone and everything around you? Granted, not everyone should venture that deep into silence. However, the Art of Listening ...

stand that the purpose of communication is not to just send a message, but to engage and that requires "listening".

Leaders should not be fooled into thinking that being heard is more important than hearing. The first rule in communication is to seek understanding before seeking to be understood.

Communication is not a one way street but a two way street.

Simply broadcasting your message and nauseum will not have the same result as engaging in meaningful conversation, but this assumes you understand the greatest form of discourse takes place within a conversation, and not a lecture or a monologue.

When you ask questions and elicit feedback. Use your vast array of medium of communication and other platforms, toolsets and connections to listen.

In essence, leadership is about action. That said, leaders who act before they

understand do not tend to achieve the outcomes they desire.

Hyatt (2012) share some tips on how to become a better listener:

● **It is not about you:** Stop worrying about what you are going to say and focus on what is being said. Do not listen to have your opinions validated or your ego stroked, listen to be challenged and to learn something new. You are not always right, so you have to stop pretending you know everything and humble yourself to others. If you desire to be listened to, then give others the courtesy of listening to them.

● **You should never be too busy to listen:** Anyone can add value to your world if you are willing to listen. How many times have you dismissed someone because of their station or title when what you should have done was listen?

Wisdom does not just come from

peers and those above you – it can come from anywhere and at anytime, but only if you are willing to listen. Expand your sphere of influence and learn from those with different perspectives and experiences and you will be glad you did.

● **Listen to non-verbal communication:** People say as much (if not more) with their actions, inactions, body language, facial expressions, etc., as they do with their verbal communications. Don't be lulled into thinking that because someone is not saying something they are not communicating. In fact, most people will not blatantly verbalise opposition or disagreement, but they will almost always deliver a very clear message with their non-verbal communication.

● **Listen for opportunity:** Intuitive listeners are looking for the story behind the message, and the opportunity beyond the issue. Listening is about discovery, and discovery does

not only impact the present, but it can also influence the future.

● **Let listening be your calling card:** One of the best compliments you can be paid is to be known as a good listener. Being recognised in this fashion will open doors, surface opportunities, and take you places that talking never could. Listening demonstrates that you respect others, and is the first step in building trust and rapport.

● **Recognise the contributions of others:** One of the most often overlooked aspects of listening is thanking others for their contributions. If you glean benefits from listening to someone, thank them. Even if no value is perceived, thank them for their time and input. Never forget to acknowledge those who contribute energy, ideas, actions or results. Few things go as far in building good will as recognising others.

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ON THIS DAY

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1637 - Anne Hutchinson, the first female religious leader in the American colonies, was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for heresy.

1665 - "The London Gazette" was first published.

1811 - The Shawnee Indians of chief Tecumseh were defeated by William Henry Harrison at the Battle of Wabash (or (Tippecanoe).

1837 - In Alton, IL, abolitionist printer Elijah P. Lovejoy was shot to death by a mob (supporters of slavery) while trying to protect his printing shop from a third destruction.

1874 - The Republican party of the US was first symbolized as an elephant in a cartoon by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly.

1876 - The cigarette manufacturing machine was patented by Albert H. Hook.

1877 - "The Sorcerer" was performed for the first time of 178 total performances.

1893 - The state of Colorado granted its women the right to vote.

1895 - The last spike was driven into Canada's first transcontinental railway in the mountains of British Columbia.

1914 - The "New Republic" magazine was printed for the first time.

1916 - Jeanette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to the US Congress.

1917 - Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place. The provisional government of Alexander Kerensky was overthrown by forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin.

1918 - During World War I, a false report through the United Press announced that an armistice had been signed.

1929 - The Museum of Modern Art in New York City opened to the public.

1932 - "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century" was broadcast for the first on CBS Radio.

1933 - Voters in Pennsylvania eliminated sports from Pennsylvania "Blue Laws."

1940 - The middle section of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington state collapsed during a windstorm. The suspension bridge had opened to traffic on July 1, 1940.

1944 - US President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first person to win a fourth term as president.

1963 - The comedy "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" premiered in Hollywood.

1963 - Elston Howard, of the New York Yankees, became the first black player to be named the American League's Most Valuable Player.

1965 - The "Pillsbury Dough Boy" debuted in television commercials.

1967 - Carl Stokes was elected the first black mayor Cleveland, OH, becoming the first black mayor of a major city.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Anushka Shetty
(movie actress) -
November 7, 1981 (36
years old)



David Guetta(dj) -
November 7, 1967(50
years old)



**BISHOP
KEITH
HARRINGTON'S CORNER**

LAST we we began looking at the account of David versus Goliath. I usually look at the this as a story about the Anointed, the Ex-anointed and the Un-anointed.

David represents the Anointed One Day as he was anointed to be King in the midst of his brothers. He later wrote about what happened in his life in **Psalms 23:5** where he says: "You prepare a table before me, even in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

Saul represents the Ex-anointed as he was the King over God's people, but he was rejected because of disobedience. In **1 Samuel 15:1**, God sent Samuel the Prophet to anoint Saul as King over His people. It's recorded: "Samuel told Saul, 'The LORD sent me to anoint you king over his people, Israel. Now listen to the words of the LORD.'"

However, his reign did not last because Saul failed to follow the instructions that God had given. In the very same chapter we see God rejecting Saul from continuing to being King over the nation of Israel. In verses 10 and 11 of the same chapter we read:

"This message from the LORD came to Samuel:

"I regret that I made Saul king, because he has turned away from fol-

KILLING THE GIANTS IN YOUR LIFE - PART 2



lowing me and has not carried out my commands." Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the LORD all night."

Goliath on the other hand represents the Un-anointed. Because he was a Philistine, a man defying the armies of the Lord, swearing not only at Israel or David but insulting God in the process. When David went to meet his brothers who were gathered for battle against the Philistines, he came to greet them and the Bible says in **1 Samuel 17:23**.

"As he was speaking with them, the Philistine champion named Goliath from Gath came up from the Philistine battle lines and spoke his usual words, as David listened."

There are three types of believers in the body of Christ today. There are those who are born again, God fear-

ing, devil chasing, holy living, Holy Ghost filled, Bible reading and very prayerful Christians. Then you have a group of back sliders, who once had an intimate relationship with God, but now have fallen from grace due to one or other challenge that caused them to turn their backs on God in a moment of weakness. The last group is a group of unbelievers who have never come to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Before David defeated Goliath, he was confronted by certain challenges while taking care of his father's sheep. There were certain animals that were threatening the sheep and he had to kill them in defence of the sheep. We read the following in **1 Samuel 17:34** through **37**:

David told Saul, "Your servant has been a shepherd for his father. When a lion or bear came and took a lamb

from the flock,

I would go out after it, strike it down, and rescue the lamb from its mouth. Then when it rose up against me, I would grab it by its fur, strike it down, and kill it.

Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he defied the armies of the living God."

David continued, "The LORD who delivered me from the power of the lion and the power of the bear will also deliver me from the power of this Philistine." Saul told David, "Go! And may the LORD be with you."

In order for us to kill the giants of our lives we need to pass certain levels just like David.

He first killed a Lion. The Lion is called the King of the jungle, because the Lion is a very proud animal. Pride always comes before anyone falls. Pride is something we need to fight and destroy from inside of us in order to move higher in God.

Next David killed a bear. A bear doesn't forgive. If you don't forgive you allow people to live in your heart and mind without paying rent.

Eventually David killed Goliath. Goliath in the Bible is the flesh. In order for us to reach any heights in the Lord we need to kill or crucify our fleshly desires. When David killed the giant in his life, he was celebrated everywhere by everyone. May you be celebrated from now on in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

Till next week.

Why the private sector's hype about the African middle class isn't helpful

PRETORIA - The African middle class is of huge interest to business. This was confirmed again recently by well attended seminars in South Africa's big cities to discuss "African Lions: groundbreaking study on the middle class in sub-Saharan Africa".

The study was motivated by the African Development Bank's diagnosis that (the African middle class) has grown by over 240 percent in just over a decade, and the bank defines 15 million households as now being middle class.

The narrow focus of the study is guided by a particular interest and echoes a poorly informed narrative about the structure of societies in Africa. It is void of any class related analysis and offers little bearing on reality. People are seen only as consumers with no political relevance.

The study was done by the University of Cape Town's Unilever Institute of Strategic Marketing and the global market research company IPSOS over 18 months in ten cities - Abidjan,



MIDDLE CLASS: The African Development Bank defines 15 million households as now being middle class.

Accra, Addis Ababa, Douala, Dar es Salaam, Kano, Lagos, Nairobi, Luanda and Lusaka.

It defines as middle class someone who has a daily income of between USD\$4 and USD\$70. He or she also has a disposable income; is employed or is running a business or studying at college; and has some secondary school education.

According to this criteria, a whopping 60 per cent of the urban population surveyed fall into this defini-

tion of middle class.

The researchers conclude that those who qualify as middle class have an average income of USD\$12 a day and an average household income of USD\$17 a day. Of these, a third had a full time job, while many ran mainly informal businesses.

According to the study, an estimated 100 million people outside South Africa have an aggregated spending power of more than USD\$400 million a day. It's clear that the

research is motivated by economic interests, targeting the so-called middle class as the object of desire for retailers. As the head of the institute explained, the core of the interest in the estimated ZAR1.3 trillion-a-month market was a better understanding of the consumer landscape on the continent, (by exploring) aspirations, media consumption, buying patterns, brand relationships and much more (of such middle class).

Similar interests by the private sector exist in business circles beyond the continent. Large companies paid US\$1160 and small ones US\$510 to gain insights into the investment opportunities at a recent "Middle East and Africa Summit" in Stockholm. The second day was devoted to sub-Saharan Africa, which was described as having a bulging middle class hungry for inclusion and more sophisticated consumer demands.

Such approaches perpetuate the original hype over the discovery of the emerging middle classes in the global South, defined in terms of higher living standards.

The Conversation

KIM PORTRAITS, DEATH THREATS

NORTH KOREA - Portraits of North Korea's late leaders hang proudly in the classrooms of the Korean High School in Tokyo, where the recent surge in tensions over Pyongyang's nuclear weapons programme have seen faculty and staff subjected to death threats.

It is one of 60 so-called "pro-Pyongyang" schools in Japan catering to an ethnic Korean community that — over decades — developed and maintained a link to North Korea despite never living there.

There are around 500 000 ethnic Koreans in Japan — mostly descendants of civilians taken from their homes during Japan's brutal colonisation of the Korean peninsula from 1910 until Tokyo's defeat in World War II in 1945.

The division of the peninsula into North and South and the devastating 1950-53 Korean War that followed also divided the community and schools like Korean High emerged with backing from pro-North organisations and funding from Pyongyang.

They continue to teach Korean language and history under the guidance of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, which acts as the North's de-facto embassy in Japan in the absence of formal diplomatic relations.

Ethnic Koreans have long suffered discrimination in areas like employment and social welfare, and principal Shin Gil-Ung said anger over North Korea's nuclear programme — expected to dominate US President Donald Trump's visit to Japan starting Sunday — has only made things worse.

- Bomb scares -

"Every time news (about North Korea) breaks, we get anonymous calls threatening to bomb the school or kill students at a nearby station," Shin tells AFP.

"Female students have had to stop

...Life at a North Korean school in Japan



DEATH THREATS: Students take an exam as portraits of late North Korean leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il are seen in a classroom at Tokyo Korean High School in Tokyo. AFP

wearing the ethnic school uniform on their commute," he adds sadly.

Japan has been at the sharp end of recent provocations from Pyongyang, which fired two missiles over its northern islands in quick succession, prompting terrified residents to rush for shelters.

And with the beligerent regime in Pyongyang threatening to "sink" Japan into the sea, the sense of tension and anxiety has left many ethnic Koreans feeling conflicted — especially the younger generation for whom modern Japan is the only home they have known.

One Korea High student, 17-year-old Hwang Song-Wi, says he watches the news with "mixed feelings", and that he both "trusts and doubts" reports from both sides in the crisis.

RiChun-Hui, a Tokyo-based lawyer, said the anger directed at his com-

munity as a result of Pyongyang's provocations are nothing new — noting a similar backlash that followed the abduction of a number of ordinary Japanese citizens by North Korean agents in the late 1970s and early 80s.

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anything linked to North Korea now prevails in Japan," he added.

The kidnapped citizens were taken to the North in order to train spies in Japanese language and culture.

Then-leader Kim Jong-Il later allowed five of them and their families to return to Japan, but many believe Kim did not come clean about other

abductees, including Megumi Yokota who vanished when she was 13.

Trump, who mentioned Yokota in his recent UN General Assembly speech, is scheduled to meet abductee families during his trip.

- 'One ethnic people' -

For Korean parents in Japan who want their children to learn the Korean language and history, a "pro-Pyongyang" school is virtually the only option — no matter their own political persuasion.

"Because they are not Japanese, I want my children to go to a Korean school ... and learn the language and the ethnic spirit. Those are the most important things," said Hwang's mother, Oh Jong-E, adding that shared ancestry trumped the division of the Korean peninsula.

"I basically believe there is no North or South. We are one ethnic people," said Oh, herself a former pupil of the school.

According to one official from the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, Pyongyang has channelled 48 billion yen to schools in Japan since 1957, although it was unclear what, if any, funds the cash-strapped North provides today.

Some teachers at the school voice sympathies with North Korea, but ideological teaching in the curriculum has thinned out over the years and a relatively neutral version of Korean language and history is now taught — albeit overseen by the portraits of Kim Il-Sung and Kim Jong-Il.

Oh's 17-year-old son plays in goal on the school football team and dreams of playing in Japan's professional league.

One day he wants to play international football — not in the colours of Japan but of North Korea.

"I hope someday I will be able to play for the country," Hwang told AFP. (AFP)

Suffering in silence or speaking up — the impossible choice

We're finding ourselves in the midst of a necessary and hugely important debate focusing on rape and rape culture. Talking about it, listening to people's stories, debating, opining are all necessary elements.

It's here though, in the application of all these elements, where in my opinion, we struggle the most as a society to make proper headway.

Rarely are we ready or perhaps able, in our discussions, to embrace or even just consider all views. We want to hear our version of things and it must sit well with us — for the most part. Last week strongly brought this to the fore.

Soccer boss Danny Jordaan finally broke his silence after being accused of rape by artist Jennifer Ferguson. We didn't hear his actual voice on the matter, by the way — his lawyer released a statement denying all the allegations levelled against him. So there was no press conference and a chance to engage him or ask about his mentioned empathy for the victims of gender based violence articulated in the statement.

It took two weeks for that statement to surface. Two weeks in which media queries were just ignored. The prominence and public nature of Jordaan's job made little difference to how the matter was dealt with by the organisation he represents. The word 'lacklustre' comes to mind. Another three women have in the meantime claimed Jordaan violated them at various times. They are treated as if they don't really matter in this saga because they haven't revealed their identities.



ME TOO: A woman with the message "Me too" on her hand gives the middle finger during a gathering against gender-based and sexual violence called by the Effronté-e-s Collective, on the Place de la Republique square in Paris. (AFP)

They've been dismissed as "nameless and faceless".

But let's unpack what would happen if they do reveal their identities. Let's take Jennifer Ferguson as the example and what the response has been

to her penning her blog.

She's received tremendous support from various quarters — that is evident from the messages on her blog. She has also been vilified, called an "old white woman" who is seeking attention because of a fading career. She has been slut shamed, her sexual past brought up, the father of her child brought into the fray and she has been called a liar.

A MetroFM listener told presenter Udo Carelse this week that Ferguson is just a bitter woman, after her relationship with Danny Jordaan soured. Because, why would she really do this? There must have been a relationship and now she's mad because it has been terminated.

Some also claim on various platforms that the women speaking out, are part of an elaborate conspiracy or plot to get rid of Jordaan.

Just a FYI here: the woman who told her story to me last week doesn't know Ferguson from a bar of soap. She's never met her, talked to her and I would venture to say — doesn't even remember Ferguson being an ANC MP back in the day. But of course, the conspiracy talk persist, it must be the case. This is the environment and the backdrop against which these women now have to decide whether to reveal their identities or remain anonymous. They have to grapple with the very real possibility that privacy will not feature in their vocabulary anymore, that their current and past lives will be scrutinised, discussed and judged by all and sundry. News24

Wit and Wisdom

● "A day without laughter is a day wasted." — *Nicolas Chamfort*

● "Memories warm you up from the inside. But they also tear you apart." — *Haruki Murakami, Kafka on the Shore*

● "Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom." — *Aristotle*

● "When adults say, "Teenagers think they are invincible" with that sly, stupid smile on their faces, they don't know how right they are. We need never be hopeless, because we can never be irreparably broken. We think that we are invincible because we are. We cannot be born, and we cannot die. Like all energy, we can only change shapes and sizes and manifestations. They forget that when they get old. They get scared of losing and failing. But that part of us greater than the sum of our parts cannot begin and cannot end, and so it cannot fail." — *John Green, Looking for Alaska*

● "I can never read all the books I want; I can never be all the people I want and live all the lives I want. I can never train myself in all the skills I want. And why do I want? I want to live and feel all the shades, tones and variations of mental and physical experience possible in my life. And I am horribly limited." — *Sylvia Plath, The Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath*

● "I finally understood what true love meant...love meant that you care for another person's happiness more than your own, no matter how painful the choices you face might be." — *Nicholas Sparks, Dear John*

● "Oh, I wouldn't mind, Hazel Grace. It would be a privilege to have my heart broken by you." — *John Green, The Fault in Our Stars*

● "I love you as certain dark things are to be loved, in secret, between the shadow and the soul." — *Pablo Neruda, 100 Love Sonnets*

● "Thomas Edison's last words were "It's very beautiful over there". I don't know where there is, but I believe it's somewhere, and I hope it's beautiful." — *John Green, Looking for Alaska*

● "He's not perfect. You aren't either, and the two of you will never be perfect. But if he can make you laugh at least once, causes you to think twice, and if he admits to being human and making mistakes, hold onto him and give him the most you can. He isn't going to quote poetry, he's not thinking about you every moment, but he will give you a part of him that he knows you could break. Don't hurt him, don't change him, and don't expect for more than he can give. Don't analyze. Smile when he makes you happy, yell when he makes you mad, and miss him when he's not there. Love hard when there is love to be had. Because perfect guys don't exist, but there's always one guy that is perfect for you." — *Bob Marley*

● "Happiness in intelligent people is the rarest thing I know." — *Ernest Hemingway, The Garden of Eden*

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Bank Rate	7.25%
Central Bank	
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Japanese Yen/SZL	8.0103	8.0371
Swiss France/SZL	14.1992	14.2435
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3394	1.3513
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.8776	10.9201
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'HARD WORK KEEPS BUSINESS GOING'

By Majaha Nkonyane

BESIDES having faced numerous stumbling blocks in running her fruit and vegetables business Lubombo Entrepreneur of the year street vendor winner and national winner Mlilo Regina who runs R and J fruits and vegetables has gone against all odds to see her business grow.

"I am very grateful to have gotten to this stage and emerge as a winner in the street vendor category. This is all because of hard work, determination and the love for business, we can never overlook the power of respecting customers because customers are kings," she said.

The business was awarded with a trophy, a certificate, and E15 000 cheque, from the prize money Mlilo is planning to grow the business and venture into retailing. The Lubombo based business is currently selling different fruits and vegetables.

The business is supporting eight people with three of those still in school and it is their only source of income. The prize money came at a right time as there are plans to revive selling banana.

"I am also working on fixing my car which helped a lot in stocking banana. The process in stocking banana requires that I travel very early to get stock in order to be able to sell," she said.

Mlilo said she has been running the business as a sole trader for a long time as she is avoiding running the risk of losing customers in getting someone who does not understand the values of a customer. This comes from experience she had when one of the employees was not able to treat customers the right way.

The business is currently selling different fruits and vegetables and is part of a women business scheme in the Lubombo region. The business scheme is where different women assist each other in their different businesses whilst helping each other grow.

Youth category winner's dream came true

The EYA competition also awarded Mpendulo Zwane in the youth category and the E15 000 prize money came as a dream to the 24-year-old business man.

"This is a dream come true for me as a young businessman. This award will help boost the business I am running. I have always had a dream to run a business from an early age. This will help me in growing my business further," he said.

The young business man who runs MJC grocery is competing with five grocery shops in his area (Jericho in Nhlalanga) and is grateful to the people of his area for the support he is getting.

The business started after his high school journey in 2013 where he started with E20 000 running a mobile money Spaza and the business grew to accommodate a grocery shop in 2016. Zwane is planning to restock the shop which will help him grow.

He also has plans to open a tire business as the area is far away from the nearest town (Nhlalanga). This has also been a concern for the people of the area as they are forced to travel to town to get tire services.

"I would like to thank the people in my area for the support they have shown me and I would like to encourage business people to work in the open. Paying tax to SRA is paramount and using a trading licence is also a very important aspect. Business premises should also be welcoming with everything in order to present a professional business look," he said.

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I have always had a dream to run a business from an early age

IMF solutions country specific

By Thembeke Dlamini and Majaha Nkonyane

THE International Monetary Fund no longer uses the copy and paste approach for different countries when assisting with their economic challenges.

Neville Mandimika, during the public lecture on economic growth where he talked about the Macroeconomic Outlook for Africa, was responding to a question posed by Nkosinathi from Swaziland College of Technology (SCOT) who wanted to know about the IMF's role in the local economy.

"I have heard from other people that the interventions by IMF are good on paper but may not be good on implementation. How are we as Swazis, supposed to view the role of IMF and their interventions? How are we to handle them when we have people who are of the view that they may not be good practically?" he asked.

In response, Mandimika said, "On the issue

of the IMF and its role in the continent, it is important to understand why the organisation is typically called into action in some of these countries. I think the perception you are trying to clarify is whether 'Big Brother' is good for specific countries emanates from way back where it was an almost a copy and paste approach which the IMF tended to take. Where if a programme worked in country A, by their logic, it could work in country B."

He stated that by his view, of late, their programmes tended to be more specifically tailored as they were designed to look into prevailing situations in specific countries; "I will make a very recent example of Kenya and how Kenyans resolved not to go for an extended full credit facility programme but rather for a precautionary facility.

"The reason they went for that, is that they realised how in terms of their fiscal balance and space; they were more than capable of showing that there is sustainable fiscal dynamics within that economy."

He stated that in case there was a balance of payment shock, they needed a nest egg to fall back on. Referring to Ghana, which he recalled how previously, had a tendency of overspending in terms of their fiscal numbers decided to go for a full extended credit facility programme. "What we are seeing across the continent from those two examples is a more dynamic approach by the IMF in terms of negotiations, particularly towards the targets they tend to be quite keen on, on a semi-annual basis," Mandimika said.

He said it was understandable that countries felt they were relinquishing their own sovereignty simply because they are being dictated to; "That is not really a bad thing because we obviously need to ensure that there is sustainability in terms of how we spend the revenue in times of plenty and need."

Mandimika said the situation could be likened to a coin that had two sides when one looked at it, "My personal view is, we need the IMF in certain countries for a certain period of time... as an intervention sort of policy."

Need for innovative agricultural methods

By Majaha Nkonyane and Thembeke Dlamini

COLLABORATION between the youth and experienced farmers can give birth to innovative methods of ensuring sustainable agricultural production.

"There is need for the creation of a platform where experienced farmers can teach the youth about the latest agricultural produce which will enable them to have high yields," said Sibongiseni Nkosinathi Dlamini from Ethandweni High School in Sikhuphe. He was presenting an essay during the Innovation and Technology in the Financial Sector

presentation by First National Bank. He said such efforts should be paired with investments from government channelled towards the youth. He however cautioned that requirements for youth to invest as a group was challenging seeing as it was at times difficult to find a person who matches their passion.

He said it was in this regard that he suggested that every individual who was at the very least eligible should get a loan enabling them to live their dreams.

"This is because they (the youth) have proven that they are hard workers by the energy they have been using in growing dagga," he said.

He further highlighted the need for subsidised farming inputs, "One of the

deterrents to entry into the agricultural sector for the youth is the pricey inputs. When you go to veterinary supplies or trading stores, to buy medication for livestock, you find that the costs are usually higher than the income that one expects."

Ignorance

He decried the level of ignorance in the sourcing of funds for agricultural ventures, "Most of the youth are willing to start agricultural enterprises and have the potential to start new ones. However, you find that they don't know how to go about sourcing funding."

Posing the question to his peers, he demonstrated how none of them were aware of how to go about getting fund-

ing.

"The process of acquiring funds is cumbersome, it is tiring. A youthful person would prefer to engage in an enterprise that takes a very short time to bring him profits because that is all he is interested in," he said adding how growing dagga became more attractive to the youth who seek fast gratification.

Expressing disappointment about the low prices farmers are expected to sell their produce for, he said the youth would be shocked by revelations such as the price at which Swaziland Dairy Board buys milk from farmers, "The dairy board is buying a litre of milk for E6; yes in 2017."

He said such was discouraging to

farmers who were willing to engage in this type of farming and then finding that they are unable to make profits.

"Even Namboard, you find that the prices at which the entity buys vegetables from farmers with are very low," he said.

He said such hardships led to those who acquired loans for their agricultural enterprises, being unable to service them.

After being confounded by low prices at the markets and failure to service loans, he said farmers were further affected by unpredictable weather phenomenon which reduces their chances of realising proper harvests. Some of the solutions he brought up included studies into genetically modified foods.

STTP GROWS CSI PORTFOLIO

"We are happy as a company to be reaching more of our customer as this is helping us strengthen our relationship with the people that help us grow. We are committed in ensuring that we offer a helping hand in different communities and widen our customer base"

By Majaha Nkonyane

IN the spirit of giving Swaziland Trusses and Timber Products (STTP) is venturing more into corporate social investment projects and reaching more of their customers by giving back.

This is according to STTP General Manager Mehluli Ndlovu.

"We are happy as a company to be reaching more of our customers as this is helping us strengthen our relationship with the people that help us grow. We are committed in ensuring that we offer a helping hand in different communities and widen our customer base," he said.

The company recently sponsored the miss cultural heritage pageant by giving the queen an E8 000 couch. They offer services in trusses, upholstery, joinery, couch manufacturers, and repairs, bedroom, bathroom and fittings kitchen fittings.

The company invests in talent as they are committed to hosting artists at Molly's House Of Grills in Manzini to see the art sector grow in the

country.

"We understand that the country has talented individuals and we are in the process of supporting different sectors of the arts," he said.

The company hosted a comedy and poetry night which has been set to be twice a month and further committing to support the sporting sector.

This is through a commitment to supporting a cyclist who will be training and competing in different cycling races.

The company will sponsor the cyclist with equipment for eight races and support hiking at Sibebe resort. The company recently introduced a table saw and edging machines which were meant to better serve their clientele and take a lead in the market.

Apart from being a good company in the eyes of the public, they have also ensured to be a more professional entity through sending their senior managers for audit training on quality management systems aligned to the International Standards Organisation (ISO 9001:2015).

Capitec named SA bank with best social media buzz

CAPE TOWN - Capitec is the SA bank that has been garnering the best buzz on social media, according to BrandsEye.

In a new "opinion mining" study released on Monday, BrandsEye, in partnership with customer experience expert Julia Ahlfeldt, analysed the sentiment of SA social media users to local banks.

The findings were based on 1.8 million social media posts by 554 600 unique users about South Africa's big five banks between September

2016 and August 2017

The banks included in the study were FNB, Capitec, Nedbank, Absa and Standard Bank.

"The unsolicited nature of social media makes platforms like Facebook and Twitter ideal sources to gauge public opinion. Unlike traditional polling surveys, people take to social media to post their views without prompting or guidance on what to say or how to say it," said BrandsEye in its report.

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SUBMISSION OF RETURNS

The submission of returns is a statutory quarterly requirement for licenced financial services providers.

It enables the Authority to efficiently conduct its off-site monitoring of regulated entities as part of its wider scope of supervision.

Rationale for the submission of returns
In terms of Section 4 of the FSRA Act, 2010, the Authority is responsible for ensuring the safety and financial soundness of the non-bank financial services sector in Swaziland.

This can only be achieved through continuous monitoring of the financial soundness of all entities operating in the market.

The submitted returns are analysed for the following reasons;

- To assess the financial soundness of each entity;
- To group entities according to their size based on assets, profitability or other relevant measurements;
- Based on the groupings the Authority is in a better position to prepare the supervisory plan which includes;
- The identification of entities to be inspected in the following year or immediately; and
- The identification of entities that need close monitoring.

APPLICATION OR RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS LICENCE

Section 36 (1) of the FSRA Act, 2010 states that the application for a licence or renewal of a licence shall be made to the Authority in the form and manner prescribed by the FSRA and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fees. The Act continues to state that 'in the case of an application for renewal of a licence, such an application shall be made not later than one month before the expiry of a licence.'

Section 36 (2) states that the Authority may require further information deemed necessary from the applicant.

GRANTING OF A FINANCIAL SERVICES LICENCE

The Authority requires prospective licencees to meet certain requirements. This point is emphasised by the FSRA Act, 2010. Section 37 (2) states that a licence shall only be granted if the applicant meets and the Authority is satisfied that the applicant will continue to meet;

- Capital adequacy, solvency or other



prudential standards;

- Minimum financial requirements;
- Licencing conditions set by the Authority;
- Requirements of the applicable financial services law.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

As per the provisions of Section 38 of the FSRA Act, 2010, the Authority may grant or renew a licence subject to conditions or restrictions that it may deem fit. At any time the Authority may by written notice to a financial service provider, vary any condition or restriction or impose further conditions or restrictions. It is a transgression not to adhere or comply with this provision. It is therefore expected that for harmonious relationship between the Authority and market players compliance with the necessary legislation be adhered to. In terms of Section 38 (3) of the FSRA Act, 2010 failure to comply with the condition or restriction is an offence and the individual is liable to a fine not exceeding E 100 000 and a further E5 000 every day for which transgression continues.

FAILURE OR INABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE ACT

If an authorised financial services provider fails to comply with require-

ments under provisions of the Act or financial services law, the Authority may;

- Publish a statement where it thinks it is necessary or expedient in the interests of the public or for the protection of stakeholders;
- Issue a written warning;
- Direct financial services provider to do something or refrain from doing something;
- Impose administrative penalty as per Section 68. Irrespective of whether criminal proceedings in terms of the Act have been or may be instituted against an authorised entity, the Authority may by written notice issue an administrative penalty.

CONSEQUENCES OF ENGAGING AN UN-LICENCED FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDER

Consumers are urged to cease and desist in dealing with un-authorised financial services providers.

The Ombudsman Financial Services may not offer any remedy in terms of complaints as a result of transgressions should such happen, since they only have jurisdiction on licenced non-bank financial services providers.

For any questions of enquiries, please contact the FSRA on 2406 8000 or alternatively you can email us on info@fsra.co.sz

BUMPER CROP LIFTS SA FROM ABYSS

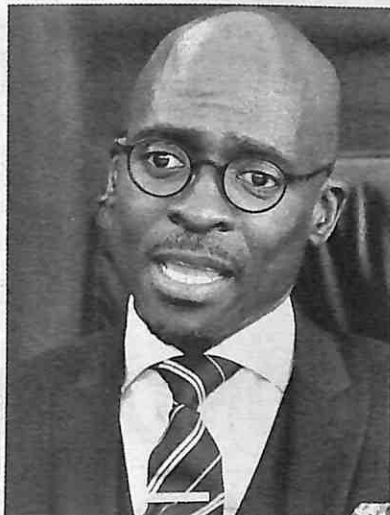
JOHANNESBURG - The Rand firmed against the US dollar after data released last Tuesday showed that Africa's two biggest economies, Nigeria and South Africa lifted out of recession in the second quarter of the year, with South Africa's growth supported by a resurgent agricultural sector.

However, economists and Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba quickly pointed out that the country was not yet out of the woods. The rand was bid at R12.87 against the greenback at 5pm, from R12.98 it was bid at prior to Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) official gross domestic product (GDP) announcement.

Stats SA said the country's economy grew 2.5 per cent in the second quarter of the year from first quarter's 0.7 per cent contraction. This marked an end of two-quarters of contraction and beating market expectations of a 2.1 per cent rise in GDP.

Mamello Matikinca, a senior economist at FNB, said while further policy easing could provide a mild boost to GDP, structural difficulties will likely prevent any meaningful lift in economic growth.

"We are hesitant to read too much into this and expect the recovery to be short-lived given persistently weak consumer



CAUTIOUS: Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba.

confidence and real wage growth. Gross fixed capital formation plunged 2.6 per cent quarter on quarter, reflective of weak business confidence," Matikinca said.

Meanwhile, Nigeria's economy shrugged off five painful quarters in the red zone, after its GDP expanded 0.55 per cent in the second quarter of the year.

Statistician-General Pali Lehohla said the second quarter growth was driven by a rise in the production of field crops, in particular, maize and wheat, as well

as increased production of horticulture products such as vegetables.

Lehohla said production in the agricultural sector soared during the quarter, expanding 33.6 per cent compared to the similar period last year. "The bumper crop has already provided some relief for cash-strapped South African households.

Higher stocks of maize and wheat have begun to dampen prices, with bread and cereal prices falling month-on-month for six consecutive months," Lehohla said.

Recent figures from the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) expects the country to produce 16.4 million tonnes of commercial maize this year, more than double than last year's harvest, and higher than the current record of 14.7 million tonnes produced in 1981.

John Ashbourne, an Africa economist at Capital Economics, said that the rebound in the second quarter supports its view that the economy will perform stronger than most expect in over the coming quarters. "We believe that a combination of a strong agricultural recovery and better performances from consumer-facing sectors will take headline growth to 1.5 per cent over 2017 as a whole." *Business Report*

Another hurdle for commencing fracking in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG - The plans of companies seeking to commence with deep drilling or hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in parts of the Karoo exceeding 120 000km² hit a stumbling block after the Eastern Cape High Court declared the Regulations for Petroleum Exploration and Production (the fracking regulations) invalid on October 17, in the case of *John Douglas Stern NO and Others versus the Minister of Mineral Resources*.

The court held that the minister of mineral resources lacked the authority to promulgate the fracking regulations and that they were not published in a procedurally fair manner.

The applicants, which comprised several farmers and farmers' organisations from the greater Karoo area (applicants), sought an order reviewing and setting aside the minister's decision to promulgate the fracking regulations, alternatively declaring his promulgation of the fracking regulations, alternatively the content of the fracking regulations, inconsistent with the constitution.

The applicants' challenge to the fracking regulations' validity essentially was that:

The minerals minister was not authorised under the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development

Act, No 28 of 2002 (the MPRDA) to promulgate the fracking regulations and therefore acted unlawfully, rendering them invalid.

The fracking regulations' purpose was to regulate the environmental consequences of fracking.

However, the authority to regulate the environmental aspects of fracking fell outside the minister's powers, as this power was removed from the scope of his authority as part of the amendments made to the MPRDA during 2013.

The fracking regulations were not published in a procedurally fair manner, as its "Schedule 1" (which listed the substances prohibited from use as additives to fracturing fluids during the fracking process) was not included in the draft fracking regulations when they were initially published for comment from interested and affected parties.

The fracking regulations' purpose was to: (a) conserve the environment; (b) manage the environmental impacts of the production operations; (c) rehabilitate disturbances of the surface of land where they take place due to fracking; and (d) prevent, control and combat pollution of air, land, sea or other water (including groundwater).

Business Report

More bad news for motorists as oil price peaks

JOHANNESBURG - Motorists are likely to feel the effects of strengthening oil prices in due course.

Yesterday morning, the price of crude oil hit its highest level since July 2015, trading at R62.90 per barrel.

Last week, the Automobile Association warned that motorists were yet to feel the full effects of strengthening oil prices.

A weaker rand is also a contributor to higher fuel costs. Last Wednesday, the petrol price was increased by 4c to R13.62 a litre. Reuters reports that oil jumped to its highest in more than two years on Monday as Saudi Arabia's crown prince cemented his power through a crackdown on corruption. *ENCA*

STANDARD BANK CREATES R1.8BLN DEBT FUNDING MODEL FOR SA AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

JOHANNESBURG - Standard Bank yesterday announced the creation of a new R1.8 billion debt funding model for the South African agricultural sector.

Standard Bank will go into partnership with agribusiness, Transvaal Wattle Growers Co-operative Limited (TWK), and the Land Bank.

The 77-year-old business, TWK, provides a broad range of products and services to its stakeholders including timber, grain, trade and mechanisation, financial services, and vehicles and tyres.

The transaction is a first in agricultural finance in terms of the col-



laboration in a syndicated loan to TWK between Standard Bank as a

commercial financial services provider and Land Bank as a parastatal financier.

It is also a first in terms of Standard Bank and TWK working together to restructure the co-operative's balance sheet in a way that enables the bank to apply its financial insight from the corporate business world to agriculture's operating environment.

Standard Bank Head of Agribusiness, Nico Groenewald, said that the new debt structure was aligned with TWK's growth strategies and enhancing the balance sheet of the company. He said it was a perfect balance between the optimal financing mechanism and financing products. *African News Agency (ANA)*

NUM CALLS FOR INQUEST INTO MINE FATALITIES

JOHANNESBURG - The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) has called for an investigation into rising fatalities in the mining industry after two mineworkers died following a seismic event at AngloGold Ashanti's Mponeng Mine, near Carletonville in North West.

Mponeng is the deepest mine in the world at a depth of 4km.

Two Mponeng mineworkers died and six others are recovering in hospital following a fall-of-ground incident that was triggered by a seismic event of 1.1 magnitude at 3.6km around 9.30am on

Thursday.

"A thorough investigation is needed to get to the bottom of the fatalities," Erick Gcilitshana, NUM health and safety secretary said on Friday.

Gcilitshana said the increasing number of fall-of-ground incidents, particularly in Klerksdorp and Carletonville, was worrying. Two mineworkers died at the Mponeng mine in October, while two others died at AngloGold's Kopanang mine in September due to fall-of-ground incidents.

Four mineworkers died in July at the Tau Lekoa mine owned by Heaven Sent,

a Chinese venture capital firm following a fall-of-ground incident and five others died at Harmony Gold's Kusaalethu mine in August.

There were 73 fatalities in the industry last year, down from 77 in 2015, excluding the three mineworkers at the Lily Mine in Barberton.

Pretty Nkambule, Solomon Nyarenda and Yvonne Mnisi, who went missing after the shipping container they were working in was buried when an underground supporting pillar collapsed last February.

Business Report

'Roodt's advice was irresponsible'

JOHANNESBURG - Dr Conrad Beyers, Barclays Africa Chair in Actuarial Science at the University of Pretoria, said that public advice by prominent economist, Mr Dawie Roodt, urging South Africans to take their money out of the country, should be taken with caution.

He noted that "physically taking money out of the country" is not the only way to protect savings against a weakening South African economy.

According to Beyers, the advice by Roodt appears to be a hysteri-

cal reaction to recent events. He cautioned that people should be aware of the risks that accompany hasty decisions to take savings out of the country.

Interest rates are typically very low in developed countries and exchange rate fluctuations can have a significant influence on the value of overseas savings.

For example, typical interest on savings instruments in developed countries are much lower than in South Africa - in Australia it is around one per cent.

Business Report Online



Embarrassment as Botswana's President forced off the road

JOHANNESBURG - A move by the motorcade of North West Premier, Supra Mahumapelo, to force the motorcade of Botswana's President, Ian Khama off the road in that country has led to some diplomatic bluelight embarrassment.

According to a statement released by Jeff Ramsay for Government Communications, "There was indeed an incident that took place in the afternoon of Wednesday in which a convoy carrying the South African North West province's Premier Supra Mahumapelo back to South Africa resulted in vehicles escorting H.E. the President Lt. General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, among others, to move off the road.

"H.E. the president's life was



BLUE LIGHT EMBARRASSMENT: Botswana's President, Ian Khama.

not under any threat during the incident." According to Ramsay, the government of Botswana expressed its concern to the South African government "about the unfortunate incident through the appropriate diplo-

matic channels."

He says the matter is being resolved "in an amicable matter." Mahumapelo was in Botswana attending the Global Expo Botswana 2017 Trade Exhibition. *eNCA*

'Angry' Grace wants Mugabe's VP Mnangagwa gone

HARARE - Zimbabwean First Lady Grace Mugabe has reportedly declared that under fire Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa should be gone from both the government and ZANU-PF, before the ruling party's extraordinary congress in December.

Grace said this as she addressed thousands of indigenous church followers during what was termed a "Super Sunday Rally" at a stadium in Harare on Sunday.

According to NewsDay, the "angry" First Lady said: "Trouble causers in the party must go before the next congress.

He (Mnangagwa) must be dropped before we meet at congress in order for us to have unity in the party."

Mnangagwa, who had been touted as a possible successor to President Robert Mugabe, 93, has recently fallen out with the first family.

On Saturday Mugabe threatened to fire Mnangagwa, accusing him of fanning factionalism to garner support ahead of the special congress.

Amid party divisions over who should become leader - an event only likely to occur when the incumbent dies - Grace 52, said the party will soon change its constitution to allow a woman to be vice president, reports indicated. *News24*

Liberia holds breath as court rules on presidential vote

MONROVIA - Liberians nervously awaited a Supreme Court ruling yesterday on the timing of a runoff presidential vote after the process was thrown into uncertainty by fraud allegations.

The court was expected to rule at 10 am whether to set a new date or to prolong the vote indefinitely while a legal complaint by the opposition Liberty Party is resolved.

The runoff between former international footballer George Weah of the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) and Vice President Joseph Boakai of the governing Unity Party was originally set for 7 November.

But Liberty Party candidate Charles Brumskine, who came third in the first round on October 10, claims fraud and irregularities tainted the results, leading the Supreme Court to put a temporary stay on preparations.

Brumskine and Boakai have accused incumbent President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of "interference" and of secretly supporting Weah over her own vice-president, claims she has strongly denied.

International donors have poured billions of dollars into Liberia since Sirleaf was elected in 2005, and are eager to see completed what will be the country's first democratic transition in seven decades.

Some experts believe a short delay will not necessarily derail the process but will require delicate handling.

"Even if there is a delay, as long as it does not undermine the integrity of the entire electoral process, then the Liberian people will still have an opportunity to make their voices heard," said Christopher Fomunyoh, regional director at the US-based National Democratic Institute, which sent observers to Liberia.

AFP

BRIEFS

Tons of hashish seized

Khartoum - A controversial Sudanese counter-insurgency unit said on Sunday it had seized 19 tonnes of hashish in war-torn Darfur, in one of the largest hauls ever reported in Sudan. Sudan's Rapid Support Forces (RSF), usually used to crush rebels in the country's conflict areas, seized two vehicles loaded with hashish after a gunfight with smugglers in the state of South Darfur last week. On Sunday, the security forces showed tonnes of seized cannabis to reporters at an RSF camp in Khartoum. Dozens of blue plastic sacks full of hashish were on display, while some was spread out on a carpet in the compound of the camp. *AFP*

No letup in standoff

JUBA - Troops remained deployed around the home of South Sudan's powerful former army chief Paul Malong on Sunday in a dispute over the fate of his 30 bodyguards, an army spokesperson told AFP. The standoff began on Friday evening when more than 100 soldiers surrounded his residence in central Juba, South Sudan's capital, in a move which prompted people to flee to their homes for fear the standoff would erupt into clashes. Malong is a hardline ethnic nationalist whose dismissal in May by President Salva Kiir had sparked fears of a major clash between supporters and troops loyal to the president, though that never materialised. *AFP*

11 imprisoned in raid

BAMAKO - An anti-terrorist raid by French forces at the end of last month left 11 imprisoned Malian soldiers dead, military sources said Sunday. The incident occurred in the northeastern Kidal region on 23-24 October, after the Malian military had received proof that their soldiers, who had been captured by jihadists, were still alive. After what appears to be a botched raid, however, they were dead, a defence ministry official said, adding that officials had been in touch with the French military. Pictures of the soldiers' corpses confirmed the nature of their death. *AFP*



European envoys summoned

CAIRO - Egypt summoned on Sunday the ambassadors of Germany, Italy and The Netherlands after they criticised the arrest of an Egyptian human rights lawyer opposed to enforced disappearances, the foreign ministry said. The ministry added that they will also summon the ambassadors of the United Kingdom and Canada later in the day. Authorities arrested in September Ibrahim Metwally, who is linked to the case involving murdered Italian student Giulio Regeni, as he was about to fly to Geneva for a conference on enforced disappearances. *AFP*

Threat to diplomatic staff

NAIROBI - The United States' diplomatic mission in Somalia has directed all non-essential staff to leave the capital Mogadishu, saying it had received a "specific threat" against its employees. The move came a day after Washington carried out its first air strikes against Islamic State militants in the country, in raids it said killed "several terrorists". "Due to specific threat information against US personnel on the Mogadishu International Airport, the US Mission to Somalia has directed its non-essential US citizen employees to depart Mogadishu until further notice," said a statement. It did not give further details. Islamic State has been gathering recruits in the region, but it remains a small player compared to the al Shabaab group. *Reuters*

DR Congo sets elections for December 2018

KINSHASHA - The Democratic Republic of Congo announced Sunday that much-delayed elections to replace President Joseph Kabila would take place in December 2018, but the opposition demanded the longtime leader step down sooner.

Elections were due to take place this year under a deal whereby Kabila would leave office but repeated wrangling has hobbled the process.

The election commission said, "direct voting" will take place on December 23, 2018, covering presidential, legislative, regional and local elections,

said Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) official Jean-Pierre Kalamba.

But the Congolese opposition said the timeframe was not acceptable, insisting that Kabila quits by the end of this year.

"We reject the (CENI) calendar... what interests us right now is the departure of Kabila by December 31, 2017," said Augustin Kabuya, spokesman for the main opposition Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS).

The electoral commission said provisional results of the presidential election would not be published until a week after the

voting, on December 30, 2018, with definitive results not issued until January 9, 2019.

The new president will then take office on January 12, 2019, CENI said.

Prolonging the people's misery

That calendar is based on "rationalisation of the electoral system so as to reduce the costs," said CENI chief Corneille Nangaa.

But senior opposition figure Moise Katumbi dismissed the plan. "This predatory regime wants to prolong the instability and misery of the people," Katumbi said. *AFP*



HELPING HAND: Rohingya refugee receive bananas from a Bangladeshi volunteer after crossing from Myanmar into Bangladesh. More than 600 000 Rohingya have arrived in Bangladesh since a military crackdown in Myanmar in August triggered an exodus.

Focus on SA scene

WOMAN KILLED, MAN INJURED IN SHOOTING

JOHANNESBURG – A woman was killed and a man critically injured in a shooting incident outside a residence in the Blyvoor informal settlement outside of Carletonville.

ER24 Spokesperson Russel Meiring said when paramedics arrived on the scene on Sunday night they found the man and woman had sustained gunshot wounds to their heads.

"The man was found in a critical condition while the woman showed no signs of life," said Meiring yesterday, adding, "unfortunately, the woman had already succumbed to her injuries."

Nothing more could be done for her and she was later declared dead."

Meiring said the man was treated for his injuries and provided with advanced life support interventions before he was transported by the Provincial Services to a nearby hospital. Details of the shooting remain sketchy, but local authorities are investigating the fatal shooting.

African News Agency

RAMAPHOSA PICKS NALEDI AS PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE

JOHANNESBURG - Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa named Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor as his running mate, it has been reported.

Ramaphosa is a leading contender to replace President Jacob Zuma as ANC leader in December.

The deputy president has been under pressure to pick a female running mate as gender equality is a key ANC policy goal and his main challenger is Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, a veteran politician, former African Union head.

The Mail & Guardian reported on Sunday that Ramaphosa made the announcement that Pandor would be the ANC deputy presidential candidate on his ticket during a rally

in the northern province of Limpopo.

"It's a smart move. Pandor's smart and she does not appear tainted by any corruption allegation nor is she close to either the Zuma or Ramaphosa camps. And as a woman, she ticks a number of boxes that make a lot of sense," said Gary van Staden, a political analyst with NKC African Economics.

Pandor is an articulate technocrat with a professorial manner who has also done a stint as education minister. Her spokesman could not immediately confirm the reports and said Pandor was travelling to Jordan for a science conference.

The rest of Ramaphosa's slate includes:

KwaZulu-Natal ANC Chairper-



CHOSEN: Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor.

son Senzo Mchunu as Secretary-General, current Secretary-General Gwede Mantashe as chairperson, and for Treasurer-General Paul Mashatile, who is currently the chair-

person of the ANC in Gauteng. Ramaphosa's camp could not immediately be reached for comment.

Reuters

President Zuma remains committed to nuclear project and Russia

JOHANNESBURG - Those who do not support South Africa's nuclear project are backing western agendas, President Jacob Zuma said during his Oliver Tambo centenary address in Kagiso, Johannesburg on Sunday.

Zuma went into detail explaining the ANC's relationship with Russia and why the government was pursuing its nuclear power plans. "When we started negotiations the west told the apartheid government to destroy their nuclear power because communist cannot get hold of them."

"They said they can never control nuclear because they are communist. That is the history of nuclear," he said.

Zuma's statement follows a report by City Press Sunday

newspaper that his newly appointed Energy Minister David Mahlobo was working tirelessly to finalise a reviewed energy resource plan. This despite Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba saying that a nuclear project was not necessary and the country cannot afford it. Zuma was critical of those who do not support a nuclear project. "There are those who support this notion without even knowing the background. They go around saying we don't want nuclear. They are supporting the wrong forces," he added.

In his two hour long address, Zuma reconfirmed his commitment to a partnership with Russia. He told ANC supporters that Russia had supported the ANC during its struggle for liberation.

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COMMITTED: SA President Jacob Zuma.

Keep politics out of policing - Mbalula

JOHANNESBURG - Police officers must stay out of politics and focus on combating crime, which is "out of hand", Police Minister Fikile Mbalula said in Tshwane on Sunday.

"Comrades, let us depoliticise [the SA Police Service]," he said.

"Let this be a professional organisation free of political parties head office gossipers who move from ear to ear with various promises of auctioned power," he told Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (POPCRU) members at their Central Executive Meeting in Irene.

"[The SA Police Service] must be led by management that cares for our people and the job at hand which is crime prevention and fighting," Mbalula said in a speech prepared for delivery.

Management and officers should not concern themselves with which minister may be reshuffled or not, or lobby for certain politicians to be the minister of police.

This behaviour invokes the Gestapo,



WARNS: Police Minister Fikile Mbalula.

the secret police of Nazi Germany, he said. According to Mbalula interparty partisanship is going as far as illegal intercepts and attempts to frame politicians. He went as far as warning against a reincarnation of Fulgencio Batista, a

Cuban army stenographer who elevated himself to pull presidential strings in the background and eventually rose to the presidency himself.

Mbalula warned that this situation often "starts at the top".

He identified current security threats to South Africa as: threats to territorial integrity, the authority of the state, the well-being and safety of South Africans and threats to the country's economic development.

He also told police officers to be vigilant of the growing private security industry whose employees are guarding key public institutions such as the National Prosecuting Authority.

In a wide-ranging speech, Mbalula paid tribute to police officers who were working in difficult conditions, and offered his condolences to families whose police officer partners or relatives had been killed in the line of duty.

He reiterated that criminals would have their "balls crushed" as police continue their fight against crime and urged officers themselves to behave with integrity. *news24*

'Public Protector never said 'don't buy' Pauw's book'

CAPE TOWN - Public Protector Advocate Busisiwe Mkhwebane never said people must not buy writer Jacques Pauw's controversial book *The President's Keepers*, her spokesperson Cleopatra Mosana said on Sunday.

"Nowhere does she say, 'don't buy the book'. Her tweet was taken out of context," said Mosana after Mkhwebane's tweet to advocate Vuyani Ngalwana SC was interpreted by some as discouraging people to buy the book.

This was after news broke that the State Security Agency (SSA) sent NB Publishers a cease and desist letter, telling them to withdraw the book and

redact excerpts on the grounds of alleged unlawful publication of classified material.

The SSA also threatened criminal charges against the publisher.

The SA Revenue Services (SARS) is also considering legal steps against Pauw, and the Sunday Times which published an extract, because of tax information it contains.

This relates to an allegation in the book that President Jacob Zuma received R1m a month from Roy Moodley in 2009, when president, without declaring it to the taxman.

SARS said Chapter 6 of the Tax

Administration Act 28 of 2011 prohibits the disclosure of taxpayer information by a current or former SARS official.

The publisher said it stood by Pauw and the book.

Mkhwebane found herself in the fray when Ngalwana tweeted: "Yho! I wasn't going to read the Pauw book. But now I'm interested??. At least I have a discerning disposition & can tell rubbish from fact." Fellow advocate Mkhwebane replied: "And fall into the trap of increasing sales for certain individuals don't think it's a wise move SC, *boleka* from *oyithengile* (borrow from someone who bought a copy)." *News24*



MOVED ON: Georgela (left) is now dating IT programmer Craig (right) and attending a Unitarian church in Dallas.

And, as she wrote in one of her Facebook posts: "I'm still so in-love with Ioannis (the Greek name for John).... Nonetheless I'm tired of being pushed over the edge by him, and being told: 'Tania, you're a strong woman! Pick yourself up so I can push you over again!'" I want my husband back but not on those terms." Atlantic reporter Graeme Wood, an ISIS expert, wrote that in his interviews with Tania, she seemed genuinely reformed.



STRONG: Tania is seen with her three youngest children. 'I've had these children for one reason only, and that was so they could serve God as Muslims, as mujahideen,' she recalls.

Growing up in Plano, Texas, John is said to have rebelled as a teenager, becoming a prolific drug user, dropping out of school and converting to Islam shortly after 9/11. The couple fell in love over discussions of jihad and dreams of a caliphate: a match made in hell.

I had children to serve God as terrorists

London - The British-born jihadi bride who married America's most senior member of ISIS says racism she experienced in the UK led to her joining the terror group.

Tania Georgelas, now 33, said bigotry she experienced growing up in Harrow, London, fueled her hatred for the West and began her radicalisation as a youth.

"I faced a lot of racism," she told The Atlantic in an interview released last Friday.

"I was looking for a way to retaliate,

● British ISIS bride who married caliphate's highest-ranking American reveals how she was radicalised by 'racism' in London - and how she fled Syria to go into hiding in Texas

and I wanted honour again."

The road led her to her ex-husband John Georgelas, an American-born convert to Islam with whom she has four children, and eventually to Syria.

She explained how she dreamed of having seven children who would become

assassins and conquer every continent on earth for ISIS before escaping to become a suburban mom in Dallas.

"I've had these children for one reason only, and that was so they could serve God as Muslims, as mujahideen," she recalled.

EMOTIONAL: She explained how she even dreamed of her children becoming assassins one day. Here, Tania is pictured with one of her children.

The pair began speaking in March 2003 and a month later he flew from the United States to London. Three days after meeting in person they married in a Muslim ceremony and flew together to the city of College Station in Texas.

From College Station, the pair travelled to Damascus in Syria, where their beliefs became more conservative, returning briefly to the UK in 2004 to legally marry.

Tania was heavily pregnant when the pair wed in a civil ceremony in October at the Gothic town hall in Rochdale, England.

The pair then moved back to Texas where George was jailed in 2006 for providing IT assistance to jihadi websites.

Tania waited for him to make parole in 2011, and the pair immediately flew to London and then to Cairo.

They'd had three children and another on the way when, in 2013, they began discussing joining ISIS in Syria.

"John wanted to go to Syria, and I said I wasn't ready, not while the children are small," she recalls.

But then they did go, even though Tania was some five months pregnant, and they brought along their young children.



SPEAKING OUT: Tania joined Match.com and described herself as a single mother of four whose husband had left 'to become the next Osama Bin Laden'. She quickly got 1,300 replies "She told me pretty much from about the first phone call," Craig recalled.



"She said right away that husband was in IS, and I said 'Ok, that's alright.'" Craig, originally from Minnesota, introduced Tania to the wine bars and bistros of the north Dallas suburbs, and the pair quickly became a couple. They now attend a Unitarian

church together, and Tania says she'd like to work for a de-radicalisation programme that could help former terrorists.

"A lot of people see me as someone very unlucky, but I see the glass half full," she said. "I'm alive, I got out of Syria and my children are happy, healthy and smart. I'm content."

In January, the Daily Mail reported that there were some questions around just how completely Tania had severed ties with her former husband and his radical ideology.

After fleeing Syria, she has visited a social networking site used by her husband to post his extremist articles and 'liked' a final post made before the site was closed down.

BRIEFS

Nine people drown

NEW DELHI - At least nine people have drowned in two separate incidents in eastern India's Bihar state. Police officer Sunil Kumar said five boys aged 9 - 12 and one woman, all from a single extended family, drowned on Sunday in the Ganges River while on a picnic near Patna, the state capital. They were swept away by the strong current. The Press Trust of India news agency reported that three other people drowned when their boat capsized on Sunday in the Sarswati River in the state's Samastipur district. Such incidents occur frequently in India, where few people use life jackets. **AP**

Harassment scandal spreading

LONDON — The scandal surrounding Britain's political class deepened on Sunday with more allegations of sexual harassment, abuse of power and other misdeeds, including new claims involving a key ally of Prime Minister Theresa May.

The allegations dating back more than a decade involve behaviour that ranges from inappropriate touching and sending suggestive text messages to matters serious enough to be reported to police for possible prosecution. First Secretary of State Damian Green, a senior Cabinet figure who is in effect May's deputy, emphatically denied a Sunday Times report that police had found "extreme" pornography on his computer during an investigation nine years ago. **AP**

At least 75 dead in IS attack

BEIRUT - At least 75 civilians were killed in an Islamic State group car bombing that struck a gathering of people displaced by fighting in eastern Syria, a monitor said on Sunday. Saturday's attack in the eastern province of Deir Ezzor killed "at least 75 displaced civilians including children" and wounded 140, said Rami Abdel Rahman, head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Abdel Rahman said the victims had fled battles in the province, where Syrian regime forces and a US-backed Kurdish-Arab alliance, the Syrian Democratic Forces, are fighting the extremist group in separate offensives. **AFP**



Saudi Arabia seals borders

RIYADH - The Saudi-led coalition battling Shiite Huthi rebels in Yemen closed the country's air, sea and land borders Monday and accused Iran of being behind a weekend missile attack on Riyadh, saying it "may amount to an act of war". Saudi Arabia intercepted and destroyed the ballistic missile, which was launched from Yemen as rebels appeared to escalate hostilities, near Riyadh's international airport on Saturday. The missile was the first aimed by the Shiite rebels at the heart of the Saudi capital, underscoring the growing threat posed by the raging conflict. **AFP**

Romanians against reforms

BUCHAREST - More than ten thousand Romanians demonstrated in Bucharest on Sunday to "defend the independence of the judiciary" in protest against a government bill that critics say will weaken anti-corruption measures. The protesters gathered in front of the government headquarters in the capital and then marched to the parliament chanting "thieves". Protests were also held in dozens of other cities across the country opposing the parliamentary bill that would reduce the powers of the anti-corruption prosecutor's office (DNA) and prevent it from investigating magistrates. **AFP**

World News

Donald Trump opens door to North Korea

TOKYO - President Donald Trump appeared to strike a more conciliatory tone on North Korea as he got down to business yesterday on an Asian tour dominated by the nuclear crisis with Pyongyang.

Trump's high-stakes visit to the region was overshadowed by what the president described as a "horrific shooting" in Texas, where a gunman killed 26 people and wounded 20 more during Sunday services.

"Our hearts are broken," he told business tycoons in Tokyo.

Trump began his marathon trip in belligerent form, warning on Sunday that "no dictator" should underestimate the US' resolve, a clear swipe at North Korea and its young leader Kim Jong-Un.

However, in a pre-recorded interview broadcast on US TV,



CONCILIATION: US President Donald Trump shakes hands with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

he held out the prospect of talks with Pyongyang, saying he would "certainly be open" to meeting Kim.

"I would sit down with anybody," he said. "I don't think it's strength or weakness, I think

sitting down with people is not a bad thing," he said on the "Full Measure" show.

"So I would certainly be open to doing that but we'll see where it goes, I think we're far too early." **AFP**

Man linked to Texas shooting faced military court-martial

HOUSTON - The man authorities have identified as the gunman in a mass shooting at a Texas church faced court-martial and was discharged from the Air Force for allegedly assaulting his wife and child, according to an Air Force spokesperson.

Ann Stefanek said on Sunday that Devin Kelley was sentenced to 12 months' confinement after a 2012 court-martial. He ultimately received a bad conduct discharge and reduction in rank.

She said Kelley served in Logistics Readiness at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico from 2010 until his discharge.

Authorities did not announce his name at a news conference on the shooting, saying only that the suspect was a white male in his 20s.

But a US official and a law enforcement official identified Kelley as the person who opened fire on Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas, killing 26 people and wounding about 20 others.

The US official told The Associated Press that Kelley lived in a San Antonio suburb and that he doesn't appear to be linked to organised terrorist groups.

The official said investigators are looking at social media posts Kelley may have made in the days before Sunday's attack, including one that appeared to show an AR-15 style semiautomatic weapon. The official requested anonymity because the person did not have authorisation to speak publicly. **AP**

Gunman kills 26 at Texas church service

WASHINGTON - A black-clad gunman armed with an assault rifle opened fire on a small town Texas church during Sunday morning services, killing 26 people and wounding 20 in the latest mass shooting to shock the United States.

Authorities did not identify the gunman, saying only that he was a "young white male, maybe in his early 20s," who was wearing a bulletproof vest and found dead in his vehicle after being confronted by a local resident.

Exactly five weeks after the worst shooting in modern US history, the latest tragedy prompted an outpouring of condolences, led by US President Donald Trump.

The victims, who ranged in age from five to 72, were gunned down at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, a rural community of about 400 people located 50 kilometres south-east of San Antonio. The gunman fired outside at the church before entering the building and continuing to spray bullets, said Freeman Martin, Regional Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "As he exited the church, a local resident grabbed his rifle and engaged that suspect. The suspect dropped his rifle, which was a Ruger AR assault-type rifle, and fled from the church. Our local citizen pursued the suspect at that time," Martin said.

AFP

Sacked Catalan leader freed on bail in Belgium

BRUSSELS - Catalonia's sacked separatist leader Carles Puigdemont and four of his former ministers were released with conditions in Belgium on Sunday after turning themselves in to face a Spanish warrant for their arrest.

A judge ordered the five, who fled Spain earlier this week after being accused of rebellion and sedition, not to leave Belgium until their extradition case is heard.

It is the latest twist in the crisis unleashed by the Catalan separatists' push to break away from Spain, sending shock waves across Europe.

Puigdemont and his allies escaped to Belgium on October 30 after Spain dismissed the Catalan executive and imposed direct rule on the semi-autonomous region following the declaration of independence by the parliament there.

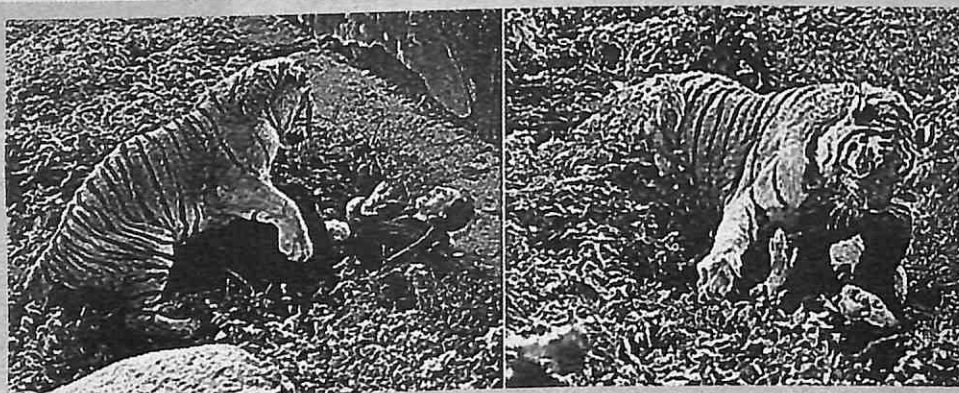
"They were taken into custody at 09:17 (08:17 GMT)," said Gilles Dejemeppe, a spokesperson for Belgian prosecutors.

A white van believed to be carrying Puigdemont raced out of the Belgian prosecutor's office around 15 hours later, AFP reporters witnessed.

"The request made this afternoon by the Brussels' Prosecutor's Office for the provisional release of all persons sought has been granted by the investigative judge," said the statement by the prosecutor's office shortly afterward.

The next court hearing will be in the following 15 days. Belgium has up to 60 days to decide whether to send the Catalans back to Spain.

AFP



HORRIFYING: The 16-year-old male tiger, called Typoon, attacked a young female zookeeper at Kaliningrad Zoo after part of its cage was accidentally left open while she went to feed it. Horrified visitors watched as the animal pounced and mauled her, but managed to distract it by throwing sticks, stones and even a table and chairs so the keeper could escape. She is now in critical condition in hospital but is expected to survive her ordeal.



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DUSTY AND STONES WIN TEXAS AWARD

By Nomfundo Sifundza

DUSTY and Stones have won a prestigious country music awards.

The duo was awarded 'Texas Sound International 2017 Country Music Duo of The Year' award in the United States of America, Texas this past weekend. Officially the first ever Swazis to win in the United States of America.

The Swazi born singers beat other American country music groups and others from across the world to be crowned the outstanding duo during the awards that began on November 2 and lasted until November 5.

An elated Stones informed the Entertainment Desk that this was a dream come true, "words cannot even describe the happiness in our hearts," he said. The two are known for their most favoured songs 'Home, Ride with me' and the love song 'Yolanda.'

Winning the award in Texas has been dubbed 'a milestone' for the growing country music scene in Swaziland.

This was also attested by Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC) CEO Stanley Dlamini who also seemed overjoyed by the win.

Dlamini proudly boasted how even the people in the United States who knew not of a country called Swaziland, now know about the country.

"They do not only know about



DISPLAY: The duo posing with a fan.

Swaziland now but they know the country has winners, Dusty and Stones have just done the country proud," he said.

Dlamini further accredited the duo's win to their originality and passion. He narrated how forceful the country's music industry has been breaking barriers in all sectors.

Enough

Fair enough Dlamini did not hide from the onset that he believed in the duo as he threw them a fitting farewell before they jetted off to the United States.

Upon hearing the news of their triumph, Dlamini encouraged other artists to enter for international competitions. "Who knows the country's big break might be there just like

Dusty and Stones have done for the country music scene," he said.

Two points worth noting is that Texas is known worldwide as the hub of country music and the duo are said to have been discovered by two Irish radio deejay's who were blown away by their talent.

In recent year's the duo hailing from the Shiselweni region have been a clear reflection of what country music is.

They have performed at the illustrious Bushfire Festival for more than three years and at each performance, revellers fell in love with their heart-felt renditions.

The song called 'Home' is quite a favourite with many Swazi's who have had to be away from home due



ITS OURS: Dusty and Stones displaying their 'Texas Sounds International Country Music Duo of The Year' award which they won in Texas this past weekend. (Courtesy Pics)

to educational or work commitments. Dusty shared that the song came from a place within him when he missed nothing more than the peace and tranquillity he finds at home, away from the hustle and bustle of university life.

During their stay in Texas the duo managed to record new songs for their documentary which will be produced by an American production company.

Not only was new music created, memories made and records broken but the Swazi flag was undeniably flown high. Another personality thrilled by the duo's win was Buddy Masango, a versatile musician.

"Oh wow they won;

this is really great for them and the country.

I usually spend time with them where we discuss just about anything musical and this win has just made me over the moon," he said.

PHIWA TSHANGELA WINS at MISS AFRICA

By Simon Shabangu

THE country's flag was flown high when Swazi model Phiwa Tshangela won the Miss Africa Swaziland 2018 at the Africa Pageant held in South Africa.

She also won Most Courageous award 2017 which was part of the awards on the night. She was also appointed as Africa Pageants Country Director for Swaziland for new entries next year and she can be contacted for more information.

The crowning ceremony was held over the weekend at a glamorous event where three other winners were crowned.

The South African based model snatched the title from nine hopefuls at the prestigious event held at Bufflespoort Resort in the North West on Saturday night.

The host country, venue and dates for

the final have not yet been announced. Asked about the good news, the elated model said the win is a source of motivation for her to look for bigger and more meaningful challenges because stating that this confirms that through faith, hard work and determination and abundant self-belief, the sky is the limit.

"Since I am now officially representing my country I will make sure that at all times I represent the country's national core values which is; being a respectful God fearing citizen who is respectful and culturally grounded and always respects the next persons individual rights.

Tell

I would also tell the rest of the world about my unique beauty of my country and the unique governing system based on monarchical democracy" she said.

She dedicated the crown to her family and friends who were dependable pillar of support in times of stiff challenges.

"This contest was very challenging because its focus went beyond judging beauty features and height, they were looking for beauty with substance" she added.

Meanwhile the organisers of the event wished her the best during her year long reign.

Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Pageant Carolyn Baldwin-Botha in a statement said the event was a great success.

She congratulated Phiwa for the crown and said they have confidence in her. "We know she will do both Africa and her country Swaziland proud, both on our beautiful continent as well as on international stages, showcasing the splendor of Swaziland and with the lives she will touch and change. Phiwa will also be the Africa Pageants Country Director for Swaziland for

new entries next year and she can be contacted for more information" she said.

Other winners were Casey Leigh de Witt (19) from Boksburg, Gauteng, South Africa who was crowned Miss Africa 2017.

Angie Bryant (38) from East London, Eastern Cape and currently residing in Kempton Park, Gauteng crowned Ms Africa 2018.

Lucinda Peterson (32), born and raised in Eldorado Park and currently residing in Alberton, Gauteng, South Africa was crowned Ms Africa 2018. Mrs Africa Classic 2018 was won by El Gosling (57) from Northcliff, Johannesburg, South Africa.



WINS: Swazi model Phiwa Tshangela.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARDS RED CARPET



1. PURE SWAZI: Minister of Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangusemphi went for a traditional look at the Entrepreneur of the Year Awards which were held at Mavuso Trade Centre, Manzini last Friday. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)



2. YELLOW ROSE: FNB Communications Specialist Sibusile Sigwane in a gorgeous yellow gown.



3. GENTI: Samkelo Lushaba from SEDCO well-suited up in a blue three piece suit.



5. GLAM: Zazi Hlophe from Standard bank looking good in her monochrome outfit.

6. ELEGANCY: Bhekiwe Zwane went for a simple yet classy outfit as she look amazing on the red carpet.

7. POSE: Swazi MTN's Happy Mavimbela and Nonhlanhla Setekge looked amazing in purple dresses.

8. SIMPLE: Phesheya Mswane from Standard bank went for a casual look at the awards.

9. CLASSY: Thandeka Dlamini from SEDCO looking classy in a peach classy gown.

10. BLACK AND BEAUTIFUL: Lomphumelelo Mahlalela went for a black dress.

11. GENTLEMAN: SEDCO Stakeholder Relations Specialist Mxolisi Dlamini looking dapper on the red carpet.

12. MONOCHROME: Zelda Fakudze from SEDCO went for a simple yet classy outfit.



GOOD SHEPHERD HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS FIRST PROM NIGHT

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

NEW Principal of Good Shepherd High School Sanele Ngwenya seems to have brought total transformation to the school as they hosted their first ever Prom Night for the completing class.

The colourful event was held at Siteki Hotel last Friday evening and was attended by Roman Catholic Priest Thulani Mabuza, Schools' Inspector Sibongile Mavimbela and the teachers who bid farewell to the pupils. Mavimbela was guest speaker at the event and gave life advices to the outgoing pupils.

The principal first highlighted that the event was meant at showing love to the pupils and further empower them with general knowledge which they will apply in their life out of school. It was for this reason that a motivational speaker was invited to give guidance to them. Of note is that Ngwenya was posted as head of the school early this

year after the former principal reached the mandatory retirement age.

When making her address, Mavimbela urged the pupils to remain attached to the school and not hesitate to seek assistance. She advised them to plan according to their priorities as they would now be facing the real world. The address became much of a counselling session as the schools' inspector educated the youngsters about issues of relationships and how they are expected to behave when meeting important people such as registrars of tertiary institutions, employers and in-laws.

The pupils were warned against taking 'quick' ways to success as this may lead them to crime. They were reminded of the importance of good conduct and loyalty. Mavimbela urged the pupils to take time and not rush when making lifetime decisions. These include choosing a life partner and the path of career that one desires to take.



PARTNERS: Sibusiso Ndzabandzaba and Zanele Dlamini looking elegant during the Prom Night event. (Pics: Wonder Dlamini)



GREAT TIME: Samkelo Dlamini, Siphwe Matse and Nobuhle Maziya enjoying themselves.



MY GIRL: Principal Sanele Ngwenya with Nomphumelelo Mavuso who was crowned prom Queen.



BROTHERLY: Siblings Phiwokwakhe and Nomphumelelo Mavuso were partners.



DO GOOD: Schools' Inspector Sibongile Mavimbela addressing the pupils.



CLOSER: Khayelihle Matsenjwa and Nonhlanhla Nkambule were all smiles.



LEADERS: Class monitor Ntokozo Ndzimandze and Head-boy Samkelo Dlamini pose for a photo.



IN DANCE: Majahonkhe Gwebu getting down on the dance floor.

Kwasukasukela top four revealed

By Ayanda Dlamini

THE Kwasukasukela top four has been finally revealed.

The top four can finally breathe a sigh of relief after a gruelling 16 week exercise under the watchful eye of industry professionals which included highly accomplished Swazi Author Kenneth Rowley.

The man at the helm of one of South Africa's leading telenovela's "Isithembiso" talented Film Director King Shaft Moropane and Swaziland's trailblazing Producer Thembumenzi Mabuza.

The top four were revealed by the project Director Welile Masuku yesterday. They are Beko Dlamini

stage named Beko The Story Teller, Kimberly Sithebe, Bongwe Zwane and Banele Mhlana.

"The training has given me lots of new ideas and skill to consider in the writing process. Moreover, I am looking forward to writing screenplays that will not only influence our society but can also stand out in the global film market," said Beko The story teller. Kwasukasukela is a storytelling platform and screenwriters' mentorship programme that seeks to build Swaziland's capacity to make 'broadcast quality films' throughout the production value chain in order to increase the presence of 'Swazi stories' on 'Swazi screens.'

"Being fully aware that storytelling, and in particular film-

making, is an influential cultural tool that has the power to shape public opinion, influence behaviour and determine the character of life in a society, the Kwasukasukela programme seeks to build Swaziland's capacity to 'reflect her own reality on screen' and ensure that Swazis are able to discuss their own issues as well as influence the character of their existence," said Musuku during an interview with this publication.

After an extensive lecture and task based exercise, 16 aspiring screenwriters were armed with writing skills and an opportunity to conceptualise their first professional stories for the medium of film. The exercise culminated

in the selection of four successful candidates who engaged in an extensive eight week writing exercise producing their very first professional one hour screenplays.

"We'd like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to UNESCO for their financial support and for believing in a project that will empower and

unearth a diversity of voices in the film space; a first in Swaziland! Such support will not only benefit the four writers but stands to contribute immensely towards conversations that will foster change and development in various pockets of our existence as a people" stated Masuku.

Currently the Kwasukasukela team is in the process of soliciting funding for the production of two of these films in order to bring the stories to a wider audience.

International
Celebrity News

Dr. Phil victim to sue him

LOS ANGELES - Dr. Phil's not going to skate after hitting a dude with his car, because the skateboarder he struck is gearing up to go after him in court ... TMZ has learned.

Terence Bembury's lawyer John Mardoyan tells us ... he's already filed an insurance claim over the accident, and it's very likely a lawsuit's coming next. The lawyer says Terence sustained a serious shoulder injury and possible head trauma.

Bembury's also got a major problem with how he says Dr. Phil handled the situation. He claims he was in a state of shock after being



HAUNTED: Dr. Phil.

hit by a celeb and was definitely not OK before Phil took off ... even though cops say he told Phil he was fine - which gave the Doc the right to leave.

TMZ

'Olivia's missing lover 'found in Mexico'

LOS ANGELES - He's the ex boyfriend of Olivia Newton-John who is suspected of faking his own death after he didn't return from a fishing trip in June 2005.

And now a team of investigators are claiming they have tracked down Patrick McDermott and he is alive and well in Mexico, according to reports from New Idea.

A photograph recovered from a Mexican campsite last month by US media agency Coleman-Rayner is said to show a shirtless Patrick lounging alongside a woman.

The man in the image bares a striking resemblance to the American cameraman, who owed thousands of dollars in backdated child sup-



ALIVE: Olivia Newton and her boyfriend.

port payments for son Chance at the time of his disappearance.

Top private investigator Charlie Parker supports the theory, saying he believes the undated photograph most likely shows Olivia's former partner of nine years. *MailOnline*

Angie, Eva go glam at the Hollywood Film Awards

HOLLYWOOD - Award season is kicking off with a bang! First up is the 2017 Hollywood Film Awards.

The night's A-list attendees, including Angelia Jolie, Gary Oldman, Eva Longoria, Bryce Dallas Howard, Eva Longoria and more, showed up in droves on Sunday for the 21st annual award show at The Beverly Hilton Hotel in LA.

The big event is hosted by James Cordon, who is back for his third consecutive year.

This year's ceremony is set to benefit the Motion Picture & Television



GLAMMY: Angie and Eva.

Fund, which supports the entertainment community's health and human service needs.

DailyMail

Lamar Odom "doing well" after collapsing

HOLLYWOOD - Lamar Odom has already cheated death at least once...

Despite being videotaped collapsing in a Los Angeles nightclub early on Sunday morning, a spokesperson for the former basketball star says that all is well with the ex-Lakers player.

In a statement given to E! News, the spokesperson "Lamar is doing well."

The spokesperson continued, "He was dehydrated and had been in an intense workout earlier in the day. It was also very hot in the club."



ALL WELL: Lamar Odom.

On Sunday, TMZ Sports posted the original video of the troubled ex-hoopster collapsing at a VIP table. *Eonline*

SA Celebrity News

Arthur Mafokate sues SABC partner for R500k

JOHANNESBURG - Kwaito king Arthur Mafokate has threatened to nail SABC sports commentator Owen Ndlovu's balls to a tree if he does not pay him back the R500 000 he borrowed.

Mafokate said he loaned the money to Ndlovu when they became partners in the production of the SABC Summer Song Of The Year competition.

The Kaffir hitmaker has instructed top law firm Werksmans Attorneys and they have written a letter of demand to Ndlovu: he must pay back the money by no later than



PAY BACK TIME: Arthur Mafokate.

November 14 and add a rate of 10.25 per cent interest.

Sowetan

All White Gospel Picnic attracts many

JOHANNESBURG - Gospel giants and lovers gathered in Carnival City Festival Lawns on Saturday for the inaugural All White Gospel Picnic.

Renowned gospel stars including Judith Sephuma, Dumi Mkokstad, Betusile Mcinga, Zaza Mokhehi, Tebello Sukwene, Thinah Zungu, Khaya Mthethwa and Sipho Ngwenya took to the stage to entertain the crowd



ATTRACTIVE: Gospel artists.

during the outdoor music festival. *Sowetan*

Dineo M, Solo steal the show at Style Awards

JOHANNESBURG - It was all things style at Sandton City's Diamond Walk on Sunday night when celebs gathered for the SA Style Award. But it was a heartwarming speech from actress Dineo Moeketsi to her bae, Solo, that stole the spotlight. Dineo and Solo, who have been a couple for over six years, accepted the award for the Most Stylish Couple. In their acceptance speech, Dineo thanked her parents and her designer but left many in their feels when she thanked her bae Solo. "I have to thank Zothile Langa, who has been the love of my life for close to six years now."

The actress went on to explain why Solo deserves the praise and thanked



STYLE: Dineo M with Solo.

him for many things including "not getting mad" when she buys clothes and always playing "dress up" with her.

Timeslive

I'm nothing like Maki - Linda Sebezo

JOHANNESBURG - Linda Sebezo has viewers eating from the palm of her hands with her role on Mzansi Magic's Lockdown.

The veteran actress plays the character of Maki Magwaza, terrifyingly powerful inmate - who is out to kill.

We caught up with her to hear more about her role.

"The role is very challenging because it is very different from the roles I have been playing. I wanted to nail this role and prove a point since I've always played roles of being someone's mother. When I found



TOO DIFFERENT: Linda Sebezo.

out that I would be playing an inmate, I was very happy and I am enjoying the role." *Drum*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

While the lovers revel in their love, precautions are taken with the baby. Zama and Jabu's digging rattles a wrong and dangerous cage. Mandla approaches Mam'Ntuli with a proposal.



PROPOSE: Mandla

ISIDINGO

TODAY

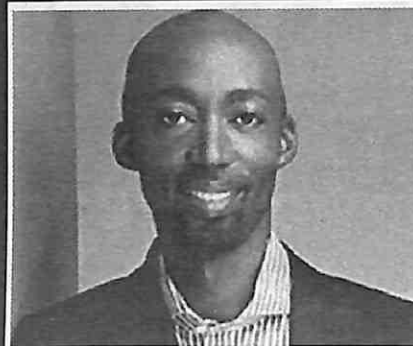


EXCITED: Rajesh.

It's the end of an era for the Duncan Hotel, or is it really? Gatanga drops a bombshell about Safira. Rajesh gets a little too excited about the baby issue.

Muvhango

TODAY



BACK: James.

James is back at Basadi running things without Thandaza. Mulalo wants Teboho to have a naming ceremony. Rendani is accused of attempted murder.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

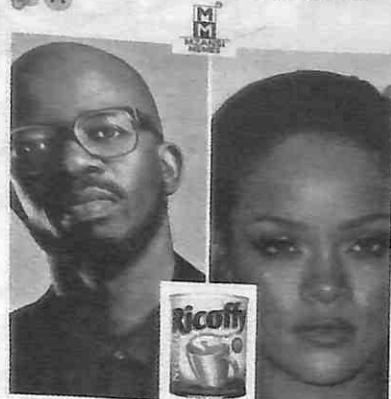
Puleng tries to understand what is really haunting Lufuno and Bongi tells Lerato some shocking truths. Fats tries to make up to Blossom and Blossom gets good news.



CONCERNED: Puleng.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

@JustKB_ELO
So if Riri & Coffee are working together what do we call them?



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

You might sense that you're being teased (probably by a Scorpio). Rapport might not be so easy to build: yet you may sense it will come. A long phone call with someone from an older generation could leave you slightly concerned about a journey they seem determined to make and you wish they'd leave - at least for now. The wording of a notice could test your language skills



It's just possible that you're both drained and exhausted. As with the other Cardinal signs (Aries, Libra and Capricorn), you might need space to recover. Contact with those from other generations could be the most exhausting. But so too could be trying to understand a text-book. It may be that you need to receive information in a more imaginative way.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Unwittingly you may have put someone under pressure. This could be through transport arrangements or insistence that a document is read before tomorrow. It could be though that you've been set a cosmic test in patience. A journey could be delayed or, for reasons quite beyond their control, the other person may not be able to work within the set time-frame. You may need to access your sense of humour - and understanding.



Leo July 23 – August 22

You may not have realised the impact of your words. There could now be misunderstandings to resolve. The upside of this is reaching understanding with someone (probably older) who now has to adjust to a decision you've taken. Transport could be an issue. Delays are possible - proving costly in terms of cash as well as time. On the plus side, this could give you time to think quietly away from the usual madding crowd.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Smoothing things over could be today's big theme. It's as likely though that more than coping with a personal error, you'll witness drama created by someone who ought to now better. With the exception of the very young or the very elderly, you might reasonably expect better behaviour. In particular, understanding may be needed if meals or journeys aren't on time.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

If you've never given it real thought before, perhaps now is the time to consider taking up yoga. Breathing techniques that help reduce nervous stress could be just what you need. At a very simple level a stroll in fresh air might help. What seems likely is that someone's been talking AT you and that you now need time to process all that's happened. An older person could prove the perfect companion.



Aries March 21 – April 19

The bad news is that you could feel out of sorts. Perhaps you aren't getting the pleasure you once did with a hobby? Could it be that you need to see an expert in action?



An enthusiasm fix, together with proper rest time could be the answer. Others might imply you're up against time constraints. That's their problem. All you probably need is to be with someone who's a bit of a live wire.



Libra September 23 – October 23

You may have run out of steam. It's possible that a self-imposed deadline is giving problems. It's also possible that you're concerned about someone who is away from home base and who's going to have to sort out a muddle as soon as they return. All this could leave you imbalanced. Help could come in the form of a friend born under one of the fixed signs who exudes quiet authority.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

You may be tongue-tied - or at least need time to recover from recent events. Yet others could be hanging on your every word and wish. The mischief-maker in you could come out to play and you could initiate a few silly missions. It's possible though that an older person (or a Capricorn) will see through an act. This could give you both something to chuckle over. And yes, at another level, in joining forces you could develop a strategy that's right for a business play to be pursued this week.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

In closing the door on a chapter you might also have some last minute tidying-up or archiving to do. Another part of you might see the need to create space ahead of a busy time ahead.

In sorting through a wardrobe you could end up with a pile of clothes that need cleaning, repair or to be placed in a trunk until the style comes round again! You might not be able to do the same with people - but even so, need to prioritise who gets your full attention.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Challenging as it may be, you could be practising the art of saying little.

Not letting someone know what you're thinking - or even where you are - might be a reasonable policy if privacy is an issue. At a different level you might worry that you're invading someone's personal space. Acknowledging an age-old tradition could produce minor discomfort.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

It's very likely that your memory will be tested. This could be in connection with an academic project. A Leo friend may be relying on you to help out a meeting. Their recall may not be as good as yours. It might be suggested that you play a more active role in a project that will be run at some distance from your home base: requiring you to make a decision as to how often you're willing to make a journey.

Cancer June 22 – July 22

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PUZZLE CHOICE

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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YOUR REFLECTION IS UGLY

So these two roaches, Tom and Oscar, are hanging out next to a dumpster enjoying a snack. "Hey Tom" said Oscar to his friend, "You know that restaurant down the block? I went there yesterday to pick up some scraps, and

I couldn't believe how clean it was, I could practically see my reflection through the shiny waxed floor." "Oscar" hollered Tom spitting the food out of his mouth, "please not while I am eating!!"

USELESS FACTS

1. If you lift a kangaroo's tail off the ground it can't hop - they use their tails for balance.
2. If you keep a goldfish in a dark room, it will become pale!
3. Cows can sleep standing up, but they can only dream lying down.
4. The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog." uses every letter of the alphabet.
5. The average fox weighs 14 pounds.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brainteasers

1. Why is the letter A the most like a flower?
Answer: Because the B is after it.
2. What are two things you wouldn't eat after waking up?

Answer: Lunch and dinner.

Today's brainteasers

1. Why did the boy throw a bucket out the window?
2. Why did the boy throw butter out the window?



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NEWS



Idols Top 3 off to London, Phindy heads home

WITH only two weeks to go before the Finale, Sunday Night's Idols SA came with a twist – a plane ticket to London, UK, for the three remaining at the end of the show.

The Top Four were paired with former Idols contenders for their duet round, which saw the return of Season Nine winner Musa, Season 10 and 11's Top 10 finalists Kyle Deutsch and Amanda Black, as well as last year's runner-up Thami back on the Idols stage.

Randall predicted it was going to be difficult to find fault – the pairings were perfect, the song choices complementary and the performances impeccable.

Phindy and Musa took to the stage with We Can't Be Friends by Deborah Cox featuring RL. The performance earned Phindy one of the best responses from the judges this season, with Randall commending the duo on great chemistry and the other judges concurring.

An emotional Paxton gave a stirring performance with Kyle Deutsch when they sang Stay by Rihanna featuring Mikky Ekko, which Somizi called flawless. Added Unathi: "This is a sign of a good vocalist. You can trust yourself to be vulnerable."

An all-guy duet followed with Mthokozisi and Thami singing Sam Smith and John Legend's Lay Me Down. Somizi took a leaf out of Unathi's book – and water from her cup – and opened the teary floodgates. Unathi herself said Mthokozisi had her speaking in tongues, and Randall applauded him for following advice for a smooth performance.

The compliments kept coming when Bothlale

paired up with Amanda Black to sing Sokwenzenjani by Naima K featuring Robbie Malinga. "It seems you've travelled far and developed more. You've gone for the finish line," asserted Randall.

With the halfway point reached, it was time for Proverb to announce the contestant leaving the show. After 11 million votes, Phindy will be the one not boarding a flight to London as the Top Three make their way to the UK tonight.

After an interlude by Okmalumkoolkat, the Top Three were back for the next round themed My Musical Idol.

Paxton started off the solo round with The Fugees' Killing Me Softly. "I only have one word for you: confidence! You've grown in confidence and in turn, you've grown in your performance," declared Randall.

Mthokozisi followed with Nkosi Yamakhosi from Afrottraction. "Hallelujah! Praise God!" shouted Somizi. "I think this is the first time in the history of Idols that someone sang a song in three different languages. Thank you!" said Unathi.

Bothlale brought the show to an end with John Legend's You and I. Somizi predicted he will be in the final, while Randall and Unathi held back but showered him with positive feedback.

Next week will determine the two who will battle it out in the finale on Sunday, November 19, at Carnival City.



END OF THE ROAD: Phindy.

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THE PRICE OF FAME TONIGHT

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The musical drama series follows the story of two brothers who, at the peak of their success in the music industry, find themselves torn apart by envy, revenge and ambition.

The Price of Fame introduces a host of new faces to the channel, with Daniel Elbittar starring as the hugely popular musician Julio Cesar Solar and Alberto Guerra taking on the role of his younger brother, successful music producer

Mateo. The brothers have it all: the looks, the fame, the power and success until the unexpected disappearance of Julio Cesar sets a chain of dramatic events into motion, on and off stage.

As Mateo seeks to find those responsible for his brother's disappearance, he soon discovers a web of music industry mobsters, including Rafael Zabala (played by Alejandro De La Madrid) and Amado Matamoros (played by Juan Pablo Medina). With adversaries so dangerous and powerful, Mateo will carry on with his quest for the truth and justice, stopping at nothing.

Eventually, he meets and falls for Manara Matamoros (Maria León), an aspiring music artist who seeks his guidance and also happens to be the half-sister of the mobster, Amado Matamoros. Will the forbidden love affair stop Mateo from unleashing a vicious war against his enemies?

This is how three families – the Solars, the Matamoros, and the Zabalas – become embroiled in a story of vengeance, betrayal and secret romance.

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Ox will be a key player - Klopp



LIVERPOOL - Liverpool midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain is adapting well to the club's intense playing style and has the potential to become a key player, according to Manager Jurgen Klopp.

The deadline-day signing from Arsenal has been patient for his opportunities at the Merseyside club and looks settled in his new role on the right side of the mid-field. Oxlade-Chamberlain scored the third goal in Saturday's 4-1 victory at West Ham United and Klopp was thrilled with how open the 24-year-old was to new ideas. "It was very intense for him, completely different to the things that he is used to," Klopp told reporters. "He needs to get used to the intensity that we ask. It's not that Arsenal didn't... But we are really on it with these counter-pressing things and the switch immediately to make the break."

"But a lot of players are like 'yeah, yeah, yeah, I want' and he is like 'what do you want from me?' and he reacts. He will be a really important player for us."

Reuters

CAPABLE: Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

EMENALO QUIT AFTER 10 YEARS AMID GROWING UNCERTAINTY

LONDON - Michael Emenalo has ended his 10-year association with Chelsea following his sudden departure as the club's technical director as questions continue to mount over Antonio Conte's managerial reign at the club.

The news surrounding the 52-year-old, who could be set to join Monaco, will come as a major blow to owner Roman Abramovich.

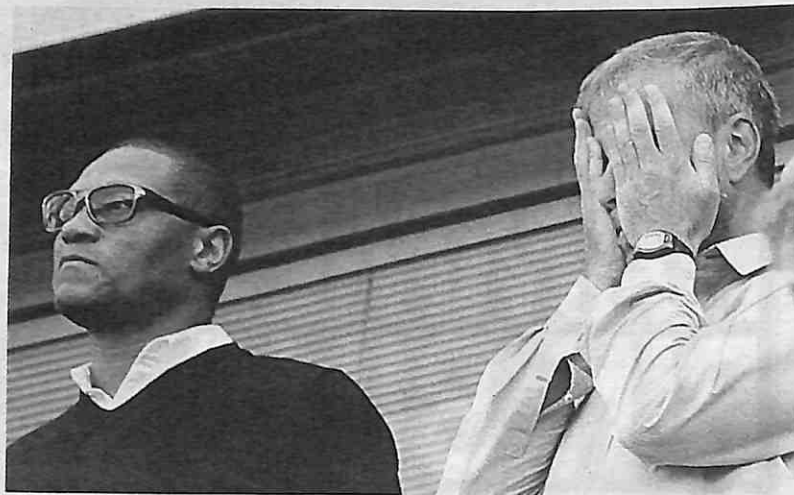
The Blues have won the Premier League title three times, the FA Cup, the League Cup, the Europa League and the Champions League while Emenalo has been at the club.

The latest Premier League triumph came under current boss Conte in his first season in English football. However, the Italian's second campaign has proved less successful so far.

Emenalo watched Chelsea beat title rivals Manchester United 1-0 at Stamford Bridge on Sunday afternoon - sitting behind the Blues' dugout.

The win in west London was without David Luiz - who was omitted from the squad after falling out with Conte.

Conte's bust-up with Luiz is the latest falling-out between the manager and a star player at Chelsea. He has previously fallen out with Diego Costa and Nemanja Matic, who both left the club.



BAD NEWS: The news of Micheal Emenalo's(L) departure come as a blow to Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich.

The manager was defiant at full-time, saying the Brazilian could face a lengthy spell out unless he learns to get on with his team-mates.

Speaking to Sky Sports, the manager said:

"Christensen is 22 years old, he showed great personality, for sure he is the present and the future for Chelsea, the same for Ampadu.

"David Luiz has to work with the others if he deserves to play, otherwise he will stay on the bench or in the stands."

Conte was the 10th manager appointed during Emenalo's time in west London and the former has been highly critical of Chelsea's transfer activity this summer.

The former Juventus boss has bemoaned the lack of options available to him following a summer window that only brought in Alvaro Morata, Antonio Rudiger, Tiemoue Bakayoko, Danny Drinkwater, Davide Zappacosta and Willy Caballero.

Daily Mail

Maredi suspects match-fixing in Gauteng Sasol League

JOHANNESBURG - Super Falcons Chairman Bob Maredi feels the officiating in a Gauteng Sasol League title decider with Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies on Saturday indicated the match was fixed.

Maredi says there were many poor decisions in the season-finale, which had to be halted when an outraged Falcons player reportedly kicked the referee in the chest as unruly scenes unfolded at Chloorkop.

Maredi plans to file a complaint with SAFA's refereeing department.

"The game started at 15h00 and it should have finished, let's say at 16h45, and at 16h50 we still absorbed Sundowns and [thought] hopefully the game will be finished [soon]," Maredi told KickOff.com.

"The game went on until, when I looked at my watch that time, it was 17h05. The refereeing there, right through the game it was very, very bad. He was so biased and most of the time our play-

EISH: Van Wyk saddened by refereeing.



ers were penalised; yellow cards and all that.

"But we still managed to absorb them but the worst one was, during that time, we were complaining already and said 'This game has gone on too long'. And everyone was starting to scream outside like the other people, not even our people, who said, 'No man, this game is now playing for a very long time'."

"All of a sudden there was a throw-in against Falcons and from that throw-in the assistant referee raised the flag to give the sign to the referee and said, 'Come over over, I want to tell you something'. When the referee got there he pointed to one of our defenders. The referee went to that defender and he gave them a red card out of nowhere."

Kick-Off

Right now, we can't rule out Khune - Bafana doctor

POLOKWANE - Itumeleng Khune is not yet ruled out of Bafana Bafana's 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Senegal on Friday.

The country watched the national team goalkeeper being stretched off the pitch at the weekend while playing for his club Kaizer Chiefs, when he collided with Chippa United midfielder Kurt Lentjies in the dying minutes of their Telkom Knockout quarter-final clash.

He suffered a fracture to a bone on his face.

Khune, who is in Bafana's squad to

face the Lions of Teranga in two back-to-back must-win encounters to reach the World Cup in Russia next year, was rushed to hospital in Port Elizabeth for a scan to determine the extent of his injury. He had not reported for camp in Polokwane by yesterday afternoon.

"What we know is that he is going to see a specialist and then we will take it from there," said Bafana Doctor Thulani Ngwenya.

"You know that in medicine we deal with facts, and right now we cannot rule him out, neither can we declare him fit."

"We are hopeful that he can be with us in camp before Friday's game. There is no crack on his facial injury, which is a good sign. But we will have all the information on Tuesday (today)."

Bafana coach Stuart Baxter also revealed that five overseas-based players - Andile Jali, Dino Ndlovu, Thulani Serero, Lebogang Manyama and Keagan Dolly - were only expected in camp tomorrow morning.

Khune, if declared fit, will also arrive along with his Chiefs teammates on Tuesday. *IOL Sport*

NO 'EXCUSE' FOR BEING BEHIND VERSTAPPEN - RICCIARDO

AUSTRALIA - Daniel Ricciardo says he has no "excuse" for being regularly humbled by his young teammate Max Verstappen this year.

Although Verstappen has had the lion's share of the poor reliability at Renault-powered Red Bull this year, it is the Dutchman who has been shining the brightest recently.

"I do not give any excuses," Australian Ricciardo, who according to team official Dr Helmut Marko is "on the market" for 2019,

told the Dutch source Formule 1.

"Max is just driving brilliantly this year and knows how to get the most out of the car in every race."

Nonetheless, Ricciardo is over 40 points ahead of Verstappen in the drivers' championship.

Ricciardo admitted: "That's incredible. 'Max has had a lot of bad luck and I have no explanation for why."

"I have asked the engineers if it could be because of him, but Max is not too rough with the equipment. It's just pure bad luck."

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NO ONE TO BLAME: Daniel Ricciardo.



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HAMMERS BIN BILIC

West Ham axe struggling boss

LONDON - SLAVEN BILIC has been sacked as West Ham manager - and David Moyes will take over at the London Stadium.

The club have released a statement which reads: "West Ham United can confirm that Slaven Bilic has today left his position with the club.

"The Chairmen and board of West Ham United would like to place on record their thanks and gratitude to Slaven and his team for their services over the past two-and-a-half years, but believe a change is now necessary in order for the Club to move forward positively and in line with their ambition.

"West Ham United can confirm that Bilic's coaching assistants Nikola Jurcevic, Edin

Terzic, Julian Dicks and Miljenko Rak have also left the Club with immediate effect.

"The Club's search for a new manager to take West Ham United forward is underway and an announcement regarding Bilic's successor is expected to be made over the coming days."

Bilic arrived around 10:20am at West Ham's training ground before leaving less than an hour later after being told he was no longer manager.

Ex-Manchester United and Everton boss Moyes is set to replace Bilic with a deal reportedly agreed on a six-month deal.

Bilic spoke to Sky Sports News on his way out of West Ham's Rush Green training ground. "I'm sad, disappoint-

ed, but not in the club," he said.

"No hard feelings. Especially when the time goes by I'm very proud of my work here.

"No hard feelings with the chairman at all to be fair.

"We had a good or great first season. "We knew the difficulties we had last season, finished middle of the table.

"This season we didn't make the step from the start.

"The manager pays the price.

"That doesn't mean I don't understand the move the club made, it's a logical move.

"I felt the fans until the end. It was more than just a job to me, it was personal.

"The first game, a team from Andorra, it was a full house, You have to respect that.

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Pellegrino impressed by misfiring Saints

LONDON - Southampton boss Mauricio Pellegrino blamed a lack of finishing for Saturday's 1-0 loss to Burnley in a Premier League match at St Mary's.

Sam Vokes scored a late winner for the Clarets as the Saints suffered their first loss in four, which was still enough to drop them down to 13th in the standings.

"If you watched the game we

were better than them in all different areas, every aspect and every moment, but not in converting chances," Pellegrino told Sky Sports.

"They had this cross, the only one on target, and they converted that was for me was too much. But football can be about efficiency and we had to leave with this pain but it's part of our job. "Even when we play a good side like Burnley we created

good chances to score but in the only aspect they were better than us was in the efficiency. "We did much more to try and win the game, more than them. We controlled the ball, the situation.

"We defended in set-plays and aggressive in our defending but in this header that was really good they were did it well but this is part of football."

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Carroll admits to 'Terrible day' against Liverpool

LONDON - West Ham striker Andy Carroll admits the team had a torrid time against Liverpool on Saturday as they lost 4-1 at the London Stadium.

The heavy defeat at home saw the Hammers drop into the relegation zone, having won only two of their 11 Premier League games this season, and they are now without a win in their last four league outings.

Carroll was bitterly disappointed with the performance, but remains confident that they have the quality in the squad to turn their fortunes around.

"Obviously, the result was terrible," he told the club's official website. "A counter-attack for the goal and the corner set-piece for the first two was not acceptable, really.

"We thought we were getting back into it with our goal and

then they scored again, straight-away. It was unacceptable from us. It was a terrible day for us."

Carroll added: "I think we've got a good enough dressing room to turn it around. Everyone knows that in the dressing room.

"We should be better and it's us that are to blame, but

we've got great quality in the dressing room. We've got a fantastic team. We've just got to turn something around. Something's just not clicking at the minute."

Meanwhile the Hammers confirmed the sacking of manager Slaven Bilic after showdown talks were held due to a poor start to their league campaign.

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ADMITS: West Ham striker Andy Carroll



City need to lift trophies before Barca comparisons - Guardiola

MANCHESTER - Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola insists his team need to win trophies before they can be compared to the likes of Barcelona and Bayern Munich.

City have been in imperious form

this campaign and are still unbeaten across all competitions. They are without defeat in their last 23 games, stretching back to last season.

The Sky Blues' most recent success was a 3-1 win over Arsenal

on Sunday, which extended their lead at the top of the Premier League to eight points after only 11 games.

However, Guardiola remains reluctant to compare City to his previous clubs as they are yet to win a trophy.

"We cannot deny the last two months, it was amazing, we won all the games in the Premier League, Champions League, Carabao Cup - it's so, so difficult," he told Sky Sports.

"I'm so happy. [But] in the recent past Barcelona and Bayern won titles and we didn't win once.

"Until we lift something we cannot talk about that. The way we played [was excellent], we cannot deny that in the two months we played well." *Sport24*

Alli expected to be fit for Arsenal tie - Pochettino

LONDON - Tottenham Manager Mauricio Pochettino has revealed that injured midfielder Dele Alli should be ready to face Arsenal after the international break.

The England international missed out on Spurs' 1-0 win over Crystal Palace on Sunday due to a hamstring injury, but Pochettino expects him to be back in contention for the north London derby on November 18.

"Dele Alli against Manchester United finished the game feeling his posterior tendon, close to the hamstring, and then played 90 minutes against Real Madrid," Pochettino said, according to the Evening Standard.

"It's a very, very, very small thing. It was a massive risk (to play him) again. We're sure he'll be ready for Arsenal. We hope he's going well in the next few weeks and will be available." *Sport24*



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South African SOCCER

Chiefs preparing offer for Sundowns Star?

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs are believed to be preparing an offer for one of Mamelodi Sundowns' star players in the hope of luring him to Naturena in the upcoming January transfer window period.

As reported in recent times, Themba Zwane's existing contract with Sundowns will be coming to an end next year, June 30, however, the player's representative previously confirmed to Soccer Laduma that the two parties were in talks about extending the 28-year-old's stay beyond the current 2017/18 season.

However, an official announcement is yet to be made by Sundowns, indicating that the club and the player's camp could still be in talks. As a result, the Siya crew has been informed by sources in the know that Chiefs have been monitoring Zwane's situation with keen interest and are busy preparing to offer the player an attractive personal package in order to lure him to Naturena, should the player not have his contract extended with Sundowns.

Soccerladuma

CRUNCH TIME FOR BAFANA AHEAD OF WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana face one of the biggest weeks in their history when they embark on back-to-back FIFA World Cup qualifiers against Senegal.

It begins at home this Friday and then away in Dakar November.

South Africa need to win the two matches to guarantee a ticket to Russia next year.

Bafana's home game against the Teranga Lions on Friday is at Peter Mokaba Stadium (7pm).

They then travel to Senegal for the last group match which will be played next Tuesday in Dakar.

FIFA ordered the first match to be replayed after the home team had won the encounter 2-1 through goals from captain Thulani Hlatshwayo and Thulani Serero, citing that the match official had tempered with the outcome.

Despite having lost to Cape Verde in both matches, Stuart



BACK TO BACK: Keagan Dolly, Itumeleng Khune and Thulani Hlatshwayo during the 2016 Nelson Mandela Challenge match between South Africa and Egypt at the Orlando Stadium in Johannesburg.

Baxter's men know that winning the two games against Senegal will guarantee them a place among the elite in Russia. Most players have reported

for camp apart from Kaizer Chiefs players who were travelling from the Eastern Cape on Monday.

African News Agency

Pirates coach Micho pleased with Wayne Sandilands response

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic was pleased with Wayne Sandilands' efforts in the Telkom Knockout loss to Polokwane City despite conceding twice in regulation time.

Pirates exited the quarter-finals 4-2 on penalties following a 2-2 draw at Orlando Stadium on Saturday night.

Goalkeeper Sandilands came into the match under pressure after leaking two soft goals in a 3-1 league loss to Mamelodi Sundowns three days earlier in Soweto.

"He could not do anything in both situations. He was let down by not being protected by the others," said Sredojevic after the TKO defeat.

"It was a good day in the office [for him], but if he was protected by the others it will mean even more [good performances]."

Sandilands could feature for Bafana Bafana in Friday's World Cup qualifier with Senegal in Polokwane, as first-choice keeper Itumeleng Khune fractured a bone in his face yesterday on club duty for Kaizer Chiefs.

Meanwhile, 'Micho' said he will use the FIFA break to improve on all aspects for their next league tie with Golden Arrows on November 21.

"Now we have a FIFA week, we need to regroup, work hard, prepare ourselves and focus on the league. And look forward to improve where we are lacking."

Kickoff

Komphela pleased with Chiefs' resilience

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela has reserved special praise for the defensive efforts of his team in the last couple of weeks.

In the five matches played over the past three weeks, Amakhosi have beaten Mamelodi Sundowns in the league and have also recorded Telkom Knockout wins over AmaZulu and Chippa United. The other two league games in that period have ended in draws against Orlando Pirates and Polokwane City.

And in the five-match block, the Glamour Boys have conceded only one goal, despite having several defenders sidelined with injury.

Another sterling defensive effort paved the way for a 1-0 TKO quarter-final victory over

Chippa United on Sunday and saw Komphela crediting his team's commitment in defence.

"Very difficult match, it's a confirmation that this Chippa team are no pushovers. Compliments must be given to [Chippa coach] Teboho [Moloi] and his team. His team is fighting," Komphela said after the win in Port Elizabeth.

"But I must also compliment my people for the

gave us the opportunity on the break.

"I must compliment this Chiefs team. The past four or five matches we didn't concede except for the penalty we conceded against Sundowns. It's clean sheets. And at the back of it, we were panicking that our defenders are dropping [getting injured]." *Sport24*



HAPPY: Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela.

resilience and withstanding the pressure. We could have been swift on transitions. They were in attack and

Mpengesi reveals reason for Moloi appointment

JOHANNESBURG - Chippa United boss Chippa Mpengesi says he will never hire an experienced coach like Ernst Middendorp again, as he prefers to bring in younger ones who show potential and an open mind.

Currently, Teboho Moloi is in charge after he took over from the sacked Dan Malesela, and he has enjoyed a positive start to life with the Chilli Boys.

As such, Mpengesi explained that hiring experienced coaches who want to do things their own way is not his preference, and he will never do so again.

He told Sowetan Live: "We need to have faith in our former players and young coaches who have potential. We would not have coaches like Pitso Mosimane today if they were not given opportunities. "That was the biggest mistake to hire a coach

like him (Ernst Middendorp in 2015). We were almost relegated. "They (experienced coaches) want to run clubs by themselves. They don't respect people like us who don't have football background. I do not think at Chippa I will ever have one of those. I want to build my own coaches. "Roger Sikhakhane (from 2014 to 2015) did not even have coaching qualifications, but I gave him a chance. *Sport24*

VACANCY

ASSISTANT ECONOMIST MONETARY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Applications are invited from suitable and qualifying candidates to fill the position of Assistant Economist in the Monetary and Financial Statistics Division that exists in the Economic Policy Research & Statistics (EPRS) Department.

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Ox will be a key player - Klopp

LIVER-
POOL -

Liverpool midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain is adapting well to the club's intense playing style and has the potential to become a key player, according to Manager Jurgen Klopp.

The deadline-day signing from Arsenal has been patient for his opportunities at the Merseyside club and looks settled in his new role on the right side of the midfield. Oxlade-Chamberlain scored the third goal in Saturday's 4-1 victory at West Ham United and Klopp was thrilled with how open the 24-year-old was to new ideas. "It was very intense for him, completely different to the things that he is used to," Klopp told reporters. "He needs to get used to the intensity that we ask. It's not that Arsenal didn't... But we are really on it with these counter-pressing things and the switch immediately to make the break.

"But a lot of players are like 'yeah, yeah, yeah, I want' and he is like 'what do you want from me?' and he reacts. He will be a really important player for us." *Reuters*

CAPABLE: Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

EMENALO QUIT AFTER 10 YEARS
AMID GROWING UNCERTAINTY

LONDON - Michael Emenalo has ended his 10-year association with Chelsea following his sudden departure as the club's technical director as questions continue to mount over Antonio Conte's managerial reign at the club.

The news surrounding the 52-year-old, who could be set to join Monaco, will come as a major blow to owner Roman Abramovich.

The Blues have won the Premier League title three times, the FA Cup, the League Cup, the Europa League and the Champions League while Emenalo has been at the club.

The latest Premier League triumph came under current boss Conte in his first season in English football. However, the Italian's second campaign has proved less successful so far.

Emenalo watched Chelsea beat title rivals Manchester United 1-0 at Stamford Bridge on Sunday afternoon - sitting behind the Blues' dugout.

The win in west London was without David Luiz - who was omitted from the squad after falling out with Conte.

Conte's bust-up with Luiz is the latest falling-out between the manager and a star player at Chelsea. He has previously fallen out with Diego Costa and Nemanja Matic, who both left the club.



BAD NEWS: The news of Micheal Emenalo's(L) departure come as a blow to Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich.

The manager was defiant at full-time, saying the Brazilian could face a lengthy spell out unless he learns to get on with his team-mates.

Speaking to Sky Sports, the manager said:

"Christensen is 22 years old, he showed great personality, for sure he is the present and the future for Chelsea, the same for Ampadu.

"David Luiz has to work with the others if he deserves to play, otherwise he will stay on the bench or in the stands."

Conte was the 10th manager appointed during Emenalo's time in west London and the former has been highly critical of Chelsea's transfer activity this summer.

The former Juventus boss has bemoaned the lack of options available to him following a summer window that only brought in Alvaro Morata, Antonio Rudiger, Tiemoue Bakayoko, Danny Drinkwater, Davide Zappacosta and Willy Cabellero.

Daily Mail

Maredi suspects match-fixing in Gauteng Sasol League

JOHANNESBURG - Super Falcons Chairman Bob Maredi feels the officiating in a Gauteng Sasol League title decider with Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies on Saturday indicated the match was fixed.

Maredi says there were many poor decisions in the season-finale, which had to be halted when an outraged Falcons player reportedly kicked the referee in the chest as unruly scenes unfolded at Chloorkop.

Maredi plans to file a complaint with SAFA's refereeing department.

"The game started at 15h00 and it should have finished, let's say at 16h45, and at 16h50 we still absorbed Sundowns and [thought] hopefully the game will be finished [soon]," Maredi told KickOff.com.

"The game went on until, when I looked at my watch that time, it was 17h05. The refereeing there, right through the game it was very, very bad. He was so biased and most of the time our play-

EISH: Van Wyk saddened by refereeing.



ers were penalised; yellow cards and all that.

"But we still managed to absorb them but the worst one was, during that time, we were complaining already and said 'This game has gone on too long'. And everyone was starting to scream outside like the other people, not even our people, who said, 'No man, this game is now playing for a very long time'."

"All of a sudden there was a throw-in against Falcons and from that throw-in the assistant referee raised the flag to give the sign to the referee and said, 'Come over over, I want to tell you something'. When the referee got there he pointed to one of our defenders. The referee went to that defender and he gave them a red card out of nowhere."

Kick-Off

Right now, we can't rule out Khune - Bafana doctor

POLOKWANE - Itumeleng Khune is not yet ruled out of Bafana Bafana's 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Senegal on Friday.

The country watched the national team goalkeeper being stretched off the pitch at the weekend while playing for his club Kaizer Chiefs, when he collided with Chippa United midfielder Kurt Lentjies in the dying minutes of their Telkom Knockout quarter-final clash.

He suffered a fracture to a bone on his face.

Khune, who is in Bafana's squad to

face the Lions of Teranga in two back-to-back must-win encounters to reach the World Cup in Russia next year, was rushed to hospital in Port Elizabeth for a scan to determine the extent of his injury. He had not reported for camp in Polokwane by yesterday afternoon.

"What we know is that he is going to see a specialist and then we will take it from there," said Bafana Doctor Thulani Ngwenya.

"You know that in medicine we deal with facts, and right now we cannot rule him out, neither can we declare him fit."

"We are hopeful that he can be with us in camp before Friday's game. There is no crack on his facial injury, which is a good sign. But we will have all the information on Tuesday (today)."

Bafana coach Stuart Baxter also revealed that five overseas-based players - Andile Jali, Dino Ndlovu, Thulani Serero, Lebogang Manyama and Keagan Dolly - were only expected in camp tomorrow morning.

Khune, if declared fit, will also arrive along with his Chiefs teammates on Tuesday. *IOL Sport*

NO 'EXCUSE' FOR BEING BEHIND
VERSTAPPEN - RICCIARDO

AUSTRALIA - Daniel Ricciardo says he has no "excuse" for being regularly humbled by his young teammate Max Verstappen this year.

Although Verstappen has had the lion's share of the poor reliability at Renault-powered Red Bull this year, it is the Dutchman who has been shining the brightest recently.

"I do not give any excuses," Australian Ricciardo, who according to team official Dr Helmut Marko is "on the market" for 2019,

told the Dutch source Formule 1.

"Max is just driving brilliantly this year and knows how to get the most out of the car in every race."

Nonetheless, Ricciardo is over 40 points ahead of Verstappen in the drivers' championship.

Ricciardo admitted: "That's incredible. 'Max has had a lot of bad luck and I have no explanation for why."

"I have asked the engineers if it could be because of him, but Max is not too rough with the equipment. It's just pure bad luck."

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NO ONE TO BLAME: Daniel Ricciardo.

Weekend Sports Results

...Compiled by Sibongiseni Zondi

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS:

Wanderers	3	Vovovo	1
Swallows	2	Leopard	0
Green Mamba	2	Red Lions	0
Matsapha	2	Pirates	1
Young Buffaloes	5	Malanti Chiefs	1
Mbabane Highlanders	1	Manzini Sundowns	0
Tambuti	2	Midas City	0

MTN National First Division Results:

Hub Sundowns	1	Tycoons	0
Citizens	5	Sikhalo	1
Amalanda	2	Bad Boys	1
Tinyosi	3	Mahlalini	1
Milling	1	Callies	0
Madlenya	3	Sea Birds	1

Malindza Zonal League results:

Mshana	3	Dvokodweni	1
Promising stars	2	Black Mamba	0
Gabi Gabi	2	Seven stars	0
Siweni UTD	2	Juventus	1
Zamalek	2	Malindza UTD	1
Home sweepers	1	Umseshi	0
Bhelebane	1	Young Aces	0
Gabi Gabi	3	Home Sweepers	0 (D.C.)

Sigaweni ESO 000 Football League

D. XI	2	Experience	2
Tec-Spurs	1	Kasi Warriors	2
Y. Lovers	0	Thulu/zobona	1
Mdumezulu	1	Y. Bombers	4
Emashekeshe	1	Sisonke	2
K. Wizards	1	P.G Rangers	3
Lubhuku	3	T.K Zee	2
Classic	0	E. Choppers	0
Y. Aces	0	P. Heroes	0

RSSC Siyakhla 1800 North West league Results:

M. Peacemakers	2	M. Professionals	2
Tsambokhulu Rovers	4	Mhlume Highlanders	0
Equator	2	Tabankulu FC	2
Brave Lions	5	Eastern Pirates	1
Born Again	1	Tabankulu Celtics	1
Tongaat Young Stars	2	Revelations.	2
Young Killers	2	Skyline	2

Eastern Zone A Division - League

Ngcina	2	Young Heroes	0
Boys to Men	1	Wanala Pirates	1
Home sparrow	2	Six to Six	4
Young Zebras	2	Samampela	3
Real Madrid	2	Goodshepherd	0
B - Division			
Langa United	0	Tiger Boys	3
Lukhula Black Stars	1	Matsetsa Chiefs	2
Bush Ranger	3	Mkhutjane	4

Western Zone Week 4 results

Black swallow	1	Sithobela	1
Barcelona	0	Seabirds	5
Tarwen	0	Manchester	3
Mamisa United	1	Heroes	0
Celtics	1	Mauritius	3
Gucuka	2	Mamisa Prof.	0
Redlion	1	Bombers	0
Vultures	2	Mtjeke	2

Second division

Western blues	1	Thuluzobona	1
Bekela	3	Nkunzemnyama	1
Hagar	0	Mbuzana	1
Mighty Birds	2	Junior stars	2
Bigboys	1	Stone breakers	0
Typers	0	Peace makers	1
Liweseli	2	White city	2
Nzeka	0	Green stars	2

SWAZI TRAC LUBOMBO SUPER LEAGUE

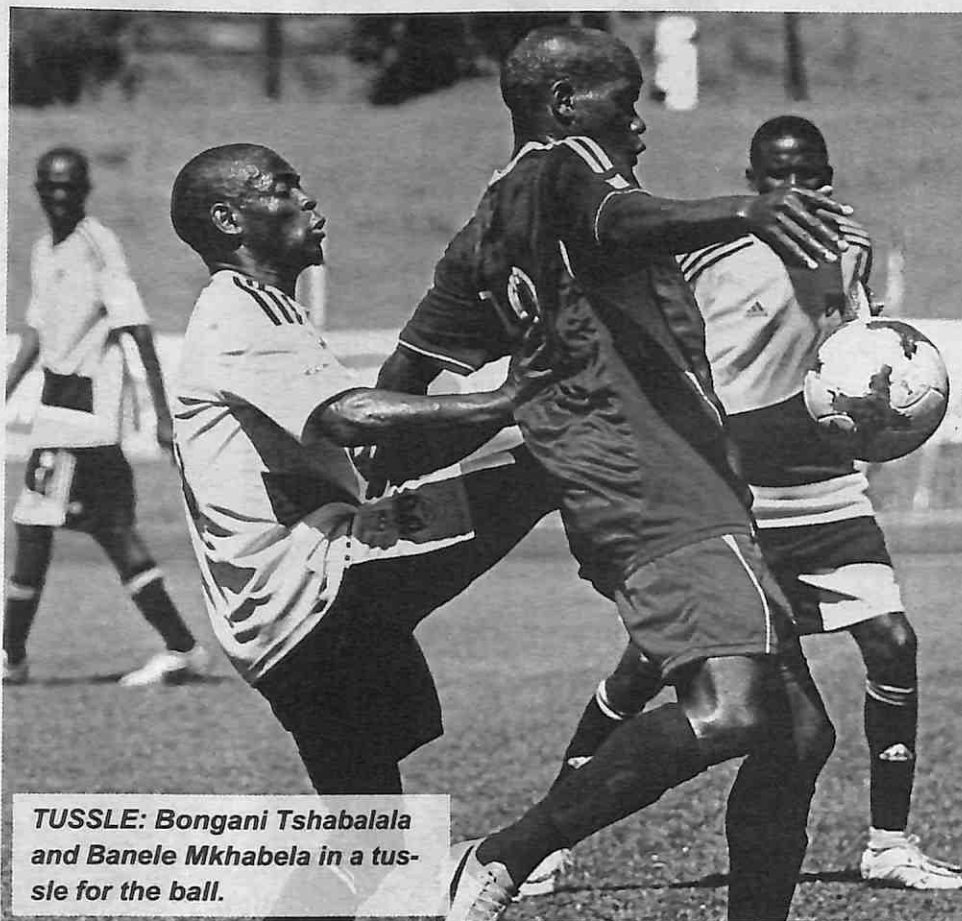
Railway	1	Illovo	1
CPL	1	Magwanyane	0
CK survivors	4	Flyers	0
Malahleni	1	Manyovu	0
Dankies	4	Hot Chillies	1
Liverpool	0	Juventus	2
Mkhweli	0	Shewula	0
Warriors	2	Kukhanyeni	1

Manzini Regional Football Association

Ingwenyama MVA Cup			
Luyengo Foxes	4	Stumbo's XI	3
Kwaluseni Rebels	2	Maliyaduma United	4
Luvu Cosmos	2	Boyane Young Aces	4
Nsuka United	2	Moyeni United	3

Manzini Promotion League

Villa Stars	7	Young Tigers	0
The Bones	1	Two Sticks Comrades	0



TUSSLE: Bongani Tshabalala and Banele Mkhabela in a tussle for the ball.

Kholwane Flying Birds	0	SibonisoSelwandle	0
Superstars	3	Wonderful Touch	4
Fairview Chiefs	1	Lwandle Classic	1
Combine Stars	5	FC North	0
New Generations	0	Home Sparrows	0
Big XI	1	Africa Chiefs	0

Manzini First Division League

Chaos LTD	0	Manzini United	0
Nhlambeni United	1	Green Way	1
Bremer United	1	Mvulane United	1
Skom Boys	1	Healing Boys	1
Manzini Hot Beans	3	City Eagles	1
Ngwane Park	1	God's Property	1

OK Foods Kwaluseni Promotion League

Kwaluseni United	1	Real Professionals	0
Fashion International	0	Zama United	0
Swazi Wire	2	Nsenga Comrades	5
Ntunja Arsenal	3	Dark City	1
Mhlane United	1	SihhohweniAmajita	1
FC Logoba	1	Nhlambeni Real Heroes	1
Sacrament	3	Zombodze United	0
Royal Swallows	1	GocweniTrompies	0

OK Foods Kwaluseni First Division League

Fletcher United	1	Lozitha Spurs	4
Shali United	2	Supersport	1
Mahashulane	0	Ngonini United	2
Mhlaleni Superstars	1	Ludzeludze Kicks	4
Ludzidzi	0	Mhlaleni United	0
NsengaShagari XI	0	Nkamazi AK47	3
Fletcher United	3	Manila Stars	1
Shali United	2	Lozitha Spurs	4
Mahashulane	0	Nkamazi AK47	2
Ngonini United	3	Ludzidzi	2
Ludzeludze Celtics	2	Supersport	1
Ludzeludze Kicks	5	Manila Stars	0
Gum Valley	1	NengaShagari XI	4

S&S Malkems Promotion League

Current Toasters	1	Ngodini	1
Star Point	1	Makhungutsha	1
Gebezi	0	Vickery Nomads	1
NdindaVolcanoe	1	Phondo	1
Swazi Can	3	Troublemakers	1
Power Sparks	2	Mahlanya United	1

Malkems First Division League

Usuthu Rangers	9	United Brothers	2
UGolden Arrows	1	FC Navara	1
Skom Boys	1	Survivor	0

KukhanyeniInkhundla Promotion League

Mdayane	0	Kukhanyeni	3
Young Killers	2	Sporting Londlovu	2
Estate Classic	0	Submarine	1
Louis XIV	3	Brave Lion	0

Corban Hardware Mafutseni Promotion League

Sicamelo SA-Chief	2	Classic	0
Bhudla Celtics	0	Combine Stars	0
Mkhuzweni United	2	All Stars	2
Madubula Rovers	0	Khamatfo	5
Logoba Killers	0	Dynamos	4
Supersport	4	Vultures	0
Timbutini	3	Young Carnivals	1
Ntabamhoshana	1	Ma-G-Man	1

Mkhiweni Promotion League

White Killers	1	Liverpool	0
Step Ahead	2	Luvu Stars	1
Luvu Home Defenders	2	Bantu City	2
Sangotfo	3	Colani United	2
Zama United	4	Moyeni	0
All Nations	6	All Stars	0
Executive	2	Toronto	0
LuvuSuncity	2	Mbashedi Brothers	2
Luvu Classic	4	Manchester United	4

Ka-Phunga Promotion League

Mpumalanga	7	Zamalek	1
Amakhosi	0	Cyclone	2
Celtics	1	Rangers	1
Youngstars	1	Arsenal	1
Movers	2	Hotspurs	2
Dynamos	4	Santos	3

Calakaliboni Sigangeni Juniors League U20

Y Heroes	0	Tikitaka	3
M Unlimited	4	XI Rangers	1
Ntsetse Flyers	1	U Express	1
Y Cannibals	1	B Spear	0
Total XI	5	Tikitaka	0

Ingwenyama Cup Hhohho Super League

Sibuyeni	1	Billy Ocean	2
Imbumbhe	4	Kupheleni	2

Northern Zone

Mvuma Hotspurs	1	Ndeva Galaxy	0
Nt. Swallows	1	Manchester	2

Pots Construction Sigangeni League

U. Eagles	0	Community	0
M. Celtics	1	Men Unlimited	2
Golden Stars	1	Real Touch	3
Cannibals	0	Ntsetse	2
Villa Sport	1	Real United	1
Chiefs	1	Young Heroes	2
Sigangeni	1	L. National	1
Total XI	0	Kangaroo	2

Futis Nkhaba League

Real Rovers	2	Atletico	2
Brothers United	0	MAJotini	3

Super Stars	2	Barcelona	0
M. Celtics	1	Nkoyoyo	1
Dribbling Stars	1	BAfana	0
Ngwenya Utd	5	Crocodiles	1
Marisburg	0	Shooting Stars	5

Sikhumbuto Timpisini League

Msahweni	4	Ak 47	1
Mv. Sundowns	1	Soccer Rose	2
Gunners	0	Njakeni	2
Blue Birds	1	Ndlalmbi	1
Star Wanderers	2	Mb. Swallows	1
Sikhaleni	0	Stone Breakers	2
Kudwvaleni	4	Ngonini	1
H. Pirates	1	M. Swallows	0

B Division

Juventus	6	Y Tigers	1
Vusweni	2	Combustion	0
Y Bombers	2	Elegance	4
All Stars	0	Mv All United	2
Besutwini	3	Super Strikers	1
MB Y Swallows	0	Zamalek	1
Sevillas	4	Njakeni United	2

South Star Mdzimba League

Top Centre	0	Swallows	3
Cosmos	0	Rhinos	0
Rebels	2	Bush Bucks	2
Kasiko	1	Green Sea	0
Timbungulu	1	Rangers	1
Monaco	1	Sundowns	2
Rhumba	1	Bacelorna	1

Bakhanyisele Mabulala & MP Menzi Dlamini Maphaleni League

Happy Tigers	3	Mighty Birds	3
Sunrise	2	Siphambanweni	2
Lunkanka	1	Hill Stars	1
Jubukweni	2	Early Sunset	4
Academy	0	Happy Fighters	2
L. Pirates	1	Top Classic	5
Rollers	1	Love & Peace	4

Western stream

Khulugwane	1	Professionals	0
Thuluzobona	3	Killers	0
Hotspurs	1	Blue Birds	1
Luvunjelo	1	Junior Stars	1
Rangers	3	Manchester	2
Young Stars	0	Xi Experience	1
Liselesele	2	Barcelona	2
Umkhokha	0	Young Lovers	6

Sharks Mhlangatane League

Zinyane	2	Lonhlanale	1
Arsenal	1	Silver City	0
Chelsea	1	City Stars	0
Weirma	0	Hot Fighters	2
Mpofu Aces	0	Thuluzobona	2
Fast Movers	1	M. Professional	1
Manchester	2	Celtics	1

Eastern Stream

Manjengeni Utd	4	Seven Stars	1
Tigers	2	Xi Men	2
Rovers	2	T. Wizards	0
Swallows	2	Liverpool	1
New Castle	1	Real Aces	0
Home defenders	1	M. Bombers	1
Makhweya	0	Cosmos	0

Shebes Ntabanezimpi League

Seven Stars	3	M. Asernal	0
Golden Arrows	0	Sigodlo	3
Y. Professionals	1	City Stars	4
Hungry Lions	1	Skom Boyz	4
M. Sundowns	1	special killers	2
Super stars	1	Fontotje Utd	1
Manchester	0	R. Bombers	3
Buhleni Aces	3	City Cosmos	1

Sompisi Ntfontjeni League

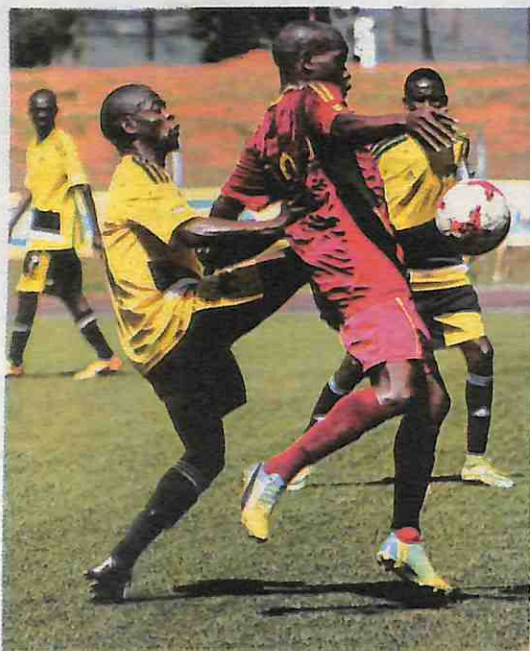
Foster Utd	2	Nkonjaneni	1
FC Casino	3	Liverpool	2
Hellenic	0	Trounge	0
Royal Madrid	4	Zibonele	0
Suncity	0	H. Pirates	0
Teenagers	2	Seven Up	3
Chelsea	1	Ntintinyane	0
Mbabatane	3	Express	0



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PICTURES


TIGHT MARK: Malanti's Sifiso Makhubu marking Buffaloes' Phiwa Dlamini. Buffs won 5-1. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



TUSSLE: Bongani Tshabalala and Banele Mkhabela in a tussle for the ball.



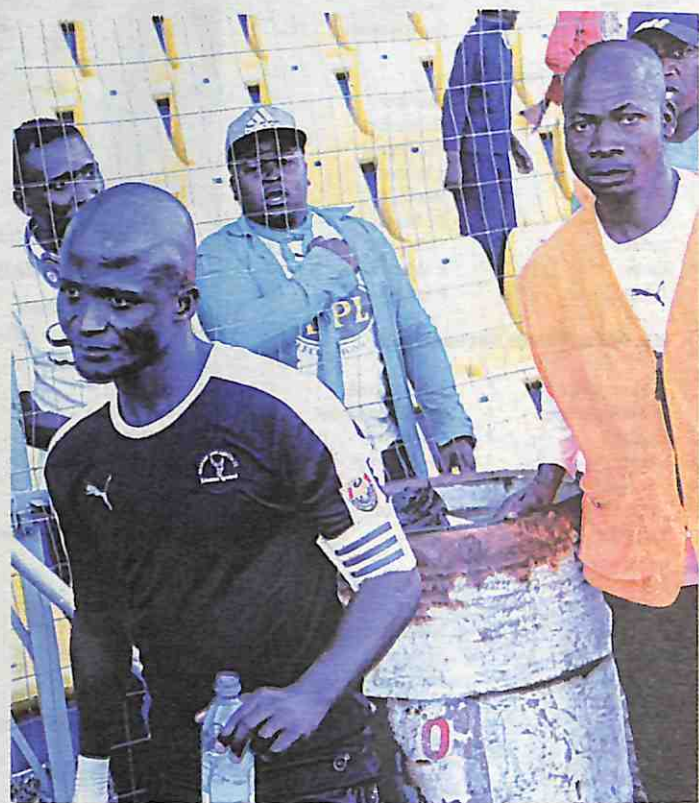
CONTROL: Menzi Sithole trying to block Sundowns' Justice Figureido. Highlanders won 1-0.



STAND IN COACH: Highlanders assistant coach Dumsani Dlamini.



JUST LEAVE HIM: Sundowns captain Kingu Pemba whisking away Justice Figureido from attacking the referee.



WE THANK YOU: Scorer of Highlanders goal Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze presented with E300 by the soccer fans.

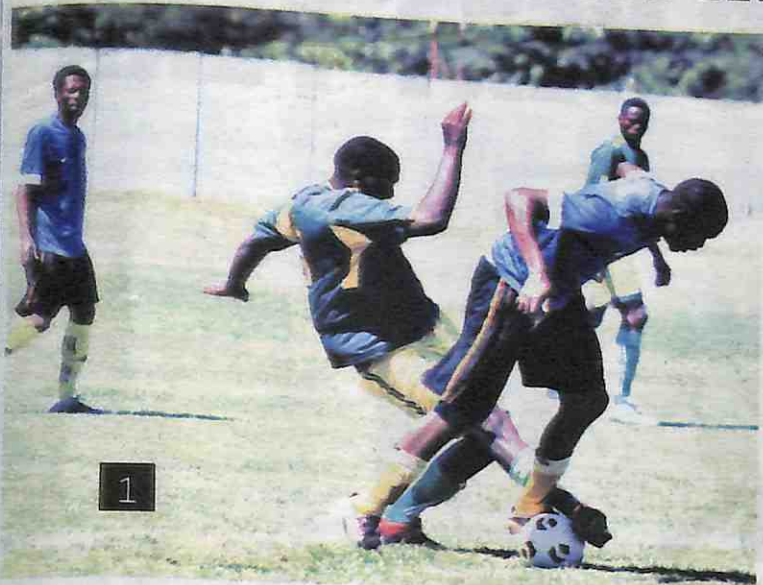


UNITED: Highlanders supporters in song.



IN SONG: Highlanders supporters cheering the players on.

INGWENYAMA REGIONAL GAMES



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1. TACKLE: Billy Ocean's Ayanda Mncina tackles Sibuyeni's Mayibongwe Maseko in their Ingwenyama Cup tie at the Prince of Wales on Saturday. Billy Ocean won the match 2-1. **2. DOWN:** A Sibuyeni player leaves a Billy Ocean defender down. (Pics: Sibongiseni Zondi)



2



MARKING: An official marking the ground before kick-off.



WORK: A Billy Ocean and Sibuyeni player go for the ball.



LOOK: A Sibuyeni player controls the ball while a Billy Ocean defender closes in.



TUSSLE: Billy Ocean's Sevvv Dlamini fights for the ball with a Sibuyeni defender.



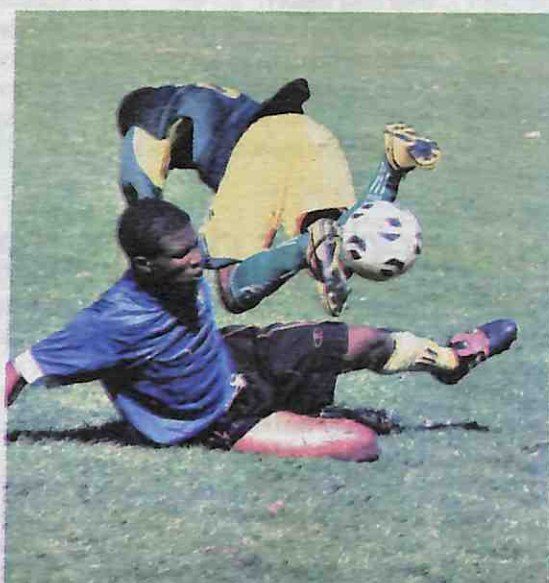
CELEBRATION: Sibuyeni players celebrating their goal.



GONE: A Billy Ocean and Sibuyeni player fight for the ball.



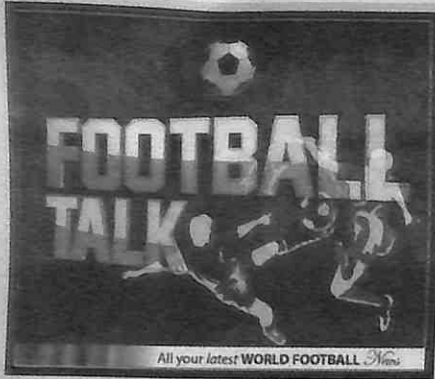
SHIELD: A Billy Ocean and a Sibuyeni player fight for the ball.



TACKLE: Sibuyeni's Njabulo Shongwe tackles a Billy Ocean player.



MARK: Sibusiso Dlamini of Billy Ocean being tackled by a Sibuyeni defender.



● Liverpool are planning a move for Manchester City and Spain midfielder David Silva, 31. (Sun)

● Chelsea boss Antonio Conte, formerly in charge at Juventus, has dismissed reports linking him with AC Milan. (Daily Express)



● Chelsea and Brazil defender David Luiz was left out of the squad for the 1-0 victory over Manchester United after the 30-year-old questioned Conte's tactics in the build-up to the game. (Times)

● Watford boss Marco Silva refused to answer questions about the Everton job after his team's dramatic 3-2 defeat against the Toffees at Goodison Park. (Liverpool Echo)



● Arsenal and Manchester City are expected to target Ajax central midfielder Frenkie de Jong, 20, in the January transfer window. (Sun)

● Roma say they and Barcelona were interested in signing Leicester winger Riyad Mahrez, 26, last summer - but neither side were prepared to meet the Algeria international's £50m asking price. (Daily Mirror)



● West Brom Manager Tony Pulis is "not worried" that a 10-game winless run and a third straight defeat will force the club's board to sack him. (Birmingham Mail)

● Stoke boss Mark Hughes is aware striker Peter Crouch wants more first-team football but says the 36-year-old is not for sale. (Daily Express)



● Rangers want talks with former England coach Steve McClaren about becoming their new boss. (Times)

● Aston Villa have no plans to sell Scott Hogan, 25, Henri Lansbury, 27, Jack Grealish, 22, or James Bree, 19 - who have all been linked with exits from Villa Park - in the January transfer window. (Birmingham Mail)

JAZZ TO INTRODUCE MORE YOUNGSTERS NEXT YEAR

By Sibusiso Dlamini

BASKETBALL -NEWLY crowned Swaziland National Basketball League EML category champions Jazz have promised to introduce more youngsters to the team next season.

The team's captain Jody Shiba said this during an interview after team won the finals to claim the trophy against Steels during their epic final played at the Mavuso Sports Emporium.

"Although we won today, I guess you can see that all these guys in the team are quite experienced and for the better part of our team, age is not on our side, so we have to make sure that we are passing on the baton. We already are introducing youngsters and we even have our own junior team in action, but unfortunately they couldn't be with us today due to academic commitments."

Comments

On the other hand, the teams mentor Tich Muyambe said his side deserved the win.

"Albeit the fact that it was quite a difficult match, we deserved it. We worked very hard and our major



MY BALL: Jazz playing during one of their games.

turning point today was the third quarter. We turned things around there and took control of the match, and the character the boys showed was very impressive.

We would like to thank MTN for the sponsorship because we finally have something valuable to win which makes sport more competitive."

The champions walked home with E17 500, and the runners-up to runners-up claimed E10 000

Meanwhile, glamour capital city-side Mbabane Jazz are this year's champions of the Elite Men's League.

The blue and yellow ensemble claimed the coveted title after fight-

ing hard to come back from behind and eventually won the match 62 - 51 against Steels. This was during the third leg of the finals which was played at the Mavuso Sports Emporium.

Plans

Steels started the match on a high in the first quarter and they took control of the match from the onset, as they tried setting the tone. By halftime, the Andile Thwala led-side was looking impressive and were leading by 18 - 13.

However, the experienced Jazz had other plans, as they turned and showed their full potential in the third quarter, and completely chang-

ing the match. Zimbabwean born-Kuda Zvavera was proving to be the main driving machine for the team whilst Lwazi Mchobokazi and co finished with impressive 3 pointers, and they finished the third quarter in the lead.

Negotiations

Steels huffed and puffed, and even with player-coach Andile Thwala in the court, it was all to futility and a little bit too late, and as Mzwandile 'States' Vilakati gave a last gasp dunk, it the final nail in the coffin for Steels to condemn them to a 51 - 52 loss. Meanwhile, MTN Brand and Sponsorship Manager Meshack Maseko said the company was impressed with the passion they had witnessed and said they would definitely be open to negotiations for another deal next year.

"This was a very exciting league and it was very impressive. The organising was perfect as the games were run smoothly. We don't have complaints as of yet, and I have to say that the burning passion seen here had been very inspiring, which is what the company wants to see. It is on that very note that will state that we are open for negotiations on a new deal for a new deal for next season," he said.

KaLanga Nazarene Primary recognised for Ball Games achievement

Stories by Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - KALANGA Nazarene Primary School sports teams' in this year's Swaziland School Sports Association (SSSA) Ball Games finally got the much deserved recognition as they were officially awarded for their achievement.

During the school's 'speech and prize giving day' event held on Friday, the soccer team received their medals plus a trophy from SSSA for being runners-up in the Ball Games national championships while the athletics and netball teams also received accolades for being first and second in their various cat-

egories, respectively. The schools soccer team defied all odds to reach the final of the Ball Games where they succumbed to a 5-6 penalty shoot-out defeat at the hands of John Wesley Primary in a thrilling encounter.

History

In reaching the final, the school which is situated in Matsela along the Manzini - Lonhlopheko public road was able to beat their opponents at Siteki branch before doing the same at regional level to make their own history.

In his short remarks during the event, an elated sports teacher cum-coach Bongani Mtsetfwa thanked everyone, who played a role for their success especially the school

administration under the leadership of Principal Bonga Magagula for showing unrelenting support to sports hence the achievement. Mtsetfwa, on behalf of the sports committee went on to present Magagula and his deputy Gerald Tsabedze with certificates of appreciation for the role they are playing towards development of sports in the school.

Individual pupils, who showed dedication towards improvement of sports, were also rewarded with gifts from the school while SSSA Siteki branch Secretary Sipho Makhubu presented the trophy and medals to the soccer team in the presence of many people including teachers, pupils and community members, who graced the event. The speech and prize was dominated by the sports awards.

“Individual pupils, who showed dedication towards improvement of sports, were also rewarded”

Pupils applauded for discipline in games

SOCCER - KALANGA Nazarene Primary School pupils have been applauded for demonstrating high level of discipline during the Schools Ball Games as there were no reports of violence throughout their journey to the final.

Speaking on behalf of Swaziland Schools Sports Association (SSSA) Siteki branch Secretary Sipho Makhubu said in as much as football is a game of emotions, KaLanga

Nazarene pupils behaved very well as they supported their team throughout without resorting to any form of unsportsmanship, something they really encouraged.

Games

Makhubu also thanked the teachers and parents for ensuring that pupils safely participate in sports by taking care of them even when they return late from games.

He emphasised on the importance of participating in sports, citing that

it was another way of easing the minds of the pupils to perform better in class.

He highlighted the fact that some of the school team players were also seen receiving awards for excelling in academic subjects which then makes SSSA very proud.

"It was really encouraging to note that some of the pupils like the soccer team captain Thabo Ginindza were the recipients of prizes for excelling in class," he said.

Emulate 'Sikhali' - School Chairman

SOCCER - KaLanga Nazarene Primary School Committee Chairman Samson Dlamini believes that the school's soccer players can emulate Mbabane Swallows quick silver striker Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa, who has hoisted the country's flag with his footballing prowess.

Dlamini, who spoke shortly after the soccer team was awarded with their medals during the speech and prize giving day, encouraged the



ROLE MODEL: Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa.

youngsters to work hard in order to reach greater heights in as far as their football career is concerned. "Don't be discouraged because you are from Lubombo and think you will not make it to the top, just look at 'Sikhali', who hails from Shiselweni but is now one of the most recognised players locally and internationally" he said.

SIHLANGU'S OPPONENTS HAVE MORE PLAYERS IN CAF TEAM OF THE YEAR

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCER - SIHLANGU'S next opponents in the 2019 AFCON qualifiers, Tunisia, have four players in the 2017 CAF Champions League team of the year, the most of any country on the continent.

The team is made of 17 players, who excelled in the 2017 Confederation of African Football (CAF) Champions League which was won by Moroccan club Wydad Casablanca who beat Egyptian giants Al Ahly 2-1 on aggregate after the second leg on Saturday.

The Tunisians will have been boosted by the announcement by CAF which

saw Hamdi Nagguez, Mohamed Amine Ben Amor, Ali Maaloul and Taha Yassine Khenissi named as part of the continent's best team of 2017.

All four players made the starting eleven on the team. Nagguez and Ben Amor ply their trade for Tunisian club Etoile du Sahel while Maaloul plays for CAF Champions League beaten finalists Al Ahly. Khenissi plays for another Tunisian club Esperance Sportive de Tunis.

Tunisia visit Swaziland on March 23 next year for the crunch qualifier with Sihlangu.

The return leg will be on November 9, 2018, a match which will be the last of the qualifiers.

Other players, who made it into the team, are Mamelodi Sundowns duo of South African international Percy Tau and Ugandan goalkeeper Dennis Onyango. 2017 CAF Champions League team of the year (Starting XI): Dennis Onyango (Mamelodi Sundowns), Ali Maaloul (Al Ahly), Farouk Chafai (USM Alger), Hamdi Nagguez (Etoile du Sahel), Youssef Rabeh (Wydad Athletic Club), Moamen Zakaria (Al Ahly), Brahim Nekkach (Wydad Athletic Club), Mohamed Amine Ben Amor (Etoile du Sahel), Mohamed Ounajem (Wydad Athletic Club), Percy Tau (Mamelodi Sundowns), Taha Yassine Khenissi (Esperance).



UNITY: Manzini Wanderers fans.

Unity key to good results – Weslians supporters

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCER – SINCE their boardroom squabbles have apparently died out, hug giants Manzini Wanderers have certainly looked better, with the result drastically improving.

The team's supporters have attributed this to unity.

Speaking through their National Supporters Committee Chairman Majaivane Dlamini, the Weslians fans said they were happy with being in the top four with only one match left before the end of the first round.

They believe the good results were through the unity between every stakeholder in the team.

"I think the team is doing well, although we are not yet where we want it to be. We are proud of what the technical team and the players are doing because we have been improving with each and every match.

This shows that the unity in the team is paying off as the good results prove that. Everybody is

now working together respectfully in the team and we are reaping the rewards of our hard work. I would like to urge the fans to continue rallying behind the team. The players will also continue to make us happy," he said.

Meanwhile, the team coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe also said he was proud of the players because of the effort they were putting, especially considering that it is a youthful squad.

"The boys are working and we are coming okay. We are a youthful team and our major downfall was that we started with stronger teams yet the players hadn't gelled together, but now we are really coming okay.

The only thing we need is a striker. We need a lethal striker, who will score goals because we create a lot of chances but unfortunately tend to miss all of them.

"Our defense is water tight; I mean we have only conceded just two goals in the past eight games, so there's no need to fix something that's not broken."

Citizens one victory away from E50 000 carrot

By Sabelo Majola

SOCER - NATIONAL First Division (NFD) log leaders Mbabane Citizens are one victory away from clinching the E50 000 first round incentive.

Citizens are at the pinnacle of the log with 27 points after winning all nine games they have played so far in the season and five points separate them from second placed Madlenya.

With maximum six points to play

for before the first round comes to a close in the NFD, Citizens need at least two points to smile all the way to the bank. NFD games will continue over the weekend despite the FIFA week as announced by the PLS.

Citizens were handed a boost when they got three points without even kicking the ball after winning their case against Bad Boys, who failed to honour a game against the latter which was initially called off by the PLS.

Bad Boys were stripped three

Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Citizen9	9	9	0	0	24	5	19	27
Madlenya	9	7	1	1	19	5	14	22
Tinyosi	9	6	1	2	21	4	17	19
Sea Birds	9	5	1	3	20	13	7	16
Milling	9	4	2	3	9	9	0	14
Callies	9	4	1	4	10	13	-3	13
Sikhalo	9	2	3	4	9	15	-6	9
Bad Boys	8	3	0	5	7	14	-7	9
Hub Sundowns	9	2	1	6	7	11	-4	7
Amalanda	9	2	1	6	6	14	-8	7
Tycoons	9	2	0	7	12	16	-4	6
Mahlalini	8	1	1	6	10	19	-9	4

points and three goals while also hit with E15 000 fine and they are now five places from the bottom with a mere nine points after eight games.

MultiChoice keeps EPL passion alive

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCER - MULTICHOICE Swaziland continues to bring excitement to the English Premiership loving local fans through the fan zones initiatives.

The company on Sunday evening brought vibe and fun for local Manchester United and Chelsea fans during the second instalment of the activation held at the Mzimba Mountain view, Ezulwini.

The fans watched the match on the big screens where they enjoyed themselves also winning prizes for correctly predicting the score.

The match ended 1-0 in favour of Chelsea.

Interviewed after the match, some of the fans expressed their happiness about the initiative which they said it promoted sportsmanship and networking among themselves.

This is what they had to say: Fisiwe Vilane (Manchester United)

"I am happy with this kind of initiative from MultiChoice since it creates friendship among the supporters while we enjoying the sport.

I am happy with the performance of my team even though we lost due to the injuries to some of our key players in the team."

Phinda Gamedze (Chelsea)



WINNERS: DSTV Multichoice competition winners joined by Whispers Bar staff. (Pic: Sabelo Majola)

"I am happy my team won against a strong team. I am confident the team will continue to play well.

The players demonstrated a spirited performance in this match. I was happy to watch the game with supporters of the other teams and I am grateful to MultiChoice for coming up with this good initiative."

The initiative will soon hit the Pub & Grill

at the Gables to offer supporters a chance to mingle while watching their favourite English clubs.

Some of the winners:

Vulincwala Nhlabatsi
Phinda Gamedze
Winile Tsabedze
Mpendulo Dlamini
Sizwe Dlamini

WESLIANS TOLD TO DETER FROM INSULTS

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCER - MANZINI Wanderers fans have been urged to deter from hurling insults during the team's matches.

This was revealed by the club's National Supporters Committee (NSC) Chairman Lucky 'Majaivane' Dlamini.

The Weslians have seen an upturn in fortunes with results suddenly forthcoming after a stuttering start to the season. On Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium they beat Vovovo 3-1, their third consecutive MTN Premier League victory after wins over Matsapha United and Midas City.

Dlamini says the good results are a result of teamwork but has urged for better behaviour from the team's supporters during matches.

"We are happy. Let us continue working hard together. We are playing well because everyone is work-

ing together, there are no factions. We now need to do away with the insults during matches because that can have a negative effect even on the children who attend our matches. We have collaborated with Lobamba Police and asked them to lock away anyone, who misbehaves during our matches," he said.

Dlamini went on to add that the

team's future looked bright under the stewardship of seasoned mentor Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe.

"Our players are young and have a bright future ahead. We would like to thank our coach and his entire technical team for the good work they are doing. We as supporters are also working hard to get more supporters coming to support the team. We are in the process of revising our branches countrywide and we also want to bring back membership cards so we urge all Wanderers supporters to come out and support the team," he concluded.

FIXTURES

November 9		
2017 International Friendlies		
21:45	Scotland	v Netherlands
2018 World Cup Qualifiers - Europe		
21:45	Northern Ireland	v Switzerland
21:45	Croatia	v Greece
November 10		
2017 International Friendlies		
14:00	China PR	v Serbia
21:45	Japan	v Brazil
21:45	Poland	v Uruguay
21:45	Belgium	v Mexico
21:45	Portugal	v Saudi Arabia
22:00	England	v Germany
22:00	France	v Wales
2018 Africa WC Qual		
19:00	South Africa	v Senegal
22:30	Algeria	v Nigeria

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E70 000 Liberty Life boost for Green Mamba

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - CORRECTIONAL Services side Green Mamba have received a major boost from Liberty Life in the form of sponsorship worth E70 000.

The new marriage has seen the insurance company shower 'Inyoka Eluhlazana' with a set of 30 Nike soccer boots and a kappa kit during a presentation held at the company's boardroom in Mbabane yesterday.

When making his remarks during the presentation, Liberty Life Managing Director Dumisani Dlamini said they were happy to be associated with an ambitious brand like Green Mamba.

"We are happy with this marriage which is a start of great things between us and Green Mamba. We are happy to be associated with the team and we promise to deliver more early next year. We also want to develop a strong and long-standing relationship with the team and the sporting fraternity," he said.

Green Mamba's Management Committee Chairman Bongani Khumalo on behalf of team President Isaiah Mzuthini

Ntshangase expressed their gratitude to the sponsor for the kind gesture.

He said this would help the team compete effectively in the ongoing campaign.

"We would like to thank the company for the sponsorship which we will help the team compete effectively in the league. We are headed in the right direction after appointing a new coach. I can safely say we are now yielding the desired results inside the field of play. This will be huge motivation to the team as we have quality players, who are always hungry for success." He

said this sponsorship came at the right time.

"We are looking forward to a long-standing relationship with the company.

The team's senior player Sanele Chauke also thanked the sponsor for the gesture and further requested for more equipments to

be used by the team during their matches.

Also present at the presentation was Liberty Life Sales Manager Melisizwe Mdluli as well as Green Mamba MC members in CEO Thami Phakathi, Secretary Mamoshoshoe Ntsane, Manager Bheki Nkambule and players Xolani Mngomezulu and Muhle Shiba.



BOOST: Liberty Life Swaziland MD Dumisani Dlamini and Sales Manager Melisizwe Mdluli presenting a soccer kit (kappa jerseys) and 30 Nike soccer boots worth E70 000 to Green Mamba's Management Committee Chairman Bongani Khumalo and team's CEO Thami Phakathi at the company's boardroom in Mbabane yesterday.

SDUMO REFERRED TO SA FOR CHEEKBONE SURGERY

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - MATSAPHA United forward Sdumo Shongwe could be out for months after he was referred to Nelspruit, South Africa for cheekbone fracture surgery.

Shongwe was elbowed by a Moneni Pirates player on the cheekbone during the two side's clash at the Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday where the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were not present at the stadium to attend injured players. His injury is similar to that sustained by Kaizer Chiefs and Bafana Bafana goalkeeper Itumeleng Khune in the Telkom Knockout clash against Chippa United over the past weekend.

The in-form Kaizer Chiefs shot-stopper was stretchered off the park at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium as defender Daniel Cardoso saw out the closing stages in goal for the glamour boys.

Attention

Chiefs later posted an update on Khune's condition on Twitter, saying: "Injury Update: Captain Itu has a fracture to a bone in his face. He will see a specialist regarding this and we will update you after."

Shongwe checked in at Manzini Clinic together with the team's goalkeeper Khanyakwezwe Shabalala, who also sustained a facial injury in the same game. The pair was discharged but local



INJURED: Matsapha United forward Sdumo Shongwe being assisted off the pitch after sustaining an injury.

doctors have referred Shongwe to SA for facial surgery on the bone known as the zygomatic.

Injuries

Matsapha CEO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini said Shongwe's situation was not getting any better hence the need for further attention to his injury.

"Shongwe's injury is a serious one and he will be seeking further medical attention and we are working on it as a team," he said.

Meanwhile, Shabalala reported for Sihlangu camp yesterday at the Technical Centre but was allowed to go home due to his injury. The pair join Siphamandla Dlamini, Nkosingiphile Nkambule, Sifiso Maseko, Msimisi Nanywa and Dennis 'Yuki' Masina, who are all out nursing injuries and the Saul Chaminuka-led side will be hoping for the players to heal as the Premier League games are suspended for this weekend to make way for FIFA week.

...Lack of resources to blame for paramedics' absence

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER - LACK of resources are causing the shortage of paramedics at soccer games.

This explanation follows Matsapha United's outburst over the lack of paramedics in their past weekend's encounter against Moneni Pirates where they fought back for a 2-1 win, but unfortunately suffered two critical injuries that saw Sdumo Shongwe and Khanyakwezwe Shabalala rushed to hospital.

EMS Communications Officer Wandile Mkhathshwa said they strive to attend soccer games without any selective approach but it comes down to the issue of resources.

"We do attend soccer matches but the major problem is the fact that we are lacking resources. In this past weekend's encounter for instance, we had

our team on sight at Mavuso Sports Centre but just before the injuries they had to rush and deal with other pressing matters.

It was month-end this past week and we encountered multiple medical matters along the Manzini-Mbabane corridor. This is usually the main problem we face. Otherwise, we try our level best to cover all games, without being selective," said Mkhathshwa.

This season is seemingly plagued by injuries as multiple other players have been ruled out for a prolonged period after sustaining critical injuries.

They include among others Mbabane Swallows' forward Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa and Young Buffaloes' Mphile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze

Players who have suffered critical injuries this season

● Mbabane Swallows lethal forward Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa was involved in a head collision during their epic

clash in the capital city derby against Mbabane Highlanders.

● Young Buffaloes team captain Nkosingiphile Tsabedze suffered a knee injury during the army side's clash against Mbabane Swallows.

● Young Buffaloes defender Samkelo 'Rio' Lushana also broke his leg when the army side faced-off against Manzini Wanderers. Linda Mkhonta also sustained a serious injury that will see him sit on the sidelines for six weeks.

● Matsapha United goalkeeper Khanyakwezwe Shabalala was also critically injured in this past weekend's clash against Moneni Pirates.

● Matsapha United striker Sidumo Shongwe was also taken out on a stretcher in the match against Pirates.

● Two Mbabane Swallows players in Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst and Lazola Kunene also sustained what looked like serious injuries over the weekend and had to be substituted.