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SICHAKAZILE: Imbali from the royal family leading the way as the throngs of maidens from all over the country and beyond danced up a storm at Ludzidzini Royal Residence on Monday. This was during the last day of the ceremony which also attracted scores of spectators from near and afar. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

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UNISWA STUDENTS TO STAY AWAY FROM CLASSES TODAY

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

UNIVERSITY of Swaziland students have resolved to boycott classes today owing to a number of allegedly unresolved issues.

The class boycott resolution dubbed a 'stay away' was relayed to students by the Student Representative Council (SRC) President Sibusiso Siyaya yesterday.

Siyaya stated that the decision for the stay away comes as a result of students' complaints not being attended to by the institution.

Students allege that life is now unbearable at the university and the environment is not at all conducive for learning.

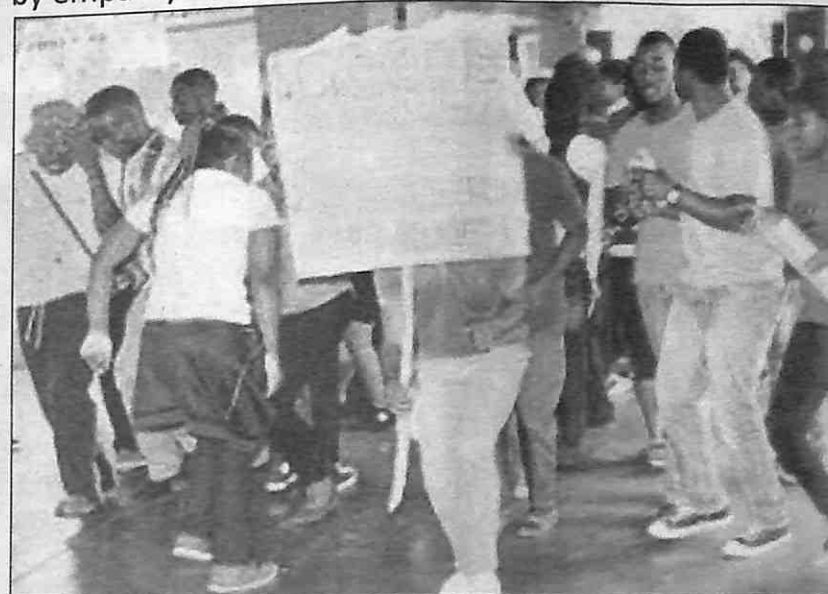
Siyaya stated that since the opening of the university, they as the SRC, engaged all relevant structures to quickly address their mistakes because they don't want at the end having to see anyone labeling students as rowdy and protest-oriented.

He stated that they gave all concerned parties time to correct their mistakes but up to now, nothing has been done.

"We appreciate that the university's administration never avoided us on any day, they have been always willing to listen to our complaints but unfortunately they cannot be resolved by empathy alone but need practical solutions," Siyaya stated.

He said they want to avoid being accused of pursuing secret agendas and they want it to be visible enough that they carry the mandate of students as they have been expressing themselves whilst they listened as leadership.

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AT IT AGAIN: UNISWA students have resolved to boycott classes today owing to a number of allegedly unresolved issues.

He stated that they are now wrapping up the third week of lectures but they still have no book allowances thus they can't access books. Siyaya stated that pertinent issues affecting students include the lack of meal allowances and refectory prices randomly hiking up with food quality still low.

He said scholarships are still not enough to cater for all students and the fact that first year students have still not signed for theirs.

Siyaya said another pressing issue is that up until now, they face a challenge of accommodation at the university.

Other issues include bookshop prices

being too high. Siyaya stated that they have noted a circular or policy that has been circulating all over social media from the ministry of labour and social security whereby other institutions have signed for scholarships.

Story

He said, however, for UNISWA it is a different story as nothing has yet been officially given to them as students.

Siyaya alleged that seemingly what they have learnt is that it was still being debated if the policy is yet to come back with E9 900 or a better offer.

He added that it would seem that those debating the policy need motivation.

SRC warns students against vandalism during boycott

SRC President Sibusiso Siyaya sent a strong warning against any form of vandalism during the class boycott.

He told students that they must not break any windows nor burn any material that they will again need.

"We must as much as we can be able to strike a balance of addressing our issues as well as protecting the university from any damage because we understand very well that a university is necessary to be there in a society for development," he

warned.

The SRC president also made it clear that as students, they do not want to go home as they want to learn.

He appealed to all relevant parties to make the environment conducive for learning.

He said the university must

stop chasing them away and provide solutions to their problems so they can learn.

"In all campuses we are dropping down pens. Tomorrow (today) will just be a stay away then we will communicate later what happens next," he said.

SNUS calls for SRCs to defy restrictions of meetings

SNUS President Brian Sangweni has called upon all SRCs and students in general to defy what he called unjust measures of restricting students' freedom of assembly.

Sangweni urged students to hold meetings whenever they feel necessary without any fear.

This comes after the university of Swaziland banned meetings at the institution following an incident of vandalism which saw the institution's property being destroyed by protesting students.

Banned

Even though students have been banned from meeting, the SRC used various social media platforms to communicate with students and update them on what is happening and what should be done as a way forward.

UNISWA unaware of class boycott

UNISWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane expressed surprise when told about the pending class boycott.

Simelane stated that as a university they were not aware of the students' intention to engage in such.

He stated that they were in a meeting with the SRC on Tuesday evening where they discussed issues affecting students and tried to forge a way forward.

Simelane stated that as a university they even asked for suggestions from the SRC members.

The registrar mentioned that one pertinent contention discussed during the meeting was the issue of accommodation.

He stated that they asked for the SRC to contribute suggestions on how best to tackle the issue.

The registrar stated that from the



WHAT BOYCOTT?: UNISWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane.

meeting they had with the SRC there was nothing that might have led to students to decide to engage on a stay away protest as one would have thought that the parties reached a mutual understanding.

Simelane stated that he would discourage students from engaging in such an action.

Swazi Mobile pavilion most visited at Trade Fair

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE Swazi Mobile Pavilion is making waves at the 2017 Swaziland International Trade Fair.

The new mobile network seemed to have anticipated the Trade Fair traffic as it booked the entire Pavilion Five. Brand and Communications Manager Macford Sibandze revealed that since last Friday on the opening of the Trade Fair their stand has been the busiest with large numbers of people flocking to inquire about the services they have on offer and also linking to the mobile network.

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SIM-card phones that we offer. The phones will allow them to have both the mobile networks that are available in the country and eventually they will choose the mobile network that is affordable to everyone. The people are happy that they now have an option," he said.

Sibandze said most of the customers that approach their stand who are already connected to the Swazi Mobile network state that they are impressed by its speed.

Interest

He said people of all ages including the youth have shown great interest in their affordability.

"The public is also impressed by the contract options that we offer, especially by the E295 contract which comes with a modern phone. They are also happy about the fact that with the contract, once exceeded, the customer can

top up airtime and data bundles until their 30 days elapses and are due for reloading. They are greatly fascinated by the fact that once a customer has E295 contract they stand a better chance of owning the shares if they follow the terms and conditions of acquiring shares with the company.

Shares

This is the first of its kind in Swaziland that a company can start giving away shares before they make profit themselves," said Sibandze.

Sibandze said they are looking at having the entire Swazi nation connected to Swazi Mobile as they offer great services at affordable prices.

He said the company has already surpassed the new customer linking targets they had set for themselves at the Trade Fair.

He said their target was linking 3 000



IT WORKS: Swazi Mobile Technical Officer Wandile Mntshali showing His Majesty King Mswati III and a woman one of their phones. The company's stand was the most visited.

customers in the whole duration of the Trade Fair but they have already surpassed the number. "We are foreseeing an instance where we will double the numbers at the rate that the public is responding and visiting our stand. We were also blessed by His Majesty King

Mswati III visiting our stand, because after that throngs of people started flocking it," he said.

He further added that lots of people showed a lot of interest during the Umhlanga ceremony as they came in their numbers to link with the network.

0% OFFER DIVIDES TEACHERS

COVER STORY

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

GOVERNMENT'S controversial 0.0 per cent pay rise offer to public servants has sparked a serious division amongst teachers.

Some are now accusing the National Executive Committee (NEC) of pushing its own agenda.

This division has resulted in the Manzini Branch of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) Chairperson Mbongwa Dlamini being served with a letter informing him that he could be charged with misconduct.

He has been asked to explain in writing to the teachers' body within five days why he should not be charged for statements that were viewed by the executive to instil division among SNAT membership.

Reliable sources revealed that when NEC presented the 0.0 per cent offer to members of SNAT there were questions that were posed by the General Council (GC).

Allegations are that there was no one who responded to the questions, something that did not go down well with Dlamini. It is alleged that Dlamini then posted a message on one of the social networking sites for teachers which was taken by SNAT leadership as derogatory.

The letter signed by SNAT Secretary General Zweli Mndzebele addressed to Dlamini states; "it has come to the attention of the National Executive Committee of SNAT that you have published a statement on the official WhatsApp group site (GC talk).....which has the effect of undermining the credibility and reputation of the NEC in the perception and estimation of its members". In the post, Dlamini is said to have accused the NEC of forsaking teachers.

"Uyabona angiyati arrogance lenjena NEC uyasikhibosa akanenzaba natsi. Basuke lapha bayi eMbabane bayayimelana kutsi abanike hulumende lifuba lekayakuma principals abo bona batohlala nje bangasinaki ngoba batitfumele" allegedly posted Dlamini.

According to the letter from SNAT signed by Mndzebele these words are viewed by the NEC as highly derogatory insulting, provocative and irresponsible.

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Vote of no confidence

SOME teachers have expressed lack of confidence on their NEC.

A section of teachers is of the view that if they re-elect any of the 10 members who are in leadership in 2018, they will be receiving more of such

threatening letters.

Some even suggested that branch leadership should consult with representatives and consider instituting a vote of no confidence motion on the NEC. "We are a year from elections, but

I have a feeling that the damage they'll do to the union in the next year will be too big and it will take years to repair," a member commented.

"Labangwabi don't care about the union... We must act now, before it's too late," added the member.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS AFTER BEING INFORMED ABOUT SNAT LETTER

COMMENT 1: Sicela kupheketela NEC on Thursday to Mbabane as membership cde chair. It's high time NEC listens to us as their principals.

COMMENT 2: GC abetsi ufuna kupheketela NEC Thursday kepha wala NEC such that utse noma GC angatiyela utawumbuka nje as bantfu labengca ngendlela.

COMMENT 3: Aycha!!!! NEC is changing goal posts now. They've resorted to victimisation now.

COMMENT 4: That's why I'm of the view that:

The words are deemed as also instilling division among union members and defamatory to the reputation of the union in the eyes of the membership who read the publication. The chairperson is further accused of writing the message on an official communication platform of the union for every member to see.

"These words have the unfortunate effect of portraying SNAT as an organisation that is divided among itself, incompetent to perform its mandate on behalf of the membership thereof," reads part of the letter. The secretary general stated that what was said by the chairperson was untrue and a fabrication which is not in the general interest of the membership that has the access to the site.

Mndzebele pointed out that the site has approximately 264 members who are all in the administration cadre of the union at branch and national level.

Dlamini has since been requested to provide a written explanation as to why he should not be charged with misconduct

asking branches to state their position on the obtaining isn't about personal preferences or an act that may prejudice individuals; rather saying: we've a constitution to defend: we've values to defend: we've foundational principles that we all must uphold. This NEC is acting contrary to that.

COMMENT 5: Branches must come out clear to state their position so that we know the caliber of leaders we've that are a composite the infamous GC.

and why disciplinary proceedings should not be instituted against him.

Dlamini is also expected to show cause why he should not be suspended from the union's activities pending finalisation of any disciplinary enquiry that the NEC may want to institute against him.

The letter to Dlamini did not go down well with some members of SNAT who viewed it as a form of victimisation.

How they got to know about it is a mystery.

Worth noting is that even in the last time when government and public service unions did not agree on cost of living, teachers engaged in a waya waya strike that divided teachers.

This was after they had been threatened with the no-work-no pay rule by government.

Regarding the latest offer from government, SNAT-NEC has since invited all members to an urgent extra-ordinary general meeting to be held next Tuesday at SNAT Centre.

SADC condemns assassination of Lesotho's Lt. Gen. Motsomotso

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

SADC has learnt with shock, sadness and dismay about the assassination of the Commander of the Lesotho Defence Force (LDF), Lieutenant General Khoantle Motsomotso.

He was killed on Tuesday. Some senior officers of the LDF are reported to have also lost their lives in the shooting incident. "SADC strongly condemns this indescribable and inexcusable barbaric and heinous act," the statements states. SADC

is immediately deploying a ministerial fact finding mission to Lesotho from September 7 to 10, 2017. The mission will comprise organ Troika ministers plus SADC chair accompanied by defence and security experts," states the statement. SADC added that the fact finding mission was



ASSASSINATED: Lieutenant General Khoantle Motsomotso.

expected to conduct an assessment of the security situation and to hold meetings with all key stakeholders in Lesotho in order to establish the root causes of the assassination and subsequently recommend the appropriate courses of action.

It further states that SADC wishes to reassure all citizens of Lesotho, member states and the entire international community that SADC remains seized with developments in Lesotho and will spare no efforts in ensuring the maintenance and restoration of lasting peace and security to Lesotho.

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ALL OVER: Ugandan Honorary Consul General Tobias Kamugisha meeting President Lungu.



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III and his guest, 9th President of Zambia, Edgar Lungu appreciating Imbali during the main day of the Reed Dance at Ludzidzini Royal Residence on Monday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

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COULDN'T MISS OUT: Chief Makhosonke Nkosi from Mbhuleni with Prince Sicalo at the ceremony.



FOLLOWING: Speaker Themba Msibi, Cabinet ministers and the King's advisors following the proceedings of the ceremony.



HAPPY: Princess Sikhanyiso enjoying herself during the ceremony.



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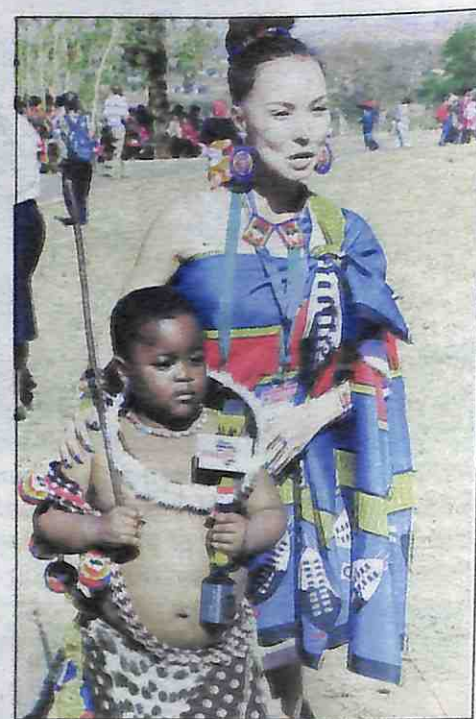
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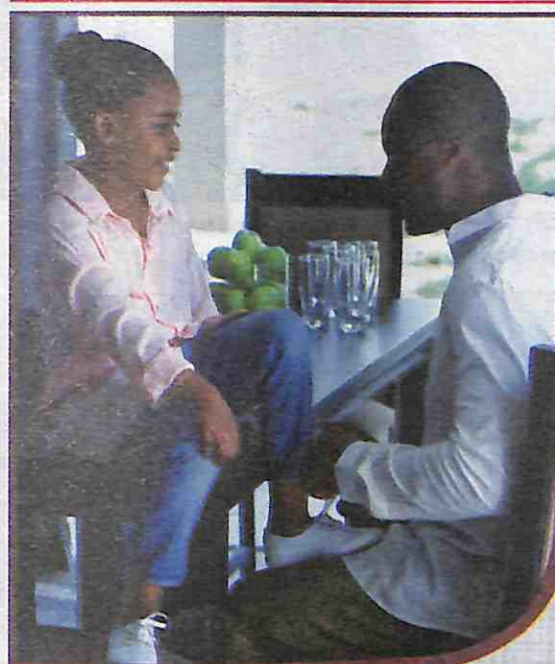




EMAZINYANE: Princess Temaswati joined by emazinyane as she led Imbali from Ngabezweni and Lozitha.



INTERVIEW: Um butto Makhalelincwala being interviewed by a South African journalist at the ceremony.



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ROYAL DANCE: Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso, Sipehelele Mashwama, Princesses Sakhi and Teebu among other Imbali from the Royal Residence. This was during the main day of the Reed Dance ceremony at Ludzidzini Royal Residence on Monday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



PRESENT: Emajaha watching Imbali do what they do best in the arena.



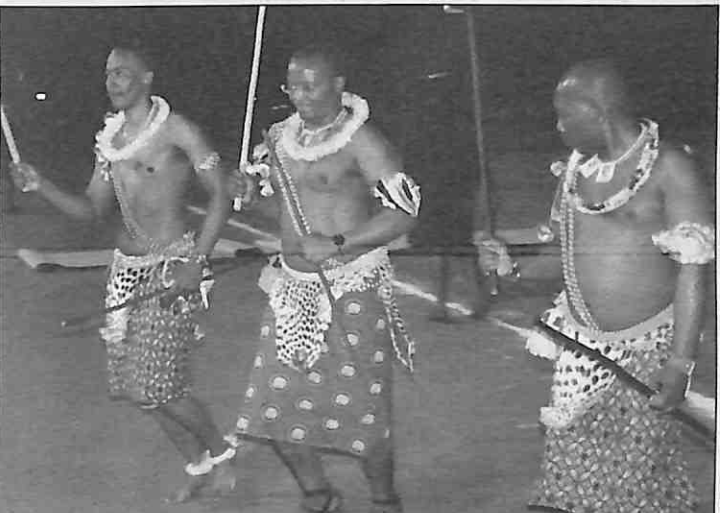
SNAP SHOTS: State Photographer Len Mohale with gospel artists Vusi Maculube and Zaga Dlamini.



CULTURE IN HER VEINS: A little Imbali from South Africa dancing up a storm.



LEADERSHIP: Chiefs were among the many high profile people present on the day.



AHHOYI: Inkhosi Sandile Ngomane of KaHhoyi in Mpumalanga flanked by Ayina and Hlonipho after appreciating Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso.



AHEAD OF HIS AGE: Umbutfo Makhalelincwala in full swing as he appreciates Imbali.



FULL OF ENERGY: Imbali from South Africa in high spirits as they danced before the multitudes present.



TOGETHER: Lacwebetelako were also at the ceremony to appreciate Imbali.



HAVING A GREAT MOMENT: Nhlanhla Dlamini, Prince Guduza and Mfanyana appreciating Imbali.

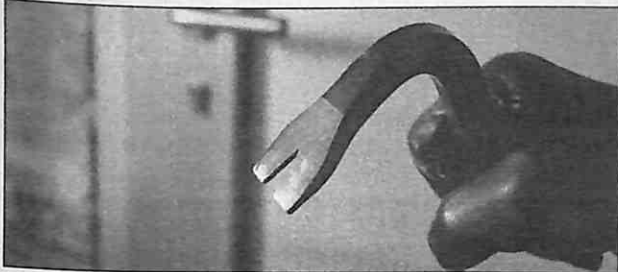
Moza man arrested, faces 10 counts of house-breaking

By PhesheyaKunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A Mozambican man was boldly told by Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati in a half-empty courtroom that he would not be granted bail as he might escape back to his country.

Vali Sibukiso Nuva (23) first appeared before court last Friday, where he was facing three counts. However, when he appeared yesterday Crown Counsel Chris Sibandze moved an application to amend the charge sheet, wherein seven counts of house-breaking and theft were added.

Nuva will effectively spend eight days in custody before his third remand on September 15, pending his trial date on October 12. "The crown has opposed your bail application due to the fact that you are from another country and you might escape before the trial



date, hence you will be kept in custody until the matter is finalised," Vilakati said.

This statement left Nuva disappointed as he was eager to regain his freedom.

The suspect, who cut a figure of a worried man, is facing 10 charges of house-breaking with intent to steal and theft, and contravening the Immigrations Act after he entered and remained in the country without a valid residence permit. He allegedly stole items valued at E138 710 last year between the months of June and November in different areas situated at Ezulwini. However, he was officially charged on September 1 for contravening section 14 (2)

of Immigration Act 17 of 1982.

He was slapped with this count soon after his arrest at Ezulwini.

Soon after his appearance before Vilakati, he was whisked away by a police van to the police station pending his transfer to the Sidvashini Correctional Services.

According to the charge sheet, Nuva allegedly brought grief and fear to areas such as Emarald Park, Mantenga and Gelekeceeni. Amongst those affected by his alleged crimes include the Mantenga Lodge and Cultural Village where valuable items were stolen.

Nuvawas not asked to plead and his trial has been set for October 12.

The house-breaking counts Nuva stands accused of:

Count 1

In that or on June 21, 2016 while at Ezulwini, Emarald Park, he allegedly did wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally broke and entered the house of one Mpendulo Nhlengetfwa and stole property valued at E24 070. Amongst others, the items included two laptops external hard drive and a cellphone.

Count 2

On November 3, 2016 while at or near Ezulwini he allegedly broke and entered into the house of Nkosinathi Nkonyane and stole property valued at E6 440. The items included a black Sansui plasma and silver JVC home theatre.

Count 3

On October 26, 2016 while at or near Mantenga, he allegedly broke and entered into the house of Lionel Chambers and stole a black 38-inch television set valued at E10 000.

Count 4

On the month of August, 2016, while at Gelekeceeni he allegedly broke and entered into the house of Siphos Dlamini stole a black Samsung television set valued at E7 000.

Count 5

On the month of August, 2016, while at or near Cultural Village. He allegedly broke and entered into the house of Francis Bhembe and stole a white master fridge valued at E1 500.

Count 6

On June 14, 2016, while at or near Mantenga Lodge he allegedly broke and entered into the house of one Karen Comins and stole property valued at E4 300. The stolen items included a black LG 26 inch television, two duvet covers and two pillows.

Count 7

On September 28, 2016, while at Ezulwini, he allegedly broke and entered into the house of one Jacobs Leon and stole property valued at E80 000. The stolen items included a black sony Bravia television worth E30 000 and a Yamaha amplifier tuner receiver worth E50 000.

Count 8

On the month of August, 2016, while at or near Mantenga, he allegedly wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally broke and entered into the house of Happiness Banda and stole a black Sony television valued at E5 000.

Count 9

On the month of August, 2016, while at or near Ezulwini, he allegedly wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally broke and entered into the house of Rashid Mohammed and stole a steel salton fan valued at E400.

Count 10

The accused is charged with contravening section 14 (2) of Immigration Act 17 of 1982. In that upon or on September 1, 2017 while at or near Ezulwini, while not being a Swazi citizen did wrongfully and unlawfully entered and remained in the country without a valid residence permit.



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Position: Technical Advisor (TA) -Market Linkages Expert

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Objectives of TA

The main objective of the Market Linkages-Technical assistance is to give overall guidance and strategic advice to the achievement of SMLP- Component 3: Market-Led Agriculture Project activities. Specific objectives include: i) To enable NAMBoard's management to provide leadership for Component 3 of the SMLP ii), To provide Advice on Development of Value Chains in rural Communities as advised by the Market Scoping Survey undertaken by TechnoServe-Swaziland in the Project Area with specific interest in linkages to formal markets.

Outcome of the Assignment

The TA will provide a comprehensive guide and blueprint for market linkages, especially linking small holder farmers to sustainable markets. The end product of this assignment will be well documented lessons, records of market discussions and solid market leads. In addition, the TA will facilitate contracts for farmers, NAMBoard and other markets.

Outputs of the Assignment

A) Value Chains Development

- Provide the basis for selection of value chains, carefully analysing each value chain and working with the SMLP staff and groups to determine plans and best options
- Advise the technical committee on sustainable and profitable value chains, including best practice in the region and beyond
- Provide analysis on current markets, building on the market scoping exercise and other work to provide conclusive and concrete steps to value chains elimination, addition and implementation for partners in component
- Assess current working models for value chain selection, and operating models based on collection and information centres for cost reduction, effective collection and transportation to markets.
- Ensure synergies with Techno Serve, incorporating market scoping study and discussions thereof into the value chains development.

B) Capacity Building

- Build the capacity of staff in export market sourcing, export market contractual arrangement, with specific target on the SMLP staff, NAMBoard marketing extension officers, Ministry of Agriculture staff, and other Implementing Partners as determined by the project.
- Develop, and carry out an initial training needs assessment for the project team, SWADE, NAMBoard and MoA key staff in the area of value chains development.
- Conduct, and or provide input in training, both scheduled and on-the-job as outlined in the project document or upon request by the SMLP project manager.
- Design and hand over simple training modules for Value Chain Development marketing based on agreed timelines with the SMLP team.
- Where required, provide training to key focus people in farmer groups and collection and information center leaders.
- Where required, advise in the setting up and functionality of innovation platforms for the selected value chains.

Key Deliverables

- Inception report outlining the scope of work, the work plan, work program and any other specifics of the Value Chain Mapping
- Training manuals, modules and outlines for specific market based interventions
- A brief on value chains strengthening, in line with the market scoping findings.
- The TA, will also provide a briefs into the strengthening of current value chains in line with the market scoping. This also includes providing innovative solutions for youth based enterprises in different clusters, and different levels of the value chains.
- Mission reports: four reports per year, with each mission providing pointers on value chain development and strengthening.
- End of project report, with clear steps for value chains to be pursued, especially other crops besides vegetables

Reporting Mechanisms

- Provide an inception report with detailed workplan, outcomes, deliverables and timeframes to be reviewed and approved by the Technical Committee and IFAD in the first three (3) weeks of the assignment.
- Provide monthly management reports by the 25th of the following month for decision making.
- Provide task oriented reports as agreed for any specific task.
- Provide market situational reports monthly, or when required by the project manager
- Provide an end of assignment report, within 30 days following the final mission

Competencies

- Over 10 years' experience in Agro - Produce based Value Chains Systems development, at least 5 of which should be in a Technical Advisor or Similar Position
- Work Done in Sub-Saharan Africa, especially Southern Africa is essential, and work done with non-mainstream value chains including vegetables, small livestock, field crops and honey is highly desirable.
- Strong, proven networks in international markets
- Exceptional negotiation skills
- Exceptional training and skills impartation ability and history
- Exceptional of international trade environment including: tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade, accreditation schemes, and international logistics arrangements for fresh produce.

Qualifications

At least Masters Degree or PhD in Agricultural Marketing, Agricultural Economics or closely related qualifications.

Duration of TA

The TA is for a period of 120 working days spread over a period of two years. With at least 80 days during the first year of implementation.

Evaluation Criteria

Work plan and Methodology	30%
Relevant Professional Experience	25%
Previous Relevant Assignment Taken	20%
Qualifications	15%
Understating of the Assignment	10%

Only proposals that have scored a minimum of 70% in the technical proposal will proceed to the evaluation of the financial bids.

The Tenders should be hand delivered and deposited in the Tender Box at the SWADE Main Office, 3rd Floor, MVA Building, Mhlabi Street, Mbabane, Swaziland, no later than the **Thursday, 21st September 2017 at 10:00a.m.** The sealed envelope must be clearly marked TENDER No. SWADE/0354 and addressed to:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TENDER BOARD
Swaziland Water & Agricultural Development Enterprise
Tender No.: SWADE/0354
MARKET LINKAGES TECHNICAL EXPERT CONSULTANT

Only shortlisted consultants will be contacted. Should you not be contacted within two weeks of the deadline, please consider your proposal unsuccessful.



GENERAL NOTICE NO. 9/2017

PROPOSED DECISION IN TERMS OF SECTION 32 OF THE SWAZILAND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ACT, 2013 ON:

(1) ISSUANCE OF POSTAL GUIDELINES

1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

1.1 One of the Functions of the Commission, in terms of Section 6(b) of the Swaziland Communications Act, 2013 is to regulate and supervise the provision of postal services.

1.2 In line with the mandate entrusted upon the Commission by the Act, to regulate and supervise the postal sector, the Commission hereby publishes its Decision to issue Postal Guidelines in terms of Section 38(b) which Guidelines shall be adopted as regulatory instruments to guide the sector.

As part of the public consultation process contemplated in Section 32 of the Swaziland

Communications Commission Act read with the Electronic Communications Act, 2013, the Commission invites written comments from interested stakeholders and the general public on the Decision document. The Postal Guidelines are available to the public through the Commission's website www.sccom.org.sz

The deadline for submission of comments is **1st October, 2017**. Enquiries and comments should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive
Swaziland Communications Commission
P. O. Box 7811
MBABANE
Email: legal@sccom.org.sz

GENERAL NOTICE NO. 10/2017

PROPOSED DECISION IN TERMS OF SECTION 32 OF THE SWAZILAND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ACT, 2013 ON:

(1) ISSUANCE OF BROADCASTING GUIDELINES

1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

1.1 One of the Functions of the Commission, in terms of Section 6(c) of the Swaziland Communications Act, 2013 is to regulate and supervise the provision of radio and television broadcasting services and the content of those services.

1.2 In line with the mandate entrusted upon the Commission by the Act, to regulate and supervise the broadcasting sector, the Commission hereby publishes its Decision to issue Broadcasting Guidelines in terms of Section 38(b) which Guidelines shall be adopted as regulatory instruments to guide the sector.

As part of the public consultation process

contemplated in Section 32 of the Swaziland Communications Commission Act read with the Electronic Communications Act, 2013, the Commission invites written comments from interested stakeholders and the general public on the Decision document. The Broadcasting Guidelines are available to the public through the Commission's website www.sccom.org.sz

The deadline for submission of comments is **1st October, 2017**. Enquiries and comments should be addressed to:

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Vacancy Announcement

FHI 360 is currently seeking qualified candidates for multiple positions under the USAID-funded project, Linkages across the Continuum of HIV Services for Key Populations Affected by HIV (LINKAGES), under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program in Swaziland. Linkages Across the Continuum of HIV Services for Key Populations Affected by HIV (LINKAGES Project) was launched in June 2014 as PEPFAR and USAID's first global HIV project dedicated to key population (KP).

In Swaziland FHI 360 LINKAGES provides holistic KP programming including access to human rights based health services to KP (FSW, MSM and TG) through mobile clinical outreach linkage to KP friendly clinics, tracking of clients along the clinical cascade, outreach support by peers who facilitate small to medium group discussions, access to condoms and lubricants, peer mobilization to clinical outreach mobile services and referrals to both health and non-health services as needed, inclusive of navigational support for peer HIV positive living.

1. LINKAGES Clinical Research Manager:

LINKAGES Clinical Research Manager will oversee research projects and studies under the LINKAGES Swaziland program. Through guidance provided by the MOH's Swaziland National AIDS Program (SNAP) and supported by PEPFAR / Swaziland, FHI 360 LINKAGES Swaziland will implement several research activities including, but not limited to, looking at 1) access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) as one of the HIV Prevention Services provided in its current service delivery model and 2) HIV self-testing (HIV ST).

Job Description: The LINKAGES Clinical Research Manager is responsible for the overall coordination and management of LINKAGES's research agenda, from start-up through close-out of activities. Directs the technical and operational aspects of research efforts, including providing supervisory and mentoring support to other research staff, to ensure the successful completion of the study.

Position Responsibilities

- Manages the day-to-day operations of LINKAGES study sites including start-up, conduct, and close-out activities.
- Work closely with assigned team to ensure activities are implemented per standard operating procedures (SOPs).
- Lead problem solving and resolution efforts to include management of risk, contingencies and issue resolution.
- Work with data manager to develop data flow chart to guide data collection, storage, transportation, cleaning and analysis.
- Possesses knowledge of and remains compliant with local, international and USG requirements and other related regulations regarding confidentiality and ethical issues of research subject data.
- Conduct site visits, when necessary, this includes: convene meetings with study team, prepare and/or edit meeting minutes and process briefings to ensure study continuous quality improvement.
- Ensures strong client relationship management through clear communications, decisive escalation of issues and coordination with other project leadership.
- Ensures that study timelines, costs, and quality metrics are established and met.
- Write and edit technical reports and documents. Assist with publications, web pages, and presentations.
- Coordinate and contribute to the development, review, and submission of funder progress reports.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Master's Degree or its International Equivalent - Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences
- A minimum of 8+ years of previous experience in research project management, possessing the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform this job.
- Experience in program planning, assessment and implementation of HIV clinical care.
- Experience in mentoring of health care workers.
- Understands the HIV-related needs of key population groups in Swaziland, including female sex workers, and/or men who have sex with men and/or transgender individuals and have worked to support and implement activities to reduce stigma and discrimination.
- Sensitivity to cultural differences and understanding of the political and ethical issues surrounding public health issues among key populations in Swaziland
- Ability to manage and complete numerous tasks with a high degree of organization and limited resources.
- Experience of pro-actively identifying risk, addressing issues and appropriately communicating these to the project staff and USAID.
- Ability to meet deadlines with strong attention to consistency, detail, and quality.
- Ability to analyze, and interpret data and write reports.
- Written and verbal communication skills in English.

2. LINKAGES Lead Nurse:

LINKAGES Lead Nurse will oversee, under the guidance of the LINKAGE Technical Advisor, behavioural and structural interventions to Key Populations. S/he will be responsible for the supervision and quality assurance in service provision at all responsible for the supervision and quality assurance in service provision at all service delivery points under LINKAGES Swaziland including mobile clinical services, HIV ST, Drop in Centers (DICs), including HTC, STI screening and treatment; Family Planning and sexual and reproductive health services among others.

S/He will ensure that LINKAGES clinical activities are harmonized into the national guidelines for service provision for key populations, national tools are used for service provision and safeguard accountability at all levels of the project and the organization.

Position Responsibilities:

- Coordinate comprehensive HIV Prevention, SRH and HTC outreach services at the mobile center and other SDPs as per national guidelines and quality assurance using national reporting tools.
- Assess patients and clients and establish health care needs, diagnose simple common health conditions, prescribe, and administer treatment as necessary.
- Ensure appropriate infection control protocols are available and adhered to.
- Collect and report clinical data daily and prepare quality and timely monthly reports
- Ensure maintenance of adequate stocks of drugs and medical commodities as well as safe custody of the drugs and equipment in the clinic and liaise with relevant authorities to ensure continuous supply of test kits to the facility.
- Undertake any other duties as may be assigned by management

Qualifications:

- BSc Nursing or equivalent nursing qualification an added advantage
- NARTIS trained required
- Professional Registration with Swaziland Nursing Council
- Understands the HIV-related needs of key population groups in Swaziland, including female sex workers, and/or men who have sex with men and/or transgender individuals and have worked to support and implement activities to reduce stigma and discrimination.
- At least 4 years' experience in SRH service provision
- Experience in supervising other personnel, Experience/training in counselling an advantage
- Computer literate, Valid Driver's License
- Fluent in siSwati and English

3. LINKAGES Clinical Nurse - Key Populations (2):

LINKAGES Clinical Nurse - Key Populations

S/he will be responsible for the provision of comprehensive prevention, care and treatment services for key populations including female sex workers, men who have sex with men and transgender individuals through community outreach, and additional service delivery points (SDPs) as required.

Position Responsibilities:

- Provide comprehensive HIV Prevention, SRH and HTC outreach services at the mobile centre and other SDPs as per national guidelines and quality assurance using national reporting tools.
- Be able to prescribe and dispense ARVs
- Provide information, educational and counseling services to clients in a timely, professional and client-focused manner
- Report clinical data daily
- Undertake any other duties as may be assigned by management

Qualifications:

- BSc Nursing or equivalent nursing qualification an added advantage
- NARTIS trained required
- Professional Registration with Swaziland Nursing Council
- Understands the HIV-related needs of key population groups in Swaziland, including female sex workers, and/or men who have sex with men and/or transgender individuals and have worked to support and implement activities to reduce stigma and discrimination.
- At least 2 years' experience in SRH service provision
- Experience in supervising other personnel, Experience/training in counselling an advantage
- Computer literate, Valid Driver's License
- Fluent in siSwati and English

4. LINKAGES Program Officer II - Mitigation

The Program Officer II - Mitigation provides technical assistance and support in the implementation of comprehensive prevention, care and treatment services, including reliable coverage across the continuum of care for FSW, MSM and TG. Services are provided through community based outreach with comprehensive services, HTS, linkage to PrEP services, HIV ST and other appropriate strategies and community mobilization activities.

- Assist in the development of strategies for the design and implementation of comprehensive prevention, care and treatment services, including reliable coverage across the continuum of care for FSW, MSM and TG.
- Provides technical support to build the capacity of community outreach workers to support implementation of comprehensive prevention, care and treatment programming and demand creation.
- Support oversight of community mobilization strategies and demand creation for LINKAGES programming services including access to comprehensive mobile services, peer education activities, peer navigation, PrEP, and HIV ST.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- BS/BA or MPH or MS/MA in relevant degree with 5-7 years' public health experience at the state or community level or in the private health sector.
- Proven skills in the implementation of HIV prevention, care, and treatment projects for female sex workers, and/or men who have sex with men, and/or transgender individuals in Swaziland.
- Knowledge of processes for developing and implementing HIV prevention, care, and treatment programs with key population groups in Swaziland.
- Proven skills in mentoring, leadership and networking.
- Sensitivity to cultural differences and understanding of the political and ethical issues surrounding public health issues among key populations in Swaziland.
- Experience working with civil society organizations to plan and implement HIV and/or health-related activities.
- Ability to travel within country or region and internationally, if needed.

5. LINKAGES Data Officer:

Job Description: Support the LINKAGES data management systems for multiple implementation clinical and research activities under LINKAGES Swaziland. Performs clinical and non-clinical data entry and validation to ensure accuracy, completeness and legibility of data. Assists data users with requests for study related documents.

Position Responsibilities

- Responsible for the quality and maintenance of data entry. This includes reviewing and verifying data for accuracy and correcting any inaccurate data.
- Provides support for the department by completing data entry and providing data reporting information of appropriate databases as directed.
- Possesses knowledge of and remains compliant with local, international and USG requirements and other related regulations regarding confidentiality and ethical issues of research subject data.
- Working with data management to validate designed functionality.
- Maintains study participant files and study notebooks.
- Provides support for the data query process.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- University degree in Social Sciences, preferably with majors in Statistics,

Demography and/or Sociology

- 2-3 years' experience with data entry and record keeping.
- Must be able to read, write, and speak fluent English and siSwati
- Prior work experience in a non-governmental organization (NGO).

6. LINKAGES Program Officer II - Operations

Provides operational assistance and support to programs. Collects, complies, and analyses information relevant to programs. Provides administrative and project support, in addition to communication efforts related to program management and execution. Ensures compliance with internal and external regulations.

Position Responsibilities

- Provides support to program team through logistical, administrative and program monitoring activities.
- Coordinates travel arrangements and monitors program activities.
- Coordinates specific program activities
- Collects, complies and analyzes information relevant to the program.
- May provide administrative support to programs as needed by writing, reviewing, and translating reports on a quarterly basis.
- Supports program/project teams administratively and technically to provide high quality deliverables to clients.

Qualifications:

- BA degree or similar Degree with 3 to 5 years' public health experience at the state or community level or in the private health sector.
- Articulate and professional and able to communicate in a clear, positive fashion with clients and staff.
- Must be able to read, write, and speak fluent English and siSwati;
- Prior work experience in a non-governmental organization (NGO), government agency, or private organization.

7. Demand Creation Officer - Key Populations

The LINKAGES Demand Creation Officer - Key Populations will provide support to the LINKAGES community outreach workers to support all demand creation activities under LINKAGES. This position will be responsible to design population specific strategies to ensure continual and expanding demand creation approaches.

Position Responsibilities

- Develop and support a LINKAGES Demand Creation strategy and ensures that all pertinent components of the demand creation strategy are effectively implemented
- Ensure innovative demand creation plans with activities that result in increased numbers of key population individuals accessing health services and LINKAGES program activities.
- Supervise LINKAGES outreach workers for both technical and operational quality control.
- Produce weekly and monthly reports on demand creation in all regions in Swaziland, ensuring tight performance monitoring of the community outreach workers teams in each of the four regions.

Qualifications:

- BA degree or similar Degree with 3 to 5 years' public health experience at the state or community level or in the private health sector.
- Prior experience with demand creation for hard to reach populations.
- Understands the HIV-related needs of key population groups in Swaziland, including female sex workers and men who have sex with men and transgender individuals and has worked to support and implement activities to reduce stigma and discrimination.
- Proven skills in mentoring, leadership and networking.
- Articulate and professional and able to communicate in a clear, positive fashion with clients and staff.
- Must be able to read, write, and speak fluent English and siSwati;

8. M & E Officer

The LINKAGES Monitoring and Evaluation Officer will provide support to the LINKAGES team and Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer in ensuring that implementation is appropriately done, aligning with approved workplans. Position will be responsible for ensuring that field team is appropriately using the designed data collection tools, and that it is properly collated and entered into required databases.

Position Responsibilities

- Ensure appropriate use of data collection tools at community level.
- Assist in capacity building of data collected from outreach workers, including data entry and use of both tools and data populated from outreach worker tools.
- Implementation of microplanning and peer navigation tools.
- Contributes to the production of timely and accurate reports for LINKAGES program staff.
- Reports regularly to the LINKAGES Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer.

Qualifications:

- BA in Social Sciences, preferably with majors in Statistics, Demography and/or Sociology
- Experience with USAID-funded activities, with PEPFAR monitoring, evaluation and reporting experience preferred.
- Experience with complex M&E systems and experience working with key population groups and PLHIV is essential.
- Ability to meet deadlines with strong attention to consistency, detail, and quality.

Application:

- Send application to recruitment.fhi360@realnet.co.sz before 8th September 2017, with subject line as the position applying for e.g. "LINKAGES Clinical Research Manager"
- Application should include: Curriculum Vitae, Application letter, Academic & Professional Registration certificates

All positions will be based in Mbabane, Swaziland. Swaziland nationals and candidates currently based in the region are encouraged to apply.

Suitably qualified candidates openly living with HIV and/or who are representative of the key populations affected by HIV are also actively encouraged to apply.



MAN MURDERS WIFE, CELEBRATES BY DRINKING BEER AFTERWARDS

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

IN a brutal and inhuman murder incident, a man is said alleged to have killed his wife by severely assaulting her and banging her against the wall of their house before leaving her for dead.

As if washing his sins away, the man, Thokozani Samson Mngometulu, is alleged to have proceeded to a tree within their homestead where he sat and drank beer before disappearing.

Mngometulu has since been indicted at the High Court on charges of

murder of his wife Nokulunga Ndwandwe and according to the summary of evidence, the prime witness stated that the accused who is employed in Johannesburg, South Africa was from work on the fateful day.

It is said upon arrival at Somtongo he took his wife for a shopping spree at Nhlalanga and bought her furniture and some groceries before they proceeded back home.

However, things changed when he upon arrival started accusing his wife of having a sexual affair with another man.

That is when he started assaulting her severely before banging her against the wall. He left her bleeding profusely on the floor of their house.

After the killing he grabbed a bottle of beer and proceeded to a tree within the compound, sat there and watered down his sins with the beer before disappearing.

One of the witnesses stated that after hearing the screams emanating from the assault, they proceeded to investigate and found the deceased already dead lying on the floor with the walls in the house covered with blood.

Police were called and the deceased was taken to hospital where he was certified dead and a search for the accused person ensued. He was arrested and subsequently charged with the murder of his wife.

At least 14 witnesses including neighbours, investigating officers and pathologist would be paraded by the crown when the trial begins.



About 18 000 Swazi women risk rape in foreign countries

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

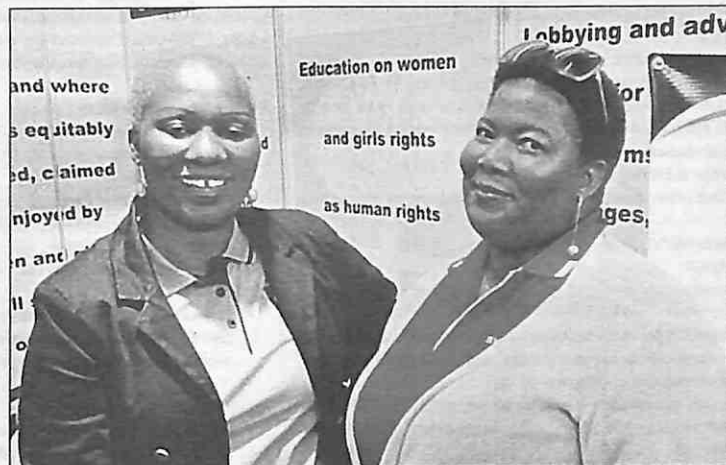
NATIONAL Director of Women and Law Swaziland Xolani Hlatshwayo has said the country has 18 000 informal traders who risk getting raped in foreign countries.

Hlatshwayo was speaking during an interview at a packed Women and Law stand at the on-going Swaziland International Trade Fair in Manzini on Sunday.

Hlatshwayo said the informal traders were mostly women who literally put their lives at risk every time they visited foreign countries where they do business.

"The bulk of the informal traders in Swaziland are women who have to go outside the kingdom to do business, unfortunately, they start to struggle right at the border gate that has adopted very complex and ever changing rules and regulations regarding the import or export of products.

The border personnel do not always understand that the bulk of these



AT RISK: National Director of Women and Law Swaziland Xolani Hlatshwayo standing next to Philile Dlamini at the Women and Law stand at the 2017 Swaziland International Trade Fair in Manzini on Sunday. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini)

traders lack a higher education caused by extenuating circumstances, so they cannot always fill out the forms at the border gates. This in some cases results in some woman having to pay boys money at the border gates to fill the forms for them. The women risk getting raped because they are forced to sleep in very

unsafe areas when they travel into foreign countries. We have reports that rapes sometimes do occur abroad," she said.

Also at the Women and Law stand was President of the Women's Cross Border Committee Thobile Dube who confirmed that their organisation had about 18 000 members

who crossed the borders regularly for business, thus risking rape in the process.

"Our members do encounter various problems such rape because they lack adequate protection. We, as a committee, are very proud of SWEET (Swaziland Women Economic Empowerment Trust) for helping these women with micro finance," she said.

Dissemination

Meanwhile, Legal officer at Women and Law Swaziland Dumsani Dlamini said correct dissemination of information was key to helping informal traders avoid being taken advantage of in foreign countries.

"As Women and Law our doors are open to help women gain information that will allow them to know their rights.

Government also needs to start recognising the fact that informal traders are very important to the country's economy because if we allow these traders to have money it will stay in the country and circulate here but if they continue going to foreign that is money lost," he said.

HIV/AIDS pandemic has new face

By Lungelo Nkambule
Arusha, Tanzania

WHILE the world might have assumed that the HIV and AIDS pandemic battle had been won, Regional Psychosocial Initiative (REPSSI) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Noreen Huni has stated that infact the pandemic has just started.

Making her remarks yesterday in Arusha during a media briefing session, Huni said the world needed to be alive to the fact that the pandemic was just actually starting over as it had returned in a new form with a new face which is adolescents.

"It is true that the world has made strides in controlling the spread of the

virus and there aren't many new infections reported in the adult bracket, but the world has left behind the adolescents who are now the most infected group and the ones who record new infections.

So, essentially that means that the pandemic is only just starting again, just in a new form as it is affecting another generation," she said.

Huni, an advocate for children through addressing their psychosocial and mental well-being, said because of this development the world needed to explore ways in which they could engage young people who were now the most affected and the ones exposed to new infections on a daily basis.

She said governments and all other stakeholders had a challenge ahead of them to work out ways in which they

could curb and nip in the bud this new form of the pandemic.

"This new form is as energetic as a teenager, as fast and innovative as social media hence when addressing it we need to be vigorous. As long as Africa, especially, is still faced with challenges like teenage pregnancies, intergenerational relationships, child marriages and rampant sexual abuse then our adolescents are in trouble in extension meaning the world is in trouble and zero infections by 2030 will remain nothing but a dream," she said.

Psychosocial

Huni implored each member state to mainstream psychosocial support as that would allow the adolescents to think critically and in turn ask the difficult questions which would spark conversations within homes. She said it was her belief that the victory was in these conversations as this would keep the adolescents open minded.

She further urged all the member states to go home and create a conducive environment for adolescents not only to ask questions but to be able to live their best lives possible regardless of their background.

She encouraged member states to deal with the challenges that these youngsters were faced with like child marriages, intergenerational relationships, sexual abuse and teenage pregnancy.

"We need to put in place culturally appropriate frameworks that will protect the adolescents," she said.

Huni is part of the over 400 participants at the Psychosocial Support (PSS) Forum in Arusha, Tanzania. The forum, hosted by REPSSI in collaboration with Southern African Development Community (SADC) and East African Community (EAC), is a platform for member states to share on how member states can mainstream

psychosocial and mental well-being in the fight against HIV and AIDS and poverty. REPSSI is operational in 13 countries in the SADC and EAC regions including Swaziland but 34 countries participated in this forum with 11 of them being European and Asian countries.

Delegates

Swaziland was represented in the forum as there were delegates from the Deputy Prime Minister's Office, ministries of education and health and the civil society.

The forum was preceded by a conference for adolescents where they deliberated on issues affecting their countries and Swaziland was represented. One of the adolescents representatives from Swaziland Xolani Magongo further made a presentation at the forum on issues affecting African adolescents and further made recommendations.

US Embassy invites Swazis for Mandela Fellowship

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE US Embassy is again inviting young Swazis to apply for the 2018 Mandela Washington Fellowship.

The applications for the 2018 Mandela Washington Fellowship will be accepted online from September 13, 2017 through October 11, 2017, US Public Affairs Officer Joia Starks announced. The application is internet based and available at yali.state.gov

Starks further revealed that the Mandela Washington Fellowship is the flagship programme of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) and embodies the United States' commitment to invest in the future of Africa.

She said it includes six weeks of intensive executive leadership training, networking, and skills building at premier US universities, followed by a summit in Washington, DC.

"Through this initiative, young African leaders are gaining the skills and connections they need to accelerate their own career trajectories and contribute more robustly to strengthening democratic institutions, spurring economic growth, and enhancing peace and security in Africa," said Starks.

Inception

The US public affairs officer further highlighted that since the programme's inception in 2014, 3 000 young African leaders have participated and 40 are from Swaziland.

She said those selected for the Mandela Washington Fellowship represent the extraordinary promise of an emerging generation of entrepreneurs, activists, and public officials.

"As President Obama said to the fellows in 2016, 'I launched the Young African Leaders Initiative because I've always believed that one person can be a force for positive change; that one person... can be like a stone, a pebble thrown in a lake, creating ripples — ripples of hope,' she remarked.

Starks further said the Mandela Washington Fellows must be between 25 and 35 years old, must have proven track records of leadership in a public, private, or civic organisation and must demonstrate a strong commitment to contributing their skills and talents to building and serving their countries and communities.

"For further information, interested applicants must contact the Public Affairs section of the US Embassy at 2417-9000 or visit: [https://yali.state.gov](http://yali.state.gov)", she said.

DR LIKOJI SUSPENDED

...as direct payee for health services for SwaziMed

Stories by Sandile Nkambule
High Court

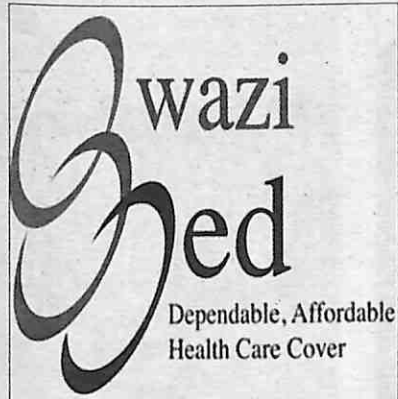
PROMINENT private medical practitioner Dr Tshibungu Jean Pierre Likoji has been suspended by the Swaziland Medical Aid Fund (SwaziMed) as a direct payee for the provision of health services for Swazi Med.

Dr Likoji of Smart Clinic in Manzini is alleged to have over utilised services provided to SwaziMed clients and his suspension was with effect from April, 2017.

He has since filed an urgent application at the High Court, where he is seeking an order of court declaring the suspension unlawful and wrongful, also he wants SwaziMed to set aside and uplift his suspension.

Dr Likoji, a specialist physician is amongst two other doctors who were suspended by SwaziMed in April, has been cited as the applicant in the matter while SwaziMed is the respondent.

SwaziMed represented by senior attorney Mangaliso Magagula of Magagula Hlophe Attorneys is yet to file its responding papers and the matter is



before High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi.

Prior to his suspension, a meeting was convened by SwaziMed where Dr Likoji was present and management registered their concern regarding his claims for medical and health care services provided to its members.

He is alleged to have amongst other things, performed certain medical procedures on member patients implying that such procedures performed appeared to be routine and were strictly necessary and thus being an exploitation of the medical aid scheme for financial gain.

In his papers filed before court, Likoji submitted that he was questioned on

the use and costs of certain medical procedures and consumables on member patients, the allocation of codes for certain treatments and also questioned on the number of patients he treats.

He said he requested that reference be made to specific cases where the Fund had queried claims or matters.

Patients

He stated that he only attended to patients that were within his scope of practice pertaining to medicine or referrals from general practitioners.

Likoji stated that he does not attend to gynecological, pediatric or surgical patients and that they were welcome to refer him to specific matters that fell outside of his area of expertise.

He said he undertook to cooperate with the respondents to resolve any or all concerns regarding claims including the reconciliation of his outstanding claims submitted to the amount of E90 915.

"I submit and verily believe that the process leading to my suspension from direct payment as a medical and health care provider was procedurally incorrect, unlawful and arbitrarily obtained leading to a unilateral variation of the parties' contractual relationship."

SwaziMed wonder why Likoji filed after months

SWAZIMed is yet to file its responding papers at the High Court and Judge Sipho Nkosi who is handling the matter postponed it tomorrow.

However, senior attorney Mangaliso Magagula representing SwaziMed on Tuesday wondered as to why the applicant, Dr Likoji filed his application after so long.

Submitted

Magagula submitted before Judge Nkosi that the letter of suspension was served on Likoji in April yet he has come to court on an urgent basis five months down the line.

However, Magagula submitted that they are yet to file their papers as they have only been served with the application on Monday and had not prepared their responding papers as the application was brought before court on Tuesday.



POSTPONED: High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi.

Dr Likoji resorts to selling assets to sustain medical practice, family

IN his papers Likoji submitted that the matter is urgent on account that if his suspension was to continue indefinitely, it may and will result in the imminent closure of his medical practice.

In the meantime, he stated that he has resorted to selling off certain assets and surrendering medical equipment to creditors and financiers to sustain the operations of the clinic.

He claimed to be failing to meet the financial upkeep of his family and dependants as he had three children in university and one at high school.

Papers

He submitted in his papers that all his children were dependent on him for their education, welfare and upkeep and are now at risk of dropping out of university to their extreme

prejudice.

Likoji said he could not continue to resort to selling assets or obtaining loans to sustain his medical practice in the hope that the matter would be resolved amicably.

He said the matter is further exacerbated by the fact that the suspension is indefinite whereas his name and reputation and livelihood is under immediate jeopardy and threat.

... 'Two patients have died following my suspension'

DR Likoji has claimed that two of his patients have already died after failing to get medical assistance from him following his suspension.

ly his livelihood, his name and reputation both as respected medical doctor and professional within the Swazi community.

He said the publication of the notice of his suspension on August 21, was unnecessary and that such could have been communicated privately to members of the fund through electronic means or otherwise.

As a consequence of the suspension, he has lost 80 per cent of his patients who would otherwise access his services under cover of the medical aid.

SNIP

He alleged that since he is no longer a direct payee for the provision of health services for the fund, some of his patients could no longer access his services.

Likoji further alleged in his affidavit that on average he would attend to approximately 10 to 15 patients per day, depending on the medical condition.

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The implications of the suspension according to Likoji had serious and dire consequences for his medical practice, and consequent-

He viewed the general conduct of the respondent against him as being malicious, vexatious, unwarranted and defamatory.

He said the closure of his medical practice will result in the loss of his livelihood, loss of employment for all staff members and damage to his credit worthiness to creditors and suppliers of pharmaceuticals and medical equipment.

TENDER NOTICE



INVITATIONS TO TENDER FOR

CONTRACT NO.	SRA 2017/009
NAME	PROVISION OF CASH IN TRANSIT SERVICES
CLOSING DATE	6 TH OF OCTOBER 2017

The Swaziland Revenue Authority is seeking services from experienced companies for the above mentioned services. Only companies that can demonstrate that they are suitably qualified and have previous experience and capacity to implement similar projects will be considered.

Tenderers should submit the following:

- Company profile
- Technical and Financial proposals
- Certified Copy of Valid Tax Compliance Certificate
- Certified Copy of Valid Trading License
- Certified Copy of Valid Labour Compliance Certificate
- Certified copy of Valid Workman Compensation Certificate
- Company audited annual financial statements for the past 3 years
- Names and contact details of at least three (3) reference customers

Interested companies should access the tender documents from the SRA website at www.sra.org.sz and from the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency website at www.sppra.co.sz. Tenders must be placed in the tender box in a sealed envelope showing the project name and contract number not later than 12h00 Noon, on the above closing date at:

Swaziland Revenue Authority,
Ground Floor Reception,
Sibekelo, Building 2 Mbabane.

Compulsory Pre-tender Briefings Dates

TENDER NAME	PRE BRIEFING DATE	VENUE&TIME
PROVISION OF CASH IN TRANSIT SERVICES	Tuesday 12 th of September 2017	SRA HEADQUARTERS SIBEKELO BUILDING 2, 10AM



EXCITED: Imbali being appreciated by His Majesty King Mswati III and Zambian President Edgar Lungu during the Reed Dance Ceremony at Ludzidzini Royal Residence on Monday.
(Pics: Lucky Simelane)

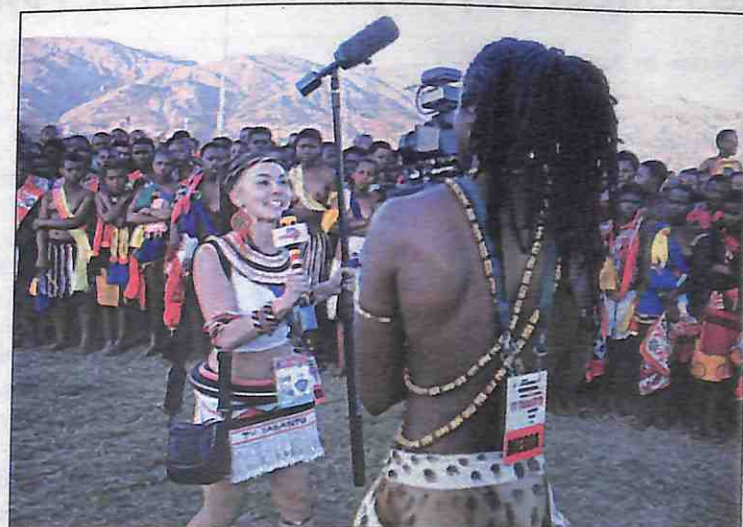


CAPTURED: Some of the diplomats who attended the event.

NEIGHBOURS: Some of maidens from South Africa who were present.



PACKED: An aerial view of Ludzidzini dancing arena.



REPORTING FROM LOBAMBA: TV Yabantu crew covering the event.



TRIO: Prince Guduza and Prince Masitsela with Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini.



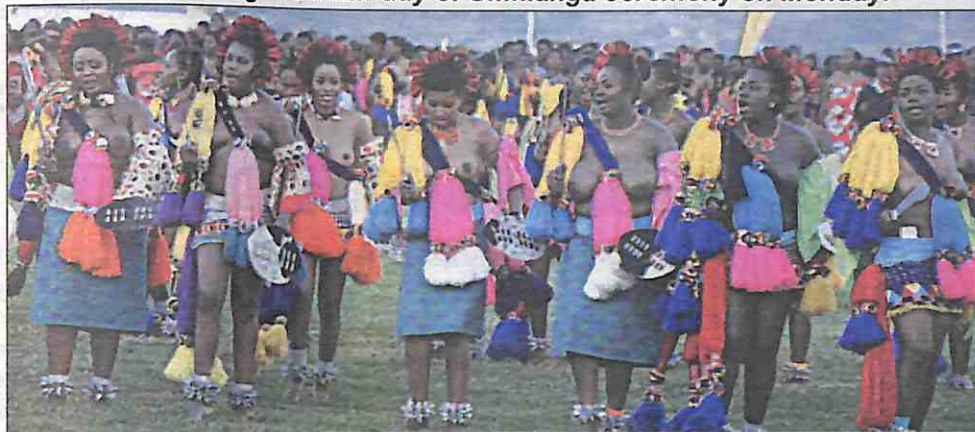
TAKEN: Tourists using their cell phones in capturing some photos.



IMBALI: Maidens from RSP, USDF and His Majesty's Correctional Services leading them in song.



COLOURFUL: Imbali led by Princess Sikhanyiso and Indvuna Nonduduzo Zubuko (l) singing and dancing during the main day of Umhlanga ceremony on Monday.



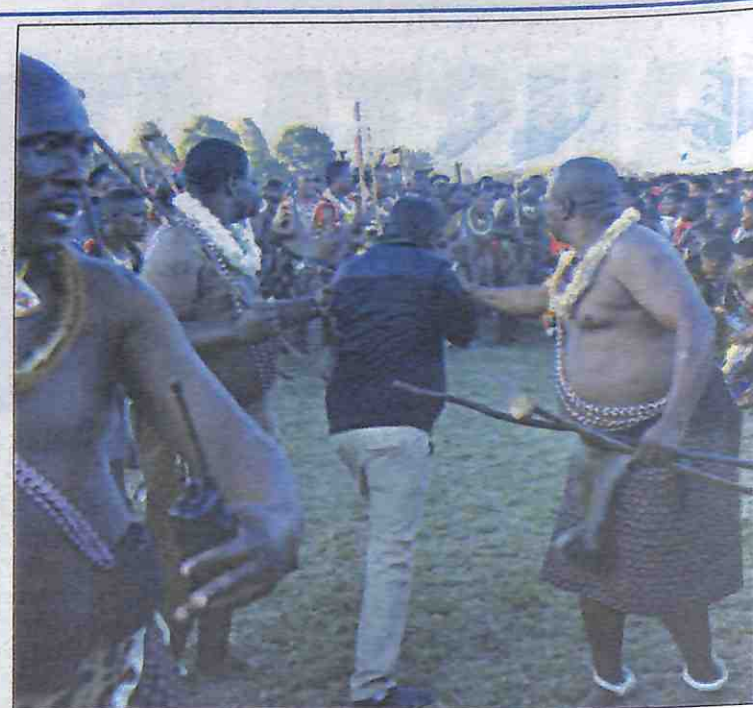
MAHLE EMAGWALAGWALA: Royal family maidens in song.



JOYFUL: Imbali from His Majesty's Correctional Services did not miss out.



LIKE THIS: Imbali from USDF showing them how it's done.



BUT WHY?: Journalists having a tough time from security officers while capturing the important moments.



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DEATH GRATUITY DISTRIBUTION BY PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION FUND

The Public Service Pensions Fund invites the following deceased members' families to meetings to be held at the following scheduled times and dates at the Pensions Building, along Mhlambanyatsi Road. Family members are requested to bring certified copies of the following: proof of identity, death certificate, birth certificates, marriage certificate(s) and any other relevant documents.

Lihhovisi letemhlala phansi (PSPF) licela tihlobo tanaba labalandzelako kutsi tivele enhloko hhovisi ngalamalanga netikhatsi letilandzelako.

Tiyacelwa kutsi tiphatse sitifiketi sekufa semufi, titifiketi tekutalwa tebantwana bemufi, titifiketi tekutsatsana, nabomatise bebuve (P.I.N.) ID nato tonkhe tincwadzi letingasita.

The following deceased members' families are invited to attend a meeting on the following dates:

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Tsela Sabelo Martin	Housing	6527778	07.07.2017	09h00
2. Sigwane Bhethemba H.	Works	10212305	12.07.2017	09h45
3. Mkhwanazi Nothando Z.	Defence	101853226	09.07.2017	10h30
4. Dlamini Jabulani Joonia	Defence	6201618	16.06.2017	11h15
5. Ndlovu Justice Fana	Police	10128602	11.07.2017	12h00
6. Thwala Anyani Alpheus	Agriculture	2315805	09.07.2017	14h15

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Dlamini Oscar Jabulani	Police	5108598	05.07.2017	09h00
2. Maziya Mandlenkosi Mike	Works	10032110	16.07.2017	09h45
3. Mabuza Madeli Pauline	Regional	2447409	25.01.2009	10h30
4. Dlamini Vuka Robert	S.N.T.	8749479	26.07.2017	11h15
5. Dlamini-Dube Margaret S.	Agriculture	2245575	26.07.2017	12h00
6. Mavuso Charles Themba	Judiciary	554781	26.11.2016	14h15

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Mswane Sicelo Johanness	Defence	4588351	22.07.2017	09h00
2. Mlota Albert Macijane	Works	4521855	29.07.2017	09h45
3. Dlamini Thabsile Ruth	Labour	3968248	26.06.2017	10h30
4. Chalapa Amos Bwalya	Health	300529070	24.03.2017	11h15
5. Gulwako Mthunzi Mtheleni	Defence	8792329	25.07.2017	12h00
6. Langwenya Moses Mlungisi	Education	4924210	22.07.2017	14h15

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2017

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Mkhabela Meshack Z.	Fire	5113956	30.07.2017	09h00
2. Dlamini Petros Mizayifani	Defence	10008418	22.07.2017	09h45
3. Thwala-Mkhwanazi Patricia	Education	6237831	09.08.2017	10h30
4. Myeni Nylon Camble	Agriculture	6210616	13.08.2017	11h15
5. Ndzinisa Cynthia Sibongile	Agriculture	9183315	05.08.2017	12h00
6. Ndinisa Sibonile Gugu	Education	40524269	09.08.2017	14h15

For more information please contact Nothando Dlamini at 2404-8740/3 or our Toll Free Number 8002401

BUSTA ATTACKED ME - SENIOR COP

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

PIGG'S Peak Deputy Station Commander Inspector Nhlanhla Sihlongonyane has reported suspended police Busta Vilakati to the Pigg's Peak police for attacking him with a knife during a raid at the police camp.

The incident happened in front of 10 police officers last Friday afternoon.

Sources close to the matter said the attacker Vilakati was angry that he was being raided by his colleagues.

"Vilakati who has been on suspension since 2013 for narcotics violations was angry because he was being raided for dagga paraphernalia at the police camp by his colleagues. During the raid, Vilakati went to his bedroom to look for his bushknife, unfortunately he could not find it. So he went to the kitchen and found a butcher knife, he then tried to stab his commander Sihlongonyane who was busy overseeing the raid," said

the source.

Sihlongonyane was saved by another cop who saw the knife and then wrestled it away from him, after dragging him outside and overpowering him.

Reported

The incident was reported to the Pigg's Peak police who managed to also find 1000 dagga seeds outside Vilakati's window. Meanwhile, when approached for comment Vilakati said that he was innocent and did not try to stab his superior during the raid.

"I am not fighting with my colleagues, all I want from them is an apology for the way they mistreated me during the raid.

Unfortunately some police like to make up stories so that they can blackmail you, in this case the police are just angry that they did not find me with any drugs," he said. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the attack adding that it was reported to the Pigg's Peak police who are currently investigating the matter.



ATTACKED: Deputy Pigg's Peak Station Commander Inspector Nhlanhla Sihlongonyane.



RAID: Block of flats at the Pigg's Peak police camp were deputy Pigg's Peak Station Commander inspector Nhlanhla Sihlongonyane was attacked by Busta Vilakati with a knife during a raid at the Pigg's Peak police camp on Friday.

Public transport operator takes RTB to court over permit

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

A public transport operator has run to court where he is seeking an order to have his public transport permit released to him forthwith.

Mathokoza Mgwane who runs a public transport business (kombis) has taken the Road Transportation Board (RTB) to court where he is seeking an order

for the release of the permit to him.

He argued that his permit was taken by the RTB although it has not even expired and argues that following his grounded business, he is suffering prejudice in that his public vehicle is lying idle without generating any income.

Although the matter is yet to be argued in court High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi however noted that according to law, no one has the right to shut down a business except an order of court.

He observed that there have been a number of cases involving public transport operators whose permits have been taken by the RTB.

The Attorney General's office is opposing the application filed by Ngwane and is yet to take further instructions on the matter which is yet to be argued.

Judge Nkosi postponed it to a later date as the RTB is yet to respond through its responding papers to be filed before Friday.

Companies must respond to media's questionnaires promptly

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

MEDIA Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Swaziland Director Vuyisile Hlatshwayo says local companies should respond to media's questionnaires within the pre-agreed time period.

Hlatshwayo said Swazi companies who hired public relations officers (PROs) had no excuse to delay answering questionnaires seen as urgent.

"It all depends on the sensitivity and urgency of the story, therefore it is fair for companies to answer a questionnaire coming from a media house within the pre agreed time period, that a journalist and a Swazi company have agreed on, this could be 24 hours, 48 hours or even 72 hours. We understand that most written media houses have their own vary-

ing deadlines as well as competition from others in the industry, so it is fair for companies to answer questionnaire promptly or within five days, unfortunately some companies like to delay answering to questions," she said.

Victim

He said currently journalists were falling victim to companies that delay responding to questionnaires due to an infinite number of reasons.

Hlatshwayo said more often than not, these companies delay to comment if the story is bad for their publicity and with such stories 14 days is enough time to answer.

Meanwhile, during the compilation of this story the Secretary General of the Swazi Editors Forum (SEF) Jabu Matsebula was not available for comment as both his cellphone numbers were not responding on his selected cellphone network.

SACAU ROUNDS UP AGRF 2017 IN COTE D'IVOIRE

By Manqoba Makhubu

SMALLHOLDER farmers participated in discussions at the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF), a high level continental meeting under the theme 'Accelerating Africa's path to prosperity: growing economies through African agriculture.'

The Southern Africa Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) joined representatives from African governments, private sector, donors and development partners for the forum which began on Monday and will end today in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

The AGRF was aimed to put spotlight on agriculture as the key driver of African economies and establish what it will take to ensure agriculture and agribusiness is driving inclusive and sustainable rural development.

SACAU is a knowledge partner of the AGRF and co-chairs the Youth in Agriculture Thematic Working Group (TWG). "We look forward to continue exploring ways of supporting farmers, including young agripreneurs, in capitalising on existing opportunities to drive the sector forward," said SACAU Chief Executive Officer Ishmael Sunga.

"A strong and inclusive policy environment will be one of the critical factors that would drive this transformation," he added.

After seizing the moment at AGRF 2016 and securing political, policy, and financial commitments of more than US \$30 billion, African leaders must move decisively to harness this surge of support for agriculture and ensure it creates jobs and drives economic growth across the continent—particularly for 300 million young Africans coming into the job market over the next 15 years.

SACAU president, Dr. Theo de Jager and Benito Eliasi SACAU Capacity Development Advisor joined Sunga as part of the SACAU AGRF delegation.

Speakers included Alassane Ouattara, President of Côte d'Ivoire, Amadou Gon Coulibaly Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire, Mamadou Coulibaly, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Côte d'Ivoire, Dr. Agnes Kalibata, AGRA President, Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of Nigeria; Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, former President of Tanzania, Strive Masiyiwa, Chairman and Founder of Econet, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President of African Development Bank, Gilbert Houngbo, President of IFAD, Josefa Sacko, African Union Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, Vincent Bamulangi Ssempeja, Republic of Uganda Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Joachim von Braun, Director of the Centre for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn University and more.

'COURTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DECIDE ON GRACE MUGABE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY MATTER'

CAPE TOWN - South Africa Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa says the courts will decide whether or not the government did the right thing in granting Grace Mugabe diplomatic immunity.

Zimbabwe's first lady was given diplomatic immunity by International Relations and Cooperation Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane after allegedly assaulting a young woman in her sons' hotel room.

Ramaphosa says Parliament's international relations committee is seized with the matter, while the decision's also being taken to court by Afriforum.

"Through the exercise of the powers that our judiciary has, they will be able to deliver a solution, an end or a judgment in this regard and we will then be able to know what should have happened," Ramaphosa wants the Mugabe matter left there. But the Inkatha Freedom

Party's Mkhuleko Hlengwa suggested he "get real".

"We cannot possibly have a situation where a South African is left helpless because there is power on the other side, of Mrs Mugabe. So I'd like to hear your views. Do you think it is correct?" Ramaphosa did not answer the question directly, insisting that the African National Congress was founded on its respect for human rights and that the

courts should be allowed to decide the matter. Ramaphosa has affirmed lawmakers' powers to sanction Cabinet ministers who fail to account to Parliament.

He was responding to the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) question about what he's doing about Minister Faith Muthambi who snubbed a meeting of the Public Service and Administration Oversight Committee last month.

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COURT TO DECIDE: SA Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa.





NEIGHBOURS: STA staff with visiting South African media at Ludzidzini Royal Residence on Monday. (Courtesy pic).

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Anna and Olga went on to appreciate one of Swaziland's most prosperous community-run project the Shewula Mountain Camp, where they sampled traditional Swazi dishes as well and visited a local traditional healer. The climax of the itinerary was the Mkhaya Game Reserve experience, where they spent their last night in the kingdom. Mkhaya has no electricity and is home to some of the world's endangered species.

The visitors then left through Lavumisa border post last week Wednesday, and promised to be back soon to discover more of Swaziland.

ARRIVALS FROM RUSSIA SET TO INCREASE

RUSSIAN nationals do not need a visa to travel and enter in Swaziland.

STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini thus implored visiting Russian travel writers to promote destination Swaziland to their audiences.

"This is a special request from STA; please tell your readers that Russia is among the countries whose nationals do not need a visa to enter the Kingdom of Swaziland. Although our traditional markets in Europe have been the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom, we really hope to see a significant increase of visitors from Russia as well," said Dlamini.

Dlamini revealed that due to budgetary constraints, STA also relied on public relations stories generated by hosted media as part of the organisation's marketing approach, and challenged the writers to be ambassadors of the kingdom following their eye-opening educational tour.

Impressed

In response, Olga Rastegaeva said they were impressed to come across a group of 12 Russian visitors at one of the local establishments. She said this proved that Swaziland is becoming a famous destination for Russians following the scrapping off of visa requirements by South Africa this year.

"When people visit a far destination, it stands to reason that they would like to tour neighbouring destinations as well, hence more and more Russians would be including Swaziland as part of their must see places when they plan trips to southern Africa. We are delighted actually to hear that Russians do not need visas to travel here, and we can only but ask you to prepare for a tourists influx to your beautiful country going forward," said Olga.

Olga is an award winning travel writer, and her website orange-traveler.com is followed by half a million people.

The writers visit comes on the heels of another familiarisation trip to Swaziland for a Russian tour group: the Muriel Tourism Association, which was hosted by STA soon after Indaba 2017 in May.



WELCOME: STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini poses with Russian travel writers Anna and Olga Rastegaeva at Summerfield Botanical Gardens Monday evening.



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Anna and Olga went on to appreciate one of Swaziland's most prosperous community-run project the Shewula Mountain Camp, where they sampled traditional Swazi dishes as well and visited a local traditional healer. The climax of the itinerary was the Mkhaya Game Reserve experience, where they spent their last night in the kingdom. Mkhaya has no electricity and is home to some of the world's endangered species.

The visitors then left through Lavumisa border post last week Wednesday, and promised to be back soon to discover more of Swaziland.



WELCOME: STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini poses with Russian travel writers Anna and Olga Rastegaeva at Summerfield Botanical Gardens Monday evening.

ARRIVALS FROM RUSSIA SET TO INCREASE

RUSSIAN nationals do not need a visa to travel and enter in Swaziland.

STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini thus implored visiting Russian travel writers to promote destination Swaziland to their audiences.

"This is a special request from STA; please tell your readers that Russia is among the countries whose nationals do not need a visa to enter the Kingdom of Swaziland. Although our traditional markets in Europe have been the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom, we really hope to see a significant increase of visitors from Russia as well," said Dlamini.

Dlamini revealed that due to budgetary constraints, STA also relied on public relations stories generated by hosted media as part of the organisation's marketing approach, and challenged the writers to be ambassadors of the kingdom following their eye-opening educational tour.

Impressed

In response, Olga Rastegaeva said they were impressed to come across a group of 12 Russian visitors at one of the local establishments. She said this proved that Swaziland is becoming a famous destination for Russians following the scrapping off of visa requirements by South Africa this year.

"When people visit a far destination, it stands to reason that they would like to tour neighbouring destinations as well, hence more and more Russians would be including Swaziland as part of their must see places when they plan trips to southern Africa. We are delighted actually to hear that Russians do not need visas to travel here, and we can only but ask you to prepare for a tourists influx to your beautiful country going forward," said Olga.

Olga is an award winning travel writer, and her website orange-traveler.com is followed by half a million people.

The writers visit comes on the heels of another familiarisation trip to Swaziland for a Russian tour group: the Muriel Tourism Association, which was hosted by STA soon after Indaba 2017 in May.

COPS RAID POLICE CAMP, FIND DAGGA SEEDS

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

ABOUT 1 000 dagga seeds have been found in the possession of a suspended Pigg's Peak policeman during a raid conducted by his own colleagues.

The raid happened at the Pigg's Peak police camp last Friday afternoon.

It has been confirmed that the policeman in question has been on suspension since 2013 for prior narcotics violations and he continued to live at the Pigg's Peak police camp where he allegedly wears his police uniform.

Speaking to this publication on Friday after the raid, a source said the raided

policeman threw the dagga seeds outside his window. "The policeman has been on suspension since 2013, yet he continues to live at the police camp instead of going home to his family. This is because as a civil servant he is still entitled to accommodation, the raid happened after the police received a tip-off that the suspended police officer was dealing in dagga. During the raid, he threw out 1 000 dagga seeds out of his window only to be spotted by other police officers. Also E30 000 cash was found inside the policeman's bedroom as well as his dirty police uniform and boots," said the source. The source alleged that the police officers who conducted the raid suspect that the

policeman knew he would be raided so he removed all the drug paraphernalia ahead of time but forgot the dagga seeds. When reached for a comment, the suspended policeman said if he was guilty he would have been arrested already. "There is no point hiding my name because I need help, I am Busta Vilakati I have been a police officer for the past 17 years. All I can say is if I was found with the dagga seeds, I would have been charged already remember that I live in a block of flats which I share with 72 other officers. On Friday, about 10 police officers came to my residence with the deputy station commander. My colleagues then started to search me, they allege that I was seen



BUSTED: Block of police camp flats where a policeman was raided and found with 1 000 dagga seeds on Friday.

counting large sums of money. The search was done illegally and without due care for my personal belongings. My food was spilt on the floor and my belongings were scattered all over the place in front of my children who could not understand what was happening to their father.

I was preparing to run a bath when the raid was conducted. During the raid nothing was found, the police left my house and phoned me later saying that they found dagga seeds outside my res-

idence window. This was very suspicious to me," he said. Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident. He added that the police had found the dagga seeds but Vilakati might have already destroyed all the available evidence.

In May, 2013 two police officers Busta Vilakati and Mthokozisi Mkhathshwa, were arrested along with three others for selling dagga to a police informant.

INVITATION FOR BIDS



SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

SWAZILAND

Ezulwini Sustainable Water Supply Project

Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC)

Construction of Mbabane - Ezulwini Gravity Mains Pipeline

ICB No: SWSC 05 of 2017/18

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) published online in UN Development Business Ref # AIDB 432-06/14 posted on August 2017 and on the African Development Bank Group's website.

2. The Government of Swaziland has received a loan from the African Development Fund (ADF) to finance the Mbabane to Ezulwini Gravity Mains Pipeline, and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the contract for the Construction of Ezulwini Sustainable Water Supply System, SWSC 05 of 2017/18.

3. The Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Construction of Mbabane to Ezulwini Gravity Mains Pipeline project.

4. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the African Development Bank Group's Rules and Procedures for Procurement of Goods and Works, May 2008 Edition (revised July 2012) and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Swaziland Water Services Corporation, Emtfonjeni Headquarters Building, Corner MR 103 and Cultural Village Drive, Ezulwini, Swaziland and inspect the Bidding Documents at this address from 08:00 hours to 13:00 hours and 14:00 hours to 16:30 hours, local time, Monday to Friday. The telephone numbers are +268-2416-9000 and the telefax number is +268-2416-3616 inclusive.

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of SZL 2 500.00 or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency. The method of payment will be cash or direct deposit into SWSC Account.

7. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the African Development Bank Standard Bidding Document: Procurement of Goods or Procurement of Works.

8. Bids must be couriered or hand delivered and deposited in the Tender Box located at Swaziland Water Services Corporation Headquarters, Emtfonjeni Building, Corner MR 103 and Cultural Village Drive, Ezulwini, Swaziland, at or before 12:00 hours, local Mbabane time on 27th October 2017. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids shall be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at this address: 12:05 hours, local time on 27th October 2017.

9. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of SZL2 million or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency.

10. There will be a non-compulsory site visit on Wednesday 20th September 2017 at 10:00 hours, local time. The assembly point shall be at SWSC Head Office, Emtfonjeni Building, Corner MR 103 and Cultural Village Drive, Ezulwini, Swaziland.

11. The address referred to above is:

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Ex-SPTC employee tipped to enter Zombodze MP race

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

A retired employee of the Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) Peter Dlamini, has joined the list of others believed to be keen to contest for the Member of Parliament (MP) seat under Zombodze Emuva constituency.

Dlamini who was a SPTC employee based in Nhlangano is among those lined up to succeed current MP Titus Thwala.

Popular resident Ntfontofu Nkonyane as well as private investigator Doctor Myeni are also tipped to be the ones succeeding MP Thwala who is yet to declare if he would be joining the race.

Thwala served as MP in 2003/2008 but he lost when he contested for the second term in the following elections (2008/2013) but he bounced back in the 2013/2018 elections.

Now, reports say that Dlamini, whose home is at Equisweni, one of the areas under Zombodze Emuva is one of the hot favourites to win the race in 2013.

"The good thing with him is that he is God fearing and he is a straight talker. He possesses all the qualities of a leader and despite that he is educated. We need him to be our messenger because he mingles with anyone. He fits everywhere and most importantly, he has good plans not just for the community where he comes from but for the whole constituency," said one of the residents.

Dlamini's supporters said they were working on a strategy to help garner support for him to be the next MP.

They said since campaigning is still not allowed at this stage, they were however not going to wait until the announcement was made about the 2018 elections.

"We are careful as we don't want to be seen as having already started campaigning for him. But what we are saying is that we don't want a situation where people end up making a blunder by considering people who are only thinking about their own interest. The Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) which has already covered our constituency with regard to voter civic education advised us on what we should look for.

We have learnt our lesson and for us not to regret, it is important that we make the right choice, it should be someone with all the qualities of a leader and Dlamini possesses all that," said one of the residents.



FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...

Country submits Global Fund application

MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

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The National HIV and AIDS Information
and Training Centre

EARLY this year we met the news that the Global Fund had availed a resource envelope of US\$49.7 million to the Kingdom to support HIV, TB and Malaria programmes. The Malaria proposal was submitted in March this year amounting to \$2.6 million and has since been approved by the Global Fund.

A joint TB/HIV balance of \$47.2 million was set aside, where \$35.3 million is for HIV and \$11.9 million for TB.

Following one of the most consultative processes ever embarked on in the history of Global Fund (GF) applications, the country has recently submitted a TB/HIV funding request for US\$ 93.8 million under Window 3. Broken down as, \$47.2 which is within the country's allocation; \$1.5 million as a request for catalytic funding to prevent HIV among adolescent girls and young women (AGYW); and \$45.1 million as a prioritised programme above allocation request (PAAR). "Through tremendous support from government and partners, the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Funding Request Development Team conducted extensive consultations with all relevant stakeholders, including adolescent girls and young women," said Vulindlela Msibi, CCM Executive Secretary. The country held dedicated sessions with HIV and TB key populations, including people living with HIV (PLHIV), TB survivors, ex-mine workers, ex-

prisoners, sex workers, men who have sex with men, and people who use drugs among others. "We even held several focus group discussions, down at community level," he added.

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Health, and Chairperson of CCM says Swaziland is grateful to the GF for this significant investment in our next implementation phase, beginning in October 2018 to September 2021 and he has no doubt that the funding will help us achieve our vision of an AIDS-free Swaziland by 2022.

THE PROPOSED MATERIAL CHANGES IN THE FUNDING REQUEST

CCM Executive Secretary, Msibi notes that the funding request is tailored to material change, which is intended to be less comprehensive than full review applications. As per funding request instructions, the country's application identifies material changes that have occurred in the country, leading to the need to revise and / or re-prioritise certain programme areas funded by the GF. The 'triggers' for material change, have resulted in the proposed 'strategic modification' below:

● INNOVATION FOR 'LAST MILE' IMPACT

This innovation was triggered by the relevant changes in the country's epidemiological context. New data from the second Swaziland HIV Infections Measurement Survey (SHIMS II) reveals remarkable progress, since the first in 2011. New infections have fallen by almost half, and viral load suppression among PLHIV has more than doubled. Similarly, new (unpublished) 2016 TB data from the World Health Organisation (WHO) indicate that the country continues to close the gap in missing TB cases – 16 per cent of TB cases went undetected in 2016, compared to 56 per cent in 2013. These changes in the country's epidemiological context mean that it will get harder to reach those not yet tested for HIV or screened for TB, and to put them on treatment. Many of these unreachable people may be hidden or criminalised populations or those that face barriers to accessing services. To reach these populations, the country has proposed several innovative activ-

ities for 'last mile'. These include the roll out of HIV testing among HIV and TB key populations, including sex workers, men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, factory workers, and TB contacts, among others. For TB screening, a cadre of active case finders working in the community, will be guided by geographic information systems (GIS) mappings of high risk groups, including mine workers and ex-mine workers.

● EXPLOITING NEW POLICY OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED IMPACT

This was triggered by the many new policies and guidelines that have recently been launched in the country, which warrant modification to the GF program to align with the new approaches. As of June 2016, community antiretroviral therapy (CommART) has become a national policy, enabling PLHIV on treatment to travel infrequently to facilities to collect their HIV medication. Similarly, in October 2016 Swaziland launched the 'Test and Start' policy, which offers immediate antiretroviral therapy upon an HIV positive diagnosis, irrespective of the CD4 count. Also, in April 2017, the country moved to routine viral load testing which provides at least one test per year to all PLHIV. Then there is a new (draft) defined core package of HIV prevention, tailored by age, sex and population. For TB, in January 2017, the country launched new guidelines for management of drug-resistant TB (DR-TB), including the new short-course treatment regimen and the use of new TB drugs. The funding request harnesses opportunities within all these new policies - and several others. In support of the 'Test and Start' policy, government has committed to procuring all first-line ARVs for the country. The GF grant application request is, therefore, to modify drug procurement to only second and third-line ARVs. In addition, more than 10 per cent within allocated budget goes towards ensuring viral load testing scale-up, aiming for routine offering among all PLHIV.

The newly defined core packages for HIV prevention are used as the basis for all services to be delivered to AGYW,

men who have sex with men, and sex workers. Investment in nutrition and transport support for DR-TB patients will nearly double compared to the current grant, scaling up in line with the new guidelines.

● ENHANCING INTEGRATION FOR GREATER IMPACT AGAINST TB/HIV

Changes in resilient and sustainable systems for health (RSSH) investments are needed to maximise reproductive maternal, neonatal and child health impact (RMNCH) or other areas. There are significant missed opportunities because not all health facilities offer integrated HIV, TB and reproductive health services. Swaziland has a 70 per cent TB/HIV co-infection rate, yet only 118 out of 170 ART sites also offer TB treatment. In addition, while 41.1 per cent of pregnant women are living with HIV, there are 13 antenatal care sites which do not offer ART. To improve integrated service delivery, the funding request prioritises the roll out of the essential healthcare package, training community workers, and introducing integrated management of childhood illnesses. The training of community health workers is to ensure that the integrated service delivery can happen at the community level, while more facilities transition to offer a full package of services. In the PAAR, funding is requested for necessary refurbishments so that more facilities can become accredited TB basic units.

● A MORE LOCATION- AND POPULATION-SPECIFIC PREVENTION APPROACH

The focus on HIV prevention is significantly enhanced in the funding request, accounting for more than a fifth (21.1 per cent) of the total budget. This is more than seven times greater than what was in the country's last application, which, at just 3 per cent, was one of the smallest HIV prevention request of any African country. The clear majority of this prevention funding is focused on AGYW, as young women aged 20-24 have the highest rates of new HIV infections in the country.

The funding request for young women is highly targeted – mostly focused on

13 high-density, low income areas with high rates of teenage pregnancy (as a proxy for low condom use). The proposed programme includes community health fairs; provision of sanitary pads and educational subsidies to keep girls in school; and peer clubs for out-of-school girls. The matching funds application requests money for the piloting of a voucher system to link girls to pre-paid health services at their preferred health outlets. This strategic modification also includes peer outreach for newly prioritised key populations, as well as allocates money for people who use drugs – a first for Swaziland's GF program.

● IMPLEMENTING A PHASED TRANSITION OF MSF-TB PROGRAMMES

MSF, which contributes over \$4 million to the country's total TB budget has made an executive decision to handover and close all MSF-supported activities by 1 July 2018. The funding request proposes that some of the money from the GF should be used to enable a responsibly managed transition, ensuring that there are no major program disruptions or reversed impact against the disease.

● TECHNICAL, ALLOCATIVE AND IMPLEMENTATION EFFICIENCIES

This strategic modification is driven by the significant reduction in the country's GF allocation which has been reduced to \$51.3 million in the 2017-2019 funding cycle, from \$80.4 million in the 2014-2016 funding cycle.

To try and "do more with less", the funding request proposes aligning the GF programme to the country's investment case (Umgubudla), which suggests those strategic investments that should be made in the short term that can lead to cost saving later. In fact, investing in the high-impact Umgubudla interventions, has the potential to bring down the cost per HIV infection averted from \$1.135 in 2014 to just \$250 by 2030; and to generate a 70 per cent financial savings for the TB program.

NB. Content sourced from Aidsplan. The outcome is anticipated for mid-October.

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ON THIS DAY

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1930 - The cartoon "Blondie" made its first appearance in the comic strips.

1940 - London received its initial rain of bombs from Nazi Germany during World War II.

1942 - During World War II, the Russian army counter attacked the German troops outside the city of Stalingrad.

1963 - The National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, OH.

1966 - The final episode of the original "The Dick Van Dyke Show" was aired on CBS-TV.

1971 - "The Beverly Hillbillies" was seen for the final time on CBS-TV.

1977 - The Panama Canal treaties were signed by US President Carter and General Omar Torrijos Herrera. The treaties called for the US to turn over control of the canal's waterway to Panama in the year 2000.

1979 - ESPN, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network, made its debut on cable TV.

1983 - In Ireland, voters approved a constitutional amendment that banned abortion.

1984 - American Express Co. issued the first of its Platinum charge cards.

1986 - Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins threw his 100th career touchdown pass, in only his 44th NFL game, which set a NFL record.

1986 - President Augusto Pinochet survived an assassination attempt made by guerrillas.

1986 - Desmond Tutu was the first black to be installed to lead the Anglican Church in southern Africa.

1987 - Erich Honecker became the first East German head of state to visit West Germany.

1989 - Legislation was approved by the US Senate that prohibited discrimination against the handicapped in employment, public accommodations, transportation and communications.

1995 - US Senator Bob Packwood announced that he would resign after 27 years in the Senate.

1998 - Mark McGwire set a new major league baseball record for most homeruns hit in a single season. The previous record was 61 set in 1961.

1999 - Viacom Inc. announced that it had plans to buy CBS Corp.

2001 - Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants) became the only the fifth player in major league baseball history to hit 60 home runs in a season. (California)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Leslie Jones(COMEDIAN) - SEPTEMBER 7, 1967 (49 years old)



Rafinha(SOCCER PLAYER) - SEPTEMBER 7, 1985 (31 years old)

Can Cyril survive?

IN May this year I wrote a piece under the title "Could Zuma be planning an ambush?" In it I warned that such an ambush could take the form of "damaging disclosures (truthful or otherwise) about the other side".

In conversations with business I repeated my belief that the Zuma camp will almost certainly use stories of a sexual nature against Cyril Ramaphosa closer to the electoral conference.

And so it came to pass.

The story published over the weekend was totally predictable and, if it wasn't for the very worrying possibility that state resources were used to hack Ramaphosa's private emails, almost boring.

Of course there was also the irony of the Zuma camp trying to tarnish the opposition with stories of infidelity.

The question is now whether Ramaphosa can survive this in and outside the ANC?

I think he can under certain pre-conditions. The first pre-condition is that he cannot lie. I suspect that the majority of people could not care less what consenting adults (politicians or anyone else) do behind bedroom doors.

If infidelity was a crime possibly half of this country and most politicians would be in jail. It might be hurtful to the other party in the marriage, but that is for those involved to sort out.

Thanks to our current president South Africans don't really blink about polygamy. It is also widely accepted that the president has numerous girlfriends. He is unapolo-



INFIDELITY: Cyril Ramaphosa.

getic about it and at most the nation laughingly wonders where he gets all his energy from.

So Ramaphosa's sexual escapades should only make for a bit of salacious reading and perhaps a couple of funny memes ... unless he doesn't come clean.

As Bill Clinton found out, it wasn't so much the romping around in the Oval office with Monica Lewinsky that got him impeached, as it was the I-did-not-have-sex-with-that-woman denial. It raised questions about his honesty, integrity and ability to run the country.

As a nation we have also become totally numbed by our politicians lying incessantly not only to the electorate, but even to their own colleagues in Parliament - which is in fact a crime.

However, the vast majority of people inside and outside the ANC want change and thus need Ramaphosa to be different.

We need a Madiba-like leader: someone to be proud of, who can

be trusted, who can re-calibrate the nation's moral compass and of whom we can assume the best, rather than always expecting the worst.

And so if there were more than one woman, Ramaphosa should not try and spin this or play around with words. He must confess right now, apologise and sort things out with his spouse (not necessarily in that order). Then he will most probably be seen as 'just human' and given brownie points for coming clean. But not if he betrays our trust.

Secondly, Ramaphosa can survive this crisis if there are no other scandals that stick.

The Zuma camp has already tried the "he-beat-his-wife" tactic (again, so predictable). The Ramaphosa camp handled the accusation with aplomb, but what will the Zuma camp try next?

Ramaphosa's team must use their own intelligence to get ahead of these stories and expose them as smear tactics (assuming that is all they are) and so possibly even secure a few additional sympathy votes.

Thirdly, Ramaphosa must now pick up the sword and enter the battle - with 100 per cent commitment. Two weeks ago I raised the question of why Ramaphosa was so quiet.

As tempting as it was to write a column titled, "Now I know why he is so quiet", I don't believe that would have been correct. I think something more serious was revealed during this past weekend's dramas.

During his late night bid to stop the publication of the story Ramaphosa's legal team argued

that he has a right to privacy and that certain parts of his life is not of public interest.

That is not true and it is worrying that Ramaphosa would allow his lawyers to even go there.

The women who were falsely mentioned in the leaked text messages absolutely have a right to privacy. They could have stopped the story and should still consider legal action against those who linked them to these accusations.

Of course, if Ramaphosa was still in business and had stopped all political activity he could also have claimed the right to privacy. But as deputy resident and presidential hopeful everything about him is of public interest.

Suggesting otherwise possibly explains why there is at times a sense of ambivalence around Ramaphosa's presidential campaign.

He is no longer the billionaire businessman who can claim certain things that come with that lifestyle - such as privacy when it comes to bedroom matters.

He simply can't be both businessman/private citizen and deputy president/presidential candidate.

Becoming president requires more than resigning board seats and letting go of business interests.

It also demands letting go of a certain state of mind and becoming totally focussed in this gladiator-like battle.

Like the fighters in Roman times, he cannot enter the arena with any ambivalence if he wants to survive. Nor can he, when the lions are storming down on him, try Codesa-like to negotiate his way out.

The only choice he has is either to stand and fight or run like hell.

On Sunday Ramaphosa said that he wasn't going to run away.

News24

When R14 million appears

Exactly nine months later, I randomly did a balance query at an ATM. I don't know what compelled me. Perhaps I was hoping that the few loose cents rattling around in there had somehow multiplied with the magic of compound interest and grown to an amount that I could actually withdraw.

The ATM issued a little white slip of paper and I glanced, not very optimistically, at the balance. To my great surprise, there was rather a bit of money in there - R9 000 to be exact. I had a fleeting notion that I'd won some kind of banking lottery. Then I wondered if there was some technical error, so I checked again. I tried to convince myself that the interest on R5.50 could add up to R9 000 in nine months. And then I assumed some kind of mistake had been made, and I went into my nearest branch to discuss it with a teller.

It hurt me. I knew that this money was not mine, and I knew that the R9 000 could have bought me a lot of whatever I was into in those days (probably books and CDs). I considered withdrawing it all and putting it under my mattress, but I was dri-

ven by a desire to do the right thing (and a fear of being caught doing the wrong one). At the tender age of not yet 16, I knew what I had to do.

It emerged that my grandmother had somehow created a stop order instead of a once-off payment, and so R1 000 was being deposited into my account every month. Because I hadn't been checking my bank account, it quietly accrued. I called her in Portugal to let her know, and she told me to hang on to the balance until she next came to South Africa - but to take another R1 000 for my troubles.

It wasn't exactly paydirt, but it was enough to take some of the sting out of the loss.

Even so, it hurt me to have to give the rest back. So when I read about Sibongile Mani, the Walter Sisulu University student who was accidentally paid out R14 million by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS), and then spent R800 000 of it at a frightening speed, I get it. I get all the heartbreaking thoughts that must have gone through her head.

They must have been a million

times more heartbreaking than the thoughts that went through mine - because she clearly comes from a disadvantaged background, and I do not, and because R14 million is a mindblowing and lifechanging amount of money. She made the wrong decision - of course she did - but to present a student from a disadvantaged background with unimaginable wealth is a cruel and unreasonable thing to do.

It's like holding a caviar and champagne party in front of a person who can't afford bread.

Yes, the money was never hers. Yes, she knew that, and still behaved like it was. She owes that money back and rightly so. But the company distributing the NSFAS funds who did this to her put her in a very difficult position. Yes, she hasn't come out of this smelling of roses (although her weave is lovely, and apparently the Johnny Walker Gold was delicious), but she should never have been put in that position - and she should never have had months to dig herself deeper and deeper into a financial hole that she'll have to find a way out of.

eNCA

Sex and politics: keeping an eye on the right prize

PUBLIC matters and private affairs; the not so fine but sometimes porous line between what happens in politics, and what happens between individuals behind closed doors.

In European modernity, and in those parts of the world which fell under its sway during the centuries of colonial conquest and imperial rule, there were supposed to be clear divisions between them; whole institutions constantly policed those barriers, and do so still, making sure that there is no overreach of power from one sphere into the domain of the other.

These domains are also gendered, the private and the public seen as feminine and masculine respectively. Sheila Rowbotham and Nancy Armstrong have written extensively on how the contemporary gender regimes were constructed over the same decades and centuries as the change in economic organisation across Western Europe that would become capitalism, and the division between the public and the private spheres of power in society. Women ruled the hearth, men ruled the marketplace.

Consumption

There were certainly versions of this arrangement in antiquity, but it is the emergence of capitalism which shifted the meanings of those older forms.

Those ways of organising the world and the people who live in it have been reinforced in and by public institutions, and in the texts of the entertainment industrial complex. In the fantasies and dreams manufactured for consumption on television and in cinemas, the ways in which we think of the private-feminine and the public-masculine have been endlessly repeated as truth, rather than as ideology, just the way of the world, not a belief about how the world is and should be.

But feminism allowed many of us to criticise this easy division, which kept the majority of the Earth's



PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MATTERS: Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa is the latest politician embroiled in a sex scandal.

human population out of the spaces in which public power is supposed to be exercised. We could see that this division did not apportion power equally to men and women, and only pretended that there was equal importance between the public and the private.

Feminism allowed us to see the intimate and intricate relations between the private and the public, such that we began to think about the value of work done in domestic spaces and the erasure of that work because the people who did it were devalued.

Some of that domestic work is quotidian domestic labour, some of it is reproductive labour which ensures the continued existence of the social arrangements in which we live, and some of it is the sexual labour which is not only restricted to reproduction, but involves the giving and taking of pleasure. That labour has long been seen as the index of morality, and was policed to render individuals and groups legitimate or illegitimate.

South Africa took this policing to levels both farcical and tragic, formulating laws like the Immorality Acts of 1927 and 1957. Who people could have sex with and under

what circumstances became matters of legal restriction. Lines were drawn, even as they were crossed. This prurience has lingered, often in worldviews steeped in religiosity. Invoking God to subject everyone to specific sexual mores is not a new strategy, but it is returning to South African politics.

Discredit

In these new sermons in which people's consensual sexual habits are policed, moralising has been conflated with moral judgement. Prurient judgement about people's private lives has become mistaken for political commentary. In a socially conservative society like contemporary South Africa, the admittedly artificial distinction between the private and the public is often deliberately and opportunistically erased to open up individuals' private conduct for public shaming.

Much ink has been used, and much more will be used to discredit public figures based on their private consensual sexual conduct. The mantra for such policing is that people's private sexual mores reflect their public administrative functions because both domains involve questions of trust, and trustworthiness. What is lost in such exercises,

these indignant and moralising sermons about trust meant to embarrass individuals, is the larger context of contemporary South Africa's crisis-ridden political economy.

Our politicians, and those who benefit from their conduct in office across the private sector, have worked together to create a country in which, 23 years after the abolition of legislated white supremacy, more than half of the people who live here are still poor.

Celebrating

The health and education sectors are in crisis, the problems of homelessness and landlessness continue to blight the lives of millions. Gainful and dignified employment in humane conditions remain issues unresolved, and growing increasingly precarious. As the femicidal plague to which more than half the people who live in post-millennial post-apartheid South Africa are subjected, we seem to have reached a state of paralysis in the country.

It is not that the consensual sex public officials have does not matter in how we see them; it is that it is less important even if possibly more interesting to talk about. After all, some people still think it is worth celebrating people who acknowledge they have homosexual relations when such individuals are ministers of government, members of the judiciary, or members of Parliament. Marital infidelity, though, is a private matter between the adults in that marriage, and it is for them to work out how they will proceed with their lives together or apart.

Selective, moralising condemnation of public figures for not adhering to the mores by which we claim to live our own private lives and lies will not be politically productive. It distracts us from focusing on the reasons we elected or appointed those public officials to begin with. Their job is to manage the public resources we entrust them with, and ours is to hold them to account on how they perform that job. *eNCA*

Wit and Wisdom

● "Work is about a search for daily meaning as well as daily bread, for recognition as well as cash, for astonishment rather than torpor; in short, for a sort of life rather than a Monday through Friday sort of dying."

— Studs Terkel

● "Where is Wood?" said Harry, suddenly realizing he wasn't there.

"Still in the showers," said Fred. "We think he's trying to drown himself."

— J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

● "There is nothing more dreadful than the habit of doubt. Doubt separates people. It is a poison that disintegrates friendships and breaks up pleasant relations. It is a thorn that irritates and hurts; it is a sword that kills."

— Gautama Buddha

● "If you want to be happy, be."

— Leo Tolstoy

● "I always worried someone would notice me, and then when no one did, I felt lonely."

— Curtis Sittenfeld, *Prep*

● "Jane, be still; don't struggle so like a wild, frantic bird, that is rending its own plumage in its desperation."

"I am no bird; and no net ensnares me; I am a free human being, with an independent will; which I now exert to leave you."

— Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre*

● "Just tell me how to be different in a way that makes sense."

— Stephen Chbosky, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

● "It is not the length of life, but the depth."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

● "Lovers don't finally meet somewhere. They're in each other all along."

— Jalaluddin Rumi

● "Literature is a luxury; fiction is a necessity."

— G.K. Chesterton

Time to rally behind lower data rates

VODACOM'S increasingly poor service was dealt another blow recently, as it had to reimburse data that had been unduly subtracted from customers' accounts.

This naturally led me to think about the bigger picture, about whether mobile companies in South Africa are distributing their services fairly, and in relation to end-user volumes (number of users and volumes of data bought).

Parliament's inquiry — through the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) — into data prices is not only timely but important for South Africa's strategic future. With digital dis-

ruption now undeniably on our doorstep, ensuring ease of access to millions is as much a priority as any of our other lofty development goals.

With cyberspace now an inescapable aspect of our lives, where information and communication are increasingly centred, ensuring connectivity is now as much a human right as water and sanitation.

Those unable to enter universities and colleges strained from influxes have to find alternative ways of accessing education. The internet is one such platform where this is possible.

With a youth populous struggling

to penetrate our job market, providing access to a tool that broadens perspectives and allows for free flow of ideas is crucial. Corporates now demand school leavers and graduates who are not only well-read but able to keep pace with digital trends and tools (both current and forthcoming). The situation is only exacerbated when looking at how disparate our country is when it comes to opportunities and distribution of wealth.

Socio-economic disparities, so harrowingly painted by Statistics South Africa recently, only further highlight the need for hurried action in getting telecoms to become part



of the development agenda.

The StatsSA 2016 household survey includes data sets which reveal a lot when it comes to internet use, which is predominantly mobile. *News24*

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	6.7%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.75%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.25%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.80 per litre
Replacement	E11.85 per litre
Diesel	E11.70 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.95 per litre
Engen Garage	

SWADE INITIATED COMPANIES RAKE IN E1.4 BILLION

...in the past five years

By Majaha Nkonyane

BUSINESSES initiated by the Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE) have generated over E1.4 billion in the past five years.

This income was generated from businesses such as those in sugarcane, maize farming and other crops, as well as those in piggery and beef production.

SWADE Communications Officer Nokwazi Hlophe said they have been working hard to improve the lives of people who reside at the Lowveld through various projects.

She said these results came after government disbursed a total of E1.2 billion during the past five years for the implementation of the Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project



HARD WORK: SWADE Communications Officer Nokwazi Hlophe.

(LUSIP). Hlophe said the money was disbursed to assist in different areas under the project including labour, harvesting, electricity, loans and repairs.

"A total of about E12.8 million was allocated to assist in areas such as

labour. Harvesting is also one of the areas that were allocated money which amounted to E35.1 million and this is one of the areas that have contributed significantly to the employment of locals.

"The project also helped the beneficiaries with electricity where a total of E17.8 million was allocated whilst repairs got a total of E2.7 million and loans that have been disbursed amounted to E105.9 million," she said.

To date, SWADE has impacted more than 80 000 people within the project development areas. "We had a target of 50 690 people that we were looking at impacting and we were able to go reach even more and this has assisted the community," she said.

Hlophe said they had also been able to increase their delivery and to impact

many lives. She said the companies have contributed over E210 million in different taxes including Value Added Tax, Pay As You Earn and Dividend Tax.

SWADE was established by government in 1999 to facilitate the planning and implementation of the Komati Downstream development Project (KDDP) and Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP) and any other large water and agricultural development projects that government may assign the company.

The company seeks to empower communities to improve their quality of life through projects in commercial agriculture and other enterprises; providing innovative services in infrastructure development and management as well as expertise to public and private entities.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Issued under regulation of the Urban Government Elections Regulations, 1969

Notice is hereby in the terms of the Urban Government Elections Regulations that copies of voters' rolls shall be available for inspection in the under listed local authorities during normal hours from the 11th to the 15th September 2017.

1. Any person who has registered but his name does not appear in the roll may submit a claim to be included in the role;
2. Any may object to a name in the roll where he has personal knowledge that such a person did not qualify to be registered.

All claims or and objections should be submitted in writing on Form ME1 or ME2 duly filled and signed to the Town Clerk on or before the 15th of September 2017.

Voters roll may also be accessed in the link <https://www.lge-portal/hmlt>

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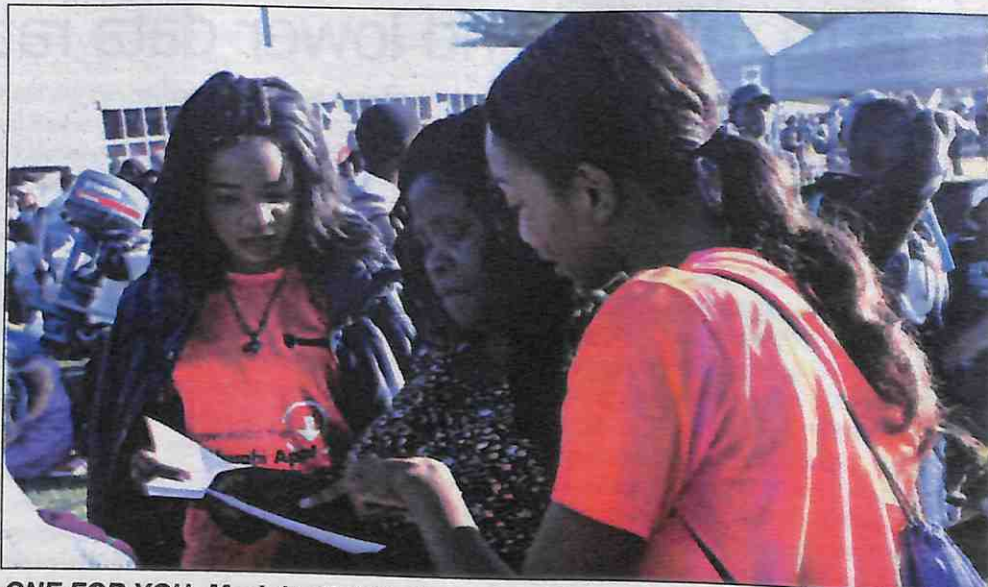
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THE BANK WITH A HEART



THE BANK WITH A HEART: SwaziBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele welcoming His Majesty King Mswati III and Zambian President Edgar Lungu at their stand on Saturday.



ONE FOR YOU: Models distribution pamphlets with information about the SwaziBank stand.

Almost 1 000 contractors register with CIC for 2017/18

Stories By Manqoba Makhubu

ABOUT 980 contractors have registered with the Construction Industry Council (CIC) for 2017/18.

These include construction firms, specialist contractors, individuals or artisans, joint venture contractors, consultancy practices, allied professionals and manufactures or suppliers.

The CIC was established through the Construction Industry Act No 14 of 2013 and is currently exhibited at the Trade Fair to create awareness of the obligations of the council.

Participate

Operations, Monitoring and Compliance Officer Qinisile Maseko said their intention to participate at the Trade Fair was also to help their stakeholders comply with the Act.

"We want our stakeholders to understand that we are here to regulate and to stimulate sustainable growth of the industry not to impede development or to close down businesses," she said.

She invited all people who need clarification whether in terms of



EXPLAINING: CIC Inspector Themba Thwala attending to visitors in their stand at the Trade Fair.

compliance or any other issues that fall within the jurisdiction of the council to visit their stand at the Trade Fair.

Recently, CIC launched the third annual Asakhane Construction Indzaba 2017, which will be held in October 5 at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

It will be preceded by an exhibition that will begin a day before, in October 4 and end on the day of

the forum.

Maseko said throughout the Trade Fair, they will also be informing the sector stakeholders about participating in the upcoming Indzaba.

"We are also using this platform to encourage our stakeholders to participate in the review of the CIC Regulations 2017. This is critical because they will be affected by the regulations, hence they should have a say on them and ensure that

their interest are well catered for in the regulations," she said.

Meeting

The CIC will hold a consultative meeting with contractors, consultants, manufactures and suppliers of building material at the Royal Swazi Spa in September 13 and will meet clients and project owners at the same venue in September 20.

E300 000 BAKKIE FOR EYA 2017 WINNER

THE winner of this year's Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA) will drive home a bakkie worth E300 000 amongst other accolades.

Businesses who want to enter the awards have until end of this month to apply for admission and only Swazi owned micro, small and medium enterprises are eligible to apply for the competition. Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) Stakeholder Relations Specialist Mxolisi Dlamini encouraged SMEs to come forward and apply to be part of the contest.

"This is one of our intentions of coming at the Trade Fair. We saw it as a good platform to drive the competition entrants because most of the people who attend the Trade Fair come from different parts of the country and we are happy with the response so far," he said. Dlamini said so far, they had been able to add 20 more entrants into the competition at the Trade Fair.

"This figure is reasonable given the fact that entry for the competition has been ongoing for a while now and we are now towards the deadline. There were also a lot of other avenues for applications. However, we expect the number to increase and invite people to come and apply for the awards at our stand until the end of the Trade Fair," he said.

Dlamini said the awards were intended to recognise SMEs enterprises to start and grow businesses in their different categories. "Over the years we have seen a tremendous growth in size of businesses who participated in the competition. Some have either doubled or tripled their number of employees and monthly turnover," he said. The grand finale will be preceded by a regional competition.

Njengebantfu tags South African manufacturers to drive growth

By Majaha Nkonyane

Local cement and Gypsum distributor, Njengebantfu Investments is growing stronger with South African based manufacturers Saint and Gobain and Hueit.

Njengebantfu Marketing Manager Bacele Dlamini said they are in a healthy relationship which dates way back with the South African based manufacturers. "We work with a highly professional organisation which helps us to appeal to our clients locally," he said.

He said their challenge was to

adapt and facilitate accessibility of their products to an increasingly demanding and informed population, but with very limited purchasing power.

Saint-Gobain provides a broad range of solutions for construction and renovation of all types of buildings (schools, hotels, hospitals and homes). From the foundations to the roof, Saint-Gobain covers all the stages of a building's construction.

Dlamini said the best way to do business, especially for a company that is outside the country is to find a local distributor, "and we are currently doing that from this side

because we understand the local market very well."

"The local team is required to have extensive knowledge of the markets, understand unique differences and the reality on the ground; specific construction methods, climatic and cultural requirements, product supply circuits. They provide a deeper understanding of current and future needs in order to develop solutions tailored to the requirements of distributors, local specifiers and end users," he said.

Njengebantfu Investments offers Huet fire rated FD 30 and FD 60 doorstep.

Dlamini said these types of door sets are fully compliant with European Standards EN 1634 and the British standards BS 476. They are available with timber door leafs, either timber or metal frames, bespoke finishes and a host of opinions," he said.

"Thanks to the expertise in acoustics developed over 65 years. We can supply a high performance range of door sets with some of the thinnest door leafs available. With a choice of acoustic door set rated from 29 Rw dB to 55 Rw dB, we have a product to match any requirement," he said.

TAIWAN BASED COMPANY LOOKING FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS

By Manqoba Makhubu

TAIWAN based SEGL Energy, is looking for local distributors for its products.

The company world's leading manufacturer of lithium ion batteries designed to replace lead acid, Gel and AGM batteries.

Interviewed during the ongoing Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF), SEGL Energy's Hank Wang said the company's aim it to become the major supplier in the field of the green energy industry in the Kingdom.

SEGL's products include lithium ion batteries, LED lights and cell phones power banks.

"This is our first time to participate at the SITF and it has been real-



EXPLAINING: SEGL Energy's Hank Wang making his presentation of the company's offering at the trade fair. (Pic: Manqoba Makhubu)

ly a great experience. Our main intention of coming here is to find local partners who can sell our products in Swaziland. We can further assure them that our products are certified and are of high quality," said Wang. He said their power

banks are different from the normal power banks flooding the market.

"They are of good quality and design and they are safe as they have no less than one year warranty. The other typical power banks most-

ly last between three and six months," he said.

The power banks are also on a special sale at the company stand at the Trade Fair.

The company also manufactures rechargeable LED lights and offers lights with a unique neck that allows them to be mounted, bend and twist into the desired position.

Wang said the lights can last up to eight hours. He invited individuals or businesses who could be interested to distribute their products to visit them at the Trade Fair.

"We also have put in place a plan to reduce shipping costs for our distributors and also help them with both shipping arrangements and part of the costs involved," he said.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 5 SEPT 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	12.9250	12.9750
British Pound/SZL	16.7023	16.7669
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.4339	8.4658
Swiss France/SZL	13.5086	13.5594
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2770	1.2884
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.2818	10.3281
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.4268	10.4637
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	15.3749	15.4344
Gold	1,335.3300	
Oil	53.0900	

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STA STAND A HIT WITH LOCALS, VISITORS AT SITF

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) stand has been a hive of activity in the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF), attracting hundreds of visitors.

Welcoming Princes Sicalo and Lindani to the stand Saturday evening, STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini explained that both locals and visitors had taken a new interest in discovering the depths of the country, something which augured well for the organisation's marketing efforts.

"There's an evidence of a renewed

interest in visiting various places of interest within Swaziland, and that is encouraging.

Today alone, we attended to over 600 people who sought holidaying and travel advice, and we were keen to expose them to some of our known as well as hidden attractions found in all four corners of our Kingdom," said Dlamini.

He said promoting domestic travel is integral given that Swazis have come to appreciate their own products and services.

"Swazis have come to realise that for a very long time, they had been short changing themselves by not visiting destinations within their

own country, leaving foreign visitors to discover and tell the world about these.

However, through such initiatives as 'Hloma Ngwane, vuka uvakashe' (a domestic travel campaign), we have seen a tremendous increase of locals engaging with the Swazi tourism offering," he said.

Markets

Dlamini went on to explain that STA participate's in Trade Fair annually, as well as several trade shows at leading source markets as part of the organisation's broader strategy.

"As we market destination Swaziland, we always take into consideration

the need to focus more on leading source markets – mainly Africa and Europe, hence we attend or have representatives at various trade shows where we reach out to influential travel trade and media," he said.

Some of the trade shows that STA attends annually include Africa's biggest travel show the tourism Indaba in Durban, World Travel Market Africa in Cape Town, World Travel Market in London, International Tourismus-Börse (ITB) Berlin in Germany, Meetings Africa in South Africa, Getaway Show in South Africa, International Tourism Fair in Mozambique, among others.



HIVE OF ACTIVITY: An aerial view of the SITF 2017 exhibitors. (Pic: Majaha Nkonyane)

Swazi MTN lines up exciting prizes to wind up Trade Fair

By Bandiswa Makhanya
Job Shadow

SWAZI MTN has lined up an assortment of exciting prizes for customers as a gift wrap of their participation in the 49th edition of the Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF).

The company's Manager Brand Communications and Sponsorship Meshack Maseko said Swazi MTN always participated in the annual showcase, but has also made it a norm to shower customers with exciting promotions throughout the exhibition.

As usual, he said the response from customers in the past years has been phenomenal.

"That is why we decided to come up with a lot of promotions even for this year's Trade Fair which are mostly centred on cell phones," he said.

Maseko said customers who bought the handsets on promotion got varying amount of data for free.

He said they also conduct daily draws and dish out daily prizes including



UNPACKING: Swazi MTN Senior Manager Brand Communications and Sponsorship Meshack Maseko unpacking their offerings for the Trade Fair during an interview with Bandiswa Makhanya.

merchandise, data, airtime and Sands 'Sands of Time' album.

Sands is the brand ambassador for Swazi MTN.

The company also rolled out a major promotion on Snapi bundles and offered

a 100 per cent discount on data which is exclusively available at the Trade Fair.

"These promotions are accessible only at the Trade Fair. But the bundles bought at the trade fair can be

used anywhere outside the Trade Fair," he said.

Adding, Maseko said they also offered discount up to 90 per cent on MTN Zone which is also exclusively available at the Trade Fair.

"Another promotion that we have is the Win Big Promotion which we also hosted last year. To enter, customers are required to buy airtime from E90 upwards or use Mobile Money. Prizes to be won are a Samsung S8 worth E15 000, a smart TV and a double door refrigerator. This promotion has been receiving a good response from their esteemed customers. All promotions are valid for the duration of the SITF, meaning that they will cease to be available after September 11, which will be the day of the draw," he said. Meanwhile, Maseko said the company had recently reviewed its prices and reduced them to satisfy their esteemed customers.

He said these benefits were first extended to postpaid customers, but most recently, the company has revamped its postpaid offer.

New businesses need new strategies

By Majaha Nkonyane

IN order to avoid failing new businesses need to start working on new strategies according to Micro Finance Unit (MFU) Director David Myeni.

Myeni said businesses often fail due to various reasons and in order to avoid the same mistakes that have been done by others, new businesses need to employ new strategies.

"Some of the businesses that fail get into that because of poor business plans or lack of understanding. Some businesses are not viable or feasible; there is also lack of poor market research. Other reasons that can lead to the failure of businesses include over capitalisation, lack of technical expertise, experience, monitoring, poor management, corporate governance, integrity, record keeping, taxation," he said.

Myeni said entrepreneurs need to understand that before getting into business there are requirements that have to be met especially with financial institutions.

"Business plan and cash flow projection forms are part of the requirements that businesses need to adhere to. Financial institutions also need to check business viability and feasibility, market availability and sustainability, with technical expertise," he said.

"It is also important that businesses get to understand that financial institutions will look into risk mitigation measures, credit worthiness of the business and company registration documents," he added.

Myeni said there are a number of interventions that businesses could look into, which include development of sustainable business plans, capacity building, continuous mentorship and complete value chain assessment and quality.

"There is also a need for establishment of categories for SMEs versus corporates, reserve specific industries for SMEs, segment payment processes SMEs versus corporates and engage on youth participation and technology innovations whilst reserving enterprises for youth," he said.

"We now have postpaid contracts that last 24 months called Postpaid Elite Packages which come with elite bundles and this is affordable to almost everyone and it comes with a free cell phone," he said.

Lastly, he said they want to go haywire with the new and exciting MTN Pulse which is specifically targeting the youth. "We looked at how young people use their phones. They often use them for data which is also mostly used in social networks. So we then came up with a package that combines voice bundles, standard bundles, SMS and night bundles all in one package," he said.

"We know the youth is different, they like it different and they like to be different, so we made something different for them. They can access this service at *654#," he added.

He said they have been busy since the beginning of the Trade Fair.

"Our stand has always been crowded and we really appreciate the response from our customers and their active participation in the different promotions that we have been rolling out throughout the Trade Fair," he said.



World News

High-ranking officers accused of Motsomotso's assassination

MASERU - Lesotho's Chief of the Defence Force Lieutenant-General Khoantle Motsomotso was assassinated on Tuesday morning, allegedly by a group of high-ranking officers, sending shock waves through the mountain kingdom.

Unconfirmed reports suggest the Chief of the Defence Force was ambushed by Colonel Sechele and Lt Col Hashatsi. It is claimed that both officers had received suspension or dismissal letters in a move by the Defence Force Chief to implement the SADC Commission's recommendations in order to restore stability in Lesotho. Motsomotso and one of the officers were killed in the shootout, while two high-ranking officers were critically injured at the Ratjomose Barracks in Maseru. It is alleged that the assassination took place on the heel of a number of soldiers being arrested by the police. The arrested soldiers are believed to be suspects in the murder of Lisebo Tang, who was killed near the residence of the former Army Commander Tlali Kamoli in 2014. *Group Foreign Editor*

Britain calls for new sanctions on North Korea

LONDON - Britain's Foreign Minister Boris Johnson on Tuesday called on the international community to impose further sanctions on North Korea following the country's latest nuclear test.

"We are now pressing the Security Council to pass a new resolution as swiftly as possible, imposing further sanctions and showing the unity and determination of the international community," Johnson told Parliament in London. He said North Korea's ambassador to Britain had been summoned to the Foreign Office "to receive a formal protest".

North Korea on Sunday triggered a global alarm with by far its most powerful atomic test to date, claiming it was a hydrogen bomb that could be mounted on a long-range missile.

US Ambassador Nikki Haley told an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council on Monday that Washington will present a new sanctions resolution to be negotiated in the coming days, with a view to voting on it next Monday.

Haley did not spell out what measures Washington was seeking, but diplomats said they could target oil supplies to North Korea — potentially dealing a major blow to the economy.

New sanctions could also seek to curb tourism to the country and ban North Korean labourers sent abroad. *AFP*



ARRIVAL: Britain's Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson arrives at a Cabinet meeting in Downing Street in London.

SADC DEPLOYS FACT-FINDING MISSION TO LESOTHO

MASERU - Following the assassination of Lesotho army commander Lieutenant General Khoantle Motsomotso, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) has moved swiftly to deploy a fact-finding mission to get to the bottom of the killings that sent shockwaves to the nation on Tuesday.

Apart from Motsomotso, Lesotho Prime Minister Thomas Thabane has confirmed that the other two Lesotho Defence Force (LDF) officers, Brigadier Bulane Sechele and Colonel Tefo Hashatsi have also died after they were shot in an incident that occurred between 9 and 10 am on Tuesday.

He said investigations are in progress to find out exactly what happened in this "unfortunate, untimely and totally illegal deaths".

Thabane said that his government has already reported to the SADC and that he is sure they will respond in their characteristic manner when a tragedy like this occurs in a member state.

Immediately after his briefing, the Minister of Public Service Thesele Maseribane who is also a partner in a quartet coalition revealed that the SADC had already responded, indicating the



CONFIRMED: Lesotho Prime Minister Thomas Thabane has confirmed that the other two LDF officers have also died.

regional body would dispatch ministerial Double Troika in defence and security chiefs' fact-finding mission to Lesotho.

SADC Double Troika comprises of South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Tanzania, Angola and Zambia. "They will arrive in Lesotho from September today and will start convening meetings from tomorrow and return to report to the regional body on September 10," Maseribane said. Meanwhile, Thabane assured the Basotho nation and development partners that the army is still under

control of the civilian authority adding that the command structure that is remaining has given him an assurance that "they will keep control during this very troublesome period". "In control of the acting commander Major General Lineo Poopa, the army has shown its full allegiance to government and as prime minister and constitutional minister of defence, it is my responsibility to ensure that it happens." *MNN Centre for Investigative Journalism*

'MAY GOD SAVE US ALL'

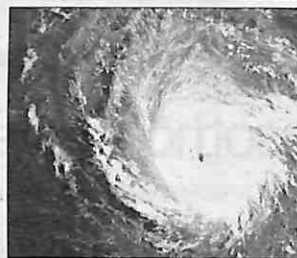
WASHINGTON - Mass evacuations are underway today after Hurricane Irma slammed into the Caribbean with 185mph winds as aid agencies braced for a 'major humanitarian response'.

America's National Hurricane Center said Irma had strengthened into a dangerous Category five storm as it made its first landfall in islands of northeast Caribbean on a path that could take it to the United States - causing thousands to start panic buying and preparing to evacuate.

This morning, the eye of the "potentially catastrophic" hurricane - estimated to be the size of France - lashed Barbuda just hours after officials warned people to seek protection from Irma's "onslaught" in a statement that closed with: "May God protect

...Mass evacuation as Hurricane Irma rages into the Caribbean with 185mph winds after swelling to the size of France as Red Cross braces for 'major humanitarian response'

us all. "Heavy rain and howling winds from the hurricane - measured as the most powerful ever recorded in the Atlantic Ocean - raked the neighbouring island of Antigua, sending debris flying as people huddled in their homes or government shelters. The island of Anguilla is next in its path. US President Donald Trump declared emergencies in Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and authorities in the Bahamas said they would evacuate the residents of six islands at the southern end of the



CLIMATE CHANGE: Hurricane Irma strengthened into a powerful Category five storm on Tuesday. Above, a satellite view of the storm on Tuesday.

island chain. Experts say Irma is now so powerful it is registering on devices designed to detect earthquakes. Scientists picked up the background noise of winds causing trees to move and crashing ocean waves on their earthquake-detecting seismometers. *Daily Mail*

UN chief warns over N.Korea rhetoric, urges new strategy

WASHINGTON - UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Tuesday warned against using "confrontational rhetoric" over North Korea and said big powers must come up with a single strategy to address the crisis.

Guterres appeared to be taking a swipe at North Korea's lead-

ership and at US President Donald Trump who has warned that Pyongyang would face "fire and fury" if it keeps threatening the United States. "Confrontational rhetoric may lead to unintended consequences.

The solution must be political," Guterres told reporters. "The potential consequences

of military action are too horrific."

The UN chief called on the Security Council to show unity and agree on steps forward, a day after the United States traded barbs with Russia and China on a response to North Korea's sixth and most powerful nuclear test. *AFP*

BRIEFS

Death toll from Nigeria cholera rises to 21

KANO - The death toll from a cholera outbreak in restive northeast Nigeria has risen to 21, with most of the victims living in a camp for people displaced by Boko Haram violence, the health ministry said Tuesday. On Saturday, the ministry had said the cholera toll was 14 in the town of Maiduguri, with most of the victims living in a camp for people displaced by Boko Haram violence. "As of 4 September, 21 deaths have been reported," the Borno state health ministry said Tuesday, as the toll mounts. "The total number of suspected cholera cases is now 375 in Maiduguri," it said, up from 186 at the weekend. *News24*

Nigeria summons SA envoy over police killing

ABUJA - Nigeria on Tuesday summoned South Africa's envoy over allegations that South African police suffocated a Nigerian national to death while he was in custody. The Nigerian foreign ministry said Kingsley Ikeri, a 27-year-old living in South Africa's eastern KwaZulu-Natal province, had been "suffocated to death by the South African police on the allegation that he was involved in drug trafficking". The ministry "summoned the South African Acting High Commissioner to Nigeria, Kenneth Pedro, to protest the extra-judicial killing", it added in a statement. Ikeri, an Ibo from southeast Nigeria, had been living in the South African town of Vryheid. He is reported to have died on August 30. *AFP*

Tales of murder, suffering in ivory ban debate

HONG KONG - A Kenyan park ranger who said his closest friend was shot dead while protecting elephants urged Hong Kong not to compensate the city's ivory traders in an emotive speech to lawmakers yesterday. Hong Kong is a major hub for ivory sales and last year announced that it would introduce a total ban on the trade. But authorities later clarified they would only completely abolish the trade by 2021, drawing criticism they were dragging their feet and trailing China, where officials last year pledged to halt the enterprise by the end of 2017. *AFP*



Legal action launched to halt Australia

SYDNEY - Same-sex marriage advocates launched legal action in Australia's highest court on Tuesday against a controversial government plan for a postal vote on the issue, calling it divisive and harmful. Polls indicate popular support in Australia for marriage equality, but a standoff has dragged on for more than a decade amid political wrangling over the best way to decide the matter. After Parliament's upper house, the Senate, last year rebuffed plans for a national plebiscite involving 15 million people, the government in August said a voluntary postal ballot would be held. Both options are strongly opposed by gay marriage advocates, who argue that a national vote is expensive and will subject gay people and their families to hate speech. *AFP*

North Korea nuclear test 'caused landslides'

SEOUL - North Korea's weekend nuclear test triggered landslides in the detonation area and beyond, satellite pictures showed yesterday, but left no crater visible from a collapse. The underground blast on Sunday caused a 6.3-magnitude earthquake, according to the US Geological Survey, and was followed a few minutes later by another with a magnitude of 4.1, leading to suggestions that the rock over the site had caved in, potentially releasing radioactive material into the atmosphere. *AFP*

Focus on SA scene

SA OPPOSITION IN NEW BID TO IMPEACH ZUMA

JOHANNESBURG - South African President Jacob Zuma endured fresh criticism Tuesday as opposition parties pursued a court case to impeach him and Parliament debated early elections.

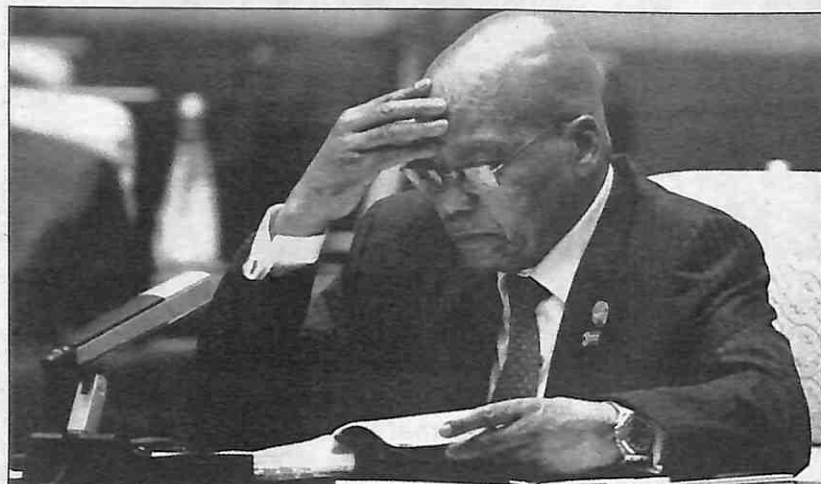
The opposition petitioned the country's highest court in an attempt to impeach the president who already is embroiled in multiple legal cases and corruption allegations.

The Constitutional Court was asked to order Parliament to set up an investigation into Zuma's conduct over publicly-funded upgrades to his private residence.

The court last year ruled that Zuma failed to "uphold, defend and respect" the Constitution when he refused to comply with an anti-corruption watchdog that recommended he repay money spent on the residence.

At Tuesday's court hearing, lawyers argued that parliamentary Speaker Baleka Mbete should launch a process to determine if Zuma was guilty of an impeachable offence.

Zuma has survived several parliamentary attempts to oust him from office, most recently last month when a vote of no-confidence against him was defeated. The Parliament on Tuesday debat-



MSHOLOZI: South Africa's President Jacob Zuma has survived several parliamentary attempts to oust him from office, most recently last month when a vote of no-confidence against him was defeated.

ed a proposal by the opposition Democratic Alliance (DA) calling for early elections, in another bid to force Zuma from office before the 2019 elections.

"We can't afford another two years of this government. The ANC can no longer be trusted to govern," senior DA lawmaker John Steenhuisen told Parliament in Cape Town.

"South Africans have had enough. We need a reset," he said ANC lawmaker

Richard Mdakane castigated the call for emergency early elections as an attempt "to effect regime change through clandestine ways".

The proposal was rejected with 229 lawmakers voting against it compared to 83 who voted in favour of the motion.

The 75-year-old Zuma is due to step down as head of the ruling ANC party in December, and as national president before the 2019 general election. *AFP*

Zuma condemns killing of Lesotho's defence force chief

JOHANNESBURG - President Jacob Zuma on Tuesday, condemned the killing of the Commander of the Lesotho Defence Force, Lt-General Khoantle Motsonotso, who was killed reportedly by an army officer.

"On behalf of [the Southern African Development Community] SADC, President Zuma condemns in the strongest terms possible the senseless and regrettable killing of Gen Motsonotso, especially because his killing happens two years after the killing of former Lesotho Defence Force Commander, Brigadier Maaparankoe Mahao in June 2015, thus creating a dangerous pattern in the Kingdom of Lesotho," the depart-

ment of international relations and cooperation (DIRCO) said.

"This unfortunate incident happens so soon after the Kingdom of Lesotho had conducted peaceful and democratic elections which SADC had thought they were to bring political normalcy and stability in the country."

DIRCO said SADC will dispatch a ministerial fact-finding mission to Lesotho today, to assess the situation and determine the required intervention mechanism.

This will form part of SADC's key objectives to consolidate, defend and maintain democracy, peace, security, and stability in the region. *African News Agency*

Man gets life sentence for raping ex-girlfriend

DURBAN - The Pietermaritzburg Regional Court has sentenced a 26-year-old man, who kidnapped and repeatedly raped his former girlfriend, to life behind bars, KwaZulu-Natal police said in a statement yesterday.

Police spokesperson, Colonel Thembeke Mbhele, said the 31-year-old victim was walking with friends at Taylor's Halt outside

Pietermaritzburg on August 20 when her ex-boyfriend confronted her. He assaulted her and forced her to go with him to his home.

"While at his residence, the accused continued assaulting the victim with a mob stick and repeatedly raped her. Later the victim managed to escape and reported the matter to the police at Taylor's Halt police station", Mbhele said. *African News Agency*

EFF warns DA not to take other opposition parties for granted

CAPE TOWN - The majority of the ANC caucus would have voted with the opposition in the motion of no confidence against President Jacob Zuma had it not been for the DA's grandstanding, said EFF chief whip Floyd Shivambu before he warned the DA not to take other opposition parties for granted.

Shivambu was speaking during the debate on the DA's motion to dissolve the National Assembly, which, had it succeeded, would have necessitated early national elections.

The motion seemed doomed early in the debate, as all of the other opposition parties except COPE and AGANG, which only had four MPs between them in the House, rejected it as opportunistic, irrational, illogical, and an act of grandstanding on

the DA's part. "The DA must not take the vote we've given them for granted," said Shivambu.

"Don't undermine us, don't undermine other political parties, the EFF in particular, we're not going anywhere," Shivambu said.

IFP chief whip Narend Singh said the motion of no confidence against Zuma had "changed the trajectory of the country".

"Let's not be in a hurry to do a Theresa May (Conservative UK Prime Minister); rushing into a general election that could leave us with a hung Parliament," said Singh.

He finished with a colloquialism from his father: "If you want to kill a snake, do so, but without breaking the stick."

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Malema remembers Magaqa

JOHANNESBURG - Economic Freedom Fighters' leader, Julius Malema, says he wants to attend the funeral of former ANC Youth League Secretary General, Sindiso Magaqa, but will only do so if his safety is guaranteed.

Malema said a thorough security assessment must be done ahead of the funeral.

He penned an emotional tribute to the former uMzimkhulu Municipality councillor, calling him a brother and a man who remained faithful to his convictions and missions.

"In the line of political duty, Magaqa had become a brother who when even threats of death were made on our lives, he always remained faithful to his convictions and mission. This very feature about him, his bravery and daring personality, may have robbed us of his youthful life," Malema said. "May the soul of Sindiso Magaqa rest in a revolutionary and perfect peace. I send my heartfelt condolences to his wife and children, the family and all comrades. In his name and spirit, we must end all political violence and unite our people in the



WANTS TO ATTEND: EFF leader, Julius Malema.

mission for the attainment of economic freedom in our lifetime that Magaqa stood for. His death will never deter us from continuing this struggle for the attainment of economic freedom in our lifetime."

Magaqa, a former African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) secretary general, was hospitalised in July after he and two other colleagues were shot at several times by unknown assailants, succumbed to his injuries on Monday. *African News Agency*

ANOTHER SASSA DELAY GAGS POST OFFICE AT SCOPA MEETING

CAPE TOWN - South African Post Office (SAPO) officials flew to Parliament only to be told they couldn't make a presentation, after the South African Social Security Agency's (SASSA's) self-imposed timelines were moved back two weeks.

Both SASSA and the SAPO appeared before the standing committee on public accounts (SCOPA) on Tuesday evening to inform MPs on the agreement for SAPO to assist with the social grants scheme. But yet another snag in the SASSA procurement chain ensured SAPO and its CEO Mark Barnes were unable to present its detailed and thorough plan for the post office to come on board.

Acting SASSA CEO Pearl Bhengu said they had been instructed by the inter-ministerial task team to do "due diligence" on SAPO's proposal before finalising SAPO's agreement. As a result, yet another third party, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), was brought on board to undertake said due diligence, at a cost of R410 000. Due to a snag in Treasury's rules, it could only start work this week, pushing the SAPO agreement back by two weeks.

A visibly frustrated Barnes and his colleagues sat through to 11pm on Tuesday while Bhengu and company explained the latest delay. *News24*

Home Affairs officials arrested for fraud

DURBAN - Seven people, including three Department of Home Affairs officials, have been arrested for fraud and contravention of the Immigration Act and Identification Act, the Hawks said yesterday.

Hawks members from Durban Commercial Crime unit together with the Home Affairs Counter Corruption Team made the arrests, Hawks spokesperson Captain Simphiwe Mhlongo said.

Authorities discovered irregularities in the issuing of late birth certificates at Mzimkhulu, Bulwer and Ulundi Home Affairs offices. They thereafter embarked in an

operation from mid-August to September 1 leading to the arrest of the seven suspects.

The arrested suspects, Snothile Buthelezi, 26, Sibulelo Malanda, 49, Buyelaphi Stubchen, 57, Nkosinathi Madlala, 31, Nokuphiwa Fihlane, 26, Nowinile Sikhosana, 34 and Lindiswa Mkhafula, 28 briefly appeared in the Durban Special Commercial Crime Court on Thursday, August 31.

They were granted R2 000 bail each with the case postponed to November 3.

Buyelaphi appeared on Monday, and her case was postponed to October 5. *News24*



Happy Independence



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and the entire Swazi Nation in celebrating
the country's 49th Independence Anniversary.*

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CHURCH NEWS



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WHEN trying to distinguish between tithes and offerings, it is important to first understand the concept of tithing.

Christians today often think that what they give to their local church is a tithe, when in reality it is an offering. Christian tithing is a misnomer because Christians are under no obligation to fulfill the command to tithe as given to the Israelites as part of the Mosaic Law. The tithe was a requirement of the Law in which all Israelites were to give 10 per cent of everything they earned and grew to the tabernacle/temple (Leviticus 27:30; Numbers 18:26; Deuteronomy 14:24; 2 Chronicles 31:5). The New

Testament nowhere commands, or even recommends, that Christians submit to a legalistic tithe system. Paul states that believers should set aside a portion of their income as an offering, but this is not a tithe (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

God expected the Israelites to honor Him by giving the first fruits of what He gave to them. Leviticus 27:30 states: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD." Giving the 10 per cent tithe was commanded of the Israelites and was therefore an obligation. When Christ died on the cross, He fulfilled the require-



ments of the Law and made the mandatory 10 per cent tithe obsolete. To continue to insist that it is still in effect is to nullify, at least in part, the sacrifice of Christ and return to the idea of justification by works and law-keeping. The first fruits offering found its fulfillment in Jesus. "But Christ

has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20).

An offering is that which is freely given by Christians to the work of the Lord, the local church, and/or ministries and missions. But offerings are far more than simply the

cheque we write on Sunday. We are to offer much more to God than our monetary resources. Romans 12:1 exhorts us to offer our bodies "as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God" as part of our worship. Romans 6:13 gives the reason for offering ourselves: because we are "those who have been brought from death to life," and, as such, we are to "offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness." God is not nearly as interested in our monetary offerings as He is in our submission and obedience.

The truth is that He doesn't need our resources to accomplish His plans and purposes. After all, He owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10) and needs nothing from us. What He desires, however, and what He values, is the heart that overflows with gratitude and thanksgiving to the God who saved us and who gives us all things, knowing our needs before we even ask (Matthew 6:8). Such a heart gives generously, willingly, and cheerfully in response to the love and grace that abound in Christ (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

CHURCH SERVICE Times

JOIN US ON OUR THURSDAY SERVICES

17:30 HRS - 19:30 HRS

CONTACT: 7659 1921 / 7825 8913

CAMPUS CRUSADE BUILDING (NEXT TO TEBA - MBABANE)

DIVINE

Healing Ministries International

Manzini Branch:
Wednesdays - Prayer 6:00-7:30pm
Thursdays - Mid-week Service 6:30-8:00pm
Sundays - Teachings 9:30-10:30am
Main Service 10:30am - 1pm

Mbabane Branch:
Tuesdays - Prayer 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Sundays - Service 10am - 1pm

CONTACT: 76638622/76471717
Host: Pastor N.T. Dlamini

EVANGELICAL Church - Nhlanguano
"Distinctively Christian"

Every Sunday English Service at 0830hrs - 0955hrs

Bible Study - 1000hrs - 1055hrs
Siswati Service - 1100hrs - 1300hrs

Every Monday Prayer: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

Last Tuesdays of the Month Family Fellowship: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

Every Friday Youth Services: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

Venue: Evangelical Church Nhlanguano Church Hall, Opposite Nhlanguano Central Primary School

Contacts 22075 020/7603 6628

FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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Sundays 11.30am. In spite of your past, you shall smile again.

Place of miracles where the blind see, lame walk, sick healed, jobless find job, deliverance happens its your moment to grasp it.

CONTACTS
7671 0029/7631 4007.
Come one come all

MBABANE FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES

Sunday Bible study 9.30 am - 10.30am

Main Service 10.30am - 1.00pm

Wednesdays Prayer 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Mondays Couples 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Mbabane FEA Church next to Build It, Contacts 24045807/76572977
Email: mbabanefea@swazi.net

FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES SITEKI

Mondays Prayer 6.00pm-7.30pm
Wednesdays 6.00pm-7.30pm
Saturdays Youth 3.00pm
Sundays Women 9.00am-10.30am
Sunday School 9.30am-10.30am
Main Service 10.30am - 1.00pm

LEVITICUS 1-7

THE FIVE OFFERINGS

1. **BURNT OFFERING** (Male - All Burnt on Altar - Skin for Priest) - JOHN'S GOSPEL PSALM 40

2. **MEAL OFFERING** (The Flour - Oil - Frankincense) - No Leaven or Honey - sweet with Salt - Omen - the offering of the heart - PSALM 116

3. **PEACE OFFERING** (Male or Female - Blood, Fat, Kidneys for God - Breast - Right Shoulder for Man) - JAMES GOSPEL PSALM 85

4. **SIN OFFERING** (Blood - Fat on Altar - Bullock Burnt without the Camp) - MARK'S GOSPEL PSALM 22

5. **TRESPASS OFFERING** (Blood - Fat of Ram on Altar - Principal Rectified - Fat Part Added) - MATTHEW'S GOSPEL PSALM 60

THE PERFECT MAN PSALM 16
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GOD IS ABLE

CHURCH SERVICE Times

SUNDAY SERVICES
MBABANE THEATRE CLUB 10.00 AM-1.00 PM

MANZINI SATELITE
2.30 PM-5.00 PM

CONTACT 7605 3160

GOD'S GLORY ABLAZE CHURCH (NHLANGANO MATHENDELE)

Services

Mondays 6pm - 7pm home cells
Wednesdays 6pm - 7.30pm
Fridays 6pm - 7.30pm
Sundays Morning prayer 5.45am - 6.30am
Main service 10.00am - 1.00pm

Contact 76638622/76471717
Host: Pastor N.T. Dlamini

GROWING FAITH Ministries International

Mondays: Prayer & Transformation 6-8pm

Tuesdays: Transformation Class at Syney Williams in Manzini 6:30-8pm

Fridays: Breakthrough Service 6-8pm

Sundays: Prayer 9am

Main Service 10am - 1pm

(Lobamba, Esitjeni on you way to Mlilwane)

JUBILEE WORSHIP HOUSE INTERNATIONAL

THEME: A Place Where We Celebrate God's Intervention

Church services:

Fridays Youth summit 6pm - 8pm

Saturdays Prayer 6pm - 8pm

Sundays Main Service 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
KaShaliethendeni next to Mtn tower (Emkhweni)

God is changing changers to change the world
Contact: 76158475

MBABANE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Church services

Mondays Prayer 6.00pm-7.30pm

Thursdays Bible Exposition 6.00pm-7.30pm

Fridays Youth 6.00pm-7.30pm

Saturday Women 2.00pm-3.30pm

Sundays English Service 8.30am-10.30 am
Siswati Service 11.00am - 1.00pm

Children's Ministry 8.30am 10.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm

Men-Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Single Parents-Every 1st Saturday of the month 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Contacts 2404 0979

CHURCH - NAZARENE

MBABANE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Services

SUNDAY 08:00 - 09:00 - English Service
09:00 - 10:00 - Junior Fellowship
10:00 - 11:00 - Sunday School (All Ages)
11:00 - 12:00 - NTA Service (Youth)
12:00 - 1:00 - Siswati Service

MID-WEEK MORNING PRAYER 05:00 - 06:00 (MONDAY - FRIDAY)

EVERY WEDNESDAY 12:00 - 1:00 (Siswati Service)
18:00 - 19:00 (Bible Study/Prayer)

FORTNIGHTLY THURSDAYS 18:00 - 19:00 - Men's Ministry Service

CONTACT 76180775

Yonder Worship Centre

with Apostle Bakhe and Mrs. Nokwanda Dlamini

Sundays: 09:00am-11:00am

Venue: Woodlands, Ezulwini

ZAKHELE FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY English service @9:00am - 10:45am

Siswati Service @11:00am - 1:00pm

Venue: Zakhele, Nkambule street, Manzini

BY: Rev Msihi
Contacts: 2505 6419 / 7650 3140



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INTERVIEW: Social media influencer Kefiboo, stylist Ms Manche and Jenny being interviewed by Swazi TV's Lungelele Magagula at Happy Valley Hotel on Tuesday morning. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)



ACTING: Dzeli portraying a woman who was abused by her father, the woman is a drunk who cannot control herself anymore. This was during Dzeli's one woman show last week Thursday at Bahle Art Gallery. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)

SAs KEFIBOO SPOTTED AT THE REED DANCE

By Ayanda Dlamini

SOCIAL media influencer Kefiboo made her debut appearance at the reed dance on Monday.

The social media butterfly was in the company of fellow South African stylist Ms Manche and both wore Swazi regalia.

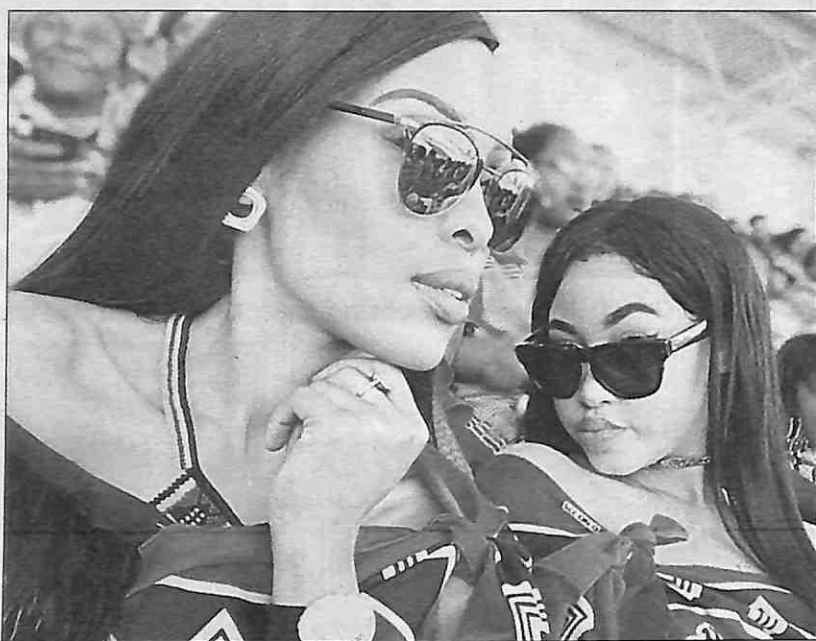
The Instagram queens were in the country for the first time. They both confessed to have fallen in love with Swazi culture and vowed to return for the reed dance ceremony next year.

Kefiboo said she adores Swaziland for its peacefulness and culture.

"The country is beautiful, wow. If I didn't have a busy schedule, I would be here every day," the social media influencer said during an interview on Tuesday at Happy Valley Hotel.

Ms Manche applauded maidens who attend the reed dance stating that every girl child needed to respect their culture in order to be a better person in the future.

"Oh such a beautiful ceremony and big ups to young girls who respect their culture. It all starts there. I'm so impressed."



BEAUTIFUL: SA influencer Kefiboo (r) enjoying the reed dance.

said the stylist. "I'm looking forward to next year's event," she added.

Kefiboo is South Africa's most loved digital luxury socialite, she is also a businesswoman. She has a fan base of about 44 800, is involved in over 180 projects and has 1.6 million Instagram

impressions. She is one personality highly idolised by South African celebrities including Bonang Matheba.

Kefilwe's ability to express herself through fashion is undeniable. Her love for luxury catches your attention because it's authentic.

Dzeli inspires through story telling

By Ayanda Dlamini

DZELI the Poet sealed women's month with a phenomenal story performed at Bahle Art Gallery last week Thursday.

In attendance was Standard Bank CE Mvuselelo Fakudze and his family, poets such as Nqobile the poet and the Archie Magwaza family.

Dzeli addressed issues faced by women through different characters, through poetry.

Firstly, there was Thoko, a woman who comes back to this life as a ghost to tell her story to other women and to caution women to protect themselves to avoid abuse. She portrayed the ghost well, appearing on stage in white ropes with light bulbs around her body.

The other character she played was Lomgwaco who is an alcoholic sex-worker who drinks her life away every night ever since she was abused by her father when she was young. Dzeli portrayed the Lomgwaco very well as she would sip on a Sibebe beverage and pretended to be drunk.



DZELI PORTRAYING THOKO: A woman who comes back to this world as a ghost to tell her story to other women.

Also two Canadian siblings, Dali and Bandile, were a marvel to watch and listen to with their beautiful poems. Dali performed marvelous hip hop rhymes whilst Bandile performed three poems which were mostly about young girls finding their true self.

OPERA SINGER ZWELI FOR GAUTENG AUDITIONS

By Simon Shabangu

IT seems there is a bright future ahead for determined local opera singer Zweli Msibi as he has been presented with an opportunity to take part in the Gauteng Opera auditions happening this Saturday.

The Manzini Cathedral Choir choir is ready for what might be his big breakthrough in the international opera music scene.

He is confident that he will make the cut at the auditions as he says he is

going there to win.

"I never doubt myself when it comes to singing, I will do my best and leave everything to the judges," he said.

Msibi said this was a big opportunity for him, stating that if he makes it he will get to travel the world and meet other big guns in the opera music scene.

opportunities

"I want to be the next Luciano Pavarotti when it comes to opera music, so such opportunities are not to be missed. My long term goal is to become a mentor and also host a series of events to empower the youth. There is a lot of

talent locally and if well exploited it can put the country on the map, musically. All we are lacking for now is support from government and the private sector. If such can be availed Swaziland would never be the same because these artists can be ambassadors for the country at international events," he said.

He said his wish is to see the private sector supporting this genre of music through opportunities and funding to promote opera. Zweli recently took part in the Wonderful Days Festival in Denmark where a selected number

of soloists and opera music singers coming from different African countries gathered to promote youth empowerment.

Also travelling to the auditions is baritone opera singer Prosper Makhanya who is already in South Africa to prepare for the auditions.

Operatic

Artists partaking in the auditions must prepare three arias of their choice from different operatic styles (if possible) and must include at least one Bel Canto aria. Gauteng Opera is an all-round performing arts and entertainment company in South Africa, focusing on opera related productions, concerts and events. With the slogan "Opera for Everyone",

Gauteng Opera aims to expose opera to varied audiences with different opera offerings. Driven by excellence in vocal performance and theatre, Gauteng Opera prides itself on being one of the foremost nurturers of experts and proponents for quality vocal performance and theatre practitioners. It also seeks to ensure that everyone experiences the joy of opera.

It is a world class training academy that produces the voices of the future.

They produce clearly defined opera productions that have a broader appeal to the South African market, this is done to build relationships that create mutual and enduring value through the joy of opera.

By Thandeka Dube

LIGHTS, camera and click fashion was the order of the night at the SADC themed fashion show last Friday at The Galaria in Ezulwini.

Models from Pulse and Top Models walked down the runway in designs inspired and created by local designer's like Fashion Police, Yvonne's Tribe, Sigeja Curios, Lindzy's Apparel Designs and more.

Spectators witnessed a series of designs from wedding gowns, cocktail party designs and evening wear.

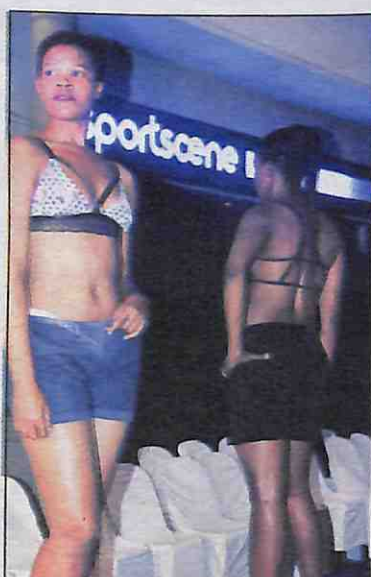
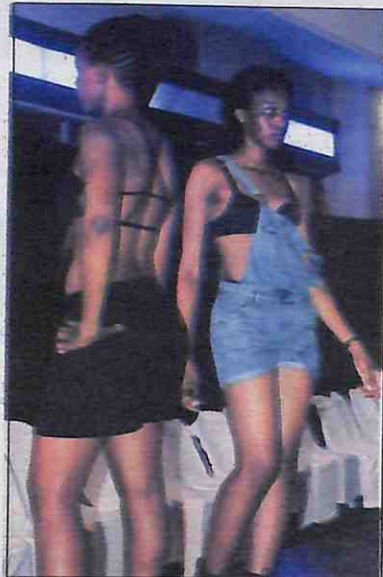
Amongst the guests at the event were Mr and Miss Worker's College, former Highlander's player Sipho 'Kawu' Sibandze, Top Models' Manager Thulani Sikhondze and many more fashion fanatics.

DJ 711 was on the decks spinning sounds as the models walked the runway.

The show's aim was to bring buyers and sellers together to explore, network and market their collections.

Knowing that Swazi fashion is still growing, the local designers got a chance to build close relationships with foreign fashionistas, thus creating limitless opportunities without having to travel.

FASHION 'SLAYAGE' AT



FREEZE: Models parading in Fashion Police designs during the SADC inspired fashion show held at The Galaria at Ezulwini. (Pics: Thandeka Dube)

HOST: MC of the night Sedatia McClain keeping the crowd entertained



ELEGANT: Models showcasing designs by Finto Designs.

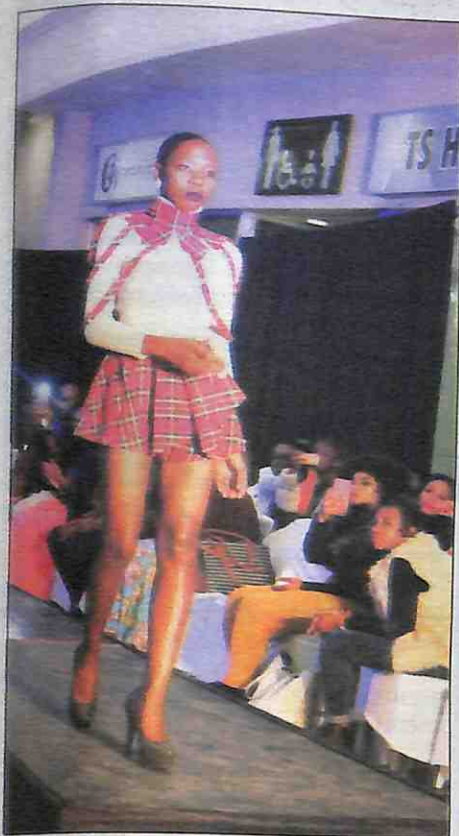


CLASSIC MAN: Top Models' Manager Thulani Sikhondze was at the event to support his models.



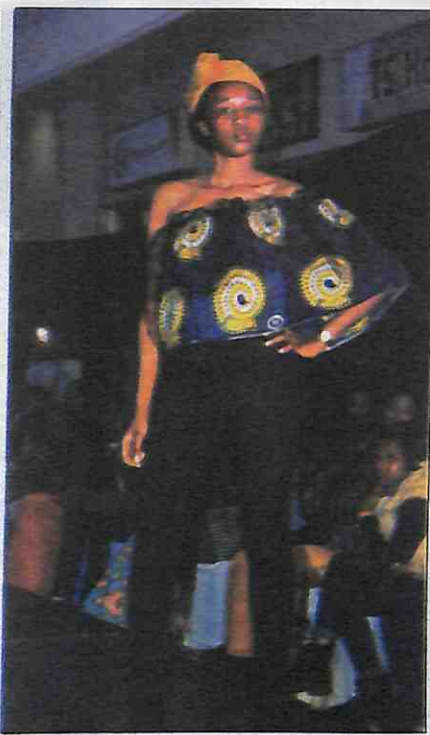
PRESENT: Mr and Miss Worker's College and the first princess and second prince were also at the event.

SADC FASHION SHOW



LINDZYS APPAREL: A model wearing a red and green scottish themed outfit by Lindzy's apparel. 2. Macho Man Model in Lindzy's apparel.

CREAM: A model in a cream Lindzy design.



MAKOTI: A model wearing Original V's dress with a touch of leather detail. 2. Model wearing a one sleeve African print top and orange head wrap by Original V



PROUDLY SWAZI: Model wearing a lihiya dress by Sigeja Curios.

TEE TEE DESIGNS: A model wearing a silk red jumpsuit with a cape by Tee Tee designs. 2. Model wearing a silk red and cream outfit by Tee Tee.

International
Celebrity News

Usher allegedly pays off big chick

NEW YORK- Remember last month, when a woman named Quantashia sued Usher saying that he exposed her to Herpes. Quantasia gave a press conference with her lawyer Lisa Bloom at her side.



LAWUIT: Usher and Quantashia.

Well now rumors are swirling online, that Usher may have settled her lawsuit.

And Quantasia (or someone

pretending to be her) is on social media – bragging about having \$2 million in her bank.

MTO

Angelina Jolie doesn't enjoy being single

LOS ANGELES - Angelina Jolie not something I wanted. There's nothing nice about it. It's just hard.

The 42-year-old notoriously private Oscar winner, who is promoting her new film *First They Killed My Father*, made her comments to the *Sunday Telegraph* in what marks one of her most candid interviews yet, carried out almost a year after she filed for divorce from Brad Pitt. "I don't enjoy being single," she said. "It's



LONELY: Angelina Jolie.

monitor." *DailyMail*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Sunday has an alluring offer for Samson. Thandi decides to show Bhekumuzi her love, but in a traditional way. Meanwhile, Iris works on gaining Beauty's trust.



OFFER: Samson.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Kgothalo is disappointed at Nikiwe who keeps pushing her away when she is only trying to help her. Ofentse goes to confront Barker, he punches him causing Barker a cardiac arrest... will he save him or leave him there to die?



DISAPPOINTING: Nikiwe.

Muvhango

TODAY



WARNED: Azwindini.

Azwindini is warned by his family against a potentially harmful proposal. James' loss is tearing him apart as the reality sinks in. Bongi is in deep trouble for a relationship she knows nothing about.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Niki tries to persuade Bash to withdraw his confession, but Bash stands firm. Suffocate comes clean with Pearl. Mampho is concerned that Zolani is going to fire her after the airing of the radio segment.



CONCERNED: Mampho.

Ray J and wife crash course in babysitting

HOLLYWOOD - Ray J and his wife Princess Love have baby fever, and it's being put to the test with the addition of the newest "Love & Hip Hop: Hollywood" cast member -- one-year-old Stevie Rose Weintraub.



PARENTING SKILLS: Ray J and his wife Princess Love.

The couple's Manager, David Weintraub and Mallory Knighton put their kid on loan to Ray and Princess so they could test out their parenting skills. It's been well-documented on

night. *EONLINE*

this season of 'L&HHH' that Ray and Princess have been trying to get pregnant.

Ray took charge ... feeding Stevie, playing silly baby games, and even changing her poopy diapers. Our sources say he did pretty well ... except for the diapers part.

The full episode with Ray, Princess and lil' Stevie airs Monday

Lil Wayne hospitalised

LOS ANGELES - Rapper Lil Wayne has cancelled his Las Vegas show on Sunday night after suffering multiple seizures, reports TMZ.

According to the site, the rapper was hospitalised at Northwestern Memorial in Chicago after being found unconscious in his hotel room at Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago. Despite suffering from the debilitating seizures as a result of his ongoing bout with epilepsy, the 'Lollipop' hit-maker has reportedly been released from the hospital.



HOSPITALISED: Rapper Lil Wayne.

The outlet also reports that a rep for the 'Sucker for Pain' rapper has confirmed that he had to cancel his Vegas gig as a result of the multiple seizures he had this weekend. *EONLINE*

SA Celebrity News

AKA supports Bonang's reality show

JOHANNESBURG - Rapper AKA has given his support to his girlfriend Bonang Matheba's reality show, saying that he will always support her as the couple strives to build an empire.



EMPIRE: Bonang.

AKA has appeared on Bonang's Vuzu Amp reality show Being Bonang but told Slikour that he was not a regular cast member of the show. "In terms of that show,

it is just a facet of her life. Just one time. You won't see me... I am not like a cast member. I will maybe just pull a 'Ye (Kanye) like Kanye does on the Kardashians," he said.

AKA said he supported Bonang in her project as they worked to build their brands. "I support her endeavors. We're building an empire," he said. *Tshisalive*

Reggie's 100kg wedding cake cost over R60k

JOHANNESBURG - ANCYL Treasurer-General and Mabala Noise boss Reggie Nkabinde and his childhood sweetheart, Beauty Matela pulled out all the stops for their lavish wedding ceremony over the weekend, which included forking out over an estimated amount of R60 000 to have the cake of their dreams made. Reggie and Beauty's two-day wedding celebrations took place on the South Coast of KwaZulu-Natal and was

nothing short of a fairytale affair. However, it was not the celebrity guest list or the designer clothing that left guests in awe - it was the three metre, 100kg, pearl-finish ivory 'castle-themed' cake that stole the spotlight. Speaking to TshisaLIVE, Sasha Naidoo owner of Sugar Coated Cakes, the company that created and made the bride's dream a reality, said it took her over a month to make the cake, to ensure every detail was perfect. *Timeslive*



EXPENSIVE: The R60k cake.

Kenny opens a case after car is shot at

JOHANNESBURG - Police are investigating a shooting incident involving businessman Kenny Kunene on Tuesday evening, Gauteng Police said. Kunene was travelling in the Norwood area in Johannesburg when the shooting incident allegedly occurred, Gauteng Police spokesperson Brigadier Mathapelo Peters told News24.

Sunday Independent Editor Steve Motale told News24 he was with



ATTACKED: Kenny Kunene.

Kunene at the police station to report the incident. He could not be reached for comment again later.

Kunene was by Motale's side in court on Saturday when Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa brought an urgent application to stop the Sunday Independent from publishing a story about alleged extra-marital affairs. His application was unsuccessful. *Drum*

Trevor and Lucille Gumbi split

JOHANNESBURG - Comedian Trevor Gumbi and his estranged wife, Lucille have confirmed that they have split after 11 years of marriage.

Speaking to TshisaLIVE, Trevor confirmed the news, however declined to divulge any further details.

"We will be making an official statement early next week, on Monday. So for now, I have nothing to say," Trevor said.

When contacted, Lucille also confirmed that they were currently

preparing a public statement on their separation but had not been together for some time.

"It is true. We have not been together for a long while. I don't want to deal with it or go into any detail right now but we want to release a statement together to avoid 100 questions," she said.

The pair initially announced the split on social media on Wednesday morning, posting it in tandem. *SundayWorld*



SPLIT: Trevor Gumbi and his estranged wife.

Krummel pap!



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn
December 22 – January 19

A proposal could have exciting financial implications. You may be deeply unsettled by this suggestion. What might concern you is the amount of work involved. If on holiday, a variation on this theme could be that a planned outing is more expensive than you'd expected, and that it will stretch your nerves and physical system more than has been done of late. In either case, however, you might be delighted to be doing something new and different.

Aquarius
January 20 – February 18

Reaching out of your comfort zone is unlikely to be difficult. A financial carrot could be dangled. True, you might be irritated with someone born under Sagittarius or with someone who holds very strong opinions. Their apparent inflexibility could make it difficult for you to seize the moment. That said, it's likely that your independent streak will show. Your way with words could be noted. Once again, it might be suggested that you put ideas on paper.

Pisces
February 19 – March 20

Not for the first time, you could take a few people by surprise. You could effect an emotional ambush. It is perhaps more likely that you'll come up with a plan that's at once outrageous and futuristic. Chances are this will involve moving things around. What arrives by mail could be the catalyst to all this. This could put you at odds with someone who won't be in a position to respond until later in the month.

Aries
March 21 – April 19

Expect a surge of energy; but be wary of electrical equipment. The upside of today is that people could at last be taking action. The downside is that a crazy feel could lead to carelessness. At a meeting, you could push through a new idea with ease. Others are likely to be bowled over by your enthusiasm. The art then will be to keep this ball rolling. You may need back up support from those born under Gemini and Virgo.

Taurus
April 20 – May 20

The response from members of an organization may not be quite as you'd expected. There could be financial implications you have not taken into account. Though you may sense that you're on the verge of a breakthrough, it won't be surprising if there are stalled moments late in the day so that full progress isn't realized for another ten days.

Gemini
May 21 – June 21

Don't be surprised if people sit down and fully concentrate on what you have to say. The sound of your voice could have more impact than you realize. In an unusual environment, you could



be astounded that one of your natural talents is appreciated so much. Though what's suggested as a future plan could leave you at a loss for words.

Cancer
June 22 – July 22

Though below the surface, you might be feeling slightly fragile, to the rest of the world you could present a determined and focused approach. Inspired by a friend who lives a long way away, you could also make clear that you're ready to seize an opportunity. Irritation could be aroused by a small domestic problem that requires urgent attention – just at a time when you don't feel you have this energy to spend.

Leo
July 23 – August 22

An interesting joint financial matter that's related to property, might require you to speak to several people. Juggling telephone calls seems likely. You could be irritated by the cavalier attitude of someone much younger or by a colleague whose romantic activities could potentially get in the way of achieving success in a project. A few 'how or never' moments could arise. You might require everyone around you to be in 'all hands to the deck' mode.

Virgo
August 23 – September 22

A good friend could take you by surprise. You might even feel ambushed in your home environment. Change is in the air for all signs. You might not enjoy the full drama, yet sense that if you don't seize on an opportunity, it will slip through your fingers. Builder's rubble or general debris might threaten an accident. You could appoint yourself risk assessment manager!

Libra
September 23 – October 23

If you expect a day of crazy energy, you probably won't be disappointed. You might also be delighted with what is discussed. True, technical problems could unsettle you. Maintaining calm in the center of an exciting storm might not be easy. What you learn though could give you material that's of use in the coming weeks.

Scorpio
October 24 – November 21

Today you learn from a group of people that could be dynamic, fascinating, and futuristic. True, this could leave you with more questions to ask. You might go be delighted that progress is being made with a project that began some years ago. Of concern however could be that someone is away from their desk and that it will be the end of the months before finishing touches can be applied.



Sagittarius
November 22 – December 21- Your emotional base could be unsettled. For some this could result in displacement from home. Others may be talking about plans to uproot. A partner or close colleague's news might require urgent attention too. Your perspective and theirs could be at



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Laughing Out Loud

THE NUN

Sister Mary was truly a religious woman. Besides for her duties as a nun, she was also very active in various hospitals visiting sick patients and taking care of all their needs. So it was no surprise that one day when she ran out of gas, the only container she could find to put the gas into was a bedpan.

Sister Mary happily walked two blocks to the closest gas station filled up the bedpan

with gas and headed back to her car. Luck would have it that as Sister Mary started tipping the gas into the fuel tank, the traffic light turned red and she had quite a large audience witnessing the spectacle.

Just when she finished pouring in the last drops of gas a fellow opened up his window and hollered, "I swear! If that car starts I'm becoming a religious man!"

USELESS FACTS

1. Dry swallowing one teaspoon of sugar can commonly cure hic-ups.
2. In Kentucky, it is illegal to carry an ice cream cone in your back pocket.
3. The fear of cooking is known

as Mageirocophobia and is a recognised phobia.
4. The tea bag was introduced in 1908 by Thomas Sullivan of New York.
5. The tall chef's hat is called a toque.

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYESTERDAY'S
BRAinteasers

1. How far can a fox run into a grove?
Answer: Only halfway—then he's running out of it!
2. I travel all over the world, but always stay in my corner. What am I?
Answer: A stamp.

Today's brainteasers

1. With pointed fangs I sit and wait; with piercing force I crunch out fate; grabbing victims, proclaiming might; physically joining with a single bite. What am I?
2. What kind of coat is always wet when you put it on?



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NEWS



HIGHLIGHTS



Baby changes everything

Tonight 20:55 | TLC Entertainment (135)
S2/E1 - Broken Water, Broken Hearts. Surprise pregnancies turn three couples' lives upside down. Krystal and Jarrel argue over paternity, while Doug and Mars' relationship is volatile.



Go Jetters

Tomorrow 16:20 | Cbeebies (306)
"S1/E4 - The Sahara Desert, Africa". Glitch makes a sandcastle around an oasis in the Sahara. Can the Go Jetters save the day?

THE REAL
YOU THINK IT. THEY SAY IT.

The Real

Tomorrow 17:45 | BET (129)

The topics on the feisty all-female talk show range from friendship and dating to parenting and sex. Four friends, Loni Love, Tamera Mowry-Housley, Adrienne Bailon and Jeannie Mai, make up the panel of hosts who return this month to flesh out some of our burning questions, like how long should couples wait to move in together and how do you handle your child's first curse word. As the show's strapline says: "You think it, they say it."

Ninjago: Masters of Spinjitzu



Saturday 11:05 | Cartoon Network (301)

'S5/E1 - Winds of Change'. Wu sends the ninjas out on an errand for his new tea farm and Lloyd decides to go on a solo mission.



HE created the biggest YouTube viral video of 2016, turned Carpool Karaoke into a pop culture phenomenon, has several British comedy and acting awards on his resume and nabbed the Emmy award for Outstanding Interactive programme in 2016, the first year he spearheaded the US Late Late Show.

Now, the inimitable and highly talented James Corden will ensure that M-Net (DStv 101) viewers have smiles on their faces when they tune

into the channel of magic at 17:00 Mondays to Fridays from Monday September 18.

While The Late Late Show with James Corden became famous for its Carpool Karaoke with number one-selling artists like Adele, Will Smith, Usher and many more, it is also frequented by a mix of celebrity guests and showcases Corden's extraordinary comic talent in musical acts, games and sketches.

The multi-faceted British born performer's accomplishments span

award-winning routines in television, theatre, film and on the comedy stage. He is a Tony Award-winning performer on Broadway, a BAFTA-winning star of a UK television series, a feature film actor, and an acclaimed host, writer and producer in several genres of television.

The Late Late Show will move into the M-Net slot that was previously occupied by The Ellen DeGeneres Show, which will move to Vuzu (DStv

116), M-Net's sister channel, from Monday September 11.

Until James makes his debut on M-Net on September 18, M-Net viewers can enjoy Celebrity Family Feud season 3 (weekdays at 17:00), the popular game show will see celebs face off against each other for charity and is hosted by Steve Harvey.

Meet WAGS Miami's Faven Liuget

BEING the new kid on the block isn't easy but Faven Liuget is taking it one stylish step at a time as the newest cast member on season 2 of E! Entertainment's (DStv Channel 124) WAGS Miami.

Married to San Diego Chargers defensive end Corey Liuget, Faven is one busy lady from wife and mother to businesswomen and style star to watch. Recently moving to Miami from San Diego we caught up with the newlywed to discuss transitioning to a new city, shooting a hit reality series and her "spicy" side.

A dash of spice

Glitz, glamour and drama is the name of the game on WAGS Miami. As a newcomer to the

show we were keen to find out what Faven brings to the table, "For me this season, I'm talking early on from episode one, you'll see [as my husband calls it] I'm very spicy, hot-headed and kind of don't know what to be nothing but myself" she explained. One of the undeniable qualities of Faven is that she's true to who she is and she takes no nonsense, "Early on you'll see how I'm a passionate person" she added. Passionate is definitely a word we'd use to describe this Ethiopian-born beauty who often displays her dedication to her family, friends and work online.

Faven brings her spice to the show, but what about her cast mates? "I tell people I'm so lucky to be chosen to be a part of this

cast because I feel that a lot of our personalities are strong. For example Hencha (Voigt) is just as spicy as me" she says. Faven goes on to add that from episodes one through to three is when you'll definitely be able to make up your mind about her, "the audience will be able to say 'wow'; either you love me or you don't" - we're leaning towards love of course.



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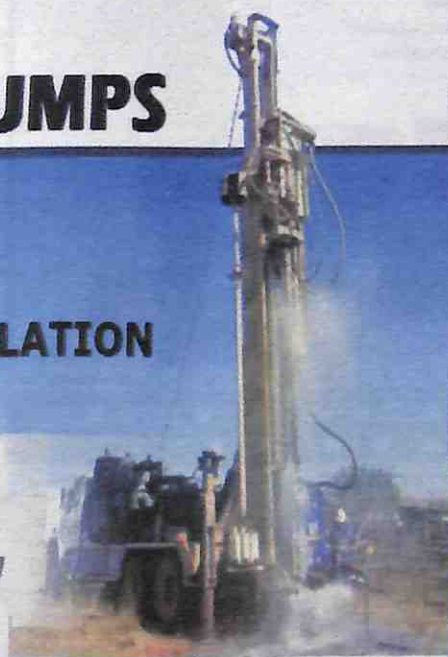
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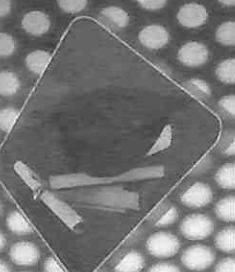
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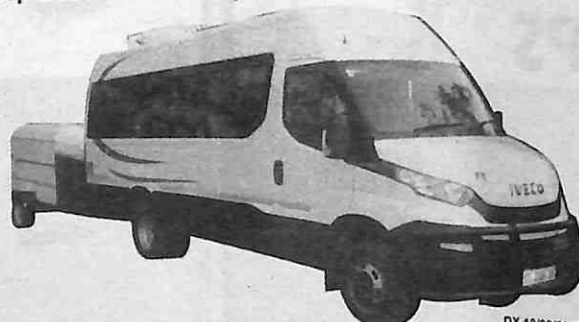
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Friends and relatives of Zintombi Siphumaphi Mkhonta are notified of her death. Funeral on 09th Saturday 2017 at kaLamgabhi eTiyeni kuMayolozu after a night vigil. Requiem service on Friday the 8th September 2017 from 1400 hours at Mater Dorolosa Church. Announcement by Patsy Zeeman on behalf of the family. REST IN PEACE MHLUNGWANE MADLINGTONI.

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Esther Mthophile Mzileni ula Mabaso



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Tryphinah Nkambule (Gogo Simelane)



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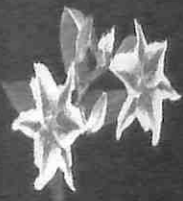


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Relatives and Friends of Pastor Skhumbuzo Patrick Shabangu are notified that He is late. Memorial service will be at Mbababe FEA church on the 8th September 2017 at 12:00 PM. Funeral on Saturday at Mpolonjeni (Masokeni) After a night vigil. Morning service starts at 6:00 am. Announcement by Caiphus Shabangu. Rest in Peace Mbhele loluhlata longenge ngcoshane.



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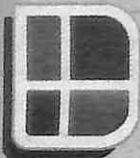
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'Lukaku would have cost £150m'

LONDON - Jose Mourinho believes Romelu Lukaku would have cost Manchester United £150million had he not rushed through a deal before Neymar's record-breaking move to Paris Saint-Germain.

United paid Everton £75m for Lukaku in early July, weeks before PSG smashed the world transfer record with their £198m buy of Barcelona's Neymar.

And Mourinho says had his striker purchase been left until the final days of the window, United would have faced a doubling of their transfer bill.

The Premier League leaders also brought in Nemanja Matic for £40m from Chelsea and Benfica's Victor Lindelof for £30.7m as United got their business done early this summer.

And their manager says that was a deliberate ploy to avoid the bombshell Neymar's move was set to drop on the transfer market. "I think we were very clever," Mourinho said in an exclusive interview with The Times. "We thought that something could happen that could change the market forever."

Daily Mail

MOURINHO WANTS TO STAY IN ENGLAND 'MANY YEARS'

MANCHESTER - Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho has revealed that he is keen to stay in England for many years but doesn't need a long-term contract to make it work.

The Portuguese tactician has made a strong start to the new Premier League campaign, guiding the Red Devils to three consecutive victories, leading to reports that he is set for new contract negotiations.

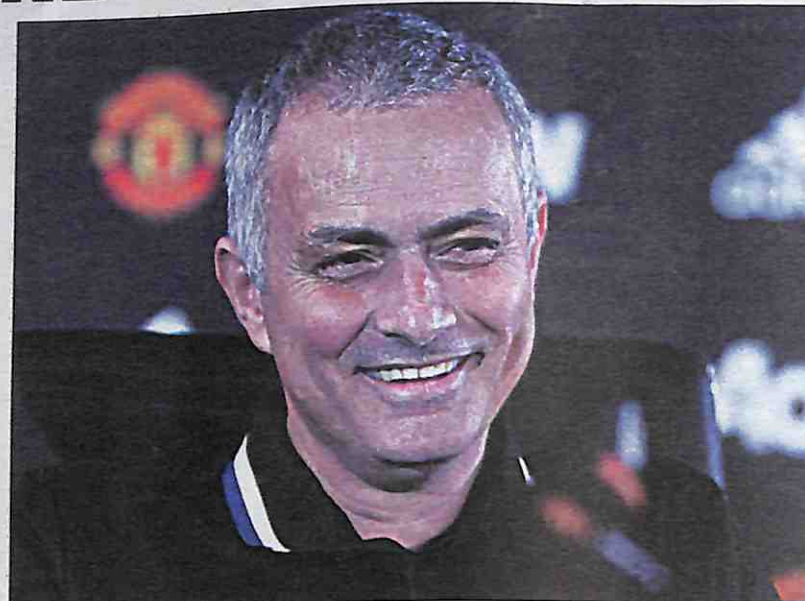
However, Mourinho doesn't believe extending his current contract, which expires in 2019, is very important.

"I don't think about it," he told The Times when asked about a potential new deal. "I don't need a new contract to work to my limits."

"I don't have a problem to arrive at the end of my contract and be free to decide what I want to do and the club is free to decide what they want to do."

"In the past I always wanted to coach in different places. When I came to Chelsea in 2004 I never thought to stay for 20 years. Never."

"When I went to Italy I always had in mind I had to go to Spain. If in this moment now you ask me can I go to



WANTS TO STAY: Man United Manager Jose Mourinho.

France or to Germany, I say, 'Why not? Why not?'. "But I'm in a different moment in my career now. I always had Spain and Italy [as places where he hoped to manage], but England is my passion and at this moment I can say I would like to stay many years."

Meanwhile Phil Jones believes the

quality of the team's strikers has helped him take his defending to the next level.

The 25-year-old has established himself as a first-team regular under manager Jose Mourinho so far this season, making three starts alongside Eric Bailly and keeping three clean sheets.

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LONDON - Arsenal star Alexis Sanchez admits he is mentally fatigued after receiving what he considers to be unfair criticism from the media in the wake of Chile's defeat to Bolivia.

The 28-year-old endured an emotionally draining transfer window which concluded in him staying at the Gunners, despite reportedly being keen on leaving to sign for Manchester City.

The Chile international then experienced a humiliating 4-0 defeat to Liverpool in the Premier League, before a 1-0 defeat to Bolivia in the World Cup qualifiers, which has put his country's qualification chances in doubt.

Sanchez has struggled to deal with the continued scrutiny and has now hit back at his detractors via his Instagram account.

"And there comes the time when you get tired," he wrote.

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THROUGH:
Venus
Williams.



VENUS BEATS KVITOVA, TO FACE STEPHENS IN SEMIS

NEW YORK - Seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams became the oldest semi-finalist in US Open history at age 37 on Tuesday by defeating two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitová 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7/2).

US ninth seed Williams, seeking her third US Open crown, advanced to a matchup today against 83rd-ranked compatriot Sloane Stephens for a spot in Saturday's final.

"I'm so fortunate to have won that match. It came down to the wire," Williams said.

"I try to tell myself enjoy the competition, enjoy the battle and I think I was able to do that." In the men's event, South Africa's Kevin Anderson reached a Grand Slam semi-final for the first time where he will face Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta who will also be appearing in his maiden last-four at a major. Stephens, who missed 11

months with a left foot injury before returning at Wimbledon, matched her best Grand Slam showing by outlasting Latvian 16th seed Anastasija Sevastova 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7/4).

"This is just incredible," Stephens said.

"When I started my comeback at Wimbledon I could never have dreamed of coming back and having these results. It's indescribable."

AFP

Del Potro has no chance against Federer - Wilander

NEW YORK - Juan Martin del Potro may be a magician on court but there is nothing in his bag of tricks that will allow him to beat Roger Federer when they meet in the US Open quarter-finals yesterday, says Mats Wilander.

The quarter-final will be a rematch of the 2009 US Open final when Del Potro claimed his only grand slam title but former world No.1 Wilander

is not expecting the same result.

"Obviously (del Potro) has everything to win and nothing to lose," said Wilander, who is at the US Open as analyst for Eurosport.

Miracle

"Del Potro is one of these miracle men he can come up with these matches where you least expect it and he pulls something out of the bag."

"I have no idea what it is but

he becomes a magician.

Beat

"He can do just about anything except beat Roger Federer in the quarter-finals here. I don't think he has a chance, I really don't think so."

Like everyone who faces Federer, del Potro will have to elevate his game to have a chance against the 19-times grand slam champion.

Reuters

Kevin Anderson advances to semi-final

JOHANNESBURG - South African 28th seed Kevin Anderson beat 17th-seeded Sam Querrey in four sets to advance to the semi-finals of the US Open.

Big-serving Anderson won 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

He is the first South African

to reach a Grand Slam semi-final since Wayne Ferreira 14 years ago. He is also the first South African semi-finalist in the US Open since Cliff Drysdale in 1965. Anderson will meet Spanish 12th seed Pablo Carreno Busta tomorrow for a place in Sunday's final. *eNCA*



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GOOD CHANCES: Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane and Khama Billiat.

Pitso optimistic Billiat won't go for free

PRETORIA -Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane believes there is a good chance that Zimbabwe international winger Khama Billiat could leave in January.

It was thought that the 2015/16 PSL Player of the Season and CAF Champions League-winner could depart 'Downs in the recently-closed transfer window.

But a move failed to materialise for the former Chicken Inn and Ajax Cape Town forward, who could now potentially hold out until his contract with Sundowns expires in June next year before joining the club of his choice as a free agent.

But Mosimane has challenged Billiat to up his game in order to earn a move earlier, while also warning potential suitors they could risk losing the Zimbabwean star if they wait until the middle of 2018.

"The right time is now (for Billiat to go overseas). Let the business happen. I speak to Khama and told him 'if you can bring the performance you brought when you had all the balls (trophies) at the (PSL) awards', then that release clause will be triggered," Mosimane told KickOff website.

"So I say 'come back and play at that level. You are worth that money (in the release clause)'.

"Do you want to wait six months to get him? Somebody is going to buy him in that six months. Trust me I have been there. Wait for six months and someone will buy him and you will be like 'I thought I would get him for free'." *Sport24*

JOHANNESBURG -Former Bafana Bafana assistant coach, Owen Da Gama, has confirmed that he has parted ways with the South African Football Association.

It was reported in May this year, that the former South African National U23 head coach may have seen his time with the senior setup come to an end following the appointment of Stuart Baxter at the helm.

The 56-year-old has since confirmed to Soccer Laduma that he and the association have reached an amicable agreement to part ways.

"Yes, we have parted ways amicably and I want to take this opportunity to thank SAFA for the experience and knowledge I gained while working with them," Da Gama told the Siya crew.

The former U23 mentor then went on to highlight all his achievements with both the U23 setup and the Bafana Bafana team.

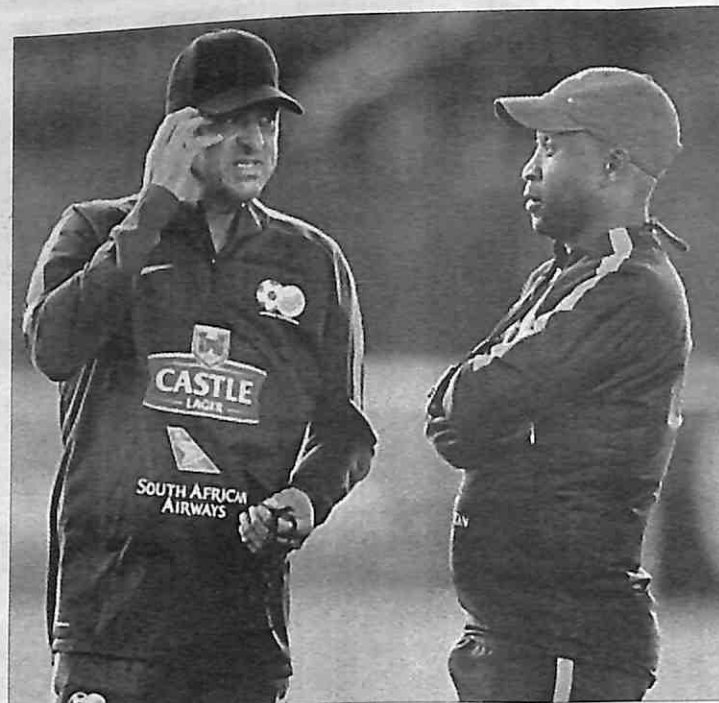
"With the U23, my highlights were qualifying in Africa, eliminating

the number one African country and host, Senegal, in Senegal, eliminating them and qualifying for the 2016 Olympics Games.

"Also, playing in the Olympics, against the hosts, Brazil in their background with 80 thousand spectators and Neymar, the most expensive player in the world, on the park and we drew 0-0 with them despite having one man sent off."

"My other highlight was with Bafana Bafana as an interim coach, where we beat Guinea-Bissau 3-1, this after drawing 1-1 with Mozambique after the Senegal game. For Mozambique, I only used the players that have not played against Senegal. With Angola, the highlight for me was playing two U20 players, Phakamani Mahlambi and Luther Singh, starting them for the first time, I think that is history in South African football. We played other players and we drew 0-0," he concluded.

Soccer laduma



GONE: Former Bafana Bafana assistant coach, Owen Da Gama.

Mahlambi learnt a lot on trial

JOHANNESBURG -Bidvest Wits coach Gavin Hunt believes Phakamani Mahlambi gained a lot during his trial in Portugal, and says his mentality is now at the correct level.

Mahlambi has returned from a three-week trial with Primeira Liga outfit Vitoria Guimaraes, where Bongani Zungu was prior to joining French side Amiens recently. Having been unsuccessful during his assessment at the club, thoughts were that the 19-year-old forward could be mentally affected by having to return to the PSL.

However, Hunt was quick to dismiss such suggestions and asserted that Mahlambi is back to his old self.

"He's okay, he should be okay. He features a lot [in our plans this season], I mean he's a player with great ability, and he needs to fulfill that ability," said Hunt.

"There's still a lot of work to be done, but he's okay. Mentally he's fine, he's the same boy that came

here two years ago."

The four-time ABSA Premiership-winning coach also revealed that the South Africa junior international featured as a fullback while on trial, which he believes was ultimately of great benefit to the player's growth.

"I sent him on the trial to get a feel of the European environment and how they do things, the intensity is much more [in Europe]," he explained.

"They made him play right-back in the trials, there's a reason why they did that - why? Because

he must learn how to defend, which is something that's not in his vocabulary or repertoire.

"Imagine me doing that in this country, I'll get slaughtered, but that's what needs to happen. A lot of South African players need to understand about defending. "He learnt a lot, we had a long chat about it. We laughed about it, but that's what they do, and it's good."

Asked whether he now has more cover at right-back, given Mahlambi's new experience, Hunt laughingly joked: "Not really. If he had to play right-back in our team, yoh! There's a highway there."

The reigning ABSA Premiership Young Player of the Season's future is yet to be confirmed. Al Ahly are believed to have tabled a lucrative offer to Wits, with the Egyptian transfer window set to close next week Friday. *Kick off*



McCARTHY BELIEVES JOHANNES DESERVES BAFANA OPPORTUNITY

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town City coach Benni McCarthy has heaped praise on unsung hero Robyn Johannes, and believes the experienced defender should be in the national team set-up.

The former Orlando Pirates, Mamelodi Sundowns, Golden Arrows and AmaZulu centre-back has been rock-solid for the Citizens so far this season, playing a key

role in a defence that has leaked just one goal in four encounters.

And McCarthy could not help but heap praise on his star defender when asked about his performances.

"He is the most under-rated defender in our league," McCarthy said. "I said when I joined Pirates that I couldn't understand how this player couldn't play in our team.

Robyn is the best defender I've seen with the ball at his feet, and can even easily play holding midfielder."

Impressive

McCarthy feels the 31-year-old is still good enough to don the national jersey following his impressive performances at club level.

"He's been one of the standout performers in the team, and seems

to be getting younger by the day instead of getting older," he said. "It's a coach's dream to have a player like that in your team. He trains at 100 per cent, he's always there and he always holds up his hand and is involved in everything, and is willing to die for the cause."

Quality

"I think he's someone that should be playing in the national team, not because he's in my team, but because of his quality, what he brings to the team, the career he has had, the teams he's played for... he should be in the national team, if they scout properly." *kick-off*

Mashaba is ready to listen to offers

JOHANNESBURG -Former Bafana Bafana coach Shakes Mashaba says he is ready to return to coaching, locally or internationally.

Mashaba is currently without a team after he was fired as Bafana coach last year. He was found guilty of misconduct and violated SAFA's communications policy. Mashaba says he has regained his appetite for football and is ready to listen to offers. "Well let me start off by saying I was dead," said Mashaba, who was one of the head coaches for the Nedbank Cup Ke Yona team search.

"Football was out of my blood after what happened to me. It was out but thankfully Nedbank came to me and said 'no come back, this is in your blood and we know you like it.' I am waiting for anybody, out of the country as well I will definitely take it," he added. *Kickoff*

Pirates wanted to sign Sundowns trio Ngele, Billiat and Castro

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates' late bid for Mamelodi Sundowns forward Mogakolodi Ngele was reportedly rejected by the Tshwane giants.

According to The Citizen, Pirates submitted a bid for the Botswana international as they looked to strengthen their striking department. However, the 2016 CAF Champions League winners reportedly rejected it on the PSL Transfer Window deadline day last week.

"Sundowns didn't accept their offers," the source said on the publication.

The source also revealed that Pirates are likely to make another move for Ngele during the next PSL transfer window in January, 2018.

"I hear they even tried to get him on loan but could not reach an agreement before the transfer window closed," the source continued. "They could try again in January if they still need him," the source concluded.

Pirates are said to have also made offers for Sundowns forwards Khama Billiat and Leonardo Castro, but they were turned down by the Brazilians. *Goal*

ARSENE WENGER CALLS FOR THE JANUARY TRANSFER WINDOW TO BE SCRAPPED

LONDON - Arsenal Manager Arsene Wenger believes the January transfer window must be scrapped as it leads unsettled players to focus on their next move rather than playing for their clubs.

Arsenal forward Alexis Sanchez and Liverpool playmaker Philippe Coutinho were among several players who failed to secure their desired transfers in the close-season window that ended on Aug. 31 and could try again in January.

Wenger believes that want-away players and fringe squad members will not be fully committed to their clubs as they try to negotiate their next transfers.

"The players who do not play or the players who are tapped up in October they already start again to think: 'Where do I go in January?'. That's not a way to be on board with a football club..." Wenger told beIN Sports.

"We are here to entertain people and you can do that with people



I BELIEVE: Arsenal Manager Arsene Wenger.

who are really on board together, to achieve something together and not every minute that it doesn't go well to think: 'Where can I go next?'

Several Premier League managers had previously voiced their support

for the close-season window to be shut before the start of the league campaign in August.

Wenger said that having a single annual transfer window at the end of the season would ensure com-

plete focus from players during the campaign and restore the decency of the sport.

Decency

"I believe that we have to bring some decency. We all complain today that it has become too much a business, but we can do something about it. We have that responsibility in the game," he added in the interview released on Tuesday.

"You can't have a player preparing for a vital football game and still be on the phone at 4 o'clock: 'Do I go or not?' or 'How much is it?', 'Where do I go?'"

"The ideal situation would be to have a transfer period that is closed 48 hours before the first game of the championship and to close it completely until the season after."

Arsenal return to Premier League action on Saturday, hosting Bournemouth at the Emirates, having had a disappointing start to the season with one win and two defeats.

Daily Mail

Argentina, Chile stumble; Uruguay on brink

JOHANNESBURG - Argentina and Chile's World Cup qualification hopes were left on a knife edge Tuesday after the South American heavyweights slipped up once again on the road to next year's finals in Russia.

Argentina needed a second-half own goal to help them snatch a 1-1 draw against already-eliminated Venezuela in Buenos Aires while Chile crashed to a 1-0 defeat against Bolivia in La Paz.

The results left 2014 World Cup finalists Argentina and reigning Copa America champions Chile outside of the automatic qualifying places and sets up a nail-biting final two rounds of matches next month.

Argentina are fifth in the standings with 24 points from 16 games while Chile are sixth with 23 points.

The Argentinians - who would face a play-off against New Zealand if they remain fifth - host fourth-placed Peru next month in Buenos Aires before an awkward final game at altitude against Ecuador.

Chile meanwhile will face Ecuador in Santiago on October 5, before heading to Brazil for their final qualifier five days later.

AFP



DEJECTED: Argentina's Lionel Messi.

FALCAO STRIKES AS COLOMBIA HOLD BRAZIL

BRASIL - Radamel Falcao scored a second half equaliser as Colombia snatched a 1-1 draw to halt Brazil's remarkable run of nine consecutive World Cup qualifying victories on Tuesday.

Falcao headed home on 56 minutes to cancel out Willian's superb opener for Brazil in a result which boosts Colombia's hopes of qualification for next year's finals in Russia.

Brazil have already qualified for the World Cup and are guaranteed first place in South America's standings. The draw saw second-placed Colombia move to 26 points from 16 games.

Colombia had started brightly, with James Rodriguez testing Brazilian goalkeeper Alisson with a low shot after a deftly worked one-two on 23 minutes.

Brazil had another scare in the

33rd minute when Thiago Silva saw a headed clearance loop towards his own goal forcing Alisson to tip over the bar.

Alisson, meanwhile, was alert shortly before half-time, comfortably dealing with a Rodriguez free-kick after Paulinho's foul on Juan Cuadrado. On the stroke of half-time however Brazil conjured a goal out of nothing.

A long ball forward found Neymar just inside the area and the Paris Saint-Germain star produced a sublime touch to roll the ball invitingly into the path of Willian.

The Chelsea midfielder glanced up and uncorked a stunning half-volley with the outside of his right boot which flew into the top corner. Colombia, however, did not have long to wait to get back on level terms with a goal through Falcao on 56 minutes. *AFP*



SCORED: Radamel Falcao.

Salah fires Egypt, Ghana cruise

JOHANNESBURG - African giants Egypt moved closer to a first World Cup appearance since 1990 when they defeated Uganda 1-0 on Tuesday thanks to an early goal from Liverpool striker Mohamed Salah.

A near-capacity crowd in the 85 000-seat Borg El Arab Stadium in Alexandria saw the June signing from AS Roma strike just six minutes into the Group E clash.

Salah sneaked behind the defence and after goalkeeper Denis Onyango parried his first attempt, he poked the rebound

into the net to decide the top-of-the-table showdown.

Qualifying

It was the first goal conceded by Uganda in 456 minutes of qualifying for the 2018 World Cup in Russia after five consecutive clean sheets.

Egypt created most of the chances only to be regularly thwarted by 2016 Africa-based Footballer of the Year Onyango.

The Pharaohs host bottom team Congo Brazzaville in October and visit third-place Ghana in November and two victories will ensure they qualify. *AFP*

Iniesta unwilling to sign new deal under current board

BARCELONA - Andres Iniesta has denied he is on the brink of signing a new contract at Barcelona, heaping more pressure on under-fire Josep Bartomeu.

The club president has had a vote of no confidence put to him, with opponents trying to force an election. In a bid to fight for his job, Bartomeu has claimed in the last few days that both Lionel Messi and Iniesta are poised to commit their futures to Barcelona.

But coming back from international duty - where Iniesta was outstanding in Spain's 3-0 win over Italy and their 8-0 win over Liechtenstein - the player was asked if it was true he had agreed in principle to sign a new deal and his reply was a very clear 'no'.

Sportsmail understands the player has no intention of putting pen to paper with the current board.

Iniesta's decision to rule out signing a new contract at Barcelona sets up the possibility that one of the club's greatest ever players leaving on a free next summer.

Messi is also in the last year of his contract and has also told friends that he has no plans to sign any time soon.

Iniesta won his 30th trophy with Barcelona at the end of last season, lifting the Copa del Rey, only Messi can match his silverware haul.

As well as being unsure of the direction the club is going under Bartomeu's presidency, Iniesta has also said in the past that he does not want to sign a lucrative new deal and then not be able to produce for the team on the pitch.

"What I'm not going to do is be here just for the sake of being here," he told Cadena Ser last season. The World Cup and double European Championships winner only started 13 La Liga games for Barcelona last season. Not since the

2004-05 campaign, when he was trying to break into the side under Frank Rijkaard, has Iniesta started so few matches. There were mitigating circumstances in that total, injury problems and Luis Enrique's decision to protect the midfielder's legs in a bid to keep

him fresh for the decisive games at the end of the season cannot be overlooked.

The style of play under Luis Enrique often played to the strengths of the forward line at the expense of the midfield. It's no coincidence that Iniesta often looks more comfortable in the Spanish national side - still flooded with ball-playing midfielders - than in a Barcelona team geared towards the needs of the forwards. *Daily Mail*





MHLAB'UHLANGENE

'THE DEEP BLUE OCEAN'

With: Victor Dlamini



LET THE GAMES BEGIN: WITH MATSAPHA COMMUNITY IN MIND

GREETINGS Mhlab'uhlangene, welcome to another subscription, hope you are all well!

Finally the 2017/18 MTN Premier League of Swaziland gets underway and our first crack will be against former champions, Royal Leopard at Somhlolo National Stadium tomorrow. Kick-off is 8:30pm.

We have been busy throughout the off season trying to put a formidable squad not just to make up numbers in the league but to compete, something we are very confident of and safely assure our fans.

Matsapha United has retained most of the 2016/17 squad that won the MTN National First Division and ultimate promotion to premierships and added a couple of new faces to create adequate depth in our ranks.

We promise our all weather fans good football, good results and above all top notch integrity and professionalism. Just to make this appeal to you our fans, Matsapha United is known winning in dignity and in the fewer occasions, losing in dignity.

It's a joy to win a match and, therefore, appeal to you not to consider pitch invasion for celebration as an option...a big



NO. Pitch invasion is prohibited and carries a hefty avoidable fine which may be used to further develop or motivate both you our supporters and players.

Furthermore, football is governed by rules and regulations. We have the country's leadership, football leaders entrusted to lead the game including our own club leaders and also the referees trusted with matches that deserve our respect.

To err is human, referees may make calls unpopular with us, being the humans that we are, top notch self restraint will be required.

We will surely be provoked by rivalry fans, that's part of emotions but I appeal that we remain calm thus avoiding unnecessary retaliation.

Remember **Matthew 7 verse 12** - "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets" while **Matthew 5 verse 9** reads "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

The club will assign marshals to help out in this regard, enjoy the football season.

Lomahasha's Simphiwe Sibiya, please get in touch with us!

MATSAPHA United has been touched by Simphiwe Sibiya from Lomahasha for declaring her passion for the team in one of the papers.

Attending the annual Umhlanga, Sibiya appeared in the paper and was quoted attaching herself to the MTN Premier League of Swaziland new boys.

"When I get the papers, I rush to the Entertainment and Sports sections because I like both.

I also go to the web comments and

the back page because I am also a Matsapha United fan," said Sibiya.

Touched by such passion, Matsapha United Director, Sipho Shongwe commissioned the publicity department to establish links with Sibiya as the club intends to reward her.

"As Matsapha United we are touched by such passion. We didn't even know we had someone following our progress in Lomahasha.

Perhaps there is need for our public-

ity and marketing departments to establish and cement such links.

"Just because we are based in Matsapha and are named on the geographical basis doesn't take away that national and international look and this girl is certainly one of our club ambassadors and should be rewarded once we establish links with her," said Shongwe.

We kindly ask Sibiya to kindly inbox our Facebook Page as soon as possible. #ThankYouSimphiweSibiya

Conclusion!

IN conclusion, Operation Brand Yourself is still on.

The club merchandise is available at

the Sports Shop, call in and colour yourself ahead of the season.

You can also utilise our Mobile Money number, 78642550.

Our Publicity and Marketing department is also putting together road shows,

keep logged in, who knows we could find ourselves right at your doorsteps.

Sibloma ekasi, siphethe i-vibe, sizobashiya be-dizzy. Until next week, Mhlab'uhlangene - 'The Deep Blue Ocean' wishes you a Fair-Play filled weekend.

Our debut match against Leopard!

BUCKLE up Mhlab'uhlangene, we face the cops, Royal Leopard in our debut MTN Premier League of Swaziland match set for Somhlolo National Stadium at 8:30pm tomorrow, the 8th of September.

This will be Matsapha United's first official premierships tie despite having squared up against four premierships 'senior citizens' namely Manzini Sundowns, Mbabane Swallows, Manzini Wanderers and Young Buffaloes in five matches, alas it was only in knock out cup ties.

Matsapha United has also met Wanderers, Tambuti and Green Mamba in sanctioned 'unofficial counts' friendly matches.

In this new race, this means 'The Deep Blue Ocean' will re-meet eight of the 13 opponents and the first time opponents will include Mbabane Highlanders, Red Lions, Midas City, Moneni Pirates and Royal Leopards.

Matsapha United met Malanti Chiefs and Vovovo in the MTN National First Division.

Therefore, the match against Leopard will be the first official meeting against former champions, police outfit, from whom Matsapha United received their first key off season signing Xolani 'Papi' Sikhondze

but 'cordial' approach will be all thrown up as the battle for points takes centre stage.

Our striker, Sidumo Shongwe who is the club's leading top goal scorer has said they are aware of the potential the match carries and as players will leave all on the field of play come Friday night.

"This is a very important match for us. The fans want a win to believe in us and any other result will vindicate the doubting Thomases. That said I believe we have adequately prepared and we will surely do our best. "Secondly, we want to present our director, Sipho Shongwe, and also our publicity man, our team mates Menzi Mamba and Nkosinemandla Nkola Mamba perfect birthday presents with a win on Friday given that this is their birthday week. "I urge our fans to come in their numbers rally behind us from the first whistle to the last whistle. We need you as you play an integral part in the winning process," said Shongwe.

David J. Schwartz wrote: "Believe it can be done. When you believe something can be done, really believe, your mind will find the ways to do it," and Matsapha United we believe it can be done.

'Yuki's legacy gets Piet Retief fans celebrating!

YOU never know how much you are celebrated unless you come face-to-face with the celebrations, and Swaziland soccer legend, Dennis 'Yuki' Masina faced his day at Mandla Magudulela Sports Stadium in Piet Retief on Saturday afternoon.

This was during Matsapha United's visit to the Mpumalanga Province for their last series of pre-season practice matches ahead of the forthcoming season which gets underway on Friday with a date against former MTN Premier League of Swaziland champions, Royal Leopards set for Somhlolo National Stadium.

A mob of soccer enthusiasts from this South Africa town otherwise known as Mkhondo had to request 'Yuki' to peel away from the warm up for a photo shoot with the legend. Sicelo Mkhonza narrated

Masina's illustrious soccer career with an eagle's eye precision. "I have known 'Yuki' for the better part of his career both in Swaziland and South Africa. His days at Orlando Pirates are vivid to me and capped with his stay at Mpumalanga Black Aces.

"I am happy today that Matsapha United brought to us this legend this Saturday and wish him well in his remaining part of his career. I just wish Matsapha United will tap into his experience and possibly develop future talent for Swaziland," said Mkhonza.

An overwhelmed 'Yuki' said he was humbled by the show of love. "I am humbled by these fans, who are on point with my career. To be celebrated by fans means a lot to any soccer player and I really appreciate this gesture," said Masina. #OneLovePietRetief

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All-Star Ladies' gala dinner



SOCCKER LADIES: Nomfundo Jiyane, Zandi Mkhathshwa, Sithembile Zwane and Melissa Vilane pose for a picture before the dinner. This was during the ladies team gala dinner held at the MTN headquarters at Ezulwini on Friday. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)



ALL SET: Zwakele, Gcebile Vilakati, Andile Bhembe and Zanele Mavuso at a dinner table.



WELL DONE: Lindiwe Ndlovu accepts a gift from Senzi Khumalo and Mncedzi Ngomane, whilst Sibusiso Dlamini looks on.



GOOD TIMES: Mbali Mulungu and Prudence Malinga were also in attendance.



YOU ARE WELCOME: Samantha Fyfe and Khulile Dlamini on arrival.



TEAM Y'ELLO: The MTN ladies soccer team pose for a group picture after dinner.



WELL DONE: The ladies accepting their medals.



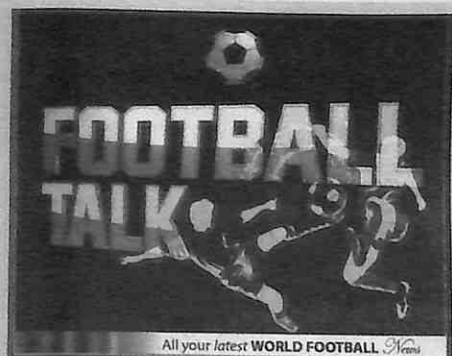
BALL: The ladies enjoying themselves.



LOOKING GOOD: Gcebile Vilakati, Zwakele, and Andile Bhembe having a good time.



PICTURE PERFECT: Dorcas Dlamini and Sithembile Zwane.



● Manchester City are unlikely to bid more than £20m for Arsenal forward Alexis Sanchez, 28, in January. *(The Sun)*

● Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea, 26, has asked Real Madrid defender Sergio Ramos to sort his move to the Bernabeu. *(Diario Gol - in Spanish)*



● Brazil midfielder Philippe Coutinho, 25, was never going to leave Liverpool this summer, says the club's former managing director Christian Purslow. *(Sky Sports)*

● Diego Costa, 28, has arrived back in London as he bids to end his Chelsea stay and arrange a return to his former side Atletico Madrid. *(Marca - in Spanish)*

● The Spain striker's team-mates believe he is giving serious consideration to returning to the Blues and taking his punishment for going AWOL in a bid to sort out his future. *(Daily Telegraph)*

● Liverpool have refused to agree to midfielder Emre Can's request for a release clause in any new deal. The 23-year-old has a year left on his current contract. *(Daily Star)*



● Vincent Janssen, 23, is finished at Tottenham after the £17m striker refused to leave the club on deadline day. *(Mirror)*

● Bayern Munich chief Karl-Heinz Rummenigge claims that Inter Milan made "no offer" for 30-year-old Chile midfielder Arturo Vidal this summer. *(Premium Sport - in Italian)*

● French midfielder Blaise Matuidi, 30, rejected Manchester United, Arsenal and Manchester City to join Juventus from Paris St-Germain this summer. *(France Football - in French)*

● Midfielder Andres Iniesta, 33, will sign a new deal with Barcelona, says the club's president Josep Maria Bartomeu. *(Mundo Deportivo - in Spanish)*

● Former Arsenal and Brazil forward Julio Baptista, 35, is set to sign for struggling Championship side Bolton on a free transfer. *(The Sun)*

● Everton striker Henry Onyekuru, 20, who was loaned out to Anderlecht this summer, says he has no regrets about rejecting Celtic during the transfer window. *(Liverpool Echo)*

● Free agent midfielder Josh Wright, 27, is in talks with Southend United about a move to the League One club. *(Sky Sports)*

● Aston Villa chief executive Keith Wyness says the club were close to signing two "big" players from the Premier League on deadline day. *(Birmingham Mail)*



TREMENDOUS RESPONSE TO SNSRC SITE STAND

By Dumisani Ntiwane
(SNSRC Media Officer)
Shukuma Swaziland!

GREETINGS! Welcome to yet another edition of your favourite read. It has been a hectic week not just for the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) but the country.

We have just witnessed yet another sparkling, glittering and successful Umhlanga ceremony. The Swaziland International Trade Fair, which is ongoing was officially opened by a person of no less stature than His Majesty King Mswati III.

Talking of the Trade Fair, we currently have a stand at the Mavuso Sports Centre where the Swaziland International Trade Fair is ongoing.

This was done to actually help the sporting fraternity in particular our sports associations to have a clear understanding of what the SNSRC is all about.

Everyone is welcome to visit the SNSRC stand to find out more about the activities of the SNSRC.

We have received an impressive number of visitors to our stand and what became clearer with each passing day is that a number of Swazis are genuinely impressed with the SNSRC's flagship programme, which is Shukuma Swaziland.

Most of the visitors have been enquiring about our popular programme.

Due to the public demand, this column will today try to answer some of the questions directed to our officers at the Trade Fair stand.

As already stated, Shukuma Swaziland is the flagship programme of the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC).

Needless to say, this programme fulfils an important function in both the sporting and social landscape of the country.

Although established primarily as a social developmental tool, seeking to empower local communities through Tinkhundla Centres, its scope has quickly extended to fill a void left by limited sporting and recreation activities available to the broader community, it also aims at

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creating participation opportunities in sport/physical activity and recreation for people of all ages and gender groups.

SHUKUMA PROGRAMME DELIVERY

Shukuma Clubs have been established at almost all the 55 Tinkhundla constituencies in the country.

These Shukuma Clubs become our focal point within the community to ensure that activities complement each other and meet community needs.

Each Inkhundla has its own characteristics, specific needs and desires. One of the strengths of the Shukuma model is its ability to customise individual programmes to meet community needs. For this reason, Shukuma is not restricted to one

sport or activity but has many different sport and other recreational and cultural activities running at one time.

Our Shukuma programme provides an excellent platform for communities to tackle other socio-economic issues affecting communities as activities are infused with life-skills education.

Festivals are hosted periodically at respective targeted Tinkhundla or by an invite from the Inkhundla administration.

Shukuma activities include but not limited to the following: Athletics, Aerobics, Kids Athletics, Rope Skipping, Life skills and fun games, Indigenous Games, Football, Netball, Volleyball, Cricket, Darts, Boxing, Tennis, Martial Arts and much more.

We are willing and able to deliver

er this noble programme to every Inkhundla. We are right on track towards achieving our aims.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR TEAMS

On Tuesday, the SNSRC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Darius Dlomo bid farewell to two national teams that will be representing the country in different countries.

The netball national squad has travelled to Namibia, while the darts national team is in South Africa. We wish our ambassadors well and we do hope that they will hoist the country's flag high.

In his address shortly before both teams left the country, Dlomo implored them to be on their best behaviour, as a nation famed for respect and manners.

He implored the travellers to strive to bring back home the gold medals.

What should be on record is the fact that the SNSRC is always willing to support national teams from recognised sports associations. That is our mandate.

SHUKUMA COULD BE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

As already stated, our flagship Shukuma programme knows neither Jew nor Gentile. Yes, we do not discriminate against race, colour of the skin or any other form of discrimination. Everyone is welcome to partake in our activities be it men, women, children, young, old, able or disabled.

It also does not really matter where one's Inkhundla is because the SNSRC has the means to reach and deliver in all parts of the country.

You never know when we will make a stop in your Inkhundla, so please stay ready and geared for action. Your Inkhundla could be next in line.

I will talk to you again next week. Until then Shukuma Swaziland!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Most people give up when winning, when the ultimate goal is just around the corner". - Unknown

SEA BIRDS RUDELY WELCOMED TO NFD

Stories by Sibusiso Dlamini

Tinyosi (0)2
Manzini Sea Birds (0)1

SOCCER - LIFE continues to be hard for relegated outfit **Manzini Sea Birds** as **Tinyosi** staged an impressive comeback to hand them a rude welcome to **First Division** football with a 2-1 win.

The **Gcina Dlamini** led-charges were left cursing their gods as they controlled the match for the better part of the first stanza and also enjoyed the lion's share of possession in the second half, only to fail to make it count in the final third. The likes of **Wandile Dlamini** and **Thando Langa** failed to break the rather shaky **Tinyosi** defence marshalled by youthful goalkeeper **Andile Dlamini**.

Sea Birds started as the better side of the two, and they controlled the proceedings with the skillful **Wandile** (captain) and **Bhekumuzi Mamba** causing all sorts of problems for the **Tinyosi** defence.

They, however, failed to make any of it count and the match went the recess in a goalless stalemate. After the break, **Sea Birds** continued where they left off and their efforts paid early in this stanza after **Nkosikhona Tsabedze** broke the deadlock for **Gcina Dlamini**'s charges, finishing off with an easy tap-in. This was after some great work on the left flank by **Muzi Tsabedze**, who took on two **Tinyosi** defenders on and then released an in-perfect cross to **Tsabedze**, who made no mistake to put **Sea Birds** on the lead.

After the goal, **Tinyosi** woke up from their slumber. Suddenly the likes of skillful wingers **Koko Gama** and **Lwazi Dlamini** upped their game and proving to be a handful to deal with for the **Sea Birds** defence. **Tinyosi** were then rewarded for their efforts when the clock hit the hour mark after **Koko** was brought down.



MY BALL: **Lwazi Dlamini** controls the ball whilst **Wandile Dlamini** closes in. This was during the match between **Tinyosi** and **Manzini Sea Birds** yesterday where **Tinyosi** won 2-1.

(Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)



STING: **Tinyosi** in action against **Sea Birds** yesterday.

Captain **Simanga Nkhambule** stood up and converted from the spot to make it 1-all, and set up an exhilarating 30 minutes. As **Tinyosi** continued pushing, the **Sea Birds** defence looked jittery and were quite often found in sixes and sevens and eventually broke six minutes before time.

Diminutive winger **Sibusiso Dlamini** was the super-sub for the **Lobamba** based

side as he calmly slotted in the winner for the green and white ensemble. He calmly slotted the ball in after some great individual brilliance from **Lwazi Dlamini** on the left flank, who dribbled past **Sibusile Mamba** before picking **Dlamini** inside the box, who expertly finished with his side foot to send the **Tinyosi** fans to wild celebrations.

With the launch marking the start of the new season, **Mbabane Swallows** are the defending champions of the 2016/17 title after winning without the league a loss in all competitions.

This will also be the first year of the 14-team **Premier League**, which will see the return of northern **Hhohho's** **Malanti Chiefs** to the elite league, who are joined by modest, newly formed side **Matsapha United**, who took the football fraternity by storm last season, winning the **MTN First Division** league after buying the status of the now non-existent **RSSC United**.

al team is expected to compete are scheduled for July, October and December. **Mngometulu** urged the boxers to attend the tournaments without fail.

"This tournament is very important. We will be having important international assignments next year and this is where the preparations start. I urge boxers all over the country to come in their numbers to compete."

The trade fair boxing tournament began yesterday (September 6), and will run on until Saturday, (September 9). Notably, **SWABA** has also invited boxers from **Mozambique** the main day on Saturday.

SWABA to use Trade Fair tourney to identify youth potential

BOXING - THE **Swaziland Boxing Association (SWABA)** says they will use the **Trade Fair** tournament to identify new talent in the sport and select a team to compete in the junior championships next year.

This was revealed by the association's Secretary **Thabisile Mngometulu** yesterday.

"This is one of our annually scheduled tournaments and we continue to

use it to gauge the how ready of our boxers towards important upcoming national assignments which are billed for 2018.

We are using the **Trade Fair** tournament and other tournaments coming up to help us identify potential talent. This will help us get a pool of youth boxers from which we will select the national team for the third international assignments billed for next year." The tournaments where the junior nation-

Milling Hotspurs too hot for Sikhalo

Sikhalo Se-Afrika (0)0
Milling Hotspurs (0)2

SOCCER - NEWLY promoted side **Milling Hotspurs** proved they mean business in the **National First Division** when they beat **Sikhalo se-Afrika** 2-0 to announce their arrival.

This was during the opening match of the **National First Division** played at the **Somhlolo National Stadium** yesterday.

The match started on a high with both sides matching each other pound for pound on the field, despite **Milling Hotspurs** parading experienced players in the likes of former **Manzini Wanderers** and **Sihlangu seMnikati** left back **Themba Manana** who was marshalling their defence and former **Manzini Sundown's** skipper **Reagan Steenkamp**, however, who started on the bench.

The first stanza was quite sleep-inducing with both sides opting to go physical instead of playing free flowing football.

The match went to half time with

both sides locked at 0-0.

After the break, **Hotspurs** started showing more urgency and controlled the match with the burly striker **Boy Sibandze** controlling everything in the middle of the park.

The deadlock was eventually broken in the 62nd minute after **Sikhalo** cheaply lost the ball in the middle of the park.

Substitute

Boy Sibandze won the ball with a wondrous tackle before an in-perfect pass resembling the trademark **Pirlo 'ruler pass'** to substitute **Bhekisisa Vilane**, who finished off with a great finish, beating **Mthokozisi Dlamini**, who was manning the poles for **Sikhalo se-Afrika** to put **Hotspurs** in the lead.

Xolani Sigudla was proving to be making the right choices with his substitutes, and once again **Sibandze** was influential, and released a defence-splitting pass to **Phetsa Shongwe**, who finished off with a cool finish, to claim the first win for **Hotspurs** in the **First Division**.

This is just the tip of the iceberg - Hotspurs

SOCCER - MILLING **Hotspurs** say their 2-0 win against **Sikhalo se-Afrika** in the opening match of the **National First Division** is just the tip of the iceberg.

This was said by the team's head-coach **Xolani Sigudla** yesterday after his side claimed their first win to announce their arrival on the **National First Division**.

"I can tell you now this is just the tip of the iceberg, because we can surely do more. I know a lot of people will say I am arrogant with this statement but I tell you we can surely do more. There are still players we haven't registered and once we have the whole team united and working together, only then will you see the well-oiled machine this team is. We are not here to add numbers, but we are here to compete."

Sigudla further said he believed the youngsters would make an impact in the team.

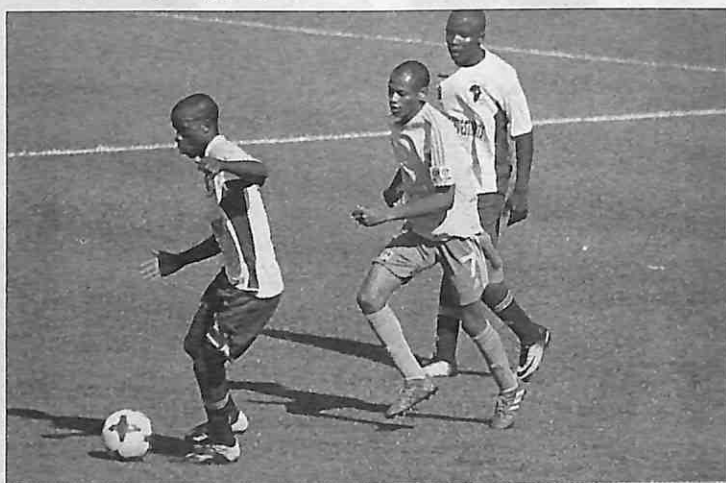
"I hope the young players will

learn from the experienced crop to become better players. I am happy with how they played today."

This was after he handed former **Green Mamba** development player **Bongmenzi 'Silwane' Dlamini** his debut on the day, with the youngsters tasting 15 minutes of **First Division** football while former **Manzini Wanderers Under-20's** captain **Likwa 'Tjatja' Tfwala** was also on the bench.

"I believe in these youngsters and the impact they will have to the team. I hope they will learn from the experienced bunch and become better players for the team and country as a whole," he said.

Meanwhile, his counterpart in **Phetsa Dlamini** said despite the slow start by his team, he saw positives and was adamant his team would improve. "Our performance wasn't that bad, but we just have to improve, maybe the boys are still rusty, but we will work on that and improve."



HOT: **Milling Hotspurs** in action against **Sikhalo Se-Afrika** yesterday. This was during the opening fixture of the **National First Division** yesterday.

Artwell Dlodlu is new Midas City coach

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCER- ARTWELL Dlodlu has replaced long serving Midas City Coach Caleb Ngwenya.

The coach, who was appointed by the board of directors led by interim Chairman Innocent 'Chopper' Mavuso, has already started drilling the team in preparation for the new season.

Secretary to the board Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli confirmed the matter when sought for comment yesterday.

Happy

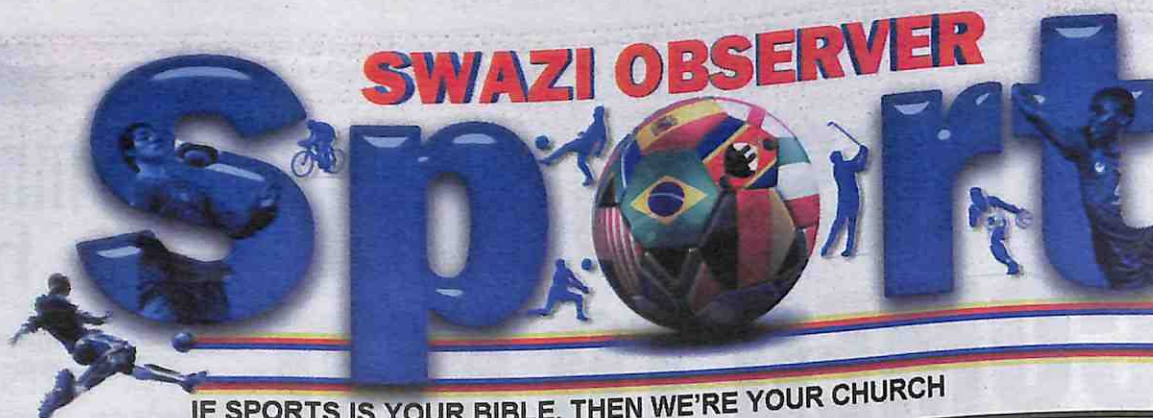
"It is true Artwell Dlodlu is Midas City new coach. We are very happy to have him in our team and are convinced he will be of great value.

"We also request our supporters to give him full cooperation as he leads the team," he said.

Dlodlu's first official assignment will be guiding the team in the first MTN Premier League clash of the season against Malanti Chiefs at the Somhlolo National stadium on Saturday. The match will start at 1:30pm.

Other changes in the team have seen former Red Lions players Thando Shabangu and Machawe Mamba return to the Mbabane based side.

Midas City parted ways with Ngwenya at the end of last season under a cloud of controversy where the Mbabane based outfit accused the coach of allegedly failing to present the team's financial records. Meanwhile, the 2017/2018 season will start tomorrow night.



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HIGHLANDERS SUPPORTERS DIVIDED OVER DIRECTORS

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCER - MBABANE Highlanders supporters are divided on the future of the incumbent directors in the team.

While others have called for the exit of the directors, some are against it and believe they should continue holding fort in the team.

This transpired during a meeting sanctioned by the patrons and directors held at CODEC, Ezulwini yesterday. One of the supporters stated during the meeting that the Zweli Jele-led Board of Directors had failed the team in that it had been relegated twice under their guidance.

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He said the directors should have stepped down long time ago as they were failing to handle the team.

"One wonders why our directors are subjecting themselves to suffering when they can just step down and let others take over. What is it that they are getting here at Highlanders? I do acknowledge that they have done some good for the team but we have been relegated twice while under their leadership. That is a clear and enough reason for them to give others a chance," he said.

The supporter said he was worried the team would suffer the same fate even this time around despite the new signings.

"Firstly, I must say that we are happy with the signing made by the directors but one let down is that of the coach. For us to win we need a coach with a winning mentality, history and character and the same can't be said of our coach.

"Highlanders were relegated with a squad more experienced than the one we have now hence would request that they beef up the current squad," he said.

He further noted that they were grateful for

the bus bought for the team but stated that they would like to see if the blue book was in the name of the team. "We appreciate the bus but I would like to know in whose name this vehicle is registered in. The team needs to start coming up with ways on how to make money so we can be free of using money from people's households," he said.

However, another supporter stated that having the directors step down was not a solution at this point.

"There is a lot of talking going on but some of us are fully behind the directors. I don't believe that someone from outside can run the team. We once had a sole director and we chased him away and we now want to do the same. This is just not the way to go," he said.

This supporter was seconded by another, who said it was absurd that they would ask the incumbent directors to leave when they have no backup plan.

"Those who want these directors to step down should come up with people who will do the job. They must make us see these people have the power to run the team as opposed to forcing directors yet they will do nothing for the team," he said.

Directors going nowhere until...

SOCER - THE incumbent Mbabane Highlanders board of directors will only step out once the team's constitution is in place.

The constitution task team has until the end of this month to ensure the document is complete. This was one of the issues discussed in the team's meeting held at the CODEC, Ezulwini yesterday.

Information gathered is that the

constitution will, amongst other things, transform the team into a company and also set the requirements needed for one to become a director in the team.

Source

A source close to the matter revealed that it was agreed that the directors would only step down once the document was in place.

"Any person to take over at Highlanders now will be under the

guidelines of the constitution which means we will be under the guidance of our current leaders until then," said the source.

Stakeholders

The task team is made up of members from the different stakeholders in the team including patrons, directors and the National Supporters Committee (NCS)

Efforts to get an official comment from Zweli Jele proved futile as there was no response to a text message sent to him after the meeting yesterday.

THE FIXTURE

Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium

M. Pirates vs Vovovo 6:30pm
Leopard vs Matsapha 8:30pm

Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium

Midas City vs M. Chiefs 1:30pm
Green Mamba vs Tambuti 3:30pm

Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium

Sundowns vs Red Lions 12pm
Highlanders vs Wanderers 2pm
Swallows vs Buffaloes 4pm

MIXED FEELINGS: Bull fans are at loggerheads on their current board of directors, with some calling for a change in leadership.

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