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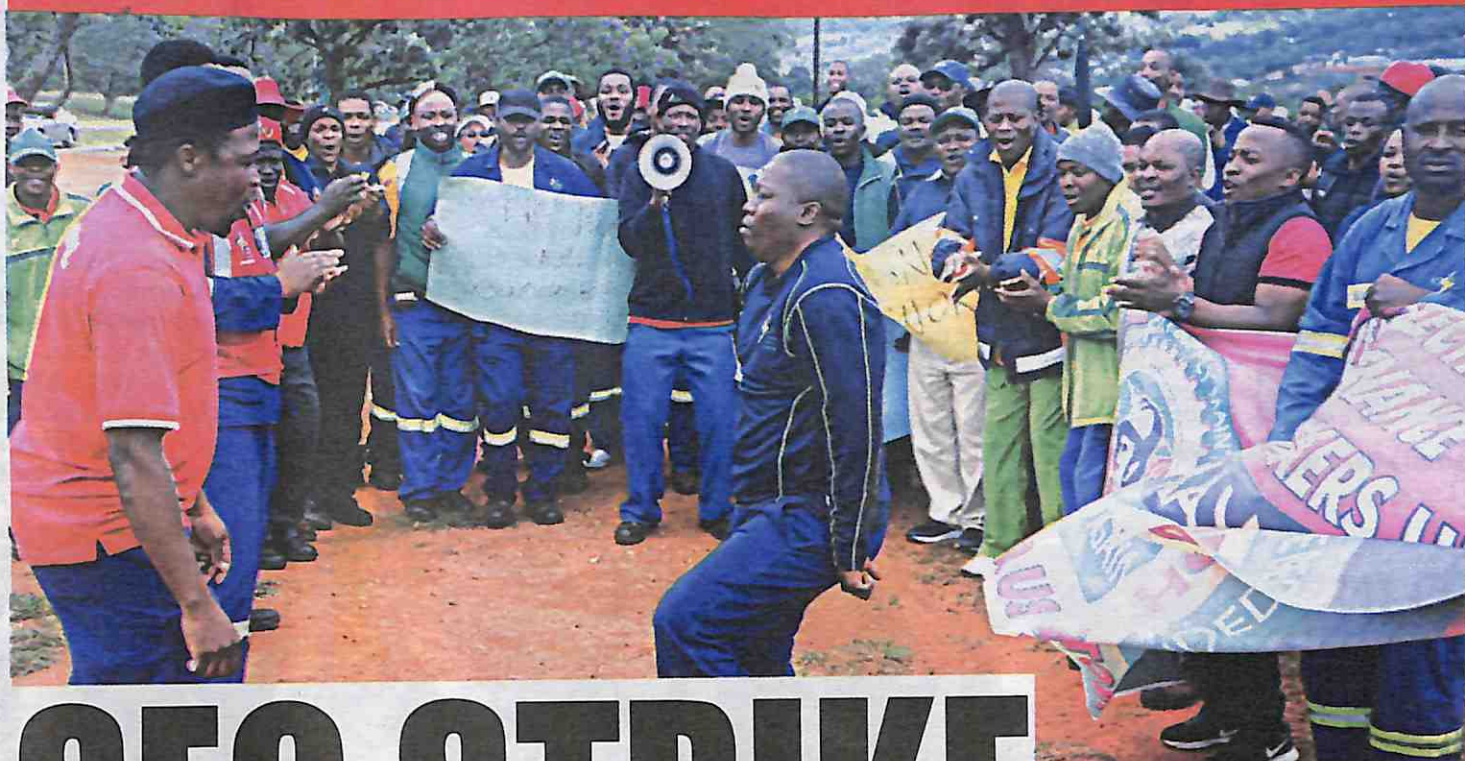
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SEC STRIKE OFF, BONUSES



NO ENTRY: The main gate of SEC headquarters was closed for the striking workers. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

TUCOSWA ROPED IN TO DISCOURAGE STRIKE

THE SESMAWU NEC yesterday roped in the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) to discourage the SEC employees from engaging in the strike action.

Second Deputy Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga said the federation was invited to the address the SEC employees about the implications of defying a court order. Mhlanga explained to the hundreds of employees that defying a court order has three implications.

"Part of the court order states

that the strike action should be outside the company premises. Secondly, it states that the NEC should refrain from being involved in the illegal strike since they have already been charged with contempt of court," he said.

Revocation

Mhlanga further said that by law if a court order is defied, a contempt of court may follow which may lead to the revocation of recognition of the union.

"These are the dangers of not complying with a court order," he said

SEC employees march to Parly

IN their quest to have the matter of the pending payment of the 2016/2017 bonuses being fast-tracked, employees decided to march to Parliament to lobby Members of Parliament (MPs).

Upon realising that singing and *toyi toyi* at the Stonehenge depot was not yielding any results, the employees led by the union's general council decided to pack and go down Malagwane to Parliament to seek audience with parliamentarians.

Within 10 minutes of their decision to go to Parliament, over 10 kombis servicing the Mbabane-Lobamba route were seen driving into the depot and loading the employees, ferrying them to Lobamba.

The kombis dropped them off next to the Somhlolo National Stadium where they gathered for sometime to strategise on their next step.

The employees appointed six members from the union's general council and they went into the Parliament to seek audience with the MPs.

To their disappointment, the general council found that the MPs were not available for any sitting. They were met by the Principal Hansard Editor of Parliament Zanele Gamedze, who advised them to write a follow up letter to the petition they had initially sent to Parliament over a week ago.

Assured

"She assured us that the MPs will address the matter in their next sitting which is tomorrow (today). She told us that once the matter is before Parliament, our members will be invited to be at the gallery while the matter is addressed," said a member of the general council who wanted to remain anonymous in fear of being slapped with contempt of court charges.

COVER STORY

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

SEC management finally bent to the demands of striking Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) workers by agreeing they be paid their bonuses.

This effectively means the two-day strike that left devastating inconveniences has been called off.

SEC management announced that the payment of the 2016/2017 performance bonus has been approved.



NEVER GIVE UP: Swaziland Electricity Company workers from different depots singing and *toyi toyi* next to Parliament where they marched over unpaid bonuses.

SEC strike may ground the whole country - MD

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

THE Swaziland Electricity Company is concerned that the strike action by its employees may result in a massive disruption in the supply of electricity nationwide.

The electricity company stated that the action by the employees stands to affect all aspect of normal operations in the country both commercially and domestic with power cuts resulting in loss of production with commerce essentially grinding to a halt and a high possibility of loss of lives as hospitals rely on electricity for their patients operations. This is contained in papers filed by the electricity company in its urgent application filed at the Industrial Court following a move by its employees through its Union Swaziland Electricity Supply Maintenance and Allied Workers Union (SESMAWU) to engage in a strike action. However, the strike was called off yesterday after government approved the payment of bonuses to the employees which was the bone of contention.

In his court affidavit, the SEC Managing Director Meshack Kunene submitted that the matter is rendered urgent in that the stoppage by the workers which started on Monday will affect the whole country as the company is the sole distributor of electricity in the Kingdom.

Kunene submitted that the applicant (SEC) and the respondents (SESMAWU) and its members are parties to various agreements which regulate payment of

bonuses and the conditions which must be met for such payments to become due to the employees.

In respect of the financial year 2016/17, Kunene submitted that the employees have met conditions for payment of their bonuses however the company as a Category A public enterprise is obliged to seek approval of the Standing Committee on Public Enterprises (SCOPE) before making payment of the bonuses available to the employees. Kunene further submitted that as a company they duly applied to SCOPE for such approval, however the matter was still being considered as they have been advised that SCOPE is in the process of developing guidelines for the payment of bonuses in public enterprises and accordingly directed that payment of bonuses to the employees await the completion of these guidelines.

Appeal

"We further sent an appeal to SCOPE to reconsider the request in light of the fact that in respect of the company and the union there are standing agreements which govern payment of bonuses and had been hoping for a response from SCOPE over the past two weeks which unfortunately we still await," Kunene submitted. He stated that in the meantime they have been communicating with the executive of the workers union however the union called a mass meeting on Saturday November 4 to discuss the payment of bonuses a meeting that saw resolved to engage in the strike action on Monday.

Kunene submitted that SEC is an essen-

terday refused to back down but continued to defy the court order issued on Sunday and engaged in an illegal strike, costing the company millions of Emlangeni.

Advise

So determined were the employees that they also failed to take heed to SESMAWU's National Executive Committee's (NEC) advise to abandon the strike action and return to work to avoid being in contempt of court.

SEC employees from all the depots in the country yesterday braved the cold weather and again gathered at the Stonehenge depot which is located just

tial service so designated by the Industrial Relations Act and such a strike action is prohibited and same is a breach of the employees terms and conditions of employment and is unlawful.

Following the urgent application, Industrial Court Acting Judge President Nkosinathi Nkonyane issued an order interdicting the employees from participating in the industrial action (strike) or participating in any action calculated to be likely to constitute a deviation from normal working activities or disrupt same. The court further ordered that a rule nisi is issued calling upon the respondents (union) to show cause on Friday, November 10 why an order of court should not be made final.

Appearing for SEC in the matter was lawyer Musa Sibandze while there was no appearance for the union and its employees and the matter was heard on Sunday as of urgency.

Parties

- Applicant - Swaziland Electricity Company
- Respondents - SESMAWU (first)
- Mluleki Sibandze
- George Maseko
- Bongani Kunene
- Maureen Nkambule
- Njabulo Vilakati
- Nanroyen Magagula
- Mbongiseni Dlamini
- Velaphi Mamba
- Employees of the applicant who are members of SESMAWU

TO BE PAID ON FRIDAY



LOGISTICS: The workers listening to a police officer before their departure to Parliament.

below the SEC headquarters as early as 9am.

The employees had the aim of going

back to the headquarters to see management so to pressure them to fast-track the process so they can receive

their bonuses.

The employees were stopped from marching to the headquarters.

SEC employees are unionised under the Swaziland Electricity Supply Maintenance and Allied Workers Union (SESMAWU).

Yesterday, employees had vowed not to abandon the strike action until the 2016/17 bonuses are paid. The employees dubbed their illegal strike as "Wayaya".

Strike

The strike action resulted in a number of areas in the country experiencing power blackouts for hours on end.

"Management would like to extend appreciation to all who have assisted to have this matter resolved amicably and speedily. We also wish to thank our employees for their patience and co-operation as the approval was

being sought from the relevant stakeholders," reads the statement.

The company sent an apology to all its customers who had been without power during the difficult times.

"We would like to assure them that the company will do everything practically possible to have the situation normalised within the shortest time possible.

"We plead with our customers to continue to bear with us as we restore the electricity network, a process which might take a while considering that the outages countrywide had risen to unprecedented levels," reads the statement.

The statement further encouraged customers to report outages and any other electricity related issues to the Call Centre on 800 9000 (toll-free line) or 2508 3333 (standard rates apply).

'Bonuses to be paid on Friday'

SESMAWU has welcomed the news that the company will pay their members performance bonuses with joy.

President of the union, George Maseko revealed that management promised to pay out the 2016/2017 performance bonuses on Friday.

Maseko said as a union they were very happy that the employees would finally receive their bonuses.

"We have welcomed the good news from the management and we are glad that our effort has not gone unnoticed," he said.

When called last night, Maseko said the NEC was busy informing all its members that they must return to work tomorrow as their employer agreed to pay their performance bonus on Friday.

Charges

Earlier, in the day (yesterday), SEC employees learnt with shock that their leaders were on Monday afternoon slapped with charges of contempt for engaging in the strike action and that they could not participate or lead them in the strike action.

SESMAWU Vice President Bongani Kunene informed the unfazed employees that the NEC had been forced by circumstances to withdraw their involvement and participation in the strike action as they had been slapped with contempt of court the previous day.

This did not deter the spirit of the employees as the strike action went ahead without the NEC.

Good Shepherd Hospital, Siteki in 12-hour electricity blackout

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

OPERATIONS at Good Shepherd Hospital and the entire town centre were affected during a blackout that lasted for approximately 12 hours.

Even though the reason behind the power cut could not be ascertained, the general knowledge is that workers of the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) were continuing with their strike action which started

on Monday.

A source at the hospital disclosed that they experienced the blackout just after 2 am yesterday.

From that time, the hospital had to swiftly switch to its standby source of power, a generator which ensures that the most critical departments have power at all times.

However, the generator is said to have also experienced mechanical problems just after 9 am, and this lasted for slightly over an hour.

Within this hour, the hospital was in complete darkness, resulting to

patients who require a constant supply of electricity being affected.

It is said that the generator was eventually repaired, and resumed functioning just after 10 am.

Blackout

For the better part of the day, the hospital relied on the standby source of power. Hospital Administrator Dumsile Simelane acknowledged the electricity blackout which was experienced by the hospital yesterday.

She stated that they however managed to contain the situation with the availability of a standby source of

power.

In the meantime, major shops in the town centre also relied on the use of generators in order to continue operating.

However, some outlets such as eateries remained closed for the better part of the day.

Business owners who spoke during random interviews said they were not informed of any scheduled power blackout by the supplying company.

They complained of losses they incurred as they could not do business without electricity.

SEC CUSTOMERS VENT ANGER ON SOCIAL MEDIA

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) might find itself not only having to deal with angry customers who will dump rotten food at their company's offices but might also have to defend itself from court battles resulting from damages caused by the blackouts experienced in the country.

The blackouts happening in many areas in the country including Bhunya, Ngculwini, Malkerns, Manzini and other areas resulted from the ongoing strike by Swaziland Electricity Company as employees are at loggerheads with their employers over bonuses for the year 2015/16.

Aggrieved members of the public have made it clear that if the strike continues and their food items stored in refrigerators get rotten they will dump such items at SEC offices.

Others even went on to say previously they have had to go to court in order to get compensation from SEC after their appliances got damaged during blackouts and it would seem even this time the same will happen.

In the Manzini city yesterday it was



NO BONUS NO WORK: SEC workers seated at Stonehenge before marching to Parliament yesterday.

business unusual as most businesses had to rely on other alternative sources of energy after a power outage that lasted for almost the whole day.

The power outage did not only disturb the commercial sector but also the private sectors as residential areas were also left without electricity. However the power outages seemed to be well calculated as crucial areas such as Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital remained with

electricity throughout the day.

RFM Administrator Leonard Dlamini confirmed that they were not affected by the power outage.

Power

Most shops around town had to rely on generators as their source of power. Filling stations were not spared from the wrath of the strike as some also experienced power shortages and had to also use back-up generators as a source of

Some of the posts by the public

• "Aseninike labantfu imali yabo bayisebentele. Nyekele lokusenyanyisa. Nine base call centre nisebenta njani kutelegiwe. Nginilelenta labantfu banganikwa imali"

Swaziland Electricity Company Responds: "We sincerely apologize for the interruption. We are doing all we can to ensure that our customer queries are taken care of. Should you need further assistance do not hesitate to contact us"

• "Siyakuva loko SEC but its really not helping some of us without electricity for 2 days now. Its worse kudla kuyabola honestly. Bantfwana balambile akuphekeki. Try at least singabi without electricity for more than one day. This is very bad there isn't really a way to sort this out"

• "SEC nicishela bantfulaba wrong. asinacala tsine, futsi we don't have powers to effect your monies. If u are serious enough,

asenicishela baphatsi benu, nicishela neminyango lebukey kukhishwa kwetimali temu. Lahlandzeninje emakhaya, kucishakhona kusita ngani coz your superiors do not feel the pinch. pls reconnect power to us and sort baphatsi benu. Imishibo iyabola, kudla kuyonakala, etikolweni akusebenteke...pls we don't have extra money to buy a second batch of the food getting spoiled now. Mpolonjeni Siteki, plsbuyisaniloge"

• "YabongaHlobie this does not justify what we are going through...2days without food...its not everyone who affords to buy takeaways for the family...sicela loges"

• "SicelanisibuyiseleGesilaSitekieGood Shepherd teachers quarters, Meter number 0*****3, contact number 76*****2"

• "SEC and Eskom same WhatsApp group"

power.

As soon as members of the public learnt about the blackouts they wasted no time and took to social

networks to blast SEC on its official facebook page which the company uses to interact with customers.

4 PICTURES



NO ENTRY: The main gate of SEC headquarters was closed for the striking workers.



FEED BACK: Sonny Manana addressing the workers.

SEC WORKERS STRIKE OVER



RESOLUTION: SEC employees meeting at Stonehenge where they resolved to march to Parliament. The workers downed tools on Monday over the unpaid bonuses.

NEVER GIVE UP: Swaziland Electricity Company workers from different depots singing and toying next to Parliament where they marched over unpaid bonuses.



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The Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade, Honourable Jabulani Mabuza would be present at the meeting.

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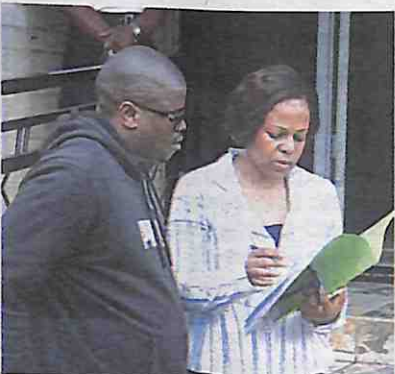


MHLONISHWA, HELP US: One of the general council members had a chance to talk with MP Titus Thwala.

UNPAID BONUSES DAY TWO



ORGANISED: Some of the kombis hired by the workers to Lobamba.



YOUR NAME: General council member Sonny Manana with Assistant Clerk to Parliament Zanele Gamedze.



ESCORTED: Swaziland Electricity Supply Maintenance and Allied Workers Union (SESMAWU) general council representative in Parliament premises where they met Assistant Clerk to Parliament Zanele Gamedze.



SECURITY: Police were there to monitor the situation.



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6 NATIONAL NEWS

Two diplomats involved in car crash at Malunge

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

TWO diplomats travelling in a Jeep Cherokee are lucky to be alive after their car rolled several times and crashed into a wall fence at Malunge Township.

The car, driven by a lady, failed to negotiate the meandering corner along Malunge towards golf course and crashed into a wall fence.

"The car went through the wall fence destroying a stationery water tank and windows of some offices at Malunge Township," said an eyewitness.

Landed

The car overturned and landed on its roof. "The passenger was severely injured while the driver escaped with minor injuries," he

said.

Both the driver and passenger were rushed by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to Mbabane Clinic for treatment.

Statements

The Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Services were found at the scene recording statements on what may have transpired.

Deputy Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the accident.

Compiling

"A Jeep Cherokee driven by diplomats was involved in an accident at Malunge, we are, however, not sure who the diplomats are and their country of origin," she said.

At the time of compiling the report, Vilakati said details on what happened were still scanty since the victims were still in hospital.



TRAGIC: The Jeep Cherokee that landed on its roof after the driver lost control of it, thus knocking down a wall fence at Malunge Township Offices. (Pic: Nozipho Sibiya)

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KING AWARDS 136 POLICE OFFICERS

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has awarded 136 police officers still serving under the Royal Swaziland Police with medals.

His Majesty, the National Commissioner-In-Chief of the Royal Swaziland Police Service awarded service medals classified under four categories.

Pleased

"It pleases His Majesty the King and national commissioner-in-chief of the Royal Swaziland Police Service to

award service medals classified under four categories to a total of 136 officers," reads a part of a statement from the service.

His Majesty awarded the officers during the Annual Police Day celebrations at Matsapha Police Academy on October 27.

BELOW IS A LIST OF THE OFFICERS UNDER THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES:**A. SOMHLOLO BRAVERY MEDAL**

1. Inspector Siphio Mancoba Matsebula
2. Sergeant Majahonkhe Thamsanqa Nxumalo
3. Sergeant Lucky Joseph Simelane
4. Sergeant Gcina Cyprian Dlamini
5. Constable Lungile Simangele Dlamini (F)
6. Constable Mbongeni Peter Nhlabatsi

B. ROYAL SWAZILAND POLICE KING'S POLICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE (KPM)

1. Emmanuel Sula Dlamini – Senior Deputy National Commissioner
2. Anthony M. Vilakazi – Deputy National Commissioner
3. Ross Fana Maseko – Deputy National Commissioner
4. Richard Sibangani Mngomezulu – Deputy National Commissioner
5. Vusi John Masuku – Senior Assistant Commissioner
6. Gerald Ngwane Dlamini – Senior Assistant Commissioner
7. Charles Dumsani Tsabedze – Assistant Commissioner

C. ROYAL SWAZILAND POLICE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

1. Mumcy Ntombikayise Dlamini, Deputy National Commissioner of Police
2. Mandla Freeman Mdluli, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police
3. Christopher Muzi Shongwe, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police
4. Manoma Vusi Masango, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police
5. Simon Mandla Mlilo, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police
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10. Themba Dumisa Ngwenya, Assistant Commissioner of Police
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12. Obed Velaphi Nhleko, Assistant Commissioner of Police
13. Patrick Mgebiseli Mavimbela, Assistant Commissioner of Police
14. Collen Sibusiso Malinga, Assistant Commissioner of Police
15. Emma Busisiwe Dlamini, Assistant Commissioner of Police
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17. Eugenia Bha Ngwenya, Senior Superintendent
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19. Clement Maphila Sihlongonyane, Senior Superintendent
20. Eshmond Hanki Shongwe, Senior Superintendent
21. Khanyisile Princess Nkambule, Senior Superintendent
22. Phakamile Gcamani Dlamini, Senior Superintendent
23. Pholani Thembelani Nxumalo, Superintendent

D. ROYAL SWAZILAND POLICE LONG SERVICE MEDAL

1. Vusi Reggea Dlamini, Superintendent
2. Collen Phinda Ntshakala, Superintendent
3. Emmanuel Lusito Dlamini, Superintendent
4. Pholani Thembelani Nxumalo, Superintendent
5. Isaac Bholi Makhathu, Superintendent
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12. Nkosinathi Simelane, Assistant Superintendent
13. Samuel Majahabovu Dlamini, Assistant Superintendent
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2017 LOCAL GOVT ELECTIONS:



PLEASE WORK HARDER:
Some of the residents of Ward 8 who attended the campaign meeting.

LOCAL GOVT ELECTIONS OVER, IT'S TIME TO WORK

THE craze regarding the 2017 Local Government Election is over.

It is now time for the new councillors to roll up their sleeves and deliver. During the ward-to-ward campaign meetings which were held as part of the build up to polling day a number of requests and suggestions were made by the electorate to whoever was going to win the election and become a ward councillor. Fortunately and excitingly, those who were campaigning promised they would execute every bit of it in the event they were successful at the polls. Well, Manzini News would like to publish the pleas from citizens as a reminder. Please read on;

WARD 7:

■ For many years we have been promised that Mangwaneni Informal Settlement would be upgraded and formalised but it has not happened. Whoever will win the election is requested to see to it that it happens.

■ We appreciate that Council installed a high mast light within Mangwaneni and that has significantly reduced the crime rate in the settlement. Please install one more.

■ We have always been promised that we would be provided with toilet facilities in Mangwaneni but it has not happened. Please push for that to happen when you become a councillor.

■ Mangwaneni residents are poverty stricken. Most of the residents are without jobs. Please assist us form companies or associations so that we can bid for the street cleansing tenders from Council. Also help us find other means of economic empowerment.

■ We have lots of elderly people in Mangwaneni and they are sick. Please arrange for them to get medical attention from time to time.

WARD 10 & 11:

■ Councillors usually disappear soon after being elected and not hold community meetings. Please be visible

● what the electorate expects?



WILL HE DELIVER: A section of the Ward 4 residents who attended the Ngwane Park campaign meeting.

and accountable to the community once you become a councillor.

■ My request to whoever will be councillor is for them to please fix the faulty traffic lights in the city. We have become an embarrassment as a municipality and it pains us as residents. Every day on the radio the traffic police report that Manzini traffic lights are not functioning.

■ Whoever will become a councillor should make the issue of overgrowth in our township the highest priority. Stop telling us why you are unable to address the challenge and look for solutions.

■ To the person who will win the election I'd like to say please ensure you deliver all that you have promised. When you encounter challenges within Council, please come back to us and report.

■ Please restore lighting along the street that runs from Liphaga to the International Tabernacle church. There is a lot of mugging that happens along that street when it's dark.

WARD 8:

■ School holidays are approaching and our children will be playing on the roads because there are no recreational facilities in our ward. Please do something to keep them busy. We need such initiatives as reading and debate clubs in order to keep our children busy during school holidays.

■ Please do something about the people from Swazi Nation Land Madonsa who speak on top of their voices early in the morning when they walk past our residences, heading for work. They disturb our sleep.

■ Madonsa roads have been nicely tarred. I'd like to plead with the person who will win the election to ensure that Extension 6 roads are also upgraded.

■ In Ward 8 (Madonsa, Thomasdale and Extension 6) we hardly know each other as residents. When you become a councillor, please organise events for the community so that we can come together, socialise and know one another.

WARD 9:

■ People usually disappear soon after being elected as councillors. They hardly convene ward meetings. Please devise an efficient strategy that will see to it that we hold regular ward meetings and be able to raise our concerns regarding service delivery. Make sure you always consult and update us before taking decisions at the Council Chamber.

■ I am happy that some of the aspiring councillors have promised to ensure establishment of recreational facilities in Moneni. I hope and pray that, by recreational facilities, you are not only referring to football pitches.

■ The person who will win the election must ensure that all the roads in Moneni are regravelled; not only the one near the Moneni F.E.A.

WARD 1 & 2:

■ The person who will win is requested to ensure a reduction in the frequency of power blackouts in Zakhele.

■ The person who will win the election must please devise a strategy that will ensure residents attend ward meetings in their numbers. The best strategy would be to form sub-committees in the ward so that it's easy to communicate as a councillor.

■ Council introduced an excellent initiative of community-based contracting in Zakhele but it was short-lived. Please advocate for permanency of that programme (at least a one year contract) for purposes of economic and social upliftment of the ward.

WARD 4:

■ A number of roads in Ngwane Park Extension, including Dvoyestreet, are not tarred. When you are elected councillor please see to it that they are upgraded.

■ I'd like to urge the one who will be elected to keep in touch with the community. Don't disappear. I commend the former councillor, Jewel

Mamba. We are seeing a lot of improvement regarding removal of stray cattle in Ngwane Park.

■ Please erect shelters and proper stalls for the street vendors in Ngwane Park. Council seems to focus attention on the vendors who are based in the city centre. We are willing to pay monthly fees.

■ The person who will become a councillor must prioritise the issue of stray dogs in our ward. They tear the refuse bags whilst awaiting collection by Council refuse truck and cause a mess; sometimes moving the garbage back to our yards. Council used to shoot them but stopped.

■ To the person who will win and become our councillor I'd like to urge him to make rehabilitation of Stanley street, from Ludwala via Green Sea and down to the bridge, the highest priority.

WARDS 3 AND 6:

■ When you become a councillor, please address the issue of kombis hooting in Fairview early in the morning. They are such a nuisance. Also address the issue of stray dogs. They are a terrible nuisance.

■ Please advocate for enactment of legislation that will compel plot owners to develop their properties instead of buying and not developing them.

■ Please do away with demolishing of recreational parks for development such as churches. The parks were meant for a purpose.

■ Indications are that we are neglected in terms of development on the left side of Fairview road; that is, the Nazarene-Mthunyelelwa direction. All the roads are gravel. Please make upgrading of those roads a priority.

■ Our youth is hooked on drugs. The one who will become our councillor must devise strategies against such habits.

WARD 6 & 12:

■ Meintjes street (the road that runs from the main bus rank to Grand Valley/Woodmasters) is always dirty. Council employees do pick up the litter but people litter through public transport's windows. The one who will be our councillor must address this issue, working together with the transport operators.

■ Please make Meintjes street a one-way road into the main bus rank and construct another road on the other side of the bus rank that will be used as an exit road for public transport. That will ease the congestion.

■ Please push for the operationalisation of the satellite bus rank. Don't be discouraged by resistance by bus conductors. Having the satellite bus rank operational would result in job creation on the south-eastern part of the city as new shops would open.

■ We wish to see skyscrapers in Manzini, just like we are seeing in Mbabane. I'm told the city laws do not allow for buildings of more than eight storeys. When you become councillor please fix that nasty legislation. It is not going to take us to the 2022 world.

■ Please construct proper vending stalls, at least along the main streets of the city centre. What we are seeing near the bus rank KFC is an embarrassment.

ZEEMAN APPOINTED CHIEF OF PROTOCOL

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

HENRY Zeeman, former Director of Sports under the ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs, has been officially confirmed as the new Chief of Protocol in the ministry of foreign affairs.

Zeeman has been appointed the new Chief of Protocol, a position that has been vacant since beginning of the year following a foreign envoys reshuffle that saw then Chief of Protocol Melusi Masuku leave the country for New York where he assumed the role of permanent representative of Swaziland to the United Nations.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperatives Principal Secretary Joel Nhleko confirmed the appointment, saying Zeeman had indeed assumed his new duties at the ministry. "Zeeman is our new chief of protocol and assumed his duties at the beginning of the month," he said.

Nhleko said Zeeman had returned home as he was not new in the ministry and he was well acquainted with protocol duties as he had been in a foreign mission before coming back to occupy



NEW BROOM: Chief of Protocol Henry Zeeman hard at work at his new job in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

the post of Director Sports. "Zeeman is not new in the ministry. He has been on foreign mission, he was the first secretary in Brussels for a couple of years, before he was posted to London where he was first secretary and later became counsellor.

He was in foreign mission for well over fifteen years before returning to the country," the PS narrated.

Nhleko said he was pleased at the appointment of Zeeman because he was qualified and well versed when it came to operations of the ministry. "We have no doubt that Zeeman is the perfect can-

didate, he will do a sterling job," he said.

Zeeman who was found at his new working station said he was excited and he was ready for this new challenge. "I am elated, it is a new challenge and I am ready," he said.

Before assuming this new position Zeeman was the Under Secretary in the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs. He was appointed to that position after he served as director of sports in the same ministry. Zeeman has already been replaced at the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs by Nhlanhla Motsa.

Man stabs stepmother over food

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A woman described her survival as a miracle after she recuperated from a deep stab wound in the neck which was inflicted by her step-son after an argument.

Colile Dlamini narrated before the Magistrate's Court on how her unruly step-son locked her inside a room before stabbing her once in the neck and further assaulted her with a slasher.

This was during the trial of Mcebo Dlamini (25) who faced a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. The matter was before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso.

The complainant first told the court that the initial bone of contention was an unexpected cut-off of electricity which occurred at the family house.

The accused person is said to have been occupying a rondavel situated nearby, wherein the metre box is installed.

When the complainant went into the rondavel to check on what caused the sudden power cut, the accused person is said to have pounced on her and locked her inside the rondavel.

The complainant said the accused

then started questioning her about her attitude of denying him access into the main house and further not dishing him food.

In the midst of the argument, the accused is said to have withdrawn a slasher and started hitting the woman all over the body.

He is said to have also grabbed a table knife nearby and stabbed her on the neck.

The complainant said she was saved by the arrival of a neighbour who was visiting her husband, who was however not present at the time of her attack. She was rushed to hospital where she was admitted for three days before being allowed to recuperate at home.

In his defence, however, the accused told the court that the complainant was the one aggressive and refusing him entry to the main house.

He said this also resulted to him having to prepare his own food from the rondavel he occupied while his step-mother wanted him out of the homestead.

This was, however, disputed by the complainant who stated that over the past many years, she has been treating the accused person like her own children. The matter was eventually postponed to November 14, 2017 for continuation of trial.

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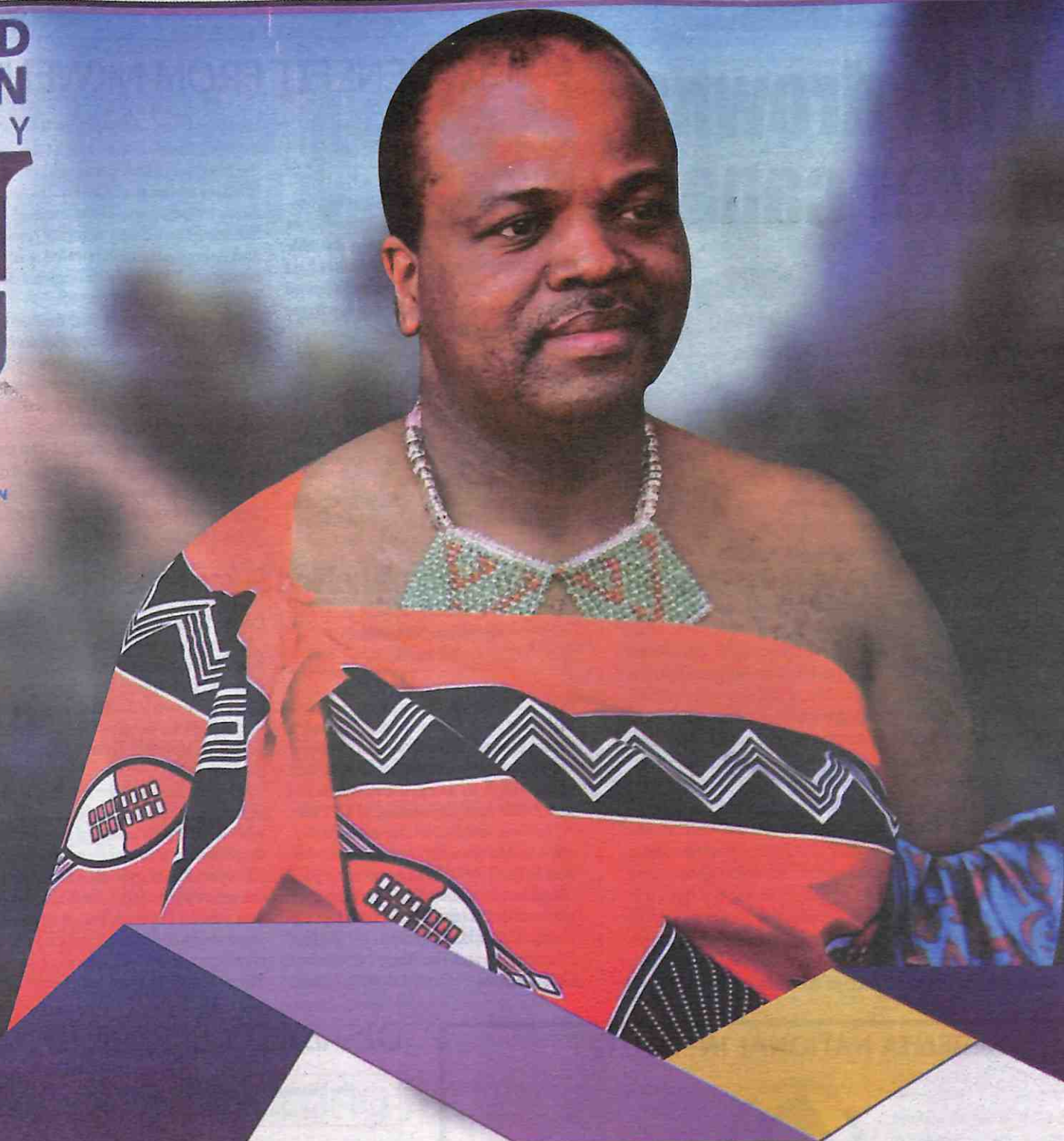
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Girl (10) drowns in water canal

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

A 10-year-old girl of Siphetsaphi area in the Shiselweni region drowned while playing in a water canal.

Sources said the incident occurred on Monday afternoon when the child went to play next to the water canal located just near her home-stand after returning from school. "She was playing along the banks of the water canal when she got stuck in the mud before drowning," said the source.

The 10-year-old girl was discovered dead by her 62-year-old grandfather. "His grandfather was almost close to the canal and hurried to rescue the child but she had already been swept away by the water," said the source. Her lifeless body was discovered by her grandfather who then called other residents to help rescue her.

According to residents, the water canal reportedly had no safety fence or caution signs to alert the public that it was restricted to swim or play in. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer



CONFIRMS: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the matter.

"On Monday at 16H15 a 62-year-old man of Sibetsaphi discovered that his 10-year-old granddaughter had drowned in a water canal."

He reported the matter to the Royal Swaziland Police who came to take a police report before taking the lifeless body to hospital.

Mamba requested parents or guardians to know the whereabouts of their children as most drowning cases were recorded at this time of the year. "During hot days it is very tempting to go for a swim in order to cool off, however, swimming comes with many dangers such as drowning," he said.

900 TO BENEFIT FROM NKWENE WATER PROJECT

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

OVER 900 people from Nkwene community jubilated when Minister of Natural Resource and Energy Jabulile Mashwama through Minister of Commerce Jabulani Mabuza opened the Nkwene potable water supply scheme at the area's Inkhundla.

The water scheme was initiated in 2015 and completed in 2016.

Minister Mashwama said the water scheme will benefit a total of 160 households would about 900 people through a network of 36 standpipes spread over a 13-kilometre distance.

"The project will also benefit Nkwene Primary and High schools, which have a

total enrolment of 800 pupils. It will also benefit a clinic and a royal kraal," said the minister. Mashwama said the government invested a total of E2.2 million through the Regional Development Fund. She started the ministry of natural resources and energy also collaborated with the ministry of Tinkhundla and regional development for the water project.

The minister appreciated the community members' active participation in the realisation of the water project. "I have been informed that you have also contributed a total of E51 000 towards the operation and maintenance fund.

This is greatly appreciated and these contributions should continue as this is the only way to ensure availability of financial resources for the proper upkeep of the project," she said.

Mashwama further highlighted that the Shiselweni region has been blessed this financial year with a number of water projects in the region.

The minister revealed that in May 2017, the ministry officially opened three water schemes at KaMfishane, Luggedzeni and Bekezela which are all in the Shiselweni region. He said the projects benefitted a total of 5 000 people. "In April 2017, the ministry also witnessed the official opening of the SISOMA project which benefitted a total of 61 000 people of which 25 000 are located at Somntongo and Matsanjeni areas. The ministry looks forward to the delivery of more similar projects to increase the rate of coverage in our rural areas from the 52 per cent currently observed to at least 65 per cent by the year 2022," said the minister.

South Africans behind Summerfield robbery

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

SOUTH Africans are suspected to have colluded with locals in committing a daring robbery at Summerfield Botanical Garden, where an employee was shot in the thigh as alleged thieves made away with cash amounting to E29 000.

This was revealed by an accused person who has since turned into a state witness in the case which has seen six people arrested for the robbery which took place earlier this year. The accused Njabulo Gwebu (22), Mkhulisi Selepe (21) Sibusiso Dlamini (38) and Thembe Ndawandwe (25) appeared before Matsapha Circuit

Court Magistrate yesterday for their trial.

Ndwandwe, who has since pleaded guilty to the offence of robbery, informed the court that during the commission of the offence two vehicles were used and they ferried the suspects who were about seven in number from Mhlaleni to Summerfield.

He stated that of all the suspects he met in the cars he could only recognise two who were locals and said some of the suspects had a strong Zulu accent. He however denied ever assaulting one of the security guards but confirmed that he was part of the crew that stormed the place and stole a cash till and also expensive liquor from the hotel such as Red Wine, Sky Vodka and Jack Daniels and

cellphones. The accused are currently facing charges such as house breaking and theft and contravening the Arms and Ammunitions Act by possessing one live round of ammunition.

They are also accused of breaking into a house at Timbutini, where they stole items such as clothes, furniture, gadgets and money.

All the accused persons pleaded not guilty to the charges they face.

However, Ndwandwe insisted that he was with them when the offence was committed at Summerfield and told the court that he was even told to wait outside as some of the people who were present at the place knew him and would easily recognise him. The matter will continue next Wednesday at the Matsapha Circuit Court.

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DISABILITY BILL ON BRINK OF BEING PASSED

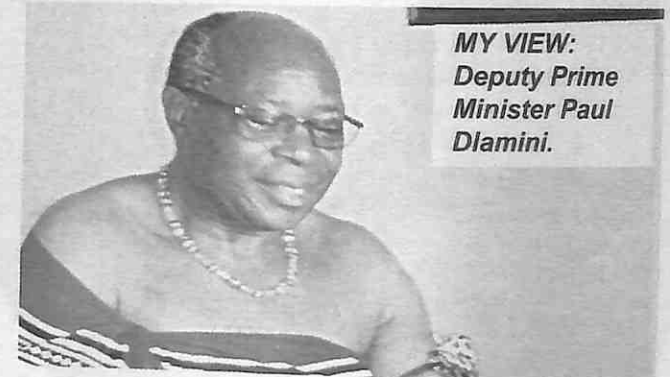
By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

PEOPLE living with disability will now breathe a sigh of relief as Members of Parliament are on the brink of enacting their law.

On Monday, the House portfolio committee of the Deputy Prime Minister's Office (DPMO) tabled a report before the House of Assembly. It was tabled by Sandleni MP James Simelane, who is the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee.

The report intends to inform the House of Assembly on how the committee worked on The Persons Living with Disabilities Bill of 2015, which is supposed to be enacted as soon as possible. The Bill is yet to be debated and adopted by the legislators. After adoption of the report, the Bill can then be passed into an Act of Parliament.

Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Paul Dlamini was of the view that it was imperative for the country to pass the Bill. The country ratified the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of Persons Living with Disabilities in 2012. The main aim of the convention was to ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights by people living with disabilities. The country's Constitution (Section 14 (3)), the DPM said in the preamble of the report, provided for the protection and



MY VIEW: Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini.

promotion of fundamental rights and freedoms of people of whatever disability. Section 30 (2) provided further that Parliament had to enact laws for the protection of persons living with disabilities in order to enable them to live a fulfilling life.

The Children's Protection and Welfare Act No. 6 of 2012 (Section 4) provided that a child should not be discriminated on the grounds of disability. Section 11 of the Act provided that a child with disabilities should have special care, medical treatment, rehabilitation, family and personal integrity, sport and recreation, education and training to help him/her enjoy a full life with dignity.

The National Disability Policy of 2013, from which this Bill emanated, drew its strength from the Poverty Reduction Action Plan and other policies and programmes that outlined the commitment of this country in protecting disabled people.

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The objectives of the Bill included to provide for

- The general wellbeing of persons with disabilities.
- The registration, protection, rehabilitation, and development of persons with disabilities.
- The establishment of a statutory body to be known as the National Disability Advisory Council of Persons with Disabilities. A secretariat is to be set up and staff to be employed by the Civil Service Commission (CSC), independent of the Social Department. The secretariat will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the council. Organisations like CANGO, FODSWA, Cheshire Homes, and the League of African Churches have made their submissions for their opinions to be included in the Bill. They all spoke in one voice and that was to encourage Parliament to enact a legislation that would protect the disabled.

COPS RUSH TO UMPHAKATSI AFTER THREATS OF BLOODSHED

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Lavumisa

POLICE had to rush to Ekuphumleni Umphakatsi after receiving a report that bloodshed was imminent after 'axed' headman Abraham Ngobese tried to bulldoze his way back to the position.

Ekuphumleni is one of the royal residences for Chief Gasa WaNgwane, the ruler of Lavumisa whose main royal residence is Qomintaba.

All the 16 mini chiefdoms, each has its inner council headed by a junior headman and at Ekuphumleni, all along the Indvuna was Ngobese who however over a week ago was shown the exit door by some of the ruling family members who accused him of a number of allegations including failure to account for money collected from the residents. One of the

influential family members who is said to be the one putting things into perspective at the Umphakatsi, David Dlamini is said to have ordered that Ngobese be relieved of his duties, claiming that senior family members such as Prince Msongelwa had also endorsed the decision.

Allegations

It is said last Friday, Ngobese had arrived at the Umphakatsi with the purpose of assuming his role and ignoring that the other week the ruling household based at the royal residence had relieved him of his duties as headman because of a number of serious allegations.

It is said Ngobese had arrived in the company of 'libandla' sent by Chief Gasa WaNgwane to demand explanation as to who had removed Ngobese from the position as he was not aware of such a decision. The delegation sent by the chief was led by

Mshiyeni Simelane who served as headman for the late Prince Tsekwane, Gasa WaNgwane's father.

It is said as Ngobese was of the opinion that 'Emalangeni' of Ekuphumleni would reverse the decision to fire him especially when he was accompanied by the chief's generals.

However, he was wrong as David and crew told him that he was no longer needed and should accept that he was no longer the Umphakatsi headman.

The delegation led by Simelane tried to find out if David and his team had any power to strip someone powers given to him by the chief. It is said the 'Emalangeni' boldly answered that they had full powers to appoint and also fire the indvuna.

The members of the family were irked by this and it was then that David decided to take over and led a meeting which was supposed to be chaired by Ngobese.

It is said Ngobese was told to forget ever dreaming being reinstated as that would be like the 'Emalangeni' of Ekuphumleni were confused.

The drama unfolded in the presence of some residents who had come to seek services and help from Umphakatsi.

David started issuing orders on who should be the recording secretary as the one tasked with this role was also fired together with Ngobese.

CITED: Chief Gasa WaNgwane.

Tempers flare amongst warring factions

WITH the situation threatening to boil out of control at Ekuphumleni royal residence, police from three different police stations, namely Lavumisa, Hluti and Sigwe had to rush to the Umphakatsi to ensure that law and order was maintained.

At least over 20 police officers were seen arriving in different vehicles, some being plain clothed and also those in uniform.

They stood strategically with the purpose of being ready for any eventualities. It is said David successfully chaired the meeting and had even reminded anyone who cared to listen that he was doing what 'Emalangeni' had ordered him to do.

When called, David confirmed that there was a near fracas after Ngobese was seen arriving at Ekuphumleni royal residence yet he was no longer needed.

"Ngobese thought that we were going to be intimidated when he arrived with Sikhwehle (Mshiyeni Simelane) who was leading a delegation sent by Gasa



CONFIRMED: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

WaNgwane.

We maintained our stand and told him and those who had accompanied him that he was no longer needed. He had

no choice but to go back dejected.

I then had to take over as chair of the meeting and nothing else happened. Even the police that were sent were convinced that there would be no violence except only to order Ngobese to back off. It was a peaceful meeting and we hope no one will provoke 'Emalangeni' again. We are not fighting anyone here but we are putting things into perspective," said David.

David said 'Emalangeni' will be visiting the Shiselweni Regional Administration offices to seek advice on the ongoing debacle which now is impacting the whole community.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed that police were sent to the Umphakatsi to maintain law and order. "Police went there after being informed that the situation had the potential of becoming volatile. Fortunately, the parties concerned never clashed but we are still following the situation," said Supt Mamba.

FOREIGN EXTRA

Computer engineer handed 15 year sentence for child porn

CAPE TOWN - A Plettenberg Bay computer engineer was yesterday handed a 15 year jail sentence after being convicted on 18 644 counts of possession of child pornography.

William Beale, 39, was sentenced in the Thembalethu Regional Court after pleading guilty following his arrest for being part of an international syndicate. He was found in possession of thou-

sands of images, as well as dagga.

Prosecutor Gerda Marx in a statement described the accused as a "paedophile" with a disorder that cannot be treated.

She said Beale had acquired the necessary software in order to obtain online anonymity and resist censorship. He was thus evading justice by keeping his identity a secret, Marx explained.

Beale, she said, had "created and con-

tributed to a market where rape, abuse and even murder of children are the order of the day".

"Without a market these children will not be subjected to the abuse and suffering they had to endure in order for Beale to satisfy his urges."

She considered 15 years behind bars "a good sentence".

News24

Facebook 'friend' lures minor girl, trafficks her to Swaziland

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A minor girl from South Africa narrated before court on how she was lured by her 'Facebook friend' who presented himself as a chief's son before trafficking her into Swaziland.

The girl was presenting her evidence before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula. This is in the case of Machawe Dlamini (29) of Nceka who was arrested and charged with two counts of contravening the People Trafficking and People Smuggling Prohibition Act.

On the first count, he is alleged to have unlawfully recruited and transported the 15-year-old girl while using means of deception and harboured her at his homestead for purposes of exploitation.

On the second count, he is alleged to have unlawfully arranged and assisted the girl of South African origin to illegally enter into Swaziland while knowing that she did not have any travel documents.

At the time of committing the offence, the accused is said to have intended to subject the minor girl to exploitation. The accused also faces an alternative charge, that of contravening the Girls and Women Protection Act. When the charges were read to him, the accused pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

The girl told the court that she met the accused person through popular social media, Facebook after he sent her a friend request. At the time, the accused person was residing in South Africa but stated that he was from Swaziland.

Trial

The girl said a few phone calls between her and the accused led to them eventually meeting in Pretoria.

The girl said she had informed the accused person through their Facebook conversations that she was looking for her father who deserted her and her mother many years ago. The accused is said to

have promised to assist the minor girl to find her father.

She said this led to them crossing into the country through the informal crossing point situated near

Oshoek Border Gate.

The accused person is said to have then changed tune and subjected the minor girl to sexual abuse.

In the meantime, the girl said the accused further introduced her to his family as his girlfriend. The abuse is said to have went on for a couple of weeks until police officers arrived at the homestead, presumably after receiving a tip-off.

The girl said she was not aware of how the police got to know about her plight as they eventually rescued her. The accused is representing himself in the matter which is expected back in court next week for continuation of trial.



SNAT SAVINGS & CREDIT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

NOTICE

May the SNAT SAVINGS AND CREDIT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY general Membership, please be informed that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** has been scheduled for the 18th November 2017.

VENUE: UNISWA SPORT EMPORIUM HALL

STARTING TIME: 10:00hrs

AGENDA

1. Opening prayer
2. Remarks by Programme Director
3. Reading and Adoption of minutes
4. Reports
 - Chairman's Report
 - Supervisory Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Declaration of Dividends

5. Closure

Please note that Registration will **strictly** be done between 08:30a.m to 11:00a.m. Members should note that Lunch shall only be given to those who have registered.

Members are requested to bring their **Swazi ID, Membership Number and Payslips.**

Membership should also please note that the Banking Hall shall not operate, as members are expected to attend the Meeting.

Thank you

BY MANAGEMENT

12 PICTURES

SEC ROADSHOW @ MADLANGEMPISI



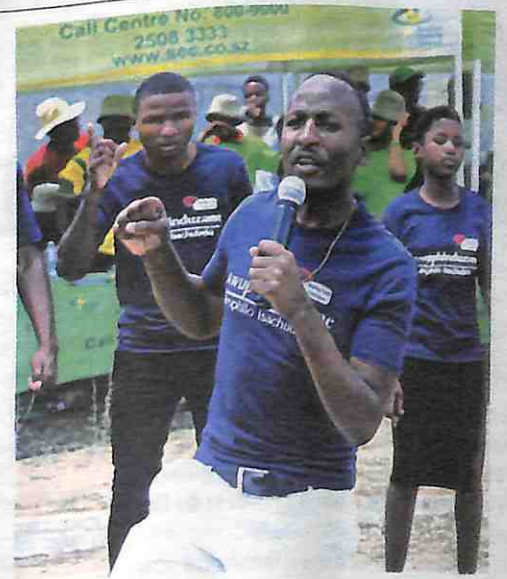
USE THIS ONE: SEC's Khaya Mavuso (c) with ambassador of the company Mduduzi Simelane and Marketing Officer Nkululeko Dlamini encouraging customers to use CFLs and LEDs energy saving bulbs because they consume less electricity and last longer. This was during the Swaziland Electricity Company's roadshow held at Madlangempisi on Saturday. **RIGHT - HAND OVER:** SEC Marketing and Corporate Communications Manager Sifiso Dhlamini presenting E878 to Gogo Alda Masilela contributed by residents of Madlangempisi and the company promised to donate E2 000. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



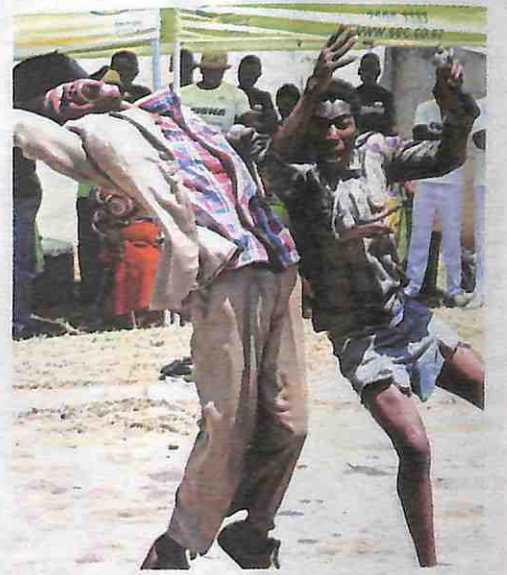
HELPING HAND: Residents of Madlangempisi making a donation to needy Gogo Alda Masilela.



NGIMFUMENE: Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu entertaining the crowd.



MUSICAL: Scara Maziya among the entertainers.



CISHA LOGESI: Sisonkhe Drama and Arts entertaining the crowd.



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

EuropeAid/ 139266/ID/WKS/SZ

The Ministry of Economic Planning and Development intends to award a works contract for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Irrigation System for 765 ha Schemes under the High Value Crop and Horticulture Project in Siphofaneni Swaziland with financial assistance from the 11th European Development Fund. The CD containing the Tender Dossier is available from;

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ACMS Annex Building, Hospital Hill
P. O. Box 602, Mbabane H100, Swaziland.
Tel: +268 2404 6512 / 6154 / 9551
Fax: +268 2404 9816

Email: lwazi.mkhabela@mepd-acms.org copy
mduduzi@mepd-acms.org

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

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

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RECAP - IPM SWAZILAND ANNUAL CONVENTION "ALIGNING BUSINESS LEADERS TO THE DIGITISED WORLD"

BRIEFING ABOUT IPM

The Institute of People Management is the umbrella body for Human Capital Practitioners in Swaziland. It was established in the 1960's as Swaziland Association of Training Officers (SATO).

In the mid 1970's it was reviewed to include Personnel Managers and the title changed to Swaziland Institute of Personnel and Training Managers (SPTIM), it became later known as Institute of Personnel Management in the 1980's and the current name Institute of People Management was changed in 2012 to adapt to the latest dynamics in people leadership in the workplace. IPM Swaziland is an organization dedicated to the Human Resource profession committed, to the management and development of human potential by its values and providing effective leadership, access to appropriate knowledge, information and the opportunity to network.

The core function is being a center for building capacity and providing thought leadership on sustainable human capital development and other services. The main aims and objectives are:

1. Capacity Building, Promote the development of Human Capital.
2. Research and Development To source, retain and provide relevant information and trends for the institute
3. Promote and encourage managerial, commercial, industrial and technical training.
4. Spread knowledge and sound principles and practices in Human Capital.
5. Foster a sense of duty in human resource matters in the Government, Public, Private and Non-Governmental Sectors.
6. Establish appropriate professional standards in the Human Capital functions.
7. Conduct or support training courses, workshops, conferences and seminars for the development of skills and professional standards for its members
8. Liaise with industry, commerce, appropriate Government Ministries, Training Institutions, and other organizations involved in the development of training policies and practices

The Institute of People Management (IPM) Swaziland has recently successfully hosted its Annual Convention on the 11 - 12 October

2017 at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre which was rated 95% excellent by its delegates. The theme was "Aligning Business Leaders to the Digitised World". Many organisations are responding to the increasing demand for digitisation and operations integration with the aim to achieving operational efficiencies, better decision making and value chain management of the business. This assures businesses that its leaders have an overall sight of the business as opposed to silo-focus. This also speaks to organisations increasingly focusing on the need to innovate not only to ward off competition but also to assure operational efficiencies, employee engagement and future oriented organisational culture.

Most Executives recognize that their companies are not adequately preparing for the industry disruptions they expect to emerge from digital trends. Nearly 90% of respondents to a 2015 global survey of managers and executives conducted by MIT Sloan Management Review and Deloitte anticipate that their industries will be disrupted by digital trends to a great or moderate extent, but only 44% say their organizations are adequately preparing for the disruptions to come.

This year's approach was differentiated by the selection of diverse presentations on tracking of legislation changes as well as open discussions. There were a total of 17 speakers over a 2-day period. The topics range from how organisations have leveraged technology to increase employee engagement, used digitisation as a catalyst for human capital growth. We would like to extend our special appreciation to all our Delegates, Sponsors, Exhibitors, IPM Advisory Council, IPM Executive Committee Members, the IPM HRD & Communications Committee Members, the IPM Secretariat, Partners, Stakeholders, and our Honourable Speakers.

The topics range from how organisations have leveraged technology to increase employee engagement, used digitisation as a catalyst for human capital growth, a benchmarked view of labour broking, the retirement crisis & potential solutions, the digital HR future its risks and opportunities, leadership accountability and change management as well as labour economics consideration in effective human capital management. In addition to the aforementioned there were 2 Open Discussions which were very effective and were rated to extremely informative, interactive and beyond inspiring.

SPEAKERS



Madam President
Mrs. Sharon Maziya



Guest Speaker
Ms. Inviolata Changarara, ILO



Mr. Dennis Mbingo,
CEO, FNB



Mr. Maxwell Mkhonta,
Group HR, RSSC



Dr. Pat Symth,
Chairman Emergence Growth



Ms. Thutho Maepa,
Sove Foods



Mr. Jonathan Magongo,
GM, Tibiyo Insurance Group



Ms. Sanelisiwe Mkhwanazi,
Royal Swaziland Technology Park



Bonisile Ntando,
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Open discussion,
Financial Wellness



Mr. Mandla Mamba,
HRM SIPA



Lonkhululeko Magagula,
Chief Economist,
Ministry of Economic Planning & Development

IPM EXCELLENCY AWARDS WINNERS - 2017

IPM Swaziland Congratulates the 2017 Excellency Awards Winners.



1. Mr Phil Mnisi - SSA
2. Ms. Happy Mavimbela Swazi MTN
3. Ms. Zanele Nomcebo Mavuso, GALP
4. IPM Executive 2017
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EVERY INKHUNDLA SHOULD HAVE A CDP

By Sizwe Dlamini
Mvemvili

MINISTER of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze has said every Inkhundla should have a Chiefdom Development Plan (CDP).

Gamedze was speaking at Mvemvili Inkhundla last Thursday during the official launch and handover of the Mvemvili Chiefdom Development Plan (MCDP).

Present at the launch were Hhohho Regional Administrator Prince Tshekedi, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Deputy Resident Representative Lars Tushuizen, Chairperson of the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) Swaziland Zebon Dlamini, Representative of the Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Dumsani Sithole, Mvemvili Umphakatsi's Prince December as well as Ntfontjeni Member of Parliament (MP) Sompisi Magagula.

Gamedze said the people of Mvemvili Inkhundla in northern Hhohho must count themselves as very lucky because



UNITED: Stakeholders pose for a group photo at the Mvemvili Inkhundla last Thursday during the launch of the Chiefdom Development Plan (CDP). (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)

their chiefdom is only the second in the country to receive its very own Chiefdom Development Plan (CDP). "Government is grateful to all our international and local stakeholders who have worked tirelessly since May 2017 in the development of this very important and sustainable development plan.

The plan itself prioritises optimum land use or a proposed land use plan under the community development

opinion. Mvemvili is only the second chiefdom to receive this type of plan so the people of this area should consider themselves very lucky.

The first chiefdom was Ntongozi and as the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs we are focusing on the natural reservation, restoration and positive exploitation of land through positive agriculture that can aid the development of the local community in both commercial and sub-

sistent ways for the affected communities," he said.

He explained this development plan if followed will allow the community to develop to 2022 and beyond.

He said so far he has been told that 1 000 fruit trees were donated and planted at 100 homesteads, which means that each of the identified homesteads has about 10 fruit trees to nurture and turn into an orchard. Furthermore, he said the orchard will grow and provide fruit that will first feed the immediate homestead and then over time the region through commercial fruit agriculture, which is the way of the future of Swaziland farming and living off the land. Also present at the launch was United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Deputy Resident Representative Lars Tushuizen who said it takes 500 years for just one piece of plastic to decompose in rivers.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people do not know how important it is to dispose of certain materials correctly, through research, we under the UNDP, have found out that one piece of plastic when thrown into a river to decompose takes about 500 years.

This is very scary and means that every time someone throws plastic into a river that plastic will live in that river for many decades and become hazardous to wildlife or people who live off of the river, therefore we urge people to avoid improper waste disposal and reserve natural ecosystems that are slowly disappearing with modernisation," he said. The launch was preceded by a tour of a swamp reservation at Mvemvili as well as a tour of the Bhembe residence where litchi trees were planted three days prior.

The event was punctuated with entertainment provided by Timphisini High as well as King Mswati II High.



COULDN'T MISS OUT: Ntfontjeni Member of Parliament (MP) Sompisi Magagula next to super pupil Khosi Dlamini and her mother alongside Senator Ntfontjeni Member of Parliament (MP) Sompisi Magagula at Sidwashini Methodist Primary School last Thursday.



TOPS: Top Grade Seven pupils at Sidwashini Methodist Primary School on Thursday during speech and prize giving day.

Senator Mdluli tells pupils not to commit suicide if they fail exam

SENATOR Ntfontjeni Member of Parliament (MP) Sompisi Magagula has told pupils who perform poorly in their examinations not to commit suicide.

Mdluli was speaking at the Sidwashini Methodist Primary last Thursday during the school's annual speech and prize giving day. Present at the event was Ntfontjeni Member of Parliament (MP) Sompisi Magagula as well as the school's administration.

Mdluli said even though the school had 112 pupils preparing to sit in the Swaziland Primary Certificate Examinations for 2017 not all of them will perform well.

"Life is about wins and losses, this school has a very large number of Grade Seven pupils, I have been told that there is about 112 pupils in Grade Seven alone, which is a substantial number of pupils.

As you all know some of the children will not do as well in the upcoming Swaziland Primary Certificate examinations (SPC) and others will do far better than they expected.

This is the law of life itself some win and some lose but even if you do lose, all it means is that God who

loves us all has another plan for you and your beautiful life, we all know that each and every individual is important to God therefore, I urge all pupils to be strong even if you fail it does not mean that you will always fail therefore avoid depression, try to stay around positive people that way you avoid becoming suicidal in spirit," he said.

He added that a suicidal spirit often leads to depression that can either direct a young person to drug abuse or even worse lead them to commit suicide.

"This is wrong and not in God's plan for you the young person of today. All the pupils who I am seeing here in grade 7 during this speech and prize giving day will be in Form Five by the year 2022 and that year has been commissioned by our King as a special year for Swaziland.

Therefore, I urge all young people to focus on their studies and avoid destructive people who promote drugs and crime, let me tell you all a secret, I too was not a super student during my youth but I learnt a very important lesson and that is you can do anything in this world if you are com-

mitted and persistent so work hard and make your God, King and Parents proud of you," he added.

Also speaking at the event was Ntfontjeni Member of parliament (MP) Sompisi Magagula who donated stationery to all the 112 Grade Seven pupils at Sidwashini Methodist Primary.

"I admire all the teachers who are unsung heroes at this school for preparing a very large class of grade seven pupils.

I have been informed by the schools administration that there are about 112 pupils who are getting ready to sit for their end of year examinations.

This is a very large class being taught by only three teachers, this is a very impressive achievement by the school itself and shows the great dedication that this school has to the excellence of education, to help the school I have donated some stationery for the pupils so that they can write their examinations without worrying or lack anything," he said.

The event was punctuated by entertainment provided by the schools choir, traditional dance as well as drama groups.

Fingerprints case:

COP SENZO'S BAIL REVOKED, RE-ARRESTED

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

ONE of the police officers in the fingerprints case has had his bail revoked after allegations that he interfered with Crown witnesses.

Senzo Matsenjwa is alleged to have called some of the witnesses through his cell phone and advised them to give untruthful evidence before court as the trial continues.

Matsenjwa has since filed an urgent bail application at the High Court as

- He allegedly breached bail conditions by interfering with witnesses, called them through a cell phone and advised them to give untruthful evidence before court
- Files urgent new bail application at the High Court

he wants to be released on bail again following his re-arrest.

He appeared before High Court Judge Cyril Maphanga who after hearing submissions by both counsel reserved judgment for a later date as counsel will be informed of same in due course.

The crown represented by Ngebo Lukhele vigorously opposed the bail application and submitted that Matsenjwa

had breached his previous bail conditions in that he interfered with the crown witnesses and his release might jeopardise the whole case.

Ironically the crown cited the Musa Waga Kunene case in which Kunene was denied bail in his second attempt after breaching his previous bail conditions by committing the same offence he is charged with while out on bail.

Kunene is also a police officer who was suspended after his arrest.

The crown submitted that it would not be in the interest of justice to have Matsenjwa released from custody as he has proven that he might interfere with more witnesses in the case applying before court that bail not be granted to him.

However Matsenjwa thought his lawyers submitted that the crown had failed to prove that indeed the cell number that is alleged to have called the witnesses indeed belongs to him.

In fact Matsenjwa denied that the cell number in question belongs to him and prayed before the court that he be granted bail pending finalisation of the trial.

Senzo is co-charged with the other police officers Lucky Matsenjwa and Apollo Mabila together with an elderly woman Elizabeth Matsebula for allegedly illegally clearing fingerprints for ex-convicts at the Police Headquarters.

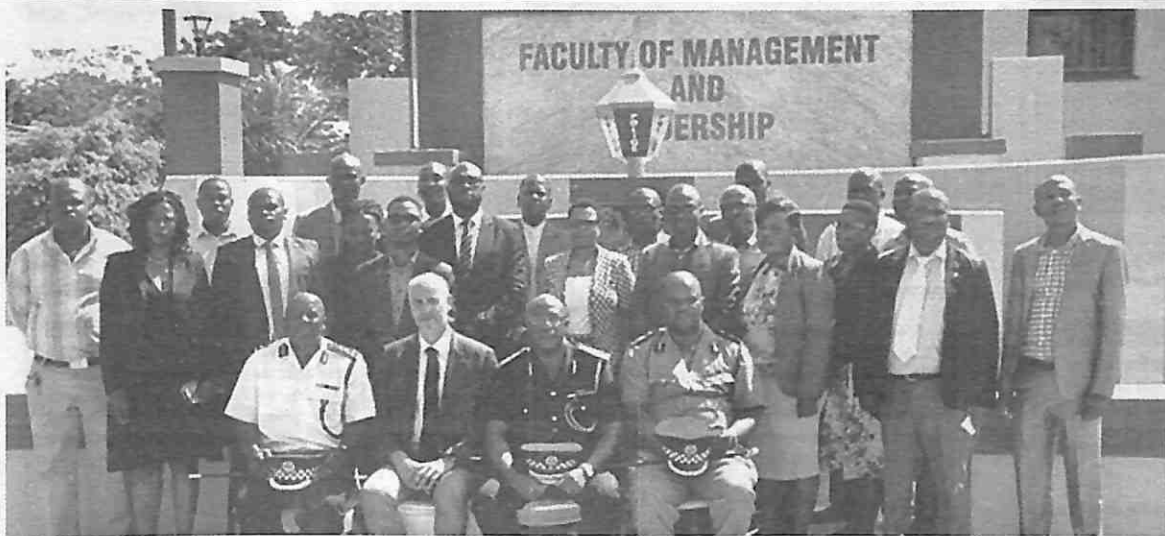
The officers implicated in the sale of fingerprint clearances are alleged to have deleted or cleared 41 criminal records of ex-convicts.

The police officers, are alleged to have received a total of over E40 000 from the ex-convicts to have their criminal records cleared.

This is the total amount of money reflected on the charge sheets as in some of the charges the amount allegedly received by the officers is not stipulated. The ex-convicts, who, some of them are now in gainful employment after being cleared, were reportedly made to pay different amounts by the two law enforcers.

They were made to pay money ranging from E2 000 upwards.

Some of the ex-convicts are reported to have managed to get jobs in the armed forces after their criminal records were allegedly cleared or deleted by the officers. They are alleged to have committed the offences from 2009.



KODAK MOMENTS: Officers from Botswana, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe posing for a group photo with The French International Technical Expert and Regional Advisor Christopher Bellouard. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



NETWORKING: Officer Khulani Mamba flanked by police officers from Zimbabwe.

ACC, POLICE GET TRAINING ON CYBERCRIME

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

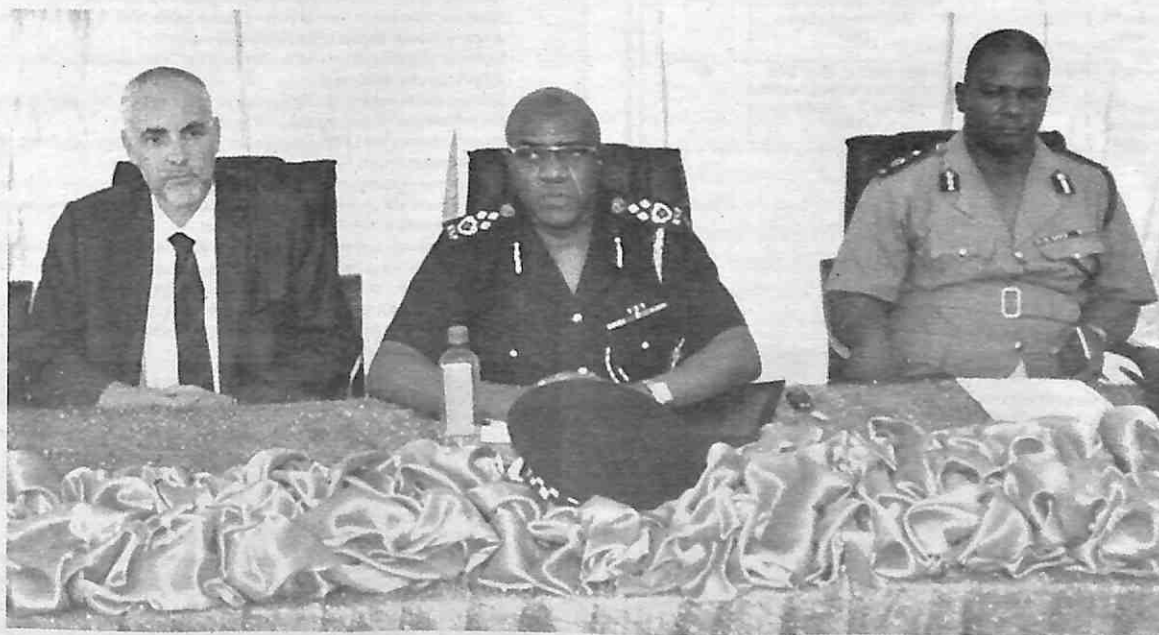
POLICE officers from countries such as Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique and Zimbabwe are currently attending training hosted by the country on cybercrime.

The visiting participants are at Matsapha Police Academy, where they are training alongside police from the Royal Swaziland Police Service and Anti-Corruption Commission.

The training is facilitated by French International Technical Expert and Regional Advisor Christopher Bellouard.

National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula, who was represented by Senior Deputy National Commissioner Sula Dlamini during the official opening of the First Responders Training Programme in Cybercrime, said the training programme is aimed at capacitating investigative practitioners within the SADC region with requisite skills to tackle one of the most formidable and insidious contemporary crime phenomenon facing the country today, which is cybercrime.

Magagula said as a country and



FIGHTING CRIME: French International Technical Expert and Regional Advisor Christopher Bellouard, Senior Deputy National Commissioner Sula Dlamini and Assistant Commissioner Patrick Mavimbela seated during the official opening.

police service in general they are very humbled to have been chosen to host the training intervention, which is all credit to the existing cooperation between the French Ministry of Interior represented by the International

Cooperation Directorate and the organisation.

Highlighting the significance of the training intervention, Magagula said the course couldn't have come at a more appropriate time than now when

cybercrime which is spurred on by the dizzying changes in computer based technology, which is making its presence felt in the crime landscape and in the process causing a great deal of damage to the economies

of countries. Magagula said in 2016 cybercrime cost the global economy over US\$450 billion, which is such a massive loss whose reverberations have also been felt here in the SADC region given the interconnectedness of countries economy.

The national commissioner stated that as police, their role is to support socio-economic development programmes through fighting the various crimes that impinge on economic growth and vibrancy such as cybercrime, he added that this is particularly so, as this crime mainly targets the banking and Allied Financial Institutions and the business community which are sectors that are the driving forces of socio economic growth and development.

Some of these criminal activities as listed by the national commissioner include ATM Fraud, Internet Fraud which involves fraudulent electronic fund transfers and issuance of false banking instructions to business entities and individuals as well as hoax job offers among many others.

He said it is therefore the police responsibility to ensure that the business sector is hedged from these forms of criminality through enhancing the police level of vigilance and circumspection which is what is aimed by the training intervention.

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16 NATIONAL NEWS

JIKA MAJIKA BUYS HIMSELF E1 MILLION XMAS PRESENT

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

JIKA Ndlangamandla, the popular Nhlangano-based businessman has presented himself with an early Christmas present.

It came in the form of a sleek Mercedes Benz 350 worth close to E1 million, Ndlangamandla, who owns the fleet of Jika Majika Transport and also a number of trucks and is the current farmer of the year in country, was a head-turner when driving the sleek wheels around the tiny Nhlangano town. He was seen at the Nhlangano Magistrate's Court where he had gone for business related issues and as he was arriving in the car, many people had their eyes glued on it.

There were those who started whistling as a way of congratulating the businessman. Others were seen getting closer to the car at the parking lot and inspected it around with some also keen to see its interior. As expected some took selfies. It's now normal that when there is any new model vehicle introduced in the market, in the region Ndlangamandla is always the first one to buy or be seen driving it. Asked about his new acquisition, the soft spoken businessman said he bought it a couple of weeks ago.



GERMAN MACHINE:
Businessman Jika Ndlangamandla's new 'wheels' seen at the Nhlangano Magistrate's Court premises.

"It's been around for a few weeks and

I don't use it often. I only use it when going to meetings or special gatherings. I am not surprised that some of the people here were not aware that I own such a car. It's a nice machine which can take you anywhere you like. As someone who is involved in business, I have to have such a car which does not give me problems. You simply get inside and drive to your destination without any problem. It's one of my most expensive cars in my collection and its worth E800 000," said Ndlangamandla.



SWAZILAND NATIONAL HOUSING BOARD INSTITUTIONAL HOUSING PROJECT 2017 (BUILDING CONSTRUCTION)

CALL FOR TENDERS
TENDER NO.03, 04, 05 OF 2017/2018

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PACKAGE 'Q', 'R', 'S'

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Swaziland National Housing Board (SNHB) has been appointed by the Swaziland Government to implement a phased housing program for civil servants. The project is intended to address the acute housing shortage currently experienced by civil service agencies. SNHB will raise finance, construct and manage the housing units which will be leased to Government.

INVITATION TO TENDER

CIC registered Swazi contractors (CIC Category B2 and B3 or higher) are invited to submit tenders for the following packages which involves the construction of units for Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority (SWACAA) and The Royal Swaziland Police (RSP)

Tenders are to be purchased from SNHB revenue office, ground floor Dian'ubeka House at a non-refundable cost of E3000.00 each.

Tender documents must be returned to the SNHB and be deposited to the designated tender box at the 3rd Floor Dian'ubeka House, SNHB reception by the stipulated deadline in order to be eligible for consideration.

TENDER NO.	PACKAGE NAME & LOCATION	SALE DATE	SITE INSPECTION DATE & TIME	TENDER SUBMISSION DATE & TIME	Marking on Tender Envelope	Project Category
Tender NO.03 of 2017/2018	'Q' KMIH Housing Estate (SWACAA)	09 th November 2017 to 13 th November 2017	22 nd November 2017, 10.00 am meeting point is KMIH traffic circle	08 th December 2017 10.00 am	Tender NO. 03 of 2017/2018- Institutional Housing Project Package 'Q' -KMIH Housing Estate (SWACAA)	B2
Tender NO.04 of 2017/2018	'R' KMIH Housing Estate (RSP)	09 th November 2017 to 13 th November 2017	22 nd November 2017, 10.00 am meeting point is KMIH traffic circle	08 th December 2017 10.00 am	Tender NO.04 of 2017/2018-Institutional Housing Project Package 'R' - KMIH Housing Estate (RSP)	B3
Tender NO.5 of 2017/2018	'S' Hlathikhulu (RSP)	09 th November 2017 to 13 th November 2017	21 st November 2017, 10am At Hlathikhulu Police camp	08 th December 2017 10.00 am	Tender NO.5 of 2017/2018- Institutional Housing Project Package 'S' -Hlathikhulu (RSP)	B3

Tenders are to be addressed to:

The Secretary
The Tender Committee
Swaziland National Housing Board
P. O. Box 798
MBABANE

PRELIMINARY CONDITIONS OF TENDER

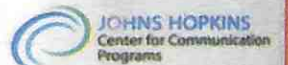
- The Board is under no obligation to select the lowest or any tender.
- Tender documents must be returned to the SNHB and be deposited to the designated tender box by the stipulated deadline in order to be eligible for consideration.
- Informal and/or any undue influence on the tendering process by bidders is discouraged and may result in disqualification.
- Bidders are required to submit the following:
 - Valid Trading Licence
 - Tax Clearance
 - Form J
 - Company profile
 - SNPF Compliance Certificate
 - Coloured copies of Directors' IDs
 - Copy of SNHB receipt
 - Audited financial statements
 - Proof of registration with the Construction Industry Council

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HC4 Breakthrough ACTION Personnel Job Description

Background

The HIV response- Coordination, Community Capacity and Communications (HC4) project is a 5 year project funded by PEPFAR through USAID, and implemented by Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs (CCP) through USAID's flagship project Breakthrough ACTION. HC4 Breakthrough ACTION will serve as PEPFAR's lead community engagement partner and provide primary support to NERCHA, and liaise with the Ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development (MTAD) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) and the MOH (Health Promotion Unit). The central pillar of the project is to enhance the capacity of local and traditional structures (Chiefdoms and Municipalities) to lead their HIV response by utilizing data, leveraging locally available resources, and scaling-up effective communications for a well-planned and coordinated effort to attain and maintain 90-90-90 and prevent new infections.

HC4 Breakthrough ACTION seeks to advertise for the following position:

Monitoring & Evaluation/Strategic Information (M&E/SI) Advisor

Location: Mbabane, Swaziland

Reports to: Chief of Party

Summary: The M&E/SI Advisor will oversee monitoring and evaluation activities for the HC4 Breakthrough ACTION project.

Responsibilities:

- Provide strategic oversight for the entire M&E portfolio of the HC4 Breakthrough ACTION project, including the design of the monitoring framework and configuration of the digital platform (including visualization dashboard) to track outputs, intermediate and behavioral indicators at the community-, district-, regional-, and country levels, by CCP staff and partners, as identified in the project's Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (MEL) plan
- Supervise the collection and analysis of process data to monitor project implementation and accomplishments (including GIS data where relevant)
- Supervise collection of data for Breakthrough ACTION's performance indicators and upload into Breakthrough ACTION's global dashboard
- Develop and implement quality assurance procedures for data collection to ensure data accuracy and the validity and reliability of monitoring data and study results
- Create, maintain and safeguard electronic databases and any other data collection files in compliance with JHU data security requirements
- Manage access permissions for data entry and dashboards to view monitoring output
- Track, analyze and produce comprehensive and succinct reports and documentation indicators and measures, and manage reporting to PEPFAR's DATIM system
- Assist community and regional leaders to utilize tools to collect and analyze their own data for decision making
- Co-facilitate training workshops, including agenda, curriculum, manuals and materials necessary to appropriately train individuals involved in monitoring activities and data use
- Closely collaborate with IHM, clinical partners and community-based partners
- Ensure adherence to all ethical guidelines and recommendations
- Additional responsibilities as assigned.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Familiar with U.S. Government monitoring and evaluation requirements, in particular PEPFAR reporting and MER indicators (including data entry and analysis in PEPFAR's DATIM system)
- Ability to quickly learn digital techniques
- Mastery in knowledge and application of the monitoring continuum, socio-ecological model, and Pathways model within two months of hire
- Excellent writing, interpersonal, and teamwork skills
- Fluent in English and Swati, both written and spoken; excellent written and oral communication skills
- Experience in GIS/Geospatial mapping, web-based data management system (preferably DHIS2), and/or Health and mobile data collection a plus

Minimum Qualifications:

- Master degree in related field
- Three years of experience in public health, epidemiology, behavioural or social science, demography, or related background
- Experience with a web-based data management system
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Instructions to Interested Applicants:

Interested applicants are required to submit their application letter and resume by email to jhu.admin@jhucpp.org no later than Monday November 13th, 2017 using the job applied for as the subject. Hand deliver at Mbabane, Sibakelo Building 2nd floor, North Wing. Applicants who do not receive correspondence from the organization within a week of the deadline may deem their successful applications to have been unsuccessful.



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INCEST

THIS is a term used to describe sexual intercourse between persons so closely related that they are forbidden by law to marry and also the crime of engaging in such sexual intercourse.

For many years most countries have illegalised incest. In 2015 a Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill was re-drafted.

For a Bill to be law it must be passed by Parliament following which is the House of Senate where submission of the Bill are made and are again debated on. When the Bill is accepted by the House of Senate it is then forward for Royal assent and if accepted, the King as the head of State signs the Bill and it becomes law. Last week the House of Parliament passed the Bill. There are a few clauses in the Bill that I have singled out and find it important that light be shed on them. You can look forward to the next articles where the other clauses will be discussed, but first to be discussed is the clause on Incest. The SODV Bill has defined incest as when a person who engages in an act of sexual; penetration or attempts an act of sexual penetration with that person's offspring or sibling, parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece and another person whom it is reasonable for that person to know that the other person bears that relationship to him or her, or some



relationship of that type to him or her.

This means that no man may marry his mother, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, aunt, niece, stepmother or stepdaughter, and no woman may marry her father, grandfather, son, grandson, brother, uncle, nephew, stepfather or stepson. Where persons with degrees of consanguinity somehow get married, that marriage is incestuous and void.

The Bill proposes on conviction that the perpetrator be liable to the following penalties.

- Imprisonment without an option of a fine, for a term not exceeding twenty five years, if the victim is less than the age of fourteen years.

- Imprisonment without an option of a fine, for a term not exceeding twenty years, if the victim is above the age of fourteen years but below the age of eighteen years;

- To a fine not exceeding fifty

thousand emalangeni or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or to both, if the victim is eighteen years old and above.

- To a fine not exceeding twenty thousand emalangeni or imprisonment for a term of four years or both if both parties agreed to commit the incest.

Where both the victim and the offender are of the age of eighteen years or below, the Court may use its discretion in sentencing the offender. It shall be immaterial that the act or attempted act of sexual penetration happened with the consent of either person. This means that consent does not change the illegality and consequence of incest.

It shall be a defence to a charge under this section to prove that the accused person or persons were, at the time when the act or attempted act of sexual penetration happened, acting under the coercion of another person. A reference to an off-spring or other lineal descendant includes a relationship of the type that is a half, adoptive or step. A step relationship includes a relationship corresponding to a step relationship arising because of cohabitation in a relationship akin to a marriage or because of a foster relationship or other legal arrangement and does not include a step relationship that first arose after the relevant persons became adults.

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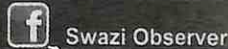
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ON THIS DAY

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1793 - The Louvre Museum, in Paris, opened to the public for the first time.

1805 - The "Corps of Discovery" reached the Pacific Ocean. The expedition was led by William Clark and Meriwether Lewis. The journey had begun on May 14, 1804, with the goal of exploring the Louisiana Purchase territory.

1880 - French actress Sarah Bernhardt made her American stage debut in "Adrienne Lecouvreur" in New York City.

1889 - Montana became the 41st US state.

1895 - Wilhelm Roentgen while experimenting with electricity discovered the scientific principle involved and took the first X-ray pictures.

1910 - William H. Frost patented the insect exterminator.

1923 - Adolf Hitler made his first attempt at seizing power in Germany with a failed coup in Munich that came to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

1933 - The Civil Works Administration was created by executive order by US President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The organization was designed to create jobs for more than 4 million unemployed people in the US.

1939 - "Life With Father" premiered on Broadway in New York City.

1942 - The US invaded Morocco and Algeria.

1942 - During World War II, Operation Torch began as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

1950 - During the Korean conflict, the first jet-plane battle took place as US Air Force Lt. Russell J. Brown shot down a North Korean MiG-15.

1954 - The American League approved the transfer of the Philadelphia Athletics baseball team to Kansas City, MO.

1956 - After turning down 18 000 names, the Ford Motor Company decided to name their new car the "Edsel," after Henry Ford's only son.

1959 - Elgin Baylor (Minneapolis Lakers) scored 64 points and set a National Basketball Association scoring record.

1965 - The soap opera "Days of Our Lives" debuted on NBC-TV.

1966 - Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts became the first African-American elected to the US Senate by popular vote.

1966 - Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California.

1979 - The program, "The Iran Crisis: America Held Hostage", premiered on ABC-TV.

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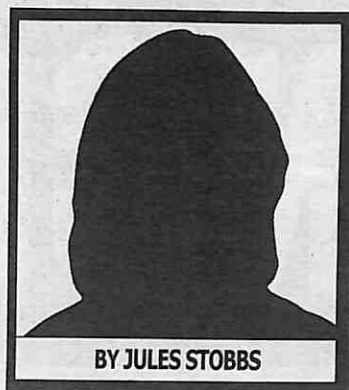


Sophie Kasaei (REALITY STAR) - November 8 1989 (28 years)



Gordon Ramsay (CHEF) - November 8 1966- (51 years old)

DAGGA IN HIGHEST COURT IN THE LAND



BY JULES STOBBS

ON Valentine's Day 2010, Myrtle and I appeared in the Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court charged with possession and dealing in drugs.

In the months awaiting our first court appearance, we had written an affidavit claiming our constitutional rights to use cannabis as responsible adults in the privacy of our home. We charged seven State departments with enacting an unlawful law.

The 1992 Drugs and Drug Trafficking Act in its present form pertaining to cannabis, is virtually a cut and paste from the 1971 'weed law'; a law that saw over 70 000 African males arrested and imprisoned in its first year.

These laws have been tweaked to fall in line with international conventions over the years since 1961, and remain the single most destructive piece of legislation in the land, based on absolutely no science whatsoever. Unrealistic, irrational legislation from a dim and distant past.

In the Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court, the elderly magistrate looked up at us over his round horn-rimmed glasses and said: "You do know you are opening a can of worms?"

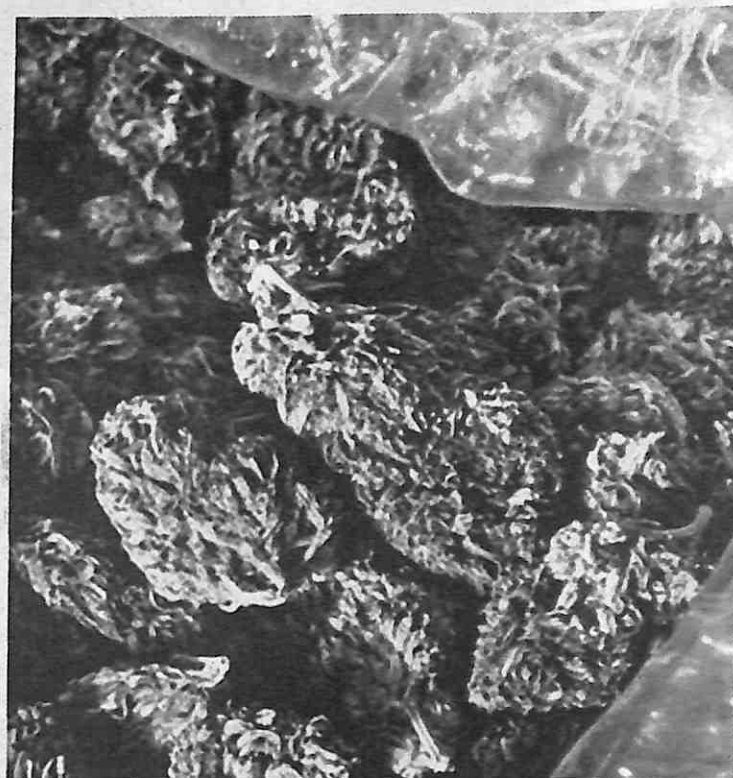
Fighting

At the same time, a case was developing in the Western Cape. Leader of the Dagga Party Jeremy Acton was fighting a R50 fine for a stop of weed in his local constituency. He took his grievances to the Western Cape High Court at roughly the same time our founding affidavit was being lodged with the North Gauteng High Court. (NGHC)

Ras Gareth Prince, the only South African to have taken the 1992 Act to the Constitutional Court, where he was narrowly defeated in 2000, teamed up with Jeremy. Over a period of years, they added more aggrieved South Africans to the list of plaintiffs sickened by the way State had treated them for having a relationship with a plant.

The culmination of their challenge was heard at the end of 2016 in the Western Cape High Court (WCHC). Judge Dennis Davis handed down what has been a hotly debated 'privacy' ruling. He found that the arrest and detention of someone for using and growing cannabis in their home was unconstitutional. The cops couldn't bash down your door and trash your stash.

The State was given two years in



which to change the relevant parts of the law pertaining to cannabis.

'Weed is legal' was the breakfast click bait. Then the questions started to fill our inbox. Is it only Cape Town? What happens if you're in your vehicle? If you can smoke it, where do you get it?

What about work? What if you live in a caravan, or a first floor apartment with no garden?

It was like legal but not legal. Illegal anywhere but your home, and if you grew it yourself.

Surely that's not legal? What about the health benefits or the industrial uses. What about hemp? Can we all grow hemp now?

The judgment seemed to create more questions than answers but the Plaintiffs had actually managed to overturn the 'last apartheid law'. Laymen, representing themselves in a South African High Court had convinced a presiding judge that parts of the 1992 Drugs and Drug Trafficking Act pertaining to cannabis dagga were indeed unconstitutional.

The State appealed the judgment almost immediately which came as a surprise to some. They had little or no effective argument in the High Court. Would it possibly change in a higher Appeals Court?

Months later, convinced we could fill the gaps in the evidence that wasn't ventilated in the WCHC, Myrtle and I walked into what we dubbed the 'Trial Of The Plant' (TOTP) in the NGHC. Nineteen court days to present the definitive argument for and

against the legalised regulation of dagga, live streamed to the world.

The State had one thing to achieve and only one. They had to prove that their 100-year-old method of controlling and reducing the sale and consumption of dagga by arresting users and putting them in cages was working.

Was the use and sale of dagga decreasing by locking peaceful citizens in holding cells and denying them bail because they had no resources? Was their obsession with criminalising generations of young dagga

users really helping society? Was sentencing a breadwinner to jail for peddling a couple of bankies in his hood helping the family environment?

The State and co-defendants, Doctors For Life, did an exemplary job of grinding our definitive trial to a

standstill with days of tedious circular cross examination and last minute file submissions.

It could be seen by all who watched expert witness Prof David Nutt on the live feed for 42 hours that that was the sole intention of the defendants. Stall the trial, bankrupt us, and be in no hurry to set a new date.

They achieved that in part, but not before Nutt could put on the court record the relative harms of alcohol, tobacco and cannabis. That cannabis is not a killer; that death from overdose is clinically impossible; that it

has important therapeutic pharmacology – and alcohol and tobacco doesn't.

I'll never forget the pressure of those weeks in the NGHC. The media presence, the defence attorney's demeanours, the stuffy, wood panelled low ceilinged court, the contrived anti dagga campaigning in the street outside with T-shirts paid for by local government, the tactics, psychology, delays, and a house full of crew and supporters for a month.

We were having our day in court.

We didn't really seem to get anywhere with our evidence. However, we received a huge amount of international coverage from cannabis networks worldwide. It was a busy and exciting time.

South African cannabis activism is coming from a place of human rights, sovereignty and cognitive liberty. It simply hasn't been done like this before, anywhere in the world.

Cannabis users were the plaintiffs. The government were the defendants and the world was watching it all unfold on YouTube.

When we heard a date had been set in the Constitutional Court to hear the State's appeal to the WCHC judgment, our legal team advised us to attempt to join the hearing as co-plaintiffs. A move that if successful would mean Advocate Don Mahon and our legal team could introduce our 'Trial Of The Plant' arguments to assist the court in making their judgment.

All our evidence concerning hemp and medicine that seemed to somehow get ignored or circumvented by the WCHC, could now be considered.

Incredible

Over the last couple of weeks, the pertinent documents have been received by the Constitutional Court from our incredible legal team. Doctors for Life, the irritating thorns in our side for the last six years, have joined as Amicus Curiae. The Griqua Nation, a people marginalised by history are mobilising for the hearing. King Adam Kok V, their present leader has personally filed an application, as have representatives of the San Nation. Traditional healers and teachers of indigenous knowledge systems want their arguments heard as to why dagga should be re-legalised.

After all, it is the San people who are responsible for introducing the original use of the word 'dacha', eons ago.

The Rastafari United Front will head a procession from Joubert Park in Johannesburg through the streets of one of South Africa's most densely populated areas to Constitutional Hill and the bastion of the South Africa's judiciary, the Constitutional Court.

Every one of those marchers has been locked up in a cage, to a greater or lesser degree, by the authorities for their use of their religious sacrament. News24

BLACK LIBERALS SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID TO CELEBRATE SUZMAN

THROUGHOUT the year, African National Congress (ANC) has celebrated and commemorated the party's late president Oliver Tambo. Having passed on in 1993, Tambo didn't live to see the democratic South Africa he and so many others fought for.

Born in 1917, he would have turned 100 in October this year and it is befitting that the ANC pays tribute to him by honouring his contributions to the struggle for freedom.

Also turning 100 this year would have been the late anti-apartheid liberal heroine Helen Suzman. She was born exactly a century ago today (7 November 1917) and spent her career opposing the apartheid regime.

From 1961 to 1974, she sat alone in the opposition benches in Parliament calling out the racist government and drawing attention to the appalling conditions faced by black people. Her contributions were different from the likes of Tambo, who went into exile, but this should not render her endeavours insignificant.

She too has a place in our complicated history. Considering that November is her birthday month, there has been little to no mention of Suzman in the public domain to mark this occasion.

Conspicuous by their silence are black liberals who I believe are actually afraid to be seen to be praising the likes of Suzman. We have accepted and practice a trend in our country where the only struggle credentials we recognise are those associated with the ANC. This is not only unfair, but it is wrong.

In the case of Suzman, this is made more difficult by the fact that she was white. You see, because of the fact that apartheid was engineered and enforced by a white government, it is easier to make a blanket statement that all whites were in favour of black oppression. It is much harder to honour white people who opposed white minority



DESERVES HONOUR: Helen Suzman.

rule, particularly if you are black, out of fear of being seen as a 'house negro' or a 'sellout'. This is the position black liberals find themselves in today.

There are two great ironies here. First, Suzman was revered by black liberation leaders who continued to pay homage to her after freedom was won in 1994. When President Nelson Mandela signed the Constitution into law in 1996, he asked Suzman to stand by his side. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela has spoken of how Suzman would visit her in Brandfort where she was banished by the regime and credited her with fighting to improve the living conditions of political prisoners.

During a lecture at the Wits Great Hall in 2008, Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke spoke about how he heard of Suzman as a child in Atteridgeville. He said he heard how the adults remarked how different Suzman was from "them"; I assume that was a reference to other whites. Leaders of all political persuasions agree that Suzman played

an important role in our country and they have not been afraid to publicly declare this. You'd have better luck drawing blood from a rock than getting black liberals to do this.

The second irony is that black liberals have no qualms paying homage to white struggle leaders of other political backgrounds. They don't hold back in praising people like Helen Joseph, Ruth First or her husband Joe Slovo, for example. Again, this is an example of how black liberals are playing a game based on rules set by opponents of liberalism.

Liberalism

As someone who identifies as liberal, I understand firsthand how difficult it is to advance liberal values in a country where liberalism is not fully understood or broadly accepted. Liberalism is often viewed as promoting selfishness over *ubuntu*, seeking individual advancement over community benefit. Liberalism is largely seen as a 'white idea' and therefore not a black one. So how then should black liberals operate in this environment?

I think the starting point is that black liberals must accept that there is nothing wrong with being liberal. If the nationalists, socialists and right-wingers in our country have the audacity to wear their political identities with pride, then why shouldn't we?

There are political parties like the Freedom Front Plus who only proudly represent Afrikaner interests and conservative parties like the African Christian Democratic Party who oppose certain freedoms like same sex marriage. Such parties and individuals who support them carry no sense of shame in what they stand for and it is high time that black liberals took the same approach.

If black liberals do not stand up for liberalism in a country in which blacks are the majority, then the ideals of liberalism will die. Black liberals have internalised wholesale the idea that they have to be a certain way in order to be better accepted.

We should not seek to dress ourselves in ANC cloaks, for example, in hopes of making liberalism more popular. The truth is, there is discomfort amongst black liberals in being openly liberal and we see this with the overwhelming silence on Suzman. To successfully sell liberalism, we need to start believing in our own message.

Suzman was not perfect and I certainly do not agree with everything she did or stood for. I can say the same about Mandela. But if we want to keep liberal values alive then we need to be willing to pay homage to leaders who share our values no matter what their colour. The idea of liberalism is that we recognise one's character over their colour or any other aspect of their identity, and so the fact that Suzman was white should not stand in the way of boasting about her achievements. Now that would be selling out.

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

Ri Chun-Hui, a Tokyo-based lawyer, said the anger directed at his community as a result of Pyongyang's provocations are nothing new -- noting a similar backlash that followed the abduction of a number of ordinary Japanese citizens by North Korean agents in the late 1970s and early 80s.

"Koreans were once thought of as victims of Japan's colonisation but we are now treated as if we were all perpetrators of the abductions," said Ri.

"The sentiment that you can attack anything linked to North Korea now prevails in Japan," he added.

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

KIM PORTRAITS, DEATH THREAT

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

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

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

The division of the peninsula into North and South and the devastat-

ing 1950-53 Korean War that followed also divided the community and schools like Korean High emerged with backing from pro-North organisations and funding from Pyongyang.

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

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

"Every time news (about North

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

"Female students have had to stop wearing the ethnic school uniform on their commute," he adds sadly.

Japan has been at the sharp end of recent provocations from Pyongyang, which fired two missiles over its northern islands in quick succession, prompting terrified residents to rush for shelters. And with the belligerent regime in Pyongyang threatening to "sink" Japan into the sea, the sense of tension and anxiety has left many ethnic Koreans feeling conflicted -- especially the younger generation for whom modern Japan is the only home they have known.

One Korea High pupil, 17-year-



"Courage is found in unlikely places."
— J.R.R. Tolkien

"And then something invisible snapped inside her, and that which had come together commenced to fall apart."
— John Green, *Looking for Alaska*

"You are not special. You're not a beautiful and unique snowflake. You're the same decaying organic matter as everything else. We're all part of the same compost heap. We're all singing, all dancing crap of the world."
— Chuck Palahniuk, *Fight Club*

"Sometimes love means letting go when you want to hold on tighter."
— Melissa Marr, *Ink Exchange*

"If you're texting Magnus to say 'I think u r kewl,' I'm going to kill you."
"Who's Magnus?" Max inquired.
"He's a warlock," said Alec.
"A sexy, sexy warlock," Isabelle told Max, ignoring Alec's look of total fury.
"But warlocks are bad," protested Max, looking baffled.
"Exactly," said Isabelle."
— Cassandra Clare, *City of Glass*

"Being entirely honest with oneself is a good exercise."
— Sigmund Freud

"If you never did you should. These things are fun and fun is good."
— Dr. Seuss

"Things need not have happened to be true. Tales and dreams are the shadow-truths that will endure when mere facts are dust and ashes, and forgot."
— Neil Gaiman, *Dream Country*

"You'll miss the best things if you keep your eyes shut."
— Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*
"You can only be young once. But you can always be immature."
— Pat Monahan

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."
— Maya Angelou, *Letter to My Daughter*

"There are only the pursued, the pursuing, the busy and the tired."
— F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

"When you read a book, you hold another's mind in your hands."
— James Burke

"You should write because you love the shape of stories and sentences and the creation of different words on a page. Writing comes from reading, and reading is the finest teacher of how to write."
— Annie Proulx

"Dreams are always crushing when they don't come true. But it's the simple dreams that are often the most painful because they seem so personal, so reasonable, so attainable. You're always close enough to touch, but never quite close enough to hold and it's enough to break your heart."
— Nicholas Sparks, *Three Weeks With My Brother*

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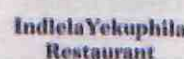


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PSPF ROI AT 5 PER CENT

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

The Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF) 2017 Annual report has revealed that the company's Return on Investment is standing at five per cent.

This comes after the company recorded nine per cent in the previous year on Return on Investment.

"The return on Investment (ROI) stands at five per cent (2016: nine per cent) this is a critical ratio that measures the performance of the fund's assets. Investments outside the country are managed through investment managers who have a discretionary mandate. The minimum desired rate of return is to achieve at least five per cent," the report said.

The company has investments in the country and outside the country; those investments which are in the country are divided into two portfolios. There are those with investment managers with a discretionary mandate and those managed by the fund as their own portfolio.

The report revealed that

of the total available for investment, 70 per cent will be placed in the South African Investment market through professional investment portfolio management teams with above average investment track records.

The aim of the fund is that its combined assets in this investment sector should yield a return that equals or better the three year market universe. "The board has selected a combination of investment managers in order to ensure an asset mix that will achieve its objectives and does not place any restrictions on the fund managers, who may invest at their own discretion, within the guidelines set out in the fund's investment policy statement," the report said.

Funding level down by 14 per cent

The assets of the fund have increased by six per cent from E19.3 billion to E20.5 billion, "however the liabilities have also increased by 22.7 per cent from E22 billion to E27 billion, resulting in a deficit of E6.6 billion and a deterioration of the funding level from 87.8 per cent to 75.5 per cent.

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ICT Data Centre Upgrade

THE report further revealed that the information and communication technology (ICT) department recently updated all its information management Systems through a project that involved replacing all computer servers within the data centre.

"Most of the business functions of the fund across all its departments are supported by computer systems connected to servers that are housed in the data centre. The servers run specific business applications (programmes) which perform various computations and data processing tasks for the fund,"

the report said.

The upgrade installation has made it possible to seamlessly grow the fund's computer system in line with the business demands without having to procure and install more physical servers since the new ones can now be created and configured using the virtualisation technology implemented.

The newly installed equipment has reduced costs of maintenance and power usage, this enables the IT staff to work more effectively in other technical tasks. The need to upgrade the data centre arose from old fund servers which were now old.

	2016	2016	
Assets	E19.3 billion	E20.5 billion	6.2 per cent
Liabilities	E22 billion	E27.1 billion	23.18 per cent
Deficit	E2.6 billion	E6.6 billion	153.84 per cent
Funding level	87.8 per cent	75.5 per cent	14.0 per cent

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	5.9%
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	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 7 NOV 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.0800	14.1300
British Pound/SZL	18.5441	18.6099
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.0672	8.0938
Swiss France/SZL	14.1040	14.1526
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3292	1.3381
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.8163	10.8575
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.0744	11.1129
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.3455	16.4035
Gold	1,279.2700	
Oil	64.7600	

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64 per cent produce increase recorded by farmers

By Majaha Nkonyane

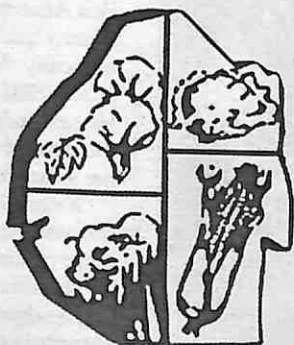
HAVING survived a hard hitting drought season in the previous year, farmers have been able to recover and get back on a more productive pattern.

This is according to the ministry of agriculture second quarter performance report (National Agriculture Marketing Board (NAMBOARD) for 2017/18 financial year.

"A total of 680mt of produce was purchased from contracted and non-farmers during the quarter and in turn the market paid farmers a total of E3 803 857 for their produce.

Result

"This shows an increase of 64 per cent when compared to the previous quarter, this is as a result of good summer rains in most parts of the country, and thus farmers were able to plant and provide the market with



NAMBOARD

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD

horticultural products," the report said.

There are different vegetables that contributed to the recorded increase which included tomatoes which recorded the highest produce, (224mt E1 014 922). Poultry recorded (41.2mt E716 343) beetroot (84.22mt E 386 321) and green pepper (36.14 E 279 086).

The high produce resulted in key producer prices eventually decreasing at the beginning of the quarter

and the decline is attributed to an increase in the available products in the market.

Decreased

Tomato prices decreased sharply from a peak of E 140 per crate to lows of E80 per crate due to over-supply in the market, green pepper prices also took a knock from highs of E100 per crate to as low as E65 per crate.

Beetroot prices also took a nose-dive as volumes continued to increase

in the local and regional markets.

According to the report increase in production in South Africa especially in tomatoes and beetroot has increased pressure on all regional markets and significantly.

This dropped prices for major commodities in all local markets. The increase in commodity prices is expected to sustain as the festive season approaches and hold through to the start of next winter.



At Enactus, where others see a problem, we see an opportunity.

This was mindset that the team from South African Nazarene University Faculty of Education had when they heard about the number of road accidents caused by stray livestock at night. They saw an entrepreneurial opportunity and designed a reflector belt to be worn around the neck of livestock to make it easier for drivers to see cattle in the dark.

The team then introduced the idea to eight women in Ngculwini and trained the women on business skills to turn the production of reflector belts into a business opportunity.

With help from the Enactus team, the women were able to secure a mar-

SANU FACULTY OF EDUCATION WINS MOST IMPROVED TEAM AWARD

...for Reducing Road Accidents Caused by Cattle

ket at Tikhuba Trader, creating a business opportunity for the eight women and indirectly benefiting 58 people. The belts are environmentally friendly and are made from recycled waste material and have been designed with a QR code to help farmers keep track of their livestock. The team from SANU then saw an opportunity to address waste and food security through the use of a planting system called hydroponics. The team worked with pupils with disabilities from St. Joseph's

and taught them basic business skills and how to grow organic vegetables using recycled bottles and boxes. This type of planting reduces the amount of water and land needed to grow produce. Through this project 259 people have been directly impacted and 1 554 people indirectly impacted.

The team was awarded the Most Improved Team Award and League Runner-Up at this year's National Competition, which amounted to a cash prize of E2,000.

In addition, two SANU faculty advisors were presented with Long Service Awards for their 10 years of dedication to Enactus. Enactus is an international non-profit organisation dedicated to inspire the world through entrepreneurial action. Globally, Enactus is currently operating in 36 countries, in 1700 universities with over 70 500+ students and 4 900 community outreach projects. In Swaziland, there are 12 teams in eight universities and colleges, with over 500 stu-

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Ncabaneni cooperative secure tractor

By Majaha Nkonyane

IN the spirit of working hard and improving the lives of individuals, Ncabaneni cooperative has shown hard work towards their income generating project. The government through Regional Development Fund (RDF) once again held hands with the cooperative and pumped a total of E 617 152.

This was voiced out by Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and development Mduduzi Small Joe Dlamini. "The government through RDF under the ministry of tinkhundla administration and development contributed E617 152 towards procurement of the tractor and its implements. This comes with a six ton tipper trailer and a two row planter multipurpose cooperative," he said.

The multipurpose cooperative has membership of 16 which is made up of fourteen men and two women.

The members have been able to

build a secure garage for the tractor, a storeroom, office, and perimeter fencing including the gate. The cooperative has also paid for insurance for the tractor and its implements.

Guaranteed

Dlamini said the cooperative has guaranteed that at least two people will be employed; the employment of two people and 16 members of the cooperative have long lasting effects on poverty alleviation on the employees and their dependants.

The project that was being launched adds on to the six projects the RDF has financed under Ntontozi Inkhundla since 2015.

The seven projects have total dup to E2 484 445.76, this is work that has been done collectively with the people of the area. This has assisted the government in delivering projects as a low cost when sharing implementation costs with beneficiaries. "As government we are custodians



WORKING HARD: Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini presenting a certificate to Chairperson Mphila Tsela of the company (Ncabaneni Multi Purpose).

of the poverty reduction strategy and action plan and we are also responsible for coordinating programmes that target achievements of millen-

nium development goals. Improving the quality of life amongst the poor is one of the pillars of the poverty reduction strategy," he said.

Tekuvakasha Tourism Awards date revealed

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE second edition of the Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA)-hosted Tekuvakasha Tourism Awards has been confirmed to be slated for November 17, at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha.

The dates were revealed by STA Product Development Manager Sipho Simelane, who said preparations for the grand event in the tourism industry calendar were at an advanced stage.

"We are glad to reveal that Esibayeni Lodge as the venue for the second Tekuvakasha Awards, having hosted the first edition at Royal Swazi Spa Resorts last year.

This year's awards are on November 17, and would see up to 16 winners being conferred with accolades," Simelane said.

Simelane revealed that there had been an increase in entries this year compared to 2016, stating that the accommodation categories were the most popular. "We have sub categories under accommodation: hotels, lodges, guest houses, B and Bs, campsites, and all will be hotly contested given the high number of entries in each," said Simelane.

Other popular categories, he said, were Best Nature Reserve, Best Restaurant, Best Tour Guide, Best Adventure, and Major Attraction. Submission of entry qualified all contenders as nominees automatically. Meanwhile, an intense adjudication process has already started, revealed Simelane. He said judges were randomly visiting some of the establishments unannounced so as to confirm the information provided by entrants.

"We have a team of highly reputable individuals, who are keen in seeing to it that service excellence obtains at all tourism, hospitality, and travel establishments," said Simelane.

The judges are tourism expert Donovan Muirhead, University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Dr Dumisile Vilakati, Swaziland Fair Trade (SWIFT) Country Director Julie Nixon, and Swaziland Standards Authority (SWASA) CEO Sihle Zwane.

...2ND TEKUVAKASHA AWARDS CATEGORIES

- Best Adventure Tourism
- Best Accommodation (three categories)
- Best Community Based Tourism
- Best Nature Reserve
- Best Cultural Tourism
- Best Major Festival/Event (non-national events)
- Best Tour and Transport Provider
- Major Tourist Attraction
- Best New Tourism Business
- Best Tour Guide
- Best Tourism Restaurant and Catering Services
- Minister's Award

(R) TEST DRIVE: The Minister checking if the tractor is operational.

OFFICIAL: Ncabaneni cooperative members with Minister Dlamini and Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati.



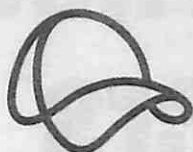
MR PRICE GROUP'S PROFIT RISES SHARPLY

JOHANNESBURG – South African clothing retailer Mr Price Group said yesterday that it expected earnings for the six months ended September 30 2017 to be 20-25 per cent higher than those reported for the previous corresponding period.

In September, Mr Price said its two divisions - MRP Apparel and

Miladys - were expected to contribute positively to the group's anticipated improvement in gross profit margin for the first half ending 30 September following their improved trading and inventory performance.

The two divisions had underperformed in the previous financial year, and Mr Price has since been



Mr Price

looking at regaining their lost market share.

Basic headline earnings per share for the previous period were 362.3 cents per share and the group expected basic headline earnings per share to be between 434.8 cents and 452.9 cents per share for this period.

Interim financial results are expected to be released later this month. *eNCA*

SA pay dilemma means bigger budget gap or union wrath

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa faces a stark choice: risk strikes by as many as 1.3 million government workers or meet their pay demands and jeopardise its credit rating.

After years of above-inflation increases, public-sector unions now want nothing less than "double-digit" raises from April 1, 2018, in addition to better housing benefits.

The National Treasury has provided for average pay increases of no more than 7.3 per cent in each of the next three fiscal years. The annual inflation rate is 5.1 per cent.

"We cannot afford the government wage bill," Mike Schussler, the Chief Economist at Economists.co.za, a research house, said by phone from Johannesburg. "We have got to either give people an increase below the rate of inflation, or we are going to have to employ fewer people."

Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba tabled a bleak picture of the nation's finances last month, with growth and revenue falling below projections while public debt may exceed 60 per cent of gross domestic product by 2021.

An inability to rein in spending growth and increasing debt threaten to trigger a downgrade of rand-denominated bonds by rating companies.

Efforts

Efforts to put the continent's most-industrialised economy back on track have been hamstrung because of conflict in the ruling party in the run-up to a leadership election next month, and as allegations of mismanagement of state resources dent tax collections and business confidence.

Last week, the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union, which has 295 000 members and speaks for the biggest number of public-sector employees, said it will reject offers of less than 10

per cent and says pleas for austerity are undermined by reports of corruption at state companies. Government employees represented by the Public Service Association want increases of 10 per cent to 12 per cent.

Employee compensation is the biggest component of the budget, comprising about 35 per cent of spending.

Forced

"Since 2011, government has been forced to restrict employee headcount growth to accommodate rising salaries - spending on compensation has continued to grow more quickly than nominal GDP," the Treasury said in an October 25 budget update.

"A fair and reasonable compromise between government and state employees in the current round of wage talks is in the public interest."

The Treasury sees the fiscal gap swelling to 4.3 per cent of GDP this year, more than its February forecast of 3.1 per cent. It would also be higher than the 3.3 per cent registered in the last fiscal year. "If the government then wants to offer us a single-digit increase like 7.3 per cent, then we have to withdraw our labor power and take the issue to the streets," Khaya Xaba, a spokesperson for Nehawu, said by phone from Johannesburg. "These comrades have been very reckless with our economy."

Fin24

SAA seeks investor to revive its fortunes - CEO

JOHANNESBURG - South African Airways will revive a plan to seek an equity partner that's able to provide cash and operational savings to help turn around the state airline, according to its new chief executive officer.

A strategic investor would ideally come from within the aviation industry, CEO Vuyani Jarana, 47, said in an interview at Bloomberg's Johannesburg office on Monday. That will enable unprofitable SAA to share costs, improve customer service and gain a capital injection, he said.

"You don't just want a pure investor such as private equity," said Jarana. "With a strong equity partner that has operations elsewhere, you are able to leverage from each other's capabilities."

A successful search for a new investor would solve the most pressing challenge facing Jarana - that of putting SAA on a sure financial footing without need of a further

government bailout. It's also a revival of a plan raised by former Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan in his budget speech in February 2016, though the formation of a new board to lead the search was only finalized last month. Jarana, who started November 1, is SAA's first permanent CEO for more than two years.

Swiss Air bought a 20 per cent stake in SAA in 1999, only for the South African government to buy it back after the Swiss carrier went bankrupt. SAA is also part of the Star Alliance, a global code-sharing network that includes Deutsche Lufthansa and Singapore Airlines.

One of SAA's main strengths is a 55 per cent share of the South African market, which also includes contributions from low-cost carrier Mango and SA Express, Jarana said. A merger of the three airlines would help to secure a strong partner, he said, while also contributing to the cost-cutting plan.

News24

Not another day in paradise as EU vows tax action after leaks

BRUSSELS - The days in paradise may be numbered for those seeking refuge from heavy tax burdens in remote islands.

Finance ministers representing the world's largest market vowed to take action following the leak of records exposing prominent members of the global business A-list.

"We will examine the new documents and will discuss the consequences

this has for upcoming EU legislation," acting German Finance Minister Peter Altmaier said ahead of a meeting with his eurozone counterparts on Monday. "We will take a very close look at this," he said, referring to the so-called Paradise Papers reports by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and partner news outlets.

The new set of data taken from an offshore law firm again exposed the

hidden wealth of individuals and shows how corporations, hedge funds and investors may have skirted taxes.

A year after the Panama Papers, this new massive leak of confidential information from the Bermuda law firm Appleby has shone another light on the use of offshore accounts. Apple, which has clashed with the European Commission over taxes, was ensnared in the leak. *FIN24*

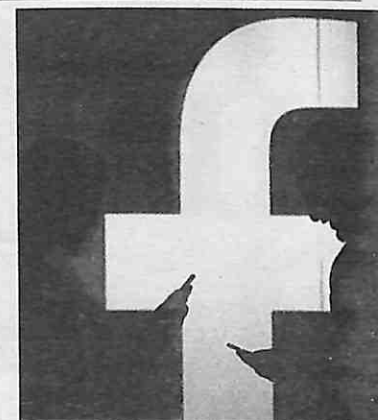
Facebook to make mobile payments service available outside US

LONDON - Facebook is enabling people outside the US to send money to each other via its Messenger texting app for the first time.

The social network said on Monday that Messenger users in the UK will be able to send money to each other when the feature rolls out in the next few weeks. People will need to sign up with their debit cards to send or receive money. "In the US most people use payments in Messenger to send less than \$50 at a

time," David Marcus, Head of Messenger, said in a statement, adding that the feature is most commonly used during social occasions.

Facebook began letting its users in the US send cash to each other in 2015 but doesn't charge for its use. The move is part of an increasing trend by tech giants to muscle in on the global payments industry. Apple's forthcoming Apple Pay Cash will let the company's device owners send money to each other through its iMessage service. Square



has a similar product called Square Cash, and PayPal's Venmo has been a popular choice for younger users in particular. *Fin24*

ECB warns of empty shell banks post-Brexit

BRUSSELS - The European Central Bank fears that international banks based in London are overly relying on "empty shell" units to continue working in Europe after Brexit, while keeping key services in the UK capital, sources said on Monday.

The ECB's chief supervisor Daniele Nouy voiced her concern to a meeting of eurozone ministers in Brussels, with the effects of Britain's divorce from the European Union becoming a major worry.

According to sources familiar with the matter, Nouy sounded an alarm that global banks are setting up headquarters on the European continent in name only while keeping most operations still standing in London.

This is a huge issue as the UK tries to hold onto the dominance of its London financial hub despite Brexit, all while Frankfurt, Paris and Dublin strive to take advantage of Britain's euro-divorce.

Big

London, for its part, is fretting while big banks sound out regulators in different EU nations as they look for a new base to do business in Europe once Britain leaves.

If Britain goes ahead with a so-called "hard Brexit", in which the UK loses all special ties to the EU, banks based in London will lose the "passports" that allow them to do business out of the UK across the remaining 27 members of the bloc.

Instead, to continue operating in Europe, financial firms will have to set up new business headquarters in EU countries.

Frankfurt has already claimed some major financial players as a post-Brexit headquarters, including US investment bank Morgan Stanley and Japanese giants Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Daiwa Securities and Nomura.

Goldman Sachs Chief Executive Lloyd Blankfein last month caused a firestorm on twitter, touting Frankfurt's "great" weather among other attributes, but stopped short of naming the German city as a post-Brexit headquarters.

AFP

Focus on SA scene

Top cop funders net R5 billion tenders

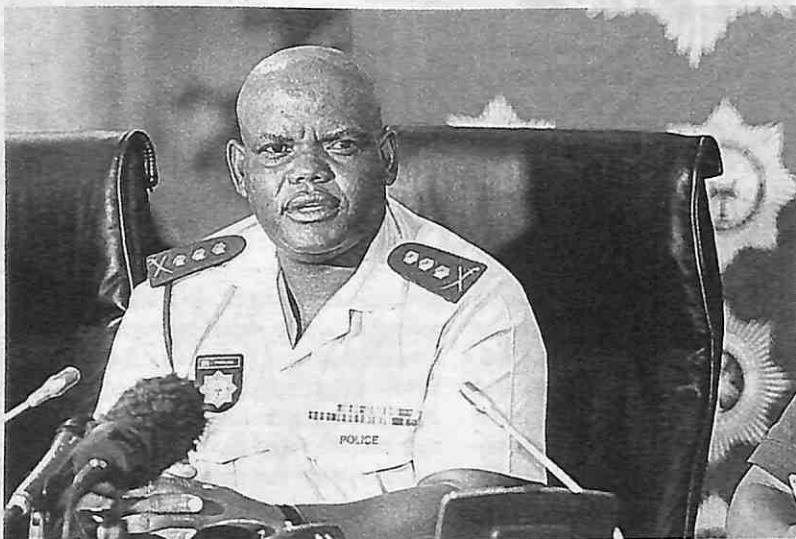
JOHANNESBURG - The businessman who allegedly paid for ex-acting police commissioner Khomotso Phahlane's vehicles has, according to IPID, received at least R5bn in tenders for the SAPS since 2010.

This was revealed in a letter sent from the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) to acting National Police Commissioner General Lesetja Mothiba.

The letter, titled "Investigation of Corruption against Lieutenant General Phahlane and service provider Keith Keating, of FDA", laid out how Phahlane, his wife and sister received "sponsored" vehicles from a businessman.

The letter said that during the course of their investigation into Phahlane, IPID was able to uncover an allegedly corrupt relationship with FDA (Forensic Data Analyst), owned by Keith Keating.

"The investigation has detected possible crimes of corruption, fraud and money laundering, facilitated by car dealer Durand Snyman," the letter said. Phahlane, his sister, his wife, and a



REVELATIONS: Ex-acting police commissioner Khomotso Phahlane.

Colonel Potgieter (from the SAPS unit known as TMS) received vehicles allegedly sponsored by businessman Snyman.

The letter said that the vehicles were purchased under the fake name, John Doe, and that Keating paid for them by

putting money into Snyman's account.

Keating, IPID said, has a contract with the SAPS for the supply and maintenance of Rolfin lights, alleged to be worth R1bn.

News24

State capture inquiry pointless without Zuma: Madonsela

JOHANNESBURG - Former Public Protector Thuli Madonsela says President Jacob Zuma's proposal that he be excluded from a state capture inquiry makes no sense.

"That defies logic for me because this whole investigation was only about him," she told eNCA reporter Karyn Maughan in an interview.

If the president's proposal that he be excluded was granted, the inquiry may as well not go ahead, she said.

Madonsela said there was already evidence that Zuma violated the Constitution in his handling of the state capture scandal.

"With due respect, in terms of the report that I issued, the president is already implicated. But yesterday [Sunday] he was openly telling the nation in Kagiso that the people criticising him are foreign agents, he's done nothing wrong."

"But that's disrespecting the Constitution. Because a constitutional body, given the power to investigate, already found that... there's evidence of wrongdoing, and one year down the line, he still hasn't answered. But he's defying the law by firstly telling people he's

done nothing wrong, and then casting aspersions on people who believe he's done something wrong."

Madonsela said though she was grateful that the president was now promising that a state capture inquiry would be instituted, she could not understand his proposal that the investigation into his conduct be excluded from that public investigation.

"That defies logic for me because this whole investigation was only about him... The allegation is that him and companies related to his family, the Zuma family and the Gupta family are being allowed to influence state decisions regarding who should be a minister, who should be a DG, who should be on boards of state-owned enterprises. And the allegation is that he probably violated his executive ethics code in allowing this."

Zuma wants that probe referred back to Madonsela's successor, Busiswe Mkhwebane. Madonsela said there was evidence of the Gupta's involvement in the shock 2015 removal of Finance Minister Nhlanhla Nene and his four-day long replacement by Des van Rooyen. *eNCA*

Madonsela knew SARS was probing Zuma tax affairs

JOHANNESBURG - Former Public Protector, Thuli Madonsela, confirmed that she was informed that SARS was investigating tax liability, on the president's Nkandla fringe benefit.

Madonsela also said she hasn't read Jacques Pauw's, 'The President's Keepers', but says it again confirms the need for a state capture investigation.

"It was drawn to my attention that SARS was examining the tax requirements because that's normal that president had his estate.. And that becomes a benefit so its normal that that would

be assessed and pay tax on that.

I also want to say something that Pauw said in his book that I haven't read... If he's saying what he's saying, that what we found was a tip of the iceberg, that's what the report says. That's the basis on which I requested a commission of inquiry. The basis on which I explained to the president that the PP with its limited resources cannot tackle this matter because we have found that there's a lot that is going on or evidence of state capture and a need for a commission or a bigger investigation," said Madonsela.

eNCA



CONFIRMS: Former Public Protector, Thuli Madonsela.

Mixed reaction to Ramaphosa's 'slate'

JOHANNESBURG - One of the frontrunners for ANC leader, Cyril Ramaphosa, will have a tough time convincing some of his supporters to throw their weight behind his preferred deputy ahead of the party's December elective conference.

The surprise announcement that he wants current ANC National Executive Committee member Naledi Pandor to be his deputy has been defended and criticised by his campaigners in various provinces.

Ramaphosa announced his slate on Sunday during a rally in Gasekhukhune, Limpopo.

He expressed his support for Pandor as his deputy, current ANC Secretary General Gwede Mantashe as National Chairperson, former KwaZulu-Natal chairperson Senzo Mchunu as Secretary General and Gauteng Chairperson Paul Mashatile as the party's Treasurer General.

While Mantashe, Mchunu and Mashatile are seen as bringing support from their respective provinces, Pandor is regarded as bringing on the ticket a scandal free record in government, which Ramaphosa is hoping will stand him in good stead

if he wins the elective conference and then have to face an increasing ANC hostile electorate in the 2019 elections.

Until now, Pandor's name has not appeared on any of the CR17 campaign top six.

A source close to Ramaphosa's campaign said initially he backed Sisulu but her "presidential ambitions" and public spats with some in Ramaphosa's campaign did not help her cause. "He wants to be deputised by a female comrade so that when the precedent system [is] applied after his presidency, we have a woman president - but Sisulu's complicated it because she wanted to be president and thought even if she fails she can still be Ramaphosa's DP," he said.

However, some inside his campaign are not happy with his choice.

"He is imposing this name on us - it's not well thought out," said one CR17 campaigner in the Free State.

The same campaigner said he was worried that Ramaphosa was forcing ANC members to support Pandor's bid to become president, should she one day decide to pursue it.

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'Lack of appointments hits morale'

JOHANNESBURG - The lack of permanent appointments in the SA Police Service (SAPS) and the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) is affecting employees' morale, the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) said yesterday.

"We do not have permanent national commissioners both in the SAPS and the DCS. This has had serious implications on the strategic direction within the SAPS, which has led to hampering of service delivery and negatively affecting police officers' morale," the union said after holding a central executive committee meeting over the weekend.

Popcru also said it was concerned about overcrowding in prisons and understaffing at national and regional levels in correctional services.

The union demanded the appointment of two commissioners and the filling of vacant regional head posts.

The SAPS organisational structure has been changed more than six times in the past five years, with each commissioner "bloating it further" and concentrating at top managerial levels, Popcru said, adding that this led to duplication of duties and compromised service delivery. At the DCS, the Occupational Specific Dispensation (OSD) was yet to be finalised, affecting workers' income.

African News Agency

John discovered technology that checks medical symptoms

LONDON - The NHS is offering patients the opportunity to consult a doctor via their smartphone in the latest attempt to cut waiting lists.

More than 3 000 people have already signed up to take part in a pilot scheme.

They have been promised that thanks to new technology they will be able to 'see' their GP within two hours, rather than have to wait anything up to two weeks for a conventional appointment.

Mobasher Butt, a partner in the company behind the scheme, said: 'We do everything from grocery shopping to banking online yet, when it comes to our health, it can still take weeks to see a doctor.'

"With the NHS making use of this technology we can put patients in front of a GP within minutes on their phone." To speed things up, the health service is also considering using something called a chatbot — a computerised system which employs facial recognition and artificial intelligence to check symptoms and issue a diagnosis, writes Richard Littlejohn.

To speed things up, the health service is also considering using something called a chatbot — a computerised system which employs facial recognition and artificial intelligence to check symptoms and issue a diagnosis.

Clearly the system is not designed to deal with anyone suffering from a serious condition.

But obviously for minor ailments, it makes sense and saves time to talk to your GP over the phone.

You can always schedule a follow-up appointment in person or be redirected to hospital if the doctor thinks it's necessary.

Ali Parsa, founder of the technology company involved, said: "I think this is the beginning of the end for the old-fashioned way we use healthcare."

That's what worries some people. The Royal College of GPs fears that it could lead to a two-tier service, given that a significant number of elderly people — those most in need of seeing a doctor — still don't have a smartphone and have no intention of getting one.

There are also concerns many doctors will opt to give up their traditional practices and only offer consultations over the phone.

Speaking as someone who refuses to bank online, being only too aware of the security and privacy implications, "I'd certainly be wary of divulging personal health information to a chatbot," writes Richard Littlejohn.

Daily Mail



Swaziland Water Agricultural Development Enterprise Smallholder Market-Led Project (SMLP)/Climate Smart Agriculture for Resilient Livelihoods (CSARL) TERMS OF REFERENCE SWADE #0348 - Individual Consultant

Title	Targeting & Gender Consultant
Country of Assignment	Swaziland
Supervision	SMLP/CSARL Project Implementation Unit Directly Reporting: Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
Location	SMLP (Siphofaneni/Kholwane)
Duration	3 months (The assignment is for a period of 3 months spread over a period of six months).

1) Background

The Smallholder Market-led Project (SMLP) and Climate-Smart Agriculture for Resilient Livelihoods Project (CSARL) are designed upon the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland's (GoS) request to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and are funded by IFAD and GEF. The Project's goal is to contribute to national poverty reduction. The development objective is to enhance food and nutrition security and incomes among smallholder producer families through diversified agricultural production and market linkages. The project will be implemented across 37 chiefdoms. The projects three major outcomes are: i) Chiefdoms engage in effective planning and decision-making; ii) Soil and water resources are sustainably managed for market-led smallholder agriculture in the project chiefdoms; and iii) Smallholder producers in the project chiefdom supply crop and livestock products to market partners, while subsistence farmers are enabled to produce sufficient nutritious food themselves. The Project is scheduled to run for a six-year period from February 2016 up to 30th September 2022, delivers results in three areas:

SMLP/CSARL has three components

- Component 1: Chiefdom Development Planning
- Component 2: Infrastructure for Soil and Water Conservation
- Component 3: Market Led Smallholder Agriculture

The Project will target poor rural women, men and youth whose livelihoods revolve around agriculture and who have a need for enhancing food production and/or an interest in engaging in commercially orientated on-farm and off-farm economic activities. It is planned that all but the top of the following categories will be targeted:

- **Better-off** - accounting for approximately 5% of the population (4,800 in 800 households)
- **Middle wealth** - economically active smallholder households, accounting for 35% of the population (33,600 in 5,600 households);
- **Economically active poor** - smallholder households who have potential to produce marketable surplus, accounting for 50% of the population (48,000 in 8,000 households);
- **Food deficit poor** - smallholder households unlikely to produce surplus in the foreseeable future, accounting for 10% of the households (9,600 in 1,600 households). This coincides to the 'extreme poor' in the national statistics.

The food deficit poor depend on food rations; have limited cultivated land, high mortality rates, diseases (including HIV/AIDS) and depend on sale of labour. Many of these households are headed by women or children. Ten (10%) percent of the population fall under this category. Women provide the bulk of the workforce in agriculture, but are culturally constrained in decision making, access to land and cattle rearing. Due to HIV/AIDS and male outmigration, 53 % of rural population is female while 40% of the households are headed / managed by women. The youth (young women and young men under age of 14) make 40% of the population and are less interested in agriculture but majority remain unemployed could get opportunity in the sector.

Special Categories. The above generic target group is expected to take advantage of improved access to essential agricultural services and opportunities for sustainable agricultural production. However, not all individuals and households within the target group will easily partake in these benefits. The food deficit poor; women and female-headed households, women in male-headed households and the rural youth need specific targeting strategies to help them partake in project benefits.

Targeting the special categories will not happen automatically in the project. This justifies the need to strengthen the mechanisms for targeting. A gender consultant is to be recruited to backstop the project and operationalize targeting mechanisms for reaching out to the: i) Poor/vulnerable household; ii) women headed households; iii) women in male-headed households; iv) female youth; v) male youth. To assess social inclusiveness, the Project will disaggregate its key indicators for gender, wealth and age. Social inclusiveness will be a key point of discussions on targeting in the Chiefdom development planning exercise. The project design refers to the following targeting mechanisms:

- **Socio-economic household profiles in the 37 Chiefdoms** - providing wealth, gender and age disaggregated information to Community Development Committees (CDCs). This enables to target specific categories and their effective participation in the CDCs

4. Key Deliverables

The following are the specific deliverables of the assignment with its required timelines.

Activity	Timelines	Deliverable
Gender Analysis Study (PRA) (for use by PIU/ CSARL, CDC and CDP)	20 days	Gender Analysis is Report 1 after signing the contract and project to provide feedback after a week
SMLP/CSARL Targeting Strategy and Action Plan and updated gender/youth strategy	20 days	Report 2: After the consultant has received comments on report 1 the consultant will assist the project in coming up with a Targeting Strategy and Action Plan. Action plan will lead to Training of Staff on topics identified. Training duration will be determined by topics identified. Consultant will then develop a training kit for the Project and Partners on Gender related issues which is Report 3, will be reviewed by Project staff and partners before its finalisation.
Gender toolkit used for Gender Training (for reference by PIU/Partners)	10 days	Report 4 Consultant will produce a gender / age market scoping Value Chain Analysis to be used even by partners. All listed partners will understand how gender is used be done in the project implementation activities.
Gender/Age Market Scoping Value Chain Analysis (for use by PIU, Technoserve, NAMBOARD and other Value Chain Partners)	10 days	

5. Qualifications

- Master's Degree in Gender Studies with at least 5 years' experience in gender and socio-economic analysis and training
- The candidate should have sound experience in gender training, should be able to lead dynamic gender training sessions, and to develop appropriate strategies to deliver the required training
- The candidate should have proven experience in developing strategies for effective gender mainstreaming
- Knowledge and experience of household methodologies (i.e., Problem Tree and Visioning)
- Fluency in English and SiSwati

6. Duration of TA

The consultant is for a period of 3 months spread over a period of 6 months.

7. Evaluation Criteria

Work plan and Methodology	20%
Relevant Professional Experience	20%
Previous Relevant Assignment Taken	20%

- **Development targeting by the CDC** - Matching development activities including those financed/ implemented by SMLP/CSARL to local resources, eligible households and individuals. Allows for monitoring social inclusion in the targeting

- **Sustainable water and land management at multiple level** - will ensure benefits accrue across the different target categories

- **Concessional terms** - will be provided for the provision of rooftop rainwater harvesting equipment to food-deficit households.

- **Self-targeting** - enables a households keen to embrace a technology choose in which technology to participate to overseen by CDC.

- **Household Mentoring** - is used to reach poorer households and individuals who often exclude themselves from development activities. Deprived households will be coupled with mentors within their community.

- **Small Enterprises** - bulking and grading agricultural produce; construction/installation, repair of ferro- cement tanks and roof-top rainwater harvesting - opportunities for youth and women

2. Outcome of the Assignment

The Consultant shall develop 'Targeting Strategy and Action Plan' and provide technical backstopping in poverty, gender and youth targeting by the Project to the below listed:

- (i) Project Implementation Unit;
- (ii) Implementing Partners;
- (iii) Technical Committees SMLP/CSARL and
- (iv) Beneficiary Institutions

3. Specific Tasks

The Consultants shall carry out the following specific tasks:

Targeting Strategy and Action Plan:

- (i) Carry out a gender analysis in the planned Participatory Rural Appraisals (i.e. Group discussions, problem tree analysis, visioning exercises), identifying specific needs and interest of women and the youth and; identify targeted innovative with specific activities aimed at empowering women and youth user groups.
- (ii) Develop through a participatory process making use of the considerable and highly context specific experience of the SMLP/CSARL staff and selected stakeholders, the Targeting Strategy and Targeting Action Plan (TAP) for the remaining Project period. The targeting strategy will be based on an analysis of the different constraints and opportunities of the target groups (particularly women and youth) within the context of each component of SMLP/CSARL and use this analysis as a starting point for the proposed actions. Also regional differences are observed if any. The Strategy will include a results framework detailing: Objectives; Strategy; Activities; Required Inputs; Expected Outputs; Indicators (quantitative/qualitative); assumptions; time and responsibilities. Lead key project partners' workshop to identify best practice in targeting
- (iii) Align the Targeting Action Plan to the Project Implementation Manual (PIM)
- (iv) Assign resources in the overall budget to activities included in the Targeting Action Plan

Capacity Building and Gender Mainstreaming

- Familiarize and induct the SMLP/CSARL staff with basic gender concepts and gender analytical tools and their practical application in the project and; enhance their skills in gender and youth inclusiveness in monitoring and evaluation.
- Contribute to the Baseline Survey by incorporating Women's Empowerment Agricultural Index (WEAI) Result and Impact and Management Systems (RIMS) and Poverty/Vulnerability Assessment
- Support a gender/age sensitive Market Scoping & Value Chain Analysis

Qualifications	25%
Understanding of the Assignment	15%

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, 30th November 2017 at 10:00a.m. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked TENDER No. SWADE/0348 and addressed to:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TENDER BOARD
Swaziland Water & Agricultural Development Enterprise
Tender No.: SWADE/0348
Targeting & Gender Consultant

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

BRIEFS

Lawyer bid for presidency

CAIRO - A prominent Egyptian rights lawyer says he will run for president in next year's elections. The move is unlikely to seriously challenge the incumbent general-turned-president but will test his popularity at a time of deep economic hardship, a relentless crackdown on dissent and a simmering insurgency. Khaled Ali announced his candidacy on Monday to a packed news conference at the headquarters of the opposition al-Doustour party, saying "Egypt is in crisis... we are working with other democratic parties to ensure real guarantees for this battle."

AP

AFP photographer charged

NAIROBI - The chief photographer for Agence France-Presse (AFP) in east Africa appeared in court on Monday after 48 hours in police custody, charged with trespassing on a property belonging to the president's family. Japanese photographer Yasuyoshi Chiba, 46, was arrested on Friday afternoon at a farm belonging to the Brookside dairy company which is owned by President Uhuru Kenyatta's family. He had gone to photograph the company logo after the opposition National Super Alliance (NASA) named Brookside as one of three companies its supporters should boycott as part of a "resistance" campaign following disputed presidential elections. **AFP**

3 Britons freed; 1 killed

LONDON - The British government says one UK missionary who was kidnapped in Nigeria last month has been killed but three others have been freed. The Foreign Office said on Monday that Alanna Carson, David Donovan and Shirley Donovan have returned to their families, but Ian Squire "was tragically killed." The four were abducted in the Niger Delta region on October 13. In a statement, their families thanked Nigerian authorities for negotiating their release. It was unclear when and how they were freed or how Squire died.

AP

Climate change hits hard

MIAMI - With sheet metal roofs, concrete floors, poor ventilation and spotty electricity, crowded urban slums in Kenya can expect to get even hotter and deadlier due to global warming, US researchers said. Scientists at Johns Hopkins University analysed three informal settlements in Nairobi, including the largest, Kibera, home to nearly a million people. Along the settlements' narrow alleyways, mud-walled homes and metal roofs, they found stifling temperatures, "2.7-5.5 C higher than those reported at Nairobi's official weather station less than half a mile away," said the study in the journal PLOS ONE. **AFP**



'We are open to talks'

LOME - Togo's government on Monday said it was working towards talks with its political opponents after more than two months of protests calling for President Faure Gnassingbe's resignation. **AFP**



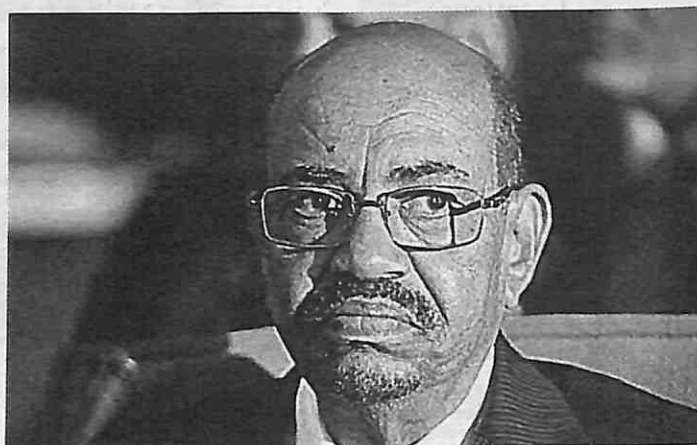
Bashir says time to empty camps of Darfur displaced

KHARTOUM - Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir said on Monday it was time to shut camps hosting millions of displaced people from the conflict in Darfur as the war in the region had ended.

Bashir, wanted by The Hague-based International Criminal Court for genocide and war crimes related to the Darfur conflict, said internally displaced people should return to their villages and not stay in camps any more.

"Darfur has now recovered, and the next step is to empty the IDP camps as we don't want any more IDPs," Bashir said in a speech at a youth convention in Khartoum.

"IDPs and refugees have to return to their villages. We will provide



RECOVERED: Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir.

security and services to their villages." Bashir alleged that the IDP camps had become business ventures for foreign aid groups.

"They come and offer humanitarian aid, take pictures of our people to get donations and then take 80 per cent of these donations them-

selves," he said, without naming any aid organisation.

"They are investing in the suffering of our people and doing business in the name of helping IDPs."

Bashir has regularly criticised foreign aid organisations, and in 2009 he expelled several that were operating in Darfur.

Sudanese officials including Bashir say that the war in Darfur has ended, and have consistently demanded that the United Nations peacekeeping force deployed in the region be dismantled.

Earlier this year, the UN Security Council approved a reduction in the number of the peacekeeping forces, citing an overall fall in violence in Darfur.

AFP

Three dead as Nigerian police shoot at Shiite procession

KANO - At least three people were killed when police opened fire on supporters of a pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim group during an annual religious procession in northern Nigeria, locals said on Monday.

Awwalu Ismail, a trader in the Dengi roundabout area of Kano, said the shooting happened on Sunday, as members of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) marked Ashura. Ashura commemorates the death of Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Mohammed.

IMN members from across the mainly Sunni Muslim north typically converge on Kano to walk to Zaria in neighbouring Kaduna state, where their leader Sheikh Ibrahim Zakzaky has his headquarters.

"When the procession by the IMN adherents moved towards Zaria Road, the police began firing tear gas followed by live bullets," Ismail

told AFP. "Many people were hit and at least three people were believed to have been killed."

Abdurrahman Usman, a civil engineering student at Bayero University Kano, said: "I was shown the picture of one of the victims whom I recognised as my course mate, Husaina. Her father is a lecturer at the university."

Kano police strongly denied using live bullets and killing any protesters.

IMN leader Zakzaky has been at loggerheads with Nigeria's secular authorities over the years because of his call for an Iranian-style Islamic revolution.

He has been in custody since troops clashed with his followers in Zaria in December 2015. Troops allegedly killed more than 300 IMN supporters and buried them in mass graves to hide their crimes, rights groups say. **AFP**

Liberia court indefinitely delays presidential vote

MONROVIA, Liberia - The Supreme Court on Monday indefinitely delayed a vote for Liberia's new president, ordering the electoral commission to resolve an opposition party's complaint for fraud before the runoff can be held.

The decision throws Liberia's first democratic transition in seven decades into uncertainty. Africa's first elected female leader, the Nobel laureate Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, is stepping down after transitioning her nation out of a long civil war.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Francis Korkpor said the National Elections Commission (NEC) was prohibited "from conducting the runoff election until the complaint filed by the petitioners is investigated," referring to the opposition Liberty Party.

Former international footballer George Weah and incumbent vice-president Joseph Boakai were due to face each other in a runoff vote yesterday.

But they must now await the result of an ongoing NEC complaint as well as any Supreme Court appeal, which could take weeks. The case was brought by Liberty Party presidential candidate Charles Brumksine, who came third on October 10 and has alleged ballot stuffing and false voter registration cards marred the election. "Liberty Party has rested evidence fully and we, the National Elections Commission (NEC), will now take the stand. So in a matter of days, we hope that there can be some conclusion to the investigation," said Musa Dean, a lawyer with the commission. **AFP**

Mnangagwa: Mugabe's sunken 'crocodile'

HARARE - Emmerson Mnangagwa, who was removed by Zimbabwe's leader Robert Mugabe as vice president on Monday after a bitter tussle with the first lady over succession, had waited almost four decades for his chance at the top job.

Nicknamed "Ngwenya" (The Crocodile) because of his fearsome power and ruthlessness against rivals, the 75-year-old had a reputation for taking no

prisoners.

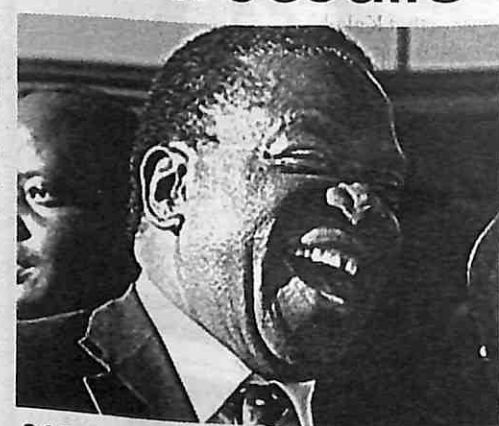
But he was ultimately outfoxed by Grace Mugabe, who is 41 years younger than her husband, after she apparently convinced the veteran head of state to ditch his long-serving minister.

An acrimonious weekend in which Mugabe's wife was openly booed at a rally prompting the president to blame Mnangagwa, who was present, probably sealed the fate of the

outgoing number two. It was the climax of long-running tensions between the first lady and Mnangagwa.

Analysts have suggested that Mnangagwa's sacking would effectively disqualify him from the race to eventually replace Mugabe, now aged 93. In the early days after independence from Britain in 1980, Mugabe made the young lawyer his minister for national security.

AFP



SACKED: Emmerson Mnangagwa.

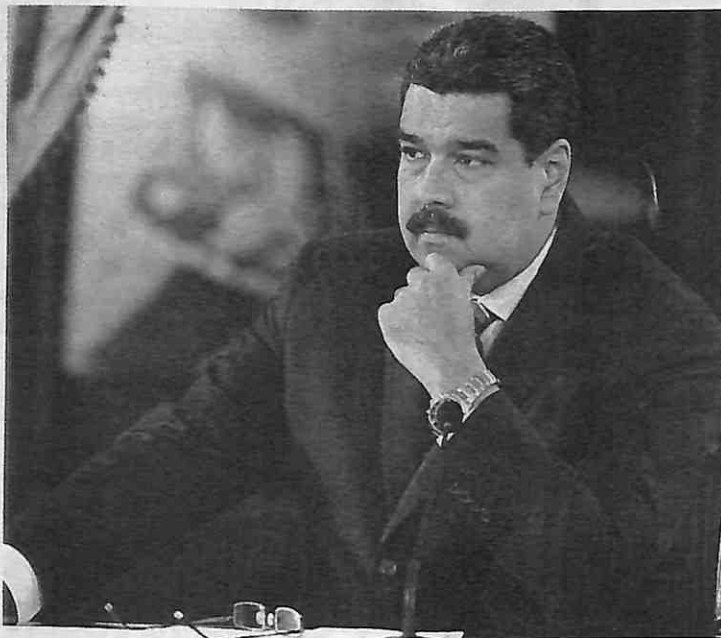
World News

CHILE WILLING TO GRANT ASYLUM TO VENEZUELAN OPPOSITION LAWMAKER

SANTIAGO - Chile is prepared to grant political asylum to a Venezuelan opposition lawmaker who sought refuge at its embassy in Caracas claiming that his safety was in danger, the foreign minister said Monday.

Venezuela's government is locked in a vicious political fight with the opposition, which dismisses President Nicolas Maduro as a leftwing dictator who has gutted the oil-rich and economically ailing country's democracy.

Freddy Guevara, the opposition-held National Assembly's number two official, sought refuge at Chile's embassy in Caracas Saturday, a day after the pro-government Supreme Court stripped him of his immunity and said he would be prosecuted on charges punishable by a decade in prison. Chile has taken in Guevara as a guest "for humanitarian reasons and in light of international law," Chilean Foreign Minister



IN DANGER: Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro.

Heraldo Munoz told reporters. And Chile is willing to grant Guevara, 31, political asylum but so far he

has not requested it, the minister said. The prominent opposition leader

became the seventh Venezuelan to seek protection at the embassy in less than three months.

They include four judges who sought protection at Chile's embassy in Caracas, escaped to Colombia and then made their way to Santiago, Chile, where they asked for political asylum.

Venezuela's top court last Friday announced the suspension of Guevara's immunity to enable him to be tried for crimes of "association, persistent public instigation and the use of an adolescent to commit crimes," without specifying when the allegations date from. The pro-government Constituent Assembly -- which governs crisis-stricken Venezuela with absolute power and replaced the congress where Guevara had a seat -- is investigating the lawmaker in connection with mass protests against the embattled Maduro that left 125 dead between April and July. **AFP**

Japan's 'Black Widow' to hang for murder

TOKYO - A Japanese court yesterday sentenced to death a one-time millionairess dubbed the "Black Widow", who tricked elderly lovers into drinking cyanide and pocketed millions in insurance payouts and inheritance.

Kyoto District Court condemned Chisako Kakehi (70) to the gallows for the murder of three men - including a husband - and the attempted murder of another, ending a high-profile case that has gripped the country.

Kakehi became notorious after using the poison cyanide to dispatch a number of elderly men she was involved with, drawing comparisons with the spider that kills its mate after copulation.

"The accused made the victims drink a cyanide compound with a murderous intention in all the four cases," Judge Ayako Nakagawa told the court, according to public broadcaster NHK.

Nakagawa rejected defence lawyers' arguments that Kakehi was not criminally liable because she was suffering from dementia.

Prosecutors said she killed the men after they made her the beneficiary of life assurance policies that ran into millions of dollars.

She reportedly amassed one billion yen (R124-million) in payouts over 10 years but subsequently lost most of the fortune through unsuccessful financial trading.

She had relationships with many men, mostly elderly or ill, meeting some through dating agencies, where she reportedly stipulated that prospective partners should be wealthy and childless. **AFP**



SPIRITUAL TOUR: The couple visited places of worship belonging to the Christian, Muslim, Chinese and Hindu communities in the Penang capital George Town as they celebrated the Malaysian city's diverse residents. Prince Charles and Camilla donned traditional garlands and flowers as they visited the Sri Mahamariamman Temple in Penang, Malaysia during their tour. The Duchess of Cornwall removed her shoes, right, as she visited Kapitan Keling Mosque in Penang, and was greeted by children outside, inset.

'MASS SHOOTING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH'

TOKYO - US President Donald Trump says the mass shooting at a Texas church "isn't a guns situation", but is a "mental health problem at the highest level".

Devin Kelley, the man authorities have identified as the gunman, was discharged from the Air Force several years ago for allegedly assaulting his spouse and a child, according to an Air Force spokeswoman.

While no officials have publicly questioned Kelley's men-

tal health, Trump said that "is your problem here". He offered no details. "This was a very, based on preliminary reports, a very deranged individual. A lot of problems over a long period of time", Trump said when asked about the shooting as he and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held a joint news conference in Tokyo during Trump's first official visit to Asia.

We have a lot of mental health problems in our country, as do

other countries. But this isn't a guns situation", the president said.

The attack happened Sunday morning when a man dressed in black tactical-style gear and armed with an assault rifle opened fire inside a Baptist church in a small South Texas community, killing 26 people and wounding at least 16 others in what the governor said is the deadliest mass shooting in state history.

Reuters

BRIEFS

Terror suspect gets 27-yrs

TOLEDO - A judge has imposed a 27-year prison term for a man accused of supporting terrorism and trying to arrange the killing of the Ohio federal judge who originally oversaw his case.

Monday's sentence from Judge Edmund Sargus for defendant Yahya Farooq Mohammad also requires the Indian citizen to be deported at the end of his sentence and to pay a \$25 000 fine.

Mohammad is one of four men with Ohio ties who were accused in 2015 of working to send money to Anwar al-Awlaki, an al-Qaeda leader killed by a US drone in 2011. **AP**

EU vows tax action

BRUSSELS - The days in paradise may be numbered for those seeking refuge from heavy tax burdens in remote islands.

Finance ministers representing the world's largest market vowed to take action following the leak of records exposing prominent members of the global business A-list

"We will examine the new documents and will discuss the consequences this has for upcoming EU legislation," acting German Finance Minister Peter Altmaier said ahead of a meeting with his eurozone counterparts on Monday. **News24**

Hunter killed in attack

LILLE - A 62-year-old man died while taking part in a hunt in the Paris area on Monday after being charged by a deer that fatally gored him, police said. The incident occurred around 10:00 (09:00 GMT) in the



Compiègne National Park, about 85km northeast of Paris. The man was acting as a beater when he was struck. He "was charged and pierced by a deer which stabbed him with his antlers," a police spokesperson said. **AFP**

Family dispute in shooting

TEXAS - A family dispute may have sparked the rampage by a US Air Force veteran who killed 26 people with an assault rifle in a small-town church, the deadliest mass shooting in Texas history, officials said.

Ten people remained in critical condition a day after Devin Patrick Kelley, a 26-year-old private security guard, burst into the rural Baptist church during Sunday morning services and sprayed bullets at the congregation. **Reuters**

Shark kills swimmer

HAVANA - A shark attacked and fatally wounded a young man taking a nighttime swim at a beach in Cuba, a newspaper said. The attack 10 feet offshore at Guardalavaca beach is believed to be unprecedented, the provincial newspaper Ahora said.

Friends swimming with the 22-year-old man hit the shark with a bottle and wrested him from its jaws, then rushed him to a clinic in the city of Holguin, located 730 kilometres northeast of Havana.

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MARRIED SONGBIRD IMPREGNATED BY ANOTHER MAN

...Nomsa M expecting her third baby
...Husband, distraught, expecting her back home

Stories by Nomfundo Sifundza

MENZI Mtsetfwa, legally married to songstress Nomsa M is bewildered after realising his wife is pregnant.

Nomsa M is expecting her third child but Mtsetfwa is not the father of the unborn baby.

The flustered Mtsetfwa informed the Entertainment Desk how he was nursing hopes they (him and wife) would work things out and get back together but only to be hit hard when he saw a baby bump growing.

"She is pregnant, anyone can see that and what touches a raw nerve is the fact that we are still legally married," Mtsetfwa said.

Mtsetfwa and Nomsa M separated in 2015 following a scandal of physical abuse between the two, both were members of the SWAMA executive then.

It was allegedly said that Nomsa M



THUNDER IN PARADISE:
Menzi Mtsetfwa and Nomsa M.

beat her husband, leading to him sustaining facial injuries.

Sought for comment, Nomsa M confirmed she was pregnant and that

Mtsetfwa was not the father of the unborn child. "I don't know what and what not to say but Menzi and I separated and I moved on. Really, it has

...Nomsa M to release single

ON a musical note, Nomsa M confirmed that her long awaited single will be released next week.

The songstress said she had been working on this afro soul single since last year October hence her frequent visits to South Africa since she was recording there.

Although the singer was not yet certain what the title of her song would be, she assured

that it would hit air waves as of next week.

Ignored

Nomsa M's vocal abilities are not to be ignored, she has been a back-up vocalist for a number of gospel and circular musicians.

On her own, she has managed to build a name for herself with her African print inspired outfits and flexible dance moves.

been three years now," the singer said in a soft distressed voice.

Nomsa M highlighted how she had kept a low profile ever since the abuse scandal that made newspaper headlines in March 2015.

Asked on how she intended to move on without filing for divorce, Nomsa M said she once asked Mtsetfwa to be the one filling for the divorce but he refused.

Divorce

"He refused to file for divorce and so now I have my family sorting out legal and financial aspects to allow me to file for the divorce first," she revealed.

Mtsetfwa, however, believes Nomsa M asked him to file for

divorce first because she knew she was expecting another baby from man number three. "She once put pressure on me to file for divorce but I refused. I told her I was still expecting her to come back because I am still right where she left me," he said. Mtsetfwa also claimed he wanted people to know who the true villain was in their relationship with his estranged wife. "It was hard for me to justify myself in 2015 because people were just accustomed to men being the ones responsible for any form of violence and infidelity. I am now happy because people will get to know the truth of the matter," he concluded.

'MIMZKHULU, FLOEWE GROOVY IN 'KNEEL DOWN'

By Lusito Tsela

NOW rapping about God, MimzKhulu has released a groovy single featuring sultry songstress Floewe.

The former Prodigal Sonz member embarked on a gospel hip hop career after parting ways with the group he had been part of for over a decade.

'Kneel Down' is a song about kneeling down and praying to God all the time for everything, as the title suggests.

MimzKhulu kicked off his solo career with a single titled 'Nasusindzile' in which he features vocalist Mvilas.

The song was recorded at Eardrummz and was also produced by the same Mvilas of Chakalaka fame.

"When I approached Floewe I was very happy by the way she responded, she didn't doubt me nor the song, instead she was excited as I was as she asked when we would go to the studio," he said.

MimzKhulu said he had to move fast before Floewe could change her mind or be engaged in other things as she is a busy artist.

"We jumped into the studio the following week and we had a great time, she came up with great ideas and we combined our powers with producer Mvilas and made music," he added.

MimzKhulu revealed that he was shocked by the beautiful voice and power of Floewe when they had their sessions at the studio; however that helped him to up his game.

Over and above, "I would like to thank Floewe for her time, creativity and beautiful voice," he said.

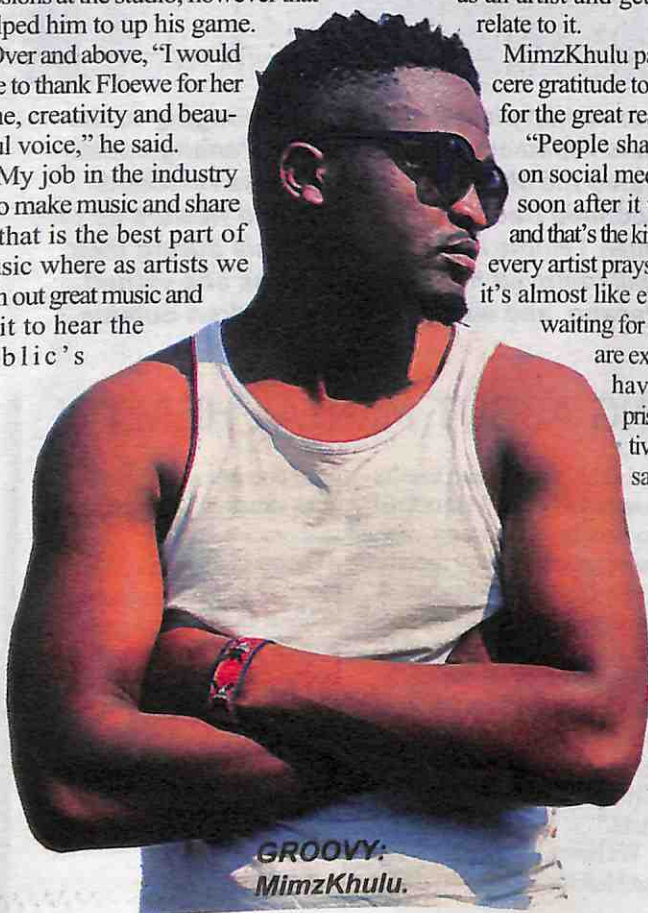
"My job in the industry is to make music and share it, that is the best part of music where as artists we dish out great music and wait to hear the public's

response," he said.

Adding, he said it's very humbling and exciting to get your music out there as an artist and get everyone to relate to it.

MimzKhulu passed his sincere gratitude to music lovers for the great response.

"People shared the song on social media platforms soon after it was released and that's the kind of response every artist prays for, because it's almost like everyone was waiting for the song. We are excited and we have great surprises for the festive season," he said.



GROOVY:
MimzKhulu.

Former Miss SD Samu partners with Kwakha Indvodza

By Ayanda Dlamini

FORMER Miss Swaziland Samukelisiwe Magagula is set and ready to give back to the community.

The beauty has partnered with Kwakha Indvodza for a brotherhood mentorship dubbed 'Walk a mile in my shoes series' which is slated for December 9.

The partnership was signed on Monday morning at Kwakha Indvodza premises where the former beauty queen donated 10 pairs of heels to the NGO. According to Magagula, the mentorship programme is basically an initiative aimed at bringing young people closer to the people they look up to in a bid to equip them with the skills needed in an ever evolving yet volatile world. "The series will bring influential people from their respective fields to come and impart valuable knowledge on young people looking to make a difference in their various social environments. The purpose of this particular event is therefore to take an initiative and create a platform for young men to learn from their idols," said the former beauty queen who has always had a passion for mentoring the youth.



GIVING BACK: Former miss SD Samu Magagula with Kwakha Indvodza Executive Director Tom Churchyard and Nosipho.

"The nature of the event appeals mostly to young people who have just completed high school. This is a critical stage of decision making and a voice of reason from a person you have always looked up to is set to push you in the right path. This platform seeks to present positive masculinity and femininity, also our speakers present the dreams of young people as attainable," Magagula elaborated. Magagula also mentioned that a wide range of career paths will be addressed at these series mentorship events, the focus will be based on career guidance, education and the entertainment industry.

SA FASHION FANATICS AT UMSWENKO FESTIVAL

By Lusito Tsela

IT was a perfect day for fashion during the first edition of the Umswenko festival held at Emfuleni Lifestyle on Saturday.

The well attended event slated for 10 am saw fashion lovers from South Africa gracing the show.

The line up for the day saw The Scientist dishing out good music that fun lovers danced to for the better part of the day, before giving the stage to the upcoming brilliant poet 'Enjay', who in turn was fantastic on stage, reciting poems like 'I am a woman and Don't call me', to mention a few.

Also on stage was upcoming Jazz/Soul singer Judah Silitshena with his band, who serenaded fun lovers with their music.

The show was hosted by local comedian 'Ndosh', who also co hosted with Mthimbawawa and they both held the function very well as they also dished out hilarious jokes and kept fun lovers on stitches as they laughed every time they were on stage.

Linda Mzileni from South Africa said he saw the posters on social

media and he did not want to miss such an event.

"Being a person who is very fond of fashion, I did not want to miss this event, I understand it was the first edition and I am not disappointed with the turn out. I heard from the organisers that the second edition of the festival is coming next year and I will show up," he said.

Mzileni said it is not the first time to be in Swaziland, however, he loves the hospitality he always gets in the country, hence he always feels at home every time.

The event organiser Bonkhe Motsa said he was very happy with the turn up.

"Considering the fact that it was the first edition of the Umswenko Festival attracting even South African fashion lovers, it was a success," he said.

"Preparations for the second edition which will take place next year are already on the way, and major corporate sponsors are showing interest," he added. Motsa said he was grateful to all those who partook in this festival as this event serves to acknowledge and encourage fashion in Swaziland.



HERE: South African fashion lovers also attended the event during the Umswenko Festival held at Emfuleni Lifestyle on Saturday. (Pics: Lusito Tsela)



SLIT: Dixinia Dacosta showing off her black slit dress.



CLASS: Given Mkhalihi also attended the event.



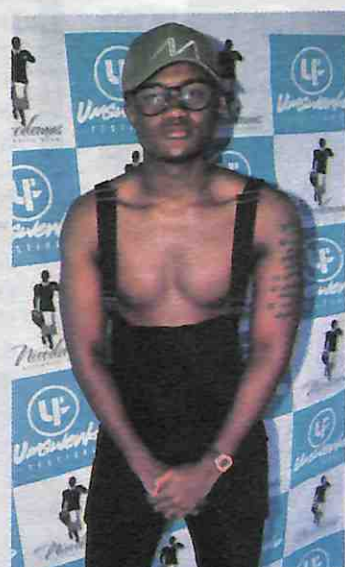
GORGEOUS: Lorraine Nyawo on her black matching outfit.



FEELING GOOD: Sinthemba Malinga looking snazzy.



WE MEET: Mthimbawawa meeting the organiser Bonkhe Motsa.



FIT: Zola Motsa showing off his muscles.



SWAGG: Sandile Myeni showing off his swag.



FLAWLESS: Ndimiso Mkhalihi upon arrival at the festival.



BEAUTIFUL: Thini Bangwa looked beautiful.



BEAUTY: Zoleka Nhlengetfwa striking a pose.



SLAYER: Lucky Mofokeng upon arrival at the festival.



DEEJAYS: The Scientists' Metallic and Kronik flanking KB da DJ.

International
Celebrity News

Chuck gave up career for wife

HOLLYWOOD - Broken — that's how Gena Norris, wife of American action hero and martial arts expert Chuck Norris, describes herself now.

The 54-year-old suffers from burning nerve pain and kidney problems and at one stage, four years ago, feared she would die.

Today, the couple are convinced her problems are down to an injection she was given before a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan to check for rheumatoid arthritis.

Chuck, who is campaigning with his wife to highlight the dangers, has devoted himself to car-



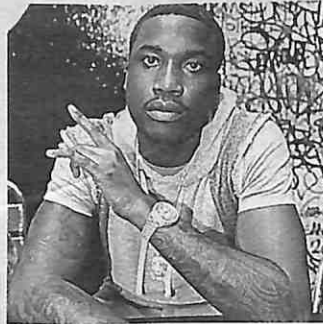
LOVEBIRDS: Chuck Norris and wife Gena.

ing for Gena. He told Good Health. *Daily Mail*

Meek Mill behind bars

HOLLYWOOD - Meek Mill is back behind bars because the judge has a long-standing vendetta against him, partially related to a Boyz II Men hit ... according to a member of his legal team. Meek was sentenced to two to four years for violating probation, but one of his attorneys, Joe Tacopina, tells TMZ ... even prosecutors had recommended no jail time. According to Tacopina, Meek and the judge are from the same part of Philly and know some of the same people.

Tacopina says the judge suggested to Meek -- during a meeting in chambers last year -- he do a



JAILED: Meek Mill.

remake of Boyz II Men's, "On Bended Knee" ... and give her, the judge, a shout-out. Meek thought she was kidding and laughed. *TMZ*

Miley dragged for Insta post

TEXAS - Miley Cyrus is being dragged for a post she shared on Instagram Monday following Sunday's Texas church shooting.

After a man named Devin Kelley opened fire inside First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, killing 25 people and leaving 20 more injured, Cyrus took to Instagram to highlight that the "terrorist act" was performed by a "WHITE AMERICAN MAN."

Fans commented on Cyrus' post, bashing the pop star for putting emphasis on the race, nationality and gender of the shooter, but Cyrus said that was her intention.

TMZ



BASHED: Miley Cyrus.

Will Smith lends a hand to Tyrese

LOS ANGELES - Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith shelled out quite the cash for their famous friend, Tyrese Gibson.

The Fast and the Furious star took to social media once again for a new personal update, this time publicly tipping his hat to the Oscar nominee.

According to a source, Smith is one "down to earth guy" willing to help his celebrity pal regardless of the price tag. "Will and Tyrese are extremely close friends," the insider said. "Will is one of those guys that's always there for his friends and family. Will is a giver. Even if



GOOD FRIENDS: Tyrese and Will.

it was his last penny, he would give it away to help someone out." *Eonline*

SA Celebrity News

Distraction Boyz' defend 'Omunye' from ban

JOHANNESBURG - Distraction Boyz have defended their hit single Omunye, after claims that the song was apparently banned by some SABC radio stations for promoting unprotected sex.

According to Sunday Sun, the group's song was apparently excluded from playlists, despite it being one of the most popular songs in the country.

Responding to the claims, the duo's management told TshisaLive the song had been misinterpreted and was about a packed venue.

Times Live



DEFEND: Distraction Boyz.

Ntsika's dreams turn into a play

JOHANNESBURG - In his debut play as a producer, Ntsika Ngxanga asks: "Are you happy with the blueprint you're writing for your clan?" This is the message behind Bapa, which premiered at the Olive Tree Theatre at Yarona Building in Wynberg, Johannesburg, on Monday night.

Ngxanga, who is known as the leading man of the Afro-pop trio The Soil, says after he realised that most of his songs came to him in dreams, he resolved to explore the parallel universe which seemed to be echoing in his sleep.



DREAMER: Ntsika Ngxanga.

"This is a very special story. *Sowetan*

Pearl Thusi's explosive Twitter feud

JOHANNESBURG - Pearl Thusi has once again found herself in the midst of a social media storm after she got into a heated argument with a social media user that left followers in shock.

It all began when one follower apparently suggested that Pearl was both rude and vulgar. Pearl responded by insulting her critic's mother, sparking a heated feud between the two.

The user wrote "Pearl Thusi is vulgar, so unladylike." To which the star responded "Ngifuzunyoko." Pearl continued "focus on your hair line babe. Stop braiding so tight. My mom is more alive than your hairline right now. Jeez." *Timeslive*



IMPOLITE: Pearl Thusi.

Zahara army fights to get her music on radio

JOHANNESBURG - Just as Beyoncé has the BeeHive and Bonang Matheba has her B Force, singer Zahara has recently felt the importance of having her Zahara army; after they've decided to 'fight' for her music to be played 'more' on local radio stations.

The singer told TshisaLive that after returning from a gig in Botswana recently, she discovered her fans had been complaining that radio stations had allegedly "seized" playing music from her new album Mgodini.

"Apparently they heard that my music has not been played on radio. They are the ones that listen to me



FIGHTING: Singer Zahara.

and promote me even in my absence. I just came back from Botswana but personally I wouldn't know if it is true." *Tshisa Live*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Thandeka grapples with her guilt about the baby. Jabu confronts Beauty with the demands of Zama wanting to meet the donor's family.



GRAPPLES: Thandeka.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Nikiwe comes face to face with Gabriel. Gatanga warns Matlala not to mess with the ancestors. Rajesh 'speaks to' his unborn child.



SPEAKS: Rajesh.

Muvhango

TODAY

The family cannot believe the charges that have been brought against Rendani.

Teboho is not enjoying the crash course she's receiving in Venda culture. Matshidiso starts pouring poison in James's ear. But will he listen to her?



BADMOUTHING: Matshidiso

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Puleng finally realizes that her marriage to MamMothibi has to be consummated - but not with her. Kop has a surprise for Blossom.



SURPRISES: Kop.

PICTURE OF THE DAY



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

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may be that you are compelled to invest more (time and money) in a hobby if you're to become the best you can be.



LEO JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

A drama-queen sub-personality could emerge when news isn't what you wanted to hear. You could use your lion's roar and demand that someone come back with better answers to a question. And they might just do that - much to your amusement.



AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

As you probably know, you are good at asking questions. Today, your forensic analysis of a situation could get you noticed, possibly leading to your name being put forward as a leader of a team.



PISCES FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

You may have cleared out 'stuff' but still need to de-clutter your mind. This might not be easy given that so many people want you to remember facts for them. A colleague might need you to explain a system. Involvement in establishing a new training scheme is possible. A close friend might suggest you study together - or make plans to visit a place of learning.



ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

It might seem that your phone is glued to your ear: yet there may be so many things to arrange before the weekend that calls have to be made. Slight physical discomfort could remind you of the need to think more carefully about the way you sit - and what you eat. It's possible too that you've been fed information that's 'toxic' and need to check facts for yourself.



TAURUS APRIL 20 - MAY 20

It might seem to you that someone isn't clear enough about what you want to achieve. Like the director of a play, you may need to give instructions for the umpteenth time. It could be that a new messaging system has created a problem - or that someone's left a key word out from a text or email.



GEMINI MAY 21 - JUNE 21

You could drive everyone crazy with questions. But if it's your job to ensure that things run smoothly, then you could show today exactly why you have the job you do. Involvement in the quest to find the perfect fashion accessory or even a specific colour for a design is likely. Contact with a health professional is possible and could result in you thinking differently about your daily routine. On the basis of 'you are what you eat', you might want to make changes.



CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22

A very good friend might welcome the opportunity to discuss career change they have in mind. You, however, might be thinking about pending changes to your routine. A shopping list could be growing. It



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BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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COLD TURKEY

Lady - "So do you drink?"
Man - "I used to drink a lot, but I quit cold turkey."
Lady - "Wow, that must take a lot of self control."
Man - "Well I found out I was allergic to it, every time I drank I broke out in handcuffs."

USELESS FACTS

1. Gorillas can catch human colds and other illnesses.
2. A newborn Chinese water deer is so small it can almost be held in the palm of the hand.
3. Ostriches can run faster than horses, and the males can roar like lions.
4. A lion in the wild usually makes no more than twenty kills a year.
5. The female lion does 90 per cent of the hunting.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brainteasers

1. Why did the boy throw a bucket out the window?
Answer: He wanted to see the waterfall.
2. Why did the boy throw butter out the window?
Answer: He wanted to see the butterfly.

Today's brainteasers

1. Why did the boy throw his watch out the window?
2. Which is the most curious letter?



DStv
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NEWS



THE MAGIC SHOWS ON MZANSI MAGIC



THE QUEEN

A blast from the past turns up at Gracious's house. Kea tells Brutus and Shaka that she is still the boss, but where it all started was when the husband of a successful businesswoman and loving wife discovers her dreadful secrets, she is forced into a corner, with no choice but to do the unthinkable.

Starring Connie and Shona Freguson.

It goes without saying that it also has a star-studded cast.

ISETHEMBISO:

New matriculants, Simi and Zamani leave their families behind to pursue a better life in Johannesburg. A heist unexpectedly goes wrong.

THE IMPOSTER

Twin sisters, Mantwa and Matshepo Tau find themselves at war as a consequence of a moment that changed their lives. One of the sisters breaks out of prison after spending seventeen years there and takes over the wonderful life of her identical twin who is responsible for her incarceration.

The Nzimande house is convinced there is an imposter in the house. Junior finally gets the breakthrough he has been waiting for

Brand New November

IT'S a brand new month, with new and thrilling shows to look forward to on DStv.

And while some of our favourites continue with intriguing plotlines (WATCH: The Fixer, Mondays at 20:00 on Vuzu AMP), we are excited for the return of old favourites, seeing what rapper 50 Cent has lined up and saying goodbye to one of our favourite shows, Fashion Police.

Here are some of the shows we're putting in our diary this November, and making sure not to miss with the DStv Now app.

PATTI LABELLE'S PLACE

In November, Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, and legendary R'n'B singer Patti LaBelle's branded sweet potato pie, is sure to be on the menu.

On Food Network, we get to see Patti's star power in the kitchen as she entertains her showbiz friends and treats them with her home cooked food.

STREAM: Step into the kitchen with Patti, when Patti LaBelle's Place premieres on Food Network, Thursday, November 16 at 20:00.

QUEEN OF KATWE

Lupita N'yongo and David Oyelowo lend their star power to this powerful story, set in Uganda's biggest slum, Katwe.

Based on true events, see how a young girl's life changes when she is introduced to chess.

WATCH: Queen of Katwe premieres on Vuzu AMP, Friday, November 17

at 21:30.

FACE VALUE

BET continues the fun and games with Deon Cole and Tiffany Haddish, where it's all about reading a book by its cover.

With teams being led by celebrity captains, Face Value breaks down stereotypes and exposes prejudices.

STREAM: Face Value pre-

mieres

Friday,

November 17

at 18:35 on BET.

FASHION POLICE

The curtain is coming down on a fashion classic. Celebrating seven years of laughter and outrageous moments, the hosts of Fashion Police will say goodbye for the last time.

STREAM: Fashion Police on Wednesday, November 22 at 20:00 on E!

BLACK-ISH

The Johnsons are back! With a new addition (Devante) to the family and their first born Zoe going off to college, we can't wait to see how Dre and Rainbow deal with all the changes.



THANKSGIVING: R'n'B singer Patti La Belle.

Fashion Police says goodbye

AFTER more than two decades of countless laughs and unforgettable moments, E!'s iconic comedy franchise, will sign off to "Joan Rangers" one last time when Fashion Police: The Farewell series finale special airs November 29 at 20:00 on E!

Helmed by the legendary comedian and series co-creator Joan Rivers since its inception in 1995, Fashion Police forever changed the pop culture conversation – covering every major award show and fashion event through the lens of its signature opinionated, relatable and self-deprecating comedic commentary. Following Joan's passing in 2014, the franchise continued with the blessing of her daughter and executive producer on the show since launch, Melissa Rivers, who became a co-host in 2015.

The current panel also includes Giuliana Rancic, Brad Goreski, NeNe Leakes, and Margaret Cho. Over the past 20 years, the show has welcomed some of the most notable celebrities from the worlds of fashion, entertainment and sports, ranging from Gigi Hadid and Nicki Minaj to Laila Ali and Martha Stewart, who have joined the Fashion Police to share some laughs and discuss their favorite fashion hits and misses. "Fashion Police has been a red carpet mainstay for over two decades that has been emulated across the entertainment landscape," said Adam Stotsky, President, E! "Joan's beloved no-holds-barred style fueled the franchise's clever approach to fashion and comedy, and we are incredibly proud of its long-running

success. We are also especially grateful to Melissa, as well as Giuliana, Brad, NeNe, Margaret and the entire Fashion Policeteam, who have continued to deliver the laughs and make this iconic franchise truly one of a kind." "Thank you to E! for having the vision to see the potential of Fashion Police which changed both the entertainment and fashion industries," said Melissa Rivers. "I am truly proud to be part of this legacy."

Hosted by executive producer Melissa Rivers, and co-hosts Giuliana Rancic, Brad Goreski, NeNe Leakes, and Margaret Cho, the network will commemorate the franchise with Fashion Police: The Farewell, a look back at the show's most memorable moments from many famous faces who have stopped by the set and the outrageous fashion debates that ensued. Viewers can also expect some of the funniest, most jaw-dropping jokes and fan favourite segments such as "B%&\$h Stole My Look," "Guess Me From Behind," and "Starlet or Streetwalker," and a slew of surprise celebrity guests will join in the celebration of the comedy series that revolutionised the fashion world.

The special will take viewers behind the scenes with insider scoop from the cast and crew and reveal never-before-seen footage from the ground-breaking series – including an unaired 80's themed episode with Joan and the gang.

"Joan Rangers" can share their favourite Fashion Police memories on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook using the hashtag #FashionPolice.

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REAL MADRID WANT NEYMAR TO REPLACE RONALDO

MADRID - Real Madrid President Florentino Perez has reportedly met with Neymar's dad to discuss bringing the Paris Saint-Germain star back to Spain to replace Cristiano Ronaldo.

The Brazilian only arrived in Paris in the summer, leaving Real's arch rivals Barcelona in a world-record £198million transfer.

And he has hit the ground running at Parc des Princes, scoring 11 goals in 12 games for the big-spending French giants.

However, according to Mundo Deportivo, it is understood that Perez and Neymar Snr have spoken about a possible return to Spain.

Real Madrid were keen on signing the forward from Santos in 2013 but he opted to instead join Barca, where he won one Champions League during his four-year spell.

It is also reported that the door is always open at the Bernabeu — although a deal would only take place when Ronaldo's contract expires in 2021.

For now, though, it is understood Neymar is happy in France and is bidding to win silverware in his debut season in Ligue 1.

There are fears at PSG that the Brazil international could be tempted to return to Spain if they fail to win major hon-

... PSG superstar's dad has 'met Bernabeu president Florentino Perez to discuss move'



WANTED: Neymar set to replace Cristiano Ronaldo.

ours this season.

The French side have moved to make him feel comfortable and it is believed he is settled in the dressing room, forging close relationships with fellow Brazilians Dani Alves, Marquinhos, Thiago Silva and Lucas Moura.

His performances have played a key

part in their positive start to the season, with PSG four points clear at the top of Ligue 1.

They are also top of their Champions League group, winning all four of their matches including the 3-0 thrashing of German giants Bayern Munich.

Daily Mail

Loew faces tough decisions v big guns

MUNICH - Germany coach Joachim Loew says he will use the forthcoming friendlies against England and France to start making some "tough decisions" ahead of next year's World Cup defence in Russia.

Germany face England away at Wembley on Friday and host France in Cologne four days later, which Loew will use to review his options.

The German squad gathered in Berlin yesterday to prepare for the double-header with goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, plus forwards Thomas Mueller and Marco Reus sidelined by injury.

Even without the star trio, Germany has an embarrassment of riches with new names pushing the established stars who won the 2014 World Cup.

The gamble of taking an inexperienced squad of fringe players to Russia for the Confederations Cup in June paid off for Loew.

Rising stars Timo Werner, Lars Stindl, Niklas Suele and Sebastian Rudy all seized their chance to impress.

Now Loew has numerous options for the England and France friendlies which are set to spark a fight for places in his 23-man World Cup squad.

"We have to make tough decisions,"

said Loew in Berlin with Germany also to face Spain and Brazil in friendlies next March.

"If you want to be world champion, you need world-class players."

"We have to have an incredibly strong squad where every player is in top shape - every day and every minute."

Happy

Midfielders Mario Goetze and Ilkay Gundogan, who have been in form for Borussia Dortmund and Manchester City respectively, must prove themselves after lengthy spells on the sidelines.

"I am very happy to be back after nearly a year out and I'm just as pleased for Ilkay," Goetze wrote on Twitter after his recall.

The challenge for the Germans will be to repeat their Brazil 2014 success as the name to beat at the World Cup in Russia.

"We are the only team that can get worse - everyone will compete against us with huge motivation," said Loew.

"We are the world champions and Confederations Cup winners - the world's number one."

In particular, Loew will use the England game to look at the left-back position. *AFP*

Italy legend Pirlo calls time on career

LOS ANGELES - Italy legend Andrea Pirlo on Monday called time on an illustrious career during which he won the 2006 World Cup, two Champions League titles and six Serie A trophies.

The 38-year-old former Juventus, Inter Milan and AC Milan midfielder made a late appearance for his club New York City against Columbus Crew, the day before announcing the end of his playing career.

"Not only my adventure in NY comes to an end, but my journey as a football player as well," Pirlo wrote on his Twitter account.

"That is why I would like to take the opportunity to thank my family and my children for the support and love they always give me, every team that I had the honour to play for, every team-mate I have been pleased to play alongside, all the people that made my career so incredible, and last but not least, all the fans around the world that always showed me support."

"You will always be on my side and in my heart."

Pirlo headed for the United States at the end of the 2014-2015 season after winning another

er Serie A title with Juventus - his sixth in total - including two with AC Milan.

He had already announced that this season would be his last as a player but his team lost his final game, Sunday's Major League Soccer play-off match against Columbus Crew.

Pirlo, who started his career in Brescia, also played at Inter Milan and Reggina before joining AC Milan, where he won two Serie A crowns and two Champions League trophies in 2003 and 2007.

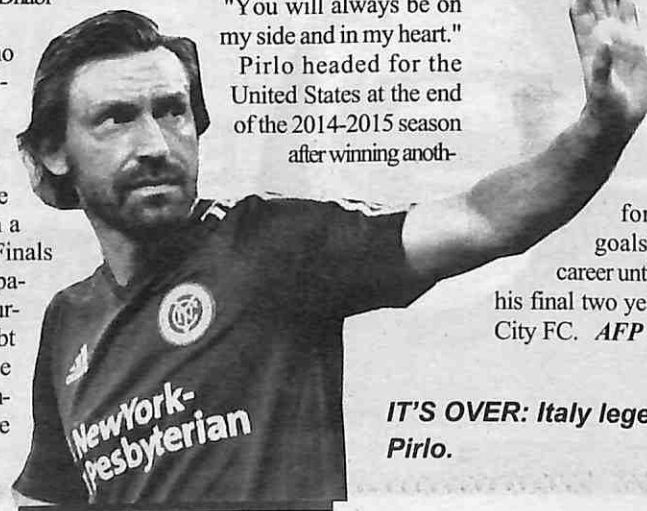
Known as a free-kick specialist he was dubbed 'the architect' for his play-making skills and uniquely cool and elegant playing style.

In 2011, while out of contract he joined Juventus, a deal which Italian international goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon dubbed the "the deal of the century".

In Turin, Pirlo continued to impress despite his age winning four titles and an Italian Cup.

His final match in Europe was in Juventus's Champions League final defeat in 2015 to Barcelona.

Capped 116 times for Italy, scoring 13 goals, during a 13-year career until 2015, Pirlo played his final two years with New York City FC. *AFP*



IT'S OVER: Italy legend Andrea Pirlo.

SA could leapfrog Ireland on World Rankings with a win

LODON - There could be some movement in rugby's World Rankings this weekend which sees a flurry of matches between the leading countries.

With New Zealand and England the top two teams, Australia remain unchanged too, in third place, following their 63-30 win against Japan in front of 42 000 spectators at the Yokohama Stadium, the venue for seven matches at RWC 2019.

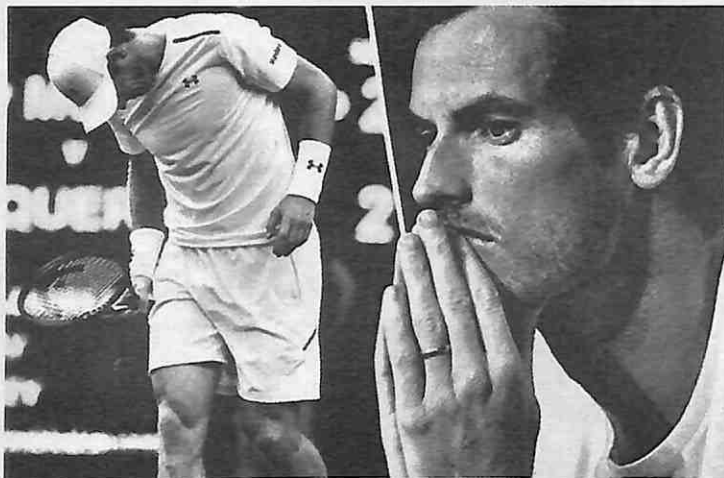
This stadium is also the venue for the 2019 World Cup final. The result ran true to form as the Wallabies, ranked eight places and more than 13 points higher than the Brave Blossoms, scored nine tries to take their tally for the year to 51 from just 11 matches.

There are some interesting match-ups this weekend that could affect the rankings when they are released next week. England play Argentina at Twickenham while Wales come up against Australia at the Principality Stadium.

Ireland will host fifth-placed South Africa in Dublin while France face up to New Zealand at the Stade de France in Paris. *African News Agency*



POSSIBLE: SA Rugby team.



DROPPED OUT: Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic.

Murray, Djokovic, fall out of ATP Top 10

PARIS - Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic dropped outside the ATP Tour's top 10 for the first time in years in the latest rankings released on Monday.

The 30-year-old Murray plummeted from third to 16th after not playing since July with a hip injury.

The Scot's last appearance outside the top 10 was in October 2014.

The three-time Grand Slam winner last appeared on court at Wimbledon, losing in the quarter-finals to American Sam Querrey. Shortly after that he was nudged off the top of the world rankings by Rafael Nadal, who sealed the end-of-year top spot at the Paris Masters last week. Murray faced world number two Roger Federer in a charity exhibition match in Glasgow yesterday before start his preparations for the Australian Open by playing in Brisbane.

Djokovic, struggling with an elbow injury, was also last seen in action in

the Wimbledon quarter-finals when he retired against Tomas Berdych.

The 12-time Grand Slam winner ends the year in 12th, down five places, for his lowest ranking since March 2007. Djokovic is hoping to make a comeback at the exhibition World Tennis Championship in Abu Dhabi next month.

American Jack Sock, who beat Filip Krajinovic 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 in the Paris Masters final on Sunday, climbs 13 rungs to ninth in the ATP chart. Sock's exploit in the French capital earned him a ticket to the World Tour Finals next week. Nadal's participation in the season-ending tournament in London is in doubt after the world number one and 16-time Grand Slam champion pulled out of Paris before his quarter-final with a knee injury. *AFP*



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KLOPP TO MAKE RARE CAPE TOWN APPEARANCE

LONDON - Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp will make a rare appearance at the Hout Bay Market in order to raise funds for the Hout Bay United Football Community.

Football fanatics will have to cough up R2 000 for the one night experience, which will come with food and drinks, live music and signed Liverpool jerseys.

"We're excited to announce a once-off opportunity to meet Liverpool football legend Jurgen Klopp - in aid of Hout Bay Football Community," the club revealed in a Facebook post.

"The chance of a lifetime awaits local football fans who want to give back to the community.

"At the foundation, we plan a broad range of social programmes to support our community using football as the catalyst.

"Mentorship and education provide the backbone running throughout the organisation at every level.

Supports

"The mid-level supports existing organisations, leagues and affiliations that currently boast over 30 well-established teams. We can assist with planning, management, organisation, sponsorship and coaching for players and, more importantly, coaches.

"Our hope is to foster and mentor talent from each corner of Hout Bay." *Sport24*

SCRAPING THE BARREL

Moyes appointment a mystery after fall from grace



LONDON - Desperate times call for desperate measures, but West Ham are in danger of scraping the bottom of the barrel with their decision to appoint David Moyes.

The decision to sack Slaven Bilic was the right one because the Hammers have been in serious decline for 18 months. Bilic spent all the credit he had left in the bank and left owners David Gold and David Sullivan no choice but to make a change.

But it remains a complete mystery how the pair of them can justify giving the job to someone like Moyes.

It appears that Moyes is still dining out on the success he enjoyed at Everton.

But here is a measure of how far his stock has fallen since he took the fatal decision to leave Goodison Park and become Sir Alex Ferguson's successor at Manchester United in 2013.

When the 'Chosen One' took the reigns at Old Trafford he signed a six-year contract that ran until 2019.

Hapless

In that time the Scot has managed United, Real Sociedad, Sunderland and now the hapless Hammers.

That's four different clubs, with 12 months still remaining on the deal he struck with United. Moyes is damaged goods now. Circumstances might have conspired against him at some of his

previous clubs and not least at Sunderland, where owner Ellis Short fed him a pack of lies about how much funding would be made available for new signings.

But the fact remains that Moyes has failed wherever he's been since leaving the Toffees and done nothing whatsoever to prove he can repeat the success he had on Merseyside.

He lasted just 10 months at United. The job was way too big for him and the scars from what happened have still to heal.

But his attempts to find redemption and rehabilitation since then have floundered and the Hammers have made a brave call indeed. *Daily Mail*

UNSWORTH FULLY DESERVED WIN - BAINES



WELL DESERVED: Everton captain Leighton Baines.

LONDON - Everton captain Leighton Baines believes their dramatic 3-2 win over Watford was the least that caretaker Manager David Unsworth deserved.

The former Toffees defender has overseen four games at the helm since Ronald Koeman was sacked a fortnight ago - with the first three all resulting in defeats.

But Unsworth halted an eight-game winless streak in all competitions for the club as they came from two goals

down to clinch victory at Goodison Park with a stoppage-time penalty from Baines. The 32-year-old left-back has heaped praise on his compatriot for a job well done after stepping up from his role as Under-23 coach.

"It makes it extra special," Baines told Everton TV when asked about winning the match for Unsworth, which saw his side climb out of the relegation zone.

Training

"He has been top drawer. I've loved the training sessions he's put on and the way he has conducted himself. His talk before the game was special.

"We would like to have given him more, and achieved better results - but we have got him a win, which he deserved, at the least."

The England international added: "We know we have good players, players that are better than the league table and our performances at times have been showing.

"It was nice to get a win. It was dramatic, so it feels great but it is nothing to get too carried away with. It is the type of win we should be getting here.

"It's a definite momentum builder, with the manner of it, the emotional roller coaster. I am sure it was a tough watch." *Sport 24*

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Serero snubs Bafana Bafana again

JOHANNESBURG - Thulani Serero has told SAFA that he won't report for camp unless he is guaranteed to play against Senegal.

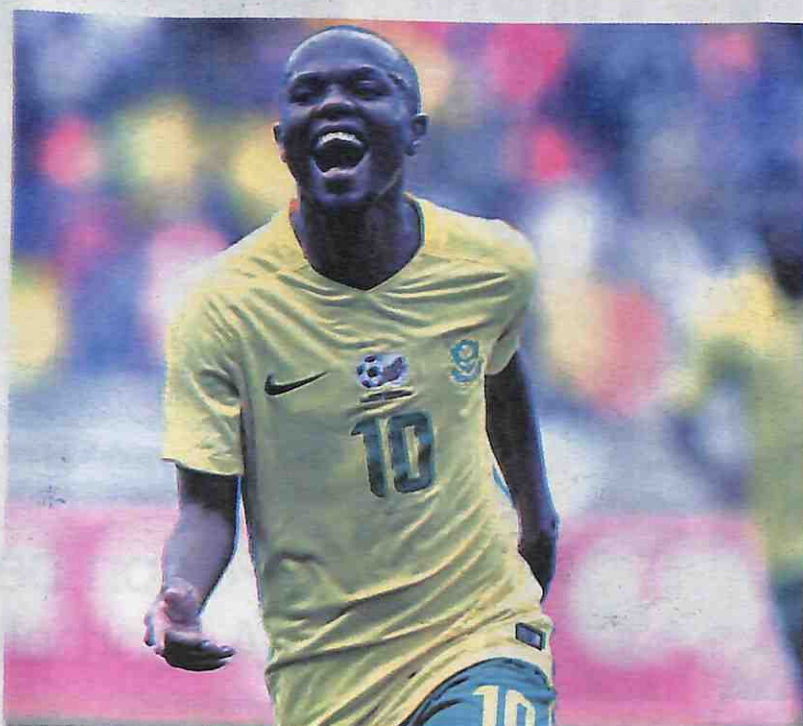
This is not the first time Serero has done this, having shown South Africa the middle finger during Gordon Igesund and Shakes Mashaba's tenures.

Bafana Bafana coach Stuart Baxter confirmed that Serero is not joining the Bafana camp.

"He gave the indication to Barney Kujane that if he is not going to play he does not want to come to camp," Baxter told the media yesterday.

"This is a national team and not a club, this is not a place where we can guarantee people places. If he does not feel that it's an honour enough to be called to the national team camp, then he may as well stay where he is. Whether that's permanent or not, I don't know.

"We have asked him to put that in writing so that we know for sure, but at the moment we have not heard anything. But he has certainly told us that he is not going to join the camp," added Baxter.



Bafana are set to play Senegal in back-to-back 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifiers on Friday and Tuesday next week.

If they manage to beat the Teranga Lions twice, they'll qualify for the global showpiece. *Citizen*

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WHO CAN QUALIFY IN AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG - The third and last round of African qualifiers for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ draws to a close this weekend, with three of

the five berths at next year's tournament still to be determined.

Egypt and Nigeria have already secured their spots, but there is all to play for in

Groups A, C and D.

Fifa.com looks at the various permutations as African teams head into the final straight.

Egypt (Group E),
Nigeria (Group B)

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Group A: Congo DR-Guinea, Tunisia-Libya

Tunisia only require one point at home to Libya to return to the World Cup stage for the first time since 2006. In the event of a Libyan victory, the Carthage Eagles could still make it if Congo DR fail to defeat Guinea.

However, if the Tunisians lose and the Congolese win, the following criteria will be applied to determine the ranking of the two teams, as described in Article 20 of the 2018 Fifa World Cup Russia™ regulations:

- Goal difference in all group matches;
 - Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.
- If the teams are still equal on the basis of the above, then their ranking shall be determined as follows:
- Greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - Goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
 - The goals scored away from home count double between the teams concerned;
 - Fair play points system in which the number of yellow and red cards in all group matches is considered according to the following deductions:
 - First yellow card: minus one point
 - Second yellow card/indirect red card: minus three points
 - Direct red card: minus four points
 - Yellow card and direct red card: minus five points;
 - Drawing of lots by the Fifa Organising Committee.

Group B: Algeria-Nigeria, Zambia-Cameroon
Nigeria have already qualified for Russia 2018.

Group C: Ivory Coast-Morocco, Gabon-Mali
In the crunch match in Group C, the situation is quite



simple: the Moroccans will qualify if they avoid defeat against Ivory Coast in Abidjan on Saturday. Les Eléphants, meanwhile, must win if they are to top the section and pip Morocco to the post.

Group D: Replayed match: South Africa-Senegal

Senegal-South Africa, Burkina Faso-Cape Verde
On paper, all of the teams in the group have a chance of qualifying, especially as there are actually three matches still to be played, including South Africa-Senegal, which originally took place in November 2016 but will now be replayed on 10 November 2017, as per the recent decision of the Bureau for the Fifa World Cup Qualifiers.

In the event of Senegal pocketing three points in South Africa, they would be assured of finishing in first place and travelling to Russia next year. A draw may also be enough for Les Lions de la Teranga if, four days later, the Burkina Faso-Cape Verde match ends in a stalemate. Conversely, a South African victory in the replayed encounter would leave all four sides still very much in the hunt with one match remaining.

Group E: Congo-Uganda, Ghana-Egypt
With Egypt having earned their ticket to Russia on the previous matchday, only pride will be at stake during the two scheduled games in Group E.

FIFA.com



INVITATION TO TENDER

REQUEST FOR TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF HEAVY PLANT EQUIPMENT AND MOBILE WORKSHOP Tender Reference No 156 of 2017/2018

The Ministry of Agriculture now invites sealed Tenders for the Supply of Heavy Plant Equipment and Mobile Workshop. Tender document is obtainable from Department of Land Use Planning, Ministry of Agriculture Headquarters building in Mbabane. Required equipment include Motor Grader (Lot 1), TLB (Lot 2), Excavator (Lot 3), Dozer (Lot 4), Dump Truck (Lot 5), Service Van-Mobile Workshop (Lot 6) and Dropside Truck (Lot 7).

Tenders must be accompanied by a receipt for E 300 (three hundred) which should be paid at Mbabane Revenue Office.

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

The Outer envelope must be marked as follows:
"The Secretary to the Swaziland Government Tender Board
Treasury Building
MBABANE"

The Envelope must be clearly marked with the following words; "Ministry of Agriculture Tender No. 156 of 2017/2018 Supply of Heavy Plant Equipment and Mobile Workshop "Do not open before 9.00 Hours Friday 1st December 2017"

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

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

The documents specified in the Instructions to Tenderers including the copy of current Tax Clearance Certificates, Trading Licence for Government Tendering, Form J (for current Shareholders), Form C (Annual Company Return) and Tender Security must be enclosed in the tender envelope.

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KEKANA WITHDRAWS FROM BAFANA BAFANA SQUAD

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana midfielder Hlompho Kekana has been granted compassionate leave after suffering a family bereavement.

SAFA spokesperson Dominic Chimhavi confirmed that as a result of a family tragedy, the Sundowns midfielder Kekana has been allowed to leave the team's Polokwane camp and return home. Bafana Bafana coach Stuart Baxter has already had to deal with the absence of Andile Jali and Bongani Zungu, both of whom are suspended for Friday's game against Senegal.

Kaizer Chiefs duo Siphiwe Tshabalala and Mulomwandau Mathoho, have been called up to the squad and joined training in Polokwane yesterday morning. *African News Agency*



OUT: Hlompho Kekana and Percy Tau during an afternoon training session.

Fans want Qalinge to replace Serero in Bafana squad

JOHANNESBURG - Following Thulani Serero withdrawal from the Bafana Bafana squad, South Africans have nominated Orlando Pirates midfielder Thabo Qalinge as his replacement.

Qalinge has been in fine form for Pirates in the last few matches, with the speedy midfielder picking up several Man of the Match awards.

South African football fans were generally disappointed with Serero's withdrawal from the squad with many believing that Baxter could do without him considering the pool of players he can choose from. *Citizen*

Morton free of suspension, sets sights on Chiefs

JOHANNESBURG - AmaZulu midfielder Michael Morton says he hopes his stop-start last six weeks are at an end and he can finish the year on a high as he is finally clear of suspension.

Morton received a red card for retaliation after being spat at by Bidvest Wits striker Gabadinho Mhango in a league match on September 20.

He served a two-game suspension and returned for the 2-1 victory over Mamelodi Sundowns a month later, but was then slapped with a further two games by the Premier Soccer League.

Those games are now complete and he is available again to boost the midfield options for coach Cavin Johnson, starting with a league meeting against Kaizer Chiefs on November 22.

"I am definitely looking forward to the game against Chiefs," Morton told his club's website.

"It has been an up and down season for me so far. I came back from suspension, but I got two extra matches suspension.

"But now that I have completed my suspension, I want to enjoy playing football again and help the team achieve its objectives."

Mzansi Football

Tau, Onyango picked in CAF Champions League XI

JOHANNESBURG - Captain Brahim Nekkach is among three stars from title-winners Wydad Casablanca of Morocco included in the CAF Champions League team of the competition.

The defensive midfielder was chosen along with teammates Youssef Rabeh and Mohamed Ounajem in a side released by the Confederation of African Football (CAF).

Rabeh was part of a defence that conceded only one goal in seven home Champions League matches while livewire winger Ounajem created numerous goals.

Another two Moroccans, goalkeeper Zouheir Laaroubi and five-goal striker Achraf Bencharki, were among the six substitutes.

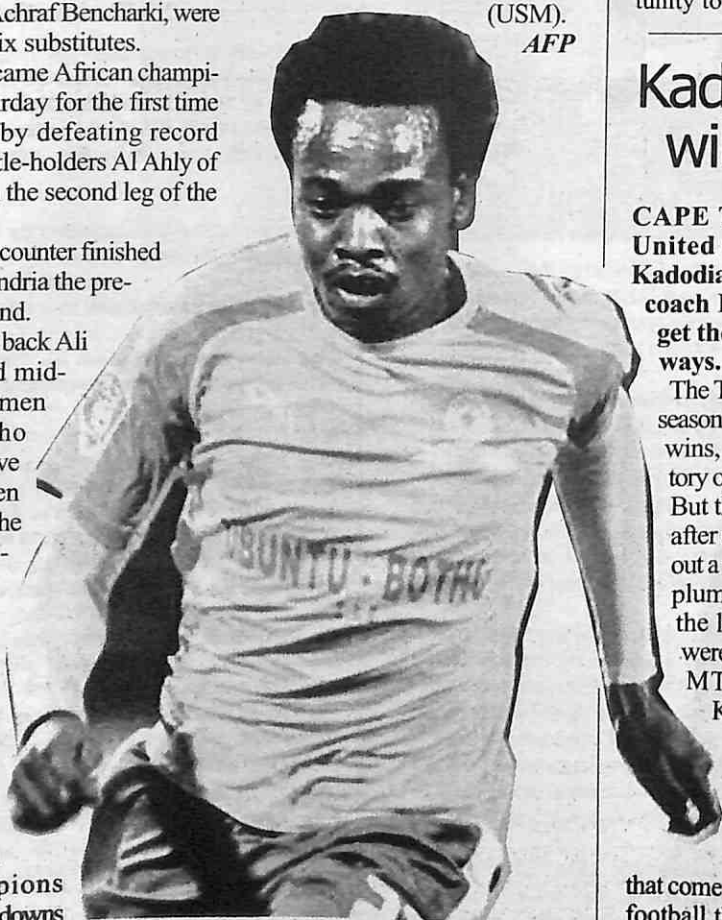
Wydad became African champions last Saturday for the first time since 1992 by defeating record eight-time title-holders Al Ahly of Egypt 1-0 in the second leg of the final.

The first encounter finished 1-1 in Alexandria the previous weekend.

Tunisia left back Ali Maaloul and midfielder Moamen Zakaria, who contributed five goals between them during the CAF campaign, were the two Ahly stars to make the team.

Reigning Africa-based Footballer of the Year Denis Onyango from 2016 champions Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa was named goalkeeper.

CAF Champions League Team Denis Onyango (Mamelodi Sundowns/RSA); Hamdi Nagguez (Etoile Sahel/TUN); Youssef Rabeh (Wydad Casablanca/MAR); Farouk Chafai (USM Alger/ALG); Ali Maaloul (Al Ahly/EGY); Brahim Nekkach (Wydad); Mohamed Amine Ben Amor (Etoile); Moamen Zakaria (Ahly); Percy Tau (Sundowns); Mohamed Ounajem (Wydad); Taha Yassine Khenissi (Esperance/TUN) Substitutes: Zouheir Laaroubi (Wydad); Ahmed Fathy, Hossam Ashour (both Ahly); Fousseyni Coulibaly (Esperance); Achraf Bencharki (Wydad); Oussama Darfallo (USM). *AFP*



CHOSEN: Captain Brahim Nekkach.



WARNS: Kaizer Chiefs' head coach Steve Komphela (L) and goalkeeper coach Brian Baloyi during the ABSA Premiership match against Polokwane City at Peter Mokaba Stadium.

Poison being spilled in SA football - Komphela

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela is warning fellow coaches to be careful in their analysis of other team's tactics and formation because he says "poison is being spilled".

"I must warn my colleagues, without my coming across as an expert, but our coaches are sometimes misleading people in the way they read numbers," Komphela said.

"It is often so inappropriate we are sending a wrong message.

"I don't know why people believe everything that coaches say, especially when it is wrong."

Komphela's outburst came after a radio reporter accused him of using six players in defence in the game against Chippa United on Sunday when Chiefs won 1-0 at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in Port Elizabeth to book a spot in the Telkom Knockout semifinals.

Komphela made a patient explanation of the way Chiefs approached the game, using wingbacks and three central defenders, refuting the reporters' assertion and then using the opportunity to appeal to other coaches,

without mentioning names.

But his focus was clearly on Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane, his former colleague with Bafana Bafana, who accused Chiefs of "parking the bus" in the last encounters.

This Komphela refuted: "The match we played at Loftus when we lost 2-1 (in November last year) we were playing 3-4-3.

"The match we just played at Loftus (on October 17) when we beat them 2-1 we played 3-4-3.

"It is so easy to spill poison rather to spread something that is progressive. "How I wish we could say right stuff for our people to pick up on the positives of the game.

"We are building a product there, the PSL, that we must be proud of. We are all eating from this table.

"I get my pay cheque from this. All of us need to protect this industry and then we can go places.

"But we seem to be kicking the very same table we are eating from. It's amazing," said the Chiefs coach, who has yet to win a trophy in his third year in charge of the Cup kings. *Sports24*

Kadodia confident Maritzburg will return to winning ways

CAPE TOWN - Maritzburg United Chairperson Farook Kadodia is confident that head coach Fadlu Davids will soon get the team back to winning ways.

The Team of Choice started the season brightly with three straight wins, including an MTN8 victory over Mamelodi Sundowns. But the wheels have come off after a run of nine games without a win, that has seen the club plummet to 13th position on the league table, while they were also eliminated from the MTN8 and the Telkom Knockout competitions.

Kadodia, however, remains calm and has given Davids his full backing.

"There are challenges that come with the type of exciting football the club wants to play," Kadodia said.

"I think teams watched us in the MTN8, they did their video analy-

sis, and worked out how to stop Maritzburg. Teams have been parking the bus against us and adopting a defensive approach.

"We don't need to panic. We understand Fadlu is a new coach. He did very well last season, and at the start of this season. I firmly believe he is on the right track.

Confident

"Sometimes you have the situation of a coach losing the dressing room but I am confident Fadlu continues to have the respect of the players and this is very important."

Kadodia says that a fresh approach will be needed.

"The technical team is working to try and get plan B and C in place. I know the coach and technical team will have a strategy to come back strongly after the break when we play Bidvest Wits and Polokwane City in one week.

"I'm very confident things will turn around. We have quality players, Fadlu will look at Plan B and Plan C." *Sport24*

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MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1. Mbabane Swallows	12	10	2	0	23	5	18	32
2. Young Buffaloes	12	8	4	0	23	7	16	28
3. Mchizha United	12	6	4	2	13	8	5	22
4. Manzini Wanderers	12	6	3	3	18	16	2	21
5. Green Mamba	12	5	3	4	18	11	7	18
6. Malanti Chiefs	12	5	3	4	18	20	-2	18
7. Mbabane Highlanders	12	5	2	5	13	13	0	17
8. Manzini Sundowns	12	3	6	3	15	12	3	15
9. Royal Leopards	12	3	6	3	12	9	3	15
10. Moneni Pirates	12	4	3	5	13	16	-3	15
11. Vovovo	12	4	1	7	11	17	-6	13
12. Tambuti	12	4	1	7	13	19	-6	13
13. Red Lions	12	1	2	9	7	21	-14	5
14. Midas City	12	0	0	12	7	26	-19	0

MNT NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1. Citizens	9	9	0	0	24	5	19	27
2. Madlenya	9	7	1	1	19	5	14	22
3. Timosi	9	6	1	2	21	4	17	19
4. Sea Birds	9	5	1	3	20	13	7	16
5. Milling	9	4	2	3	9	9	0	14
6. Callies	9	4	1	4	10	13	-3	13
7. Sikhalo	9	2	3	4	9	15	-6	9
8. Bad Boys	8	3	0	5	7	14	-7	9
9. Hub Sundowns	9	2	1	6	7	11	-4	7
10. Amalanda	9	2	0	7	12	16	-4	6
11. Tycoons	9	2	0	7	12	16	-4	6
12. Mahlatini	8	1	1	6	10	19	-9	4

SWAZI TRAC RHOHO SUPER LEAGUE

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Billy Ocean	4	4	0	0	11	3	8	12
2. Imbumbi	4	3	1	0	5	1	4	10
3. Kupheleni	4	3	0	1	9	5	4	9
4. Sibovini	4	2	1	1	9	7	2	7
5. Burning Spear	4	1	3	0	9	4	5	6
6. PMT	3	1	2	0	5	4	1	5
7. Umbebele	4	1	1	2	5	3	2	4
8. Wizards	3	1	0	2	2	4	-2	3
9. Sibuyeni	4	1	0	3	3	8	-5	3
10. Emajukujuku	3	0	2	1	3	5	-2	2
11. Swazi Sun	3	0	0	3	5	9	-4	0
12. Vusweni Killers	4	0	0	4	1	13	-12	0

NORTHERN ZONE

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Vultures	4	2	2	0	7	2	5	8
2. N. Swallows	4	2	2	0	3	0	3	8
3. Manchester	4	2	1	1	5	2	3	7
4. Horo	3	2	1	0	4	1	3	7
5. Pachanga	3	1	2	0	5	4	1	5
6. Black Swallows	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
7. Mvuma	3	0	3	0	2	2	0	3
8. 19 Celtics	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
9. Ms Arsenal	3	0	2	1	1	3	-2	2
10. Kappa Kappa	4	0	2	2	5	9	-4	2
11. Ndeya Galaxy	3	0	1	2	2	6	-4	1
12. Khanjara Rovers	3	0	1	2	2	6	-4	1

MANDLA MAHEWU MBABANE LEAGUE E55 000

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Pot O Gold	9	6	2	1	14	6	8	20
2. Interstars	9	6	1	2	14	8	6	19
3. Amawele	9	5	2	2	19	12	7	17
4. Real Tec	9	5	1	3	21	12	9	16
5. Sidwashini	9	4	4	1	16	12	4	16
6. Corporation	9	3	4	2	9	8	1	13
7. Mbabane Celtics	9	3	4	2	9	9	0	13
8. Veni Cosmos	9	4	1	4	13	18	-5	13
9. Sandia	8	3	3	2	9	7	2	12
10. Pine valley	8	4	0	4	9	10	-1	12
11. Mbabane Arsenal	9	2	3	4	5	8	-3	9
12. Supersport	8	1	4	3	7	10	-3	7
13. Double Action	9	1	4	4	14	20	-6	7
14. White City	9	1	3	5	8	14	-6	6
15. Gordon stars	9	0	5	4	8	13	-5	5
16. FC Vaal Stars	8	0	3	5	10	18	-8	3

B. DIVISION

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Thebelihle	9	8	1	0	26	10	16	25
2. Classic	9	7	1	1	35	14	21	22
3. Freestyle	9	5	2	2	24	14	10	17
4. Royal Dynamos	9	5	1	3	23	18	5	16
5. National Rangers	8	4	2	2	20	13	7	14
6. Mphlati	9	4	1	4	22	19	3	13
7. Movers	9	2	5	2	19	26	-7	11
8. Mangwaneni	9	2	4	3	21	19	2	10
9. Mpolonjeni	9	1	6	2	15	16	-1	9
10. Mbabane United	9	1	5	3	20	19	1	8
11. Junction Stars	9	2	2	5	18	30	-12	8
12. Lusoti	9	1	4	4	15	25	-10	7
13. The Wailers	8	1	3	4	10	18	-8	6
14. Mantsholo United	9	0	1	8	11	38	-27	1

FUTS NIKHABA REGIONAL LEAGUE

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Ngwenya United	8	6	2	0	31	6	25	20
2. Shooting Stars	6	6	0	0	30	3	27	18
3. Majotini	7	4	1	2	18	9	9	13
4. Barcelona FC	7	3	2	2	16	11	5	11
5. Dribbling Stars	7	3	1	3	11	11	0	10
6. Mhlosheni	7	3	1	3	7	18	-11	10
7. Bafana	5	3	0	2	7	7	0	9
8. Super Stars	6	2	2	2	7	11	-4	8
9. Atletico	5	2	0	3	9	10	-1	6
10. Crocodiles	5	2	0	3	13	18	-5	6
11. Marisburg	7	2	0	5	9	21	-12	6
12. Brothers United	6	2	0	4	9	24	-15	6
13. Manyisa United	7	2	0	5	5	5	0	5
14. Nkayoylo	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5

POTS CONSTRUCTION SIGANGENI LEAGUE

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Ntsetse	8	6	0	2	17	6	11	18
2. Real Touch	7	6	0	1	14	8	6	18
3. Man Unlimited	8	5	0	3	10	7	3	15
4. Community	8	4	1	3	15	9	6	13
5. Total XI	7	4	1	2	14	8	6	13
6. Young Heroes	6	3	3	0	15	9	6	12
7. Young Fighters	6	3	2	1	9	6	3	11
8. Real United	7	3	2	2	9	7	2	11
9. Nationals	7	2	4	1	10	7	3	10
10. Sigangeni	7	2	3	2	10	10	0	9
11. M. Celtics	7	2	2	3	7	10	-3	8
12. Kangaroo	7	2	1	4	9	15	-6	7
13. Mighty Chiefs	8	1	3	4	9	12	-3	6
14. Cannibals	8	1	3	5	9	18	-9	6
15. Golden Stars	7	2	0	5	12	22	-10	6
16. Villa Sport	8	1	2	5	7	14	-7	5
17. U. Eagles	8	1	2	5	5	14	-9	5

BAKHANYISELE & MENZI DLAMINI MAPHALALENI LEAGUE

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. XI Experience	9	7	1	1	19	6	13	22
2. Rangers	10	6	2	2	26	11	15	20
3. Hotspurs	10	6	2	2	15	8	7	20
4. Young Lions	8	6	1	1	25	4	21	19
5. Professionals	9	6	1	2	24	7	17	19
6. Umkhokha	10	6	1	3	29	19	10	19
7. Manchester	10	6	1	3	19	10	9	19
8. Thuluzobona	10	5	0	5	12	15	-3	15
9. Blue Birds	10	4	2	5	17	21	-4	14
10. Young Stars	10	3	2	5	14	13	1	11
11. Khulungwane	10	3	1	6	12	29	-17	10
12. Liselesele	10	2	3	5	15	24	-9	9
13. Luvinjelo	10	2	2	6	14	22	-8	8
14. Killers	10	2	2	6	7	19	-12	8
15. Junior Stars	10	1	4	5	8	16	-8	7
16. Barcelona FC	10	0	1	9	8	36	-28	1

WESTERN STREAM

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Early Sunset	8	6	2	0	17	6	11	20
2. Lunkanka	8	4	4	0	17	7	10	16
3. Mighty Birds	7	3	3	1	13	10	3	12
4. Hill Stars	7	3	3	1	6	3	3	12
5. Top Classic	8	4	0	4	15	15	0	12
6. Jubukweni United	8	2	5	1	15	7	8	11
7. Love & Peace	7	3	2	2	7	4	3	11
8. Happy Fighters	7	3	2	2	14	13	1	11
9. Sunrise	7	1	3	3	11	13	-2	6
10. Rollers	6	1	2	3	7	8	-1	5
11. Academy	7	1	2	4	2	8	-6	5
12. Siphambanweni	7	0	4	3	9	13	-4	4
13. Happy Tigers	8	0	4	4	5	15	-10	4
14. Lubuyane Pirates	4	1	0	3	4	16	-12	3

SOUTH STAR MDZIMBA REGIONAL LEAGUE

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Green Sea	6	4	1	1	13	5	8	13
2. Cosmos	6	4	0	2	10	4	6	12
3. Rhinos	7	3	2	2	9	7	2	11
4. Rangers	7	2	4	1	9	7	2	10
5. Rhumba	7	3	1	3	11	11	0	10
6. Sundowns	7	3	1	3	7	9	-2	10
7. Kasiko	7	2	3	2	11	7	4	9
8. Timbungulu	7	2	3	2	10	9	1	9
9. Rebels	6	2	2	2	9	11	-2	8
10. Bush Bucks	7	2	2	3	11	14	-3	8
11. Top Centre	7	2	2	3	9	12	-3	8
12. Barcelona	7	2	2	3	8	13	-5	8
13. Swallows	7	2	1	4	9	9	0	7
14. Monaco	7	2	1	4	8	10	-2	7
15. Chiefs	6	2	1	3	4	9	-5	7
16. Arsenal	5	1	3	1	4	5	-1	6

B. DIVISION

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Black Mashuba	3	3	0	0	8	4	4	9
2. All Stars	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6
3. Drinkoppies	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
4. Highlanders	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0
5. Amcabane	3	0	0	3	0	5	-5	0



MHLAB'UHLANGENE

'THE DEEP BLUE OCEAN'

With: Victor Dlamini



GET WELL SOON KHANYAKWEZWE, SIDUMO

GREETINGS Mhlab'uhlangene, welcome to another subscription, hope you are all well!

Ladies and gentlemen, last Saturday we went, played and won against Moneni Pirates at Mavuso Sports Centre but we also lost two players to serious head injuries which you may require an update.

A concussion suffered by goalkeeper, Khanyakwezwe Shabalala during the 2-1 victory has cut out a fortnight of action while Sidumo Shongwe could be out for much longer.

This was confirmed by a

medical examination conducted at Mpilo Clinic on Saturday night where the player together with striker Shongwe had been rushed to after their premature end to their match's contribution.

A concussion is defined as a traumatic brain injury that affects brain function. Effects are usually temporary but can include headaches and problems with concentration, memory, balance and coordination.

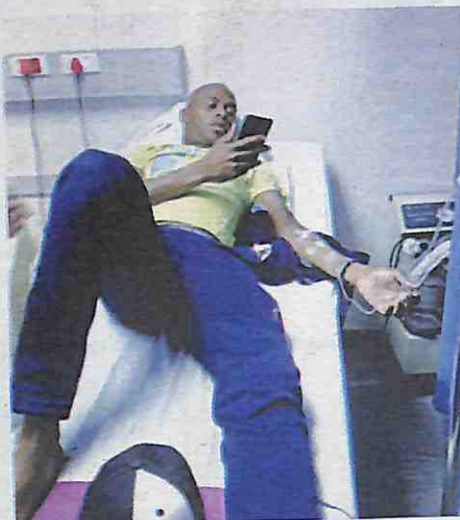
Concussions are usually caused by a blow to the head.

Shabalala was due to report for a week-long Sihlangu camp on Monday.

On the other end, Shongwe's injury was confirmed as a fractured skull which will require surgery.

He has since been referred to a hospital in South Africa

and probably by the time you read this, he would have checked in. This added to the growing list of injuries that the team is carrying already. We would like to wish the two speedy a recovery.



GET WELL BOYS: Khanyakwezwe Shabalala and Sidumo Shongwe.

DID YOU SEE THAT BULLET HEADER?

RELIEVED Richards Bay born Mthobisi Mngomezulu has promised more to come after finally breaking his goal duck on Saturday with a goal that gave Matsapha United a 2-1 win over Moneni Pirates.

In a very rare interview for the rather reserved (probably most reserved) player, Mngomezulu said he was relieved by the goal after 614 minutes of play.

"Coming into the Matsapha United fold as one of the five foreign players expectations were always going to be high and the longer I spent on the field of play without a goal, the more the pressure was building up.

"The pressure probably began to take over me and there were moments where impatience grew and things probably got hurried but that is all behind me now after this goal. It means a lot for me as it eases the burden on me," said the 22-year-old South African.

Wait a minute! Was this his best?

"No, fans are yet to see the best from me. The best is yet to come as I still have more to deliver for them. I would like to thank my team mates, coaches, fans, management for standing by me. It needed a lot more patience," said Mngomezulu.

Back home he has largely played low level soccer turning out for Phiva Youngsters and Orbit College FC in Mpumalanga Province. #MoreToCome!



GOAL: Mthobisi Mngomezulu scores Matsapha United's second goal during their game against Moneni Pirates.

PIRATES LOST AT THE 'DEEP BLUE OCEAN'!

MNGOMEZULU must be a relieved someone after breaking his goal duck after 614 minutes of action since his arrival as Matsapha United shaved off the Sea Robbers Moneni Pirates in the MTN Premier League of Swaziland Week 12 match played at Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday afternoon.

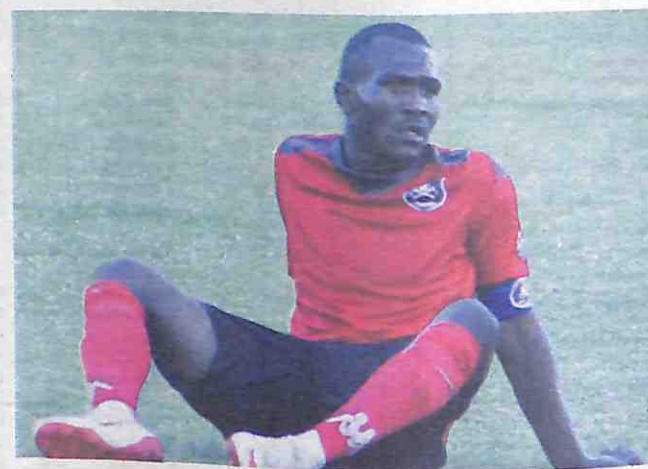
It would seem the day was a busy one for the club's statistics department full of firsts with Jimoh Moses breaking his goal drought when his third minute header ended his 780 minutes as Sibonelo Dlamini became the first ever Matsapha United player to clock a 1000 premierships minutes this season.

Notably, also, young Ayanda Gamedze finally lasted the entire match for the first time and also for the first time goalkeeper

Khanyakwezwe Shabalala could not finish a match he has started after being pulled out injured for Mxolisi Dlamini just before the winner.

But one piece of statistics that will certainly put a smile on the faces of many in the Deep Blue Ocean is that Matsapha United are yet to lose any Premiership League match they have scored and most importantly they have won all matches they have scored first.

Such was the glorious day that The Deep Blue Ocean returned from the turmoil of two consecutive defeats in the last seven days that started with their first ever premierships defeat to Manzini Wanderers, 0-1 last Saturday before Tuesday night's 0-2 defeat to Malanti Chiefs on the same turf.



DROWNED: Moneni Pirates Junior Magagula dejected after the game.

Conclusion

Our merchandise is still available.

You can visit our gazebo at the stadium or better still get yourself branded at the sports shop. For those who wish to pay via mobile money our number is 7864 2550.

Sibloma ekasi, siphethe i-vibe ene strategy, sizobashiya be-dizzy #VeldFire.

Until next week, Mhlab'uhlangene - The 'Deep Blue Ocean' wishes you a Fair-Play filled weekend. We lead they follow!

INGWENYAMA CUP 2017



DASH: Kupheleni's Lihle Zwane dashes away from Imbembe's Siphe Dlamini in their Ingwenyama Cup tie at the Prince of Wales Sports Ground, on Saturday. Imbembe won the match 4-2. (Pics: Sibongiseni Zondi)



CLIMB: Imbembe's Wandile Zwane climbs on top of Kupheleni's Lihle Zwane.



FIGHT: Kupheleni's Melusi Magagula tries to get away from Imbembe's Siphe Dlamini.



PENALTY: Kupheleni's Melusi Magagula wins his side a penalty.



IT'S IN: Imbembe goalkeeper Qiniso Nyawo fails to stop one of Kupheleni's goals.



IN FLIGHT: A Kupheleni player heads the ball away while Imbembe's Mthobisi Dlamini watches.



FOCUS: Sethu Mabilisa tussles for the ball with Imbembe captain Lwazi Shongwe.



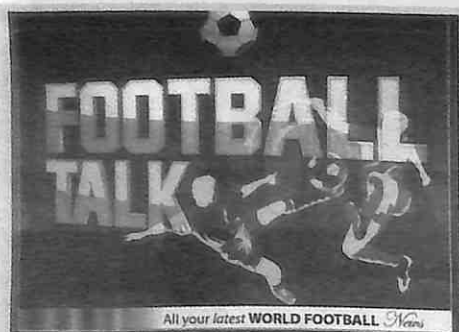
EYES ON THE BALL: Kupheleni's Sibusiso Zungu fights for the ball with Imbembe's Machawe Xulu.



CELEBRATIONS: Kupheleni's technical bench celebrate one of their goals.



SUPPORT: Kupheleni fans watching the match.



● Everton want former England boss Sam Allardyce to be their new manager for the rest of the season. The 63-year-old is set to sign a £100 000-a-week deal, with former Leicester boss Craig Shakespeare as his assistant. *(Sun)*



● West Ham were rejected by Carlo Ancelotti, Roberto Mancini and Rafael Benitez before making their move for David Moyes to replace Manager Slaven Bilic. *(Sun)*

● The Hammers are in discussions about bringing in former left-back Stuart Pearce as Moyes' assistant. *(Telegraph)*

● Paris St-Germain have spoken to the agent of Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho, who wants more backing in the transfer market from the Old Trafford club. *(Manchester Evening News)*

● Manchester United are willing to sell Spain goalkeeper David de Gea, 26, to Real Madrid on the condition that 24-year-old France defender Raphael Varane moves in the opposite direction. *(Don Balon - in Spanish)*

● Chelsea defender David Luiz's future at the club is in doubt after he was dropped for the win over Manchester United and the 30-year-old Brazil international fears he is being punished for his friendship with former Blues striker Diego Costa. *(Times - subscription required)*



● Manchester United midfielder Marouane Fellaini is wanted by Turkish side Besiktas. The 29-year-old Belgium international is out of contract in the summer and free to talk to other clubs in January. *(Turkish Football)*

● Arsenal want to sign Real Madrid goalkeeper Keylor Navas. The 30-year-old Costa Rica international has also been linked with Liverpool. *(Diario Gol, via Team Talk)*

● The Gunners are preparing a £10m bid for 25-year-old Besiktas and Turkey midfielder Oguzhan Ozyakup - a player they sold for only £400,000 in 2012. *(Talksport)*

● Everton are tracking highly rated Norwich midfielder James Maddison. Director of football Steve Walsh watched the 20-year-old in Saturday's defeat by Bolton Wanderers. *(ESPN)*

● Newcastle could rekindle their interest in Hamburg's Lewis Holtby. The 27-year-old former Tottenham player, who has three caps for Germany, is free to talk to clubs under the Bosman ruling from 1 January. *(HITC)*

● Arsenal have revived their interest in Barcelona midfielder Rafinha, 24, who is keen on the idea of playing in the Premier League. *(Mundo Deportivo, via 101 Great Goals)*



THAJO INVESTMENT PUMPS IN E60 000

Stories by Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - THAJO Investment, a company under the directorship of former FA Vice President Nichodimus 'Ace' Mashwama has pumped in a sum of E60 000 for the Lubombo Eastern Zone League.

The sponsorship will be spread in two seasons, starting with the first batch of E30 000 in the current season and the last batch of the remaining amount next season.

Channelled

From the E30 000, a sum of E20 000 will be channelled to the first division while E10 000 will cater for the second division.

This was revealed during the sponsorship launch held at Mpolonjeni where the Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) through its Chairman Mangaliso Langwenya thanked the company for the kind gesture which will go a long way in developing the game regionally and beyond.

On the other hand, Mashwama revealed that after being involved in football for a long time as a player and administrator he

... for Lubombo Eastern Zone League

finds it worth it to plough back to the beautiful game, hence the sponsorship. He expressed his desire to see football developing not only in Eastern Zone but across the region.

According to the prize breakdown presented to the teams' representatives, in first division the champions will walk home with a whopping E7 000 and trophy while the runners-up will get E4 000.

The second division prize breakdown reflects that the champions will get E5 000 with runners-up getting E3 000.

The league games in both divisions are already underway and teams are showing strong determination for honours as evidenced by the fierce competition.

The Lubombo Eastern Zone which has been without sponsors over the years covers places like Siteki, Mpolonjeni, Ngcina, KaLanga and surrounding areas.

SUPPORTS:
Former FA Vice President Nichodimus 'Ace' Mashwama.



Incentive for first round winners

SOCCER - FIRST round winners in the recently launched Thaso Investment E30 000 Lubombo Eastern Zone league are set to pocket thousands of emalangeni as the sponsorship also caters for the incentives for teams to come top at the end of the first round.

This was revealed by LRFA Chairman Mangaliso Langwenya during the sponsorship launch at Mpolonjeni last week. The first round winners in the first division will pocket E2 500 while in the second division there is a E1 000 carrot. Meanwhile, other prizes to be awarded at the end of the

season include the most disciplined team award which carries E1 000 and the Top Goal Scorer Award which stands at E800. Referees were not left out in the awards as there is the Best Referee Award which carries E300 for each referee to be selected in four venues under the zone.

Peacemakers, Professionals draw in RSSC Siyakha league

Peacemakers..... (2)2
Professionals..... (2)2

SOCCER - MHLUME Peacemakers and Mhlume Professionals settled for a 2-2 draw in a scintillating RSSC Siyakha North West League encounter played at Nsukuwansuku Stadium in Mhlume over the weekend.

The game which attracted hordes of football followers from communities within the sugar belt and surrounding areas proved to be a centre of attraction the moment the referee blew the whistle to signal start of the game.

Both sides showed strong intent to bag the maximum points as they upped the pace, keeping the supporters at the edges of their seats.

It was Peacemakers, who opened the scoring sheet in the sixth minute through a strike from Muzi Mabelesa but three minutes later Professionals equalised via the boot of Mandla Cadira, who scored from a free kick outside the box.

The goal ignited Peacemakers, who attacked for sometime eventually scoring in the 39-minute through a goal from Siyabonga Dlamini.

Professionals made threatening moves with their intimidating build ups before scoring the equaliser in the 43rd minute through a Thabani Myeni strike to silence their opponents' supporters, who had burst into song.

The first half ended with both teams locked at 2-2.

The second half started in high tempo as both sides attacked but missed a host of scoring opportunities. It was Peacemakers, who posed danger to their opponents when going forward as they pressed Professionals but failed to break the latter defence which proved to be a hard nut to crack.

With Professionals defending and opting to rely on counter attacks, Peacemakers' effort to score the winning goal went up in smoke. The referee blew the final whistle with both sides at 2-2.

In another game earlier on Tsambokhulu, Rovers beat Mhlume Highlanders 4-0 in a one-sided encounter played in the same venue.

The North West League is financially backed by giant sugar manufacturing company RSSC which pumped in a sum E180 000 shared equally by three categories namely grassroots, juniors league and seniors league. The seniors' league is divided into two streams which is the North West and the North East thus the champions in each stream pocket a sum of E6 500.

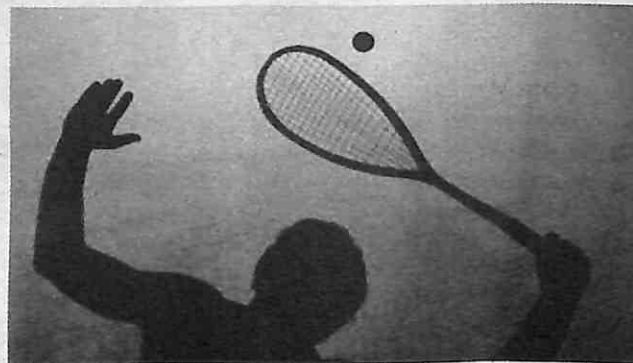
Sifiso, Tanele are United General Insurance National Championship champs

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SQUASH - TANELE Matimakhulu and Sifiso Musi are the champions of this year's squash United General Insurance National Championships.

The two claimed their titles after they impressively triumphed in the tournament played at the Royal Swazi Spa on Saturday.

After claiming his place in the quarter finals, Sifiso managed to breeze through Ntokozo Dlamini with a convincing 3-



1 win. After the semi-finals he went straight to the finals where he clashed with Kim Rouques, who won 2 - 1 against Esau DuPont in the quarters and also

beat Bheki Thwala 2 - 0 in the semis.

After an entertaining final, Sifiso Musi eventually managed to claim the title with a 3

RESULTS

Quarter Finals			
Kim Rouques	2-1	Esau du Pont	
Sifiso Musi	3-0	Ntokozo Dlamini	
Quinton	1-2	Bheki Thwala	
Semi-finals			
Kim Rouques	2-0	Bheki	
Sifiso got a bye to de final			
Final			
Sifiso Musi	3-1	Kim Rouques	

- 1 win. In the women's section, Tanele first beat Ncedo - 1 before winning 2 - 0 in the semi final and final, respectively.

On the very day, Swaziland Squash Association also hosted the squash night where all stakeholders in a squash fraternity were gathered to look back at the past season and also discuss the future of the sport in the country.

29 players in Sihlangu camp

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER – A total of 29 players are at the Sihlangu camp with only Matsapha United goalkeeper Khanyakwezwe Shabalala the only withdrawal due to injury.

The national team players reported for camp on Monday afternoon to start preparations for the proposed friendly matches in November's FIFA week which runs until next Wednesday even though the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) has not yet secured any opponents.

Sihlangu coach Pieter de Jongh named 30 players in his squad for this current FIFA week and all the players reported for camp on Monday afternoon with only Shabalala being turned back, according to NFAS Communications Officer Muzi Radebe.

"Camp has started on a positive note. All the players are in camp except for Khanyakwezwe, who came with a doctor's report and was turned back because he is injured. We would like to thank all teams and employers for this timely release of all the players," he said.

THE PLAYERS AT CAMP

Goalkeepers:

Phephisani Msibi (Royal Leopard)
Sandanezwe Mathabela (Mbabane Swallows)

Defenders:

Nhlanhla Gwebu (Young Buffaloes)
Sifiso Mabila (Mbabane Swallows)
Mandla Palma (Mbabane Swallows)
Sanele Mkheweli (Mbabane Swallows)
Mncedisi Dlamini (Mbabane Highlanders)
Siboniso Mamba (Young Buffaloes)
Siboniso Ndzabandzaba (Tambuti)
Sandile Dlamini (Manzini Sundowns)
Simphiwe Manana (Mbabane Highlanders)
Wandile Maseko (Young Buffaloes)
Ndumiso Ndaba (Mbabane Swallows)
Vusi Vilakati (Mbabane Highlanders)

Menzi Simelane (Moneni Pirates)
Mncedisi Poto Dlamini (Vovovo)

Midfielders:

Menzi Sithole (Mbabane Highlanders)
Wonder Nhleko (Mbabane Swallows)
Njabulo Ndlovu (Mbabane Swallows)
Tony Tsabedze (Mbabane Swallows)
Sifiso Matse (Manzini Wanderers)
Mancoba Maseko (Midas City)

Strikers:

Banele Mdluli (Green Mamba)
Sandile Hlatjwako (Mbabane Swallows)
Barry Stenkamp (Royal Leopards)
Felix Badenhorst (Mbabane Swallows)
Justice Figureito (Manzini Sundowns)
Bonginkosi Dlamini (Royal Leopard)
Sifiso Mazibuko (Young Buffaloes)

Even though some of the players, like Mbabane Swallows' Felix Badenhorst, got injured in the past weekend's MTN Premier League action, Radebe confirmed that all other injured players were in camp. "All injured players are in camp with the exception of Khanyakwezwe. They are still being

assessed by the national team doctors," he said.

Radebe then added that the NFAS was not pressing any panic buttons despite still not having any friendly match opponents for Sihlangu. "We can't talk about pressure. Camp started yesterday after all," he concluded.

FORMER PLAYERS REVIVE MHLAMBANYATSI ROVERS

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – THERE is no place like home.

This old adage has rang true to former Mhlambanyatsi Rovers stars, who are now trying to revive the fallen giants currently campaigning in the fourth tier Usuthu Promotion League under the Manzini Regional Football Association (MRFA). The players are former Sihlangu player Mfanzile 'Fash' Dlamini, Mduduzi 'Aghahowa' Mdluli, Sabelo Shilubane, Mbuso Tsela and Mbongeni Zwane, who all have committed themselves to the blue and white ensemble.

The team is also working around the clock to also secure the services of the Kunene brothers (Mpendulo 'Baiano' and Mancoba 'Dunga') and goalkeeper Nhlanhla Magatuka' Dlamini, who are all in the books of army side Young Buffaloes.

The team Public Relations Officer Sibusiso 'Bull' Zwane appealed to the club's loyalists to join hands in reviving the team when contacted yesterday. "The team is back playing in the Usuthu Promotion League



HELP: Mduduzi 'Aghahowa' Mdluli.

and we are calling upon all Rovers supporters in the country to come on board as we are trying to revive the team. Our main goal is help the team return to Premier League where it used to be a powerhouse. Supporters can contact myself at 7606 7688 or Fash (7682 0628) for others details," he said. The interim Management Committee:

Player/coach: Mfanzile 'Fash' Dlamini
Manager: Dumisa Dlamini
PRO/Secretary: Sibusiso 'Bull' Zwane



CONGRATULATIONS: Express Car Wash Director Sikhatsi Dlamini handing over the first prize to champions Police College captain Norman Khoza during the prize presentation held yesterday. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



REMARKS: Sifiso Makhanya making remarks on behalf of the organisers.

Let us revive pool – Sikhatsi Dlamini

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

POOL – EXPRESS Car Wash Director and veteran pool player Sikhatsi Dlamini has called upon pool players in the country to work towards the revival of the sport.

Dlamini said pool players should come together in taking the sport to greater heights. He said this during the prize presentation of the Express Car Wash E10 000 knockout competition held yesterday. "Let us all work hard in reviving the sport by joining hands in taking pool back to the top. We need to rekindle the old days where we used to have a strong national team and hosted international competitions. "I believe the sport has the

potential to be one of the best in the country. We need to work together to promote the sport. I am happy and impressed with the proceedings of the tournament and I believe it will be bigger and better next year," he said.

Dlamini then congratulated the champions of the tournament Police College for winning the inaugural tournament. "Congratulations are in order for the champions, who have shown more aggression for the duration of the tournament. We further commend the good behaviour shown by all the players throughout the competition," he said. Making his remarks on behalf of the players was Manzini Pool Club captain Vusi Masilela, who thanked the sponsor for supporting the sport.

Unity is our strength – Police College

POOL – MBABANE Express Car Wash champions Police College have attributed their recent success to unity in their camp.

The police side captain Norman Khoza said their continuous success was through unity and hard

work. He said this after they were officially crowned champions of the express Car Wash knockout competition.

"We are happy with our achievement which is a result of hard work from my teammates. They train everyday for the betterment of the



CHAMP: Player of the series Thabo Dlamini of Sharp Shooters accepting his prize from the sponsor.

team," he said.

Meanwhile, player of the tournament Thabo Dlamini, who walked away with E500 plus a trophy, thanked his teammates for supporting him.

"I would like to thank my teammates from believing in me and I am confident we will continue to do well as a team," he said.

THE PRIZE BREAKDOWN

Champions: Police College - E4 000, a trophy plus gold medals
2. Sharp Shooters - E2 000 plus silver medals
3. Manzini Pool Club - E1 400 plus bronze medals
4. Mbabane Pool Club - E1 000
5. Bel Air - E400
6. Way Inn - E400
7. Singapore Two - E400
8. Insumansumane - E400
Player of the tournament
Thabo Dlamini - Sharp Shooters - E500

Ngwane College eyeing Ingwenyama Cup honours

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - NGWANE College Football Club are eyeing a maiden appearance in the Ingwenyama Cup finals after edging closer to qualification this past weekend.

The College beat fellow Shiselweni Super League side Mashekesheni 4-3 on penalties following a 1-all stalemate in the regional qualifiers.

They are now just two wins away from reaching the Ingwenyama Cup finals.

Six regional sides will make the last 32 of the Ingwenyama Cup instead of eight as in the first and second edition because of the increase in the number of Premier League teams to 14.

The overall winners in each region will qualify straight to the last 32 of the main competition with the four beaten finalists then competing in a playoff to fill up the remaining two slots. Ngwane College will meet Rangers in the final of the Shiselweni Super League Southern Zone. If they are victorious in that tie they will then contest in the main Shiselweni final with a side from the Northern zone and whoever wins that match will qualify for the Ingwenyama Cup last 32.

Ngwane College coach Mcolisi Msweli says his side is hungry for success going into the match against Rangers.

"We know Rangers, they are a good side but they are not better than us. We will utilise the information we have on them to prepare for the match. We know we are slight underdogs but we are under no pressure and we believe this is our season to qualify for the Ingwenyama Cup," he said. Msweli, who has a CAF License D qualification, adds that his side has the full backing of the College's administration.

"Most of the players we have are students at the college. Our purpose is to build a strong team from Shiselweni that will compete in higher leagues. We have the full support of the administration and the Principal Dr. A. Mahlalela. We also work hand in hand with the Physical Education department," Msweli said.

FIXTURES

PLAYING ON FRIDAY

2017 INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES

13:35	China PR	vs	Serbia
14:00	Japan	vs	Brazil
21:45	Poland	vs	Uruguay
21:45	Belgium	vs	Mexico
21:45	Portugal	vs	Saudi Arabia
22:00	England	vs	Germany
22:00	France	vs	Wales

2018 AFRICA CUP QUALIFIERS

19:00	South Africa	vs	Senegal
22:30	Algeria	vs	Nigeria

2018 WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS - EUROPE

21:45	Sweden	vs	Italy
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Wonder dedicates E350 000 carrot to 'Sikhali'

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows vice captain Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko has dedicated their E350 000 first round initiative to their injured teammate and top striker Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa.

The veteran winger said the free-scoring Sihlangu marksman (Sikhali) would have loved to fight with them inside the field of play but was kept on the sidelines due to a head injury. 'Samba' said 'Sikhali' was a fighter, who always wanted to see the team winning even though he was injured.

"We would like to dedicate the success to him since he is out injured. We know he would be scoring goal if he was not injured and we wish him a speedy recovery. We miss playing alongside him and we will do our best to continue winning matches for him," he said.

The former Black Leopards player, who also had a good first round, thanked the entire Swallows family for supporting them since the beginning of the season.

Rallying

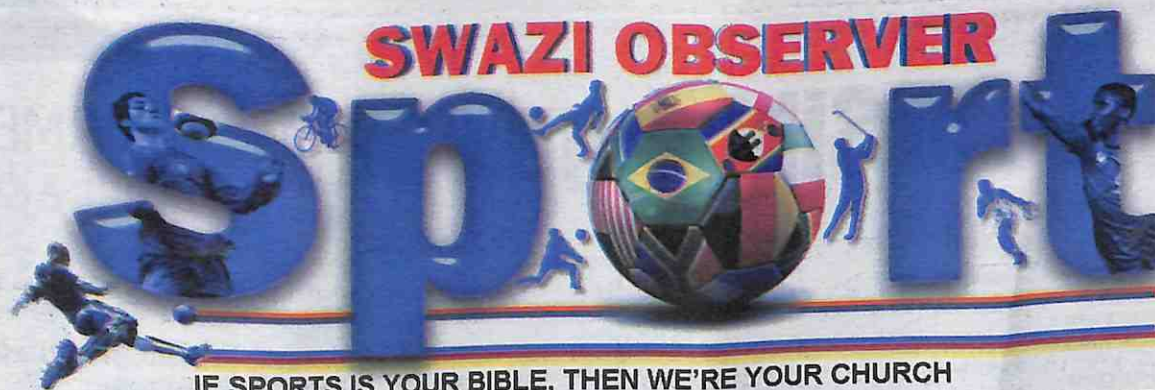
"We had a good first round even though it was not as good as the previous season where we won all our games. We only had two draws in the first round and won all the other matches. We will make sure we win the remaining match against Malanti Chiefs. We thank the Birds family for rallying behind team. We will continue working hard until the end of the season," he also said.

The red and white glamour side clinched first round prize money with an impressive 32 points following their 2-0 win over Royal Leopard last Saturday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

'Umkhonto ka Shaka' will be officially handed their cheque during their next match against Malanti Chiefs next weekend when the league resumes after the ongoing FIFA week.



GLORY DAYS: Mbabane Swallows striker Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa on cloud nine after scoring his fourth goal against SA's Platnuma Stars last year.



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E20 000 SALARY FOR NEW 'BULL' COACH



By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – CAPITAL city side Mbabane Highlanders are said to have placed a dag-gling E20 000 monthly salary for their new head coach set to replace former coach Alou Badara, who resigned from the team last week.

Information gathered by this publication is to the fact the 'Black Bull' have drafted their contractual proposals to the two potential candidates in South African coach Mlungisi 'Proffesor' Ngubane and Malawi-born mentor Meck Mwase.

A source close to the club revealed that the board of directors had already offered packages to the two candidates.

"The team has already shortlisted the two candidates for the position and placed offers to the coaches as they are said to have impressed during the interviews. The board has included its directive to the two candidates which is to reach the semifinals of the Ingwenyama Cup and the finals of the SwaziBank Cup. The new coach will also be expected to help the team secure a respectable position in the league where they are currently occupying position seven on the log stand-

- 'Proffesor' Ngubane and Meck Mwase now left in the race to lead capital city side
- New head coach to be announced on Friday

ings."

He said the team was close to announcing the new coach.

"The board will soon choose the head coach and announce him before the end of the week.

He might be unveiled on Friday," the source said.

Ngubane and Mwase have beaten two other international

coaches in Kina Phiri (Malawi) and Zimbabwe's Jairo Tapera, who had also applied for the position.

Mbabane Highlanders Head of Secretariat Mhumelelo Mnisi said he was yet to get a formal briefing from the directors over the matter when contacted yesterday.

"I am yet to get feedback on the matter

you are talking about. Hopefully I will get something from our meeting

tonight (yesterday), so it would be folly for me to commit myself until I get something formal from the board," he said.

The team is currently being drilled by the newly appointed assistant coach Dumisani '2010' Dlamini, who guided the black and white ensemble to a 1-0 win over Manzini Sundowns last Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.



WHO IS NEXT: Mlungisi 'Proffesor' Ngubane and Meck Mwase.

SANDILE, TAWARA ARE OCTOBER'S BEST

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER – LANKY Mbabane Swallows striker Sandile Hlatshwako and Mbabane Citizens defender Tawana Chikore have walked away with the October awards.

The two players were crowned MTN Premier League and National First Division players of the month of October, respectively.

For their achievement, Hlatshwako received E5 000 while Chikorei went home with E1 500.

Presenting the players during an event held at Sigwaca House yesterday was PLS Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati, who congratulated the players on their achievement.

Vilakati said the incentivising of the league with the Player of the Month award was good because it encouraged competition while also motivating the players to work hard.

"Our league is very competitive today, and I think such initiatives as this one play a huge role because



PROUD MOMENT: Mbabane Swallows' Sandile Hlatshwako and Mbabane Citizens' Tawana Chikore all smiles after receiving their awards.

(Pic: Sibongiseni Zondi)

the teams are encouraged to take every match seriously with the players also motivated by these awards. We would like to thank the sponsor for coming up with such an initiative and we urge teams to continue working hard and keep fans entertained."

He said as PLS they were fully behind the sponsor. MTN Brand and

Sponsorship Manager Meshack Maseko also reiterated Vilakati's words, and thanked the awards committee for their integrity and PLS for properly organising and running the league.

"We are very happy to see players being awarded for their hard work because these awards are aimed at motivating players to perform to the

best of their abilities. We want our players to have that killer instinct and we know this is just how we can incentivise.

"I would also like to thank the awards committee for their dedication and integrity because they don't release the names or even a hint before the presentation. The PLS also deserves a pat on the back for the perfect running of the league. Fixtures are on time, and we haven't had complaints from teams as of yet," he said.

Making their remarks after accepting their prizes, Hlatshwako thanked his teammates and the entire Swallows family for the support.

"I am currently at camp with the national team and I thank my teammates for supporting me. It is every player's dream to represent the country. I will continue working hard to help my team and country."

Chikorei thanked the technical team, teammates, management and the supporters for their support.

"I wouldn't have achieved this on my own, and this is a result of all our hard work and team work in the team."