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BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III, who was accompanied by Inkhosikati LaFogiyane, returned home last night from a visit to Zambia. The King is seen shaking hands with the pilots and Emazinyane on arrival. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



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HAPPILY MARRIED PM, GUGU THANK EVERYBODY

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini and his new wife Gugu Primrose Dlamini have extended their appreciation to Their Majesties for their best wishes and prayers during their three weeks of marriage ceremonies.

In a press statement, the prime minister and his wife extended a heartfelt appreciation to His Majesty the King and Ingwenyama, Her

Majesty the Indlovukazi, Emakhosikati and all those who, either in person or through their best wishes and prayers, made their union a memorable three weeks of marriage ceremonies.

Support

"We wish to also thank His Majesty's government, security services, marriage counselors, embassies, consulates, development partners, our churches, the Church of the Nazarene and the Evangelical Church, for the warm support rendered to us throughout the processes. We pay special tribute to the Hluthi and Ndzingeri

communities including the Matsapha Municipality for walking with us all the way," said the prime minister.

The head of government said for him and his wife to receive such kind-hearted support, both specific and general, and to share the happiness of these exciting ceremonies with so many people was a deeply rewarding experience.

"We also express our gratitude to the hundreds of people who so generously gave us precious wedding gifts. May God bless you all," he said.



THANK YOU: PM Dr Sibusiso Dlamini and his new wife Gugu Primrose.

SEC WANTS 4 EMPLOYEES TO REMAIN FIRED

Stories by Sandile Nkambule
High Court

THE Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) wants four of its electricians fired as it is appealing against an Industrial Court judgment which called for their reinstatement of the four.

The four were dismissed by the company after being found guilty of gross negligence that resulted in the death of three of their work colleagues.

The electricity company in its appeal application wants the four to be dismissed from work as per the findings of the disciplinary tribunal that heard their case.

However, the Industrial Court held that the four Mbongiseni Dlamini, Gcina Maseko, Thabiso Simelane and Simon Dlamini were unfairly dismissed and issued an order that they be reinstated hence they are currently at work.

According to advocate Paul Kennedy who was instructed by Senior Lawyer Zweli Jele from Robinson Bertram Attorneys, the Industrial Court committed a material error of law as it assumed jurisdiction to deal with the validity of a termination of services without SEC having exhausted the peremptory provisions of the Industrial Relations Act.

In his heads of argument, Kennedy submitted before appeal Court Judge Qinisile Mabuza that the Industrial Court erred in law when it effectively granted an order for the reinstatement of the dismissed employees which set aside their termination without adhering to the provisions of the act.

● *It is, therefore, submitted that good grounds exist for the review and setting aside of the judgment of the Industrial Court and we humbly submit that we seek no order as to costs in the application*

'Procedure adopted by SEC against disciplinary code'

IN his heads of argument lawyer Mduduzi Hlophe representing the four employees, submitted that the procedure adopted by the electricity company in substituting the sanctions for a dismissal was much against the disciplinary code of the company.

Hlophe submitted that the Industrial Court cannot be faulted for holding that the company acted against the collective agreement it has between it and its employees through the union.

Hlophe further submitted that it was wrong for the company to engage some of its senior managers to form part of the disciplinary tribunal since they could have acted in the best interest of the employer and issue a verdict that would please the employer.

On the issue of jurisdiction, Hlophe

The four were dismissed after a disciplinary tribunal found them guilty of gross negligence in that they were negligent while executing their duties as live electricity was switched on while their colleagues were working on it resulting in the death of three of their colleagues leaving some others injured.

Advocate Kennedy submitted that the Industrial Court made an unreasonable finding that does not accord with the principles of natural justice in basing its decision to set aside the terminations

submitted that the Industrial Court can interfere in such cases where an employer irregularly hears such matters in a wrongful procedure making an example of a boxer being allowed into a boxing ring while armed with a bush machete yet it is not allowed.

"Had the Industrial Court not intervened in the matter there could have been grave injustice to the employees if such was not halted, the employer kept quiet for months with powers to substitute and employees served their sanctions and are back at work," Hlophe submitted.

The four were sanctioned to serve sentences varying for months without pay for a certain period as per the verdict and sentence of the disciplinary tribunal.

He submitted that the Industrial

on an issue that was not pleaded on papers and as such was not before it.

He stated that the matter has its genesis in disciplinary proceedings that were instituted by the applicant (SEC) against the respondents (employees) after they were found guilty and the chairpersons of the hearing returned the sanctions of final written warnings in each instance.

It is common cause, according to Kennedy that the employees had been found guilty for gross negligence and

CASE PROFILE

Applicant : Swaziland Electricity Company

Respondents: Mbongiseni Dlamini (first)

- Gcina Maseko
- Thabiso Simelane
- Simon Dlamini
- Swaziland Electricity Supply and Allied Workers Union
- Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane
- Gilbert Ndzinisa
- Simon Mvubu

Court acted rightfully by halting the employer from continuing with the unlawful procedure and applied that the application by the electricity company be set aside and dismissed with costs.

that in each instance the negligence had resulted in the loss of life, ultimately three lives were lost giving rise to the disciplinary process.

However, with respect to the fourth respondent (Simon) he was found guilty of dishonesty which had elements of fraud.

Advocate Kennedy further submitted that following the verdicts of guilt and the sanctions of final written warnings, senior management raised concern on the leniency and sanctions and impli-

cations to the company in retaining the employees given the gravity of the offences for which they had been found guilty of.

Having considered the employees' representations after having been called to make submissions, the company found that there was good cause for it to intervene and interfere with the disciplinary sanctions by substituting the final warnings with dismissals.

The Industrial Court had upheld that in essence the contention that in appropriate circumstances, an employer does not have the right to interfere with decisions of a disciplinary hearing chairperson, where the employer is of the view that the decision is egregious in nature and will result in unfairness and cannot be sustained.

Submitted

Advocate Kennedy submitted that it is trite that the Industrial Court cannot make a pronouncement on the validity or otherwise of a dismissal unless and until the peremptory procedures set out in the Industrial Relations Act have been complied with.

In the circumstances, advocate Kennedy submitted that the Industrial Court failed to apply its mind to the matter that was before it but arrived to a decision in a capricious manner and thereby committing a reviewable irregularity.

"It is therefore submitted that good grounds exist for the review and setting aside of the judgment of the Industrial Court and we humbly submit that we seek no order as to costs in the application," advocate Kennedy stated.

He stated that where a decision is said to be irrational, then the High Court has power to interfere and review and set aside that decision, citing authorities that the principle of irrationality was set out in the case of Democratic Alliance (DA) versus President Jacob Zuma and others in a constitutional matter.

SOME AREAS TO REMAIN IN DARKNESS UNTIL WEEKEND

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

SWAZILAND Electricity Company (SEC) customers will be disappointed to learn that the electricity blackout given birth to by the two-day wild cat strike is far from over.

Marketing and Corporate Affairs Manager Sifiso Dhlamini has come out to say that though the strike may be over and employees back at work, not all electricity outages would be sorted out immediately.

Dhlamini said it would be impossible for all power outages to be sorted out in a day.

"There was so much damage caused

by the strike action and the problem is not going to be sorted today (yesterday)," he said.

The veteran journalist said the company hopes that the pending electricity outages problems would all be sorted by the weekend.

When questioned on whether SEC customers are going to get any compensation due to losses suffered because of the power outages, he said management had not yet discussed the matter yet.

Compensation

"I still have to consult with the relevant offices on that matter, but for now, I cannot promise the customers any compensation," he said.

It is worth noting that when the SEC strike started on Monday, a number



RESOLUTION: SEC employees meeting during the strike.

of areas across the country encountered total electricity blackouts.

Some areas were so unlucky the electricity outages started on Sunday

night. Seeing that the problem was worsening as the employees were not budging, SEC management put in place a makeshift team to respond

to the customer concerns.

The management accused the staff of tempering and interfering with the network switches which they said was tantamount to sabotage.

Bonuses

On Tuesday night, SEC announced that the payment of the 2016/17 performance bonuses which was the bone of contention between the employer and the employees had been approved.

This led to the SEC workers returning to work yesterday morning.

Dhlamini advised customers who were still experiencing outages to report such to the Call Centre on 800 9000 (toll free line) when using a landline or 2508 3333 (standard rates apply) when using a cellphone.

"We appeal for your understanding and patience while the matter is being addressed amicably," he said.

STUDY LOAN RECOVERY NEWS

Big guns run to Study Loans Recovery Consortium to pay

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

BIG names in the country's corporate and business worlds have proved to be true leaders by leading by example, literally.

The big shots have responded positively to the call by the study loans recovery consortium for every owing Swazi who benefited from the state study loans to pay up.

"The consortium has been getting positive calls and visitations from big guns both in the private and public sectors who want to pay back what is due to the state. We appreciate the response because it shows how responsible Swazis are. We continue to urge

all Swazis who are owing to copy from the leaders of their various companies," said an officer from the consortium.

The officer added that among the group that showed up at their offices situated next to the FNB headquarters in Mbabane were lawyers who some have paid while others made reasonable arrangements to pay back the study loans.

However, the identities of the exemplary leaders can however not be published for now as authorisation to publish their names was not given.

The consortium in recent weeks, through its Project Manager Khanya Magagula has encouraged business people and industry leaders in the country to lead by example and come for-

ward to make repayment arrangement.

Meanwhile, companies and businesses who are failing to cooperate with the efforts of the study loans recovery consortium will be shocked to learn that they will be named and shamed in a grading exercise that will be soon conducted by the consortium.

Magagula revealed that the consortium will be taking drastic measures against companies and businesses that fail to cooperate with them in the national exercise.

He said once the all companies in the country have been graded the list will be pub-

lished in local media.

"All companies in the country have the mandate to be responsible towards this course as it was commissioned by the government. Most of all the companies in the country want to employ the best graduates and in the same streak must also be responsible and make sure that the graduates they seek repay the study loans," he said.

Magagula said the company rating system will be done after the deadline for making loan payment commitments elapses on November 30.

He said the deadline was not only

for the scholarship beneficiaries but also companies to show responsibility towards the loan recovery course.

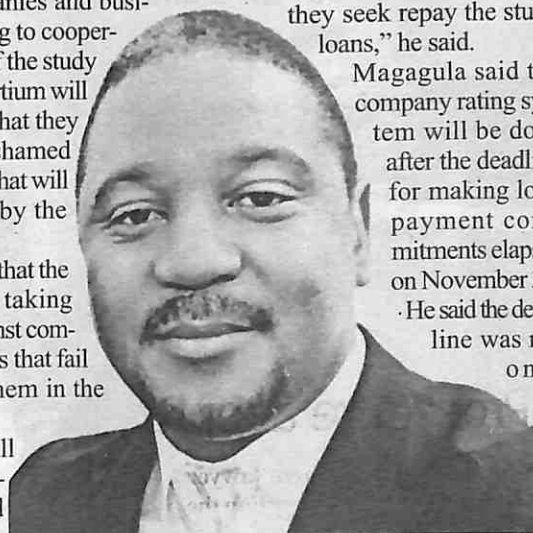
The project manager said the consortium is prepared to pull all stops, to make sure that all study loan beneficiaries who are failing to pay back the money and the companies who benefit from the graduates' knowledge are brought to book.

"All those who are hiding and thinking that the consortium will not find them, must rest assured that we will be coming after them," he said.

He further revealed that some companies have been cooperative and bringing beneficiaries' names forward to the consortium.

"We do encourage that spirit and we urge more and more companies to make sure that they are cooperative with us so that they may not find themselves with bad grading from the consortium," he said.

JUST PAY: Project Manager Khanya Magagula.



CHEATING TEACHERS USE STAFFROOM AS BEDROOM

COVER STORY

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

MANYEVENI Nazarene Primary School teachers are up in arms against two colleagues who have turned the staffroom into their own bedroom.

They fondle, kiss, flirt and make love inside the staffroom.

The two teachers who are both married are involved in an adulterous affair and because of their spouses back at home they have resorted to turning the staffroom into a bedroom, where they go about with their shady activities with no consideration of their colleagues who share the staffroom with them.

Information gathered from a source is that teachers are now finding it uncomfortable to share the staffroom with the two-timing lovebirds because they flirt in front of them and do all other things that lovers do in their presence.

The source said the relationship

...The teachers' problem is not the relationship but the disrespect is what doesn't sit well with the teachers. These two fondle each other in the staffroom; they flirt, giggle and do many other things that lovers do. Sometimes a teacher will walk in on them in the staffroom and find them in a very awkward position and instead of apologising they will just giggle as if that is their bedroom

started recently but the teachers didn't have a problem with it until the lovebirds started doing their business in full view of the others.

Awkward

"The teachers' problem is not the relationship but the disrespect is what doesn't sit well with the teachers. These two fondle each other in the staffroom; they flirt, giggle and do many other things that lovers do. Sometimes a teacher will walk in on them in the staffroom and find them in a very awkward position and instead of apologising they will just giggle as if that is their bedroom," the source who is also a teacher said.

So serious is the issue that teachers have resorted to knocking in the event they really need to enter the staffroom otherwise most of them no longer use it.

The source stated that the teachers had even requested the principal to address the issue but to date nothing has been done by the school administration.

"The principal when he was told of this issue promised he would deal with it but a few days later somersaulted and said the teachers should stop poking their noses in other people's business as this was a private matter," alleged the source.

...Nazarene Schools manager to investigate cheating couple

NAZARENE Schools Manager Fanyana Mabundza said they would investigate the matter now that they have been made aware.

"I am unaware of such, however now that you have brought it to our attention we will investigate it," he said.

Mabundza said as a mission they strongly condemned such actions especially because there were elements of indecency if they had turned a public area like a staffroom into a bedroom.

He further stated that they were also infringing on the other teachers rights.

"There is an element of indecency in what you are telling me. We are all married or have partners but we don't do such things with them in public areas. Actually this isn't even from a mission point of view but Swazi Culture doesn't agree with such," he said.

Mabundza added that these issues

School Principal Malanga Dlamini said a matter of this nature was reported to him but he had no facts yet.

"I am aware of such an issue. It was reported to me. I am still investigating it to find out the truth and facts of the matter," he said.

Dlamini also refuted claims that he had at any point accused teachers of

were delicate in that as much as they were a mission school; people now had rights that overruled even set rules by the mission hence they had to be careful when investigating and dealing with the issue least they are accused of infringing on people's rights.

He further stated that it was unfortunate that people didn't think things through. "If what you are saying is true then the teachers are playing with fire especially because they have spouses of their own," he said.

Acting Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Education Dr Sibongile Dlamini said such behaviour was not tolerable in a work space but quickly directed all questions to the principal of the school.

"There is someone who was employed by government to administer the school that is the principal, he is better positioned to comment on the matter," she said.

minding other people's business and calling this a personal matter.

"That is not true. People want me to do things their way yet there are procedures I must follow when dealing with such," he said.

The couple is known to this newspaper but will not be revealed at this stage.

Expect more rains next week - Swazi Met Director

By Nozipho Sibiba
Mbabane

NORMAL rainy season conditions are expected to return after days of mostly dry spells in the country.

Swaziland Meteorology Director Duduzile Nhlengethwa-Masina said

rains could be expected starting this week and next week.

"Increased rainfall is expected in some parts of the country. Rains fell in late September and early October, so the pattern will continue throughout," said the director in a telephonic interview yesterday.

She said the country will this week

see a decrease of high temperatures and increase in rainfall.

Advised

Cloudy skies will bring cooler temperatures, and showers will be present mostly in the afternoons.

Nhlengethwa-Masina advised the public not to panic yet as the wet and dry spell will continue throughout.

She said the weather being experienced does not signal a dry spell.

She says farmers should wait because planting rains have not yet started and that the soil moisture cannot support crop germination.

In the past few days, parts of the country experienced heavy showers, prompting some farmers to wonder whether it is the start of the rainy season.

She said the Swaziland Meteorologist experts would be monitoring the weather patterns throughout.

The country's seasonal rainfall outlook for 2017 continues to show a generally increased chance of normal-to-below-normal rainfall for the November period, otherwise the other seasons from October 2017 to March 2018 will be normal to above normal rainfall in most parts of the country.

PM LEADS BY EXAMPLE AND SUBMITS INCOME TAX RETURN

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini yesterday led by example and publicly submitted his personal income tax return for the 2016/17 tax year at the Swaziland Revenue Authority's offices.

Owing to other commitments, the prime minister's personal income tax return for the 2016/17 tax year was submitted on his behalf by his daughter Sibusisiwe and the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini.

Dlamini said he was submitting the income tax return and making it a public statement for two reasons.

"The first is because I am obliged by law, in common with all adults, to submit this return on an annual basis. And, secondly, I feel an obligation to do so publicly in order to set an example for adults to follow. This year, the deadline for the submission of personal returns has been moved back a month to November 30. The deadline for companies registered for VAT has also been changed, the deadline extended to December 31", he said.

The prime minister highlighted that most countries rely upon tax revenue to finance their public services.

He said there are very few exceptions, invariably being countries with massive mineral resources, and not needing an additional source of public revenue.

"Swaziland is not among those. For our country the public revenue figures are challenging since a large part of our income comes from the Southern

...I am obliged by law, in common with all adults, to submit this return on an annual basis. And, secondly, I feel an obligation to do so publicly in order to set an example for adults to follow



YOU ARE WELCOME: Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela welcoming DPM Paul Dlamini who was representing Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini during the public filing of income tax returns yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

African Customs Union (SACU) and we have a relatively low level of domestic source revenue. In fact, at only 12.4 per cent our tax-to-GDP ratio is considerably lower than that of the other countries in the southern Africa region," he said.

Dlamini said with the trend of receipts from SACU on a downward trajectory into the medium term, it should go without saying that, in order to maintain and improve public service deliv-

ery, the country must increase its domestic source revenue.

He added that taxation is the main component in that source of income.

Dlamini said historically, Swaziland has had great difficulty in bringing into the tax net all adults earning an income above the tax free band.

He said creating the SRA in 2011 was one giant step to improving the efficiency of our tax assessment and collection system. He said the process-

'Not submitting tax returns is being selfish'

THE Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini has labeled those who have not registered for tax, or have registered but do not submit tax returns as behaving selfishly.

"How can they possibly expect others to contribute to keeping our education, health, security and other public services up to standard when they themselves do not pay anything towards it? And, secondly, they are breaking the law. That is a serious matter," he said.

He highlighted that the SRA is now carrying out lifestyle audits and for an individual to be exposed as a tax cheat from such investigations, would be both embarrassing as well as very costly in terms of additional tax assessed and the

accompanying penalties.

He said his submission is accompanied by an appeal to all the adults of the country, to please ensure they have registered to obtain a taxpayer identification number, known as the TIN, and ensure that a duly completed income tax return is submitted each year to the SRA and that assessed tax is paid promptly.

Process

"This is not an optional process but a mandatory one. It will never be an acceptable excuse that an individual did not understand what tax was about and that he, or she, might somehow be exempted from paying tax. The public education programme was extensive and thorough, and the public reminders are frequent," said the Dlamini.



FOR MY FATHER: PM's daughter Sibusisiwe submitted the income tax return on his behalf.

es brought into action by the SRA have improved efficiency and the tax revenue has increased substantially.

"But, as the expression goes, Rome was not built in a day and

we reluctantly have to acknowledge that there is still a great deal of tax evasion in the country. Our low tax-to-GDP ratio provides a fairly strong hint in this regard", he said.

Govt. will pay outstanding debts to public - PM

THE Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini said though the government may have financial challenges at present, but eventually all its bills to the public will be paid off.

Dlamini said one of his current concerns, as head of government is that, owing to the country's financial challenges, government is unable to pay its bills as quickly as they would like.

He then assured the public that all

debts owed to them will be settled.

"I take this opportunity to remind the general public that all valid bills will be paid. Government never fails to settle its debts. We regret the delays and I take the opportunity today to say that if you, whether as an individual or within an enterprise, are not reporting your annual income via tax returns to the SRA, then you are contributing to government's delay in paying out-

standing bills, as well as threatening the continuity of essential public services," said the prime minister.

Integration

Dlamini also highlighted that the continuing integration of government data bases will give rise to improved correlation of data from various sources with taxpayer status in terms of TIN and income tax returns.

He said this will also reduce tax eva-

sion but where this reveals tax evasion, it will give rise to penalties.

"I do sincerely hope that, in making a public display of submitting my tax return on time for the new deadline of November 30, I have reminded and motivated all adults to meet their tax responsibilities like committed members of our population," he said.

Meanwhile, SRA Board Chairman Ambrose Dlamini highlighted that under the year in review, management of SRA, together with the governing board, chartered a new path for the authority for the next three years in

the form of the Strategic Plan for the period 2018/19 to 2020/21.

Dlamini said the strategy will transform the authority towards improving voluntary compliance and take it high levels.

"The ultimate vision for our strategy is 100 per cent tax compliance towards a better Swaziland. Needless to say, the step we are taking today is a demonstration of this commitment at the highest levels of government to demonstrate voluntary compliance and contribute to the Authority achieving that vision," he said.

SERA embarks on electricity connection charges review

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) will from next week conduct hearings with the public and electricity consumers in the process of developing a connection charge framework aimed at regulating the prices of connecting to the grid.

SERA have since invited all stakeholders to commit comments and submissions for the development of a connection charge framework.

Chief Executive Officer Vusumuzi Mkhumane said SERA is mandated by the Electricity Act (2007) to regulate prices

and charges in the country's energy sector hence they are embarking on a process to develop a set of a connection charge guidelines for customers connected at distribution level.

Mkhumane said the objectives of the guidelines are to ensure a transparent, fair and consistent connection charge approach and support universal access to modern energy services initiatives.

Arrangements

He added that it is also to define the process of applying for new supplies or upgrades to existing supply arrangements.

"The guidelines also establish a set of base connection charge principles. They are also for the identification of the various costs to be recovered via connection

charges and setting a standard methodology for determining connection charges in Swaziland. They also help in providing a governance structure to deal with future developments which includes disputes arising from connection charge issues," said the CEO.

Customer

Mkhumane revealed that for the utility to connect a customer, the customer should have paid 100 per cent of the costs associated with the connection.

He said these costs are based on the cost of material to be used, with no profit margin.

He said the standardisation of charges seeks to fix connection charges, in any given period, for a particular class of cus-

tomers, while still enabling the service provider (SEC) to recover the costs required to connect the customers.

He further explained that four classes of standardised charges are proposed for customers falling within a defined radius which is 300 meters from the connection point. He said they are the rural single-phase, rural three-phase, urban single-phase, urban three-phase.

"For customers falling outside the defined area and for customers with dedicated connection assets which are highly likely to be later shared, a portion of the actual connection costs quoted shall be charged to compensate the first-mover in the event of late movers.

Late movers are customers connecting after the infrastructure has been installed nearby.

"To support universal access through favourable payment terms, it is proposed that customers be allowed to pay connection charges over a defined period of time. Customers may be required to pay an upfront deposit of 50 per cent and pay the balance over a period not exceeding 36 months for customers paying standardised charges and over a period not exceeding 60 months for customers paying non-standard prices," said Mkhumane.

He further said members of the public that wish to make written presentations may submit their details and copies of their presentations to the SERA offices.

KING BACK FROM ZAMBIA



HELLO: His Majesty King Mswati III greeting the Swazis who came to welcome him back from Zambia at the Matsapha International Airport last night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



ANTHEM: The king observing the singing of the national anthem.



WAITING: Well-wishers waiting for the arrival of the king.

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XMAS COMES EARLY FOR BOGOGO

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

CHRISTMAS will come early for the elderly as they will start receiving their grants next week, announced the Deputy Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

The elderly will be paid higher than their normal pay as the grants will include payment from July to November to cover for the festive season.

This means the payment will cover the second quarter and part of the third quarter, the DPM's office announced in a statement.

"As an office, we also wish to inform

the beneficiaries that Swazi Post will be running announcements, informing on the regional schedule and the starting date for the payments especially for those receiving manual payment.

The elderly are thus requested to listen to the national radio for the running of the announcement. However, the elderly paid electronically (through

the financial institutions) will continue to receive their monthly payments as per the norm by November 24, 2017," reads part of the statement.

The office further thanked all stakeholders involved in the process for the continued cooperation as this is a result of the continued good working relationship.

Baby used to steal clothes, mother arrested

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A new modus operandi of using babies to steal clothes and other items at shops is being used by cunning thieves.

This was revealed yesterday by two suspects who were caught red-handedly stealing clothes at Tru-Pep store in Manzini. Both appeared at Swazi National Court in Manzini.

Philile Tfwala, who is a mother of a nine-month-old baby, was arrested for stealing clothes ranging from tops to underwear at Tru-Pep.

Tru-Pep Manzini Branch Manager Petros Simelane informed the court that he observed the accused person, who was in the company of a 16-year-old girl carrying a baby.

Simelane said the two would enter the shop and look around and later exit after buying sweets which are worth E3. He said this went on for some time until they got suspicious, adding they noticed that while at the shop the two would be seen carrying some items. He said later on when they left the shop they would be empty handed or just carrying the sweets which cost a very small amount of money.

The manager said they then decided to search the two and were shocked by what they discovered. Simelane said they found clothes stashed between the baby and the mother's back. He said upon further enquiry the accused led them to a pile of clothes which they had placed just outside the shop. He said outside the shop there was a group of boys guarding the clothes.

Simelane said the women confessed to having stolen the clothes by taking turns in carrying the baby and stuffing the clothes on the back of the person carrying the baby. When ordered to pay for the clothes they stole which amounted to about E700 the women informed the manager that they had no money as the only money they had was E6.

Simelane said the 16-year-old girl called her boyfriend who told her he had no money. Simelane said he was left with no choice but to call the police. The two were arrested and they pleaded guilty to the offence of shoplifting and theft.



MADAM: Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini.

MPs feel disrespected by SHEC

By Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

MEMBERS of Parliament have called upon Swaziland Higher Education Council (SHEC) to give them some respect.

The legislators expressed this concern on Monday in the House of Assembly when announcements were made by Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini.

Dlamini was making announcements that were inviting MPs to various events. SHEC had sent a short message (SMS) to the MPs, notifying them of an event at Simunye.

The council required the MPs to report at Simunye at 6pm, having received the SMS at 12 midday. However, the deputy speaker did not read that announcement.

As soon as Dlamini finished making the announcements, Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini stood up and told Dlamini that there was a certain announcement that she had not read. He mentioned that there was a message from SHEC that invited them to

Simunye. He wondered why SHEC would invite them at such short notice. He felt this was disrespectful and that it should stop.

The Nkwene MP said as MPs, they had many other assignments, so they could not be called by people as they wished. The MP further said it was painful to note that SHEC did not appear before them as MPs when they called the council to shed some light on what was happening at Swaziland Christian University (SCU).

Expressed

Timphisini MP Apton Ndlovu also expressed his disappointment on the issue. Ndlovu said he received the message while he was already in Parliament. He left his constituency not knowing he would get invited to Simunye. He wondered how he was going to prepare himself for the event when he was called at such short notice. Manzini North MP Jan Sithole wanted clarity in the matter. He wanted to know if it was good for Parliament to entertain SHEC at this stage. Sithole said SHEC was now expected to play a role in making sure that the SCU situation is normalised. It was then sug-

gested that Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula should be asked if he knew about what SHEC was doing.

Magagula told the MPs that SHEC was at Simunye where they were working on their strategic plan. He said the council wanted MPs to make a contribution to the formulation of SHEC's strategic plan. However, the minister was not sure of the time in which SHEC had invited the MPs.

MP Thuli Dladla said as MPs, they were not supposed to take part in the formation of SHEC's strategic plan. Therefore, they would not be able to make it to SHEC's meeting. She was seconded by MP Jan Sithole, who saw what was done by SHEC as abuse of Parliament.



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INVITATION TO TENDER FOR EVALUATION OF KING MSWATI III INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FACILITIES

TENDER NO. 30 OF 2017/18

1. Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified Property Valuers to undertake the evaluation of KM III International Airport facilities.
2. Request for Proposals may be purchased from; the Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority Offices in Matsapha (office of the Airport Development Planner) as from 9th November 2017 for a non-refundable fee of E300.00 per set. The method of payment shall be cash or bank guaranteed cheque payable to the SWACAA offices.
3. Completed Tender Documents shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to:
**The Secretary of the Tender Board
Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority
Matsapha Airport
P.O. Box D361
The Gables**

Not later than 12 noon Swaziland time on **24th November 2017**

On the outside, the envelope shall be clearly marked:

**"CONFIDENTIAL"
TENDER NO. 30 OF 2017/18**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROPERTY EVALUATION OF KING MSWATI III INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FACILITIES.

There will be a site visit on the **14th November 2017** at King Mswati III International Airport car park. Service Providers are expected to convene at 10 am at the car park. Please note that the site visit is not compulsory.

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

BY MANAGEMENT

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EIA SCOPING MEETING: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND RETAIL CENTRE ON PORTION 8 OF FARM 111, MANZINI.

Tibiyo Properties (Pty) Ltd intends to develop a residential development and retail centre on Portion 8 of Farm 111, Manzini.

All interested and affected parties, the business community from Manzini and general public are hereby invited to a Public Scoping Meeting in accordance with the Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations, 2000. The meeting aims to share more information about the project, collect public views and concerns to assist in development of EIA study and suitable mitigation plans addressing impacts of the project on receiving environment. Venue for the meeting will be at **TRELAUNY PARK FLATS opposite Riverstone** (entry is by Nazarene Traffic lights) at **10.00am, 10th November 2017**.

For further information, comments or written submissions contact:

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Zim war vets 'expel' Mugabe as their leader

HARARE - Zimbabwe's War Veterans Association says it has expelled President Robert Mugabe as its leader and has formed a revolutionary council to take over the ruling Zanu-PF party.

"We have completely disowned Mugabe," says the statement issued yesterday in Johannesburg by war veterans leader Chris Mutsaers.

The association of former fighters for independence is loyal to fired vice president Emerson Mnangagwa, who says he has left Zimbabwe after threats. Mugabe accuses his former deputy of plotting to take power, which Mnangagwa denies.

News24

30 PREGNANCIES' SCHOOL TO TEACH PUPILS ON SEX

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

WITH over 30 pupils in the school having fallen pregnant in just one year, Emvimbeke High will have a health day before schools close for the festive season.

The school, situated in Ntandozi, recorded 30 pregnancies resulting in the girls dropping out this year.

In a quest to sensitise and caution the pupils on the consequences of early engagement in sexual activities the school will this month host non-governmental organisations that work with teenagers and the girl child.

Speaking about this upcoming event, Principal Alfred Khanyile said after the high pregnancy rate at the school made headlines they were contacted by different NGOs who wanted to

...*"We received a lot of calls from concerned stakeholders, something we really appreciated because the plight of children engaging in sexual activities is real and it needs the community to come together and find solutions on how it can be dealt with,"*

find out if the reports were true and help the school in coming up with solutions.

"We received a lot of calls from concerned stakeholders, something we really appreciated because the plight of children engaging in sexual activities is real and it needs the community to come together and find solutions on how it can be dealt with," he said. Khanyile said they were very eager to host the stakeholders in their school because they believed they would reap positive results from this event. "We couldn't let this pass us

by hence we will host the NGOs which will be announced to you in due course," he said. Khanyile further said this wasn't a problem in his school only but a national problem.

"We, as parents and teachers, need to start talking about these things to our children. Parents should speak to their children. Tell them about the dangers of engaging in sexual activities at a young age.

It mustn't be the task of the school alone to do that, but we must all do our part and work together for the better development of the child," he said.

Pastor fined E1 000 for drunken driving

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A pastor had to part with a sum of E1 000 to regain his freedom after he was nabbed driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Sabelo Gama of Lomahasha appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso after he was charged with contravening the Road Traffic Act. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully driven a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor or a substance having narcotic effect. Particulars of the offence included that the accused person had a strong smell of alcohol coming from his mouth. When subjected to a breathalyser test, a content of alcohol reading as 0.61 mg/l is said to have been detected in his system. He was further charged for driving in a negligent manner, result-

ing to his vehicle knocking another vehicle from behind along the Manzini-Simunye road.

The accused is said to have driven his vehicle inconsiderate of other road users and failed to avoid an accident which could have been avoided by a reasonable driver. It was gathered that the accused person oversees a church situated in the outskirts of Siteki town.

When the charges were read to him, the accused pleaded guilty to both counts. His pleas were subsequently accepted by the crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence.

On mitigation, the accused asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying he had taken a few glasses of wine. He was eventually sentenced to six months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E500 fine on each count. The sentences were ordered to run separately.

Hunter's drone case postponed

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

THE Civil Aviation case against private investigator Vusi Hunter Shongwe involving his drone was yesterday postponed.

The trial commenced on Monday and was supposed to continue before High Court Judge Cyril Maphanga but could not proceed.

However, it is expected to continue today as more witnesses are yet to be paraded by the crown represented by Nomkhosi Dlamini. Shongwe is represented by lawyer Derrick Jele from Robinson Bertram Attorneys.

Shongwe has pleaded not guilty to flouting aviation regulations in all the four counts he is facing.

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

Shongwe made these pleas when he made his appearance on his first day of trial before Judge Maphanga after the crown representative had put them to him.

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

a valid Civil Aviation licence.

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

Shongwe on the third count is charged with contravening Section 54 of the Civil Aviation Regulations in that while at Mvutjini, he flew the same drone without being a holder of an Aircraft Certificate

while on the fourth count he is alleged to have contravened Section 60(1) of the same regulations in that he flew a pilotless aircraft.

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

Khumalo.

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

Shongwe reported the drone missing while flying in the direction of Somhlolo National Stadium during Ester Services where the League of Churches had descended for the annual services and he had claimed the drone costs in the region of E20 000. At least four witnesses have already been paraded by the crown.



AGAINST THE LAW: An internet image of a drone.



WE NEED WATER: One of the affected blocks.

HMCS quarters without water for weeks

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) officers were excited when they were informed that they will be moving into the newly constructed two-bedroom units which were built by the Swaziland National Housing Board.

However, their excitement was short-lived as they soon learned that they were occupying houses that had no water.

The officers occupied the houses last month and they are now complaining that it has been almost two months but still the houses do not have water which poses as a health hazard to them. The blocks which are affected by the water woes are the ones at Zakhele near the Remand Centre. Some of the officers who spoke on condition of anonymity stated that they were promised that the matter will be fixed in no time but they have waited for weeks and nothing is happening.

The officers stated that the only source of water available to them is from tanks which are on the yard. They say they have to use buckets to ferry the water. They said if one wants to use the toilets he or she has to carry a bucket since there is no water in the toilets too.

They said this is making their lives miserable as they fear that such will expose them to diseases. When asked if their supe-



A SOLUTION: A water tank which the tenants are currently using at HMCS quarters.

riors know about the issue they stated that they are well aware.

When HMCS Public Relations Officer Gugulethu Dlamini was asked about the matter she wondered why the officers decided to inform the media instead of following the right channels to report the matter.

The flats for His Majesty's Correctional Services is among one of the 282 two-bedroom units that have been handed over to the government agencies, namely: the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP), His Majesty's

Correctional Services (HMCS) and Swaziland National Fire and Emergency Services (FES) for occupation under the Institutional Housing project for the Swaziland National Housing Board.

According to the Swaziland National Housing Board, the remaining 82 units are still under construction. Some of the houses that were given to the Royal Swaziland Police just adjacent to those of the correctional services are not having any problems when it comes to water as they have running water.

PRIZES GALORE FOR NMC CEO'S AWARD WINNERS

By Nomthandazo Nkambule

IT was raining prizes for maize farmers this on Tuesday as custodians of grain marketing in the country, National Maize Corporation (NMC), rewarded the top 10 best farmers who delivered their maize produce to the organisation.

Dubbed 'The CEO's Award', the rewards initiative was first introduced in 2015 by the current NMC CEO Sabelo Msibi, and for the first time this year, an all-expenses paid-for educational trip to South Africa has been added as part of the total prize package.

"In the past two years, winners of the CEO's Award got farming inputs of their choice. This year, NMC has added an educational trip to South Africa as well, making the entire prize package quite enticing," explained NMC Marketing Manager Nokwanda Dlamini-



1. VICTORY: NMC CEO Sabelo Msibi (5th from left) poses with the top ten maize farmers who brought the most maize to NMC.

2. NUMBER ONE: NMC CEO Sabelo Msibi (left) and COO Cyprian Lukhele (right) congratulate the best farmer to deliver his maize to NMC, Jika Ndlangamandla of Nhlengano, while two other farmers in the background look on. (Courtesy pic).

Masuku.

She said the awards were introduced as a way of encouraging farmers to sell their maize to NMC, given that the organisation is tasked to, among other things, ensure food security in the country.

Addressing the top ten winners on Tuesday at their farewell luncheon

hosted by NMC, CEO Msibi urged maize farmers to outdo themselves in the next season, and bring more grain to the organisation so that it curtails importing from South Africa. "While we are desirous to improve our maize reserves and ensure food security, we are also keen to empower Swazi farmers

through buying their produce at competitive prices.

Maize farmers are realising that selling their grain to us, whether at controlled or promotional prices, is becoming quite lucrative.

In turn, we show our appreciation to them through such rewards as the CEO's Award. May I challenge you to ensure that you beat your own record next season in terms of maize sold to us so as to retain your positions within the top 10," urged Msibi.

Msibi said to achieve self-sufficiency, farmers still needed to employ better farming methods that will increase their productivity from the current two tonnes per hectare to a desired five to six tonnes per hectare. In this regard,

he said, the ministry of agriculture has seconded 10 new assistant farmer development officers (AFDOs) to NMC, who are tasked with improving maize and bean production in the country.

The AFDOs are already deployed at various communities throughout the country, and are working with both established and emerging maize farmers.

An E85 000 prize package for farming inputs was announced to winners on Tuesday, with the overall winner Jika Ndlangamandla of Nhlengano bagging E15 000 worth of inputs. The sole female farmer in the top 10 Rose Maseko came second and was awarded E13 000 worth of farming inputs. Former

KaBoyce High School head teacher Simon Mthunzi came third and was awarded E11 500. Sipho Dlamini came fourth and got E10 000. Mgucisi Dlamini, Elliot Matse, and Mathanda Magagula came fifth, sixth, and seventh, and got inputs worth E8 000, E7 000, and E6 000 respectively.

Getting E5 000 worth of inputs each were Cornelius Ngozo, Mbulawa Fakudze, and Thami Ndzabukelwako. All 10 farmers got a two-night all-expenses-paid trip to South Africa as an additional prize. The delegation comprising the 10 AFDOs, 2 FDOs, Agri-Business Manager and the 10 farmers are expected back home tonight.



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 (Chiefsdoms 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
- Experience monitoring Social Behaviour Change programs

Instructions to Interested Applicants:

Interested applicants are required to submit their application letter and resume by email to jhu.admin@jhucppz.org no later than Monday November 13th, 2017 using the job applied for as the subject. Hand deliver at Mbabane, Sibekelo 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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Energy for the Future

PUBLIC NOTICE

SEC OPERATIONS BACK TO NORMAL

The Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) is pleased to announce that payment of the 2016/17 performance bonus to its employees has since been approved.

In this regard, Management would like to extend appreciation to all the stakeholders 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.

As a result, the Company's operations are expected to return to normal as Management pleaded with the Employees to resume work in their respective work-stations as of Tuesday evening.

Once again, we wish to apologise most profusely to all our customers who have been without power. We would like to assure them that the Company is doing everything practically possible to have the situation normalized 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.

Customers are further encouraged to report outages and any other electricity related issues to our Call Centre on **800 9000** (toll-free line) or **2508 3333** (standard rates apply).

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NORMAL CALL RATES APPLY



STRESSING A POINT: Director of World Vision Swaziland Francis Dube.



PRESENTATION: CSC Coordinator Thobile Phungwayo making her presentation.

WORLD VISION DEVELOPS COMMUNITY SCORECARD

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

TEACHING community members in the rural areas will now be an easy and effective task as World Vision Swaziland has developed a much user friendly community scorecard (CSC).

The community scorecard was developed by World Vision Swaziland with the financial aid from the European Union (EU). The CSC gives guidelines of conducting group discussions and meetings that usually take place at clinics and other educational community gatherings. CSC Coordinator Thobile

Phungwayo said the newly developed CSC has had it pages reduced from 42 pages to ten pages which make it manageable. She said the score card has already been piloted in a number of areas in the country and has proven to work effectively and efficiently.

"It is a tool that is easier to use and adopt and it is perfect to use in the communities," he said. Director of World Vision Swaziland Francis Dube said the organisation has already proved that the CSC is effective. "We have received good feedback from the people and they testify that the CSC is effective. We have worked with experts in the field on this project. This CSC is so helpful in many ways as it mobilises the people to participate in service delivery.

The CSC will make sure that the community is fully engaged in the work of the community," he said. Dube said developing the CSC does not replace the actual 42 page CSC documents but it has been developed to complement it. European Unions' Philip Delouf revealed that the project actually started back in 2015. "Three years later, it has yielded such positive response. What is remarkable is the good management of the community score card. Initially the CSC was meant to be used for health and cash transfers but it could be used in many fields such as agriculture and education," he said. He said the CSC is also a good tool to ensure good governance from the grassroots level.



ALSO THERE: European Unions representative Philip Delouf among the speakers. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)

Pauw tax allegations could land Zuma back in ConCourt

JOHANNESBURG - President Jacob Zuma could land up back in the Constitutional Court if allegations that he's a tax delinquent are true.


That's according to tax experts and constitutional law analysts following claims that Zuma owes millions in outstanding taxes.

Explosive

The explosive allegations are contained in Jacque Pauw's book, *The President's Keepers*. Pauw exposes an alleged plot by the president to quash a massive R63 million tax bill.

Zuma is no stranger in the Constitutional Court (ConCourt) and it would seem if any of these damning allegations are true, he could eventually return here to answer questions about his tax affairs.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MBABANE

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ASSISTANT CITY PLANNER

The Municipal Council of Mbabane is strategically positioning itself to become the preferred destination in Southern Africa Offering Quality Life. To achieve this vision we seek the services of highly motivated Staff to join our team and make a difference to the Council and its stakeholders. Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the position of **Assistant City Planner (Community Development)**, which has become vacant in the **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**.

Your main responsibilities will be to assist the Director Community Services in the Management of all physical Development.

On a day-to-day basis you will be expected to:

- Manage/control development in the informal settlement
- Identify affected parties in the evaluation process of due affected structures
- Negotiate with affected parties and facilitate compensation payments
- Identify plot beacons to plot allocates in upgraded area
- Provide recommendation and advice to the Director relating to changes in any policies, strategies or legislation related to town planning.
- Develop plot pricing model
- Prepare township layouts
- Prepare plot sale strategy
- Represent Council in plot allocation process
- Supervise plot sales process
- Prepare budget for section and monitor implementation
- Prepare and produce periodic report on the operation of the section
- Assist in administration of the department.

REQUIREMENTS


- Must possess a Degree in Town and Regional Planning
- Must be registered as a Town and Regional Planner
- Must have three years' experience
- Must have a valid driver's licence
- Must be competent in Town Planning and Layout Designs
- Must be computer literate
- Must have excellent interpersonal skills
- Must have excellent negotiation skills
- Must be of good mannerism and sober habits.
- Must possess excellent report writing skills.

Applications
Please send applications accompanied by a full CV with certified copies of academic qualifications marked "Assistant City Planner" to:

Human Resources Manager
Municipal Council of Mbabane
P.O. Box 1
MBABANE
H100
Email: recruitment@mbacity.org.sz

The closing date for applications is 17 November 2017.

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(Incorporated in the Kingdom of Swaziland)
(Registration number 954 of 2003)
("FINCORP")

E300, 000,000
Medium Term Note Programme

Abridged Programme Memorandum

The Swaziland Stock Exchange ("SSX") has granted a listing to the Swaziland Development Finance Corporation ("FINCORP") Medium Term Note Programme ("Programme") with effect from 04 October 2017. The authorized size of the Programme is E300 million which will be drawn down within 24 months. The Notes will be denominated in Emalangeni and will not be subject to any maximum maturity but will have a minimum maturity of one month. The maximum aggregate Nominal Amount of Notes outstanding from time to time will not exceed the equivalent of three hundred million Emalangeni [E300, 000,000].

The primary listing of the Programme is the SSX and Notes issued under the Programme will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Applicable Pricing Supplement and the general Terms and Conditions of the Notes as set out in the Programme Memorandum dated 04 October 2017 in respect of the Programme. This abridged prospectus is not an invitation to the public to subscribe for the Notes in FINCORP, but is issued in compliance with the Listings Requirements of the SSX for the purpose of providing information to the public with regard to the FINCORP MTN Programme.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND
FINCORP was launched by His Majesty King Mswati III in November 1995 with the main objective of financing the productive sector of the economy and wealth creation with an ultimate aim of creating jobs. It was in the same year that Tibiyo TakaNgwane assembled a number of organisations to brainstorm the different possibilities of financing and promoting SMEs. The organisation was finally launched as FINCORP (Formerly ETF) in November 1995 as a wholesale lender using the grant seed capital of E44 Million obtained through bilateral relations. FINCORP first opened its doors to the public on 1st July 1996.

In 2003 the product offering was broadened to include retail lending. FINCORP is a registered private corporation with two shareholders namely the Swaziland Government and Tibiyo TakaNgwane holding 80% and 20%, respectively.

The objectives of FINCORP are:

- To finance and promote the development of Swazi-owned Enterprises;
- To Support the expansion of loan financing to Swazi Entrepreneurs;
- To support the provision of business advisory services, training, monitoring, technical transfers and development of other products and services for Swazi Entrepreneurs;
- To facilitate access to institutional development services and increase the long-term sustainability of Swazi owned enterprises.

The lending methodology of FINCORP encompasses both wholesale and retail lending. As a relatively young organisation, FINCORP has a considerable success in reaching large numbers of entrepreneurs, whilst maintaining both high repayment rates and financial sustainability. Investment opportunities continue to be explored, primarily in the development finance market.


2. DIRECTORS
The names of the directors are set out below. On the date of listing, the FINCORP Board comprised:

NAME:	Director	ADDRESS:
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Chieftaincy factionalism led to KaLuhleko killing - Judge notes

Stories by Sandile Nkambule
High Court

AS the crown closed its case in the marathon trial in the KaLuhleko assassination that saw inner council member Camber Dlamini killed, the court has noted that factionalism within the chieftdom led to the killing of the deceased.

However, be that as it may High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi observed that it is the court's duty to deal with the murder case to its finality owing to the fact that a person was killed as a result of the factionalism.

Senior crown counsel Macebo Nxumalo yesterday closed his case after leading the last witnesses in the marathon trial Detective Inspector Bongani Mhlanga.

Judge Nkosi noted this after asking the principal investigator in the matter Mhlanga on whether he was aware of any disputes within the chieftdom before he investigated the killing of Dlamini. Detective Mhlanga responded to the affirmative as he stated that as Desk Officer at Bhunya Police Station, he was aware of the chieftaincy dispute at KaLuhleko and the fact that there are actually two factions, one which for the recently installed Chief Zuleihle Maseko and another which is against that.

...As the crown closes its case in the marathon trial, Judge Nkosi stated that Camber Dlamini was killed following a long standing chieftaincy dispute, he said that it is the courts duty to deal with the case as someone was unlawfully killed

"From the evidence brought before court, it is evident that the killing of the deceased emanates from factionalism within the chieftdom and I might recall some of the witnesses if needs be as regards their evidence, however the fact that a person was killed, the court has to deal with the matter to its finality," Judge Nkosi said.

Finalised

Following the crown's closure of the case, the defence team is yet to bring its defence by parading its witnesses and the court will thereafter deliberate on the matter before judgment is pronounced and according to pointers, the case might be finalised by the close of the last session of the High Court in December.

Giving evidence before court yesterday, Mhlanga confirmed that the gun, a Star pistol that was identified by businessman Senzo Nxumalo at the Regional Police Headquarters, is the one that was used as murder weapon and handed over to him by the accused persons during their arrest.



MY LORD: High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi.

Detective Mhlanga also told the court Zinhle Dube and Mndeni Mndzebele had vital information with regards to the murder of Camber which led to the arrest of the first accused person Bhekawo Dlamini, Khanya Dlamini and Mxolisi Mabuza.

It is for that reason according to Mhlanga that the two Zinhle and Mndeni were made accomplice witnesses in the murder case.

The question on who actually pulled the trigger was raised by defence as Mxolisi through his lawyer shifted the blame on Khanya as the one who fired the fatal shot that instantly killed Camber.

Evidence

However, detective Mhlanga made it clear that during interrogation, Mxolisi told him in his own words that he was the one who fired the shot and killed Camber.

Khanya had also given evidence to the effect that upon arrival the deceased's home, he together with Mxolisi, who was in possession of the gun, and Mndeni waited for the deceased to come out of his house and Mxolisi shot him in cold blood by firing at least three shot before they fled the scene.

Meanwhile, Mxolisi had charges of stock theft against him withdrawn during the course of the trial, as he

was not part of the team that stole the cattle for Zinhle's dowry as allegedly instructed by Bhekawo.

Mhlanga had also told the court how the arrests were effected on the accused persons as he stated that upon receiving a docket on the murder of Camber, he acted on it and his investigations led him to Zinhle who was the second accused and also a girlfriend to Khanya.

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

Interrogated

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

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

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

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

SUSPECT RHINO POACHERS BACK IN COURT TOMORROW

THE four suspect rhino poachers, who allegedly attempted to poach a rhino at Hlane Royal Game Park, are still in custody despite that they were admitted to bail fixed at E50 000 by the High Court.

The four yesterday appeared at the High Court escorted by His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) officers and were informed that they should come back to court tomorrow.

Immediately after being admitted to bail, the crown noted an appeal at the Supreme Court as they had vigorously opposed the bail at the High Court.

High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi had admitted them to E50 000 bail,

E5 000 to be paid in cash and E45 000 in a form of surety.

The crown had indicated that it at least wants to expedite their case as opposed to the court releasing them on bail. Judge Nkosi attached stringent conditions to the bail and amongst them was that they are to report to the nearest police on a daily basis pending their trial at the High Court.

They are also to surrender their travelling documents to the investigating officers and attend all remand hearings each time when called to do so. The four, Stanley Nhlakalufu of South Africa, Muzi Dlamini (Swazi) Sipho Mhlanga (Swazi) and Isaac Mkhabela (South African) had not been released when this



report was compiled as their relatives are yet to pay their bail before warrants of liberation are issued.

High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi after hearing submission from both counsel, had stated that the court is inclined to admit the four suspects to bail since they are innocent until

proven guilty.

However Judge Nkosi had also made mention that the seriousness of the crimes the four are charged with should have stringent bail conditions attached.

He said the four should be restricted in a certain area and made to

report to the nearest police station and not leave Swaziland while pending finalisation of their trial.

As much as the offences the four are charged with, Judge Nkosi stated that the suspects are innocent until proven guilty and that keeping them in custody would mean they have already been convicted of the offences they are charged with.

The four are facing a total of 14 counts which were allegedly committed during the attempted poaching at Hlane Game Park.

The main charge is that of contravening the Game Act in that they allegedly entered the game park and attempted to poach a rhino.

The crown filed additional charges of murder and contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act amongst the charges.

Clinic workers arrested for theft of copper wire

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

TWO workers of an organisation which is attached to Mpolonjeni Clinic yesterday appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso after they were arrested for theft of copper wire belonging to the clinic.

The accused persons, Daniel Dlamini and Musa Mkoko were arrested together with Cebisa Maziya, who is the first

accused in the matter.

They are alleged to have unlawfully and intentionally stolen the cable measuring 120 metres which is valued at E19 200. The cable was stolen from the premises of the clinic, where the second and third accused persons are deployed under the ART department.

When the charge sheet was read to them, the accused persons pleaded not guilty to the offence. The crown then paraded a witness who narrated before the court on how the cable was alleged-

ly stolen by the accused persons.

Even though they had pleaded not guilty to the offense, the second and third accused acknowledged taking part in the transportation of the cable after it was stolen.

Witness

When called into the witness dock to present his defence, the first accused person told the court that he was actually a buyer of the cable. He stated that he did not steal the cable but bought it from the second accused person.

Maziya said on a particular day, he

was at the clinic to provide some services and happened to see the cable lying idle.

Conversation

He said he then commented about the cable while having a conversation with the second accused, saying that he needed a similar cable to use when constructing his house at home.

The second accused person is said to have then promised to sell a similar cable to Maziya as he alleged that he had one.

Maziya said a few days later, the second accused person called him and told him to come and collect the cable

which he was to sell to him at E500. The cable was subsequently transported to Siteki after the transaction between the two.

Implicated

During cross examination, the second accused however stated that Maziya was fully aware of the theft of the cable. He further implicated the third accused person, saying that he was also part of the deal and was present when the cable was transported.

Meanwhile, the matter was postponed to next week Wednesday for continuation of trial. The accused persons are out on of E1 000 bail each.

SD COULD LOSE E17MILLION IF NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS NOT PASSED

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE country stands to lose E17 million if Parliament does not pass the road traffic regulations currently in Parliament now.

The regulations were being amended by Members of Parliament (MPs) on Monday. The intention is to have the regulations passed by the august House.

However, they could not finish amending the regulations because they could not form a quorum.

The regulations carry stiff traffic fines, which are still to be debated and eventually passed by the House. Currently, people who drive cars without licences are usually charged E60 spot fines.

The regulations are suggesting a



AGREE: Maphalaleni MP Mabulala Maseko and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza.

E500 fine.

Overtaking on a barrier line could force an offender to part with E1 000. However, it must be noted that all

these fines are yet to be approved by Parliament.

The problem with the regulations is that they come with certain con-

ditions. The country is now on the brink of losing E17 million, if the regulations are not passed before the deadline of November 15, 2017. This was revealed by Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza on Monday in Parliament.

Mabuza urged MPs to speedily pass the regulations so that the country could get the money from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

Mabuza said there were many projects in which COMESA helped Swaziland in financial terms. The minister made an example of a trade hub that is to be built in Manzini.

The trade hub is meant to help the informal traders in Manzini. The regulations were also one of the projects in which COMESA offered help.

The projects, according to Mabuza, were rated in points by COMESA.

The country had already scored four points in other projects.

The traffic regulations were worth four points and that would help the country score eight points, which are needed to be in a position to get the money. Maphalaleni MP Mabulala Maseko was also of the view that the regulations should pass because the stiff fines would help in eliminating accidents on the country's roads.

Maseko said 10 people died as a result of road accidents in a month and that was not a good sign for the country. He expressed confidence in that the increased fines would help in reducing the accidents. Motorists would be scared of committing traffic offences because of the fines.

Ludzeludze MP Bambumuti Sithole said he was surprised on the way in which the stakeholders submitted. The stakeholders were called to submit so that they could make their input on the regulations in order for their opinions to be reflected in the regulations. The stakeholders, according to Sithole, were of the view that the fines had to be increased because people were doing as they pleased on the roads.

Regulations tabling bad timing - Titus

AS the 2018 national elections are around the corner this isn't the best time for tabling road traffic regulations.

This was said by Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala on Monday when the MPs were amending the road traffic regulations.

Thwala said it would be better if the ministry of public works and transport tabled the regulations

last year or maybe the year before. He said now the timing was wrong because next year MPs would be preparing for the national elections.

Passed

He said if they passed the regulations now the electorate would only remember them for increasing road traffic fines that made their lives miserable on the road. Other MPs were also not com-

fortable with the increase of fines. Some MPs were of the view that the roads were in an utterly bad state for fines to be increased.

Responsibilities

Mkhiweni MP Gideon Dlamini urged the works ministry to also put in the responsibilities of the ministry in the regulations.

He mentioned that almost all the roads in the country had potholes and the ministry took a long time

to fix them. He wanted the ministry to commit itself on a length of time it would take for it to fix a pothole.

The Mkhiweni MP had actually proposed two days. He said it should be included in the regulations that the ministry would take two days to fix potholes on the roads.

Other MPs complained about the fact that the ministry tabled the regulations late because they wanted to use the possible E17 million loss to make them rubber-stamps.

They said they would not let that cloud their judgment because their interests was the welfare of the people, not the money.

Regulations

Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini said he called for the regulations in 2014 because he saw that there was a need for them. The Road Traffic Act of 2007 did not have regulations. It was unfortunate that the regulations could only be tabled this year in Parliament, when the MPs were left with only a few months before the next elections.

Cannabis won't lose value if legalised

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE value of cannabis cannot decline if legalised in the country.

The news of the possible legalisation of cannabis in the country did not go down well with some of the cannabis growers in the country. The growers argued that the legalisation of the herb would decrease the value of the cannabis and that would hinder their businesses.

Therefore, it was better for the herb to stay illegal.

Growers from places such as Eluvinjelweni, Maphalaleni and others contended that the legalisation would also discourage children from going to school and get an education.

One grower from Eluvinjelweni even vowed to stop growing cannabis, should it be legalised. He believed that the proscription of his business was the reason why cannabis was becoming a source of income for many people.

Chairperson of the dagga committee in Parliament MP Saladin Magagula said it was not true that the legalisation of cannabis

would decrease the value of cannabis.

Magagula said in legal markets, the price of cannabis ranged more than the prices that were traded in the black market. The MP was of the view that the growers were exploited at this state of affairs. In most cases, a match-box of cannabis



in the country costs around the region of E40 to E60.

In some cases, cannabis growers in the country are subjected to abuse in the sense that they are not paid for the hard work they go through when growing the herb. The buyers are the ones that determine the prices because they know that the growers are not protected by anyone.

They take advantage of the fact

that the growers are engaged in illegal growing of cannabis. Some are ordered to grow the herb and transport it from as far as Msahweni, next to Matsamo Border Gate, only to find that they are not paid for their services.

According to the findings of the dagga committee, a dose of cannabis medicine was US\$200, which is about E2 800. Cannabis medical oils ranged from US\$20 to US\$60 (E280 to E840). In March this year, Nklongo MP Hans Steffen moved a motion for a five-member Parliament Select Committee to look at the possibilities of using dagga for health and industry.

Steffen mentioned that the economy of the country would improve a great deal. He was seconded by Nkhaba MP Menzi Dlamini.

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

Coaches' take-over saga now in Parliament

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE proposed new transport system that will see coaches replacing the current buses and kombis saga has now been taken up by Members of Parliament (MPs).

The matter was supposed to be debated on Monday, but could not because MPs ended up failing to form a quorum. The MPs wanted Minister of Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini to explain what exactly was happening on the ground concerning that issue. This follows reports from the local media, which were to the effect that there was a secret move to oust buses and kombis along the Mbabane-Manzini highway. Manzini North MP Jan Sithole is the one who was supposed to move a motion on that issue. He was supposed to be seconded by Hluikwini MP Saladin Magagula, according to the House of Assembly Order Paper for Monday, November 6, 2017.

The motion (Motion 24/2017) has not been removed from the order paper. This means the matter can still be debated in the House of Assembly.

Sithole, together with Magagula,



wanted to move that the Honourable House call upon the public works and transport minister to submit before the House a full planned-out proposal intended for the coaches transport system.

The MPs wanted to give the minister 30 days to table the report. The minister, according to the MPs, should address the following questions on the matter:

- Whose brainchild is this?
- Who has complained about the present system?
- Who are the funders of this initiative?
- Were the relevant stakeholders (Road Transportation Board (RTB), Road Transportation Council, consumers and commuters, and the general public) consulted? If so, at what stage?
- Will this initiative enhance employment or further exacerbate the already high employ-

ment figures?

- Will this initiative improve the lives of both the current public transport owners and their employees?
- Is there any guarantee that current operators and employees will not be worse-off?

- Why is this initiative not starting on rural long-distance roads, where roads are rugged and rough, as these are new and comfortable?
- What will happen to the current assets after the arrival of the coaches?
- What happens to the other legal modes of transportation such as kombis, private taxis (both local and imports)?

If the motion is finally debated and passed in Parliament, it might mean the minister would submit the proposal next year because next month the House would break for holiday owing to the Incwala ceremony.

DIVINE HEALING MINISTRIES



MOMENT OF TRUTH: Bishop Nash Shongwe and his wife ushering in God Never Fails founder Bishop Dr ND Nhlapho on arrival for the Annual Gala Dinner at the church on Friday night. The guest Bishop donated E100 000 to the church. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



FOR YOU: Bishop Nash joined by his son Pastor Skhumbuzo as they present Bishop Nhlapho with a gift. **RIGHT - GRATEFUL:** Bishop Nash Shongwe gestures as he received the E100 000 cash donated to the church by Bishop Nhlapho.



WORSHIP: *Congregants singing at the service.*



LET ME PRAY FOR YOU: Bishop Nhlapho praying for the congregants after delivering a powerful sermon which led many people to repentance.



PRESENT: Staff members from the main sponsoring company Tee & Jay following proceedings of the event.



Kobe-Ramokgadi Advanced Learning Academy

Invites all present and prospective parents to join us for a consultative parents 'meeting.

Date: 11th November 2017 (Saturday)
Venue: Ezulwini (At the school)
Time: 0900 hrs

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ANNUAL GALA DINNER



IN THE MIX: Present among the businesspeople was Corban Build Hardware Director Thembinkhosi Nkonyane and his wife.



SURPRISE: Surprise guest Sipho Makhabane sharing a light moment with Bishop Nash Shongwe.



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TENDER NO. 4 OF 2017/18: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - THIRD PARTY DEBT COLLECTORS

1. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

The Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) invites suitably qualified and Swazi registered companies for the services of **Third Party Debt Collectors** who will engage customers whom the company has exhausted all internal debt recovering processes on a commission based payment method for the 2017/18 financial year.

2. RFP DOCUMENT AND SPECIFICATION

A detailed **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** document is available at a non-refundable fee of E1000.00 from the Commercial Services Department located at the Eluvatsini House, along Mhlambanyatsi Road, telephone: +268 409 4000

3. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The closing date for the submission of tender bids shall be Friday, the 17th of November 2017 at 12:00noon. Telegraphic, telephonic, facsimile, e-mail and late tenders will not be accepted.

4. ENQUIRIES

Enquiries must be directed to the Commercial Services Manager on the following contact details:

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SWAZILAND EPILEPSY ORGANIZATION



Condolences

MR. LENNY SHOULDER

The Patron, Board and Staff of the Swaziland Epilepsy Organization, offer their heartfelt condolences to relatives and friends of our long serving Board Chairman, Mr. Lenny Shoulder on his sudden demise.

Mr. Shoulder served the organization with diligence for close to a decade. He was committed to the organization's vision and contributed enormously in the growth and development the organization has achieved over the years. He was a brilliant man, full of innovation.

As an organization, along with people living with epilepsy in the country, we are deeply saddened by his passing on. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time and may the Lord comfort and strengthen you.

You will be dearly missed Mr. Chairman!

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NOTICE



To property owners and residents of Mbabane, Malagwane, Ezulwini, Mantenga and Surrounding areas.

EZULWINI SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DELIVERY PROJECT

The Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland has received financing for the construction of the Ezulwini Water Supply Project. The major objective of the project is to develop more reliable and sustainable water sources in and for Ezulwini and surrounding areas.

Swaziland Water Services Corporation has been designated as the Executing Agency for this project and as such shall assume full responsibility for project preparation and delivery.

The project comprises construction of gravity flow mains and a modern Water Treatment Plant and the project design preparation shall follow international technical standards for both the engineering, environmental and social development of the scheme.

At a broad level the engineering preparation will involve data collection, field surveys, soil investigations and assessment of various options for alignment and siting of project structures.

Consistent with any engineering development of such a magnitude, it is likely that additional land or servitudes may be required to accommodate the project needs. The processes for identification, determination and acquisition of any required servitudes/land will follow relevant regulated and/or legislated processes and procedures supplemented by suitable best practice guidelines relevant to the efficient development of the project; and any environmental & social safeguard policies of financing partners.

As key stakeholders to the implementation of the project, our technical teams will engage with you further to elaborate and dialogue in detail the following aspects of the proposed project development:

1. Project options considered;
2. Decision criteria and constraints in project selection and preferred option;
3. Environmental & social concerns identified and possible mitigation measures.

Additional detailed communication outlining a programme for the above engagement process will be communicated to you in due course.

Yours faithfully

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Asian grabs workers' buttocks, laughs

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

FOUR young Swazi women who work at an Asian owned business in Pigg's Peak have claimed that their boss derives pleasure at grabbing their buttocks and laughing at them.

The women asked that their identities be protected.

The name of the Asian and his business is known to this publication but has been deliberately withheld pending police investigations.

Interviewed on Tuesday afternoon, the women who all come from Pigg's Peak said their employer was taking advantage of their dire financial situation.

"Unfortunately, other people who we have talked to about these incidents tell us to just quit the job. However, we cannot do this because as everybody knows it is very hard to find employment in Swaziland especially if you are living in a small town like Pigg's Peak.

We are desperate for some sort of help because this man touches us on the buttocks whenever he finds one of us sitting alone inside the shop.

Uncomfortable

We then try to move around the shop as a group so that he cannot touch us. He also likes showing us dirty movies on his cellphone.

This is very uncomfortable, but there's nothing we can do," said one of the women, explaining the sad encounter with their Asian boss.

Another

added that reporting him to the police will not help because they will arrest him and he will pay the fine and return to the shop and fire them.

Income

"We are afraid of losing our jobs and our small income; we feel it is better he touches us because we still get paid at the end of the month. The only scary thing is that he might one day ask us for sex or even worse rape us," added another.

Meanwhile, Deputy Police Public Relations Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said the affected ladies should approach the Police Child Protection and Sexual Offences (DSC) Unit to report the situation as it can be handled in other ways not just an arrest.

Sensitive

"We encourage the ladies to approach the Pigg's Peak police front desk and ask to speak to an officer in the DSC department. These officers are well trained in handling such sensitive matters as they are categorised as sexual harassment in the workplace. The police will never reveal their sources and will devise a clever way of dealing with the perpetrator.

Furthermore, we would like to warn other people who find themselves in similar situations to speak to the police, because such cases have a very strong psychological effect in the long run because victims often blame themselves for such incidents, which is simply not true.

"Last but not least if an employer fires an individual after a sexual harassment case has been reported that employer will face other charges that will involve the ministry of labour and social security," she said.

REPORT SITUATION: Deputy Police Public Relations Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

20 Mangwaneni tenants out in the cold

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

ABOUT 20 tenants from Mangwaneni are literally out in the chilly weather with their children after they were locked out of their rented flats by a landlord who purchased the flats from the original owners without the knowledge of the tenants.

Sipho Mdluli, who was speaking on behalf of the tenants, said they have lived in the place for over 20 years and when the original owner of the place died he left over a woman who looked after the place and collected rent which she gave to the deceased's relatives.

However, it is said the relatives then decided to sell the place to an organisation known as Sitatentela Savings and Credit Cooperative for E100 000. The tenants said the organisation just chucked them out without even consulting them properly.

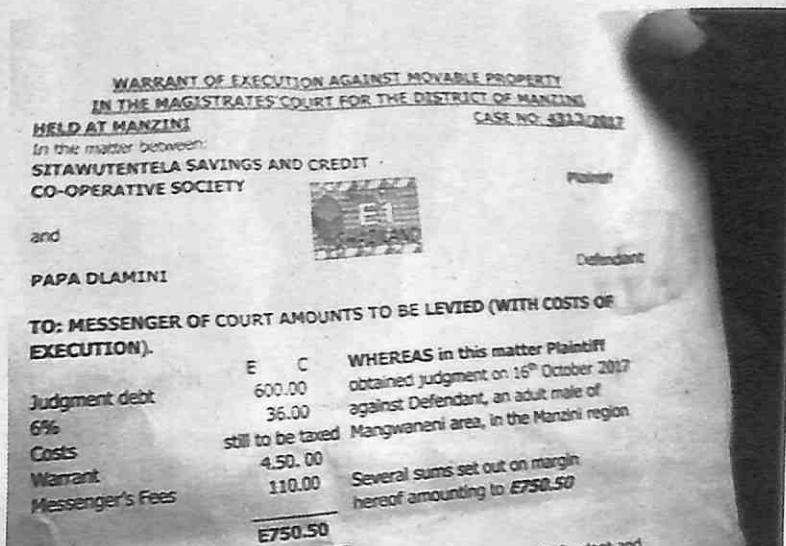
The tenants said they were forced out and locked out of their houses with their belongings inside and had to spend the nights out in the cold. Mdluli said they tried to involve the Swazi National Courts which referred them to the Regional Administrator Prince Gcokoma.

Gcokoma is said to have told the cooperative that Mangwaneni is a residential area and not for business. After hearing what Gcokoma had to say it is said the cooperative then hired the services of an attorney who took the matter to court and later came back brandishing documents informing the tenants that they were being evicted.

Mdluli said they were also forced to fork out E750 which they will have to pay as money for rent in order to get their items back. The tenants said they have since hired services of an attorney who will represent them.

However, they said the problem now is that they are sleeping outside in the rain and some of them cannot even access medication since some of them have to take their ARTs everyday and the medication is locked inside their rented flats together with their belongings.

...after being locked out by new landlord



YOU BEEN SERVED: One of the papers which the tenants were served with, they claim they have no knowledge of what the contents of the documents mean and they never signed the documents. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



LOCKED OUT: Sipho Mdluli showing one of the houses which has been locked at Mangwaneni by the new owners.

Even on Tuesday afternoon the tenants were still locked out and had nowhere to sleep. The about 20 tenants all had to be crammed up in a shack which is used to store tools as the eight houses they lived in were locked.

Mdluli said they tried to involve the police in the matter but they were given a cold shoulder as they were told that the matter is now in court so as police they cannot do anything

to help them. He said they are appealing to anyone who can help them in the matter as they are forced to sleep out in the cold.

Mdluli said they tried to contact the late landlord's child Futhi Longcibelo Mbowane who informed them that she was not aware of what was going on and when she tried to contact the people who claimed to have purchased the place their phones rang unanswered.

EMPLOYEE QUILTS, RETURNS TO BEAT MANAGER

By Phesheya Kunene
National Court

A long-serving employee in one of the security companies in Mbabane became an instant villain when he quit his job and later came back to assault the manager over unpaid monies.

Following his sudden move of quitting his position for greener pastures, Mandela Dlamini felt his business was not done at his previous employment, where he was regarded as one of the long-serving and loyal employees.

On Sunday, he showed up at the company's offices at Gwamile Street

with the aim of getting his money. The money owed to him amounts to E2 700. Dlamini was in no compromising mood as he used violence to get the message across.

According to the evidence shared by Ncobile Dlamini, the Manager, Dlamini had come to attack rather than to negotiate with the company's management.

Responsible

"When he entered through the door, he found me, and he quickly said he was lucky to find me as I was responsible for finances at the company. I then asked him why he was there, and when he told me he had come for his money, I explained to him that the management was not

at the office hence he would not get help since there was no paperwork left on my desk which indicated I should issue any money to him," she said.

Disappeared

The manager further highlighted what has made Mandela's matter more delicate was that he did not issue the company with a resignation letter when he quit his job.

She said he just disappeared together with another employee who had been fired for theft of company equipment.

"He demanded that I call management and inform them that he wanted his money, and when I tried explaining to him, he grabbed the

computer and put on the floor.

He was shouting at me. When I left my desk and came to pick up the computer, he started hitting me with fists," she added.

She added the enraged employee took car keys and her cellphone without her permission.

"He took a walk around the building as if to see if there were other people before coming back and attacked me. He pulled my hair and assaulted me all over my body," she said.

Mandela defended himself by telling the court the manager was the one who provoked him.

"I was there to ask about my money but she gave me an attitude and tried

to pick a fight with me. She slapped me and further used an object to assault me. I only fought back to defend myself. I then took the car keys because I needed my money," he said.

Intention

When asked by Court President Chief Lembelele if the car was worth the money he wanted Dlamini said it was not. He further said he had no intention to damage the company's property.

Moreover, it also transpired in court the offender later tried to dump the car keys and cell phone at the Mbabane police station and laid a charge of assault against the manager. When the manager was called in by the police Mandela ended up being the one arrested.

He was fined E800 or nine months imprisonment for his illegal actions.

TWO SUSPECTS GUILTY OF LESSER CRIME OF CULPABLE HOMICIDE

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

TWO young men who had been charged with the murder of another were lucky to be convicted of the lesser crime of culpable homicide.

The two, Sifiso Mashado and Dion Munroe were found guilty of culpable homicide by High Court Principal Judge Qinsile Mabuza after finding that the crown failed to prove that there was intention in the killing.

The two had been co-charged with Samkelo Dlamini, who however, died during the course of the trial. One of the accused Mashado who had all along been out on bail could not make it back home as he was sent to the Sidvashini correctional facility following the conviction as his bail was revoked.

The two had been charged with the crime of murder in that on August 11 2007 at Siteki they acted jointly and in furtherance of a common purpose did unlawfully assault Thulani Mkhize and inflicted injuries from which he later died on August 29 of the same year while undergoing treatment at the Mbabane Government Hospital.

The charge against the first accused Samkelo was withdrawn by the court when the trial commenced after his death certificate had been produced.

The accused person had pleaded not guilty to the charge when it was put to them at commencement of trial.

According to evidence brought before court, Sifiso Tsabedze, a friend of the deceased (victim) stated that he was in the company of the deceased on the fateful day as he visited him at work before proceeding to Siteki hotel where the deceased enjoyed a



LENIENT: High Court Principal Judge Qinsile Mabuza.

jug of traditional brew made of grape fruit before enjoying beers at the hotel.

They left the jug at the hotel as it was about to close and when they came back for it found that it was not there. They asked a vendor who told them that the third accused had taken it with him.

The deceased followed the third accused and asked for the jug but the accused refused with it and instead went to join his friends who assaulted the deceased with beer bottles and kicks after falling on the ground and bashed his head against

the concrete pavement.

The accused persons further went for Tsabedze in a bid to assault him too but he outran them and reported the matter to the deceased's family before reporting same to the Siteki Police. When reporting the matter, the police advised him that the deceased

was already in hospital after being rushed there following the assault and this happened while he had ran for his dear life as he was pursued by the accused persons.

The court noted that the two accused persons tried to shift the blame on the first accused persons because he is

dead. Judge Mabuza however stated that it is her finding that there was no intention to kill the deceased victim and that the crown has not proved such intention.

Proved

"The crown has however proved that deceased was unlawfully killed and the charge is that the accused persons acted jointly in a furtherance of a common purpose in assaulting the deceased all three accused are in my view responsible for unlawfully causing the death of the deceased even if they did not intend to kill him," Judge Mabuza stated.

It was for the foregoing reasons that Judge Mabuza found both the accused persons guilty of a lesser crime of culpable homicide and convicted accordingly.

The second accused person's bail was accordingly revoked and he was sent to the Sidvashini correctional facility.

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FORMS 3, 5 EXAMS INCIDENT FREE - PRINCIPALS

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

WITH Form Three and Form Five pupils having finished writing their examinations, some principals in schools around Shiselweni have expressed happiness that their schools have so far not been implicated in scandals or any malpractice up to the last day.

The principals said they were pleased by the manner the exams progressed as everyone had conducted themselves as expected.

Form Three and Five pupils wrote their last paper on Friday. "I think everything went well and this makes me to believe we all displayed maturity. It's no longer like in the past where during this period there would be many incidents of malpractice taking place including leaking of papers.

I think the Exams Council, by going around educating schools did excellently, which has worked wonders this year.

Everyone has a role to play to avoid his or her school being implicated in a scandal or any malpractice.

We are however going to know once the results are out as to whether everything was done according to plan. It is only during the announcement of the results where we will get to know what happened to other schools.

Otherwise, in my school I have not heard of any-

thing that did not go according to plan from day one up to the last day of exams," said one of the principals.

Several schools hired pastors as invigilators something the principals said was a good thing considering that the 'men' of God were always going to stick to the rules and never be tempted to assist pupils to copy or anything against the exams laws.

"It's now something a number of schools are doing nowadays. The people hired to invigilate were trained first on how to go about their work. It's possible that cases of copying have dropped during the exams because of the pastors. We know that they are humans but they know the consequences and would not want to be associated with sin," said one of the principals.

Meanwhile, some of the pupils when asked to comment about the exams said there were those papers they felt were easy and also those they found difficult.

"I better not say anything because if I say it was easy, something else can happen. To be on the safer side, let me say we will wait until the day the results are announced.

I can't even say if I'm going to pass because it happens sometimes that pupils topping in class fail exams.

We have seen many instances where top pupils end up obtaining second or third passes at the end of the year," said a Form Three pupil in one of the schools.

Duo admitted to E6 000 bail for assault

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

TWO men from Horo have been admitted E6 000 bail for double assault and evading police arrest.

The duo has been identified as Banele Dlamini and Wandile Dlamini. The alleged assaults happened on the eve of October 28 outside a shebeen in Horo.

According to court records, the duo assaulted Wiseman Shongwe and Ntombikayise Shabalala then after the assault Banele Dlamini allegedly evaded police arrest at his homestead.

Appearing at the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court on Monday, Banele said the allegations against him were false.

"The truth is Shongwe owes us some money so on the night in question we met him at a local shebeen and enquired about

our money. This question caused an argument between all three of us, fortunately, we did not assault anybody and left the shebeen. Then about two hours later another verbal exchange ensued this time between myself and Shabalala, but again I did not assault her," he said.

After the long night he was told while at home that the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) were looking for him. "It is wrong to say I ran away from the police because I went to the Horo police post to turn myself in after hearing that the police were looking for me," he said.

Senior Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini told the duo that they will explain their actions during the trial and bail was not opposed. Dlamini then admitted Banele to E4 000 bail for the alleged double assault and for evading police arrest.

He further admitted Wandile to E2 000 bail for the same offence.

Bishop Nash delivers miracles in Mbabane

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

DIVINE Healing Ministries Mbabane Branch is inviting the public to its Sunday service this weekend.

This was confirmed by the resident pastor and Public Relations Officer Fana Sihlongonyane yesterday. Sihlongonyane urged the public to come in their numbers to witness Bishop Nash Shongwe conducting miracles and deliverance at the Mbabane Branch at Eveni along Mantjolo road.

"The powerful service will be saturated by the holy spirit; hence we invite everyone to attend.

The Bishop is anointed in many areas such as praying for the sick, unemployment but first and fore-

most he preaches salvation," he said.

He said the prayer service is scheduled for November 12 and will start at 10am. "There will be free transport that will be available.

The logistics goes as follows; the bus is expected to depart from Msuduzi market and will go along town through Dzelewe Street."

He said for contact details on the logistics the public can call the following numbers, 7602 6161 or 7606 4138. Sihlongonyane said gospel artist Linda Dlamini and Divine Healing Praise team will be rendering music on the event.

CONDUCTING MIRACLES: Bishop Nash Shongwe.





READY FOR ACTION: Employees being briefed by GPAM Sifiso Nyembe before they hit the road. (R) The employees on their run.

SAFETY FIRST

...as RSSC gives reflective vests to community and employees

By Observer Reporter
Mhlume

SAFETY work is today recognised as an economic necessity. It is the study of the right way to do things.

From community development to safety, the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) has yet again lived by its mandate of being an active contributor to the socio-economic development of the country.

Along with senior managers, RSSC MD Nick Jackson got his trainers on and hit the road with more than 200 community members during the RSSC Road Safety Night Run. Before the run, community members and employees were given reflective vests and juice bottles. The main objective of the run was not about competition but to sensitise members of the public about the importance of wearing reflective vests when using the road for training, and also just to give members of the public a chance to be



A LEADER WITH PASSION: RSSC MD Nick jogging alongside Sifiso Mkoko.

taught more about road safety tips by members of the Royal Swaziland Police. For 3.2km, Jackson and other senior managers along with community mem-

bers hit the road from Mhlume offices to RSSC Gym facilities.

Speaking after the run, Jackson said; "Thank you for taking your time to come



SAFETY FIRST: RSSC employees before the night run.

and promote safety with us today. Today we did two very important aspects of life, exercising and being safe. Reflective vests are important when exercising next to the road." He further stated that safety is not an individual issue, but could be addressed only by being a group with the same goals towards safety.

"We had an unfortunate incident which almost cost one employee his life a few months back, the accident was disturbing because the employee was training early in the morning wearing his reflective vest.

This shows that even motorists have the obligation to observe and respect traffic procedures," Jackson said.

Meanwhile, Senior Traffic Operations Officer Charles Magagula said; "Safety is key! As traffic officers

we have noted that the number of road accidents in the country is escalating. From July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, there were 44 fatalities caused by road accidents. Out of this figures, 11 were passengers, nine drivers and 24 pedestrians."

He pleaded with community members to refrain from activities that endanger their lives while on the road, either behind the wheel or as a pedestrian.

"I would also like to thank RSSC for such initiatives as this event supports all the duties that should have been done by us as police officers and there are also a number of projects that the company has done to assist local police stations." The participants were also given an opportunity to use the gym facility and there was also a free aerobathon session.

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STOP UNLAWFUL STALKING

IS repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other behaviour directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

This article will look at unlawful stalking and its provision in the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill.

Stalkers come from every walk of life and every socio-economic background.

Anyone can be a stalker, just as anyone can be a stalking survivor.

Stalking saviour in this case refers to an individual who has been a victim of stalking.

Stalkers can have any characteristics and come from any type of background. A paper from the University of Michigan has categorised the types of stalkers, however, this does not mean that every stalker can fit in this categories.

Predatory Stalker - stalks their survivor as part of a plan to attack them, usually sexually, and is motivated by the promise of sexual gratification and power over the survivor.

The stalker often has poor self-esteem, poor social skills (especially in romantic relationships), and may have lower than normal intelligence. This type of stalker usually does not harass or try to contact their survivor while they are stalking.

The stalker may engage in surveillance of the survivor.

Erotomania and Morbidly Infatuated stalker believes that they are loved by the survivor even though the survivor has done nothing to suggest this is true.

The stalker reinterprets what the survivor says and does to support their belief that the survivor loves them and makes the imagined romance with the survivor the most important part of their life.

Rejected Stalker - This type of stalker begins to stalk after their partner (romantic or close friendship) has



ended their relationship or indicates that they intend to end the relations.

This type of stalker wants to be in a relationship with the survivor again or seek revenge on the survivor. This stalker may have high levels of narcissism and jealousy, bottling feelings of humiliation, over-dependence, and/or poor social skills and a resulting poor social network. You would find that they are persistent and intrusive type of stalker and is more likely to employ intimidation and assault in pursuit of their survivor.

Resentful Stalker wants to frighten or distress their survivor and often stalks their survivor to get revenge against someone who has upset them.

The stalker views their survivor as being similar to those who have oppressed or humiliated them in the past and may view themselves as a survivor striking back against an

oppressor.

The stalker is irrationally paranoid often stalks survivors that may have upset them directly or are representative of a group at which they are upset.

Intimacy Seeker stalker seeks to establish an intimate, loving relationship with the survivor and may believe that the survivor is in love with them. This is a delusion. The stalker believes that the survivor may be the only person who can satisfy their desires and sees the survivor as an ideal partner.

The stalker may interpret any kind of response from the survivor, even negative responses, as encouragement and may believe the survivor owes them love because of all they have invested in stalking the survivor. The stalker may become jealous if the survivor enters or continues a romantic relationship with another

person.

Incompetent Suitor is a stalker motivated by a longing to start a romantic relationship with the survivor and is weakened in his social skills.

The stalker may be cut off from the survivor's feelings and believe that any person should not be attracted to them. Stalker typically engages in behaviour such as: repeatedly asking for dates even after being rejected; repeatedly calling on the phone; and trying to hold the survivor's hand or kiss the survivor. This stalker will usually quickly stop stalking if confronted with legal action or after seeking counselling.

The SODV Bill provides that:

Any person who unlawfully stalks another person commits an offence and is on conviction, liable to pay a fine of E15 000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three years or

to both.

Unlawful stalking shall be conduct-directed at a person; engaged in on any one in one occasion or on more than one occasion.

The act could be: following, loitering near, watching or approaching a person where he lives or works; contacting a person in any way, including but not limited to, by telephone, mail, fax, email or through the use of technology; leaving offensive material where it will be found by, given to or brought to the attention of, a person, directly or indirectly; an intimidating.

It shall be immaterial whether the person doing the unlawful stalking intends that the stalked person be aware the conduct is directed at the stalked person; or has a mistaken belief about the identity of the person at whom the conduct is intentionally directed.

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1961 - The Professional Golfer's Association (PGA) eliminated its "caucasians only" rule.

1963 - In Japan, about 450 miners were killed in a coal-dust explosion.

1963 - In Japan, 160 people died in a train crash.

1965 - The great Northeast blackout occurred as several states and parts of Canada were hit by a series of power failures lasting up to 13 1/2 hours.

1967 - A Saturn V rocket carrying an unmanned Apollo spacecraft blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a successful test flight.

1976 - The UN General Assembly approved ten resolutions condemning the apartheid government in South Africa.

1979 - The United Nations Security Council unanimously called upon Iran to release all American hostages "without delay." Militants, mostly students had taken 63 Americans hostage at the US embassy in Tehran, Iran, on November 4.

1981 - US troops began arriving in Egypt for a three-week Rapid Deployment Force exercise. Somalia, Sudan and Oman were also involved in the operation.

1981 - The International Monetary Fund approved a \$5.8 billion loan to India. It was the highest loan to date.

1982 - Sugar Ray Leonard retired from boxing. In 1984 Leonard came out of retirement to fight one more time before becoming a boxing commentator for NBC.

1984 - A bronze statue titled "Three Servicemen," by Frederick Hart, was unveiled at the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

1989 - Communist East Germany opened its borders, allowing its citizens to travel freely to West Germany.

1990 - Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a non-aggression treaty with Germany.

1992 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin, visiting London, appealed for assistance in rescheduling his country's debt, and asked British businesses to invest.

1997 - Barry Sanders (Detroit Lions) became the first player in NFL history to rush for over 1 000 yards in nine straight seasons. In the same game Sanders passed former Dallas Cowboy Tony Dorsett for third place on the all-time rushing list.

1998 - A federal judge in New York approved the richest antitrust settlement in U.S. history. A leading brokerage firm was ordered to pay \$1.03 billion to investors who had sued over price-rigging of Nasdaq stocks.

1998 - PBS aired its documentary special "Chihuly Over Venice."

2004 - US First Lady Laura Bush officially reopened Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House to pedestrians.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Vanessa Lachey
(TV ACTRESS) -
November 9, 1980
(37 years)



French Montana
(rapper) -
November 9 1984-
(33 years old)

THE LURID DREAM OF THE PRESENT IN SOUTH AFRICA'S POLITICAL ECONOMY

THERE are times when South Africa feels like a lurid fever dream.

Bobby Ewing will step out of the shower tomorrow morning, some of us sometimes imagine when we go to sleep.

The long swathe of time in which so much has happened will have been the delirium of a few hours of unconsciousness. It would be jarring trying to work out what had and what had not happened, but at least you would have comfort in knowing much was just fantasy. Pamela Barnes Ewing's life was not rosy after her dream, but at least Bobby was not dead.

Of course, we have come a long way since the mid-1980s in South Africa, even though we seem keen on resuscitating much from that old country which we thought we had abolished in 1994.

But that's the trouble with paranoia: it so easily leads to regression, for both individuals and for organisations.

The past may be horrific, but for many it holds the comfort of familiarity in times of unfamiliar stress. And these are indeed times of extraordinary stress for many South Africans: political, economic, social, as well as moral and intellectual.

If you wrote a novel about post-millennial post-apartheid South Africa, and chose the mode of high realism, you may have difficulty getting published. Prospective editors would accuse the writer of a mad attempt to bring magic realism (back?) into African writing. They would suggest that the exaggeration is too crude even for satire, parody, and caricature.

A village of cannibals confessing to their horrific transgressions in order to be relieved of their moral burden. A descendant of Vikings has been collecting women's genitalia for years in the heart of the country, like a character sprung from the pages of Mike Nicol's *The Powers That Be* (1989). The speeches and interviews given by ministers, and the public conduct of elected officials defy credulity. Then there are the new elites who post photographs of exorbitant five-digit restaurant bills or video footage of themselves pretending to eat their



TROUBLE: 'To sleep, perchance to dream ... and hope you're not one of the corpses piling up on stage at the end of Act V in this post-millennial immorality play in South Africa's political economy.'

money while quaffing imported Champagne.

A few years ago there were the poor young people who burned bank notes and poured long-life custard on the flames while dancing their disaffection with the materialism from which they had been so systematically excluded. Here were the pigs starving on the farm of a former minister.

And two ministers of state security seemed to have been kept in the dark: one about the activities of a spouse convicted of drug trafficking, another about the rhino horn smuggling at the massage parlour he attended. Then there was the invention of a drinking tavern in an upmarket suburb, a lie told in full glare of television cameras, live, to the whole country.

Meanwhile, the killing of the national football team's goalkeeper, in front of witnesses, remains unsolved years later.

The deaths by assassination of municipal officials and governing party members in one coastal province remain unresolved also. And the police minister paraded several people for crimes which it turned out they had no connection to, and erroneously announced his agreement with the spouse of a neighbouring head of state about allegations against her as she invoked diplomatic immunity and fled.

This had, of course, happened before. The government's lawyers insisted before a high court judge

that another visiting head of state could not be accounted for, and denied photographic evidence that his aircraft had been allowed to depart from a military air base.

That same military air base had been used by a private family, friends of the head of state, to land their wedding guests, who then allegedly refused to be served by locals without gloves at one of the kitschier hangovers of the totalitarian colonial regime of the time before.

Readers would find the lines drawn too crudely.

All of that cannot happen at the same time in the same novel, they'd object, not in the same country to the same people. Even as television or film fare it would be rejected. The advocate who used a non-existent home invader to explain away why his client shot and killed his partner the day before Valentine's Day.

The lawyer who proposed that raping an underage girl is not deserving of even the minimum sentence because the act was not violent and the survivor had recovered well enough to pass her school examinations again. The man accused of butchering his family with an axe insists there was a masked intruder even though the forensic investigators found no trace or evidence of such an intruder's presence on one of the most securely guarded housing estates.

The king in a constitutional democracy convicted of fraud, murder,

attempted murder, kidnapping, and arson, who wanted someone else to serve his prison sentence, was no invention.

The footage of the acting police commissioner fighting off robbers at a spa, hiding behind a couch as they exchanged gunfire. Too much, too unrealistic, and yet, happening all around us as if in some lurid D-grade straight-to-video film.

More than thirty underpaid mineworkers killed in a police action and five years later no one has been convicted of any wrong-doing. More than 140 of the most vulnerable die in state care in the wealthiest province, and again, the wheels of justice turn slowly, and the civil servant on whose watch it happened seems unclear which foreign university she is studying at when called to testify.

This is merely a partial list, as partial as the details of a dream surface in the morning upon waking. It will take time to reconstruct the dream, and we, the dreamers, will have to admit we were not asleep, not delirious.

Bobby Ewing is not going to step from the shower. Even though the government seems determined to go to court again, to interdict the publication of a book which it claims violates securocratic laws.

Meanwhile, the president sits in the labyrinth of his own making, surrounded by members of his party who are now beginning to contest succession.

They are exchanging jibes and insults, questioning one another's credentials, and playing the sort of debased Machiavellian power games which seldom have positive outcomes. Why import Hamlet at this point, readers of that novel may well ask. Shakespearean tragedy imported into magic realism attempting to make sense in high realism of the political economy of the present?

I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore, and no amount of heel-clicking will get us back. To sleep, perchance to dream ... and hope you're not one of the corpses piling up on stage at the end of Act V in this post-millennial immorality play in South Africa's political economy. *eNCA*

Prospecting rights to mine seabed phosphate

CAPE TOWN - Prospecting rights over huge areas of South Africa's continental shelf have been granted to three companies searching for phosphate.

It could signal the beginning of a destructive mining process which will grind up the seabed and spew sediment into the water column as liquid "dust".

This would pose a threat to ocean ecosystems, fish and fisheries, according to an article produced with the support of the Conservation Action

Trust.

The licences cover 150 000 square kilometres within South Africa's western and southern Exclusive Economic Zone and were awarded to Green Flash Trading 251, Green Flash Trading 257 and Diamond Fields International by the Department of Mineral Resources.

Studies commissioned by the Safeguard our Seabed Coalition (SOSC), an alliance of non-governmental organisations, has warned that marine phosphate mining "would

have severe and irreversible impacts on marine ecosystems, livelihood and food security benefits sustained by our fishing industry".

Bulk marine sediment mining uses a suction hopper dredge which gouges the sediment to a depth of three metres.

Dredge

Its dredge head, which is about 11 metres wide with cutting teeth and high-pressure water jets, is dragged across the sea floor, crushing hard sediment and sucking it

and everything else in the way - up a tube.

Once the phosphate has been filtered out, all excess water and fine particulate is flushed back into the sea, creating a sediment plume.

Mining would take place on the continental shelf in what is known as the benthic zone, the area just above and below the seabed.

Apart from anchoring aquatic plants, it's home to sea stars, barnacles, mussels, anemones, urchins, snails, crustaceans, mollusks, worms,

WHY ARE THE ZUMA BRANCHES SO QUIET?

THERE is currently a persistent stream of WhatsApp messages declaring ANC branch nomination results in various regions.

These seem to all suggest that Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma is far behind her main rival, Cyril Ramaphosa. However, close inspection of the figures tell an interesting story.

It is important to note that the most comprehensive compilation of results available, still only accounts for the outcome of between 50 per cent and 70 per cent of the total number of branch nominations in all the provinces, except for the so-called premier league provinces.

Curiously, there have been very few results from North West, Free State or Mpumalanga. These are the premier league provinces with reportedly strong support for Dlamini-Zuma (NDZ) and the broader Zuma ticket. Which raises the question as to why that is?

Either these branches, let's call them the NDZ branches, are keeping the results very close to their chests or they are not having the branch general meetings (BGMs) where nominations have to be made. For the meeting to be quorate, at least 50 per cent plus one of total members are required to be present, which means that there would always be at least 51 people at these BGMs. With that number of people in the know, it is difficult to believe that the results would not leak out.

So it seems reasonable to deduct that many, if not most, of the branches in the premier league provinces have not held their BGMs. Since all BGMs are supposed to have been conducted by mid-November, it leaves just one week for these branches to have these BGMs.

So why leave it so late? There are a few possible explanations.

Firstly, it is possible that the Zuma camp would like to delay as long as possible in order to see the extent of support for Ramaphosa. Many Ramaphosa supporters seem to believe that if his support is beyond



COMRADES: Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma shares a moment with Cyril Ramaphosa at the ANC policy conference at the Nasrec Expo Centre.

what the Zuma camp had bargained on, the Zuma supporters will simply "manipulate the process in their favour".

This could include not having the BGMs, or to cause enough disruption to prevent these BGMs from going ahead. Branches who have not held the BGMs cannot be represented at the conference and if it turns out to be a significant enough number – say half or even a third – it would be difficult to see how the conference could go ahead.

I have always maintained that the Zuma camp will only allow the conference to go ahead if they are reasonably sure that they would win. If you look at the results so far, it is clear that Ramaphosa can only win if he gets at least 25 per cent of the premier league, 35 per cent of KZN and the equivalent of 80 per cent in all the other provinces. Anything less and it is either too close to call, or a win for

Dlamini-Zuma.

It is highly probable that the power brokers in the premier league provinces would first want to see the extent of Ramaphosa's support outside of the premier league provinces before they have their BGMs, or indeed if they have them at all. If they aren't confident of at least 75 per cent of support for their candidate in the premier league provinces, there is a very good chance that they would try to sabotage the Electoral Conference.

Interestingly, the group who won the court case against the PEC in KZN claims that they have been able to secure at least 157 nominations for Ramaphosa, but that a further 80 appeals have been filed with the NEC for alleged irregularities. Assuming that these branches would have nominated Ramaphosa, that would have amounted to 30 per cent of total branch nominations for him in KZN – close to what is

required in that province for an overall Ramaphosa win.

Of course one can be sure that the Zuma camp has done similar calculations. So if these accusations are true, it would suggest that the Zuma side is already trying to disrupt a Ramaphosa win. This does not bode well for the next few weeks. I have also been told that another reason for the lack of BGMs, particularly in the Free State and North West, relates to the sizes of the branches. It is said that the rapid membership growth in these two provinces resulted in supersized branches – many with over 1 000 members. This would mean that in order to have a quorum for the BGM they would need to have over 500 members present, which is turning out to be a real challenge.

If these branches are not able to hold their BGMs it would pose a serious challenge to the ANC, since it would be difficult to see how the outcome of the conference without the majority of branches from the Free State and North West would be accepted.

That leaves of course the question of Mpumalanga, with the second biggest number of delegates. Reports are suggesting that a majority of branches are now writing "Unity" on their nomination forms instead of a particular candidate's name. If this is indeed the case, it would pose a further dilemma for Luthuli House, since it is not clear if that can be accepted as a legitimate branch nomination. For the moment, the wind seems to be blowing slightly more in favour of Ramaphosa as far as nominations go, but it can change direction very quickly. What happens in the premier league provinces in the next week could give us a much clearer indication of how confident the Zuma camp is of a victory at the Electoral Conference – if there is one, of course.

- Melanie Verwoerd is a former ANC MP and South African Ambassador to Ireland. News24

alarms marine experts

groundfish and other organisms that make their home on or in the sea floor, at depths where light still penetrates.

Impact of mining

Much of the food supply is in the form of "marine snow", small particles of decaying organic matter that slowly descend through the water column and accumulate on the ocean bed.

According to Saul Roux, a legal campaigner at the Centre for

Environmental Rights (CER), the impact of mining will include:

- Destruction of seabed ecosystems which are the building blocks of marine ecosystems,
- The release of hazardous substances such as radioactive materials, methane, hydrogen sulphide and heavy metals locked in the seabed,
- Destruction of spawning, breeding and feeding habitats for fish species, many of which are commercially important,

- Reduced light penetration and therefore photosynthesis of marine plants,

- Burial and smothering of marine organisms in the mining block and surrounding areas, and

- Habitat destruction and ecosystem changes in mined areas which could be permanent, as recovery would take centuries.

Gaps in frameworks

The CER has flagged serious gaps in South Africa's legal, governance and institutional frameworks able to manage such bulk marine sediment mining.

This would mean, says Roux, that the phosphate mining operations would be "unregulated and not subject to state monitoring or enforcement of its compliance with licences and environmental laws".

This would facilitate severe and irreversible damage to marine environments and fisheries.

A report commissioned by the SOSC highlights the fact that there's no need to undertake marine phosphate mining as there are more socio-economically and environmentally friendly ways to obtain it sustainably.

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Wit & Wisdom

"When I'm good, I'm very good, but when I'm bad, I'm better."

- Mae West

"Men go to far greater lengths to avoid what they fear than to obtain what they desire."

- Dan Brown, The Da Vinci Code

"I don't suffer from my insanity -- I enjoy every minute of it."

- Sherrilyn Kenyon, Dance with the Devil

"The mind I love must have wild places."

- Katherine Mansfield

"You alone are enough. You have nothing to prove to anybody."

- Maya Angelou

"We are all born sexual creatures, thank God, but it's a pity so many people despise and crush this natural gift."

- Marilyn Monroe

"Anybody can sympathise with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathise with a friend's success."

- Oscar Wilde

"When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everyone will respect you."

- Lao Tzu, Tao TeChing

"In your light I learn how to love. In your beauty, how to make poems. You dance inside my chest where no-one sees you, but sometimes I do, and that sight becomes this art."

- Jalaluddin Rumi

"People do not change, they are merely revealed."

- Anne Enright, The Gathering

"Learn the rules, break the rules, make up new rules, break the new rules."

- Marvin Bell

"The impossible could not have happened, therefore the impossible must be possible in spite of appearances."

- Agatha Christie, Murder on the Orient Express

"If you want to keep a secret, you must also hide it from yourself."

- George Orwell, 1984

"The power of a glance has been so much abused in love stories, that it has come to be disbelieved in. Few people dare now to say that two beings have fallen in love because they have looked at each other. Yet it is in this way that love begins, and in this way only."

- Victor Hugo, Les Misérables

"Hello, Harry" said George, beaming at him. "We thought we heard your dulcet tones."

"You don't want to bottle up your anger like that, Harry, let it all out," said Fred, also beaming. "There might be a couple of people fifty miles away who didn't hear you."

- J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."

- Mother Teresa

"True love is usually the most inconvenient kind."

- Kiera Cass, The Selection

"Never leave a friend behind. Friends are all we have to get us through this life--and they are the only things from this world that we could hope to see in the next."

- Dean Koontz, Fear Nothing

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	5.9%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.75%
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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SD, DUBAI RE-VISIT BILATERAL TRADE

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

SWAZILAND Investment Promotion Agency (SIPA) in further broadening the international trade platform for local businesses is engaging the United Arab Emirates and Head of the Dubai Chamber on more trade platforms that the country can explore.

This was voiced out by the Minister of Commerce, Industry, and Trade Jabulani Mabuza, who was represented by Under Secretary Nkululeko Dlamini; he made his remarks at a meeting held at Royal Villas.

"Today's event is a culmination of SIPA interaction with the Dubai Chamber during the well known Maputo Trade Fair known as FACIM. I believe that there are many opportunities that are available for exploitation by our private sectors. Our parastatal SIPA and I will be ready to engage you further on this subject to explore mutual interest of cooperation," he said.

The two governments are exploring trade opportunities in different areas which include infrastructure development and private sector business.

Dlamini said the country has a lot to learn from the Dubai community as they have already shown competitive and comparative advantage including aviation services and training schools, hospitality and tourism product development.

SIPA is also looking into the administration of the Free Trade Zones which the government has already embarked on developing. The country's contribution in the bilateral trade focuses on agricultural produce.

The produce is sold to leading markets in the region and across the globe; the country further has a non congested air space for aviation services and training available for exploration.

...*"We have doubled our investments in innovation and in the equipment, training, and education of expert national cadres, because keeping pace with the world around us requires innovative resources and an environment that is supportive of innovation"*



OFFICIAL: Delegates from SIPA posing for a photo with Chairman, Dubai Chamber His Excellency Majid Saif Al Ghurair at Royal Villas after their meeting. (Pic: Majaha Nkonyane)

"May I re-iterate your excellency, our desire to play host to your esteemed business people. We wish to invite them to come and take advantage of the infrastructural development that the country has achieved so far," he said.

The Dubai community equally has aspirations

to join hands with the country in exploring trade opportunities, "We have doubled our investments in innovation and in the equipment, training, and education of expert national cadres, because keeping pace with the world around us requires innovative resources and an environment that is supportive of innovation."

LETSHEGO Swaziland appoints new country CEO

LETSHEGO Swaziland has appointed Mongi Dlamini as its new Country Chief Executive Officer; effective from 1 November 2017.

This was confirmed by Letshego Financial Services Swaziland Sales and Marketing Manager Gcebile Simelane.

"Mongi Dlamini brings more than nine years of financial services expertise from leading financial institutions, including Nedbank, Standard Bank and African Alliance, all within the Swaziland market. Mongi is ideally qualified to continue the inclusive finance institution's diversification strategy into supporting parastatal and private companies.

"In leveraging the group's commitment to sharing regional best practice, Swaziland stands to benefit from the group's simple and appropriate financial solutions delivered via accessible digital channels," she said.

The company's quick turnaround time in loan disbursements has differentiated the organisation's ability to support the needs of its customers, as well as provide a step-change in customer experience. Committed to extending finan-

cial solutions to the 'under-served' community, the organisation supports those members of the population who have, historically, been unable to access traditional banking services.

"We are excited to welcome Mongi Dlamini to the Swaziland team and the Letshego Group. We look forward to supporting Mongi's leadership strategy in growing our Swaziland business and enhancing our customer experience. Swaziland remains an important market within our Southern African footprint," Group Head of Customer Solutions Fred Mmesele said.

Base

The company since 2006 has registered a growing customer base of civil servants, parastatal, and private sector employees through its deduction at source model. The subsidiary has three physical access points to provide support to customers in all regions. Letshego's success can be attributed to its simple, appropriate, and affordable inclusive financial solutions which are readily accessible.

Letshego Holdings Limited ("Letshego Group") owns 85 percent of Letshego Swaziland, and is



NEW BROOM: Mongi Dlamini.

headquartered in Botswana where the company commenced its operations 19 years ago. The Letshego Group is listed on the Botswana Stock Exchange.

SHERQ STRENGTHENS QUALITY ASSURANCE

By Majaha Nkonyane

The Swaziland Safety, Health, Environment, Risk and Quality (SHERQ) is working hard on ensuring that quality is delivered in different sectors of the economy in the country.

This was demonstrated at a SHERQ forum at the Matsapha Municipal offices where SHERQ Lead consultant Wandile Hlatshwayo made a presentation.

"It is very important to always work with a plan that is why our plans miscarry because they have no aim. When a man does not know what harbour he is making for, no wind is the right wind.

"That is why we are keen on using the PDCA + R formula:

"PLAN: Plan how you are going to achieve the desired outcome, DO: Do what you have planned to do – implement the processes.

"CHECK: Check what has been done – has it worked?

"ACT: Act on these findings to identify improvements.

"REVIEW: Demonstrate and track improvement," he said.

SHERQ Forum aims to provide a recognised and firm national organisation for Safety, Health, Environment, Risk and Quality professionals the Forum is working with all national and international stakeholders. They further aim to maintain and protect the professional interest of members, further the profession of safety, occupational health, environment, risk and quality.

Influence

SHERQ is further concerned about risk management within organisations and how the corporate space is planning ahead for risk.

"Risk is what may happen to you, good or bad, that will influence how your projects, work and even how your lives may turn out. Risk management is the process driven approach that takes you through the uncertainties of

those events," Nomshado Dube said.

The forum insisted on the importance of Risk Management Plan (RMP) which lays out the risk processes, tolerances, thresholds and triggers. It documents the organisation's project's or individual manager's sensitivity to risk and creates a risk road map to follow.

In their engagement they have roped in The South African Quality Institute (SAQI), "our aim is to promote quality awareness, improve the competitiveness of South African businesses (region as a whole). Create a national awareness of quality, unify the quality profession into a body of knowledge and represent the South African quality initiatives abroad and help with the improvement of Africa's quality infrastructure. SAQI training facilitator Jacques Synders," said.

SAQI is now divided into workgroups which encompasses manufacturing workgroup, construction workgroup, contact centre service and food and cosmetic workgroup.

The current construction workgroup members include: Aveng Grinaker



GENTLEMEN: SHERQ Lead Consultant Wandile Hlatshwayo with SAQI's Training Facilitator Jacques Synders and SHEQ dorum National Executive Secretary Manqoba Zwane.

–LTA, Aurecon, Concor/Murray and Roberts, Stefanutti Stocks, WBHO and King Civil Engineering.

On the other hand the current ser-

vice industry workgroup members include ABSA, FNB, MiWay, Mutual and Federal, Metropolitan Health, and Medscheme.



FOCUSED: A section of the audience listening attentively to one of the speakers who was presenting during the SHERQ forum.



QUESTIONS: Manqoba Zwane answering questions from participants during the session.

SWAZI MTN TO ROLL OUT INSTAVOICE

By Majaha Nkonyane

SWAZI MTN has upgraded its voice-mail service to improve convenience for its valued customers.

This was voiced out by Swazi MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondo.

"Not only has the service been upgraded, but it has since been given a new name – InstaVoice. This upgrade is currently being piloted across selected MTN customers. These customers were already enrolled to the old version of voice mail facility," he said.

InstaVoice is a voice mail service that seeks to eliminate barriers to communication by ensuring that subscribers get notification of missed call, and

voicemails from anyone, and send receive voice messages to both InstaVoice App users and non-App users.

The service integrates Missed Calls, Voicemail, and Voice SMS across feature (non-smart phone) phones and smart phones, with the best user experience and adoption available anywhere.

Accessible

Customers have an option to download an application that would make it readily accessible with all accompanying features. The app is downloadable across smart phones, android phones, and accessible from the App Store.

"One interesting feature of InstaVoice is that it does not charge users unless they actually leave a message. In fact,

this service allows you space of 15 seconds within which you can decide whether to leave a message, or just quit without leaving a message, it is only after the expiry of the 15 seconds that one gets charged.

Facility

"But, even then, a customer will not be charged for more than 30 seconds. Further, the 30 seconds charge, which you incur after you leave a message, will be aligned to the price plan you are in as a customer," he said.

In the previous voicemail facility, one would be charged just for launching into the service regardless of whether you left a message or not. The value of InstaVoice is displayed when a customer decides not to leave a message; the app will automatically send a mes-

sage to the person that was called which increases chances that the person called, will call back.

Lumphondo said the service is useful because one can later return calls even those made when the recipient was not available – either because the phone was off, or was outside MTN network.

Ensured

Apart from receiving a text messages as notification for missed calls, one can retrieve voice messages by dialing *0*. Subscribers incur no charges incurred after listening to hear the voice prompts. Swazi MTN has ensured to provide more information on this service through all available media platforms – electronic, radio, print media, and social media.



VOICED: Swazi MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondo.

NASPERS, MR PRICE HIT NEW HIGHS AS RAND WEAKENS

JOHANNESBURG - Bourse heavy-weight Naspers and retailer Mr Price helped push stocks to new record highs yesterday, while the rand weakened in line with other emerging market currencies.

The benchmark JSE Top40 index added 0.5 per cent to close at a high of 53 832.9 points, while the broader all share index gained 0.35 per cent to close at a record of 60 182.6 points.

Naspers, which holds a 33 per cent stake in Hong Kong listed Tencent, rose 2.57 per cent to R3 632.65 buoyed by gains in the Chinese gaming giant.

"Tencent was up three per cent in Hong Kong so it was inevitable Naspers would follow this afternoon," said Cratos Capital equities trader, Greg Davies.

Mr Price topped the list of gainers on the blue chip index, up 8.61 per cent to R192.25, after it flagged higher half year earnings.



Cement maker PPC rose 1.4 per cent to R7.22 after saying it expected an increase of as much as 40 per cent in half year profit.

On the currency market, the rand lost 0.6 per cent against the dollar to trade at R14.18. However, at 5pm,

the rand bid at R14.1716 to the greenback, 1.67c firmer than at the same time on Monday. Halen Bothma, an economist at ETM Analytics, said dollar strength was the main factor at play but traders were also unnerved by local media reports about possi-

ble increased public spending on free education.

"The fragile domestic backdrop is not very supportive, and it's hard to see where the rand can find support in the near term," Bothma said.

In fixed income, the yield for the benchmark government bond due in 2026 was up 3.5 basis points to 9.225 per cent. Meanwhile, all three major global indices hit record levels in early trading yesterday as healthcare stocks rose on robust earnings and investors remained upbeat about a cut in corporate taxes. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 33.59 points, or 0.14 per cent, at 23 582.01 points, the Standard & Poor's 500 was up 3.99 points, or 0.15 per cent, at 2 595.12 points. The Nasdaq Composite was up 2.59 points, or 0.04 per cent, at 6 789.02 points. Eight of the 11 major S&P sectors were higher, with the health index's 0.34 per cent rise leading the advancers. -Reuters

Consumer and business confidence in SA economy continues to fall

JOHANNESBURG - Economic transactional activity in South Africa declined for the second consecutive month in October. It is likely that this will continue with weakening levels of confidence in the economy growing.

According to BankservAfrica's October Economic Transaction Index (BETI), which gives an economy-wide picture of activity across South Africa, transactional values declined again on a month-on-month basis in October. This was also evident on a quarter-on-quarter basis.

"Despite October having more weekdays than most months this year, economic transactions still declined, indicating business and consumer confidence is still lacking in the economy," says Mike Schüssler, Chief Economist at Economists dot-coza.

The BETI is an indicator of economic performance expectation which is reflected in the September and October performance as well as quarterly.

This downward movement may become more pronounced in the following months with October's Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) showing early indications of higher taxes, bigger trade deficits and an economy at risk.

"The declining transactional activities reflected in the BETI for September and October are concerning for SA's main economic drivers. Already the data so far for October shows manufacturing is still declining. Although the additional days last month contributed to a slight improvement for car sales, these were still flat when compared to other months. The drought in the Western Cape and parts of the Northern Cape have had further negative impacts on the South African economy," says Schüssler.

The lowered BETI in the past two months point to broad declines in the economy in real seasonally adjusted terms. Both of these suggest another fall in the South African economy and the real possibility of the GDP declining on a quarter-on-quarter basis. Should this happen, it will be the sixth GDP decline since 2011! - Business Report Online

Katlehong family evicted over home loan arrears of R1 000

JOHANNESBURG - More than a thousand people have joined the R60bn court case now before the Constitutional Court on behalf of South Africans evicted by the banks from their homes over the past 20 years.

They are asking the banks to pay damages equivalent to what they lost when their homes were sold at sheriffs' auctions for a fraction of their market value. They are also demanding a freeze on evictions until Parliament passes new legislation that makes it obligatory to sell repossessed homes at fair market value.

In effect, they are asking the court to outlaw the practice of selling homes at auction without a reserve price.

Ernest Mashaba is one of those who has joined the case. It's been several months since GroundUp first reported on Mashaba's case. His home was repossessed by Nedbank, after the bank claimed he fell into arrears on his mortgage loan.

The bank apparently took default judgment against him in 2001, resulting in Mashaba and his family being evicted from the home multiple times. Each time the sheriff removed his belongings from the home, the Mashabas re-occupied the house, believing the bank had made a mistake.

Mashaba maintains that he never missed a payment and was not in arrears. Nedbank undertook to conduct a forensic investigation into the matter, and GroundUp asked financial services specialist Leonard Benjamin to do the same.

Nedbank's investigation was compiled by Thozama Mochadibane, Head of Customer experience and complaints resolution. Benjamin is former head of legal services at Liberty Life, and now an independent legal and financial consultant.

According to the Nedbank investigation, the Mashaba home was repossessed over arrears of R1 105. Benjamin doubts even this was owing.

Mashaba was paying monthly instalments by debit order, and transaction records show that several times a debit order was simply not processed by Nedbank. The arrears included these uncollected instalments. *Fin24*

Sanral denies writing off R3bn debt in unpaid e-toll fees in SA

JOHANNESBURG - The South African Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL) yesterday denied that it had written off impairment losses of R3.6 billion for unpaid e-toll debts older than three years, compared to R92 million in 2015/16.

This comes after SANRAL on Tuesday appeared before the Portfolio Committee on Transport to submit its Integrated Annual Report.

The Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (OUTA) said on Tuesday that the state-owned entity was finding it extremely difficult to collect the Gauteng e-toll debt from motorists, with increased loss for the 2016/17 year at just under R5 billion.

According to OUTA, this 2016/17 loss was up from the loss of R1.2 billion SANRAL posted last year, with the bulk of the loss of about R3.6 billion arising from the toll operations.

OUTA said the R3.6 billion



was the equivalent of 50 per cent of all toll revenue, or the trade receivables, for the first 15 months of Gauteng e-toll operations and is substantially more than the prescribed debt.

SANRAL has faced fierce resistance against e-tolling in Gauteng since the introduction of the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project (GFIP) in December 2013.

However, SANRAL Chief Executive Skhumbuzo Macozoma said that reports that the agency had written off debt were "incorrect". "Non-payment of toll fees is an offence and this does not prescribe. SANRAL has repeat-

edly stated that it is making every attempt to collect the debt, in other words, enforce its claim. It would not be prudent to write this amount off until it becomes clear it is not collectible," Macozoma said.

Provision

"SANRAL made a provision in its assessment of collectability in its Integrated Report as required by International Accounting Standard 39. Additionally, subsequent measurement requires an assessment of possible loss events in order to further impair financial assets, i.e. trade receivables. -ANA

Clothing retailer invests millions to fight blindness

JOHANNESBURG - South African clothing retailer, Truworths, is investing R3.6million towards improving eye healthcare services in Gauteng province. This investment is in partnership with international NGO, Orbis Africa, and the Gauteng Department of Health.

The province of Gauteng contains a quarter of the country's total population and 75 per cent depend on a public healthcare system with a huge burden of high-mortality rate-diseases. The

public-private partnership will support the Department of Health's efforts to address the significant backlog of cataract surgeries in the province.

The backlog is estimated to be in the region of 2 500 surgeries, with patients living in Soweto waiting up to 12 months to undergo surgery in state-owned facilities. In response, the Department of Health has identified the need to establish dedicated cataract surgical centers that will take the pressure off Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital.

A similar centre is already established by the Department in Bheki Mlangeni Hospital.

The investment from Truworths will strengthen cataract surgical services at Lenasia South Community Health Centre, a facility that serves communities living in Soweto and Orange Farm.

The funding is being used to renovate the existing eye clinic, purchase diagnostic and surgical equipment, procure medical supplies and train the full eye healthcare team. *Fin24*

Moody's cuts Nigeria's debt rating on slow reforms

NEW YORK - Moody's Investors Service on Tuesday cut the rating on Nigeria's government debt, saying the country has been slow to address its heavy dependence on oil.

The agency downgraded the debt rating to B2 from B1, citing the failure to find ways to expand the government's revenue base.

"The authorities' efforts to address the key structural weakness exposed by the oil price shock by broadening the non-oil revenue base have so far proven largely unsuccessful," the agency said in a statement. Despite recent improvements in oil prices, the lack of reform leaves the country's finances "exposed to further economic or financial shocks, with interest payments very high relative to revenues and deficits elevated despite cuts in capital spending." Nigeria depends on oil for 70 per cent of state revenues and 90 per cent of export earnings. The west African country slipped into recession for the first time in more than two decades in August 2016, returning to growth only this September. Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari on Tuesday presented a record 8.6 trillion naira (\$24 billion, 20.8 billion euros) budget he said will support the country's economic recovery. Buhari said the spending was a 16 per cent increase over 2017, and was based on an estimated oil production of 2.3 million barrels per day at an estimate a price of \$45 dollars a barrel, more than \$15 per barrel less than the current price for the main international contract. *AFP*

BRIEFS

'Democracy under assault'

MONROVIA - Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said on Tuesday that democracy was "under assault" in her nation as several political parties accuse the electoral commission of fraud, delaying the selection of her successor. A runoff vote also due on Tuesday was supposed to represent Liberia's only democratic transfer of power in seven decades, securing Sirleaf's legacy as she steps down after 12 years, but the process has now been indefinitely delayed." *AFP*

French envoys meet Mali

BAMAKO - France has sent high-level representatives to talk to the Malian government after a French anti-terror raid killed Malian troops held by the jihadists. Defence Minister Tiana Coulibaly met on October 31 with the French ambassador and the commander of France's military force in Mali, according to a ministry communique received by AFP on Monday. They discussed a night-time operation on October 23-24 "in which Malian troops, held by the terrorists, were killed," it said. *AFP*



'Coups can't be ruled out'

HARARE - Zimbabwe's former home affairs minister, now the leader of the opposition Zanu party, Dumiso Dabengwa, has reportedly said that a military coup "cannot be ruled out" in the country following the sacking of former vice president Emmerson Mnangagwa. According to VOA, Dabengwa said that it was likely that most Zimbabweans could back this move "as they are tired of President Robert Mugabe's rule". Dabengwa said this at the launch of the Dumiso Dabengwa Foundation in Bulawayo. *News24*

Two women killed

KANO - At least two civilians were killed when dozens of Boko Haram fighters tried to storm a town in a remote area of northeast Nigeria but were repelled by troops, locals said. The attempted raid on Gulak, in the Madagali area of the far north of Adamawa state, happened at about 7:30 pm (1830 GMT) on Monday and involved about 50 jihadists. "There was a gunfight that lasted for almost half an hour," said Maina Ularamu, a former chairman of the Madagali local government area. *AFP*

New timetable rejected

KINSHASA - Democratic Republic of Congo's main opposition parties have rejected a new date for elections announced at the weekend to replace President Joseph Kabila, saying it violates the law and a political deal agreed with the government. Originally scheduled for late 2016, the polls have been repeatedly delayed. Following several rounds of deadly protests, Kabila's camp and his opponents signed an accord last December agreeing to hold the election before the end of this year. *Reuters*



CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW WILL PAVE WAY OUT OF CRISIS - ODINGA

NAIROBI - Kenya's opposition leader Raila Odinga said on Tuesday he wants an interim government to run the country for six months while the Constitution is reviewed to curb the president's authority.

Odinga told Reuters in an interview that he was open to talks with President Uhuru Kenyatta over a constitutional review aimed at lowering the risk of violence from minority groups who feel excluded from power. Kenyatta was re-elected with 98 per cent of the vote on October 26 after Odinga boycotted the election, saying it would not be fair. The repeat presidential vote followed an election in August, which Kenyatta also won but was nullified by the Supreme Court on procedural grounds.

Odinga's supporters have repeat-

OPEN: Kenya's opposition leader Raila Odinga.



edly protested against the results, and at least 51 people have been killed in the turmoil since August, generating an atmosphere of uncer-

tainty in East Africa's richest economy. "A pure presidential system enhances ethnicity because each community believes that they are not safe unless their man is at the top," Odinga said in the interview in his office.

Three of Kenya's presidents since independence from Britain in 1963 have been from the Kikuyu ethnic group and one has been from the Kalenjin group, although there are 44 recognised ethnic groups in the nation. The current president is a Kikuyu and his deputy is a Kalenjin, and many of Odinga's supporters, who are largely drawn from other ethnic groups, say they feel excluded from power. The 2010 Constitution devolved some power and money to Kenya's 47 counties, spreading the opportunities for power and political patronage. *Reuters*

Malawi's abandoned child brides pushed into sex work

LUCHENZA, Malawi - When Memory Chitsulo was still in school in Malawi she married a man a decade older. But her husband soon left for South Africa, abandoning her with a baby.

Desperate for money, the teenager turned to sex work.

Charities in the southern African country say child brides are increasingly being pushed into prostitution as growing numbers of early marriages break down.

"My parents died in a bus accident when I was 14. I got married since no one could take care of me. But he immediately left for South Africa as he couldn't find work here," said Chitsulo. "He stopped calling after two years. It's been 10



years now," added the mother-of-two, now 25, who works from a brothel in Luchenza in southern Malawi.

Although child marriage is illegal, nearly half of girls in Malawi are wed before their eighteenth birthday and 9 per cent before they turn 15, according to the U.N. children's agency UNICEF. But charities say many child marriages have collapsed as poverty and unem-

ployment drive tens of thousands of young Malawian men to seek work in South Africa.

"Many girls don't survive early marriages, either because they face abuse and violence by their older partners, or because they are abandoned by men who go to South Africa," said Forbes Msiska, executive director of Badilika, a charity supporting vulnerable girls with vocational training. *Reuters*

G40 faction plots anti-Mnangagwa demo...

HARARE - Zanu-PF's Generation 40 (G40) faction has reportedly threatened to stage a demonstration demanding the firing of former vice president Emmerson Mnangagwa from the ruling Zanu-PF party.

According to NewsDay, the demonstration was set to coincide with Zanu-PF's politburo meeting in Harare.

"The G40 group will stage a demonstration in Harare to push for the expulsion of Mnangagwa and his colleagues. The purges maybe at the same scale as we saw during the expulsion of (former vice-president) Joice Mujuru and her Gamatoto faction (in 2014)," a Zanu PF source was quoted as saying.

President Robert Mugabe on Monday fired his deputy as tensions between Mnangagwa and the veteran leader's wife Grace to succeed him intensified. Grace declared over the weekend that Mnangagwa should be gone from both the government and Zanu-PF before the party's extraordinary congress in December.

Mnangagwa was the leading contender to succeed Mugabe, 93, but his abrupt removal appeared to clear the way for Grace to take over.

NewsDay, however, quoted Harare provincial commissar Shadreck Mashayamombe as saying that yesterday's gathering had nothing to do with "Mnangagwa's issues".

Mashayamombe reportedly said that the gathering was instead meant to show "support for the president".

"We want to thank him (Mugabe) and the First Lady for continuously discharging their duties diligently in both the party and government. It will have nothing to do with that one (Mnangagwa) who was fired," Mashayamombe was quoted as saying. *News24*

Opposition rejects new timetable replace Kabila

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eral rounds of deadly protests, Kabila's camp and his opponents signed an accord last December agreeing to hold the election before the end of this year.

On Sunday, Congo's CENI elections commission announced that the election, which term limits currently bar Kabila from taking part in, will be held on Dec. 23, 2018 with the winner

to be sworn in on Jan. 13, 2019.

"The calendar presented by the CENI violates the Constitution, the Dec. 31, 2016 accord and electoral law," read a statement from opposition leader Felix Tshisekedi's Rassemblement coalition.

The document was also agreed to by the MLC and UNC opposition parties. *Reuters*

Focus on SA scene

Cyril Ramaphosa leads ANC presidential race

CAPE TOWN - Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa seems to be the frontrunner in the race for ANC president.

Five of the nine provinces have indicated their support for him. Ramaphosa also has some support in the Free State, North West and KwaZulu-Natal, seen as strong support bases for President Jacob Zuma and his ex-wife Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma.

KwaZulu-Natal is the ANC's biggest province and will be sending 870 delegates out of the total of 4 723 to the conference.

Of the total delegates, a large group are in support of Dlamini Zuma, but Ramaphosa's support is not to be taken lightly. KwaZulu-Natal has 324 branches of which 316 had their branch general meetings (BGMs) of which 247 nominated Dlamini Zuma and 69 nominated Ramaphosa. Eight branches are yet to hold meetings. Mpumalanga, which is seen as the kingmaker in the conference, will be sending 736 delegates.



FRONT RUNNER: Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The province is a hotbed for disruptions and sources say it's currently a neck-and-neck contest. The Eastern Cape has 299 branches cleared and is fully behind Ramaphosa. The newly-elected leadership is also firmly behind the deputy president.

Graphic: Rowan Abrahams

Of the total branches, 195 have held their BGMs where Ramaphosa received a total of 182 nominations and Dlamini Zuma 11. The Western Cape will send 182 delegates. So far a total of 88 branches have already met where Ramaphosa received 78 nominations and Dlamini Zuma six. *Cape Argus*

Economic Freedom Fighters call for nationalisation of banks

PARLIAMENT - If Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) leader Julius Malema has his way, a "Banks Ownership Act" would be passed by Parliament, ensuring the State nationalise commercial banks in South Africa without compensation.

Introducing a debate on the issue in the National Assembly on Tuesday, Malema said: "There are no banks in South Africa that have meaningful ownership by black people".

Malema said his party's manifesto appreciates other forms of ownership are not excluded -- including ownership by private individuals, the State and pension funds.

No single investor will own more than 10 per cent, he said.

"Our view is that the State ownership should be prioritised but should not completely close out other forms of ownership," the fiery EFF leader said.

"This model of combined ownership, anchored by the State, makes sure banks are democratised..."

The ruling African National Congress (ANC) rejected Malema's

proposal. ANC Member of Parliament (MP) Adrian Williams said banks would not just surrender their money.

"They are going to force this government to pay back the money," Williams said. "South Africa does not exist in a vacuum."

When it comes to international finance we are just a cog in the capitalist wheel."

He cited various examples where the State took over the ownership of banks and failed.

Williams said government would also assume the liabilities and debt, which would have an impact on the fiscus, and would result in poor South Africans and not the rich suffering.

The Banking Association of South Africa (BASA) also responded, saying the National Assembly entertaining the debate was "alarming". "Any nationalisation of banks will have a direct impact on stability, and will seriously undermine what fragile levels of confidence remain in our economy and society," BASA said in a statement.

African News Agency

DA, EFF slam Dlamini over welfare grants crisis

PARLIAMENT - Parliament's budget review and recommendations report on the department of social development was approved on Tuesday, but not without opposition parties lambasting Minister Bathabile Dlamini for her failure to empower the SA Post Office to take over the payment of social grants.

The Democratic Alliance were the first to make a declaration, with its Member of Parliament (MP) Evelyn Wilson saying the department of social development and its entities were being "led by a minister who continuously shows the poor and vulnerable the middle finger".

"The department and its enti-

ties have billion of rands in irregular expenditure. What action has been taken - nada, zip," said Wilson.

Economic Freedom Fighter MP Ntombovuyo Mente went further, criticising the minister for not concluding negotiations with the post office so it can take over the payment of grants from Cash Paymaster Services (CPS). The CPS contract was declared unlawful by South Africa's highest court, the Constitutional Court.

"This despicable behaviour by the minister and the acting CEO Pearl Bhengu to frustrate the process...is nothing but attempt to bring back the corrupt CPS by the back door," said Mente.

African News Agency

Motlanthe criticises #BlackMonday racial outbursts

JOHANNESBURG - Former president Kgalema Motlanthe on Tuesday evening criticised racial divisions sparked during the #BlackMonday protests.

"These approaches seek refuge in the past with a dogged refusal to recognise the successes made in our democratic era. They are curiously unaware of their repetition of colonialism and apartheid...viewing the past as a green-

er pasture and even adopting its symbols," said Motlanthe.

Motlanthe was delivering his address titled, Generosity of spirit, power and privilege in politically uncertain times, during the Suzman Memorial Lecture delivered by the former president at the Gordon Institute of Business Science in Illovo.

Motlanthe said there was still an element of "us and them".

"The past is still being resurrected and the future is still being shaped."

He said it was regrettable that in the post-apartheid era, the country had regressed from a dream of a united democratic, non-racial and non-sexist South Africa.

"Instead of turning away from uncertainty, we have to embrace its lessons." 2017 an important, defining year.

News24

New SARS probe may be case of obfuscation - Gordhan

Parliament - FORMER FINANCE MINISTER Pravin Gordhan on Tuesday said the inquiry into tax collection and governance at the South African Revenue Service (SARS) announced by his successor Malusi Gigaba risked obfuscating rather than resolving problems at the entity.

"It could be a case of delaying dealing with the issue and obfuscating it. I think you just need to replace a few people and confidence will be restored," he said on the sidelines of the parliamentary probe into Eskom.

Gordhan went on to add that he included SARS Commissioner Tom Moyane in the list of those who should go.

"He is not a fit and proper person to head a revenue administration," he said.

"Unless we see any changes in the leadership at SARS, I don't see any improvement." Gigaba announced on Tuesday, that President Jacob Zuma



POINTING FINGERS: Former finance minister Pravin Gordhan.

has agreed to establish a commission of inquiry as a matter of urgency. He said he had informed Moyane who expressed his support and willingness to cooperate. "We expect this inquiry to be constructive and to strengthen the institution further where possible. It is critical for government to determine the

cause of the tax revenue under-collection in order to enable government to take urgent remedial steps to ensure that SARS is able to meet its revenue targets as set out in the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) and budget," Gigaba said. *African News Agency*





SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION OF STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONNECTION CHARGE FRAMEWORK

- The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority wishes to inform the public and electricity consumers that the Authority is in the process of developing a Connection Charge Framework aimed at regulating the prices of connecting to the grid.
- The Authority invites the public and all interested stakeholders to submit their comments on the proposed Connection Charge Framework.

Background and Objectives

The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority, mandated by the Electricity Act (2007) to regulate prices and charges in the country's energy sector is embarking on a process to develop a set of a connection charge Guidelines for customers connected at distribution level. The objectives of the guidelines are to:

- Ensure a transparent, fair and consistent connection charge approach.
- Support universal access to modern energy services initiatives
- Define the process of applying for new supplies or upgrades to existing supply arrangements.
- Establish a set of base connection charge principles.
- Identification of the various costs to be recovered via connection charges.
- Setting a Standard Methodology for determining connection charges in Swaziland.
- Providing a Governance Structure to deal with future developments which includes disputes arising from connection charge issues

The Overview of the Connection Charge Framework

Connection Assets Costs and Standardisation of Prices

For the utility to connect a customer, the customer should have paid 100% of the costs associated with the connection. These costs are based on the cost of material to be used, with no profit margin. Standardisation of charges seeks to fix connection charges, in any given period, for a particular class of customers, while still enabling the service provider (SEC) to recover the costs required to connect the customers. Four classes of standardized charges are proposed for customers falling within a defined radius (300 meters) from the connection point and these are; rural single-phase, rural three-phase, urban single-phase, urban three-phase. For customers falling outside the defined area and for customers with dedicated connection assets which are highly likely to be later shared, a portion of the actual connection costs quoted shall be charged to compensate the first-mover in the event of late movers (customers connecting after the infrastructure has been installed nearby).

Payment of Connection Charges and Amortisation

To support universal access through favourable payment terms, it is proposed that customers be allowed to pay connection charges over a defined period of time. Customers may be required to pay an upfront deposit of 50% and pay the balance over a period not exceeding 36 months for customers paying standardised charges and over a period not exceeding 60 months for customers paying non-standard prices.

Financial Security and Liquidity

It is envisaged that some factors associated with the proposed policy may impact on the financial liquidity of the service provider and that

there is a risk of default. The following measures shall be undertaken:

Early Termination: The Connection Agreement between the licensee and the customer, may include an early termination clause to recover any outstanding capital costs owed to the Network Licensee.

Insurance: The monthly payments shall include an element of insurance to protect customers against payment default due to vis-major. (e.g. Protect dependents in case of death of the customer)

Interest Charges: The Licensee shall charge an interest on outstanding balance on a rate not exceeding the Licensee's approved rate of Return on Regulated Asset Base per annum.

Liquidity Account/ Fund or Industry Guarantee: To enable the effectiveness of the implementation of these guidelines, the Regulator can either make a provision for liquidity fund or a provision for a financial guarantee.

a) **Liquidity Fund:** Licensee shall be allowed some revenue to set up a liquidity account to cater for liquidity issues in carrying out the provisions of this Guidelines. The Liquidity Account shall remain a Liability to the Licensee and on cessation of this Guidelines, the funds shall be transferred to the Energy Fund, or any statutory fund formed to support sector initiatives. This account shall be replenished by funds recovered, either through payment of amortised costs or revenues recovered through the tariff. The Regulator, shall determine an appropriate level of funds for the account and include them in the revenue requirement of the Licensee.

- The Authority will hold public hearings to gather comments on the proposed increase. Details of the public hearings are as follows:

PROPOSED VENUES AND DATES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS

STAKEHOLDER GROUP	VENUE	DATE
Domestic Customers	Mkhuzweni Inkhundla Hall	18 November 2017
Domestic Customers	Mpaka Railway Hall	22 November 2017
Domestic Customers	Hluthi Free Evangelical Assemblies	29 November 2017
Domestic Customers	Hlathikhulu -Mazinyikinya Hall	02 December 2017
Domestic Customers	Mankayane-Siyakhula Hall	09 December 2017
IPPs / Licensed entities	TBC	TBC

- Members of the public that wish to make written presentations may submit their details and copies of their presentations to:

Fax; +268 2404 2103/8425
Email; info@sera.org.sz

- Further information regarding the application and public hearings may be obtained from SERA's website at www.sera.org.sz or by calling +268 2404 2103, contact person is Mr Sikhumbuzo

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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World News

Death toll from Vietnam typhoon rises to 69

DANANG - The death toll from typhoon downpours and floods wreaking havoc along Vietnam's south-central coast has risen to 69, authorities said Tuesday, as the country prepares to host a world leaders' summit.

Typhoon Damrey struck days before Vietnam is set to host the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) conference in Danang next weekend. It will bring together US President Donald Trump, China's Xi Jinping and Russia's Vladimir Putin, among other leaders.

While Danang itself was spared the worst damage, muddy floodwaters submerged the hardest-hit provinces and swamped nearby Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was due to host APEC spouses later this week. More than 100 000 houses nationwide are still under water, according to a Tuesday report from Vietnam's disaster management authority. Since the storm made landfall on Saturday 69 people perished in floods, landslides and on capsized boats at sea, while 30 others are still missing, the government said.

UNICEF said at least four children were among the dead, with two others missing and an estimated one million young people affected by one of the worst storms to hit the area in years. **AFP**



LONDON - Priti Patel is facing the sack today after Theresa May ordered her to cancel an Africa tour and return to the UK.

The Aid Secretary's fate appears to be sealed after two further secret meetings with Israeli officials emerged on top of the 12 that had already been revealed. The latest developments appear to have hardened the mood in Downing Street, where there had already been fury at Miss Patel's 'freelancing'.

No10 sources said the minister had been told to return to the UK from Nairobi for a show-down, cancelling plans for her to fly to Uganda with Trade Secretary Liam Fox. The row over Miss Patel's extraordinary breach of government protocol while on a 'family holiday' to Israel surfaced last week, but erupted again on Monday when she admitted there were more undeclared meetings, including with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu. Mrs May demand-

ed an apology from Miss Patel and formally reprimanded her, hoping that would draw a line under the furore. However, it has now been revealed that she held two further unauthorised meetings with senior Israeli political figures which were not attended by UK Government officials. She also reportedly visited an Israeli military field hospital in the Golan Heights, a disputed area that Britain does not recognise, and failed to declare it. **Daily Mail**

Deadline to enter Czech presidential race passes

PRAGUE - A former Czech prime minister and an ex-head of the Academy of Sciences are seen as the main rivals to incumbent Milos Zeman in the January presidential vote, after the deadline for candidacy passed Tuesday.

The 73-year-old Zeman, a former communist who is known for his staunch anti-Muslim, pro-Russian and pro-Chinese views, is widely favoured to win a second term by betting agencies.

Seventeen other candidates have thrown their hats into the ring ahead of the first round of the presidential ballot on January 12-13.

Jiri Drahos, the 68-year-old former head of the Academy of Sciences, is the second most favoured candidate, while third is 61-year-old Mirek Topolánek, who was a right-wing prime minister in 2006-9 and only announced he was running on Sunday.

Often criticised for his ties to lobbyists and controversial entrepreneurs Topolánek has, like Zeman, spoken out in favour of banning political Islam in the Czech Republic where most people are against welcoming migrants.

Betting agencies predict fourth place to go to Michal Horáček, a businessman and successful songwriter.

Other candidates include Vratislav Kulhanek, an ex-chairman of the automaker Skoda Auto, and former Czech ambassador to France Pavel Fischer.

AFP

Schools shut as toxic smog hits Delhi

NEW DELHI - Delhi shut all primary schools yesterday as pollution hit 70 times the World Health Organisation's safe level, prompting doctors in the Indian capital to warn of a public health emergency.

Dense grey smog shrouded the roads of the world's most polluted capital, where many pedestrians and bikers wore masks or covered their mouths with handkerchiefs and scarves.

The US embassy website showed the concentration of PM 2.5 -- the microscopic particles that are the most damaging to health -- topped 700 early yesterday morning, 70 times the WHO guidelines on long-term exposure, before dropping slightly.

"When I came to Delhi in



SHUT: Indian schoolchildren cover their faces as they walk to school amid heavy smog in New Delhi. (AFP)

1984, the air in the city was clean. But today when I left at 4 am for work I could barely see anything," said Jeevanand Joshi, a roadside tea seller.

"This is not fog, this is smoke, and it is certainly making us sick." The Indian Medical

Association declared a public health emergency, urging administrators to "curb this menace", while the Environment Pollution Authority warned that things were set to get worse in the coming days.

AFP

TRUMP WARNS 'ROGUE REGIME' NORTH KOREA OF GRAVE DANGER

BEIJING - US President Donald Trump arrived in China yesterday after giving North Korean leader Kim Jong Un a stark warning, telling him that the nuclear weapons he is developing "are not making you safer, they are putting your regime in grave danger."

Trump used some of his toughest language yet against North

Korea in a wide-ranging address in Seoul that lodged specific accusations of chilling human rights abuses against Pyongyang. He called on countries around the world to isolate Pyongyang by denying it "any form of support, supply or acceptance."

"Do not underestimate us and do not try us," Trump told North Korea as he wrapped up a visit to South Korea with a speech

to the National Assembly before heading to Beijing, where he was making his first official visit.

Trump painted a dystopian picture of the reclusive North, saying people were suffering in "gulags" and some bribed government officials to work as "slaves" overseas rather than live under the government at home. **Reuters**

BRIEFS

Population to drop 14%

MIAMI - Puerto Rico's population is set to decrease by 14 per cent to 2.9 million inhabitants by 2019 due to an exodus of residents fleeing the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria in September, a study has found. The Centre for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College in New York estimated in a report released last month that about 114 000 to 213 000 Puerto Rican residents will leave the island annually "as a result of Hurricane Maria". Between 2017 and 2019, the US territory stands to lose 470 335 residents, it added.

AFP

Investors to be reassured

RIYADH - Saudi Arabia sought to reassure investors on Tuesday that a sweeping anti-corruption purge would not affect businesses, including those with ties to arrested suspects, as authorities appeared to widen the crackdown. Dozens of high-profile figures including princes, ministers as well as billionaire tycoon Al-Waleed bin Talal were arrested at the weekend, in the biggest purge of the kingdom's elite in modern Saudi history.

AFP

5 naked suspects arrested

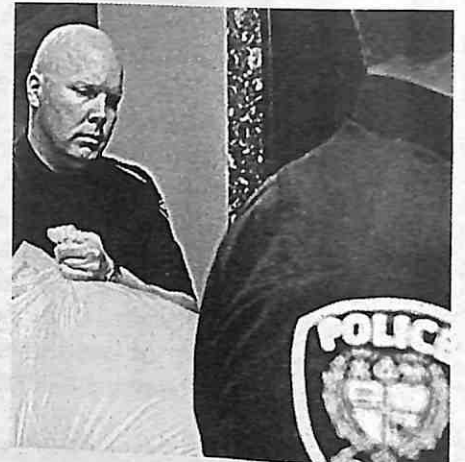
NISKU - Police arriving at a car crash in western Canada found five naked people inside, and ended up accusing them of kidnapping a mother, her father and her baby. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Corporal Laurel Scott said the mother, baby and the woman's father had been taken from a home and forced into a vehicle against their will.

AP

Widow sentenced to hang

TOKYO - When Japan's notorious "black widow" serial killer admitted to murdering her husband for his money, she told a court she would laugh in the face of a death sentence. "Even if I were executed tomorrow, I would die smiling," Chisako Kakehi said to the judges in her trial testimony in July, according to AFP. Her words may be put to the test.

AFP



Inmate allegedly raped wife

BERLIN - German authorities are investigating how an inmate was allegedly able to rape his wife while she and their children visited him in prison. Prosecutors in the western city of Koblenz say the 35-year-old suspect allegedly assaulted his wife at a prison in the nearby town of Diez, where he was serving a life sentence for murder.

Authorities say the suspect, who was armed with a makeshift knife, was later overpowered by prison guards.

AP



WITH: Majaha Nkonyane

CHURCH NEWS



BE STILL AND KNOW...

When it's time to surrender, we can surrender to Christ.

Today I was looking for a present for one of my dear friends. As I walked down the aisle of the store, I came across a sign that simply read, "Be still and know".

Quickly shopping last minute and thinking, "This would be perfect for her", a sudden pause in my heart heard God say, "No, this is perfect for you".

And as God's timing often does, appear exactly at the right time, I knew this was meant perfectly for me.

Today, having worried a thousand times about not knowing whether to move back home or stay where I am, God just said, "Be still and know". Know that I have good plans for you (Jeremiah 29:11), know that you can trust in me (Proverbs 3:5-6), and know that I will direct your steps (Proverbs 16:9). Above all else, know that you don't need to know, I am going to take care of you; because when you can't see



road ahead you can trust that I can."

In our own lives, in our daily and mundane routines we can so often forget, "Be Still and

Know".

Know that God has it, know that He covers it and know that He is taking care of it.

But how do we get there?

How do we get to a place of such trust that we can leave something or someone that is so precious to us into the hands of a loving God?

How can we let go and let God?

In my own life, I have realised it is simple: Surrender. To let go and let God, we truly have to surrender All. All that we are, all that we want to be and all the expectations of how we think it should be, we need to give it to Him. To surrender it all to Him is to trust Him with all. But, surrender is a daily process, a place in the moments of each day, in the midst of our worries where we have a choice we can either hold on or we can let go and let God in faith. We can pray, "I give it all to you Lord: my hurts, my scars, my frustrations; I trust you with every circumstance I may face and I trust you with the comings and goings of each and every day".

Reminded

An old hymn reminded me of this tonight. Written over a hundred years ago by, JW Van DeVenter, the hymn "I Surrender All", (one we might all have sung in church) is a perfect reminder of our choice to daily surrender our lives to Christ.

The writer of the hymn himself, wrote out of desperation.

He stood at a cross roads in his own life. Not knowing what path to take, he had two choices: continue this secure job as a teacher, or leave the security and surrender it all to pursue his calling to be an evangelist.

Van de venter writes: "For some time, I had struggled between developing my talents in the field of art and going into full-time evangelistic work. At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all. A new day was ushered into my life. I became an evangelist and discovered down deep in my soul a talent hitherto unknown to me. God had hidden a song in my heart, and touching a tender chord, he caused me to sing".

Today, surrender all of your life to Christ, allow Him to reveal your song and by faith watch Him make you sing.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob. (Psalm 46:10-11 King James Version (KJV))

GROWING FAITH
Ministries International

Mondays:
Prayer & Transformation 6-8pm

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

Fridays:
Breakthrough Service 6-8pm

Sundays:
Prayer 9am

Main Service
10am - 1pm

(Lobamba, Esitjeni on you way to Miliwane)

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Saturdays
Prayer 6pm - 8pm

Sundays
Main Service 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
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God is changing changers to change the world
Contact: 76158475

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Prayer 6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursdays
Bible Exposition 6:00pm-7:30pm

Fridays
Youth 6:00pm-7:30pm

Saturday
Women 2:00pm-3:30pm

Sundays
English Service 8:30am-10:30 am
Siswati Service 11:00am-1:00pm

Children's Ministry 8:30am-10:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm

Men-Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Single Parents - Every 1st Saturday of the month 2:00pm-3:30pm

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08:00 - 09:30 - English Service
09:30 - 10:30 - Jewish Fellowship
10:30 - 11:30 - Sunday School (All Ages)
11:30 - 12:00 - NYI Service (Youth)
12:00 - 12:30 - 50ward Service

MID-WEEK MORNING PRAYER
08:00 - 09:00 (MONDAY-FRIDAY)

EVERY WEDNESDAY
12:00 - 1:00 (Service)
1:00 - 1:30 (Bible Study/Prayer)

FORTHNIGHTLY THURSDAYS
12:00 - 1:00 - Men's Ministry Service

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Yonder Worship Centre

with
Apostle Bakhe and Mrs. Nokwanda Dlamini

Sundays:
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Venue:
Woodlands, Ezulwini

ZAKHELE FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES

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

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

Venue:
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BY: Rev Msibi
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Manzini Branch:
Wednesdays - Prayer 6:00-7:30pm

Thursdays - Mid-week Service 6:30-8:00pm

Sundays - Teachings 9:30-10:30am

Main Service 10:30am - 1pm

Mbabane Branch:
Tuesdays - Prayer 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Sundays - Service 10am - 1pm

DIVINE
Healing Ministries

EVANGELICAL Church - Nhlanguano
"Distinctively Christian"

Every Sunday
English Service at 0830hrs - 0955hrs

Bible Study - 1000hrs - 1055hrs
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Prayer: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

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Family Fellowship: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

Every Friday
Youth Services: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

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In spite of your past, you shall smile again.

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

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Pastor Matsobane

Sunday Bible study
9:30 am - 10:30am

Main Service
10:30am - 1:00pm

Wednesdays Prayer
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Mondays Couples
6:00pm - 7:30pm

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Pastor C. S. Khumalo
Free Siteki

Mondays Prayer
6:00pm-7:30pm

Wednesdays
6:00pm-7:30pm

Saturdays Youth
3:00pm

Sundays Women
9:00am - 10:30am

Sunday School
9:30am - 10:30am

Main Service
10:30am - 1:00pm

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Fridays 6pm - 7:30pm

Sundays
Morning prayer 5:45am - 6:30am
Main service 10:00am - 1:00pm

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Pastor N.T Dlamini



Amanda Mo shooting 'Uwami' video

By Nomfundo Sifundza

WORKING - that is what Amanda Mo and her new management seem to be doing the most.

The songstress signed under Icon PB, managed by Phila Koshini has just begun shooting the video for her newest single 'Uwami.'

The video was shot in different parts of Durban this past weekend and according to Koshini, it will be released soon.

Koshini is Sands former manager.

He is known for his favourite line 'Asikacedzi' which simply translates to 'we are not done yet.'

This is the same line from which Koshini claims to get his motivation to continue working every day.

Not only is Amanda Mo shooting a music video but she has also clinched her first performance in South African in December.

The singer is scheduled to be performing in Durban at the annual Beach Festival, hosted by Gagasi FM. From there she will be performing at Richards Bay alongside the multi award winning DJ Black Coffee.

The event is called 'Mhlathuze Festival, A night with Black Coffee.' However Amanda Mo could not

...Clinches performance alongside Black Coffee

be reached for comment as her mobile phone was unavailable.

Nonetheless Koshini emphasised that a lot was still coming Amanda's way and she was just



about to get busier.

"Look we were shooting both Amanda and Beast's videos this past weekend and the company that will do the production is credible. They are the ones that did Amanda Black's Amazulu video. Amanda Mo is about to get busier," he said. The credible Company Koshini was referring to is known as RB Films.



MODEL CORALEE PLEADS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

By Ayanda Dlamini

MODEL Coralee Vilakati has represented the country well internationally with her ramp skills.

The model recently won Miss Fashion week Africa. Vilakati is set to represent the SADC region in the United States of America for the grand finale unfortunately she has to finance travelling and accommodation costs herself which she cannot afford.

The country's top model is pleading with the public to assist her with the finances as she hopes to represent and hoist the country's flag up high.

"I would like the public to assist me with cash as I

...Won Miss Fashion Week Africa

...Set to represent Southern Africa in the USA, and needs financial assistance for flight-tickets and accommodation.



PLEASE HELP:
Coralee Vilakati.

have to pay for my flights and accommodation which I really cannot afford right now. Any contributions into making my trip a success will be greatly appreciated," said the model.

Vilakati will be battling it out for the crown with four other finalists from Africa (Eastern, Western, Central and Northern region). The model stands a chance to win E 70 000 in cash.

Miss Fashion Week Africa is an international modelling contest for all African models. Winners will represent Africa

at the grand finale in Miami, USA.

The contest will be judged in five sub-categories: Runway walk, Photo shoot (images), Swimwear, Overall appearance/look and Interview.

"Miss Fashion Week offers everyone the opportunity to chase their dreams. Once you register, not only do you have a chance to win some amazing awards, but you are part of an amazing community who support each other along your amazing modelling journey," she said.

Mshikishi condemns fighting amongst artists

By Ayanda Dlamini

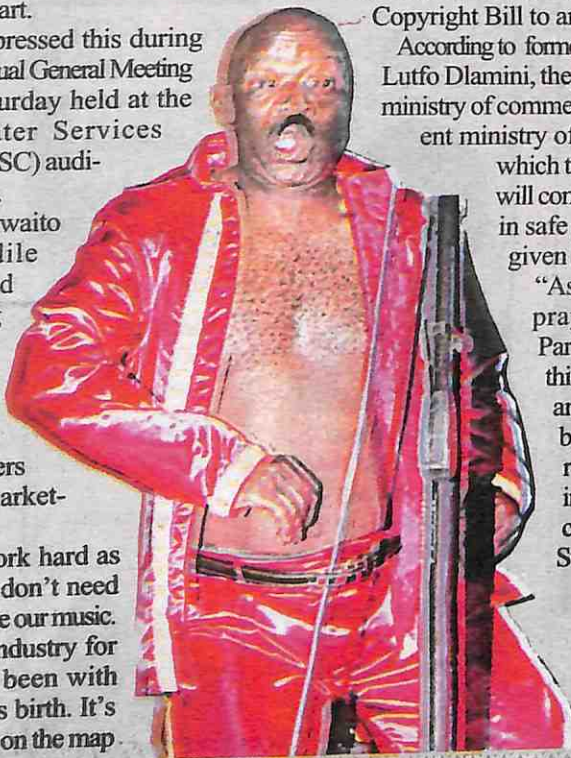
UMBHAQANGA legendary artist Mshikishi has advised artists not to fight amongst each other but work hard and support each other to put the performance art industry on the map.

Mshikishi has been in the entertainment industry for over a decade and believes Swazi artists do not need managers nor the Swaziland Arts and Music Association (SWAMA) to promote their art.

The legend expressed this during the SWAMA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday held at the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) auditorium, Ezulwini.

This was after kwaito artist Mzwandile Dlamini had asked the outgoing S W A M A President Lutfo Dlamini if the association will find them managers to handle their marketing aspects.

"We need to work hard as artists. We really don't need managers to promote our music. I've been in the industry for so long and I've been with SWAMA since its birth. It's possible we can be on the map



as Swazi artists. An artist needs to promote his own craft to be recognised," said the lifetime achievement award winner.

Mshikishi added, the problem with artist is that they keep on fighting over minor issues and this must stop if they really want to go far and be recognised.

"Fighting amongst each other will not help, instead it tarnish their image. It must stop," Mshikishi said.

On another note, the outgoing SWAMA executive introduced the advocacy of the Copyright Bill to artists.

According to former SWAMA President Lutfo Dlamini, they partnered with the ministry of commerce which is the parent ministry of the Copyright Bill which they strongly believe will come as a relief to artists in safe guarding their God given intellectual talent.

"As we leave office we pray that the current Parliament will give us this act as a parting gift and an artistic legacy by which we will remember them even in 2018 as artists and citizens of Swaziland," Dlamini said when delivering his report.

Guzzani clothing going international

By Lusito Tsela

LOCAL clothing label Guzzani is headed to the Tshwane Fashion Show.

The Tshwane Fashion Show will be held on November 25 in South Africa, Pretoria Atteridgeville, Mbolekwa Hall.

The fashion showcase is about raising funds for cancer, and they have invited one clothing brand from four Southern African countries namely Mozambique, Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Swaziland to join other South African brands.

Confirming the news was Guzzani's Linda Malinga, saying "It's true we received the invitation, we are grateful for being recognised in South Africa. The invite to us simply means that Swazi clothing brands are growing and the Guzzani family is looking forward to the show so we raise our country's flag up high and leave our mark."

Malinga said his brand was chosen because it has apparently become the 'it' brand in Pretoria, hence the need to bring new designs closer to the people.

"It's highly possibly that we will also be unveiling our summer range during the show, which includes the new pilot suit," he said.

The Guzzani clothing label was born in 2012, under the name 'Guru', which later changed to 'Guzzani' in 2016 due to the unique and sophisticated clientele the brand has.

The brand has dressed well known people in the country from football stars like Mbabane Swallows' Wonder Nhleko and Manzini Wanderers' Sicelo Simelane to comedians like Dr Shakes to name a few.

Guzzani products include pilot suits, dresses, caps and back-packs.



FORMER MISS SD SPEAKS OUT ON PAGEANT'S CHALLENGES

By Ayanda Dlamini

FOLLOWING the unforeseen challenges faced by the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC) of not hosting Miss Swaziland beauty pageant this year, former Miss Swaziland Samukelisiwe Magagula believes there is a lot that needs to be corrected for the country to host a successful beauty pageant.

The former beauty queen said the pageant has lost its value hence the number of girls hopping to join have not been impressive ever since her reign.

"The Miss Swaziland experience really groomed me. I learnt how to interact with people because of the exposure. The journey has been okay, there is off course a dark cloud around the beauty pageant because of the things that have happened in the past and how they've been handled," she said.

Adding, Magagula said "Miss Swaziland is a big title since she is an ambassador of the country. However, the support from the public is not enough since people don't believe in the brand anymore especially after all the drama we've heard about."

She stated that the organisers of the pageant should take a break and go back to the drawing board so they represent the brand well.

Magagula was crowned in 2013 under SNCAC which was directed by Thandeka Matse.

"Matse did a good job regardless of insufficient support she got while directing the beauty pageant. If Miss Swaziland director has never even been an audience in Miss South Africa or any other beauty pageant in the continent, it says a lot about the organisation committee," she said.

...There is of course a dark cloud around the beauty pageant because of the things that have happened in the past and how they've been handled

"The criteria they are using in selecting the directors is questionable. Arts and Culture does not understand the meaning of Miss Swaziland. They don't get involved because they lack understanding of the pageant," Magagula elaborated.

Management

"The whole beauty pageant management from the PR to the director, a new approach is needed all together. The SNCAC needs to take time planning for the management of the pageant and also involve the stakeholders. The Arts and Culture committee should also engage former beauty queens and their directors to discuss the issues they faced during their tenure."

"Magagula was dethroned by SNCAC during her reign because she made contact with the Miss World beauty pageant concerning her partaking that year without their knowledge."

"As Miss Swaziland I was getting ques-

tions 'Are you attending Miss World?', 'Are you going to Miss World?'. I didn't know how to answer those questions which is why I contacted the Miss World beauty pageant to get confirmation," she said.

Participation

"I realise that Swaziland was not even part of the list of countries that were going to Miss World at that time. I called the Miss World office and related my story. I asked what to do to ensure my participation in the pageant, however they couldn't talk to me as I was Miss Swaziland, instead they wanted to talk to SNCAC. I have realised I was wrong to contact them because it wasn't my place," elaborated Magagula.

The beauty queen is currently giving back to the community with mentorship programmes and she has recently partnered with Kwakha Indvodza to mentor the boy child.

BELIEVES THERE IS A LOT THAT NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED: Former Miss Swaziland Samukelisiwe Magagula.

Unveiling of the soloist concert slated for November 11

By Lusito Tsela

SWAZILAND has demonstrated in the Southern region of Africa and abroad their talent in singing.

Soloist Zweli Msibi who has been raising the country's flag high in neighbouring countries and abroad will be hosting a concert themed 'unveiling of the soloist' in collaboration with Zweli Nkamba Nkamba on November 11 at Hillside High School.

The concert will start at 10 am till late and boasts performances from Rithabile, Smallz the comedian, Emadodanaase AME, Zweli Msibi, NkambaNkamba, The Catholic Heavenly Voices, DJs Bongza and Banny, The New Black Crew, Hillside High Dance Crew and St Pauls High School Dance Crew to name a few.

This was confirmed by the organiser of the show Zweli Msibi. "The concert is for the youth of Manzini North together with local schools," he said.

Adding he said, "It is important for the youth to come together and show off their talent for it might open doors for them."

The youth nowadays have lost hope in many things, including school, their talent and life in general, which is why this concert will include motivational speakers who will try to restore hope to those who

have lost it.

Over and above, this is to unleash the talent and potential most youth have, as it may ensure that not only can they survive with education, but their talent too can play a great role in their survival.

Adding, Msibi said the money from the gate takings will help in charity work as there is a lot to be done for the upliftment and empowerment of the youth in the society.

Msibi has urged the youth to come in their numbers and partake in this event as it will not only be about talent, but also be educational.

The youth will pay E20 at the door. The concert will also lead to an after party where anyone interested will pay E100 at the door, however the venue for the after party is still to be confirmed.

HOISTING THE COUNTRY'S FLAG HIGH: Soloist Zweli Msibi.



Third edition of 'Umswenko Party' slated for December 9

By Lusito Tsela

THE date has been set and preparations are up and running for the third edition of 'Umswenko Party' slated for December 9.

The annual event aimed at promoting and marketing local small brands will be hosted by SwaziRoots Entertainment and boasts 10 local clothing brands.

SwaziRoots Entertainment was established back in 2015 by two brothers Mncedisi 'Kini' and Ncamiso Zwane with the sole purpose of being a reputable contributor to

the development of the house genre in Swaziland.

This was confirmed by SwaziRoots DJ Kini, saying "We started the stable with no artists or DJs, but with the passion we had, we believed in what we were trying to pursue. Our first show was at then Club Babylon Manzini in 2015. It was then that we hosted our first talent show, in search for artists to join the stable. We recruited two hip hop artists, Deco and Black Einstein, who have been a part of the group since then."

"Later on, that very year we hosted our second event at So Fresh Lounge themed the Stylish party. With the help of DJ Karly B, it proved to be a success and gave birth to a yearly event, the 'Umswenko Party', where we mix music and fashion," he added.

'Umswenko Party' is a party/day that brings together the upcoming small brands and music in Swaziland.

On the day, art fanatics will meet designers behind popular brands, stylist and different DJs and artists.

Adding, Kini said this event is for

all Umswenko addicts, music lovers and fans who believe in the artistic part of life.

'Umswenko Party' is recognising all the different artists from the kingdom, from clothing brands to music lovers who don't want to miss this annual event.

"This is a chance for upcoming artists, dancers, DJs and other established brands to display and sell their merchandise on the day," he said.

Kini said the event is targeting over 700 fun lovers to come and enjoy the party, but most importantly the youth between the ages of 18 - 24 years.

He added that the event's sole purpose is to build up young and upcoming clothing brands to stand a chance of marketing themselves in the industry. Kini has urged all people to attend the event for it will be the best event, bigger and better than the previous one.

The line-up for the event boasts local artists in the likes of Diba Diba, Stitch, DJ Kini, Illa Penboy, Ur boi Spic and NR to mention a few.

SA comedian Felix Hlophe coming

By Lusito Tsela

FOR the first time in the history of Swaziboy Entertainment they are diversifying and hosting a comedy show.

On the other hand comedian Felix Hlophe will be in the country for the first time to do a comedy show, hence the saying 'There is always a first time for everything'.

This was revealed by Swaziboy Entertainment's Shadow, saying 'This is the first comedy show they are hosting and hopefully it's not the last. People have been asking Swaziboy Entertainment to bring Felix Hlophe to Swaziland, hence they are giving the public what they asked for,' he said.

Felix Hlophe, is a funny man. The Vuma 103FM Kwasa Breakfast Show co-host and KZN's much-loved comedian will for the first time grace Swaziland and dish out hilarious jokes.

Anticipated

"It's going to be a night of side-splitting laughs," says Shadow, organiser of the show. "We have a strong and extremely funny comedian who promises to have audiences rolling in the aisles," he said.

The much anticipated event is slated for November 18, starting at 6pm till late.

Shadow has urged comedy lovers to purchase tickets before they run out of stock. Tickets are available at Ocean Basket (Mbabane) and Esibayeni Lodge (Matsapha), costing E120 general and E200 VIP. Comedy lovers are urged not to wear caps, shorts, vests and sandals since they are strictly not allowed at Déjà vu.

COMING: SA comedian Felix Hlophe.



International
Celebrity News

Beyonce, Pharrell raise nearly \$40k for The Lung Transplant Project

LOS ANGELES - Beyonce and Pharrell are a bunch of over achievers.

The items they donated for a charity auction fetched 19 times more than anticipated. TMZ broke the story. Bey and P. Willy donated items auctioned off at Heritage Auctions to help raise money for The Lung Transplant Project... a non-profit that raises money and awareness to reduce transplant waiting list times.

Beyonce's "Formation" tour hat between one and two G's ... but after Monday's auction closed it brought in a whopping \$27 500!!! Pharrell donated two pairs of adi-



OVER ARCHIVERS:
Beyonce and Pharrell.

das Originals ... the first pair featured the hit-making producers' John Hancock and an inspiring message, while the second pair will be custom-made for the winning bidder.

TMZ

Mariah Carey's security guard claims sexual harassment

LOS ANGELES - Mariah Carey's former security company has threatened to sue her ... and the guy who owns the company says she constantly humiliated him by referring to him as a Nazi, a skin-head, a KKK member and a white supremacist.

Michael Anello's lawyer has prepared a draft of a lawsuit, claiming his company worked for Mariah from June 2015 to May 2017 and got stiffed on the balance to the tune of \$221 329.51. Anello claims he was promised another two years which would add \$511,000 to the tab.

Anello says Mariah humiliated



ABUSIVE: Mariah Carey.

him and his colleague by referring to them as members of the hate groups.

Anello also claims Mariah "wanted to be surrounded with black guys, not white people."

TMZ

Taylor Swift releases Reputation track list after online leak

NEW YORK - Taylor Swift is reclaiming reputation after previously unknown details leaked online.

The pop star released the official track list for her sixth studio album, out tomorrow, on social media Tuesday night. Her announcement came shortly after identical photos of the album and the backside of its cover art surfaced on the web.

Swift didn't comment on the supposed leak, simply captioning the surprise announcement, "3 days until #reputation" So what can Swifties look forward to once reputation finally drops? For starters, there are 15



RELEASES: Taylor Swift.

songs in all, Taylor's second-longest album behind 2012's Red. Her close pal Ed Sheeran and rapper Future also appear as featured artists on "End Game." *Eonline*

Will Smith, Jada Pinkett Smith did not give Tyrese \$5 million

LOS ANGELES - Tyrese claims Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith gave him a whopping \$5 million so he could dig himself out of a financial hole from his custody case, but sources directly connected to both Will and Jada say it simply isn't true.

Our Will and Jada sources say they did not give Tyrese any money at all.

Tyrese posted last Sunday that Will and Jada gave him the gift in return for him staying mum about his trial. Tyrese wrote, "You've guys asked me to get off



UNTRUE: Jada Pinkett Smith, Will Smith and Tyrese.

and stay off the Internet now that my daughters legal fees will be paid. I will listen." *TMZ*

SA Celebrity News

Dr Tumi opens up about money struggles, brokenness

JOHANNESBURG - Dr Tumi has challenged the traditional stereotypes of doctors being wealthy, revealing that his own idea to start a medical practice left him broke and swimming in debt.

Speaking to Metro FM's Rams Mabote, the popular gospel star and registered doctor recounted how he had been "proper broke".

"I have been proper broke at a point where it was really a struggle to get by. I've learnt lessons that were important to learn then so when I made more I knew how to manage it," *Tshisa Live*



SPEAKS OUT: Dr Tumi.

Don't publish my divorce titbits - Mandla Mandela

JOHANNESBURG - Mandla Mandela's legal team yesterday used a Constitutional Court ruling on another case to stop the media from publishing facts on his divorce case with estranged first wife Thando Mabunu-Mandela.

Former state president Nelson Mandela's eldest grandson and Mabunu-Mandela squared off again in the Mthatha High Court yesterday.

Sowetan's sister publication, the Daily Dispatch, has previously reported that the pair were currently embroiled in a divorce - with Mabunu-Mandela demanding half of their joint estate. *Sowetan*



DON'T YOU DARE: Mandla Mandela.

Jessica Nkosi's rep: She's an innocent bystander

CAPE TOWN - Local actresses Jessica Nkosi and Phindile Gwala have found themselves at the centre of a social media storm, after a video surfaced of the actress flashing wads of money with the so called "Bling Bandits" online on Friday.

According to News24 the video has become the subject of a police investigation after it was linked to a second video clip, showing bundles of notes, in various denominations, in a suitcase.

Speaking to The Juice, a representative from Capacity Relationships called Nkosi an "innocent bystander"



INNOCENT: Jessica Nkosi.

who was "simply meeting a friend for lunch." *Drum*

'He boyfriends really well'

JOHANNESBURG - Fresh from thanking her man for his support in an emotional acceptance speech at the SA Style Award over the weekend, Thembisa Mdoda has once again gushed over her bae.

Thembisa is usually shy to talk about her private life but speaking to Afternoon Express this week shared more details of her relationship with the man she met on the set of Mzansi Magic's Our Perfect Wedding.

"He worked behind the scenes and was part of the crew. (He was) so sweet but so focused on work. I'm very attracted to people who are passionate about their jobs and about their work, so he was very interesting," she said.



HEAP PRAISES: Thembisa Mdoda.

Thembisa said that initially they "played it cool" because they were working together, but two years later they are in a flourishing relationship. *Sowetan*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

The lovers return home. Will Zama finally learn the truth about how her new heart was acquired?



DISCOVERY: Zama.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Nikiwe does what she has to when an enemy attacks her. Matlala is forced into a corner that can break Georgie's heart. Lalage is stumped when her attempt at a money making scheme is not well received.



ATTACKED: Nikiwe.

Muvhango

TODAY



WARNED: Thandaza.

Instead of Phuluwa...another member of the Ramashia family arrives to speak to the Vhawevo. Teboho asks Susan's advice about the naming ceremony. Ranthomeng warns Thandaza about James.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



DRAWN: Puleng.

Puleng is drawn deeper into Wiseman's web even as Lufuno tries to warn her. Kop has new worries about his pending wedding.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Durex "Emtee edition"



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

What appears to be a tangent may not be. True, you may have fingers in 'too many pies'.

There may be advantages to showing a degree of flexibility though.

A second income stream - based on what you do outside normal working hours and/or at home, could 'take off'. Relations with a Gemini or Virgo could also reach new understanding.



AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

If you're on holiday, then today could offer adventure and views of a lifetime. At work, involvement in the creative end of a project could bring as much pleasure.

You might also find you're at the 'cutting edge' and that words you've written have impact in areas you'd never envisaged.

This could lead to an interesting conversation about media skills generally.



PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

Money talks: but it may be YOU who's talking about money today. Any sales ability is likely to come to the fore. You might also negotiate good rates.

Talk of moving or of sharing your domestic scene could occur.

There's also outside danger of problems with step-ladders and/or with windows not opening properly. You could 'happen to an accident' through carelessness.



ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

Today's keyword is CONTACTS. Lines of communication are likely to be busy - if not frantic. A shopping trip could prove more than usually eventful too.

On top of that, transport issues surface - possibly with the need to change a routine journey or, as likely, the decision to try a new mode of transport and yes, that could include buying shoes!



TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

A lurch in your financial affairs could give you loads to think about. What's clear is that you've entered new territory. You may be involved with several deals - and/or have income from more than one source. You might want to buy a notebook or open a new excel sheet so that you can manage this flurry of activity.



GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

The cost of involvement in a group or association could come under scrutiny. Whilst on a shopping trip - and egged on by a 'best' friend, you could buy an accessory that's 'just right'.

Red, jewels and items that seem to have a life of their own could attract your interest. There's slight danger of an accident through not



looking where you're going.

CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

You may need today to rest and to assimilate all that's happened. Your imagination could be in over-drive. You might even need a notebook to make lists of things you need to tell someone important.

Whilst in transit, it might not be possible to keep what's been an inner-most thought, to yourself. An Aries colleague may be able to speed a process for you.



LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

Colleagues and friends would be advised to stand clear. Now that you've decided on a direction of travel, you 'don't do obstacles'. Your way with words (considerable charm coupled with some knowledge) could ensure you come off well in an argument. It's likely too that thoughts you've committed to paper will make impact.



VIRGO AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

You may be in the mood to flex your financial muscles: you might even agree a deal. Partnerships and joint enterprises are favoured (probably made up of your wit and the other person's practical expertise).

Though these are early days, discussions could convince you that you're moving in the right direction - especially when you notice that a Gemini is asking fewer questions than usual.



LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

Today's negotiations could delight you mentally but disturb you emotionally when you realise you're not keeping everyone happy.

A Sagittarius could help you keep balance and perspective by suggesting that this is just a learning curve. A new partnership could swing into action quickly - leaving you with much to do in a short time.



SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

You could debate your way out a tricky situation. You may be prepared to state what others have been thinking but have been too afraid to say. Travel arrangements may need to be made quickly. In a business deal you could show yourself to be a sharp operator - possibly surprising someone who's new to the scene.



SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

A close colleague or partner's business affairs could demand attention. They may need to travel: bringing up the question of whether or not you should go with them.

You might also get involved with an educational venture that - to your mind - has been put together too hastily. You might feel the need to at least point out potential pitfalls.



BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

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NO INHERITANCE THIS MONTH

Brian walked into work and saw his coworker looking particularly sour. "Hey what's wrong buddy?" His friend looked up with a forlorn expression on his face. "You remember last month how my Grandmother's sister passed on and left me \$2,000?" "Yes,"

said Brian nodding his head. "And you remember how the month before that her brother passed on and left me \$5000?" "Uh huh" said Brian again. "Well this month is almost over," said the coworker with a wave of his hand "and.....NOTHING!"

USELESS FACTS

1. The world's smallest dog was a Yorkshire Terrier, which weighed just four ounces.
2. Turtles, water snakes, crocodiles, alligators, dolphins, whales, and other water going creatures drown if kept underwater too long.
3. Almost half the pigs in the world are kept by farmers in China.
4. On average, dogs have better eyesight than humans, although not as colourful.
5. Deers have no gall ladders.

BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterdays' brainteasers Answer: Y?

1. Why did the boy throw his watch out the window?
Answer: He wanted to see time fly.
2. Which is the most curious letter?

- Today's brainteasers
3. What did zero say to eight?
 4. What do pandas have that no other animal has?

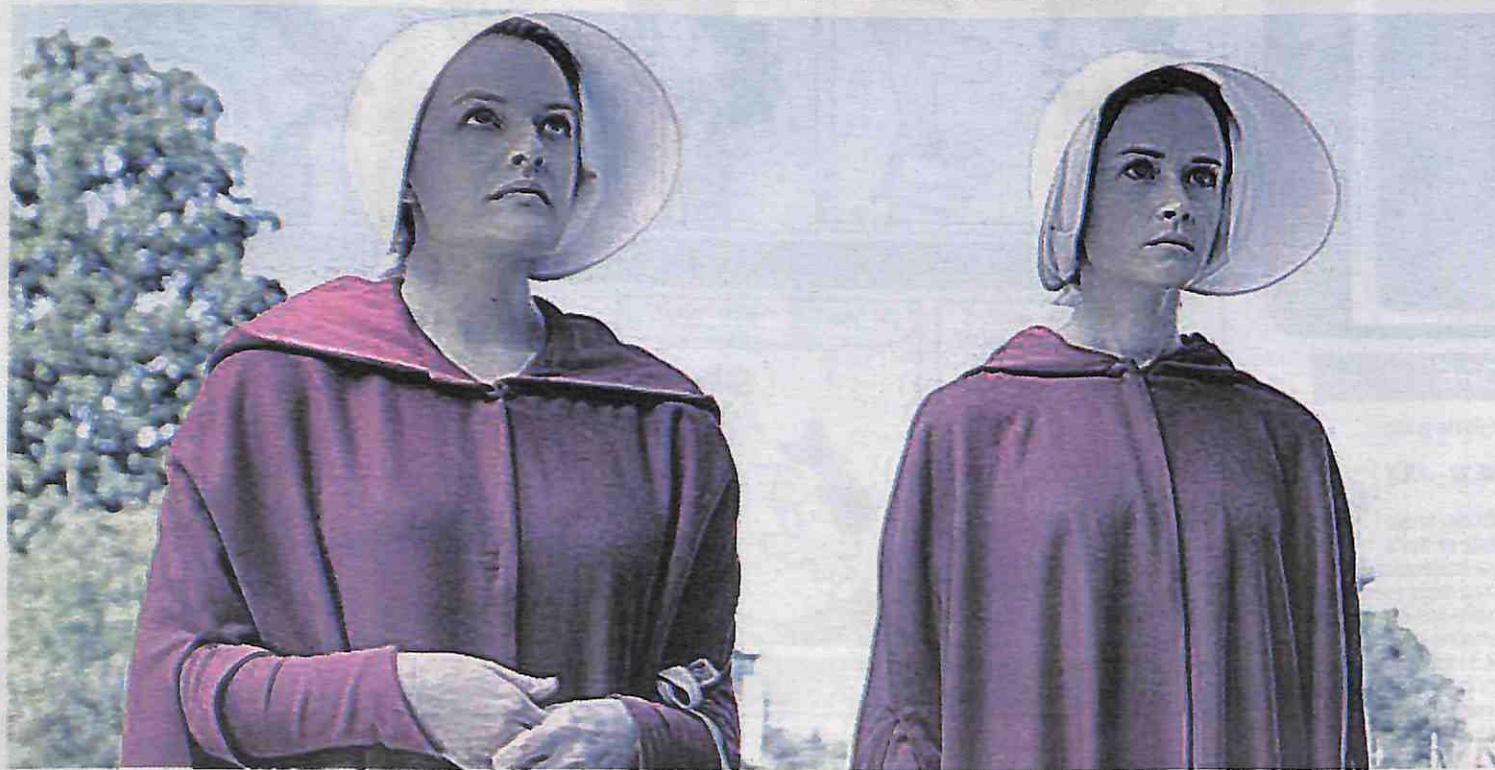


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ABOUT THE HANDMAID'S TALE

Having picked up a whopping eight Emmy Awards just last month, the critically acclaimed drama.

The *Handmaid's Tale* is Based on the celebrated novel of the same name from author Margaret Atwood, and starring the talented Elisabeth Moss, the psychological drama is centred in a dystopian Republic called Gilead, a totalitarian society that was formerly part of the United States.

Twisted by religious fundamentalism, environmental disasters and plunging birth rates, the government treats women as property of

the state meaning that the few remaining fertile women in the Republic are assigned to households as 'Handmaids' and are forced into sexual servitude as a last desperate attempt to repopulate a devastated world.

With its powerhouse female cast, haunting visuals and contemporary themes, the series was renewed for a second season just days after season one's first three episodes premiered.

The gripping story is explored through the eyes of one such Handmaid, Offred, who is assigned to the household of a Commander

and his forbidding wife. In this terrifying society where one wrong word could end her life, where anyone could be a spy for Gilead, Offred navigates between Commanders, their cruel Wives, domestic Marthas, and her fellow Handmaids, all with one goal: to survive and find the daughter that was taken from her when the Republic first came to be.

Acclaimed author Margaret Atwood had a cameo in the first episode of the drama, and serves as a producer on the show alongside Elisabeth Moss.

The series stars Elisabeth Moss (*The West Wing*, *Mad Men*, *Top*

of the Lake), Joseph Fiennes (*American Horror Story*, *Camelot*), Yvonne Strahovski (*Chuck*, *Dexter*, *24: Live Another Day*) Alexis Bledel (*Gilmore Girls*, *Mad Men*) Madeline Brewer (*Orange is The New Black*, *Grimm*) Ann Dowd (*The Leftovers*, *Quarry*) O. T. Fagbenle (*Looking*, *The Five*), Max Minghella (*The Mindy Project*) and Samira Wiley (*Orange is The New Black*, *You're the Worst*).

The series was created by Bruce Miller and is executive produced by Ilene Chaiken, Warren Littlefield, Bruce Miller, Reed Morano, Fran Sears, Daniel Wilson.

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NEW ON DSTV THIS 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.

50 CENTRAL

Rapper 50 Cent is on BET with his comedy showcase. Featuring sketches, hidden camera pranks and musical performances, 50 Central is one show you don't want to miss.

And we can't wait to see the episode of 50 Central, where South African comedian Loyiso Gola makes his

appearance.

LOVING

Based on a documentary, *Loving* tells us the story of Mildred and Richard Loving. An interracial couple, whose marriage went against the laws during the 1960s. Ethiopian actress Ruth Negga received her first Academy Award nomination for Best Actress as Mildred. STREAM: *Loving*, Sunday, 5 November at 20:30 on M-Net Movies Premiere.

MADIBA

The Discovery Channel is bringing us a six-part series on the life of former South African statesman, Nelson Mandela. *Madiba* stars an all-star cast, including Laurence Fishburne as Mandela, Terry Pheto as Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Hlomla Dandala as Govan Mbeki and Orlando Jones as Oliver Tambo.

WATCH: *Madiba* every Monday at

21:30 on Discovery Channel.

WAGS LA

The drama continues in the City of Angels, with the season three premiere of *WAGS LA*.

With new *WAGS* and trade announcements, we're in for an exciting journey with Dominique, Olivia, Sasha, Autumn, Michelle and Nicole.

STREAM: *WAGS LA* season 3, Mondays on E!

2017 MTV Europe Music Awards MTV promises an entertaining evening, when Rita Ora hosts the annual music award show. Taking place in London, some of music's biggest stars will perform, including Rita Ora, Travis Scott and French Montana.

And with Babes Wodumo, C4 Pedro, Davido, Nasty C, Nyashinski and Wizkid nominated, it's anyone's guess who will win the Best African Act award.

WATCH: 2017 MTV EMAs at 21:00

on MTV, Sunday, 12 November.

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, 16 November at 20:00.

QUEEN OF KATWE

Lupita Nyong'o 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, 17 November 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* premieres, 17 November 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 22 November 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.

STREAM: *black-ish* season four from Thursday, 23 November at 19:00 on Vuzu AMP. Stay connected to DStv and enjoy all of this wonderful programming and more.

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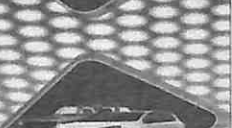
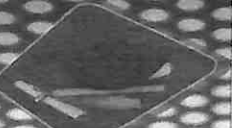
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David Divine Maseko

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PLACE: ENTONDOZI

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba David Divine Maseko kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Maseko eNcabeni baka Ndzimandze, eKhalangile, baka Mkhonta eLuyengo, baka Dlamini ka Ndinda kutsi utofihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 12 Novemeber ngemuva kwemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo ekhaya kubo eNtandozi Etinyangeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Bhuti Zakhariah Maseko egameni lemdeni. Longasekho emhlabeni ngu David Divine Maseko.

Zintombi Busisiwe Ndlela

VIGIL: FRIDAY
10/11/2017FUNERAL: SATURDAY
11/11/2017

PLACE: KUMAFUCULA

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Zintombi Busisiwe Ndlela kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kubo kuMafucula mhlaka 11 November emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Sicelo Ndlela egameni lemdeni.

Busisiwe Elizabeth Ginindza

VIGIL: SATURDAY
11/11/2017FUNERAL: SUNDAY
12/11/2017

PLACE: MAHLANGATSHA

Relatives and friends of Busisiwe Elizabeth Ginindza are notified of her demise. She will be laid to rest at her home in Mahlangatsha eSibovu ka Mamba (Ginindza) on Sunday 12 November 2017 after a night vigil Saturday. Notice by her children.

Juliet Madzandane Mhlanga Kunene

VIGIL: FRIDAY
10/11/2017FUNERAL: SATURDAY
11/11/2017

PLACE: MAHLANGATSHA

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Juliet Madzandane Mhlanga Kunene kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Mhlanga eNgwenya, baka Mhlanga eMbetseni nelibandla lakhe lase St John Bosco eMalkerns. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo kulindzelo ngalesiHlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMndeni.



Mark Joel Meyer

VIGIL: FRIDAY
10/11/2017FUNERAL: SATURDAY
11/11/2017

PLACE: NGWANE PARK

Family and friends of Mark Joel Meyer are notified of his demise. He will be laid to rest on 11 November 2017 at the Ngwane Park Cemetery. Church service will be held at the Manzini Cathedral Church at 10.00am. Announcement by the George and Meyer families.

Bonisile Sellinah Dlamini ula Gamedze

VIGIL: FRIDAY
10/11/2017FUNERAL: SATURDAY
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PLACE: SIPHOFANENI

Kwatiswa umndeni, tihlobo kanye nebangani ba Bonisile Sellinah Dlamini ula Gamedze, lo bekendze kuNdunazithini Dlamini eGundwini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya kubo eSiphofaneni ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 11 November 2017 ngemuva lwemlindzelo ngalesiHlanu 10 November 2017. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumntfwanakhe Cebisile Bandile Dlamini egameni leMalangeni.



Thokozani Dlamini

VIGIL: FRIDAY
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PLACE: TIKHUBA

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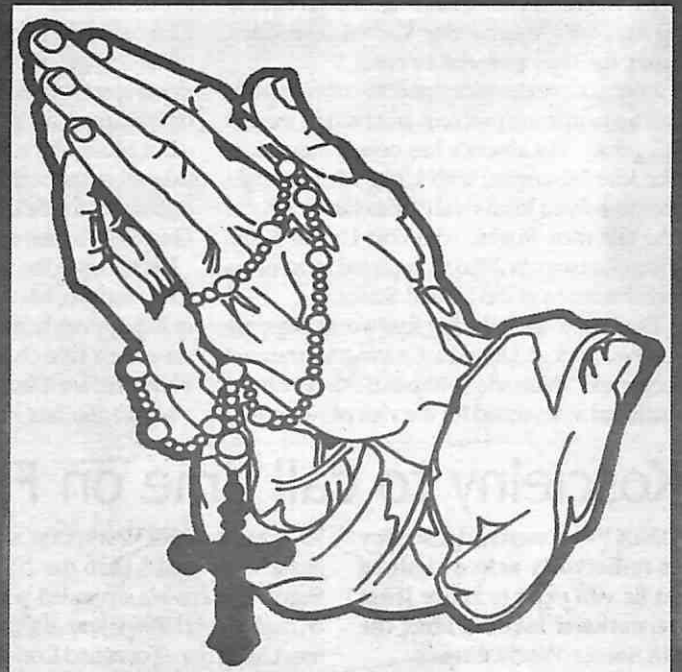
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*The LORD is close to
the broken-hearted; he
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POG BACK



MANCHESTER - Paul Pogba is on course to make his Manchester United comeback after the international break.

Pogba has been sidelined for two months with a hamstring problem and missed the last 12 games. His absence has been a huge blow for Jose Mourinho, with United falling eight points behind local rivals Manchester City in the title race. Pogba, who cost United £90m from Juventus in 2016, completed most of his rehabilitation in the United States.

But he has spent the last few weeks stepping up his work at United's Carrington training complex. Mourinho is hopeful Pogba can be included in his squad for the visit of Newcastle

to Old Trafford on November 18 when Premier League football resumes.

The United boss will involve him in first team training next week with a view to naming him on the bench for the visit of the Magpies.

But Mourinho will not rush him back for the sake of it and will be desperate to have him fighting fit for the crunch derby clash with Pep Guardiola's men on December 10.

His return to the fold will be a massive boost for Mourinho, who knows United can ill-afford to slip further behind their neighbours otherwise their title challenge could be dead and buried before Christmas.

Mourinho has made a point of not using

Pogba's absence as an excuse for his side's inconsistent form in recent weeks.

But he admitted after last weekend's defeat at Chelsea that United had missed his influence and dynamism.

Mourinho has also pencilled in Zlatan Ibrahimovic's comeback for the start of December when United face CSKA Moscow at home in their final Champions League group game.

The Swedish ace has been sidelined since rupturing knee ligaments in April.

Meanwhile, Anthony Martial has hinted that he's getting fed-up with his lack of starts in the United side under Mourinho.

Daily Star

Koscielny to call time on France after Soccer World Cup

LONDON - Laurent Koscielny has reluctantly acknowledged that he will need to retire from international football after the 2018 Soccer World Cup.

The 32-year-old Arsenal centre-back has 49 caps for France, having first made his debut in 2011.

He featured for Les Blues at Euro

2012 and the 2014 World Cup, and has a silver medal from the 2016 Euros. But having struggled with an ongoing Achilles injury, the former Guingamp, Tours and Lorient defender knows he can't keep playing through the pain.

Speaking ahead of facing Wales in an international friendly on Friday,

Koscielny told L'Equipe: "There is an end to everything.

"After the World Cup, I would be almost 33-years-old, it will be time to leave the place.

"I have six months left in the French team to blossom and take as many memories as my wife would say."

He added: "Every morning I have

my treatment for my Achilles and I know I need to do this to the end of my career.

"Now, every day I do this and it is okay but sometimes with all the games we play every three days, it is difficult and I need to have a rest to recover well for my Achilles."

Sport24

Courtois admits City seem unstoppable

LONDON - Chelsea goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois is hoping to see Manchester City's season derail, but admits they look like title contenders at the moment.

City are undefeated this Premier League season, and have won their last nine on the trot, giving them a nine-point lead over the Blues in fourth place.

"We have to hope now they drop points," Courtois told his club's website. "At the moment they are a bit unstoppable, they are playing very well and scoring goals.

"Last year we were eight points behind City at one stage and then we went on a winning run. I hope we can do the same.

"But the season is very long, they could have injuries, play a bit worse and lose some games. We have to be there and keep winning our games." *Sport24*

Diego Simeone regarded as Everton's top target

LONDON - Diego Simeone is among four targets being considered for the vacant manager's job at Everton, according to reports.

The Atletico Madrid manager is said to be the top target of owner Farhad Moshiri, although the Argentinian is unlikely to leave mid-season and is reportedly happy in Spain, Sky Sports reported. He recently signed a new contract that runs until 2020.

The Everton owner will meet with the board this week with a view to bringing in a new manager on a long-term contract.

Sam Allardyce is also being considered after reports that the Goodison Park club want the former England manager to take over until the end of the season, although Allardyce is apparently looking for something long-term.

Director of football for the Toffees Steve Walsh is said to be keen on Allardyce along with his former England assistant Craig Shakespeare, recently sacked by Leicester.

Were Allardyce to take the job, Everton would have to pay Palace £2 million in compensation under the terms of his contract with his former employers.

Interim Manager David Unsworth, who led the club to their first win since September on Saturday with a 3-2 victory over Watford, is also a candidate. *Sport24*



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Chiefs, Baroka to face PSL DC

JOHANNESBURG – Kaizer Chiefs and Baroka FC are in trouble with the PSL Disciplinary Committee following events which occurred during the fixture between the two clubs at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban on September 30.

Baroka have been charged with contravening the Compliance Manual after the club's representative failed to arrive on time at the mandatory pre-match meeting ahead of the game.

Chiefs have been charged with failure to provide adequate security at Moses Mabhida Stadium, leading to a section of fans throwing objects on the field.



Furthermore, Chiefs and Willard Katsande have been charged with contravening the Compliance Manual after Katsande entered the technical area, although he was suspended. Baroka caused an upset on the day, beating Amakhosi 2-1.

George Maluleka opened the scoring for Steve Komphela's team in the ninth minute, but former Chiefs

player Lewis Macha equalised in the 23rd for Bakgaga. On loan Pirates

midfielder Gift Motupa grabbed the winner in the 59th minute to clinch all three points for Kgoloko Thobejane's outfit.

African News Agency (ANA)

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana coach Stuart Baxter remained upbeat for tomorrow's all-important FIFA World Cup qualifier against Senegal at Peter Mokaba Stadium as his charges got down to business in sweltering Limpopo heat.

Veteran Siphiwe Tshabalala and Thulani Hlatshwayo were pulled off later during the morning session as a precautionary move. Tshabalala sustained a minor hip injury during Kaizer Chiefs' win over Chippa United in a Telkom Knockout match while captain Hlatshwayo seems to have recovered from his troublesome foot injury.

"We gave them a small rest just as a precaution but it is nothing serious. Both are fine and should be available for the final selection for the match tomorrow," said coach Baxter.

While the coach has called up Tiyani Mabunda, there are possibilities that midfielder Hlompho Kekana might return to camp if he feels fine following bereavement in his family on Monday.

Coach Baxter left the door open for Kekana to make a decision on whether he wants to return to camp or remain with his family during the bereavement. That will mean that Mabunda will take the place left open by the absence of



Thulani Serero who has told the team management that he will not join the team for Senegal games.

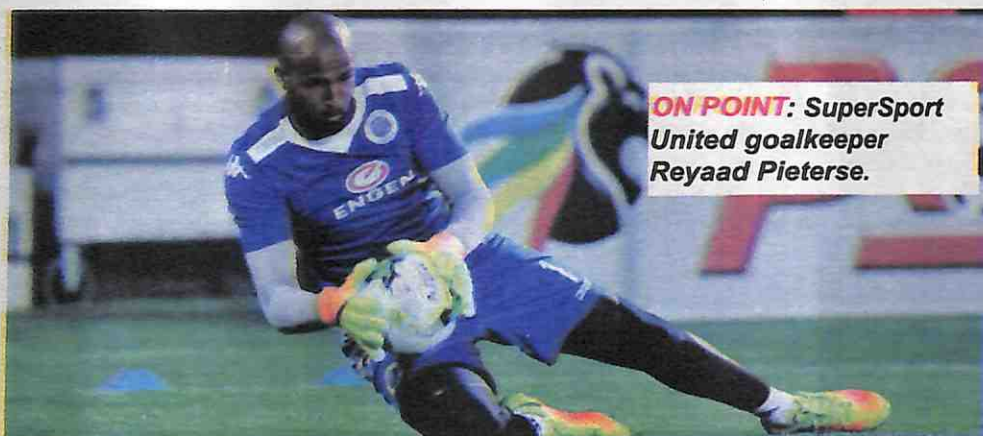
Meanwhile, goalkeeper Itumeleng Khune is expected to be travelling to Polokwane this evening where he will further be assessed by the team doctor, Dr Thulani Ngwenya.

Khune suffered a facial fracture dur-

ing Sunday's match against Chippa United but Ngwenya has always insisted that the team was hopeful that the influential keeper will form part of the squad for tomorrow.

All overseas players arrived on Tuesday, including Keagan Dolly, Andile Jali and Lebogang Manyama.

African News Agency



ON POINT: SuperSport United goalkeeper Reyaad Pieterse.

Pieterse says underdog tag suits SuperSport

PRETORIA - SuperSport United goalkeeper Reyaad Pieterse says the Pretoria side are happy to be underdogs for the CAF Confederation Cup final against TP Mazembe.

The Tshwane side are chasing their first ever continental silverware and are set to face the DR Congo giants in the two legged final, set for 19 (away) and 25 November (home).

Mazembe are the defending Confederation Cup champions and have also won the CAF Champions League five times in the club's illustrious history, most recently in 2015.

But Pieterse says Matsatsantsa are up for the challenge.

"TP Mazembe are experienced in this competition, so we have to be play smart and be clever and obviously we are the underdogs in the game," he

told the Citizen.

"But that is what we like because at the end of the day we have come out strong on many occasions when we were underdogs.

"We know what we are up against and we will prepare for them. I believe that we have the team to make sure that we win that trophy."

Kick off is at 14:30. *Sport24*

Mamelodi bigger than Motsepe - Mosimane

JOHANNESBURG - Coach Pitso Mosimane says Mamelodi Sundowns is bigger than any individual at the club, including Brazilians President Patrice Motsepe.

Sundowns suffered a major blow in the off-season when highly-rated assistant coach Rulani Mokwena jumped ship to Orlando Pirates to serve under Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic.

And while Mosimane admits his departure was a loss for the former African champions, he insists life goes on at Chloorkop.

"Rulani is smart, intelligent and was a big loss for us. We move on, life goes on," said Mosimane, whose side beat Bucs 3-1 in the league last week.

"Sundowns is bigger than Patrice Motsepe, Sundowns is bigger than Pitso, Sundowns is bigger than anybody.

Sundowns is a big club. Sundowns has won the league before. Sundowns won the league before the president came here and Sundowns will still win the league when we are gone.

So Sundowns is a big club."

'Jingles' appealed to the media to allow Mokwena space "to run his race" along with other upcoming coaches such as Chippa United's Teboho Moloi and Maritzburg United's Fadlu Davids.

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ABRAMOVICH IN BID TO STOP RIFT BETWEEN CONTE, PLAYERS

...following David Luiz's axe for clash against Manchester United

LONDON - Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich is investigating whether there is a growing problem between manager Antonio Conte and the players.

The Russian billionaire is increasing his involvement in the day-to-day running of the club following the resignation of technical director Michael Emenalo on Monday.

Sportsmail understands Abramovich, who visited Chelsea's Cobham HQ last week, has already made enquiries over the relationship between Conte and his squad.

Having fallen out with Diego Costa last season before selling him in the summer, question marks are being raised over Conte's relationship with David Luiz. The Brazilian was axed from the squad that beat Manchester United on Sunday.

Despite Conte's insistence that the

decision was tactical, it is understood the axe came after Luiz questioned the Italian in training last week.

But while Abramovich is not questioning Conte's handling of the Luiz situation, the latest stand-off has raised concerns of a rift between the manager and his squad.

Abramovich knows all about the problems that can be caused by a rift within the club.

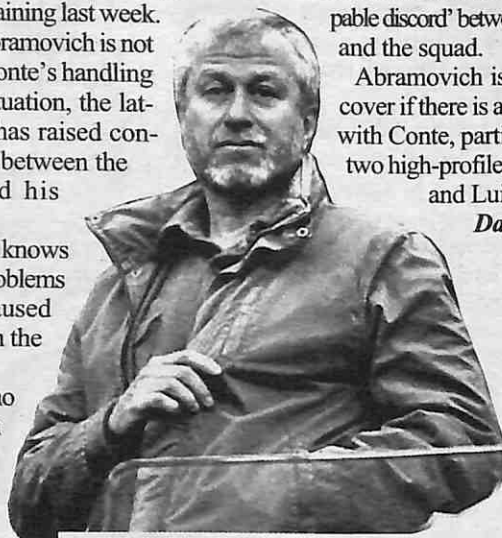
Jose Mourinho was sacked in 2015 due, in part, to a split between himself and the players.

In confirming

Mourinho's dismissal two years ago, Emenalo admitted there was a 'palpable discord' between the Portuguese and the squad.

Abramovich is seeking to discover if there is a similar problem with Conte, particularly after the two high-profile spats with Costa and Luiz.

Daily Mail



INVESTIGATING: Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich.



PARTS WAYS: South African tennis star Kevin Anderson.

Anderson parts ways with coach Godwin

CAPE TOWN - South African tennis star Kevin Anderson has parted ways with his coach of the past four years, Neville Godwin.

Anderson announced the news on his social media accounts late on Tuesday. Anderson wished Godwin well with his future endeavours.

"We remain great friends and it was simply a case of both of us looking for fresh challenges," the South African No 1 posted.

Anderson made headlines earlier this year when he reached the

US Open final, before losing to world No 1 Rafael Nadal.

Anderson is currently ranked 14th on the official ATP rankings and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the year-end ATP Finals in London.

Improvement

It was a year of marked improvement for Anderson, who was ranked as high as No 80 in January and his surge up the rankings also saw him nominated for an ATP Tour award.

Sport24

LONDON - Deontay Wilder has accused Anthony Joshua's management of "ducking" him and says he is prepared to come to the United Kingdom to make the heavyweight mega-fight happen.

American Wilder, 32, defended his WBC title with a first-round knockout of Bernard Stiverne last week-

Wilder willing to fight Joshua in UK

end and has set his sights on Joshua's WBA and IBF belts.

But he believes the Briton's promoter, Eddie Hearn, is stalling. "I think Eddie is ducking me more so than Joshua," Wilder told BBC Sport. "If Joshua's a strong champion, a true champion, you guys in England should

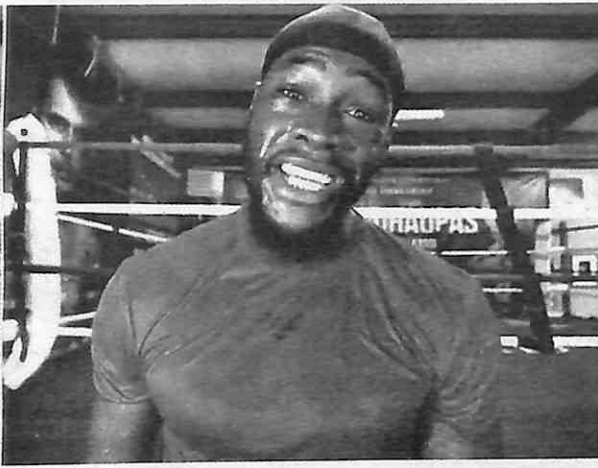
smoke him out, make him fight. "You should see if he's the best. My heart says I'm the best. If I'm not, I want someone to show me."

Joshua, 28, defended his belts by beating Carlos Takam in Cardiff and Wilder says he is willing to cross the Atlantic to face the former

Olympic champion.

"Packing out stadiums looks good, but the money and Mecca of boxing is in America," Wilder said.

"But if you want to stay at home like a little girl, this king has no problem travelling to knock out the champion." *AFP*



Everton board split over handing vacant managerial role

LONDON - Everton's board are said to have met yesterday with key figures said to be split over whether to offer Sam Allardyce the vacant manager's job.

Former England manager Allardyce met Everton owner Farhad Moshiri on Sunday but there has been no contact since.

Desire

Moshiri's seeming desire to lure Atletico Madrid's Diego Simeone would not have impressed Allardyce, 63, who told one radio station he had not been contacted by the club. Allardyce, Burnley's Sean Dyche and Watford's Marco Silva have all been identified as possible replacements for Ronald Koeman, who was sacked by Everton on October 23. Caretaker David Unsworth is another contender for the full-time post. *Daily Mail*

Video assistant referee to be trialled in England v Germany

LONDON - The FA have confirmed they will be using a video assistant referee system (VAR) when England play Germany at Wembley tomorrow.

VAR, which will be used for the first time in an official game in this country, will work in tandem with the goal line technology that has been in place for three years.

Referees can call on VAR for help with making potentially game-changing decisions, including penalties, red cards and offside in the build up to goals. The Wembley VAR system was tested in a charity match last month, and will now be rolled out for the first time in a high profile game, according to the Times.

The FA are planning to use VAR in certain FA Cup third round ties this season, and if it is successful it will be rolled out in the Premier League for 2018-19. It is perhaps fitting that the first time this will be available for an official game in England will be in a game against Germany - a fixture steeped in historical controversy. The 1966 World Cup final, played at Wembley, saw Geoff Hurst's second and England's third goal given despite it not clearly crossing the line after bouncing down off the cross bar. In the 2010 World Cup second round, Frank Lampard's shot clearly crossed the line after hitting the woodwork, but was not given.

Daily Mail

FEDERER EDGES OUT MURRAY ON HIS RETURN

LONDON - Andy Murray hasn't been seen on court since Wimbledon — and the Scot looked a little different as he donned a Tam o' Shanter complete with ginger wig for a charity match against Roger Federer in Glasgow.

Murray, who revealed he will not return for the Australian Open in January unless he is 100 per cent fit, came through an hour and 40 minutes against the Swiss master.

But Federer, who joined in the fun by wearing a kilt in the second set, won 6-3, 3-6, 10-6 (tiebreak).

It has been an exciting few days for Murray who became a father for the second time. His wife Kim, who he married in 2015, gave birth to a baby girl last week.

Before Federer started larking around in a kilt, Murray played a competitive enough set of tennis against the Swiss master to suggest he could return in earnest in the new year. In front of his own people, 11,000 of them in Glasgow's SSE Hydro Arena, Murray showed he has not forgotten

how to hit a tennis ball.

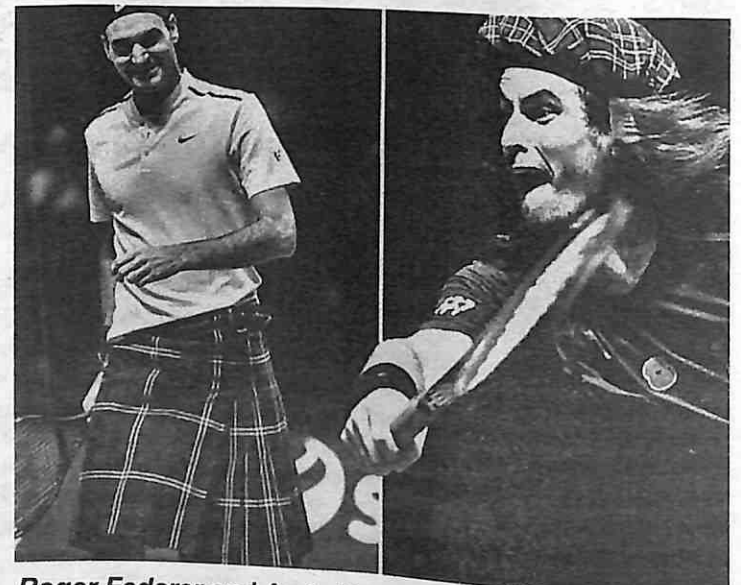
The 30-year-old Scot moved with less than sublime ease but showed he can still run when he needs to.

His pre-match assessment that he was playing at 75-80 per cent looked about right as he nominally managed to take the second set against Federer in this match for UNICEF and local children's charities.

"I felt better than I expected and thought I did okay," was his verdict after losing the first set.

There was some hobbling around the baseline between points, but in the rhythm of the rallies he at least looked recognisable as the conquering player of a year ago. Earlier, in his first real update since his late withdrawal from the US Open, Murray discussed the chances of making a planned comeback at January's Brisbane International: "I hope I'm there, things have been going pretty well so far in the rehab, but you take each week at it comes, you have setbacks and then things come on quite quickly as well."

Daily Mail



Roger Federer and Andy Murray.

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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. Matsapha 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 Leopard	12	3	6	3	12	9	3	15
10. Mweni Pirates	12	4	3	5	13	16	-3	15
11. Vovovo	12	4	1	7	11	17	-6	13
12. Tumbuti	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. Tinyosi	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. Sikkhalo	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	1	6	6	14	-8	7
11. Tycoons	9	2	0	7	12	16	-4	6
12. Mahlalini	8	1	1	6	10	19	-9	4

SAVE MOR KWALUSENI FIRST DIVISION

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1. Nkamazi AK47	4	3	1	0	11	5	6	10
2. Ludzudze Kicks	4	3	0	1	14	6	8	9
3. Ngonini United	4	3	0	1	8	4	4	9
4. Ludzudze Celtics	4	2	2	0	9	4	5	8
5. Lozitha Spurs	3	2	1	0	9	4	5	7
6. Ludzidzi	5	2	1	2	7	7	0	7
7. Umtfuti	2	2	0	0	4	0	4	6
8. Shali United	4	2	0	2	9	8	1	6
9. Fletcher United	3	2	0	1	8	7	1	6

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
10. Gum Valley	4	1	1	2	5	7	-2	4
11. Mahashulane	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
12. NsengaShagari XI	4	1	0	3	5	9	-4	3
13. Manila Stars	5	0	1	4	4	18	-14	1
14. Mhlaleni Superstars	4	0	1	3	2	12	-4	1
15. Supersport	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0

CORBAN MAFUTSENI PROMOTION

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1. Khamatfo	4	3	1	0	14	5	9	10
2. Bhudla Celtics	4	3	1	0	11	3	8	10
3. Timbutini	4	3	1	0	10	3	7	10
4. Sicamelo Sa-Chief	4	3	1	0	6	1	5	10
5. Supersport	3	2	1	0	12	3	9	7
6. Nkong Pirates	3	2	1	0	10	4	6	7
7. Mkhuzweni United	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
8. Young Carnivals	4	1	1	2	10	10	0	4
9. Vulamehlo Classic	4	1	1	2	2	4	-2	4
10. Timbutini Combine	4	0	3	1	3	4	-1	3
11. Dynamos	4	1	0	3	5	9	-4	3
12. Madubula Rovers	3	1	0	2	4	9	-5	3
13. Emataliyane	3	1	0	2	2	7	-5	3
14. Mafutseni United	3	1	0	2	3	10	-7	3
15. Ntabamhoshana	4	0	2	2	5	7	-2	2
16. Timbutini All Stars	3	0	2	1	2	4	-2	2
17. Ma-G-Man	3	0	2	1	5	10	-5	2
18. Vultures	3	0	1	2	0	7	-7	1
19. Young Killers	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0

MKHIVENI PROMOTION

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1. Executive FC	4	4	0	0	6	0	6	12
2. White Killers	4	3	1	0	5	1	4	10
3. Sangcofo	4	2	2	0	8	5	3	8
4. Thuluzobona	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
5. Ngonini Y. Aces	4	2	1	1	7	2	5	7
6. Zama United	4	2	1	1	7	3	4	7
7. Mantshonga	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7
8. Home Defenders	4	2	1	1	9	9	0	7
9. All Stars	4	2	1	1	5	9	-4	7
10. All Nations	3	1	2	0	9	3	6	5
11. Luve Classic	4	1	2	1	7	7	0	5
12. Mbasheni Brothers	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2	4

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
13. Manchester United	4	1	1	2	6	10	-4	4
14. Colani United	4	1	0	3	8	7	1	3
15. Liverpool	3	1	0	2	2	2	0	3
16. Toronto	4	1	0	3	4	6	-2	3
17. Step Ahead	3	1	0	2	0	4	-4	3
18. Bantu City	4	0	2	2	4	7	-3	2
19. Luve Stars	4	0	1	3	3	8	-5	1
20. LuveSuncity	3	0	1	2	1	4	-3	1
21. Moyeni	4	0	1	4	12	2	-10	1

NSINGWENI PROMOTION

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1. Black Aces	1	1	0	0	5	1	4	3
2. Red Lions	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
3. Taliban	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
4. Mcengeni Sundowns	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
5. Nsuka Fighters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. All Stars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. AC Milan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Matsantsantsa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. Young Madrid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Young Lovers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Bhudlwani	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
12. Highland Blues	1	0	0	1	1	5	-4	0

KUKHANYENI INKHUNDLA

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1. Mphola Celtics	4	4	0	0	9	4	5	12
2. Ngwazini	4	4	0	0	15	2	13	12
3. Brave Lion	4	3	0	1	11	6	5	9
4. Louis XIV	4	2	2	0	8	2	6	8
5. Lion Heart	4	2	2	0	8	5	3	8
6. Bhokinkhosi	4	2	1	1	6	5	1	7
7. Young Killers	4	1	3	0	4	3	1	6
8. Dortmund	4	0	2	2	7	9	-2	5
9. Kikhanyeni	4	1	2	1	4	2	2	5
10. Nyakeni Cosmos	4	1	2	1	4	3	1	5
11. Londlovu	4	1	2	1	8	8	0	5
12. Lion Heart	4	2	2	0	8	5	3	4
13. Submarine	4	1	1	2	2	5	-3	4
14. Mdayane	4	1	1	2	4	8	-4	4
15. 1995 Mbuluzana	4	0	3	1	5	7	-2	3
16. NyakeniTrompies	4	1	0	3	2	4	-2	3

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
17. Nyakeni Heroes	4	0	2	2	4	7	-3	2
18. Estate Classic	4	0	0	4	0	10	0	0

MP JELE USUTHU PROMOTION

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1. Othandweni Swallows	4	4	0	0	7	2	5	12
2. Young Internationals	4	3	1	0	11	4	7	10
3. Ngogodia Youngstars	4	3	0	1	8	6	2	9
4. Luhleko Flyers	4	2	1	1	6	4	2	7
5. Luhleko Revengers	3	2	1	0	4	2	2	7
6. Black Aces	3	2	0	1	9	5	4	6
7. Mhlambanyatsi Rovers	4	2	0	2	6	6	0	6
8. Lamgabhi Peacemakers	3	1	2	0	4	1	3	5
9. Luhleko Classic	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
10. Komadi Superstars	4	1	1	2	6	9	-3	4
11. Mhlangezi Buffaloes	4	1	0	3	6	7	-1	3
12. Black Rhinos	4	0	3	1	3	5	-2	3
13. Commandos	4	1	0	3	5	8	-3	3
14. Javas	3	0	2	1	4	6	-2	2
15. DudusiniZamalek	4	0	2	2	4	7	-3	2
16. Africa 2010	4	0	2	2	4	8	-4	2
17. Zondwako Killers	4	0	1	3	2	9	-7	1

KA-PHUNGA PROMOTION

Position/Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1. Cyclone	3	3	0	0	11	2	9	9
2. Phunga Fighters	3	2	1	0	4	2	2	7
3. Phunga Rangers	3	1	2	0	5	3	2	5
4. Phunga Arsenal	3	1	2	0	4	3	1	5
5. Phunga Dynamos	3	1	2	0	6	5	1	5
6. Hotspurs	3	1	1	1	5	4	1	4
7. Phunga Celtics	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
8. Youngstars	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
9. Volcanoe	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
10. Dumsani Swallows	3	1	0	2	8	7	1	3
11. Real Amakhosi	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
12. Mphumalanga	3	1	0	2	8	4	4	3
13. Young Movers	3	0	2	1	3	8	-5	2
14. Shepherd	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
15. Zamalek	2	0	0	2	1	9	-8	0
16. Royal Santos	3	0	0	3	5	13	-4	0

I. COAST, MOROCCO SET FOR EPIC BATTLE

JOHANNESBURG - Africa's 2018 World Cup qualifying campaign will come to end within the next week and arguably the biggest match sees Ivory Coast host Morocco at the Stade Felix Houphouet-Boigny in Abidjan on Saturday evening, kick-off at 7:30pm CAT.



The clash will decide which of these two teams finishes top of Group C and secures qualification for the 2018 finals in Russia. The odds are stacked in favour of Morocco, who hold a one-point lead at the top of the table and know that they need only avoid defeat in Abidjan to secure a fifth World Cup qualification, and their first since 1998.

Ivory Coast, meanwhile, must win the match to leapfrog to the top of the standings. Should they do so, it would see them secure a ticket to their fourth successive World Cup.

The match is given extra emotive value by the status of the teams' coaches. Morocco's Herve Renard will be facing the team he took to Africa Cup of Nations glory as recently as 2015, while Ivory Coast's Marc Wilmots may very well see this game as one in which his job is on the line.

The Belgian has earned little affection from Elephants fans since taking charge earlier this year, yet if he can

secure a place in Russia 2018 it would certainly raise his stock in the West African country and secure his position for the foreseeable future.

Wilmots has called for unity from Ivorian fans ahead of the do-or-die clash, saying, "We will have a final in Abidjan, we must win against Morocco."

Renard has been more nuanced in his pre-match talk, but has taken confidence from beating Ivory Coast at the AFCON earlier this year, as well as holding the Elephants to a goalless draw in the teams' first Group C meeting in Marrakesh a year ago.

"We're going to play our final game against Ivory Coast, and this game is going to be difficult," the French tactician told beIN Sport. "We defeated Ivory Coast during the Africa Cup of Nations. We'll have to do the same again."

Renard added, "I think that we've made a lot of progress. But we have to be very efficient during those 90 minutes to seek this qualification that a whole nation is waiting for."

The teams have met in 18 previous matches, according to FIFA statistics, with Ivory Coast claiming six wins compared to five for Morocco. The Atlas Lions beat the Elephants 1-0 when the pair met in the group stage of this year's Afcon. **Backpage TXT**

Messi 'would prefer to avoid' Spain in World Cup

BUENOS AIRES - Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi says the worst possible

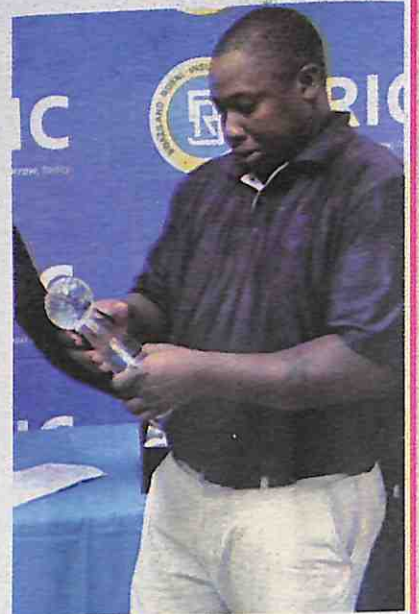
SRIC November Monthly Mug presentation



HAPPY MAN: Frank Hlophe accepting his award for longest drive during the SRIC November Monthly Mug presentation held over the weekend. (courtesy pics)



JOYFULL: Sicelo Baartjies was awarded twice on the day.



NICE: Sicelo Baartjies admiring his trophy.



ALL SMILES: Brian Mayisela was among the winners.



ME TOO: Welcome Mhlanga smiling after getting his prize.



THANK YOU: Phil Mnisi was also awarded.



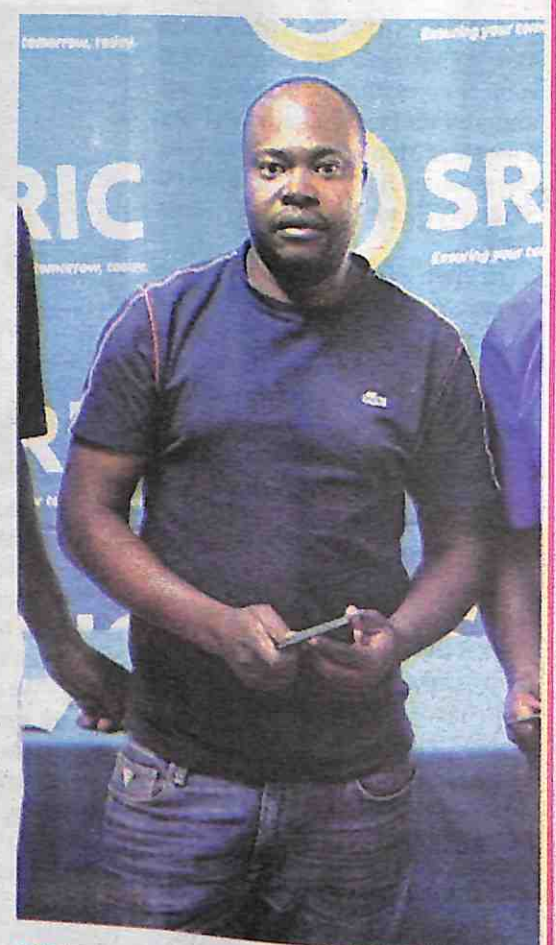
WIN BIG: Willard Mkhwanazi was among the biggest winners.



THANK YOU: Nicholas Vilakati accepting his prize.



I ALSO WON: Benedict Bennett receiving his prize.



GRATEFUL: Dumisa Gama.

EXPRESS CAR WASH PRIZE PRESENTATION



CHAMPS: Express Car Wash Director Sikhatsi Dlamini handing over the first prize money to champions Police College captain Norman Khoza during the prize presentation held yesterday. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



BEST OF THE BEST: Player of the Series Thabo Dlamini of Sharp Shooters accepting his prize from the sponsor.



GOOD JOB: Police College players receiving medals from Dlamini.



WELL DONE: Runners-up Sharp Shooters accepting their medals.



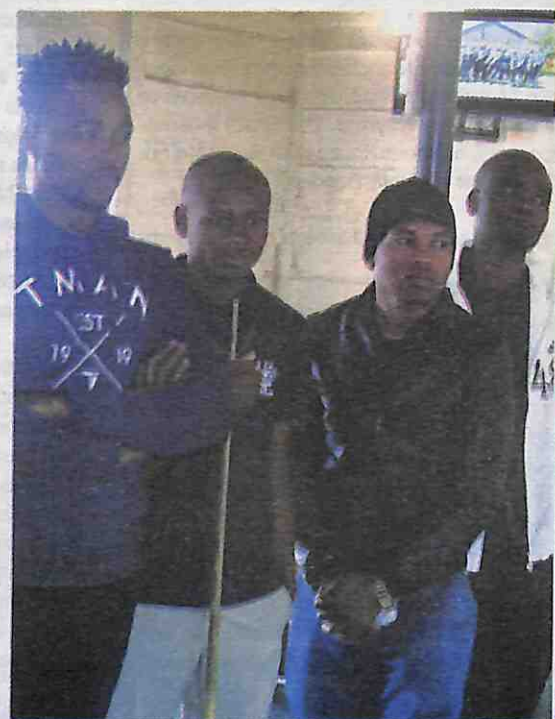
REMARKS: Sifiso Makhanya making remarks on behalf of the organisers.



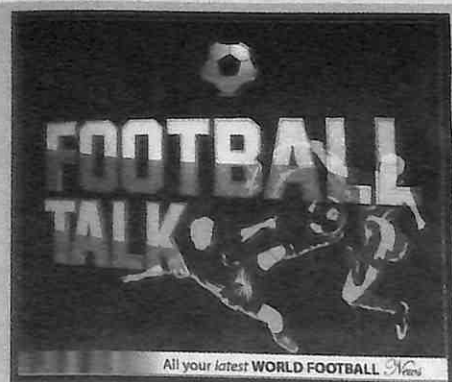
HAPPY PEOPLE: Dlamini dishing out the prizes.



PRESENT: Pool players from different teams.



ATTENTIVE: Some of the players Dumisani Mnyakeni, Eddie Mondlane and Sifiso Dlamini following proceedings.



● Atletico Madrid boss Diego Simeone is Everton owner Farhad Moshiri's top target to become the club's new manager. *(Sky Sports)*

● Real Madrid are planning to bid for Manchester United midfielder Juan Mata in January. The 29-year old Spaniard, omitted from United's team against Chelsea at the weekend, is out of contract next summer. *(Daily Express)*



● Manchester United midfielder Marouane Fellaini, 29, is wanted by Turkish side Besiktas, who could make a move to sign him in January. *(Daily Star)*

● West Ham may have to sell some of their younger players, including defender Reece Oxford, 18, and midfielder Josh Cullen, 21, in order to free up January funds for new manager David Moyes. *(Daily Mirror)*

● Arsenal forward Mesut Ozil, 29, has suggested that he could sign a new contract, if the club give him Jack Wilshere's number 10 shirt. *(Sun)*



● Arsenal are trying to re-sign 25-year-old Turkey midfielder Oguzhan Ozyakup from Besiktas, five years after selling him to the Turkish side for just £400 000. *(Fotomac, via Metro)*

● Paris St-Germain hope to sell Lucas Moura, 25, and fellow winger Angel Di Maria, 29, as they seek to comply with UEFA's Financial Fair Play regulations. *(Daily Mail)*

● Tottenham are preparing an £8.8m bid for 27-year-old Besiktas midfielder Tolgay Arslan. *(Fotomac via This is Futbol)*

● French champions Paris St-Germain are keen to appoint Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho to improve their chances of keeping striker Neymar. The Brazil international, 25, has been linked with Real Madrid. *(Don Balon via Daily Express)*

● Newcastle United are interested in signing Liverpool striker Danny Ings, 25, on loan in January, regardless of whether or not owner Mike Ashley achieves his aim of selling the club by Christmas. *(Newcastle Chronicle)*



● Arsenal's hopes of signing midfielder Arda Turan, 30, have been boosted after he was told he could leave Barcelona in January. *(Sport, via Daily Mail)*

● Leicester City striker Islam Slimani wants to leave the club in January. Crystal Palace and French club Rennes have been linked with the 29-year old. *(L'Expression via Sport Witness)*



DISABILITY SPORTS DAY HERE!

...No Barriers, No Borders, is this year's theme, as SNSRC partners with Limkokwing students

By Dumisani Ntiwane
(SNSRC Media Officer)

THE Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) will host National Disability Sports Day on a Saturday November 18 2017.

In partnership with a group of passionate and enthusiastic students from the Limkokwing University, the event is slated for the Prince of Wales Sports Ground in the capital city. Indeed, we are spreading our wings and this partnership with the Limkokwing University students hopefully marks the start of many good things to come for the sporting fraternity.

We are targeting to host and entertain at least 200 students from selected schools around the city on this day.

The SNSRC has a mission, which is as most know to facilitate the promotion and development of sport at all levels by ensuring mass participation from junior, youth and adult population. The SNSRC also has to cater for the special groups of people in the society.

This includes the Disabled, Women and Girls and those people living with HIV and AIDS.

It is the SNSRC's primary goal therefore to draw as many People with a Disability as possible to the playing grounds so that they are able to enjoy the benefits of sport and recreation. The organisation's motto; "Sport for All Sport for Life", means just that.

It is our wish and desire therefore as the SNSRC to promote the participation of people with disabilities in sports and recreational activities. we also wish to sensitise the national sports associations to accommodate programmes for people with disabilities in their plans.

The SNSRC also seeks to promote public awareness about the welfare of people with disabilities in sport and to also increase the numbers of participants for this special group of people.

We at the SNSRC advocate for mass participation in sports. Most will recall that within our strategy, there are eight key thematic areas which have been identified as key issues and need a comprehensive, integrated and easily implementable strategy. These thematic/strategic issues have been found to be central for the strategy in order to effectively deliver upon the Council's mandate.

The themes are:

- Sport for all
- Capacity Development
- Marketing and Communication
- Partnerships and Resource mobil-



UNITED IN SPORTS: Delegates pose for a picture with the players.

isation

- Governance and Administration
- High Performance
- International Relations and International Participation
- Infrastructure Development

Some of the resolutions taken in 2014 during the United Nations Congress, give sport due consideration in the context of post 2015 development agenda. The country as a member state of the United Nations, has embraced sport in this context and has through the ministry of sport, culture and youth affairs, established the SNSRC to advocate for the use of sport to;

- Promote health and the prevention of non-communicable diseases
- Achieve quality education through values based learning
- Promote gender equality, including the empowerment of girls and women
- Promote sustainable cities and human settlements
- Contribute to peaceful and non-violent societies
- Develop human capital and human potential

It therefore goes without saying that investing in sport and physical activity brings a number of socio-economic returns and benefits to society and raises the profile of a nation. Promoting sport and recreation early, particularly in schools is pivotal in creating winning hearts and minds while creating passion to the young

people.

Promoting sport and physical education therefore motivates for a life-long commitment and participation and in turn generates a healthier and more disease resistant body. There is no sport system in the world that does not have measurable social and/or economic value over and above the

social and mental benefits.

The sports sector is dynamic and gathers millions of people, practitioners and professionals from all ages and from all walks of life, never discriminates. That is why

we at the SNSRC embrace the disabled. They are part of us.

It has been observed that sport for people with disabilities has been neglected for a long time hence this move to host the National Disability Sports Day

The Disability Sport Awareness week was commemorated September 18 -25, 2017. The activities included training on sitting volleyball.

Three teenage athletes from the School for the Deaf Primary School were trained on sitting volleyball, cup game and block game on 20 September 2017 at the School for the Deaf. On Volleyball, the athletes were trained with focus on the following goals:

- To learn about the rules of sitting volleyball;
- To create understanding for the

specific needs based on movement limitations;

- To experience sitting volleyball skills;

Eight teenage athletes from St. Joseph's High School were also trained on the above. The training took place at St. Joseph's High School on September 20, 2017.

The awareness was also raised at the OlympAfrica Center on September 23 2017. This is where adults from Lobamba were trained on wheelchair basketball.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than government in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all kinds of discrimination." - Nelson Mandela, May 25, 2000.

Till next week, Shukuma Swaziland!

MOLOPO SETS SIGHT ON 20 GOALS

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCKER – CURRENT MTN Premier League top goal-scorer Malanti Chiefs' Charles Molopo says he is targeting 20 goals this season.

The burly Malanti Chiefs goal-poacher, who has netted seven times this season, tormenting many teams with his physical presence and deadly finishing, says he just loves scoring.

"I am not putting myself under unnecessary pressure but I really want to score 20 goals at this season. I have already scored seven goals and I am happy with my performance so far."

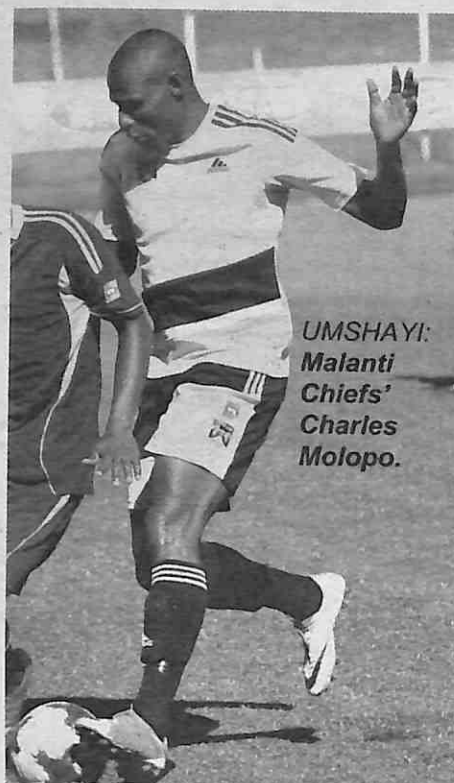
Molopo, who is leading the race for the E5 000 prize money to be pocketed by the first round top scorer, says his main goal is to try and get honours for the team, and only then

can he start worrying about individual glory. "The main goal for me this season with Malanti Chiefs is to compete for honours, and only after achieving that can I worry about my personal achievement. "I think we have settled in well in the elite league as a team although there are some games where I feel like we could have done better.

We can't be too hard on ourselves though because this is football where you lose some and win some."

MTN League scorers' chart:

Charles Molopo	(Malanti Chiefs)	7
Neliso Myeni	(Tambuti)	5
Ndoda Mthethwa	(Young Buffaloes)	5
Banele Mdluli	(Green Mamba)	5
Sandumuzi Zwane	(Manzini Sundowns)	4
Charles Musonda	(Highlanders)	4
Menzi Simelane	(Pirates)	4
Musa Dlamini	(Manzini Sundowns)	4



UMSHAYI: Malanti Chiefs' Charles Molopo.

Kola Aladeon	(Manzini Wanderers)	4
Lwazi Maziya	(Manzini Wanderers)	4
Sandile Hlathwayo	(Mbabane Swallows)	4
Tony Tsabedze	(Mbabane Swallows)	4
Zweli Nxumalo	(Royal Leopard)	4

U-20's set to face Lesotho

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCKER - THE national Under-20 football side will face Lesotho in preparatory international friendly games this coming weekend.

The matches are part of the side's preparations for the COSAFA under-20 Championships to be hosted by Zambia from December 6-16.

According to a well placed source in Lesotho, the junior side will travel to the mountainous kingdom to face that country's under-20's at the Sesotho Stadium in Maseru.

National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Communications Officer Muzi Radebe could only confirm that the football mother body was hard at work trying to prepare the U-20's for the COSAFA Championships.

"There is nothing official concerning any friendly match that I can confirm. I can just confirm that the FA is looking to get opponents for the under-20's as they continue to prepare for the championships. The preparations started long time ago and are still ongoing even though some players are still busy with their exams," he said.



The local under-20 side will join the likes of South Africa, defending champions Zambia and guest nations Egypt and Uganda in the 12 team championships to be hosted

in the Zambian city of Kitwe. The Mandla 'Sitofu' Dlamini's side will know their group opponents later today after a draw to be held in Johannesburg.

Matsapha United to launch branch at Buhleni

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCKER - PREMIER League rookies Matsapha United will visit Northern Hhohho town Buhleni on Saturday to launch a supporters' branch in that area.

The club will host a roadshow, starting at 10 am with other activities set to take place including prize giveaways.

This was confirmed by the club's CEO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini.

"We will launch a supporters' branch at Buhleni on Saturday and then a supporters committee will be elected into office. We will have a roadshow where we will have a deejay on the decks and will also be giving away prizes like replicas, hats and scarves to our supporters," he said.

Dlamini said the club would take all of its first team stars along, including the likes of former Sihlangu captain Dennis 'Yuki' Masina and club captain Vusumuzi Zungu.

"We will then have two matches at Fontoshe Sports Ground. The first one will be between Gree Social and Buhleni Social at 1pm and then at 3pm there will be a match between Horospinners



and Ntabezimpisi Swallows.

The team will watch both matches and then after that have a braai that has been organised by the supporters themselves," Dlamini added.

The club's Marketing Manager Celeste Ferreira appealed to the people of Buhleni to come out in numbers on Saturday.

"Our supporters in Buhleni have been

pushing hard for us to come, so we are taking advantage of the current FIFA week to go there. We would like to appeal to the people of Buhleni to come out in numbers to support us," she said.

Matsapha's visit to Buhleni comes after a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Moneni Pirates in the MTN Premier League this past Saturday.

'BUCS' BIG INDABA ON SATURDAY

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER – MONENI Pirates have invited their supporters to a vusela exercise where they will review, amongst other, things the MTN League first round.

The meeting will be held at the Shosholozo Centre in Manzini on Saturday, starting at 2pm.

Interviewed yesterday, the team's PRO Thamie Dlamini urged the supporters to attend the meeting without fail as there would be other important matters to be discussed on the day.

"This meeting is very important and that is why we are inviting every person who calls themselves supporters of the team not to miss it. We need to review the first round and see what needs to be done going forward.

"We believe we need to work together with our supporters as they need to know what is happening in the team," he said.

He said another issue would be that of the constitution to govern supporters in the team.

"The reason we want supporters not to miss this meeting is so that they can get first hand information.

This will avoid situations where those who were not present get information that isn't true. The constitution will also make sure that our supporters refrain from causing unnecessary fines after league games," he said.



TZD athlete shines in Kaapsehoop Marathon

By Qondile Ntiwane

ATHLETES – TZD Athletics Club athlete Kalulu Mdlovu hoisted the country's flag high after finishing in position five in the Kapseehoop Marathon.

The race was the athlete's maiden race in the international scene since the formation of their club about five month ago.

The 20-year-old clocked 1:14 hours during the 21.1km of the race, which also serves as qualifiers for the Two Oceans and Comrades Marathons.

Interviewed yesterday TZD Director Zakhele Dlamini said they were very proud of the athletes as he represented both the club and country well during the game. "This is a great achievement for the athletes and the club which has just been formed. He did well in the Buy Cash marathon which was his first ever and he finished in his first international

race. He is really talented and we are really excited," he said.

Dlamini however noted that the athletes would not compete in any of the South African Marathon as their main objection was to have them develop as athletes.

"He is still a young athlete and is new in international races.

The priority is for them to develop in this career and also give them exposure before they go big," he said. He then expressed gratitude to all their stakeholders that have contributed towards the success of the athletes affiliated to the club.

"We really appreciate the support from Mphundle High School headteacher and the teachers for their understanding as we try and groom these athletes.

Sports and Council Chairman Lolo Mthethwa and sprinter 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa are amongst others that have come to motivate the youngster and we appreciate those efforts," he said.

WCQ FIXTURES

2018 Africa WC Qual | FIXTURES

Tomorrow			
South Africa	v	Senegal	19:00
Algeria	v	Nigeria	22:30

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Zambia	v	Cameroon	15:00
Gabon	v	Mali	17:30
Tunisia	v	Libya	20:30
DR Congo	v	Guinea	20:30
Cote d'Ivoire	v	Morocco	21:30

2018 World Cup Qualifiers - Europe

Tonight			
Croatia	v	Greece	21:45
Northern Ireland	v	Switzerland	21:45

Sihlangu struggle to find opponents

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - SIHLANGU'S next opponents in an official match, Tunisia, are on the brink of World Cup qualification while the local national side is still without opponents for this November's FIFA week.

Fresh from being named as the best Sports Association in the country and its CEO Frederick Mngomezulu named the best Sports Administrator during the National Sports Awards; the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) has still not found friendly match opponents for Sihlangu despite players already being in camp.

They also failed to get a friendly for the national team during the recent FIFA week where PLS COO Pat Vilakati lied that Sihlangu will be playing against Mozambique, but only for the FA to come up and say they knew nothing about a friendly.

Mngomezulu said they were shocked to learn about a friendly in the newspapers.

Sihlangu and Tunisia will meet when the 2019 AFCON qualifiers resume on March 23 next year.

With one match played in Group J, the Tunisians sit top after beating Egypt 1-0 in the first round of matches in June earlier this year while Sihlangu commendably held Niger to a goalless draw.

Preparations for that match in March 2018 are seemingly not going well for Sihlangu. With the national team long eliminated from the 2018 World Cup qualifiers, Pieter de Jongh's side last played a match in a CHAN qualifier against Zambia in July. Sihlangu lost that match 3-0.

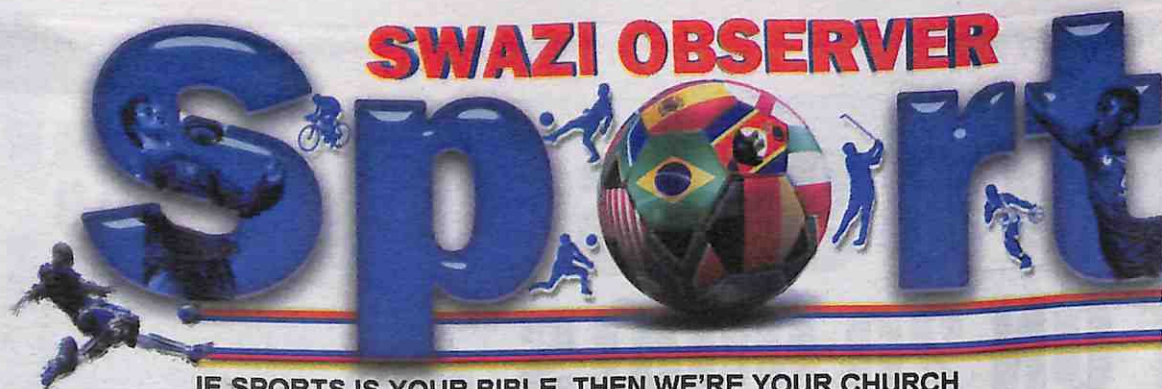
The national team didn't have any opponents for both the September and October FIFA weeks with players only assembling for training.

When reached for comment yesterday afternoon, NFAS Communications Officer Muzi Radebe could not confirm any friendly opponents for Sihlangu.

"When there is something official you [media] will be notified. For now, there is no official correspondence that has reached my office," he said.

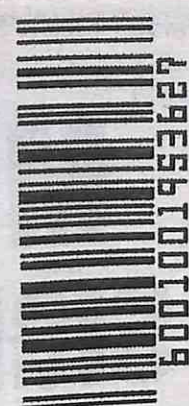
Tunisia will qualify for the 2018 FIFA World Cup if they avoid defeat against already eliminated Libya at home in their Group A qualifier on Saturday.

The Tunisians have 13 points after five matches in the group. Nearest challengers DR Congo, who face another eliminated side Guinea in the other final group match, are three points adrift. Tunisia need at least a point to secure their place at next year's World Cup.



IF SPORTS IS YOUR BIBLE, THEN WE'RE YOUR CHURCH

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'Professor' is new 'Bull' coach

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - CAPITAL city side Mbabane Highlanders have appointed Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane as their new head coach.

The former Maritzburg United coach has beaten ex-Highlanders Malawian mentor Meck Mwase, who was linked with a move back to the black and white ensemble. Ngubane is said to be have been offered a two-year contract and a lucrative E20 000 salary.

He will be officially announced to the team's fans tomorrow afternoon.

Ngubane will take charge of the 'Black Bull's' fortunes with immediate effect and will set about readying

the team for next weekend's MTN Premier League with Moneni Pirates.

'Professor' takes over from Alous Badara, who resigned last week with coach Dumisa '2010' Dlamini assisting the club in a caretaker capacity during their 1-0 win against Manzini Sundowns over the past weekend.

Developments

Mbabane Highlanders head of Secretariat Mphumlelo Mnisi confirmed the developments when contacted yesterday.

"It is true that Mlungisi Ngubane is our new coach and he will be officially announced tomorrow," Mnisi said.

"We feel we have found the perfect

candidate for the position, due to his vast experience, and the footballing philosophy he employs. We are confident Ngubane will lead the club in the direction we want to be going - challenging for honours."

The CAF license A holder is expected to lead the 'Black Bull' to a respectable position in the MTN Premier League, finals of the SwaziBank Cup and the semifinals of the Ingwenyama Cup.

The Durban-born Ngubane has previously coached at Thanda Royal Zulu, Nathi Lions, Golden Arrows, Chippa United, Maritzburg United, Black Leopards and Durban Bush Bucks, where he was a legend in his

own playing days.

He comes with valuable experience and will add value to the team.

Ngubane has also enjoyed stints in charge of the Namibia national team.

NEW VENTURE:
Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane



'DOWNS WANT 'BULL' GAME REPLAYED!

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MANZINI Sundowns want their controversial match against Mbabane Highlanders replayed.

Recently, world football governing body FIFA ordered a replay of a 2019 FIFA World Cup qualifier between South Africa and Senegal. This was after the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) upheld FIFA's decision to hand referee Joseph Lamptey a lifetime ban from all football related activities after finding that Lamptey had manipulated the result of the match. South Africa had won the match 2-1 in November last year.

With the replay of that match slated for tomorrow, it seems as though Sundowns have been inspired by FIFA's decision. Highlanders beat Sundowns 1-0 in the MTN Premier League match played at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday afternoon. Highlanders' goal, scored by captain Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze, was a controversial one.

Sundowns' young goalkeeper Lwethu Simelane looked to have been obstructed and pushed by Sibandze before the ball fell at the feet of the Highlanders captain, who slotted home and referee Theminkhosi Dlamini pointed to the centre circle to award the goal.

- They feel they were cheated by the referee
- Team has already written a letter to the PLS
- The 'Kappa Boys' lost 0-1 last Sunday



PROTESTING: Sundowns goalkeeper protesting after Highlanders scored their goal. Sundowns have since asked for the match against 'Bull' to be replayed

Now, the Manzini side, through Managing Director (MD) Mark Camichael, has written to the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) demanding that the result be overturned and the match replayed.

Allowed

"It is an assertion by Manzini Sundowns Football Club that the goal scored by Mbabane Highlanders Football Club should not have been allowed to stand.

It is Manzini Sundowns Football

Club's prayer that the PLS investigates the above incidents and renders the outcome of the game null and void and also orders a replay," Sundowns wrote in the letter directed to the PLS. Sundowns' grievances do not end there with the club further claiming that they were denied a 'clear' penalty in the match and that three yellow cards received by their players were unwarranted. "Sundowns were also denied a clear penalty a few minutes into the

second half of the game when Highlanders defender Mncedisi Dlamini handled the ball inside the penalty area. Sundowns are also convinced that the yellow cards issued to three of its players; Sandumuzi Zwane, Phumlani Ngwenya and Justice Figareido were harsh and the infringements did not necessarily warrant cautions of this magnitude," reads part of the letter.

Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa confirmed the club's letter.

"I do confirm that a letter of complaint was written to the PLS with regards to the Highlanders game. This was after the Sundowns MC had read and analysed the coach's reports on the game," he said.

PLS COO Pat Vilakati said the organisation had not yet received the letter when reached for comment yesterday. "We haven't received the letter you are referring to. Let us wait until we receive it," he said.

In the aftermath of the match on Sunday, Sundowns coach Ernest Mavuso expressed his disappointment with the match officials. "I am not happy with the officiating of the day after Highlanders were handed a controversial goal where our goalkeeper Lwethu Simelane was not protected following an infringement by the opposition striker Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze," Mavuso told journalists.