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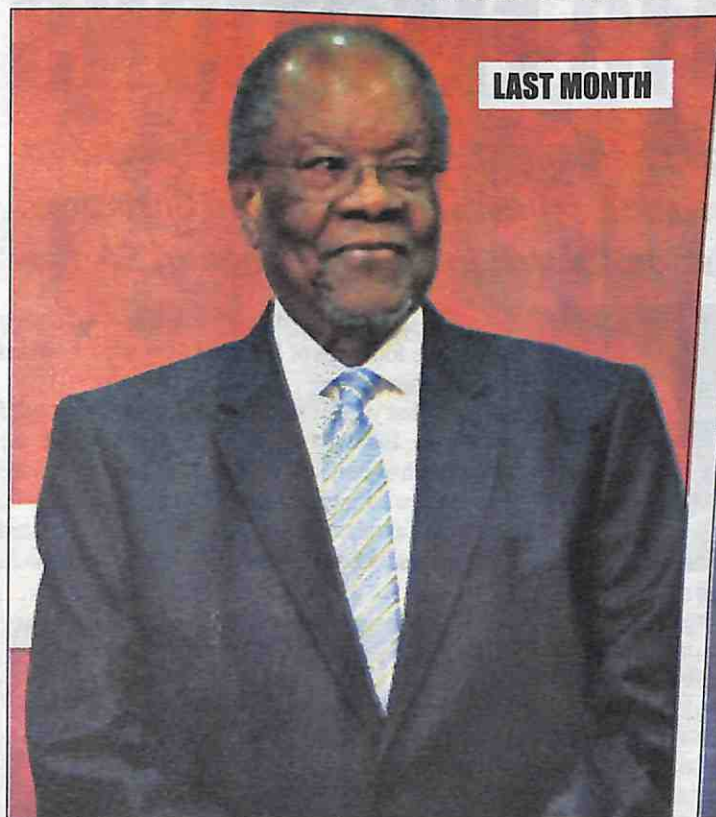
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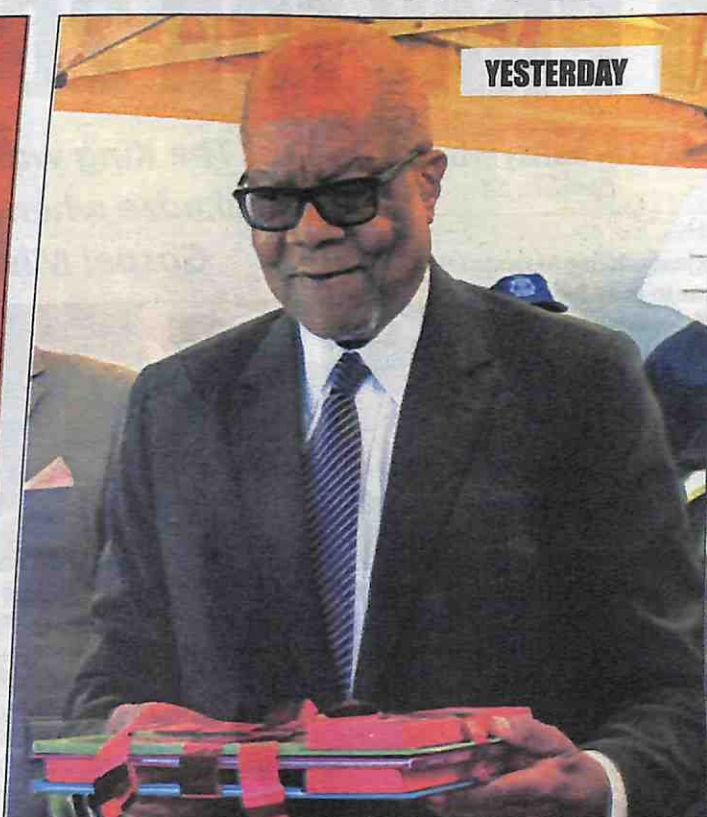
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## THE PRIME MINISTER'S CHANGING FACES



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**CHANGING FACES:** Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini clearly had a date with his barber who gave him this new interesting look. He rocked up with the new look yesterday when officially handing over seven newly constructed classrooms to teachers and pupils at Endlalani Primary in Macudvulwini. Could this be a sign that he has found new love? He once remarked that keeping his mustache meant he was still looking for love. (Pic: Gugu Simelane)

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## APOLOGY

In our yesterday's edition in the story under the headline 'fingerprints scandal stressing Isaac' we erroneously reported that the National Commissioner

of Police Isaac Magagula was stressed by the fingerprints scandal in particular. It has since been brought to our attention that the NATCOM never said such dur-

ing the prayer service. If anything, the NATCOM said he was stressed by police making newspaper headlines for all the wrong reasons and urged Christians to

pray for the service. We would like to unreservedly apologise to the NATCOM and all concerned for the regrettable error.  
**Ombudsman**

## Bishop full of praise for Their Majesties

**LEADER** of the Christian Gospel Mission Church in Zion in Pongola, South Africa, Arch Bishop Busisiwe Mvelase thanked Their Majesties for the support they give to her church.

Bishop Mvelase who is also Deputy Mayor of Pongola succeeded her late father Israel Bhengeli Linda to be the leader of the church which also has branches in Swaziland.

She said Swaziland to her was also home. She said Their Majesties were contributing to the church's success and mentioned that she was humbled by the support.

The church had an all night service over the weekend. It is an annual service staged at this time of the year where Their Majesties are represented.

This year, Their Majesties were represented by Indvuna Lusendvo Fakudze.

The service started on Friday evening and ended on Sunday morning.

"On Easters we travel to Swaziland where I am warmly received by the members. It is gratifying that each time we have services like this one here, royalty is represented," said Bishop Mvelase.

The Bishop said her church and Swaziland have a long history of friendship.

She said her father was a close friend of King Sobhuza II. She said her father had developed a bond with King Sobhuza II such that he made it a point that he participated in activities taking place within the royal household.

"I follow all my father's way of doing things, including his love for Swaziland. I am continuing with his legacy hence I always invite royalty during such services," said Bishop Mvelase.

She said she was now considering herself a man because of the leadership role where a number of the branches were headed by men.

Bishop Mvelase said the church's branches are over 30 with the majority of them being those in Swaziland.

Others who formed part of the delegation from Swaziland led by Fakudze were Bishop Paulos Malaza as well as SDZ Mthethwa of the 'Amen fame!'

## KING URGES CHRISTIANS TO PRAY FOR 2018 ELECTIONS

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Pongola, SA

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III has urged Christians to pray for the 2018 national elections.**

The King was speaking through Indvuna Lusendvo Fakudze when addressing members of the Christian Gospel Mission Church in Zion in Pongola in South Africa.

The King said through prayer, the 2018 elections would proceed smoothly.

Fakudze was representing Their Majesties during an all night prayer for the church whose leader is Arch Bishop Busisiwe Mvelase who is also Deputy Mayor at Pongola.

There were at least over 600 members of the church who were part of the service which is held annually where royalty is represented.

Fakudze said it has become a norm each time when there are elections that a number of incidences occur including the disappearance of people especially children.

He said it was during elections time where you hear of people having been murdered and warned anyone engaged in such evil that he or she would account for that during judgment day in heaven. He said Christians should call God and request Him to touch the hearts of all evil doers to repent.

"As we are heading for elections, we should seek God's guidance and all those who think of doing something bad, should just repent. We know what happens during elections. People disappear and I urge Christians to pray for this not to happen," said Fakudze.

## Commissioning

Fakudze said the commissioning of a Swazi delegation by Their Majesties to join the members of Arch Bishop Mvelase's church was an indication of the relationship they have with the church. He said Their Majesties were God fearing leaders and Swazis were a fortunate nation to have leadership relying on the Almighty.

"We have all been asked to come and worship

... The King was speaking through Indvuna Lusendvo Fakudze when addressing members of the Christian Gospel Mission Church in Zion in Pongola, SA



**PRAY FOR ELECTIONS: His Majesty's representative Indvuna Lusendvo Fakudze.**

with you by His Majesty and the Queen Mother," said Fakudze.

Fakudze said he was spiritually satisfied from all the scriptures that were read during the service. He said it was not his first time being part of the service but this year, what he heard was different from the previous times he attended the service.

## Scriptures

"I feel something different this year. I am now used to attending this service but I feel so much blessed this time around. God has been speaking through the people who shared from the scriptures," said Fakudze.

Fakudze said the trip to Pongola from Swaziland should not be considered as an ordinary journey since it was meant for a serious purpose.

"We are not holidaying here. It's God's assignment which has brought us to be part of this service. Our leaders back in Swaziland have sent us to join you in praying for peace," said Fakudze.

Fakudze also reminded everyone about the importance of always being alert as all people have a journey to travel.

He said people should know that being on earth is the same as being at a bus stop. He said it was important for everyone not to forget to gear up for their next journey. Fakudze applauded Arch Bishop Mvelase for being a strong woman and believer in Christ just like her father Israel Linda who also had befriended Swazis.

He said Arch Bishop Mvelase was following in the footsteps of her late father who founded the church.

"What you are doing is what your father used to do. He wanted the bond we had with the church to remain strong and it is pleasing to see you are taking over from where he left off," he said. Fakudze presented calendars which he said were gifts from Their Majesties for the church.

## Bishop whips noisy and misbehaving members

**BISHOP Benjamin Dladla of the Christian Gospel Mission Church in Zion in Pongola literally beat members of the church who were misbehaving during the all night prayer.**

Bishop Dladla, a loyal servant to Arch Bishop Busisiwe Mvelase and second in command in the church whipped members with the stick that Zionists carry whenever they are worshipping.

The Bishop who wields influence in the church was the main programme director during the service where royalty was represented. With him having made the event lively from the time it started until it finished, Bishop Dladla was the centre of attraction as he did not hesitate to discipline members of the church who he felt were not showing any respect.

## Expecting

One of the youth members did not believe it when Bishop Dladla came straight for him and when everyone was expecting that he was to order him to keep quiet, he whipped him unexpectedly on the head. Others had to block the stick when Bishop Dladla was seen charging like an enraged bull.

Arch Bishop Mvelase said what she liked about Bishop Dladla was that he takes instructions. She said having Bishop Dladla in the forefront also makes her work as a leader easier.

## Influence

"As much as Bishop Dladla wields so much influence, what I like about him is that he always consults. He does not do things without alerting me. He knows who the leader is despite that I am a woman, he knows that before doing anything, he has to consult.

"We have men who undermine women in leadership and this is not good. Let's respect each other and we should be supportive to each other," said Arch Bishop Mvelase.

## ARCH BISHOP A STRONG BELIEVER IN DISCIPLINE

**BISHOP Busisiwe Mvelase wants all leaders of the branches of her church to have straight partners who should be known to church members.**

The leader of the Christian Gospel Mission Church in Zion in Pongola proved how she wanted things done right when some new leaders of the branches of her church were anointed during the all night prayer held over the weekend.

A handful of leaders from various branches were announced and were officially anointed.

When calling the names of those elevated to

different positions, they were called together with their wives to also come up front to be prayed for as well.

There were those announced as having been promoted but their wives were not present. It was then when the Bishop was heard issuing a stern warning that her church wanted all leaders to lead straight lives to be copied by the members.

"I am not happy with this arrangement. You are supposed to be with your partners who should also be receiving anointing. It's not a good thing at all. We should know your part-

ners and in this case, I mean your wives. We should know your wives as this church does not condone a situation where next time we are introduced to people we do not know. In fact, we should not be anointing all those that have not brought their wives," said Bishop Mvelase.

The Bishop also talked about unity in the church saying there was no way a church can progress if the members are divided. She said differences between the members as well as leadership should not happen in churches.

"Cracks experienced in churches means their downfall. We have others who plant seeds of division in the church. Others leave to start their own churches even when they know they can't cope. We have those that are jealous of others' success. We also have leaders who give glory to the leaders of the church when glory should be directed to God," said Bishop Mvelase.



## TAX SHOCKER:

# 14 PER CENT VAT ON ALL MEDICINES

● All medicines (irrespective of the schedule) sold on production of a valid prescription will attract VAT at 0 per cent and when there is no prescription will attract VAT at the standard 14 per cent

## COVER STORY

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

## IS the public being taxed to the bone?

Members of the public are in for a shocking tax regime.

They will now be expected to pay the dreaded value added tax (VAT) on any medication they buy without a prescription from their respective doctors.

To avoid the 14 per cent VAT, the public is expected to go via their doctors where they will inevitably be expected to pay consultation fees to get a prescription. Failure to get a doctor's prescription, members of the public will be made to pay VAT when purchasing medicines over the counter at pharmacies.

This follows a decision by the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) to effect standard VAT on all medicines despite their schedule.

According to a notice that

pharmacies have put up in their respective outlets, the 14 per cent VAT on all medications is paid in the event one failed to produce a prescription from a registered doctor.

It further states that medicines bought upon producing a prescription will attract zero per cent VAT.

The new regulation by the SRA is an amendment of an old one that allowed people to buy medicines falling under schedules 0-2 without prescription and still not attract VAT.

The medicines which fall under these schedules include aspirin, cough medicines and antibiotics.

The new one states that regardless of the schedule that the medicines fall under, it will attract VAT in the event the buyer fails to produce a prescription to the pharmacist.

## Effect

A notice which is a communication amongst all stakeholders states that the VAT (Amendment of Schedule) Notice of 2016 came into effect on April 1, 2017.

"All medicines (irrespective of the schedule) sold on production of a valid prescription will attract VAT at 0 per cent and when there is no prescription will attract VAT at the standard 14 per cent," reads the notice.

Information gathered from sources within the medical fraternity is that this move by the SRA has left the fraternity divided, with some welcoming the move and others feeling it will handicap the pharmacy business as more and more will rather go see their doctors than visit pharmacies.

## BELOW IS A TABLE SHOWING THE MEDICINE SCHEDULES

Medicine schedule	Where is it available and what do you need to know?	Example
Schedule 0	On the shelf at a general shop	Simple analgesics like aspirin
Schedule 1	Over the counter at a pharmacy. A sale record must be kept.	Antibacterial and antifungal skin creams
Schedule 2	Over the counter at a pharmacy. A sale record must be kept.	Cough and cold preparations
Schedule 3	Prescription only; available from the pharmacy dispensary - can be repeated for 6 months.	Medicines for hypertension and diabetes
Schedule 4	Prescription only; available from the pharmacy dispensary - can be repeated for 6 months.	Anti-infectives like antibiotics and antivirals
Schedule 5	Prescription only; available from the pharmacy dispensary - repeats stipulated.	Psycho-active medicines like sedatives and anti-depressants
Schedule 6	Prescription only; available from the pharmacy dispensary	Narcotic painkillers
Schedule 7	Controlled substances	Drugs like cannabis and heroin
Schedule 8	Strictly controlled substances	Amphetamine, dexamphetamine and nabilone

## DBSA to participate in energy investment forum workshop

By Mangoba Makhubu  
Mbabane

THE Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) will be amongst the participants of the high-level Ministerial Resource Mobilisation Workshop and Energy Investment Forum to be held at the Royal Swazi Spa in Ezulwini.

The workshop whose objective is to forge practical and sustainable solutions capable of addressing the power deficit in the region and attracting investment into the region's energy infrastructure will run from tomorrow and end on Thursday.

In a communiqué issued by the bank, the DBSA said it will be participating in the forum in its capacity as fund manager and implementer of the Southern African Development

Community (SADC) Project Preparation Development Fund.

The fund is responsible for preparing sustainable infrastructure in the SADC region.

## Committed

"The DBSA is honoured to be participating in this forum as the objectives are aligned to our mandate as a leading development finance institution in the region committed to delivering infrastructure projects on the continent. We believe that the forum will facilitate the exchange of ideas on addressing the energy challenges in the region," said DBSA General Manager for Project Preparation Mohale Rakgate.

The DBSA said since 2013, more than 60 per cent of African infrastructure investment has gone into energy projects.

However, the bank said Sub-Saharan

Africa still experiences low levels of electrification which hinders economic growth and development, with 78 per cent of the population relying on biomass.

In 2016 SADC held its 36th Summit in the country themed, 'Resource Mobilisation for Investment in Sustainable Energy Infrastructure for an Inclusive SADC Industrialisation and for the Prosperity of the Region.'

In order to operationalise this theme, the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government in March 2017 endorsed the convening of a High-Level Ministerial Workshop and Regional Investment Conference on Regional Energy Projects to showcase investment opportunities in the energy sector, focusing on specific flagship projects.

Projects and new funding initiatives for energy projects will be presented by SADC government departments and agencies, multi-lateral banks, development finance institutions, project owners and developers.

## New drugs needed to treat Gonorrhoea

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

IF new drugs to treat gonorrhoea are not found fast, the disease might become one impossible to treat.

Gonorrhoea is one of the diseases that are contracted through sexual intercourse.

It is one of the diseases referred to as sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Gonorrhoea can infect the genitals, rectum, and throat. Complications of gonorrhoea disproportionately affect women, including pelvic inflammatory disease, ectopic pregnancy and infertility, as well as an increased risk of HIV.

Decreasing condom use, increased urbanisation and travel, poor infection detection rates, and inadequate or failed treatment all contribute to this increase.

It is estimated that 78 million people in each year are infected by this disease, worldwide.

In a statement sent to this newspaper by the local office of the World Health Organisation (WHO), Dr Teodora Wi, who is a Medical and Human Reproduction Officer, said the bacteria that cause gonorrhoea had a tendency of evolving to be resistant against medication that was used to treat them.

"The bacteria which causes gonorrhoea are particularly smart. Every time we use a new class of antibiotics to treat the infection, the bacteria evolve to resist them," Dr Wi said.

WHO reports widespread resistance to older and cheaper antibiotics. Some countries - particular-

ly high-income ones, where surveillance is best - are finding cases of the infection that are untreatable by all known antibiotics.

"These cases may just be the tip of the iceberg, since systems to diagnose and report untreatable infections are lacking in lower-income countries where gonorrhoea is actually more common," adds Dr Wi.

The development of new antibiotics, according to the medical practitioner, is not very attractive for commercial pharmaceutical companies.

Treatments are taken only for short periods of time (unlike medicines for chronic diseases) and they become less effective as resistance develops, meaning that the supply of new drugs constantly needs to be replenished.

"The research and development pipeline for gonorrhoea is relatively empty, with only three new candidate drugs in various stages of clinical development: solithromycin, for which a phase three trial has recently been completed; zoliflodacin, which has completed a phase two trial; and gepotidacin, which has also completed a phase two trial," she said.

Dr Wi said gonorrhoea could be prevented through safer sexual behaviour, in particular consistent and correct condom use. Information, education, and communication could promote and enable safer sex practices, improve people's ability to recognise the symptoms of gonorrhoea and other sexually transmitted infections, and increase the likelihood they would seek care.

She urged people to ensure they exercised extreme caution to prevent the spread of the disease.

## BEWARNED; FOUR LIONS ESCAPE FROM KRUGER

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

FOUR lions escaped from South Africa's Kruger National Park, in a second case in as many months.

According to the Online Mirror newspaper, the male lions were seen late on Sunday a few kilometers from the park in Matsulu village, according to the national authority overseeing it.

But authorities were still investigating how the lions got out of the park.

Residents in the area are being asked to be vigilant.

However, the incident is the second case in as many months after five lions escaped in May.

Swazis should be worried because in the past escaped lions ventured

into the country.

SANParks Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Johannes Nobu-nga said: "We urge the communities to be alert and inform us of any sightings."

## Challenges

"The terrain in which the search is being conducted poses some challenges for the team."

However, he said they will continue to work with farm owners and

the community in the area to provide them with any information that will assist with this operation.

SANParks spokesman

William Mabasa told the website that rangers were still searching for the lions. He said they were being helped by police and rangers with the Tourism and Parks Agency of Mpumalanga province.





# 'BIG FISH' LIVES UP TO HIS PROMISE

● He had pledged that part of the proceeds from the show would also be donated to charity and he indeed owned up to that promise and donated to the two Neighborhood Care Points at Lobamba and Lobamba Lomdzala.

Stories by Simon Shabangu  
Lobamba

**GOSPEL Artist Sipho Makhabane donated food items worth over E30 000 to two charity organisations under Lobamba Inkhundla.**

Makhabane made the donation from proceeds of the recently held Mpumalanga Praise Night of Revival show which was held at Mavuso Exhibition and Trade centre.

He had pledged that part of the proceeds from the show would also be donated to charity and he indeed owned up to that promise and donated to the two Neighborhood Care

Points at Lobamba and Lobamba Lomdzala. Valley Charity Organisation led by Nonhlanhla Dlodlu and Children World Charity Organisation at Lobamba Lomdzala led by Mhlophe Mhlanga were both beneficiaries of the donation.

## Hampers

The food hampers include 30x 50kg mealie bags, 18 packets of sugar, 30 packets of beans, and cooking oil and four soup bags which were divided into two to benefit both NCPs. Makhabane said the donation was an appreciation of the support from the Swazi nation who came in their numbers for the first annual Mpumalanga Praise Revival

show.

"As promised we are here to present the donation which will benefit the vulnerable children who are the future generation of the country. We are aware of the many challenges faced by the children in their different homesteads with most of them having lost their parents. In the midst of the challenges it is also disturbing that some of the children are being abused by the people who are supposed to be their protectors.

I urge the nation to ensure that children are protected at all times because once a child is abused they get traumatised and even fail to perform well at school," he added.

Makhabane thanked companies especially VOC and Tee and Jay for their support during the show and hopes that the partnership will continue to grow.

He said the show was for the Swazi nation and their support proved that they embraced it and would continue to support the initiative.

Dlodlu speaking on behalf of the recipients thanked Makhabane and the partnering companies for the donation stating that it will help them in feeding the children. She said her NCP cares for about 120 children including those who are in primary and high school levels who come for meals after school.

## Gilgal family also receives assistance

**ALSO benefiting from the generosity of the gospel artist who is not new to giving back was a family from Gilgal that was also blessed with three bags of mealie meal, cooking oil, sugar and soup from the artist.**

Relating the story of the family, Makhabane said he received a call from another child who is a neighbour seeking assistance on behalf

of the family. "I was touched to hear a child pleading for assistance on behalf of neighbours. I was moved by the fact that this child was a caring child who is concerned by the plight of others. This is the true spirit of love thy neighbour which we must encourage as a nation. This child got my contacts from the radio, kept them, using them during the time of need

to solicit assistance on behalf of their neighbour," he said.

Sibhekile Shongwe a Form Four pupil at Gilgal called Makhabane to assist the family of Nothando Mhlanga who is doing Form Three at the same school.

The family of five children stays with their elderly grandfather who also has nothing at hand to assist the children.

Nothando said they relied on food donations from ACAT but since food distribution ended they were 'left in the cold' because the elderly man has no source of income since all their parents died a while ago. "We are grateful to Makhabane for the assistance because on Monday we cooked the last portion of the food we had and were left with nothing else. This will last us for sometime. I would also like to thank my friend who sourced the help for us," she said.

**SPIRIT OF GIVING: Makhabane presenting a donation to Sibhekile Shongwe who sourced the donation on behalf Nothando Mhlanga and family.**



**KIND GESTURE: Gospel Artist Sipho Makhabane joined by Mhlophe Mhlanga and Nonhlanhla Dlodlu and the children during the donation of food hampers at Valley Charity Organisation at Lobamba yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)**



**THANK YOU: Nonhlanhla Dlodlu passing a vote of thanks to Makhabane after the donation while Mhlophe Mhlanga looks on.**



**REMARKS: Valley Charity Organisation founder Nonhlanhla Dlodlu making her remarks.**



**ENJOYING A MEAL: Makhabane joined by Nonhlanhla Dlodlu as he shared a light moment with the children after the donation.**



# PRINCE MSHENGU APPOINTS COP AS INDVUNA 12 YEARS LATER

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**PRINCE Mshengu of Macetjeni has been installed as the new headman (Indvuna).**

Prince Mshengu is son to the late Prince Maguga.

This happened this past Saturday and present during the ceremony was Minister of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile.

The event was attended by community members and traditional leaders clad in traditional attire.

Prince Mshengu announced that Siphon Mamba will be the new headman. He said the area had been without an Indvuna for almost 12 years.

"The other Indvuna died 12 years ago and ever since then there had been an acting headman," he said.

The new headman is a police officer by profession.

According to Prince Mshengu he needs a productive leader who will

**The other Indvuna died 12 years ago and ever since then there has been an acting headman**



**ATTENDEES:** Also present during the announcement of the new Indvuna was Princess Tsandzile who is an elder of the family.

be able to solve problems in an intelligent way.

"The community has a large population and an intelligent headman could pave the way for development,"

he added. He appealed to the newly installed headman to work in collaboration with the community members. "Peace is all we need in this area. He encouraged the new headman to

work hard and warned him of the danger of abusing power.

Thanking the Chief was Mfanelwa Tsabedze a resident of Macetjeni. He thanked the chief for appointing an



**NEW ROLE:** New Indvuna of Macetjeni area Siphon Mamba after he was introduced to the community.

intelligent man like Mamba. "Mamba is a hardworking and intelligent man," he said.

By Sandile Nkambule

**Appealing against a 32-year sentence given to him by the High Court, a convict was yesterday shocked when his legal representative failed to show up at the Supreme Court.**

Convicted of attempted murder, rape, robbery and illegal possession of arms and ammunition, Boy Mchumanisi Mkhathwa left the court dejected after Supreme Court Judges struck his matter off the court roll due to the none appearance of his defence attorney.

Mkhathwa told the full bench comprising Justices Phesheya Dlamini, Jacobus Annandale and Stanley Maphalala that he had instructed lawyer Thabo Fakudze who even visited him at the Correctional facility and had come to court knowing that he would be represented.

The court however noted from the records that the Registrar, Crown, Correctional Services nor the Court, was aware that he would be represented in the appeal.

Judge Dlamini told the convict that

the court had no option but to strike off the matter from the roll and that due to the seriousness of the offences he was convicted of, he has a right to legal representation hence he will have to solicit the services of another attorney should the one he has eventually fails to represent him.

## Puts

Judge Dlamini stated that the matter would be reinstated after Mkhathwa puts his house in order with the relevant court papers including the bundle of authorities, which must be

filed in court.

The Crown represented by Principal Crown Counsel Lomvula Hlophe was ready to proceed with the matter but when the court asked Mkhathwa if he could proceed without legal representation, he elected to seek the services of a lawyer in the matter.

"My lord I came here knowing that I would find my lawyer but am shocked that he is not present as I had given him instruction when he came to see me in prison, however I still insist that I need legal representation in my

appeal," Mkhathwa said.

Mkhathwa is currently serving a cumulative 32-year sentence for a string of heinous crimes that include amongst others, attempted murder, two rape offences, robbery and illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

He was convicted and sentenced by High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe and is now appealing against the sentence. The appeal might be reinstated in the next session of the Supreme Court.

## COPS DESTROY 142 GUNS

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Matsapha

**THE Royal Swaziland Police destroyed 142 illegal and unnecessary firearms at the Police College yesterday.**

The exercise was carried out as an event to commemorate the United Nations (UN) Firearms Destruction Day, which is commemorated July 9 annually.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said guns are destroyed worldwide on this day as it was initiated by the UN in efforts to minimise the number of illegal or unnecessary guns.

Guns that were destroyed



**IT ENDS HERE:** The machine used by the police to destroy the guns..

included old ones, those that were found as exhibits and those that legitimate owners needed no more.

"The 9th of July is the day in which the world decided that illegal guns and ammunition be destroyed, but that

does not necessarily mean that we wait for that day to destroy firearms, if there are too many of them, they are destroyed," said Vilakati.

She further highlighted that guns that are usually destroyed by the service are those that



**SILENCED:** Police officials posing with some of the 142 guns that were destroyed Police College in Matsapha yesterday. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)

have been retrieved from criminal offenders and those whose owners feel have no use for them anymore.

She advised the public to bring forth guns they may possess whether illegal or not.

She pointed out that even the legal firearm poses a danger if not put in a safe place. Moreover, people with family guns, should take extra care of it and if the owner has passed on, it should be surrendered to the police.



## 6 NATIONAL NEWS

# MINISTER 'BUY CASH' TESTIFIES IN MAKHUBU FRAUD CASE

By Phesheya Kunene  
High Court

**MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza, who is the director of Buy Cash Hardware, appeared in court to give evidence in the on-going trial of former Mhlatane High principal Simeon Makhubu.**

Mabuza said as a company they were still shocked Mhlatane High had not settled its debt of E20 000. He said they were bemused and concerned that the debt which was accumulated in 2012 had still not been settled by the school even though a company known as M&Q Services collected goods amounting to E20 299.25 on the basis that the school would foot the bill.

Mabuza, who is one of the state witnesses paraded by the crown, further revealed that the relationship between Buy Cash Hardware and Mhlatane High dates back before the fraud scandal came to light. He said the director of M & Q Services Qhawe Nxumalo once approached the hardware with the hope of starting a business relationship with them but they rejected him.

"We only had a relationship with the school and not M & Q Services and when Nxumalo came to request that M & Q Services open a credit facility we refused and only accepted a deal after he came back with a letter from the school confirming that the school would foot the bill of chicken feed that would not exceed E20 000," he said.

Mabuza was referring to a letter written by former Mhlatane High Simeon Makhubu, whereby he requested the hardware to allow the company to take only chicken feed. The letter was par-



**WITNESS: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza.**

ed before court as it was marked as an exhibit.

Furthermore, Mabuza revealed that the school also owed his company more money from previous business dealings and were told by the school that they would not get their payment due to the ongoing fraud court case involving the school's former headteacher and other business people who allegedly worked with the school.

Makhubu is alleged to have defrauded the school a sum of money amounting to over E1.6million. He is alleged to have used the money to spoil a bogus Inkhosikati who had promised him a job opportunity in Kuwait.

While being led in his evidence in

chief, Mabuza mentioned that the school told him a certain police officer, who is part of the investigating team, allegedly instructed the school not to pay his company until the fraud mess was over.

However, he said he was not sure if these allegations were true.

"All that I know is that we are still waiting for payment from the school," he said.

Moreover, it was revealed in court that M & Q Services used the credit facility opened by the school to purchase goods such as doors, paint and hummer yet the credit facility was specifically opened to buy chicken feed only.

"I did not see this when it was happening but I learnt about it recently when I doubled checked and I believe the company took advantage of the fact that Mhlatane opened the credit facility for them," he said.

He further mentioned that he only communicated with his managers about this arrangement not the whole staff.

"When Nxumalo came to buy the goods he would simply deal with one of our cashiers and he would be able to take other items because the arrangement was unknown to the cashiers," he added.

However, Makhubu's attorney Noncedo Ndlangamandla told the minister that he knew about Nxumalo taking other items besides the ones specified on the letter but kept quiet because he was going to be paid.

Mabuza denied this as he said Nxumalo would sometimes come when he was not in the office. He further said he knew that the Mhlatane was going to directly use the money meant to pay Nxumalo in settling the debt at the hardware.

## I warned Matsebula against shooting – co-accused

● Attempted murder co-accused tells court he advised Mefika Matsebula against shooting at anyone during land squabble at Nkhaba

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**CHARGED with attempted murder, an elderly man of Nkhaba yesterday told the court that he warned his co-accused against pointing a gun and shooting at anyone during a land dispute.**

Solomon Malambe, who took to the witness stand in his defence yesterday, told High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe that he was called by Mefika Matsebula to assist him as there were people from the Ngwenya family who were attacking him.

Malambe said he took his 12-bore shot gun and proceeded to Matsebula whom he advised that no one should be shot, but only carried the firearms to scare the attackers away.

However, Matsebula failed to heed the advice and Ngwenya was eventually shot and injured after an altercation had ensued.

Malambe said he was the one who personally called the police through his cellphone immediately after Matsebula had informed him of the alleged attack and that he again called the police after the shooting. He was giving his side of the story in the attempted murder case in which he and Matsebula allegedly shot at Simon Ngwenya with their 12-bore shot guns over a land dispute at Nkhaba.

The two are said to have ganged up against the Ngwenya family after Matsebula had illegally built his house at the Ngwenya homestead despite that the *umphakatsi* gave the land to the Ngwenya family. After having heard that Matsebula was constructing on land that was allocated to the Ngwenya family since time immemorial, Ngwenya who resides in Mbabane, proceeded to investigate and indeed found that Matsebula had constructed the house he was ordered to stop by *umphakatsi* but he alleged-

ly defied that order and continued to erect the structure.

It was then that Ngwenya and other family members removed the corrugated iron sheets from Matsebula's house and that is when an altercation ensued resulting in the near fatal shooting.

Matsebula is alleged to have ganged up with Malambe and both of them shot at Ngwenya who was injured in the process with windows to his car also shattered.

Police were called and Ngwenya was rushed to hospital while the two, Matsebula and Malambe, were arrested and charged for attempting to kill Ngwenya. The acting Headman Absalom Shabangu last week also gave evidence in court as he stated that he was called by Ngwenya who informed him that he had been shot by Matsebula and Malambe.

He further told the court that the land in question belonged to the Ngwenya family as they were allocated by the *umphakatsi* and not Matsebula.

Shabangu together with Jele an overseer (*sibondza*) for the community in which the Ngwenya family was allocated land, also had occasion to address Matsebula on the matter and was told that the land belonged to the Ngwenya family and further ordered to stop constructing his house there.

Matsebula in his defence argued that he was trying to save the lives of his children and wife as he feared that the corrugated iron sheets might have injured them when removed by the Ngwenya family. Two gun shots were fired during the confrontation and both firearms were used as a ballistic expert gave evidence to the effect that one of the empty cartridges matched one of the guns belonging to both Matsebula and Malambe.

The matter continues and both Matsebula and Malambe are conducting their own defense in the matter.

## Fingerprints legislation soon to be enacted to law

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**SWAZIS are now expected to breathe a sigh of relief as legislation addressing the issue of fingerprints is about to be enacted.**

Currently, the amendment of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act, 1938 is done by the House portfolio committee of the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs.

Stakeholders of the ministry are currently submitting their views concerning the fingerprints issue. The stakeholder submission is expected to be concluded on Friday. The public is currently encouraged to make its submissions on the issue.

Motshane Member of Parliament (MP) Phesheya Hlatshwayo was contacted by this newspaper to shed some light on the matter.

Hlatshwayo is a member of the portfolio committee and a former police officer. He was involved when police were sent by Police National Commissioner Isaac Magagula to research and find out if it would be fine for the Act to be amended on the fingerprints issue.

Hlatshwayo said Swazis of different kinds like business people and professionals did make submissions and



the response was positive. Hlatshwayo mentioned, as a matter of importance, that the law did not seek to outlaw the recording of fingerprints. But it was there to enable people to develop themselves.

"What is good about this whole issue is that Swazis saw the importance of recording fingerprints to curb criminal activities in the country. They submitted that fingerprints should not be deleted from the police system, but should not be used to prevent people from empowering themselves like educating themselves or getting employed," Hlatshwayo said.

The MP said according to the law, police would be obligated to clear a person of any criminal record if that person had not committed a crime after a certain period.

If a person had been convicted for a

year, for example, that person would have to stay for another year before he could be cleared. The clearance would only happen if no criminal activity would have been done by the said person.

Such a situation, according to the MP, would be determined by the number of years for which a person would have been convicted. The weight of the crime that would be committed by the person would also be taken into consideration.

Hlatshwayo said the situation would be much better that way because people who have decided not to commit a crime would be at an advantage. "The problem now is that even people who committed criminal activities 10 years ago can still be prevented by fingerprints to empower themselves. There is no reward for people who want to stop doing criminal activities," he said.

The legislator said there was no way in which fingerprints would be totally deleted from the police records. That could be suicidal because the rate of crime could escalate in the country.

The Act, after the submissions, will be tabled before the House of Assembly, together with a report of the portfolio committee. Once the House adopts the committee's report on the amendment, the House will eventually enact the amended legislation.



**MY LORD: High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe.**



# SANTA LUCIA GOES UNDER THE HAMMER

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**PIGG'S Peak based Funeral undertakers Santa Lucia Funeral Services (Pty) Limited will have its property go under the hammer at a Public Auction to be held at the High Court.**

According to a notice of sale issued by the Sheriff of Swaziland Lungile Msimango, the property Lot No 489 situated in Pigg's Peak Township

and measuring 2166 Square metres will be sold at a reserve price of E2 300 000.

The property which has improvements in the form of a commercial building, will be sold by Public Auction by the Deputy Sheriff for the Hhohho region at the High Court premises on July 21 2017.

The auction of the property shall be subject to conditions part of which is that if the auctioneer makes mistakes in selling, such mistakes shall not be binding on any of the par-

ties, but may be rectified.

Further if the auctioneer suspects that a bidder is unable to pay the deposit or the balance of the purchase price, they may refuse to accept the bid of such a bidder or accept it provisionally.

## Requested

The purchaser shall immediately after sale on being requested by the auctioneer sign these conditions and state the name of the principal.

Standard Bank Swaziland who was the applicant had taken the

**Plot at Pigg's Peak with commercial building to be sold by public auction at a reserve price of E2 300 000 at the High Court**

funeral undertakers to court over monies owed to the bank.

Santa Lucia Funeral Services has been cited as the first respondent, Ester Funani Nkambule as the second and Hitler Themba Makhanya as the third respondent respectively.

The sale shall commence at 11am on the date of auction.

## UNISWA students confused by new grading system

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**STUDENTS of the University of Swaziland are finding the new grading system used by the institution hard to understand.**

With semesterisation now full on, the system that the institution uses to grade students in the first and second academic year is different from the one used previously. The institution now uses the points system to credit students and this confuses the students.

Students found reading their results at the institution premises last Friday, said they were not really sure if they understood the results as they each had to ask the other what exactly was meant by the results and what the pass mark is.

Student Representative Council's Sibusiso Siyaya confirmed that the grading system was a challenge for the students and they were still finding it hard to understand it.

"With each phase of semesterisation comes something new and some of these things confuse us because they are never clearly outlined to us," he said.

Siyaya stated that the previous SRC had tried to engage the management to get them to explain to the students what was going on but that was not enough. "We will also engage the management because we got a lot of grievances on Friday,

many saying they didn't understand their results.

The unfortunate thing is that even us the SRC members cannot help them because we are in a different system and we don't understand their system," he said.

He added that it was especially Post Graduate Certificate in Education students who struggled because they had been in the old system that used the old grading system and this was all new for them. "It is difficult but we believe that with time students will understand the system. It is clear however that there is need for the management to educate us more on the system," he said.

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## TEACHERS HARASSING PUPILS TO BE FIRED

By Simon Shabangu  
Mbabane

**GOVERNMENT has adopted a zero tolerance stance on teachers who sexually abuse children stating that they will be eliminated from the teaching profession.**

This was said by Minister of Education Dr Phineas Magagula during the commemoration of the Day of the African Child at Mbabane Alliance Church on Sunday.

Magagula said government takes the issue of protecting children seriously. He said teachers need to be number one protectors of the children since children spend most of their time at school. He noted that government will not hesitate to fire any teacher found to be involved in sexual relations with pupils as they are supposed to protect.

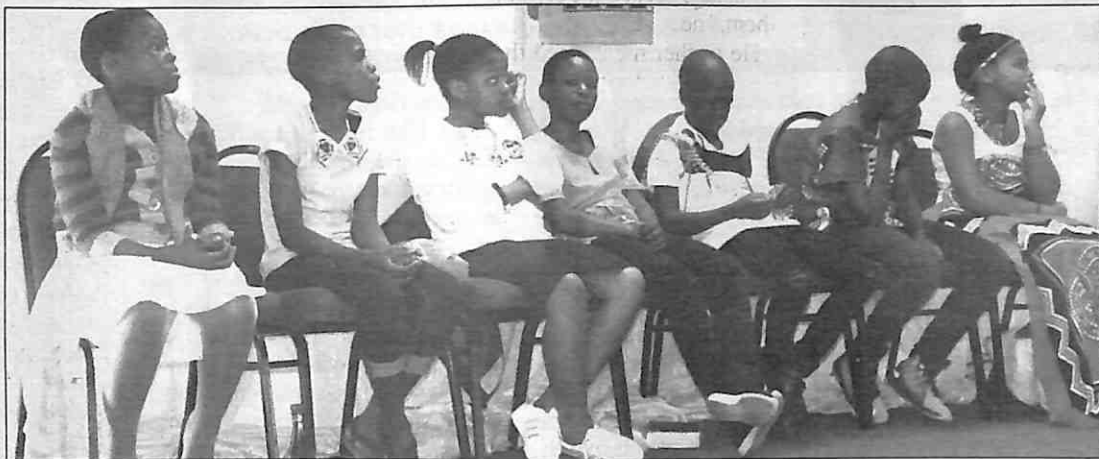
He said children were future leaders of the country and government makes the issue of their safety a priority. "Children are particularly vulnerable, fragile and open to misdirection and corruption due to their feeble nature, therefore, the church is rightly concentrated on this delicate segment of our population. Children deserve special protection and care," he said.

He added that government commends the church for playing a vital role in shaping children's future and nurturing them to become future leaders.

"His Majesty's government would like to commend the church for prioritising the need to develop children. In its own initiative, it cares about children as shown by celebrating their special day. This is indicative of your commitment to not just practice liturgy for its sake but have targeted the development of the society.

The church and its leadership needs to congratulate itself for the commendable and noble initiative that sends a strong message of your true commitment and care for the Swazi nation," he said.

UNICEF Representative Rachel Odede echoed the minister's words



**OUR DAY:** The little ones took charge of all proceedings to commemorate their special day.



**HAND SHAKE:** Rachel Odede commending Minister of Education Dr Phineas Magagula for his speech.

in congratulating the church, particularly Mbabane Alliance Church, for the initiative, adding that other denominations should follow suit and take children's issues seriously.

She commended MBAC leader Reverend Johannes Mazibuko for being a man of his word, stating that he is putting the commitment he recently made to practice.

## Acknowledged

"In his commitment he acknowledged that his church was making an effort to ensure that children with disabilities are also accommodated by ensuring that anyone who uses sign language is also not left behind when the gospel is being preached. Indeed, you are walking the talk and leading by example which we hope other churches will emulate," she said.

She observed that churches were

in a good position to advocate for social and legal change since they have the trust and confidence of the people. She challenged other faith based organisations to put the authority they have to good use to benefit the children.

Deputy National Commissioner of Police William Dlamini shared similar sentiments on the importance of protecting children, stating that the police service takes child protection seriously. He noted that they have a special unit focusing on issues of children. He said the unit also has trained personnel who know how to handle issues of children. Reverend Johannes Mazibuko said the church is alive to the fact that children need to be protected since they are the future of the country. He said the church wants to remain relevant at all times as it always leads by example.



**TRUST IN GOD:** The young preacher Selusiwe Matsebula preaching with the assistance of Temalangen Dlamini who was the interpreter.



**FOLLOW ME:** UNICEF Representative Rachel Odede addressing the congregation.

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# PM hands over seven new classrooms at Endlaleneni

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**PRIME Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini yesterday officially handed over seven newly constructed classrooms to teachers and pupils at Endlaleneni Primary at Macudvulwini.**

The construction of the classrooms was one of the major projects during the annual Swazi MTN 21 Days of Y'ello Care.

The PM said the project was a result of public private partnership (PPP), an activity that has emerged strongly across the world. He said the PPP has become a popular means of financing public services across the world.

He highlighted that the school was previously no longer in a state fit to educate the local children. "The seven new classrooms, built by Micro Projects funded largely by government, MTN and Swaziland Empowerment Limited (SEL), will have a dramatic impact on this community.

The children will now be able to go to a primary school closer to home at the same time.

If the lady, *Make Ndlaleni Bhembé*, who established the school 70 years ago, were with us in this ceremony, she would have been immensely proud to see the school comprehensively upgraded for the benefit of the children of

**HANDOVER: Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini making his remarks during the hand over.**  
(Pics: Gugu Simelane)



**NEW: Some of the classes that were built.**

the community," he said.

Dlamini further highlighted that the campaign did not end with constructing Endlaleneni Primary classrooms but had created partnerships with many corporate partners.

He revealed that they partnered with Macmillan Swaziland and the United States Embassy in rehabilitating the School for the Deaf's boys' hostel.

He highlighted that the exercise was an intensive refurbishment programme, upgrading all important facilities in the hostel and a highly appropriate destination for

the resources allocated by the donor companies.

He told the gathering that Macmillan Swaziland provided the installation of a digital white board for the deaf, as well as many other contributions to the programme.

"I add further appreciation to the United States Embassy for contributing the Granary Digital Library for the School for the Deaf and KaLamdla High. This internet resource provides instant access to many millions of digital education resources. Similarly, our thanks go to Tibiyo TakaNgwane for contributing a total of 30 scholarships amounting to E500 000, equally to KaLamdla, Mazombizwe and

Nyatsini High," he said.

The PM further encouraged more investment from the private sector to meet the needs of the disadvantaged in the Kingdom.

He said the investment will invariably produce a benefit that ultimately the rest of the population will enjoy in one form or another. "Corporate social investment, which I am pleased to say, is gaining momentum in our country.

The moral satisfaction of having helped those in a less fortunate position in life, and the social approval, or imprimatur as it is often called, gained from being seen to care about, and contribute to the wellbeing of others is the reward for the donor," he said.

## Government to construct teacher's accommodation

**PRIME Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini has promised teachers at Endlaleneni Primary that accommodation woes will soon be a thing of the past as government will construct them houses soon.**

Dlamini promised the teachers that Minister of Education and Training Dr Phineas Magagula will visit the school soon to discuss issues regarding the teachers' accommodation. He said the situation of teachers' accommodation at the school calls for urgent intervention.

The PM further stated that in the near future government will be looking into building a high school in the area, as all high schools around the primary were very far.

### Campaign

On another note, Swazi MTN Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini said as the company they were looking forward to even a bigger campaign next year.

"Within the MTN Group of companies, participation in the 21 Days of Y'ello Care automatically translates into taking part in a competition where the MTN operation with the best projects wins a grand prize of \$100 000, an equivalent of E1.4 million, or so.

As a company, we are confident that the projects undertaken this year have a huge potential to take us to the grand prize. Our commitment to the entire nation is that should we win this prize money, we will throw it back to next year's 21 Days of Y'ello Care, where it will be used to advance education initiatives at primary and high school," he said.

## Premier thrilled by Shongwe & Khuphuka

**VETERAN gospel singer Shongwe and Khuphuka thrilled Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini with their energetic performance at the handover of the seven classrooms at Endlaleneni Primary.**

As soon as the group took to the stage they had the attendants eating from the palm of their hands, as they joined in and danced with the group.

When delivering his speech, the PM said he was thrilled by the performance rendered by the group and he almost jumped off his seat and joined the revellers.

## NERCHA donates 15 speaking books

**NATIONAL Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) in partnership with Macmillan Swaziland donated 15 speaking books to Endlaleneni Primary.**

The donation was made by NERCHA Executive Director Khanya Mabuza, who said the speaking books would help pupils who had difficulty reading.

He revealed that some teachers at the school have already been educated about the speaking books.

"The speaking books are in three differences, one set teaches children from six to twelve about HIV education, one set teaches about how to cope with HIV and the last set teaches about the development of the human body," he said.

Mabuza highlighted that as the organisation continues to teach pupils about HIV education, they have come to realise that children know about HIV, but lack the in depth issues about HIV.

## MACMILLAN SWAZILAND DOLES OUT E70 000 GIFTS

**ENDLALENI Primary pupils have not only been gifted with seven classrooms, but Macmillan Swaziland has also doled out E70 000 worth of books.**

Macmillan Swaziland Managing Director Busi Simelane yesterday presented two reading trolleys, worth E30 000 each and a box full of books at a value of E10 000. She said the company was meant to make a donation of one reading trolley but after realising the dire situation they resolved to add the book donation to the school.

"As Macmillan Swaziland we want

the children to learn the importance of reading. We want to leave a mark so the children can adopt the culture of reading from a very young age," she said.

Simelane further revealed that the company is looking into establishing a fully-fledged library at the school in the near future. She said the library will not be for the benefit of only Endlaleneni Primary pupils but the entire community.

Swaziland Empowerment Limited (SEL) has pledged to continue supporting education in the country. Shaka Ndlangamandla, who repre-

sented SEL Chairman Sthofeni Ginindza, revealed that as part of their CSR, SEL donated E600 000 to this year's 21 Days of Y'ello Care of which E300 000 was spent on the Endlaleneni Primary project.

Ndlangamandla also highlighted that SEL has had a number of projects around schools in the country. He said the company has built three classes for Ekhwezi High, consumer science classrooms for Cinisweni, Zinyane and other schools. "SEL is committed to doing more for the education sector in the country," said Ndlangamandla.

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# POLICE BRUTALITY; LADY VICTIM WANTS JUSTICE

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**IT never rains but pours for an alleged victim of police brutality who works at Montigny Investments in Bhunya.**

Samukelisiwe Matsebula was allegedly beaten by police in October last year, after an alleged scuffle with her supervisors at her workplace. Matsebula suffered injuries in the process, up to a point where she required medical assistance to attend to her injuries.

Matsebula has been receiving treatment since and was admitted at Mbabane Government Hospital last week because the injuries she suffered were not healing. She was eventually discharged yesterday, after spending the whole weekend at the hospital.

Speaking to this newspaper in her hospital bed, Matsebula said the injury has been a problem as she was allegedly beaten by the Bhunya police officers. "The injury is not

getting any better because I was operated just after being admitted in this hospital," Matsebula said.

The Montigny employee, who was employed through a labour broker, was not being admitted for the first time because of the injury. In December last year, she had to be admitted at Good Shepherd Hospital in Siteki, where she was also operated on.

However, her difficult financial situation does not make matters any better as she could not return to the hospital because of financial constraints, but eventually managed to get help and return to hospital.

However, she could not get better because the Good Shepherd doctor is said to have failed to heal the injury in its entirety.

Matsebula had to undergo another operation at Mbabane Government

Hospital. This newspaper contacted the police in October concerning the matter but they responded by saying they were still investigating. However, no results of the investigations had been released by December last year.

## Unfortunate

Matsebula said police have not helped her ever since she encountered the unfortunate situation. "Police did not help me. I was only informed that my matter is still being investigated," she said.

She said she wanted all those that contributed to her current situation to face the wrath of the law because her life was unbearable now. "No one is taking care of my situation. My employers and the police are not taking care of me. I now have to see for myself all the medical needs," she said.

Interviewed after being released

from the hospital yesterday, Matsebula said she was taken by members of the Swaziland Economic Empowerment Workers Union (SEIWU) to the Bhunya police. This happened in October last year, when she had gone to attend a meeting of her union, which she said was under the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA).

## Insulted

"Members of SEIWU accused me of having insulted them. They took me to the Bhunya Police Station and told the police that I had insulted them. The police beat me for that until I suffered the injury," she said.

The police were contacted for comment on the matter yesterday.

Deputy Chief Police Communication and Information Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed knowledge of the matter.

"A case was opened concerning that matter and the docket was taken to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for advice," Vilakati said.



## Family planning can end poverty - Hlangusemphi

Stories by Samukelisiwe  
Ginindza  
Mbabane

**MINISTER of Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangusemphi has said investing in family planning can bring reasonable reductions in the overall numbers of children born.**

He was speaking yesterday during the official launch of the World Population Day commemoration today.

"Family planning creates an economic benefit known as demographic dividend that can boost economic growth, this bonus can only be realised provided the right type of strategic investments are made in young people's educa-

tion, health, employment and general empowerment," he said.

He went on to add that family planning is also an investment in the health and right of women and couples worldwide.

## Critical

"These investments also yield economic and other gains that can push development forward and are thus critical to the success of agenda 2063 on the Africa We Want, agenda 2030 on sustainable Development and His Majesty's vision 2022," the minister explained.

Prince Hlangusemphi added that this year's World Population Day presents an opportunity to take stock as a nation, of successes in meeting the sexual and reproductive health needs of Swazi women and adolescent girls as

well as certainty in ensuring that no one is left behind in the journey towards universal access to sexual and reproductive health.

## Opposed

"Swaziland is among the leading countries in Africa with the highest proportion of married women who are using a modern method of family planning. In 2014, the country's contraceptive prevalence rate stood at 66 per cent.

Now Swazi women have an average of 3.3 children per woman, as opposed to the average of 7.8 that each woman had in 1966," he revealed.

There is about 15 per cent women in the country who wish to avoid becoming pregnant but are not using any family planning, the minister revealed. The most affect-

ed being those that live in rural areas and are from impoverished backgrounds.

## Pregnancy

"Currently, the adolescent birth rate stands at 87 per 1 000 girls between the ages of 15-19 years and teenage pregnancy is one of the main factors contributing to school dropouts in the country, related to early sexual debut, with the median age at first time sex at 16 years for girls and 18 years for boys," Dlamini said.

Moreover the minister then reiterated that women who choose family planning are healthier and face a lower risk of maternal death and children born to women who space their pregnancies tend to be healthier and face reduced risks of death in their first five years.

are unable to do so, improving access to sexual and reproductive health services for young people will advance Swaziland towards harnessing its demographic dividend," Tembe explained.

## Investing

She then re-affirmed on behalf of the organisation that they would collaborate with other UN agencies and remain committed to continue working with the government of Swaziland and other national stakeholders in investing in family planning through their five year joint programme of cooperation (2016-2020).

## 'Voluntary family planning a human right'

**UNITED Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) Officer in charge Margaret Thwala-Tembe revealed that access to safe voluntary family planning is a human right.**

She further added that it is also central to gender equality and women's empowerment.

"However about 214 Million women in developing countries lack safe and effective family planning methods, where most of these women with an unmet

demand for contraception live in 69 of the poorest countries in the world, so fulfilling their unmet demand for family planning would save lives by averting unintended pregnancies and reducing maternal deaths by one third," she said.

## Planning

She further commended the government of Swaziland for its successful family planning programme as the number of contraception users has grown.

Thwala-Tembe then revealed

that the number of contraception users has grown from 51 per cent in 2007 to 66 per cent in 2014. However, adolescent girls are said to still fall short in the exercise of their sexual and reproductive health rights.

## Survey

"The Swaziland Demographic Health Survey found that only 33 per cent of sexually active adolescent girls aged between 15-19 years want to use contraception but for some reasons they

## Warrant of arrest out for murder suspect Romeo

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**CHARGED with the murder of his wife, a 45-year-old man cannot be located by the police as he was supposed to appear for his trial at the High Court yesterday morning.**

Romeo Siphon Shongwe, who allegedly killed his wife Lindelwa Ginindza (35) by gunning her down with a 303 rifle at Makholweni in Manzini in 2012, has since disappeared as efforts to locate him have been in vain.

Yesterday, witnesses who had come to give evidence in court had to turn back as the matter could not begin and according to investigating officers, they have since applied for his warrant of arrest as he has also defied his bail conditions.

He is currently out on bail which had been fixed at E15 000 by the High Court when he was released in 2012. The weapon had also been brought as an exhibit by the police yesterday while witnesses included the investigating and arresting officers, community police, pathologist and neighbours amongst others.

Some of the witnesses have since died owing to the fact that this is a five year-old matter.

**Romeo Siphon Shongwe allegedly shot dead his wife with a rifle while at their matrimonial home at Makholweni in 2012**

Shongwe stands accused of killing his 35-year-old wife Lindelwa Ginindza who was allegedly shot dead during a domestic squabble.

The murder occurred at Makholweni in Fairview.

Shongwe, who was unemployed, was reported to have been drinking whisky for the better part of the fateful night as residents said loud music was playing.

An argument which culminated into a fist fight between the couple is alleged to have ensued and Shongwe was allegedly heard shouting that he was going to take his gun.

## Deafening

In fear for her life, Ginindza fled, but as she tried to escape, her husband is alleged to have shot her in the back next to the chicken coop outside the house, where she collapsed.

Residents had stated that it all began past midnight when they heard deafening gunshots and were shocked at first, but soon remembered that Shongwe was used to firing his rifle in the air. Almost 45 minutes later, one of Shongwe's children reported the incident to a neighbour who called community police to inspect the situation but unfortunately when they arrived at the homestead they found Ginindza unconscious.

Shongwe is said to have been found struggling to drag Ginindza's body into a car and was helped by the community police.

He is said to have been so drunk that he asked the community police to drive the car to hospital which they refused to do in fear that she would die along the way.

Leader of the community police of the area Nkosinathi Madzinane stated that they were notified about the incident, but did not know what led to the shooting and Shongwe later handed himself over to the Manzini Police after the incident.



# Achieve Success Summit apologises to Siyabonga Gama



**DID NOT CONFIRM:** Transnet Group Chief Executive Siyabonga Gama.

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**ACHIEVE Success Summit Founder Wandile Hlatjwako has apologised to Transnet and concerned parties for announcing that Siyabonga Gama will be part of the recent event when he had not confirmed attendance.**

Gama is Transnet Group Chief Executive, and the South African company has issued a statement setting the record straight that he (Gama) had not confirmed attendance to the summit which was held last week.

In an interview, Hlatjwako apologised profusely for the advertisements which were to the effect that Gama would be a speaker in last week's summit, when attendance had

not been confirmed.

He clarified that as the Achieve Success Summit, they would not want to claim that a person would be speaker to lure attendants when in actual fact that person would not be available.

## Inconvenience

Hlatjwako said they had initially invited and engaged Gama on the event, however, there was communication breakdown yet advertisements had started being flighted.

"We would like apologise to Gama for the inconvenience caused. We hold his integrity in high regard and we regret any jeopardy resulting from our proposal to have him speak at the summit.

"We take lessons from the technical breakdown in the communication medium used resulting in the

distortion in decoding our messages and communication. It is the first time this has occurred and we take lessons learnt to prevent its reoccurrence as we build the programme," he said.

He further apologised to the summit's attendants for the replacing an advertised speaker. Hlatjwako said through this happening, they had identified risk control measures that would ensure that they maintain assured quality in delivery.

## Tracking

"We will continue to implement the mentoring tracking programme and the personal portal access will be sent to members when done," he said.

Adding, he said the summit would always thrive to bring the best people who have done very well and have lived in Swaziland.

On that note, Hlatjwako said through the Achieve Success Summit, they aimed at awaking potential from different individuals.

"We are also looking at corporate effectiveness, entrepreneurial attitude within the workplace and developing entrepreneurs in our society and with these we are sure to cause economic vibrations," he said.

## Cleaner sues SEC E15 000 for unfair dismissal

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**A cleaner has taken the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) to court for unfair dismissal.**

Vusi Hlophe was employed by the power utility in 1992 as a cleaner.

He was based at Edwaleni Power Station and now wants an order of court compelling SEC to pay him E15 600 for being unfairly dismissed from work.

Hlophe further seeks an order of court to compel the company to pay him E12 218 in respect of his terminal benefits for the period he had been with the company.

His matter was before Industrial Court Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane who postponed it to August 8, for submissions.

According to his papers filed in court, Hlophe argues that he was employed by the company in July, 1992 as a cleaner on a two-months fixed term contract.

However, in 2006, he was verbally employed by Mbongwa Simelane on a permanent basis as he had been continuing to work on contract basis.

In April, 2006 his services were terminated by the company and was replaced with an external person whom he identified as Sibusiso Maseko and argued that the termination was both



### THE BREAKDOWN OF THE CLAIM

Terminal benefits	- E12 218.18
• Notice pay	- E1300
• Additional notice pay	- E3119.48
• Severance allowance	- E7 798.70
<b>Unfair dismissal claim</b>	<b>- E15 600</b>

substantively and procedurally unfair and unreasonable.

He stated that there he was neither charged nor arraigned before a disciplinary tribunal and that there were no reasons brought forward when he was dismissed.

In fact Hlophe in his papers submitted that the dismissal was actuated

by discrimination on arbitrary grounds hence it was automatically unfair.

### Earning

During the time of his dismissal, Hlophe stated that he was earning a monthly salary of E1300 and now wants his terminal benefits.

However, the company in its responding papers submitted that Hlophe was working as a casual employee within the company and that he was never at any stage employed permanently by the company hence calling for his application to be dismissed.

Representing Hlophe (applicant) in the matter is senior attorney Andreas Lukhele while Zweli Jele appears for the electricity company (respondent).

## Man accused of sleeping with girl (14), admitted E7 000 bail

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**CASES of minor children dating older men and further having sex with them are on the rise, the court has observed.**

According to the court, this act is no different to rape as it has been noted that men were taking advantage of minor children by telling them they loved them yet they were only interested in sleeping with them, thus destroying the minor children's future.

On Friday, Mfundo Shongwe (25) of Ekudzeni area appeared before court as one of the men standing

accused of increasing this unlawful act. Shongwe is accused of having unlawful sex with a 14-year-old female minor while at or near Lobamba. He is said to have pounced on the schoolgoing girl on June 24 and convinced her to have sex with him.

He was charged with contravening section 3 (1) of the Girls and Women Protection Act of 39/1920.

Furthermore, Shongwe conducted his own defence but he could not say his plea as the matter was

postponed to July 14, for remand pending trial on September 10.

When the concerned suspect applied for bail, the crown did not oppose hence Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi fixed his bail at E7 000.

### Conditions

"If the accused person pays the bail, he is ordered to abide by the following bail conditions; he is ordered not to commit a similar offence while out on bail. He is

ordered not to be in contact with the complainant pending trial. He is also ordered not to interact with the complainant or her parents with the motive of settling the matter out of court. The accused is also ordered to appear before court

for remands and trial proceedings whenever ordered by the court," the principal magistrate said.

Moreover, it is worth noting that most of the recent crimes similar to this one were committed in the same area, Lobamba. In the period of 2016 and July, 2017, at least five crimes similar to this one have been reported.

It is also worth noting that the court has always taken this crime seriously and thus suspects are hardly given lenient sentences.



## MOZAMBICAN SUSPECT FLEES, LEAVES COPS DUMBSFOUNDED

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**A Mozambican named Able Chaka (36) has allegedly fled from the Pigg's Peak police who were waiting to arrest him outside the Pigg's Peak correctional facility.**

The incident happened on Saturday. Sources close to the matter said Chaka was allegedly aided by correctional facility officers who alerted him of the dangers that were awaiting him outside the correctional facility.

"The police were waiting for the suspect to come out of the correc-

tional facility gate so that he can be re-arrested for other robberies that he is believed to have committed.

### Leaving

"Unfortunately, while the police were waiting outside the suspect then exited the facility through another exit leaving police dumbfounded," said the source.

His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Public Relations Officer Bongani Khumalo said Chaka had in fact posted bail and therefore he did not escape from the correctional facility instead he walked out legally.

"The individual in question posted bail and what happened after his

exit from the Pigg's Peak correctional facility is not something that I can not comment on.

### Response

"Our official response is no suspect has escaped the Pigg's Peak correctional facility," he said.

At the time of compiling this report acting Police Public Relations Officer (PRO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said the incident is yet to be confirmed.



# Government committed to improving education sector

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**GOVERNMENT** is committed in improving the education sector in the country and also implementing Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Four (4).

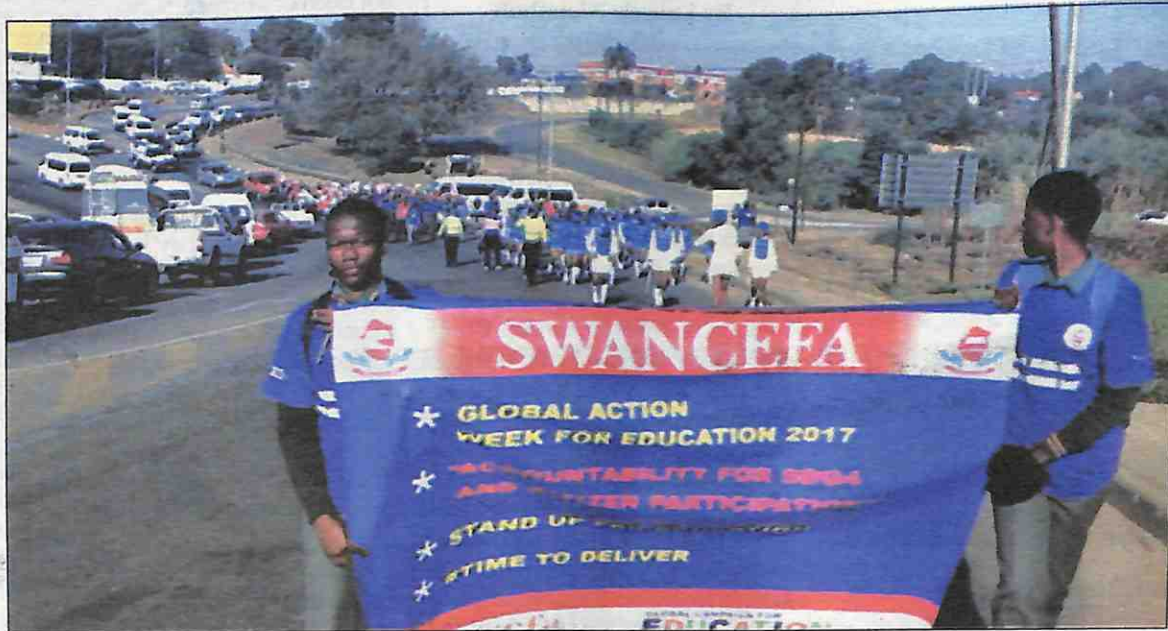
Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Training Pat Muir said government has not only invested in quality primary school education and tertiary education, but has injected money in other more education necessities.

He said 97 per cent of primary aged children are now attending school.

The PS was speaking during the Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) which is one of the main activities organised by the Global Campaign for Education (GCE) last week.

The event was themed 'Accountability for SDG4 and citizen participation'.

"The Swaziland education sector has achieved important realisations in recent years, with the construction of new schools and additional classrooms throughout the country. The ministry has also made improvements to the national curriculum, we are not developing a competency based curriculum and of course better training for our teachers. The allocation of the country's biggest budget to education is over E3 billion which is an



**IMPROVE EDUCATION: SWANCEFA's march from Manzini Trewlaney Park to Mavuso Trade Centre. (Pics: Gugu Simelane).**

indication of the country's commitment to its citizens. The important achievement to me is to ensure a bright future and greater chances for all Swazi girls and boys, regardless of gender, disability and background," he said.

Muir said the ministry has been able to address a number of issues which included the lack of regulation or policies to facilitate the implementation of programmes.

"We have the sector policy which we are now reviewing; we have the Education Sector Strategic Plan and

the national education training which we are reviewing. We have a diploma in ECCE offered by Nazarene Teachers College and have expanded access to primary education," he said.

The PS said the ministry has also expanded the access to facilities, infrastructure, teaching and learning material at Primary and Secondary Schools levels.

He said there has been an improvement in the participation and effective learning of orphans and children with special needs. "There has been

diversification of curriculum at secondary education and increased participation to TVET programmes due to allocation of government scholarships," he said.

Muir added that the ministry has addressed the issue of limited access to post-secondary education institutions as a result of limited capacity to absorb more learners and the lack of diversity in programmes offered.

He said the issue of lack of regulatory institutions for institutions of higher learning education and qualifications.

## Manzini Council feeds 1 600 children

**THE Municipal Council of Manzini** is feeding 1 600 destitute children with one meal a day.

Manzini Mayor Ayanda Sigudla said the 1 600 destitute children that the Council fed with the help of various partners were from eight social centres located around Manzini.

"In view of the fact that some parents can not afford to enroll their children for basic pre-school education, the Council has introduced an early childhood care and development programme in all the social centres in an attempt to close this gap," she said.

## THEME ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATORY - UNESCO

**SWAZILAND National Commission for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Secretary General, Hazel Zungu** says the 2017 theme is focusing on promoting the vital role of citizen participation in education policy making and monitoring process.

She said the theme highlighted the importance of transparency, accountability and participatory governance of delivery on the full SDG 4.

Zungu said the theme had a potential of enhancing support from many levels towards the achievement of the Education 2030 aspirations.

"UNESCO regards education as a fundamental right and an enabling right. It is a public good, a force for empowerment and an engine for sustainable development.

### Access

As such, this calls for countries to ensure universal access to inclusive and equitable quality education and learning, at least nine years of which be free and compulsory, leaving no one behind.

This year's theme calls for accountability and citizen participation in ensuring that the right to quality education is for all. This means that all of us citizens of Swaziland and the world at all levels must committed to participating to ensure that we achieve SDG 4," she said.

Zungu called for all partners to be held accountable and said as duty bearers, government have the primary responsibility to deliver on the right to education, and a central role as custodians of efficient, equitable and effective management and financing of public education.

She however, said this called for support and participation by all to mobilise and monitor progress towards the achievement of the education 2030 agenda.

"Our goal is to ensure inclusive and equitable education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all will remain a dream if we do not all work together towards the ambitious targets of this agenda," he said.



**MY POINT IS: Manzini Mayor Ayanda Sigudla delivering her speech.**



**MY TIME: SWANCEFA Coordinator Nelisiwe Nhlabatsi making her remarks.**



**REMARKS: Pat Muir the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Training emphasizing a point.**

## GOVT MUST IMPLEMENT SDG 4 AGENDA

**Swaziland Network Campaign for Education for All (SWANCEFA) National Coordinator Nelisiwe Nhlabatsi** says the key aims of GAWE 2017 are to remind governments to develop, fund and implement credible plans for the implementation of the full SDG4 agenda.

Nhlabatsi said the GAWE 2017 also aimed at recognising the critical importance of strengthening public systems and state capacities to ensure that education is free, of good quality and equitable. She said it is also to ensure that there are credible, transparent mechanisms for participation of civil

society in the monitoring and accountability processes for the agenda.

She said the Global Action Week for Education was one of the main activities organised by the Global Campaign for Education (GCE).

SWANCEFA is a member of GCE.

"GAWE is one of the major focal points for the education movement. It provides everyone campaigning for the right to education with an opportunity to make targeted efforts to achieve change on the ground, with the added support of millions of members of the public worldwide joining together for the same cause," she said.

Nhlabatsi said commitments to the

SDGs are long term and cannot be ignored. She said education underpins many of the SDGs and it is fundamental to the realisation of other rights. She urged government to deliver on this goal and said citizens must be given a voice in any decision making process which impacts on their lives.

"SWANCEFA applauds the ministry of education and training for establishing the LEG which is a platform where all education stakeholders have the opportunity to contribute to ESPs. The main aim of GAWE is to remind public authorities, policy makers, donors and other stakehold-

ers to ensure that the right of all children and young people to universal, free quality public education is fulfilled", she said. Nhlabatsi said 2017 would be the first year that governments reportback on SDGs since their adoption in 2015.

She said it was therefore a crucial point for ensuring the full implementation of the SDGs, in particular SDG4 on quality education and the Education 2030 Framework for Action. "Governments also committed to increase the supply of qualified teachers.

We are asking teachers, students, education campaigners, government and members of the public to play their role in the realization of universal quality education for all," said Nhlabatsi.



# MAFUCULA IN DIRE NEED OF CLEAN WATER

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya  
Mafucula

**AS the country continues to battle the shortage of water and food, the most affected are farmers who are unable to harvest crops or feed live-stock due to drought effects.**

Mafucula is an area in the Lubombo region next to Mhlume.

In some parts of the Lubombo region, water scarcity is very serious.

People in areas like Mafucula

continue to walk long distance to fetch water.

According to a resident of that area Temendvo Shiba, they fetch water in taps that were built by government through the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA), World Vision and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs). However, she said the taps were damaged and no longer function, thus they then have to travel for over 10 km in search of water in some parts of the area. "Water scarcity is a serious issue at Mafucula

and Tsambokhulu areas," she said. Since 2012, government has been heavily involved specifically with other NGOs preparing for another disaster," She said.

Mafucula's water shortage is being attributed to the heat wave and a lack of rain. It was expected to last until the end of summer because of the El Niño effect on the climate. Swaziland Meteorology Services said it was studying the weather patterns and there would be a bit of rain in the 2016/17 season.



**DONT HAVE A CHANCE:** Some families are impacted more by hazards.

## Socio-economic inequality rife in rural areas

**POVERTY and socio-economic inequalities are aggravating disaster factors in some rural parts of the country.**

Socio-economic inequalities not only make poor people more vulnerable but they trap them in a vicious circle of poverty.

The current situation in Mafucula reflects that disasters hit the poor the hardest.

"Levels of vulnerabilities are highly dependent upon the economic status of individuals, communities and nations."

The most affected during the El Nino in Swaziland were poor communities. During the El Nino season in 2015/17, Mafucula was amongst the hardest hit in the Lubombo region. This is so because of the socio-economic inequali-

ties.

Using the World Bank classification based on gross national income (GNI), over 95 per cent of the people killed by disasters lived in middle and low-income countries.

The World Bank reports that disasters affect poor countries and poor communities disproportionately.

### Developing

"This disproportionate effect on developing countries has many explanations," reads the report.

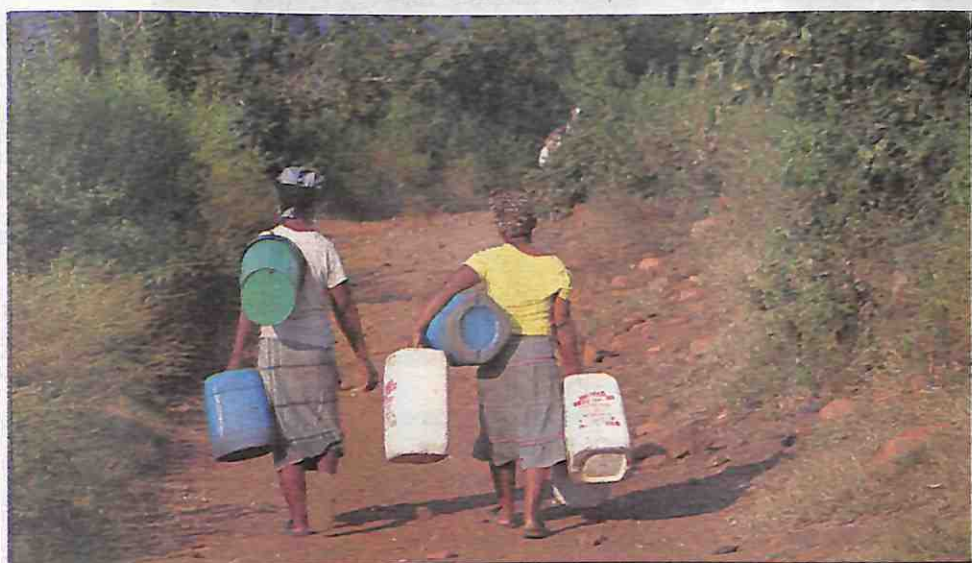
Lack of development in Mafucula itself contributed to disaster impacts, both because the quality of the construction often is low and building codes.

A country level of development has a direct impact on the damage natural hazards

inflict on populations. Therefore less developed communities suffer most, as they are more frequently hit and more severely affected.

"Since their weak infrastructure and limited capacity for prevention makes them more vulnerable than wealthy communities." Half of the Mafucula population is vulnerable to disasters of social living conditions. Extensive research in the area reflected that the poor occupied dangerous, less desirable locations because the land is cheaper. Poor people tend to live in poorly built and unprotected buildings that are first to collapse in any disaster.

The people from Mafucula area said the 2015/16 losses from disasters were most devastating to the poorest people.



**SCARCITY OF WATER:** People of Mafucula travel long distances in search of water. The area is amongst the areas that were severely affected by the recent EL Nino in the 2015/16 season. (Pics: Sicelo Maziya)

## More people live in unsafe settlements

**IN FUTURE lot of people will be at risk as the live in unsafe settlements in Swaziland.**

According to a guide for journalist covering disaster risk reduction, disasters resulting from such natural hazards as cyclones, windstorms and other related landslides affect people.

"Such weather-related disasters represent about 81 per cent of all events, 72 per cent of all economic losses and 23 per cent of fatalities."

### Disabled

The guide further highlights that women, children and disabled are 14 times more likely to die than men during disaster.

"In industrialised countries, more women than men died during the 2003 European heat wave, many more African-American women were affected by hurricane Katrina in 2005 than men," reads the guide.

In many countries, women have subordinate positions, restricted mobility, less educational opportunity, less voice decision-making and poor employment, all of which increase vulnerability.

## Govt must develop rural development programmes

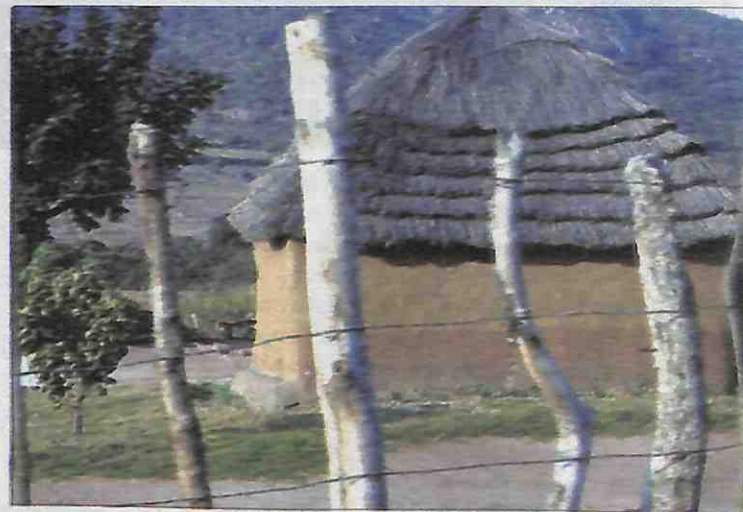
**MAFUCULA residents have suggested that government establish rural development programmes that reduce the creation of slums and prevent the growth of housing on dangerous slopes or flood plains.**

Themba Magagula a resident of Mafucula suggested that government provide the poor with access to land that is safe. "Also involve the poorest communities in building their own capacity to resist disaster since they have more to lose, and to give them greater political stake in the community," he said.

He also appreciated the work by

Swazi Meteorology Service, as they were able to give the poorest people full access to early warning systems through the media during Cyclone Dineo in April. Also Magagula applauded National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) for their preparedness, measures and giving the nation financial mechanisms which enabled mostly the poor communities to protect their homes, health and livelihoods.

He also encouraged government and other business entities to develop micro - finance mechanisms that include micro - credit, micro - savings and micro - insurance.



**IN DANGER:** Some of the old stick and mud houses occupied by Mafucula residents that could be easily be washed away when there is a storm or cyclone.

## Key disaster risk reduction

● Disasters are not 'natural' but hazards are natural. Disasters can often be prevented and their impact mitigated.

● Prevention pays and has immediate return. Prevention is not a cost, it is an investment.

● Disasters do not only cause immediate human suffering and destruction but impede long-term development by keeping people trapped in a vicious spiral of poverty.

● Disaster risk reduction is about saving lives and livelihoods by changing people's mindsets. It is about shifting from response to prevention and reducing communities' vulnerability.

● People have a right to live in safety and with dignity. It is therefore vital that DRR policies are systematically integrated into sustainable development strategies at all levels, national to local.

● Hospitals, schools, and all critical infrastructures safely are essential for reducing society's vulnerability. Governments have a responsibility to protect critical buildings such as schools and hospitals, making communities more resilient to disasters.

● Early warnings systems can save lives. If alarms are sounded before disaster strikes, human loss can be avoided.

● Educate to build a culture of prevention. People need to be provided with knowledge, skills and resources to protect them-

selves from disaster risk, same in health or traffic.

● Safe and healthy environment is healthy is vital. It is everybody's responsibility to protect environment to mitigate the impact caused by natural hazards.

● Climate change adaptation starts with disaster risk reduction. Climate change is predicted to increase frequency and intensity of storms, floods and drought. Communities need to be prepared to be able to deal with the impact of climate - related hazards.



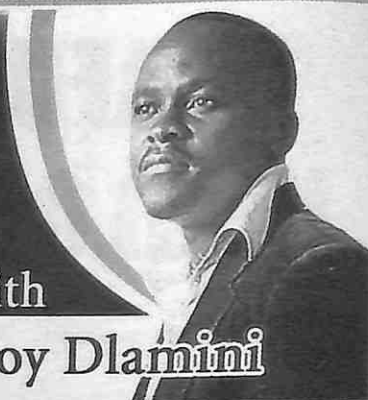
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## EX-PUPILS OF LANGA HIGH SCHOOL DONATE JERSEYS



**BENEFITTED:** The former pupils donated school jerseys to needy learners as a way of giving back to the school.

**FORMER pupils of Langa High School have joined hands with the school administration to assist current learners.**

Last week, the former pupils donated school jerseys to needy learners as a way of giving back to the school.

Speaking to this publication, Erick Ndlangamandla said they have since formed a foundation whose members are all former learners of the school.

These include those who completed at the school during its early years, in the 80s when it was still a secondary school.

Ndlangamandla said during

their first meeting, they noted that many pupils from the school were lacking some essentials such as school uniforms.

This is mainly because the school is situated at an area which was recently hit hard by drought.

The former learners therefore agreed on making contributions towards assisting some of the pupils with school uniforms.

For a start, the foundation selected some of the pupils who were said to be in urgent need of school uniforms. Ndlangamandla said they were assisted by the administration of the school in selecting the needy chil-

dren.

It was noted that despite the chilly weather which is currently being experienced in many parts of the region, some pupils attend classes without jerseys.

This exposes them to the risk of contracting cold related illnesses.

Meanwhile, Ndlangamandla said they were working on bringing together all former pupils of the school with the intention to kick-start an organisation which will also be beneficiary to them.

He highlighted that some of them were entrepreneurs who could inspire others into taking a similar path.

"We intend to give a positive impact to the current pupils while at the same time, empowering ourselves with life skills as we understand that we have different capabilities," said Ndlangamandla.

Ndlangamandla said other former pupils who would like to join the foundation can contact him on his mobile number 7607 1052.

Apparently, Langa High is the fourth one under Siteki schools to establish an organisations for former learners. Other schools which have formed alumni organisation are Siteki Nazarene High, Lubombo Central High and Good Shepherd High respectively.

## Mlawula-Magadzavane Walk registration kick-starts on high note

**THE second edition of Mlawula-Magadzavane Challenge Walk promises to be bigger than last year as a considerable number of organisations and individuals have already registered.**

The challenge walk is slated for July 30, 2017.

It is being hosted by the Eco Lubombo Organisation (ELO) which was established last year, with the founding Chairperson being Lubombo

Regional Administrator Sylvia Mthethwa.

Speaking to this publication, ELO Public Relations Officer Bonwa Simelane reported that there had been a number of companies showing interest in taking part in this year's edition.

These include the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC), Tambankulu Estate and Swaziland Railway.

The companies are said to have indicated that they will have groups of employees taking part

on the walk. Simelane said an impressive number of people have also registered as individuals.

Interested members of the public who would like to take part in the walk can register at any police station under the Lubombo region, Police Headquarters in Mbabane, Swaziland National Trust Commission offices at Lobamba and at the Lubombo RA offices. Participation fee for individuals is E130 while a group of five people is E600.

Simelane emphasised on the purpose of the challenge walk, saying that it was to promote tourism while also encouraging physical fitness for people living in rural and urban areas.

The proceeds of the event will also be used in charity projects under the Lubombo region. Simelane said taking part in the walk will therefore mean contributing to charity work and the economic growth of the region.

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## Parents concerned by reports of ritual murders at Maphungwane

**PARENTS for pupils attending schools around Maphungwane have raised a serious concern about reports of alleged ritual murderers rooming the area.**

In fact, the talks of ritual murders have become so common in the area to the point that an unknown person who would be seen strolling around would undergo vigorous questioning by residents.

The reports have been fuelled by an incident which occurred about a week ago whereby a resident alleged to have survived after four men attempted to kill him.

The men are said to have bundled one Sibonkosi Mazibuko into a van

before driving off with him in the still of the night towards Sitsatsaweni forests.

The incident has been confirmed by police who are currently conducting an intense investigation.

Parents are now more vigilant with their children. It has been gathered that children have been warned to walk in groups to avoid being taken by the alleged ritual murderers.

**Stated**

A teacher in of the primary schools situated in Maphungwane stated that absenteeism amongst pupils has also increased following the reports.

The teacher said for the past two months, pupils have been reporting that they have been warned of ritual

murders, and were now afraid to walk long distances to school.

Those who find their friends having left for school early and leaving them behind then decide to stay home.

"Such reports have been going on for a while now, and we are really afraid for our children," said one Thabile Matsenjwa, a resident of Sikhonkwaneni.

Matsenjwa disclosed that she normally accompanies her children to school every morning and also fetches them after school.

Meanwhile, the residents have called for visibility of community police along secluded areas.

"The issue of ritual murders is real and we cannot take it lightly and pretend as if nothing happening," said Bhethemba Maziya of Ndlalane.

## NDZANGU UMPHAKATSI WANTS TWO BUCOPHO

**RESIDENTS of Ndzangu Umphakatsi are of the view that the area need to have at least two Bucophos due to the size of the area.**

The residents say the area is too big to have only one Bucophos.

This was said by Sikelela Khumalo during the civic and voter education exercise this past Saturday.

Khumalo reported to the EBC that some parts of the area seemed to be neglected by the Inkhundla, and this gives them the feeling that they are not

represented. Khumalo said members of Parliament, Indvuna yenkhundla and bucophos always came from other parts of the constituency but not from Ndzangu community.

He said this was evidenced by the fact that development of the community always comes as a last option for those in office.

He was also echoed by several other residents who stated that perhaps, this could be solved by having two bucophos from the same umphakatsi but differ-

ent communities. Paul Dlamini said development always seems to be taking place in areas where the MP come from.

When responding to the residents' concerns, the EBC officials said the issue of having two bucophos would mean dividing the areas' boundaries. Vusumuzi Mdluli said however, this could only be recommended by the regional administrator after deliberating the issue with traditional authorities and other relevant authorities.



# MAN WITH A 23-YEAR-OLD SORE SEEKING HELP

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Jabulani

**EXCRUCIATING** pain, blood, swelling and an inability to walk are things that Solomon Thwala of Jabulani, KaMzizi has become used to.

Thwala has been living with a painful sore since 1994, which appeared soon after he had a bicycle accident on his way home from Nhlanguano.

Narrating his ordeal, the 62-year-old man said not only did the accident rob him his life and manhood, the entire right side of his body was numb; he could not even use his right hand.

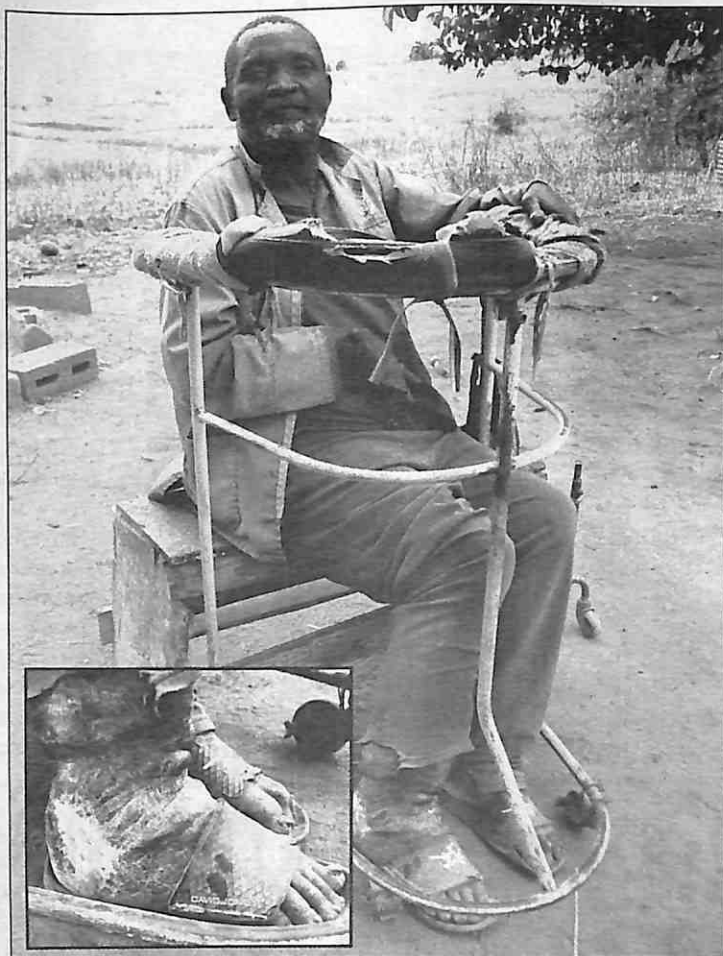
"After spending about eight months in hospital, I could not feel anything from my waist down, today I have to force myself to stand and to do things like walking to the toilet," Thwala said.

He added that he was further forced to walk unaided after the death of his wife, who was also taking care of him last year, following a heart attack. "She fell face first as she was feeding the grandchildren supper and was confirmed dead by paramedics who we had been called," he said.

Thwala said the sore on his right leg is more painful when it is hot and keeps on reappearing as the years go by.

"It usually heals for some few months and before I know it, it then comes back, more painful and takes its own time to heal again," Thwala said.

He is seeking for doctors' intervention, adding that he has done everything he could to heal the sore and has exhausted the little cash from good Samaritans in vain, since the sore is still there. He is also seeking for a better walking aid



**PLEASE HELP:** Solomon Thwala seated in his walking aid he received in 1994 after he lost use of his entire right side of his body following a bicycle accident in Nhlanguano. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)

with a good wheelchair as well.

Thwala is asking for a walking aid similar to the one he received in 1994, which he still owns and uses to this day.

## Back

"I was given a wheel chair but I struggle to use it, since only one hand functions, pressing buttons like using the bathroom is a task, so I always resort back to the walking aid I have always had, to do tasks around the yard, go to the bathroom and church," he said.

The man added that he is currently taken care of by his granddaughter who is currently doing Form One, in one of the high schools in the area.

"He also lost all her parents and is currently in school because of the orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) Fund, I am survived by three children, two of which work at the textile firms around Nhlanguano, while the other is unemployed," he added.

Thwala revealed that he has not

## ...I will work on his case - MP

**MASEYISINI Inkhundla** Member of Parliament, Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini stated that he will be working on Solomon's case.

"I was not aware of his case, since there are a number of people I help from my constituency, however I will track him down and see if there is anything I can help the family with," Dlamini said. He revealed that he will not waste any further time, to track him down as suffering for 23 years in vain is a long enough wapt.

"I am the mouth piece of the people, as they sent me to Parliament, It hurts me to know about such, I will seek the relevant help I can assist him with," the minister assured.

been to hospital in the last year or two since he could not afford the expensive travelling costs.

"I must have a good E400 for me to go to Hlatikulu Government Hospital, which is something I can't afford, I am paralysed and can't be hired anywhere, even if I want to earn a living," he said.

He said he has since ran out of the few medication given to him by Doctors Without Borders in November last year.

"I was given pain medication and rubbing stuff for the sore, it did help, however I have since ran out of it, so I am appealing to any doctor with knowledge of my case, to help me, so I can finally regain my manhood after so many years and work for my family," he appealed.

He mentioned that he has done tests for sugar diabetes and HIV/AIDS, which all came back negative.

he was trying to avoid a straying cow.

It's not known if he was not speeding as the mark scratches of the tyres indicated that it was driven for metres before flown off the road. "He claimed that a cow disturbed him and when he was trying to avoid hitting it, the car swung off the road and jumped to the area. The damage on the car was mainly the bottom part," said a bystander. Also arriving at the scene with other employees of World Vision was Phetsile Masilela who happened to be one of the speakers at the event held at Ezibondeni.

Masilela with some of her colleagues were against having pictures of the damaged vehicle taken. However, it was already too late to stop the reporter as three shots were enough to prove that the accident happened.

Shiselweni RA Themba Masuku also passed by where the accident happened. He was also on his way to Ezibondeni to join other dignitaries who were part of the event.

## Shiselweni Forestry Company equips employees on firefighting

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlanguano

**AS it is the fire season, Shiselweni Forestry Company (SFC) has equipped its employees on methods and precautions that must be applied during firefighting.**

The company conducted the firefighting drill on Tuesday at the Nhlanguano airstrip near the King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium.

Two aircraft were part of the exercise which were used in the demonstration of aerial firefighting drill.

SFC Forestry Manager Bob Tumber said every year during this period, the aerial firefighting drill would be conducted where employees and management are capacitated on what to expect in case a fire erupts.

"It happens at the beginning of each and every fire season. It's an important programme in our calendar as it's when we equip ourselves with the skills that should be applied in firefighting. We always do this exercise at the airstrip. The aerial firefighting drill involved two aircraft known as spotter and bomber in the language for the exercise," said Tumber.

The aircraft called spotter, played the role of spotting anything that should be communicated during the firefighting. The aircraft known as bomber carries a load of water used in the extinguishing of fire.

Tumber said usually or all the time, the spotter should always fly ahead of the bomber. The pilot of the spotter is the one that should coordinate or alert the ground crews and the bomber on anything. "A team of airstrip attendants is trained to effectively fill water in the bomber while the company senior staff is also trained on communicating with the spotter. A dire simulation is done and the crew members demonstrate what is expected of them in a fire line," said Tumber.

Tumber said there is always supposed to be a fire boss close to the crew on the fire line and he is the one playing the role of alerting the crew by means of blowing a whistle whenever the bomber is preparing to drop load of water. "Immediately the whistle sound is heard, the crew is expected to make backwards steps from the fire line and lie face down. The whistle is blown again to signal safety which is then where the crew members return to the fire line," said Tumber. Tumber said the safety requirement for the fire crew was to stay a distance away from the fire line whenever the bomber had to drop water. He said such precautions were meant to avoid seeing any of the personnel involved in the exercise not getting hurt or harmed. "The impact of the water load as well as of the bomber can cause havoc as heavy branches as well as other materials can fall right on the fire line," said Tumber.

It was stressed that all crew members have to be always on the alert in order to be on safe side when going about their task and have their ears always alert to hear the whistle when blown.

## What the crews are expected to do once a whistle is blown

- Should have appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Safely drift back the fire line and be cautious of branches and other loose material
- Lie facing down, facing the oncoming drop, helmet and goggles on, feet spread apart for better body stability, cover face, and hold any tool you have to your side away from your body
- Swiftly go back to the fire line once the whistle has been blown to indicate the continuation of fire fighting.

## World Vision employee crashes company's new car

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlanguano

**A World Vision employee miraculously escaped death when the vehicle he was driving swerved out of the road and crashed on the roadside.**

It was last Tuesday when the employee identified only as Mbatha was driving along Mshlosheni/Nkhungwini public road where he lost control of the car and it swung out of the road and climbed on the hilly side a steep with incline where it crashed.

It is believed that the employee who is a driver in the organisation was on his way to join his other colleagues who were part of the Day of the African Child commemoration held at Ezibondeni, which is an area under Sandleni. World Vision was one of the NGOs which contributed to have



**WRONG PARKING:** Some World Vision employees found at the scene. (Pic: Starsky Mkhonta)

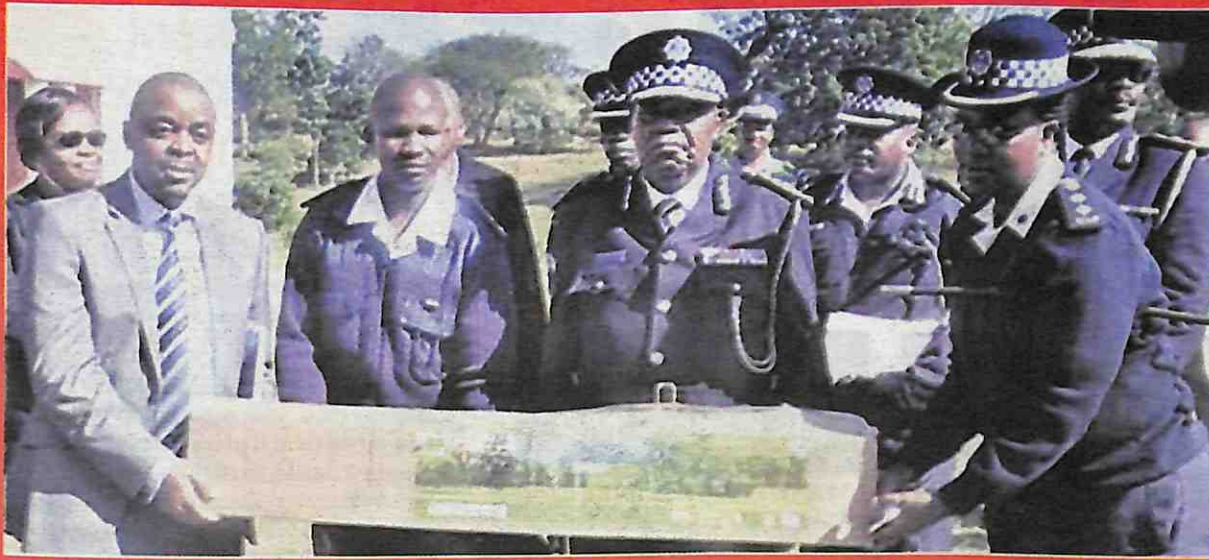
the event staged in collaboration with the Nhlanguano AIDS Training Information and Counselling Centre (NATICC) as well as the office of the regional administrator (RA).

It is believed the vehicle which was still brand new was transporting some-

thing that was to be used at the function only to be involved in the accident some few kilometres away.

It's unclear what really could have led to Mbatha losing control of the vehicle but others who were found at the scene said he had claimed that





**GIFT:** KOBWA CEO Collin Zwane donating a gazebo to Constable Thulani Gwebu, RSP National Commissioner Isaac Magagula and Acting Police Public Relations Officer (PRO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati outside the Pigg's Peak Town Council building the Civic centre last Friday.



**POSE:** KOBWA CEO Collin Zwane, Pigg's Peak Town Council CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa, Station Commander Webster Methula and RSP NATCOM Isaac Magagula. (Courtesy pics)

# KOBWA DONATES TO RSP

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**KOBWA Chief Executive Officer Collin Zwane donated two gazebos to police.**

This is after Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) National Commissioner Isaac Magagula vis-

ited the town of Pigg's Peak last week.

The donation was made outside the civic centre building in Pigg's Peak last Friday.

KOBWA CEO Collin Zwane said the gazebos were follow-up donations to others by his organisation to RSP.

"We are happy to have been graced by the presence of Magagula, as KOBWA we see

police as a vital stakeholders in the fight against crime.

**Preceded**

"Therefore, we are happy to try and help where we can, the gazebos were preceded by two complete sets of deep water diving gear which we donated to the police late 2016. The diving gear included full body swimsuits, masks, visors, flip-

pers and oxygen tanks. KOBWA will also donate brand the gazebos, we hope that our donation will aid the police as they carry on their very important work," he said.

Meanwhile, Magagula said this was not the first time KOBWA is making such a thoughtful donation to the police.

"We are humbled that the KOBWA administration has thought about us the police. We highly appreciate the support that they are giving us and I believe that this donated facility will aid us in our work as we continue fighting against crime," he said.

## Pigg's Peak cops are exemplary - NATCOM

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**RSP National Commissioner Isaac Magagula has congratulated the Pigg's Peak police on their inspirational and successful crime reduction operations.**

Magagula was addressing the Hhohho police division at the civic centre last Friday.

Magagula said his charges in Pigg's Peak have worked tirelessly to not only reduce the crime rate in northern Hhohho, but also have inspired members of the public to join in and make the region crime free.

"I am very happy with the positive results that I have seen in northern Hhohho, a very high number of suc-



**REMARKS:** RSP NATCOM Isaac Magagula delivering his speech. (Courtesy pics)

cessful and impressive crime reduction campaigns have been carried.



**LISTENING:** RSP NATCOM Isaac Magagula has congratulated the Pigg's Peak police on a job well done next to Hhohho Regional Commissioner (RC) for police Charles Dumsani Tsabedze, Pigg's Peak Station Commander Webster Methula at the Civic centre in Pigg's Peak last Friday.

These campaigns and operations have been followed by aggressive and tar-

geted policing, I congratulate all the northern Hhohho police for the job

well done. You have also inspired the public to aid you in intensifying your duties thus you have built a positive relationship of trust and mutual respect with the communities that you serve," he said.

**Moral**

Meanwhile, members of the Pigg's Peak police said the goodwill visit by the national commissioner has boosted their moral.

"We are happy that our father in the police profession has come to visit us here in Pigg's Peak, he has boosted our moral.

"It is humbling to receive a compliment in a world where criticism rules the day, it sometimes feels like no matter how hard you work, others look down upon you.

"This can lead to depression, but Magagula has spoken to us in a truly inspirational way. Our moral is high," said the Pigg's Peak police.

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## MINISTERS TO TABLE FIRST QUARTER REPORTS

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**CABINET ministers are expected to table their first quarter performance reports before the House of Assembly before the end of the week.**

Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi made this announcement last Wednesday.

"All Cabinet ministers are informed that they should start tabling their first quarter performance reports. The month of June is over, so you should now be tabling the reports. You are requested to have tabled all of them by July 14," Msibi said.

The reports are supposed to give details on how the different ministries have performed during the first quarter of the 2017/2018 financial year.

The first quarter of the fiscal year start-

ed on April 1 and ended on June 30.

It is procedural that ministers report to Parliament on how they have performed and how they have spent the budgeted money that was approved by Parliament back in March.

This year, Parliament passed a E21.8 billion budget to enable the government to implement its different projects.

**Remains**

However, it remains to be seen if projects have been implemented during this quarter because some budgetary allocations have not been allocated.

On June 14, this year, Dvokodvweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini moved a motion compelling Minister for Finance Martin Dlamini to release outstanding budgetary



**COMPELLED:** Finance Minister Martin Dlamini.

allocations for Micro Projects and Regional Development Fund (RDF) for the 2016/2017 financial year.

The budget allocation for this year had not been released for Micro Project and RDF, when this motion was moved. Dlamini was given 14 days to release the outstanding budgetary allocation. The

minister told MPs that he would try and see how he would release the outstanding budgetary allocations. However, nothing positive has come out, to this day.

Micro Projects is under the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, while RDF is under the ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development. It remains to be seen what the two ministries will report regarding Micro Projects and RDF, respect





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Guest Writer

# INTUITION

**INTUITION** is the ability to understand something immediately, without the need for conscious reasoning.

A thing that one knows or considers likely from instinctive feeling rather than conscious reasoning.

Intuition is challenging to define despite the huge role it plays in our everyday lives. Jobs (2014) calls it an instance, "more powerful than intellect."

Many authors cite that pretty much everyone has experienced a gut feeling which is that unconscious reasoning that propels us to do something without telling us why or how.

The subtle knowing without ever having any idea why you know it. She asserts that intuition is different from thinking; it is different from logic or analysis because it is the "knowing without knowing."

Our intuition is always there, whether we are aware of it or not. Successful leaders are people that are able to decide intuitively when they get to crossroads.

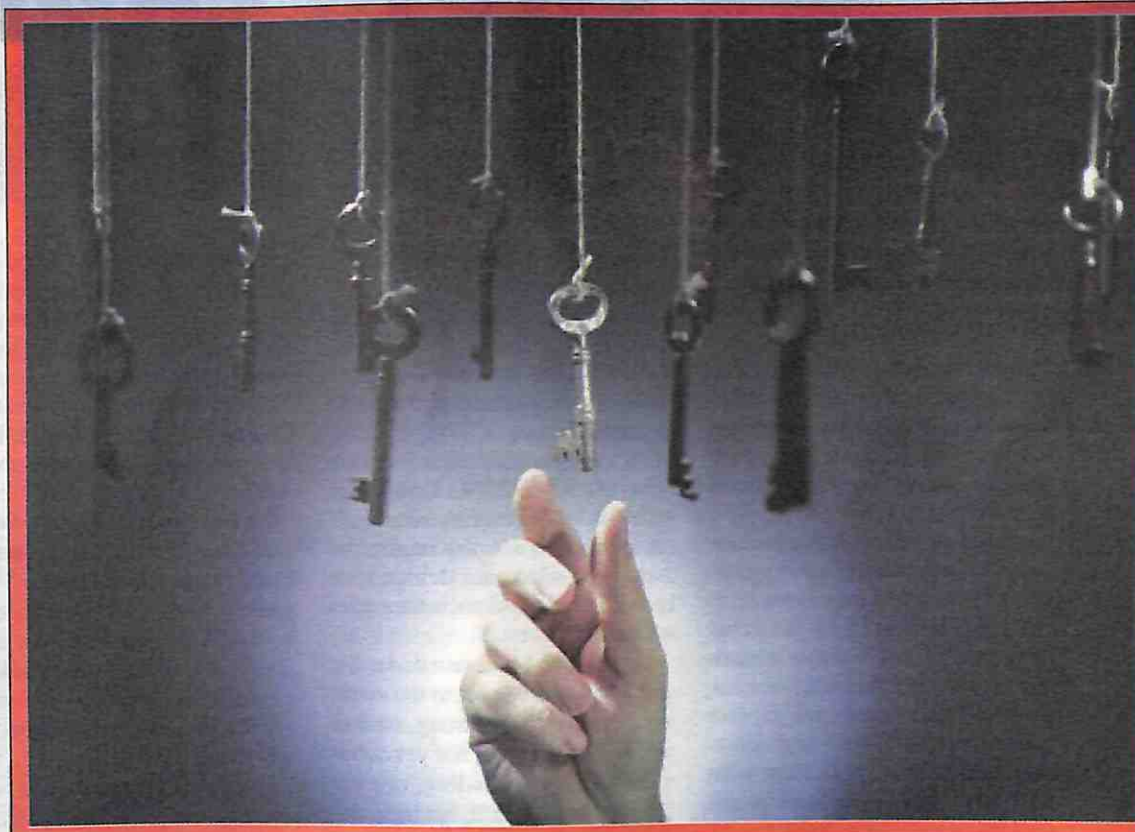
Huff Post says that even when we are not at a fork in the road, wondering what to do and trying to hear that inner voice, our intuition is always there, always reading the situation, always trying to steer us the right way.

But the question to be asked is can we hear it?

Are we paying attention? Are we living a life that keeps the pathway to our intuition unblocked?

Feeding and nurturing on intuition, and living a life in which we can make use of its wisdom, is one key way to thrive, at work and in life especially when leading people.

## GETTING IN TOUCH WITH INTUITION



### ● Listening To The Inner Voice

It is very easy to dismiss intuition yet it is a great gift that needs to be noticed."

The major thing that distinguishes intuitive people is that they listen to, rather than ignore, the guidance of their intuitions and gut feelings. "Everybody is connected to their intuition, but some people do not pay attention to it as intuition. Some people tend to say 'I do not know why I did that, it was just a hunch."

For leaders to make the best decisions, they need a balance of intuition, which serves to bridge the gap between instinct and reasoning and rational thinking.

### ● Take Time For Solitude

If you want to get in touch with your intuition, a little time alone may be the most effective way.

Just as solitude can help give rise to creative thinking, it can also help us connect to our deepest inner wisdom. Intuitive people are often introverted, according to Burnham.

But whether you are an introvert or not, taking time for solitude can help you engage in deeper thought and reconnect with yourself.

You have to be able to have a little bit of solitude; a little bit of silence, she says. In the middle of craziness, you cannot recognise (intuition) above all of the noise of everyday life.

### ● Intuitive People Create

Creativity does its best work when it functions intuitively. In fact, creative people are highly intuitive, and just as you can increase your creativity through practice, you can boost your intuition. In fact, practicing one may build up the other.

### ● Intuitive People Practice Mindfulness

Meditation and other mindfulness practices can be an excellent way to tap into your intuition. "Mindfulness can help you filter out mental chatter, weigh your options objectively, tune into your intuition and ultimately make a decision that you can stand

behind completely." Mindfulness can also connect you to your intuition by boosting self-knowledge.

Mindfulness is defined as paying attention to one's current experience in a non-judgmental way, it may help us to better understand our own personalities.

### ● Intuitive People Observe Everything.

"The first thing to do is notice, keep a little journal, and notice when odd things happen," as Burnham says. You'll gain a keen sense for how often coincidences, surprising connections and on the dot intuitions occur in your daily life. In other words, you'll start to tap into your intuition.

### ● Intuitive People Listen To Their Bodies.

Intuitive people learn to tune into their bodies and heed their "gut feelings." If you have ever started feeling sick to your stomach when you knew something was wrong but could not put your finger on what, you understand that intuitions can cause a physical sensation through your body. Our gut feelings are called gut feelings for a reason, research suggests that emotion and intuition are very much rooted in the "second brain" in the gut.

John Maxwell in his 21 Laws of Leadership says that natural leaders get intuition instantly, learned leaders get it eventually and none leaders just go blank on the subject. He says that leaders look at things differently than others, they evaluate everything to the leadership bias. Leaders possess leadership intuition that informs everything they do and it is an inseparable part of who they are. (REPEAT)

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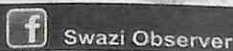
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## ON THIS DAY

...JULY 11

1346 - Charles IV of Luxembourg was elected Holy Roman Emperor in Germany.

1533 - Henry VIII, who divorced his wife and became head of the church of England, was excommunicated from the Catholic Church by Pope Clement VII.

1708 - The French were defeated at Oudenarde, Malplaquet, in the Netherlands by the Duke of Marlborough and Eugene of Savoy.

1742 - A papal decree was issued condemning the disciplining actions of the Jesuits in China.

1786 - Morocco agreed to stop attacking American ships in the Mediterranean for a payment of \$10,000.

1798 - The US Marine Corps was formally re-established by "An Act for Establishing a Marine Corps" passed by the US Congress. The act also created the US Marine Band. The Marines were first commissioned by the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775.

1804 - The United States' first secretary of the treasury, Alexander Hamilton, was killed by Vice President Aaron Burr in a duel.

1864 - In the US, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an invasion of Washington, DC. They turned back the next day.

1914 - Babe Ruth debuted in the major leagues with the Boston Red Sox.

1918 - Enrico Caruso recorded "Over There" written by George M. Cohan.

1934 - The first appointments to the newly created Federal Communications Commission were made.

1934 - US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt became the first American chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal while in office.

1955 - The US Air Force Academy was dedicated in Colorado at Lowry Air Base.

1960 - In Honolulu, HI, the first tournament held outside the continental US, sanctioned by the U.S. Golf Association, began.

1962 - The first transatlantic TV transmission was sent through the Telstar I satellite.

1972 - US forces broke the 95-day siege at An Loc in Vietnam.

1977 - The Medal of Freedom was awarded posthumously to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in a White House ceremony.

1979 - The abandoned U.S. space station Skylab returned to Earth. It burned up in the atmosphere and showered debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

1985 - Dr. H. Harlan Stone announced that he had used zippers for stitches on 28 patients. The zippers were used when he thought he may have to re-operate.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Justin Chambers (tv actor) - July 11, 1970 (47 years old)



Lil Kim (rapper) - July 11, 1974 (43 years old)



BISHOP  
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Last week we began a series taken from Luke 5:1-10, where Peter and other fishermen had laboured all night long and had caught nothing. As we continue we'll look at the second sign of labour.

The Bible says that the fishermen were gone out of the boat. They were all fishermen, but they had caught no fish. So the second sign of labour is:

## 2. PROFESSION WITHOUT POSSESSION.

There are contractors who last had a contract in 2010. There are bankers who are struggling how to feed their own families. They handle money everyday, but they don't have money. Until they are tempted to start stealing.

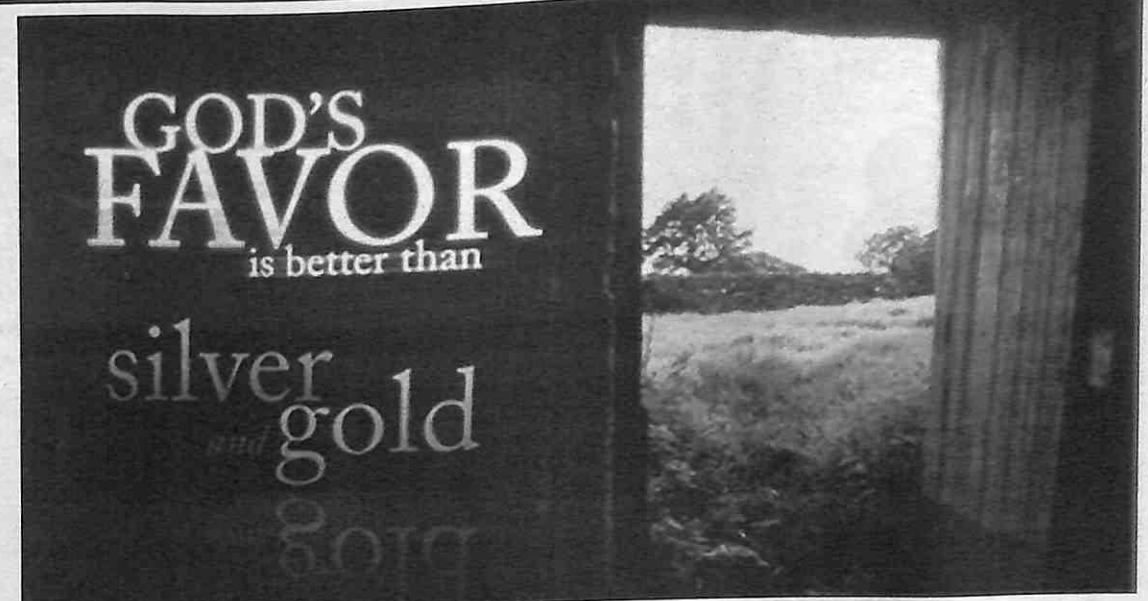
Have you ever seen ladies with good characters and still not married. They have the looks, they have the curves and they have the brains, but still not married. Parents sometimes say to their daughters, "don't you think it's time for you to get married?" As if husbands can be bought from a supermarket. Some people see that you are good looking and they just want to mock you and say 'I think you should be married by now.' Courtesy demands that before you ask people questions, be wise. There are questions you don't just ask people. You should have to have the conscience to know what their reaction will be. Some people will ask questions to frustrate you. They say, "where are you now?" They know that you are nowhere but they want it to come out of your mouth.

They say, I'm sure by now you should have built a house. I prophesy, with this mouth that I use to pray, the next question they will ask you, you will have the right answer for them.

Poverty is terrible. I don't hate the POOR, but I hate VERTY. Can I prophesy, where they mocked you, they will celebrate you.

I know people who say that they are politicians, have been moving from one ward meeting to another, but for the last 15 years, they have not held even one political office.

There are people who own supermarkets, but it's them and their chil-



## FROM LABOUR TO FAVOUR - PART 2

dren who eat everything inside. Nobody buys their goods.

There are people who have restaurants, their children will sit down, have breakfast, lunch and dinner. Having a profession and there is nothing to show.

God will bless what you do but don't forget, DO SOMETHING. Ecclesiastes 9:10 "10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."

God blesses the work of your hands not the confession of your mouth. People have high ambition and high vision, but they are lazy.

There are some ladies who are engaged to some guys and you ask, what does he want to do in life? The answer will be "He wants to travel abroad." Is travelling abroad a job?

Forget about your degree in school, anything that will put food on your table that is legal, do it. If you are looking for lazy people, come to the church. In church is where you will find people saying things like "I'm a millionaire by faith." DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR LIFE.

Some will say I don't think I am the

one to carry bricks. So when there are building projects, some will go there as supervisors of those projects. There is honour when you have worked for money yourself.

While you are studying, learn a trade. Do people's hair, learn how to bake. Do something that people always need.

I've heard people say "My name is Goodness so I can't work because Good things will follow me." "My name is Faith, I can't work because by faith I will survive". The Bible says Faith without works is dead. So whether your name is Faith or any other name, if you don't work you will die.

There is a difference between work and a job. A job is what you do to earn a living and you may not like it. Work is what you are doing and you enjoy doing and you are paid for doing it. Sometimes, before getting a work, you need to get a job. Start from somewhere or else you will end up nowhere. The third sign of a life of labour is:

## 3. A LIFE OF FAILED EXPECTATION.

Where all your expectations are always scattered. You never achieve anything that you desire to achieve. You always put effort but nothing comes out of it. You invest in business and nothing comes out.

That is the Spirit of labour. It's where the circumstances of life have beaten you hands down. Where situations

tell you to surrender. Where life becomes a Palace of disease. Everything you do ends up in futility.

You don't know where the next meal is going to come from. You ask yourself when you are going to come out.

I came to introduce a dimension of favour to you. A dimension where money begins to look for you. A dimension where heaven opens in your favour. I see the hand of God by the mystery of favour, changing your life, changing your story, changing your ministry, changing your health and changing your home.

Proverbs 23: 18 says that "Thy expectation shall not be cut off"

Jesus Christ has gone through shame for your sake. He carried sicknesses for your sake.

You can't pay for the same goods two times.

If you are sick, Jesus carried it. Why are you carrying what Jesus has carried? Matthew 8:17

If you are poor, Jesus has carried it. Why are you carrying what He has carried? 2 Corinthians 8:9

If you are stranded, it has been carried. Why do you have to carry it?

On that authority I stand, to place a curse on any sickness in your body or on any disease in your system. I command that infirmity to disappear in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

You cannot pay for what Jesus Christ has already paid for. We'll continue next week.



## On sovereignty: SA is its

TWO of the most precious possessions of any country are its sovereignty and self-determination.

These are the two fundamental principles that nations put forward as non-negotiable when engaging with other countries. Sovereignty is all about the pride of protecting one's self-interests as a nation; always willing to act in the interests of one's coun-

try and pushing against any undue interference by other countries.

Nations that have been conquered and are under occupation by others would have lost their sovereignty.

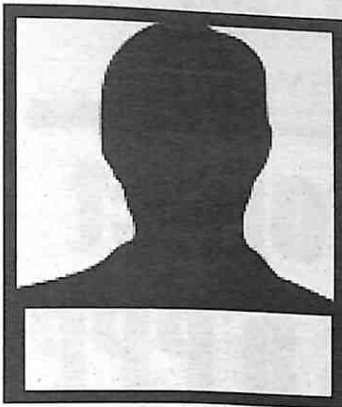
Recently, leaders of the African National Congress (ANC) have been emphatic in reciting the idea that there are threats to South Africa's sovereignty by hostile foreign countries and forces.

These threats entail interference with South Africa's sovereignty, and is allegedly not limited to South Africa. In the language of the ANC, African countries that are led by liberation parties are facing destabilisation just because they are still led by progressive political parties with a glorious history.

The list of African countries with sovereignty according to



# What do the communists want?



**IF the raison d'être of political parties is to gain state power in order to implement their policies and programmes, the South African Communist Party (SACP) has to be unique among them.**

The party's increasingly strident criticism of the ANC, particularly its president, has again raised questions about its future role in South African politics – and its relationship with the governing party.

The SACP, which holds its all-important national congress this week, has a long history with the ANC. In the past, many of its leaders – such as Govan Mbeki, Moses Kotane, Moses Mabhida, Chris Hani and Joe Slovo – also served in the highest ranks of the ANC, including the powerful national executive committee (NEC).

Even today there is a large number of SACP leaders sitting on the ANC NEC and in the government. They include party General Secretary Blade Nzimande (as Higher Education Minister), his party deputy Jeremy Cronin (Deputy Minister of Public Works), Thulas Nxesi (Sports Minister) and Rob Davies (Trade and Industry Minister). Many others serve in Parliament and elsewhere as ANC representatives.

As with party leaders, most SACP members to this day hold dual membership with the ANC.

And in addition to providing an important link with the old socialist bloc for political and military support, the party is often credited with critically influencing the ANC's own political thinking. It continues to regard itself as the "vanguard" of the tripartite alliance's National Democratic Revolution.

In the days of the struggle against apartheid, the relationship was premised on the party's deference to the ANC – which was the unifying front for all South Africans who opposed apartheid, irrespective of their social formation or class. But the changed conditions, in which the ANC has to govern in



**QUESTIONING: There is no obvious benefit to the SA Communist Party in continuing as little more than a handmaiden to the ANC, says the author.**

the interests of all South Africans not just its members and political allies, has brought to the fore the fundamental ideological differences between the party and the ANC.

Apart from government policy, conflict between the SACP and the ANC has been over the so-called "sins of incumbency", particularly corruption in the ANC and the state.

The SACP has been among the most outspoken critics of malfeasance in the government, particularly in public entities such as the SABC, Eskom, Prasa and PetroSA.

## Rescindment

It has called for the rescindment of the citizenship of the Gupta family – President Jacob Zuma's avowed friends, who stand accused of trying to capture the South African state.

To cap it all, the SACP has demanded that Zuma himself resign. As things stand, the SACP seems to be more in tune with the national mood than the ANC regarding the sorry state of the country and Zuma's role in that.

With relations between the party and the ANC being at a historical low, the obvious question is why SACP members and leaders are staying in the ANC?

There might be the sentimental matter born of the fact that the two organisations, sharing membership, together weathered tough times during the anti-apartheid struggle. Yet communists are not meant to be ruled by emotion, but rather by what they call the "objective conditions".

Party leaders might say that by staying in the ANC they stand a better chance of preventing it from falling

into the clutches of capitalists or potential state captors – perhaps even nudging it down the socialist path.

However, their recent track record on that score would suggest the contrary.

Thabo Mbeki's 2007 warning to SACP leaders, to desist from trying to turn the ANC into a socialist party, must still be ringing in their ears. And since then the ANC has remained a "broad church" comprising anything from communists to capitalists to state looters and African nationalists. Even crypto-tribalists.

In some instances, this has led to violence between ANC and SACP members, resulting in a number of murders, particularly in KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga. Recently, death threats have been made against SACP second deputy General Secretary Solly Mapaila (who has been the party's chief mouthpiece against Zuma and state corruption).

What's beyond doubt is that the SACP's presence in the ANC and its government has not prevented the emergence of what the party calls "parasitic patronage networks" that feed off the state.

And might there be political benefit to the SACP in continuing as little more than a handmaiden to the ANC, and campaigning for it during elections?

None that's apparent. By having its members in government and ANC structures, the party takes equal blame for everything the ANC does wrong. In the electorate's eyes, it gets tainted by the bad PR around the ANC president.

Our government's failure to initiate local investigations into individuals and entities engaged in corruption leaves no option but for international or foreign bodies to investigate such matters. There is a growing trend where foreign countries investigate allegations of corruption that have taken place in South Africa.

Foreign governments undertake these investigations because companies alleged to have corrupted South African officials come from their countries.

The unfortunate part of this scenario is that while these countries are involved in investigations of cor-

ruption taking pace in South Africa, local authorities are folding their hands and doing nothing. Quite often these foreign investigations are not taking place parallel to similar investigations in South Africa, where the crime would have happened. This is how our government is volunteering away our sovereignty; by failing to initiate local investigations into allegations of serious crime.

Our government therefore creates the space for foreign countries to interfere in matters involving the sovereignty of Mandela's nation.

For their troubles, SACP leaders are required to fall in line with ANC discipline and "democratic centralism", which frown on members criticising the party in public.

And so, if party members spend most of their time being "loyal and disciplined" ANC cadres, who will champion the SACP's stated programme to bring about socialism?

Were the party to stand alone and start articulating its vision to the public, it might have to present the nuts and bolts of that socialist dispensation.

Would it be like Cuba, which swiftly accepted capitalist Barack Obama's hand of friendship? Would it be like Venezuela, where the socialist experiment has led to prolonged civil strife? Or would it be like China, which has embraced the global capitalist order and is an adept player therein?

The greatest risk for the party in going it alone would be a possible electoral annihilation. Inversely, if it gains a foothold in the legislatures, likely becoming one of the many minority parties, it might be in a stronger position to bargain tactically with the ANC on matters like policy direction.

Its members and public representatives, accounting to one party not two, would be freed to pursue their party programme as distinct from the ANC's – even where it is diametrically opposed to the ANC's. Plus, they might not have to pay the political price they currently do every time the ANC shoots itself in the foot.

Going it alone and winning electoral support in its own right would answer critics who aver that, for fear of being rejected by the South African voter, the SACP chooses to hang on to the political coat tails of the ANC.

Rank-and-file pressure to stand alone has been building up in the SACP for a while, often held back by leadership. Could the wind blow in its favour this time around?

*eNCA*

## Wit and Wisdom

● "A fool is a man who believes glory can be found at the tip of a sword instead of on the tip of his tongue. That is life's cruel trick."

— *Natalia Jaster, Trick*

● "Always remember that you can explain things for people, but you can't comprehend for them." — *Shannon L. Alder*

● "Author is the prisoner of his thoughts." — *Rajiv Bakshi, Journey from Guwahati to Machhiwara*

● "Being a Gentleman, has more to do with hiding his flaws, than exhibiting the virtues!" — *Ramana Pemmaraju*

● "If you can't beat 'em cooperate 'em to death!" — *Charles M. Schulz, Peanuts Guide to Life: Wit and Wisdom from the World's Best-Loved Cartoon Characters*

● "Richard looked up to find a thirty-ish, tall, black haired man sauntering towards him with a smile that said "You can trust me", but really meant "Don't believe a word I say". This was Jack, and he hadn't changed a bit." — *Alexander Ferrick, HACK3R*

● "There is no greater hiding place for a secret than within the mind of a madman." — *Alexander Ferrick, HACK3R*

● "Gankis lifted an arm to point at the distant shale cliffs. "And in the face of it there were thousands of little holes, little what-you-call-'ems..."

● "Alcoves," Kennit supplied in an almost dreamy voice. "I call them alcoves, Gankis. As would you, if you could speak your own mother tongue." — *Robin Hobb, Ship of Magic*

● "Snark is a fabulous defense mechanism." — *Betsy Schow*

● "Let your personality be your profit and not your punishment." — *Amit Kalantri*

● "In my dictionary, romance is not maudlin, treacly sentiment. It is a curry, spiced with excitement, and humour, and a healthy dollop of cynicism." — *Loretta Chase, Lord of Scoundrels*

● "Always remember that you have been called worse things by better people." — *Shannon L. Alder*

● "I have great affection for you, Roy" I answered, "but I don't think you are the sort of person I'd care to have breakfast with." — *W. Somerset Maugham, Cakes and Ale*

● "Never speak unless you can improve upon the stupidity of people's silence." — *Shannon L. Alder*

● "Sometimes you can't agree with people because you would both be wrong." — *Shannon L. Alder*

● "Those who are most sincere are also the most morally suspect, as well as being incapable of producing or appreciating wit." — *Ian M. Banks*

● "I wouldn't do that," Silk advised. "Thinking about it isn't going to help, and it's only going to make you nervous." "Nervouser," Garion

## own worst enemy

the ANC include, for example, Robert Mugabe's regime in Zimbabwe.

The suspicion that African countries with a messianic history are experiencing a threat to their sovereignty – a threat posed by a Western driven agenda of regime change – seems to be harboured by countries that are becoming increasingly corrupt, if not corrupt already.

This raises the question as to who exactly is responsible for threaten-

ing countries led by liberation parties such as South Africa.

South Africa's case shows that the very same people who are alleging that Western forces are behind this phenomenon mostly undermine the country's sovereignty themselves. South Africa is losing its sovereignty in a very strange way; a way that does not involve foreign forces but rather the ANC leaders in government.



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.1%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.75%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.25%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.80 per litre
Replacement	E11.85 per litre
Diesel	E11.70 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.95 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 10 JULY 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.3368	13.3868
British Pound/SZL	17.2098	17.2743
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.5323	8.5605
Swiss France/SZL	13.8363	13.8824
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2830	1.2985
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.1333	10.1780
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.3466	10.3822
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	15.2053	15.2623
Gold	1,207.5000	
Oil	46.7100	

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# E16bn Swazi Rail Link project prepared for release as a PPP

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

**TRANSNET and Swaziland Railways (SR) have agreed to package the 146-km 'Swazi link' Greenfield line between Lothair, in South Africa, and Sidvokodvo, as a public-private partnership (PPP) and may release an international tender for a 20 to 25-year concession by October.**

According to Engineering News Online, Transnet Chief Executive Officer Siyabonga Gama said the operating model and funding structure were still to be finalised.

He said there was also potential to integrate the special purpose vehicle (SPV) into various other cross border freight logistics plans involving Botswana and Mozambique.

"Swaziland Railways and Transnet will now ring fence the venture as

a SPV, in which the two utilities will hold a minority 49 per cent, with the 51 per cent balance to be owned by private investors. Should the SPV materialise as planned, it would be the largest PPP undertaken to date by either utility and will be aligned with Transnet's private sector participation framework, which is operating alongside the group's rolling E277.8 billion market demand strategy," he said.

Gama said it was premature to confirm when exactly the international tender would be released, as various discussions and processes were still underway.

"However, it is possible that the

tender will be released in either September or October for adjudication or early 2018. Depending on responses, the winning bidder could begin construction by the middle of next year. The project is expected to involve a 30-month construction period," he said.

Gama said the route for the E12-billion to E16-billion project had already been determined following a detailed feasibility study and the two state-owned companies

were currently in the process of acquiring land on both sides of the border, while upgrading associated infrastructure.

"Both funding partners, as well as companies with established logistics capabilities will be targeted in the tender, who will include volume guarantees. The initial general-freight volumes set aside for the SPV are currently transported on Transnet's coal line to Richards Bay, in KwaZulu-Natal. However, the call for bids is also likely to outline potential road volumes that could be transferred across to the rail link over the concession period," he said.

"About five-million tons a year of general freight would be guaranteed, while details could be provided for displacing a further six-million tons a year from road to rail over the short- to medium-term. Over the full concession period, it is anticipated that volumes could rise to above 30-million tons," he added.

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**HAPPY PEOPLE:** Standard Bank management posing with the winners at Standard Bank offices.

## 10 STANDARD BANK CUSTOMERS WIN CASH BACK

**TEN Standard Bank customers won a total of E6 059 cash back for using the bank's digital channel platforms.**

The competition had been running from June and is set to go on up to September.

Under the competition, the bank awards customers who transact through its digital channels.

Yesterday, the bank awarded the first group of winners which saw the bank give away a total of E6 059 to ten customers.

Digital Channel Sales Lead Vukani Dlamini said the competition was set to award customers every fortnight with cash back worth up to E1 500.

"We are awarding customers who are active on the different digital channels which include ATMs, speed point transactions, smart app, USSD, or mobile banking," he said.



**BIG WINNER:** Faith White holding her replica cheque that was presented by Head of Personal and Business banking Nelus Agenbach and Chief Executive Mvuselelo Fakudze. (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)

Dlamini said the winners were randomly selected electronically.

"The aim of the competition is to encourage our customers to be active on the different digital channels which bring convenience for

different transactions. We also want to encourage our customers to perform routine transactions which will place them at a better opportunity to win their cash back," he said.

One of the winners revealed yesterday, Mavis Simalane who has been a customer of the bank since 2008 said she was very happy to win her cash back.

"I am grateful to have been selected as one of the winners after using internet banking to purchase electricity. I am looking forward to do more transactions with the bank and I would encourage more people to use digital channels. Using digital channels has come in handy as I am able to perform transactions at the convenience and comfort of my home," she said.

Ayanda Dlamini also expressed his excitement for being drawn as a winner of the competition.

"I have been using internet banking for quite some time now and I am encouraged to do more transactions with the bank on this exciting platform," he said.



# Gross official reserves slid to six month-low

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

## Summary comparison of reserves for the past six months

Month	Value of Reserves	Import cover
January	E8.2bn	3.8 months
February	E7.6bn	3.6 months
March	E7.3bn	3.4 months
April	E8.2bn	3.8 months
May	E7.4bn	3.5 months
June	E6.9bn	3.2 months
Six months average	E7.6bn	3.6 months

**THE country's gross official reserves slid to a six month-low of E6.9 billion at the end of June.**

A comparison of data reported by the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) of the past six months reflects that the country's reserves had been on a swing trajectory.

Reserves opened at E8.2 billion in January backed by the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) quarterly inflow. They decreased to E7.6 billion in February, further decreased to E7.3 billion in March, increased again to E8.2 billion in April backed by the SACU quarterly inflow, then decreased to E7.4 billion in May and finally slid to E6.9 billion by end of June.

According to the CBS money and banking statistics report May/June, at this level the reserves consequently represented a six months

low import cover of 3.2 months.

"Annually the reserves receded by 16.9 per cent," reported the CBS.

However, the report said at this level, the reserves continued to be above the international recommendation of three months of imports.

On the other hand, the report said net government balances held by other depository cor-

porations decelerated by 64.4 per cent compared with the previous month to close the month under review at E484.9 million.

"This development was due to a drawdown on government deposits held with the banking system," said the report.

On a monthly comparison, government deposits fell by 18.1 per cent, offsetting a 0.2 per cent growth in claims on government. When compared to the same period the previous year, net government balances receded by 75.7 per cent.

Meanwhile, the CBS reported that credit extended to the private sector increased by 1.2 per cent from the previous month to settle at E12.8 billion at the end of May.

The CBS said the enhanced performance in credit to the private sector was mainly due to credit to households and non-profit institutions serving households (NPISH) and credit to businesses over the month under review.

"However, credit to other sectors depicted a contraction over the same review period. Year on-year, private sector credit grew by 6.5 per cent. Credit extended to businesses amounted to E5.8 billion at the end of May 2017, depicting growth of 1.3 per cent from the previous month. The rise in credit to businesses was predominantly absorbed by these sectors: real estate (3.2 per cent), distribution and tourism (2.5 per cent) agriculture and forestry (1.9 per cent)," said the report.

Credit extended to other sectors receded by 2.7 per cent month-on-month to reach E1.2 billion at the end of May.

"The reduction in credit to other sectors was observed in the state and local government (-24.6 per cent) and other financial corporations (-9.0 per cent). Credit to the public non-financial corporations on the other hand depicted a rise of 18.3 per cent when compared with the previous month," reported the CBS.

## Bank's liquidity firms by 7.7 %, edges at E4.3bn

**THE liquidity of local banks has recently increased by 7.7 per cent to close at E4.3 billion as of the end of June.**

Liquidity is a measure of the ability and ease with which bank assets can be converted to cash.

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) money and banking statistics May/June report, the rise was on account of other depository corporations' cash holdings, balances with the central bank and their investment in government securities over the month under review.

"The banks' liquidity ratio therefore closed at 31.2 per cent, higher than the 30.3 per cent recorded at the end of April 2017," said the report.

Compared annually, banks' domestic liquid assets increased by 43.1 per cent.

The report also stated that broad money supply (M2) reached E15.4 billion at the end of May higher than the E14.7 billion recorded at the end of April.

The CBS said this development was in line with the growth in credit extended to the private sector over the month of May.

"As a result, both components of broad money increased over the month of May," said the report.

Compared over the year, the CBS reported that broad money supply expanded by 12.9 per cent.

On another note, quasi money supply (M1) amounted to E10.3 billion at the end of May, expanding by 7.4 per cent on a month-on-month basis.

The report said the growth was observed in both components of quasi money, with time deposits accelerating by 8.5 per cent to E8.5 bil-



lion and savings deposits by 2.5 per cent to E1.8 billion.

"M1 increased by 0.8 per cent over the month under review to reach E5.1 billion. An analysis of the components of M1 revealed that trans-

ferable deposits grew by 1.7 per cent over the month to E4.6 billion, whilst currency outside depository corporations shrank by 6.1 per cent to E557.8 million at the end of May 2017," said the report.

## Funds not allowed to commute full members pension

**AS of March 17, the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) halted approvals of any applications by retirement funds to commute more than the statutory one third of the fund members' full pension.**

This was through the Circular No.1/2017 which was endorsed by FSRA Chief Executive Officer Sandile Dlamini.

In the circular, the FSRA said pursuant to the issuance of Circular No.1/2009, the FSRA noted that there was a continuous undesirable practice where fund members commute their full pension as opposed to commuting the allowable one third pension pay out as envisaged by the amended Income Tax Order, 1975.

The authority said this practice set wrong precedent and had impacted on the administration, functioning and solvency of funds.

"The relevant section of the Income Tax order hinges on the provision of Section 2 (a) which provides that: Provided that the commissioner may approve a fund subject to such limitations or conditions as may determine, but shall not approve a fund unless in respect of the year of assessment in question, he is satisfied that there the fund is a permanent fund bona fide established for the purpose of providing annuities for employers on retirement from employment...the commissioner shall not approve a fund unless, in respect of the year of assessment in question, he is satisfied that the rules of the fund provide that no more than one third of the total value of the annuity to which an employee becomes entitled may be commuted for a single payment, except where annual amount of such annuity does not exceed one thousand five hundred Emalangeni," explained the FSRA.

The authority reminded trustees and all fund stakeholders that that it was imperative for them to align themselves with the intention of the Retirement Funds Act, 2005 and the purpose of a pension fund, which is to provide retirement income security for the remaining life of the member.



**FSRA CEO Sandile Dlamini.**

## HMCS cooperative total assets sit at over E104m

By Majaha Nkonyane

**HIS Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Cooperative Asihlumisane Savings and Credit Cooperative Society, also known as Ekongeni House' now boasts total assets worth over E104 million.**

The cooperative Chairman Calvin Khumalo said they have also made it their priority to give back to the community and extend a helping hand to the needy and vulnerable.

"The society presently has an annual budget of E30 000 allocated for our social responsibility programmes, we believe in assisting those who are in need as the survival of this

cooperative is dependent on helping those who are in need," he said.

"We are working hard at ensuring that we continue helping where we can, we have been able to build a one room house for a mentally challenged individual in Zombodze which is valued at E15 000 in the Manzini region.

"We have also been able to donate school uniform and stationery to the value of E12 000 in the Shiselweni region. Another E3 000 was donated to a bereaved family in the Hhohho region," he added.

He said they were also happy to have also been part of the charity sponsors to their household team, Green Mamba where they donated

E2 500.

"We have also been able to donate to Hope House Swaziland and Hospice at Home where we donated a total of E20 000.

"The society recently on July 5 made another donation to St. Holy Ghost Primary School in the Lubombo region, where school uniform including shoes to the value of E23 000 was donated to 62 needy children," he said.

Khumalo said they drew their strength from the support that they get from their membership and qualified staff who ensures that everything was accounted for.

He said they also survive through the help of committed board mem-

bers who carefully make decisions for the cooperative.

"We however, do face challenges in our operations as we have to deal with competitors, some of our members resign whilst others pass away," he said.

As at May 31, Khumalo said their total assets amounted to about E104 503 510, whilst total savings stood at E60 441 11.

He said total loans stood at about E59 379 951.

"We offer to our members, a range of products which include amongst others ordinary savings, special savings, educational savings, ordinary loans and emergency loans," he said.



# THE ROLE OF THE FSRA IN COMPLIANCE, ENFORCEMENT



One of the key roles of FSRA is to ensure that all non-bank financial services providers conduct their business according to the principles of best practice and uphold standards of market conduct as per Section 46 of the FSRA Act, 2010.

## Enforcement

The FSRA enforces corrective action where a financial services provider fails or is unable to comply with or contravenes a requirement imposed by the Act, or any other applicable financial services law. If a financial services provider contravenes the above mentioned laws, FSRA may in terms of Section 67 of the Act;

- Issue a written warning;
- Direct the financial services provider to do a specified act or refrain from doing a specified act within a specified period in order to comply with the relevant provision; or;
- Impose an administrative penalty under Section 68 of the FSRA Act, 2010.

Before an administrative penalty is imposed, FSRA will give the financial services provider notice of its intention to do so specifying the grounds and the facts supporting the charge brought against it. The financial services provider will be given sufficient time to adequately prepare its written submissions to support its oral submissions during the hearing.

## Powers of the Authority

Section 6 of the Act empowers FSRA to take a range of actions in order to apply appropriate enforcement and to effectively discharge its functions. FSRA has the power to issue the following directives when a financial services provider has compliance issues;

- Restrict the entity from conducting business;
- Direct the entity to reinforce its financial position;
- Bar individuals acting in certain capacities from such roles in future; and
- Suspend or revoke any license issued under any financial services law.

## Monitoring

The routine monitoring of financial services providers is conducted through both offsite and onsite monitoring. The findings of the exercise guides FSRA on the corrective action to take.

## Mandated

The FSRA is mandated in terms of Section 67 of the FSRA Act, 2010 to take corrective measures against non-compliant persons operating within the non-bank financial services sector.

The process of initiating corrective measures entails the convening of a hearing wherein the non-compliant person is given an opportunity prior

to the imposition of a corrective measure; to state their case regarding their non-compliance.

The FSRA uses a number of corrective measures in order to encourage the compliance of persons who have been found to have contravened provisions of the non-bank financial services laws.

## Suspended Sentence

The effect of a suspended sentence is that; where a person has been found to be guilty of breaching a provision of the non-bank financial services laws the effective imposition of a corrective measure is suspended on condition that; should the person or entity be found to have committed the same offence within a specified time frame the corrective measure previously waived would be re-imposed. A person or entity who is under a suspended sentence imposed by the FSRA is still deemed to be fit and proper to operate in the industry, subject to the non-commission of a similar offence within a specified period of time.

## Debarment and Revocation of license to Operate

The FSRA Act, 2010 lists in Section 46 of the Act, the standards of market conduct that all regulated persons are expected to uphold in the conduct of their business. These standards include:

● Acting honestly and fairly in the best interest of stakeholders and the integrity of the market.

● Acting with due skill, care and diligence.

● Avoiding conflict of interest.

● Maintaining adequate financial resources to meet business commitments.

● Adequate protection and segregation of stakeholder's assets in their care.

## Requirements

Failure to uphold these standards of market conduct as well as non-compliance with other regulatory requirements which point to the inability and/or refusal to abide by regulatory requirements as prescribed in legislation is likely to lead to a person being declared non-desirable person and eventually result in the debarment and revocation of a license to operate in the industry.

However, before a corrective action is taken, FSRA considers the full circumstances of each case. The following factors may be considered depending on the facts of each case;

- Nature of the breach;
- Conduct after breach;
- Previous regulatory record; and
- Guidance issued by FSRA.

After corrective action against a financial services provider is taken, FSRA monitors the compliance with legal requirements and sound business practices by:

● Meeting with the management of the financial services provider to outline concerns and discuss remedial actions;

● Instructing the financial services provider to provide an acceptable business plan that reflects appropriate remedial measures that will rectify problems within a specified time frame;

● Enhancing monitoring of the financial services provider by requiring more frequent reporting and more detailed information.

● Monitoring the progress of remedial actions via reporting requirements, follow up inspections or both; and

● Taking control of the assets of the entity if statutory conditions exist and if there is an immediate threat to the safety of customers and creditors.

## Decision

After the hearing, a decision is handed and if the financial services provider is aggrieved by the administrative penalty issued against it, it may request for an internal review or may appeal to the Appeals Tribunal in terms of Section 80 of the FSRA Act, 2010.

**For comments and reviews please email the Financial Services Regulatory Authority at [info@fsra.co.sz](mailto:info@fsra.co.sz) or alternatively you can call at 2406 8000.**

## OR Tambo 'follow-home' heist sees couple robbed of R50k

**CAPE TOWN - A couple returning from a trip and landing at OR Tambo International Airport over the weekend have been robbed of luggage worth an estimated "R50 000 and some \$7 000 in cash".**

The alleged 'follow-home' robbery took place in Centurion on Saturday night July 8, after the couple left the Johannesburg airport, according to the Rekord Centurion.

The report quotes police spokesperson Captain Dave Miller, who states the robbery occurred on the "corner of Rietveld Dam Street and Delmas Road", after "five armed men in a silver Mercedes forced the couple to stop".

Miller says the couple was not injured, but their cellphones were also stolen during the robbery.

Attempts to track the robbers via the cellphones by security forces responding to the situation "lead to Hammanskraal" but the signal was eventually lost.

An investigation into the incident continues.

SA's Minister of Police, Fikile Mbalula is expected to visit the OR Tambo International Airport on Monday, July 10 at 10:00am.

Mbalula will meet with the South African Police Service Management, Home Affairs, State Security and the

Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police Departments at the airport regarding the safety and security challenges at the airport.

This latest weekend robbery comes as OR Tambo has warned travellers to be vigilant as alleged 'spotter' syndicates are being investigated across the various companies operating at the airport.

ACSA has confirmed it is working with authorities to curb the current crime wave around SA's busiest airport.

## Attempt

OR Tambo International issued a statement previously after yet another cargo heist attempt took place at the airport on Saturday July 1.

This followed a Carte Blanche investigation into alleged spotters working within the airport to identify travellers with high-value bags or goods.

Aired on Sunday June 25, the actuality programme interviewed an alleged spotter as he detailed how people working at the airport are helping criminals identify tourists, businessmen and even locals as they pass through OR Tambo International.

On Friday July 7, EFF leader Julius Malema weigh in on the concern, calling the airport a "playground for criminals" and the crime situation an "embarrassment".

ACSA has since met with the various stakeholders involved in the safety and security of the airport operations and has confirmed it is working through its Public Safety and Security staff to identify these alleged "airport spotters" believed to be alerting criminals behind follow-home robberies.

ACSA says it is supporting the South African Police Services Crime Prevention Plan in identifying the alleged spotters.

## Hesitate

Leigh Gunkel-Keuler, spokesperson for OR Tambo International Airport says, "We will not hesitate to take decisive action when we identify any person helping the criminals, irrespective of whether these spotters are employed by Airports Company South Africa or one of the many service providers operating at the airport."

An estimated 35 000 people are employed air-port wide, across airline companies, ground handling companies, cargo operators, security companies, retail concessionaires, hotels, public transport operators and government agencies. Further, only about 10 per cent to 15 per cent of people working at the airport are directly employed by ACSA.

"In addition, we continue to work closely with the SAPS on a variety of measures, including surveillance and



intelligence work, to identify the spotters and the criminals."

ACSA is also working with the travel and tourism sector so that it remains engaged on the issue of crime - having met with the Tourism Business

Council concerning the spike in this crime trend.

Do not make eye contact with the hijacker. He may perceive this behaviour as a threat and retaliate aggressively. **Daily Mail**



## BRIEFS

## S Sudan marked it's six independence

JUBA - South Sudan on Sunday marked its sixth independence anniversary in muted fashion, with no official celebration as the world's newest nation reels from a brutal and destructive ongoing civil war. A third of the population has been forced from their homes creating one of the world's worst refugee crises, tens of thousands have been killed and a famine and food shortages have threatened the lives of millions more. "Today I have nothing to celebrate," said 34-year-old father of three Arik Majok, who works as a night watchman in the capital. **AFP**

## Egypt identifies 7 dead from Libya

CAIRO - Egypt has identified seven Egyptians among 19 suspected would-be illegal migrants who perished from heat and hunger after trekking into Libya's eastern region. Foreign ministry spokesperson Ahmed Abu Zeid said late Saturday arrangements were being made to repatriate the seven bodies and that communication with Libyan authorities to identify the rest was ongoing. Libya, which has been in chaos since a popular 2011 uprising turned into a civil war, has emerged as a key transit point for illegal migration to Europe, attracting thousands of sub-Saharan Africans, as well as Arabs and Asians, willing to pay smugglers thousands of dollars to make the hazardous journey across the Mediterranean. **AP**

## Ghana turns to surfing tourism

## KOKROBITE

Brett Davies paced up and down the sloping sands of Kokrobite beach



in Ghana, organising surfers from 20 different countries at his annual international competition. Along the beach, some 30 kilometres (20 miles) west of Accra, dotted with dug-out fishing boats, Rastafarians were selling T-shirts and small children were playing in the sand. Davies, 42, is leading the push to bring surfers to the West African nation as a way to help boost the country's under-developed tourism sector. **AFP**

## Bomb kills 2 police in Egypt's Sinai

CAIRO - Egypt's interior ministry says an explosive device struck a police vehicle in the northern Sinai town of al-Arish, killing two conscripts and wounding nine others. In a statement carried by the state news agency, the ministry said the blast struck the police patrol late on Saturday. The northern part of the Sinai Peninsula, bordering Gaza and Israel, is home to a powerful Islamic State affiliate that has carried out a number of attacks in recent years, mainly targeting security forces and the region's Christian minority. **AP**

## Women suffocates new born twins

HARARE - A Zimbabwean woman, 29, allegedly suffocated her new born twins in a plastic bag, placed them inside a 20 litre bucket of water, before accusing a traditional midwife of having killed them, reports say. According to NewsDay, Gladys Tsvuura from Dzivaresekwa in western Harare, pleaded not guilty to concealment of birth charges when she appeared before Magistrate Josephine Sande last week. State witness Shupikai Mbimbi, told the court that Tsvuura gave birth to twins on May 19 while she was alone inside her rented cabin home. It was revealed that after she had given birth to the twins, she wrapped them with a plastic bag, placed them inside a 20 litre bucket of water and hid it in her house. **News24**



## Mugabe in Singapore for medical check

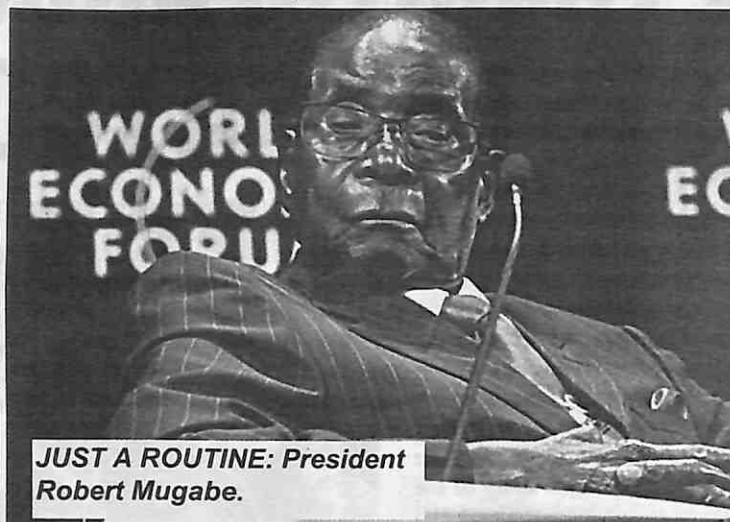
HARARE - Zimbabwe's 93-year-old President Robert Mugabe is in Singapore for a "routine medical check-up", state media reported Sunday.

"President Mugabe last Friday left the country for Singapore for a routine medical check-up," the Sunday Mail newspaper reported.

The paper said the veteran ruler is expected back in Zimbabwe mid-week.

Mugabe's medical trips to the Southeast Asia city state have become more frequent in recent years. His previous visit was in May, also said to be for a "routine medical check-up". In 2011 and 2014 he had eye surgery in a hospital in Singapore.

Mugabe now walks with difficulty and sometimes dozes off during meetings.



JUST A ROUTINE: President Robert Mugabe.

His health has been the subject of increased speculation in recent years and authorities in March arrested two journalists over a report alleging

that he was "in bad shape."

In 2016, the government had to deny that he had died abroad during his annual vacation.

Mugabe has declined to name a successor and his ruling ZANU-PF party has been riven by factionalism for years.

Despite Mugabe's advanced age, the party last year endorsed him as its candidate for the 2018 general elections. The leader is not the only African president currently abroad for treatment for an undisclosed condition. Nigeria's Muhammadu Buhari has been in London since May 7, and his lengthy absence has caused political uncertainty in Africa's most populous nation.

Angola's President Jose Eduardo dos Santos recently spent a month in Spain for medical treatment and yesterday officials announced that he had gone back for what was described as a "private visit".

**AFP**



INSPIRED: The enchanted photos were taken by Andrey Seliverstov, 59, from St Petersburg, Russia. He captured the scenes of nine-year-old Maria Palkina and her canine friends after being inspired by famous artists.

## ZIM MULLS LEGALISING PRODUCTION OF CANNABIS TO LURE INVESTMENT

HARARE - Zimbabwe is considering legalising the production of cannabis for medical purposes to lure investors keen to grow the drug, a Cabinet minister says.

Investment Promotion Minister Obert Mpofu says a Canadian firm has applied to the government for a permit to produce the drug, known locally as *mbanje*, in one of the country's soon-to-be-set-up Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

"We have received numerous inquiries from investors who want to participate in the SEZs and one of them is a big international company that wants to be involved in the

production of cannabis," Mpofu was quoted as saying by the state-run Sunday News.

Zimbabwe is in the process of setting up SEZs, initially in Harare, Bulawayo and Victoria Falls. The zones will offer investors incentives, including exemption from some provisions of the labour law and black economic empowerment rules. Mpofu told the paper that he thought the Canadian firm, which he didn't name, was joking when he first received an inquiry from them. That was before he realised that medical cannabis production was big business.

"This company is from Canada and it's one of the biggest con-

glomerates in that country and they are producing cannabis for medical purposes under strict conditions," he said.

"I don't see anything wrong and I think if we legalise (production of) *mbanje* we will benefit medically because it is used for pain killers such as morphine," he added.

Under Zimbabwe's laws the possession or cultivation of cannabis is illegal, punishable by jail. In 2015 a Harare man - who was found by police to be growing small quantities of marijuana at home, apparently to treat a rare bone ailment - was jailed for 12 months, according to The Herald.

**The Herald**

## ODINGA CHECKED FOR SIGNS OF FOOD POISONING

NAIROBI - Kenya's leading opposition leader, former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, was taken to the hospital with suspected food poisoning this past Sunday.

A spokesperson for the politician, Salim Lone, said Odinga was being checked after he felt "slightly unwell", adding that "there is absolutely no reason for anyone to worry."

Making his fourth attempt to win Kenya's presidency, Odinga is viewed as President Uhuru Kenyatta's closest challenger in next month's election. Odinga's supporters feel he won the presidential race 10 years ago, an election that international observers said was flawed.

Anger over the 2007 election sparked what many considered the worst outbreak of violence in Kenya since the East Africa nation gained independence from Britain in 1964. **AP**



UNWELL: Raila Odinga.



# Focus on SA scene

## ZUMA OPTIMISTIC ABOUT IMF PROSPECTS FOR SA ECONOMY

**GERMANY** - President Jacob Zuma says he's received encouraging feedback from the International Monetary Fund while at the G20 meeting in Germany.

According to Zuma, "The IMF gave indications during the course of the meeting of the summit during the last few days that the signs are looking good and they are happy (that) if nothing disturbs us, the economy is coming back."

Zuma went on: "We even said to the representative of the IMF that it is the first time that she is giving some good news. For quite a while she has been giving bad news about the economy. It is not saying that

the economy has come back totally, but it is coming back generally."

### Fractionous

World leaders made concessions on trade and climate language to Donald Trump Saturday at the end of the most fractious and riot-hit G20 summit ever, in exchange for preserving a fragile unity of the club of major industrialised and emerging economies.

But the gesture opened the door for others, with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warning that Ankara was now leaning towards not ratifying the landmark Paris climate accord.

AFP



**UNITED:** French President Emmanuel Macron, US President Donald Trump, Indonesia's President Joko Widodo, Mexico's President Enrique Peña Nieto and President Jacob Zuma at the G20 summit in Hamburg.

## SACP to consider fighting election outside of alliance

**JOHANNESBURG** - The SACP heads to its 14th congress this week, where it will discuss whether to break away from the ANC and contest elections on its own.

The fractured state of the ANC and allegations of state capture have induced serious discussions in the left axis of the ruling alliance about the possibility of the SACP contesting for state power.

This is not the first time the issue has arisen. The discussion was first initiated in 2005, when the party was confronted with what it termed the "1996 class project" under former president Thabo Mbeki, the aftermath of

which was the party siding with Jacob Zuma when he ousted Mbeki. Second Deputy General Secretary Solly Mapaila yesterday confirmed this was still on the agenda for the upcoming congress and will be discussed in conjunction with the reconfiguration of the alliance with the ANC and COSATU - an important aspect of the debate.

Some provinces have already decided that the SACP should go solo at the polls in 2019, while others were undecided, Mapaila said. It is likely to be a hot debate at the congress. In its current document on state power and elections released in November 2016, the SACP con-

cluded the political situation was fluid and much would depend on the outcome of the ANC's 2017 national conference. Mapaila said the SACP would not be talking about ANC succession or pronouncing on who the party thinks should be the next president of the governing party. This is despite its other alliance partner, COSATU, coming out publicly to endorse Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa. Mapaila said the SACP would not endorse specific candidates, but had an interest in who became leader as that person ultimately becomes the leader of the alliance.

Sowetanlive

## 'RACIST' SANEF IS GRANDSTANDING'

**CAPE TOWN** - Black First Land First (BLF) has remained defiant, saying it has fully complied with a court order relating to the intimidation and harassment of journalists, despite the SA National Editor's Forum (SANEF) saying it has not.

BLF held a press conference in Johannesburg on Sunday.

News24 on Saturday reported that SANEF, through its lawyers, gave BLF until 10:00 on Sunday to send out a revised statement after it said it had failed to comply with the court order in at least two aspects.

But leader Andile Mngxitama on Sunday said BLF learned



of the 10:00 deadline via the News24 report and claimed that SANEF had approached Naspers chair Koos Bekker, not BLF, to push ahead with the matter.

"Who do they think they are?... "SANEF behaved like a politician that just arrived from London with lots of British pounds.

News24

## DA to visit KZN hospitals in midst of cancer treatment crisis

**DURBAN** - Democratic Alliance (DA) Shadow Minister for Health, Patricia Kopane, is expected to visit Addington and Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospitals, accused of failing to adequately treat cancer patients, in Durban yesterday.

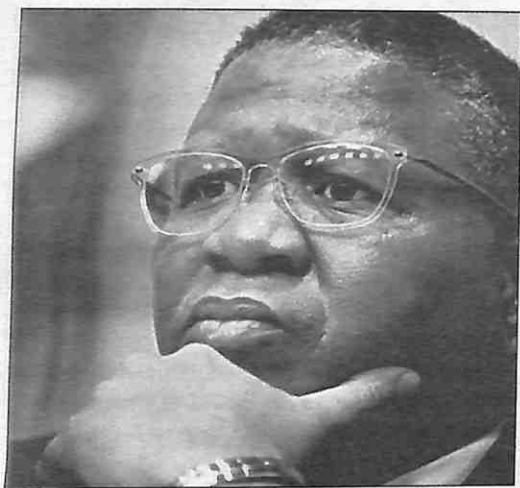
This follows a South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) report which found the KwaZulu-Natal health department guilty of violating the rights of the cancer patients in the two hospitals.

The report said the department failed to maintain and acquire functional equipment, provide access to adequate oncology services and monitor the health needs of oncology patients in the province.

DA MPL Imran Keeka lodged a formal complaint with the SAHRC in 2016 after it came to light that cancer patients did not have access to proper healthcare services; including severe shortages of staff and a lack of functional health technology machines for screening, diagnosing and treating cancer.

In a statement on Sunday, Kopane said the lack of services to cancer patients has potentially resulted in the deaths of no less than 300 cancer patients in the province.

News24



**SET TO PAY A VISIT:** The Minister of Police, Fikile Mbalula.

## Police Minister to assess OR Tambo security

**JOHANNESBURG** - The Minister of Police, Fikile Mbalula, is set to visit the OR Tambo International Airport yesterday.

According to a statement issued by his office, the minister will meet with the South African Police Service (SAPS) management, Home Affairs, State Security and the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police departments at the airport "to get an appreciation of the safety and security challenges at the airport".

OR Tambo has been in the headlines for a number of contentious reasons, including a brazen robbery of R20.7-million worth of bank notes from Standard Bank at the airport by men dressed as police officers, and media coverage of syndicates working from the airport that target travellers in hijackings and house robberies after they leave the airport.

In his statement, the minister reiterated the importance of OR Tambo International to the South African economy and stressed the need to make it safe as one of our national key points.

eNCA



## driver to be charged with 18 charges of culpable homicide

**JOHANNESBURG** - The driver of a truck involved in a horror crash in Mpumalanga today is expected to be charged with 18 charges of culpable homicide, the Road Traffic Management Corporation said.

Six of the 18 mineworkers who died in the collision were buried this past Saturday, the agency said in a statement on Sunday.

The Mozambican truck driver was expected to appear in the Belfast Magistrate Court yesterday. Last Tuesday, ER24 spokesperson Russel Meiring said when emergency services arrived at the scene, a damaged bus was found on its side on the roadside at about 07:30, and the truck in the middle of the road a short distance away.

Several passengers were found lying trapped inside the bus while others were walking around on the scene.

Meiring said several were also found lying trapped under the overturned bus.

16 people were confirmed dead at the scene, while two others died due to their injuries in hospital. News24



# COULD YOUR OLD RECORD PLAYER BE WORTH HUNDREDS?

By Toby Walne, Financial Mail on Sunday

**LONDON** - A renewed love affair with vinyl is creating a surge in demand for old turntables and record players. It means equipment that was thrown away as obsolete junk just a few years ago can fetch hundreds – sometimes even thousands – of pounds.

Here, Toby Walne goes for a spin to find how to make money and great music from vintage hi-fi.

## Invest in a classic turntable

Sales of vinyl passed three million for the

first time in 25 years this year.

Enthusiasts keen to find something suitable to spin their new discs on are turning to old players that were previously just cluttering up the house or collecting dust in the attic.

The most sought-after equipment is now viewed as a shrewd investment – rising in value as collectors scramble for pieces that survived the cull of the decades when vinyl was deemed out-of-date. Steve Ansell, owner of vintage hi-fi specialist Hifi Hangar in Bordon, Hampshire, says: “There has been a real surge of interest.”



## WAYS TO SAVE MONEY, BOOST YOUR SAVINGS

WITH a few pounds in your pocket you can buy a vintage turntable where the music sounds better than most CD players – a format which is now far more likely to be viewed as obsolete in the future.

“Classic hi-fi offers better value than new equipment that is not always built to last as it once was. You are unlikely to lose money by investing in a quality turntable – and have the added return of enjoying great sounding music.”

He suggests a £200 budget is a good place to start for a decent sounding quality turntable. This includes a Thorens 150 Mk II introduced in 1969 and the Ariston RD11 that came out in 1971.

Others such as a Goldring Lenco GL75 from 1969 and Rega Planar 3 from 1977 can sell for similar prices but may require you to invest separately in a tone arm and cartridge, the parts that hold the all important stylus needle, to push the final bill up by £100 or more.

At the top end of the price scale is the Linn Sondek LP12 launched in 1972. The Glasgow-based firm is still going strong.

You can spend £25,000 on a limited edition LP12 – such as a 40th anniversary turntable that had a plinth made from Highland Park distillery oak casks.

Even if you buy an early Linn Sondek



**PASSION:** Sarah and Steve Ansell say you can start on a budget of £200.

without tone arm or cartridge, you will not see any change from £1,000 thanks to a huge following that always keeps prices high.

Ansell says: “There was a huge explosion in the number of manufacturers making quality turntables that started in the 1950s. Today you have a vast range of choice – many are fantastic value.”

The Garrard 301 is another high-end turntable with legendary heritage since its launch in 1954. Grey enamel examples can be picked up for £800 but you should also budget at least a further £250 for a quality tone arm, such as an old SME 3009, and further £200 for a cartridge, such as a Shure V15.

Other turntable makers whose val-

ues rarely fall include Pink Triangle – relaunched as The Funk Firm in 2005, Pro-Ject and Michell Engineering.

The latter’s founder, John Michell, designed a transistor turntable in 1964 that appeared in the 1972 Stanley Kubrick movie ‘A Clockwork Orange.’ Pristine examples can sell for £2,000 or more. The turntable can be sold as just the plinth, motor and platter. You then separately buy a tone arm and cartridge – the latter contains the stylus needle that reads the music in the vinyl grooves. A specialist dealer can offer advice on finding the right balance. These include Hifi Hangar, London-based Audio Gold and Sevenoaks Sound and Vision. Trading websites include Hifi In Touch and Hifi For Sale.

## SOME VINYL RECORDS ARE BECOMING INVESTMENTS

**THE** rebirth of vinyl has been helped by a new generation of music lovers – encouraged by modern musicians such as Ed Sheeran, Fleet Foxes and Royal Blood who release their latest LPs on vinyl.

Favourites such as David Bowie, The Beatles, Pink Floyd and Fleetwood Mac have also re-released their best albums on vinyl in recent years.

But it is not just new vinyl that is in demand – particularly rare and sought-after old records that once sold for just a few pence in charity shops or at car boot sales are now becoming an investment.

A 1958 seven-inch single That’ll Be The Day by The Quarrymen is listed as the most valuable record at £100,000.

John Lennon, Paul McCartney and George Harrison recorded it

in a booth on 78rpm acetate before they became The Beatles.

Other vinyl treasures include a 1977 release of God Save The Queen by The Sex Pistols on A&M Records.

The punk rock band was dropped for bad behaviour and all but nine copies of the 25,000 original singles that were pressed survived being destroyed – and are now worth £8,000 each.

Steve Ansell, of Hifi Hangar, believes the appeal of vinyl is not only the quality of the music but also the packaging. He says: “Playing a record is a ritual.”

There is something special about picking up vinyl, removing it from the sleeve and playing it – often while reading sleeve notes or lyrics.

This has a timeless appeal that you do not get from streaming or CDs.”

## CONSIDER VINTAGE EXPERTS

**KEY** to the appeal of a classic turntable is that even if the equipment is half a century old, it will still be compatible with modern hi-fi speakers and amplifiers – enabling you to get the best from vintage separates.

Yet many audiophiles believe that often an amplifier of a comparable age to the turntable can make a great match.

Amps that use valves offer warmth rarely found in modern microchips and can produce a lush sound sought by many vinyl lovers.

In the era from the 1950s to the 1980s when the ability to play vinyl was a standard part of a stereo system, a ‘phono stage’ – often referred to as a ‘phono pre-amp’ – was included in the

amp. This boosts the signal from the turntable.

Because modern amps are more used to amplifying the signals from CD players and streamed music, you often have to buy a separate phono stage box that plugs into the new amp to help boost the turntable signal.

### Modern

This extra costs anything from £50 upwards – and modern hi-fi owners should always budget for this.

Robin Brunson, of vintage hi-fi dealer Audio Gold in Finsbury Park, North London, says: “A trusty old amp like a late 1970s Pioneer SA-8800 with lots of great retro knobs and dials can cost £300.

It offers fabulous value for money compared with modern equipment and is a real nostalgic treat.”

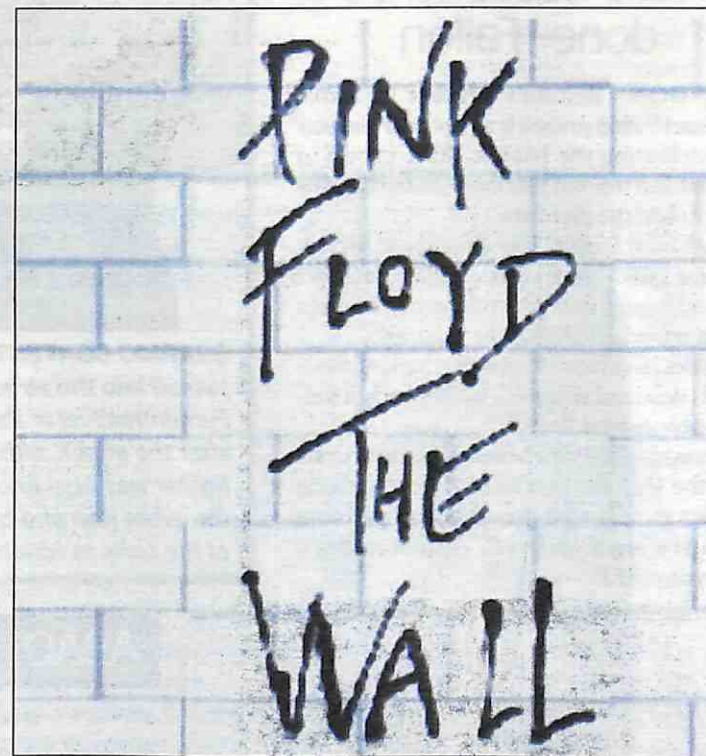
### Investments

Later amps from the 1980s – such as those by Creek, NAD, Arcam and Audio Lab – can also be solid investments for driving a classic turntable. You should budget at least £200 for a decent old amp.

Speakers of the era can also blast out an authentic sound but unfortunately, unlike other hi-fi separates, are not so easy to repair if they break.

Cassette decks have a limited appeal for most listeners but there are legendary classics – such as a 1980s Nakamichi Dragon – selling for up to £1,000.

Turntables are not to be confused with record players – which differ in that



they have the amp within the unit. Among those, the most sought-after old record players are the small suitcase-sized designs many people grew up with in their bedroom.

The sound quality can be dubious but the appeal is nostalgic.

Dansette is one of the most sought-after brands, whose heyday was in the 1950s and 1960s.

Favourites like the Dansette Monarch or Bermuda can sell for £500 in pristine condition – but less than £100 if showing their age. **Daily Mail**



# World News

## Huge fire at London's Camden market

**LONDON** - Seventy firefighters battled a large fire in a building in London's popular Camden Lock Market yesterday morning, the London Fire Brigade said.

The emergency service said it had also sent 10 fire engines to the scene, near a nightclub and a covered market.

There were no reports of casualties.

"The first, second and third floors, plus the roof, of a building within the market are alight," the London Fire Brigade said on Twitter.

Images shared on social media showed tall flames and a burnt-out building at the north London market, which is popular with Londoners and tourists.

"The fire was moving very fast," witness Joan Ribes, 24, told the Press Association.

He said the fire "was flying through the air to the surrounding areas".

AFP



**PRAISED:** Britain's Defence Minister Michael Fallon.

## More needs to be done- Fallon

**LONDON** - Britain's Defence Minister Michael Fallon praised Iraq last past Sunday for defeating the Islamic State group in Mosul, but warned that more has to be done to combat the jihadists.

Earlier on Sunday Iraq announced victory against ISIS in the northern city, the country's second largest, from where the group declared a self-styled caliphate three years ago.

Battles have raged for months, leaving thousands dead and wounded, while nearly a million people have fled.

"I congratulate Prime Minister [Haider] Abadi, and the Iraqi forces who have been fighting on the ground with great bravery and care against a brutal opponent," Fallon said in a statement. **AFP**



## Trump's son met Russian lawyer for Clinton information

**WASHINGTON** - The son of US President Donald Trump agreed to meet a Kremlin-linked lawyer during the 2016 election campaign after being promised damaging information about Hillary Clinton, the New York Times reported.

Trump's then-campaign Chairperson, Paul Manafort, and his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, also attended the meeting at Trump Tower on June 9, 2016, two weeks after Trump won the Republican nomination, the Times reported on Sunday, citing three advisers to the White House.

In a statement quoted by the Times and later made available to media outlets, Donald Trump Jr acknowledged meeting with Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya.

"After pleasantries were exchanged, the woman stated that she had information that individuals connected to Russia were funding the Democratic National Committee



and supporting Ms Clinton," the statement said.

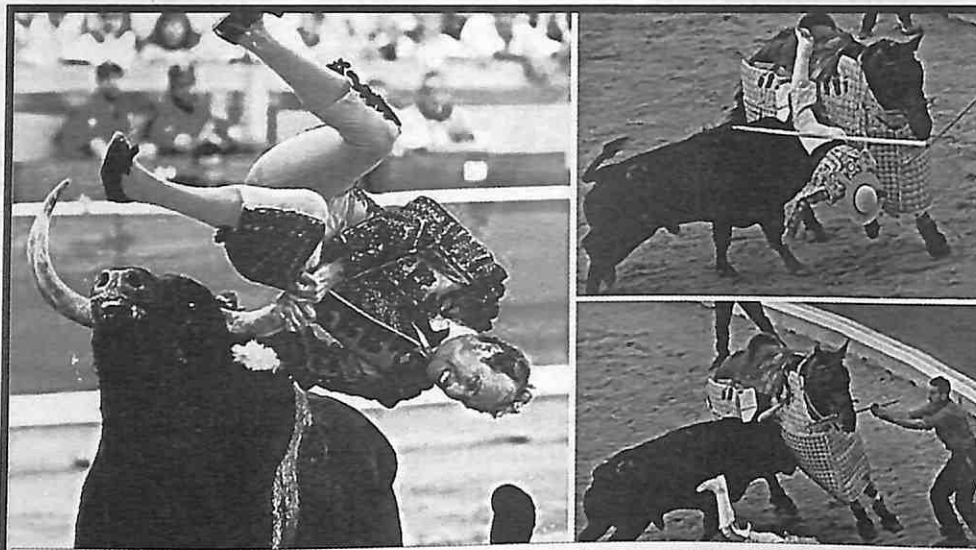
Clinton was the 2016 Democratic presidential nominee. "Her statements were vague, ambiguous and made no sense. No details or supporting information was provided or even offered. It quickly became clear that she had no meaningful information."

Trump Jr said Veselnitskaya

then turned the conversation to the adoption of Russian children and a US law blacklisting Russians linked to alleged human-rights abuses.

President Trump was "not aware of and did not attend" the meeting, Mark Corallo, a spokesperson for Trump's legal team, said in an emailed statement.

Trump Jr said he was asked to attend the meeting "with an individual who I was told might have information helpful to the campaign" at the request of an acquaintance he knew from the 2013 Miss Universe pageant. "I asked Jared and Paul to attend, but told them nothing of the substance," he said. "The meeting lasted approximately 20 to 30 minutes," he said. "As it ended, my acquaintance apologised for taking up our time. That was the end of it and there was no further contact or follow-up of any kind. My father knew nothing of the meeting or these events." **Aljazeera**



**GRAPHIC CONTENT:** Photos show the banderillero assistant bullfighter being tossed into the air and gored by a raging bull (left) on the third day of the San Fermin festival in Pamplona. The wounded man had to be carried out of the ring after the attack, although the extent of his injuries is not known. A picador fighter was also knocked off his horse after plunging a spear into a bull during the event (top and bottom right). Last night's bullfight followed the third running of the bulls in which four people suffered minor injuries.

## ABADI DECLARES VICTORY FOR MOSUL

**MOSUL** - Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi declared victory in the "liberated" city of Mosul this past Sunday, his office said, in the biggest defeat yet for the Islamic State group.

Abadi "arrives in the liberated city of Mosul and congratulates the heroic fighters and the Iraqi people on the achievement of the major victory," his office said in a statement. The announcement comes after a gruelling nearly nine-month battle to retake the northern

city from the jihadists after three years under their rule.

A photo on Abadi's official Twitter account showed him dressed in a black military uniform and cap as he arrived in Mosul to announce the recapture of the city.

The fighting did not seem to be completely over yet, with gunfire still audible in Mosul and air strikes hitting the city around the time the premier's office released the statement. **AFP**

## BRIEFS

### Frenchman, Belgians charged over terror

**PARIS** - A 42-year-old Frenchman suspected of plotting attacks with two Belgian brothers was charged with terror offences this past Sunday, a judicial source said. The suspect was identified as Salah Ghemit, who was known to authorities before his arrest, and was charged with arms possession and having links to extremist groups, the source said.

Ghemit is believed to be connected to Akim and Khalid Saouti, two brothers charged in Brussels last Wednesday with belonging to a "terrorist group". They were believed to be planning an attack with a large stash of weapons including Kalashnikov rifles. **AFP**

### Tillerson's nostalgia for old oil life

**ISTANBUL** - US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, the former chief executive of Exxon Mobil, expressed nostalgia for his former life as an oilman while picking up an industry award in Istanbul this past Sunday. Tillerson, often criticised for failing to communicate enough with the media and for leaving important State Department posts empty, was attending the opening of the World Petroleum Congress. He waxed lyrical over his old job while being honoured with the Dewhurst Award for his contribution to the oil and gas industry. **AFP**

### Venezuela marks 100 days of protest

**CARACAS** - Venezuela hit its 100th day of anti-government protests Sunday, one day after its most prominent political prisoner, Leopoldo Lopez, vowed to continue his fight for freedom after being released from jail and placed under house arrest. Lopez's surprise prison release triggered speculation over the prospect of negotiations between the opposition and Venezuela's embattled leftist government of Nicolas Maduro, with a rising toll of death and destruction from three months of non-stop street protests. Lopez, leader of the Voluntad Popular (Popular Will) party and a symbol of resistance to the Maduro government, emerged hours after his release from prison looking fit and happy. **AFP**



### 'Quiet as ceasefire begins in south Syria'

**BEIRUT** - A cease fire in southern Syria brokered by the United States, Russia and Jordan began at noon local time on Sunday, with a monitor reporting quiet in three southern provinces. The cease fire was announced last Friday by Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and covers Daraa, Quneitra and Sweida provinces. **AFP**

### Aftershock causes damage in Philippine

**MANILA** - The strongest aftershock yet has shaken the central Philippines following last week's 6.5-magnitude earthquake that damaged a power plant and other buildings. No damage or casualties were immediately reported after the 5.4-magnitude earthquake yesterday morning. Renato Solidum, head of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, said the quake was strongly felt in and around Ormoc City and may trigger landslides or cause more damage to already damaged structures. He said it was the strongest aftershock of the 6.5-magnitude quake on July 7. The earlier earthquake left two dead and four people missing. It damaged a geothermal power plant, triggered landslides and collapsed a building with a grocery store and other shops. **AP**





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# LOCAL DOCUMENTARY 'LIYANA' INVITED FOR DURBAN FESTIVAL

By Ayanda Dlamini

**THE International Film Award winning local animated documentary has been invited to Durban International Film Festival for screening.**

The documentary will be screened for three days in different places in Durban, South Africa. The first screening will be held at Playhouse Theatre on July 15 at noon. The second screening will be held at Gateway Commercial on July 20 at 6 pm and the last stop will be Musgrave on July 23 at 4pm.

According to Sakheni Dlamini, who was involved in coordinating activities for the documentary in the country when Aaron and Amanda; the producers could not be in Swaziland. They will be attending the first screening with the children actors and their guardians.

"We will attend with the children who came up with the story and some of the guardian mothers and children

from Likhaya Lemphilo Lensha (New Life Homes) at Kamfishane, Shiselweni," said Dlamini.

Dlamini who is the primary producer of the documentary, assisted in recording music for the film. Dlamini also explained her involvement in the production of the animated documentary.

## Recruitment

"When Aaron and Amanda were available, I'd assist with logistics, coordination and recruitment of the different creatives involved.

We recruited a number of Swazi artists who play indigenous instruments, so you'll hear Makhoyane, Imfiliji or Inkostini reverberate in some of the scenes. We also have some fantastic local vocalists who you will hear on the score," Dlamini said.

The local documentary; Liyana scooped an award at the Los Angeles Film Festival last month where Dlamini and the children actors were in attendance. "LA was amazing! Five kids attended

the screening and after the show we had a Q&A session with the audience. They were eloquent and answered the questions incredibly well. When asked about how watching the movie made them feel, Phumlani answered, "It made me feel like a hero!"

We bumped into Kagiso (the comedian) and Akin Omotso who also had a film showing where Pearl Thusi was the leading actress. The children enjoyed swimming in the frigid water of Venice Beach and 'Liyana' had an after party hosted by Shine Global (one of the sponsors) at The London Hotel in West Hollywood," Dlamini shared.

"I'm grateful to Aaron and Amanda for being so gracious to share these moments with us. They are both perfectionists, and this will show in the level of detail and depth of the animation and cinematography. Through Aaron's camerawork, you'll be moved by the stunning scenery that we are so blessed with in Swaziland," Dlamini said.

Likhaya lemphilu lensha is hope house at Kamfishane, Shiselweni. The orphanage was established by Peter and Mary Jean Kopp; Aaron's parents.



**FOR DURBAN FESTIVAL: Liyana film producer Sakheni Dlamini.**

## OLD MUTUAL CHORAL ELIMINATIONS ON AUG 13

By Njabulo Dlamini

**SWAZILAND will host the provincial/regional eliminations of the Old Mutual Choral Music Competitions to be held on August 13 at the Esangweni Hall of Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha.**

This was confirmed by Swaziland National Choral Music Association (SNCMA) PRO Bheki Maziya.

Speaking to the Entertainment Desk, Maziya promised choral music fanatics nothing but fireworks on the day. For the first time in the eliminations, Maziya said they had introduced a champ of champs category in the large section.

Also, he noted that for Swaziland to be the second province after Free State was an advantage to the locals.

"That we also have a champ of champs category means more choirs from the Swaziland side will appear at the national festival later in the year and this gives us more grip in this contest. This is also another welcome achievement for us the local province," he said.

Maziya further said entrance to

the provincial eliminations in Swaziland stands at E50 per head.

According to the Old Mutual website, the regional championships take place throughout SA's provinces and Swaziland from the beginning of August until early October.

The choirs that qualified via the qualification stage, as well as those that qualified previously for automatic entry, all compete for the title of regional champion in their respective provinces as well as for the chance to compete in the national finals (usually staged in December).

These regional championships are extremely popular and see close to 200 choirs and over 8 000 choristers from all over the country taking part for a chance to represent their province at the national finals.

The large category choirs must consist of minimum 49 and maximum 60 members, while the standard category choirs must have minimum 30 and maximum 48.

All of the choirs participating in the regional championships are required to choose from the set and/or prescribed repertoire of music for the year.

### THE FULL SCHEDULE OF ELIMINATIONS AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL IS AS FOLLOWS:

PROVINCE	DATE	VENUE
Free State	August 5	Bloemfontein - Sand Du Plessis Theatre
Swaziland	August 13	Matsapha - Esibayeni Lodge
Western Cape	August 20	Cape Town - Arts Cape Main Opera House
North West	September 2	Klerksdorp - Matlosane City Hall
MP/Limp	September 9	TBA
Zimbabwe	September 16	Harare - Celebration Centre
Northern Cape	October 1	Kimberley - Northern Cape Theatre
Eastern Cape	October 7	Grahamstown - Guy Butler Theatre
KwaZulu-Natal	October 15	Ethekwini - Playhouse

## Bobholotsi Flavours sponsor hampers for Miss Teen

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**THE inspirational Bobholotsi Flavours have confirmed their support for the Miss Teen 2017 pageant, in the form of gift hampers for the outstanding Miss Teen Entrepreneur winner.**

A good thing however is that the hampers are not only limited to the beauty ambassadors but also members of the audience who will attend the event, an audience member will win the hamper by luck as the selection will be random.

Bobholotsi Flavours manufacture a range of goods including jams and sauces, as well as organic cosmetics which are produced using locally sourced ingredients.

The company is 100 per cent owned by women, these fine sponsors have a keen interest in ensuring that the Miss Teen 2017 pageant is a success, as this pageant is a platform for the empowerment of the girl child.

Bobholotsi Flavours formed against the backdrop of a gloomy global economy, which has exacerbated poverty and unemployment in the

country, particularly in rural areas, is an example of like-minded people working towards overcoming their circumstances. Rural women face many hardships in Swaziland, which the company, since its inception, strives to alleviate.

Swaziland produces an estimated 7 000 graduates annually and the harsh reality that these graduates face is the scarcity of jobs in the country. We acknowledge that youth unemployment and the vulnerability of the girl child are issues, which are relevant to our contestants and their peers.

Entrepreneurship is often mooted as the panacea for an ailing economy; however, in Bobholotsi Flavours we have an example of a company that is using entrepreneurship as a vehicle for nation building. We believe that the contribution that Bobholotsi has made to the pageant far exceeds the cash value of the gift hampers, as this company is an example of the type of self-help ventures that youth of this country would do well to emulate.

The increasing popularity of additive-free foods, globally, places Bobholotsi Flavours in a position to be among the companies who establish

Swaziland as the leading producer artificial additive-free foods in the SADC region.

This would be in line with the company's vision, which is to grow and in the process make a larger contribution towards poverty alleviation, through job-creation. We would like to remind members of the public that each time they buy locally produced products, such as those manufactured by Bobholotsi Flavours; they are contributing towards efforts by Swazis to create jobs for and improve the livelihoods of Swazis.

Members of the public can contact Bobholotsi Flavours using the following numbers: Thuli Dlamini-Teferi 7606 5862, Phephile Hlophe-Simelane 7617 6738, Setsabile Masina-Sithole 76333830 or email bobholotsiflavours@gmail.com

### MISS TEEN ENTREPRENEUR

The winner of this title will be among the Miss Teen Swaziland contestants and she will be announced at the Miss Teen Swaziland crowning event on September 9. The winning criteria will be based on how she displays entrepreneurial skills during the three-week long light



entrepreneurial challenge which will kick start late August. The aim of this challenge is to test the entrepreneurial brain and make her aware of what she is capable of if she excels in this exercise. She will not only be awarded with the Bobholotsi hamper but also a certificate of excellence.



## MORE FROM HIPNOTIK

By Nomfundo Sifundza



DESPITE Swazi Jive Entertainment depositing 50 per cent into Flameboy Universe's account, the rapper did not show up for his slot on Saturday at the Hipnotik Festival.

The rapper had been allocated a 7pm-

7:30pm slot on Saturday evening but to add on the late start of the show; the rapper was nowhere near the Hipnotik Festival venue.

The rapper's manager Zwelakhe Mfanelo Simelane confirmed that they were paid the 50

# FLAMEBOY DEPOSIT PAID, RAPPER NO SHOW

● "We were willing to perform for our fans and took a chance and gave them till Friday morning but they failed to pay on that day and furthermore failed to respond to our calls,"

per cent deposit but claimed Swazi Jive failed to pay them the balance which was supposed to have been paid seven days before the Hipnotik Festival.

Asked why he did not pull out of the entire festival seeing as the balance had not been settled Simelane said he was hoping Sakhile Nkambule, Founder of Swazi Jive Entertainment would abide by their contract and settle the balance at least on Friday.

"We were willing to perform for our fans and took a chance and gave them till Friday morning but they failed to pay on that day and did not even pick up calls,"

he said.

Swazi Jive's Public Relations Officer Noxolo Nkabinde confirmed that indeed Flameboy Universe was paid a 50 per cent deposit but said for further comments her management was yet to speak with his (Flameboy Universe's) manager.

The rapper's manager also claimed that as their contract stood Swazi Jive Entertainment still owed them their balance. Flameboy Universe's claim to fame even before winning the Sibebe Friday Night Live competition was his single 'Nowerdays' that was streamed online on Jay Zs Tidal.

The artist thrilled audiences at the Bushfire Festival Barcardi Stage as he performed songs from his debut album titled 'Rich People.' From the response he received at the Bushfire Festival the rapper clearly had a number of fans waiting for his performance at the Hipnotik Festival but did not show. The Hipnotik Festival kicked off on Thursday evening with a glamorous pre-party and ended on Sunday morning where hopes of hip hop lovers seeing Kwesta on stage were shut down as the rapper also did not show.

Here are some of the moments from the festival;



**OOPS:** Hip hop music lovers fall as the rails give way at the Hipnotik Festival on Saturday as Sahane Eaggle was performing. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza and Ayanda Dlamini)



**COME HERE:** Gigi Lamayne danced the night away on stage.

## Swazi Jive to refund stall owners

By Lindokuhle Lukhele

SWAZI Jive caused an uproar on social networks earlier this month when they announced the price they would be charging for their stalls.

A lot of stall owners at the Hipnotik festival couldn't make profit due to unauthorised vendors who were selling food and certain merchandise for a far less price than what stall holders were charging inside the venue.

After a long discussion with the stall owners the Swazi Jive team decided that they would refund the stall owners. It is still not clear if they will all be getting their money back or this will be only for certain food stalls. The team is still trying to figure out if it will be a full refund or a certain percentage will be taken. Swazi Jive's PRO Noxolo Nkabinde confirmed that they would sit down as a team and discuss things further.

"We are still yet to meet as a team and with our stall owners to discuss how they will be compensated," she commented.

The way the stage was set up a lot of people were seated outside watching through the provided screens while others could see to the stage directly. This was a problem because most fun lovers saw no need to gain entry inside the venue since they could see the stage from afar.

While another problem was that a number of people were being turned back because they were either producing fake tickets or fake tags which the organisers rectified before it got out of hand.



**DLOZI:** Sho Madlozi dances on stage.



**FROM BOTS:** Ban T from Botswana during his set.



**GEEZ:** Scoop Makhathini admiring Cassper's gold neck piece.



**DOUBLE TROUBLE:** Major League DJs behind the decks.



**KEEPING WARM:** A fan enjoying his night out with a blanket to keep him



**ONES AND TWOS:** DJ Slique on the decks whilst Touch of Soul looks on.



\*\*\*\*\* More From MTN Joyous Celebration 21 show\*\*\*\*\*



**AT THEIR BEST:** High Praise Assemblies in full swing as they blessed the crowd with their set after Joyous Celebration's performance at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition centre, Manzini on Saturday. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini and Simon Shabangu)

## LOCAL ARTISTS THRILL AFTER JOYOUS CELEBRATION'S SET

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

LOCAL artists were a marvel at the MTN Joyous Celebration 21 live show as they left gospel music lovers blessed and healed.

Local acts performed after Joyous Celebration as they took over the stage at 1:30 am on Sunday.

Linda Dlamini was the first act after Joyous Celebration as he thrilled the crowd with 'Gelekece'. This song saw a number of gospel appreciators on their feet and dancing up a storm.

In as much as some of the attendees had already left as they came for Joyous Celebration, a handful of local supporters stayed to be blessed by the local acts.

Dlamini was followed by High Praise Assemblies, the choir blessed the crowd with their set. Banele Dlamini also thrilled the crowd when she rendered 'Baba Siyabonga' a song which is most favoured by the public in her album. She also performed 'Amen, Amen, Amen'. This song saw the crowd dancing and singing along. She went further on teasing the crowd with her new single 'Ngiletha Izibongo' where she features Nomthie Sibisi from Joyous Celebration. She took over the stage at 3 am. Shekinah Motsa also rendered her songs from her album

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**DANCING AWAY:** Shongwe neKhuphuka in full swing at the MTN Joyous Celebration 21 show.

along side with Swazi Praise.

She performed 'Hlengiwe', 'Ngifuna wena' and 'Imisebenzi'. Her set was

quite good as the crowd sang along to her songs proving they are familiar with her album.



**DIGNITARIES:** Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini and Prince Sicalo at the VVIP section, they also attended the show.



**LUNGS OUT:** Banele Dlamini performing 'Baba siyabonga' during her set.



**PROUDLY SWAZI:** Shekinah rendering 'Hlengiwe' at the Joyous Celebration Show.



**EMOTIONAL:** Nomzamo 'Zamo' Dlamini getting uplifted during their performance.

## Thank you for the Support - Destiny Group

**DESTINY Group expressed gratitude to MTN Swaziland and support sponsors for making this year's MTN Joyous Celebration event a success.**

The event was held at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Hall Number 1 last Saturday to a capacity crowd with the event going on until the morning.

The show's PRO Njabuliso Pamela Zwane also thanked the police and security provided by Crime Stop for ensuring that there was order and safety for fans at the event.

### Support

"We would also deeply like to thank the fans for coming out in their numbers to support this event whose theme was healing. We are

grateful to them and the sponsors of the event," she said.

The event was sponsored by MTN Swaziland with support sponsors in the form of Carson Group for transport, The George Hotel for accommodation, Tee and Jay Furniture's for the dressing rooms, Sincephetelo MVA Fund as a road safety partner and Barcode Creative

for screens promoting the show.

Sky World Travel and Tours sponsored transport for the launch.

"I would also like to thank Lidwala Insurance for sponsoring the décor. We are so happy with such support from everyone," she said.

The MTN Joyous Celebration VIP section was sold out yet again this year a day before the show.

### Companies

Zwane thanked companies who bought tickets in bulk for their staff as well as individuals who contin-

ue to support the show each year.

The event lasted until 6am.

The show has been sponsored by MTN Swaziland since 2013 and is aimed at giving locals a chance to experience the award winning international group on home soils. It also empowers local artists as they also get to share the stage with Joyous.

Before the event they also got to meet the founder of the group Pastor Jabu Hlongwane who assured them that he would work with uplifting them.



International  
Celebrity News

## Ben had affair a year before divorce

**HOLLYWOOD** - Hollywood star Ben Affleck is claimed to have started his affair with girlfriend Lindsay Shookus a year before he and wife Jennifer Garner split.

The Oscar-winner for *Argo* and Lindsay, 37, went public last week, going out for dinner in Los Angeles. Affleck, 44, has appeared six times on US show *Saturday Night Live*, where Lindsay is a producer. A source close to Affleck and Jennifer, 45, claimed in *Us*



**AFFAIR: Lindsay Shookus and Ben Affleck.**

magazine the affair had begun three years ago. They added: "They met up whenever they could." *Mirror*

## Chyna joins attorney Lisa for GMA interview

**LOS ANGELES** - Blac Chyna was snapped meeting with her lawyer, Lisa Bloom, at her Los Angeles home Sunday to film a segment for GMA.

The duo were interviewed by correspondent Linsey Davis and discussed Chyna's ex Rob Kardashian's revenge porn attack earlier this

week, which she confessed left her 'devastated'. A report by Page Six on Sunday revealed key parts of the interview - which airs on Monday - and quotes Chyna telling Davis: "I was devastated, of course. I'm like, how could somebody, like, post these pictures of me? And I'm like 'Wow, okay'." *Mail Online*



## Ronaldo's 'pregnant' girlfriend shows off her 'bump'

**IBIZA** - She is rumoured to be pregnant with their first child together and while she's stayed mum on the claims, Georgina Rodriguez showed off her curves in all their glory on Saturday.

The stunner, 23, looked fantastic wearing a striped colourful bikini as she put on a very amorous display with her footballer beau.

Playing with her hair, the raven-haired beauty showed off her natural beauty as she topped up her tan on the super yacht in Ibiza.

She later draped a towel around her body as she caressed 32-year-



**SHOWS-OFF: Georgina Rodriguez.**

old Ronaldo, while the shirtless star lay on the top deck, wearing a pair of board shorts. *Daily Mail*

## T.I. lectures Rob about Blac Chyna rant

**LOS ANGELES** - T.I. did not hold back when asked about Rob Kardashian Saturday, days after the reality star ranted about Blac Chyna and brought the rapper into the drama.

Rob had accused his ex, mother of their baby daughter Dream, of cheating on him, berated and posted naked photos of her. T.I. then mocked the reality star, calling him a "duck," who "got worked"



**MESS: Blac Chyna, Rob and T.I.**

and criticizing him for bringing his "business" to Instagram. Rob then claimed the rapper paid Chyna to have a threesome with him and his wife Tiny. None of the parties have confirmed this. *Eonline*

## SA Celebrity News

## Bonang actually attended Kairo's party

**JOHANNESBURG** - So Mzansi Twitter went ablaze Saturday evening with Twitter users accusing media personality Bonang Matheba of trying to make her man rapper AKA choose between her and his daughter Kairo, because Kairo turned two on the same day Bonang threw her belated 30th gala celebration.

What most people didn't know though was that Bonang was actually at Kairo's party that afternoon and helped celebrate the toddler's birthday. "When I saw social media go crazy, I laughed because there was no competition or drama. AKA was there for both his daughter and



**ATTENDED: Bonang Matheba.**

his girlfriend. *Drum*

## Health scare hits Robert Marawa ... again

**JOHANNESBURG** - Radio and TV sports presenter Robert Marawa spent three nights in two different hospitals last week. The admission to both Sandton and Morningside medical clinics sums up one dramatic week for Marawa after he was fired by the SABC last Wednesday. Sunday World understands that the likeable presenter was admitted to Mediclinic Sandton on Tuesday and was transferred to Mediclinic Morningside on Thursday. *SundayWorld*



**ADMITTED: Robert Marawa.**

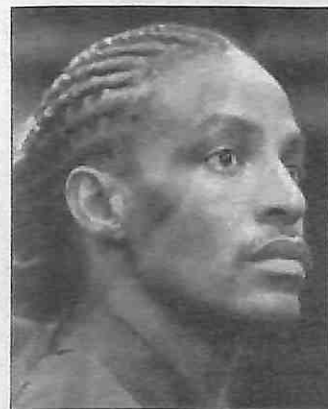
## Brickz in jail after being found guilty of rape

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kwaito musician Sipho Charles Ndlovu, popularly known as Brickz, is currently in police custody after he was found guilty of rape by the Roodepoort Magistrate's Court on Friday afternoon.

According to Sunday World the judgment was handed down by Magistrate John Baloyi after a three-year court battle.

Baloyi said Brickz was found guilty because he failed to convince the court that he did not commit a crime. The kwaito musician's R50,000 bail was also immediately revoked and he was remanded in police custody.

Brickz was arrested in November



**RAPIST: Brickz.**

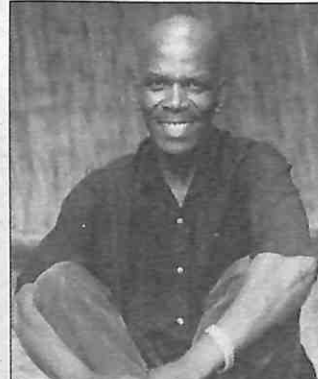
2013 for raping a 16-year-old relative. He is expected to be sentenced next week. *Tshisalive*

## Ray Phiri 'terminally ill in hospital'

**MPUMALANGA** - Legendary musician Ray Phiri has pleaded for privacy as he lies in hospital battling a terminal illness.

Speaking to Sowetan from a Nelspruit, Mpumalanga, hospital, the Stimela band member who is suffering from lung cancer, asked that he be given space. When asked about his condition, Phiri said he was under the care of an oncologist and the situation was under control.

News of the Zwakala and Whispers In The Deep hit-maker's health were shared on social media by long-time friend and band member Richard Mitchell



**RESPECT: Ray Phiri.**

on Friday. However, when Phiri was called, he asked for his privacy to be respected. *Sowetan*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Samson comes up with a plan for Sihle as she offers her friendship to Mabuyi. After a fall-out with Ntandane, S'khaleni has an idea of how his friend can make it up to him.



**FRIENDSHIP: Mabuyi.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Nina conspires with Eddie to get Georgie arrested, but Georgie is onto her. Nkadineng is relieved that Kamogelo is not marrying a



**CONSPIRES: Nina.**

Zamdela, while Kamogelo misses Obakeng. Matlala gives Gatanga less shifts to get back at him.

Muvhango

TODAY



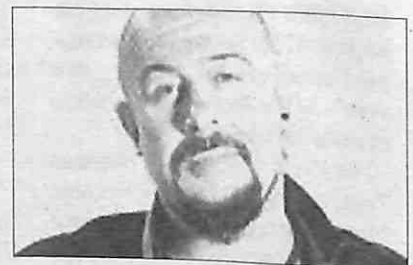
**CRAZY SUGGESTIONS: Vhutshilo.**

Vhutshilo has a crazy suggestion. Livhuwani adds a name to the list of people to be interviewed to work for her company, and James warns the name is going to be a source of endless conflict. Vho-Masindi is embarrassed by Vho-Mukondeleli's training outfit

RHYTHM  
CITY

TODAY

David is almost completely sure that Pearl is being used as a pawn. Lungile refuses the job at 9-Nine. Sabelo has a shady business plan to make money with Kop's combi.



**SURE: David.**



Don't bother  
putting your hand  
over my mouth to shut  
me up i will lick you.



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn

December 22 – January 19

Though money-matters may never be far from your mind, finding out what someone close thinks about 'this and that' could be just as pre-occupying. Now that you know which way forward a relationship is set to go, exploring options is likely to feel like a voyage of discovery. The only temporary difficulty could be the influence of a sibling or childhood friend whose ideas are actually very different to your own.



## Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

Your thirst for information might have been quenched - you might also have had a lot of fun. Now, though it seems you need to take the helm of your own 'boat' (life) and could spend a fair chunk of today actively pushing plans forward. Friends and relative born under Taurus, Libra and Scorpio might at first be resistant - and need some reassurance that you're not about to turn their lives upside down too.



## Pisces

February 19 – March 20

Involvement in some extra-ordinary planning seems likely - connected to a planned celebration? Planning mystery and suspense suits you. It may be necessary to undertake a journey at short notice or to end a rendezvous quickly: it could be important to be undiscovered. Over a meal you could learn something about a younger person's plans and wonder whether or not you could smooth the path of their romantic fortunes too.



## Aries

March 21 – April 19

List-making might not be one of your natural skills: it may be an art you need to develop though. Having promised so much to so many different people - whilst at the same time trying to keep one individual really happy, you could be really over-stretched.



Taurus April 20 - May 20

Someone close may feel that you've taken on more than you can really cope with. They might not understand that presently that's exactly what you need to do: reaching for the stars may be an absolute necessity. Ideas to expand/change/redecorate and generally re-align your home could come in for much discussion.



## Gemini

May 21 – June 21

You've probably learnt more in the last 24 hours than in the last year. Now you may be brimming with ideas - if slightly fearful about the cost of implementing these. You might also give consideration to rekindling a friendship that once meant a great deal. It's possible that you're temporarily wearing rose-tinted glasses (as may be pointed out by a sibling) but that might be a necessary step in moving forward.



## Cancer

June 22 – July 22

You might need most of today to 'peel yourself from the ceiling'. You might even feel 'wind-swept' by a thousand ideas. And yes, these may have left you in emotional state of mind. For once you might not benefit from a walk near water. Instead you might need quiet time away from anything that's moving! That said, it seems likely that friends will seek you out to ask your opinion on things that might matter to you in a few weeks' time. Their timing could be better!



## Leo

July 23 – August 22

Someone close could be giving out confusing signals. Their passions might not be far from the surface - actual plans might lie in deeper waters though. You might enjoy trying to tease thoughts from them. Under your own surface, a degree of disquiet about personal future plans might manifest soon as an apparent change of mind. Mood swings are likely, testing a relationship.



## Virgo

August 23 – September 22

Turning a problem over to your sub-conscious mind is probably the best way forward. Too much multitasking may have strained your delicately balanced nervous system. It's likely too that weighing up pros and cons threatens to cause your brain to fuse! Thankfully a group of friends could plant thoughts which, overnight, could yield a plan.



## Libra

September 23 – October 23

Aware now that you need to think differently about property and/or joint financial arrangements, you might appreciate discussing ideas whilst walking with a very good friend. The creative part of your brain could go into over-drive. A major snag could be that someone close is so focused on practicalities that they really can't see the 'wood for the trees' - this stunting their ability to think imaginatively. You might then need to practice the fine art of persuasion.



## Scorpio

October 24 – November 21

Arguments about how and where to live could easily arise. Though good-humour may never be too far from the surface, you might not be entirely sure whether or not someone close has developed an 'edge' to their voice. It might seem that they're being just a little too demanding - or even whining. An Aquarius' friend's take on the situation gives you more to think about.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Aware now that day-to-day routine will be affected by an essential repair, you and someone close may have a lot of talking to do. As you see it, the art may be to turn a problem into an advantage. More than once though you could find yourself at cross-purposes with someone who's full of ideas but hasn't really considered practicalities - financial or otherwise.



## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## PUZZLE CHOICE

## US CAPITALS

There are 45 US state capitals hidden in the box. Can you find them and work out the five that are missing?

Solution

KWFLOUNDERRSZULICNJWR  
CTJENTLAMPREYYFZOSJGC  
OFMVPUMEAYLADZUMMTDVU  
DREPUORGPTTEHSDLATARFT  
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## PUZZLE CHOICE

ANCHOVY, ANGELFISH, ATLANTIC COD, BARRACUDA, CARP, CONGER EEL, CUTTLEFISH, DOLPHIN, FLOUNDER, FLYING FISH, GROUPER, HADDOCK, HAKE, HALIBUT, HERRING, JELLYFISH, JOHN DORY, KRILL, LAMPREY, LION FISH, LOBSTER,

MACKEREL, MANATEE, MANTA RAY, MARLIN, NARWHAL, OAR FISH, OCTOPUS, PILCHARD, PLANKTON, PORPOISE, PRAWN, PUFFER FISH, SALMON, SEA HORSE, SEA TURTLE, SHARK, SQUID, STARFISH, SWORDFISH, TROUT, WHALE, WHITING.

## PLEASE SAY NO



An employee goes to see his supervisor in the front office. "Boss," he says, "we're doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow, and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling

stuff." "Sorry, but we're short-handed," the boss replies. "I can't give you the day off." "Thanks, boss," says the employee. "I knew I could count on you!"

## USELESS FACTS

1. Don't try to teach men how to do anything in public. They can learn in private; in public they have to KNOW.
2. Men who are going bald often wear baseball caps.
3. All men are afraid of eyelash curlers. I sleep with one under my pillow instead of a gun.
4. A good place to meet a man is at the dry cleaner. These men usually have jobs and bathe.
5. Men love watches with multiple functions. My husband has one that is a combination address book, telescope and piano.

BRAINTEASERS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Yesterday's brain-teasers

1. What can you never eat for breakfast?

Answer: Dinner

2. Name the most recent year in which New Year's came before Christmas?

Answer: This year. New

Year's always comes before Christmas of the same year.

## Today's brainteasers

1. What goes up and never comes down?

2. What has a head and a tail but no body?





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### HIGHLIGHTS



#### Please Step In

**Tonight 20:00 | Mzansi Magic (161)**  
"S4/E1 - 4/1". Please Step In seeks to resolve pressing family issues through an intervention by a family member, facilitated by host and trained counsellor, Angie Diale.



#### Intervention: Codependent

**Tonight 20:50 | Crime + Investigation (170)**  
Intervention: Codependent focuses on couples whose worst addiction is to each other. That addiction is made even more dangerous and hard to resolve by their mutual drug addictions. They are at once each other's greatest love and most powerful trigger.

Each episode will document the couple in the throes of their codependence and addiction, also hearing from their loved ones about the impact of them reaching rock bottom. Family members work together with Dr. Kristina Wandzilak to confront the couple with rehab, the only way to break their codependence.



#### Diski Divas

**Tomorrow 20:00 | Mzansi Magic (161)**

S3/E1 - 3/1'. The wives, girlfriends and exes of Mzansi's soccer stars are back for a new eye-raising season of Diski Divas. What kind of drama will be on the menu this time around?



#### The Royal Good Guys

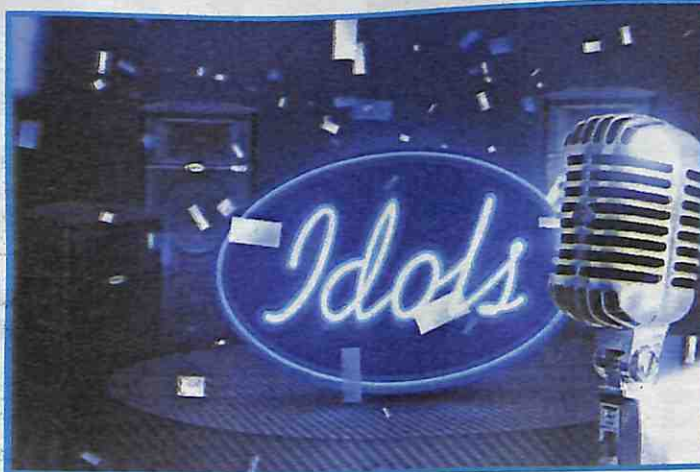
**Thursday 20:00 | ITV Choice (123)**  
The British Royal Family is the oldest monarchy in the world. But with the pomp and ceremony of its many traditions, some question their purpose in the 21st century.

## IDOLS XIII MAKES A GRAND ENTRANCE

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For the lucky few, they would leave clutching the symbol that marks a journey that could change their lives forever: the Idols SA Golden Ticket.

Launching season 13 of the most anticipated reality music show in Mzansi, Sunday's episode was as fascinating as a box of chocolates – you never knew what you were going to get. There was drama, intrigue, suspense, comedy, and a whole of SA's favourite falsetto. R&B star and guest judge Donald, declared being a judge on the show as "one of the best experiences of



my life".

Season 13 got off to an eventful start when a somewhat tone-deaf contestant serenaded one of the judges with a love ditty that cracked Randall Abrahams' funny bone –

a monumental feat for a judge known to hardly ever show teeth, let alone chuckle.

But the Queen of Silent Tears, fellow judge Unathi Msengana, need not worry about being dethroned

by Randall. As things stand, it looks like a box of tissues will get its own special place at the judges' table.

In-between the auditory assault, the impromptu theatrics and the conflict, some true gems showed up to bowl the judges over.

The colourful Somizi Mhlongo was dazzled by a contestant he praised for being a "vocally honest" singer, while Donald could barely hide his delight at another contestant. "Your voice is intricate and particular. You have amazing potential and impeccable control," he gushed.

Donald's passion for talent was on such a high, he even gave another "potential" his Golden Disc, making the other judges' votes null and void.

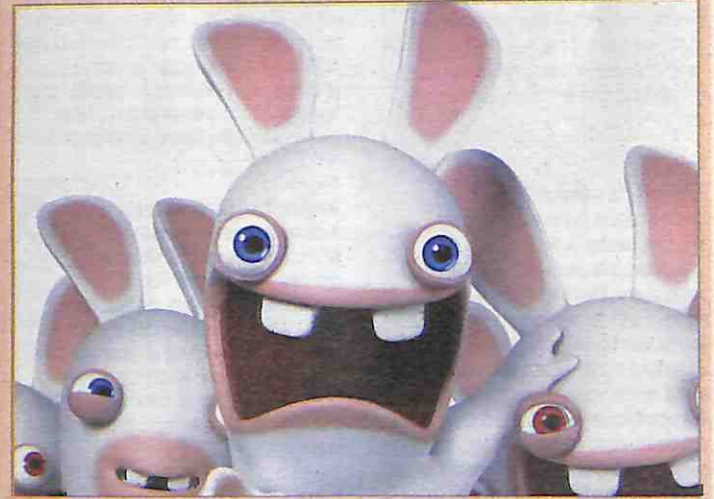
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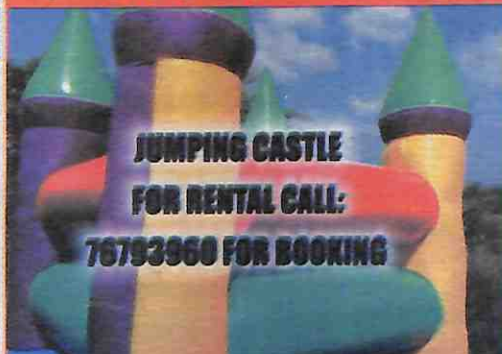
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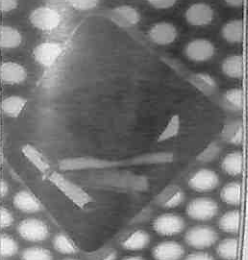


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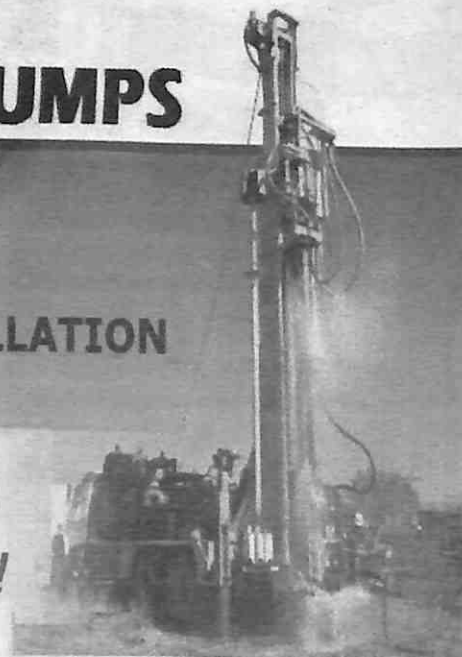
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## Super Rugby quarterfinal positions are going down to the wire

**JOHANNESBURG** - The exact make-up of the 2017 Super Rugby quarterfinals may not be known until the completion of the very last match of the regular season.

Match 135 sees the Sharks host the Lions, who currently lead the South Africa Two Conference and who could finish as the top seed for the finals if they win and the Crusaders lose.

Indeed with all 18 teams in action in Round 17 the final positions of the eight quarterfinalists will be determined by the outcome of several games.

The four Conference winners will be ranked 1-4 based on their final number of tournament points and the wild card teams will be ranked 5-8 based on their final number of tournament points. So it is still all to play for with some intriguing matches to be played. The Crusaders (currently ranked first) are away to the Hurricanes (currently ranked fifth) with the reigning champions keen to maintain their ranking.

A Crusaders win will put them

first for the quarterfinals regardless of the outcome between the Sharks and Lions.

The Chiefs (currently ranked sixth) host the Australian Conference winners, the Brumbies, but could finish fifth if they win and Hurricanes stumble.

The Highlanders lie in seventh spot and play the Reds and the South Island side will be eager to hold on to their ranking for the finals.

If they stumble, and the Sharks beat the Lions with a bonus point, they could finish seventh and the Highlanders eighth.

**Quarterfinal draw:** QF1: 1 v 8, QF2: 2 v 7, QF3: 3 v 6, QF4: 4 v 5.

**Semifinal draw:** Pre-determined draw as follows (highest-ranked team to host).

SF1: Winner QF1 v Winner QF4.

SF2: Winner QF2 v Winner QF3.

**Final draw:** (highest-ranked team to host): Winner SF1 v Winner SF2.

*African News Agency*



COURTED: Francesco Totti.

## Totti courted by Japanese second-tier side Tokyo Verdy

**ROME** - Japanese side Tokyo Verdy has emerged as a possible destination for the Roma legend Francesco Totti.

The 40-year-old striker, who left his boyhood club at the end of the season after almost three decades there, has yet to decide whether to continue playing.

There has been interest from Major League Soccer clubs, but according to Verdy President Hideyuki Hanyu, the J-League is looking the more likely destination.

Hanyu said, 'I'm currently hearing from the agent that there are only two options now for Totti, either to stay at Roma or play at Verdy. No options in America now. There was an offer from

Miami and LA, I heard, but I've been told they would not happen.

"I also hear that there are a lot of voices from fans saying 'Totti should finish at Roma' and so, Totti is wanting to make the decision on his own.

"He might go to travel on his own and decide on his own. He must be really thinking seriously about this." The new Roma manager Eusebio Di Francesco said recently he expects Totti to accept a director's role at the club, but the player may want to continue. Totti first came to Roma as a youth team player at the age of 13 and enjoyed a spectacular career with the club, scoring 307 goals in 786 appearances.

*Daily Mail*

# RABADA BAN A 'BIG LOSS' FOR TEST CRICKET - ELGAR

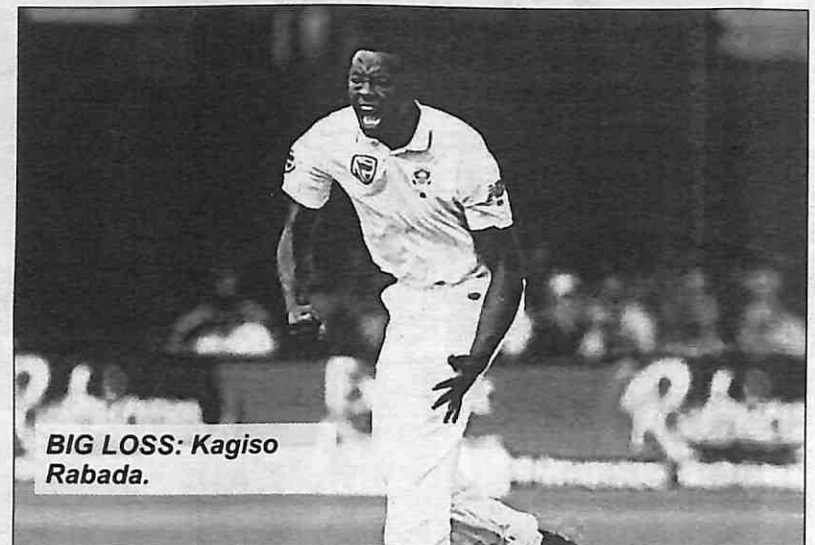
**LONDON** - South Africa stand-in skipper Dean Elgar has said Kagiso Rabada's ban from the second match of the England series is a "big loss for Test cricket" and not just the Proteas.

The tourists suffered a thumping 211-run loss, with more than a day to spare, in the first Test at Lord's this past Sunday when they collapsed to 119 all out after being set 331 to win.

South Africa now have just a few days to recover before the second Test at Nottingham's Trent Bridge starts this Friday.

But their hopes of levelling the four-match series at 1-1 have been made considerably more difficult by the absence of fast bowler Rabada.

The 22-year-old received a one-match ban for his latest offence under the International Cricket Council's code of conduct as a result of swearing at Ben Stokes following his dismissal of the England all-rounder in



BIG LOSS: Kagiso Rabada.

the first innings at Lord's.

"It's a big loss for everything, the Proteas and Test cricket," Elgar told reporters. Rabada has taken 77 wickets in 18 career Tests at an impressive average of under 25 apiece and

Elgar said, "he is a vitally important bowler. He's been a phenomenal strength to our bowling attack for the last three years in all formats... I think for the game of cricket it is a loss."

*AFP*

## Basic disciplines let us down - SA skipper Elgar

**JOHANNESBURG** - Proteas stand-in captain, Dean Elgar, says the squad will need to be a lot more ruthless with their basic disciplines in the 211-run loss to England in the first Test match at Lord's this past Sunday.

A dejected Elgar lamented the missed opportunities throughout the four days of cricket, which highlighted a below-par performance in the field.

He gave credit to the bowlers, who brought the team back into the match with a lethal performance with the ball on the fourth morning, taking the last nine wicket for 114 runs to set up a difficult but achievable target of 331 for victory.

"There were small things that impacted the Test in a big way," he admitted after the match. "Various dropped catches, our non-negotiable

no-balls, issues that we had throughout the Test. That would have made life easier as a captain and life easier as a squad. We need to take it on the chin and crack on, we have to be a lot more ruthless with regards to our disciplines.

"I thought it was game on," he said of the feeling at lunch. "Massive credit has to go to our bowlers for implementing and keeping the game plan for as long as possible. We knew we had to get time out of this game with two days to go, it was going to be a tough feat for us. Going into lunch with them eight down I thought we had given ourselves an opportunity. That is why it is disappointing sitting here after things capitulated."

Elgar says he has learnt a lot during his short stint as captain, and says it will be important to look

ahead given the short turnaround until the start of the second Test at Trent Bridge in Nottingham this Friday. "It has been a good week," he said of the captaincy. "It was quite enjoyable. It definitely could have been a lot easier, especially the start of the Test. It could have been a lot easier on myself if a few things went our way as a team. So be it, these are the punches you have to take, we have to get up tomorrow with a smile and not forget that in four days' time we start again.

"The reality of cricket is that you are always going to lose somewhere," he said. "The key thing is to bounce back as quickly as possible. I don't think there will be any drifting apart, we are still going to be a tight unit. We have to put a lot more emphasis on our next game."

*African News Agency*

## Farah insists he has nothing to hide after latest Fancy Bears hack

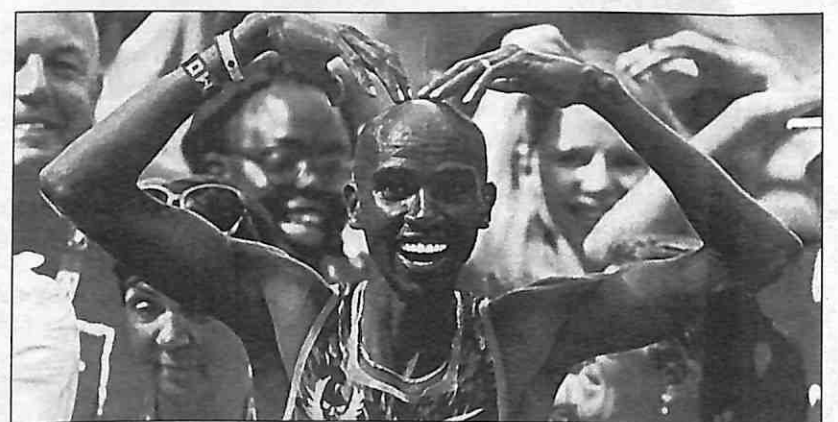
**LONDON** - For a man so keen to talk of happiness and love, Mo Farah couldn't quite hide his feelings of irritation and frustration after the Anniversary Games international meeting this past Sunday.

This was meant to be the glorious homecoming and for most of his afternoon it was — given that he did what he does so well, which is to run fast and cross the line first.

Farah duly won the 3 000 metres in the stadium where he won his first two Olympic gold medals five summers ago. Just as then, he had the gift of a magnificent sprint finish.

But he continues to be followed by a cloud of suspicion because of his association with Alberto Salazar, his American coach who is under investigation by the US Anti-Doping Agency.

This has been brought to public



attention in the past week because of the latest leak by Russian hackers. They had found documents that showed suspicions over Farah's biological passport, although later documents in the leak showed the IAAF's doubts had been allayed.

Why, Farah wanted to know on Sunday, must journalists make 'something of nothing' when he has 'never failed a drugs test'? It was all delivered with a smile, but the manner was prickly.

*Daily Mail*





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# DEJA VU

## United hijack Blues again with Bakayoko raid

**MANCHESTER - MANCHESTER UNITED** aim to beat Chelsea to another of their top summer transfer targets after agreeing a £35m fee for Monaco star Tiemoue Bakayoko.

The bitter blow for Blues boss Antonio Conte comes just 48 hours after Chelsea failed in a 11th hour attempt to persuade Romelu Lukaku to return to Stamford Bridge rather than move to United.

And to add insult to injury, Lukaku claimed yesterday he snubbed Chelsea's advances to join the "biggest team in the world".

Starsport revealed last week that Chelsea were unwilling to sell Nemanja Matic to United after being gazumped on Lukaku. But Jose Mourinho looks

set to leave Chelsea's deal makers with egg on their face yet again after lining up France midfielder Bakayoko, 22, to boost his engine room.

At least Conte did manage to complete the capture of one of his summer targets yesterday after Germany defender Antonio Rudiger joined from Roma in deal which could rise to £34m.

### Chance

Rudiger, who has signed a five-year deal, expressed his delight at being offered the chance to play for a club the size of champions Chelsea.

But Lukaku insisted it was an easy decision to choose United over Chelsea in a transfer which could eventually be worth up to £100m to Everton.

The Belgium striker said: "This is

an opportunity that I've always wanted since I was a child.

"When Manchester United came calling, I didn't have to think twice. So I'm really delighted to hopefully be part of their history.

"Who would say no to the biggest club in the world? Best stadium in England, the best fans.

"This is the perfect opportunity. I always said I wanted to play for a team that's challenging for every trophy that there is. "I think Manchester United at the moment wants to be the dominant team, that dominant force.

*Daily Mail*

## New boy Rudiger will miss start of pre-season

**LONDON - Chelsea's new signing Antonio Rudiger will not be with the champions as they begin their pre-season on Monday - where all eyes will be on Diego Costa.**

Germany international defender Rudiger signed a five-year deal with the Blues on Sunday, leaving Roma for a fee of £31million that could rise to £33.3m.

Rudiger is set for some additional time off as a result of Germany's recent Confederations Cup final win however the majority of Antonio Conte's squad are due to return to pre-season training.

Striker Costa, who was reportedly told he was surplus to requirements by the manager in a text message sent last month, is due to report back to their Cobham base despite uncertainty about his future.

The Spain international has been linked with a return to Atletico Madrid, although their current transfer ban means they cannot officially register anyone to play until January.

With Chelsea set to miss out to Manchester United for Romelu Lukaku, despite them being the favourites to resign their former player, Conte may

...after being granted time off following Germany's Confederations Cup win

have to find a way to reintegrate Costa into his squad as without him it leaves only Michy Batshuayi as a senior striker.

The Belgium international scored nine times in 28 matches last season but was used primarily as a back-up striker.

### Chelsea pre-season schedule

July 22: Arsenal (Bird's Nest Stadium, Beijing) 12.40pm

July 25: Bayern Munich (Singapore National Stadium, Kallang - International Champions' Cup) 12.35pm

July 29: Inter Milan (Singapore National Stadium, Kallang - International Champions' Cup) 12.35pm

August 6: Arsenal (Wembley Stadium - Community Shield) 2pm

In Rudiger, though, Conte has his first major signing of the summer.

"It's a great feeling because not every player has the opportunity to join a huge club like this," the defender told chelseafc.com.

"I am looking forward to meeting up

with my new team-mates and I'm very proud to officially become a Chelsea player."

### Signing

Chelsea's only other signing so far this summer is Manchester City's out-of-contract goalkeeper Willy Caballero.

"We are pleased to be able to bring in a player of proven quality who adds to our defensive options," said technical director Michael Emenalo.

"Antonio is still young but is experienced at the club and international level and possesses all the requisite attributes to thrive in the Premier League.

"We have been aware of him for some time and we are confident he will fit in well with the squad."

*Daily Mail*

## Juan Foyth reveals Tottenham interest over possible transfer

**LONDON - Estudiantes defender Juan Foyth has revealed that Tottenham have entered into negotiations about the possibility of signing him.**

The 19-year-old has very little first-team experience with just seven appearances under his belt for Los Pincharratas, but he caught the eye for Argentina at the Under-20 World Cup earlier this year.

Foyth could soon be heading to Europe, however, after claiming to be a target for Mauricio Pochettino's side, who have yet to enter the transfer market.

The teenager is awaiting the outcome of talks between the two clubs after his agent and El Leon president Juan Sebastian Veron made the journey to London to meet with representatives from Spurs.

"I know that my agent and Veron are travelling to speak with Tottenham. I am feeling relaxed," Foyth told Radio Continental.

"I would like to play in Europe, and if something comes up that convinces me and the club I will go."

*TEAMtalk Media*

## Everton return could revive Wayne Rooney's career

**LONDON - England and Manchester United's record goalscorer Wayne Rooney declared himself 'ecstatic' after completing a move back to Everton, the club where he first starred as a teenager on Sunday.**

The 31-year-old - who had become a peripheral figure under Jose Mourinho last season - signed a two-year contract on a free transfer according to the BBC, bringing the curtain down on 13 trophy-laden years at Old Trafford.

Rooney, whose move comes the day after United announced they had agreed terms with Everton over buying their leading scorer Romelu Lukaku, will hope the switch revives his international career.

"It is some time since I said that the only Premier League club I would play for other than Manchester United was Everton, so I am delighted that the move has happened," he said in a statement to the Press Association. "13 years ago I went to United with the intention of winning trophies and I have been

fortunate to be a part of one of the most successful periods in the club's history.

"I have come back to Everton because I believe (Everton Manager) Ronald Koeman is building a team that can win something and I look forward to playing my part in making that a reality for the club I have supported since a boy," added Rooney, who was five times United's leading scorer and on another occasion shared the honours with Cristiano Ronaldo.

### Winner

Koeman said in Rooney - who in his time at United won five Premier League titles and a Champions League - he was buying a player with a surefire winner's mentality.

"Wayne has shown me that ambition that we need and that winning mentality - he knows how to win titles and I'm really happy he's decided to come home," said Koeman.

"He loves Everton and he was desperate to come back. He is still only 31 and I don't have any doubts about his qualities. It's fantastic he's here."

Mourinho said he admired Rooney but understood both his desire for playing more football and to return to the club that nurtured his talent. "It is no secret that I have long been an admirer of Wayne," said Mourinho.

"He has been a model professional throughout his time at the club and will remain in the history books for many years to come.

"It is never easy to see a great player playing less football than he would like and I could not stand in his way when he asked to go back to Everton.

"His experience, focus and determination will be missed and I wish him well for the future."

United's Vice-Chairman Ed Woodward paid a handsome valedictory tribute to Rooney.

*Daily Mail*





## South African SOCCER

### Sundowns look to keep out of Wayne Sandilands

**PRETORIA** - KickOff.com has established that Mamelodi Sundowns are making frantic attempts to keep goalkeeper Wayne Sandilands at Chloorkop next season.

It appeared that 'Masandawana' were content to let Sandilands leave when his contract expired last Friday but the club have since changed their tune.

Sandilands did not travel with the team for their game in Ethiopia over the weekend as Sundowns saw off St George to advance to the quarter-finals of the CAF Champions League.

The 33-year-old goalminder is currently a free agent but does now have an option on the table from the Tshwane-based outfit.

Sandilands' Manager Glyn Binkin confirmed having met with Sundowns on Monday.

"We met with Sundowns. The offer has been made and still under consideration," stated Binkin.

# HEALTH SCARE HITS ROBERT MARAWA

**JOHANNESBURG** - Radio and TV sports presenter Robert Marawa spent three nights in two different hospitals this week.

The admission to both Sandton and Morningside medical clinics sums up one dramatic week for Marawa after he was fired by the SABC last Wednesday.

Sunday World understands that the likeable presenter was admitted to Mediclinic Sandton last Tuesday and was transferred to Mediclinic Morningside last Thursday.

He was then discharged on Friday morning. Marawa said he was admitted for routine check-ups since he had a heart attack incident nine years ago.

"Since my 2008 heart attack I have my regular check-ups. This time we did a thorough one with a new cardiologist with better facilities at Morningside. All is well until my next check next year," he said.



HEALTH SCARE:  
Robert Marawa

Marawa had a heart attack in 2008 shortly after a gym session because he had not exercised in a while.

He attributed the attack to his rushed and unhealthy lifestyle including working almost all days of the week, day and night.

Five years later, in 2013, Sunday World reported that he had a health scare shortly before he had to host the annual South African Sport

Awards at Sun City.

It emerged that he had food poisoning and was treated at the premises.

Marawa was let go from the public broadcaster after he decided not to return to his Metro FM sports show because his long-time producer, Beverly Maphangwa, was punished for something he (Marawa) said he did.

The SABC last Wednesday released a statement announcing it had parted ways with the presenter, popularly known as Mad'luphuthu.

"SABC Sport has accepted his decision to repudiate his contract with the SABC, which he entered into with SABC Sport on June 6 2017," the statement read.

Marawa did not want to discuss his future plans, saying he wanted to concentrate on his health. He has been linked, according to Sunday World sources, to Talk Radio 702 and T-Bo Touch's Touch HD. *Sunday World*



'As far as I am concerned, I am still a Kaizer Chiefs player'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Michelle Katsvairo will not leave Kaizer Chiefs without a fight.

Amakhosi announced that they will send the Zimbabwean forward on loan as part of their overhaul that affected seven players. Chiefs said they would assess Katsvairo after his loan stint to see if he still has a future at Amakhosi.

That overhaul exposed Chiefs' erratic signing policy at times as the list featured some players who had been signed at the start of the season, like Katsvairo who joined Chiefs from Chicken Inn last year along with Zambian Lewis Macha, whose contract was terminated.

"As far as I am concerned, I am still a Kaizer Chiefs player," Katsvairo said.

"As a footballer, a lot of things are said

about you, you just have to stay strong and stand your ground. As I striker, I didn't do my best at Chiefs.

"I was still gelling in. I am going to go back to Naturena and work hard to play again."

Katsvairo will arrive in Naturena as a champion as he was part of the Zimbabwean national team that won the COSAFA Cup at the Royal Bafokeng Sports Place, beating Zambia 3-1 in the final.

"I want to remain at Chiefs because they are a big team and I have been dreaming of playing there," Katsvairo said.

"I am going to fight hard to play for that team again. I think that I deserve to be at Chiefs. I have to man up and fight for my place."

*Sowetan Live*

### Xolani Ngcobo hit hard by Thanda Royal Zulu sale

**JOHANNESBURG** - Xolani Ngcobo says he still can't believe he won't be playing in the PSL next season after Thanda Royal Zulu sold its PSL status to AmaZulu.

Ngcobo was colossal in goals during the second-half of the National First Division season as AmaBhubesi cruised to the title to earn their place in the 2017/18 ABSA Premiership campaign.

However, Chairman Pierre Delvaux decided to sell their spot to Usuthu after revealing it would be too much of a financial burden to run the club in the topflight.

Ngcobo, who joined Thanda in the January transfer window from Baroka FC, says the players' interests were not considered after they fought so hard to win automatic promotion.

"It's too painful but there's nothing I can do because the decision is now made," Ngcobo tells KickOff.com.

"It's painful after so much effort one put in and at the end of the day, those efforts were about helping Usuthu.

"It will also take some time for me to get over this because I'll have to do it all over again to get

another promotion, which is not easy. "This was a life-changing moment. It'll be tough to change my life after facing this. But every phase in life passes and I hope this one will also pass."

The former Royal Eagles shot-stopper is still unsure where he'll be playing his football next season but said there will be a meeting with new Richards Bay FC Chairman Jomo Biyela, who took him from Baroka when he was the CEO of Thanda.

"I haven't planned anything but Jomo Biyela wants us to meet," Ngcobo reveals.

### Pienaar to join his new Wits colleagues

**JOHANNESBURG** - Steven Pienaar will begin his pre-season preparations with Bidvest Wits in the Cape this week after a fleeting trip back to his home in the Netherlands to sort out family matters.

The 35-year-old, whose wife is from Amsterdam, joins up with his new teammates as the champions jet out to Cape Town on tomorrow for Gavin Hunt's annual ultra-marathon of matches, gym work,

running and mental toughness testing.

Pienaar was in Johannesburg last week to meet with the coach and officials and sign his new contract but will only join in full-time training with his new teammates from this week.

**Games**

Wits is to arrive today and have games lined up daily for a week against the likes of Cape Town

City (Friday), Stellenbosch (Saturday), Ajax Cape Town (Sunday) and the new Ubuntu Cape Town FC among others.

**Legend**

Friday's match at the Athlone Stadium will see Pienaar come up for the first time against ex-team mate Benni McCarthy, another former Bafana Bafana legend.

Hunt puts his players through a Spartan regime and piles on exercise to leave the squad literally exhausted at the end of their sojourn in the Cape next Monday.

*Times Live*



TO TRAIN WITH WITS:  
Steven Pienaar.

### Sundowns' integrity restored

**PRETORIA** - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane says qualifying for the CAF Champions League quarter-finals with a game to spare restores their integrity after being mocked for their 'back-door' entrance last year.

Sundowns initially crushed out of the Champions League at the hands of AS Vita in the second round but were then brought back into the competition after the Congolese giants were thrown out for fielding

an ineligible player in Idrissa Traore.

With their reinstatement The Brazilians - who had also gone on to be subsequently knocked out of the CAF Confederations Cup after falling to the second tier competition - went on to eventually end up as surprise champions after overcoming Zamalek in the final.

For their success Sundowns have also had to deal with the constant reminders that they came in via the 'back door'.

### 'Joining Chiefs is a big responsibility for teenage Radebe'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs legend Tinashe Nengomasha has urged Teenage Hadebe to not only do well for himself at Amakhosi but also for fellow Zimbabweans who aspire to play for the Glamour Boys.

The club's announcement of signing the 21-year-old centreback was met with scepticism by Chiefs' fans as a number of Hadebe's countrymen - from Ovidy Karuru to Michelle Katsvairo

and Edmore Chirambadare - have failed to shine at Chiefs lately.

"It's a big responsibility for him because there are some boys who have come from Zimbabwe and didn't set the stage alight," Nengomasha, who serves as the ambassador for the Best Brew League - Castle's 5-a-side tournament, said.

"He must understand the situation he is in. He also has to redeem things

for us and pave the way for youngsters back home who aspire to play for Chiefs.

"If he does well, Chiefs will believe that we still have the quality.

"If you look in the past, you have a number of players who came from Zimbabwe and shined at Chiefs.

"You can go as far back as the days of Mike Maringa, Robson Muchichwa and (Ebson) Sugar Muguyo.

*Sowetan Live*





## WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIP



**OLDEST:** Venus Williams becomes oldest Wimbledon quarter-finalist.

## VENUS BECOMES OLDEST QUARTER-FINALIST

**LONDON** - Venus Williams became the oldest woman to reach the Wimbledon quarter-finals in 23 years when the 37-year-old beat Ana Konjuh in the fourth round yesterday.

Williams, the US 10th seed, beat the Croatian 27th seed 6-3, 6-2 on Centre Court, becoming the oldest player to reach the Wimbledon quarter-finals since Martina Navratilova in 1994.

At 19, Konjuh was not even born

when five-time champion Williams made her Wimbledon debut in 1997.

Williams faces French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko in today's quarter-finals.

Wimbledon results yesterday, the seventh day of the 2017 championships at the All England Club (x denotes seeding):

### Women

● Garbie Muguruza (ESP x14) bt Angelique Kerber (GER x1) 4-6, 6-

4, 6-4

● Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS x7) bt Agnieszka Radwanska (POL x9) 6-2, 6-4

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● Venus Williams (USA x10) bt Ana Konjuh (CRO x27) 6-3, 6-2

● Jelena Ostapenko (LAT x13) bt Elina Svitolina (UKR x4) 6-3, 7-6 (8/6)

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## Konta sets British record

**WIMBLEDON** - Johanna Konta has become the first British woman into the Wimbledon quarter-finals since Jo Durie in 1984 after a thrilling victory on 'Mega Monday'.

Fellow Briton and world number one Andy Murray is currently in action on Centre Court against the unorthodox Frenchman Benoit Paire.

If Murray prevails, it will be

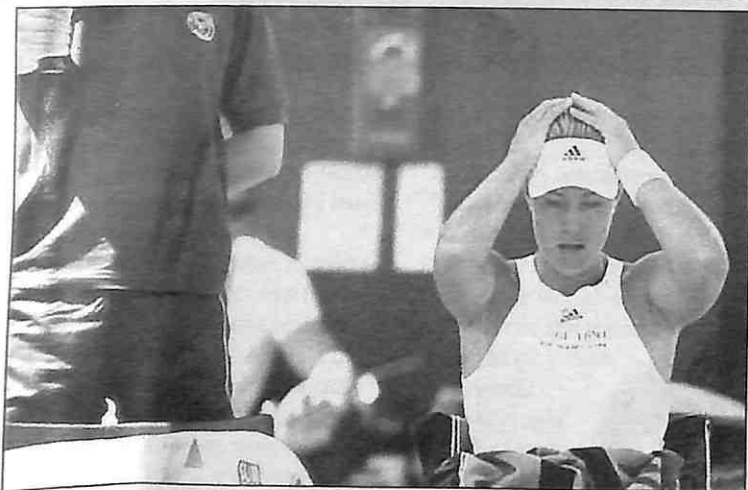
the first time a British man and woman have reached the final eight at Wimbledon since 1973 when Roger Taylor and Virginia Wade made it through to the quarter-finals.

Konta, the sixth seed, defeated France's Caroline Garcia on No 1 Court 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 and some bookmakers are now making her favourite.

*Daily Mail*



**BREAKS RECORD:** Johanna Konta becomes the first British woman to reach Wimbledon quarter-finals..



**LOSSES OUT:** Kerber, the 2016 Wimbledon runner-up, will be replaced at number one by either Karolina Pliskova or Simona Halep.

## Kerber out, loses top ranking

**LONDON** - Angelique Kerber crashed out of Wimbledon and lost her hold on the world number one ranking as the German was beaten 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 by Spain's Garbine Muguruza yesterday.

Kerber's fourth round exit extended a miserable run for last year's Wimbledon runner-up, who has failed to make the last eight at any

of this year's three majors.

### Replaced

Kerber, the 2016 Wimbledon runner-up, will be replaced at number one by either Karolina Pliskova or Simona Halep.

Muguruza, the 2015 finalist, goes onto play Svetlana Kuznetsova for a place in the last four.

AFP

## Ostapenko into first Wimbledon quarter-final

**LONDON** - Jelena Ostapenko advanced to her first Wimbledon quarter-final as the French Open champion finally converted her eighth match point to defeat Elina Svitolina 6-3, 7-6 (8/6) on Monday.

Latvian 13th seed Ostapenko, the

2014 junior Wimbledon champion, squandered seven match points in the second set before eventually seeing off the Ukrainian world number five to make just her second last eight appearance at a major.

AFP

## Kuznetsova end 10-year wait

**LONDON** - Seventh-seeded Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova reached her first Wimbledon quarter-final in 10 years yesterday with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Polish ninth seed Agnieszka Radwanska.

Kuznetsova, a former US and French Open champion, crushed 37 winners in her victory, which gave her a last-eight clash against either top seed Angelique Kerber or Garbine Muguruza.

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# BROCKIE TO CONTINUE GIVING HIS ALL FOR SUPERSPORT UNITED

**PRETORIA** - SuperSport United striker Jeremy Brockie insists he will continue giving his all for the club after they revealed he will not be sold this year.

Brockie has set the ABSA Premiership ablaze since his arrival in 2015 and finished the recently-concluded PSL campaign as Matsatantsa's top scorer with 15 goals to his name, including one in the Nedbank Cup final.

That form has attracted interest from some of the biggest teams in South Africa, including African champions Mamelodi Sundowns, Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates, although SuperSport are unwilling to part ways with their prized forward. And while suggestions have

been made that Brockie is disheartened by the fact he will not be joining one of the country's most popular clubs, the forward insists he remains committed to the cause with the Tshwane club.

"I'm still contracted to SuperSport, I have another three years in my contract," Brockie said.

"It's not really in my hands, the club has put up a not-for-sale sign and I just have to leave it there.

Obviously, there has been a lot of interest in me since the time I have been here. I have been doing a professional job and I do what I have been paid to do, which is to score goals. I will keep on concentrating on that." The New Zealand international added that he has a good relationship with the club and will

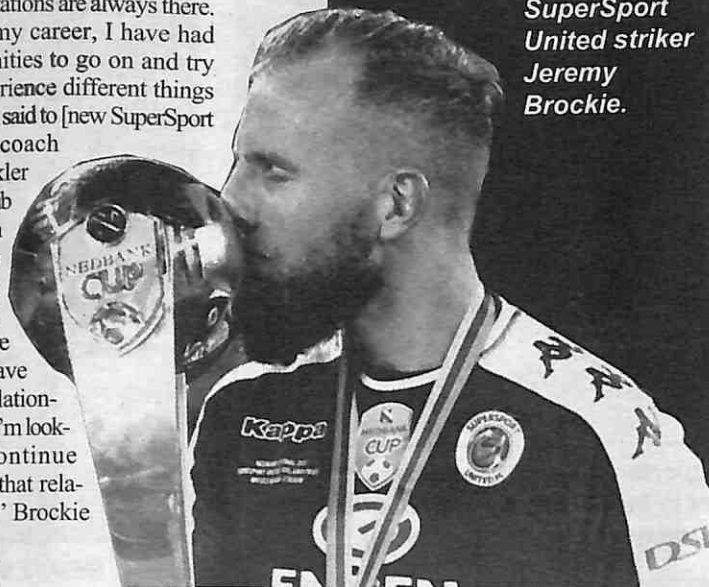
continue to build on that in the new season.

"Temptations are always there. During my career, I have had opportunities to go on and try and experience different things but I have said to [new SuperSport United] coach Eric Tinkler

that the club has been good to me since I have arrived here and we have a good relationship, and I'm looking to continue building that relationship," Brockie said.

*kickoff*

**GIVE IT ALL:**  
SuperSport United striker Jeremy Brockie.



## Mbappe returns to Monaco

**MONACO** - Kylian Mbappe is on his way back to Monaco for the start of pre-season, despite the uncertainty surrounding his future and growing interest from Real Madrid.

The 18-year-old is valued at over £100million and is the most sought-after forward in Europe after a stunning breakthrough season in Ligue 1 in which he played his part in winning the domestic title.

Real Madrid are still expected to sell Alvaro Morata this summer, despite Manchester United cooling their interest in the striker, meaning the Spanish giants will have space as well as the funds to launch a potential world-record bid for the Frenchman.

But Mbappe appears happy to continue plying his trade in Monaco, judging by his most recent post on social media, with the jet-heeled striker revealing he is returning to the Principality.

The France international says he is returning to Monaco in not one but three different languages in the Twitter post, to make absolutely clear to followers from Spain and England of his whereabouts, at least for the start of pre-season. The in-demand forward is wanted by both Real Madrid and Arsenal, with Monaco's Ligue 1 rivals Paris Saint-Germain prepared to match any bids for the 18-year-old.

But Zinedine Zidane is stalling on a deal for Mbappe, who scored 26 for the Ligue 1 champions last season, leaving PSG feeling confident of hijacking any move Los Blancos make for the teenager. *Daily Mail*



**ON HIS WAY BACK:**  
Kylian Mbappe.

## Lyon sign Ajax star in four-year deal



**NEW HOME:** Ajax right-back Kenny Tete.

**PARIS** - Ajax right-back Kenny Tete joined Lyon in a four-year deal worth four million euros, the Ligue 1 outfit announced Monday.

"It's a real opportunity for us," said Lyon coach Bruno Genesio.

"The position of full-back has evolved a lot in recent seasons. You are asked to attack, to defend well, and to run fast and long. Kenny has this profile and we jumped at this opportunity.

"It was not easy because there was a lot of competition to sign him."

"Lyon is a great club with a history," said Tete.

"It's important for me to link

up again with Bertrand Traore, who played down the right with me at Ajax."

**Caps**

The 21-year-old defender, who has six caps for the Dutch national team, added: "I didn't have a great year last season at Ajax, because of the manager's choices, but I always remained positive and that's a good attitude to take to Lyon."

"The little I played was enough to convince Lyon to sign me."

Club president Jean-Michel Aulas and Genesio also confirmed that they are targeting a central defender to strengthen Lyon's squad.

*AFP*

## TRICKY QUARTERFINAL MATCHUPS IN CAF CL

**JOHANNESBURG** - The quarterfinal pairings of the Total CAF Champions League have been confirmed following the completion of the group stage matches at the weekend.

Defending champions Mamelodi Sundowns continue their quest to defend their title with a home game against Moroccan giants Wydad Athletic Club, who are hungry to eclipse a 25-year drought for the title they last won in 1992.

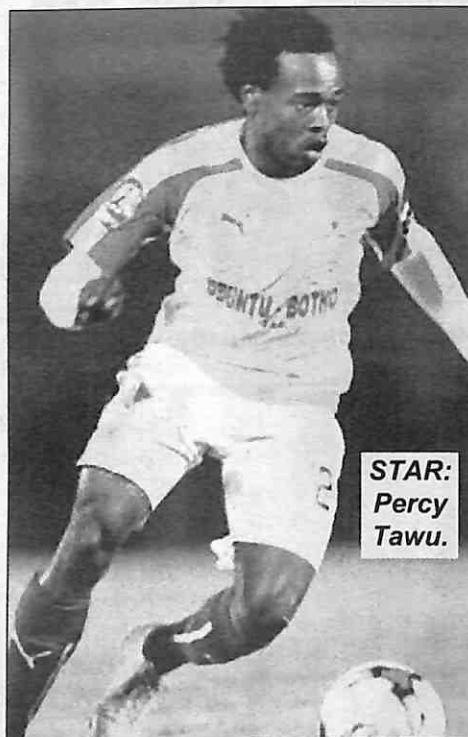
Another Southern African region representative, Ferroviario da Beira of Mozambique, have a tricky match-up against Algerian big boys USM Alger, whose only notable feat in the CCL is being runners-up in 2015.

The eight-time champions of Africa's elite club competition, Al Ahly have a mountain to climb as they face the two-time champions Esperance in what promises to be a thriller.

The matches are pencilled in for the weekend of September 8-10 for the first leg, and the second leg matches are set to take place between September 15-17.

**Below are the fixtures;**

Total CAF Champions League 2017  
Ahly Tripoli (Libya) vs Etoile du Sahel (Tunisia)  
Al Ahly (Egypt) vs Esperance (Tunisia)  
Ferroviario da Beira (Mozambique) vs USM



**STAR:**  
Percy Tawu.

Alger (Algeria)  
Mamelodi Sundowns (South Africa) vs  
Wydad Athletic Club (Morocco)  
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## SAFA to meet PSL over sale of club statuses

**JOHANNESBURG** - South African Football Association (SAFA) President Danny Jordaan says the association wants to talk to the PSL about the sale of club statuses.

Following the sale of Thanda Royal Zulu to AmaZulu in the past week, Jordaan is concerned about having many teams from one province in the ABSA Premiership.

"We are going to have a joint-liaison meeting soon with the PSL where these issues will be discussed," said Jordaan.

"As far as possible, we cannot be against ownership and control changes but we should argue very strongly against relocation. Otherwise, you will end up having all the 16 clubs based in Johannesburg.

"Already you find a highly concentrated number of teams in one area and it is in our interest to have a national league covering the whole country.

"In the Premier League in England, you find that a team has the name of the location where it is based. Barcelona comes from Barcelona, Real Madrid is from Madrid and they can't move. "I see Cape Town City has gone that route and that is an indication of the 'rooted-ness' of the club in the area.

"And the second issue is of relocation, and as far as possible we must try and keep the team where it is. "The financial challenge is a reality that we are faced with and you will see that Arsenal in England is now playing in the Emirates Stadium and the owners are no longer English." *citizen*



**LET'S TALK:** SAFA President Danny Jordaan.

## Wits in talks to sign Al Ahly striker Gamal

**JOHANNESBURG** - Bidvest Wits are said to be keen on signing Al Ahly striker Amr Gamal as Gavin Hunt looks to strengthen his squad to retain the league title next season.

According to KingFut, Wits have contacted the Egyptian giants to enquire about the possibility of signing the unsettled striker.

The 25-year-old, who scored four goals in 21 appearances across all competitions for the Reds, impressed Hunt when Al Ahly played against Wits in the CAF Champions League in March.

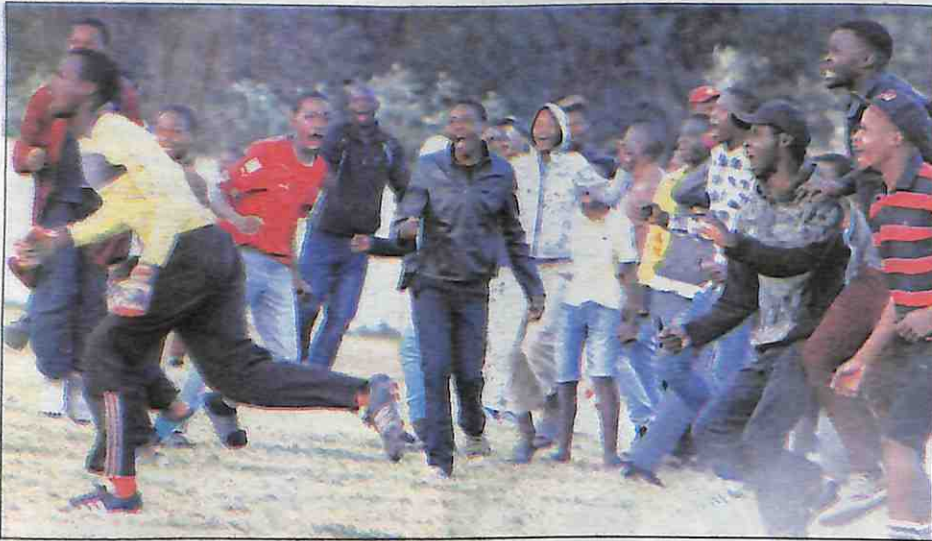
"Al Ahly have the best players ever. Amr Gamal and Ahmed Hegazy were the best," Hunt was quoted as saying following the sides' goalless draw in Johannesburg.

Gamal was promoted from Al Ahly youth team in 2013, and he went on to make almost 100 appearances for the club, scoring 27 goals.

He helped the Reds lift three Premier League titles, two Egyptian Super Cups, the 2013 African Champions League, the CAF Confederation Cup in 2014 as well as two CAF Super Cups in 2013 and 2014. *Citizen*



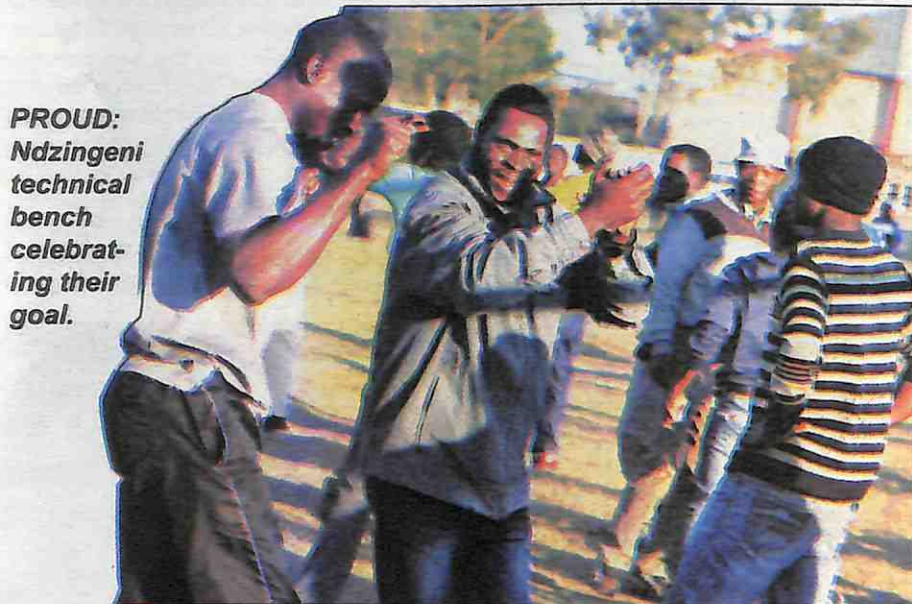
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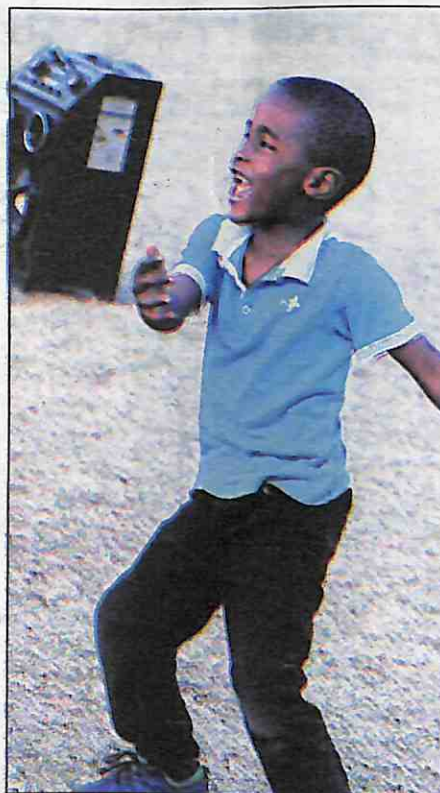
**HAPPY PEOPLE:** Mbabane East supporters in jubilation after winning 4-3 in penalties, defeating Ndzingeni in the Tinkhundla E200 000 tournament at Prince of Wales this past Sunday. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)



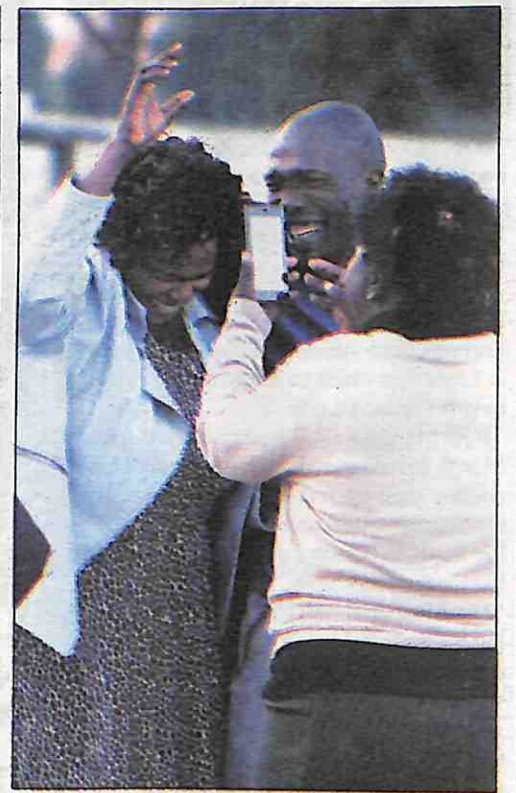
**WELL BEATEN:** Ndzingeni goalkeeper diving unsuccessfully trying to stop a penalty.



**PROUD:** Ndzingeni technical bench celebrating their goal.



**SHOW OFF:** A young fan from Mbabane East dancing in celebration after the game.



**JUBILATION:** MP Esther Dlamini pictured with other fans while celebrating her constituency's victory.



**TOP CORNER:** Mbabane East goalkeeper failing to stop a penalty.



**VICTORY DANCE:** Mbabane East captain doing a victory dance after their win against Ndzingeni.



**IN ACTION:** Ndzingeni Inkhundla and Mbabane East in action.





**DEVELOPMENT:** The participants of the youth course posing for a group picture with the dignitaries. This was during the youth course held at the SWSC auditorium yesterday. (Plcs: Sibusiso Dlamini)

# FIFA INSTRUCTOR IMPRESSED WITH PLS

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER** – FIFA instructor Serame Letsoaka says he is impressed with the work of the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS).

The former Bloemfontein Celtics mentor said this when making his remarks during the official opening of the FIFA Youth Course held at the Swaziland Water Corporation Services (SWSC) auditorium yesterday.

"I am very impressed with the work of the PLS in the country. They are really working hard and the results are showing.

I would like to commend them for a job well done because they are doing a very great job in improving the standard of football in the country," he said.

Letsoaka added that Mbabane Swallows good showing in the CAF Confederations cup was proof of the development of football in the country and urged the country to follow in the footsteps of



**ATTENTIVE:** The participants listening attentively.

other small countries that have stunned the World with their improvement, making an example of Portugal.

## Developing

"Your football is surely developing

in the country and this was proven by Mbabane Swallows' performance in the CAF Confederation Cup. That wasn't a fluke because just two years ago, South African giants Kaizer Chiefs



**IMPRESSED:** FIFA instructor Searame Letsoake making his remarks.



**WELCOME:** NFAS CEO Frederick Mngomezulu welcoming the President to the podium.



**STILL CAN'T GET OVER ELECTIONS:** NFAS President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa making his remarks.

and Orlando Pirates were both here and they lost, so it really means you are taking strides towards the right direction."

"That's why I would like to urge you guys to focus and really work on your development for a player to be ready for the elite league you need that player to have trained for about 10 000 hours and that's approximately about 10 years.

Now if we continue with this 'African habit' of starting development at 15, then it means the player will only mature at 25, now we can't be referring to 25 year old as youngsters.

Look at how countries like Portugal have progressed, whoever though that Portugal would one day be champions of Europe," he said.

## Lukaku 'is a natural fit for United' hails Jose Mourinho

**MANCHESTER** – Manchester United have made their second signing of the summer with the record-breaking capture of Romelu Lukaku - to the delight of Jose Mourinho who beat his former employers Chelsea to his capture.

The 24-year-old has moved to Old Trafford for a £75million transfer fee - making him the most expensive striker in English football history.

Lukaku has signed a five-year deal, worth in the region of £200,000-per-week, with an option to extend his contract for a further year.

The Belgium international was caught in a two-way tussle between United and his former club Chelsea for his services this summer with the striker's decision causing a major blow to the latter's trans-

fer plans.

And speaking about his new signing Mourinho, made it clear that Lukaku is at the right place to continue developing.

"Romelu is a natural fit for Manchester United," he told the club's official website.

"He is a big personality and a big player. It is only natural that he wants to develop his career at the biggest club. He will be a great addition to the group and I know they will make him very welcome.

"I am really looking forward to working with him again."

Lukaku, who has been holidaying in America, will join up with his new teammates in Los Angeles on their pre-season tour across the Atlantic.

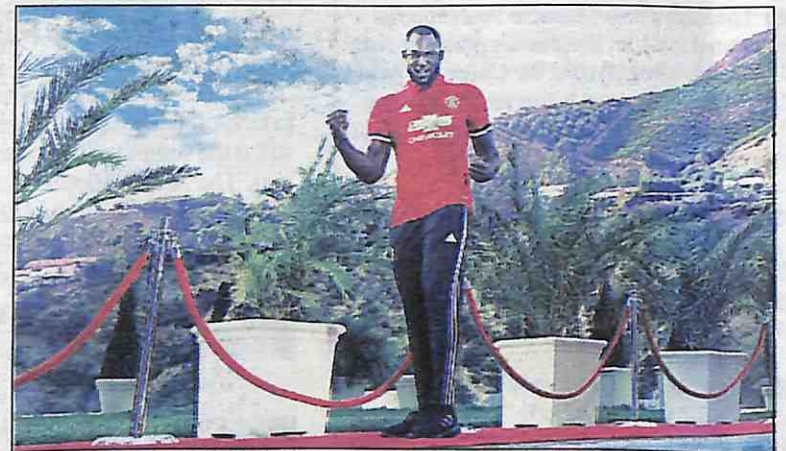
Describing his move to United, Lukaku hailed it as the 'opportunity of a lifetime' while also paying his respects to Everton - where he scored

"I would like to start by thanking Everton and the fans for the last four wonderful seasons, I have made some special friends and we have shared some amazing moments," Lukaku told United's official website.

"However, when Manchester United and Jose Mourinho come knocking at the door it is an opportunity of a lifetime and one that I could not turn down.

"You could see the fight, determination and the spirit in this team during the Europa League final and I want to become a part of that.

"I cannot wait to run out at Old Trafford in front of 75,000 fans but before that



**NEW HOME** Lukaku has signed a five-year deal at United, worth in the region of £200,000-per-week. (Daily Mail)

pre-season is where the hard work starts and I am looking forward to that first training session."

Shortly after official confirmation, the powerful striker took to Instagram to

reveal his delight writing: "I want to thank God for this opportunity! Blessed and delighted to be part of the best football club in the world! @manchesterunited." *Daily Mail*



## football talk

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● Chelsea are preparing to offer around £70m for Real Madrid striker Alvaro Morata, 24. (AS)



● Inter Milan midfielder Ivan Perisic, 28, is already planning for life at Manchester United and expects to move to Old Trafford before the end of the transfer window. (Manchester Evening News)

● Swansea City midfielder Jack Cork is in talks with Burnley about a proposed £10m transfer to the Lancashire club. (Daily Mirror)

● Newcastle have made an enquiry to Middlesbrough about signing forward Adama Traore, 21. (Chronicle)



● Crystal Palace are set to sign Chelsea midfielder Ruben Loftus-Cheek, 21, on a season-long loan. (Daily Telegraph)

● Everton have made a new offer of £32m for Swansea midfielder Gylfi Sigurdsson, 27, which would take their summer spending past the £100m mark. (Daily Mail)

● Having already agreed a deal to sign Romelu Lukaku from Everton, Manchester United could sign another Chelsea target after agreeing a £35m deal for Monaco midfielder Tiemoue Bakayoko, 22. (Daily Star)

● Arsenal are willing to make a third bid of more than £45m for Monaco winger Thomas Lemar, having already had offers of £30m and £40m turned down this summer. (Daily Mirror)



● Gunners forward Theo Walcott, 28, is determined to fight for his place despite being linked with a £20m move to West Ham. (Daily Star)

● Goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny, 27, has been left out of Arsenal's pre-season tour to Australia and has been linked with a move to Serie A champions Juventus. (Sun)

● Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino is interested in £10m Estudiantes defender Juan Foyth, 19, who played at the Under-20 World Cup and whose agent is former Manchester United midfielder Juan Veron. (Daily Mirror)

● Newcastle are trying to finalise an £8.5m deal for Norwich midfielder Jacob Murphy, 22, although Southampton and Crystal Palace are also in the running to sign him. (Daily Mirror)

● Leicester's Wales forward Tom Lawrence, 23, is a £7m target for Derby County boss Gary Rowett. (Sun)

● North-east rivals Newcastle and Middlesbrough will both compete to sign Liverpool winger Sheyi Ojo, 20, on loan next season. (Times - subscription required)



# 'SWAZI BOLT' FOR LUCERNE MEETING TONIGHT

By Sibusiso Masilela

**ATHLETICS – Local sprinter Sibusiso 'Swazi bolt' Matsenjwa's preparation for the World Championships continues to intensify.**

The local sprinter, who recently broke the national record in the 100m race during his race in Germany a week ago, will once again take to the track for the Lucerne Meet in Switzerland this evening.

The Royal Swaziland police sprinter will compete in both the 100m

and 200m in preparations of the 2017 World championships to be held in London, England next month.

Interviewed from Germany yesterday, Matsenjwa confirmed that he would be taking part in the race.

"I have been invited to take part in the Lucerne Meet and will compete in both races.

### Race

The race will help me gain the much needed experience and practise ahead of the world championships where I am hoping to make the country proud."

"The European camp has been of

great benefit as it has helped me to acclimatise with the European weather conditions. I have also been able to compete with fellow athletes from Europe and other countries which I believe will boost my performance," he said.

Matsenjwa has been in fine form during his ongoing tour where he has already managed to clinch gold in the 100m of the Berlin meeting stunning, amongst others, South African sprinter Anaso Jobodwana.

**SPRINTER: Sibusiso 'Swazi bolt' Matsenjwa.**



## SOSAI BAGS FOUR MEDALS IN SA OPEN

By Sibusiso Masilela

**KARATE – THE Sosai national team has brought back home four medals from the South African Open held in Polokwane, South Africa over the past weekend.**

The best winner was female karateka Cebile Mdluli who snatched a gold trophy in the female open category, beating a number of top

South African artists who competed in the category.

In the male category Andile Mdluli finished second, taking the silver medal while Best Mhlanga took home the bronze medal in the same category.

The fourth position also went to another local Wandile Motsa who was awarded a trophy for his achievement.

Sosai Kyuyokushin Karate Swaziland (SKKS) Public Relations Officer

### The list of the local winners

Females open section

Cebile Mdluli gold medal

Males open section

Allie Mdluli silver trophy

Best Mhlanga bronze trophy

Wandile Motsa Fourth place trophy

Mzwandile Ngwenya confirmed the results yesterday.

He said they were happy with the performance of the team during the international competition.

"The team represented the country well as they displayed an impressive performance, competing effectively in all the categories. We are also happy with the progress made by our female artist Cebile Mdluli

who continues to shine at the international stage," he said.

Ngwenya said they would be competing in yet another international competition slated for Cape Town later this year.

"We will not rest as there are still more competitions coming up for the team. We will continue working hard in order to compete effectively as a country," he further said.

## SNBL second round kicks-off on Saturday

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**BASKETBALL – THE road to the basketball play-offs will begin this weekend as the MTN bankrolled Swaziland Basketball league returns this weekend.**

The league has been on break for over a month as it paved way for the annual Swaziland International Invitational Tournament to run, which was eventually successfully defended by the Jozi Nuggets from South Africa.

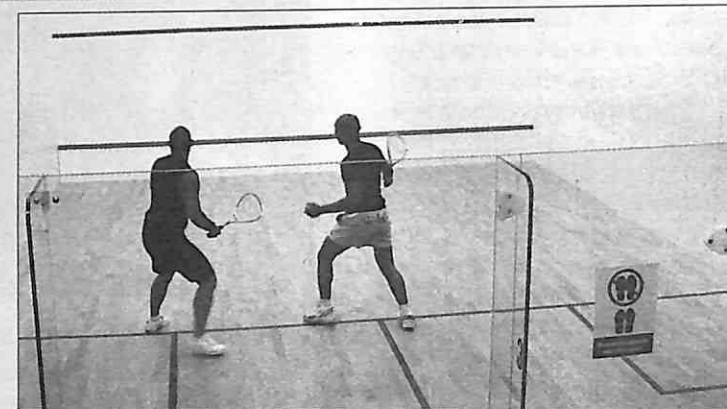
With the second round expected to kick-off this weekend, Steels are still at the summit of the log standings. The Andile Hlophe led side have not lost a game this season and have set the pace for a thriller league. Their coach has time and

again made it clear that he wants to win the title this year, hence anything less than that will be a disappointment.

But even Hlophe and his star-studded charges know very well that it's going to be an uphill task as a number of teams are in contention for the play-offs spot, which is where they will get an opportunity to claim the title they haven't laid their hands on for the past two seasons.

This will also be an opportunity for teams to unveil their new signings as the window period is still open.

Some new faces were seen in some of the teams that participated in the International Invitational tournament, and will be on the spotlight this weekend. The transfer window will be closed on July 21.



## Squash second round -kick off postponed

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SQUASH: THE kick-off of the second round of the United Health National Squash League has been postponed.**

This follows the death of Manuel De Souza who is father to Phillip De Souza, the official sponsor of the league.

Swaziland Squash Association Secretary General Mduduzi Masilela said they have decided to postpone the league out of respect for their sponsor. He said the second round of the league would now commence next week Wednesday.

"The SSA and the entire squash fraternity is saddened by the passing on of Mr. Manuel De Souza. As we all may know, Mr. Phillip

De Souza is at the pinnacle of the family business, the SSA's long standing and committed Sponsor. In honour of Mr. De Souza Sr. and in respect of our Sponsor, the SSA has found it fitting to postpone the commencement of the UNITED HEALTH National Squash League," he said.

Masilela said the postponement would give time to the squash family to support the De Souza family. "The postponement will also allow concerned squash players to join hands with the family in preparations and sending off of Mr. De Souza Sr. The SSA is confident of squash players' understanding and support of this decision, and profusely apologize to teams for the inconvenience the postponement may cause," he said.



# ZAMBIA NAME STRONG SQUAD FOR SIHLANGU GAME

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER – SIHLANGU** will face an acid test when they take on Zambia in the African Nations Championships (CHAN) at the Somhlolo this weekend.

The Zambian coach Wilson Nyindera has named a strong squad for the first leg of the encounter to be played on Sunday starting at 3pm.

## Statement

According to a statement from the Zambian Football Association's Communications Manager Desmond Katongo, the team's national head coach has been boosted by the return of players from domestic giants Zanaco and Zesco, who were excluded from the COSAFA cup due to their teams' engagements in continental duties.

Due to the return of the players from

## The squad

### GOALKEEPERS:

Kelvin Malunga (Nkana), Allan Chibwe (Power Dynamos), Toaster Nsabata (Zanaco)

### DEFENDERS:

Taonga Bwembya, Ziyu Tembo (both Zanaco FC) Donashano Malama (Nkana), Adrian Chama (Green Buffaloes), Solomon Sakala (Napsa Stars), Isaac Shumujompa (Nchanga Rangers), Fackson Kapumbu, Simon Silwimba (Zesco United FC)

### MIDFIELDERS:

Zesco and Zanaco, Nyindera has dropped ten players from his COSAFA squad, which finished the regional tournament as runners up after losing to Zimbabwe over the past weekend.

This crucial week's CHAN encounter comes hardly a week after the nation woke up to the shocking and disappointing

Jack Chirwa (Green Buffaloes), Godfrey Ngwenya (Power Dynamos), Boston Muchindu (Nkana), Kondwani Mtonga, John Chin'gandu (Zesco United FC), Clatous Chama (Lusaka Dynamos FC), Augustine Mulega, Ernest Mbewe (Zanaco FC)

### STRIKERS:

Brian Mwila (Green Buffaloes), Justin Shonga (Nkwanzi), Lubinda Mundia (Red Arrows), Jackson Mwanza, Davy Daka (Zesco United FC), Martin Phiri (Power Dynamos FC)

news that the national team had dropped by 42 places, which means the country is now placed 132 on the FIFA rankings.

The team is also fresh from a disappointing outing in the COSAFA Cup, where they lost both games they played against Zimbabwe and Namibia in the plate semifinal.



**TRAINING:** Highlanders players mainly trailists during their first training session.

## Mbabane Highlanders expecting international players this week

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – Capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders are expecting four international players to be assessed by newly appointed head coach Alou Badara this week.**

Reports suggest that the black and white ensemble could enlist the services of Congolese defender Kingu Panga formerly with Manzini Sundowns, Zimbabwean defender identified as Talent and Zambian striker Michael Musonda who could not be signed due to paperwork problems last season. The trio will join newly signed Nigerian player Gabriel Goshen from Tambuti who has already committed himself to the side on a one year renewable contract.

When quizzed about the prospects of signing any international players, new Highlanders coach Alou Badara said the board of directors were still

working on bringing the foreign players.

"The directors are working on the issue of foreign players who will be here for assessment in our quest to assemble a strong team for the new season," he said.

## Started

The Malian born mentor started his first session with a handful local of players including youngsters Allen Mabuza, Ndimiso, Thabo Mabuza, Mancoba Zwane, Vusi Vilakati and other young players that are trying their luck with the team.

Midfielder Sibusiso Mkhonta watched the session from the sidelines due to pending contractual issues with the Directors.

Meanwhile, the team's foreign pair of Mohammed Sabela and Cosmas Kabaza were both missing during the session watched by over 100 supporters and senior officials.

## I would love to have Felix back in my team – 'Koki'

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – Mbabane Swallows head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati has expressed desire to have former attacking midfielder Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst back into the 'Birds' nest.**

Interviewed yesterday, the former Sihlangu coach said the estranged AS Vita player could add value and the needed experienced in the team.

"Felix is a Swallows person, who knows the culture of the team. Having him back can be of great help to us. He has learnt a lot from playing outside the country and I believe this will help him improve in his football career."

"We still need his experience in the team and we are still following his situation at his team," he said.

## Promises

Badenhorst wants out of the Kinshasa based side due to unfulfilled promises. Badenhorst who returned in the country about two weeks ago has also expressed his wish to rejoin the local giants.

The player featured for national team Sihlangu in the recently ended 2017 COSAFA Cup hosted by the neighbouring South Africa where he scored the team's lone goal in the tournament.

This was during their quarterfinal clash against eventual winners of the tournament Zimbabwe in which the locals lost 1-2.



**DESIRES:** Mbabane Swallows head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

## Sitsebe kicks starts COSAFA preps in Lesotho

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – The country's women national team Sitsebe Samhlekezi kicked started their preparations for the COSAFA Women championship with a series of friendly games against their Lesotho counterparts.**

The team travelled to the mountainous kingdom this past weekend, where they played two international friendly games against the Lesotho national squad.

## Played

The local side won the first match played on Saturday 2-1 courtesy of a brace from Buffaloes striker Cebile Shongwe.

They however lost the second game played on Sunday by the same score. Manzini Wanderers striker Mazwi Dube scored the lone goal for the Mduduzi Nxumalo led troops in the second clash.

The squad has been in camp for the past three weeks in preparation for the regional showpiece slated for Zimbabwe in September.

Sitsebe Head Coach Mduduzi Nxumalo



**PREPARATION:** Some of Sitsebe players in training.

said he was impressed by the performance of the team when sought for comment yesterday.

"We played well in both games but we were affected by the poor condition of the pitch which resulted in my players struggling to express themselves. I was also happy with the fight-

ing spirit of my players and we will continue working hard until the COSAFA tournament in Zimbabwe," he said.

The team returned home yesterday morning and they will begin the second session of their camp from July 11-23 while the last one is scheduled for July 31 – August 13 2017.

## ...Defender Benele resurfaces at 'Bull'

**SOCCER – Former Mbabane Highlanders full back Benele Dlamini has resurfaced in the team.**

The ex Young Buffaloes and Bad Boys defender joined the capital city ensemble during their first training session at the Ezulwini Sports Ground.

He was amongst the players drilled by new coach Alou Badara yesterday. Another former player, hoping to win a contract with the team is goalkeeper Cedric Christie who once had a short stint between 2011/ 12 season.

## 'I still can't stop campaigning'

**SOCCER – "I still can't get over the fact that the elections are over and that I should stop campaigning now and do presidential duties."**

These were the introductory words of National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa during the official opening of the FIFA Youth Course held at the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) Auditorium at Ezulwini yesterday.

Mthethwa jokingly mentioned that he had invested too much energy campaigning for the presidential hot-seat which he eventually claimed with a landslide victory, beating former Vice Presidents Mashumi Shongwe and Timothy Shongwe

Coming to the event, the president urged the participants to take the course seriously, because the future of Swazi football depended on how they imparted the knowl-

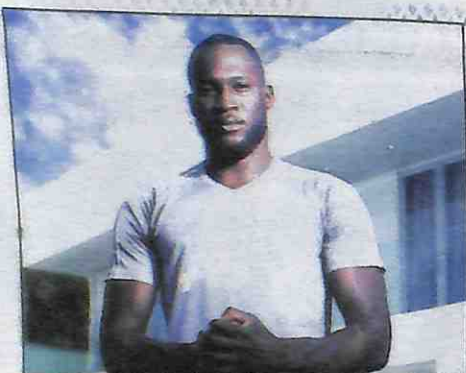
edge to the youngsters.

"I urge you guys to really take this course seriously because you have the knowledge the progress needed for Swazi football to improve. You are responsible for the future of the local game.

I'm happy to also see the same faces in these kinds of courses because it shows commitment and dedication on your part. Also, I'm happy to see young people participating; imagine if I was to be taught anything at my age. I wouldn't grasp it, but you are all young and that means the future of our football is in safe hands.

Meanwhile, PLS Development Officer Banele Masondo said participating in the course would help him in the running of the development tournaments. "Personally, this course will help me learn on the steps we need to take in development football. Hence, this will all be considered when preparing for the tournaments."

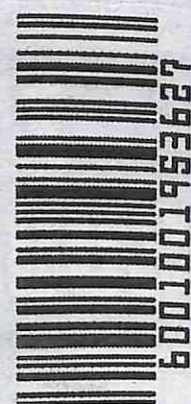




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## COPS GUARD 'BULL' TRAINING



- Officers were spotted at the team's training session at Ezulwini Sports ground following threats to invade the session by Moneni Pirates supporters.
- 'Fash', 'Mlaba' watch from the sidelines as new coach Badara drills over 10 trialists

By Sibusiso Masilela

### SOCCER – Desperate times call for desperate measures.

This was the case for struggling capital city giants Mbabwe Highlanders, as they had to seek intervention of the Ezulwini Police following threats by Moneni Pirates supporters to invade the training session held at the Ezulwini Casino Sports Ground yesterday.

Two police officers were spotted at the team training session which however proceeded smoothly as the supporters were a no show.

The supporters had stated they would invade the session to stop their players Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze, Bongani Ndzimandze and Mncedisi Dlamini who are said to be headed to the Bull's kraal.

However one of the players 'Fash' was present at the venue together with another prospect in former



Manzini Sundowns winger Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Nkambule. Both players did not take part in the session conducted by newly appointed head coach Alou Badara but watched from the sidelines.

One of the team's directors Sabelo

Tsabedze said they sought the intervention of the police in fear of the threats by the supporters.

"All is well in the team as you can see, the coach is still assessing trialists meanwhile we are still trying bolstering our team. The police are



only here to calm the situations following reports that we were going to be under siege," he said.

A handful number of supporters were present at the venue watching the session and they were later on joined by directors Zweli Jele and

Marwick Khumalo, patrons Isaac Shabangu, Moses Dlamini and Mbokodvo Tsabedze as well as senior official Musa Masuku.

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## Sikhali, 'TT' train with Sihlangu

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – Mbabwe Swallows Striker Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa and Captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze have joined the national team Sihlangu camp.**

The two were amongst three of the team's players including defender Ndzumiso 'Tower' Ndaba that reported for training at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Swallows is fresh from competing in their last CAF Confederation Cup Group B clash against South Africa's Platinum Stars this past Saturday.

The team is preparing for the African Cup Championship (CHAN) clash against Zambia at the Somhlolo National Stadium to be played on Sunday.

Also missing during the session yesterday was Mbabwe Highlanders goal-

keeper Sidumo Vilakati, Tambuti defender Siboniso Ndzabandzaba and Matsapha United defender Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze while Green Mamba striker Phinda 'Phindrix' Dlamini has been ruled out due to an injury.

The team's head coach Pieter De Jongh said they were expecting the rest of the players in camp today.

"Most of the players are expected to arrive tomorrow (today). Our session today is mostly on the physical and conditioning of the players. We will then attend a gym session for a physical and then end with the tactical aspects of the game," he said. The head coach further noted that the final squad would be discussed before the end of the week.

"We are still discussing with the technical bench as to who will make the team to play on Sunday," he said.

