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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

## Temperatures to hit 16 degrees tomorrow

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane**TEMPERATURES** are expected to drop to 16 Degrees Celsius in the Highveld tomorrow.

According to Information sourced from the Swaziland Meteorology Services, tomorrow morning there will be fog, otherwise cloudy with sunny intervals and cold in Highveld.

"Temperatures in the Lowveld will reach a maximum of 22 Degrees Celsius," said the forecaster.

The slight drop in temperatures will be caused by the few afternoon thunderstorms expected to occur later this evening.

"Tomorrow (today) it will be sunny and warm to hot in the Lowveld, becoming partly cloudy with few afternoon thunderstorms," mentioned the fore-

caster.

The forecaster warned the public to avoid using corded phones and electronics such as computers or power tools as the electrical wires can attract lightning.

**Cell phones**

"Don't use your cell phones during a thunderstorm and avoid washing your hands, showering, wash-

ing dishes or doing laundry. Metal pipes in the plumbing can also attract lightning."

When outside, the forecaster advised that one should take shelter when they see dark clouds or lightning, hear thunder or feel hail. "Go to an enclosed building, rather than a carport or open garage. Get off bicycles and motorcycles."

## Hairdresser demands E1.7 million from government

By Sandile Nkambule  
Supreme Court

A woman who is now confined to a wheelchair is demanding E1.7 million from government after being involved in a near fatal accident while a passenger in an army vehicle.

As a result of the accident, Siphwe Mamba, a hairdresser, had her spinal cord fractured and head injured.

She successfully moved an appeal application at the Supreme Court where she was challenging a High Court decision to the effect that her suit was overtaken by events as the period in which she was supposed to claim had elapsed.

The High Court had handed down a judgment to the effect that her suit for E1 765 000 was filed at the High Court 15 months after the stipulated 24 months had elapsed.

Supreme Court Judge Phesheya Dlamini, with Judge Robert Cloete and Judge Stanley Maphalala ordered that the matter be referred back to the High Court where it would be dealt with in its entirety with merits.

According to Mamba (appellant) in her papers filed in court, she was a passenger in the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) vehicle registered S 607 when its driver Sikelela Dlamini cited as the third respondent in the matter, lost control of it and it overturned.

The accident that happened at Mpisi Farm according to Mamba, was so serious that she sustained injuries to her head, fractured her spinal cord and injured her chest resulting in her being confined to a wheelchair for life.

As a result of being confined to a wheelchair, she submitted that she now relies on a caregiver who has to take care of her for the next 41 years.

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**Mamba's claim broken down as follows;**

■ Caregiver for 41 years at E12 000 per year	- E492 000
■ Pain killers for life	- E15 000
■ Wheelchair for life eight of them at E5000 each	- E40 000
■ Specially designed house	- E250 000
■ Loss of earnings as hairdresser at E1 500 per month for 60 years -	E468 000
■ General damages for pain and suffering, permanent disabilities -	E500 000

The total suit for compensation amounts to the E1 765 000



**PRESIDING: Supreme Court Judge Phesheya Dlamini.**

With the injuries on her head, she submitted that she now relied on painkillers on a daily and that she is confined to a wheel chair for life, she at least needs eight of them as each time it is in use it depreciates.

**Aware**

In her application she stated that she was not aware that the E12 000 paid to her by the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVAf) was compensation for future medical expenses only and that at the

time she was supposed to file the suit against government she was under treatment by doctors owing to the seriousness of the injuries.

Despite her demand for the compensation, she submitted that the defendant (government) has failed or neglected to compensate her.

However, the defendant had submitted that Mamba is not entitled to the claim since she had hitched a lift in the army vehicle.

Further they argued that the accident happened about 200 metres from the spot where she had been picked up by the driver.

Another submission made was to the effect that the third respondent (army driver) was trying to avoid a head on collision with a truck when the accident happened and that the driver was not responsible for the accident.

Representing Mamba in the appeal was senior Lawyer Siboniso Dlamini while the Tsabedze from the Attorney General's office represented government.

## SCOT students finally get their allowances

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**STUDENTS** of the Swaziland College of Technology have finally received their allowances.

The SCOT students were forced to leave campus by armed police as protests over unpaid allowances turned violent two weeks ago. This was confirmed by the over 100 students that were found queuing at the administration block yesterday.

"We are here to collect our cheques as it was announced on national radio," said the students. The students who preferred anonymity said since the Students Representative Council (SRC) was dismantled, the administration had to put things under control.

The students said it was not right for the administration to leave issues unattend-



**FINALLY: Swaziland College of Technology (SCOT) students at the institution premises where they received their allowances.** (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

ed and only attend to them when they strike. The students believe the sudden closure of SCOT due to violence has taught them a lesson and this would not happen next year. Some SCOT students got their cheques yesterday afternoon. However, some of the students when interviewed said they were surprised that they were

not getting equal amounts of allowances. "The money ranged from E2 000, E2 500 and E3 000," alleged the students.

The campus was closed as the boycott turned ugly with students vandalising property. Members of the Royal Swaziland Police were called to intervene as the situation got worse.

## Smile Clinic defrauds Swazi Med close to E1m

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**SMILE Clinic** has been accused of defrauding the Swaziland Medical Aid Scheme (Swazi Med) about E1 million in claims for medical services.

The total sum of the money allegedly defrauded by the clinic is E976 453.37 which is payment by the scheme to the clinic as a service provider to its members because it (clinic) submitted fraudulent claims on behalf of its patients.

Smile Clinic is one of the medical practitioners, doctors and pharmacies who allegedly defrauded the scheme by submitting fraudulent claims on behalf of their patients who are the scheme's members to about E12 million.

According to Swazi Med in its answering papers, following an urgent application filed by the clinic challenging its suspension as a direct payee, the fraudulent claims were submitted and processed by Med Scheme amounting to a total E12 024 394.48 hence the service providers

were suspended in April this year. Smile Clinic has been cited as the applicant in the matter while the scheme is the respondent.

According to Swazi Med Principal Officer Peter Simelane in his answering affidavit, the fraudulent claims were submitted and later processed by Med Scheme through its computer system and this was while Med Scheme was performing management functions for Swazi Med.

**Claims**

Service providers such as clinics, doctors and pharmacies would submit their claims for services rendered to Swazi Med's members to Med Scheme who would then process and pay their claims in accordance with the set tariff.

However, for reasons unknown to Swazi Med, the fraudulent claims were processed and paid by Med Scheme through its computer system to the Smile Clinic.

This is more so because Swazi Med had no control over the payment of processing of these claims since it was the sole responsibility of Med Scheme.

Simelane submitted that Swazi Med only uncovered the fraud when it took over the administration functions of the scheme upon termination of its management agreement with Med Scheme.

It was discovered that clinics and pharmacies were charging exorbitant amounts for non-chargeable items in respect of services provided by them to Swazi Med members.

Simelane in his papers filed at the High Court noted that the clinic submitted fraudulent claims through improper use of tariff codes such as code 8973, which is a description code for surgical excision of tumours and is specifically used by a dental specialist called a Maxillo-Facial Surgeon.

The applicant according to Swazi Med is not a dental specialist, but a general dental practitioner hence he misused the aforesaid code and further misrepresented to the respondent (Swazi Med) resulting to payment of claims being processed from the tariff code which pays from overall annual limit category instead of the dental benefit.

The applicant is alleged to have failed to use the correct codes applicable to a general dental practitioner and as such breached the schemes' rules.

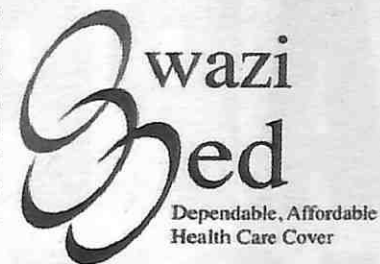
"An estimate total claims submitted by the applicant and paid under the misuse of code 8973 for the year 2016 exceeded a sum of E970 000 and we believe more funds have been swindled by the applicant and that a definite sum would be determined upon obtaining the data from Medscheme," Simelane submitted in his affidavit.

**Investigations**

The investigations into the fraudulent claims arose when Swazi Med picked up an unusual and noticeable upsurge in certain claims under the said code and amongst others, it reflected an abnormal increase in claims under this code and from an unauthorised discipline (general dental practitioner) which led to the practitioner to be considered and categorised as a high cost profile.

The use of practice codes according to the scheme is for the purposes of regulating service provider fees, to describe the type of service given to the scheme's members and also used to determine the benefit that will be used to pay for the services provided to a member of the scheme.

The improper use of the code or actual use of wrong code constitutes to abuse and serious offence which would normally result to the suspension of the practitioner from direct payment.





# Happy King dishes out jokes at SWSC building

## COVER STORY

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule  
Nhlangano

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III is a born comedian.**

His Majesty displayed his comedy skills that would give local comedians a run for their money yesterday during the opening of the Swaziland Water Services Corporation's (SWSC) E30 million Shiselweni Regional Headquarters at Nhlangano, which he named Siyalu House.

His Majesty kept his audience captivated and in stitches when he made jokes relating to the building.

Amongst the jokes that His Majesty delivered during his address that had everyone laughing their lungs out was when he told the audience of his first lift (*likheshi*) experiences when he was still studying in the United Kingdom.

"While I was still studying in the United Kingdom I wanted to use the lift so I walked up to a man and asked him where the *Kheshi* was. The person asked me you want the cash? I said yes the *Keshi*, this went on for some time until I realised that he wasn't hearing me so I decided to use the word lift and he then showed me," he said. By the time His Majesty finished this joke the whole house was in stitches. When he shared the joke, His Majesty was referring to SWSC Board Chairman Benedict Xaba, who in his address, which was in Siswati, had stated that the SWSC regional office was the first building in Nhlangano to have a lift.

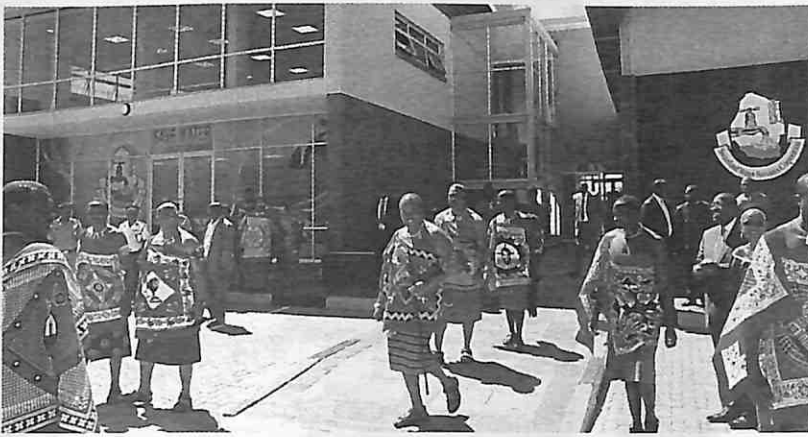
"Your Majesty *ngicela kusho nje kutsi lesakhiwo seftu sine likheshi and likheshi lekucala laNhlangano leli*," he said.

Making his remarks during the opening of the building, His Majesty lauded SWSC for heeding to government's call for the decentralisation of services which has resulted in the Nhlangano town having its very first lift.

His Majesty said pupils from the Shiselweni region would no longer have to travel as far as Mbabane and Manzini to see a lift and how it operates as they would just visit the SWSC offices.

His Majesty also stated that the peo-

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**HAPPY DAY:** His Majesty outside the multi-million Swaziland Water Services Corporation Shiselweni Headquarters during the official opening of the building which the King named Siyalu House in Nhlangano yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**SWSC MD Peter Bhembe leading the King on the tour of the 120 seater auditorium, which is part of the new building.**

ple from the Shiselweni region would benefit a lot as the office was a fully-fledged one and they would no longer have to travel to Ezulwini where the headquarters is based for service.

"We are encouraged to note that SWSC is adhering to the decentralisation policy, this new structure which we are blessing today is a clear foothold of taking services closer to people," he said. His Majesty implored the staff members who would be working in the building to make sure it is properly maintained as it was a state-

of-the-art building and would set the tone for future buildings that would be built in the town. He further urged other companies and business people present to make use of the building which would be leasing out auditoriums and boardrooms.

"Companies and business people should now see SWSC as their landlord. You should use their facilities that they will be renting out. I toured the building and they have a state-of-the-art boardroom and auditorium that you could use," he said.

## HIS MAJESTY'S JOKES IN VERNACULAR:

■ Ngiyakhumbula nami lokwa ngisafundza eNgilandi, ngalelinye lilanga bengifuna likheshi ngahamba ngabuta lomunye wakhona lena ngafike ngatsi "where is the kheshi" waphendvula lona wekunene watsi "You want the cash?" ngaphendvula ngatsi "yes, where is the kheshi," kwachubeka loku sikhshane ngabona kutsi asivani ngase ngiyakhumbula kutsi batsi yilift ngase ngitsi "I am looking for the lift," wase uyangikhomba lona wekunene.

■ Kuncono ngitsi laba beman-tini hhayi bemanti lawa abo Gasa bataze bacabange kutsi ngisho kubo.

■ Kulolunye lweluhambo lwetu saya kulunye indzawo lapho khona emakheshi akhona abetsi nasogibela wachafata kutsi uyaphi bese ayasho kutsi "Up" nangabe uya etulu noma "down" nawukhetse kuya entasi. Lomunye ke abefuna kuya etulu kani yena uphele ukuva lelikheshi likhuluma wangena lakhatsi wangachafati wamemata watsi "up" lema likheshi langavaleki langayindzawo, emva kwesikhatsi sekafuneka bantfu sebaye kuyomfuna bamkhandze amile amemeta "Up" bambute kutsi kwente njani atsi "sengibatse ngiyal-itjela likheshi kutsi Up alinyuki.

# King pleased with clean water drive

**HIS King Majesty III has applauded the Swaziland Water Services Corporation's (SWSC) continued efforts towards providing people with clean water.**

His Majesty made these remarks during the official opening of SWSC Shiselweni Regional Headquarters in Nhlangano.

He recalled that not so long ago there was a gathering in Mahamba where he blessed a E450 million water facility project that was built in order to bring clean water to the region.

"Not long we were at Mahamba where we blessed another SWSC project. We were told that the project would benefit Nhlangano and other areas close to Mahamba. We are also looking forward to the development of this programme as we were informed that its future expansion will provide water to Hluthi and surrounding areas," he said.

His Majesty pointed out that even though the company had so many great plans which saw them building the E30 million regional headquarters offices, there was still so much that had to be done in terms of providing clean water for all citizens of the country.

He, therefore, implored stakeholders in Nhlangano to work closely with the company so that the country's objectives that are also amongst the Millennium Development Goals are met.

"We all make plans and while we implement them other challenges arise hence it is important that stakeholders in the Shiselweni region work hand-in-hand with SWSC so that citizens of the country have

access to clean water," he said.

His Majesty also pointed out that SWSC had a very important role to play in as far as development is concerned as water was a key component in economic growth.

"In line with our vision 2022 aspiration, the move to establish a regional headquarters is tangible evidence of the country's commitment to make sure that we have appropriate infrastructure that will meet the needs of our people and investors. Water is a key component of economic growth," he said.

His Majesty also said the project would bring about substantial long-term benefits for the whole country, including industry and the population in the surrounding areas in terms of better service delivery.

"Provision of clean water is part of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, therefore, our country has committed itself to making sure that these goals are carried forward and implemented as they have handsome dividends for our people," he said.

His Majesty further applauded the move by the SWSC to spread its wings.

"SWSC's goal of spreading its wings and leaving footprints in the kingdom is highly appreciated. This building will serve as a reminder of what the corporation stands for, which is the provision of water and sanitation services covering all four regions.

"Safe water and improved sanitation enhances health and supports sustainable development by getting people out of poverty," he said.

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## Nhlangano Town Council impresses King

**HIS Majesty King Mswati is impressed with the work done by the Nhlangano Town Council in terms of tarring and closing potholes on the roads.**

He said he had been particularly pleased with the state of the roads as prior to yesterday there were plenty of potholes.

His Majesty said this was proof that the Nhlangano Town Council was aware that the country had a vision, that by 2022 the country would be a first world. "We were pleased with the state of the roads. We saw that the roads are tarred and the potholes are filled up. We appreciate the efforts that people governing the town are making in improving it as proper roads not only attract companies but investors as well," he said.

His Majesty said the proof that the country was on its way to being a first world country was in the building that had been built by SWSC.



## 4 PICTURES



**TOP TABLE:** His Majesty King Mswati III and SFC Managing Director Ferdie Brauckman following the proceedings during the dinner at Mbangweni Royal Residence. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)

# KING AT MBANGWENI ROYAL RESIDENCE DINNER



**SIGODLO:** His Majesty and Emakhosikati at the high table.



**POSE:** Shiselweni Regional Secretary Zwakele Dlamini (right) with some of the officers from the tinkhundla ministry and SFC employees posing.



**ON BUSINESS:** Sam Essa and an unidentified businessman were also present.



**GOOD TIME:** Sigombeni Dlamini chatting to the Chief Officer at the King's Office Dr Vincent Mhlanga.



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# HIS MAJESTY OPENS WATER SERVICES CORPORATION SHISELWENI HEADQUARTERS



**POSE:** His Majesty with the Swaziland Water Services Corporation Board and Minister of Natural Resources Jabulile Mashwama.



**ALSO THERE:** His Majesty posing with the executive management team after officially opening the building.



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty with management and staff of SWSC.



**GIFT:** CMAC Executive Director Nathi Gumede joined by Sisana Lutja-Mondlane, Nyasi Kanduza-Sihlongonyane and Nelisiwe Mtshali as they presented a gift to the King. CMAC is one of the tenants at the new building.



**THIS WAY:** His Majesty being led on a tour by SWSC MD Peter Bhembe.



**TOURING:** His Majesty joined by MD Peter Bhembe and Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama on a tour of the state-of-the-art building.



**SIGODLO:** Emakhosikati LaMatsebula, LaMotsa, LaMahlangu and Liphovela LaMashwama during the singing of the national anthem.



**GUESTS:** A section of the many guests who were part of the ceremony.



# Suspect rhino poachers' case expedited, pre-trial conference set

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**THEY came knowing that they will be released on bail after High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi granted them last week, however, the four suspect rhino poachers were arraigned for a pre-trial conference instead.**

This, after the state decided to expedite their trial in order to bring it to finality instead of having them admitted to bail which the state initially opposed when they filed an application.

Upon arrival at 0800 hours yesterday, the suspects came with the hope of appearing before High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi who had granted them bail last week, but had mentioned that their bail amount and conditions would be given to them before they are released.

However, they were escorted back to the Big Bend Correctional facility and while on their way, the correctional services escorts were called and informed to bring them back to the High Court for the pre-trial conference which did not continue as expected.

## Transpired

It transpired that their lawyer Machawe Sithole could not represent them in the pre-trial conference since he had only been given instructions on the bail application hence the pre-trial was postponed to tomorrow.

A pre-trial conference is where the trial judge and both counsel, including the accused persons, appear in

readiness for the main trial.

Their indictment has already been prepared by the state represented by Senior Crown Counsel Patrick Mkhathwa.

The four; Stanley Nhlakalulu of South Africa, Muzi Dlamini (Swazi) Siphon Mhlana (Swazi) and Isaac Mkhabela (South African) were remanded back to custody last Friday after Judge Nkosi had indicated that they are granted bail but would be released yesterday when the court gives them the bail amount and the conditions attached to it.

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

Judge Nkosi had ordered both counsels represented by Mkhathwa (crown) and Machawe Sithole (defence) to formulate the bail conditions which would be attached to the bail amount.

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

He had stated that the four should be restricted in a certain area and made to report to the nearest police station with the other normal bail conditions attached.

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

The crown had initially opposed the



**BEFORE HIM: High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi.**

bail application filed by the accused, stating that they are a flight risk.

"Bail is a constitutional right and not a privilege, the accused persons have been in custody for a long time, in the eyes of the court they are innocent until proven guilty and keeping them in custody would mean they have already been convicted," Judge Nkosi stated.

## Facing

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

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

Additional charges of murder and contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act, amongst others, were added by the crown.

According to Detective Sergeant

Bheki Shabangu of Simunye Police Station, in his answering affidavit, investigations revealed that the mastermind in the rhino poaching deal was the fourth accused, Mhlana, who is alleged to have approached the game ranger Fana Mbatha and orchestrated the plan to poach the rhino.

Shabangu said his investigations further revealed that Mbatha was called by Mhlana and enquired if the coast was clear on the day of the poaching and Mbatha replied to the affirmative and the team of poachers, involving Mhlana and two Mozambican nationals who died during the incident drove into the game park to execute the poaching.

They were driven in a motor vehicle registered DSD 389 CM and Mhlana was the one driving because he had knowledge of the map at Hlane Royal National Park as a local resident and knew that there were no locked gates, save for a no entry signage reserved for members of the public. At around 0100 hours, a motor vehicle was noticed inside the game park and Detective Shabangu, who was investigating the suspected poaching, realised that the poachers had been able to enter without being noticed using a route not permitted to the public. Rangers who were patrolling on foot, according to Shabangu, tried to stop the poachers' vehicle but they did not heed to the call despite that they were shouted at to stop their vehicle. Instead of stopping, they opened fire to the direction of the rangers on patrol, resulting in a cross fire between the poachers and the rangers, includ-

ing Jubela who was part of them.

The members of the patrolling team are said to have bravely advanced towards the poachers' motor vehicle only to find that one of the poachers had been shot and a search ensued as they noticed that there was more than one occupant in the vehicle.

Found in the vehicle was an empty cartridge, a magazine, loaded firearm with 13 live rounds of ammunition, knives, silencer, axe and bags and the search team was able to find another poacher with the assistance of sniffer dogs and both the poachers found shot were already dead after suffering injuries from the shooting.

"We received a 999 police emergency line report from a man who identified himself as Siphon Mhlana who asked that the police assist in conveying him to hospital and stated that he would be found at Hlane, indeed we proceeded to the spot where he directed us and we rushed him to Good Shepherd Hospital," Shabangu stated. Mhlana and another man identified as Mandlanti Shabangu were apprehended through the use of sniffer dogs. Because of the information he had, Detective Shabangu said he called another patrolling motor vehicle and informed the police officers to be on the lookout for as there were two motor vehicles to be used in the poaching as the other vehicle was a Toyota Corolla registered HDY 266 MP.

Detective Shabangu said the vehicle was found being driven by Isaac Mkhabela and ordered that the vehicle and its occupants be driven to Simunye Police Station together with passports of the deceased Lucky Mandlanti Shabangu and Castigo Jaime Zucula as well as those of Nhlakalulu and Mkhabela. The shooting of the patrolling team, according to Shabangu, was lawful and not a cover up as argued by the applicants in the bail application.

## St Boniface explains contradicting statements on injured pupil

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**PRINCIPAL of St Boniface Primary School Fikile Dlamini has finally come out to explain the alleged contradicting statements with regards to a pupil who lost her eye when a teacher was administering corporal punishment to another pupil in 2014.**

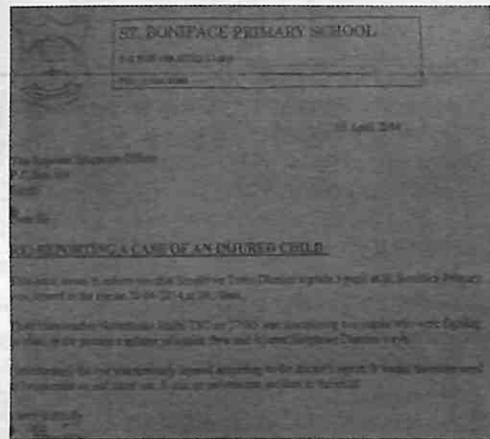
This publication on Tuesday reported that Simphiwe Dlamini (16) had been left stranded after an incident which saw her left eye permanently damaged.

The child, who stays with her grandmother, reported that she was now struggling to access medical care as both the school and the ministry of education seemed to have abandoned her.

She was of the view that the matter was abandoned because the school's administration submitted a false information, which was to the effect that she got injured while trying to separate two pupils who were fighting in the classroom.

Her assertion was also confirmed by a statement which is inscribed on her medical card. The principal has, therefore, come out to justify how the 'fighting pupils' statement got to appear on the injured pupil's medical card.

Without refuting the pupil's claims, Dlamini disputed having submitted a false statement to the regional education office.



**A brief report of the incident which the principal of St Boniface Primary School claims to have submitted to the Lubombo Regional Education Offices. The report is, however, different from what is reflected on the pupil's medical card.**

She, however, acknowledged that a statement was recorded at the Siteki Police Station, which was to the effect that the actual cause of the pupil's injury was a fight which ensued between other pupils at a Grade Five class in 2014. She explained that, this was only meant at acquiring a police report which was to be submitted to the hospital before the pupil could be attended to.

## Taking

Dlamini said after taking the child to the hospital, she then compiled a detailed report on the incident.

This time, the report indicated that the pupil's eye was punctured by a splinter which flew from a stick while a teacher was administering corporal punishment to the pupils who were engaged in a fight earlier.

Dlamini claimed to have submitted

this report to the regional education offices with the hope that the ministry would then take over the matter and take care of the injured pupil.

"The school has nothing to hide as this was purely an unfortunate accident which befell one of our teachers who has also not disputed the details," said Dlamini. But, the pupil is of the view that the contradicting statements resulted to her case being side-lined as nobody seemed to care about what happened to her.

Meanwhile, efforts to get a comment from the Lubombo regional education office proved unsuccessful as Acting REO Dzabulase Mthupha was reportedly held up in a string of meetings at the Teaching Service Commission offices in Mbabane. Mthupha promised to provide a detailed response next week when the meetings are over.

## Mpolonjeni couple fight, scald each other with hot water

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A couple from Mpolonjeni was close in ending each other's life as they allegedly used hot water and extension cord during a terrifying fight.**

It was not a normal Monday for the Mavimbela homestead as the head of the house, Musa Mavimbela (48) and Goodness Manana (39) left each other with severe injuries following a heated argument.

The couple allegedly poured hot water on each other's bodies and further used items such as the extension cord to assault each other.

Yesterday, the court received two separate charge sheets, wherein the couple laid charges against each other. The first person to take to the accused dock was Manana, who stands accused of pouring hot water on Mavimbela's face, kicking his private parts and insulting him during the scary attack. She is alleged to have further threatened to stab him with a bread knife.

Her matter could not proceed as the crown moved an application that she be remanded out of custody until



October 26, pending her trial.

Her lover followed soon after her with a criminal charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. He allegedly poured hot water on her body and further strangled her with a kettle's extension cord and hands.

The fighting couple was not given a chance to state their pleas as the court said it would know their fate when trial commences on October 26.

The couple represented themselves as they made appearances before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini.



# Murder accused stabbed, kicked body of deceased even in death

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**MURDER** suspects Mandla Hoges Mdluli and Mxolisi 'Mxo' Dlamini were desperate to see the deceased dead such that they inflicted multiple stab wounds further kicking his lifeless body even after he was dead.

The two are alleged to have even spoken boldly about the deceased Lucky Msibi's death to the extent that they told everyone who cared to lis-

ten that the man they wanted dead was no more and only one was left.

These were submissions made by the crown represented by senior crown counsel Absalom Makhanya when making his closing submissions on the murder case involving the two yesterday.

Makhanya submitted that the two were so eager to kill the deceased that the first accused (Mdluli) told the second accused (Dlamini) before the killing that an iron rod (*insimbi*) was needed in order for them to accomplish their mission.

It later transpired that the iron rod



referred to was the murder weapon including the knife that was planted on the deceased's body several times

before he succumbed to death.

The deceased is alleged to have been trying to calm down a group of people including the accused persons during a *lobola* ceremony where the incident happened as they were out of order and causing havoc.

However, the two accused person according to Makhanya did not take kindly to this and openly asked from those present if the deceased was the new owner of the homestead referring to him as the new 'CEO' before the killing.

Meanwhile, Lawyer Machawe Dlamini for the accused person submitted that

his clients did not intentionally kill the deceased.

The deceased was allegedly killed after the two allegedly orchestrated a plan to end his life while at a Busika homestead.

Following the incident, the two were subsequently arrested and taken to the Malkerns Police Station where one of them claimed he was tied around a bench and suffocated with a plastic tube. However, the crown put it to him that this was not mentioned by the investigating police officers who gave evidence in court and that this was just a fabrication and an afterthought.

The crown further submitted that the second accused person was actually the one who provided the first accused with the murder weapon.

The crown has closed its case and the court it expected to hand down judgment at a date to be given to both counsel.

## 'Boko Haram' member grabs wine at Ngwenya

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A member of the infamous Boko Haram gang from Ngwenya has been fined E2 000.**

The 24-year man, Lwazi Nhlabatsi, pulled a dangerous stunt when he stormed the Primavera Bar this past

Sunday jumping over the counter and stealing one box of a three-litre Fourth Street sweet rose valued at E110.

The violent young man committed the crime in full view of other patrons as they were dancing to music dished out at the club.

He is said to have then joined his gang members who waited outside and threatened to deal with anyone

who would dare come near him.

The bar man called the police as the gang camped outside the bar.

Plain-clothed police allegedly fired warning shots as the gang attempted to escape with Nhlabatsi surrendering himself to the police.

He was facing four charges of theft, malicious injury to property, escaping from lawful custody and resisting

arrest.

The offender tried to escape after he was handcuffed whilst inside the bar.

He damaged a glass window valued at E150 with handcuffs as he tried to injure Eric Mlangeni, the owner of the bar. He further resisted arrest by refusing to comply with the orders of the police.

He pleaded guilty to all the counts and told the court he was drunk.

"I am sorry, I committed the crimes because I was intoxicated, I will not do it again," he said.

Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini fined him E500 or four months imprisonment for the theft, E300 or two months imprisonment for malicious injury to property, E600 or six months imprisonment for escaping from lawful custody. He was further fined another E600 or six months imprisonment for resisting arrest.

However, count one and two were made to run concurrently. The court further showed leniency by making count three and four run concurrently.

## Dagga dealers accused of kidnapping Swazi girls, raping them

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**CHIEF of Mvuma Prince Kekela has accused dagga dealers of kidnapping minor Swazi girls and raping them in forest tents.**

Kekela was speaking at the Pigg's Peak Hotel during an appreciation ceremony that was hosted by the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Services Pigg's Peak branch yesterday.

Kekela said Northern Hhohho was infiltrated by dagga dealers who were raping Swazi girls and seized grazing land.

"These dagga dealers who are mostly foreigners come to Swaziland and set up tents deep in the forests, where they farm the dagga. They live in these tents and when they are bored, they visit the local nearby homesteads and steal or kidnap young girls to rape them in their tents. After the rape, the dagga dealers then relocate or go back to their native country leaving the Swazi girls behind with babies, who then become orphans.

As I speak in Northern Hhohho, we the residents don't even have cattle grazing land because all the land has been taken by these dagga dealers to grow dagga," he said.

He added that the dagga dealers also have guns that would be used for murder.

Also speaking at the appreciation ceremony was Hhohho Regional Administrator (RA) Prince Tshekedi who said Pigg's Peak police were a vital stakeholder in the fight against crime. "The police continue to battle crime in the area of Northern Hhohho, we are seeing a lot of improvement.

We know that a lot more is still to come from our police officers, today we celebrate the partnership that has developed between the police and the community of Northern Hhohho," he said.



**HONoured:** Chief of Mvuma Prince Kekela and Hhohho Regional Administrator (RA) Prince Tshekedi.



Swaziland Dairy Board

## DAIRY CATTLE FARMING COURSE

Dairy Cattle owners, keepers and aspiring individuals are kindly invited to attend a dairy farming training course to be held at the Board's Conference Room at Enguleni House, Manzini. The course will commence on the 17 October 2017 and run for eight (8) weeks. Selected days for training are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week starting at 5:30pm till 7:00pm.

The training is set out to cover the following topics:

Module	
1	Introduction to Dairy Science and Management
2	Requirements and Preparations for Starting a Dairy Project
3	Fodder Production
4	Dairy Cattle Feeding
5	Dairy Cattle Breeding
6	Calf Rearing
7	Clean Milk Production
8	Legal Issues
9	Disease Prevention and Control
10	Business Plan Preparation and Business Management
11	Educational Tour

E500 PER PERSON FOR THE WHOLE SESSION.  
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FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING BOARD'S OFFICER:

Mr. Bandile Mdluli (Course Coordinator)

7662 4422

OR CALL THE OFFICE @ 25058262/3  
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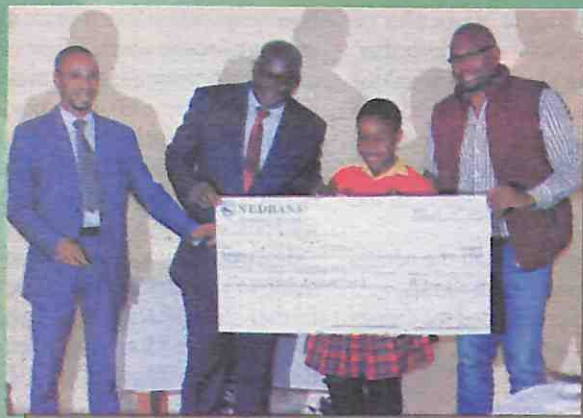
# METROPOLITAN COLLEGE BURSARY AWARDS

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The Directors of Metropolitan Group of schools would like to congratulate all the learners who received 2018 bursaries. The learners are encouraged to maintain the standard or improve their academic level. The directors further promised university scholarship to any South African University provided the learners produce outstanding results during their Grade 12 final year.



*The following students performed extremely well and have been awarded 2018 bursaries:*

**\*\*Mahlalela Sipehelele - Swaziland 2016 Top learner Lusoti Primary\*\***

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| - Janice Rwanika   | Premier Primary School          |
| - Machawe Tfwala   | Thembelisha Primary School      |
| - Sibahle Dlamini  | Piggs Peak Light Primary School |
| - Gugulethu Sukati | Mangwanyane Primary School      |
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**Inyatsi Construction Group Holdings (Pty) Limited**  
(Incorporated in the Kingdom of Swaziland)  
(Registration number 891 of 2007)  
("Inyatsi")

## **E 200, 000, 000 Medium Term Note Programme**

Inyatsi Construction Group Holdings (Pty) Ltd has obtained approval from the Swaziland Stock Exchange to register a E200 Million Medium Term Note Programme. The purpose for the note listing is to source additional funding from the Capital market to expand capacity in order to efficiently execute the current order book of 3.7 Billion Emalangeni and to increase working capital in anticipation of expected future works exceeding 1 Billion Emalangeni.

Under this Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme"), Inyatsi Construction Group Holdings (Pty) Limited (the "Issuer"), may from time to time issue notes (the "Notes") subject to the terms and conditions (the "Terms and Conditions") contained in this Programme Memorandum (Circular). The Notes will be denominated in Emalangeni or any other currency and, except as set out herein, the Notes will not be subject to any maximum maturity but will have a minimum maturity of one month. The maximum aggregated Nominal Amount of Notes outstanding from time to time will not exceed the equivalent of Two hundred million Emalangeni (E200 000 000).

Consent was granted for the Notes to be issued under this Programme to be listed and traded on the Swaziland Stock Exchange ("SSX") or its successor on the **25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017**. Any other terms and conditions not contained in the Terms and Conditions which are applicable to any Notes will be set forth in an Applicable Pricing Supplement (the "Pricing Supplement") which will be delivered to the SSX on or before the date of issue of the Notes. The Programme provides that Notes may be listed on such other or further exchanges as may be nominated by the Issuer.

The Notes may be issued on a continuing basis in Tranches and be placed by one or more of the Dealers specified under "Summary of Programme" and any additional Dealer appointed from time to time, which appointments may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis (each a "Dealer" and together the "Dealers"). The Dealer or Dealers with whom the Issuer agrees or proposes to agree on the issue of any Notes is or are referred to as the "Relevant Dealer(s)" in respect of those Notes.

This Programme has, as at the date of this Programme Memorandum, not been rated by any rating agency. However, the Issuer may at any time obtain a rating from a rating agency for the Programme or any issue of Notes issued pursuant to the terms of this Programme.

The Issuer may agree with any Dealer that Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Terms and Conditions, in which case a Supplementary Programme Memorandum, if appropriate, will be made available to Noteholders which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Notes.

Prospective investors in the Notes are advised to please consult their investment adviser, stockbroker/dealer, legal practitioner, accountant, bank manager or other professional adviser on the meaning and impact of the contents of this Programme Memorandum, and as to what action to take.

Each investor contemplating the subscription or purchase of any Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer. Neither this Notice or the Programme Memorandum nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or any of the Dealers to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Notes.

A copy of this Programme Memorandum has been submitted to the Registrar of Companies in terms of Section 139 of the Companies Act No. 8 of 2009, for lodgement and registration as a prospectus.

Notes issued under this Programme will be certificated notes, in registered form. No Notes will be issued in bearer form. Payments in respect of Notes may be subject to deduction for or on account of applicable laws in the Kingdom of Swaziland taxes.

Programme Memorandum dated 29th September 2017 ("the Programme Approval Date")

Inyatsi Construction Group Holdings (Pty) Ltd has engaged the services of the following Professional Advisors in their various capacity as their arranger, placement, dealer and distribution agents, etc.:

<b>Arranger</b>	<b><i>Inyatsi Construction Group Holdings</i></b>
<b>Sponsoring Broker</b>	<b><i>Swaziland Stockbrokers Limited</i></b>
<b>Auditor</b>	<b><i>PricewaterhouseCoopers</i></b>
<b>Legal Advisors</b>	<b><i>S.V. Mdladla and Associates</i></b>
<b>Dealer</b>	<b><i>Swaziland Stockbrokers Limited</i></b>
<b>Transfer Secretary</b>	<b><i>PricewaterhouseCoopers</i></b>
<b>Paying Agent</b>	<b><i>PricewaterhouseCoopers</i></b>
<b>Bankers</b>	<b><i>Swazibank</i></b>

All documents containing further details on the purpose and motivation of this listing including the Programme Memorandum are available for inspection at the registered office of the company.

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### **About Inyatsi Construction**

Inyatsi Construction Group Holdings (Pty) Ltd (ICGH) is a construction company that specializes in infrastructure projects, including roads and earth works, civil work, bridge construction, buildings, storm water drainage, water reticulation, water treatment plants, sewer works, dams and reservoirs. Inyatsi Construction Group Holdings was formed in 2007 as the holding company of Inyatsi Construction and its regional subsidiaries. The company has operations in Swaziland (where it is head-quartered), South Africa, Zambia and Mozambique, and registered companies in Botswana and Namibia. Inyatsi and all its subsidiaries are ISO 9001:2008 certified. It has completed the NOSA 5 Star Audit and was awarded four Platinum Stars.

The company's growth accelerated after re-strategizing and diversifying four years ago. After focusing mainly on roads and earthworks, Inyatsi Construction widened its focus to include civil work, bridge construction, buildings and township infrastructure and high quality, fast-track houses at new mines for example.

The company is named after the Swazi word for buffalo to capture the indigenous and hard-working heart of the company.

**Directors:** Michelo Shakantu (Chairman); Tambo Gina; Tommy Strydom; John Hamilton; Dave Roberts; George Nisbet  
**Group Company Secretary:** Mandisa Simelane

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# KING WANTS NHLANGANO DEVELOPED INTO A CITY

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III says his wish is to see Nhlango meeting the requirements of becoming a city.**

He said he had no doubt that the town could meet the status of the city given the way it was developing.

His Majesty was speaking during a business dinner held on Tuesday at Mbangweni Royal Residence which was hosted by the Shiselweni business community. In the forefront in this year's dinner was Shiselweni Forestry Company (SFC).

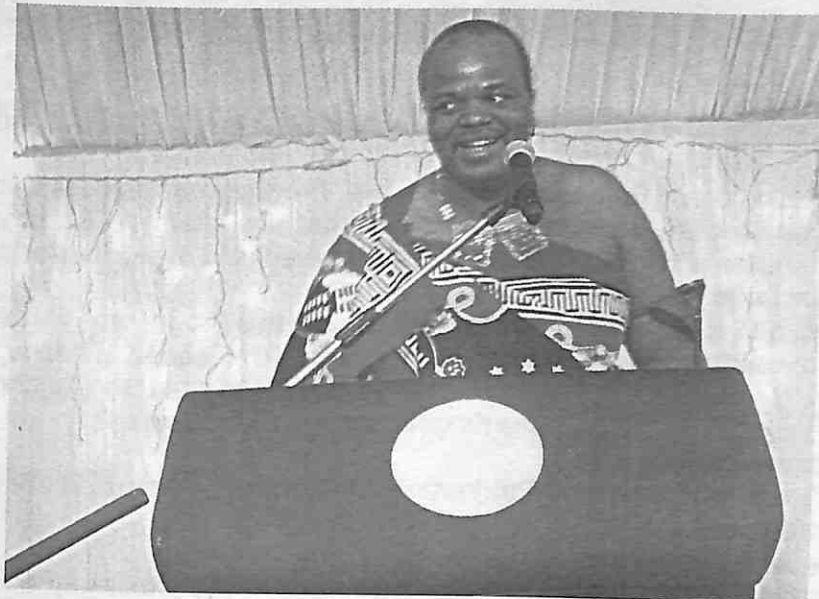
The King said he was impressed with the progress made by Nhlango and the region as a whole in terms of development.

He said there were notable changes in terms of infrastructure as well as other establishments which were clear indications that Nhlango was moving towards the right direction.

"The region has taken a move to the right direction, with the way things are happening.

"Nhlango is developing fast and how nice it can be that soon it can be seen meeting the standard of a city and I am looking forward to that happening.

"That is what should happen and we can do this together by seeing what we usually discuss in platforms such as this one implemented," he said.



**ADDRESS:** His Majesty King Mswati III making his address during the dinner at Mbangweni Royal Residence.

His Majesty implored the business community in the region for working together with one purpose, and that is seeing the region moving forward.

He said the different businesses should be applauded for the unity they had displayed.

The King said it was encouraging to note that the region now has well established businesses and companies, all which contributed towards Nhlango town's development as well as the region as a whole.

Emakhosikati to His Majesty, royalty, Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini and some members of his Cabinet, chiefs,

Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala also attended the dinner.

Members of Parliament, Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku, and Regional Secretary Zwakele Dlamini were also present. Businesspeople from around the region and others from other parts of the country and outside also attended the dinner.

Minister for Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza was the programme director.

As host of the dinner, SFC Director Ferdie Brauckman got the opportunity of addressing the King and the gathering.

## His Majesty source of inspiration

**PRIME Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini has applauded His Majesty King Mswati III for being an inspiration to the business community.**

He said the business community cherished all the moments when there was His Majesty in their midst and having a business dinner with him, which was something that pushed the companies and business owners to strive to do even better.

He said the fact that His Majesty made time to dine with business owners, such should not be taken for granted.

Dlamini said it was inspiring to have His Majesty meet business people and give them direction to take in order to succeed.

"We all feel inspired each time we

have your presence in gatherings of this nature.

"It's during such an occasion where you display your wisdom that you get from the Almighty in giving advice on which direction we should take. Your presence in such gatherings has always been a blessing," said the PM.

The PM said government was doing everything to make sure that the direction that His Majesty was giving, is followed. He said the policies and programmes that served as guidelines, should be followed.

"Such policies and programmes are not only crafted, but they also have to be implemented. It's important that we create a conducive environment for businesses and the prospective investors," said the PM.



**ON THE MIC:** Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini also had something to add and SFC Managing Director Ferdie Brauckman.



## Shiselweni Forestry Company developing significantly

**SHISELWENI Forestry Company (SFC) Managing Director Ferdie Brauckman says his company having invested millions of Emalangeni in Nhlango and is making notable strides in terms of development.**

Brauckman said Nhlango town has taken the right direction in ensuring that more investors were lured and this would also assist in uplifting the country's economy.

The MD was addressing a gathering on Tuesday during a dinner in honour of His Majesty King Mswati III at Mbangweni Royal Residence.

Brauckmann whose company in the region is considered the 'region's gold mine' said he was pleased with the progress the town of Nhlango has made.

He said with businesses opening in the town, this was giving hope not only to the residents but to the nation as a whole.

"I am pleased with the progress made by this town. There is future

in this town and it has become an exciting thing to visit it as all is in shape.

"There is now life and what is also encouraging is the support that is given each time you need help or information about something. We are not regretting having invested millions of emalangeni in this part of the country," said Brauckman.

Brauckmann further singled out the office of the Regional Administrator saying its staff was committed and such a spirit was a driving force to have more people invest in the town.

"That office has a dedicated team of men and women who are willing to give any help you need. You go to that office and you come out full of energy.

"You are offered advice where necessary and it's what investors expect in order to have their confidence boosted that they are investing in the right place," said the MD.



**MONEY MAKERS:** The Essa brothers who are the owners of Builders Hardware and Supermarket, Sam and Latib.

## NHO textile companies invests E60m, create 2 500 jobs

**ABOUT E60 million has been invested by textile companies in Nhlango to create employment for over 2 500 Swazis.**

"In the last few years, we have seen industrial estates emerging in this southern part of the country and the establishment of textile companies such as FTM Garments, David Scott, Zheng Yong and HO's Enterprise, it shows that the region has the potential. This is an investment of not less than E60 million and these companies have created jobs for over 2 500 Swazis," said His Majesty King Mswati III during a business dinner.

The King said with the town's landscapes development it has reached and

making positive and meaningful strides, such standard must be maintained.

"It's what we expect and what this region has achieved, it's now another sign that development is not stagnant. It appears that the region is thinking out of the box," said His Majesty.

Adding, the King said it would be good for the country to only hear of investors injecting millions of Emalangeni and nothing less than that.

The King said the country was used to investments of thousands of Emalangeni and the time has come that any investment should be worth millions of emalangeni.

"Let's now get used to investment starting in millions and not these thou-

sands. We have had much of these thousands investments now let us have those starting with millions and we would be talking of real investment in the country," he said.

The King further thanked the companies and businesses which were contributing to the development of the region.

He said SFC should be applauded as it was one of the companies that had invested millions in the region.

His Majesty said any investor interested in investing anywhere in the country would be warmly received and provided with assistance.

"We are ready to provide any support where needed," said His Majesty.



**PRAISERS:** This young man Nhlakanipho Dlamini also had an opportunity of singing His Majesty's praises. **RIGHT - King's praise singer and poet 'Msandi' seen singing the King's praises.**





# CCM READIES ITSELF FOR E49M GLOBAL FUND BOUNTY

By Mbono Mdluli  
Matsapha

**THE Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) for Global Fund has been trained on how to handle money from Global Fund.**

The two-day training was held at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha, having started on Tuesday until yesterday.

Global Fund is an international initiative designed to accelerate the end of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. This is a global partnership between governments, civil society, private organisations and people affected by the diseases.

Global Fund raises and invests nearly US\$4 billion (about E54.52 billion) a year to fund programmes run by experts in countries that are seen to be in dire situation as regards the three diseases are concerned.

Global Fund is a financing institution, providing support to countries in response to the three diseases, which include HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. The Fund does not implement programmes on the ground.



**PARTICIPANTS:** Part of the people who attended the Global Fund training that ends today at Esibayeni Lodge, Matsapha. (Pic: Mbono Mdluli)

The implementation is done by the different coordinating mechanisms in the different countries given financial assistance by Global Fund. Global Fund staff, all based in Geneva, Switzerland, come from all professional backgrounds and from more than 100 different countries.

By challenging barriers and embracing innovative approaches, the Global Fund partnership strives for maximum impact. Working together, the Fund claims to have saved mil-

lions of lives and provided prevention, treatment and care services to hundreds of millions of people, helping to revitalise entire communities, strengthen local health systems and improve economies.

CCM for Global Fund executive member Hlobisile Nxumalo said they met as members of the CCM to train themselves on how they should handle the money given to them by the Global Fund.

She said the Global Fund relied on the CCMs in various countries

to implement programmes aimed at alleviating or eradicating the three diseases.

The Coordinating Assembly for Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) and the National Emergency Response Council for HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) are the key organisations in implementing Global Fund programmes.

Nxumalo said they had made an application for E49 million and it was important for them to ensure that the money was put to good use upon receipt.

The E49 million is expected to last for three years, hence it would be important to learn how to manage it.

She further stated that the training focused mainly on risk management because they needed to identify what could be risks as they implemented the Global Fund programmes. Addressing those risks, according to Nxumalo, would also be an important thing to learn to ensure that the money was put to good use. This could help in making it easy for the implementing organisations to account for the money used.

## Lawyers to train on construction law

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**THE Law Society of Swaziland (LSS) has started encouraging its members to get involved in the new area of construction law.**

Construction law, according to Wikipedia, is a branch of law that deals with matters relating to building construction, engineering and related fields. It is in essence an amalgamation of contract law, commercial law, planning law, employment law and tort. LSS Secretary Bongani Mdluli, in a notice to members of the society, stated that the organisation had teamed up with SADC Lawyers' Association to embark on an exercise of encouraging the country's lawyers to take part in the training on construction law. The training is expected to take place on November 24 and 25 at Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre, Ezulwini. Each lawyer is expected to make a contribution of E500 to be part of the training.

Mdluli said the training would be of good benefit to the lawyers. "The training will provide the perfect opportunity to learn about the area of construction law. We have invited distinguished speakers in these domains. You will be afforded the opportunity to learn from experienced colleagues in the construction field and strengthen your network," Mdluli said.

All participants, according to the secretary, would be presented with certificates after training. Training materials and meals will be provided by the hosts. The training will start at 9am and finish at 4pm. People who could be interested should contact the following numbers: 7612 6272 (Musa Thwala), 7668 4743 (Londwe Mngomezulu), and 2404 9945 (Law Society). Topics to be discussed include:

- Brief introduction to Construction Law
- Letters of intent and letters of acceptance
- Construction contracts
- Role of engineer
- Contract management
- Financial controls and disciplines
- Contract start-up
- Claims, suspension and termination
- Post commencement date administration
- Taking over the works and defects notification period and contract completion
- The framework and risk regime of FIDIC Red, Yellow, and Silver.

## Gang attacks, burns 'Boko Haram' member's house

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**A member of the anti-Maliwa faction had his house reduced to ashes when a gang of about six men attacked and assaulted him after a minor argument last week.**

The anti-Maliwa faction is now referred to as 'Boko Haram' by most residents of the area due to its defiant character.

The incident, which is said to have complicated the current situation amongst the residents, ensued after a minor argument between Sibibi Nkambule (22) and Nuthuko Mamba (23). The two young men are said

to have exchanged blows while at a grocery shop owned by Nkambule's father. Information gathered was to the effect that Mamba was the first to accuse Nkambule of stealing his girlfriend. Apparently, Mamba is a staunch member of the opposition faction while Nkambule is a member of the rightful authority.

Witnesses disclosed that Mamba was stabbed with a sharp object during the fight which ensued in full view of a handful of residents who are normally found loitering near

the grocery shop. Mamba is said to have retaliated by smashing windows of the shop and further vandalised the doors.

A source close to the matter disclosed that later on the day, Nkambule organised a gang and launched an attack at Mamba's homestead.

**Information gathered was to the effect that Mamba was the first to accuse Nkambule of stealing his girlfriend.**

Upon arrival at the homestead, the gang is said to have set one of the houses alight while Mamba ran for his life. When this publica-

tion visited the area, Sibibi's father, Matikweni Nkambule confirmed the incident while giving a different version of the cause.

Nkambule (Matikweni) said Mamba had threatened to break into the shop unprovoked, and that earned him the beating and stabbing from his son.

He stated that, however, the matter had been reported to the *umphakatsi* and is expected to be addressed on Saturday.

"We have opted to report the matter to the *umphakatsi* because it is evident that the fight between the two young men was influenced by the current chieftaincy dispute," said Nkambule senior.

## Hope Restoration Church members take to the streets

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane

**HOPE Restoration Church members embarked on a walk to raise awareness about an event slated for tomorrow.**

The church's members took to the streets of Manzini and Ezulwini on Saturday.

The main objective of the walk was to invite the people of Manzini, Ezulwini and surrounding areas to attend the church's big annual service known as 'Judgement Night - the Night of Evidence' to be held at

Greyhound Hall (next to MTN Head Office) tomorrow from 1800 to 0600 hours.

In Manzini, the walk started at 0900 hours at the Old Trade Fair, took the main street past Bhunu Mall and bus rank where it attracted hundreds of onlookers who enquired about the event and some joined the congregants.

From there, the walk continued down to the Post Office, joining Nkoseluhla Street past Jubilee Park and back to the Old Trade Fair.

From Manzini, the congregants braved the light

drizzle, walking from Corner Plaza to The Gables Shopping Centre and then converged next to the new Total Filling Station.

### Distributed

The congregants distributed pamphlets advertising the Judgement Night to both pedestrians and motorists in Manzini and Ezulwini.

Explaining, Nomile Hlatshwayo, the Spokesperson of the church, invited people from all corners of the country and beyond to come fellowship with them tomorrow night.

"As our leader, Prophet Elijah Fire declared that this

year is The Year of Evidence, we are going to this service to test God's power. Come with your biggest problem - be it sickness, joblessness or your struggles and the prophet will pray for you and the God we serve will definitely issue judgement to your problem.

The prophet has promised deliverance, healing, miracles and the prophetic. Don't miss this annual service of signs and wonders as the heavens will be very low on this night," she said.

Leading the walk in both towns was the band from Salesian High School.



**HOLY WALK:** The participants at Corner Plaza, Ezulwini.



# DULUX PAINTERS Competition



**Dulux Swaziland** is currently training over **200** painters as part of the company's contribution towards the country's development and to further ensure that customers get value for their money. The trainings are conducted by Dulux South Africa expert, Dewald Boshof. They were broken down into three sessions; two were conducted at Matsapha on Tuesday and yesterday and one will be conducted today at Tambankulu.



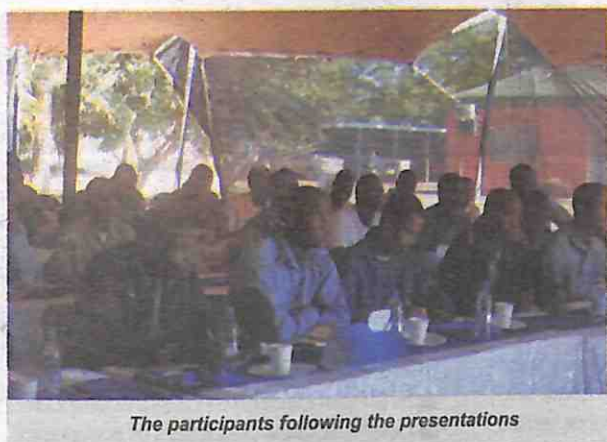
Dulux South Africa expert, Dewald Boshof making a demonstration during the training



The trainees following the practical demonstration with keen interest



Sabelo Dlamini showing practically demonstrating what he learnt during the training



The participants following the presentations



Mfanasibili Sibiya and Madruga Carlos were also part of the trainees



Cashbuild's Simanga Dlamini and Precious Dlamini also attended the training



Another section of the participants following the presentations



Boshof being helped by Sabelo Khoza



Dulux Swaziland staff members in a group picture



Boshof showing the trainees another demonstration.



Kenneth Msweli also had a chance to be hands on



Another participant having a chance to show what he learnt



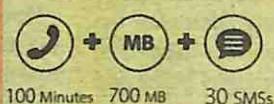


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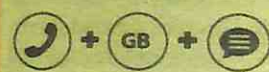
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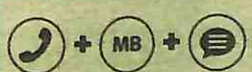
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# Veteran runner Sam Hlawe loses bid to dissolve marriage

By Sandile Nkambule  
Supreme Court

**RETIRED** His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) senior officer and veteran marathon runner Sam 'Bathathe sigebengu' Hlawe has lost his application to dissolve his marriage with his wife.

Yesterday, the Supreme Court handed down its judgment in the application filed by the retired warder challenging a High Court decision upholding the marriage.

Supreme Court Judge Majahenkhamba Dlamini sitting with Judges Robert Cloete and Jacobus Annandale issued the judgment.

Judge Dlamini stated that without entering into the issue of possible washing off of the red ochre (*libovu*) the respondent (Hlawe's wife) was correct in taking the view that all that was alleged to have been done by the appellant and his family in pursuit of dissolving the marriage, did not meet the requirements of Swazi customary law.

## Competent

As a result, the Supreme Court held that the court *quo* (High Court) could not be faulted in its finding in this regard noting, however, that the appellant is free to pursue the matter of dissolution of the marriage before an appropriate authority competent to give binding decisions.

"In the result and for the foregoing, I make the following order, the appeal is dismissed, judgment of the court *quo* upheld and costs to follow the result," Judge Dlamini pronounced.

The Supreme Court, before handing down judgment, took note that whether a customary marriage subsists or was dissolved is a matter for the Swazi National Court or equivalent traditional council.

Further, the difficulty faced by it in appeals such as the present one, is that the researchers and writers have relied on oral accounts by informers not on hard cases decided by appropriate councils.

The judicial commissioner can only guide litigants on where to go for the appropriate decision and that litigants should not come to the High Court on their own unsupported evidence regarding dissolution of their marriages.

This, the court stated, is to avoid instances such as the one on the Hlawe case where the husband is pitted against his wife possibly in the full glare of their children, stressing that litigants applying for de-registration of their marriages should come with independent evidence or proof thereof by an appropriate authority having jurisdiction in the matter.

Following a High Court judgment to the effect that Hlawe should restore his marriage with his estranged wife, he filed an appeal at the Supreme Court where he was appealing against the High Court judgment, which upheld their marriage.

Samuel Myeni Hlawe, who had been cited as the appellant in the matter,

wants his wife who allegedly deserted him for 25 years after committing adultery with his brother out of their marriage, which they sealed in Swazi Law and Custom.

His wife Beatrice Tholakele Seyama has since come back 25 years later and wants Hlawe to accept her back.

She claims in her papers filed before the Supreme Court that their dispute was never resolved at a family meeting allegedly held by both the Hlawe and Seyama families and that her marriage in Swazi Custom with the appellant still subsists.

## Adultery

The High Court had granted an order in her favour to the effect that Hlawe should restore the marriage as there was no dissolution of it in terms of Swazi Law and Custom, hence the present application by Hlawe at the Supreme Court.

In his papers, Hlawe alleged that his wife committed adultery with his brother

Matitila and she admitted to having committed same.

After the commission of the adultery, the matter was handled at family level and his brother (Matitila) was charged and subsequently fined a cow, which he paid.

Following the adultery incident, Hlawe submitted that his wife then deserted their matrimonial home and was nowhere to be found for the past years. Hlawe's lawyer Mzwandile Dlamini had submitted that after the adultery, the respondent (Seyama) deserted their matrimonial home and Hlawe as per the Swazi Custom, went to her parental homestead and reported the desertion to his father-in-law.

The respondent's father-in-law in turn told Hlawe that in the event he managed to get hold of her, he should report to him (father-in-law) with her, as the matter would be deliberated on at family level.

Following the desertion, Hlawe,

according to his lawyer, followed the Swazi custom and packed his wife's belongings and sent them back to her parental homestead.

His wife was eventually located and as per his father-in-law's instruction, he brought her to his in-laws and a family meeting involving the Hlawe and Seyamas was arranged.

Lawyer Dlamini had submitted that it was at this meeting that a resolution was taken to the effect that the marriage be dissolved, and the Seyama family was represented by Scuku Seyama and both parties annulled the marriage.

Dlamini argued that in terms of Swazi culture, a Swazi customary marriage could be dissolved under two serious acts, when the wife had committed adultery and when she was involved in witchcraft practices.

He further submitted that as for the husband, the wife could dissolve the marriage if she is continuously abused with fears that the husband might eventually kill her.

## Accumulated

Lawyer Dlamini wondered as to why the respondent would resurface 25 years later since 1992 and claim to be wife to the appellant who all the years had accumulated his wealth by himself. Already, the marriage, according to Dlamini, is 'dissolved' and the two should be meant to part ways and live their own lives.

This was after Judge Dlamini had noted that as far as he was concerned, there is neither divorce nor dissolution of marriage in Swazi customary law further, noting that even if a wife could desert her husband for 40 years, she would be buried at her matrimonial home in death.

Citing a case of a wife who deserted her husband for more than 40 years, Judge Dlamini stated that the husband died and when the wife died many years later, she was buried next to her husband at the matrimonial graveyard.

However, in her responding papers, the respondent (Seyama) had argued that the marriage was never nullified and denied that there was ever a meeting between the two families which took a resolution that the marriage is cancelled. She submitted that the said Sicuku had no authority to represent the Seyama family as argued by Hlawe and that such a meeting never occurred at all. She had prayed that the application by Hlawe be dismissed with costs.

## Local government elections; barber against taxi operator for Ward One

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**THE** history books of the Siteki Municipality are guaranteed to be rewritten after the final date of the 2017 local government elections as one of the marginalised population will be representing the town centre in the council.

A barber and a taxi operator are the only two candidates nominated to contest for the position of councillor in Ward One.

This is one ward which is deemed more superior than the others as it is right in the Central Business District (CBD).

Allen Maziya and Nkosinathi Boy Nkuna became the only nominees for the Ward after businessman Sobovu Simelane failed to avail himself on the nomination day.

Simelane was reported to have travelled outside of Siteki as he had 'forgotten' about the nominations day. Maziya is a barber while Nkuna is a taxi operator.

Maziya said his intentions of contesting for the position of councillor were well documented.

Having worked as a barber in the town centre for slightly over 16 years, Maziya said he was determined to improve the small businesspeople who are conducting different businesses in the town centre.

Maziya pointed out that the town has vast land that has been left lying idle

for years.

He stated that there was a need for the councillors who would call for a complete transformation of the small town, which has seen very little development over the years.

He stated that empowering small entrepreneurs was, therefore, part of the solutions which the town needed for it to develop.

"My view is that the town now needs drastic measures for it to develop.

We have seen how some land within the town centre has been left lying idle, something which indicates that there is enough room for development," he said. In his conclusion, Maziya said he was hoping that residents of the town will make their choice based on what they want to see for the town.



**DETERMINED:** Allen Maziya is one of only two contestants for the position of councillor in Ward One.



# Member of Ntshangase clan storms inner council meeting, assaults member

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

A man who claimed he was a member of the ruling Ntshangase clan at Mabonabulawe near Mkhwakhweni allegedly stormed the royal kraal and attacked members of the inner council.

Chief Masiphula (Ntshangase) of Mabonabulawe had his 'libandla' sent packing at the royal residence by a man who claimed he was a member of the ruling family.

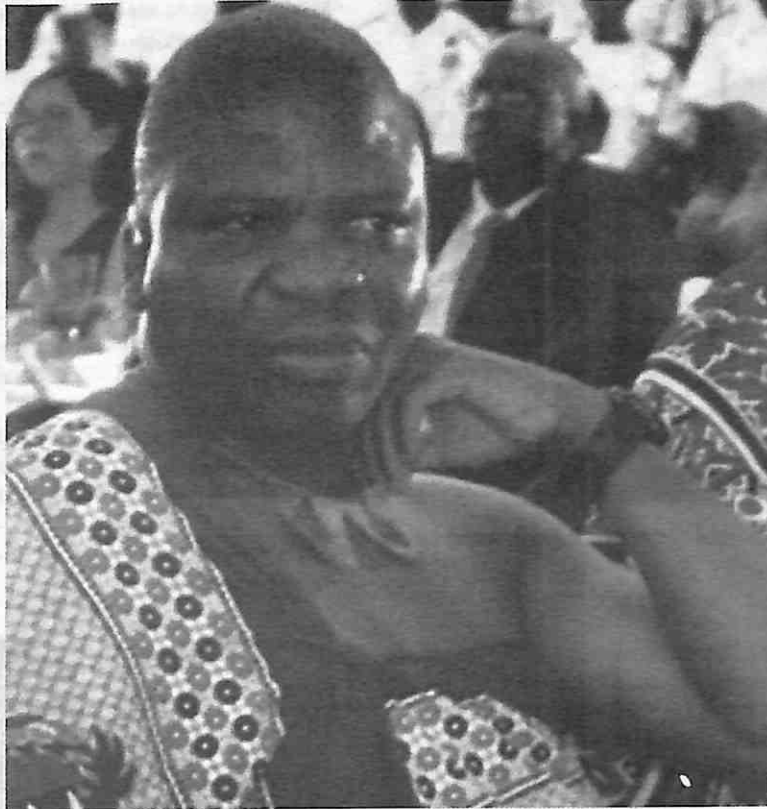
It is said the man arrived and demanded that they should vacate the royal residence as they were not the authorised people to be members of the inner council.

This incident happened last Thursday, when the inner council had come to the *umphakatsi* for its weekly meetings.

Mguyo Ntshangase stormed the *umphakatsi* armed with a stick which had been sharpened on one end. He later assaulted a headman with it.

With four members of the inner council waiting for others to arrive, it is said they saw Mguyo arrive and started asking them what they were doing at his 'father's' place.

The four were inside the Gogo Centre when Mguyo arrived unexpectedly and advised them to leave as they were not the rightful body appointed to the leadership.



HIS 'LIBANDLA' SENT PACKING: Chief Masiphula.

He confronted the four men where he requested each one of them to explain the purpose of being at his 'father's' home and further advised them that as people 'illegally' occupying these positions of leadership in the inner council, they should leave. "He questioned them one by one as to what they wanted at his father's

home, they could not respond and he ordered them to get out or else he would forcefully kick them out.

## Verbal

As the verbal attack intensified, the four men were seen leaving without having conducted the business of the day they had come for at the *umphakatsi*," said an eye witness.

The four members of the inner council appointed by the chief, who were ordered to leave by Mguyo are David Shabalala, Mtali Mvubelo, Elphas Nkwanyane and Mpiyakhe Sithole.

With them having taken the 'order', it is said Mguyo then confronted Shabalala and demanded to know where the *umphakatsi* stamp was.

Mguyo allegedly told Shabalala that he had appointed himself a headman when he was just a commoner, and was not known to the ruling Ntshangase clan.

## Knew

Mguyo demanded Shabalala to give him the *umphakatsi* stamp and when he told him that he knew nothing about a stamp, that was when Mguyo started assaulting him with the stick.

Shabalala, whose right side of the body is paralysed, was bashed several times with the stick and when he wanted to know why he was being beaten, it was like he was fueling Mguyo as he continued beating him all over the body.

Shabalala seeing that Mguyo meant business, had to find a way out of the royal residence.

With Shabalala assaulted all over the body, means were made to take him to hospital, but the first stop was at the police station in Hluti where he reported the matter and a case was opened where Mguyo was then arrested and charged with grievous bodily harm (GBH).

## Still no leads on Dumenkhungwini headman's murder

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**THERE is still no lead to the gruesome murder of Dumenkhungwini junior headman Magelemba Ndwandwe.**

Dumenkhungwini is an area under Chief Landokwakhe (Ntshangase). Ndwandwe's death has shocked community members.

He was brutally murdered last week Wednesday just few metres before reaching his home.

It is said the killers attacked Ndwandwe while he was returning from a meeting which was crime related.

It is said the killers waylaid him and just when he was a few metres from home, they pounced on him and started hacking him with bush-knives, killing him on the spot.

They chopped the body into pieces with intestines also found protruding from his belly.

Ndwandwe was an active member of the community, especially on matters of fighting crime.

As someone who was determined in making the community crime free, it is said Ndwandwe brought together the community members and formed a group known as 'Juluka Tsotsi' which specialised on fighting crime and played a major role in the fight against stock theft.

With the leadership of the area having noticed the contribution Ndwandwe was making in the fight against crime, he was appointed to the position of indvuna and his area was Mzimvubu.

Chief Landokwakhe was devastated upon learning of the gruesome murder of Ndwandwe.

It is now over a week since Ndwandwe since was killed and investigations are still on progress.

It is said police have been frequenting the area following some leads.

"Police are following leads which could see certain people taken at anytime for questioning. It's a matter of time as there are certain individuals who are suspected and could be questioned for killing Ndwandwe," said a resident.

Senior Indvuna of Dumenkhungwini Elijah Mhlanga said so far they have not heard anything on who exactly killed Ndwandwe. He said it was everyone's wish that the killers be found so that they face the wrath of the law.

"We are still grieving and we hope the killers will be found soon. That is our prayer and we know it is to be answered sooner than later," said Mhlanga.

It has been also gathered that funeral arrangements for Ndwandwe are progressing well and he is to be buried on Saturday.

## ASSAILANT APPEARS BEFORE MAGISTRATE

DAVID Shabalala, who is a member of the inner council at Mabonabulawe, told the court how Mguyo Ntshangase attacked him within the royal residence.

Shabalala told the court that Ntshangase almost killed him for no apparent reason.

He narrated his ordeal before Principal Magistrate Florence Msibi.

He said as to how he escaped death, he still could not tell as the accused was determined to kill him. He said the accused was never bothered that

he was assaulting a disabled person.

## Gone

"We had gone there to hold our weekly meeting as an inner council and just when we were waiting for other members, the accused arrived and he first requested each one of us to explain to him what we wanted at his father's place.

He then confronted me and ordered that I should hand over the *umphakatsi* stamp as I am the cause of the confusion by making myself a head-

man when the Ntshangase clan had never endorsed me. He started to assault me," said Shabalala.

Shabalala, who said he was employed as a grounds man at Florence Christian Academy High School, told the court that Ntshangase injured the only hand he relied on to do his job. "This is the only hand I fend for my family with but it has been injured.

He wanted me dead and he did not just end there but he also tried to poke out my eyes," he said.



## ACCUSED FINED E8 000

ANOTHER witness, Mpiyakhe Sithole, who is in the inner council of Mabonabulawe Chiefdom, told the court that the accused ordered everyone he found at the royal residence to leave.

Sithole said as someone with the keys to the Gogo Centre, when the accused ordered them out, others were seen leaving and he remained behind with the purpose of locking the centre. He said he also watched as Shabalala was assaulted all over the body.

"The others decided to leave immediately after being shown the exit gate by the accused," said Sithole.

Sithole said the accused continued

assaulting the complainant even after pushing him out of the gate.

"It was terrible and what amazed me, even the other men we were with, no one came to defend the disabled Shabalala as they were nowhere to be seen," said Sithole.

## Accused

Police officer Detective Constable Zanele Dlamini told the court that she was at the police station when the accused was brought by one of her colleagues and she learned that he allegedly committed the crime.

"Having been handed over by a colleague, I then charged him with GBH. The stick he used to assault the com-

plainant is before this court as an exhibit," she said.

The accused, Ntshangase told the court that he was sorry for what he ended up doing and even stated he would never assault someone again. The court then ruled that Ntshangase was guilty as charged.

The court told Ntshangase that what he did was unforgiveable as it was a serious crime.

The principal magistrate told him that even if he was wronged in any way, he was not supposed to take the law into his own hands, but should have reported that person to the relevant authorities.

"You have no right to assault someone no matter the circumstances. Again, the person you assaulted is 10 years older than you and that shows lack of respect.

The humiliation you caused him, his family and society, has degraded him.

He is also a disabled person and you never bothered to consider that but inflicted more pain on him," said Magistrate Msibi.

Ntshangase was sentenced to eight years in jail or pay a fine of E8 000. He was still making arrangement of raising the money when this report was compiled.

The Crown was represented by Patty Hlophe while Ntshangase conducted his own defence.



# Education an investment to the future - NatCom

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**ROYAL Swaziland Police (RSP) Service National Commissioner Isaac Magagula says education is not only a ladder to life's opportunities, but it is also an investment to the future.**

He said if one had education, there is no door that could not be opened or opportunity that could not be grasped as education was similar to a master key that is capable of unlocking all opportunities in life.

Advising pupils during the Ka-Schiele High School speech and prize giving day last week, Magagula said it was through the medium of such functions or occasions that as a police service, they were afforded the opportunity to share words of wisdom and impress on young people the virtues of good conduct and acquiring a sound educational foundation in order to have a bright future.

"Our youth should be made aware that without education, they cannot make it in life. School children are encouraged to remain focused in their studies and let nothing distract them from



**FUTURE INVESTMENT:** The National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula making his remarks during Ka-Schiele High speech and prize giving day last week. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)

attaining their educational targets," he said.

He said speech and prize occasions in schools are also made to recognise learners and teachers who have distinguished themselves academically and in other spheres. Magagula said teachers had an equally pivotal role to play in moulding the character disposition of learners and ensure that they do not slip into mischief.

"This they can do by exhibiting role model behaviour at all times, fully con-

scious that whenever they do, is likely to be emulated by the learners who are vulnerable and copy everything that adults do.

"It is thus unfortunate that parents or guardians appear to have left their parental responsibilities in the hands of teachers. "This is not the way to go, as raising a child is a shared responsibility, where parents and teachers alike are expected to take the leading role in shaping the child's future," he said.

## 'Some pupils ditch school to cultivate dagga'

**THE NatCom encouraged Ka-Schiele High to set up the anti-crime prevention unit.**

He said the local station commander, together with the crime prevention unit, would be on hand to avail the requisite logistical support and assistance.

"Police service set-up schools anti-crime clubs in a number of learning institutions where the police educate and sensitise scholars about the dangers of being involved in crime and other social problems."

He said they made the setting up of schools' anti-crime clubs as their priority because it was their desire to see the children grow-up to be upright citizens and shunning a life crime.

NatCom added that numerous forms of misconduct have the propensity of distracting scholars from making good use of the opportunity to acquire an education.

"Alcohol and subsistence abuse has detrimental consequences in terms of resulting in poor academic performance, ultimately cutting short one's academic journey," he said. He said young people have become involved in criminal activities and in the process they find themselves being arrested, which becomes a major blow to their future aspirations. "We are alive to the fact that some pupils have abandoned school to be dagga cultivators and merchants, which is quite regrettable," he said.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Best Form One pupil Anele Sikhondze receiving her gift from the NatCom.

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**MEANWHILE, Magagula has thanked all the sponsors that contributed in making the Ka-Schiele High School speech and prize giving day a success.**

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To all the entities, the police

service extends its gratitude for their support in partnering with them in the noble outreach programme geared at moulding the country's future generation of leaders," he said.



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The National HIV and AIDS Information  
and Training Centre**Vuka udwebe lishiya ubangene!**

Loosely translated, "Get up, get dressed and show up" is common *lingo* among the working class (particularly young women). The act itself, moves from the literal to the metaphor. On one end of the spectrum are young women who after the removal of their natural eye brows, draw eye brows of their own with the aid of an eye-liner or eye brow gel – which God forbid usually comes in all shapes and sizes, from the fine to the ridiculous.

Then there are those, who take things a step further to ensure that they turn heads. The "drawing" of the eye-brow is coupled with expensive 'Brazilian' hair-dos, expensive clothes, perfumes, cellphones – deemed necessary tools to "magnify themselves" – as popularised by South African socialite Somizi – and ultimately enable them to update their social media pages.

Social media! has become an integral part of modern life, and can be very useful and informative, yet it also brings serious scrutiny on individuals. Modern life itself can be fulfilling, hectic to almost breathlessness, and is certainly filled with many pressures. Unfortunately, modern life is very superficial.

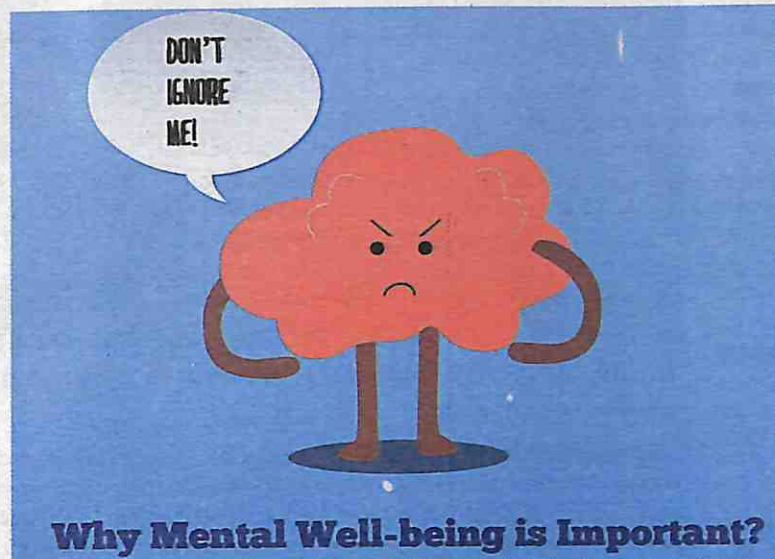
The profiles of people who post on social media platforms, especially Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are created to inspire gold-coated lifestyles, bringing huge gaps between their real lives and their social media personas. Now we have a new breed of personalities, "Social media personalities". With the goal to have the most 'likes', views and followers. Yes followers, Jesus had followers. In turn, many of the followers become envious, and gutted by the modern-day anxiety called fear of missing out (FOMO) syndrome, want to be like the idols they follow. With limited resources but still not wanting to miss out, they end up with huge debts accumulated from credit facilities necessary to compete with their role models on social media.

In a way, this can increase mental health problems. The quest for mental health, the scales of balance do not show modern life as compatible with mental well-being for most people. It seems that instead of helping to improve our economic and



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MENTAL HEALTH WELL-BEING  
IMPORTANT FOR ALL

## Why Mental Well-being is Important?

social conditions, globalisation and technology is contributing to the increasing public pressure to seem rich, thereby rising health issues of our communities. The role of modern life in driving HIV infections is common knowledge. It is the seemingly oblivious, slow brewing problem of mental ill-health.

Although 10 October is the designated Mental Health Day, the country is commemorating Mental Health Day today in Siteki. Thus, there is no opportune time than the present, to create awareness on this slowly brewing public health problem, especially its potential to reverse the gains made in the HIV response.

Magnitude of mental  
ill-health in Swaziland

The 2014 WHO STEPS non-communicable diseases risk factors surveillance report on Swaziland, indicates that about 9.3 per cent of the respondents (1 in 10) of Swazis had seriously considered attempting suicide in the last twelve months preceding the survey. About 3.6 per cent had attempted suicide – of whom 59.8 per cent had done so in last 12 months. Of these, 27.6 per cent (one third) sought professional help. 11.3 per cent of the respondents had someone in their close family attempt suicide, while 7.6

per cent had someone in their close family die from suicide. About 37.3 per cent of respondents had reported using poisoning with pesticides and 29.6 per cent reported to use overdose of medication or drugs.

Putting these statistics into context (for context is king), one in 10 in the current estimated over one million population, means roughly 100 000 Swazi experience mental health challenges – a huge number indeed. Add to this, the fact that mental ill health is exceptionally misunderstood in the country. Affected individuals are usually in self-denial or at worst shunned and stigmatised with some referring to mentally challenged people as affected by vengeful spirits or possessed by demons. Consequently, many people who are affected do not willingly seek help or speak out.

Even though many mental illnesses are treatable or controllable, when they go untreated, they have an adverse effect on the quality of life of the affected. They also have a spill-over effect on their families, friends, colleagues, perform at work and other spheres of their lives. At worst, they result in the loss of livelihood and lives when those with more aggressive conditions kill or hurt other people or take their own lives.

For people living with HIV (PLHIV) the consequences are amplified and

negatively impact the HIV response.

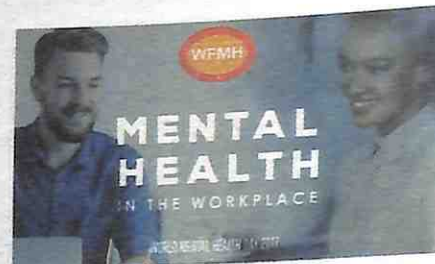
Consequences of mental  
health in PLHIV

Swaziland has an HIV prevalence of 27 per cent, and therefore there is a big chance that a large proportion of the people with mental health challenges may also be HIV positive. This means that our already overburdened health system will soon be facing this emerging problem.

Firstly, the mental health consequences of living with HIV are often not recognised and PLHIV often struggle with the psychosocial impact of being diagnosed with HIV or the result of HIV-related stressors like stigma and discrimination or bereavement. The most common mental health problems faced are feelings of emotional distress, social exclusion, depression and anxiety.

Depression is associated with risky behavior, particularly alcohol and substance abuse, and non-adherence to medications. Adherence means taking medicine consistently and as prescribed by a health care provider at least 95 per cent of the time. Non-adherence can include missing one or multiple doses, not observing the correct time intervals between doses, or not observing dietary instructions. Resulting in poor health outcomes.

While there are many reasons for poor treatment adherence, including the fear of stigma or rejection when people are seen taking their medications, adherence is critical and necessary to prevent the virus from reproducing and to bring it down to levels where it is suppressed. When the medications are not taken as prescribed, the virus replicates and the viral load increases, which can cause resistance to medication. Every dose that is missed gives the virus a chance to mutate (change itself), affecting the treatment regimen which usually demands alteration. Apart from the health risk to the PLHIV not taking his or her medications properly, the health of others is affected when drug resistant strains are passed



on to others. Not forgetting the government budget for medicines which will require more complex regimens.

World Mental Health  
in the workplace

A lot of people do not understand the importance of mental health, yet a lot of people suffer from some sort of mental health disorder. We often hear that one in four people will experience some kind of mental health problem each year. Even more tragically, nine out of ten of those people will experience stigma and discrimination because of it. In the workplace, poor mental health is responsible for many lost working days and job losses each year.

The theme for the 2017 commemoration is Mental Health in the workplace. Work is good for mental health but a negative working environment can lead to physical and mental health problems. Depression and anxiety have significant economic impact, harmful use of substances or alcohol, absenteeism and lost productivity. There are many risk factors for mental health that may be present in the working environment. Most risks relate to interactions between type of work, the organisational and managerial environment, the skills and competencies of employees, and the support available for employees to carry out their work.

A healthy workplace can be described as one where workers and managers actively contribute to the working environment by promoting and protecting the health, safety and well-being of all employees. A workplace that promotes mental health and supports people with mental disorders is more likely to increase productivity, reduce absenteeism, and benefit from associated economic gains.

So, this mental health day, let us be vigilant of our colleagues who are stressed and create an environment that fosters peace and productivity. Mental Health begins with you.

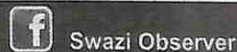
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## ON THIS DAY

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**1492** - Christopher Columbus, an Italian explorer, sighted Watling Island in the Bahamas. He believed that he had found Asia while attempting to find a Western ocean route to India. The same day he claimed the land for Isabella and Ferdinand of Spain.

**1792** - The first monument honoring Christopher Columbus was dedicated in Baltimore, MD.

**1810** - Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. The royalty invited the public to attend the event which became an annual celebration that later became known as Oktoberfest.

**1892** - In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Columbus landing the original version of the Pledge of Allegiance was first recited in public schools.

**1895** - In Newport, RI, the first amateur golf tournament was held.

**1915** - Former US President Theodore Roosevelt criticized U.S. citizens who identified themselves by dual nationalities.

**1920** - Construction of the Holland Tunnel began. It opened on November 13, 1927. The tunnel links Jersey City, NJ and New York City, NY.

**1933** - The US Department of Justice acquired Alcatraz Island from the US Army.

**1937** - "Mr. Keen, Tracer of Lost Persons" debuted on radio.

**1938** - Production began on "The Wizard of Oz."

**1942** - During World War II, Attorney General Francis Biddle announced that Italian nationals in the United States would no longer be considered enemy aliens.

**1945** - Private First Class Desmond T. Doss was presented with the Congressional Medal of Honour for outstanding bravery as a medical corpsman. He was the first conscientious objector in American history to win the award.

**1960** - Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev pounded a shoe on his desk during a dispute at a UN General Assembly.

**1961** - The first video memoirs by a US president were made. Walter Cronkite interviewed Dwight D. Eisenhower.

**1964** - The Soviet Union launched Voskhod 1 into orbit around the Earth. It was the first space flight to have a multi-person crew and the first flight to be performed without space suits.

**1972** - During the Vietnam War, a racial brawl broke out aboard the US aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. Nearly 50 sailors were injured.

**1976** - China announced that Hua Guo-feng was named to succeed the late Mao Tse-tung as chairman of the Communist Party.

**1988** - Federal prosecutors announced that the Sundstrand Corp. would pay \$115 million dollars to settle with the Pentagon for overbilling airplane parts over a five-year period.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Erica Dixon** (reality star) - October 12, 1983 (34 years old)



**Hugh Jackman** (movie actor) - October 12, 1968 (49 years old)

# THERE'S A STRONG CHANCE THAT ONE-THIRD OF ALL PEOPLE WILL BE AFRICAN BY 2100

**THE population of Africa is increasing rapidly. From an estimated 140 million in 1900, it had grown to a billion in 2010. According to United Nations "medium scenario" projections, this figure will rise to 2.5 billion in 2050 and more than four billion in 2100 (see figure below). Today, one out of six people on Earth live in Africa.**

These same projections predict that the proportion will be one in four in 2050 and more than one in three by 2100.

What are the reasons for this rapid growth? Will it continue? Will the African population inevitably quadruple by the end of the century?

Population of Africa since 1900 and projections up to 2100. Gilles Pison (based on UN data)

## Deaths

The population of Africa is increasing because births outnumber deaths four to one. While African mortality is the highest in the world, it has decreased in recent decades, following a pattern already observed on other continents.

Fertility has also declined. African women have 4.5 children on average – as opposed to 6.5 forty years ago and 5.5 twenty years ago. Here too, the same trend has been established on other continents. Women in Asia have just 2.1 children on average, in Latin America 2.0 children, in North America 1.9 and in Europe 1.6.

This combination of declining mortality and relatively high fertility is the driver of rapid population growth in Africa. Even if fertility would continue to decline, as assumed by the United Nations medium scenario, it will not bring down the growth rate in the near future, let alone halt population growth. This is because of "demographic inertia".

Even if African fertility were to fall right now to the level in Europe and China (1.6 children per woman) – a highly unlikely scenario – the population would continue to increase for several decades, reaching 1.6 billion in 2050.



**INCREASING:** The population of Africa is increasing because births outnumber deaths four to one.

This is because Africa has a very high proportion of young adults of reproductive age (15-49). Even if each one had very few children, the number of births would remain high.

The population projections published by the United Nations in 1981 predicted that the world population would reach 10.5 billion in 2100 under the medium scenario. The latest projections published in June 2017 give a figure of 11.2 billion – 0.7 billion higher.

## Change

While the world total is only slightly higher, it conceals a radical change in population distribution across the different continents.

In 1981 the population of Asia was projected to reach 5.9 billion by 2100, but in 2017 the figure was revised downward to 4.8 billion. For Latin America, likewise, the figure of 1,187 million in 2100 was adjusted down to 712 million (a decrease of about 40 per cent). For Africa, on the other hand, the 1981 projections gave a population of 2.2 billion, while in 2017 this figure is doubled, to 4.4 billion (see figure below).

Comparison of population projections published in 1981 and 2017. Gilles Pison (based on UN data).

Recent surprises in fertility trends. The first surprise came 30 years ago,

when surveys revealed the unexpectedly rapid pace of fertility decline in many countries of Asia and Latin America. In response to this new trend, the United Nations made substantial downward revisions to their demographic projections for these continents.

A second more recent surprise concerns intertropical Africa. Fertility decline in this region was expected to begin later than in Asia and Latin America due to slower social and economic development, but it was assumed that the rate of decrease would ultimately match that observed in other regions of the Global South.

This is indeed the case in North and southern Africa, but not in intertropical Africa where the fertility decline is occurring more slowly. This explains the upward revision of projections for Africa, a continent which could be home to more than a third of the world's population by 2100.

What will happen in the coming decades?

These figures are projections and the future is obviously not written. However, demographic projections are quite reliable for predicting population size in the short term future, i.e., over periods of 10, 20 or 30 years.

The majority of men and women

who will be alive in 2050 have already been born, their numbers are known, and we can estimate quite accurately the share of humans living today who will have died by that year.

The additional number of newborns can also be estimated because the women who will give birth to children in the next 20 years are already born, their numbers are known and the number of children they will have can also be predicted, again with relative accuracy.

Africa's population will inevitably double by 2050 as a consequence of unstoppable demographic inertia. Depending on its speed of economic development in coming years, the improvement in women's education and the implementation of family planning policies, the population of Africa in 2100 will be three, four, five or six times larger than it is today.

For more information, see "The population of the world (2017)", issue numbers. 547 of Population and Societies (downloadable free of charge).

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*The Conversation.*

## How Cape Town can win support for the next round of water cuts

**CAPE TOWN** - Dams in South Africa's Cape Town are half of what they were this time last year as the city continues to battle drought.

Last year's shortage gave the city the driest summer in 100 years. Unless Cape Town has a miraculously wet spring, the summer of 2018 seems set to achieve some unfortunate new records.

Slowing down residential water use is obviously hugely important – residents consume 65 per cent of the city's water. But to get residents to use less, the city's management must get residents' buy-in. This can only

be achieved if there is trust and trust will only be developed when residents believe that the water authority is handling restrictions in a way that is necessary, effective and fair.

Australian researchers studying household water use found that people's willingness to save water relates directly to the trust they feel in the local authority promoting water savings. The researchers also drew on a Mexican case study which found that residents who trusted the local authority in a town called Sonora during an eight-year drought were much more likely to save water.

These, and other studies, show that trust is built: when restrictions are equal to the severity of the drought; when no one gets away with wasting water; and when there is no favouritism towards certain sectors or users. Necessary, effective and fair.

**To build trust, the public needs to believe that restrictions is:**

● Necessary: people must believe that the appropriate restrictions have been introduced at the correct time.

Queensland, Australia, for example, ran a campaign called "Target 140" during their worst drought in



100 years. The aim of the campaign was to reduce water use to 140 litres per person per day. One of the greatest hindrances was that people had already endured two years of water restrictions. So they felt despondent that their best water saving efforts hadn't been good enough.





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# AFRICAN VOICES RAISED IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE WITH ALBINISM



**STIGMATISED:** People with albinism in Africa face a range of prejudices and social stigmas. They are often dismissed as belonging to another race, or as ghosts or spirits.

ON the remote East African island of Ukerewe in the middle of Lake Victoria, people with albinism whose voices have been largely unheard, are now writing and voicing their experiences into songs.

Ukerewe is the largest inland island in Africa and is part of Tanzania.

This East African country has the highest prevalence of albinism in the world: about one in every 1 400, compared to the US's one in 17 000. In Africa the prevalence is estimated to range between one in 1 100 to one in 15 000.

Since 2006, more than 520 attacks on people with albinism in 28 countries have been recorded, according to the Canadian charity Under The Same Sun. People with albinism in Africa face a range of prejudices and social stigmas. They are often dismissed as belonging to another race, or as ghosts or spirits.

Tanzania has the largest recorded number of attacks with more than 170 incidents over the last decade. These attacks range from maiming, to death, to desecrating a grave. There is a black market for body parts, hair and skin used by witchdoctors in potions and charms.

There is a higher proportion of people with albinism on Ukerewe — 75 on the island of 200 000 people.

## Remote

It is a remote island, reached by a four-hour journey by ferry over the lake. Historically children with albinism have been brought and abandoned on the island, while others have sought safety in this remote haven. Songwriting workshops led by American author, activist and Grammy award-winning music producer Ian Brennan, encouraged a group in Ukerewe Island to write songs about their experiences using the local languages of Kikirewe and Jeeta.

The outputs form part of a body of work — music, art, dance and film — that's making a difference in the lives of Tanzanians with albinism in a number of ways.

My research on media portrayal of Africans with albinism found that music, songs, art and films are important in expressing and understanding the experiences of Africans with albinism, who are seen to be different in colour.

They also affirm their human rights and educate communities to accept and care about people with albinism.

## New songs and albums

Singing and dancing were new experiences for all in the group on Ukerewe Island. Astonishingly, they had been forbidden to sing in church.

Restrictions like this are an example of the social rejection commonly experienced by Tanzanians with albinism.

It was apt that many of their songs were sad and touching, with titles like 'Life is Hard', 'Sorrows' and 'Mistreated'.

The cover of the Tanzania Albinism Collective's album 'White African Power'.

The group of songwriters called themselves Tanzania Albinism Collective and recently released an album of their songs. Titled 'White African Power' it asserts their power and dignity to be themselves and to speak out for others with albinism. Songs on the album appeal to the community to remember that people with albinism are humans and deserve to enjoy human rights.

These songs are uplifting and powerful with evocative titles like 'I am a Human Being', 'Never Forget the Killings', 'Unity is our Strength' and 'Albino Brotherhood'. Last month they toured the UK to promote their album. The album also got wide coverage and good reviews.

A mini documentary on the Tanzania Albinism Collective.

The release of the album follows the making of films highlighting the struggles faced by people living with albinism. For example, 'White and Black: Crimes of Colour' is a film in Swahili that was screened across the Tanzanian nation.

Its name refers to how mothers can have white and black children born to them. It also explains how Africans with albinism are murdered and mutilated in crimes simply due to colour difference.

People with albinism from Ukerewe Island have also been featured in a film called 'In the Shadow of the Sun'. The documentary follows Josephat

Torner, a Tanzanian man with albinism as he journeys to the island.

## Stand with me

In anthropological research, Giorgio Brocco has written about emerging new artists with albinism in Tanzania, including Bongo Flava (a style of Tanzanian hip-hop) musician Ras Six and Keisha, who sings 'Simama Nami' (Stand with me). They join already well-known singers with albinism, notably Salif Keita (of Mali) and the Jamaican, Yellowman.

The Bongo Flava song, 'Simama Nami'.

In his paper, 'Singing Albinism in global Tanzania: 'Demanding' inclusion through music', Brocco shows how Ras Six critiques the hardness of life through his songs and also promotes acceptance and equality for Africans with albinism.

Concern about the murders of Africans and others with albinism was a major focus of the first ever expert workshop on Witchcraft Beliefs and Human Rights held in September at the United Nations in Geneva.

## Organiser

A key organiser of the workshop was Ikponwosa Ero, the UN Independent Expert for the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Persons with Albinism. She stated that, for a person with albinism, nearly all of their most fundamental rights are at risk.

The workshop aimed to identify solutions. I attended it and was very impressed by how geneticist Patricia Lund spoke about Creative Advocacy by using music, dance, film-making and games to teach the science of albinism in socially relatable ways.

The role of art is becoming increasingly important in battling against the prejudice that people living with albinism face. The inspiring stories of projects like the Tanzania Albinism Collective show what united voices can achieve in making people aware of the human rights of people with albinism.

*The Conversation.*

## Wit & Wisdom

● "Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent" — *Victor Hugo*

● "The Seven Social Sins are:

Wealth without work.  
Pleasure without conscience.  
Knowledge without character.  
Commerce without morality.  
Science without humanity.  
Worship without sacrifice.  
Politics without principle.

From a sermon given by Frederick Lewis Donaldson in Westminster Abbey, London, on March 20, 1925." — *Frederick Lewis Donaldson*

● "The world is not a wish-granting factory." — *John Green, The Fault in Our Stars*

● "Sometimes you have to be apart from people you love, but that doesn't make you love them any less. Sometimes you love them more." — *Nicholas Sparks, The Last Song*

● "It's far better to be unhappy alone than unhappy with someone — so far." — *Marilyn Monroe*

● "If you don't have time to read, you don't have the time (or the tools) to write. Simple as that." — *Stephen King*

● "A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest." — *C.S. Lewis*

● "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." — *Anne Frank, Anne Frank's Tales from the Secret Annex*

● "Perhaps one did not want to be loved so much as to be understood." — *George Orwell, 1984*

● "We're all human, aren't we? Every human life is worth the same, and worth saving." — *J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*

● "Do you hate people?"

● "I don't hate them...I just feel better when they're not around." — *Charles Bukowski, Barfly*

● "Becoming fearless isn't the point. That's impossible. It's learning how to control your fear, and how to be free from it." — *Veronica Roth, Divergent*

● "I no longer believed in the idea of soul mates, or love at first sight. But I was beginning to believe that a very few times in your life, if you were lucky, you might meet someone who was exactly right for you. Not because he was perfect, or because you were, but because your combined flaws were arranged in a way that allowed two separate beings to hinge together." — *Lisa Kleypas, Blue-Eyed Devil*

● "If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there." — *George Harrison*



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Swiss France/SZL	13.9929	14.0383
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## NMC MAIZE COLLECTION SHOOTS UP BY OVER 6 961MT

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE National Maize Corporation (NMC) has collected over 8 547 metric tons of maize from farmers as at the end of September.**

This represents an increase of over 6 961 metric tons from the 1 586 metric tons recorded during the previous year.

This was disclosed by the corporation when responding to a questionnaire from the Business Desk.

At this rate, the corporation would need to import over 21 000 metric tons of white maize since the country consumes on average 30 000 metric tons annually from NMC.

This is almost in line with the corporation's early projections.

NMC projected to import at maximum 20 000 metric tons of white maize in order to meet local demand.

To safeguard sustainable maize production during the current farming season, NMC Chief Executive Officer Sabelo Msibi said the cor-

poration has currently engaged 10 extension officers to try and improve efficiency of extension trainings.

"These extension officers were seconded by the ministry of agriculture. They will all be working under the farmer development section at NMC which continues to provide the necessary extension services to farmers," he said.

Msibi said through initiatives such as the National Maize Competition (NAMCOM), they would continue encouraging maize producers to produce more maize and sell their surplus to the corporation.

### Platforms

"The development of a production manual and the use of different media platforms to provide extension services to farmers will continue to be used more vigorously," he said.

He said they would also continue to introduce collection centres in strategic parts of the country.

Msibi said these were aimed to lower logistic based costs for farm-

ers, thereby minimising their barriers to entry into the market.

"These efforts are further cemented by the introduction of farmer contracts, wherein farmers are now contracted to NMC to produce maize specifically for the organisation. This initiative is progressing well thus far," he said.

Also, Msibi said they have acquired a combine harvester as well as a super link truck, which too was aimed at easing challenges related to the logistics of farmers sending their produce to the market.

The corporation currently has five depot centres distributed across the four regions of the country, where producers can deliver their produce.

These storage facilities have a capacity of 23 500 metric tons.

Earlier this year, the corporation also disclosed that it has identified strategic areas where new silos will be constructed starting next year at Sigangeni, where the site has already been allocated to NMC for this purpose.



**NMC Chief Executive Officer Sabelo Msibi.**

NMC said this project will then be replicated in other high maize production areas depending on this year's produce.

The corporation also currently has about 12 distribution centres throughout the country which include Mpaka, Lomahasha, Siphofaneni, Lubulini, A1, Lavumisa, Tshaneni, Nkambeni, Croydon, Sithobelweni, Matata and Madulini.

"These distribution centres ensure that maize is accessible to all Swazis at close to their communities by making the maize price affordable considering that they do not have to travel long distances to purchase maize," said the corporation.

## HIGH EXPECTATIONS FROM NAMCOM AFTER BUMPER HARVEST

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE bumper maize harvest recorded by farmers during the past farming season has set high expectations for the upcoming National Maize Competition (NAMCOM).**

The competition will be held at Mphophoma in Malkerns on October 19.

NAMCOM is hosted by the ministry of agriculture in conjunction with NMC, who is the main sponsor of this annual event.

On the same day, and in the same



**LOOKING FORWARD: NMC Marketing and Communications Manager Nokwanda Dlamini-Masuku.**

breath, the National Vegetable Competition (NAVECO) will also

be hosted by the ministry in conjunction with the National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard).

NMC has remained the main sponsor for NAMCOM, which will be on its 27th year, this year.

NMC Marketing and Communications Manager, Nokwanda Dlamini-Masuku said the competition was meant to inspire competitiveness amongst farmers; whilst simultaneously imparting knowledge and skills for continually improving yields per unit area in the country.

### Win big

She said farmers producing the highest yields win big through the competition and this certainly helps them along as they fight to be at their best – something which NMC advocates for.

Dlamini-Masuku said the competition was opportune since the country currently doesn't produce enough maize to sustain itself.

"As an organisation, and ultimately, as a country, we are looking forward to a time when local farmers will be able to produce enough to

sustain themselves.

"We are looking forward to a time when local farmers are technically equipped and even materialistically equipped to get the best yields out of their farmlands and when this time comes, NMC will be ready to continue providing a market for farmers as per our mandate," she said.

She said NMC has also initiated and developed several innovative programmes that were all aimed at ultimately increasing maize production to such a point that by 2022, the country will be producing enough maize to sustain itself.

"Food security is not an easy feat to achieve, but NMC is geared for the journey and plans on tackling each challenge head-on, as it comes," she said.

Through the competition, Dlamini-Masuku said it has been noted that some farmers on Swazi Nation Land (SNL) could produce only up to 14 tons of maize per hectare under rain-fed conditions.

The average yield of maize per hectare is anything between three to six tons per hectare.

"Generally, on average, Swazi farmers are producing two tons per hectare. This is way below average.

"Therefore, competitions such as NAMCOM will go a long way in ensuring that information on best farming practices is shared amongst farmers and that farmers remain encouraged and inspired to continue the struggle first towards self-sustenance through maize farming and then towards food security for the country," she said.

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# 'There's need for dialogue to identify jobs of the future'

By Majaha Nkonyane

**THE International Labour Organisation (ILO) is paying more attention to the future of work and aligning itself as an international labour body to the changing world of technology.**

Speaking during the fourth annual convention of the Institute of People's Management (IPM), ILO specialist Inviolata Chinyangara said the ILO future of work initiative has attracted a lot of interest even within the Southern African Development

Community (SADC) region.

"Many of our member states have organised national dialogues to reflect on long term changes in the world of work and the designs of appropriate policy orientations," she said.

She said over the years, there has been a chain reaction in society since the economic collapse in 2008 which has generated social consequences and social dissatisfaction.

She said this consequently led to a paradigm shift in the world of work.

She said the ILO was now also focusing on responding to growing inequality, growing injustices, trends

and dangers within the work space.

She said some of the trends and drivers of change of the fourth industrial revolution include; technological innovation which has led to changes in production and work processes, emergence of virtual work spaces, virtual employers, demographic shifts, including migration, climate change, globalisation and greater inequality and exclusion within labour markets.

"It is fundamentally important that we confront these emerging trends and challenges from the conviction that the future of work is not decid-

ed for us in advance.

"It is a future that we must make according to the values and the preferences that we choose as societies and through the policies that we design and implement," she said.

The IPM is further discussing work and society, decent jobs for all, the organisation of work and production, and the governance of work.

Young people are also part of the discussion where IPM and ILO will look into where the jobs of the future will come from, particularly for young people.

## IPM seeks to continually transform human resources

By Majaha Nkonyane

**THE Institute of People Management (IPM) aims to improve the human resources department within the workplace in the country.**

IPM Vice President Sharon Maziya said the three main areas that human resources need to acquire or strengthen its role and that were directly related to the success of the digital transformation journey included restructuring organisations to enable the digital talent lifecycle and empowering digital leadership.

She said the IPM has a role of serving its membership, meeting their needs and vision, which was leadership in human capital driven growth towards sustainable development.

"We are also re-aligning the focus of the workplace towards a digitalised world," she said.

Maziya said the organisation has placed human capital management at the top of its agenda for sustainable business and economic growth.

The organisation has just completed its three year strategy in August and is keen to continually ensure that it serves the needs of the human resource sector as a human resource practitioner body.

It is further tasked with aligning what digital means to an organisation and how it fits into the overall business model.

Maziya said organisations should also nurture talent that is directly linked to the digital strategy of the organisation, whilst supporting the human resources department in filling the gaps between current and future digital competencies.

She said empowering digital leadership requires digital leaders to play a critical role in paving the way for digital transformation.

"This requires human resource practitioners to heavily engage and communicate with key stakeholders both internally and externally to the organisation in deciding, designing and delivering the digital organisation," she said.

The technological world is fast changing, which places a challenge on organisations to keep up; new organisations that have tapped into the digital world are taking shape faster than organisations that are still following traditional routes.

"The technological transformation is accelerating; it took five years for Apple to transform the music industry while uber and air bnb profoundly reshaped the transportation and hospitality sectors in less than two years," Chairperson of Human Resource Development and Communications Lobesutfu Nkambule said.

**Maziya said the organisation has placed human capital management at the top of its agenda for sustainable business and economic growth**

## Dulux Swaziland prepares 200 painters for first world

By Manqoba Makhubu

**ABOUT 200 painters have benefited from Dulux Swaziland empowerment trainings to adapt to dwellings of the first world.**

The trainings were broken down into three sessions; two were conducted at Matsapha on Tuesday and yesterday and one will be conducted today at Tambankulu.

Dulux General Manager Zanele Nxumalo said this was part of the company's contribution towards the country's national development objective.

"We want to empower them with skills that will help them become accustomed with dwellings of the first world," she said.

The trainings mixed with theory and practical lessons are conducted by Dulux South Africa expert, Dewald Boshof.

"The reason we decided to rope him in was because of the skills and experience that he has. We strongly believe that the participants will learn a lot from him," said Nxumalo.

"You can get even a school kid to paint, but the secret is on the exper-

tise and the preparations before painting to ensure that our customers get value for their money," she further stated.

For example, she said in painting projects, about 80 per cent of the resources go towards preparations and the actual painting only accounts for 20 per cent.

"For instance, you need to scrap off or smooth the surface, apply primers and binding liquids before applying your topcoat. This shows how critical it is for painters to be empowered with the right knowledge and skills," she said.

She said this was also important because most of their customers have complained that their products were a bit expensive. She said the reason for that was that their products were of high quality.

"We offer high quality products. Once you buy our products, do the right preparations and apply them appropriately, you just forget about painting for years," she said.

In fact, Nxumalo said they were the market leaders in the country.

"Our brand is very strong. Ever since our establishment in 1984, our brand has been growing stronger,"



**EXPERT: Dulux South Africa expert, Dewald Boshof facilitating the theory training of painters yesterday. (Pic: Manqoba Makhubu)**

she said.

Boshof also said they had been trendsetters in the industry even in South Africa.

"The technology we use for our paints is far ahead from that of our competitors," he said.

Dulux Swaziland has recently opened a new branch and created new job opportunities at Ezulwini.

Nxumalo said this was on the acknowledgment that Ezulwini was amongst the fastest developing towns in the country.

"We want to bring our products closer to the people and we anticipate extending our footprint to other parts of the country," she said.

She said the extension would also contribute towards job creation.

## Work place squeezed to keep up with digital revolution

By Majaha Nkonyane

**THE workplace is being squeezed to keep up with digital revolution.**

First National Bank Chief Executive Officer Dennis Mbingo said digitisation now influences how organisations hire.

"A lot more companies are using online and digital media to identify candidates. Candidates themselves are advertising their credentials online. The banking sector alone is made up of 85 per cent digital banking and 15 per cent branch banking," he said.

FNB is the leading bank in digital banking.

Mbingo said engagement between people, technology and data in the



**DIGITAL REVOLUTION: First National Bank Chief Executive Officer Dennis Mbingo.**

workplace was inevitable throughout the modern business value chain.

"It is, therefore, important for the

workplace to keep in touch with the technological world whilst balancing the emotions of an individual in order to keep employees happy," he said.

He said as evidence that the digital world now influences how organisations hire; most of them have digitised their people management, performance monitoring, reward decisions, online leave management, online performance contracts, online performance scoring and online training process.

"The process is also influencing assessment of people engagement and decisions on priority actions. It is further impacting on the ease with which business information security is executed. Critical data theft is

a big risk in modern day business environments," he said.

Adding, Mbingo said the workplace was further tasked with the responsibility to better engage employees in a digitised environment.

Therefore, he said the digitisation process must be part of the strategy debate at board and executive level and any company actions must be aligned to that strategy.

Also, he said reasons and incentives for digitisation must be clear and disciplinary processes must be updated to match strategic intentions.

"The power equation between leadership and 'the led' is being rebalanced in favour of the one who better leverages digital platforms," he said.



# Rand will rebound against dollar year end - analysts

**JOHANNESBURG** - Analysts at Rand Merchant Bank and ING Groep predict that the rand, the second-worst emerging-market performer in the past month, will rebound against the dollar by year-end as the pull of improving fundamentals and the hunt for yield support buyers, amid lingering political and fiscal risks.

The rand fell to a six-month low of 13.8618 per dollar this week as tepid economic growth, an African National Congress leadership battle and the threat of a widening budget deficit

exacerbate an emerging-market currency sell-off. That pessimism may be overdone and investors should look through looming risk events, such as the Treasury's medium-term fiscal update and the ANC's elective conference, and focus on sources of underlying strength like a narrowing trade gap, according to ETM Analytics.

"We would expect the rand to appreciate in a normal environment," said Halen Bothma, a market analyst at ETM. "If you erase the risks like the ANC conference and the medium-term budget policy statement, the

fundamentals are supportive. We are modestly bullish on the rand."

## Rand recovery

The currency has fallen about seven per cent since touching an almost three-month high on September 6 as traders bought dollars on the expectation that the Federal Reserve will raise rates later this year. The rand has scope to turn that around, according to Rand Merchant Bank strategist John Cairns, who sees it strengthening to 13 per greenback by year-end. "Even with recent weakness, the rand is still trading within existing

ranges," he said. "There is still a high number of event risks that could easily see the recent rand moves reverse."

Analysts agree that the currency will recover, with the median forecast in a Bloomberg survey for it to strengthen to 13.28 per dollar by year-end. Strategists have raised their rand projections through 2017 as the currency benefited from carry appeal, low inflationary pressures and the country's longest run of trade surpluses in six years, which has helped to narrow the current-account deficit.

"There is a huge amount going on

in South Africa, but the external environment is reasonably benign," said Chris Turner, global head of strategy at ING. "We think dollar strength will have run its course by the end of the year and investors will get back to carry. The rand will likely benefit from those flows." The road forward is far from clear though. The ANC's contest to elect a new party leader, already marred by violence and legal disputes, will culminate in a conference between December 16 and 20, with the outcome highly uncertain. **Fin24**

# 'DEVASTATING' BIRD FLU CULLING TO COST GAUTENG FARM R65M

**JOHANNESBURG** - The bird flu outbreak at operations of a Gauteng poultry producer has cost it R35m, plus an additional R30m to restore operations.

Gauteng MEC of Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Lebogang Maile visited a poultry farm in Gauteng, Rooikraal Arendnes, on Tuesday. Producers of Eggbert Eggs - part of the Kuipers Group - unpacked the impact of the highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N8) on its operations to the MEC and journalists.

Maile visited the farm and met with management to get a better understanding of the damaging impact of the outbreak.

Gawie Rossouw, General Manager at Eggbert Eggs, explained that over 525 000 birds were culled at its operations at Rooikraal farm, Rooines, Maya Serobe, Rebafenyi and free range farm Arendnes. The value of this amounts to R27.5m, based on a valuation schedule by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF). This amount could be much higher, Rossouw said.

The total loss to Eggbert was R34.5m, and about R31.8m is needed



**HUGE LOSS:** The bird flu outbreak at operations of a Gauteng poultry producer has cost it R35m.

ed to restore operations. This is essentially R65m to cover the losses and the cost needed to get the business going again, said Rossouw.

More than 470 000 dozen eggs were dumped, at R12 per dozen; this amounts to R5.6m. Rossouw said that each dozen could have fetched R15 at the market.

He also clarified that none of these losses was covered by insurance. However, the producer had filed an application to DAFF for compensation in July after the first outbreak was reported that month. "Nothing

has transpired since then," he said.

Of the 70 staff, 50 were retrenched. As birds are placed back at the houses, staff will be brought back, assured Rossouw. He said those that were let go will have the first right to take up positions within a six-month period. The cost of retrenchment amounted to more than R830 000.

However, the producer has resolved not to place birds at the free range site, Arendnes, as the risk of outbreak is much higher there, especially as the birds are close to packing facilities. "We learnt the hard

way," he said.

"When the disease breaks out, it's (the) worst nightmare because one operation affects the other," said Dr Dietena Nemudzhvadi, acting Chief Director Veterinary Service, Gauteng Province.

"We basically lost our livelihood. It is very important for us to resuscitate the operation to get it back in production," said CEO of Kuipers Group Charles Le Maitre. "The impact was detrimental ... It is a disaster at the moment."

**Fin24**

## 'South Africans swimming in deep pool of debt'

**CAPE TOWN** - Tough economic times have left consumers battling to stay financially afloat.

This is evident in outstanding consumer debt. Around R13.6bn worth of consumer accounts were not paid in time this July 2017, according to the newly-launched Experian Consumer Default Index, which measures the behaviour of credit-active consumers across formal lending sectors.

Although this figure is high, it is an improvement compared to July 2016.

South Africa's debt statistics are shocking with 14.7 million consumers in possession of credit card accounts and home, vehicle and personal loans.

Notably, South Africa collectively owes around R1.54 trillion in outstanding debt. Of this amount, consumers have defaulted R13.6bn in July this year.

"We've seen significant regulation introduced into the market, particularly the affordability guidelines, as well as a reduction in the caps applied to products and the interest rate reduction has decreased the ability of lenders to price for risk adequately", said Experian Chief Data Officer, David Coleman.

Debt trend is measured per geological group, using an instrument called mosaic.

According to this instrument, consumers with less education, battled to service their debt and experienced more credit defaults.

"There is a correlation between education and what's available and how you behave and perform in terms of your credit default. We don't notice a particular ethnicity or one gender type... so there's no skew really, except from a population size perspective," says Experian's Head of Marketing, Riona Naidu.

Similarly, one of South Africa's largest retailers, Edcon has lost nearly 400 000 customers from October to December last year, according to Business Report.

Edcon noted a loss of 382 000 customers during the three-month period, blaming the National Credit Regulator's new affordability regulations. The retailer expressed their plans to enter a new credit initiative with Absa.

Absa was reportedly set to book approximately 20 per cent of new credit accounts.

The retailer giant reported a gross profit decline of 11 per cent, which translated to R2.9 billion. This caused the company's trading profit to decline by 67 per cent to R253m. **Business report online**



## SA nuclear deal to trigger debt - SAFCEI

**CAPE TOWN** - The Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI) on Tuesday told President Jacob Zuma and the Minister of Energy that it was worried about the country's planned nuclear deal triggering a surge in debt.

The faith-based NGO said it had delivered a letter to the office of the presidency and Minister of Energy.

SAFCEI Executive Director Francesca de Gasparis said this added burden to the country's debt level would be due to potential investor disputes around South Africa's inter-governmental agreements (IGAs) for nuclear power. South Africa has two strategic partnership agreements relating to nuclear energy: one with the Russian Federation and another with the People's Republic of China. **Business report online**

## SABC looks to innovation to boost revenue

**CAPE TOWN** - South Africa's struggling public broadcaster SABC is implementing innovative trade models to improve its licence and advertising revenues after reporting a year loss of almost R1-billion, Communications Minister Ayanda Dlodlo said.

SABC on Tuesday reported a net

loss after tax of R976-million for 2016/2017 largely due to declining advertising, sponsorship and TV licence revenue.

SABC's annual report showed that revenue and other income declined by six per cent to R7.6 billion year-on-year.

"The planned interventions would

be the strategies to increase advertising and television licence revenue.

"Also, innovative trading models for radio, television and digital media service are being devised and implemented to ensure optimisation of the SABC's commercial position," Dlodlo said. SABC reported that advertising revenue dropped to R5.6-billion compared to R5.9-billion. Sponsorships declined to R384-million compared to R469-million and TV licence revenue fell by seven per cent to R915-million.

Briefing Members of Parliament, the minister said some of the targets that were set for the public broadcaster was to maintain a minimum cash equivalent balance of R600-million.

**African News Agency**







# TRUMP'S JIBE DEEPENS FEUD WITH TILLERSON

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump challenged Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to "compare IQ tests", delivering a sharp-edged ribbing that threw a bright spotlight on his seemingly shaky relationship with his top diplomat.

The White House insisted the president was only joking.

Trump issued the challenge in an

interview with Forbes magazine, when asked about reports that Tillerson called him a "moron" after a classified briefing this summer.

The president responded that if the claim was true, the two should duke it out in a battle of brainpower.

"And I can tell you who is going to win," Trump said.

The White House and the State

Department suggested on Tuesday that the president was simply trying to make light of what they describe as inaccurate reports of tension.

But coming amid increasingly public signs of strain between the president and Tillerson, the remark landed with a distinct hint of malice. Trump's comments have threatened to undermine Tillerson's diplo-

matic initiatives and sow confusion among allies and foes over whether he speaks for the US and has the support of the White House.

That uncertainty could impact a number of foreign policy crises, including the nuclear threat posed by North Korea and the imminent decision to be made as to whether to continue the Iran nuclear pact.

*Daily Mail*

## EU tightens N Korea sanctions

BRUSSELS - The European Union on Tuesday extended sanctions aimed at punishing North Korea for its nuclear and ballistic missile programmes, banning the import of textiles from the pariah state and limiting sales of crude oil.

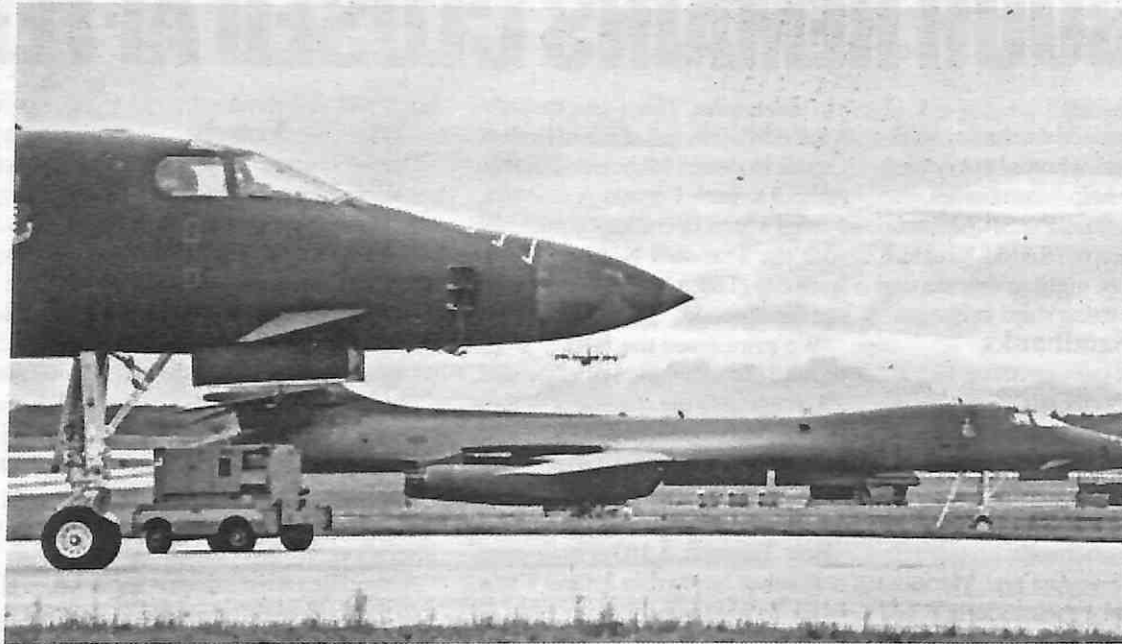
The 28-member bloc adopted UN restrictions imposed by the Security Council last month to punish Pyongyang for its sixth and largest nuclear test into its own sanctions programme.

The North reacted furiously when the United Nations approved the new measures, saying its response would make the United States suffer "the greatest pain it has ever experienced in its history".

The sanctions include a ban on the sale of natural gas liquids to North Korea and limitations to the sale of crude oil and refined petrol products.

"In addition, member states will not provide new work authorisations to DPRK nationals to enter and work in their territory as they are suspected of generating revenue which is used to support the country's illegal nuclear and ballistic missile programmes," the EU said in a statement.

AFP



EXERCISE: The US sent bombers over the Korean peninsula. (Daily Mail)

## US deploys 'NUKE SNIFFER' plane over Korean peninsula

WASHINGTON: The intelligence-gathering aircraft - equipped with powerful radar to detect ballistic missiles - has been spotted around the sea of Japan.

It is believed the plane is in the region to observe Kim Jong-un's military activity. Onlookers fear the hermit kingdom could be readying itself to test the dreaded Juche Bird missile in the South Pacific. And chillingly, the development comes just hours after the US mil-

itary revealed that strategic aircraft completed a mission in the region on Tuesday night. A total of six military planes - including two B-1B bombers - took part in the show of force.

It was said to be "regular deployment training" - part of a broader plan for putting in place the "extended deterrence" against the North. But the timing suggests something far more serious as the war of words between Washington and Pyongyang

appears to reach boiling point.

Just last night, President Trump summoned US generals to the White House War Room over the ongoing crisis.

Fears of a conflict in the region heightened recently after Trump warned he would "totally destroy" Kim's regime.

He described the tubby tyrant as a "rocket man on a suicide mission" in a barnstorming debut speech at the UN. *Daily Mail*

## BRIEFS

### Cruel father jailed for 7 years

OHIO - The father of a four-year-old Ohio boy, who died after his stepmother put him in a scalding bath, has been sentenced to seven years in prison for involuntary manslaughter and child endangering. Robert Ritchie was sentenced on Tuesday in Warren County. Prosecutors say the Franklin man failed to get medical treatment that could have saved Austin Cooper's life in March 2016. Ritchie was convicted at his third trial after two mistrials and could have received up to 11 years in prison.

AP

### Crisis talks in Catalan

BARCELONA - Spain's government prepared to hold crisis talks yesterday after Catalan leaders signed a suspended declaration of independence and called for negotiations with Madrid. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy will chair an emergency Cabinet meeting in response to Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont's announcement on Tuesday that he had accepted "the mandate of the people for Catalonia to become an independent republic" following a banned referendum earlier this month.

AFP

### Prisoners charged with planning attack

PARIS - French security forces believe they have prevented a terror attack being plotted by two inmates in a French jail, casting a new spotlight Tuesday on the problem of radicalisation in the country's prisons. Sources close to the investigation said late Monday that the men were accused of discussing a potential hostage-taking or machine gun attack from their cell at the Fresnes prison south of Paris. One of the suspects is a 28-year-old from Cameroon described by authorities as an Islamic State group sympathiser, while the other is a 22-year-old Frenchman.

AFP

### No more free gas, power and water

AK BUGDAY - Turkmenistan's strongman ruler on Tuesday signed a law obliging citizens of the economically struggling nation to pay for gas, electricity and water, which they had previously enjoyed for free. The popular subsidies had allowed each citizen to free monthly allowances of 35-kilowatt hours of electricity and 50 cubic metres of gas, as well as 250 litres of water every day.

AFP

### French workers strike against Macron

PARIS - Thousands of French public sector workers angered by Emmanuel Macron's plans to freeze their pay and eliminate 120 000 jobs went on strike Tuesday, amplifying opposition to the president's cost-cutting, pro-business agenda.

Nine unions representing 5.4 million public workers joined together to call for a day of nationwide strikes and demonstrations to show their "profound disagreement" with Macron's bid to transform the gargantuan public service. *AFP*

## Death penalty has 'no place in 21st century' - UN chief

UNITED NATIONS - UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for an end to the death penalty Tuesday, insisting it has "no place in the 21st century."

He urged member states that still execute convicts to join the 170 countries that have halted or abolished the practice, warning that the risk of a miscarriage of justice is an "unacceptably high price" to pay.

"I want to make a plea to all states

that continue this barbaric practice: please stop the executions," Guterres said at an event marking the 15th World Day Against the Death Penalty.

Capital punishment "does little to serve victims or deter crime," Guterres said, adding that most of the UN's 193 members do not carry out executions.

"Just last month, two African states - The Gambia and Madagascar - took major steps towards irreversible abolition of the death

penalty," he said.

"In 2016, executions worldwide were down 37 per cent from 2015. Today just four countries are responsible for 87 per cent of all recorded executions," he added.

Those four countries are China, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, a UN official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Guterres also called for transparency from states where the death penalty is legal, asking them to let lawyers do their job.

"Some governments conceal executions and enforce an elaborate system of secrecy to hide who is on death row, and why," Guterres said.

"Others classify information on the death penalty as a state secret, making its release an act of treason."

This lack of transparency "shows a lack of respect for the human rights of those sentenced to death and to their families."

AFP



# Focus on SA scene



**UNDER WATER:** Vehicles stuck in high storm water in Prospecton Road, south of Durban. (Times Live)

## DURBAN HARBOUR REMAINS CLOSED AFTER STORM

**DURBAN** – Durban harbour was still closed yesterday morning with authorities having spent Tuesday night refloating five vessels that were pushed aground, while emergency services were still on alert after a massive storm that killed at least six people.

"[Emergency Medical Services] are still on high alert because rivers are swollen and informal structures were badly damaged," EMS spokesperson Robert McKenzie said of the storm on Tuesday.

Two people died in the heavy downpour when a wall collapsed at the Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital in Umlazi, one person died in the Durban CBD, another was killed when a container fell onto a car and a child drowned while trying to cross a stream in a town about 40km inland from Port

Shepstone.

McKenzie praised emergency workers as "heroes" who did everything they could to help communities.

In the meantime, the SA Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) said it spent Tuesday night and yesterday morning refloating ships in distress.

### Sandbanks

"I have not seen anything like it," Samsa Chief Operating Officer, Sobantu Tilayi, told News24.

The MSC Innes, MS New York, Bow Triumph, the SA Shipyard floating dock and the new harbour tug were pushed onto sandbanks.

The MSC Susanna and Maritime Newanda broke their moorings and had to be held by harbour tugs to prevent them from also running aground, according to an earlier statement issued by SAMSA.

In a statement, Tilayi said the safety authority's principal officer in Durban, Captain Hopewell Mkhize and Durban harbour master, Captain Alex Miya, formed a joint operations committee with the Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) to help vessels that had run aground.

"We prioritised the bigger ships because of the pollution risk," he said.

According to the statement, it took five tugboats to refloat the 330m long MSC Innes, which was blocking the harbour entrance. It has gone in to port for damage inspection.

Bow Triumph, a 183m long product tanker berthed in Island View, broke its moorings and ran aground on the sand bank near the Island View Terminal.

It was refloated at 16:30. The work of clearing the anchors which were

stuck was also done.

### Vessels

The MS New York, a 330m long container vessel, which ran aground near Maydon Wharf was also refloated successfully and was allocated a berth for damage inspection.

By 19:00 on Tuesday, MSC Susanna, which had earlier broken away from its mooring ropes, was secured.

The Maritime Newanda vessel which broke loose was held by tugs and is currently berthed at Maydon Wharf.

The SA Shipyards' floating dock and new tug was refloated later in the afternoon.

A straddle carrier which was blown into the water remains unsecured, some cranes were reportedly derailed by strong winds and there were reportedly three containers lost in the water.

These pose a danger to navigation

within the vicinity, so the port will remain closed and a search was to be conducted yesterday.

He said operations at the terminals would only be re-opened when it was declared safe because even heavy container loading equipment had been blown into the water.

There were no injuries and no pollution reported on all the shipping incidents. "We are pleased with the overall cooperation from all stakeholders and the swift action to ensure the safety of people and equipment," said Tilayi.

"More importantly is the demonstration of emergency preparedness that was displayed during this major incident. It is the first time that we have had to attend to this number of casualties simultaneously."

News24

## Family paid for R680k Dubai trip - Mbalula

**JOHANNESBURG** – Police Minister Fikile Mbalula on Tuesday said the R680 000 trip he and his family took to Dubai last year was paid from the family coffers.

This comes a day after the minister came under scrutiny over the family trip, with reports alleging a third party bankrolled the six-night trip.

According to EWN, a South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) and Team SA clothing supplier, Sedgers Sport, allegedly paid for at least half of the R680 000 holiday. The news outlet said the payment for the trip, which took place between December 28 last year and January 3 this year, appeared to be a conflict of interest as Mbalula was the minister of sport at the time of the trip. The minister has since denounced the report as a "smear campaign," calling on EWN to produce evidence supporting claims that his trip was funded by a third party.

IOL

## ANC leaders trade insults after veterans' conference

**JOHANNESBURG** – Gloves came off as the battle for the soul of the ANC took an ugly turn, with senior leaders trading insults with one another.

Tension heightened when the Umkhonto weSizwe Military Veterans Association (MKMVA) launched a scathing attack on ANC Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, calling him a liar.

The MK vets also fired a broadside at Human Settlements Minister and presidential hopeful Lindiwe Sisulu.

Sisulu and Ramaphosa were attacked for attending the conference of the MK council, a rival faction of the MKMVA, at the weekend.

But Sisulu would have none of it, charging the MKMVA were "talking rubbish" and were "newcomers" in

the ANC.

MKMVA Chairperson Kebby Maphatsoe and his team claimed that the two senior ANC leaders attended the MK council conference to fulfil their "personal ambitions" of being ANC president at the party's conference in December.

According to Maphatsoe, both presidential hopefuls did not have the interests of military veterans.

MKMVA national executive member Shirley Brown accused Sisulu of using her political portfolio for her presidential campaign, while the organisation's Deputy President, Taylor Nsimbini,

called Ramaphosa a liar.

Maphatsoe shared the same view, saying: "The deputy president is a liar. A liar is a liar. It is a collective decision of the national working committee of the MKMVA."

Similar allegations were levelled against former SANDF general Sphiwe Nyanda and Deputy Minister of Correctional Services Thabang Makwetla.

Maphatsoe also claimed that it was because of his organisation that there was a "Department of Military Veterans in government".

Sisulu was outraged about the allegations against her. "They are talking absolute rubbish. Maphatsoe and his executive are newcomers in the ANC. I've been in the ANC military longer than most of them. My duty as the minister of housing then was to provide houses to indigent people," she said.

"In 2006, I made it a policy that houses should be given to military veterans. I was chairperson of the safety and security committee of the ANC together with Ayanda Dlodlo and other committee members who ensured that it was adopted at the 2006 ANC policy conference. It was further endorsed at Polokwane. I doubt if Kebby was at Polokwane." News24

## Khoza not going to form political party yet

**JOHANNESBURG** – Former ANC MP Makhosi Khoza says she is not going to form a political party as yet.

"I am not going to start a political party yet. I am on a fact-finding mission and I am consulting," she told reporters on Tuesday evening after presenting the Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture at the University of Johannesburg.

On Sunday, Khoza hinted at her political future when she canvassed her followers on social media regarding their support for a new political party.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday evening, Khoza said the question she posed on Sunday was for her friends on social media.

"Are you in favour of a new political home, say 'yes,'" Khoza had asked her friends on Facebook.

Times Live



# THE GIRL WHO'S **NEVER** CUT HER HAIR

*..wraps her ankle-length locks around her to wear as a dress*

**LONDON** - A real-life Rapunzel who has been growing her hair for years has revealed how it is now so long, she can wear it as a dress.

Malgorzata Kulczyk's luscious blonde locks - which she has never dyed - now skim her ankles and she can even wrap them around her body, like a gown.

And while the 32-year-old, who lives in east London and plans to study IT, used to keep her hair in top condition with regular trims, she stopped having them in September 2015.

She said: "None of my friends and family wanted to trim it for me because they said it was still in good condition, so I stopped having it done."

"It was knee length then and now it reaches my ankles."

"I can't see myself ever cutting it. I can't imagine myself with short hair - nobody would recognise me."

"My hair is what I'm known for. People are so positive about it. Wherever I go, they smile at me and compliment me." Malgorzata recalled having bottom-length hair when she was only seven-years-old - until the last two years, keeping it in shape by having the ends snipped off every few months. Now she attributes its glossy sheen to the homemade hair mask she applies a few times a week.

She uses different recipes, but main-



**HAIR RAISING:** Londoner Malgorzata Kulczyk, 32, has hair so long it reaches her ankles. (Daily Mail)

ly coconut oil, which she lathers it on and lets it sit for at least half an hour, before washing it out using regular shampoo.

Blow-drying her hair on a low heat

takes around 20 minutes, but if she leaves it to dry naturally, it can be wet for hours.

"Sometimes, I'll go to sleep with it wet, and wake up the next morning

with it still not dry," she said.

Day-to-day, Malgorzata wears her hair in a bun or ponytail, although she also enjoys experimenting with braids and has so much hair that she can style it into a plait, with a whopping 49 strands.

Remarkably, intricate styles like this do not take her long, as she is so used to having extra-long hair.

"Doing a straightforward plait will take a couple of minutes," she explained.

"People are always amazed by how quick it is. My friends will say, 'You have so much hair, I thought it'd take you way longer.'"

"I've never had any problems with my hair. I'm so used to it being long and I keep it in good condition."

In June 2016, Malgorzata decided to set up an Instagram dedicated to her hair. At first, she planned to use the page to swap tips with others and find videos she could follow, when styling her own tresses.

But, over the past 18 months, she's built up more than 5 000 followers, who flock to like and comment on the pictures and videos she posts.

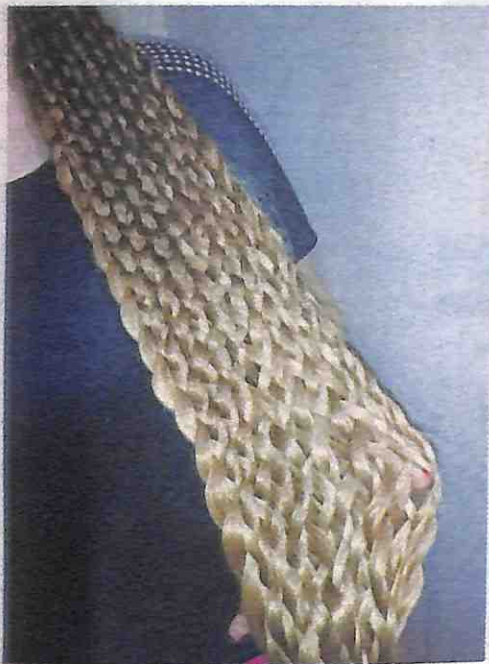
"I get so many lovely messages every day, even just to check in and see how I am," she said.

"Wherever I go, I'm known as the girl with the long hair."

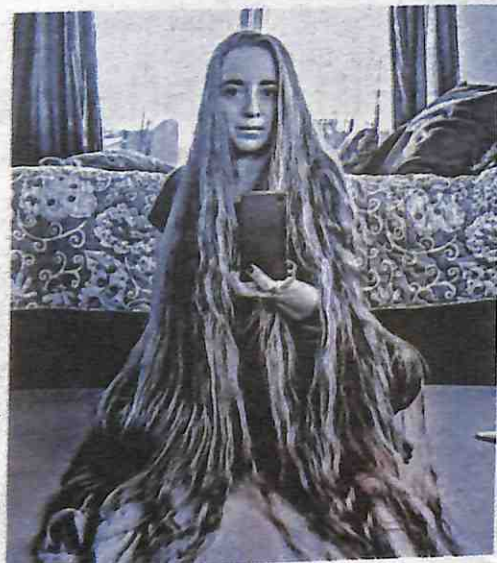
Daily Mail



**LONG:** Malgorzata Kulczyk shows off her ankle-length hair from the back.



**ALL CLEAN:** The aspiring IT student keeps her hair in perfect condition with a homemade coconut oil mask.



**WORTH THE WAIT:** Blow drying her hair takes 20 minutes, but if Malgorzata leaves it to dry naturally it can take hours.



The Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology takes this opportunity to invite members of the public, individuals and organizations to a stakeholders' consultative workshop of the Broadcasting and Media Policy to be held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre, Ezulwini from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2017, beginning at 08:30 am.

The Ministry has invited industry experts who will make presentations on objectives and strategies of formulating a Media Policy, key policy issues and scope as well as principles and values of the industry.

Your attendance, therefore is valuable to the Ministry.

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## BRIEFS

## Somaliland court jails journalist

**SOMALI** - The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) yesterday condemned the conviction and sentencing of Somaliland journalist Mohamed Adan Dirir to 18 months in jail for "criminal defamation and publishing false news". The sentence on 8 October was meted out by a regional court in Hargeisa.

ANA

## 'No gaps' in funding

**GENEVA** - United Nations peacekeeping missions will be fully funded despite a significant budget cut announced earlier this year, the president of the UN General Assembly said. "There should be no reason to believe that our peacekeeping operations will be underfunded," Miroslav Lajcak told reporters in Geneva. Under pressure from the United States, UN member-states agreed in June to trim \$600m from the previous peacekeeping budget of \$7.87bn.

AFP

## Border clashes leave 18 dead

**ADEN** - Eighteen Yemeni rebels have been killed in fighting around the Saudi border over the past 24 hours, Yemeni army officers said. Clashes flared this week around the Red Sea port of Midi and the nearby Saudi border town of

Huthaira, spilling over into the rebel heartland of Saada inland.

The Yemeni army officers said loyalist forces had managed to wrest control of several rebel-held towns straddling the border. Saudi officials contacted by AFP did not respond to requests for comment.

The rebels control most of northern Yemen, including the Red Sea coast.

AFP

## Fear of Boko Haram attack

**LAGOS** - The trials of more than 1 600 suspected Boko Haram members have begun behind closed doors at a military barracks in northern Nigeria, the largest mass trial in the Islamic extremist group's history. Nigeria's government is trying to show it is making progress against the group that has killed more than 20 000 people during its eight-year insurgency, but lawyers and rights groups are expressing concern about whether the suspects will have fair trials. The proceedings began on Monday at the Wawa Military Cantonment. In Nigeria, such trials are often held behind closed doors to prevent sensitive security issues from being made public.

AP

## Growth needed in sub-Saharan Africa

**JOHANNESBURG** - Economic growth in sub-Saharan Africa is set to accelerate to 3.4 per cent next year, the International Monetary Fund said on Tuesday, citing Nigeria's recovering oil and agricultural sectors. The IMF said in its latest World Economic Outlook report that the region would grow by 2.6 per cent this year after 1.4 per cent in 2016.

"Growth is expected to rise gradually," it said, while noting that the rate would be uneven and "barely above population growth".

AFP



## KENYA'S RE-ELECTIONS:

## ODINGA WITHDRAWS FROM POLL RE-RUN

**NAIROBI** - Kenyan opposition leader Raila Odinga withdrew from a re-run of the presidential election, saying electoral officials had failed to make necessary reforms.

"After deliberating on our position in respect of the upcoming election... we believe that all will be best served by (the party) vacating its presidential candidature in the election scheduled for 26 October 2017," Odinga said.

Kenya's Supreme Court last month annulled the August presidential poll, won by President Uhuru Kenyatta,

due to widespread irregularities in the counting process.

Since then Odinga and his National Super Alliance (NASA) have vowed not to take part in the re-run unless a series of reforms were made to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

"We have come to the conclusion that there is no intention on the part of the IEBC to undertake any changes to its operations and personnel... All indications are that the election scheduled for 26 October will be worse than the previous one," said Odinga. AFP



**PULLS OUT:** Kenyan opposition leader Raila Odinga.

## Mugabe swears in six new Cabinet ministers

**HARARE** - Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe on Tuesday, swore in six ministers at State House in Harare, following his Cabinet reshuffle.

Mugabe swore in Masvingo Provincial Affairs Minister Paul Chimedza, Thokozile Mathuthu (Matabeleland North Provincial Affairs), Webster Shamu (Mashonaland West Provincial Affairs), Happyton Bonyongwe (Justice), Chiratidzo Mabuwa (Youth, Indigenisation and Economic Employment) and Edgar Mbwebwe (Tourism).

Although Vice-President Emmerson Mnangagwa remained composed, Mugabe and Vice President Phelekezela Mphoko looked extremely jovial, cracking jokes with newly appointed ministers. Ministers allegedly perceived to be sympathetic to Mnangagwa include Patrick Chinamasa, who was shuffled from the finance and economic development ministry to a new portfolio, cyber security, threat detection and mitigation, Prisca Mupfumira, who was dropped from the public service, labour and



**WELCOME:** Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe congratulates Thokozile Mathuthu after she was sworn in as new Minister of State for Matabeleland North at the State House in Harare. (News24)

social welfare ministry, which was taken over by Mugabe's nephew, Patrick Zhuwao, who was coming from the youth, indigenisation and economic empowerment.

Tshinga Dube was also dropped from the war veterans ministry over his alleged siding with the Christopher Mutsaers-led Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans' Association, which has openly challenged

Mugabe, his wife Grace and his administration.

The Mutsaers war vets faction has also openly supported Mnangagwa, saying he would rather succeed Mugabe than any candidate imposed by the G40 faction, reportedly led by Grace and pushing for the defence minister to take over.

African News Agency

## Mozambique cops detain 52 after string of attacks

**MAPUTO** - Police in Mozambique said on Tuesday they had detained 52 people after a string of attacks on police stations, in which 14 attackers were gunned down and two officers killed.

Police also backed away from an earlier claim that the gunmen were linked to homegrown "Islamic extremist sects", saying they were not connected to any organised terror group.

"Nothing can make us say there is a connection between the attack-

ers and terrorist groups," police spokesman Inacio Dina told reporters.

"Among those detained are the perpetrators and others who contributed to the logistics of the attack, providing food, shelter and other support."

The attacks occurred on Thursday and Friday in the sleepy town of Mocimboa de Praia in the north of the country near the border with Tanzania, where three police stations were targeted, local media said.

Fourteen of the attackers and two

police officers were killed. One local man also died.

Police said they were still investigating the motive, adding that the armed attackers were from different parts of Cabo Delgado province.

Authorities and analysts have dismissed claims of links to Somalia's Shabaab jihadists or Boko Haram in Nigeria. "It's clearly homegrown and a response to local issues," Alex Vines from the London-based Chatham House think tank told AFP.

"This is a wake-up call for

## Algeria's ailing Bouteflika makes rare appearance

**ALGERIA** - Ailing Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who rarely appears in public, received Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev on Tuesday, the APS news agency reported.

Russian and Algerian state media published pictures of the meeting, which was closed to other news outlets.

Bouteflika, who is 80 and has held office since 1999, suffered a mini-stroke in 2013 that affected his speech and mobility.

He has since used a wheelchair and is occasionally featured in state media receiving foreign dignitaries.

In September, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro paid a 24-hour visit to Algeria without officially meeting Bouteflika, despite intense speculation that he would do so.

AFP

## Counting underway in Liberian polls

**MONROVIA** - Counting was underway in Liberia yesterday following a peaceful poll that will determine President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's successor after 12 years and complete a historic democratic transfer of power.

The first official results in the presidential and legislative elections were expected yesterday afternoon from the National Elections Commission (NEC), which has already suggested that turnout was high. Some voters who appeared at the wrong polling station or were registered more than once were unable to cast their ballot, the NEC has said without putting a figure on those affected, triggering concern from political parties. AFP

Mozambique and unless inequality and youth unemployment and education is improved, we may see more of this."

Police dispatched special forces from Pemba, 500 kilometres (300 miles) away, to stop the attacks.

Armed clashes and assassinations of politicians are not uncommon in Mozambique, where on-and-off clashes have occurred in recent years between government troops and armed militias loyal to opposition party and former rebel movement RENAMO. News24





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## Tlale loses his wife, Postpones Art Gallery Show

By Ayanda Dlamini

ANOTHER day, another devastating news for the music industry as the legendary Tlale Makhene is in grief after the passing of his wife yesterday morning.

The award winning, world acclaimed percussionist Tlale Makhene lost his wife after she succumbed to a short illness.

The befallen predicament has lead Tlale to call off his show which had to take place tonight at Bahle Art Gallery where he was to perform and promote his latest album titled 'Swazi Gold'.

The album is basically about his life in the country before he left for his home country, South Africa to pursue his music career.

The organisers of the show urged music lovers not to lose hope on the show as its still on; however the dates will be released soon after Tlale's wife is buried and when the legend is ready to face his fans during this trying time.

### Percussionists

Bahle Art gallery's Sandzile Magwaza has urged Tlale's fans to support the land in the dark hour that has be fallen the legend. Makhene is one of South Africa's most sought after percussionists; he moved to the country at a young age and began drumming at the age of four.

The artist is highly regarded by musicians and music fans as he is a teacher, session musician and performer.

His 'Ascension of the Enlighten' album is a true spiritual offering from a truly enlightened man and in 2005 he won the SAMA Award in the 'Best Contemporary Jazz' category while contending with established artists such as Hugh Masekela, Paul Hanmer and Themba Mkhize, a testament that he puts his faith in the hands of his provider.

# MODEL CORALEE HEADED TO US MISS FASHION WEEK AFRICA

By Ayanda Dlamini

THE country's finest in the model industry Coralee Vilakati has proven once more she has the legs and the walk for international run way.

Coralee emerged the winner in this year's Miss Fashion Week Africa 2018, qualifying to represent Southern Africa in the United States of America.

Vilakati has been hoisting the Swazi flag high as she recently represented the country in Soweto Fashion Week with model Snowy. This time around she will not only represent Swaziland but the Southern part of Africa.

The excited model was never ready for the heart-balms as she shared her feelings on Social media, "Just made it to the next stage of Miss Fashion Week Africa, to go represent Swaziland in the United States of America. Yes I kept this to myself, lovely surprise. Thank you Lord. Thank you," she posted on Facebook.

"I entered this competition months back, contestants with more likes got free registration to partake in

Miss Fashion Week Africa. I managed to be in the top 50 and went through to the next round," she said.

My interview was on Skype, I was asked to a ramp walk and luckily I was selected to represent Swaziland," she added.

On another note, Coralee is expected to submit her portfolio before the end of business tomorrow; the portfolio will be used for Instagram voting to help her win the Miss Fashion Africa 2018 crown.

Coralee has urged her followers to like her picture on Instagram to help her win the crown.

"It is an honour for me to be where I am in my career. I know I have to push myself hard, urge the nation to vote for me and hope for the best," she added.

It is worth noting that Vilakati is the first local model to be selected for Miss Fashion Africa 2018, and she is making the country proud while putting it on the map in the modeling industry.

Miss Fashion Week is an international model contest for all models. The contest is judged in five sub-categories: Runway walk, Photo



MODEL: Coralee Vilakati.

shoot (images), Swimwear, Overall appearance (looks) and interview. Miss Fashion Week offers everyone the opportunity to chase their dreams. Five winners from Africa representing the five regions of Africa

will proceed to the grand finale in Florida, USA. Prizes and Rewards: The five finalists from Africa will receive the following goodies: E 14 000 each, (plus opportunity to win the E 70 000 grand finale cash prize).

## DJ TIRA'S SHOW TICKETS MOVING FAST

By Lusito Tsela

IT has been proven more than once that tickets with Dj Tiras name are always selling like hot cakes, and this time around it's the same case with tickets for the Dj Tiras Ladies night.

The show is slated for the October 27 at The George Hotel and the organisers are left with only 100

VIP tickets to sell.

The DJ will be supported by Kool Swazi Entertainment artists; Deepmotion vs Freestyle, DJ Master P and the two founding brothers DJ Njebza and Mfundo.

### Classy

The Yoruba Lounge is a classy yet ethnic version of the former Eggolk Lounge.

It provides a home away from home feeling and for locals it gives

the feeling of being outside the country, out in another African country.

With pieces of art and made of wood the new face of the lounge is definitely the best place to make a stop at after a long day at work to unwind. According to The George Hotel's Marketing Manager Sabelo Mthethwa the hotel has taken all safety precautions for their patrons during the upcoming DJ Tira show.

"To ensure the comfort and safe-

ty of patrons the hotel has secured ample parking and added security," Mthethwa said. Added "pre-sale tickets are available at Ocean Basket Mbabane, Siteki Hotel and The George Hotel reception costing E150 general and VIP tickets going at E250.

The first 30 ladies to arrive will each get a cocktail on the house."

The show will start at 3 pm till 3 am and organisers of the show have urged the public to make use of the pre sale tickets since they are still available.

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# THASA REFUSES TO PAY ME - ARTIST FOLLEN

By Lusito Tsela

A week after entertainment stable Thasa Group was accused of scamming young upcoming artist Follen, they have still not settled the E1 000 debt.

This was revealed by a dejected Follen, who is now contemplating legal action against Thasa Group for allegedly refusing to pay him his dues.

A WhatsApp message from Thasa Management Director Thabo Christian Sishwashwa to RnB crooner Tiyas reads, "the reason I can only make payments in Swaziland is because my card expired so the minimum cash I have will take me up until I come back to do replacements..."

"I won't be paying Lwandile; he will have to take me to court."

Thasa Group was previously accused of conning a UK based Swazi music distributor, King Siso, who owns Langalam.com, an online music distribution platform.

Follen claimed to have approached the stable with the sole intention of doing

...The whole issue will be resolved when he comes back to Swaziland, more especially because Follen had decided to take it further when he knows the terms



**PAY UP:** Thasa MD Thabo Sishwashwa.

a track with an artist signed under the stable but when all had been settled, Thasa then sang a different tune, making the young Follen lose faith in the deal.

Follen said he approached Thasa as

he was mainly interested in collaborating with Tiyas.

Follen said what Thasa Group is doing was not fair as they have been ripping off artists and giving them false hope, thus destroying the industry and it was about time the law took its place.

He revealed that he had been waiting on Thasa for so long and Sishwashwa had been making empty promises.

Sishwashwa confirmed knowledge of the WhatsApp messages, saying these were intended for Tiyas.

However, he said the whole issue will be resolved when he comes back to Swaziland, more especially because Follen had decided to take it further when he knows the terms.

"Follen was sent the vocals and also refunded 50 per cent of the amount he paid. I still reiterate that if he feels that he is owed for something that was actually done he can take me to court," he said.



**FUNNY FELLAS:** 'Mdura' and Dr Shakes.

## 'Is Poetry the new comedy' show slated for October 20

By Ayanda Dlamini

**THE industry of comedy and poetry has come of age in the country as it is slowly but surely gaining momentum.**

With the two genres rising, with great names in the industry, indeed the show is not to be missed.

'Is poetry the new comedy?' is a question that will be answered during the show which will be held at Molly's House of Grills and Restaurant in Manzini on October 20.

After successfully celebrating Customer Week with its clients, they have partnered with local comedians and poets in hosting this intriguing show titled 'Is poetry the new comedy?'

Hammer and Tongue will be the order of the day, contrary to the stereotyped view of poetry recitals and pale romantics reading to an enraptured silent audience.

These are dynamic two-way events filled with laughter and fun. The evening's event is called a slam, as poets will perform their set to the audience, which is a way of applauding poetry.

The Director of Molly's House of Grills and Restaurant Xolile Msibi said "Screams and rib cracking will be the order of the day as the comedians will keep every-

one begging for more."

The comedy line-up will feature the likes of Dr Shakes, Mdura and Ndosh while the poets will be the talented Majaha Nkonyane and Zwelonke who will introduce the brilliant Njabu Khoza.

'Elfoe' will be the host of the show, who by every right is a natural host and a comic, as he proved his worth during the 'three kings of funny comedy' show at The Happy Valley Hotel.

The superb line-up will answer the question 'is poetry the new comedy.'

"We all know from experience how hard it can be for a poet to face a loud audience and how hard it can be for comedians to perform for a quite audience, which is why we urge the public to come in numbers to support this show," said Msibi.

This will be an experimental show and one that will be unforgettable," said the organiser of the show Larry Mhlana.

Entry will be free, however, the audience will be required to buy a meal and a drink and enjoy the proceedings.

"We are inviting comedy and poetry lovers to come and have fun as they will witness the best performance from the poets and the comedians," said Mhlana.

## Ultimate Pens down party set for November 11

By Lusito Tsela

**MASTERMIND Empire and Kleen Fun Entertainment is hosting the Official Ultimate 'Pens Down Party', to be held at The Coolest Xperience, former White House Club on November 11.**

The show will start at 6pm to 6am the next day.

Manzini will once more be officially 'on fire' and local artists who would like to be part of this show are invited.

Inviting the public to come in large numbers once more for the Pens Down Foam Party which is themed 'stay dry or get wet' is Mastermind Empire's Sungwe Chishimba.

"The public should follow the event's page on Facebook pens down foam party 2017 as we will be giving away tickets to lucky winners weekly until the last day of the event," said Sungwe.

Sungwe said there would also be freebies for lucky winners which will include T-shirts and perfumes, to mention just a few.



**LET'S PARTY:** Mastermind Empire's Sungwe Chishimba.

Sungwe assured fun lovers from Mbabane and Matsapha that free transport to the venue will be provided.

However, artists who want to perform at the party will have to confirm their attendance on the Facebook page, invite their fans and friends to the event, send their picture to the organisers and they

will be approved depending on the number of likes they get.

Pre-sale tickets cost E30 for general, E70 for VIP, and E300 for VVIP with free drinks and a meal. At the door it will cost E70 for general, E100 for VIP. Tickets are available at Perfume Hut (Mbabane and Manzini).

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## Angelina, Paltrow join allegations against Weinstein

**NEW YORK** - Gwyneth Paltrow, Angelina Jolie and other actresses have come forward with their own stories of sexual harassment by Harvey Weinstein.

In a follow-up to its earlier expose, The New York Times on Tuesday reported that many other actresses have in recent days added to the chorus of accusations surrounding Weinstein.

Paltrow described his attempt to lure her, as a then young aspiring actress, into giving him a massage in a hotel room. The incident prompted her then-boyfriend Brad Pitt to confront Weinstein at a film premiere.



**ABUSED: Angelina Jolie.**

Angelina Jolie also told the paper that she has "a bad experience with Harvey Weinstein in my youth." *News 24*

## Idris Elba has a foot fetish

**LA** - It has come to our attention that Idris Elba aka English actor, producer, musician, and DJ has a thing for feet.

Yup it's true, the tall and handsome gentleman has a foot fetish and the revelation came to light in perhaps a very awkward but entirely sweet way.

The Dark Tower actor stopped by The Graham Norton Show along with his co-star Kate Winslet to promote their upcoming film, 'The Mountain Between Us'. When discussing the fact that Idris, and director Hany Abu-Assad, hadn't had much experience in filming love scenes Kate



**FOOT FETISH: Idris Alba.**

dropped a golden gem of information. After taking charge and telling the lads how the scene was going to go, Idris agreed to film but on one condition - that Kate keep her socks on during filming. *News24*

## Successful men harass, it's not just losers - Anita Hill

**NEW YORK** - Anita Hill knows something about sexual harassment and the consequences of coming forward to tell the world a powerful, talented man did something he shouldn't have. Hill's character was attacked and testimony doubted after she spoke out as a young law professor against President George H. W. Bush's 1991 nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. More than 25 years later, Hill has weighed in on the case of another powerful, talented man whose decades-long career, it turns out, includes a mountain of sexual harassment and assault allegations.



**OPINION: Anita Hill.**

Days after The New York Times published the first part of an investigation into producer Harvey Weinstein—which revealed at least eight settlements over allegations of sexual harassment and unwanted physical contact—Hill shared her thoughts in a guest column for *Variety*. *Newsweek*

## Fifty shades' E.L. James still profiting

**NEW YORK** - If a Pulitzer for Fan Fiction Turned Best-Selling Literature exists, Fifty Shades author E.L. James should absolutely receive it. The romance writer announced Tuesday that her fifth book, 'Darker: Fifty Shades Darker as Told by Christian', will hit stores on November 28. The release is a retelling of the second book in her Fifty Shades trilogy from the point of view of Christian Grey, the male lead of the dark love story. James did the same thing with her first book when she published 'Grey: Fifty Shades of Grey As Told by Christian' in 2015. One assumes she'll do the



**PROFITING: E.L. James.**

same thing with the final book, Fifty Shades Freed, in a few years. It's impressive how many books, films and paychecks James has managed to squeeze out of characters Grey and Anastasia Steele—especially considering they were essentially Stephenie Meyer's characters Edward Cullen and Bella Swan. *US Weekly*

## SA Celebrity News

## Khanyi Mbau stands by controversial 'Dove' tweets

**CAPE TOWN** - Beauty brand Dove came under fire following a controversial ad campaign on Monday.

"My view on this whole issue is that South Africans need to let the race thing rest now, we have become too sensitive about everything, and the slightest thing we think is an attack on the black man. But I think as black people we have deep seated issues and we suffer from an inferiority complex and have psychological issues that we honestly need to deal with," she said.

After watching the entire clip Khanyi said: "People had not seen the whole



**IT'S JUST AN AD: Khanyi Mbau.**

advert but a four square image and assumed it was an attack on being black n proud. Now that the whole advert has been released it shows an Indian woman too."

*Sowetan*

## Sindi Dlathu bids farewell to Muvhango

**JOHANNESBURG** - Veteran actress Sindi Dlathu is bowing out of SABC2's popular drama Muvhango after two decades. Dlathu, 43, who plays Thandaza Mokoena, is one of the longest serving actresses in the show. She had been part of the drama from its inception. The news of her resignation comes shortly after the drama celebrated its 20th birthday. Muvhango's first episode was aired in April 1997. Throughout the years, Dlathu has become part of the 3.5million viewers of the show. "After 20 years, I've decid-



**FAREWELL: Sindi Dlathu.**

ed to give the Thandaza character a break in order for me to grow as an artist, venture out to explore new opportunities and discover what I can do as an actress and as a human being." *Sowetan*

## 'Muvhango' loses millions in petty cash

**JOHANNESBURG** - A former senior manager of Muvhango has been arrested for allegedly siphoning over R3-million from the SABC television soapie's petty cash.

The former production manager made his first appearance at the Specialised Commercial Crime Court in Johannesburg yesterday after he was nabbed on Sunday. He is facing fraud and theft charges relating to the missing R3.3-million.

The man was responsible for preparing and arranging shoots for Muvhango to ensure the smooth running of the popular SABC2 soapie.



His other duties involved providing invoices, signing receipts from service providers and being entrusted with the company petty cash. It is alleged he "created fictitious service providers and/or names and/or persons and would, from time to time, pay out cash from the petty cash [into his own account] while pretending to pay service providers and/or persons..." reads the charge sheet. *News24*

## Mo Flava on fighting that 'arrogant' label

**JOHANNESBURG** - Having worked in the industry for over a decade, radio personality and club DJ Mo Flava has had his fair share of ups and down, but is still fighting the misconception that he is arrogant and unapproachable. The Metro FM radio host told TshisaLIVE that he has been fighting the labels for several years. "I look at it all and I'm like 'where is the arrogance?' It is something that has always kind of been there. I'm not sure why. I think it has to do with certain things that people hold onto when they first meet you and don't let go of," he explained. He believes the stigmas around him



**SPEAKS OUT: Mo Flava.**

have changed as people have seen him help others in the industry to further their careers and sponsor students through his bursary fund. *Sunday World*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Zakithi helps Mehlemamba investigate his suspicions about Sbu. Gloria discovers Duma is still very angry. Shadrack and Mkabayi have a heated exchange.



**STILL ANGRY: Duma.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Barker desperately tries to get free when something unexpected happens. Kgothalo tearfully confesses to Rajesh that Tyson broke her heart. Nina tells Basetsana that she needs a favour from her.



**NEEDS A FAVOUR: Nina.**

Muvhango

TODAY

Rendani sees a ghost. Vho-Masindi fights for Mudi. Vuyiseka has her eyes on someone else.



**FOCUSED: Vuyiseka.**

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



**RESCUED: Bongi.**

The police rescue Bongi, but her rescue puts her in great danger. Sifiso tells Mampho he'll stop pursuing her. Puleng questions the Genesis Fellowship.



## your crush his girlfriend



his ex

you



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

From a financial perspective it might seem as though you're trapped. Freedom could come through using marketing expertise: of which you might think you have little. A close colleague or partner might have ideas as to how you could lift your game. This could have as much to do with targeting a select audience as it does in convincing you that your efforts are valuable. Midst all this, a part-time job could be the subject of much discussion.



Capricorn

## AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

You won't be alone if you tune in to waves of discontentment or disillusionment. You might even find you are attracting those who are in that frame of mind. Yet it's just as likely that you will attract a craftsman whose work has been undervalued and who really appreciates the sincerity of your praise.



Aquarius

## PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

Others might perceive you as barking orders or simply not putting up with anything less than satisfactory attention. By following through a complaints procedure you might even be given a voucher.



Pisces

## ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

If you're able to find beauty and enjoyment in even the most bleak of environments, then you might not have too much difficulty in coping with any gloom that's around today. The fact is that those who tend to be negative could be exaggeratedly so.



Aries

## TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

Disillusionment is probable. You might now see that someone never had any intention of ensuring a project was 100 per cent successful. True you might still get the last laugh - but not for some days. For now, it might feel as though you're moving through quicksand. Firing up for the next stage could happen easily tomorrow.



Taurus

## GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

As though you'd got up and found your tyres to be flat, it might not be so easy to arrive on time or to meet a deadline. This could lead to you being accused of skating on thin ice by someone who's a stickler of punctuality and professionalism. You might need to remind yourself how much they need you and how valuable your emotional investment to a new project would be to others. There's always the possibility too of joining forces with someone who has the required energy and skills.



Gemini

## CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

You could experience a degree of financial stress. Yet all that might be required is some nimble footwork - which you might be in the mood to practice. Dancing and swimming could feature too. Any or all of this may be prompted by a Pisces friend who's a little lost presently, but who is aware that movement makes them feel better. This person might suggest you go on an outing - perhaps to the sea or to a venue near a river.



Cancer

## LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

Your brain might be telling you to forget all you've heard about a certain individual and to follow gut instincts. Another part of you could be saying that you've paid for expert opinion and so should listen to it. The best course of action is probably to follow your intuition: which would probably work best if you were by water or in the company of someone born under a Water sign (Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces).



Leo

## VIRGO AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

It wouldn't be at all surprising if you felt to be caught between the devil and the deep blue sea. Pushing forward plans might require too much effort. What could work well is using visualisation techniques. Given that in the next few months property developments are likely, now could be the time to dream up plans.



Virgo

## LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

You might wonder if you've been transported into a fairytale. You might also be less than convinced that there will be a happy ending. A marketing plan might turn you off - though it could be that you are only too aware of the fragility of your finely-balanced scales. Colleagues born under Virgo and Sagittarius could save your day with words of encouragement. They might also know that those scales of yours will swing the other way in a day or so.



Libra

## SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

Discovering appropriate keywords to sell an idea might not be at all difficult. Neither might you find it too difficult to coerce others into finding their creative strengths. Where you might hit the buffers is that your energy levels may need to be fed by the promise of financial reward. With some people in decidedly negative thinking mode, they might not be speaking the words you need to hear.



Scorpio

## SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

By late evening there may be masses of information for you to absorb. Someone already close may feel overwhelmed by what's on offer and need you to energise them.



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"Harry," whined Mary, to her husband of 20 years. "What should I do?! I'm not ready for old age! I'm only 40 years old but I look and feel like I'm over 55! My face is all wrinkly, my back is bent over, and my hair is all thinned out." "Well," said Harry after looking her up and down, "There is one thing about you that still works as good as new." "Oh Harry!" said

Mary sitting down next to her husband, "you always know just what to say! What are you referring to?" "Never mind," said Harry looking down. "C'mon Harry, please tell me what you were referring to." "Mary, please don't make me." "Harry I insist." "Well I was going to remark about how your eyesight seems to be working just fine!"

## USELESS FACTS

1. Elvis Presley didn't write any of his songs despite being credited for several of them. He also couldn't play guitar very well and just strummed along with the band.
2. The world's longest running concert will take 639 years to complete.
3. A song that gets stuck in

your head on repeat is called an earworm.  
4. Rapper NoClue set the world record in 2005 for fastest rapper by rapping 723 syllables in 51.27 seconds.  
5. Favourite songs are favourites most likely because they're associated with an intense emotional event in your life.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Yesterday's brainteasers**  
1. "I am weightless, but you can see me. Put me in a bucket, and I'll make it lighter. What am I?"  
**Answer:** It is silence.  
2. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?"  
**Answer:** A hole.

**Today's brainteasers**  
1. What falls, but does not break, and what breaks but does not fall?  
2. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?





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# BECOMING MRS JONES STARTING FRIDAY

**WATCH as Minnie Dlamini get married to Quinton Jones in Minnie Dlamini: Becoming Mrs Jones starting in October on Vuzu Amp.**

TV personality, presenter and SA's sweetheart Minnie Dlamini (or should we say Jones now?) is off the market thanks to hubby Quinton Jones. You can have full access on the journey of her #BecomingMrsJones in Becoming Mrs Jones: Minnie Dlamini Wedding Special starting tomorrow at 19:30 on Vuzu Amp. Also available on DStv Now.

## About Becoming Mrs Jones

It's a three-part special which follows Minnie's wedding planning process, the elaborate wardrobes, traditional and western cuisine,

the couple traverse South Africa in putting together their special occasion. Touching on the traditional wedding and finally culminating in the white wedding, fans will see the absolute beauty of the couple's love and commitment to each other. Viewers will also be treated to snippets of Quinton's proposal to Minnie.

She looked stunning in her traditional outfit right and her event was star-studded from business woman and former Miss SA Basetsana

Khumalo to actress Nandi Madida and her hubby Zakes, Jessica Nkosi and Unathi Msengana amongst others. She was also in Paris for her bachelorette accom-

panied by her bridesmaids. It looks like they had an absolute blast. Minnie's positively glowing!



## The imposter comes to Mzansi Magic

FROM the producers of Rockville, Igazi and Mzansi Magic's popular telenovela, The Queen comes a brand new drama series called The Imposter.

A story about identical twins torn apart by evil.

The Imposter follows a story of twin sisters, Mantwa and Matshepo Tau who find themselves at war as a consequence of a moment that changed their lives. One of the sisters breaks out of prison after spending seventeen years behind bars and takes over the wonderful life of her identical twin who

is responsible for her incarceration.

"We are excited with the reception our dramas have received from the viewers thus far. Our partnership with Ferguson Films has ensured that we attract an even larger audience. The Imposter is ground-breaking and it comes packed with all the ingredients of a great story touching on themes such as love, betrayal, revenge, secrets and manipulation", says Reneilwe Sema, Director of Local Entertainment Channels at M-Net.

Viewers will uncover the

many layers and complexities of characters as they get to know the actors bringing the story to life. Thishiwe Ziqubu takes the lead portraying the role of Matshepo alongside Mpumi Mpama (as Reginald), Khulu Skenjana (as Caesar), Omuhle Gela (as Lerato), Zenzo Nqobe (as Junior), Mary Twala (as Gogo), Owen Sejake (as Warden Moloisi) to name a few.

All is not what it seems in this intriguing 13 part drama and sibling rivalry is expressed in a new level. Can love turn an evil heart to good?

## Bucket List pop-up channel

M-Net and MultiChoice create movie experience of a lifetime with unique pop-up channel.

What is your absolute favourite film of all time? The one that opened your eyes, tugged at your heartstring and made your soul leap with joy you were born in the golden age of cinema? Is there a stack of fantastic features your like-minded friends and family have been raving about, which you're sad to admit you haven't seen YET? You now have the opportunity to tick off all the films you still need to watch – or enjoy again – before it's time to kick the bucket!

MultiChoice and M-Net have created yet another exciting movies pop-up channel as a special treat to DStv Premium customers. Between Monday 30 October and Saturday 2 December the M-Net Movies Bucket List pop-up channel will count down 100 popular and iconic Hollywood movies to see before you die.

This selection of fine films and all-time

favourites will be showcased on DStv's channel 109 with the first of the 100 movies scheduled for just after 18:00 on 30 October. Thereafter, the countdown will continue all the way to the number one main attraction on 2 December at 20:30. Depending on the duration and age-restrictions of these films, the daily countdown will kick off on weekdays at approximately 18:00 and on weekends just before or after 16:00.

To get a nod for the coveted M-Net Movies Bucket List, compiled by an expert team of film fanatics, a movie had to be entrenched in popular culture, define an era, shift mediums, uproot the status quo, delight a variety of audiences, impress critics worldwide and be able to reignite your love for movies.

"Our themed pop-up channels such as the Star Wars, Harry Potter, Fast & Furious and James Bond channels have been huge hits and we promised to continue curating unique experiences for our M-Net Movies audiences," says M-Net CEO, Yolisa Phahle. "With the M-Net Movie Bucket List we're taking the pop-up concept to the next level. Never before have viewers been able to see so many magnificent game-changing movies in one place over such a short time."

While M-Net Movies will share the titles from #100 to #11 on its programming schedules, the Top 10 films on the list will be a top secret. This means that the final films on the M-Net Movies Bucket List will only be revealed to DStv customers on the day of the screening, so you will have to be sure to tune in to channel 109 on the day it airs.

"Keeping hush about these titles just adds

to the excitement of this once-in-a-lifetime movie compilation. We all have our own bucket lists based on our own taste and we believe it will be great fun for movie fans to compare notes and see whether their favourites have made it onto the pop-up channel."

On top of the 100 must-see movies in your lifetime modern-day motion pictures, M-Net Movies will also fuel film fandom with the M-Net Movies Bucket List Bonus Features as well as a fabulous viewers competition. To win big in the M-Net Bucket List viewer's competition you have to curate your own the Top 10 movie list at [mnet.tv/bucketlist](http://mnet.tv/bucketlist). The competition closes on 30 November before the Top 10 hits your screens.

The Bucket List Bonus features will comprise additional classics which can't be ignored, but which will appeal to niche audiences. Among these titles are vintage silver screen darlings that were groundbreaking at their time, like Mary Poppins, Casablanca and Breakfast at Tiffany's.

The M-Net Movies Bucket List schedule (prior to the Top 10) will be published at [www.mnet.tv](http://www.mnet.tv) you can also consult the EPG (Electronic Programming Guide) or catch up on the films you've missed on DStv Catch Up Plus.

If the day's countdown doesn't start at exactly 18:00 or 16:00 M-Net will communicate start times on social media <https://www.facebook.com/MNet> So which of your films will be on the M-Net Movies Bucket List? Start guessing and sharing your thoughts. Join us on @MNet on Twitter #MMBucketList and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MNet/>.



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## 8 DEATHS

Maggie Mntombi Khumalo (nee Msibi)



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
14/10/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
15/10/2017  
PLACE: ENDUBAZI

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Maggie Mntombi Khumalo (nee Msibi) lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu "Mahagane" kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eNdubazi, eMakhosini ngelisontfo ekuseni mhlaka 15 October emva kwemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumnden. Rest in peace Khota Lomuhle.

Jane Gama laMasuku



FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
14/10/2017  
PLACE: EKUPHELENI

Relatives and friends of gogo Jane Gama laMasuku, wife of the late SP Gama are notified of her sudden death. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 14 October 2017 Ekupheleni, Makwane Epulazini Droxford.



Jabulile Lynette Zwane nee Mavuso



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
13/10/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
14/10/2017  
PLACE: MVUBHINI

Relatives and friends of Mrs. Jabulile Lynette Zwane nee Mavuso are notified of her demise. Funeral at her home Mvubhini on Saturday 14 October 2017 after a night vigil on Friday. Memorial service at Ezulwini Roman Catholic School at 2pm. Announcement by the Zwane Family. Rest in peace Mavuso Ncele Lekholwa.

Annie Busisiwe Madonsela



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
13/10/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
14/10/2017  
PLACE: BUHLENI

Relatives, friends and colleagues of Make Annie Busisiwe Madonsela known as "Maraggie" are notified of her demise. Funeral will be at eBuhleni, eTincatsavaneni on Saturday 14 October 2017 at 5:00am after a night vigil commencing at 9pm on Friday. Announcement by



Elizabeth Hezel Mabuza nee Mathonsi



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
14/10/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
15/10/2017  
PLACE: DWALILE

Relatives and friends of Elizabeth Hezel Mabuza nee Mathonsi are notified that she has passed on. She will be buried at her marital home Dwalile on 15 October 2017 after a night vigil on Saturday 14 October 2017. Announcement by Family. Rest in Peace Mjabulase.

Lungile Dlodlu (laLukhele)



FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
14/10/2017  
PLACE: NYAKENI

Kwatiswa tihlobo, bangani, bekhabinina kaSimelane, baka Lukhele eNyakeni, baka Dlodlu ekhakhakhe kanye nebelibandla lakhe kutsi Lungile Dlodlu (laLukhele) akasekho emhlabeni. Usishiye ngalokukhulu kutumeka. Utawufihlwa ngemgcibelo mhlaka 14 October 2017 ekuseni ekhaya kubo eNyakeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise Bernard Mbhubhe Lukhele.



Umntfwanenkosi Jack Mavamatse Lapidos



MEMORIAL: FRIDAY  
13/10/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
14/10/2017  
PLACE: MBEKELWENI

Friends and relatives of Umntfwanenkosi Jack Mavamatse Lapidos are notified of his demise. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 14 October 2017 at Mbekelweni at 6am. Memorial service will be held at Ezulwini Roman Catholic at 2pm on Friday 13 October 2017.

Sabelo Mfanwenkhosi Myeni



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
13/10/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
14/10/2017  
PLACE: ELUHLOKOHLA

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baSabelo Mfanwenkhosi Myeni kutsi akasekho emhlabeni ufihlwa eLuhlokohla. Kulindzelwa ngelesihlanu mhlaka 13 October, afihlwe ngemgcibelo 14 October 2017. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguBabe wakhe Moses Myeni



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## JOB 13:15

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spirits are crushed.

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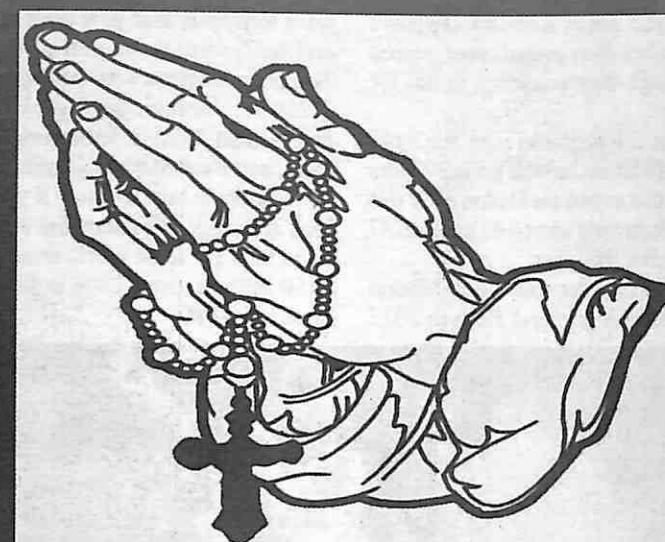
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## 'Spurs must match Kane's ambitions'

**LONDON** - Harry Kane will only stay at Tottenham Hotspur if the club are ready to match his ambitions and brave enough to reject wealthy suitors, according to former Spurs and England midfielder Darren Anderton.

Tottenham have shown a willingness to sell star players in recent years, with Gareth Bale, Luka Modric, Dimitar Berbatov and Michael Carrick all departing for just over £150 million (\$198 million, 167 million euros) combined.

Kane alone would likely top that in today's inflated transfer market but the north London club are adamant their prized asset, reared through their academy, is not for sale.

The 24-year-old was the only Englishman named on a 30-man shortlist to win the Ballon d'Or this week, having scored 43 goals in 37 matches this year.

European champions Real Madrid signed Modric and Bale in 2012

and 2013 and will get a closer look at Kane when Spurs head to the Santiago Bernabeu next week for the first of two Champions League group-stage ties.

Anderton believes it is up to Tottenham to ensure Kane never returns to seal a transfer.

"You hope he's Tottenham through and through," Anderton said. "The way he plays and the way he acts, it certainly looks like he's happy where he is and hopefully he doesn't forget that."

"I think he'll want to complete his journey at Tottenham. He'll want to play in that new stadium and he'll want to be part of the Tottenham team that wins the league."

"But the club have got to go with him on that. If the offer comes in from, say Real Madrid, it will be up to Spurs to turn it down. If you look at his age, his talent, the way he is, he's got to be worth around £150 million, even £200 million now." © AFP

**LONDON** - Danny Rose will snub Chelsea to join Manchester United next summer instead.

Starsport can reveal Rose has set his heart on leaving Tottenham for Old Trafford ahead of the World Cup in Russia.

United boss Jose Mourinho has already identified Rose as one of his main targets and is confident of landing the England star in a £45m deal.

The Blues are also keen on Rose, but the left-back wants a move to United instead because he's keen to work for Mourinho.

A source said: "The lure of United is too strong for him and if he had the choice he would pick United hands down."

Rose has not played since suffering knee ligament damage in a game at Sunderland in January.

He underwent surgery in May and has still not featured for Spurs, but has completed his rehabilitation and is expected to return to training within the next week.

While recovering from his operation, Rose stunned Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino when he criticised the club

in an interview and insisted he would be open to offers from other teams because he wants bigger wages.

Spurs Chairman Daniel Levy fined Rose and made him issue a public apology.

Rose penned a new deal with Spurs in September 2016 worth around £75,000-a-week that tied him to the club until 2021.

But Manchester United have made it clear he is on their wanted list and Rose knows he can double his wages at Old Trafford.

*Daily Mail*

## Paris Saint-Germain set to splash cash again next summer

**LONDON** - Paris Saint-Germain are preparing for another summer of heavy spending next year with the recruitment of Chelsea star N'Golo Kante, according to the Mirror.

The Parisians smashed the world record during the last transfer window when they brought in Neymar from Barcelona for £198million — but they are now looking to bolster their midfield by recruiting the France international for £90million.

Unai Emery also prized Monaco wonderkid Kylian Mbappe from Monaco during the window — initially on loan but a permanent deal



**PRICELESS:** PSG are lining up a £90m bid for Chelsea midfielder N'Golo Kante next summer.

worth £166million will be sealed next summer — to form a star-studded strike

force at Parc des Princes.

But Emery has already turned his sights to strengthening his

squad next summer, hoping to lure Kante away from Stamford Bridge in a deal which would see him become the Premier League's most expensive export.

The 26-year-old is into the second season of his five-year deal, which he penned after joining the Blues for £32million.

The midfielder's combative, ball-winning style would act as perfect foil for PSG's attacking riches to flourish both in Ligue 1 and in Europe.

But it appears the Qatari-backed French outfit are not set to curb their spending just yet.

*Daily Mail*

## Stoke's Allen doubtful for City clash

**LONDON** - Stoke City midfielder Joe Allen is a doubt for Saturday's Premier League game against Manchester City after the Wales international sustained a head injury in Monday's 1-0 loss to Ireland in their final 2018 World Cup qualifier.

Allen was helped off the pitch in the first half at Cardiff after being involved in a collision with Ireland's David Meyler and James McLean, who went on to score the match-winning goal to end Wales' hopes of reaching the World

Cup finals.

British media reports said Allen suffered a suspected concussion and Stoke assistant Manager Mark Bowen said the 27-year-old had been given extended leave until today and would be assessed upon his return.

**Hopeful**

"Joe is an early doubt, but we are still hopeful on him for the weekend..." Bowen told reporters on Tuesday.

"We didn't see any real need to get him in this morning, so fingers crossed

he is ok and available for the game on Saturday.

**Protocol**

"There is protocol to follow with injuries of this nature, which we will of course follow - the doctor will go around later today to see him, but he will come back in on today and we will assess him then."

According to FA guidelines, players who suffer a suspected or confirmed concussion are not allowed to return to play for at least six days after the injury. *SuperSport*



MY BALL: Harry Kane.

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## Chiefs, City want Mashaba

**PRETORIA** - A source at Cape Town City has revealed the club is in a race to sign former Mamelodi Sundowns left back Mzikayise Mashaba.

The defender was earlier released from his contract, making him eligible to join any club.

Chiefs are said to be looking to sign the defender as well and have already held talks with Mashaba's representatives.

"It's going to be difficult for him because Cape Town City want him. But again, Chiefs have made a counter-offer. The boy wants to play because the last couple of months have been hectic for him at Downs.

"His decision will be based on where he thinks he can play because competition is really tough at both clubs," said the source.

*Citizen*



**STRESSED OUT:** Cape Town City coach Benni McCarthy giving instructions during yesterday's training session.

## Returning stars give McCarthy selection headache

**CAPE TOWN** - Cape Town City coach Benni McCarthy is suffering from a major headache - and he expects it to get even worse as the days tick down to Saturday's MTN8 final against SuperSport United at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban (kick-off 7pm).

It is selection that is at the root of the City coach's migraine. With Austrian midfielder Roland Putsche and right-back Thami Mkhize given the green light from the club's medical staff, McCarthy has everybody except for the injured Aubrey Ngoma available for selection.

Putsche missed City's last two games, but has recovered and is fit and well. Mkhize picked up a knock on his Bafana Bafana debut against Burkina Faso at the weekend, and he hobbled through the closing stages of the 2018 World Cup qualifier won 3-1 by South Africa. He, too, though, has a green light to take his place in the cup final.

"I'm having headaches just in selecting the 18 players to make the squad, let alone the 11 who have to start the game," said McCarthy. "Some players are going to be disappointed, but that's the nature of the game. *IOL Sport*



## RECAP OF MTN8 FINALS HISTORY

...This year, there will be a new name on the MTN8 trophy come Saturday evening, as Cape Town City make their maiden final appearance while SuperSport United hope to go one better than their 2012 final loss

**JOHANNESBURG** - This is the 10th year since the Top Eight was rebranded to the MTN8, with many memorable finals taking place over the past nine years as the likes of Oupa Manyisa and 'Slimkat' left their mark.

In that time, Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates were the most successful sides with two wins apiece, with Golden Arrows' 2009 triumph probably one of the finest in history.

This year, there will be a new name on the MTN8 trophy come Saturday evening, as Cape Town City make their maiden final appearance while SuperSport United hope to go one better than their 2012 final loss.

With that in mind KickOff.com will run through all of the last nine finals of the MTN8, starting with the first four:

### ■ 2008: MORIRI'S MISS

The 2008 final was contested between Mamelodi Sundowns and Kaizer Chiefs, yet was a showdown remembered most for missed chances in front of goal. The Brazilians were guilty of squandering a host of opportunities, yet one in particular stuck out as Surprise Moriri missed a sitter in front of goal 10 minutes before full-time, a chance that was harder to miss than score. Lerato Chabangu and Benedict Vilakazi missed two chances themselves thereafter, as the game was destined for penalties. Moriri

buried the first for Downs, but Esrom Nyandoro's next kick was saved, while Thando Mngomeni missed his as Chiefs eventually emerged 4-3 victors.

### ■ 2009: GOAL FEST IN ORLANDO

In the first domestic cup final to be hosted at Orlando Stadium in over 20 years, the fans in the stands were treated to one of the most memorable matches in MTN8 history as Golden Arrows romped to a 6-0 drubbing of Ajax Cape Town - their only piece of top-flight silverware to date. Njabulo Manqana opened the scoring, before a deflected own goal gave Abafana Bes'thenda a 2-0 half-time lead. Play was delayed by almost an hour due to floodlight failure, yet this failed to curtail Arrows' momentum as goals from Richard Henrykane, Thokozani Mshengu and Ntlanla Zothwane, rounded off by a delightful chip from Manqana, sealed the unforgettable victory for the KwaZulu-Natal club.

### ■ 2010: JOSEPHS' GAMES-MANSHIP

Orlando Pirates and Moroka Swallows squared off for the 2010 final, as Daine Klate's 19th-minute penalty gave The Bucs the lead. After dominating the first half, Pirates were pegged back in the second as The Birds went in search of an equalis-

er. And they got it four minutes from time as Gareth Ncaca whipped in a telling ball that got the slightest touch off Morgan Shivambu's head to level matters. A laboured 30 minutes of extra time led to penalties, where the antics of out-spoken goalkeeper Moeneeb 'Slimkat' Josephs came to the fore as he looked to put the Swallows' players off their game. And it worked, as Siyabonga Nomvethe missed his side's third kick while Josephs saved Kagiso Mashishi's attempt to hand Pirates their first major title in 10 years.

### ■ 2011: MANYISA MAGIC

The 2011 final between Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates saw the Bucs continue their impressive form to add another trophy to their bulging basket, and had star midfielder Oupa Manyisa to thank. The then 23-year-old had struck a screamer from range in the semi-final against his now new employers Mamelodi Sundowns, and was clearly wearing the same boots in the final at FNB Stadium. Another final of missed chances in regulation time came and went, with the action heating up in stoppage time as Bongani Ndulula appeared to have headed the Bucs to victory late on, only for his goal to be struck off as he was adjudged to have pushed Dominic Isaacs in the back. Extra time commenced, and on 107 minutes, Manyisa found himself in space and shot from distance, the ball skidding off the turf to bounce past Itumeleng Khune's outstretched arms to rattle the back of the net. Pirates thus defended their trophy, beating Chiefs in a major final for the first time since 1988, and becoming the first team to win the top eight cup in successive years since Amakhosi in 1991-1992.



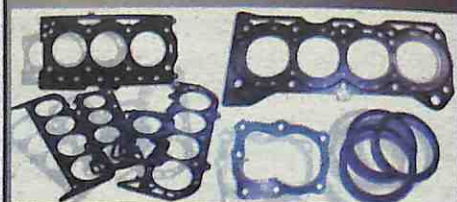
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# ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA ADVANCE

**LONDON** - Lionel Messi fired Argentina into the World Cup with a brilliant hat-trick on Tuesday as South American champions Chile suffered a shock elimination.

Messi single-handedly resurrected Argentina's hopes in a 3-1 win over Ecuador in Quito that drew a line under a chaotic campaign that had left the two-time champions in danger of failing to qualify.

The Barcelona superstar scored twice inside the opening 20 minutes to give Argentina the lead after Ecuador had stunned the visitors with an opening goal from Romario Ibarra after 38 seconds.

Messi then completed his hat-trick - the 44th of his dazzling career - with a sublime chip in the second half to seal the victory.

The Argentinian superstar can now look forward to his fourth appearance at the World Cup at next year's finals in Russia, where he will attempt once more to lead his country to an elusive major title.

Since his country's defeat to Germany

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**QUALIFIES:** Lionel Messi's hat-trick fire Argentina into the World Cup in Russia next year.

in the 2014 World Cup final, Messi has twice suffered agony at major

tournaments with Argentina, losing the finals of both the 2015 Copa

America and the 2016 Copa America Centenario. **AFP**

## US struggles for answers after WCup calamity

**NEW YORK** - Debacle, disaster, catastrophe, calamity. As the post-mortems began on the USA's World Cup elimination, no hyperbolic stone was left unturned.

An erratic qualifying campaign that began with losses to Mexico and Costa Rica, followed by the sacking of coach Jurgen Klinsmann, ended in abject failure against Trinidad and Tobago in the Ato Boldon Stadium.

A 2-1 loss against a side with nothing to play for, and when a simple draw would have secured qualification, means US soccer fans will be left on the outside looking in when next year's World Cup party kicks off. It is the first time since 1986 that the United States will not be present at football's greatest tournament.

Sports Illustrated's respected football writer Grant Wahl described the loss as the "most surreal and embarrassing night in US soccer history." **AFP**

## Ronaldo, Messi make it safely to World Cup

**LONDON** - The possibility of a World Cup without Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi turned out to be a false alarm, yet next year's tournament will still have a major absentee after the United States' extraordinary failure to qualify on Tuesday.

Panama, meanwhile, showed it is perfectly possible for small nations to qualify without expanding the finals to 48 teams, which is planned for the 2026 edition, as they joined Iceland in reaching the tournament for the first time.

South American champions Chile, like African counterparts Cameroon, missed out on a ticket to Russia - and, bizarrely, their elimination was the result of a successful protest made to FIFA about opponents fielding an ineligible player.

Twenty-three of the 32 finalists have now been decided



**MADE IT:** Cristiano Ronaldo congratulating Portugal fans after their last qualifying match.

while the remainder will be settled in November with four European playoffs, two intercontinental playoffs and the final round of African qualifiers, where three groups are still open.

Brazil, who will be making their 21st World Cup appearance, remain the only ever-pre-

sent side at the finals and had qualified long before Tuesday's drama.

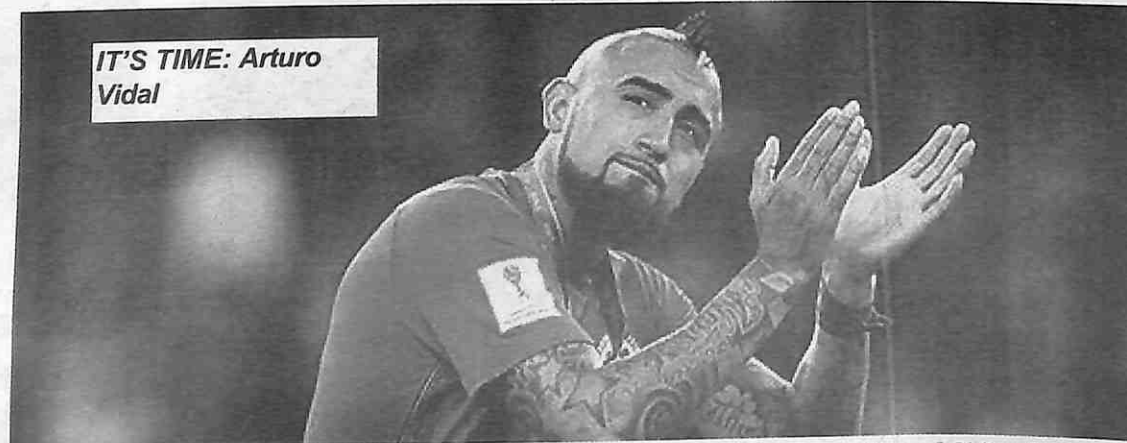
Ronaldo and Messi, who have won FIFA's World Player of the Year award between them since 2008, went into the final group matches uncertain of whether they would take part next year. **Reuters**

## Chile's Vidal retires from national team

**PARIS** - Arturo Vidal says he is retiring from international football with his "soul crushed" after Chile failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup finals.

Vidal missed Chile's final shot at qualification on Tuesday through suspension, the South American champions losing 3-0 to Brazil to miss out on the tournament in Russia next year on goal difference.

Vidal, 30, announced his intention to step down from the national team on Twitter. "Thank you lads, for everything, for all these years together... for teaching me and for showing a country that with effort and work anything is possible in



**IT'S TIME:** Arturo Vidal

life," the Bayern Munich midfielder wrote in Spanish. He said his "soul was crushed" but at the same time

spoke of his "pride at players and staff". Vidal with Alexis Sanchez of Arsenal was part of the golden

generation of Chile players that claimed the Copa America in 2015 and 2016. **AFP**

### 2018 WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS LOGS

Group A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Tunisia	5	4	1	11	4	7	13	
DR Congo	5	3	1	11	6	5	10	
Guinea	5	1	0	4	5	11	-6	3
Libya	5	1	0	4	4	10	-6	3
Group B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Nigeria	5	4	1	0	11	3	8	13
Zambia	5	2	1	2	6	5	1	7
Cameroon	5	1	3	1	5	7	-2	6
Algeria	5	0	1	4	3	10	-7	1
Group C	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Morocco	5	2	3	0	9	0	9	9
Cote d'Ivoire	5	2	2	1	7	3	4	8
Gabon	5	1	2	2	2	7	-5	5
Mali	5	0	3	2	1	9	-8	3
Group D	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Senegal	4	2	2	0	6	2	4	8
Burkina Faso	5	1	3	1	6	6	0	6
Cape Verde	5	2	0	3	4	8	-4	6
South Africa	4	1	1	2	6	6	0	4
Group E	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Egypt	5	4	0	1	7	3	4	12
Uganda	5	2	2	1	2	1	1	8
Ghana	5	1	3	1	6	4	2	6
Congo	5	0	1	4	4	11	-7	1
Europe   LOGS	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Group A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
France	10	7	2	1	18	6	12	23
Sweden	10	6	1	3	26	9	17	19
Netherlands	10	6	1	3	21	12	9	19
Bulgaria	10	4	1	5	14	19	-5	13
Luxembourg	10	1	3	6	8	26	-18	6
Belarus	10	1	2	7	6	21	-15	5
Group B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Portugal	10	9	0	1	32	4	28	27
Switzerland	10	9	0	1	23	7	16	27
Hungary	10	4	1	5	14	14	0	13
Faroe Islands	10	2	3	5	4	16	-12	9
Latvia	10	2	1	7	7	18	-11	7
Andorra	10	1	1	8	2	23	-21	4
Group C	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Germany	10	10	0	0	43	4	39	30
Northern Ireland	10	6	1	3	17	6	11	
Czech Republic	10	4	3	3	17	10	7	
Norway	10	4	1	5	17	16	1	13
Azerbaijan	10	3	1	6	10	19	-9	10
San Marino	10	0	0	10	2	51	-49	0
Group D	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Serbia	10	6	3	1	20	10	10	21
Rep of Ireland	10	5	4	1	12	6	6	19
Wales	10	4	5	1	13	6	7	17
Austria	10	4	3	3	14	12	2	15
Georgia	10	0	5	5	8	14	-6	5
Moldova	10	0	2	8	4	23	-19	2
Group E	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Poland	10	8	1	1	28	14	14	25
Denmark	10	6	2	2	20	8	12	20
Montenegro	10	5	1	4	20	12	8	16
Romania	10	3	4	3	12	10	2	13
Armenia	10	2	1	7	10	26	-16	7
Kazakhstan	10	0	3	7	6	26	-20	3
Group F	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
England	10	8	2	0	18	3	15	26
Slovakia	10	6	0	4	17	7	10	18
Scotland	10	5	3	2	17	12	5	18
Slovenia	10	4	3	3	12	7	5	15
Lithuania	10	1	3	6	7	20	-13	6
Malta	10	0	1	9	3	25	-22	1
Group G	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Spain	10	9	1	0	36	3	33	28
Italy	10	7	2	1	21	8	13	23
Albania	10	4	1	5	10	13	-3	13
Israel	10	4	0	6	10	15	-5	12
MacFYR	10	3	2	5	15	15	0	11
Liechtenstein	10	0	0	10	1	39	-38	0



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# FIFA SUSPENDS PAKISTAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION

**ZURICH - FIFA said yesterday it was banning the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF), barring the country's national and club teams from competing in international competition with immediate effect.**

Zurich-based FIFA cited "undue third-party interference" as the reason for its decision.

FIFA said in a statement that the suspension would prevent Pakistani teams, including the national side, from playing in international competition and

the PFF from benefiting from FIFA development and training programmes.

"The PFF offices and its accounts remain in control of a court-appointed administrator, which constitutes a violation of the PFF obligations to manage its affairs independently and without influence from any third parties in accordance with the FIFA Statutes," said FIFA.

"The suspension will be lifted once the PFF offices and access to the PFF accounts are returned to the PFF."

A PFF spokesman told Reuters by email they had no immediate comment but were preparing a statement to explain "the background which led to this and also our views on the suspension".

According to FIFA records, Pakistan, 200th of 211 teams in the world rankings, have not played a full international since a 0-0 draw with Yemen in a World Cup qualifier in March 2015. Pakistan have never qualified for the World Cup.

Reuters



**APPEALS: FIFA's former secretary general Jerome Valcke.**

## Valcke at CAS to appeal 10-year corruption ban

**LAUSANNE - FIFA's former secretary general Jerome Valcke was at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne yesterday to appeal his 10-year ban from football.**

Valcke was given an initial 12-year ban, reduced by two years on appeal, by FIFA's ethics committee over a ticket scam at the 2014 Soccer World Cup in Brazil. "I don't know whether a sentence is unfair, but I have come here to defend myself and obtain a fairer decision," the former chief lieutenant to disgraced ex-FIFA boss Sepp Blatter told the press before his hearing.

"The objective today is to ask for the ban to be lifted," added one of his lawyers, Stephane Ceccaldi. "Valcke is not allowed to have any contact with football for the next ten years, a sanction that is in itself particularly questionable." "We are hoping that his career is not over," Ceccaldi said.

The 56-year-old Frenchman, employed by FIFA from 2003 to January 2016, was sacked by football's ruling body over his involvement in black market ticket sales and misconduct in television deals. Valcke's fall from grace came as part of a massive corruption scandal that shook FIFA's foundations, with Blatter banned for six years on charges relating to a two million Swiss francs payment to then-UEFA chief Michel Platini. Platini was also suspended from football for four years.

Valcke, now based near Barcelona where he runs an events management company, is also the subject of a Swiss prosecutors investigation over "various acts of criminal mismanagement" connected with ticket sales.. AFP

## Gulf rivals trade barbs over 2022 World Cup in Qatar

**DOHA - Qatar reacted angrily yesterday after its Gulf rival the United Arab Emirates questioned whether it should be allowed to host the 2022 football World Cup without a change of policy.**

A UAE minister had said on Tuesday that Doha's hosting of the tournament should include a commitment to fighting extremism, comments that threatened to engulf the sport in the diplomatic crisis that has riven the region since June.

The UAE and three other Arab countries led by Saudi Arabia have cut all diplomatic and transport links with the emirate and barred its citizens until it meets their demand for a drastic change in policy.

They accuse Qatar of supporting "terrorist groups" but their allegations largely focus on the Muslim Brotherhood, a group blacklisted by them but not by the United Nations or Western governments.

UAE state minister for foreign affairs Anwar Gargash tweeted that Qatar's hosting of the world's pre-

mier football tournament risked tarnishing the game.

"Hosting World Cup 2022 should not be tainted by support of extremist individuals & orgs/terrorist figures, review of Qatar's policies a must," he said.

### Policies

"Qatar's hosting of World Cup 2022 should include a repudiation of policies supporting extremism and terrorism. Doha should review its record."

Qatar retorted that Gargash's comments were just "petty jealousy" from the UAE, whose main cities Abu Dhabi and Dubai have long prided themselves on being the natural venues for major international events in the Gulf.

"The UAE's demand that Qatar give up the World Cup shows their illegal blockade is founded on petty jealousy, not real concerns," a government statement said.

"The World Cup, like our sovereignty, is not up for discussion or negotiation." AFP

## ZONGO'S COURT APPEARANCE DATE FOR ALLEGED RAPE

**CAPE TOWN - Masibusane Zongo remains in police custody, as confirmed by the National Prosecuting Authority.**

The talented but wayward midfielder is set to appear in court again this week after being accused of rape. The 27-year-old is currently in police custody in the Western Cape for the alleged incident which is believed to have taken place in February 2013 in Cape Town.

Western Cape's NPA spokesman, Eric Ntabazalila, confirmed the details of the dribbling star's arrest, as well as his next scheduled court appearance.

"I can confirm that Masibusane Zongo is charged with the rape of a 19-year-old woman in Goodwood on 9th February 2013. He was arrested on 7th March 2013 and has appeared at the Parow Regional Court.

"After his arrest, he was released on bail with the normal conditions that he must appear in court on the next court date. He breached bail con-

ditions and a warrant of arrest was issued. He was rearrested and he lost his bail. Since then he has been in custody. The trial was supposed to start on 7th June 2017 but his legal representative, Advocate Noxaka, was not in court on the day and advised the court that he was going to withdraw from representing the accused.

"A new legal representative, Mr Kroukamp, came on record but requested that the matter be postponed for him to receive further particulars from the state and for him to consult with his client. So, he (Zongo) last appeared on 5th September 2017 at the Parow Regional Court where he pleaded not guilty. The case has now been remanded to 13th October 2017 for further trial. And he is in custody," said Ntabazalila.

The Mthatha-born player was last on the books of Royal Eagles, having joined the KZN-based NFD outfit, after being released from Platinum Stars last year.

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## I must be realistic at Newcastle - Benitez

**CAPE TOWN - Newcastle United manager Rafa Benitez insists he is content with his job at the Magpies and is willing to remain realistic about his team's expectations.**

The former Liverpool and Real Madrid boss did not have the financial power of the bigger Premier League clubs to strengthen as much as he wanted in the off-season.

However, he has accepted the challenge of making the most of what he has to work with and is determined to work hard on improving each of his players.

"You have to be pragmatic," said Benitez, as quoted by the Shields Gazette.

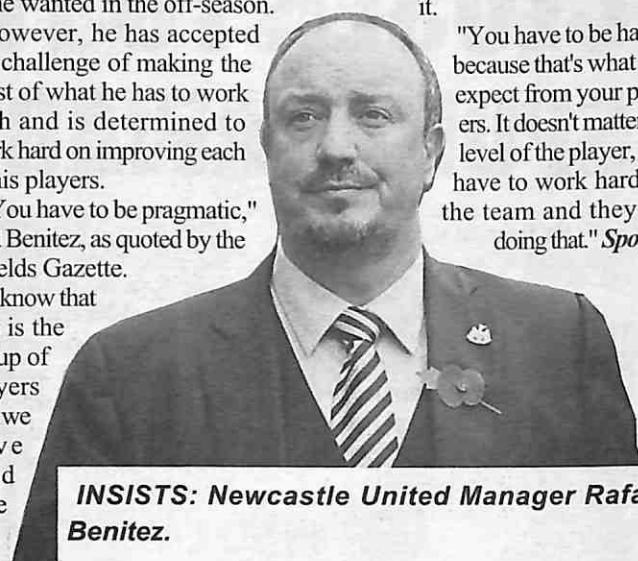
"I know that this is the group of players that we have and we

have to try and improve them.

"We are working with them on the pitch and they are working really well. We can see some improvements, but still I think we can do better.

"You can see how they approach every training session, how they approach every game, the commitment of the game, the team spirit.

"You have to be happy because that's what you expect from your players. It doesn't matter the level of the player, you have to work hard for the team and they are doing that." Sport24



**INSISTS: Newcastle United Manager Rafa Benitez.**

## Dolly, Zungu smoke peace pipe

**JOHANNESBURG - Bafana midfielders Bongani Zungu and Keagan Dolly are said to have 'kissed and made up' after an alleged fight in the previous national team camp.**

Dolly and Zungu reportedly got into a fight after South Africa lost for the second time to Cape Verde.

It is alleged that the former Mamelodi Sundowns players got into an argument that almost led to them exchanging blows.

Dolly is said to have been upset that Zungu threw a party in his room the same night Bafana Bafana lost to Cape Verde.

Bafana Bafana's technical team is said to have dealt with the matter quietly with the pair making up on the first day of camp when the team prepared to face Burkina Faso.

Dolly shared a picture of himself and Zungu on the training field with well wishes for Zungu on his birthday. Citizen

## Sharapova triumphs in Tianjin Opener

**TIANJIN - Maria Sharapova made an impressive start to the Tianjin Open yesterday, beating Romania's Irina-Camelia Begu in straight sets.**

Seeded ninth, Begu loomed as a tricky first-round opponent for Sharapova, but the former world number one from Russia swept to a 6-4, 6-2 victory.

Currently ranked 86th after recently returning from a 15-month doping ban, Sharapova was granted a wildcard to play in the Chinese event.

The 30-year-old, who returned to tennis in April after serving a suspension for taking the banned sub-

stance meldonium, has yet to win a tournament since returning to the sport.

The five-time Grand Slam winner exited the China Open last week in the third round at the hands of Romania's Simona Halep, the newly crowned world number one.

But Sharapova had no such trouble against Begu, seeing off the 57th-ranked Romanian in 82 minutes in their first-round encounter.

She will next play Magda Linette of Poland or the Ukrainian Kateryna Bondarenko, both unseeded. AFP



**SHINES: Maria Sharapova.**





# CLOSER TO THE BONE: NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS DRAWING CLOSER

By Dumisani Ntiwane  
(SNSRC Media Officer)

WITH each passing day, we are drawing closer and closer to the inaugural National Sports Awards, which is the ultimate reward programme of sport in the country.

...Tickets cost only E50 and E250 for VIP and already on sale

The Awards seek to recognise and motivate excellence in sport participation by all sport practitioners.

The Sports Star award is the only category of the 10, which will be open to the public for voting. Please note that voting has already started.

We urge the public to vote for their favourite stars using the landlines and or through the internet.

## Needed

All what is needed is for one to purchase an Umkhululi phone card and then dial his or her favourite star allocated number.

For this category, we have 14 nominees and each nominee has been allocated a voting number.

We are fully aware that this one will be very tense, as it will be decided through weighted adjudication and

of course the public voting.

Voting lines will, however, be closed on October 28 at 12 noon, as the awards date is that same day, so voting lines will be closed early to allow for the counting of votes, ahead of the gala night at the Convention Centre.



## IT IS SO EASY TO VOTE

### (Telephonically)

For one to be able to vote for his or her favourite Sports Star nominee, one must purchase the SwaziTelecom recharge cards for E5, E10, E15, E20, E50 and E100 or alternatively the Umkhululi Ekhyaya Phone Cards of either E25, E50 or E100. Please note that each vote will be charged at E2.

Here is a simple step by step guide on how to vote:

Enter the recharge voucher pin number in the space provided

Select the star you want to vote for

Once you have received confirmation of

your vote you will be unable to make any changes

### Internet Voting:

<http://voting.sptc.co.sz>

The Swaziland National Sports Awards voting process comprises of two simple steps:

1. Enter your Recharge [12 digits]/Calling (10 digits) (if allowed) Card PIN and then click SUBMIT CARD PIN button
2. Place your vote by entering your voting amount, selecting the vote code and then clicking submit

Athlete	Voting Number
Thandolwethu Motsa – Taekwondo	8701
Mfanawekhaya Dube – Taekwondo	8702
Likhwa Manyatsi – Football	8703
Carlota Munave – Taekwondo	8704
Robin Young – Swimming	8705
Sibusiso Matsenjwa – Athletics	8706
Linda Dlamini – Oyama Kyokushin	8707
Tony Tsabedze – Football	8708
Phumlile Ndzinisa – Athletics	8709
Jabulisile Khathwane – Netball	8710
Carol Preat – Cycling	8711
Mcebo Dlodlu – Athletics	8712
Qhawe Nzima – Special Olympics	8713
Phenduliwe Mavuso – Athletics	8714

## Affordable tickets for National Sports Awards

WE are positive that the public will be thrilled to know that for only E50 they can and will be part of the historic National Sports Awards, which as already stated, are slated for 28 October at the Convention Centre.

Of course we also have the VIP tickets that cost only E250 and they carry a bumper package, which includes dining with the Head of the Government, the Prime Minister Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini.

Ticket outlets  
Manzini – Nandos  
Ezulwini – Ocean Basket at the Gables  
Mbabane – Nandos

Who will you vote for? Here are brief profiles on the 14 candidates for the Sports Star category.

Name	Age	Profile	Career Ranking
Thandolwethu Motsa – Taekwondo	20	National Champion U56kg - 2010 - 2015 Placed top 8 at ANOCA Youth Games 2014 World Junior Olympic Qualifiers - Last 32 World Junior Taekwondo Championships 2014 - Last 32 Part of NOC Gold Program	Place 19.908 with 5 points
Mfanawekhaya Dube – Taekwondo	17	National Champion Under 48kg 2015 to 2016 Korean Ambassadors Cup Championship Gold medalist.	Place 19.908 with 5 points
Likhwa Manyatsi – Football	18	A talented and top performer at U15 Football National Team that participated at the ANOCA Youth Games in Botswana 2015. Top goal scorer in the U17 Esibayeni Lodge sponsored league under the PSL. Part of Team Swaziland at AUSC R5 U20 Angola. Continues to graduate to higher age category at team level and national team level	
Carlota Munave – Taekwondo	20	National Champion U48kg : 2010 - 2015 Placed top 16 at World Junior Championships 2014 Placed top 16 at ANOCA Youth Games 2014 Top 8 Junior Olympics 2014 Swaziland Epilepsy Foundation Brand Ambassador	
Robin Young – Swimming	17	Represented Swaziland at the FINA World Championships 2016 Nominated to represent Swaziland at the Olympic Youth Games 2018 2016 National Champion - 50m & 100m Backstroke Event	
Sibusiso Matsenjwa – Athletics	29	National Record Holder 100m and 200m; National Champion 100m and 200m Represented Swaziland at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014 Represented Swaziland at the IAAF World Championships 2016 Represented Swaziland at the Olympic Games 2016 - New 200m National Record Best Athlete - SARPCO Games 2016; Outstanding Performance - All Africa Games 2015 - Position 6 overall	
Linda Dlamini – Oyama Kyokushin	31	National Champion 2016 Heavyweight Division STANLIB's Oyama Champ of Champs Champion 2015 and 2016 Last 8 at World Kyokushin Karate Championships 2016	
Tony Tsabedze – Football	32	King's Super Cup 2015 winner with Mbabane Swallows. Swazi Bank Cup 2016 winner with Mbabane Swallows Ingwenyama Cup 2015 and 2016 winner with Mbabane Swallows Castle Premier Challenge 2015 and 2016 winner with Mbabane Swallows COSAFA Castle Cup 2016 bronze medalist with senior national football team Sihlangu. Captain at club and national team level He has won numerous PLS Player of the Match and Month Awards;	
Phumlile Ndzinisa – Athletics	37	National Record Holder 200m and 400m IAAF African Championships 2014 - set new 200m and 400m National Records Olympic Solidarity Scholarship recipient IAAF Scholarship recipient All Africa Games 2015 - new 200 and 400m National Records All Africa Games 2015 - semi-final elimination All Africa Games 2015 - ranked 6th in Africa overall Represented Swaziland in Olympic Games 2016 All Africa Games 2015 - award for outstanding performance	

Name	Age	Profile	Career Ranking
Jabulisile Khathwane – Netball	33	Senior Netball National Team player; Has played in all junior netball national teams Top Goal Scorer - 2016 Netball National League Bronze Medalist at COSANA Regional Championships 2015 Most Improved and Accurate Goal Scorer Awarded IFNA Scholarship during the COSANA Regional Championships 2015 NNAS Best Player 2016 Versatile player, as she also excels in volleyball.	
Carol Preat – Cycling	35	Represented Swaziland at the Commonwealth Games Glasgow Scotland 2014 Participated at the African Continental Championships 2015 Represented Swaziland in the All Africa Games 2016 in Brazzaville - 15th place overall 2018 Commonwealth Games Nominee Position 1 and 2 in various national road races 2015 and 2016	
Mcebo Dlodlu – Athletics	22	USC R5 U20 Youth Games 2014: T13 100m - Gold; T13 200m - Gold T13 400m - Gold Olympic Regional: T13 1500m - Gold AAS National Championships 2015 100m - #4 Finals AAS National Championships 2016 100m - #3	
Qhawe Nzima – Special Olympics	24	Participated in the World Special Olympics 2015 - 800m - Personal Best Special Olympics National Champion 2014 - 800m	
Phenduliwe	20	Bronze Medal - AUSC R5 U20 Youth Games 2016 - T13 Event	
Mavuso – Athletics			

The other categories, which will however be decided by the adjudication panel are:  
Outstanding Junior Sportsman  
Outstanding Junior Sportswoman  
Outstanding Sportsman  
Outstanding Sportswoman  
Outstanding Paralympic Sportsman

Outstanding Paralympic Performance/ Sportswoman  
Outstanding Sports Team  
Outstanding Sports Coach  
Outstanding Sports Leader  
Outstanding National Sports Association  
Outstanding Sports Journalist  
Sports Star  
Lifetime Achievement Sports Award



# WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SPONSORSHIP



**HERE YOU ARE:** Australian High Commissioner Adam McCarthy presents the replica E420 000 cheque to the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini. This was during the presentation of the wheelchair basketball sponsorship to Cheshire Homes at the Mountain Inn Hotel yesterday. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)



**REDS:** The Australian high commissioner with the red team.



**BIG UPS:** The Australian High Commissioner Adam McCarthy with the Project Manager, Jon Leueng.



**SHOOT:** One of the players attempts a shoot.



**CONTROL:** Another player controlling the ball.



**WE ARE ALSO SPECIAL:** Federation of Disabled People in Swaziland (FODSWA) Chairperson Mandla Methula making his remarks.



**WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU:** Swazi Mobile Brand and Communications Manager was also in attendance to show the company's support.

**SUPPORT:** Different companies came out to support the initiative.



**CHIT-CHAT:** Swaziland National Basketball League Secretary Mandla Shongwe conversing with Swaziland National Sports and Recreational Council's Phili Mhlanga.

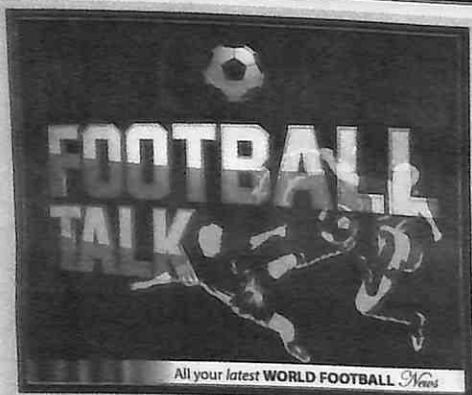


**GOOD TO MEET YOU:** Swaziland National Sports and Recreational Council's Media Officer Dumsane Ntiwane greets SOGCA CEO representative Thabsile.



**UNITED IN SPORTS:** Delegates posing for a picture with the players after the match.





● Arsenal forward Mesut Ozil, 28, is set to stay at the club, because no other side is willing to pay his £330 000-a-week wage demands. (Sun)

● However, Jack Wilshere is considering a move away from Arsenal, with the 25-year-old midfielder keen to secure more playing time and force his way into England's World Cup squad. (Times)



● Tottenham full-back Danny Rose is set for a move to Manchester United. Chelsea are also interested in Rose, but the 27-year-old favours a move to United to work with Manager Jose Mourinho. (Daily Star)

● Real Madrid are prepared to offer former Tottenham players Luka Modric, 32, and 28-year-old Gareth Bale, as well as forward Karim Benzema, 29, to Spurs as part of a swap deal for striker Harry Kane, 24. (Diario Gol, via Daily Star)

● The European champions would consider selling Wales forward Bale to Manchester United if they could recoup the £85m they paid for him. (El Confidencial, via Metro)

● Paris St-Germain are planning a £90m move for Chelsea's France midfielder N'Golo Kante, 26. (Daily Mirror)

● Manchester City and Spain playmaker David Silva, 31, is on the verge of signing a new contract with the club. (Daily Mail)

● Manchester City are expected to make a January move for Alexis Sanchez with players at Arsenal understood to believe the 28-year-old Chile forward will finally be allowed to leave. (Telegraph)

● The Italian Football Federation will approach Chelsea boss Antonio Conte to take over as Italy coach for a second time after next summer's World Cup. (Daily Express)

● Tottenham midfielder Harry Winks is set to be given a new contract that will double the 21-year-old England international's wages to £40 000 a week. (Times)

● Leicester City still want to sign 26-year-old Crystal Palace winger Andros Townsend. (Daily Mirror)

● Manchester United and France forward Anthony Martial, 21, is happy at Old Trafford despite being linked with Arsenal. (Manchester Evening News)



● Former Germany striker Karl-Heinz Riedle has told Arsenal midfielder Mesut Ozil, 28, he should reject a move to Manchester United. (Omnisport, via Metro)

● Inter Milan and Juventus are considering moves for Arsenal's 31-year-old France striker Olivier Giroud. (Calciomercato, via Daily Express)

# KHATHWANE LEADS SPORTS AWARDS VOTING LINES

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SPORTS - NETBALL** star Jabusile Khathwane is currently leading the voting lines of the inaugural National Sports Awards with 46 votes.

The netball star has so far amassed a total of 46 votes and is closely followed by football star Tony 'TT' Tsabedze with 45 votes.

The ground breaking awards event is slated for October 28 at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre.

Admission is E50 (general) and E250 for VIP.

The developments were announced by Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane, who invited the nation to the event.

"We would like to invite the nation to the awards where we will be honouring our sports stars and we appeal-

## VOTING CODES

VOTING CODES	TEAM NAME	IVR VOTES	INTERNET VOTES	TOTAL
8710	Jabusile Khathwane - Netball	45	1	46
8708	Tony Tsabedze - Football	17	21	38
8711	Carol Preat - Cycling	25	10	35
8705	Robin Young-Swimming 2	25	2	7
8707	Linda Dlamini -Oyama Kyokushin	26	0	26
8701	Thandolwethu MotsaTaekwondo	3	2	5
8702	Mfanawekhaya Dube -Taekwondo	2	0	2
8712	Mcebo Dladu - Athletics	2	0	2
8703	Likhwa Manyatsi - Football	1	0	1
8704	Carlota Munave -Taekwondo	1	0	1
8706	Sibusiso Matsenjwa - Athletics	1	0	1
8709	Phumlile Ndzinisa - Athletics	1	0	1
8713	Qhawe Nzima - Special Olympics	1	0	1
8714	Phenduliwe Mavuso - Athletics	1	0	1
	GRAND TOTAL	128	59	187

ing to Swazis to buy their ticket early since they are limited."

Tickets are available with a number of outlets in the country, including Nandos branches (Mbabane, Matsapha and Manzini) as well as Ocean Basket at The Gables shop-

ping centre.

Ntiwane also encouraged the nation to continue voting for the sports star using the Umkhululi pre paid services.

"The voting lines are still open and we are appealing to the nation

to support local sports by voting for their own stars using the available services," he added.

Above is the voting update for the category of Sports Star in the National Sports Awards. Voting closes at 12 noon on October 28.

## A new comer leads the pack in Swazi Trac league

By Sports Reporter

**SOCCER - MALINDZA** based side Malahleni United have taken Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League by storm following their positive start in the current campaign which sees them occupying the top spot in the 16-team league.

In their first season in the Super League, having been promoted from Malindza Zonal League, United have demonstrated strong intent for

championship as they have so far amassed 10 points in four games, closely followed by another new kid on the block, Mkhweli United with nine points in three games. Rail United are perched in position three with eight points while Hot Chillies are fourth with seven points. Effectively that means the fourth team is separated by three points with the team on the summit of the log, thus making the league a tightly contested one so far.

It seems like the going is getting tougher for Lubhuku Liverpool,

Magwanyane, Manyovu Young Fighters and Kukhanyeni F.C who are still win-less in three games.

The league games kicked off on a high note as teams continue to thrill the followers in different venues across the region. In the past weekend, the table toppers, Malahleni United beat Dangerous Darkies 1-0 while Mkhweli United overcame Magwanyane F.C 2-1 with Rail United held 0-0 by the determined Hot Chillies.

The other games saw Ubombo Flyers beating Lubhuku 2-1, Juventus

whacked CPL 1-0 and CK Survivors beat Kukhanyeni 2-0.

Former Premier League side Illovo were held to a goalless draw by Manyovu Young Fighters while City Warriors claimed the scalp of Shewula Professionals with a 2-0 scoreline.

The league is sponsored to the tune of E56 000 by agricultural inputs and tractor dealers Swazi Trac Pty Ltd which saw an increment of E3 500 from last season's package, which stood at E52 500.

## RSSC Siyakha grassroot programme kicked off in high note

Stories by Sports Reporter

**SOCCER - THE RSSC Siyakha** grassroot football programme resumed on a high note on Saturday as about 85 children between the ages of 5 to 10 participated in the grand opening event at Mafucula.

The programme, facilitated by the office of FA Technical Director in conjunction with Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA), attracted scores of people from the neighbouring areas, who watched with delight as the young ones were imparted with the basic football skills.

Dribbling and passing formed part of the skills the children were expected to grasp under the watchful eye of FA Technical Director Boy 'Bizzah' Mkhonta and other instructors, including Thulani Mavuso, Sicelo Nene, Lois Munro and Phumzile Dlamini, to name

## RSSC Siyakha programme hits Tambankulu

**SOCCER - THE** beat goes on for the RSSC Siyakha football programme as Under-16 teams are expected to battle it out for honours in a one-day tournament slated for Tambankulu Stadium on Saturday.

About 15 teams will be participating in the tournament which will start at 8am.

This is according to LRFA Secretary General Sicelo Nene. Nene revealed that there would be a lot of prizes at stake, includ-

only a few.

Amongst the attendees were also coach educators and community volunteers as well as teachers from neighbouring schools, who demonstrated high interest in aiding this developmental programme.

Making his remarks after witnessing the energetic children sweat-



ing trophies, medals to be awarded to winners on the day.

The RSSC Siyakha programme

ing it out the whole day, Mkhonta expressed his delight about the response shown by the participants and the support shown by the elders, who comprise of parents/ guardians of the children. He then encouraged teachers to form part of the programme so as to help develop future national team players, who

is a brainchild of giant sugar manufacturing company RSSC which pumped in a sum of E180 000 spread equally in three categories namely; Northern Zone Senior League, Juniors League, and grassroots programme. This programme, which started two seasons ago, has proven to be the right tonic for the football passionate people of areas within the sugar belt and surroundings as evidenced by the massive support each time the activities are staged.

would go on to leave a mark even abroad. He stressed on the significance of such programme on the future of football, citing that professional teams ought to identify the talent at a very tender age and nurture the youngsters until they reach greater heights in as far as their potential is concerned.



# 'BIRDS' MKHWELI, CALLIES' JABULANI ARE SEPTEMBER'S BEST

Stories by Sports Reporter

**SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows left back Sanele Mkhweli and Tambankulu Callies midfielder Jabulani Mbimbili have walked away with the first monthly awards this season.**

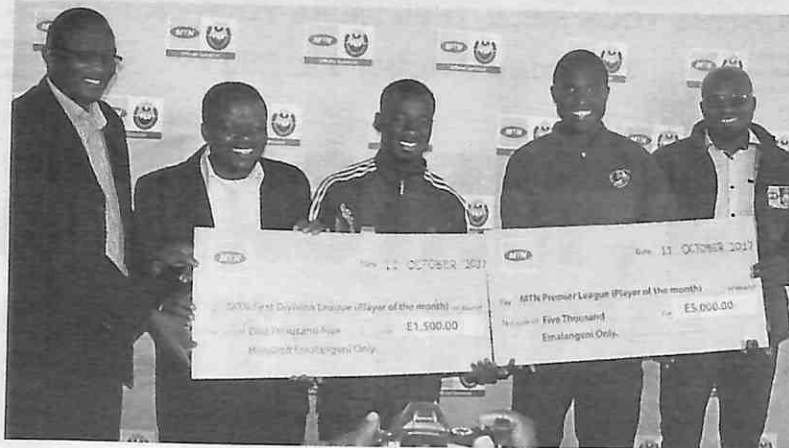
The two players were crowned MTN Premier League and National First Division players of the month of September, respectively.

For their achievement, Mkhweli received E5 000 while Mbimbili went home with E1 500. Presenting the players during an event held at Sigwaca House yesterday was PLS Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati, who congratulated the players on their achievement.

## Congratulate

"We want to congratulate these players for being the first to win these awards in the new season. By winning the September awards, they have put themselves in contention of snatching the ultimate Player of the Season award," he said.

He also thanked MTN Swaziland for increasing the sponsorship package as well as the individual awards, which he said was good motivation to the players. "We really appreciate these efforts by



**WELL DONE:** Mbabane Swallows left back Sanele Mkhweli and Tambankulu Callies midfielder Jabulani Mbimbili receiving their cheques from MTN's Meshack Maseko while PLS COO Pat Vilakati and Musa Masuku looks on during the presentation held at Sigwaca House yesterday. (Pic: Qondile Ntiwane)

the sponsor because not only does it create competition amongst the players but also it improves our league," he said. Also present during the event was MTN Brand and Sponsorship Manager Meshack Maseko, who said part of their objective was promoting individual brilliance amongst the local players.

"As MTN we want to come up with

innovative ways on how we can improve individual brilliance as is the case internationally. It is for this reason that we have introduced the hattrick promotion and we believe these promotions will motivate our players.

"If the players are motivated, the supporters will be excited and such supporters are not violent," he said.

## ...award a motivation to us - players

**SOCCER - MEANWHILE, the Mbabane Swallows defender Sanele Mkhweli is a happy man after being named the MTN Premier League player for September.**

Interviewed after the presentation held at Sigwaca House yesterday, Mkhweli said it was motivating to see his efforts inside the field of play being recognised through this award.

"I am really happy to have won this award as it shows that people notice what I do inside the pitch. As players, this incentive really motivates us to improve our game. I would like to dedicate it to my teammates because without them I couldn't have won it since we play as a team.

On the other hand, National First Division log leaders Tambankulu Callies midfielder Jabulani Mbimbili said he was also excited to be named a player of the month.

"I am really happy to see my efforts being recognised and helping my team to where it is now. I will make sure to

go back to training and work harder so I can get another award," he said.

The midfielder, who has scored three goals this season, said it was his wish to win other prestigious awards, including the top goal scorer or player of the season award. Also present during the presentation was the PLS Awards Committee Chairman Musa Masuku, who explained the criteria used in selecting these players.

"We believe it is good that we explain the criteria as there are a number of factors considered before a particular player is chosen. We would also like to make it clear that the PLS has no control over the committee and who it chooses for these awards," he said.

## The criteria

● The league table is the first determining factor used to check which team deserves to produce the player of the month looking at the number of matches played in correlation with the goals scored and conceded in that particular month.

● Players are assessed on their performance for the number of matches they played that particular month. Due to the different positions on the pitch, the committee checks each player's contribution to his position and how best he performed compared to other players.

● The committee will also look at stats like highest clean sheet (in the case of goalkeepers), number of goals scored, defensive duties or how influential the player was in his team's play and result.

● They also look at the number of assists or in that area of the player's position, how he contributed or if he has done that what is required of him.

● Lastly, the committee looks at the player's discipline during games; home and away for the month. Players who display indiscipline or harass match officials will not be eligible for these awards.

## Dominic commends players

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER - YOUNG Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene commended his players for displaying a gallant fighting spirit during their 1-0 win over Vovovo FC during an MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium on Tuesday night.**

He said this was a tough match but the players demonstrated determination to get the three points.

"I am happy with the performance of my boys. They played with zeal and determination throughout the match and I am positive they will carry this attitude going forward." He said the players managed to play according to his instructions. "They managed to stick to our game plan, which was to cut supply to their striker Mohammed Sabella and break them on the flanks when offensive.

This worked well for us as we managed to win this match and get the three points. We will not be carried away by this win but will continue to work hard and prepare for the next matches." Meanwhile, his Vovovo counterpart Caleb



**COMMENDS:** Young Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene.

Ngwenya said they were unlucky on the night.

"I think we played well in the first half where we matched them pound for pound. We only failed to contain them in the second half due to lapse of concentration where they eventually scored their goal which demoralised my players," he said.

## 'Madze' happy with three points

**SOCCER - GREEN Mamba coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga says they are now regaining their winning momentum in the league following their 2-0 win over Malanti Chiefs.**

This was during an MTN Premier League match played at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Tuesday night.

'Madze' said he was happy with their second win in a row.

"We are now on the right track following tonight's win as I was worried about complacency, coming from the previous big win against Manzini Wanderers."

He said the players managed to keep shape throughout the match.

"I am happy with the way they executed the game plan. Our strikers looked sharp and we have to maintain the same spirit. We will

not rest but keep on pushing in all the upcoming games in order to remain in the competing fray," he said.

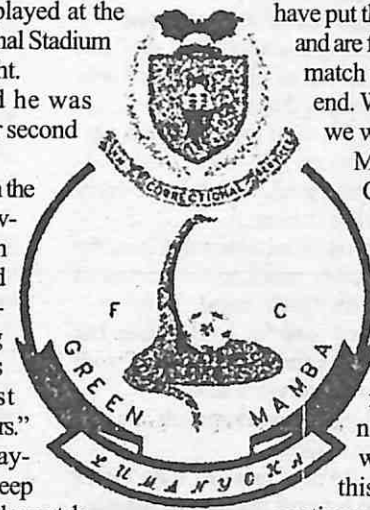
Bulunga said they would now prepare for the next match.

"There is no time to rest, we have put this game behind us and are focusing on the next match this coming weekend. We will be ready as we want three points."

Meanwhile, Malanti Chiefs mentor Christopher Tembo said they just lost to a better team.

"I think they were a better team on the night as we failed to play our normal game. We will not despair after this loss but instead continue working hard," he

said. Tembo said they would regroup and come back stronger in the next match this weekend.



## Australian Aid donates over E400 000 for wheelchair basketball

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**BASKETBALL - THE Australian government through the Australian Aid Initiative, has donated over E400 000 to fund the Wheelchair Basketball initiative, which is being run by Cheshire Homes.**

The donation was presented to the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini by the Australian High Commissioner, Adam McCarthy yesterday during a presentation at the Mountain Inn Hotel before proceeding to the main event held at the OlmpAfrica Centre.

When making his remarks, McCarthy said his country was determined to empower persons with disabilities, though foreign policy and development programmes.

McCarthy further added that the project was quite close to his heart and his wife because they have a disabled child.

"As the Australian government, we are aiming to improve lives of people living with disabilities through foreign policy and development programmes. That's why our country's programmes are geared towards improving the lives of those living with dis-

abilities and also give them an opportunity to contribute to society.

Also, this is a project that's quite close to my heart because personally, I am very passionate about this project because of my own child. This is why we will be seeking to support Swaziland's projects through our Direct Aid programme and also through dedicated volunteers such as Jon Lueng who made all this possible today," the High Commissioner said.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini thanked the Australian government for its support, saying he hoped that it would encourage those

living with disabilities to take part in any type of sport and enable them to shine and become heroes on their own.

"Your Excellency, we all know very well what a unifying factor sport is, and the overwhelming success on the recent years of the Paralympic games has shown clearly that disabled sport is as popular with the public as any sport.

It is on that note that I would like to thank you for this kind gesture and I hope that this will also give those living with disabilities the chance to shine and become heroes themselves," he said.





## MTN PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

Mbabane Swallows	0-0	Matsapha United
Manzini Wanderers	1-0	Tambuti
Mbabane Highlanders	1-0	Royal Leopard
Moneni Pirates	1-0	Red Lions

# 'Chocco's stunner sinks Leopard

By Sibusiso Dlamini

Mbabane Highlanders..... (0)1  
Royal Leopard..... (0)0

**SOCCER - CAPITAL city giants** Mbabane Highlanders captain Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze's 80th minute strike was enough for Mbabane Highlanders to claim a narrow 1-0 win against police side Royal Leopard.

This was during a tough MTN Premier League encounter played at the Somhlolo National stadium last night.

'Chocco's goal was marvellous, one normally seen in renowned world leagues.

It was a great goal and indeed it deserved to be a winning goal enough for the 'Black Bull' to get all three points.

Sibandze received a pass from Menzi Mamba before unleashing a stinging shot that Phephisani Msibi failed to deal with as he reacted way too late and found the back of the net.

Both sides matched each other pound for pound in every department in the match, but none wanted to give in for the other.

Royal Leopard also got their fair chances in the match as Barry Steenkamp came close with a scissor kick from a cross in the left flank. Leopard were threatening going forward but Highlanders defence thwarted every move by the police side as the match went to the break with both teams locked at 0-0.

The second half was a replica of the first half with the teams matching each other.

However, scoring chances were few and far between as it looked like the match was headed for a goalless draw.

It was until in the 80th minute when captain fantastic 'Chocco' proved to be the difference with a great goal, which was clearly taken from the top drawer.

The player let lose a hard shot that beat the keeper hands down, much to the scenes of jubilation from the 'Bull' stand.

Leopard pressed hard for an equaliser but it was not to be as the match ended with Highlanders on the driver's seat.

It was a great game and the result is a true reflection of the match.

Highlanders will now face-off with Midas City at Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday.

## WEEKEND FIXTURE:

Saturday at the Mavuso Sports Centre		
Red Lions	vs	Vovovo 1:30pm
Moneni Pirates	vs	Manzini Wanderers 3:30pm

Saturday at the Somhlolo National Stadium		
Mbabane Swallows	vs	Midas City 1:30pm
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Malanti Chiefs 3:30pm

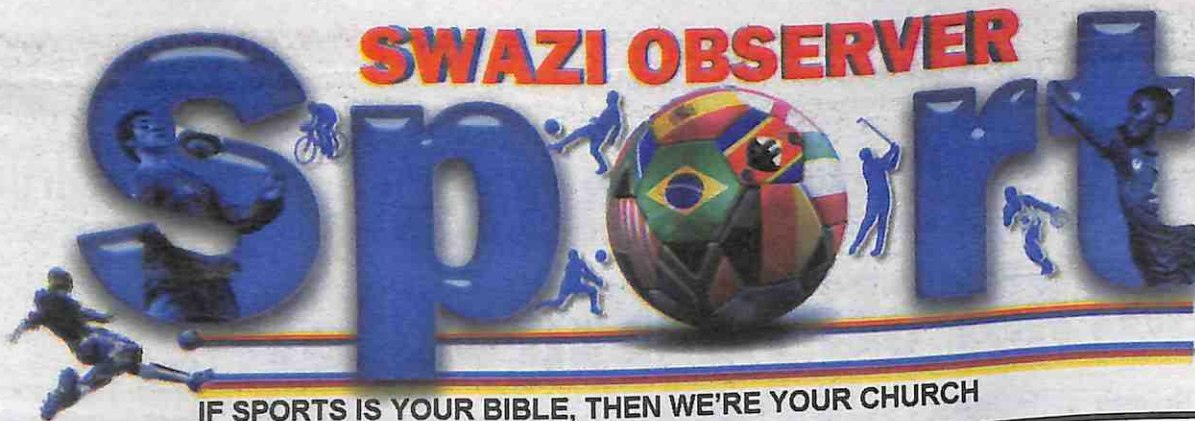
Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium		
Young Buffaloes	vs	Green Mamba 1:30pm
Royal Leopard	vs	Manzini Sundowns 3:30pm

Sunday at the Tambankulu Stadium		
Tambuti	vs	Matsapha United 3pm

MTN National First Division		
Saturday at the Manzini Club		
Bad Boys	vs	Milling Hotspurs 3pm

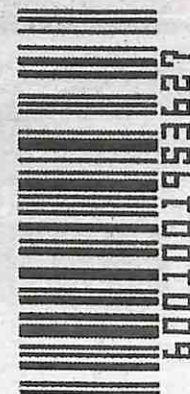
Saturday at the Tambankulu Stadium		
Tambankulu Callies	vs	Tinyosi 1:30pm
Sikhalo Se-Africa	vs	Madlenya 3:30pm

Sunday at the King Sobhuza II Memorial		
Mahlalini	vs	Manzini Sea Birds 11am
Amalanda	vs	Hub Sundowns 1pm
Hlathikhulu Tycoons	vs	Mbabane Citizens 3pm



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# 'BIRDS', MATSAPHA UNITED IN SCINTILLATING DRAW

By Qondile Ntiwane

Matsapha United..... (0)0  
Mbabane Swallows..... (0)0

## SOCCER - What a game!

The MTN Premier League encounter pitting rookies Matsapha United against defending champions Mbabane Swallows just gave that adrenaline rush as the teams gave each other a run inside the field of play.

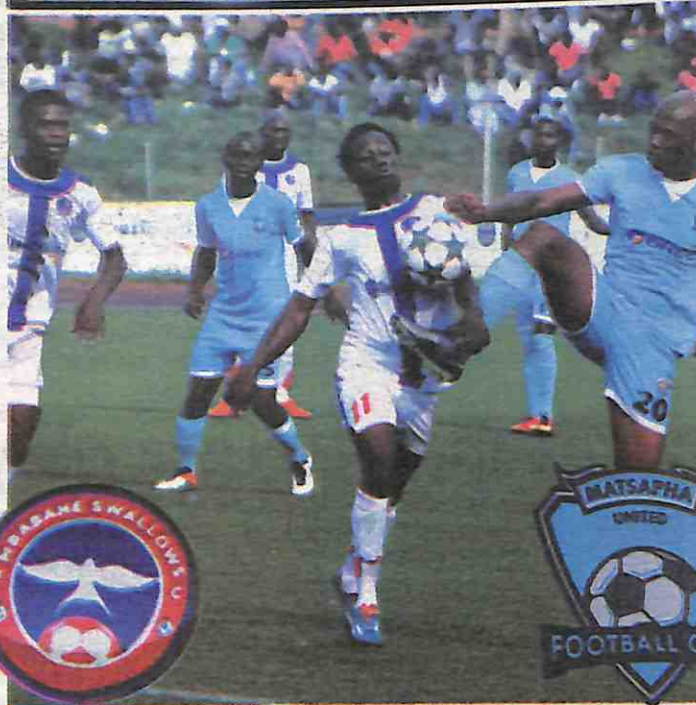
The tension-filled encounter played at the Mavuso Sports Centre last night was a game of two halves as Matsapha controlled the first before the Mbabane giants dominated the last stanza.

The clash attracted over 6 000 supporters, something that resulted in the match starting an hour late in a bid to accommodate the masses that were still outside the venue by the scheduled time.

The match started on a high with both team coming hard at each other. Mbabane Swallows could have opened the score sheet 14 minutes into the game but goalkeeper Khanyakwezwe Shabalala denied Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko when he tipped his shot over the bar for a fruitless corner.

Matsapha United striker Sidumo Shongwe was unfortunate when his shot bounced off the bar before

...as teams fire blanks in an exciting encounter



**ALL SQUARE:** Matsapha United played to a barren draw against defending champions Mbabane Swallows last night. (File pic)

landing on Sibonelo Dlamini, who was, however, ruled offside by referee Leticia Viena.

## Provided

An end-to-end first half provided no goals as the 'Deep Blue Ocean' and the 'Beautiful Birds' went into the half time break tied at 0-0.

The red and white side could have wrapped the game up in the second stanza but squandered numerous opportunities.

Swallows could have scored four minutes into the second half but Sandile Hlatshwako just failed to come to the party when he direct-

MTN Premier League log:

Teams	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Young Buffaloes	6	4	2	0	9	5	4	14
Mbabane Swallows	6	4	2	0	8	4	4	14
Matsapha United	6	3	3	0	7	3	4	12
Green Mamba	6	3	1	2	10	5	5	10
Malanti Chiefs	6	3	1	2	11	12	-1	10
Moneni Pirates	6	3	1	2	6	7	-1	10
Mbabane Highlanders	5	3	0	2	9	6	3	9
Vovovo	6	3	0	3	6	6	0	9
Royal Leopard	6	2	2	2	11	7	4	8
Manzini Sundowns	6	2	2	2	10	7	3	8
Manzini Wanderers	6	2	1	3	9	13	-7	7
Tambuti	5	1	0	4	5	11	-6	3
Red Lions	6	0	1	5	3	12	-9	1
Midas City	6	0	0	6	7	13	-6	0

ed a shot to the upright while inside the box. The striker was handed the chance on the silver platter following a blunder by defender Sibonelo, who failed to clear the ball inside the 18th area.

Swallows captain fantastic Tony 'TT' Tsabedze tried but in vain to take control of the match as he was let down by poor finishing despite making brilliant passes towards goal.

The 66th minute of the game saw Matsapha squander a sitter and it was Sidumo, who while inside the box, failed to just tap into the net a shot by Mthobisi Mdluli but instead directed it past the net.

In the end both teams settled for a goalless draw which was the first since the start of the new season.

# 'WESLIANS' EDGE TAMBUTI

By Sibusiso Dlamini

Tambuti..... (0)0  
Manzini Wanderers..... (1)1

**SOCCER - A 45th minute header by Makhosi Mthethwa was all hub giants Manzini Wanderers needed to get all the maximum points against Tambuti.**

This was during an MTN Premier League encounter played at the Somhlolo National stadium last night.

Tambuti started as the much brighter of the two sides, constantly troubling the jittery Wanderers defence marshalled by youngster Sihle Mkhonta but they failed to

make it count.

Tambuti were all over the 'Weslians' at this stage of the match with the hug giants literally chasing shadows. After the first quarter, Wanderers looked to have absorbed the pressure as they upped the tempo and played with intent.

They were the first to create the first real chance of the match in the 35th minute through captain Sifiso Matsebula, who is holding fort for the injured Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya, who has been out since the second game of the season where the maroon and white outfit beat Malanti Chiefs.

Matsebula benefitted from a rebound about 20 yards out, nicely

cushioned it and then sent a low volley which hit the wood work with Tambuti goalkeeper Thokozani Mkhululi well beaten.

As the Nyanga Crooks Hlopheled troops started seeing more and more of the possession, their confidence grew and their efforts finally paid off in the last minute of the first half with what was a team effort goal.

Sicelo 'Junior' Simelane and Lihle Shabangu combined well in the right flank before Lihle released an inch perfect cross

that found Tambuti defenders ball watching.

This is when Makhosi rose above all to score with a great header.

The match went to the break with Wanderers leading 1-0.

After the recess, Tambuti tried to find the elusive equaliser, but to no avail as Wanderers defended resolutely.

Both teams upped the tempo towards the end of the match but goals were not coming.

Wanderers held on to the lead until the very last minute, to claim their second win of the season.

