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TEACHERS DELIVER PETITION TO MADLOPHA



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: Over 1 500 Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) members in a protest march to the ministry of public service to deliver a petition to reconvene the Joint Negotiations Forum (JNF) to continue the salary review appeals process yesterday. The petition was delivered to the Principal Secretary Evert Madlopha. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

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2 NATIONAL NEWS

Medscheme owes tax, expects to receive E40m not the E25m

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

THEY issued a press statement to the effect that they would only receive E25 million from Swazi Med for the current year.

However, Swazi Med says Medscheme lied in the statement that they have to receive E40 million.

Medscheme had disingenuously denied in a press statement that it would not receive the E40 million for the current year as they incorrectly state that it would have to receive only E25 million in fees from Swazi Med.

This is contained in an answering affidavit filed by Swazi Med at the High Court where they further state that this is a statement made by Tim Rametse from Medscheme.

According to Swazi Med Principal Officer Peter Simelane, in his affidavit, Medscheme in its answering affidavit, states that Maze Med's liability for the management fees due and owing and payable to Medscheme

under the management agreement for the months January, February and March 2017 is in the sums of E3 371 830, E3 361 233.11, and E3 352 672.

According to Simelane, if you take a lesser of the figures which is the sum of E352 672 and multiply it by 12 months, it translates to a total sum of E40 232 064 which effectively means that the fees Medscheme should receive not be below the sum of E3 352 672 per month.

"Quite clearly Rametse lied on oath in his answering affidavit and made a misleading statement in the press release," Simelane submitted.

Simelane said Medscheme services were getting unaffordable and very expensive for Swazi Med members as a member paying E500 per month would only have approximately E300 going towards benefit and the E200 would go to Medscheme fees.

Swazi Med according to Simelane, took the decision not to renew the agreement and go to self administration in order to increase the benefits to members and such a decision was

taken at the best interest of its members.

As regards the tax issues, Simelane further reiterated that Medscheme was involved in tax evasion and this not only made it unsuitable to continue providing administration services, it also exposed Swazi Med to a risk since the former was not remitting taxes to the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA).

Issues

The tax issues were not handled by the Swaziland office but were dealt with directly by Medscheme head office as Medscheme claimed to have tax specialists who handle tax matters for the entire group.

"Medscheme dealt directly with tax issues even, though I was a managing director I had no authority to handle them since all payments at Medscheme are centralised and handled by their head office in Johannesburg," Simelane stated in his affidavit.

medscheme

He further disclosed that he was worried because as the public officer of Medscheme and therefore then, he was not aware that they were evading tax and tried to exert pressure on Medscheme to pay the tax and even sought an opinion from auditors who advised that the tax was payable.

It was after Simelane reported the tax evasion that Medscheme was audited by the SRA yet such tax has still not been settled which is why Swazi Med will utilise part of the payment due to Medscheme to pay the tax.

Payment

Simelane in his affidavit further stated that Swazi Med is now withholding the payment of fees which will be set off against monies owed by Medscheme to Swazi Med in respect of fraudulent claims paid by Medscheme

and should a need arise, would pay to the SRA the withholding tax owed.

The litigation according to Simelane was totally unnecessary and has been occasioned by Medscheme's desire to punish Swazi Med for terminating the agreement arguing that ordinarily these are matters resolved at boardroom level but Medscheme has been aggressive and not caring about the consequences of its actions.

Suffer

It is Swazi Med's members who stand to suffer if the operations are disrupted and this will also affect other stakeholders and interfere with contractual rights which is, according to Simelane, clearly Medscheme's strategy to disrupt Swazi Med's operations since Swazi Med acted lawfully within its powers and was entitled not to renew Medscheme's contract.

Cited as respondents in the matter are Medscheme as the first and lawyer Mabandla Manzini who is the second respondent and Swazi Med is represented by Mbabane based law firm Magagula, Hlophe Attorneys.

TEACHERS GO AHEAD WITH MARCH AS COURT ORDER COMES MINUTES LATE

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

AN order by Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane calling off the march by teachers was a minute too late.

By the time the judgement was made, teachers were already at the public service ministry to deliver their petition.

Government had run to court seeking an order barring the teachers from their protest march.

While government was in court, teachers embarked on their intended march which started at the Coronation Park all the way up to the ministry of public service gate.

The Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) resolved to embark on a protest march following government's stance of abandoning the Joint Negotiations Forum (JNF) rendering same dysfunctional, breaching of the July 2013 collective agreement particularly on the grading of heads of departments of schools as well as hindering the completion of the salary review process on appeals and allowances.

The teachers said they had made many attempts to get government to convene a meeting where they could negotiate the salary reviews hence the resolution to march to petition that they reconvene the JNF and continue the salary review appeals process.

The teachers through their President Freedom Dlamini promised that if government does not heed to their demands they would march again until government gives in to their simple demand that they convene a meeting for all stakeholders and interested parties for the salary review which should have been implemented in April.

"We have many issues that we are supposed to engage on but right now at this particular moment what we are asking for is a cost of living adjustment," he said.

He said teachers were hungry hence

● By the time the judgement stopping the march was made, teachers were already at the public service ministry to deliver their petition. Government had run to court seeking an order barring the teachers from their protest march



TEE OFF: Ministry of Public Service Principal Secretary Evert Madlopha receiving the petition from SNAT deputy secretary Sikelela Dlamini.

they had come out in their numbers to make a statement.

"Teachers are out to make a statement, they want the review to happen, they are hungry," he said.

Negotiations

He further said if government does not give them the negotiations table as soon as possible they would come back, to get their dues because they worked hard and deserved the review.

The teachers petitioned government to reconvene the JNF and the appeals process by Monday next week and because they had missed out on many meetings that should have been convened in the past months, the negotiations must take place all week next week until an agreement is reached.

The petition was read by the associ-

ation's Deputy Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini before handing it over to Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Public Service Evert Madlopha.

Receiving the petition, Madlopha said government was concerned about the well-being of her employees hence it would do whatever it took to make sure that their grievances are addressed.

Petition

"I have received your lengthy petition and I will take it to the rightful people, they will look into it and we will then communicate with your executive," he said.

After delivering the petition at the public service offices, the energetic teachers then marched to the prime minister's offices to deliver the same petition, however upon arrival they were

Teachers hire 22 buses for march

TEACHERS came in their numbers to make a statement yesterday that they have had enough of government not reviewing their salaries.

The teachers from all four regions in the country came in over 22 buses with some using their personal cars to show their dissatisfaction with government's failure to convene negotiations for salary reviews which should have been implemented in April.

According to Deputy Secretary General of Swaziland National Teachers Association (SNAT) Sikelela Dlamini, the teachers had indicated after their meeting this past Sunday that they all wanted to be a part of the march but they

had not anticipated so many of them.

Executive members of the association speaking amongst themselves said the numbers were overwhelming, nothing like they had expected but they were impressed. "Bakwatile," they would from time to time joke.

Buses

A national executive member said they had initially hired 15 buses but by 10 am yesterday they had been told that the number of buses had increased by seven.

"This is overwhelming," he said. The highest number recorded of teachers in a strike action is 3 000 but yesterday they were approximately above 1 500.

Near chaos as some teachers stray

THERE was near chaos after a long day's work, when a group of teachers decided to defy the boundaries set by police and tried to force their way through a police made barrier.

This took place at Makhosini Road, where the teachers had decided to take a breather and sit in the middle of the road.

When the rest of the teachers decided to continue with their march back to the coronation park where they had to board buses back to their work stations. A small

group stayed behind while the rest marched back using the designated route.

They tried forcing their way through the police wall in vain as the police stood their ground.

The struggle took a little over five minutes and the police then decided to call SNAT executive members to tell them that they were having a bit of a challenge with the group.

Soon as the group heard that their leaders were being called they started laughing and running away.

told that since they had delivered it at the ministry of public service there was no need to deliver another one there.

Unhappy

Addressing the teachers again, the president of the association said they just wanted the head of government to know that they were unhappy and to implore him to direct the rightful people to reconvene the negotiations.

Dlamini reminded the premier in absentia that while he was building himself a E5 million house and passing circulars that would enable

him a jammy life when his term in office elapses, teachers who played a pivotal role in the nation were being underpaid.

Dlamini then asked former president, Sibongile Mazibuko to pray before they could march back. Mazibuko before praying applauded the teachers for coming in their numbers and promised them that she would always support them.

"Do not lose hope; keep fighting until these people acknowledge that you are important and the money is yours because you have worked for it," she said.

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● Suspect Sergeant Lucky Matsenjwa allegedly charged E1 000 to E2 000 to have fingerprints deleted from the police prosecution system

COVER STORY

Stories by Sandile Nkambule
High Court

EX-CONVICTS who aspired to be professionals were allegedly Sergeant Lucky 'Obama' Matsenjwa's clients in the illegal clearance of fingerprints.

Out of these, aspirant police officers, soldiers, teachers, students, nurses and other professionals were allegedly assisted in having their criminal records cleared by Matsenjwa who stands accused of contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act. Matsenjwa is also charged for defeating the ends of justice in that he allegedly deleted fingerprints from criminal records for the ex-convicts.

Giving evidence before court yesterday was a female Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSP) officer who was attached to the guard house at the police headquarters.

The name of the witness has been deliberately withheld for ethical reasons. According to the police officer, Matsenjwa approached her and informed her that some people would come to her and give her their identity cards and criminal records.



MONEY MAKER: Lucky Matsenjwa leaving the court room after his bail application was dismissed by High Court Judge Robert Magagula on Tuesday.

She told High Court Judge Cyril Maphanga that Matsenjwa would also give her cell phone numbers of the said 'clients' whom she would call and further take their records and hand them to Matsenjwa.

Fingerprints

"Each time a person called, I would normally inform that person the requirement to have the fingerprints deleted as told by Sergeant Matsenjwa and told them to bring along E1 000 or E2 000 at times for the services," the witness said.

All this she told the court, she did without knowing that she was breaking the law up until Matsenjwa informed her that she should accept all records except for those with murder convictions.

The witness told the court that she handled about four clients who paid sums between E1 000 and E2 000.

The witness further told the court that she attended to one who wanted to join the army, another who was joining the police service, one who wanted to be a teacher and another who wanted to study in South Africa.

Middle man only pocketed E500 from dealings

THE witness who was attached to the guard house at the police headquarters, told the court she only pocketed E500 from what she was doing.

The witness told the court that it was only after she had enquired from

Matsenjwa as to what she was benefiting since she was the one who was the middle person, calling the clients on her cell phone and further introducing them to Matsenjwa. It was allegedly at that point that he first gave her E300

before giving a further E200 on another occasion. The guard house is where members of the public normally line up at the headquarters to certify important documents such as certificates and affidavits.

MPs question the Tinkhundla system

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

MEMBERS of Parliament have expressed their worry on the effectiveness of the Tinkhundla System of Governance if some of the promises made by government were not going to be delivered.

The legislators said this yesterday when they ordered Minister for Finance Martin Dlamini to release money allocated to RDF and Micro Projects for 2016/2017, which was outstanding.

Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini moved a motion to order Minister Dlamini to release the outstanding budgetary allocations for the Regional Development Fund (RDF) and Micro Projects for 2016/2017 financial year.

The minister was given 14 days to release the funds.

The Dvokodweni MP, when motivating the motion, said in the last financial year, E100 million was allocated to Micro Projects. However, only E91 million was released and transferred to

the unit. The balance of E9 million was eventually not transferred. He was seconded by Somtongo MP Sandile Nxumalo.

The total budget allocated to RDF was E88 million in the last financial year.

E67.1 million was released to the fund, leaving it with a balance of E20.9 million. This means the minister was ordered to release a total of E29.9 million within a space of 14 days from now.

Submission

Ngwemphisi MP Veli Shongwe, when making a submission during the debate, said such actions would make them, and the people they represent, question if the Tinkhundla system was working.

He said this was because in most instances, they were promised that the projects that directly improved development of the people at constituencies were not prioritised.

Shongwe stated that it was imperative for each politician in the country to declare which system of governance they subscribed to because there were many fake Tinkhundla stalwarts within the Swazi political space. He said

they loved Tinkhundla system, but the system's image was brought to disrepute when such things happened.

Under the current system, Shongwe said it was difficult to be an MP. They were made to fork out money from their own pockets, trying to save people in their constituencies, who were in a dire situation. By so doing, they helped government but seemingly, government did not appreciate what they were doing for the people.

Nhlambeni MP Frans Dlamini concurred with his Ngwemphisi counterpart. He said it was difficult to be an MP and that was what he learned in his nine-year political career.

He said what was the most difficult thing to do was to try and paint a hopeful picture to the people about their government, even in situations where there was no hope.

The challenge was that there was no transparency because government did not tell them whenever it encountered challenges.

Lugongolweni MP Joseph Souza said if they were competing with a multi-party system, they would lose under the current circumstances.

Professionals give evidence against suspect Matsenjwa

DESPITE fears by the Crown to the effect that witnesses in the fingerprints case are no longer willing to testify in fear that they would be eliminated like deceased Mduduzi 'Schaza' Matsebula, at least four were yesterday paraded by the crown.

Senior Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo on Tuesday had told the court that witnesses were now scared of giving evidence against Matsenjwa who has instilled fear in them by allegedly killing Matsebula.

This was during Matsenjwa's bail application in the other charge of murder.

However, the application was dismissed by Judge Robert Magagula.

Yesterday, the witnesses during the fingerprints trial, informed the court of how they got information on who would assist them in clearing their court records by deleting their fingerprints from the prosecution system at the police headquarters.

They told the court that they paid money to Matsenjwa and indeed had their criminal records cleared.

They were involved in crimes ranging from theft, assault, robbery and others and were able to have them cleared as they were able to get gainful employment within the various security forces and other institutions.

More witnesses are expected to be paraded by the crown during the trial.

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Matsenjwa alleges witness was schooled

SERIOUSLY suspecting that a witness in his case was reading her evidence from a document on the Court Clerk's desk, Sergeant Lucky Matsenjwa's lawyer immediately stood up and objected to having the witness looking at the clerk's documents.

Lawyer Ben J Simelane who was instructed by Matsenjwa made an application before Judge Cyril Maphanga to the effect that the clerk close her documents and witness move away from the clerk's desk.

However, it only transpired that the witness was closer to the clerk only for purposes of being closer to the recording system's micro-

phone.

This was because the Industrial courtroom that was used yesterday does not provide for the accused and witness boxes.

Matsenjwa was seated at the public gallery in the company of Correctional Services officers while the witness stood almost closer to him due to the limited space in the courtroom.

He was seen gesturing using his hands complaining about the witness he suspected to be reading her evidence from the court document. After closing the court document, the clerk placed it at a distance that is when the crown proceeded leading the witness in her evidence.

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4 PICTURES

SNAT DELIVERS PETITION



OFF THEY GO: Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) members marching from the Coronation Park to the ministry of public service to deliver a petition before proceeding to the Cabinet offices yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



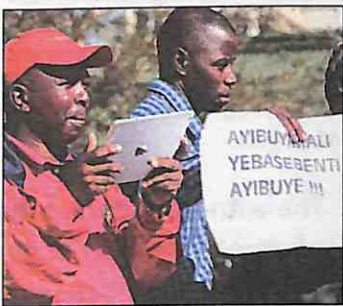
AYIHLALE PHANSI: Others seated in the middle of the road.



FIRSTLY: SNAT President Freedom Dlamini addressing the teachers along the way.



IN SONG: Henry Nguboyempi Dlamini of Nokhuthula High School in song.



RECORDING: Former SNAT secretary Muzi Mhlanga capturing the action.



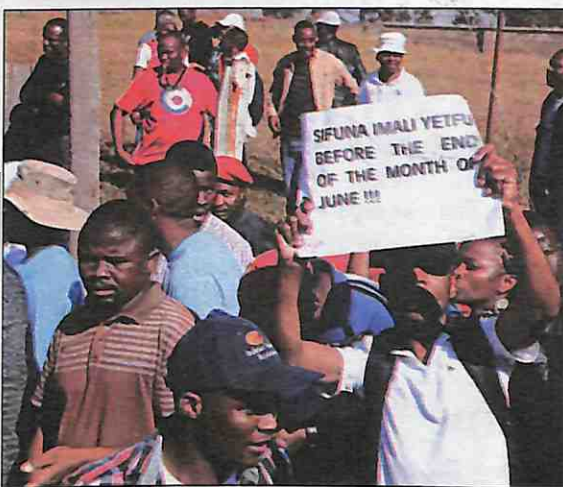
DOLO PHEZULU: Toyi toying in front of the police officers.



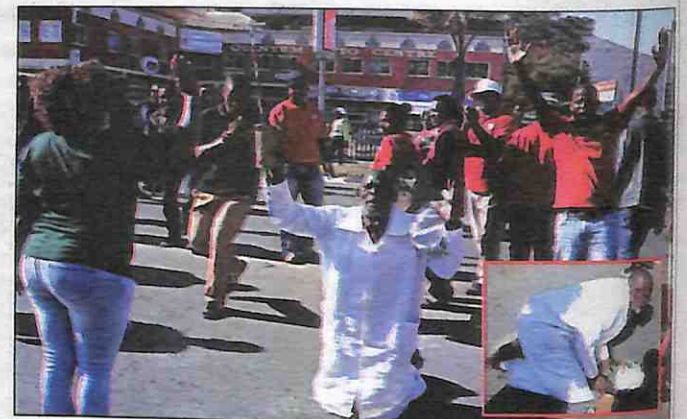
TAKE: Ministry of Public Service Principal Secretary Evert Madlopha receiving the petition from SNAT Deputy Secretary Sikelela Dlamini.



THATHA: The teachers in song and dance.



DEMANDS: Another placard on display.



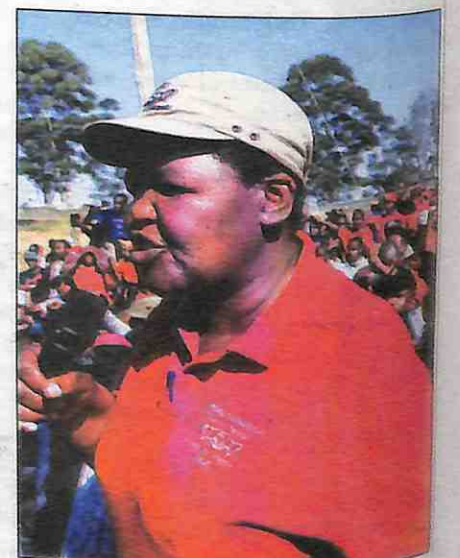
PRAYER: Rev. Ndwandwe had come to pray for the teachers.



FORWARD: Marchers go past Dlan'ubeka building.



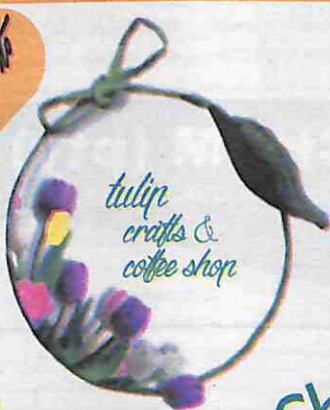
THE LONG WALK: SNAT President Freedom Dlamini (sec-)



STILL ACTIVE: Former SNAT President Sibongile Mazibuko addressing the teachers before

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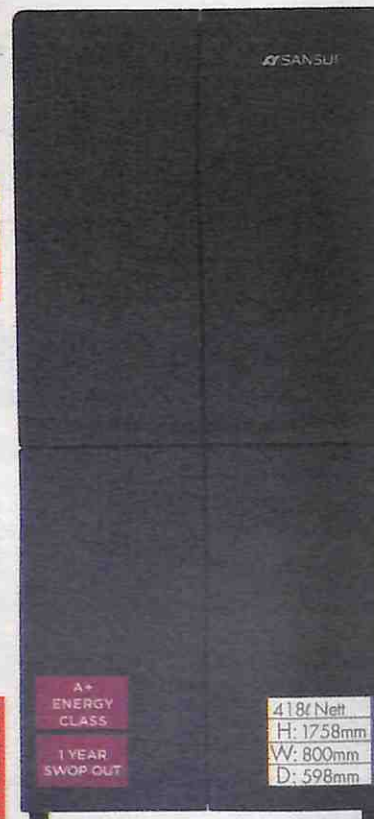
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6 NATIONAL NEWS

RECRUIT DIES AFTER HEART ATTACK AT POLICE COLLEGE

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Matsapha

A female police recruit died at Matsapha Police College on Tuesday morning after suffering a heart attack.

The recruit is said to have been in her room when she collapsed and was taken to hospital, where she was declared dead.

The deceased was among the aspiring police officers currently enrolled at the Matsapha Police College and was undergoing train-

ing at the facility while awaiting pass out which will happen sometime later this year.

Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Khulani Mamba confirmed the unfortunate incident, saying the police service had indeed lost a recruit who passed away as a result of a heart attack in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

Mamba said this was the first incident whereby they have lost a recruit due to death.

When asked how the medical checkups for those accepted at the

police force were done, he said the death of the recruit does not mean she did not go through the medical checkup process as everyone goes through that.

He said death can happen to anyone and at anytime.

Mamba also clarified that the recruit did not die as a result of the intensive training that recruits partake in as she suffered the heart attack while she was in her room.

However, allegations have surfaced that the medical condition for the deceased was known by those conducting the training exercises at

the police camp and she was not trained like the other recruits as she would be allowed to rest whenever she was not feeling well.

Spotlight

Worth noting is that recently the Swaziland Umbutfo Defence Force (USDF) was in the spotlight after a recruit who was five days into training was reported to have died recently.

A few years back it was reported that a female recruit of the USDF had also collapsed and died during a training exercise at the Mbuluzi Infantry School.

Woman demands goat, cow back from daughter-in-law

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

IN an incident unheard of in Swazi custom and culture, an elderly woman is alleged to be demanding back a goat and cow from her daughter-in-law, which were used during her traditional wedding.

Sounding very depressed, Nozipho Shabangu of Ka-Shoba narrated her situation to this publication with the hope of getting public opinion on the issue. Shabangu said she got married to her husband about three years ago through the *kuteka* ceremony. In the process, a goat was slaughtered as per the Swazi custom while a cow was also paid to her family. A child was subsequently born out of the marriage.

Two years later, Shabangu's husband, who was working in neighbouring South Africa, is said to have passed away. This gave birth to endless problems in Shabangu's marital homestead, resulting to her going back to her parental home. Shabangu said the tension between her and her mother-in-law intensified when time for claiming monies from her late husband's company came. She said her mother-in-law told her that she would have to deduct a certain amount of money from the pay-out to pay back for the animals which were used during the wedding ceremony.

Shabangu said she also approached the Master of the High Court in Siteki following disagreements over the estate of her late husband but she could not get assistance to her satisfaction. She then went to the social welfare department, upon which the family was called for a peace binding meeting.



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1011842	GUNGIAH VENGETSMAY	6	UNKNOWN
1011855	SANDILE BRUCE DLAMINI	42	UNKNOWN
1012223	NTOMBIFUTHI PRECIOUS SHONGWE	93	UNKNOWN
FARM 75			
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FARM 188			
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1011621	ANDILE MASILELA	1263	UNKNOWN
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MAHWALALA			
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1006111	FIKILE KUNENE	481	UNKNOWN
1006022	MUSA DLAMINI	392	UNKNOWN
1006023	MUSA DLAMINI	393	UNKNOWN
1006042	MUSA DLAMINI	412	UNKNOWN
1007951	ERIC MKHWANAZI	1150	UNKNOWN
MAKHOLOKHOLO			
1008276	VANDISWA FAMILY TRUST	26	UNKNOWN
WOODLANDS			
1012021	TELFORD FAMILY TRUST	20	UNKNOWN
MSUNDUZA EXT 3			
1005168	LINO FAMILY TRUST	137	UNKNOWN
MSUNDUZA EXT 4			
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1011113	SIMON VUSUMUZI SHONGWE	1838	UNKNOWN
1009718	PAULOS DVUBA	438	UNKNOWN
1010111	SIMON GONDWE	831	UNKNOWN
1009759	BADELISILE DAPHNE DLAMINI	479	UNKNOWN
1010712	HAWARD MELUSI DLAMINI	1437	UNKNOWN
1010986	SAMARIA DLAMINI	1711	UNKNOWN
1011272	BIGBRAIN NKAMBULE	1997	UNKNOWN
1010558	DOMENIC MQANDA SIMELANE	1283	UNKNOWN
1010381	THEMBISILE JOICE SHONGWE	1106	UNKNOWN
NKWALINI			
1009374	BUSISIWE HLOSBILE NENE	781	UNKNOWN

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TRUE: Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Khulani Mamba.



USUTU FOREST PRODUCTS COMPANY LIMITED

Open tender for wild pine mushroom (*Boletus edulis*) collection within the Usutu Forest plantations

Montigny Investments and the Usutu Royal Trust are soliciting proposals for companies interested in working with the constituencies surrounding the Usutu Forest to manage the harvesting/collection of *Boletus edulis* mushrooms for economical purposes

Tenders should include:

- Company's objective
- Detail on bidder's experience in the sector with references
- Marketing plan
- End-market analysis
- Risk mitigation plan
- Community engagement and employment plan
- Transparent cost and purchase price expectations
- Specific plan for selling to both local and international markets

Interested applicants should submit their proposal to Kelly.cure@montigny.co.sz via email by close of business on the 23rd of June.

IF YOU FREQUENT SOUTH AFRICA, SEE WHERE HIJACK HOTSPOTS ARE

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

Swazis travelling to South African cities have been advised to be extra vigilant when travelling in some areas to avoid being car jacked.

According to News 24, the National Hijack Prevention Academy (NHPA) released a list of hijacking-hotspots in some major SA cities.

The organisation's latest list shows hotspots in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town and Durban.

The report states that carjacking has increased by 14.3 per cent in all provinces.

"Carjacking was highest in Gauteng" states the report.

The report states that Arrive Alive's Johan Jonck said the crime statistics released by the police for 2015-2016 reveal an alarming upward trend in numbers of carjackings.

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HIJACKING HOTSPOT: Viewed as Gauteng's tourist attraction, the Nelson Mandela bridge has become a hijacking hotspot.

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road users could be safer when being more vigilant on the road and by driving non-distracted," said Jonck.

Hijacking hotspots - Johannesburg:

Kelvin Street, CR Swart
• The corner of Kelvin Street and CR Swart.
Pretoria Road, CR Swart
• The corner of Pretoria Road and CR Swart.
Elgin Road, Pretoria Road
• The corner of Elgin Road and Pretoria Road.
Linkfield Road, N3
• Linkfield Road off ramp off the N3.
Booyens Road, M1
• Booyens Road off ramp off the M1.
Nelson Mandela Bridge
• The Nelson Mandela Bridge, be alert.
Wolmarans, Claim, Nugget
• Wolmarans between Claim and Nugget.
Harrow, Saratoga
• The corner of Harrow and Saratoga.
Harrow, Abel
• The corner of Harrow and Abel.
Houghton Drive, M1
• The Houghton Drive off ramp off the M1.
Jan Smuts Avenue, St Andrews
• The corner of Jan Smuts Avenue and St Andrews.
17th Street, Krause Street, Pageview
• The corner of 17th Street and Krause Street in Pageview.
Heidelberg Road, N17
• The Heidelberg Road Off ramp off the N17.
Kyalami Drive
• Traffic lights on Kyalami Drive.
BeyersNaude, N1
• The BeyersNaude off ramp off the N1 highway.
Sunninghill, N1, Rivonia
• Rivonia off ramp off the N1 highway in Sunninghill.
Midrand, Clayville
• Midrand road near Clayville Residents.
Grayston, Rivonia, 11th Street
• The intersection of Grayston and Rivonia and the intersection of Grayston and 11th Street.
11th Avenue, Empire Road
• 11th Avenue and Empire Road off ramps.
Jan Smuts Avenue, William Nicol Drive, Hyde Park
• The Jan Smuts Avenue/William Nicol Drive split in Hyde Park.
Witkoppen Road
• Intersections on Witkoppen Road.
Bramley Precinct, Wynberg, Bramley, Marlboro, Kew
• Bramley Precinct, areas such as Wynberg, Bramley,

Marlboro and Kew.
Yeoville Precinct, Yeoville, Bellevue, Bellevue East
• Yeoville Precinct, areas such as Yeoville, Bellevue and Bellevue East.
Norwood Precinct, Orange Grove, Highlands
• The Norwood Precinct, areas such as Orange Grove and Highlands.
Sandringham Precinct, Glenhazel, Lombardy East, Sandringham
• The Sandringham Precinct, areas such as Glenhazel, Lombardy East and Sandringham.
Parkview Precinct, 11th Avenue, 7th Avenue
• The Parkview Precinct, areas between 10th and 11th Avenue and 4th and 7th Avenue in Parkhurst.
Hillbrow Precinct, Upper Houghton, Killarney
• The Hillbrow Precinct, areas such as Upper Houghton and Killarney.
Rosebank Precinct, Saxonwold, Parkwood
• The Rosebank Precinct, areas such as Saxonwold and Parkwood.
Christiaan de Wet, Wilgerod road, Roodepoort
• The intersection between Christiaan de Wet and Wilgerod road in Roodepoort.
Louis Botha Avenue, M1, Hillbrow, Alexandra
• Louis Botha Avenue, the M1. Be aware at the traffic lights, especially between Hillbrow and Alexandra.
Riviera, M1
• Riviera off ramp coming off the M1.
Fairland Ex. 6, 11th Avenue, Fairland
• 11th Avenue in Fairland, near Fairland Ex. 6.
Alexandra, 1st Avenue, Pretoria Main road
• The corner of Pretoria Main road and 1st Avenue in Alexandra.
New road, N1, traffic lights
• New road off ramp coming off the N1, be aware at the traffic lights.
William Nicol, N1 highway
• William Nicol off ramp coming off the N1 highway.

Sunninghill, N1, Rivonia



Hijacking hotspots - Pretoria:

BeyersNaude Drive, Paul Kruger Street
• BeyersNaude Drive and Paul Kruger Street.
R55, Erasmus
• The R55 in Erasmus.
Burnett Street, Delfi Avenue, Garsfontein Road
• Be alert at the following streets, Burnett Street, Delfi Avenue and Garsfontein Road.
Stormvoel
• Be aware at traffic lights on Stormvoel.
Watermeyer Street
• Be aware at traffic lights on Watermeyer Street.
Nelson Mandela Drive
• Be alert at traffic lights on Nelson Mandela Drive.
Lynwood Road, Simon Vermooten
• The crossing at Lynwood Road and Simon Vermooten.
Lynwood Road, Hans Strijdom
• The crossing at Lynwood Road and Hans Strijdom.
Walker Street
• Be alert at traffic lights on Walker Street.
Duncan Street
• Be alert at traffic lights on Duncan Street.
University Road, Lynwood Road
• The corner of University Road and Lynwood Road.
Rigel Avenue, N1
• The Rigel Avenue off ramp off the N1.
Simon Vermooten Road, Pretoria Street
• The Simon Vermooten Road crossing with Pretoria Street.
Simon Vermooten Road, Farrow Street
• The Simon Vermooten Road crossing with Farrow Street.
Simon Vermooten Road, Lynwood Road
• The Simon Vermooten Road crossing with Lynwood Road.
Lynwood Road, N1
• The Lynwood Road on ramp from the N1.
Hans Strijdom, N4
• The Hans Strijdom off ramp off the N4 highway.
Hans Strijdom, R21
• The intersection between Hans Strijdom and the R21.
Atterbury, N1
• The Atterbury off ramp off the N1.
Pretorius Street
• Be alert at crossings by Pretorius Street.
Schoeman Street, Duncan
• The crossing at Schoeman Street and Duncan.
Schoeman Street, Hilda
• The crossing at Schoeman Street and Hilda.
Schoeman Street, Grosvenor
• The crossing at Schoeman Street and Grosvenor.



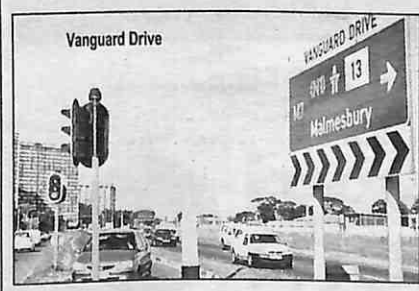
Hijacking hotspots - Durban:

Alpine Road
• Be aware along Alpine Road.
West Street
• Be aware of crossings on West Street.
Warwick Avenue, Smith Street
• The corner of Warwick Avenue and Smith Street.



Hijacking hotspots - Cape Town:

Voortrekker Road, Bellville, Parow
• Voortrekker Road between Bellville and Parow.
Military Road, Prince George Drive
• Corner of Military Road and Prince George Drive.
St Stephens Road
• Be alert when driving along St Stephens Road.
Alice Street, Voortrekker Road
• Be alert when driving along Alice Street, especially near Voortrekker Road.
Station Road
• Be alert when travelling along Station Road.
Klipfontein Road
• Be alert when travelling along Klipfontein Road.
Prestwich Road, Ebenhezer
• The corner of Prestwich Road and Ebenhezer.
Vanguard Drive
• Be alert when travelling along Vanguard Drive.
R300, N1
• Beware when travelling on the R300 under the bridges towards the N1 highway.



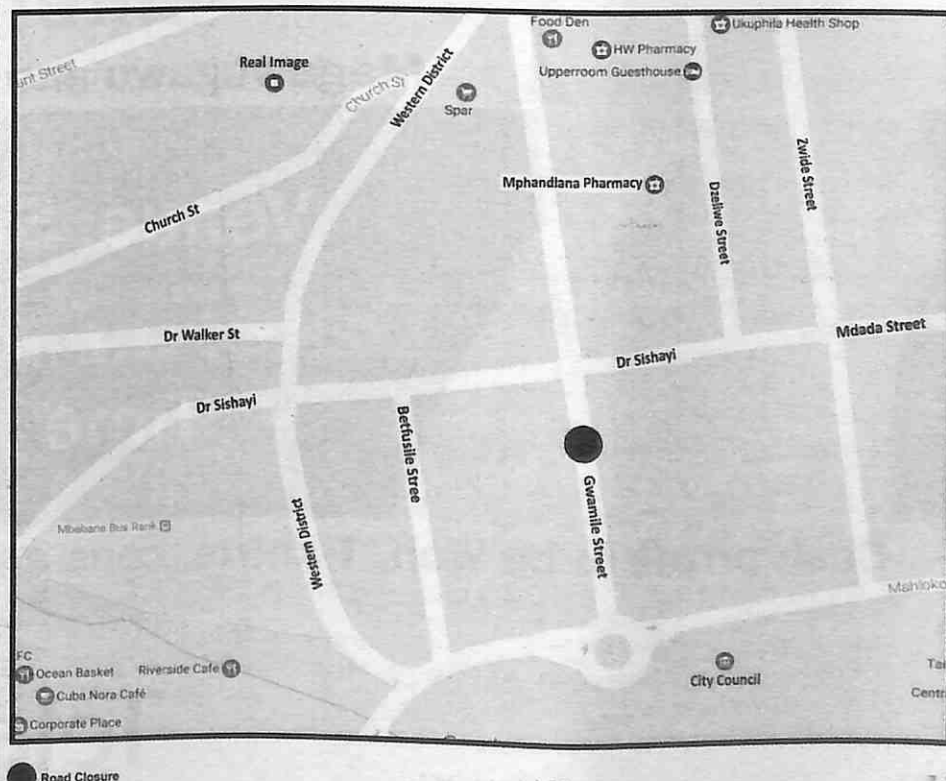
NOTICE ROAD CLOSURE

BY SERJEANT INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD

Notice is hereby published in terms of Section 71(1) of the Urban Government Act No.8 of 1969 that there will be a temporary road closure of a section of Gwamile Street this coming weekend commencing on the 17th June 2017 to 18th June 2017.

The temporary road closure will be the section opposite the main entrance to the DPM's office crossing both lanes (including the walkways). Any inconvenience caused by the closure of this section of the street is regrettable.

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Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

ZANELE Malangwane, who was retired on medical grounds by government, is supposed to be re-instated by government.

This comes after investigations were conducted to ascertain why Malangwane (nee Hlophe) was retired on medical grounds. The investigations uncovered that Malangwane was retired in an un-procedural manner and had been ill-treated at the ministry of agriculture, where she was working, for many years.

The investigations were done after the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) recommended that the ministry of public service should revisit the matter.

The PAC recommended that Malangwane be re-instated. Former Auditor General Phestecia Nxumalo discovered that Malangwane had been overpaid a salary of E483 352.74 and had stopped working since 2003.

The investigations, whose report was issued last year, were done mainly by interviewing the people who were subjects of the issue of Malangwane.

The interview was conducted by a panel of

REINSTATE RETIRED CIVIL SERVANT – PAC

...visually-impaired woman was retired on medical grounds in 2010

four public officers. They included Zandile Dlamini, who was the chairperson of the panel. She was a legal advisor at the ministry of health when the investigations were conducted.

Other members included Patrick Moi Dlamini (ACC Senior Investigator), Phazi Zwane (Factory Inspector: Ministry of Labour), and Cebile Nhlabatsi (Principal Human Resources Officer: Ministry of Public Service).

Malangwane was employed in 1988 by gov-

ernment to work as a laboratory assistant in the ministry of agriculture. It appeared that her superiors did not give her fair treatment since her employment.

Applied

She applied after being informed of the position which appeared in a daily newspaper.

In the advertisement, it was stated that the person to be employed would be given a scholarship to study in the United Kingdom the (UK).

While anticipating that she would go to the UK, her name was removed from the training documents and her subordinate was placed.

She enquired about this from a certain training officer. However, the officer is said to have demanded sex from Malangwane, and she refused. From then onwards, her life at the ministry of agriculture became very bitter.

She tried to contact Brooklands College in the UK, where she was to study. She could not get help because she had not completed her probationary period. This surprised her because the beneficiary of the scholarship was also on probation.



DISCOVERS: Former Auditor General Phestecia Nxumalo.

Workers quit because of frustration

IT is alleged that frustration reigned supreme at the ministry of agriculture, according to Malangwane.

She told the panel that interviewed her that two workers decided to leave the ministry in 2000. The workers were Ncamsile Dlamini and Nonhlanhla Dlamini. Their departure greatly disturbed Malangwane in her studies as she had to go back to her workplace and abandon her studies.

At that time, she was studying General Agriculture in Pretoria, South Africa. She was, however, told to wait for a place to study veterinary technology. She was denied a scholarship that was given by the African Development Bank (AfDB). She was denied by the ministry of agriculture, after her superiors refused to sign her release letter. Malangwane went ahead and studied through a loan she had taken on her own.

That was when she had to come home because the two officers had left. This happened after Malangwane failed to secure employment at the Treasury department, where she was supposed to work as accounts officer. She was in possession of AAT1 and AAT2. She also had a Diploma in Personnel and Training Management. She was called for an interview at Treasury.

However, she was not called for a second interview because the ministry of agriculture had called. They told the Treasury department not to employ Malangwane because she was a great asset to the ministry.

SWAZITELECOM ROADSHOW!!



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Magawugawu and Dynamic Groovers

Venue: Siteki Park

Date: 17 JUNE 2017

Time : 10am

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EYE PROBLEMS STARTED IN 2005

MALANGWANE started having eye problems in 2005 while she had enrolled for a B-Tech in Veterinary Technology in Pretoria.

She enrolled for this programme in 2004, after she was awarded a scholarship to study in 2003. To make matters worse, Malangwane had already lost a husband at that time. She reported the problem to her superiors and used her own account to receive treatment at Louis Pasteur Hospital and Eye Institute in South Africa.

A certain veterinary officer recommended that she should resign on medical grounds because she could barely look through the microscope. In 2007, she was referred to one Professor Modi, a neurologist based in South Africa. This was done through a government medical aid scheme.

Malangwane told the panel that she was having difficulties because at times, the ministry of agriculture could not provide a car to ferry her to South Africa to receive the treatment. She had to use her own

resources. The officer even tried to engage the minister at that time and there was a slight improvement in the manner in which her case was handled. She alleged that she could have been ill-treated because her brother was a financial controller at the ministry of agriculture.

Professor Modi requested for a list of chemicals which Malangwane used in her line of duty.

This was after the officer told Professor Modi that she was required to sit in the same office where the chemicals were kept. The list of the chemicals was never given and Malangwane was told that such chemicals were burned at Bhunya incinerator. However, Malangwane told the panel that she was informed by a certain Mashasha that no chemicals had been burnt.

The list was finally submitted to the neurologist, who further requested government to allow him to perform a toxicology test on the chemicals that were on the

list forwarded to him.

The officer submitted that strange things happened. Her house was broken into at some point. Only her documents, including the list of chemicals were stolen. She also stated that she was almost killed during the surgery Professor Modi conducted. In 2010, she had an appointment with the medical board, which advised her to retire on medical grounds. She responded by asking to be given time to consult. However, she was not and was taken to a certain medical doctor who was told what to write.

The doctor refused and wanted time to examine Malangwane. This did not happen. The officer was retired on Medical grounds in 2010 by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

She wanted the ministry to re-instate her and afford her an opportunity to learn how to use braille in order to work properly. She felt her body was fit to work. The only problem was her eyesight.

Officer was uncooperative - Agriculture ministry

ZANELE Malangwane is a very difficult officer to deal with and she was very uncooperative.

This was said by the ministry of agriculture when called for an interview by the panel. The ministry was represented by Director of Livestock and Veterinary Services Dr. Xolani Dlamini.

Dlamini denied that the officer occupied the same room with the chemicals and did not believe Malangwane's sickness was occupational.

The ministry further believed that it gave her all the assistance she needed in order to receive treatment in South Africa.

The officer, according to the ministry, did not give progress reports to the ministry about her treatment.

Meanwhile, the medical board denied making a recommendation that the officer should retire on medical grounds. It maintained that it merely made a recommendation to the ministry of agriculture that she should be retired on medical grounds.

At the time of retirement, she did not receive her salary and she had not received her terminal benefits. This made it difficult for her to be treated of her sickness. The panel recommended that the officer should be re-instated and be supported in every way necessary for her to perform her duties. The panel felt there was no fairness and justice in the manner the whole thing was handled. They recommended that Malangwane be re-instated.

Woman demands goat, cow back from daughter-in-law

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

IN an incident unheard of in the Swazi custom and culture, an elderly woman is alleged to be demanding back a goat and cow from her daughter-in-law, which were used during her traditional wedding.

Sounding very depressed, Nozipho Shabangu of Ka-Shoba narrated her situation to this publication with the hope of getting public opinion on the issue.

Shabangu said she got married to her husband about three years ago through the *kuteka* ceremony. In the process, a goat was slaughtered as per the Swazi custom while a cow was also paid to her family. A child was subsequently born out of the marriage.

Two years later, Shabangu's husband, who was working in neighbouring South Africa, is said to have passed away.

This gave birth to endless prob-

lems in Shabangu's marital home-stead, resulting to her going back to her parental home.

Shabangu said the tension between her and her mother-in-law intensified when time for claiming monies from her late husband's company came.

She said her mother-in-law told her that she would have to deduct a certain amount of money from the pay-out and to pay back the animals which were used during wedding ceremony.

Shabangu said she also approached the Master of the High Court in Siteki after they had disagreements on the estate of her late husband but could not get assistance to her satisfaction.

She then went to the Social Welfare department, upon which the family was called for a peace binding meeting. This however did not bring Shabangu's problems to an end. "I am now in a dilemma as I failed to get assistance from the government offices," said Shabangu.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

HEAVY PLANT TRAINING PROGRAMME TO THE SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18

TENDER NO 39 OF 2017 / 2018

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport has allocated funds for Heavy Plant Training Programme, for which this Invitation to Tender is issued. Tender document can be obtained at Ministry of Public Works and Transport for the price of E500 (five hundred Emalangen), non-refundable which against receipt should be paid at Mbabane Revenue. Payment must be directed to Head 53; Responsibility Centre 2101; Item code 21132.

Your company is hereby invited to submit a tender for the above mentioned procurement at the latest by 7th July, 2017. It is not permissible to transfer this invitation to any other firm. The tender shall follow the instructions in the attached Invitation to Tender document and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, which must be marked as follows: 'The Secretary to National Tender Board, Treasury Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Tender No 39 Of 2017/18 'Heavy Plant Training Programme,, 'Do not open before 9.00 A.M on the by 7th July, 2017.

The proposal must be delivered to the offices of the National Tender Board, Treasury Building, and Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Swaziland before 9.00 A.M on the by 7th July, 2017 deposited in the Treasury Tender Box. Tenders not deposited in the Treasury Tender Box, as well as late, telegraphic, electronic and faxed proposals will not be considered. Tenderers may attend the opening procedure. All documents specified in "Instructions to Tenderers" must accompany the Tender. The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any proposal.

Documents can be collected from Office number 84 of the Chief Roads Engineer, Ministry of Public Works & Transport, on producing of the general receipt from the 15th June 2017. There will be a Compulsory pre - tender briefing at the Ministry Conference Room on the 21 June 2017, Wednesday at 10:00 am.

Valid Copies of the following documents must be attached to the application:

1. A Valid Trading Licence;
2. A Valid Tax Clearance Certificate for Government Tendering;
3. A Valid Labour Compliance Certificate;
4. Tender security in amount of E5000: (Bank Guaranteed Cheque or Bond NOT LETTER)
5. Original General Receipt;
6. SNPF Certificate
7. Certificate of accreditation with the Ministry of Labour and Higher Education
8. Form J and C
9. VAT Registration

For further information, please contact in writing/telephone the office of Chief Roads Engineer; 2409 9000

S.M. Mndawe
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

NATIONAL MAIZE CORPORATION



NOTICE TO MAIZE FARMERS OPENING OF NATIONAL MAIZE CORPORATION DEPOTS

The National Maize Corporation (NMC) is pleased to inform the public that all NMC depots will be open from **20th June, 2017** for the intake of maize from local farmers.

Farmers are encouraged to bring their maize to any of the different NMC depots which are located at Ntfontjeni, Ngwemphisi, Madulini, KaLanga and Matsapha.

Farmers are also reminded of the current **promotional price of E4000.00** per ton which will persist until **31st July, 2017**, after which the price will go back to the approved price.

Farmers are also encouraged to provide their banking details in order to avoid the charges pertaining issuing of cheques. For more information contact NMC at **25187432** or **email:info@nmc.co.sz.**

By Management

10 NATIONAL NEWS



GIVE BLOOD: Ministry of Education and Training Senior Guidance Officer Simon Mabuza making his remarks. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)

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BLOOD DONATION A SERVICE TO HUMAN KIND - WHO

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

WORLD Health Organisation (WHO) Country Representative for Swaziland Dr Tiget Ketsela Mengestu says blood donation is a service to human kind.

She was speaking during the commemoration of World Blood Donor Day which was held at the Swaziland National Blood Transfusion Service Unit.

The event was themed "Don't wait until disaster strikes. What can you do? Give blood, Give now, Give often".

Dr Mengestu said by donating blood one was helping the needy thus saving a precious life.

She said blood donated gave someone another chance at life and one day that someone might be a close relative, a friend or a loved one.

"Voluntary, unpaid blood donation is the act of giving life, the greatest gift any person can give or receive. Help share this invaluable gift with someone in need," she said.

Dr Mengestu said this year's theme raised awareness for voluntary, regular blood donations to maintain sufficient stock of blood and blood products in blood transfusion services.

She said it was also an opportunity to thank and appreciate voluntary blood donors for their valuable blood gifts.

"The choice of this theme is particularly significant for the African region which is most



LET'S DANCE: Khabonina Mabuza the Ministry of Health's Under Secretary, WHO Country Representative Dr Tiget Ketsela Mengestu and Dr Gcinile Buthelezi dancing during the World Blood Donor Day commemoration.

affected by crises and outbreaks, such as the Ebola virus disease, HIV and malaria epidemics, road traffic accidents, armed conflicts and natural or manmade disasters. Such emergencies increase the demand for blood transfusion and make its delivery challenging. Many victims of these crises die because of lack of blood and blood products," she said.

Dr Mengestu highlighted that transfusion of blood and blood products helps save millions of lives every year, including during emergencies such as conflicts, natural disasters, road traffic accidents and childbirth.

She said it could help patients suffering from life-threatening conditions live longer and with higher quality of life, and supports complex medical and surgical procedures.

However, she said the big challenge was that

in most cases, the demand for blood exceeded supply, and blood services face the challenge of making sufficient blood available, while also ensuring its quality and safety.

She said an adequate and reliable supply of safe blood can only be assured by a stable base of regular, voluntary, unpaid blood donors.

"If you're a blood donor, you're a hero to someone, somewhere, who received your gracious gift of life.

Five minutes of your time plus 350 ml of your blood equals one life saved. To give blood you need neither extra strength nor extra food, and you will save a life. We need more regular blood donors.

Remember accidents and medical emergencies don't take holidays, we need blood every minute, every day of the year," she said.

'We need to engage community for voluntary blood donation'

MINISTER of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane says the need for adequate supply of blood during emergencies requires a well-organised blood service.

She was speaking through the ministry's Under Secretary Khabonina Mabuza.

The minister said this could only be ensured by engaging the entire community and a blood donor population committed to voluntary unpaid blood donation throughout the year.

She said the commemoration underlines the role every single person can play in helping others in emergency situations, by giving the valuable gift of blood. "It is also on the fact that it is important to give blood regularly, so that the blood stock is sufficient before an emergency arises," she said.

The minister then appreciated the great impact and passion in making a difference in lives of people in need of blood.

"As a country we feel very comfortable that sufficient quantities of safe blood units are always donated from regular blood donors and school chil-



FOCUSED: Gugu Maphalala and Mabuza following the proceedings.

dren and these are available for those citizens who may require a transfusion due to accidents or for other medical reports," she said. She then encouraged all young people to join and become regular blood donors. She said the ministry promoted the principle of voluntary non remunerated blood donation, while ensuring safe and available blood and blood products.

Senior Guidance Officer in

the Ministry of Education and Training Simon Mazibuko encouraged young people to lead clean lives so that they could continue donation blood that will serve lives. She further said those that are regular blood donors are always compelled to live clean lives so they can continue donating blood.

"As a ministry we are very thankful to pupils as well as their parents for allowing them to give blood," he said.

NETWORK INTERRUPTION

The Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) would like to notify all her valued customers and stakeholders that there will be a minor network interruption as one of SPTC's internet back haulers in South Africa will be replacing different portions of broken fibre on the South African side of the border. The first stage of this exercise will commence on **Thursday 15 June 2017**, starting from **23:00** until **07:00**. The second stage will continue on **Saturday 17 June 2017** from Midnight until **18:00**. The final stage will take place on **Sunday 18 June 2017** starting from **09:00** until **14:00** with minimal interruptions.

Customers across the country will be affected.

This upgrade is aimed at fixing broken fibre to improve service delivery and also to enhance high speed data (internet) services.

In the event you experience problems in regards to your services after these stipulated times please contact our toll free line: 800 2000, or 910 for assistance.

We apologise for any inconvenience customers and stakeholders may experience during this period, and would like to reassure all our customers of our continued commitment to service excellence.

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E124M DONOR MONEY GOES TO MANZINI-MBADLANE HIGHWAY

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Ezulwini

GOVERNMENT through the assistance of donors spent about E124 million to reconstruct the Manzini-Mbadlane highway.

The exact amount was E124 800 000. This is according to an external assistance report for 2015/16 released by the ministry of economic planning and development.

The report states that only 11 per cent of Swaziland's external assistance could be attributed to a specific region in the country in 2015/16, in nearly all cases for interventions largely infrastructure or public works in nature.

"US 9.6 million was reported to have

been spent specifically in the Manzini region, where BADEA, Kuwait and the African Development Bank are co-financing the reconstruction and dualisation of Manzini-Mbadlane highway and the Republic of China (Taiwan) is supporting construction of the Royal Science and Technology Park," reads the report.

Majority

The majority of the country's development partners report their interventions as 'national' indicating converge across the entire country or presented financial data that did not have a specific identifier for sub-national location.

"This makes it complex to understand at the sub-national level the activities financed through external assistance and whether it is targeted in the areas

that face the highest levels of poverty especially in the Lubombo and Shiselweni regions.

Interventions

"Some interventions by partners focused specifically on rural areas where most of the population live, such as the Republic of China (Taiwan) assistance for rural electrification and school infrastructure.

"However some support from development partners for training takes place outside of the country," states the report.

Swaziland receives external financing in the form of both grants and loans, though grants predominate despite the country's middle income status which precludes it from accessing some grants financing instruments.

in most cases.

In some instances, there was lack of detail in reporting which meant it was not possible to identify the specific contributions of some development partners.

"Technical issues such as differences in the financial years used by the Swaziland government and development partners may explain some of the gaps between the country's total external assistance and what was recorded in the budget."

Health receives E845m external assistance

THE health sector continues to receive the highest proportion of the country's external assistance.

Overall the ministry received E845 million which is 47 per cent of the total amount received from external donors in the 2015/16 budget.

According to a report, by the ministry of economic planning and development most of the money was used to support the national response on HIV and AIDS and Tuberculosis (TB) in the areas of prevention, treatment and mitigation of the impact of the epidemics on the country's population.

"Trends in the volumes of funding for health correspond to the movements between growth and contraction with overall volumes of external assistance between 2011/12 and 2015/16," reads part of the report. Due to the drought experienced by the country the

past season, the agriculture sector was the second best funded sector followed by infrastructure where projects funded in 2015/16 included upgrading of the Nhlanguano-Sicunusa road, the construction and dualisation of the Manzini-Mbadlane highway, and the upgrading of the St Philips and bridges.

Meanwhile, social protection received two per cent and the environment received one per cent of the government subvention.

Therefore these sectors were amongst the sectors that attracted the least support from the partners, although funding to the former is expected to pick up with the European Union prioritising support for social protection for 2016-2020.

"Partners gave more priority to the water and sanitation sector as funding rose significantly in 2015/16, accounting for seven per cent of external assistance compared to less than two per cent between 2011/12 and 2015/16."

Taiwan emerges the highest donor

IN the 2015/16 national budget, the Republic of China on Taiwan stands out for giving a high proportion of external assistance to the country.

This has transpired in the external assistance report for 2015/16 released by the ministry of economic and development planning.

In Swaziland, around one third (30 per cent) of the US 138 million the

country received external assistance in 2015/16 as it was reported in the national budget.

"The Republic of China on Taiwan stands out for the high proportion of its assistance that is reported on the budget," reads the document.

The support of several other development partners was not captured at all and where it was, there significant gaps

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WOMAN KICKED OUT OF MARITAL HOME, LOSES PROPERTY, CHILDREN

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A marriage ended sour for a couple when the husband not only filed for divorce but also got a court order granting him custody of his children and property from his marriage leaving the woman with nothing.

She is reportedly spending the cold winter nights out of her marital homestead.

Zodwa Dlamini found the gates to her marital home locked by her husband who was inside with their children.

Nkosinathi Fakudze who is a neighbour to the Dlamini family in

court narrated the events of the day the estranged wife was locked out.

Fakudze said he was awoken by the screams of the children crying for help and he went to his neighbours place to see what was going on, when he arrived, he found Zodwa Dlamini who is married to Timothy Dlamini locked out of her marital homestead.

Fakudze said as people from the same church and neighbours, he decided to intervene by trying to negotiate for the wife to be allowed to be let in as it was in the middle of

the night and it was cold.

Fakudze said he tried reasoning with Dlamini, but he made it clear that he does not want anything to do with his wife and he wanted her out of his house.

He stated that it would seem that Dlamini obtained a divorce without his wife being aware of such.

This led to Dlamini braving a court order stating that he had sole custody of the children, the court order also stated that Dlamini was to take the property and marital homestead leaving Zodwa out in the cold. Fakudze said while the commotion was going on the children

were screaming as they wanted their mother to stay.

Allegations made by Fakudze are that the police, who arrived at the Dlamini homestead, were not so friendly as they harassed him asking what was he doing at another man's homestead at night.

Fakudze was eventually arrested for obstruction of justice as he was alleged to have prevented officers while they were executing their duties. The accused appeared before Manzini Senior Magistrate Sindisile Zwane; after explaining his ordeal at the hands of the police, the senior magistrate stated that according to information he gathered from the court record Timothy and Zodwa divorced last year and

the divorce decree allowed Timothy to take the children and property so he had a right to lock Zodwa out of the marital homestead.

Zwane said what she did not understand clearly though was where the police came in because a court order is usually delivered by a court messenger since it is something personal.

The magistrate stated that police were also supposed to explain to Fakudze what was going on because as a concerned neighbour he was acting like a good citizen by checking if everything was alright with his neighbours, more especially because they were locked out at night and the children were screaming for help. She raised her concern saying it would seem like Zodwa did not know about the court order.

She said even though nowadays it is advisable not for one to poke his nose into other people's businesses but what was done by Fakudze was in good faith. Zwane acquitted and discharged Fakudze on the charge he was faced with.



Conman arrested for defrauding people E120 000 cash

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A conman has been arrested for allegedly defrauding three people money amounting to E125 000 in cash on different occasions.

According to court records, it is alleged that in March this year the accused, Sibongiseni

Dlamini (30) of Nsingweni area, promised to buy a Toyota quantum kombi for Mpendulo Zikalala however he needed E50 000 which the complainant gave to the accused person.

Accused

It is alleged that the accused person when obtaining the money from Zikalala knew very well that he was stealing from the complainant as he did not eventually buy for him

the quantum as per their agreement.

On the second count, it is alleged that in November, 2016 the accused while at Mpholi area defrauded Ntokozo Dlamini E45 000 by offering him shares in a transport business which

included a Toyota kombi valued at E45 000.

Made

It is alleged that when the accused made this misrepresentation he knew very well that what he was telling the complainant was not true. The third victim to fall for Dlamini's scams according to court records is Phiwokwakhe Lubisi.

It is alleged that the accused took E30 000 from Lubisi and promised to pay it back but he never did.

Appeared

The accused appeared before Magistrate Sebenzile Ndlela Kunene, he was charged with three counts of theft under false pretences. The accused was remanded back to police.



UNITED NATIONS

Tender for the provision of Information Technology (IT) Network cabling of the United Nations Head Office (UN House) in Mbabane, Swaziland

Title	IT Network Cabling for the United Nations Head Office (UN House) in Mbabane
Submission Deadline	20 th June 2017
Quality Assurance	UN Operations Management Team (OMT)
BACKGROUND AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
The United Nations Swaziland Country Office is in the process Network cabling its Head Office building in Mbabane. To this effect, the UN hereby solicits Company profiles and CV's for the pre-selection of Companies for Network Cabling the new UN House. Only service providers with extensive experience and reliable track records in these environments will be considered for selection. Preference will be given to locally registered companies with fully trained staff.	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company Profile Details of services provided currently and in the past, with 3 references Valid Tax Clearance Certificate Valid Trading License Form J Certificate of Incorporation Certified Copies of IDs of Company Directors 	

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Limkokwing student who stole Mercedes, VW vehicles gets 13 years in prison

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE teenage boy Buhle Matsebula (19) who was arrested after stealing two vehicles, a Mercedes Benz and a VW Golf, has been sentenced to 13 years imprisonment with four years of the sentence having no option of a fine.

Matsebula appeared before Manzini Senior Magistrate Sindisile Zwane for sentencing.

He was facing six charges; the first and second charge was that of motor vehicle theft for the two vehicles he stole at S&S Motors.

The third count was that of house breaking, in that he broke into an office belonging to Sifiso Dlamini owner of S&S motors where the accused proceeded to steal 15 car keys.

Matsebula was further charged with malicious injury to property which was the fifth count for damaging the vehicles he stole and the company gates and windows. The fourth count was that of abduction in that the accused abducted an 18-year-old Form Four girl and took her to Lobamba to a

place called Nkhanini where he had sexual intercourse with her until she fell pregnant.

The sixth charge was that of driving a motor vehicle without a licence. During the course of the trial the accused pleaded guilty to all charges. During mitigation in court, the accused apologised to Dlamini whom he stole the cars from, he said it was not his intention but stated that he was influenced by his friends who were taken to the police station but later released.

The accused said he regretted after committing the offence but then there was no way in which he could have turned back.

The accused pleaded with the court that when passing sentence it must consider that he is still a student at the Limkokwing and was waiting for June since he failed a course and had to repeat it.

Before passing sentence Zwane told the accused that in passing sentence the court has taken into consideration a lot of factors including the interest of society. She told the accused that the offences he is facing are very serious and the cars stolen were very expensive. The magis-

trate also pointed out that the theft seemed like it was something planned as proven by the balaclava which the accused was wearing when committing the offences. The magistrate also wondered why the accused out of all the parked cars decided to steal the expensive Mercedes Benz.

The accused was then sentenced to four years imprisonment without an option of a fine and nine years imprisonment with a fine option of E 9 000 however the nine year sentence was made to run concurrently which meant the accused was going to only spend three years and six months or pay the fine option of E3 800. However the four year sentence without a fine option remains.

The sentences

1. Theft of Motor vehicle - two years no fine
2. Theft of Motor Vehicle - two years no fine
3. House Breaking and Theft - three years/ E3 000 fine
4. Malicious Injury to Property - three years/ E3 000 fine
5. Abduction - three years/ 3 000 fine
- 6 Driving without a licence - six months/ E800 fine

CHILD PROTECTION IS MULTI-SECTORAL - ODEDE

By Gugu Simelane
Ezulwini

UNITED Nation's Children Fund (UNICEF) Swaziland Representative Rachel Odede has encouraged individuals in all sectors to be involved and contribute in protecting children as it is multi-sectoral.

Speaking during the launch of Children's month, Odede urged parents, families, schools, communities, faith-based organisations, corporal sector, academia, the legislature to contribute and play their role in their respective sectors.

She called upon government especially the legislature to enact the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill and the Disability Bill. She said passing this legislation would send a strong signal to the world on the country's commitment to protecting children in Swaziland and would deter 'would be' perpetrators.

Odede noted that this year's DAC and Month of Children ensured that the most vulnerable amongst children are not left behind, hence the focus on advocacy for children with disabilities ensuring that they



BIG BOYS: Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini flanked by the Minister of Education Pheneas Magagula and Hhohho RA Prince Tshekedi during the commemoration of the Children's Month at Sibane Hotel recently. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

are not left behind on any gains made on the rights of children and that particular focus is afforded to them.

She said the national plan of action for dis-

ability and the Disability Bill are examples of government's commitment towards ensuring the inclusiveness for people and children with disabilities into the national



IN HIGH SPIRITS: Amanda Camp leading proceedings of the event.

development agenda. She said the development of regulations to enable the full implementation of the Child Protection and Welfare Act of 2012 is another milestone that would contribute to strengthened national child protection systems.

Odede then reaffirmed UNICEF's continued partnership with other national stakeholders to further strengthen protection systems for children in the country, with particular focus to the most vulnerable. "We recognise that whilst strides have been made, challenges still remain and our promise is to work with you to tackle these challenges, as we strive to make Swaziland safe for every child," she said.



LET'S DANCE: Pupils from St Jospeh's entertaining the gathering.

Dialogue with parents is critical - Children's Consortium

DUMSANI Mnisi noted that a dialogue with parents on prevention of violence against children is critical. He was speaking on behalf of the Children's Consortium during the launch of the children's month.

Mnisi said the issue of gender norms and harmful narrative of masculinity and

encouragement of positive male involvement is essential.

Discipline

He said the scaling up of positive discipline in schools would ensure that children are protected from violation and school becoming safe places for children to learn.

He said the strengthening of community based

child protection structures and system is equally critical.

"We need to challenge ourselves as leaders in the response, whether we are in the right platform in the delivery of services or not.

The many children going through our systems, are they protected and empowered?" he quizzed.

OLD MUTUAL SWAZILAND AGRI-FUND LAUNCH

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14 NATIONAL NEWS

'USDF NOT PLANNING TO HAVE BODY SCANNERS ANYTIME SOON'

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

FOLLOWING recent reports from local publications that the Umbutfo Swaziland Defense Force (USDF) exposes people's private parts during border search, the USDF has revealed that they do not have body scanners to conduct the searches at the country's borders.

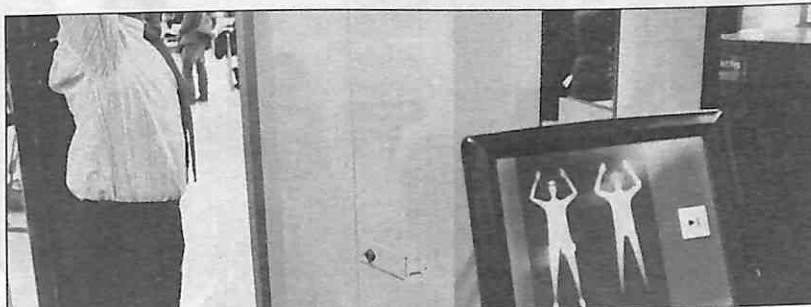
This was confirmed by USDF Acting Public Relations Officer Nkosinathi Dlamini, who mentioned that soldiers do not have such scanners.

"Soldiers do not use scanners to search people passing at the informal crossings and we are not yet planning to introduce them.

"In fact, we do not have them," adding the country's informal crossings were established for locals within a three-four-kilometre distance from the border line, as they are known by the soldiers. "The public should take note that we deploy both genders at the frontline to avoid people being searched by soldiers of opposite sex.

USDF hopes, with these clarifications people will stop making unnecessary complains about searches conducted at the border line. If they cannot cope with

● "Soldiers do not use scanners to search people passing at the informal crossings and we are not yet planning to introduce them. In fact, we do not have them"



LIKE THIS: A body scanner picture taken from the Internet. The USDF has revealed that they do not have body scanners to conduct searches at the country's borders.

those security measures used there, they should avoid using those crossings," he said. He said USDF will not be stopped by such protests and they will continue to search people as before.

Cooperate

Dlamini further appealed to the public to cooperate with the USDF in defence of the sovereign territory of Swaziland.

"As we are security conscious and we cannot play games with the security of the country, so if we have a reasonable

suspicion that a person is hiding any object on his or her body, we search that person. This is normal international practice to search people crossing the frontiers of any sovereign state," Dlamini revealed.

Dlamini said they search for weapons, drugs and contrabands suspected to be hidden on their bodies or inside their clothing, by requiring the person to remove some or all of his or her clothing.

Other police regions advised to copy from Shiselweni

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlengano

NATIONAL Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula says the other three police regions should copy the good work done by Shiselweni police.

Magagula when addressing a gathering during the Shiselweni Crime Prevention Awards ceremony last Friday, ordered that in future, he would be happy to grace a similar event in another region.

He said what the region was doing needed to be copied as it was an idea of noble cause and a good concept that must be adopted as a strategy of addressing crime.

"As all the police regions are represented in tonight's ceremony, my advice is that such a ceremony should take place even in the other respective regions.

Regional commissioners, station commanders and all of you who come from the other regions, I hope you have not come here to watch the glitz and glamour of this event but you have taken

notes on how you can plan and organise an event of this nature in your respective regions.

"It should not take long as I will be waiting to be invited to grace another event of this nature and this should not be next year but soon," said Magagula with a serious tone in his voice.

Magagula said what the police from Shiselweni had done, was a concept that all regions should copy as long as the police were prepared to win the battle of crime as they need to also apply strategies so that other stakeholders come on board.

Some of those who were honoured include; Ministers David Cruiser Ngcamphalala, Edgar Hillary and Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini, all from the region.

Gege MP Mbongiseni Malinga as well as Khubuta MP Njabulo Mabuza also got awards.

Shiselweni RA Themba Masuku whose work has been commended by many people also received an award.

Prominent businessman who is also a farmer France du-Pont popularly known as 'Malume' was also awarded.

Former Ezulwini councilors take housing minister to court

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

FORMER Ezulwini Town Council councillors have dragged the minister for housing and urban development to court seeking an order compelling the minister to comply with an order of court in the council meetings battle application.

The former councilors successfully moved an application to have the Ezulwini Municipality and the minister allow them to hold council meetings after they had been prevented from doing same.

The High Court had issued an order to the effect that the applicants (former councilors) are not suspended from office, that the applicants stand to be considered and further that costs reserved for a date of next session. The applicants, Nokuthula Mthembu, Busie Bhembe, Hlengizwe Ndzabukelwako, Sibusiso Mabuza and Gwen Hadfield have now filed an application for an order of court to compel the minister and attorney general to comply with the second order, that of costs.

According to the first applicant (Mthembu), he confirmed that the

proceedings commenced and concluded by the court during the tenure of the applicants and that on December 29, 2016, an order of court was served on the respondents.

However, despite receipt of same, the respondents without reasons failed to comply with the order of court, instead have at all material times deliberately refused to comply, in fact the respondents' conduct according to Mthembu, have at all material times displayed disobedience and lack of respect of the order of court.

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All efforts by council to convene meetings were denied by the minister during their tenure and due to the obvious defiance of the court order by the respondents. The applicants decided to seek the intervention of the minister with the view of reporting that despite the order that they were not suspended, were to be considered, the councilors are still and unable to hold meetings.

The applicants are represented by Nolwazi Kunene from Magagula, Hlophe Attorneys in the matter while the respondents are represented by the attorney general's office.



SALE: Crowded of shoppers waiting for Shoprite to open to participate in a sale inadvertently blocking the entrance door for staff early last Friday morning in Pigg's Peak.

Cops to the rescue as shoppers block Shoprite

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

POLICE had to be called to control a crowd of shoppers who had blocked the entrance to Shoprite Pigg's Peak in anticipation of a mass sale.

The incident happened last Friday after Shoprite had advertised that they would be having a clearance sale on selected groceries.

Sources close to the matter said a number of eager shoppers had gathered outside the shop from as early as 6am and by 7:15 the queue had grown so much that employees of Shoprite had difficulty entering the shop to start work.

This was after the shoppers had blocked the main entrances.

"It was getting crowded outside Shoprite and we could see that shoppers did not want to lose their positions in the lines if they were moved



TO THE RESCUE: Pigg's Peak police arrive at the scene to control the crowd of eager Shoppers at Shoprite.

from the doors. "We were eventually aided by security guards who forcefully removed some shoppers from the doors so that the staff could gain entry. During this commotion a patrolling Pigg's Peak police van stopped outside the shop

and addressed the crowd, calling for the shoppers to calm down and stop pushing. We were eventually allowed into the shop, occupied our work stations and opened the shop on time, thus we witnessed the ensuing sale that lasted all day," added the source.

More houses to be built courtesy of Mahamba Gorge

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

WITH the Mahamba Gorge Hiking and partners having assisted four orphans of Magele under Mtsambama by building them a house, the next stop is Bambitje under Matsanjeni South where six orphans will also be built a house.

With this year's proceeds, the Mahamba Gorge Hiking team and its partners started a crusade of building decent structures for the needy in particular orphans in different communities.

Members of Parliament from the region have been roped in and all 14 of them agreed to be part of such an activity in any of



BENEFIT: Matsanjeni South MP Sikiza Edward Mhlungu.

the constituency identified for such projects.

Matsanjeni South MP Sikiza Edward Mhlungu said it was agreed when they were at Mtsambama (Magele) that his constituency would be the next stop.

He said at his constituency a family of Bambitje needed a

proper house and other things.

"There are children living with their grandmother who is too old to do anything. The plan is to have at least a two-room house built for them through the help from of Mahamba Gorge Hiking and partners. We have agreed that our constituency should be the next stop after Mtsambama where we went there to assist four orphans," said MP Mhlungu.

Mhlungu said it was encouraging to see Mahamba Gorge Hiking doing projects across the region which benefited the needy.

He said even MPs would now be united because of the assistance Mahamba Gorge Hiking was giving to communities.

"It's unfortunate that at

Mtsambama when we were there to support our colleague Mphaya Simelane, not all of us managed to be there. It's understood as at times we have other pressing issues back at our constituencies. The good thing is that other MPs had an excuse as to why they would not be there," said Mhlungu.

At Magele out of the 14 MPs only three turned up and these are Mphaya Simelane (local MP), Mhlungu and Mbongiseni Malinga of Gege all who contributed something to the orphans to help them start income generating projects.

Mhlungu said he was optimistic that at his constituency, all 14 MPs would take part in the project of building the two-room house for the six orphans.



UNITE THEM: MP Jameson Simelane.

as well as a clinic which have been inaccessible because of issues with the road.

The MP has played his part in ensuring that this project is implemented and our many thanks also go to the ministry of public works which is paving this road," said Dlamini.

BUCOPHO HAPPY WITH MP

BUCOPHO of Nhletjeni, an area under Sandleni constituency believes the current member of Parliament (MP) Jameson Simelane has managed to keep the whole inkhundla team united.

Mduduzi Dlamini said the MP never relied on hearsay but he makes it his responsibility to have first-hand information on any issue that needs his attention.

"I personally enjoy working with MP Simelane. He is a hard worker and he avails himself on any issue needing his attention. Our constituency is one of the biggest in the region but he knows each and every challenge the respective areas face. It should not sound like I am campaigning for him for the next

elections, but these are just my personal views," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said Simelane was approachable and even when held by pressing issues; he always communicates.

"Most of the time he is held by work at Parliament but he always alerts, us when there is a need.

He is organised and when we plan to have meetings in our area, he suggests a date suitable not for him but for everyone. He knows what is needed and what are the things that could make people lose confidence in someone.

We have been working as a team at the Inkhundla because of a man like him," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said he was not going to start claiming the progress

that his community made in terms of development as his own personal achievement but said all was due to the hard-working MP and the whole constituency team.

"There are almost 12 chiefdoms and each has managed to make strides in terms of development. The MP has not been selective on who he has to support. He considers all of us as his 'children' when it comes to projects which should be implemented.

As I speak, there is a new road being paved from Mweni area which will connect Nhletjeni. It's been hard to travel as residents have all this time been walking a long distance to connect to the main road to get public transport. There are schools

New WHO DG to fight disease outbreaks

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

NEW World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus says he will work on strengthening the organisation's response to threats such as disease outbreaks.

According to information sourced from WHO report, the new director has already drawn up a list of things to do.

The former Ethiopian health minister wants the organisation to work with governments to build their national capacity for universal health coverage through strong and resilient health systems.

"He wants to see WHO harmonise emergency responses across partners while bolstering frontline defences at national and local levels," reads part of the report.

His priorities make sense because the African continent is notorious for being ill-prepared to deal with disease outbreaks, yet it is home to many emerging and re-emerging diseases such as Ebola, Yellow Fever, meningitis and lassa fever.

"African leaders have a role to play in helping the new Director-General achieve these objectives. The best way for them to contribute is by dusting off the 2001 Abuja Declaration in which AU member states resolved to increase their health budgets to at

least 15 per cent of the state's annual budget."

Over the last 16 years governments have indeed improved their spending on health. For example, Rwanda currently spends 22.3 per cent and Togo 15.4 per cent of their annual budgets on health. Nigeria spends 6.7 per cent and Uganda 10.2 per cent.

South Africa's health expenditure is 14 per cent of its general expenditure.

Most countries still have a long way to go to ensure that allocations to health are consistent and that the money is spent in ways that bolster the chances of Ghebreyesus meeting the objectives he's mapped out for the WHO. Countries signed the dec-

laration because they believed that special efforts and increased funding were needed to prevent and control epidemics and improve the general health of its citizens. But 16 years later there's still no clarity on who has fulfilled the 15 per cent pledge. Different assessments have come up with different results.

In another report in 2011, UNAIDS put the number of African countries who had met the target at nine: Ethiopia, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Rwanda, Swaziland and Togo.

What seems to be generally accepted—and confirmed by the WHO's 2016 assessment—is that since the turn of the century most African governments have increased the proportion of total public expenditure allocated to health.

SA minister to be part of Evelyn Baring meeting

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

SOUTH Africa Minister of Communications Ayanda Dlodlo is expected to be the guest of honour during this year's Evelyn Baring High School alumni otherwise known as 'Evelyn Baring High Ex-Students Association (EBHESA).

The reunion is slated for August 12, 2017 at the school.

Minister Dlodlo is a former pupil of the school, she attended in 1977.

Minister Dlodlo was one of the ministers roped in by SA President Jacob Zuma during the recent Cabinet reshuffle. It's on record that Zuma's decision to reshuffle his Cabinet was met with strong challenges something which also shook the pillars of the ruling party, African National Congress (ANC). Minister Dlodlo, according to the leadership of EBHESA, has already accepted the invitation.

EBHESA Public Relations Officer Harry Nxumalo, a Manzini businessman, confirmed that Minister Dlodlo would be the guest speaker during this year's reunion. "We are looking forward to all former Baringers, locally and even those abroad to be part of the event. It is an event that is held once a year and it is where we meet and plan how we can contribute to this lovely institution which shaped some of us to be what we are today," said Nxumalo who is one of the organisers of the reunion.

In 2015, during the same event, celebrated former SA Public Protector Thuli Madonsela was the guest speaker. She is also former pupil of Evelyn Baring High.

This year's event is the 10th edition and Nxumalo said it's worth celebrating.

Nxumalo said as usual, the event would start in the morning at 8am and then there would be dinner held at 6pm where there will be entertainment.

"We urge even those that may have accommodation challenges to contact us so that arrangements can be made early," said Nxumalo. Nxumalo reminded members to pay the subscription fee which is only E600.

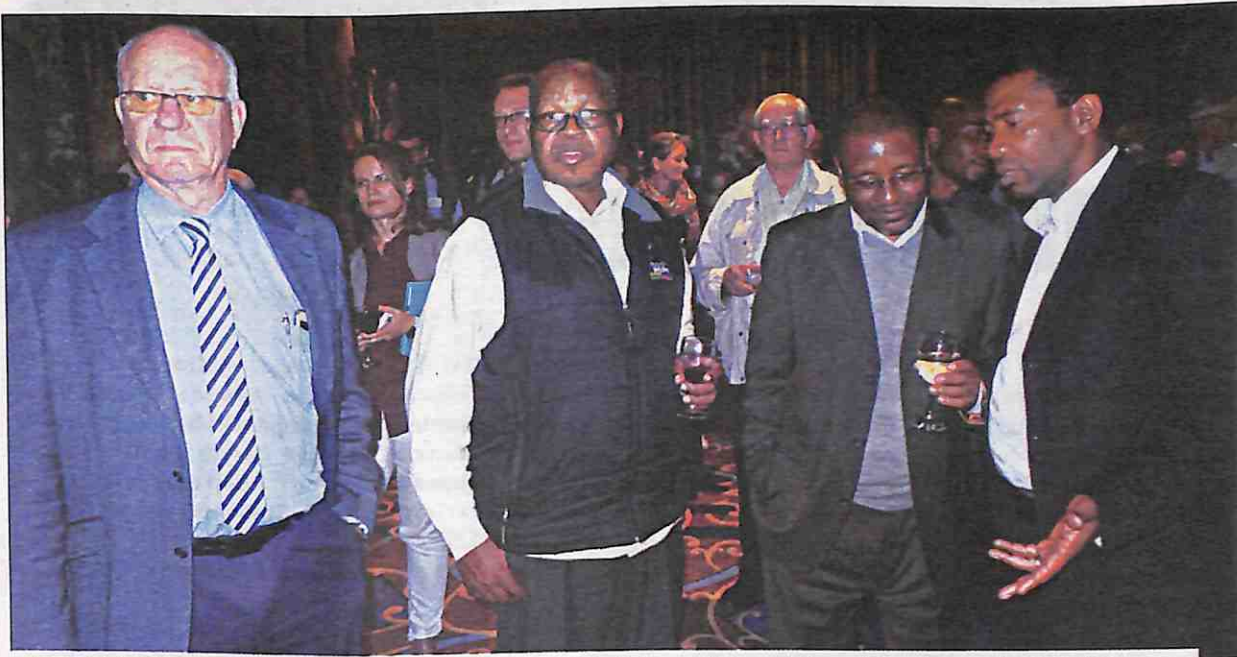
"Our account is at the First National Bank, Mbabane branch and the code number is 280-164 and the account number is 62138305421. The name of the account is EBHESA," said Nxumalo.

Through the subscriptions, EBHESA has assisted the school in a number of projects including catering for fees and other school needs for current pupils. Some of the former pupils hold influential positions including in the corridors of powers, while some are successful business people and others are overseas.

The former pupils have also created a social network group, a vibrant group which enables networking. Some of the former Baringers include Swazi Observer long serving employee and in charge of the investigating department Ackel Zwane, Nhlangano businessman Justice Nxumalo, Mbabane City Council Chief Executive Officer Gideon Mhlongo. Others are in cabinet such as Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza who is Minister of Commerce. People's United Democratic Movement (PUDEMO) leader is also former Baringer.

There are many others who occupy various positions in public and private sectors locally and abroad and others in the teaching profession with some being principals of some of schools.

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INTERESTED: The host Lance Rossouw, GM of Royal Swazi Sun, Pigg's Peak Hotel General Manager Zacharia Dlamini, STA CEO Eric Maseko and Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini following proceedings.

70 TOUR GUIDES CONVENE FOR TOURIST GUIDE LESSONS

By Simon Shabangu
Ezulwini

OVER 70 tour guides came through to participate in the ongoing Tourist Guide Course which attracted participants from as far as the United Kingdom (UK).

This was said by the three-day course convener, Ruth Buck, during the welcome dinner for the course participants at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre on Tuesday evening.

Ruth is also the Director of Forester's Arms and an executive member of the Hospitality and Tourism Association of Swaziland (HOTAS) headed by Mountain Inn GM Patrick Ward. She said she was excited about the turn up for the course which she has not hosted in a few years now.

She said there was great demand for the course such that they had to turn down some applications because the numbers were just too much.

"We have guides from as far as the UK, Cape Town, KZN, Mpumalanga and Gauteng who have all converged here for this important course. There are local guides and those who aspire to join the profession who are participants of this course.

"We are thrilled that you gave up your work and time to spend time in Swaziland," she said.

She said Swaziland was the best country to do such a course for many reasons citing the natural beauty of the country as well as its rich cultural heritage.

"It is also a diverse country with a fascinating history, rich culture and traditions that has survived into these modern times," she added.

She told the course participants that their clients are happy to come to Swaziland because the people are known for their warm reception.

"Visitors are usually overwhelmed, surprised and delighted to discover this very special part of Africa.

"They ask all sorts of questions and we hope that after the course you will be well equipped to provide them with accurate and well informed answers,"

● This was said by the three-day course convener, Ruth Buck, during the welcome dinner for the course participants at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre on Tuesday evening



GRATEFUL: Course convener Ruth Buck addressing the gathering at the welcome dinner for the Guide Course. The event was held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre on Tuesday evening. **RIGHT - WELL DONE:** Chairman of HOTAS Patrick Ward passing a vote of thanks. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



CHIT CHAT: SNTC CEO Dr Clifford Dlamini in a conversation with Pigg's Peak Hotel GM Zacharia Dlamini, Xoliswa Mkhonta and Gugu Mavimbela.

she said.

She thanked the Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) CEO Eric Maseko and staff for the assistance during preparations for the course.

She also thanked the hospitality indus-

try for its support and opening up their facilities to the course attendees during the training.

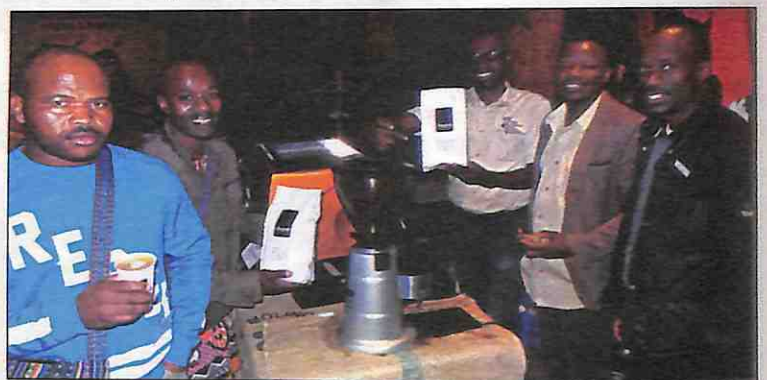
Meanwhile, STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini said this course is essential to the tourism sector in Swaziland



CONVERSATION: The convener Ruth Buck and Berry Fuller in a conversation after the formalities of the day.



LOOK AT THIS: Swazi Secrets' Babongile Dlamini explaining to Ngwenya Glass Director Cathy Prettejohn about their products.



PRESENT: Elite Food Services crew was also at the event to promote their special coffee.



LISTEN: Participants listening to speeches.

because it equips tour guides with the right skills to do their work.

"We will now be sure that whoever, among the trained guides, is assigned to lead a group on a tour of the country is well equipped with the right skills to undertake that assignment.

Instances

There will no longer be instances where you find that a guide has misrepresented the country by giving out inaccurate information pertaining the history or culture.

"We are excited by the good response especially from the international participants because apart from acquiring the skills they will also get to know more about the country. They will now be our ambassadors out there," he said.

As part of the group's itinerary they will visit a number of the country's tourist attractions such as the National Museum, Parliament, King Sobhuza Memorial Park, Ngwenya Mine, Ngwenya Glass, Mantenga Cultural Village among other areas of interest.

Presentation

The course ends today where the participants will get certificates at a presentation to be held at Royal Swazi Sun which is one of the hosts.

Local and international course facilitators who involved in the training include Bongani Dlamini, Clement Maziya, Bob Forrester, Linda Loffler, Kim Roques and Richard Boycott. They were tasked with facilitating different sections of the course.



FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...



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NEGATIVE + POSITIVE = 'POSITIVE' A NEW FORMULA FOR SURVIVAL

AT the wrong side of 40 I can safely say I have seen better and battered days. I am now an A+ student from the university of life.

This college has taught me that a smile is not laughter and laughter is not love! And that your best friend can be your worst enemy and your worst enemy, your best friend! Now I know that there are loose white teeth that cannot bite and brown nicotine teeth that can tear apart a stem of a gum tree! I know that there are hands which are folded in prayer on Sundays and on Mondays, the very same hands, strangle the innocent to death.

I have learnt that the pulpit of Africa is drowning in a cesspool of greed and jealousy. Today, I know that no matter how man can pretend to be righteous, but if he doesn't have Christ, he is a predator, an animal; walking on four legs with a long tail! Thus I now belong to a new school of thought. For a period spanning four decades, I was a hapless Rabbi, in a confused synagogue, preaching to an ignorant congregation and reading from an out-dated scroll. But not anymore! Just like Buddha, I have been enlightened, thus I apologise sincerely to the multitudes whose eardrums have been bombarded by my junk mail.

Positive

My children please mark my words; don't be too positive unless you want to die ten times before the real death touches you with its icy hand! You will die because you will create hopeless expectations. Remember what Mr. Literature (Shakespeare) said about expectations. He said that he was happy in life because he expected nothing.

Today many are cold bones in the graves because of expectations; lies were sold, on auction sale and they bought them; lived a 'positive' life, full of expectations and later realised that they have been sold a dummy as no products were delivered!

They lost track of themselves! Look at them; they are dead men walking! But RIP all the same! I am persuaded to believe that there is 'useful negative' and 'useless positive', like thinking that you will win that lotto! You won't win it dear, accept! And please cool down and listen to my mad tale. I now subscribe to a new formula, which is negative + positive = 'positive'. Madness? Whatever!

And this is not a 'Macford Theory' or a 'Gupta Theory'...No! It is a theory as old as time, it's only that I was seeing the world with the eyes of the blind. And as they say, blind eyes do not see the eyes of the Seer! I was blind and now I see!

● DUNDERHEAD

I am not a dunderhead and I know that in business usually, a negative+positive is equal to a negative. But we are in business unusual! So all I am saying is that I have a new assumption; an

Innovate and
experiment to
fail and win:
a new formula
for survival
and success

angle of perception! I see things different and it works for me and it can work for you too! Mind you, the formula is not negative + negative because I know that the answer is still negative. It is negative + 'positive' right? And there are two solutions to this problem; yours and mine. Yours is negative and mine is 'positive'! I know this is a difficult mathematical topic; it is not like repeating the verse 'Tito Mboweni' ten times and call yourself a music genius. LOL! Anyway, coming back to my subject, the difference is the position where I stand which makes me to see the world through shades of grey. Call me a pessimist I accept!

But one thing for sure, through this formula, I am able to substitute the 'grey' with a 'green' and see the world in shades of green!

● NEGATIVE-POSITIVE VIBRATION

20 years ago I would roar with a raucous voice and tell my children to see 'God' in every human being. Not anymore! Now I know that a human being is an animal; deceptive, predatory and deadly. When he asks for a place to sleep say NO. When he says he loves you RUN away! When he says he is hungry, he can eat you! How many came to you and you opened the door for them and they betrayed you? That's a human being; the animal; the hyena! My new angle!

Today I tell my children that whenever they drive, at anytime of the day and find someone hitch hiking, they should not stop because there is a 100 per cent chance that they will be giving 'death' a ride and he will strangle, stab, rob and

leave them for death.

I tell them that when they drive in the thick of the night and all of a sudden a beautiful half naked woman approaches them, they should engage the 'override' gear because that might be a ghost to 'spook' their lives. I also tell them that they must not ask a lift from anyone who, out of the blue, becomes a good Samaritan and whether he is going to Malkems or Bremersdorp; because he will strangle, hack and butcher them like he slaughters cows in an abattoir.

● EVIL LURKING IN THE DARK

I tell everyone who listens that there is murder for witchcraft and they should be careful as body parts are a booming industry! I tell girls to be careful who they associate with because there are men who don't understand that love is a two-way traffic.

They believe that through their money, they will buy the rights to the women's lives. And when the women say 'enough is enough' they will kill them so that if 'I don't have you, no one will.' I tell 3 year old girls to run away from men because they will rape and kill them.

I also tell young boys to run away because men will sodomise them. I tell men to be careful as women are so scheming that there are many men languishing in jails for not committing a crime. I tell them if Joseph went to jail through Potiphar's wife's trash, how many 'Josephs' are rotting in jails? It's # 'everyone is trash!' No one is better than the other! Both are in competition for the prey!

● MY THEORY

My persuasion is that this world is swamped with evil so much that vile won't be news anymore but shocking stories will be when someone does good. I tell young people who have written 20 application letters that they should expect the worse, so that if it is bad they won't get hurt and if it's good it will be a bonus. I tell them to be 'negative' in a positive way because if they are too 'positive' and the result becomes 'negative', they will commit suicide. If one can ask me what pastors, healers, shrinks, traditional doctors, etc have in common, I tell them that they are all Father Christmas (es) who give out sweets of comfort and hope. They tell you that 2017 is the year of abundance when we have a full blown fiscal crisis in the whole of SADC. They tell 2000 people that they will all be members of Parliament in 2018 whereas we only have 55 constituencies in the country. They tell people that they will be billionaires before the end of the year, when after 49 years, after independence, the country has not yet produced three and a half billionaires in cash! Oh we need such comfort!

● UNEMPLOYMENT/POVERTY INDEX

I tell everyone to invest in education and look for a job but should know that in South Africa, 9 million people are rotting at home through unemployment. So when they join the statistics of unemployment, they should know that it happens to everyone *hhayi kutsi baka sathane!* So they must have that little 'negative' as they think 'positive.' That's my theory of negative + positive = 'positive.' When I go to events I sit quietly and when they ignore me I become content just like when they acknowledge me. And when I am let down, I just laugh it off because I have 'normalised' the abnormal.

To me, negative and positive have become identical twins and it's the only thing that keeps me sane. I would have died long ago of positive energy. And when one person, out of ten, shows me love, I become grateful because I don't care about the nine haters anymore. This is because I know that in this world there are forces of subjugation that lurk in the dark to dim our stars! And this doomsday conspiracy, call it apocalypse or armageddon does not happen in Aleppo. It happens here, in the pulpit of Africa! So if there is this small glimmer of light, in the fiendish clouds, my face lights up with impish glee!

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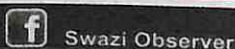
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ON THIS DAY

...FEBRUARY 9

1215 - King John of England put his seal on the Magna Carta.

1381 - The English peasant revolt was crushed in London.

1389 - Ottoman Turks crushed Serbia in the Battle of Kosovo.

1607 - Colonists in North America completed James Fort in Jamestown, VA.

1667 - Jean-Baptiste Denys administered the first fully-documented human blood transfusion. He successfully transfused the blood of a sheep to a 15-year old boy.

1752 - Benjamin Franklin experimented by flying a kite during a thunderstorm. The result was a little spark that showed the relationship between lightning and electricity.

1775 - George Washington was appointed head of the Continental Army by the Second Continental Congress.

1836 - Arkansas became the 25th US state.

1844 - Charles Goodyear was granted a patent for the process that strengthens rubber.

1846 - The United States and Britain settled a boundary dispute concerning the boundary between the US and Canada, by signing a treaty.

1864 - An order to establish a military burial ground was signed by Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton. The location later became known as Arlington National Cemetery.

1866 - Prussia attacked Austria.

1877 - Henry O. Flipper became the first African American to graduate from the US Military Academy at West Point.

1898 - The US House of representatives approved the annexation of Hawaii.

1909 - Benjamin Shibe patented the cork centre baseball.

1911 - The Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co. was incorporated in the state of New York. The company was later renamed International Business Machines (IBM) Corp.

1916 - US President Woodrow Wilson signed a Bill incorporating the Boy Scouts of America.

1917 - Great Britain pledged the release of all the Irish captured during the Easter Rebellion of 1916.

1919 - Captain John Alcock and Lt. Arthur W. Brown won \$50 000 for successfully completing the first, non-stop trans-Atlantic plane flight.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NORTH WEST (FAMILY MEMBER) - June 15 2013 - 3 years old.



ICE CUBE (RAPPER) - June 15 1969 - 48 years old.

MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

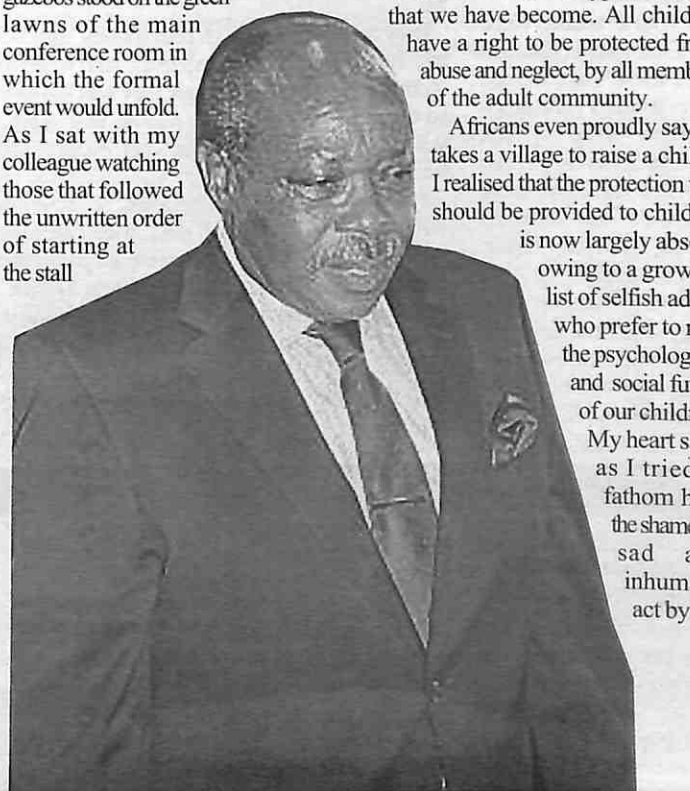
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OFFICIATING at the launch of the "Children's Month (June) at the Sibane Hotel in Ezulwini last week, the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini called upon the nation to reflect and take stock of actions that will make Swaziland a better place for children.

The month of June gives the country an opportunity to focus on Swazi children, and reflect on their experiences successes and challenges.

Dlamini described Children's Month as a time to intensify advocacy for children's issues. He noted that Swaziland is called upon to join African Union member states in reflecting and conducting an introspection, to provide impetus for the necessary and urgent steps to eradicate harmful social and cultural practices against children, by preventing and addressing violence against them. As the DPM gave his address, my mind kept wandering to a conversation I had earlier in the day with a teacher from Ekwetsembeni Special School. It replayed what had unfolded, over and over.

As usual, stakeholders that work with children's issues provided information desks at the launch event, where they enthusiastically offered information on the kind of work they do, to visitors to their exhibition stalls. All exhibitors used the forthcoming Day of the African Child (DAC) theme as a point of reference for their exhibitions and thus delved on how their work supports the demands of the theme. The Info Centre stall was positioned (as it turned out) at the end in the order that the colorfully branded organisational gazebos stood on the green lawns of the main conference room in which the formal event would unfold. As I sat with my colleague watching those that followed the unwritten order of starting at the stall



TAKE STOCK: Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini.

FOR EVERY CHILD: PROTECTION, EMPOWERMENT AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

right next to the conference room entrance and then slowly snake their way towards the Info Centre stall, in my head, I went over the answer to the one question that they would all begin with, "so, who are you and what do you do?"

As it turned out, I was spot-on until a lady I was to learn was a teacher at Ekwetsembeni Special School was in my presence. In a sad low voice, she asked, "What can NERCHA do for our children who are most vulnerable to HIV infections? Is it possible to do some research into the effects of rape and sexual abuse on HIV infections among special populations?" She quietly narrated how children living with disabilities (both physical and mental impairment) from her school were an easy target for rape and physical abuse carried-out in the bushes next to the school. She narrated a sickening situation that rapists got away with the brutal act because these children had mental challenges and in many instances, they are unable to provide strong evidence that could lead to the identification and prosecution of the perpetrators.

As the lady walked on towards the direction of organisations that I referred her to regarding research matters, I felt so ashamed of the type of society that we have become. All children have a right to be protected from abuse and neglect, by all members of the adult community.

Africans even proudly say "It takes a village to raise a child." I realised that the protection that should be provided to children is now largely absent, owing to a growing list of selfish adults who prefer to ruin the psychological and social future of our children. My heart sank as I tried to fathom how the shameful, sad and inhumane act by the

perpetrators of rape and sexual abuse on hapless children, impacts them. Conversing with myself I asked:

"Do the children now assume the rape and assault as part of a normal life and perhaps, have likely become perpetrators themselves? What about their HIV risks and the many others that the rape and sexual abuse perpetrators have sexual links with?" These and many other questions flooded my mind.

While the business end of launch of the Children's Month proceeded, I remained a troubled soul. The reality is that statistics from the National Study on Violence against Children and Young Women show that: One in three Swazi women have suffered some form of sexual abuse as a child; one in four have experience physical violence before the age of 18. In my mind, I accessed anecdotal evidence and it suggested that a high number of women living with disability are victims of abuse. I was further troubled by the opportunities for sexual exploitation presented by not only the Ekwetsembeni, scenario but by the situation of the many children living with disabilities, in the four corners of Swaziland.

Study

That the national study on violence findings further concluded that violence and sexual assault against girls primarily takes place at home, disturbed me even further.

Given that most girls are reluctant to report abuse or in many instance, do not rightly understand they have been violated, I went cold as the prospect of the situation of those living with disabilities, hit me. "We have a serious public health challenge with the situation of children living with disability" my mind concluded.

I recalled that the Royal Swaziland Police Annual Report for the year 2012 showed that there were 499 rape cases reported, and that these were on the rise each year. I shivered a bit at the thought of the many cases that were not reported, owing to the shame and helplessness that often inhibits survivors from reporting rape cases. How many of those that suffered in silence were children and of those, how many were living with disabilities, I wondered.

A gloomy picture was painted by the thought that the 2007 Census indicated 19 747 children aged 10-19, as living with disabilities, which meant that the Ekwetsembeni scenario was

just a drop in the ocean. Historically, children living with disabilities are marginalised and do not have access to education opportunities to the same level as their non-disabled peers, which renders them continually vulnerable to poverty and limits or restricts their access to education opportunities. I questioned myself as to how many of these children were kept away from the public eye, and were falling prey to the scums of the earth that are molesters and rapist.

Need for a tête-à-tête by different stakeholders

The picture painted was gloomy. I forced myself to pay attention to the DPM's address. Dlamini noted that the Day of the African Child (DAC) theme for 2017 calls upon the eradication of all forms of socio-economic, traditional, customary, religious practices or otherwise, that are injurious to children's physical, psychological and social well-being.

By the time he concluded his speech by announcing that DAC 2017 will be commemorated on Thursday 15 June at Ekinisweni Primary School at Nhlengano in the Shiselweni Region, my mind had already strayed again. This time, my mind was occupied by the need to have a conversation on the issues that affect children in the country, and at the very top of the list, those of children with disabilities

Exchange

The exchange should be held in our homes, in churches, and in our communities. We need to talk about the abuse of our children by these monsters that have made it an everyday occurrence. We need to find means to stop them dead in their tracks. We need to stop the slap in the wrist sentences that do not deter them.

We do also need to realise that this dialogue should not just be for adults only. It is a conversation that needs to be held with our children too. Children need to be given information from which they can draw knowledge and tools they can use when faced with banana skin situations that may result in exposure to HIV risks. Yes, government has a big role to play in terms of putting the relevant policies and pushing for the enactment of protective laws; but it is the individual parent, the family, the church, and the community that has the responsibility of raising children with virtues such as dignity, self-respect, respect for others, and self-control (know when and how to say, no and yes).

Rape and sexual abuse of children is more prevalent than we would like to believe. None of our children is safe. Admittedly, having a frank conversation on the rape and sexual abuse of children will not wholly protect our children from this heinous act, but it is a good point of reference to start from.

For every child: protection, empowerment and equal opportunity. Not just this Children's Month but beyond! This way, we will contribute to helping our children to STAY FREE of HIV.



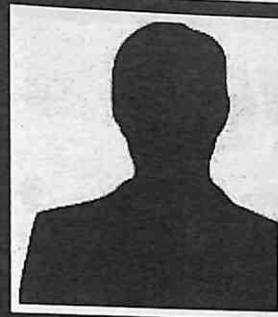
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THE RIGHT OF A CHILD TO SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



THE social and emotional development of a child is of the utmost importance in determining their quality of life as it is the child's ability to; understand the feelings of others, control their own feelings and behaviours, get along with other children and build relationships with adults.

A child's positive relationship with trusting and caring adults is the key to successful emotional and social development. In order for a child to develop basic skills they need co-operation, follow directions, demonstrate self-control and to pay attention, they must have social and emotional skills also.

The Children's Welfare and Protection Act of 2012 protects the right of a child to participate in social activities, stating that the child has the right to participate in positive social activities. It also protects the right of the child to know and grow with their parents in a safe, loving and caring family environment as a child's earliest and most extensive learning about social relationships occur in the family.

The Act views the life and development of a child in a holistic manner, placing an equal level of impor-

tance on all the stages of development of a child; physical development, emotional development, language and communication development, cognitive development and social development.

As a nation, and as parents, we understand the purpose of most of the stages but we face difficulty not only in understanding social and emotional development but also why it requires protection under the law. A child's ability to understand others and take their needs and views into account develops over time, because young children are naturally self-focused. When a child plays outside with other children, in their minds they are often playing beside the other children rather than with them, they also tend to think that everyone sees things the same way that they do. Through social interactions and social development their

thinking skills develop as well, the child is better able to understand another person's point of view, and finally to appreciate that there are multiple ways of looking at the same event or situation.

The social and emotional development of a child teaches the child how to put themselves in another person's shoes, allowing them to better relate to others and manage conflict more effectively. Social behaviour further moulds and influences the attitudes we hold about social conventions and about themselves.

A child learning to take account of other's feelings, perspectives and expectations contributes to their understanding of social values, as well as the values and ethics they choose for themselves. A child learns to make ethical judgements through the practise of placing themselves in others'

shoes and through being encouraged to reflect on issues that involve social and moral values. As parents, guardians, teachers and leaders, we are in a position to support positive social development in our children- by modelling our own behaviour around the principles of respect and consideration thereby encouraging our children to be similarly respectful of others.

Children

When our children approach us with a question, no matter how uncomfortable it may be, it is our duty to provide care and support by showing that we are willing to listen and tune into their feelings.

We can help our children develop their social skills by teaching them to think things through and solve the day-to-day social difficulties they encounter, by supervising and supporting their social activities without taking over. Lastly, we must discuss moral issues with our children, encouraging them to question, state their own opinions and reasons.

As adults we are the guardians of our country and its future, but it does not belong to us. It is our duty to pass it on to our children as a better place than we found it, and it is our duty to encourage and nurture them to do the same. Let us pass on a legacy of respect, love and acceptance to our children, as that is a legacy that will never age. *Authored by Women and Law.*

South Africa's power utility:



IN HAPPIER DAYS: Former Eskom CEO, Brian Molefe (R) shaking hands with President Jacob Zuma.

raises so many red flags it's hard to know where to start. And, to cap it all, the chairman has resigned with immediate effect. That means Eskom is without a CEO and now has a stand-in chairperson. One thing is clear. The board, the chairperson Ben Ngubane, the minister of public enterprises Lynne Brown, and Molefe failed in their duties to serve Eskom. They failed South Africa's taxpayers who are the indirect shareholders of Eskom. And they failed the country. To understand their duties,

one has to consider the basic principles of governing state owned enterprises. Eskom is a public company and its sole shareholder is the government. The shareholder representative is the ministry of public enterprises. A shareholder compact guides the relationship between the board, the executives and the minister.

The shareholder compact is an annual agreement between Eskom's leadership and the minister. It documents the power utility's mandate, as well as key performance measures. It also

sets out what's expected from a good governance perspective. It's meant to avoid the kind of mess that has visited Eskom over the past few months.

What went wrong?

A number of things.

The main one is that corporate governance rules designed to manage conflicts of interest were totally disregarded.

The country's Companies Act spells out what a director may or may not do if they have a personal financial interest in a matter. These rules apply as much to state owned enterprises as they do to publicly listed ones. The Eskom situation suggests that directors, and Molefe in particular, disregarded this principle.

This is highlighted in the former public protector Thuli Madonsela's "State of Capture" report which suggested that Molefe had had an improper relationship with the Guptas, a family of businessmen with close ties to President Jacob Zuma. Among other things, the report questioned the way in which the Eskom leaders collaborated with the Guptas to buy, some say hijack, a mine supplying power utility with coal.

The Conversation.

Wit and Wisdom

● "You have everything needed for the extravagant journey that is your life."
— Carlos Castaneda

● "It's only those who do nothing that make no mistakes, I suppose."
— Joseph Conrad, *An Outcast of the Islands*

● "I wonder how many people don't get the one they want, but end up with the one they're supposed to be with."

● Fannie Flagg, *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*

● "Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months."
— Oscar Wilde

● "If you let people into your life a little bit, they can be pretty damn amazing."

● Sherman Alexie, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

● "No sight so sad as that of a naughty child," he began, "especially a naughty little girl. Do you know where the wicked go after death?"

● "We dream in our waking moments, and walk in our sleep."
— Nathaniel Hawthorne, *The Scarlet Letter*

● "What is straight? A line can be straight, or a street, but the human heart, oh, no, it's curved like a road through mountains."
— Tennessee Williams, *A Streetcar Named Desire*

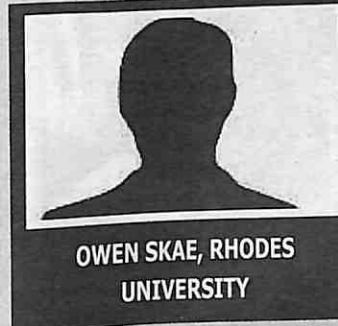
● "You're something between a dream and a miracle."
— Elizabeth Barrett Browning

● "There are perhaps many causes worth dying for, but to me, certainly, there are none worth killing for."
— Albert Dietrich, *Army GI, Pacifist CO: The World War II Letters of Frank and Albert Dietrich*

● "Damn, Claire. Warn a guy before you do a face-plant on the floor next time. I could have looked all heroic and caught you or something -Shane"
— Rachel Caine, *Glass Houses*

● "Everyone must leave something behind when he dies, my grandfather said. A child or a book or a painting or a house or a wall built or a pair of shoes made. Or a garden planted. Something your hand touched some way so your soul has somewhere to go when you die, and when people look at that tree or that flower you planted, you're there. It doesn't matter what you do, he said, so long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away. The difference between the man who just cuts lawns and a real gardener is in the touching, he said. The lawn-cutter might just as well not have been there at all; the gardener will be there a lifetime."
— Ray Bradbury, *Fahrenheit 451*

● "Of course motivation is not permanent. But then, neither is bathing; but it is something you should do on a regular basis."
— Zig Ziglar, *Raising Positive Kids in a Negative World*



OWEN SKAE, RHODES
UNIVERSITY

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's state owned enterprises have been hit by one scandal after another signalling serious political and corporate governance failures.

The largest of these, the power utility Eskom, has seen its CEO Brian Molefe resign, then return, and then be fired - all in the space of seven months. This was followed by the unexpected resignation of Eskom Chairperson Ben Ngubane. The Conversation Africa's Sibonelo Radebe asked Owen Skae to make sense of it all.

What do you make of what's happening at Eskom?

It's an unholy mess. The entire basis of the departure, reappointment and subsequent firing of the Eskom CEO

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.75%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.25%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.80 per litre
Replacement	E11.85 per litre
Diesel	E11.70 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.95 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 14 JUNE 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	12.7339	12.7839
British Pound/SZL	16.2727	16.3365
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.6093	8.6423
Swiss France/SZL	13.1562	13.2038
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2517	1.2592
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.6230	9.6621
Canadian Dollar/SZL	9.6308	9.6643
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	14.2862	14.3423
Gold	1,268.9800	
Oil	46.3900	

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'Income Tax Bill has more flaws at the expense of SMEs'

By Majaha Nkonyane

KPMG Partner Rob Webb says the Income Tax Bill has more flaws costing small medium enterprises (SME's).

For example, he said the personal tax summary (PTS) does not allow for tax losses to be carried forward and that this may be prejudicial to taxpayers.

"Many SME's incur losses in their start up phase," he added.

Webb said the Bill also has scenarios that do not take into account tax on dividends to individuals, nor do they take into account tax affairs of private individuals who may be taxed at rates greater than or less than the company rate.

Adding, he said it was not clear from the current wording in the Amendment Act whether taxpayers would obtain relief from withholding taxes.

"It is also not clear whether the Amendment Act makes provision for taxes overpaid under the existing system to be set off against amounts due under PTS," he said.

The amendment act according to Webb, does not allow a taxpayer

who has voluntary registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) to register for PTS and this could result in the cost of doing business being increased where taxpayers cannot be VAT registered and PTS registered.

"An additional 14 per cent would be added to costs incurred resulting in net profit decreasing by E17 500. It is clear that each business is different and professional advice should be obtained to ensure that the most beneficial taxing regime is selected should the PTS regime be adopted," he said.

He opined that if properly implemented, the PTS could be beneficial to both the SME taxpayer and the fiscus.

"It is also imperative that the SRA take into account suggestions for improvement as the current Amendment Act is not conducive to a properly implemented PTS," he said.

Webb further made suggestions to improve the SRA implementation of PTS where he questioned a number of paragraphs.

"Section 6 (4) (c) of the Amendment Act states that a tax credit allowed under the order shall not be used to reduce tax payable on the business income of the taxpayer. This will

need to be clarified by the SRA," he said.

"The sixth schedule interpretation makes reference to 'basic records' but it is not clear whether a taxpayer requires all or just one of the records mentioned. The interpretation makes reference to professional services and such pro-

fessionals are excluded from PTS. "This is prejudice to professionals compared to other occupations. Professionals in the service industry are more likely to keep proper records," he added.

Webb said interpretations in the Bill relating to turnover for small

businesses contradict the definition of basic records.

"The interpretation makes references to small businesses as having turnover of less than E500 000. The amount is too low (it is R1 000 000 in South Africa) and will be eroded by the effects of inflation," he said.

He also noted that the interpretation allows for the commissioner's discretion to disallow a taxpayer registering under this section.

Furthermore, he said the interpretation of turnover contradicts the definition of basic records as it makes reference to accounts, which would not be prepared if basic records only were being kept.

Webb said the Bill was also not clear about partnerships, trusts and not for profit entities.

"Under paragraph two persons covered make no preference to partnerships, trusts, and not for profit entities. As such only natural persons and companies are included," he said.

"Paragraph three excludes professionals, but does not seem to cater for professionals who combine trading and services as a professional," he further stated.

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FSE&CC President elected Vice President of Business Africa

By Manqoba Makhubu

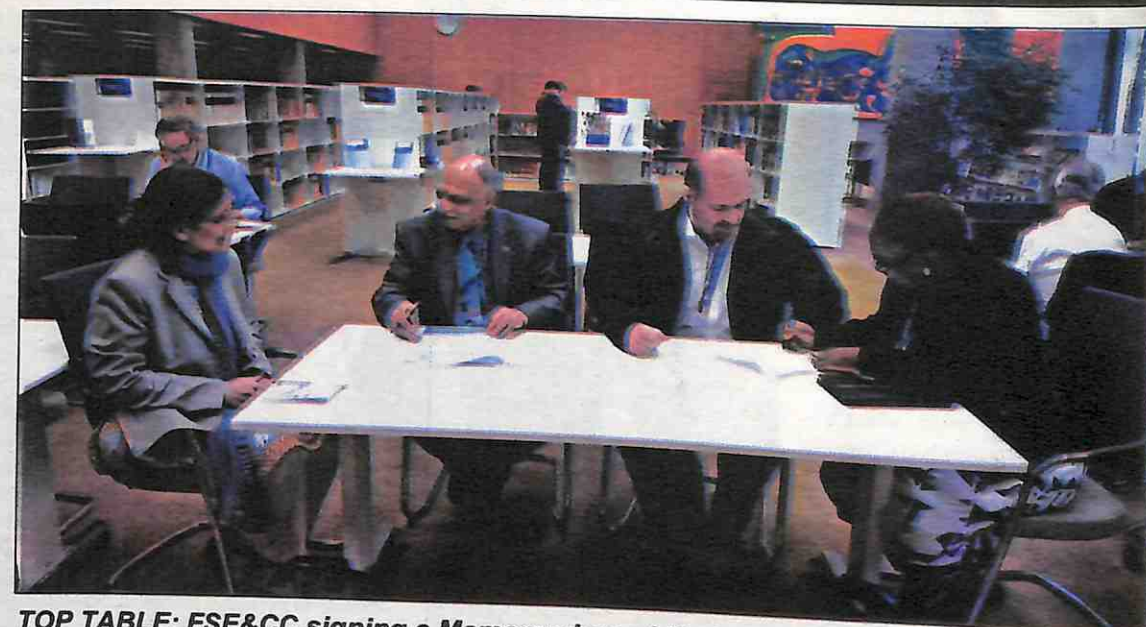
FEDERATION of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE&CC) President Andrew Le Roux has been elected to be the new second Vice President of Business Africa.

The appointment was done during the International Labour Organisation (ILO) meeting of employers in Geneva which is also attended by FSE&CC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Bonisiwe Ntando.

Le Roux takes the baton from Jamal Belahrach of Morocco.

In an interview with the Business Desk, Le Roux said his appointment was good news for the country as it will be seen participating at the highest level on issues of employment in the continent.

"It is a privilege to be appointed to the Business Africa Executive. It is important for the country's international profile to be seen to be participating at the highest level of African Employers' matters. I look forward to learning from an experienced and diverse executive and membership, and I look forward to participating to make inter-



TOP TABLE: FSE&CC signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Employers Federation of Pakistan.

and intra Africa trade and job creation a priority," he said.

Business Africa seeks to enhance the business voice in continental bodies such as the African Union (AU) commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the ILO Regional Office for Africa, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and other continental bod-

ies.

It has membership drawn from African employers' organisations, to which the FSE&CC is part, spread out from over 40 countries from all the regions of the continent.

Business Africa also seeks to strengthen regional integration to boost intra-African trade. These include development of rail, road

and energy projects through public-private partnerships (PPP) to facilitate trade and business links is a key objective of the organisation.

During the meeting of employers in Geneva, the FSE&CC also signed an MOU with the President of the Employers Federation of Pakistan Majyd Aziz.

VIEW: A view of the plots at the Woodlands extension number two.



330 plots to be up for sale at Woodlands extension No.2

By Manqoba Makhubu

FOR people looking to invest in property, 330 plots will soon be up for sale at Woodlands extension two.

The plots have an average size of 1 000 square metres.

Swaziland National Housing Board (SNHB) Director Corporate Services Khulile Dlamini said they were still

waiting to finalise the prerequisite legalities before they can offer the plots for sale.

"We will soon start selling the plots after an approval from HSA," she said.

Dlamini said though the precondition was that they should start selling the plots after they have completed the basic infrastructure, they also have an option to apply for a pre-sale arrangement.

She confirmed that the construction progress of the township was currently at 65 per cent.

According to the board's official newsletter, the construction is anticipated to be complete by end of August.

The township is now an ideal location for buyers as it is located at close proximity to the Woodlands Shopping Centre.

Shoprite opened its doors to the public on May 10 as the anchor tenant

for the shopping centre.

SNHB said the centre would also house 12 more outlets including; Barcelos, Multiserve, PB Pharmacy, MTN Service Centre, Cafe' Amore, LFY Salon and Spa, dry cleaners, police post, Engen filling station and Automated Teller Machines (ATMs).

"The aim of the shopping centre is to ultimately enhance and bring together a lifestyle that offers diversity to the different customers," said the board.

The construction of the shopping centre is expected to be completed by the end of this month.



UNITY: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati with the participants of the of the annual policy conference of the SNAU yesterday at CODEC in Ezulwini. (Courtesy pics)

Minister applauds SNAU for improving farmer's wellbeing

By Majaha Nkonyane

MINISTER of Agriculture Moses Vilakati has applauded the Swaziland National Agricultural Union (SNAU) for playing a significant role in improving the status of farmers' well being.

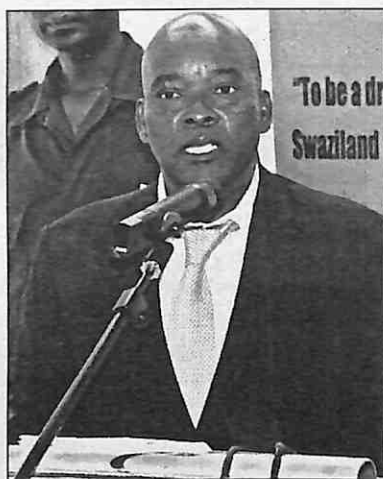
He said this was critical as the sector remains a catalyst for economic growth and food security.

The minister was speaking during the closing of the annual policy conference of the Swaziland National Agriculture Union (SNAU) which was held at CODEC in Ezulwini.

"We cannot argue that agriculture is a catalyst for economic growth and food security and that farmer's are the front-line actors who will help in achieving sustainable development of the sector. The contribution of the agriculture sector to the economy of the country cannot be overstated," he said.

The minister said the sector contributes in various ways in the economy.

He said this includes the provision of food for the increasing population, supply of adequate raw materials to a growing industrial sector, a major source of employment both informal and formal



APPLAUDS: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati making remarks during the conference.

along with generation of foreign exchange earnings.

However, the minister said the sector was however threatened by the ever changing climate which has brought uncertainties with risks to farmers.

"There has been reduced crop and livestock production which has seen the country experiencing frequent food shortages over the past years. To improve resilience

to climate change and improve viability of the agriculture sector, especially crop production," he said.

The ministry is responsible for the formulation of policy and regulations and creating an enabling environment for the sector.

Therefore, Vilakati said government has embarked on various initiatives aimed at increasing investments to undertake efficient adaptation measures towards climate change, such as development of irrigation dams, improved land and water management, development of adaptive crop varieties and livestock breeding, as well as set-up of early warning systems.

He thanked SNAU for improving the status of farmers' well being.

"Besides its advocacy role, the union has played a pivotal role in supporting maize producers in high maize producing areas in the country. The union is in partnership with the SwaziBank, also supports pig producers in the Shiselweni region to access business loans and to increase their business management skills," he said.

He also noted that the ministry interacts and engages with the union as one of its key stakeholders that represent the interest's farmers.

NMC opens depots in preparation for maize intake

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE National Maize Corporation (NMC) has announced that it will soon open all its depots for maize intake.

According to a communiqué from the corporation, all NMC depots will be open next week Tuesday.

"Farmers are encouraged to bring their maize in any of the different NMC depots which are located at Ntfontjeni, Ngwemphisi, Madulini, KaLanga and Matsapha," reads the statement in part. These storage facilities have a capacity of about 23 500 metric tons.

The corporation also announced that the current promotional price of E4 000 per ton would only persist until July 31, after which the price would go down.

According to figures announced by Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati, based on total area planted, the country expects 120 000 metric tons of maize harvest.

NMC Marketing and Communications Officer Nokwanda Dlamini-Masuku earlier said the country consumes on average 30 000 metric tons annually from NMC.

Therefore, she said according to yearly trends and the local production forecast, projections indicate that the country would need to import between 15 000 and 20

000 metric tons of white maize in order to meet the local demand.

Asked what strategies were put in place by the corporation to collect and store maize nationwide, Masuku said the corporation has five depot centres or storage facilities distributed across the four regions of the country where producers can deliver their produce.

Adding, she said the corporation had also planned to establish collection points, in areas where the depot centres are considered to be inaccessible to farmers.

"The corporation has also 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. This project will then be replicated in other high maize production areas depending on this year's produce," she said.

Farmers are expected to allow their maize to dry up to moisture levels of about 12.5 per cent, since the corporation cannot accept maize with high moisture content.

Masuku said they only accept reasonable moisture content above the 12.5 per cent and charge for drying the maize before being stored in silos.

The corporations also encouraged farmers to open bank accounts for the safe-keeping of their money and for ease of processing their payments.



TO INCREASE NATIONAL SAVINGS:

AfDB to work with African Central Banks

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Governors of Central Banks in Africa have resolved to strengthen cooperation on a range of issues to curb illegal financial outflows, bolster measures to improve tax collection and exchange information to improve monitoring of domestic financial markets.

According to a statement issued by the AfDB, the bank has also agreed to work with the governors of respective central banks on incentives to enable them to deepen financial markets using new technologies and innovations.

"The partnership is also expected to ease access to global markets that would enable more countries to issue long-term sovereign bonds," said the bank.

AfDB's Senior Vice-President Charles Boamah told a special session of the Central Bank Governors at the 52nd AfDB Annual Meetings in India that measures to curb the illicit outflow of finance from Africa remain weak and should be addressed.

Reforms

"There are clearly big challenges which contribute to illicit financial flows. To boost the domestic financial resources, we need major tax reforms and reforms in global capital markets. There are tremendous efforts that the AfDB is exerting externally and there may be more retail measures required," said Boamah.

The banks said it considers every opportunity to assist African countries to raise finances locally for their economic and social development projects, but only if countries implement measures to improve tax collection.



MONETARY: AfDB's Senior Vice-President Charles Boamah, John Panonetsa Mangudya, Governor of Zimbabwe's Reserve Bank.

It said new measures should also aim to increase national savings.

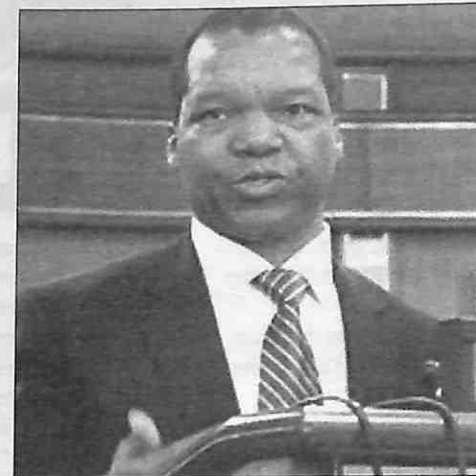
Speaking on domestic resource mobilisation, John Panonetsa Mangudya, Governor of Zimbabwe's Reserve Bank, stressed how export incentives and subsidies for producers of export goods helped to stimulate production and export volumes while measures were taken to cushion the market from the rising dollar.

Expensive

He explained that though Zimbabwe had resorted to the use of the US Dollar as its local currency, the rise of the Dollar in recent months led to more expensive prices for the Zimbabwean exports.

He hailed the AfDB's support for agriculture and urged the World Bank to follow suit.

Second Deputy Governor at the Bank of Ghana, Johnson Asiamah, stressed that promoting fixed-income financial markets, which



include income from bonds and interests and the issuance of a Diaspora bond with 15-20 year repayment period, were among domestic fundraising measures being considered.

Formalise

"We are in the preliminary stage of issuing the Diaspora bond and would be interested in learning more.

"We are also putting a premium on how to formalise our financial sector by bringing on board more players from the informal financial sector through our digital payment systems," Asiamah said.

The Governor of the Central Bank of Gambia, Bakary Jammeh, noted that The Gambia was seeking an urgent cash injection from the AfDB to recover from a political impasse earlier this year.

He spoke of declining import cover and diaspora remittances.

Meanwhile, AfDB has pledged joint mea-



IN LINE: Second Deputy Governor at the Bank of Ghana, Johnson Asiamah. (Pics: Daily Mail)

asures and coordination with the central banks to support effective management of foreign currency remittances from African expatriates and migrant workers who regularly send money home.

Stability

The AfDB has started implementing projects with countries in Africa to deal with currency risks and stability which is often associated with huge losses suffered by major producers and exporters.

Boamah said the AfDB was prepared to work with banks on collective investments to cover the currency risks, measures to enhance financial technology and the AfDB's landmark lending to the agriculture sector to further enhance raising of local funds for development.

In a speech, the Vice-Governor of the Bank of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Jules Bandombe, expressed fears that measures being implemented by central banks had largely failed to stop large sums of money from leaving the continent through illicit transactions.

"We are compelled to grant tax incentives to mining companies and as you know, the DRC economy is mostly dependent on the mining sector. We are creating avenues for the flight of capital," Bandombe said.

MEDICLINIC STILL NEEDS TIME TO RECOVER

JOHANNESBURG - MediClinic's share price fell nearly 30 per cent in the financial year to March, though some analysts say the worst may be over for the private hospital group.

The group, with the largest hospital portfolio on the JSE, said that although it had grown in southern Africa, it underperformed in the Middle East.

This dragged down its overall performance. MediClinic began 2017 on a high when the shares rallied in January after it acquired a majority stake in Life Path Health, a company with nearly 10 mental-health facilities in SA and the rest of Africa.

The share price fell in February after the company issued its second profit warning in five months, citing problems in the Middle East. The government of the UAE required that country's state medical aid users to pay 20 per cent of private hospital bills. This resulted in net profit from the Middle East plunging 62.5 per cent to £21m from £56m.

Subsequently, the stock fell for five



however, when the crown prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan, scrapped co-payment on private healthcare.

MediClinic's shares were 0.66 per cent higher on the day at R131.28 at the close on Tuesday.

A recent JP Morgan report by analysts Alex Comer and Ross Krige offered comfort, saying the longer-term structural outlook and ultimate earnings recovery were good, but they suspected weak guidance would temper near-term enthusiasm.

and scale of earnings recovery are debatable," the analysts said.

Portfolio Manager at Gryphon Asset Management Casparus Treurnicht said it looked as if operations at Abu Dhabi's Al Noor Hospitals Group would be the first to recover, but he would wait for the economic environment to improve in Europe and SA.

He said also that more clarity on Brexit was needed. "The share is probably trading at its cheapest levels in a long time, but unfortunately political events are present in each and every market where

Zara owner Inditex posts strong profit rise

MADRID, Spain - Spanish clothing giant Inditex, owner of fast-fashion brand Zara, yesterday reported a sharp profit rise for the three months to April, and said it created more than 10 000 new jobs in a year.

Inditex made 654 million euros (R9.3 billion) over the period, the first quarter of its financial year, a rise of 18 per cent year-on-year and more than double the first-quarter earnings of its direct competitor, Sweden's H and M.

Earnings were also ahead of analysts' consensus expectations of 540 million euros, compiled by financial data company Factset.

Apart from Zara, Inditex also owns Massimo Dutti, Oysho, Bershka, Stradivarius, Pull and

Bear, Zara Home and Uterque, and runs 7 400 outlets in 93 countries.

Sales were up 14 per cent in the quarter. Zara has launched online sales in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam

since the start of the year, and is to start operations in India in the autumn, it said.

Reflect

Founded by Amancio Ortega, now the second-richest man in the world after Bill Gates, Inditex's business model is built on the ability to bring fashion to stores within two weeks after being designed to quickly reflect new trends.

Inditex said it had created 10 668 new jobs over the past 12 months, including more than 2 200 in Spain.



DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD



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For Every child: Protection, Empowerment and Equal opportunities - with specific focus on children with disabilities

The month of June is hailed as Children's month in Swaziland. It provides an opportunity for the country to take stock of whether Swaziland is still a safe place for children and for stakeholders who work with and for children to intensify advocacy on specific issues affecting children.

The month of the child and indeed the rest of the year, present a window of opportunity for government, development partners, civil society, private sector, communities, faith based organisations, parents and all those who champion the cause of children to ensure that as we move towards attainment of the 2030 agenda, we keep an eye that no child is left behind.

UNICEF would like to add a voice to the call to Government to enact both the Disability bill and sexual offences and domestic violence bill to ensure that Swaziland remains a country fit for children.

MzwakheSithole, a child living with albinism was one of those who spoke on behalf of children with disabilities at the launch of children's month. Addressing the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Education and stakeholders he said:

"I have been charged with addressing you today. But I must confess that initially when I was asked to address you, I was hesitant not because

of any external encumbering but rather it was a crisis of conscious.

I felt and have always felt that any responsible speaker must stay true to the principles of honor and truth.

I believe that if I am to address you about the motives of Protection, of Empowerment, of Equal opportunity for all, I must have lived them myself. I cannot speak that which I have not lived.

But gladly, I have lived it because of the people in this room. There are people in this room who have nurtured my own talent, who have given me care and opportunities, who have treated me with respect and dignity and for that I am eternally grateful.

Nevertheless, I must confess that as I grow and evolve, I have been afflicted with feelings of guilt and remorse mostly because I feel that while I have survived, while I have gained opportunity, I have gained at the expense of others.

There are people out there who face the horrors of injustice, of abuse and there is nothing I can do.

All I can do is speak for them in this moment and ask all you to bend together as one and help them. If not for them then for yourselves,

because you may not be judged in this life but you will be judged in the next.

You all have given a voice to the voiceless, you have given opportunity when there was no opportunity, you have given light when there was darkness. You have fought a good fight and for that I thank you all on behalf of the children of Africa.

God Bless you!"

UNICEF works in more than 190 countries and territories to help children survive and thrive, from early childhood through adolescence. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic education for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS. UNICEF is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, businesses, foundations and governments.

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NATIONAL COMMEMORATION

Date: Today

Venue: Eqinisweni Primary School
Nhlanguano

Time: 9am





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It takes a world
to end violence against children

World Vision

THE PLIGHT OF THE CHILD WITH DISABILITY

As we commemorate the month of the African Child this June with this year's theme for every child protection, empowerment and equal opportunity, World Vision Swaziland reflects on the life of Ntando, a 14 year old boy with disability.

Life has become a painful reality for Ntando's family, as he is now motionless, the cause of which remain unclear. Ntando was born without any visible signs of disability, but things took a devastating turn when he was about to go to Grade 2. His grandfather Patrick Kunene elaborates, "he was fine and went to a nearby Pre-school from there he proceeded to Grade 1.

He had passed very well at Grade 1 with position 5 when he started limping with one leg to which we paid not much attention," he says adding, "one day he stood ice still and we called him to no response. We then took him to kaHlatsi hospital for checkups, he even went to the intensive care unit."

Patrick shares that thereafter the boy became speechless and motionless. He has been to numerous hospitals and it is at the Mbabane Government Hospital where his family was informed that his Medulla Oblongata is dead and he will need physio therapy. His grandfather assists with his physio therapy that strengthens his limbs. Ntando can identify his family and laughs when they speak to him but the needs are also there.

"We needed disposable nappies for him and are thankful to World Vision who often provides us with them. We also need gloves and food as we are unemployed with his grandmother. We now have come to terms with his condition and whenever he needs anything like water or food, he cries and we are able to respond to him," he says.

Ntando's story is one of many stories, told and untold, of children with disabilities who suffer daily challenges around acceptance and inclusion in society.

World Vision is committed to the protection and promotion of children and their rights. In recent times there has been a spike in reported incidents of violation of these rights particularly regarding violence inflicted on children, which sometimes resulted in loss of life. In November 2017 will be launching a global campaign focused on ending violence against children, titled "It takes a World".

“ World Vision is committed to the protection and promotion of children and their rights. ”



Ntando sitting on his wheelchair



Patrick Kunene speaking on behalf of Ntando Magagula.



DPM's Office

Background

The government of Swaziland has committed resources towards the introduction of a permanent National Children Services Department (NCSD), within the Deputy Prime Minister's Office (DPMO), with a National Mandate of providing a comprehensive development of Children Agenda in the Kingdom of Swaziland. The NCSD currently has a director, deputy director, initial support staff, office structures and an initial budget. The department will complete the balance of its human resource recruitment in the second quarter of this year, and continue to advocate for consistent resourcing, in line with its evolving growth plans.

Mandate

The NCSD has a fundamental mandate of ensuring the Respect, Protection, Development and fulfilment of the basic needs and rights of all children, in the country, by all stakeholders in Government, (inclusive of state owned organizations) Civil services Organizations (CSO), Private Sector, and Development Partners. The NCSD is expected to lead in the definition of a Multi-sectoral National Children Master development agenda, across all sectors, through effective organizational structures, harvest periodical Children impacts and report to the United Nations and African Union, on Children's basic needs and rights issues.

Core Values

The right to Life and Survival, Acting in the Best Interest of the Child, Non-Discrimination and the right of the child to be heard and ensuring the inclusion of his/her opinion, consistent with their evolving development, key guiding principles of the NCSD. These are measured against our collective efforts in our society, Executive, Parliament, and Judiciary plans and business. Empathy, Care, Love, Passion, devotion to children, are real true values that should bind us all.

Fundamental Responsibilities:

The Coordinating all stakeholder collective efforts, building stakeholder capacity to value the need of a systematic, collaborative approach on Children Multi-sector development, towards a common National Children Vision, is key. The systematic approach from Policy, Planning and Implementation of children programs, as a collective, driven by a human rights approach that is considerate and sensitive to the respect of our valuable National cultural norms and heritage, is what the NCSD strives to strengthen and inculcate, to accrue harmonious development, in all children treatment practices, by all stakeholders, Nationally.

- Domestic international conventions or obligations into local legal Practices.
- Translate international provisions of basic services and rights of children into normal practices in the domestic environment through continuously monitoring and reviewing regulations /guidelines on children treatment programs.
- Take into account local- country conditions with respect to cultural, way of life and norms that reflect the key beliefs, philosophies and values that dictate and influence the Kingdom's way of life, when interpreting international Practice on children treatment.
- Align National children development initiatives or efforts with government-led National development agenda.
- NCSD takes primary responsibility, leadership in ensuring that the most effective, comprehensive model is defined and applied in National Children development services.

Key coordination Pillars

Resource Mobilization, Research, Monitoring & Evaluations, Governance, Standards for children programs, Legal Protection and Compliance are key areas that the NCSD seek to coordinate and collaboratively strengthen to effectively discharge its National children development mandate.

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PullOut



Ministry of Education

Creating an Inclusive Education System in Swaziland

Special Education Needs Unit
Ministry of Education and Training

As Part of DAC 2017 on the theme "For every child: Protection, Empowerment and Equal opportunity". The Ministry of Education and Training has taken giant steps toward building a strong foundation for services for learners with special education needs in the country.

Emphasis has been placed on promoting an inclusive education system where no child is excluded from education for whatever reason. The Ministry has developed programs based on the Education and Training Sector Policy of 2011.

The Ministry also promotes Early Identification and Intervention (EII) of Children with Disabilities. A comprehensive strategy on EII in children from age zero was developed in 2016. The purpose of the EII strategy is to ensure that relevant programs are put in place to detect disabilities in children earlier, in order to facilitate early interventions for the child and the family.

Inclusive Education

An Inclusive education is good education which brings together all children beyond disability, special needs, gender, outlook, financial status, life circumstance, health, stage of development, capacity to learn, level of achievement or any other circumstance.

It is a process for school development which is about removing or eliminating barriers to learning.

Inclusive education is about:

Presence: making sure that all children including those with special needs present in school.

Participation: once the children are in school they should feel welcome, valued and participate meaningfully.

Learning and achievement: they learn achieve across the curriculum.

An inclusive Education system enables all children and young people to learn effectively, wherever possible in mainstream pre-school provision, schools, colleges and universities with appropriate teaching and support so that their individual needs are met. The Ministry of Education and Training in Swaziland has adopted inclusive education and is making efforts to implement an inclusive education approach in the design, implementation, monitoring and assessment of education policies as a way to further accelerate the attainment of EFA.

Disability categories

1. Intellectual Impairments
2. Autism
3. Specific Learning Difficulties
4. Hearing Impairment
5. Visual Impairment
6. Physical Impairments
7. Health Impairments
8. Speech and Language Disorders
9. Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties / Disorders
10. Gifted and Talented
11. Albinism

Special Education Needs Unit

The Unit is responsible for ensuring that schools embrace the needs of all learners with special educational needs from pre-primary to tertiary level. For more information contact SEN officers.

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**SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES
SWAZILAND**



What We Want For Children:

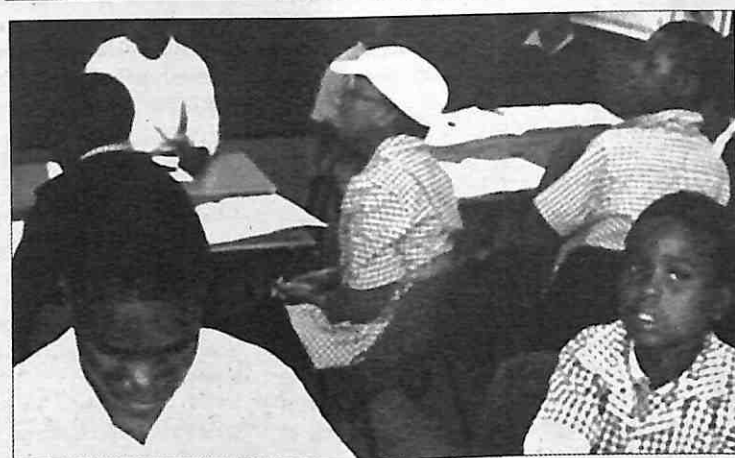
Every child belongs to a family and grows with love, respect and security.

What We Do:

We build families for children in need, we help them shape their own futures and we share in the development of their communities

As we mark, the Day of the African Children, focusing on accelerating protection, empowerment and equal opportunity by 2030, SOS Children's Villages will focus on the most vulnerable children who are at the heart of its Strategy 2030, with the central message: 'No child should grow up alone'. The Strategy directly relates to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in key areas such as poverty, inequality, education, health, social and child safeguarding, and decent work.

SOS Children's Villages urges African leaders to ensure a Zero tolerance approach towards child rights violations. We are calling for action to ensure children have access to protection, justice and equal opportunity.



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PullOut



"Accelerating protection, empowerment and equal opportunity for every child in Swaziland by 2030"

In commemoration of the Day of the African Child 2017, the Swaziland Network Campaign For Education For All (SWANCEFA) takes this opportunity to highlight some of the issues that should preoccupy our country in "accelerating protection, empowerment and equal opportunity for every child in Swaziland by 2030".

Inclusive quality education for all remains the most important intervention in reducing children vulnerabilities and these include vulnerability from violence, poverty, malnutrition and diseases. Section 29 of our Constitution has given all children the right to access primary school regardless of their economic and social status.

That said, SWANCEFA believes that more can be done to improve the quality and inclusiveness of our education system. This

includes early identification and intervention of children with disabilities. Early identification and intervention (EII) is the screening and assessment of childhood disabilities from preconception and beyond with a purpose of identifying levels of development, learning abilities and needs so that they can receive the necessary support.

In December 2016, the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland in partnership with the Swaziland Network Campaign for Education for All (SWANCEFA) launched an Early Identification and Intervention strategy for children with disabilities. The aim of this strategy is to ensure that children with disabilities are identified early in order to access required services for optimization of development and access to services.

Children with disabilities are less

likely to attend school, access medical health services or have their voices heard in society than non-disabled children. According to the 2007 census report there are 171,347 persons with disabilities in Swaziland or about 17% (16.8%) of the population. The prevalence of disability is highest amongst children between 5 and 14 years, suggesting a strong link between the conditions in which the majority of young children live and the prevalence of disability.

In line with the 2017 theme, SWANCEFA commits to working with government and all stakeholders to implement the Early Identification and Intervention (EII) strategy. This will include sensitization of communities on early identification and training service providers on early identification and intervention.



The Federation of Organisations of the Disabled People in Swaziland

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VISION

A Swaziland where persons with disability enjoy the same rights and services on equal opportunity basis as others.

MISSION

To empower and efficiently coordinate activities of members through empowerment of Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) to be strong advocates that are to provide direction on disability issues in mainstreaming society and government for the attainment of equal rights and opportunities for all people with disabilities in Swaziland through inclusive participation.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To influence the government to pass and implement legislations and policies to promote and protect the rights of disabled persons.
2. To promote all measures of full participation and equalization of opportunities for disabled persons in Swaziland in social, economic, cultural and political spheres.
3. To facilitate exchange of information in the field of disability through information technology, education and communication.
4. To promote, support and co-ordinate the activities of various organizations of disabled persons in Swaziland.
5. To promote solidarity and unity amongst disabled persons and their organizations in Swaziland.
6. To promote the rights of all disabled persons especially women, children and youth.



Commemorating June As Children's Month

The Children's Month, June, is one of the months that has been declared by the Government of Swaziland since 2007 to highlight the challenges faced by children across the country.

This month does not only highlight challenges but presents opportunities to focus on the work of all actors committed to the rights of children in the country, and consolidate efforts in addressing the obstacles for realizing these rights.

The month also provides an occasion for Governments, International Institutions and Communities to renew their on-going commitments towards improving the plight of children by organizing activities aimed at including them.

The 2017 child friendly theme as declared by the African Union is, "Accelerating protection, empowerment and equal opportunities for children in Africa by 2030". In Swaziland the theme has been localised to; "Every Child: Protection, Empowerment and Equal Opportunities." Mainly this theme brings to the fore issues of violence against children and the exclusion of children with disabilities within our society. The need to ensure protection of children with disabilities from all forms of violence still has to be emphasized. Children with disabilities are

almost four times more vulnerable to all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation than non-disabled children. They are normally pushed out of protective structures, left with a feeling of disempowerment and lack of self-confidence.

In 2015, the world made a promise through the Sustainable Development Goals, that by 2030, all children be would be in school, protected, and healthy, regardless of who they are, and where they live. Although this is an ambitious target, it's within reach if governments invest in all children to guarantee they have the full childhood they deserve.

Save the Children run programmes that work with the most marginalised and excluded children in hard-to-reach places, ensuring that they are protected from all forms of violence, access to comprehensive sexuality education and information, promoting inclusive education, and ensuring that children have access to nutrition through the supply of food commodities.

In commemoration of Children's Month, Save the Children globally has launched, on the 1st June 2017, a new report which examines some of the reasons why children around the world are missing out on childhood.

The End of Childhood Report includes a

unique End of Childhood Index that evaluates countries against a common set of life-changing events that signal the disruption of childhood and designed to help support our on-going work on the "Every Last Child Campaign". It ranks 172 countries based on where childhood is most intact and where it is most eroded. Childhood should be the time when our nation's youngest citizens safely grow, learn and play, developing into the adults who will care for and lead our country, our world and our shared future forward.

On this month and beyond Save the Children will continue to advocate for the elimination of all forms of violence against children as such denies the child to a safe childhood and the comprehensive protection of all children from violence.

We have noted that there are still major problems facing children and until these are addressed, children will never really benefit from the changes that we are bringing on board. On the other hand, Swaziland, through the National Study on the Drivers of Violence against Children in Swaziland, 2016, has been noted to have the highest prevalence of sexual violence during childhood compared to other countries that have done similar surveys. Statistics reveal that more than 1 in 3 girls reported experiencing some form of violence during childhood.

We therefore call upon the government, development partners, Faith Based Organisations, Private Sector and Civil Society Organisations to continue addressing issues of violence against children, including those with disabilities, and make commitments to supporting the implementation and enforcement of laws, in particular the Children's Protection and Welfare Act, the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill and the Disability Bill, the promotion of positive parenting / positive discipline in the homes and schools, the strengthening of case management, reporting and referral mechanisms.

Please READ the Report and SIGN the global petition urging governments to take action and invest in children at endofchildhood.org



For more information find us on the below social media pages:



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Africa News

TANZANIA SAYS 19 YEARS OF MINING FRAUD COST IT \$84BN

NAIROBI - Fraud in the mining sector since 1998 has cost Tanzania US\$84-billion (R1.07-trillion), an investigating commission said on Monday, blaming foreign companies failing to declare revenues.

The conclusions of the study, conducted by Tanzanian economists and legal experts and seen by AFP, were approved by President John Magufuli.

The report attributed much of the loss to foreign companies, including mining giant Acacia Mining, also accused of operating for several years in the country without being registered.

The London-listed company

immediately rejected the claims.

Magufuli, referring to Acacia Mining, said: "If they admit that they were stealing from us and if they reimburse what they stole, only then can negotiations over registration begin".

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many natural riches and we remain poor while others enrich themselves at our expense.

Receiving

"We cannot continue like this," he added, after receiving the report in a ceremony broadcast live.

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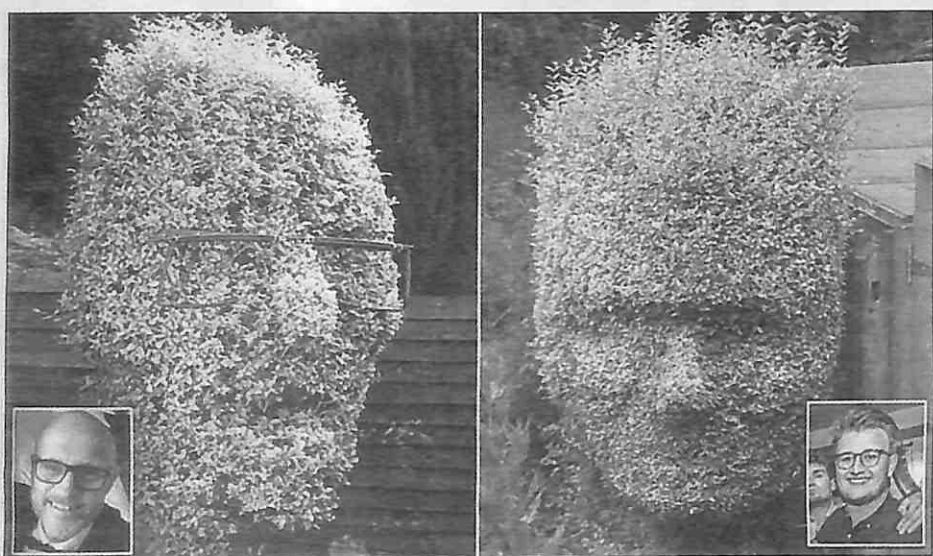
Dismissed

Last month Magufuli dismissed the country's mines minister after receiving a report from geologists that said mining companies had understated their mineral exports in order to pay lower taxes.

The report had said that poor management of the sector meant officials were not able to tell how much or what kind of ores were being exported.

iNet Bridge

FRAUD: Tanzanian President John Magufuli. Fraud in the mining sector since 1998 has cost Tanzania \$84-billion, an investigating commission says. (AFP)



ARTISTIC: A mother proved that her obsession with gardening has grown out of hand after she shaped her hedges into the faces of her nearest and dearest. Art graduate Michelle Foley, 48, has trimmed two of her garden hedges into 12ft tall heads based on her partner and son. Michelle, who will have neighbours green with envy at her gardening talents, is now eyeing up a third hedge depicting her daughter. Her son Brennan Black, 21, was the first to be immortalised into a garden hedge, before he was joined by Michelle's partner Andrew Batterham, 51. (Daily Mail)

Zambian Parliament suspends 48 MPs

LUSAKA - Zambia's Parliament on Tuesday suspended 48 opposition lawmakers who boycotted President Edgar Lungu's address to legislators in March to protest against his contested electoral victory.

The parliamentary members of the United Party for National Development (UPND) avoided Lungu's address claiming he was not the legitimate winner of the contested 11 August elections.

Parliament Speaker Patrick Matibini said they should quit if they did not accept Lungu as the head of state.

"I challenge you to resign on moral grounds if you do not

recognise that there is a legitimately elected government," said Matibini.

"I have, in the exercise of my powers, decided to suspend the 48 members of Parliament from service for a period of 30 days with effect from today."

Access

Matibini said that the MPs would not be paid or have access to the Parliament building or lodgings during their suspension. Tuesday's decision is the latest in a long-running battle between the Zambian government and the principal opposition.

The UPND's leader, Hakainde Hichilema, has been in custody

since April accused of treason for allegedly putting the president's life in danger when his motorcade failed to make way for the head of state's limousine during a high-speed incident.

Hichilema has claimed that he was assaulted by police during his arrest and has been mistreated in detention.

The alleged motorcade incident occurred on the weekend of April 8-9 as they both travelled to the Western Province for a traditional ceremony.

AFP

UN urges African nations to fight albino attacks

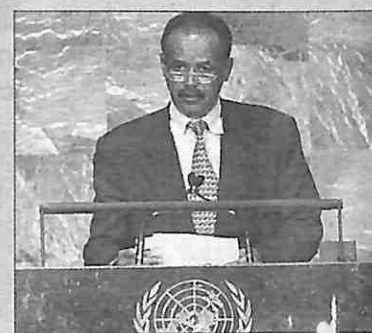
JOHANNESBURG - Highlighting the importance of cooperation among countries to overcome the violence and discrimination faced by persons with albinism, a United Nations rights expert has urged African nations to fully implement a regional action plan on ending attacks on persons with albinism.

"The plan sets out clearly what States can do - for example educating the public, collecting data and researching the root causes of the violence," said the UN Independent Expert on human rights of persons with albinism, Ikponwosa Ero, in her message for International Albinism Awareness Day on Tuesday. The regional action plan to end attacks on persons with albinism in Africa - the first-ever such joint initiative - was recently endorsed by the African Commission on Human and People's Rights. "International cooperation will be a turning point in the long battle to end discrimination for people with albinism, some of whom continue to be murdered for their body parts," added Ero.

According to a news release issued by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the action plan focuses on ensuring accountability as well as support for victims and uses legal and policy frameworks to deter practices of witchcraft and trafficking in body parts.

Further, Ero underscored that persons with albinism also faced significant barriers restricting their equal participation in society, impacting their rights to enjoy physical and mental health and their ability to access adequate health care, education, social services, legal protection, and redress for abuses.

In particular, women and children faced violence, suffered from discrimination, stigma and social exclusion, were forced into becoming marginalised within their communities and faced social exclusion caused by misunderstanding, deeply entrenched prejudices and stereotyping. AP



'No Peace No War Policy'

ERITREA - For the past 25 years, Eritrea is being ruled mercilessly by lifelong one-man rule self-declared President Isaias Afewerki. The country does not have well defined and established courts, constitution, and foreign, political and economic policies. Statehood process is not yet established. There is no government but one armed political front governing the tiny bankrupt country. Hence, state building, democratization process is either denied or postponed. Economic development process to improve the livelihood of citizens is obscured indefinitely. AP

Kalonzo Musyoka under siege

KENYA - National Super Alliance presidential running mate Kalonzo Musyoka is facing perhaps the toughest challenge of his political career with the Jubilee Party circling on one side and his former friends-turned rivals threatening the survival of his Wiper Movement Party ahead of the elections. Musyoka chose to let his lieutenants fight allegations against him made by President Kenyatta and a message by his erstwhile ally Francis Nyanze to Ukambani people to elect the Jubilee candidate instead of Nasa flag-bearer Raila Odinga. All Africa

Elephant kills man in Victoria Falls

VICTORIA FALLS - A 44-year-old man has died after an elephant fell on top of his car in Victoria Falls, reports said. In the second fatal accident involving elephants in less than a month in Zimbabwe, John Banana and driver Benard Munapo were trapped inside the car after Munapo drove into a herd and hit one elephant along Park Way near the resort town. The elephant fell on the car and Banana later died as a result of his injuries. The two were on their way back from a cruise on the Zambezi River, the state Chronicle reports. AFP

Focus on SA scene

'I AM NOT A KILLER'

JOHANNESBURG - Former police commissioner Riah Phiyega has vowed to clear her name in the shooting that left 34 Marikana miners dead during the Lonmin wage dispute in 2012.

"I am branded as the cause of the killing which I am not - I am not a killer. If there has been a systems failure let judges say so. It cannot be that I caused this because that is the narrative that is out there," Phiyega said in an exclusive one-on-one interview with News24.

Phiyega rejected any culpability in the worst massacre by police in the history of democratic South Africa.

The shooting happened just 64 days after she had taken over at the helm, as the first female police commissioner with no policing experience.

Her term of office ended this week, meaning unlike her predecessors, while she was suspended, she retained her title as a retired general as she was never fired.

Phiyega is reviewing the findings of the Farlam Commission that investigated the deaths of 44 people including the miners, security guards and police officers in the impoverished Marikana informal settlement in North West, and the subsequent Claassen

... Phiyega fights to clear her name



I'M NOT A KILLER: Former police commissioner Riah Phiyega. (AP)

inquiry that found her unfit to hold office and recommended she be fired.

Phiyega still maintains she has done nothing wrong.

"I got into police with my dignity. I did not command any operation to kill and I will not leave with indignity from [the] police service. For my children my friends, my colleagues (at SAPS) this burden of carrying the can of a killer which I am not, I want it to be resolved by neutral objective court," Phiyega said.

THE 'TACTICAL OPTION'

She maintains the two commissions contradicted each other as retired judge Ian Farlam found she had misled his commission by concealing that she led the national management forum - a meeting of senior leaders - the night before the shootings, and deciding to implement the so-called "tactical option" to use maximum force against the striking miners.

Deaths

However the Claassen inquiry found her not guilty on misleading the commission but said she should have foreseen the decision to go tactical would cause the shooting that led to deaths of 34 people.

"I am sitting with all those contradictions, what do I do? I go to somebody who will go and sit and look at the law and is neutral and objective.

"I no longer trust commissions. Did they have a mandate, did they look for predetermined outcome, did they listen to the noise and ignore the law and evidence?... When another judge can find another judge wrong what must I say?" Phiyega told News24.

News24

Mahumapelo suspends ties with SABC North West

MAHIKENG - North West Premier Supra Mahumapelo, has suspended relations with the SABC in the province.

This after allegations that he had encroached on the public broadcaster's editorial policy.

"The Office of the Premier has, as a result of these unfounded and fabricated claims, decided to suspend its working relations with the SABC, this to afford the corporation time to investigate these allegations," said provincial government spokesperson Brian Setswamung.

He said the decision to suspend the relations was to curb further encroachment accusations against the premier on the corporation's editorial policy, whilst the investi-

gation is being carried out.

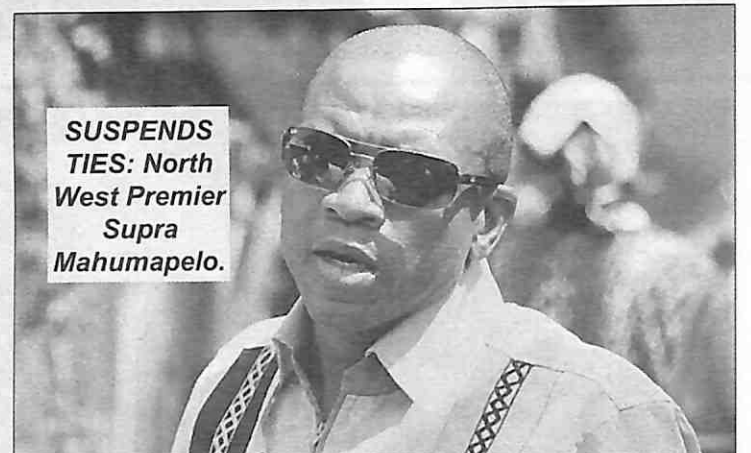
"What is more surprising to us is that the SABC in the North West has on a number of occasions, been invited to the premier's monthly media briefings to discuss some of the service delivery issues in the province, only for SABC journalists to ask questions and report on issues that were not even part or focus of the presser.

Questions

"And the premier has always welcomed and fielded such questions, with facts."

Weekend newspapers reported that Mahumapelo dictated how news stories about him should be reported on SABC television channels or radio stations.

African News Agency



SUSPENDS TIES: North West Premier Supra Mahumapelo.

Police recover drugs worth over R100m, arrest 3

RICHARDS BAY - Authorities in Richards Bay in KwaZulu-Natal have seized heroin worth over R100 million and arrested three suspects.

Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) spokesman, Robert Netshiunda, said the Richards Bay Organised Crime Unit, along with Crime Intelligence officers in Empangeni and Pretoria arrested three men following the discovery of heroin worth R104 million.

"Members of the Pretoria Crime Intelligence had gathered information about a vehicle which was going to enter South Africa through the Kosi Bay Port of Entry with drugs," Netshiunda said.

"The Task Team at the port of entry was immediately activated and the described vehicle was stopped and taken to a nearby police station for a thorough search.

"Several bags of drugs which were allegedly fetched from Mozambique were found concealed inside a make-shift compartment underneath the vehicle. A 27-year-old man was immediately arrested.

The two suspects were due to appear before the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday when their case would be transferred to the Emanguzi Magistrate's Court where they would join their alleged accomplice for an appearance today. AP

Moody's downgrades Eskom's ratings with negative outlook

JOHANNESBURG - Moody's Investor Services has downgraded power utility Eskom's credit ratings, this just a day after announcing a downgrade of South Africa's five major banks.

In a statement yesterday morning, Eskom announced that Moody's had downgraded the corporate family rating (CFR) of Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Eskom) to Ba2 from Ba1.

The rating agency also revised the

senior zero coupon Eurobonds (Section 7 debt under the Eskom Conversion Act, 2001) rating to Ba2 from Ba1 in line with the CFR, while simultaneously, Moody's had downgraded to Ba3/(P) Ba3 respectively the unsecured global medium term notes (GMTN) and GMTN programme of Eskom.

Downgrade

The outlook on all ratings was negative, Eskom added. The power utility said the downgrade followed

the rating agency's decision to downgrade South Africa's Sovereign credit rating by one-notch to Baa3 with a negative outlook on June 9.

Credit

"We note the Moody's rating action as primarily driven by the downgrade of the Sovereign credit rating," Anoj Singh, Eskom's Chief Financial Officer, said.

"Eskom has secured 53 per cent of this fiscal year's funding requirement and we remain resolute that

we will fully execute the required funding for the year, albeit under challenging market conditions.

"Our liquidity levels remain healthy and Eskom's financial profile continues to improve and stabilise. Backed by the availability of the government guarantees and the stable financial profile, we do not foresee significant impediments in the execution of the remainder of the FY17/18 funding requirement."

African News Agency

GIGABA SIGNS FICA ACT

JOHANNESBURG - The Financial Intelligence Centre Amendment Act (FICA) has been signed by the Finance Minister, Malusi Gigaba.

The Act aims to prevent money laundering, tax evasion and other financial crimes.

The National Treasury says implementation of the Act will fall on different dates.

The first set of provisions, which don't require changes to any existing regulations took effect on Tuesday, 13 June.

These provisions deal mainly with information-sharing, consultation arrangements, constitutional concerns relating to inspection powers,



SIGNS ACT: Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba

and improved functioning of the FICA Act Appeal Board.

The rest of the provisions will be implemented in October. eNCA

CALLS MOUNT FOR NGUBANE TO FACE THE MUSIC FOR ROT

Johannesburg - Calls are intensifying for Ben Ngubane to be held accountable - despite his abrupt resignation as board chairman - for the rot being unearthed at Eskom.

The National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) said his resignation "should not exonerate (him) from taking responsibility".

"We call for an independent investigation into tenders awarded during his tenure, and that where necessary, heads must roll," said a statement by NUMSA's Ruth

Ntlokotse.

The Federation of Unions of South Africa (FEDUSA) called for Ngubane to face a judicial commission of inquiry "for his role in the mismanagement of the state power utility during his tenure of office".

Revelations

FEDUSA said it would be a "travesty of justice to let Ngubane get off the hook so lightly" after damning revelations about the capture of Eskom leadership by the Gupta family had emerged.

Times Live

YOU SCRATCH MY BACK... I'LL ATTACK YOU WITH A THORNY LEAF:

MEN, CHILDREN FIGHT DUELS IN BALI AS 'SACRIFICE' TO THE GODS

THESE astonishing pictures show Balinese men brutally battling with a thorny plant in a festival dedicated to the Hindu god of war.

Tenganese men in Pagringsingan Village, Karangasem, use woven shields and the thorny pandanus to do battle while crowds of spectators watch on as part of the Usabha Sambah - a month-long ceremony to show respect to Indra.

The ceremony, which is also called Perang Pandan, is held annually in June - with young men taking up arms and proving themselves against their peers.

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But when the fight is over, they help each other with a traditional healing potion of turmeric and

vinegar which they rub on each other's wounds.

The women in the village wear traditional dress and venture into the wilderness to collect holy water from the sacred springs before the ritual begins. *Daily Mail*



THORNS: The pandanus leaves are bound tightly together using twine creating a formidable and painful weapon. (Pics: Daily Mail)



FOR THE GODS: One of the most important rituals is the Mekare-Kare - or Pandanus War - where shirtless men face off with thorny pandanus branches.



SCRATCHES: Fights usually last less than a minute, and afterwards any scratches are treated with a traditional ointment made from saffron, vinegar and other herbs.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REHABILITATION OF D98 ROAD (ZAKHELE TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO EMATHAYINI) & NGWANE PARK MAIN ROAD IN NGWANE PARK

The general public is notified that The Municipal Council of Manzini has engaged Kukhanya Civil Engineering Contractors to carry out works for the Rehabilitation of D98 Road and Ngwane Park Main Road in Ngwane Park and Rehabilitation of Eagle Road in Coates Valley. Construction works at D98 road and Ngwane Park main road will begin from Saturday 17 June 2017.

There will be sectional interruptions of traffic flow during this period; the road between Emathayini and the new police flats will be closed to the public (road highlighted in red) from Saturday 17 June 2017 (detour is highlighted in blue). Members of the public are advised to use alternative routes whenever possible to mitigate time delays and obstructions that might be experienced during the construction period.

All road users are urged to exercise cautiousness, reduce speed, cooperate with signs and signals and proceed with caution when travelling through the construction zones.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



BRIEFS

US student released in N. Korea
WASHINGTON - North Korea has released 22-year-old American student Otto Warmbier from a 15-year sentence of hard labour, officials said on Tuesday, as former US basketball star Dennis Rodman arrived in Pyongyang. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson confirmed the release and said Washington remained in talks with the North Korean regime "regarding three other US citizens reported detained". Officials could not immediately confirm US media reports that Warmbier has fallen into a coma during his incarceration. **AFP**

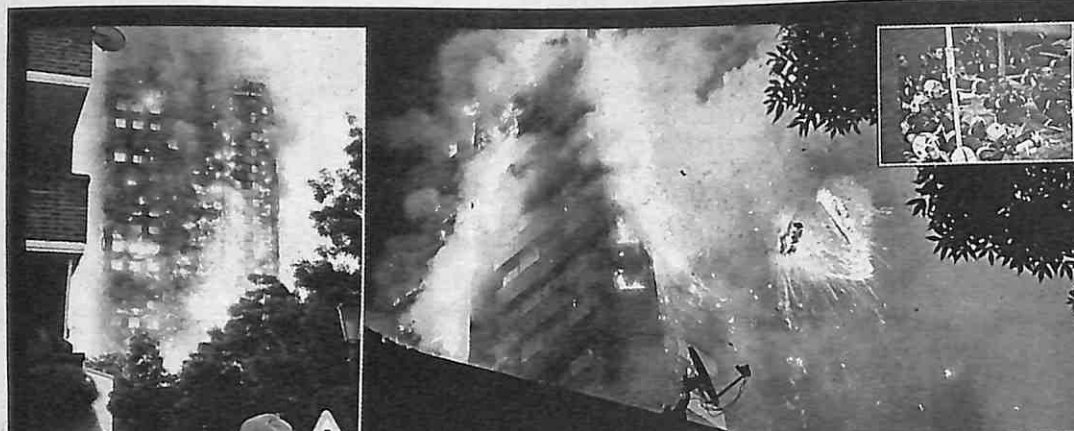
'US troops near besieged Marawi'
MANILA - Armed US troops are on the ground near Marawi City in the southern Philippines, but are not involved in fighting Islamist militants who have held parts of the city for more than three weeks, a military spokesman said yesterday. Brigadier General Restituto Padilla told a news conference that US troops were operating on the ground solely to provide technical support in the ongoing battle against Islamic State-linked fighters. He did not know how many US forces were deployed. It was not clear how close to the battle zone the US troops were. **Reuters**

Bomb squad, FBI respond to scare
NEW YORK - A carbon monoxide leak in a building three blocks from the World Trade Centre sickened 32 people and raised alarm that shuttered several busy blocks in lower Manhattan at the start of the workday on Tuesday, authorities said.

The problem ultimately was traced to a broken boiler pipe in a grocery store basement. Fire Department Chief of Department James Leonard said. But people started feeling faint around 08:30 just as a worker opened a package in the basement, stirring worries that the parcel might have been poisonous. **AP**

2 dead, hundreds sick in Iraq camp
BAGHDAD - A mass food poisoning at a camp for displaced Iraqi civilians outside Mosul has left at least two dead and hundreds requiring urgent treatment, the UN and Iraqi officials said Tuesday. "There are 752 cases of food poisoning and two deaths, a woman and a child" at the Hasansham camp after a meal on Monday night, health ministry spokesman Seif al-Badr told AFP. UN migration agency spokesman Joel Millman confirmed those details to reporters in Geneva, while adding that 312 people had been hospitalised. The food they ate was part of the iftar meal, which breaks the dawn-to-dusk fast during the holy Muslim month of Ramadan. **AFP**

Multimillion dollar payout
AUSTRALIA - Detainees at an Australian asylum-seeker camp in Papua New Guinea won millions of dollars in compensation for 'degrading and cruel' treatment yesterday, in a decision hailed as an important human rights victory. Abuse, self-harm and mental health problems are reportedly rife in offshore processing centres, with detainees resorting to desperate protests like sewing their own lips together to raise awareness of their plight. Wednesday's AU\$70 million (US\$53 million) conditional settlement, to be shared by 1 905 people who have been held on Manus Island since 2012, averted a public trial against the government and security providers Transfield and G4S. **AFP**



TOWERING INFERNO

AT LEAST 30 HURT IN LONDON TOWER BUILDING BLAZE

LONDON - At least 30 people were injured in a fire that swept through a 27-storey London tower

block early yesterday, the emergency services said.

"We can confirm that we have

taken 30 patients to five London hospitals following the incident," Stuart Crichton, assistant director of oper-

ations at the London Ambulance Service said.

He added that more than 20 ambulance crews as well as a "hazardous area response team" were at the scene. Four hours after the alarm was raised, flames could still be seen on several floors of the blackened residential building, which was shrouded in a cloud of thick black smoke.

Large pieces of debris could be seen falling from Grenfell Tower, a 1970s block in the working-class north Kensington area - a short distance from chic Notting Hill.

Frantic families at the scene attempted to call their loved ones, fearing they could be stuck inside, and were being directed by police to a nearby restaurant where some of the injured were being treated.

The fire brigade said 40 fire engines and 200 firefighters had been called to the blaze in Grenfell Tower, which has 120 flats. "Fire is from second to top floor of 27 storey building," the fire service said on Twitter.

Firefighters at the scene said they had managed to evacuate residents up to the 11th floor. **AFP**

US envoy to Qatar to step down in midst of crisis

QATAR - The US ambassador to Qatar said Tuesday she is leaving her post in Doha, in the midst of the worst diplomatic crisis involving America's Gulf allies in years.

"This month, I end my three years as US Ambassador to #Qatar. It has been the greatest honor of my life and I'll miss this great country," Dana Shell Smith wrote on Twitter.

Smith did not say why she was stepping down, if she was staying within the diplomatic service or who would replace her.

In Washington, officials said the ambassador had made a personal decision to leave the post earlier this year after serving a normal three-year tour. "Ambassador Dana Smith's assignment as ambassador comes to an end this month and she will depart Qatar later this month as part of the normal rotation of career diplomats throughout the world," a senior State Department official said.

"Her decision to leave the foreign service was made earlier this year. We wish her the best as she moves on from the Department of State."



CRISIS: Qatar Minister of State for Defense Affairs Khalid bin Mohammed al-Attiyah (r) meets with US Ambassador to Qatar Dana Shell Smith, US Defence Secretary James Mattis at his residence in Doha. (AP)

Smith's departure comes with Washington sending mixed signals over the Gulf crisis, which saw Saudi Arabia and several of its allies cut ties with Qatar claiming that Doha supported extremist groups.

Qatar strongly rejects the allegations. US President Donald Trump has signalled his support for the Saudi-led move but other US officials have been more cautious and called for dialogue to end the crisis.

AFP

EU door open if Britain gives up on Brexit - Germany

GERMANY - The European Union's door remains open if Britain changes its decision to leave the 28-member bloc, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said Tuesday, while acknowledging such a move is unlikely.

"If they wanted to change their decision, of course they would find open doors, but I think it's not very likely," Schaeuble told Bloomberg Television in his first public comment on last week's election in Britain which saw Prime Minister Theresa May lose her parliamentary majority.

He noted a pro-European surge in France for President Emmanuel Macron and a youth vote in Britain that swung sharply to the left-wing Labour Party, in favour of closer post-Brexit ties, as proof of greater EU support among the young.

Nevertheless, "Brexit is a deci-



DOOR OPEN IF: German Chancellor Angela Merkel talks with Bavaria's State Premier Horst Seehofer in a beer tent at the Trudering Festival. (AFP)

sion we have to accept by the British voters," he said.

"It would not be helpful if we started speculation, we take it as a matter of fact, it's a matter of respect."

The British government has been in disarray since a snap election last Thursday, called by May in an effort to boost her majority but which resulted in a hung Parliament. **AFP**

TRUMP TELLS SENATORS HOUSE HEALTH BILL 'MEAN'

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump told Republican senators Tuesday that the House-passed health care Bill he helped revive is "mean" and urged them to craft a version that is "more generous," congressional sources said.

Trump's remarks were a surprising slap at a Republican-written House measure that was shepherded by Speaker Paul Ryan, and whose passage the president lobbied for and praised. At a Rose Garden ceremony minutes after the Bill's nar-

row House passage on May 4, Trump called it "a great plan".

The president's criticism, at a White House lunch with 15 GOP senators, also came as Senate Republican leaders' attempts to write their own health care package have been slowed by disagreements between their party's conservatives and moderates.

Trump's characterisations seemed to undercut attempts by Senate leaders to assuage conservatives who want restrictions in their chamber's Bill, such as cutting the Medicaid health care program for the poor

and limiting the services insurers must cover. Moderate GOP senators have been pushing to ease those restrictions.

Facing expected unanimous Democratic opposition, Republicans will be unable to pass a Senate bill if just three of the 52 GOP senators vote "no".

Trump's comments were described by two GOP congressional sources who received accounts of Tuesday's White House lunch. They spoke on condition of anonymity to reveal a closed-door conversation.

Their descriptions of Trump's words differed slightly.

One source said Trump called the House Bill "mean, mean, mean" and said, "We need to be more generous, more kind". The other source said Trump used a vulgarity to describe the House Bill and told the senators, "We need to be more generous."

Two other congressional GOP officials confirmed that the general descriptions of Trump's words were accurate.

AP



WITH: Majaha Nkonyane

CHURCH NEWS



FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION WITHIN BRETHREN



A financial budget is defined as an estimate of income and expenditure for a set period of time. Budgeting is to provide a particular amount of money for a period of time, could be a week, month or a year.

A budget is driven by the amount of money flowing in, which is simply income. Regardless of the things one might need, the income ultimately determines what one can purchase.

While there are many advantages of budgeting, for example with a budget you always track every cent you have. This is the system that human beings creat-

ed in order to avoid living in poverty. But many of those who are budgeting and yet still living in poverty, this is a failing system to them. Could there be another solution?

What is God saying about finances? **Luke 6:38** "give and it shall be given unto you in good measure, pressed down and running over shall men give into your bosom, for with the same measure that you use, it shall be measured to you again."

The key thing that we can learn from the passage above is the word measure.

This word measure refers to percentage, which means a rate,

a number, or amount in each hundred.

When replacing measure with percentage on the highlighted passage above. "For with the same percentage that you use, it shall be per-

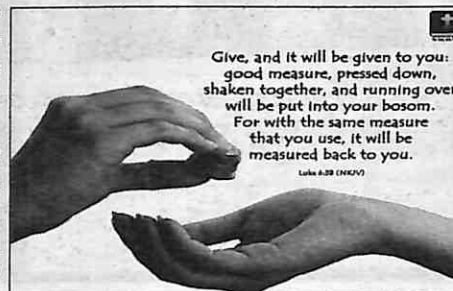
centage to you again" But what does this all mean to the normal working class? Instead of

budgeting there is what is called

financial administration.

Financial administration is different from financial budgeting in that budgeting is centred on the income in its currency form but when it comes to financial administration it is all about the measure in percentage.

Mark 12:41-43 now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury and many who were rich put in much. Then one poor



Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

widow came and threw in two mites (which is equivalent to E268). So he called his disciples to himself and said to them 'assuredly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all in from their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood'

"This is a famous passage whereby Jesus was found sitting just where people were giving their offerings and when Jesus was sitting just at the treasury, he began to notice everyone who was giving and what they were giving.

Then a widow came to put her offerings in the treasury where Jesus was sitting, and the widow gave only two mites which is equivalent to E268 today but to his disciples surprise Jesus says this widow has given more than anyone else. When we read further we see that Jesus was not measuring the giving of the widow according to the amount she gave but rather according to the percentage which she gave, which is the total amount she was left with in comparison with that which she gave.

According to the passage above Jesus says the widow gave all that she had, everything. So this widow gave 100 per cent of all her finances. It is clear that God deals with finances in percentages. Another example is in the book of **Malachi 3:10** "bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me now in this, says the Lord of host, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it"

In this passage of scripture we see the writer quoting the words of God, where God is instructing us to bring ten per cent of our income, God did not instruct us to bring a certain or a specific amount. But he speaks of the percentage of whatsoever income. Again it is very clear percentage is the best way to deal with finances. Now here is a basic way to administrate finances in percentages, a monthly basic structure. Regardless of how much you earn, look at your income as just 100 per cent.

First of all ten per cent of your income belongs to God. After that you are left with 90 per cent, and then you begin to divide the percentages according to your priorities. Once you administrate finances in this particular form, you will never have financial headaches and financial stress.

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6.00pm - 7.30pm

Mondays Couples
6.00pm - 7.30pm

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Pastor C.S. Khumalo
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Wednesdays
6.00pm-7.30pm

Saturdays Youth
3.00pm

Sundays Women
9.00am-10.30am

Sunday School
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Main Service
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Main Service
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Transformation 6-8pm

Tuesdays:
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Manzini 6:30-8pm

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Sundays:
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Bible Exposition 6.00pm-7.30pm

Fridays
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Saturday
Women 2.00pm-3.30pm

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

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SWAZI BANK PUMPS E400 000 INTO SCHOOLS MUSIC COMPETITIONS

By Phumelele Mkhonta

... #MY VOICE, MY FUTURE

FOR the 13th time in a row, Swazi Bank has yet again sponsored the School's Music Competition with a lumpy E400 000. The presentation was made yesterday during the Schools Music Competition Sponsorship Launch 2017 at Swazi Bank Offices in Mbabane.

Gracing the event was Swazi Bank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele, Schools Music Association Chairperson Khonelinkhosi Dlamini, the Under Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Training Macanjana Motsa, Swazi Bank staff, teachers and pupils.

Last year, the bank sponsored the competitions with a hefty E380 000 and they have sponsored over E2 million in total.

The schools music competitions have already started, with the finals set for July, 2.

Also, it was revealed that the new slogan (tag line) for this year's competition is 'My Voice, My Future', which was composed by Mdumiseni Sikhondze of Lobamba National High School. Sikhondze was awarded E1 000 for coming up with the tag line.

Sikhondze won after various proposed tag lines were submitted by pupils from competing schools and the befitting tag line was chosen.

Support

In his remarks, the Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele stated that the amount excludes financial support provided by the bank towards other costs of the competition such as branding, promotional merchandise and events management.

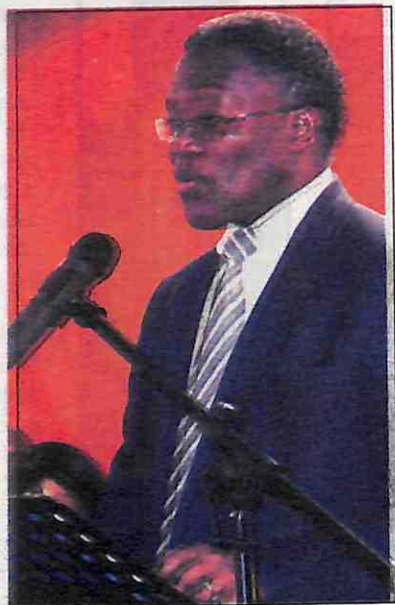
"We are looking forward to this competition which has over the years become highly competitive and entertaining," said Lukhele.

This year, a new section of the competition known as 'The Instrumentalist Competition' has been added to the list, proving the growth of these competitions.

"The Instrumentalist Completion will definitely take the standard of local



FINANCIAL BOOST: SwaziBank MD Zakhele Mavimbela presenting a sponsorship cheque to Ministry of Education Under Secretary Macanjana Motsa and Swaziland School's Choral Music Association Chairman Khonelinkhosi Dlamini. This was during the sponsorship launch at the bank's offices yesterday morning. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



GIVING BACK: SwaziBank MD Zakhele Mavimbela making his remarks.

music to a higher level because it will give birth to a local orchestra, amongst

other skills," he said.

Lukhele concluded saying he was grateful to His Majesty's government, teachers and parents for the continued support and participation.

The Under Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Training Macanjana Motsa said the ministry embraces such initiatives as they are not just for education only but also strive to develop other talents in pupils, adding that music is good for brain development. She also applauded the introduction of Lubombo's sole competitions, which did not exist before.

"The ministry would like to convey their sincere appreciation to the bank," she said. The Swaziland Schools Choral Music Association Chairperson Khonelinkhosi Dlamini also forwarded his deep gratitude towards Swazi Bank's nobility. He also acknowledged the support of the ministry of education and training's support.

"We continue to wish the bank prosperity in its business obligations and encourage the nation to do business with

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June 17	Solo Eliminations	9am	Divine Healing Ministries
June 21	Hhohho Eliminations	9am	St. Marks High School
June 22	Manzini Eliminations	9am	Divine Healing Ministries
June 23	Shiselweni Eliminations	9am	Ngwane College
June 24	Lubombo Eliminations	9am	Mayaluka Community Hall
June 25	Instrumentalist Finals	9am	Bethe Court in Ezulwini
June 29	Primary Schools Finals	9am	Divine Healing Ministries
June 31	High School B Finals	9am	Divine Healing Ministries
July 1	High School A Finals	9am	UNISWA Sports Emporium
July 2	Champ of Champs Finals	9am	UNISWA Sports Emporium



TRAINING: Conductor Kim Heejung leading Mbabane Chamber Orchestra during the rendition of one of their music pieces.

Swaziland to have its own orchestra known as Mbabane Chamber Orchestra

THE country will soon have its own fully fledged and professional Orchestra as locals are now undertaking music classes to form an orchestra called Mbabane Chamber Orchestra.

The group of local and international musicians performed at the launch of the SwaziBank School's Choral sponsorship at SwaziBank Auditorium yesterday.

They mesmerised the gathering with their soothing sound which is already reaching professional standard if the pieces rendered are anything to go by.

The Orchestra is made up of music students from the Swaziland Christian University and it is led by music trainer, Dr Kim Hee

Hung.

The country has always been spending hundreds of thousands importing Orchestra during choir competitions something which will soon be a thing of the past. The students are in their second year with their training.

Courses

The Ngwane Teacher Training College in Nhlanguano is also offering music courses to its students something which will increase the pool of musicians to form a massive orchestra for the country.

This comes after the Dr Sibusiso Dlamini led government committed to offering scholarships for students who want to pursue music a career of choice.

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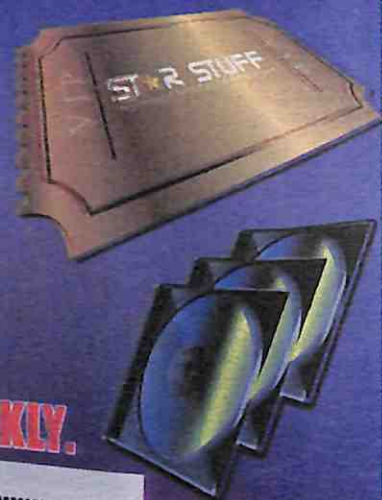
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SMALLZ TO PERFORM IN SA

SNCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini confirmed that the entity is supporting Smallz on his trip, also stating that Arts and Culture is fully behind exporting local talent.

By
Phumelele Mkhonta

THE country's renowned comedian, Smallz, is set to export Swazi talent to the fifth annual Southern African Youth Illusion in Durban this weekend.

Southern African Youth Illusion is an initiative where the youth from Southern African nations embraces, acknowledges and celebrate Youth Day; a respected holiday in South Africa which commemo-

rates the day the youth of South Africa died while fighting for freedom during the Apartheid era.

Swaziland National Council of Arts Culture agreed to transport the entertainer while Southern African Youth Movement (SAYM) will be catering for everything else.

Performing

The comedian got the gig through a South African man who spotted him performing at the MTN Bush Fire Schools Festivals.

"We exchanged contact details and I got the invitation just a few weeks after the Bush Fire," he explained.

"I am currently on school break for the next two months so I reckoned I use this time fully to bring back my 'stage'

life into action," said Smallz adding that when he comes back he is due for another performance at EBC, The Black and White Party and hopes to get more bookings.

SNCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini confirmed that the entity is supporting Smallz on his trip, also stating that Arts and Culture is fully behind exporting local talent.

"We are proud that Swazi talent is being increasingly exported, especially to South Africa.

We support such success by any means and we will support more who are scheduled to perform outside the country. Such news proves a great milestone for the nation," commented Dlamini.

Venue changed for Gawuzela, Soul Brothers 'battle'

...Black Moses predicts Gawuzela SWAMA Award win
...intoxicated music lovers welcome

By Nomfundo Sifundza

A hall was too small a battleship for two giants so they have decided to take their battle to the Mayaluka Stadium instead.

Mduduzi 'Gawuzela' Simelane and Soul Brother's legend Moses 'Black Moses' Ngwenya confirmed that the venue for their upcoming battle slated for July 1 has now been changed from the Mayaluka Community Hall to the stadium.

The two musical giants will be performing under the theme 'Fishing from deep water' which according to Simelane means that people from all walks of life will be welcome to the show.

Explaining the collaboration which also features preachers; the likes of Pastor Grace Masilela from the Nazarene Church, Black Moses said they wanted their fans as Soul Brother's to know that they too seek God and are after his heart hence they wanted to draw them from the clubs into the church. "However, this is not the first time we have performed alongside gospel groups but this is a first of its kind in Swaziland as we will be performing the Soul Brothers ballads ensuring that all people are entertained at the same time seek for God," Ngwenya

said.

Concurring with his musical partner the ambitious Simelane said "even intoxicated people are welcome to the show; we are indeed fishing from deep water."

However, containers in the form of bottles or cans of alcohol will not be permitted entry into the stadium as Simelane said that was in total respect of non drinkers and a safety precaution.

The battle of the giants show will also see the likes of PD and Family, Siphumelele Mbambo, Gcina Masuku Phuzekhemisi and many more gospel acts that possess a wide fan base performing.

Questioned on the cold winter conditions that intensify during the night Simelane assured music lovers that there would be fire points all over the stadium intended to keep them warm.

Speaking on the upcoming MTN SWAMA Awards Black Moses confidently predicted that his good friend, Simelane will take the 'Best Gospel Award home.

Ngwenya said Simelane had what it takes to scoop the award and so by no doubt he emphasised that Simelane would be crowned the MTN SWAMA Awards best gospel artist. Simelane is contesting for this award with the likes of Nothando Hlophe, France Dlamini, Phathwakahle and Skeel.

High Praise drops debut album

By Simon Shabangu

APOSTLE Jethro Malindzisa's dream of recording an album has finally come to fruition with the High Praise Ministries International releasing their debut project titled Songs of Glory, Volume one.

The Nhlanguano based ministry is coming into the industry with a bang as they have recorded a double CD live at their church in Nhlanguano last December during their annual 'Home Coming Convention'.

The project according to Church Publicist, Nkosiphendulile Zikalala is now available in various music shops around the country. Zikalala said in all the towns and cities of the country there are agents from whom fans could purchase this album.

She also mentioned that for social media addicts, they too could place an order in the church's Facebook page.

The debut album is reported to have sold over 2 500 copies already.

Zikalala said it was that demand that compelled them to distribute the album all over the country.

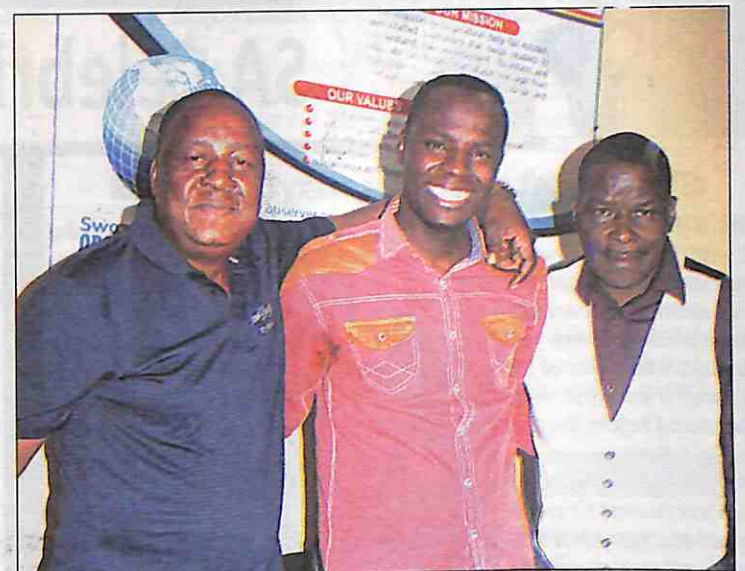
"This is a powerful album which is a must have. Our music gives hope and revival to a human soul and I must say that this album, connects you with God spiritually and right now we received a lot of testimonies where people have repented and accepted God after listening to this music" she added.

A number of the songs in the double CD album were written and arranged by the founder of the High Praise Ministries, Apostle Jethro Malindzisa.

The album made of different gospel music types ranging from praise and

worship, contemporary to traditional is packaged in a manner that accommodates the different preferences music lovers have. "We are happy and proud that the vision of our father to minister through songs has finally become a reality and I want to urge the public to support this vision through buying the music and I can assure them their lives will never be the same after listening to this album. Before this project was recorded, we prayed and fasted so I can safely say that this album is full of anointing. The good thing also is that it is a live recording which makes it even more appealing to the ear" Zikalala said.

She added that they were now working on recording a DVD which will be released before the official launch of the album. "We have already recorded a promotional video which is already on air in the local television stations. We chose track number five which seems to be the favourite song amongst gospel music lovers, she said.



FRIENDS LIKE THESE: Moses 'Black Moses' Ngwenya embracing Mduduzi Gawuzela Simelane along with PD and Family lead singer known as Dubazana.

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Celebrity News

Kylie and Travis Scott get matching tattoos

LOS ANGELES - This romance has grown some wings. It seems Kylie Jenner and Travis Scott have made their romance permanent - at least on their ankles. The reality star and rapper debuted matching tattoos on Snapchat Monday night. The art in question? butterflies. Both got miniature wings inked by their feet and if they were to put their ankles together, the images would make a whole butterfly.

The insect is particularly significant to the Grammy nominee, who recently released a track called 'The Butterfly Effect' in May after they started dating. Scott has made additional references to a butter-



ROMANCE: Travis Scott and Kylie Jenner.

fly on social media, alluding to a potential nickname for his famous girlfriend.

If their matching tattoos is any indication, it seems these two are really going steady. As one source told E! News previously of their undefined relationship, "It's real."

Eonline

Justin Bieber dodges bottles from furious fans

LOS ANGELES - He famously forgot the lyrics to his latest Spanish-language smash hit last month, singing the chorus as 'Dorito'.

And it appears Justin Bieber's fans aren't quick to forgive his recent faux-pas as they threw bottles at him after he refused to sing his number-one song *Despacito* over the weekend at Stockholm's Summerburst Music Festival.

The 23-year-old superstar featured as a vocalist on the Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee tune - which skyrocketed to the top of



INCOMING: Bieber dodges a bottle.

the Billboard Hot 100 in May - but insisted he was unable to perform the song at the event, much to disgruntled concert goers. Speaking to the feisty crowd dressed in a sky-blue jumper and black shorts, he said: 'I can't do *Despacito*. I don't even know it.'

Mail Online

Ariana Grande to receive honorary Manchester citizenship

MANCHESTER - Ariana Grande is in line to get honorary citizenship of Manchester.

The council want to hand the singer the honour after she arranged the One Love Manchester benefit concert which raised more than £4million for the victims of the terror attack, after an explosion at Manchester Arena following the singer's performance there last month left 22 dead and many more



HONOURARY: Ariana Grande.

injured.

They are proposing a new system, which would recognise those people who aren't residents of the city but still make an outstanding contribution to it.

Council leader Sir Richard Leese told BBC News: "Many people already see Ariana as an honorary Mancunian. This seems a fitting moment to update the way we recognise those who make noteworthy contributions to the life and success of our city."

Daily Mail

Austin Jones arrested on child pornography charges

LOS ANGELES - Austin Jones was arrested Monday night on child pornography charges, E! News can confirm.

The YouTube star, who has amassed more than 500 000 subscribers for his acapella pop music covers, was charged with two counts of production of child pornography.

Jones, 24, will appear in court for a detention hearing next Wednesday. According to the Chicago Sun-Times (who was first to report the news), he will remain in federal



ARRESTED: Austin Jones.

custody until then because, according to prosecutors, the pop singer is a "risk to the community and there's a danger he'll flee."

If convicted, he faces a minimum of 15 years in prison. According to court documents obtained by E! News, Jones was allegedly in communication with two underage female victims in August 2016 and May 2017 over Facebook. The criminal complaint describes Jones requesting one girl to "prove" she was his "biggest fan" by sending him sexually explicit videos. **Eonline**

SA Celebrity News

eThekweni won't reveal Babes, Nasty C breakfast bill

DURBAN - The eThekweni Municipality has refused to say whether it was contributing financially for a breakfast event yesterday, where two of the country's top artists were honoured before they jet off to America.

Mayor Zandile Gumede will host the event for award-winning rapper Nasty C and kwaito sensation Babes Wodumo at the Moses Mabhida Stadium. The Durban-born musicians



HONoured: Babes Wodumo.

were nominated in the global Black Entertainment (BET) Awards in the US.

Durban Tourism boss Phillip Sithole, whose unit organised the breakfast, would only say it was a partnership with the brands of Nasty C and Babes Wodumo. When it came to how much it was costing ratepayers, he was mum.

Sowetan

Kwesta to open for T I in America

JOHANNESBURG - Only months after lighting up the stage in Texas, Kwesta is heading back to America to perform with US hip-hop star T I.

Speaking to TshisaLIVE, Kwesta confirmed that he will be jetting off to Atlanta this weekend to perform at the final show of T I's American tour.

He said that he got a call from the American rapper's team asking if he would be interested in performing at T

I's show.

"They were like, 'we really like your vibe and we think that we can really vibe with you. We want you to come out and open for T I'. It came out of the blue. I haven't met T I or anyone from his team before so to get this call was totally unexpected. I am a big fan of T I so I naturally said yes," Kwesta explained.

Sunday World

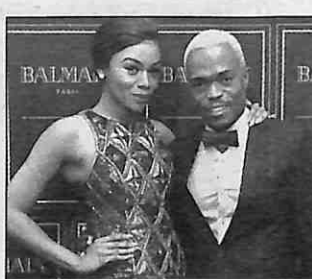
TO CURTAIN: Kwesta.

Somizi shares the biggest lesson Bonang taught him

JOHANNESBURG

- Even though they are no longer BFF's entertainer and media personality says he learnt a lot from his former best friend media personality Bonang Matheba. One of the biggest Bonang taught him was the importance of blocking negativity from his life, especially on social media.

"She actually taught me the art of blocking, she doesn't play. But at the rate of the influx [of tweets] on her timeline, I don't blame her because you need to get rid of



ART OF BLOCKING: Bonang and Somizi.

anyone who can potentially make you uncomfortable," Somizi said on The Fresh Breakfast.

"Bonang's right thumb is strong and fast. The girl can even see a troll that is

still coming. Just a mere 'hi' from a potential troll will get you blocked because she can anticipate that you will probably say something nasty at the end of that conversation," Somizi added. **Drum**

Metro FM DJ 'grateful to be alive' after being hijacked

JOHANNESBURG - Metro FM DJ Rashid Kay is grateful to be alive after a four-hour hijacking ordeal that nearly ended in death. Rashid told TshisaLIVE that he was travelling home from his Metro FM show on Saturday when he was hijacked outside his mother's house in southern Johannesburg.

Armed gunmen held him up and then forced him into the car with his head faced down on the backseat. They beat him with their guns several times over the head as they drove to a spot where they changed car and searched for



GRATEFUL: DJ Rashid Kay.

he had been dropped off, he managed to find a house that let him use their phone. He called a friend and later went to open a case at the local police station. **Times Live**

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

The Ngwenyas celebrate a victory whilst Iris dreads her decision. Sihle has another damning dream about the past. Samson and Mabuyi finally work things out.

WORKS THINGS: Samson.



ISIDINGO

TODAY

Ofentse struggles to come to terms with the new picture Basetsana has drawn of his father. Gabriel pulls out all the stops to win Nikiwe back after his lap-top meltdown. Matlala's suspicions that Gatanga's muti has cursed him grow ever stronger.



WON BACK: Nikiwe.

Muvhango

TODAY

Azwindini finds out the real reason Tendamu-dzimu is after him. Imani agrees to go back home. Sthembiso is confident he's going to come out victorious against Bongibong. Zonke Mchunu will be reprising the role of Zonke.



FINDS OUT: Azwindini.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Emotions are getting more complicated between Pearl and David. Roberto and Flavia tell Pearl that she won't get any payment unless she sleeps with David. Sindiswa is considering giving in to Sabelo's demand. Bongibong is upset over the poor sales of her new album.



WOMANISER: David.



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

Rapport with neighbours and negotiations to buy and sell oddments seems likely. A sibling (or childhood friend) might offer words of wisdom - and assistance. This could take you by surprise. They too though may be interested to learn of developments in your life.



AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

One of your great gifts is to recognise the differences between people - and each person's potential for genius. Today you could nurture a flame of talent: your 'parenting' and teaching skills could surface. The part about this that you might enjoy most, is reaching someone that others have dismissed - and doing so without making a fuss.



PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

You may be putting on an act - and it could be IMPRESSIVE. This might even require dressing up (or down). Making a grand gesture seems likely. The point in all this could be that you want others to realise that presently you mean exactly what you say using drama and theatrics to make the point.



ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

It might amuse you to think and play differently: teasing anyone and everyone could be the marker for your day. So, you could dress differently and engage others in conversations with a difference.



TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

Just when others think they've got you taped, you may be about to show that you're as capable of doing the unexpected as the best of them. Though it's likely you'll make it absolutely clear that you've come to the end of one chapter, you might also show that you're not only opening up another stream of interest, but this time you're wholly aware of the dimensions involved.



GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

Pooling resources may be necessary - and not at all unpleasant. A Capricorn friend might be willing to sort out a 'problem' that's been in the air for days. Though it's possible that this person is preoccupied with problems close to home, they might still have time to sort out a bug in a



system that's driving you crazy (and if they're not born under Capricorn then maybe they're older or have the right experience).

CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

Though you might be in quirky humour, you might also need someone to balance your arguments and, effectively to take some strain from you. The more formal arrangements there are to deal with probably the better (though you could complain like mad).



LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

It might be helpful to think of yourself as a machine that needs regular fuel. It's possible that you've had too many of the wrong sort of meals 'on the run'. In short, your system could be playing up.



VIRGO AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

You might already have been knocked off your axis by an Aquarius (or by someone whose quirky behaviour you should have come to expect but haven't!). Part of you might be enjoying disruption to routine. Another part could so easily fall into panic-mode.



LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

Property and long-term security could be nagging at you. Yet you might also want to spend more time cultivating an interest in something that's just a little 'off the wall'. It's possible too that your position within a group is bringing more responsibility than you want to carry.



SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

A neighbour (or non-relative you see daily), can probably be relied on. You may need to know for sure though and so might need to spend time explaining a situation and asking for assistance. In the process, a line of thinking may be clarified: you might also find yourself intrigued by a hobby or way of thinking.



SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

A relative's attitude to cash might cause you to frown momentarily. Nothing though is likely to reduce growing excitement that a visit you've always wanted to make is now a real flicker on your horizon.



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MINI CROSSWORD - PUZZLE CHOICE

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Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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One day a nice young couple were on their way to the 'Justice of the Peace' to get married. They had an accident and were killed. Now they were in front of St Peter and the young lady asked if they could get married. St Peter told them, he would have to get back to them with an answer. Around 30 days later St

Peter returns and tells the couple that they can get married in heaven. The young lady then asks St Peter, "If things don't work out can we get a divorce?" St Peter looks at her and replies, "Lady it took me 30 days to find a preacher up here do you really think I am going to find a lawyer?"

USELESS FACTS

1. Males in other species develop a deeper voice to attract females and intimidate other males, and scientists believe the change in the male human voice evolved for the same reasons.
2. The Plumed Whistling Duck eats by cropping vegetation rather than diving in water.
3. The ITV Network Centre did not want to broadcast TV drama Cold Feet at 9pm because that was a timeslot traditionally reserved for programmes that viewers could do their ironing to.
4. Captain Philip Beaver once read the entire Encyclopaedia Britannica during one of his cruises.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYesterday's
brainteasers

1. What did the glue say to the teacher?
Answer: "I'm stuck on you."

2. Why was the music teacher not able to open

his class room?

Answer: Because his keys were on the piano.

Today's brainteasers

1. What school subject is a witch good at?
2. Why is arithmetic hard work?

NEWS



HIGHLIGHTS



UPRIZE
TONIGHT 21:00 | BET (129)

On the morning of 16 June 1976, students in Soweto gathered to protest against the use of Afrikaans in schools. What started as a planned peaceful march turned into a bloody confrontation with the police.

The protests spread to other parts of the country, causing economic instability and international condemnation that rapidly plunged the government into crisis. Uprise! looks at the political, social and cultural conditions that shaped the mass action and its impact on our democratic society of today.



IAAF DIAMOND LEAGUE: OSLO
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Father Brown
Tomorrow 19:59 | BBC First (119)

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US OPEN GOLF: D1
TOMORROW 19:00 | SUPERSPORT 1 (201)

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FIVE THINGS TO DISCOVER THIS WEEK

GLOBAL consensus of the week:
Gal Gadot (you are probably pronouncing it wrong...yes you are) is kicking butt in Wonder Woman and somewhere on DStv as well.

Catch her on Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice on DStv Now. We promise she makes that ordinary DC Comics (cough) movie worth watching.

There is a lot more you can discover this week, well, other than the meaning of cov-fefe. Too old? We had to try.

Why four grown men share an

apartment they can barely afford to live in

My Flatmates is a sitcom that follows four friends who share a flat and whose lives are never shot of drama and lots of laugh. And we'd expect nothing less

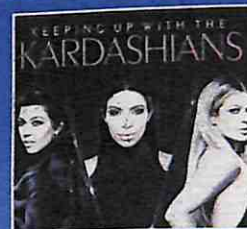
because Nigerian funny man and one of Africa's finest comedians BasketMouth is in it.

MORE INTERESTING DOCCIES TO DISCOVER:

How the disappearance of a two-year-old sent America into an outrage. On July 15 2008, a 911 call reporting a missing child sparks an intense investigation. Orlando police are desperate to find two-year-old Caylee - but her mother, Casey Anthony, seems to be standing in the way of their search.

This three-part documentary special goes deep inside the case that shocked the United States, revealing the lies and betrayal in this extraordinary case.

- Genius, on Sunday, June 18 at 21:05 on National Geographic (181)
- Behind Bars: Rookie Year, available on DStv Now
- Murder Chose Me, tonight at 22:00 on Discovery IDx (171).



Keeping up with the Kadarshians



On Sunday at 20:00
On E! Entertainment Television (124)

Tune in as we follow the lives of America's most famous celebrity family, featuring an exclusive look at the private lives of Kim Kardashian and her siblings.

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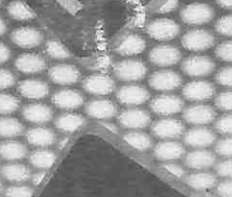
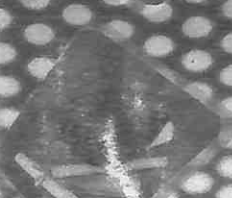
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Welcome
Welile
Mlangeni



VIGIL: SATURDAY
17/06/2017
FUNERAL: SUNDAY
18/06/2017
PLACE: MGAZINI
MANKAYANE

Welcome Welile Mlangeni, a police officer at Ngonini OSSU id late. Funeral at Mغازini, Mankayane on the 18th of June 2017 after a night vigil on the 17th of June 2017. Announcement by family.

Noah
Mfanimpela
Ngwenya



VIGIL: SATURDAY
17/06/2017
FUNERAL: SUNDAY
18/06/2017

Kwatiswa umndeni netihlobo nebangani ba Noah, Mfanimpela Ngwenya lobekatiwa ngaStrong-Man kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe kaDlamini eBuseleni nebekhabonina kaNtshangase emkhakhweni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya kubo Emacetjeni ngelisonfo mhlaka 18 June 2017 emva kwemlindzelo ngemgibelo mhlaka 17 June 2017. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumkakhe egameni lemndeni.



Tholakele
Simphiwe
Mavimbela



FUNERAL: SATURDAY
17/06/2017
MEMORIAL:
NGALWESHLANU MHLAKA
25 JUNE 2017 NGA 11:00AM
KAGOGO WAKHE EMAHLANATSI
PLACE: LAVUMISA

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baTholakele Simphiwe Mavimbela lotalwa nguMduduzi Mavimbela na Nonhlanhla Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaMavimbela elulakeni, nakagogo wakhe kaKhumalo kaMangena, bekhabonina eNhlambeni nebaka Dlamini eNyatsini. Kutawuba nenkonzo lemfisha ngalwesihlanu mhlaka 16 June 2017 nga 11:00am kagogo wakhe eMahlabatsini. Utawufihlwa ngemgibelo kaLavumisa elulakeni emva kwemlindzelo mhlaka 17 June 2017. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Mduduzi Mavimbela uyise egameni lemndeni.

Siphiwe
Sakhile
Matse



FUNERAL: SATURDAY
17/06/2017
MEMORIAL:
AT DUBS ON 16 JUNE
2017
PLACE: EKUPHUMLENI

Relatives and friends of Siphiwe Sakhile Matse from Matsapha are made aware that she is no longer with us. Memorial service to be held at Dubs on 16 June 2017. Funeral 17 June 2017 in the morning at Moneni Ekuphumleni.



Maria
Ntombikayise
Magagula



VIGIL: SATURDAY
17/06/2017
FUNERAL: SUNDAY
18/06/2017
PLACE: HHELEHHELE

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani bamake Maria Ntombikayise Magagula lobekendze kaMaseko kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngelisonfo mhlaka 18 June 2017 emva kwemlindzelo ngemgibelo mhlaka 17 June 2017. Inkono icala nga 2000hrs Ntsambama bese ekuseni inkono icala nga 0500hrs aphume nga 0600hrs kuya emathuneni ekhaya kakhe kuHhelehele.

Minah
Zenzile
Sikhondze



FUNERAL: SATURDAY
17/06/2017
PLACE: EKWALUSENI

Kwatiswa umndeni, tohlobo, bangani nalabekakhonta nabo kutsi gogo Minah Zenzile Sikhondze waseKwaluseni Eteni akasekho emhlabeni. Ushone mhlaka 7 June 2017. Utawufihlwa ngemgibelo mhlaka 17 June 2017 khona eKwaluseni. Kwatiswa baka Mdluli eMashobeni nebaka Sikhondze eKhiza nabobonkhe bofakazi nakajehova kutsi umsebenzi wakhe uyocala nga 0630hrs. Kute umlindzelo.



Victor
Sihle Thandokuhle
Magongo



VIGIL: FRIDAY
16/06/2017
FUNERAL: SATURDAY
17/06/2017
PLACE: ENDZINGENI

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Victor Sihle Thandokuhle Magongo lobekasebenta eMhlume RSSC kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa mhlaka 17 June 2017 emva kwemlindzelo ekhaya kubo eNdzingeni, sitieshi kukaManyosi.

Derrick
Delintombi
Maziya



VIGIL: SATURDAY
17/06/2017
FUNERAL: SUNDAY
18/06/2017
PLACE: KUMAPHUNGWANE

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Derrick Delintombi Maziya lotalwa ngu Matjibhi Nxumalo kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhabonina eNdiyaneni kaJokoniya lalabekahlala nabo emadoda kaSobhuza Clinic. Ufihlwa ngelisonfo mhlaka 18 June 2017 emva kwemlindzelo ngemgibelo ekhaya kubo kuMaphungwane emhlabubovu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe Mengameli Daniel Maziya.



Lungile Thabsile
"Lungi"
Mngometulu



FUNERAL: SUNDAY
18/06/2017
PLACE: NGCULWINI

Friends and relatives of Lungile Thabsile "Lungi" Mngometulu are notified of her demise. Funeral on Sunday 18 June 2017 at Ngculwini, Mhlamanti. Announcement by Bongani Ntobeko Masuku on behalf of family.

Themba
Andreas
Kunene



VIGIL: FRIDAY
16/06/2017
FUNERAL: SATURDAY
17/06/2017
PLACE: MDZANGWINI
FONTEYN

Relatives and friends of Themba Andreas Kunene popularly known as "Scorpion" from Mdzangwini are notified of his untimely demise. Night vigil to be held on Friday, 16 June 2017, funeral on Saturday morning, 17 June 2017 at his parental home at Mdzangwini, Fonteyn.

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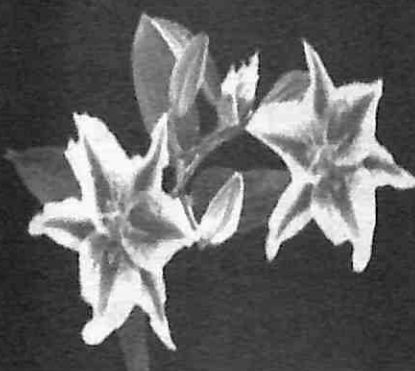
Temhlanga
Cherol
Zikalala



VIGIL: SATURDAY
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FUNERAL: SUNDAY
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MEMORIAL:
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PLACE: SITJENI

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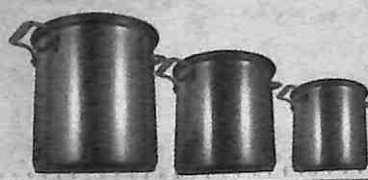
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Everton	v	Stoke City
Arsenal	v	Leicester City
Watford	v	Liverpool
West Brom	v	AFC
Crystal Palace	v	Huddersfield
Newcastle Utd	v	Tottenham
Southampton	v	Swansea City

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2017

Manchester U	v	Everton
Crystal Palace	v	Southampton
Newcastle	v	Stoke City
Watford	v	Manchester City
West Brom	v	West Ham
Chelsea	v	Arsenal
Tottenham	v	Swansea City

Brighton & Hove Albion	v	Man City
Chelsea	v	Burnley
Man United	v	West Ham

SATURDAY 19 AUGUST 2017

Swansea City	v	Manchester U
AFC Bournemouth	v	Watford
Liverpool	v	Crystal Palace
Man City	v	Everton
West Ham	v	Southampton
Tottenham	v	Chelsea
Huddersfield Town	v	Newcastle Utd
Stoke City	v	Arsenal
Leicester City	v	Brighton

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2017

Chelsea	v	Everton
Man United	v	Leicester City
Liverpool	v	Arsenal
Tottenham	v	Burnley
West Brom	v	Stoke City
Bournemouth	v	Manchester City
Crystal Palace	v	Swansea City
Watford	v	Brighton & Hove
Huddersfield Town	v	Southampton
Newcastle United	v	West Ham

SATURDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2017

Southampton	v	Watford
Manchester City	v	Liverpool
Stoke City	v	Manchester U
Brighton	v	West Brom
Swansea City	v	Newcastle
Everton	v	Tottenham
Arsenal	v	Bournemouth
West Ham	v	Huddersfield
Leicester City	v	Chelsea
Burnley	v	Crystal Palace

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2017

Bournemouth	v	Brighton
Liverpool	v	Burnley
Huddersfield	v	Leicester City

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

West Ham	v	Tottenham
Swansea City	v	Watford
Arsenal	v	West Bromwich
Southampton	v	Manchester U
Leicester City	v	Liverpool
Burnley	v	Huddersfield
Brighton	v	Newcastle
Stoke City	v	Chelsea
Everton	v	Bournemouth
Man City	v	Crystal Palace

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

Arsenal	v	Brighton
West Ham	v	Swansea City
Bournemouth	v	Leicester City
Huddersfield	v	Tottenham
Stoke City	v	Southampton
Chelsea	v	Manchester City
Everton	v	Burnley
Newcastle	v	Liverpool
Manchester U	v	Crystal Palace
West Brom	v	Watford

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2017

Man City	v	Stoke City
Leicester City	v	West Bromwich
Southampton	v	Newcastle
Brighton	v	Everton
Swansea City	v	Huddersfield
Burnley	v	West Ham
Crystal Palace	v	Chelsea
Watford	v	Arsenal
Liverpool	v	Manchester U
Tottenham	v	Bournemouth

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2017

Swansea City	v	Leicester City
Huddersfield	v	Man United
Chelsea	v	Watford
Man City	v	Burnley
West Ham	v	Brighton
Stoke City	v	Bournemouth
Tottenham	v	Liverpool

Newcastle	v	Crystal Palace
Everton	v	Arsenal
Southampton	v	West Bromwich Albion

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2017

Bournemouth	v	Chelsea
Brighton	v	Southampton
Watford	v	Stoke City
Burnley	v	Newcastle United
Crystal Palace	v	West Ham United
Man United	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Leicester City	v	Everton
West Brom	v	Manchester City
Arsenal	v	Swansea City
Liverpool	v	Huddersfield Town

SATURDAY 04 NOVEMBER 2017

Chelsea	v	Manchester United
Everton	v	Watford
Southampton	v	Burnley
West Ham	v	Liverpool
Huddersfield	v	West Bromwich Albion
Newcastle	v	AFC Bournemouth
Man City	v	Arsenal
Tottenham	v	Crystal Palace
Swansea City	v	Brighton
Stoke City	v	Leicester City

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2017

Brighton	v	Stoke City
Watford	v	West Ham United
Man United	v	Newcastle United
Bournemouth	v	Huddersfield Town
Arsenal	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Leicester City	v	Manchester City
West Brom	v	Chelsea
Liverpool	v	Southampton
Burnley	v	Swansea City
Crystal Palace	v	Everton

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2017

West Ham	v	Leicester City
Liverpool	v	Chelsea
Newcastle	v	Watford
Swansea City	v	AFC Bournemouth
Huddersfield	v	Manchester City
Southampton	v	Everton
Burnley	v	Arsenal
Tottenham	v	West Bromwich Albion
Crystal Palace	v	Stoke City
Man United	v	Brighton

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017

Arsenal	v	Huddersfield Town
Watford	v	Manchester United

Leicester City	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Bournemouth	v	Burnley
Brighton	v	Crystal Palace
West Brom	v	Newcastle United

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2017

Everton	v	West Ham United
Chelsea	v	Swansea City
Stoke City	v	Liverpool
Man City	v	Southampton

SATURDAY 02 DECEMBER 2017

Brighton	v	Liverpool
Arsenal	v	Manchester United

Man City	v	West Ham United
Bournemouth	v	Southampton
Leicester City	v	Burnley
West Brom	v	Crystal

Chelsea	v	Newcastle United
Watford	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Everton	v	Huddersfield Town
Stoke City	v	Swansea City

SATURDAY 09 DECEMBER 2017

Southampton	v	Arsenal
Liverpool	v	Everton
Huddersfield	v	Brighton Newcastle
United	v	Leicester City
West Ham	v	Chelsea
Burnley	v	Watford
Tottenham	v	Stoke City
Swansea City	v	West Bromwich Albion
Crystal Palace	v	AFC Bournemouth
Man United	v	Manchester City

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017

West Ham	v	Arsenal
Swansea City	v	Manchester City
Burnley	v	Stoke City
Huddersfield	v	Chelsea
Crystal Palace	v	Watford
Man United	v	AFC Bournemouth

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017

Southampton	v	Leicester City
Newcastle	v	Everton
Tottenham	v	Brighton
Liverpool	v	West Bromwich

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2017

Bournemouth	v	Liverpool
Chelsea	v	Southampton
Watford	v	Huddersfield Town
Everton	v	Swansea City

Leicester City	v	Crystal Palace
Brighton	v	Burnley
Man City	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Stoke City	v	West Ham United
Arsenal	v	Newcastle United
West Brom	v	Manchester United

SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER 2017

West Ham	v	Newcastle United
Leicester City	v	Manchester United
Southampton	v	Huddersfield Town
Brighton	v	Watford
Stoke City	v	West Bromwich Albion
Arsenal	v	Liverpool
Everton	v	Chelsea
Burnley	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Man City	v	AFC Bournemouth
Swansea City	v	Crystal Palace

TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER 2017

West Brom	v	Everton
Liverpool	v	Swansea City
Newcastle	v	Manchester City
Man United	v	Burnley
Huddersfield	v	Stoke City
Bournemouth	v	West Ham United
Crystal Palace	v	Arsenal
Watford	v	Leicester City
Tottenham	v	Southampton
Chelsea	v	Brighton

SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER 2017

Liverpool	v	Leicester City
West Brom	v	Arsenal
Watford	v	Swansea City
Chelsea	v	Stoke City
Tottenham	v	West Ham United
Crystal Palace	v	Manchester City
Huddersfield	v	Burnley
Bournemouth	v	Everton
Newcastle	v	Brighton
Man United	v	Southampton

MONDAY 01 JANUARY 2018

Swansea City	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Man City	v	Watford
West Ham	v	West Bromwich Albion
Brighton	v	AFC Bournemouth
Leicester City	v	Huddersfield Town
Arsenal	v	Chelsea
Everton	v	Manchester United
Southampton	v	Crystal Palace
Stoke City	v	Newcastle United
Burnley	v	Liverpool

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ALL WHITES AIM TO RAISE

LONDON - New Zealand coach Anthony Hudson is looking to confound the form book at the Confederations Cup as he continues his drive to get his side back to Russia for next year's World Cup finals.

The All Whites have never won a game at a senior FIFA men's tournament, their best efforts a single draw against Iraq at the 2009 Confederations Cup and three more at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

Hudson is determined the Oceania champions will not go to Russia to make up the numbers, however, as he continues to try and raise the expectations of soccer fans in a country where rugby rules the roost.

"We are not going to Russia to take part, we are going there to achieve something significant," the Englishman said ahead of the opening match against hosts



New Zealand coach Anthony Hudson is looking to confound the form book at the Confederations Cup.

Russia on June 17.

"We are focused on the task at hand, we are not going to get carried away with who we are playing, we know they

are top teams but we are a strong team and we are going there focused on ourselves and the task at hand."

The task at hand also involves match-

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2018

Huddersfield	v	West Ham United
Watford	v	Southampton
Crystal Palace	v	Burnley
Man United	v	Stoke City
Chelsea	v	Leicester City
Newcastle	v	Swansea City
West Brom	v	Brighton
Tottenham	v	Everton
Bournemouth	v	Arsenal
Liverpool	v	Manchester City

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2018

Leicester City	v	Watford
Southampton	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Swansea City	v	Liverpool
Man City	v	Newcastle United
Arsenal	v	Crystal Palace
Everton	v	West Bromwich Albion
Burnley	v	Manchester United
Brighton	v	Chelsea
Stoke City	v	Huddersfield Town
West Ham	v	AFC Bournemouth

TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2018

West Ham	v	Crystal Palace
Huddersfield	v	Liverpool
Swansea City	v	Arsenal

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2018

Newcastle	v	Burnley
Everton	v	Leicester City
Southampton	v	Brighton
Chelsea	v	AFC Bournemouth
Tottenham	v	Manchester United
Stoke City	v	Watford
Man City	v	West Bromwich Albion

SATURDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2018

Bournemouth	v	Stoke City
West Brom	v	Southampton
Burnley	v	Manchester City
Arsenal	v	Everton
Leicester City	v	Swansea City
Liverpool	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Crystal Palace	v	Newcastle United
Watford	v	Chelsea
Brighton	v	West Ham United
Man United	v	Huddersfield Town

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2018

Huddersfield	v	AFC Bournemouth
Everton	v	Crystal Palace
Stoke City	v	Brighton
Chelsea	v	West Bromwich Albion
Swansea City	v	Burnley
Tottenham	v	Arsenal
Man City	v	Leicester City
Newcastle	v	Manchester United
Southampton	v	Liverpool
West Ham	v	Watford

**SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2018**

Brighton	v	Swansea City
Leicester City	v	Stoke City
Bournemouth	v	Newcastle United
Man United	v	Chelsea
West Brom	v	Huddersfield Town
Crystal Palace	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Arsenal	v	Manchester City
Burnley	v	Southampton
Liverpool	v	West Ham United
Watford	v	Everton

SATURDAY 03 MARCH 2018

Liverpool	v	Newcastle United
Crystal Palace	v	Manchester United
Tottenham	v	Huddersfield Town
Leicester City	v	Bournemouth
Brighton	v	Arsenal
Swansea City	v	West Ham United
Man City	v	Chelsea
Southampton	v	Stoke City
Watford	v	West Brom
Burnley	v	Everton

SATURDAY 10 MARCH 2018

Stoke City	v	Manchester City
West Brom	v	Leicester City
Manchester United	v	Liverpool
West Ham United	v	Burnley
Newcastle United	v	Southampton
Arsenal	v	Watford
Everton	v	Brighton
Chelsea	v	Crystal Palace
Bournemouth	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Huddersfield Town	v	Swansea City

SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018

Tottenham Hotspur	v	Newcastle United
Burnley	v	Chelsea
Leicester City	v	Arsenal
Huddersfield Town	v	Crystal Palace
Manchester City	v	Brighton
Stoke City	v	Everton
West Ham United	v	Manchester United
AFC Bournemouth	v	West Brom
Swansea City	v	Southampton
Liverpool	v	Watford

SATURDAY 31 MARCH 2018

Everton	v	Manchester City
Crystal Palace	v	Liverpool
Newcastle United	v	Huddersfield Town
Watford	v	AFC Bournemouth
Arsenal	v	Stoke City
Chelsea	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Brighton	v	Leicester City
Manchester United	v	Swansea City
Southampton	v	West Ham United
West Brom	v	Burnley

SATURDAY 07 APRIL 2018

Manchester City	v	Manchester United
AFC Bournemouth	v	Crystal Palace
West Brom	v	Swansea City
Watford	v	Burnley
Leicester City	v	Newcastle United
Chelsea	v	West Ham United
Brighton	v	Huddersfield Town
Arsenal	v	Southampton
Everton	v	Liverpool
Stoke City	v	Tottenham Hotspur

SATURDAY 14 APRIL 2018

Newcastle United	v	Arsenal
Southampton	v	Chelsea
Crystal Palace	v	Brighton
Liverpool	v	AFC Bournemouth
Burnley	v	Leicester City
Swansea City	v	Everton
Huddersfield Town	v	Watford
West Ham United	v	Stoke City
Manchester United	v	West Brom
Tottenham Hotspur	v	Manchester City

SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2018

Arsenal	v	West Ham United
Stoke City	v	Burnley
Chelsea	v	Huddersfield Town
Brighton	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Watford	v	Crystal Palace
Everton	v	Newcastle United
Bournemouth	v	Manchester United
Leicester City	v	Southampton
West Brom	v	Liverpool
Man City	v	Swansea City

SATURDAY 28 APRIL 2018

West Ham	v	Manchester City
Crystal Palace	v	Leicester City
Swansea City	v	Chelsea
Liverpool	v	Stoke City
Burnley	v	Brighton
Southampton	v	AFC Bournemouth
Newcastle United	v	West Brom
Tottenham Hotspur	v	Watford
Manchester United	v	Arsenal
Huddersfield Town	v	Everton

SATURDAY 05 MAY 2018

Stoke City	v	Crystal Palace
Watford	v	Newcastle United
West Brom	v	Tottenham Hotspur
Arsenal	v	Burnley
Manchester City	v	Huddersfield Town
Brighton	v	Manchester United
Everton	v	Southampton
AFC Bournemouth	v	Swansea City
Chelsea	v	Liverpool
Leicester City	v	West Ham United

SUNDAY 13 MAY 2018

West Ham United	v	Everton
Southampton	v	Manchester City
Swansea City	v	Stoke City
Newcastle United	v	Chelsea
Manchester United	v	Watford
Liverpool	v	Brighton
Burnley	v	AFC Bournemouth
Crystal Palace	v	West Brom
Huddersfield Town	v	Arsenal
Tottenham Hotspur	v	Leicester City

EXPECTATIONS

as against Mexico, who routed New Zealand 9-3 on aggregate in the intercontinental playoff for the 2016 World Cup finals, and then European champions Portugal.

They will be without regular captain Winston Reid, who battled a knee injury through the last weeks of the English Premier League season with West Ham United.

Leeds striker Chris Wood, who scored 27 goals to top the English Championship last season, will instead captain a young side that Hudson has been building since his appointment in 2014.

The then 33-year-old initially dumped a number of senior internationals to give some of the younger players an opportunity to press their credentials.

His planning, however, was upset when Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) officials ruled South African-born defender Deklan Wynn was ineligible for the under-23 side just before the final of the qualifying tournament for the 2016 Olympics.

That led to New Zealand's disqualification and Hudson has since been further frustrated at the lack of internationals New Zealand Football have been able to organise, with the side playing just three games in 2015.

Their build-up this year has also been less than ideal with just two 2-0 victories over Fiji in OFC qualifying matches in March, even if that was enough to advance to the final round of Oceania qualifying against the Solomon Islands.

If they get through that, a playoff against the fifth best side from the South American qualifying group awaits.

This year they have also had a 1-0 loss to Northern Ireland, a 5-2 victory over a local club side in Dublin and then a 1-0 loss to Belarus shortly before arriving in Russia.

Hudson, though, was still exuding the sort of confidence his midfielder father Alan displayed in the colours of Arsenal, Stoke City, Chelsea and England in the 1970s.

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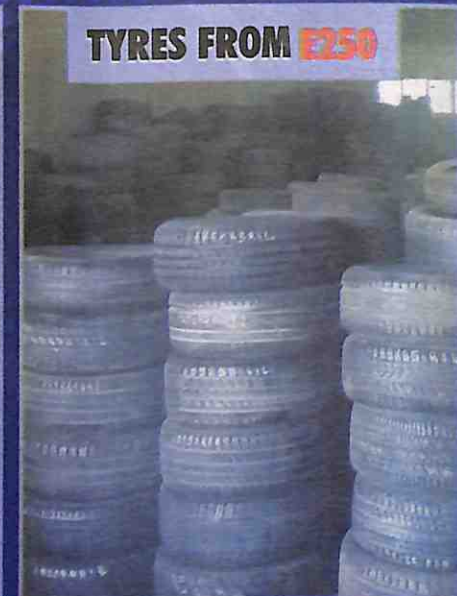
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Chelsea first opponents for Spurs at new 'home' Wembley

LONDON - Premier League champions Chelsea will be the first opponents for runners-up Tottenham at their temporary home of Wembley on the second weekend of the 2017/18 campaign it was revealed yesterday when the fixtures were published.

Spurs, who were beaten by Chelsea in their FA Cup semi-final at Wembley and lost two of their four European matches last season when they played 'home' matches there instead of White Hart Lane — are using Wembley while their new state of the art ground is developed in north London.

Chelsea begin the defence of their title with a home fixture at Stamford Bridge on the weekend of August 12/13 against Burnley, who had a terrible time away from home last season.

Jürgen Klopp's Liverpool have



STOP HERE: Chelsea's Spanish defender Marcos Alonso vies with Tottenham Hotspur's English striker Harry Kane during the FA Cup semi-final football match between Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea at Wembley stadium in London.

two testing fixtures on the third and fourth weekend of matches — hosting Arsenal and then an away trip to Manchester City.

Arsenal, whose Manager Arsene Wenger will be firmly in the sights of the disgruntled Gunners fans who didn't wanted

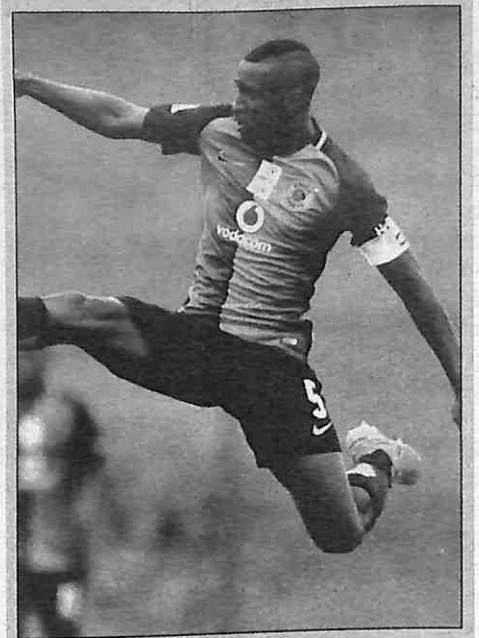
him to sign a new contract, face a tricky trip to Chelsea the week-end after.

Arsenal will host Antonio Conte's champions on January 1 in the usual packed festive period programme which will see the teams play four matches apiece between December 23 and New Year's Day.

Three weeks before that sees a mouthwatering couple of derbies with Liverpool hosting Everton and the Manchester derby — Pep Guardiola's City travelling to take on Jose Mourinho's United at Old Trafford.

For the trio of newly-promoted clubs, their opening fixtures see second tier champions Newcastle host Spurs, whilst Premier League debutants Brighton entertain Manchester City and Huddersfield are away at Crystal Palace.

AFP



STAR: Siyanda Xulu worth R9.5 million.

Chiefs lose out on just over R21m in released payers

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs released a statement on Tuesday afternoon announcing which players would be leaving the club, but how much have they missed out in potential transfer fees?

The Glamour Boys did much the same last season when they announced fringe players who would be shown the exit door, and now four players have seen their contracts being terminated.

Siphelele Mthembu, meanwhile, will leave Naturena as a free agent with just two weeks remaining on his contract at the club. He is now free to join a team of his choosing.

Lewis Macha and Camaldine Araw's contract terminations mean that their exit will now open up two foreigner slots for the coming transfer window.

In total, five players will leave the club without Chiefs claiming any money on transfer fees, meaning they have potentially missed out on just over R21 million.

Soccer Laduma

France edge England in thriller

LONDON - Ousmane Dembele capped a thrilling performance with the deciding goal as 10-man France beat England 3-2 in a friendly in Paris on Tuesday in which the video assistant referee played a central role.

Captain Harry Kane had earlier scored twice for the visitors at the Stade de France, including from a penalty early in the second half.

That came after the Italian referee gave a spot-kick for a foul on Dele Alli and the video assistant — being trialled here — ruled that Raphael Varane deserved a straight red card.

The decision was a controversial one, coming after FIFA tweaked the rules last year to reduce cases of players being sent off for denying clear goal-scoring opportunities, unless the offence is deliberate.

Varane's team-mates and the French fans did not agree with the call, which came after Samuel Umtiti and Djibril Sidibe had scored to cancel out Kane's early opener. But France's recovery when a man down was a source of disappointment for England Manager Gareth Southgate.

"We should have got a result. In the space of 90 minutes we saw the things that we are very good at — we looked a threat and created a lot of openings — and equally we saw what we have to do better," he said.

Meanwhile, France coach Didier Deschamps was delighted to see his side get back to winning ways after a World Cup qualifying defeat in Sweden.

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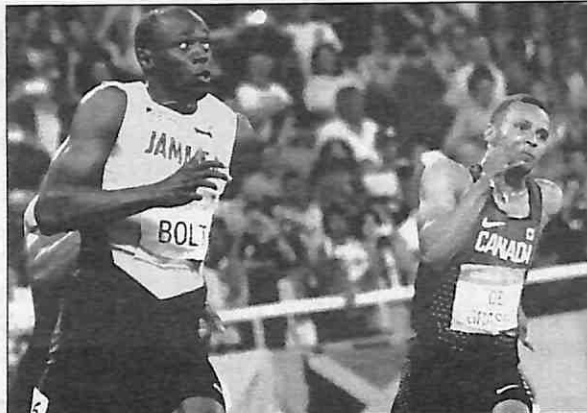
DE GRASSE AWAKENED SLEEPING BOLT

PHOENIX - In the build-up to his 100m season-opener at last Saturday's Racers Grand Prix in Jamaica, Usain Bolt cautioned Andre De Grasse about his plan to dethrone the Jamaican sprint legend at the IAAF World Championships London 2017 on August 4 to 13.

De Grasse has been forthright about his lofty ambition. And now that he has the attention of the greatest sprinter of all time, it's game on.

But while De Grasse is keen to put a damper on what is expected to be Bolt's retirement party in London, the 22-year-old Canadian is not getting ahead of himself.

"I don't really think about beating him," says De Grasse. "I came third in the 100m at the Rio Olympics, so of course I have to go through (Justin) Gatlin and the rest of the guys in the field. If I can do that and execute my race, I can go



SPRINTER: Jamaica's Usain Bolt (l) looks over towards Canada's Andre De Grasse as he competes in the men's 200m Final during the athletics event at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

out there and win. I don't know what time to expect, but it has to be fast."

On paper, the Bolt-De Grasse duel looks to be a mismatch.

Bolt is the 100m world record-holder at 9.58s, while De Grasse is more than three-tenths of a second slower at 9.91s. De Grasse

has enjoyed a meteoric rise, and few would doubt he is capable of running much faster in the short sprint. De Grasse's first competitive outing came in 2012, three years after Bolt's jaw-dropping 9.58s run at the IAAF World Championships in Berlin. *African News Agency*

Real confident in Ronaldo over tax

MADRID - Real Madrid backed star forward Cristiano Ronaldo yesterday after Spanish prosecutors accused the star player of evading 14.7 million euros in tax through offshore companies.

"Real Madrid C.F. have full confidence in our player Cristiano Ronaldo, who we understand has acted in accordance with the

legality regarding the fulfilment of his fiscal obligations," Real said in a statement. "Since his arrival at Real Madrid C.F. in July 2009, Cristiano Ronaldo has always shown a clear will to fulfil all his tax obligations."

"Real Madrid C.F. are absolutely convinced that our player, Cristiano Ronaldo, will prove his total innocence in this process. Real Madrid C.F. hope that justice is done as

quickly as possible so that his innocence can be proven as soon as possible."

The 32-year-old Ronaldo — the world's highest paid athlete according to Forbes magazine — follows in the footsteps of Barcelona forward and Argentina star Lionel Messi, who was found guilty of the same offence last year, although the sums involved were allegedly smaller.

AFP

Super-agent Mendes summoned over Falcao tax evasion

MADRID - Footballing super-agent Jorge Mendes, who manages Cristiano Ronaldo among others, has been summoned before a Spanish court as part of the probe into Colombian striker Radamel Falcao's alleged tax evasion, legal sources said yesterday.

Monaco's Falcao is suspected of failing to correctly declare 5.6 million euros (R79 million) of income earned from image rights between 2012 and 2013 while he was at Atletico Madrid.

He is suspected of using a web of shell companies in the British Virgin Islands, Ireland, Colombia and Panama to avoid taxes on the image rights income.

Mendes was summoned to appear before the court of instruction at Pozuelo de Alarcon, close to Madrid, on June 27.

The summons comes a day after Ronaldo was accused by Spanish prosecutors of evading 14.7 million euros in tax through offshore companies.

AFP

CELEBRATING: Ousmane Dembele(L) and Kylian Mbappé.



NEXT LEVEL: Tammy Abraham.

ABRAHAM TO DECIDE CHELSEA FUTURE

LONDON - Striker Tammy Abraham will decide on his future at Premier League champions Chelsea after England's campaign in the under-21 European Championships in Poland later this month, the 19-year-old has said.

Abraham, a product of Chelsea's youth academy, made two senior appearances for Chelsea in 2016 before

being sent on a season-long loan spell at Championship side Bristol City, where he scored 26 goals in over 40 appearances for the club.

"I haven't spoken with Chelsea yet.

I am focusing on this tournament so the discussions will happen after," Abraham told reporters.

"I'm not too sure (about his future). Hopefully it will be in

the Premier League."

"After this season I need to take myself to the next level. That's the type of person I am, I always want to do better. I always want to do more. So going into the new season my aim will be to top this one."

The England team start their European Championships campaign against Sweden under-21 on June 16.

© Reuters

Federer done resting as he begins Wimbledon prep

STUTTGART - Roger Federer began his grasscourt campaign where he bid for a record eighth Wimbledon crown at Stuttgart yesterday insisting that he had rested enough.

The Swiss veteran had taken the last two months off after what he described as a surprisingly successful start to the year that resulted in victory at the Australian Open and then the Indian Wells-Miami Masters double.

"I was terribly surprised to win the Australian Open and to back it up and win the sunshine double in Indian Wells and Miami was a complete surprise to me," Federer said.

Although 35, he has been in fine form during his limited

activity this year, losing only once — a shock reverse to Russian Evgeny Donskoy, then ranked 116, in Dubai.

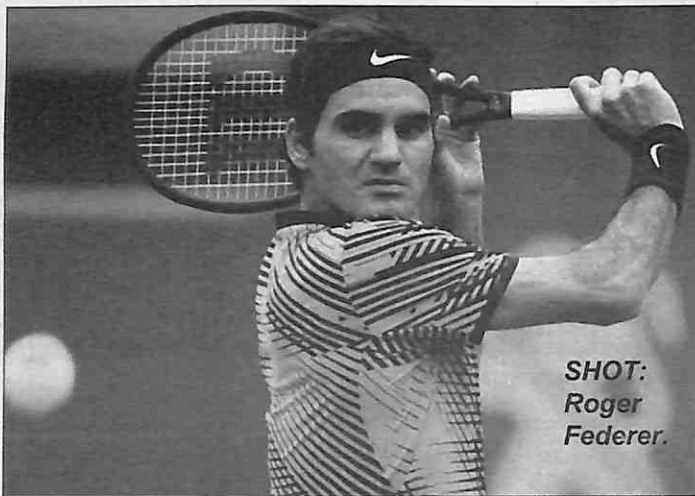
And while his own resurgence this year has taken him aback, Federer insists that Rafael Nadal's return to claycourt dominance was not so unexpected.

"I think Rafa winning the French Open is less of a surprise because he'd done it nine times before," he said.

"I was hoping he was going to dominate the claycourt season like the olden days."

Having only played in four tournaments this year as he manages his workload, Federer said he would return to a full programme for the rest of the season.

"There are no more breaks



SHOT: Roger Federer.

now," he told the ATP website.

"I've had enough breaks. I'm a practice world champion now and that's not who I want to be.

"I want to be a champ on the match courts. So I'm going to be playing a regular schedule for the

second part of the season."

Federer begins his Stuttgart campaign against German veteran Tommy Haas, where victory would be the 1 100th of his professional career.

AFP

Tiote's agent calls for end to speculation over death

LONDON - The agent of the late Ivory Coast midfielder Cheick Tiote yesterday called for the media to cease making unsubstantiated claims about the reasons for his death.

The 52-time capped star — a member of the Ivory Coast squad that ended a 23-year drought in winning the 2015 Africa Cup of Nations — died after fainting during training with second division side Beijing Enterprises on June 5. He was 30 years of age.

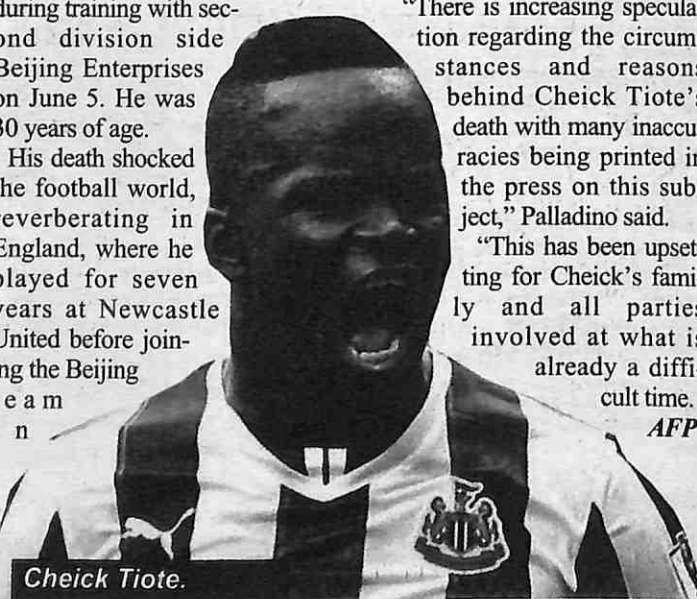
His death shocked the football world, reverberating in England, where he played for seven years at Newcastle United before joining the Beijing team.

February. However, with his body being flown home to the Ivory Coast — after an emotional farewell held at a funeral home in China on Tuesday — Emanuele Palladino issued a statement to Press Association Sport calling on the speculation over why he died to end out of sympathy for his family's feelings.

"There is increasing speculation regarding the circumstances and reasons behind Cheick Tiote's death with many inaccuracies being printed in the press on this subject," Palladino said.

"This has been upsetting for Cheick's family and all parties involved at what is already a difficult time.

AFP



Cheick Tiote.



Mphela keen on one more season in ABSA Premiership before retirement

JOHANNESBURG - KickOff.com has been informed that veteran striker Katlego Mphela is holding out for a swansong season, preferably back in the ABSA Premiership.

Mphela has spent the past two seasons down in the First Division with Royal Eagles, where he has continued showing flashes of his predatory instincts whenever called upon.

The 32-year-old is out of contract at Eagles at the end of the month, after agreeing to another season-long deal when he re-signed in September last year.

He had signed a one-year deal when he initially arrived at the Kwa-Zulu Natal-based side two years ago, after seeing out his contract at Kaizer Chiefs.

"Killer has no complaints about Eagles because they are an organised team, but he feels he can still play in the PSL for just one more season," says an informant close to the player.

In conversation with this website Mphela also confirmed that he is keen on one more season back in the top flight, confident that he can still make a difference.

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FREE STATE STARS AXE EIGHT PLAYERS

JOHANNESBURG - Free State Stars have announced the release of eight players in a cull of the squad after a disappointing season saw them narrowly avoid relegation from the ABSA Premiership.

A club statement said Angelo Kerspuy, Thabang Matuka, David Nkausu, Nhlakanipho Ntuli, Mbuyiselo Thethani and Nyiko Tshabangu would not have their contracts, that all came to an end this June, renewed.

Also departing are Bokang Tlhone, who had already agreed to a pre-contract with newly crowned champions Bidvest Wits, and Moeketsi Sekola, who was the top scorer in the league two seasons ago, who has joined relegated Highlands Park.

"They will no doubt be missed following the expiry of their contracts," said the club.

Stars will return for pre-season preparations at the end of the month under coach Serame Letsoaka, who joined the club in January when he replaced Giovanni Solinas. Stars finished the season in 14th place, one place above the relegation zone ahead of Baroka FC on goal difference only. © Mzansi Football

Serero looks forward to playing in Europa League with Vitesse

CAPE TOWN - Bafana Bafana midfielder Thulani Serero is looking forward to participating in the UEFA Europa League next season upon the completion of his move to Dutch side Vitesse.

The 27-year-old's switch from fellow Eredivisie side Ajax Amsterdam has been confirmed by Vitesse, following the successful completion of his medical yesterday. The Vitas ended fifth on the league standings at the end of the 2016/17 season, thus gaining qualification to the 2017/18 Europa League campaign.

Speaking to his new club's website, Serero believes he is well-suited to the style of play of Vitesse, and seeing them lift the 2017 KNVB Cup earlier this year convinced him to join the team.

"I had a successful period at Ajax [Amsterdam] when I played a lot [in the first two seasons], but that was followed by a disappointing period when I wasn't a regular starter," commented the Bafana playmaker.

"Now that my contract has ended in Amsterdam, it's time for a new club. I know Vitesse to be a good football club and last season I saw them winning the cup.

"I believe that my qualities fit perfectly with Vitesse's style of play, and playing in the Europa League is also a nice challenge for me."

Serero has signed a three-year deal stretching through until June 2020.

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LOOKING FORWARD: Thulani Serero.



SPORTS AWARDS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

BY DUMISANI NTIWANE
(Media Officer)

...inaugural awards will ensure outstanding athletes get national recognition

WELCOME to yet another edition of your favourite column.

A lot is happening in the sporting world but the biggest event of all in the forthcoming weeks should be the inaugural National Sports Awards to be hosted by the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) and of course in conjunction with our partners the Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA).

We can hardly wait to crown the best 'jewels' of the sport. The sporting fraternity will recall that the awards seek to honour outstanding athletes in the kingdom.

The categories are:

1. Outstanding Junior Sportsman
2. Outstanding Junior Sportswoman
3. Outstanding Sportsman
4. Outstanding Sportswoman
5. Outstanding Paralympic Performance – Sportsman
6. Outstanding Paralympic Performance – Sportswoman
7. Outstanding Sports Team
8. Outstanding Sports Coach
9. Outstanding Sports Leader
10. Outstanding National Sports Association
11. Outstanding Sports Journalist
12. Sports Star
13. Lifetime Achievement Sport Award

The categories recognise individual sportspersons (males and females); sportspersons with a disability; national and international participants; sports

administrators, national sports associations and the media.

The awards will be held sometime in September.

It's survival of the fittest in Shukuma Football!

LET the games begin! The preliminary rounds of the eagerly anticipated Tinkhundla Football Tournament, which starts this Saturday, will now have two legs.

Tinkhundla Centres that have been drawn to play in the elimination round of the E200 000 sponsored knockout tournament, will now each have a home ground advantage, as there will be the first and second legs.

It was felt that for fairness' sake, each *Inkhundla* should have the advantage of playing at home in front of their own supporters. The tournament kicks off this Saturday countrywide.

This means the hosting *Tinkhundla* will be travelling to their opponents on Sunday for the return leg.

The SNSRC has already expressed the desire of seeing a peaceful and fun filled tournament. Violence of any sort will not be tolerated.

These games are aimed at creating friendship and harmony amongst the different *Tinkhundla* centres. They are aimed at exposing raw talent and giving the youngsters a chance to shine.

Winners of each region will receive a lump sum of E8 000, with the runners up taking home E4 000. We anticipate an exciting tournament.

THE FIXTURE:

Saturday: Manzini Region

Lamgabhi	vs	Ntandozi	2pm
Kwalusei	vs	Ludzeludze	2pm
Manzini North	vs	Manzini South	2pm
Kukhanyeni	vs	Mkhiweni	2pm
Mahlangatja	vs	Ngwempisana	2pm
Mangcongco	vs	Mhlambanyatsi	2pm
L.Lomdzala	vs	Nhlambeni	2pm
Mtfongwaneni	vs	Mafutseni	2pm

Sunday

Ntandozi	vs	Lamgabhi	2pm
Ludzeludze	vs	Kwalusei	2pm
Manzini South	vs	Manzini North	2pm
Mkhiweni	vs	Kukhanyeni	2pm
Ngwempisana	vs	Mahlangatja	2pm
Mhlambanyatsi	vs	Mangcongco	2pm
Nhlambeni	vs	L.Lomdzala	2pm
Mafutseni	vs	Mtfongwaneni	2pm

Shiselweni Region

Sandleni	vs	Ngudzeni	2pm
Shiselweni II	vs	Zombodze	2pm
Maseyisini	vs	Gege	2pm
Sandleni	vs	Ngudzeni	2pm
Nkwene	vs	Kubuta	2pm
Shiselweni I	vs	Hosea	2pm

Sunday

Ngudzeni	vs	Sandleni	2pm
Zombodze	vs	Shiselweni	2pm
Gege	vs	Maseyisini	2pm
Ngudzeni	vs	Sandleni	2pm
Kubuta	vs	Nkwene	2pm
Hosea	vs	Shiselweni	12pm

Standbys

Mtsambamba
Sigwe

Hhohho Region



Maphalaleni	vs	Hhukwini	2pm
Motshane	vs	Nkhaba	2pm
Timphisini	vs	Ntfontjeni	2pm
Mayiwane	vs	Mhlangatane	2pm
Ndzingeni	vs	Madlangempisi	2pm
Mbabane East	vs	Mbabane West	2pm

Standbys Lobamba Pigg's Peak

Lubombo Region

Nkilongo	vs	M.North	2pm
Siphofaneni	vs	Sithobela	2pm
Dvokodweni	vs	Lugongolweni	2pm

Sunday

M.North	vs	Nkilongo	2pm
Sithobela	vs	Siphofaneni	2pm
Lugongolweni	vs	Dvokodweni	2pm

Standbys

Mhlume
Lubuli
Mpolonjeni
Hlane
Lomahasha



NOTES: THE Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Darius Dlomo.

From the CEO Office

THE Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Darius Dlomo has noted with concern the undue and unjustified criticism in some quarters directed to the Minister of Sports Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala.

An ageless saying 'a dog barks at a moving car' could not be truer in this sense, as our posture at the SNSRC is that the ministry is in a secure and operative state.

The CEO would like the following points highlighted for the general public:

1. The minister is there to

consult with the relevant stakeholders; to develop and provide government policy on sports.

2. He is there to ensure that government policy on sports is being adhered to and is being delivered.

3. Interestingly, our minister is also a sportsman at heart – so he does participate in some sporting events outside official invitation – and by so doing the minister leads by example.

4. As and when the minister has been officially invited in sporting events; obviously he does take to the podium – primarily to promote sports participation and to motivate for excellence achievement.



Olympic Day Run

IT will be fun all the way next week Friday when our partners, the Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA) hosts the annual Olympic Day Run.

This annual race, which attracts both young and old, females and males will be staged at the Prince of Wales next week Friday and at the OylmpAfrica Centre on

Sunday.

All are invited to take part in this fun race.

As an organisation, we advocate for mass participation in sports, hence everyone is encouraged to take part in the race.

Whether one is female or male, disabled or able, all are invited to join. Joining is absolutely free of charge.

Quote of the week

"Only he who can see the invisible can do the impossible." – Frank L. Gaines

Until next week, Shukuma Swaziland!

Lobamba Top 8 Final 2017



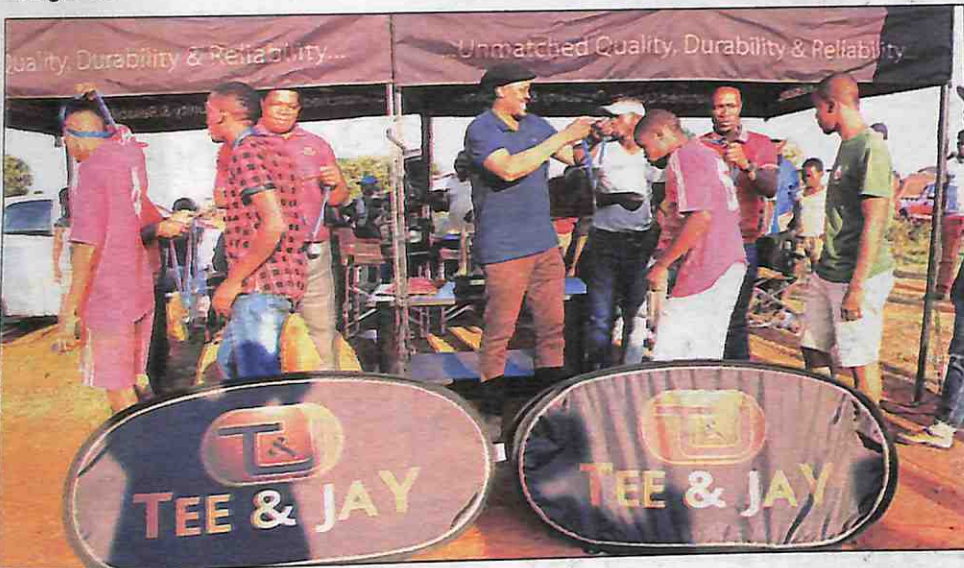
GOOD LUCK: Tee & Jay Director Mduduzi Mndzebele being introduced to the players. (Courtesy pics)



HAND SHAKE: Mndzebele shaking hands with City Stars players before the game.



WELL DONE : Fast Reaction striker being congratulated by fans after their good performance against City Stars, they won 1-0. This was during the Tee & Jay knock Out Final held at Lobamba Sports Ground.



TRUE CHAMPS: Fast Reaction players being awarded gold medals by the sponsor.



REWARD OF HARD WORK: Fast Reaction captain receiving their trophy from the sponsor after their win against City Stars.



NOT LEFT OUT: The officials of the day taking a group photo after being awarded for their excellent work during the game.




CELEBRATIONS : Fast Reaction fans celebrating after the final.



READY FOR WAR: City Stars players pose for a group photo.



CHAMPIONS : Fast Reaction players celebrating with the trophy while the sponsor looks on.



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INVITATION TO TENDER

TENDER NO: MTC/EPH/32 OF 2017
FORMULATION OF THE MATSAPHA RECYCLING POLICY, STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Tenders are invited from legally registered, competent and reputable consultants to consult Local stakeholders, for the formulation of the Matsapha Recycling Policy, Strategy and Action Plan. The aim of the assignment is to formulate the Matsapha Recycling Policy, Strategy and Action Plan to guide recycling for the next three years.

THE SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDES:

- The Consultant will work under the direct supervision of the Environment and Public Health Manager.
- The Consultant will prepare the draft 2018-2021 Recycling Policy, Strategy and Action Plan for Matsapha Town Council.
- The Consultant is tasked to facilitate comprehensive consultations in Matsapha for the development of the Matsapha Recycling Policy, Strategy and Action Plan, at both local and national levels.
- The Consultant will produce a detailed Report of the outcomes of the consultations to inform the recycling policy and strategy document.
- The Consultant will organise and hold a stakeholder validation workshop.
- The Consultant will be responsible for drafting the final Matsapha Recycling Policy, Strategy and Action Plan after the validation workshop.
- The contract shall be for thirty 30 working days spread within two months.

Tender documents are obtainable at the Matsapha Civic Offices during working hours (08h00- 16h45) at a non-refundable fee of E350.00 per tender. The method of payment shall be cash. Tender documents will be available from **THURSDAY, 15 JUNE 2017**.

Completed Tender Forms, Tenderer's Information, Tax Clearance Certificate (Copy), Trading License, Valid Certificate of Incorporation, Form J and Original General Receipt as proof of payment must be submitted by **12:00 NOON ON THURSDAY, 29 JUNE 2017** to:


Town Clerk
Matsapha Town Council
Corner Police College and Airport Road
P.O. Box 1790
MATSAPHA


Tenders will be opened at the same time and same venue. On the outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked:


CONFIDENTIAL
FORMULATION OF A RECYCLING POLICY AND STRATEGY
TENDER NO: MTC/EPH/32 OF 2017

No late or telegraphic tender will be accepted. Any contractor who attempts to influence the award of the tender will be disqualified. The Town Council is not bound to accept the lowest offer but reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal.

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football talk

all your latest world football news

● Benfica defender Victor Lindelof, 22, has arrived in Manchester to complete a medical before being officially unveiled as a Manchester United player. *(Manchester Evening News)*



● Lorenzo Insigne has no intention of leaving Napoli for Chelsea, the agent of the 26-year-old forward has claimed. *(Radio KissKiss, via Daily Express)*

● Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger is working on potential deals for three France internationals as he prepares for some major departures. Monaco's 18-year-old striker Kylian Mbappe, his 21-year-old team-mate Thomas Lemar and Lyon forward Alexandre Lacazette, 26, are all targets. *(Daily Telegraph)*

● Manchester City are ready to reduce their £16m asking price for 29-year-old France midfielder Samir Nasri because of a lack of interest. *(Sun)*

● Manchester United's England defender Chris Smalling will be sold this summer, with West Ham, West Brom and Everton interested in the 27-year-old. *(Daily Telegraph)*

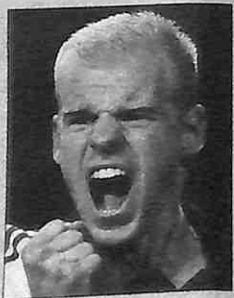


● West Ham are also planning a move for 30-year-old Olivier Giroud, who has said he will not be happy with limited playing time next season. *(London Evening Standard)*

● Liverpool have agreed to sell defender Andre Wisdom to Derby in a deal worth up to £4.5m. The 24-year-old former England Under-21 international has been on loan at Austrian side Red Bull Salzburg, where he won a league and cup double. *(Liverpool Echo)*

● Everton's signing of 23-year-old England Under-21 goalkeeper Jordan Pickford from Sunderland will kick off £150m of summer spending at Goodison Park. *(Daily Mirror)*

● Toffees boss Ronald Koeman is targeting Ajax and Netherlands midfielder Davy Klaassen, 24, Swansea's 27-year-old Iceland playmaker Gylfi Sigurdsson and Burnley and England centre-back Michael Keane, 24. *(Daily Express)*



● The Hammers will make an opening offer of £10m for Smalling, who has been at Old Trafford for seven years, although Manchester United want £15m for the former Fulham and Maidstone United player. *(Daily Star)*

LASI HIGH SEND SITEKI NAZARENE PACKING IN SSSA BALL GAMES

Stories by Sports reporter

Lasi High School..... (0)2
Siteki Nazarene School..... (0)0

SOCCER - LASI High School are through to the semi-finals of the Siteki Branch SSSA ball games after beating a resilient Siteki Nazarene High in an entertaining encounter played at Siteki Sports Ground on Tuesday.

Two clinically taken second half goals from Mphilo Ndzimandze and Mbhoi

● *Lasi missed a host of scoring opportunities in the first half while Nazarene had few chances on goal which were never utilised.*

Mamba ensured the school from Ngcina in the outskirts of Siteki makes it through to the semi-finals where they will clash with Mpaka High School tomorrow. Inspired by the presence of LRFA executive member Mduduzi Lot Vilakati on bench, Lasi proved to be a mountain to climb for Nazarene as they attacked them as early as the first minute. Lasi missed a host of scoring opportunities in the first

half while Nazarene had few chances on goal which were never utilised.

The match went on break with the teams locked at 0-0. In the second half, Nazarene regrouped and tried to penetrate the Lasi defence marshaled by the dependable Agrippa Gamedze, but their attempts were easily thwarted. In the 75th minute, cometh the man, Mphilo Ndzimandze, who beat Nazarene

goalkeeper Mxolisi Dlamini through a free kick from 35 yards.

Nazarene tried in vain to score an equaliser but Lasi's Mbhoi pinned the final nail as he connected a pass from the left flank before scoring to dampen the opponent's spirit. Soon after that the referee blew the final whistle. The writing was already on the wall - Lasi are through to the semis.



CHAMPIONS: Lasi High School team.



SUPPORT: Some of the supporters who witnessed the games.



DEFEATED: Nyetane High School team posing before the game. They were beaten 1-2 by Mpaka High School.

Mpaka High beat hard-fighting Nyetane to reach semis

Mpaka High School.... (2)2
Nyetane High School... (0)1

SOCCER - MPAKA High School beat hard fighting Nyetane High 2-1 in a fiercely contested SSSA Siteki branch ball games encounter played at Siteki Sports ground on Tuesday.

The game watched by throngs of pupils and other football lovers saw Mpaka dominating the early stages where they created a lot of chances. The first real chance came in the 12th minute when

Mpaka's Clement Magagula's goal-bound attempt was cleared off the line by Nyetane defence.

Nyetane tried to regroup with intimidating build-ups but it was Mpaka, who opened the scorers chart through a free kick taken by Clement Magagula, who beat Nyetane goalkeeper Siyabonga Vilane from a close range set piece.

Mpaka came back in the 43rd minute to score the second goal by skipper Derrick Gwebu, who connected a cross from the right flank to nod home. The teams went for

break with Mpaka leading 2-0.

The second half began on a low note but Nyetane were threatening on their attacks. They increased the tempo and gave their opponents torrid time especially in the belly of the park. In one of their attacks, Nyetane's Siphelele Simelane missed a sitter when scoring looked so simple.

As they continue to pile the pressure, the Elvis Jele coached Nyetane team won a penalty which was coolly converted by Wonderboy Simelane. That goal gave Nyetane some sort of hope but it turned out it was a bit too late as the referee blew the final whistle. Mpaka will now face Lasi High in the semi final.

Merciless Matsetsa High demolish Mphundle

Matsetsa High School..... (2)4
Mphundle High School..... (0)0

SOCCER - RAMPANT Matsetsa High School ran amok to mercilessly demolish a hapless Mphundle High School 4-0 in the SSSA Siteki branch ball games at the dusty Siteki Sports Ground on Tuesday.

Matsetsa made their intention clear as early in the first minute as they attack their opponents from all angles.

They could not take any chances against the equally formidable Mphundle and the first goal came via the boot of Nsindiso Tsabedze before Bhekani Mthembu scored the second goal midway through the first half.

Matsetsa were all over the opposition and they would now and again threaten to score. The match went to break with Matsetsa on the driver's seat.

Mphundle tried to regroup and created scoring opportunities in the second half but it was in vain.

Instead, Matsetsa scored the third goal through Samkelo Tsabedze while the enterprising Sebenlele 'Mangoza' Mavimbela made it four in the 85th minute.

This goal proved to be heartbreak for Mphundle goalkeeper Geinumuzi Maziya, who had thought the ball missed the target and while rushing to collect it, the ball hit the right pole before hitting the net. Matsetsa won the match 4-0 in what looked a one-sided encounter.

'BIRDS' IMplored TO SIGN SA PLAYERS

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - HIS Worship the Mayor of Zululand District Inkosi Mzamo Buthelezi has implored Mbabane Swallows to sign at least three players from the District XI to be part of the Legacy Cup.

Addressing the gathering during a press conference held at the Queen Silomo Centre yesterday, the Mayor, who with his Municipality are sponsors of the tournament, said he was looking forward to seeing the red and white ensemble signing players from the region.

"Swallows GM has said he is here to fulfill the dreams of two kings. I am a king as well and today I want to prophesy that Swallows will sign at least three players from Ulundi after the Legacy Cup. I will be waiting to see if he will fulfill my dream," he said.

The Mayor said they were happy to be part of this initiative and further committed to sponsoring the event for years to

Afrotainment to rock Legacy Cup

SOCCER - DURBAN based entertainment stable Afrotainment has been roped in for the Prince Mangosuthu Legacy Cup.

Well known DJ Tira said during the press conference that they were happy to be part of the event.

He said the stable had lined up a number of artists for the weekend of the tournament, starting on the Friday.

"We are excited to be part of

this event. We will be showcasing our 'Gumba fest brand'. There will be a pre-party as well as a boot camp where people will undergo training under the care of Sibahle Mphisané," he said.

Some of the artists to be part of the event include Big Nuz, Babes Wodumo, Ri, DJ Bongz, Riky Rick, Naak Musiq, Duncan and okmalumkoolkat, amongst others

come.

He then implored the teams to ensure unity and peace throughout the event.

"This tournament is meant to honour the life of the most important person in the District and in South Africa. He is the first citizen of Zululand and we are happy to have been able to come up with this tournament to honour him.

"With that said, I would like to replicate the words of Mr

Sokhele, who stated that no one from outside the district will go away with anything but they will leave everything behind," he said.

In response, Swallows General Manager Sandile Zwane said they would consider signing two players as they already have one player from the region in defender Siphamandla Mathenjwa.

Meanwhile, South African Football Association (SAFA)



IMplored: Zululand District Mayor Inkosi Mzamo Buthelezi addressing the gathering during the event.

President in the Zululand District Jeremiah Mdlatse said the selection of the District team was already in place.

"We have assembled the squad and would like to note that it comprises of mostly U-21 players.

The reason for that is mostly to give these young boys a chance to showcase their talent and attract other teams. My wish, however, is to have the good players sign for Amazulu then the rest can go to Swaziland and Bloemfontein," he said jokingly.

Mike Mohammed survives chop

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER - FREE State Stars have confirmed the club has parted ways with eight players from the squad of the 2016/17 season and former Mbabane Swallows players Mike Mohammed has survived the chop.

Mike joined Free State Stars during the January transfer period having rejoined Mbabane Swallows after he was released at Maritzburg United.

According to South African online publication Laduma, the list of outgoing players from the Bethlehem outfit includes former Orlando Pirates midfielder, Nhlakanipho Ntuli, as well as Zambian defender, Davies Nkhausu, as predicted by the Siya crew.

Ea Lla Koto issued a statement on the club's official website confirming players that have been released.

With pre-season preparation, a few weeks away the squad clear-out has commenced at Free State Stars ahead of the new season.

Ea Lla Koto will bid farewell to a few club stalwarts who've provided Bethlehem with fond memories and will no doubt be missed following the expiry of their contracts while three other players have been issued their



SURVIVES: Mike Mohammed.

clearance as they are no longer part of the club's long-term plans.

Defenders David Nkhausu, Bokang Tlhone, Thabang Matuka, midfielder Angelo Kerspuy and former Premiership top scorer Moeketsi Sekola will all officially depart with their deals expiring on the 30th of this month. Tlhone agreed to a pre-contract with Champions Bidvest Wits, while Sekola agreed to join recently relegated side Highlands Park. Nyiko Tshabangu, Mbuiselo Thethani, Nhlakanipho Ntuli have also departed from Goble Park. We wish the players good luck in their future endeavors.

COSAFA boss to visit SD

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - THE Council of Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAFA) President Dr Phillip Chiyangwa is scheduled for a visit to the country.

The Zimbabwe-born Chiyangwa has embarked on a tour of COSAFA member countries to inspect football progress.

The COSAFA Chief was in Zambia on June 14 where he met with Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) President Andrew Kamanga and his executive. Dr Chiyangwa's tour will cover all countries in the COSAFA region including Swaziland, and he will submit reports to the Confederation of African Football (CAF) and the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) after the tour.

When quizzed on the arrival of Chiyangwa in the country, Swaziland National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Marketing and Media Officer Muzi Radebe said they have not received any formal correspondence yet hence they can't confirm it.

"We are yet to receive a formal correspondence from COSAFA on the visit of the president so for now we are in



VISIT: COSAFA President Dr Phillip Chiyangwa.

the dark as to when he would land in the country," he said.

The COSAFA region is made up of the following countries; Swaziland, Angola, Comoros, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The nation's pride have been seeded through to the quarter-finals of the COSAFA Cup following their good run in the previous edition where they secured a bronze medal in Namibia.

The Pieter De Jongh-led troops will begin their COSAFA Cup camp this coming Sunday in preparation for their trip to South Africa early next month.

Dikwena hire new coach ahead of 'Birds' clash

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - SOUTH Africa's ABSA Premiership side Platinum Stars have allegedly acquired the services of former Botswana national team coach Peter Butler to replace dismissed Cavin Johnson.

According to reports coming out of Botswana, Dikwena will appoint the English mentor Butler as their new head coach ahead of next season.

Dikwena are without a coach having confirmed they would not retain Johnson's services beyond June 2017.

According to a source close to African Football, Butler, who failed to beat Mauritania in Botswana's opening 2019 AFCON qualifier on Saturday will become Dikwena's new coach.

"Butler is coming to the Premier Soccer League to take charge of Platinum Stars," the source said.

The Englishman's immediate task will be to face CS Sfaxien in the CAF Confederation Cup group stages on June 20 in Rustenburg provided the deal is sealed before then.

The Rustenburg-based outfit lost 0-3 to the Tunisian giants in the reverse fixture two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, Mbabane Swallows will visit the Rustenburg based side on July 7 at their home ground in the last game of the CAF Confederation Cup group stage, having beaten Dikwena 4-2 at Somhlolo National Stadium last month.

Free State Stars' General Manager Senzo Mazingiza said they had interviewed Butler, but had not appointed him yet.

"Yes, we had an interview with Peter Butler and another coach from Tanzania. I am not going to deny that we've interviewed him, but I would not say we've appointed him. As soon as something (regarding a coach) is done, we'll make an announcement," he said.

Group B								
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 CS Sfaxien	3	2	0	1	5	2	3	6
2 MC Alger	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	5
3 Mbabane Swallows	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
4 Platinum Stars	3	0	1	2	3	8	-5	1



NEW BROOM: Peter Butler.

Call for Gamedze to join FA presidency race

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - STAKEHOLDERS in the football fraternity are calling out for Premier League of Swaziland Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze to join the race for National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) presidency.

A well known businessman (name withheld), who has an interest in the sport, said he was disappointed to find out Gamedze was not part of the candidates nominated for the hot FA seat.

"We owe all the progress and massive improvement in local football to Victor Gamedze. The man has a better understanding of the sport and he conforms to the norm of world football standard. His decisions are influenced by his understanding of modern football, the business aspect of it," he said.

The businessman expressed confidence in Gamedze, citing that he had what it takes to run the association (FA) and change it for the better.

"He has done well in the Premier League of Swaziland and his wisdom is illustrated by his team's (Mbabane Swallows) success in the ongoing African inter-club competition (CAF Confederation Cup). There is no doubt Swazi football can reach greater heights under the leadership of Gamedze and I strongly believe he should be part of the nominees contending for the FA presidency," he said.

The businessman said Gamedze should just be elected into the position.

"There should not be any voting for the FA presidency position because we already have Gamedze, who can take our football to the next level."

Meanwhile, The FA presidency is a three horse race between current president Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa, Timothy Shongwe and Mashumi Shongwe. The latter recently had a 12 month ban from football lifted in a court ruling.

The nominees will compete for the various positions during the NFAS elections slated for Sibane Hotel on June 25.

Other issues to be discussed during the Ordinary General Assembly include the address of president, report of the executive committee presented by the general secretary covering the period since the last General Assembly, vote on approval of accounts, consideration of proposals for alteration of the Statutes, rules and regulations of the association and questions from members and all other matters the executive committee wishes to propose.

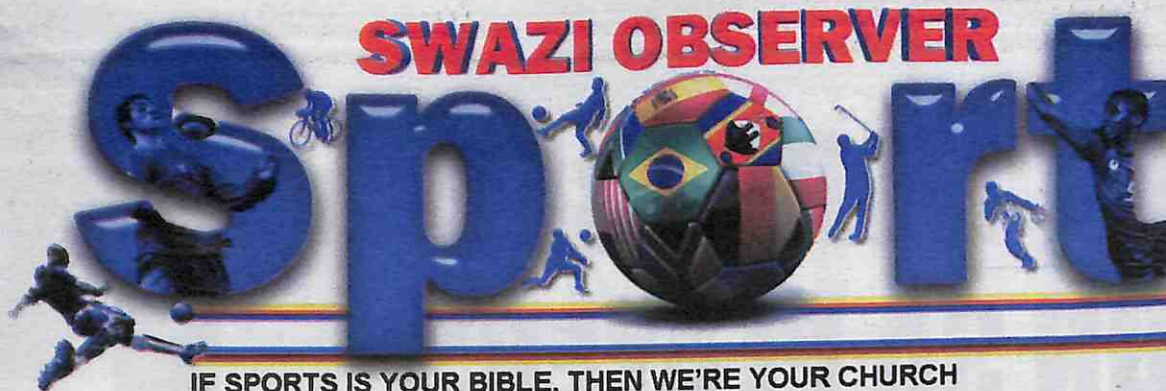
The nominees

President:

1. Adam Mthethwa
 2. Timothy Shongwe
 3. Mashumi Shongwe
- Vice Presidents: (Two positions)**
1. Nichodemus Mashwama
 2. Comfort Shongwe
 3. Johannes Sibozwa
 4. Peter Simelane

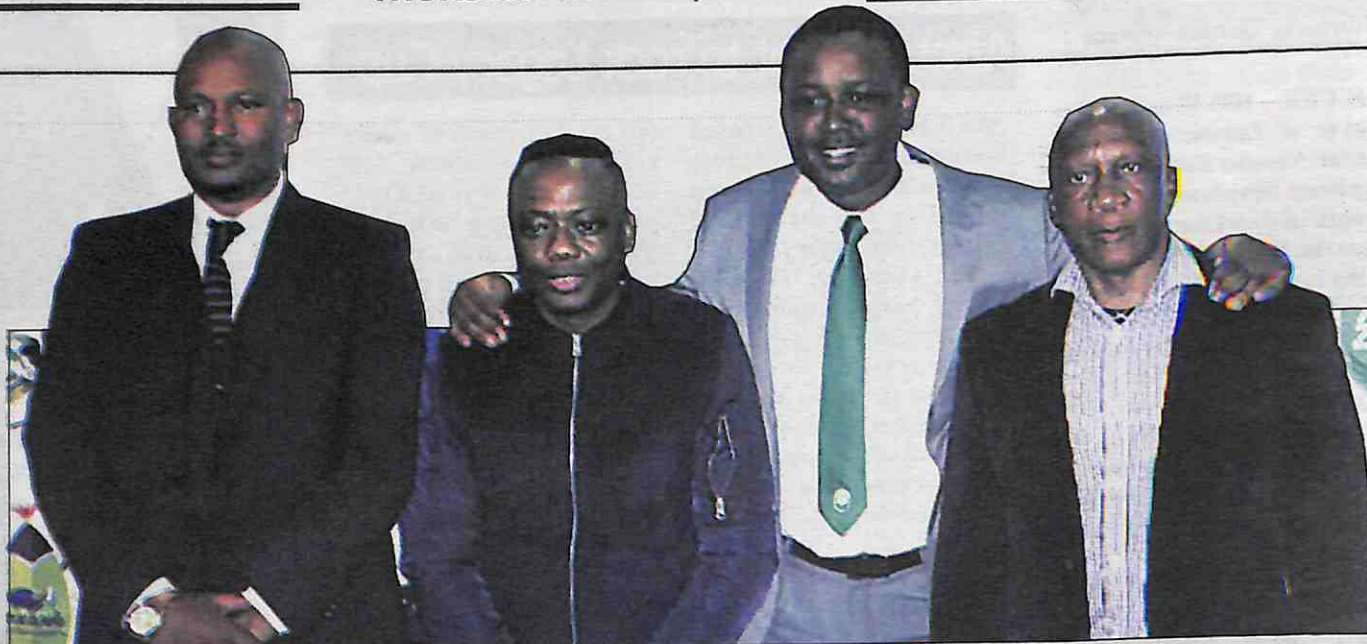
Executive committee members

1. Elphas Ngcamphalala
2. Sikhumbuzo Dlamini
3. Jerry Gamedze
4. Steve Horton
5. Njabulo Mabuza
6. Peter Magagula
7. Sabelo Kunene



IF SPORTS IS YOUR BIBLE, THEN WE'RE YOUR CHURCH

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LET'S PLAY: Mbabane Swallows General Manager Sandile Zwane with DJ Tira, Amazulu General Manager Lunga Sokhele and SAFA President Zululand District Jeremiah Mdlalose. (Pic: Qondile Ntiwane)

'BIRDS', CELTIC, AMAZULU FOR PRINCE MANGOSUTHU LEGACY CUP

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Swallows will compete with South African outfits Bloemfontein Celtic and Amazulu in the inaugural Prince Mangosuthu Legacy Cup.

The tournament sponsored by the Zululand District Municipality led by His Worship the Mayor Councillor Inkosi Mzamo Buthelezi is slated for Ulundi Regional Stadium on July 30.

The four-team tournament will also include the Zululand

- Tournament was launched yesterday
- It will take place on July 30

Municipality District XI.

Making his remarks during a press conference held at the Queen Silomo Centre yesterday, Amazulu General Manager Lunga Sokhele said the tournament was meant to unite the region through football.

He said they were happy to have teams like Mbabane Swallows and Bloemfontein Celtic committing to be part of the tournament.

"The tournament is the first of its kind and we are happy to have

teams like Mbabane Swallows, who are really doing us proud in CAF, and Celtic being part of it.

Football is the most supported sport in South Africa and through it we are able to unite people hence having teams from outside our region is good for this tournament," he said.

Draw

Sokhele said the draw of the tournament would be conducted at the Garden Court Hotel on July 28,

starting at 6pm. He added that the tournament would be played in a two semi-finals and final format with the first semi kicking off at 9am, the second at 1130am and the finals at 3:30pm.

Sokhele added that they were hoping Amazulu would have assumed Premier League status at the time of the tournament.

"We have submitted our request to the PSL executive committee following our quest to buy Thanda Royal Zulu status in the PSL. We are hoping to get a response by next week Wednesday," he said.

Amazulu interested in Birds striker

SOCCER - SOUTH African outfit Amazulu have shown interest in signing some Mbabane Swallows stars ahead of their next league campaign.

The team's General Manager Lunga Sokhele said yesterday that they were interested in one of the team's strikers and a midfielder.

He, however, declined to name the players as they were yet to engage the local giants on the matter.

"It's true, we did show interest in one of the players Njabulo Ndlovu and now a

very interesting striker in the team has caught our interest. I am, however, not in a position to reveal names because we have engaged Swallows on the matter already," he said.

Sokhele said it was their wish to forge a partnership with the local giants, which would include an exchange program between players.

"We would love to exchange players with Swallows and the advantage with them is that they have African experience. I also believe the players coming to Amazulu would benefit Swallows a lot," Sokhele said.

We are here to fulfill His Majesty, King Shaka's dreams - 'Birds'

SOCCER - Mbabane Swallows General Manager Sandile Zwane highlighted that confirming their participation in the tournament was to fulfill the dream of His Majesty King Mswati III.

Addressing the gathering during press conference held at the Queen Silomo Centre yesterday, Zwane said His Majesty stated in his Vision for 2022 that he wanted to see Swaziland dominate African football.

"His Majesty wants to see Swaziland dominate Africa

come 2022 and we are here on that mission," he said.

He added that this was not the only dream they would fulfill but also that of King Shaka, who stated that the nations would be ruled by the 'Birds'.

"King Shaka stated that 'I live liyobuswa tinyoni' and that is why we did not hesitate when we received the invitation. We are here to fulfill these two dreams," he said.

He expressed gratitude to the organisers for extending the invitation to the team.