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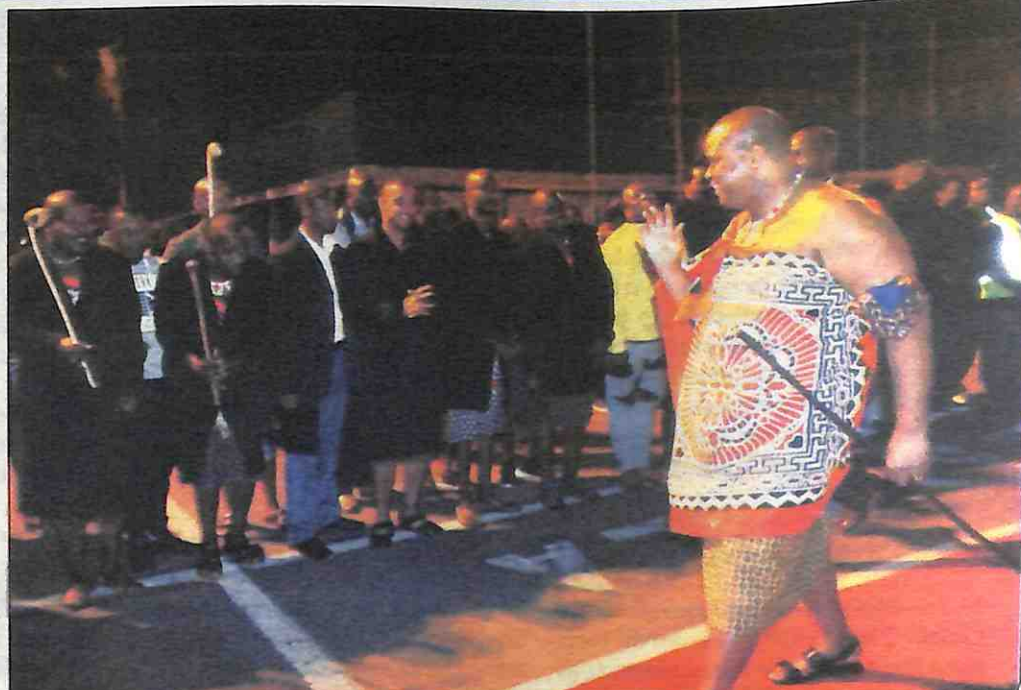
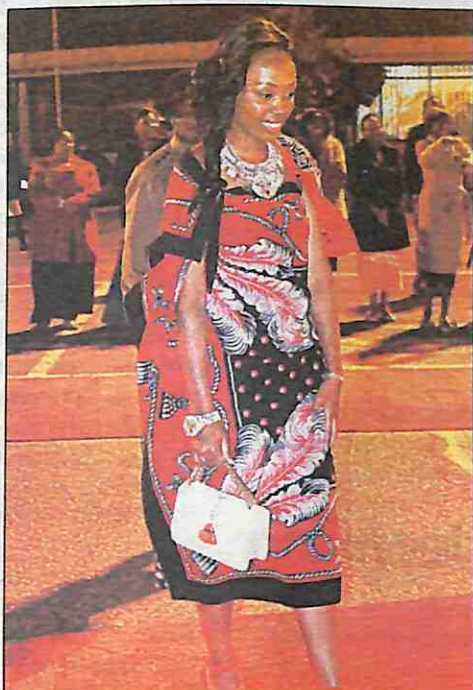
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KING OFF TO UN ASSEMBLY IN USA

BAYETHE: Lacwebetelako taking a bow as they see off His Majesty King Mswati III at Matsapha Airport yesterday morning. His Majesty travelled with Liphovela to the 72nd United Nations General Assembly in New York. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



YET ANOTHER HORRIFYING DISCOVERY ...

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GALP ROBBERY; MAGISTRATE PHATHAPHATHA GETS THREATS

"... I have been receiving threats on my cellphone coming from your relatives accused persons. They are threatening to deal with me as they believe I am intentionally delaying this matter. I am being threatened that if this matter is not quickly finalised, I will be in trouble"

Stories by Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE Eveni Galp filling station armed robbery case took an unexpected twist as Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli revealed in open court that he is receiving threats from family members of the suspects.

Before a self-proclaimed traditional healer took to the witness dock to lead evidence against the three young men accused of committing the crime in

2015, Mdluli shocked everyone in the court when he shared the disturbing information.

The calm Mdluli asked the suspects to listen carefully as he was about to share something important.

"I have been receiving threats on my cellphone coming from your relatives accused persons. They are threatening to deal with me as they believe I am intentionally delaying this matter. I am being threatened that if this matter is not quickly finalised, I will be in trouble," Mdluli said to the shocked sus-

pects.

Mdluli mentioned that if the unmentioned people continue to send the threats, he will be forced to report the turn of events to the chief justice.

"I will approach the chief justice's office and report this. I will further ask to withdraw from presiding on this matter and let the CJ appoint another magistrate to finalise the matter," he continued.

Magistrate Mdluli made it clear to the accused persons that he saw the need to share with them the information.

...Galp suspects went to inyanga for cleansing

SELF-PROCLAIMED inyanga Mxolisi Gcina Chauke (29) informed the court that he knew the three suspects as they came to his homestead in June, 2015 for cleansing.

Chauke was introduced by Crown Counsel Buddy Masango as a witness in the robbery case.

Chauke told the court that he knew Phumlani Sithole (25) and his younger brother Frank Makama but did not know the third accused Nicholas Smally Manyatsi when he first met him at his home.

"Phumlani first came with his brother and asked that I cleanse him as he had bad luck ever since he came back from jail. I cleansed him then charged him E200," he said.

The traditional healer further alleged Phumlani revealed to

him that he had committed a crime with his two friends at Galp filling station and needed to be cleansed together with his friends to get rid of the crime.

"They came with a newspaper bearing an article of the alleged robbery and I steamed and gave them muti to use," he told the court.

Chauke collectively charged them E600.

He said on the following day, police came and questioned him about the visit of the three suspects.

"I was taken in for questioning as the police wanted to know where these

ment were," he said.

However, Phumlani and the other two suspects, Makama and Manyatsi, refuted the allegations made by Chauke.

The suspects argued that Chauke was not a legitimate inyanga as he is only known for supplying muti to use to win soccer matches.

"We went there to get muti for a soccer match not what he is talking about, he is not a traditional healer," Phumlani said. The suspects stand accused of an armed robbery at the filling station on June 9, 2015 where they allegedly induced submission by Nonhlanhla Khumalo and Khulile Mbhele to the taking of property worth E33 550.

The stolen items include money in cash amounting to E15 314, electricity vouchers - E9 560, airtime voucher - E5 665, One SPTC recharge vouchers - E1 100, cigarettes - E1 836 and Swazi MTN starter packs - E75.

The matter was postponed. All the suspects pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against them.

DISTURBING THREATS: Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli.

Bogus princess offers to pay back E146 000

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE woman charged with 38 counts of theft by false pretences pleaded guilty to all the charges.

She further asked the court to allow her to compensate the complainants. If granted her wish the fraudster would have to pay over E146 000 to the people she conned.

Bekezeli Patience Gama (29) of Mafutseni is alleged to have misrepresented herself to the complainants that she was a princess from the royal family and would assist in obtaining employment for them at His Majesty's Correctional Services, TibiyoTakaNgwane and Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF).

She allegedly further conned aspiring students by promising to secure them scholarships to study in countries such as Canada and Taiwan in return for money in cash.

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Whilst represented by an attorney, Gama, who is currently out on E50 000 bail, pleaded guilty to all the charges. She appeared before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi who accepted the plea on Friday.

Crown Counsel Mbutfo Mbingo also accepted the plea.

The suspect assured the court she would have the money for compensating her victims by November. The matter was postponed to November for continuation.

Gama was arrested early this year and had already made a couple of court appearances where she was

remanded to custody until the High Court granted her bail.

It is alleged Gama used one of the police escorts when committing the crimes in places such as Bhunya, Matsapha, Manzini and Mbabane. It is alleged the victims forked out money in cash as they hoped she would obtain them employment in the mentioned entities.

THE PEOPLE SHE ALLEGEDLY CONNED

Precious Maseko	- E1 800 on	May 23, 2016	Muvu Gama	- E140 on	April 27, 2016
Precious Maseko	- E2 000 on	July 18, 2016	Muvu Gama	- E10 on	May 3, 2016
Precious Maseko	- E253 on	May 21, 2016	Muvu Gama	- E510 on	May 6, 2016
Precious Maseko	- E187 on	May 31, 2016	Chazile Gama	- E3 800 on	May 10, 2016
Sandile Simelane	- E15 000 on	June 15, 2016	Mlamuli Dlamini	- E3 000 on	June 2016
Sandile Simelane	- E5000 on	June 2016	Mnotfo Khweswa	- E2 000 on	June 2016
Sandile Simelane	- E7 500 on	September 1, 2016	Sibusiso Ngcamphalala	- E3 000 on	June 2016
Sandile Simelane	- E8 000 on	September 1, 2016	Celiwe Dlamini	- E10 000 on	June 2016
Musa Dlamini	- E10 000 on	September 27, 2016	Takhona Khweswa	- E3 000 on	June 2016
Nkosinathi Lukhele	- E10 000 on	October 3, 2016	Vusumuzi Khweswa	- E3 500 on	June 2016
Senzo Sikhosana	- E10 000 on	13 October, 2016	Mangaliso Dlamini	- E5 010 on	June 2016
Celumusa Malindzisa	- E3 000 on	June 23, 2016	Nhlanhla Mntsi	- E2 000 on	July 2016
Welle Malindzisa	- E7 000 on	June 23, 2016	Jabulile Shabangu	- E220 on	November 5, 2016
Welle Malindzisa	- E3 000 on	July 2, 2016	Jabulile Shabangu	- E850 on	November 5, 2016
Welle Malindzisa	- E400 on	August 10, 2016	Jabulile Shabangu	- E1 000 on	November 9, 2016
Muvu Gama	- E45 000 on	May 6, 2016	Jabulile Shabangu	- E710 on	November 24, 2016
Muvu Gama	- E2 500 on	May 23, 2016	Jabulile Shabangu	- E10 000 on	November, 2016
Muvu Gama	- E350 on	April 8, 2016	Jabulile Shabangu	- E10 000 on	November 2016
Muvu Gama	- E390 on	April 17, 2016	Donald Vilakati	- E3 000 on	2016

SADC STATES TO SEND SOLDIERS TO LESOTHO

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE Double Troika Summit of the Heads of State and Governments of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) approved the deployment of a contingent force comprising military, security, intelligence and civilian experts to support the government of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

The Double Troika Summit was attended by South African President Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma who currently holds the chairmanship position, His Majesty King Mswati III, Namibian Prime Minister Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Minister of External Relations and Special Envoy

of Angola Georges Rebelo Chikoti, Zambian Minister of Defence Davis Chama and Sylvester Ambokile who is High Commissioner of the United Republic of Tanzania to South Africa.

Support

Prime Minister of Lesotho Dr Thomas Thabane was also invited.

According to a communiqué, the summit approved the deployment of a contingent force comprising military, security, intelligence and civilian experts to support the government of the kingdom of Lesotho, and directed the chiefs of defence and security to assess the requirements, determine the appropriate size of the contingent force, and to prepare the modalities for the deployment.

The communiqué states that in the

interim, the summit approved an expanded mandate and composition of a total of 34 members of the oversight committee to include military, security, intelligence and civilian experts to be deployed to Lesotho immediately for a period of one month.

The Troika Summit was convened following the assassination of Lieutenant

General Khoantle Motšomotšo, Commander of the Lesotho Defence Force on September 5.

Assassination

Upon the assassination, the Chairperson of the Organ on Politics Defence and Security Cooperation, José Eduardo dos Santos, the President of the Republic of Angola, immediately sent a ministerial fact finding mission to Lesotho to assess the circumstances surrounding the assassination of Lt Gen Motšomotšo. "Summit strongly condemned the brutal assassination of Lt Gen

Motšomotšo, and expressed condolences to the family of the late LDF Commander, Government and people of the Kingdom of Lesotho for the assassination of Lt Gen Motšomotšo and urged the Kingdom to expedite investigations into the assassinations," reads the Communiqué.

Communication

When asked if Swaziland will be sending any members of the military to Lesotho, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Defence Andreas Mathabela said his office has not received any communication pertaining to the matter yet.

"The Summit was held on Friday and no communication has been relayed to the office yet," said Mathabela.



EXPECT A COLD TO WARM WEEK

By Nozipho Sibiyi
Mbabane

THE Swaziland Meteorology Services predicted a mixed bag of weather.

They said temperatures are expected to be cold to warm in some areas of the

country.

According to information sourced from Swazi Met, the week will start cold and temperatures are expected to slightly pick up. "Tomorrow temperatures are expected to go up to 26 Degrees Celsius in the Highveld and will reach a maximum of

32 Degrees Celsius in the Lowveld," said the forecaster. However, on Wednesday and Thursday temperatures are expected to drop again. "On Wednesday, there will be morning and evening fog with drizzle mainly on high grounds, otherwise cloudy with partly cloudy intervals and mild to warm in the Lowveld," said the forecaster.

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
10/15	11/16	12/19	13/18	11/21	12/22
On Tuesday, it will be cloudy with fog at first, otherwise partly cloudy and warm but hot in the Lowveld.					
12/26	13/27	14/29	15/28	13/31	14/32
On Wednesday, there will be morning and evening fog with drizzle mainly on high grounds, otherwise cloudy with partly cloudy intervals and mild to warm in the Lowveld.					
15/20	16/21	17/23	18/22	16/25	17/26
On Thursday, there will be fog at first, otherwise cloudy becoming fine and warm to hot in the Lowveld.					
16/17	17/27	18/29	18/28	17/31	19/32



HERE: This is where a decomposing human head was discovered in the Nkomazi River by a 10-year-old boy who was cooling off on Saturday.

BOY (10) FINDS HUMAN HEAD FLOATING IN RIVER

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

COVER STORY

WHILE the country is still reeling from the gruesome incident where a husband beheaded his wife and hid her head under boulders, a 10-year-old boy made a horrifying find - a human head floating in a river.

The decomposing human head was seen by the boy whose name is known to this newspaper but will not be mentioned for ethical reasons floating in the Nkomazi River at Mpofu.

Discovery

The boy was having a swim in the river on Saturday afternoon.

The discovery has left residents of the tiny community dumbfounded wondering who this head could belong to. They are also on overdrive with versions of how this could have come about.

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Information gathered is that after discovering the floating head, the terrified boy sped home only in his underwear, presumably owing to shock, to report this unusual find.

He related the macabre incident to his grandfather who was equally taken aback and wasted not time and called the Buhleni Police. The police are said to have responded promptly and drove to the river where they retrieved the head and took it to the mortuary.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed that police were called to retrieve a human head that was found floating in the Nkomazi river.

Mamba said police will conduct forensic tests to solve the shocking discovery.

"I can confirm that a human head was found floating in the Nkomazi river.

Charges

The head was already at a very advanced stage of decomposition. Police will be conducting forensic tests to deduce the identity of the unfortunate victim at the soonest possible time," he said.

In the beheading incident, Muzi Khumalo murdered his wife Cebisile Mhlanga after a quarrel and cut off her head with an axe. Mhlanga's headless body was discovered recently by residents of Estandini near Hlatikhulu. At first it was suspected that Mhlanga may have been killed for ritual purposes. However, Khumalo last week led police to the place where he had hidden his wife's head.

He is currently behind bars and will be facing murder charges.

KING LEAVES FOR UN ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK

By Simon Shabangu
Matsapha

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has left the country to attend the 72nd Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 72) to be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York starting tomorrow.

His Majesty will join other leaders from the 193 member nations for a week of meetings and speeches.

The President of the United States of America Donald Trump will be attending the assembly for the first time as President.

The official programme of the meeting started last Tuesday where representatives of the member states convened to deliberate on a number of issues. The heads of state will start their deliberations tomorrow.

Well wishers

His Majesty who was accompanied by Liphovela, departed in the early hours of yesterday through the Matsapha Airport where throngs of people gathered to see him off.

Emakhosikati, Sigodlo, members of the

royal family, chiefs, prime minister, Cabinet ministers, members of the different royal councils and the general public braved the night at the airport to see the King off.

His Majesty will join the leaders in the meeting whose theme is 'Focusing on People: Striving for Peace and a Decent Life for all on a Sustainable Planet'. The General Assembly (GA) is the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the UN.

Session

Decisions on important questions, such as those on peace and security, admission of new members and budgetary matters, require a two-thirds majority. Decisions on other questions are by simple majority. Each country has one vote. Some member states in arrear of payment may not be granted the right to vote. The Assembly has adopted its own rules of procedure and elects its president for each session.

Forming part of the King's delegation were Cabinet ministers including Foreign Affairs and International Relations Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze among others.

Emazinyane and other members of the royal family also formed part of the King's delegation.

All eyes will be on the United States President Donald Trump who is expected to deliver his inaugural speech to the over 100 heads of state and country representatives of the 183 members expected to attend the assembly where a number of issues will be deliberated.

Ethics

President Trump according to news sources is already in New York in readiness for the assembly which he will address for the time. Meanwhile Miroslav Lajčák was sworn as the President of the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly. He is the second president of the General Assembly to take this oath of office, which was established by the General Assembly last year. The resolution, entitled "Revitalisation of the work of the General Assembly", also established a code of ethics for the President.

The President, who is a national of the Republic of Slovakia, has served as his country's Minister of Foreign and European Affairs since 2012. He also once served as deputy prime minister of his country. His priorities for the 72nd session include peace and conflict prevention, migration, a sustainable planet, human dignity; and modernising the United Nations.

12 Swazis arrested in SA, dagga worth E103 000 confiscated

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

At least 12 Swazis were arrested and dagga weighing 69kg with a street value of E103 500 was confiscated by police at Mahamba border during a joint police operation themed 'Sesfikile'.

The operation included border police, Piet Retief cluster station, SARS, South African National Defence Force, K9 Unit and Nelspruit Provincial border policing. The operation saw the different groups of law enforcers staging road blocks on all roads leading to Piet Retief. The aim of the operation according to Excelsior Newspaper was mainly to look for dagga smugglers.

Information gathered is that a Toyota

Hilux bakkie which was suspected to have been stolen was also recovered.

It is said 12 illegal immigrants who are Swazis were arrested during the operation. At Nerston Border Post, three suspects were arrested for being in possession of dagga with a street value of E17 175, the vehicle which the suspects were travelling in, a Lexus valued at E60 000, was also confiscated during the operation.

Another suspect was nabbed with 320 litres of stolen diesel.

Meanwhile, at Mahamba Border Gate police seized dagga worth E103 500. The dagga was being transported in a Hyundai H1 vehicle. The police arrested three people who were in the vehicle and the vehicle was also confiscated as it was used to commit the crime.

Swazi Mobile targets 100 000 by month end

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

TREND setting mobile phone company Swazi Mobile is set to hit the 100 000 mark by the end of this month.

The company which has put out an incentive of shares for the first 100 000 clients says by September 30 at least 100 000 Swazis will have registered on their network and those clients stand a chance of being shareholders of the company.

Speaking on Thursday when the company was unveiling its E10.5 million sponsorship to the soccer fraternity, Chief Marketing Officer Khulile Dlamini said the company was growing in leaps and bounds and this was evident in the number of clients they already had.

"The company is growing exponentially and our projections show

that by the end of the month which is September 30, we would have reached our 100 000 target and those are the same people who will be in line to qualify to be shareholders of the company," he said. Dlamini further encouraged those in attendance to be a part of the future by registering with the company if they hadn't. The company reportedly registered 2 000 maidens during the umhlanga reed dance which took place earlier this month and 20 000 Swazis registered with the company during the Swaziland International Trade Fair. The company stand was reportedly a hit amongst the people who visited the exhibition centre, Swazi Mobile went on the win the award of best technology entrepreneur after the event ended.

The telecommunications went live in July 28 and to date over 60 000 Swazis have registered and are on the mobile network.

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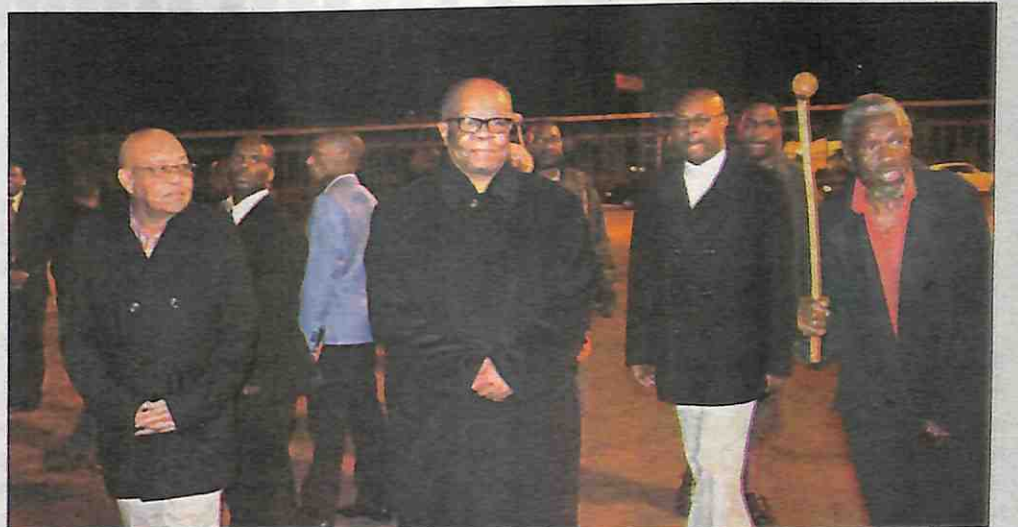
HIS MAJESTY KING MSWATI III OFF TO UN



IMBUBE: Emalangeneni joined the throngs of people who braved the night to see His Majesty King Mswati III off. The King left the country yesterday morning for the United States of America to join other leaders at the UN General Assembly. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



ROYAL WAVE: His Majesty waving to Cabinet ministers before jetting off.



WELL-WISHERS: Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini flanked by Minister Edgar Hillary and Prince Mahlaba.



LOOK-ALIKE: Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane and her look-alike Senator Bonsile Mngomezulu also braved the night to see the King off.



EMALANGENI: Princesses Baya, Sbhimbi, Masitsela and Simelane awaiting the arrival of the King.



SIGODLO: Emakhosikati LaFogiyane and LaMotsa with members of the royal family were also at the airport.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY



HALALA: Emazinyane boarding the jet as they formed part of the King's delegation.



ESCORTED: Liphovela being escorted to the plane before jetting off with the King.



Local Publication for Call for Proposals

Water Harvesting, Small and Medium Dams Project (WHDP)
Development of homestead-based roof top water harvesting,
food and nutrition gardening
Reference: EuropeAid/139-214/ID/ACT/SZ

Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, National Authorising Officer is seeking proposals for Development of homestead-based roof top water harvesting, food and nutrition gardening in the Lowveld region of Swaziland with financial assistance from the Water Harvesting, Small and Medium Dams Project (WHDP). The full Guidelines for Applicants are available for consultation at the:

National Authorising Officer (Principal Secretary)
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Email: thokozani.mlotsa@mepd-acms.org copy to anthony@mepd-acms.org and mduduzi@mepd-acms.org and on the following internet site:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome> and at http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/swaziland/index_en.htm.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Monday 13th November 2017 at 16:00 hours**. An information session on this call for proposals will be held on **Monday 9th October 2017 at 10:00 hours**. Place: Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, Aid Coordination and Management Section, Annex Building, Hospital Hill, Mbabane.

Doc: 14549



STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEMS OF SWAZILAND (SNPAS) PROJECT

Construction Supervision Consultant for Eco-Tourism Infrastructure Development
Nationals Only

Title: Construction Supervision Consultancy
Country of Assignment: Swaziland
Starting Date: 1st October 2017
Duration of Assignment: 40 Working days over 6 Months

Swaziland's formal Protected Areas (PAs) cover approximately 4% of the country's total land area, and are relatively rich in biodiversity with their share of endemism as represented in various ecosystems. Furthermore, the country has set targets for the conservation of its ecosystems and species in line with the National Development Strategy (Vision 2022) and other international targets such as the Aichi Targets under the auspices of the Convention on Biological Diversity. While some of the critical ecosystems and species are found in existing PAs, some are found in areas where there is prone to unsustainable utilization and overexploitation of resources, thereby threatening livelihoods and impeding sustainable development.

The Strengthening National Protected Areas Systems (SNPAS) in Swaziland is a six year (2014-2020) Project funded by GEF aims at developing, expanding and effectively managing the capacities of Swaziland's PAs network in order to adequately protect the biodiversity. This will be undertaken through the "landscapes" approach towards sustainable development and will involve integrated land and natural resource management that transforms the current PA patchwork into network and enhance vulnerable communities' livelihoods, in particular those adjacent to the PAs.

The SNPAS Project has been organised around three components: (i) knowledge-based platform operationalised at the national, regional and community levels to address current and emerging threats to PAs and biodiversity conservation; (ii) Expansion of PA network, and (iii) strengthening PA functioning through improved conservation management and operational support for existing and new PAs, including both formal and informal. PAs will be established and managed in critical biodiversity areas as clusters, integrating different sites that are managed by the Government of Swaziland (GoS), the private sector and local communities and enable a matrix of complementary land-use activities across board.

The Landscape approach seeks to provide tools and concepts for allocating and managing land to achieve social, economic, and environmental objectives in areas where agriculture, and other productive land uses compete with environmental and biodiversity goals taking into consideration the effects of climate change and the need for strengthened capacity to enhance productivity, effectiveness and sustainability.

Community tourism has been identified as a key component of the landscape approach aimed at addressing socio-economic issues within the various communities in the country. The SNPAS has adopted nature-based tourism, emphasizing more responsible tourism, the incorporation of social reality into the sustainability mix, and the concept that providing communities with adequate incentives.

In this regard, the technical services of a Consultant to review, monitor and appraise the eco-tourism infrastructure rehabilitation projects which are undertaken through the Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) with the assistance of Microprojects are sought.

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure that the four (4) eco-tourism infrastructure projects (Khelekhele, Khopho, Ntfungula and Mahamba) are satisfactorily constructed in accordance with specifications required in the contract and delivered according to the agreed time schedules.

SCOPE

The project is comprised of the following components:

- Construction and delivery of four (4) eco-tourism and related services;
- Consulting services

SPECIFIC TASKS

Working under the guidance of the Swaziland National Trust Commission (SNTC), Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA), Project Steering Committee (PSC) with day-to-day support from the SNPAS National Project Manager, the Consultants will specifically have the following tasks:

- Supervision during construction: Involves supervision and inspection during and after the eco-tourism infrastructure construction activities; review of construction plans, designs and schemes; coordination of contractor activities and other related tasks.
- Assistance for Technology Transfer to be implemented by contractor- involves providing support in the technology transfer aspect of the project to be provided by the contractor.
- Perform the necessary inspection to examine or re-examine the remedial works already complete, and instruct the remedial measures to be undertaken.
- Provide recommendations for the acceptance of the contractor's performance security, advance payment security and required insurances.
- Check and approve the Contractor's method of work, including site organization, program of performance, quality assurance system, safety plan and environmental monitoring plan so that the requirements set forth in the applicable laws and regulations, the specifications or other parts of the contract are to be duly respected

- Regularly monitor physical and financial progress, and take appropriate action to expedite progress if necessary, so that the time for completion set forth in the contract will be duly respected by Contractor
- Explain and/or adjust ambiguities and/or discrepancies in the Contract Documents and issue any necessary clarifications or instructions
- Liaise with the appropriate authorities to ensure that all the affected utility services are promptly relocated
- Carry out field inspections on the Contractor's setting out of the works in relation to original points, lines and levels of reference specified in the contract
- Organize, as necessary, management meetings with the Contractor to review the arrangements for future work. Prepare and deliver a minute of such meetings to the Executing Agencies and the Contractor
- Supervise the works so that all the contractual requirements are met by the Contractor, including those in relation to i) quality of the works, ii) safety and iii) protection of the environment. Confirm that an accident prevention officer proposed by the Contractor is duly assigned at the project site
- Review change orders that may arise to those that have not been anticipated in the contract documents prior to contract signing and approval
- Verify payment applications submitted by the Contractor and issue payment certificates such as interim payment certificates and final payment certificate as specified in the contract
- Modify the Executing Agencies' requirements as may be necessary in accordance with the actual site conditions, and issue variation orders (including necessary actions in relation to the works performed by other contractors working for other projects, if any)
- Carry out timely reporting to the Executing Agencies for any inconsistency in executing the works and suggesting appropriate corrective measures to be applied
- Other Administrative Assistance Involves other related logistical, managerial tasks in line with the project among others.

Deliverables

- An Inception Report and a Work Plan with activity timelines and methodology.
- Monthly progress reports.
- Information catalogues.
- Project Inspection Report.
- Final/Acceptance Report.
- Project Completion Report.

DURATION

The total duration of the consulting services will be 40 working days over 6 months

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES

The consultant should have the following qualification, experience and competencies,
Construction Supervision Consultant: A postgraduate degree (Masters or higher) in a subject related to Construction, Civil Engineering, Quantity Surveying, or related field.

- Experience:** At least 5 to 8 years' experience evaluating construction programmes, specification and cost estimate and preparation, project management,

Functional Competencies:

- Leadership
- Client orientation
- Innovation
- Delivery

Core Competencies:

- Demonstrates integrity by modelling the UN's values and ethical standards.
- Promotes the vision, mission, and strategic goals of the UN.
- Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.
- Sound judgment and strong client and results orientation.
- Treats all people fairly without favouritism.
- Fluency in English and knowledge of SiSwati will be an added advantage.

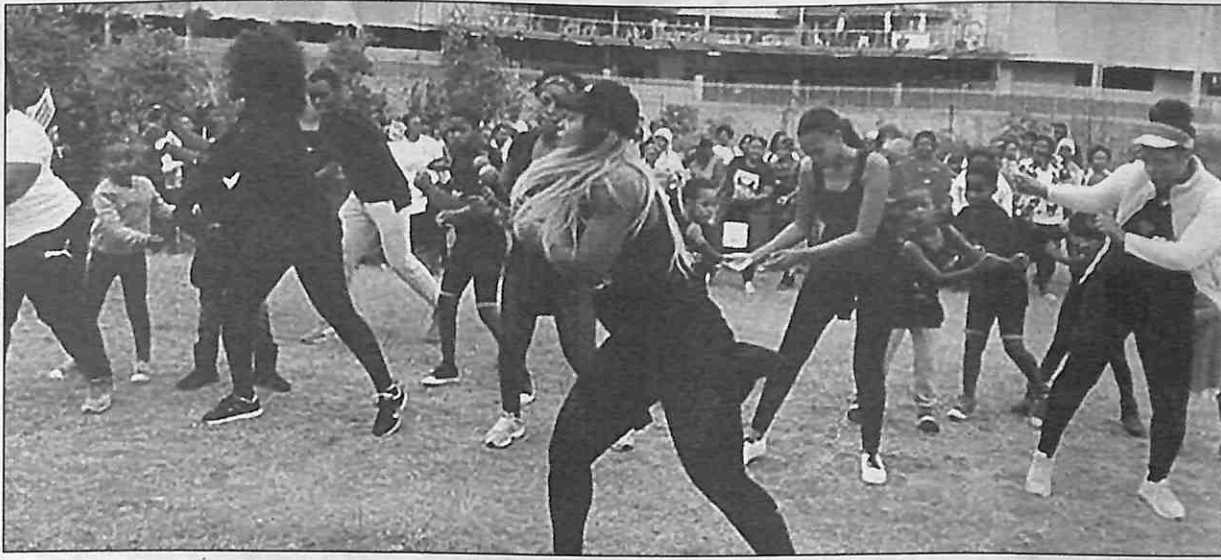
SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Interested and qualified candidates may submit their application together with a letter of interest and pertinent documents on-line at <http://jobs.undp.org>, or to the registry at undp.org or physically handed to the UNDP offices (5th Floor, Lilunga Building, Somhlolo Street, Mbabane) on or before **15th September 2017** marked as follows: Conservation Management Training Programs Consultancy

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only those candidates that are short-listed for interviews will be notified.
- Qualified female candidates and those with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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STREET DANCE: It was a fun-filled day as 500 people supported domestic workers in Manzini on Sunday in a walk and street dance. (Courtesy pic)

500 walk for domestic workers' rights

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

OVER 500 people came to commemorate domestic workers' day in a walk and street dance in Manzini yesterday morning.

Women and Law Swaziland National Director Xolani Hlatshwayo said as an organisation, they were impressed to see so many people supporting the rights of domestic workers who also attended the street dance. The walk started at Somhlolo Park and ended at Millennium Park in Manzini.

"We are very happy with the support

we have received from the public, we as an organisation want to focus more on domestic workers' rights and well-being.

Unfortunately, we are living in a society that does not always favour domestic workers, some employers don't offer pensions or overtime allowances to their domestic workers.

This is not right and we feel that laws must be introduced to empower domestic workers who do very important jobs like raising their employers children, some cook meals and some even work as gardeners," she said.

Hlatshwayo took the opportunity to condemn the killing of women in

Swaziland, saying it was unfortunate that they were seeing a lot of murders of women in the media.

"We are happy that during the street dance we saw a lot of men coming forward and voicing their disapproval of the murder of women. Even a lot of shop owners as well as members of the public were seen supporting and cheering the street dance.

It was really a good day and we would like to thank the employers who allowed their domestic workers to come out and celebrate this day with us; we even had an employer dancing with her domestic worker which was a priceless moment," she added.



IN NUMBERS: Some of the participants in the street dance to support domestic workers.



HAVING FUN: Young and old participants showed solidarity to domestic workers.

SENATOR NDUMISO DONATES BULL TO KA-BOYCE

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

SENATOR Ndimiso Mdluli put smiles on faces of pupils and parents from Ka-Boyce High when he promised to donate a bull for the school's lunch in 2018 for the first term.

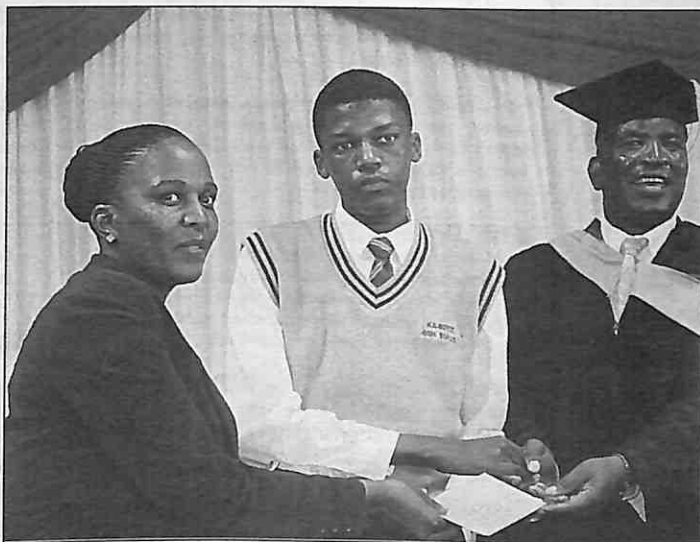
This was during the school's speech and prize giving ceremony last Friday, where the senator was the guest speaker. This donation was appreciated by the school's Principal Lungelo Nhlengethwa who said the meat will supplement the food that they receive from the ministry of education and training.

Senator Mdluli did not only give away a bull for the 2018 first term but also donated E1 000 to two outstanding pupils at the school that got distinctions in seven subjects.

"Congratulations to the pupils for a job well done. Your efforts and hard work have not been in vain. They have paid good dividends. Teachers are always inspired when they witness visible outcomes of their sweat and hard work in the classroom.

They toil night and day to inject knowledge and know how in a child's mind and expect the best. When such knowledge begins to sprout into succulent fruits, it ignites that sense of fulfilment and indescribable sense of accomplishment in the life of a teacher," he said.

The senator advised the pupils and teachers to work even harder. "Never be tempted to bask under the sun-



THANK YOU: SBIS Journalist Nonhlanhla Gama and her whiz kid son Mandiso Dlamini receiving a special gift of E500 from the guest speaker Senator Ndimiso Mdluli. Mandiso was the best of them all in Form Three.

shine of your past glories. Use your past successes as stepping stones for even higher goals in your quest for excellence. Refuse to lose focus on your ballpark," he said.

Performance

He highlighted that the incoming leadership has a mammoth task in its hands to maintain or better the previous academic performance of the school. He said there are strong public perceptions and expectations under the new leadership. He said Ka-Boyce should not lose its current brand and degenerate into an ordinary school. He said the school has already set a yardstick for itself which it cannot

afford to slip away from.

"Principal Nhlengethwa, I sympathise with you for taking over the leadership baton at this institution. Nevertheless, I take comfort in observing that you have started on a high note and maintained the high standard of academic performance that was left behind by your predecessor. We have all the confidence in you that you will raise the bar and maintain this school as a shining torch for all high schools in this country. As you articulate your own vision for the school's future academic direction, bear in mind that Ka-Boyce is a name that is associated with excellence not

mediocrity," he said.

He then advised pupils that their success is a product of a three-party alliance that involves, pupils, teachers and parents. He said the sacrificial input of parents will always be part of their success story. He then urged every departing student never to cease to cherish their achievement that is being celebrated.

"However, since you are products of Ka-Boyce High, it is my belief that no mountain will be too high to climb. Strive at all costs to be good and worthy ambassadors of this school especially in the area of academic excellence as well as in your social and spiritual lives. I have no doubt that Ka-Boyce High has prepared you adequately to face any challenges that you will encounter in tertiary institutions in the coming years," he said.

Fortified

He further warned the pupils against the calamity of moral decay that has destroyed so many young and intelligent minds. He said though the world will confront them with an assortment of choices. The senator said he trust that as independent thinkers they will not break loose of their parental control.

"You will need wisdom to navigate your life through the numerous hazards that stand along the way. Be warned, be wise and steer clear of the pitfalls that have caused the downfall of bright and precious children like yourselves. Take with you the positive values that have been implanted in your lives during your time as students of this school. Be Christ-centred. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom," he advised.

Ka-Boyce pupils abuse drugs – Principal

KA-BOYCE High Principal Lungelo Nhlengethwa says there is a small fraction of pupils in the school who are abusing drugs.

Nhlengethwa said this small section was noted as they are usually late for class, and skip the morning assembly. He said they usually sneak into the classes after assembly after indulging in drugs. He said due to the pupils' behaviour, the school administration decided to have the gates locked to deter others from sneaking out to indulge in intoxicating substances.

He further stated that furniture vandalism in the school is also rife. "Some students vandalise desks, chairs and even doors. Those found to have committed those crimes will have to pay for such damages," he said. The principal further urged the ministry of education and training to help train the teachers about positive discipline as the teachers are clueless about what positive entails. "The teachers need to be taught what positive discipline entails and how to administer it," he said.

Nhlengethwa told parents that during the cause of the year the school lost a female pupil who passed away after an illness. He described the loss as very difficult for the pupils as well as the teachers.



POSITIVE DISCIPLINE: Ka-Boyce High School Principal Lungelo Nhlengethwa addressing the gathering during the school's speech and prize giving day. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

89 booze lovers arrested

By NoziphoSibiya
Mbabane

ed for driving under the influence of alcohol over the past weekend.

The figures were announced by Chief Police Information and Communications

Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba yesterday.

Mamba noted that the number showed a decrease from last week's 116 report-

ed cases. "There were 89 drink-driving cases reported over the past weekend while the previous weekend 116 people were nabbed for drink-driving," he said. He said the numbers may have been reduced because people were indoors.

He said on month-end weekends police usually record the highest numbers because most people are paid and

there are many events happening all over the country.

"Those arrested have either appeared in court for their troubles or will have a date with the magistrate this morning," he said.

He therefore urged the public to drink responsibly and not get behind the wheel after drinking any alcoholic beverage.

A total of 89 fun lovers were arrest-

Two drunk drivers slapped with 14 traffic offences

Stories by Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

Police were parked by my gate

THE determination to evade arrest escalated this weekend as two drunk drivers collected a combined sum of 14 traffic counts.

The Mbabane traffic police got more than they bargained for this past weekend as they were involved in two daring speed chases on Saturday.

The two incidents occurred at Msunduzi where Gcinumuzi Hlophe (29) of Dalriach West and Simangaliso Mtsetfwa (31) sped off after police officers signaled to them to pull over.

The episodes came with heavy fines for the two offenders when they appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati on Saturday and yesterday morning.

Vilakati told the offenders that their actions showed no wisdom whilst adding that it was unnecessary and reckless.

He fined Hlophe E5 500 whilst Mtsetfwa was slapped with a fine of E3 000. However, Hlophe was made to pay E2 500 after his sentences were made to run concurrently.

The court exercised the same leniency with Mtsetfwa as he was ordered to pay only E2 000.

Moreover, Vilakati observed that drunk drivers in the country were not taking the offence of driving whilst under the influence of alcohol seriously.

"This offence can be avoided but people do not take it serious. Offenders know the police are everywhere and they are forever on the road but they drink and drive," he said.

Intoxicated

Hlophe saw his high speed chase with the police dragging for a longer period as it started at Msunduzi and was eventually cornered at Dalriach West where his car was said to have lost control and caused a road accident.

He was charged with 10 counts of driving whilst under the influence of alcohol, failing to provide breath specimen, driving an unroadworthy car and reckless driving wherein he entered a red traffic light and failed to stop in a compulsory stop sign, he did this on numerous occasions whilst driving at high speed.

The counts he faced are as follows; on count one Hlophe drove his VW Polo while intoxicated. While at Mbabane police station, he failed to provide breath specimen and thus led to him committing his second count.

He further drove recklessly while at the Mbabane City Council traffic circle as he drove towards oncoming traffic and failed to keep left. While at Dalriach West, the police officers discovered his car had smooth tyres hence declared it unroadworthy.

Furthermore, while at or near Singapore he failed to stop at a compulsory stop sign, and further entered a red traffic light while driving along Gwamile Street.

As if that was not enough, he

AFTER realising the police were camped by his gate, Simangaliso Mtsetfwa decided to take another route and his reckless driving sparked a high speed chase between him and the police.

Mtsetfwa, who had an alcohol reading of 0.75 mg/l, admitted he was drunk and did not want to be arrested, especially because he was already close to his house.

As a result, he collected four traffic counts. He was charged with driving whilst under the influence of alcohol, failing to stop when police officer Gift Mndawe signaled to him, reckless driving where he failed to maintain the left lane and almost hit another car. He further failed to stop at a compulsory stop sign.

He pleaded guilty to the offences and told the court that he did not see the police officer when he signaled to him to stop, but only saw a police car following him at high speed.

"My child was seriously sick after collapsing, I had to rush the child to hospital and this shocked me," he said.

The court did not want to take this excuse as it complained that it was overused, however, Mtsetfwa insisted his child was sick and that it was causing him a lot of stress.

"I was shocked when the child collapsed. I was at home enjoying my alcoholic drink, I only



YOUR WORSHIP: Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

drank one and did not even finish it," he said.

Moreover, Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati said his conduct was unnecessary and further wondered why he was drinking when he knew he had to drive his car.

"The police were parked by my gate near Singapore Bar, I found them there when I came back from the hospital. I then avoided them and took another route as I did not want to be arrested. I took a shortcut then saw the police following me," he said.

He was warned to desist from his conduct.

"Unfortunately, for every action

one does, there are consequences, you must learn from them. You can avoid this," he said.

He found him guilty on all the four counts and he was convicted as per his pleas. He was fined E1 500 or 15 months imprisonment for drunk-driving, E500 or five months imprisonment for failing to stop. He further fined E500 or five months imprisonment for his other two counts of reckless driving.

Furthermore, a warrant of arrest was issued for a kombi driver who failed to show up following his offence of overloading with three passengers.

List of drunk drivers:

Simangaliso Mtsetfwa	E2 000 fine or one year and eight months imprisonment
Gcinumuzi Hlophe	E2 500 fine or two years and one month imprisonment
Vikinduku Gama	E2 000 fine or two years imprisonment
Pikiniini Nsumbini	E2 200 fine or two years imprisonment
Mntonzima Mamba	E1 200 fine or 12 months imprisonment
Dumsani Mhlanga	E1 700 fine or 15 months imprisonment
Muzi Ngubeni	E1 200 fine or 12 months imprisonment

failed to stop in another compulsory stop sign, this time around while driving along KaZondle and further entered a red traffic light before failing to stop in another compulsory stop sign at Samora Machel Street.

His last count was committed near his home at Dalriach West where he failed to stop at a compulsory stop sign along Hlangabeza Crescent.

He pleaded guilty to all the counts was only acquitted and discharged on count five by the lenient court.

While explaining his actions, Hlophe said he was a habitual user of the popular playstation games hence it motivated him to speed off when police asked him to stop. "I felt like I was playing the game as I drove the car, I was drunk. I plead with the court to forgive me for my actions, I will not commit the offence again. I am sorry," he said.

He further said he was a first offender and a student who had two children who are dependent on him.

New twist in Ekutsimuleni Chieftaincy dispute

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

EKUTSIMULENI Chieftaincy dispute has taken a rather new twist as another candidate has been unveiled as the chief of the area.

Such came as a surprise for a number of people of the area who not long ago were called to a ceremony where a pupil known as Vukile Dlamini was unveiled as the upcoming chief.

The Form Five pupil was initiated as traditional leader of the *Umphakatsi* under Mkhweni Inkhundla last year.

Such came at a time when the area has been without a chief for over 32 years.

The pupil was nominated as chief amidst protests among some of the subjects who were discontent about the matter as they were against the young man being appointed as chief.

According to the general rule, which is also provided for in the Constitution, every *Umphakatsi* (chief's residence) is headed by a chief who is appointed by Ingwenyama, after the chief has been selected by the *lusendvo* (family council).

Dlamini was even given the Chief's name of Sijula II.

However, last week in a rather new development Ekutsimuleni chieftaincy was reported to have performed *kugabisa lijiva*, a ceremony which traditionally signifies the appointment of a chief amongst the children of a late chief.

It was reported that Funani Dlamini unveiled her brother Mphelave as chief designate.

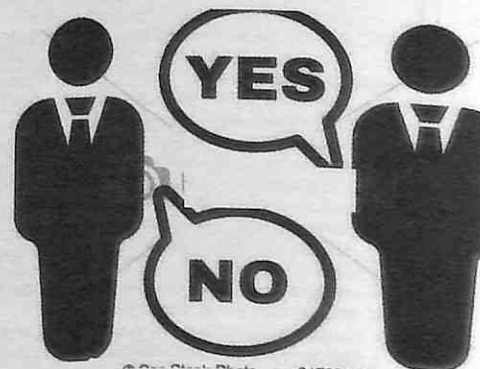
Mphelave comes from the faction led by Inkhosikati LaMkhumane while Sijula II comes from the faction led by acting Chief Lomalombo.

These two factions have been at each other's throats over the rightful person who should be appointed chief.

This has caused division in the area.

Allegations are that the sudden turn of events has made people to fear for the pupil's life as some residents stated that tensions were high in the area following the ceremony which saw Mphelave being unveiled.

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Ngwane College principal obtains Doctor of Education from UNISA

By Simon Shabangu
Mbabane



THE sky is the limit for Ngwane Teacher Training College Principal Dr Amos Mahlalela as he has added yet another 'hat' on his already rich academic profile and is eyeing another one, so as to reach a target of six.

Mahlalela recently graduated with a Doctor of Education in Educational Management and Leadership which he obtained from the University of South Africa (UNISA).

His latest qualification is an addition to four others he already possessed to make it five. He is only left with one to hit his target. Other qualifications in his possession are a Primary Teacher's Diploma, Diploma in Education in Secondary Teaching, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Biblical Studies and Master of Education. He now has two masters degrees. Quizzed on why he feels it is still important to continue obtaining more qualifications, he said learning had become a hobby to him such that he could not stop.

"I also do it for my parents who never went to school, but were wise enough to give me

GOAL DRIVEN: Ngwane College Principal Dr Amos Mahlalela added yet another hat to his rich academic portfolio when he graduated at UNISA recently. (courtesy pics)

education. I also want to inspire the youth that education is a game changer in personal development, and there is basically no stopping in acquiring education and to me the sky is the limit," he said. He said he would soon be doing another course stating that his aim is to have six degrees in his name.

"Now I have five hats and six qualifications relevant to each level of our education system. I have been a teacher and administrator at all levels at primary, secondary, high school and tertiary. I believe that it is important to continuously develop yourself so that you become relevant in your area of specialisation. I will continue so as to keep pace with the fast moving tech-

nological environment," he said. Mahlalela said he had been principal at Ngwane College for 12 years, adding that he reached his retirement age last year.

He said he wanted to express his educational potential to the fullest. "I believe that one is not limited by the type of parent he or she has, but one is limited by the size of his vision. I follow my vision which is my tool that guides me to my future."

Mahlalela was joined by his wife, children and family members in his graduation ceremony held at ZK Mathews Hall at the UNISA Campus in Johannesburg.



JOBS ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB TITLE: ART NURSE NEW START

Responsibilities: Duties include but are not limited to: Lead the enrolment, eligibility assessment, ART initiation and retention in care of clients that are registered for clinical care at the New Start clinic in Matsapha. Ensure the Documentation of all variables in the M&E tools namely chronic care file, pre-ART and ART registers appropriately so that the data are harmonized and complete. Coordinate the regular MDT team meetings in the clinic to track performance against targets. Ensure the documentation of laboratory tests i.e. FBC, blood chemistry and viral load. Participate in quality improvement and assurance initiatives. Provide integrated clinical services to clients enrolled in care. This includes but not limited to screening for NCDs, TB, STIs and FP. Participate in operational research and present data in local forums. Supervise expert clients and lay counselors that are working in the clinic. Work closely with the data clerk to analyze cascade data on pre-ART and ART cascade. Supervise the stock management of ARVs and other HIV commodities as required. Assist in the preparation of reports to PSI M&E and HMIS. Conduct any other duties as assigned by the Technical Director/Health Services Manager.

Minimum Qualifications/Experience:

- A bachelor of science degree in general nursing from a recognized university
- Certificate of completion of trainings on clinical management of HIV specifically trained on the NARTIS curriculum.
- At least 3-5 years hands on clinical experience in providing clinical care including ART initiation.

Special Skills/Requirements:

- Understanding of the current guidelines on integrated management of HIV in Swaziland.
- Experience in supervision of staff and knowledge/skills in use of TB/HIV tools is essential.
- Additional training on clinical management of TB/HIV and FP services is desirable
- Ability to take initiative, plan and monitor activity flow and outcomes
- Capacity to manage difficult working situations
- Ability to display positive attitude to colleagues, partners and clients
- Ability to analyze, interpret and solve difficult problems in diverse cultures
- Capacity to work under pressure in achieving set up goals/objectives
- Ability to multitask and good usage of time and resources
- Fluency in English and SiSwati (preferred)
- Excellent computer skills: Windows XP Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet and E-mail use)
- Willingness to work flexible and evening hours as required

JOB TITLE: HIV MANAGER

Responsibilities: Duties include but are not limited to Provide strategic direction to HTS teams conducting HTS services and VMMC mobilization. Ensure that ART, DREAMS and HTS targets are met. Organize HIV outreach activities at the community level by coordinating with community leaders, local organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure a full monthly outreach schedule to meet targets. Provide input into the HIV Services strategy and develop concrete and strategic plans for community outreach activities. Work with nurses, counselors and CHPs to ensure high quality counseling is provided to clients. Support quality assurance visits and be responsive to evaluator concerns. Support the maintenance of a supply log and equipment check list at outreaches. Work with public sector hospitals, health facilities, and/or clinics to coordinate the clinic and mobile outreach staffing schedule for all clinical and counseling staff

Minimum Qualifications/ Experience

- Either a degree in Social Sciences or Nursing; or equivalent experience
- Experience organizing events and activities at the community-level
- Experience managing and supervising staff
- Certificate in HTC Training
- Sexual Reproductive Health Understanding and good knowledge of HIV/AIDS
- Excellent Interpersonal Skills

Special Skills/Requirements

- Prior experience in HTS outreach models
- Prior experience in training staff preferred
- Ability to take initiative, plan and monitor activity flow and outcomes
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JOB TITLE: INTEGRATED NURSE X 2

Responsibilities: Duties include but are not limited to Support DREAMS CDC interventions for men within communities. Act as team leader for mobile clinic team comprising of nurse, driver/educator and community health promoters.

Minimum Qualifications/Experience

- A bachelor of science degree in general nursing from a recognized university
- Certificate of completion of trainings on clinical management of HIV specifically trained on the NARTIS curriculum.
- At least 3-5 years hands on clinical experience in providing clinical care including ART initiation.

Special Skills/Requirements

- Understanding of the new guidelines on integrated management of HIV in Swaziland.
- Male friendly service knowledge a must
- Experience in supervision of staff and knowledge/skills in use of TB/HIV tools is essential.
- Additional training on clinical management of TB/HIV and FP services is desirable
- Ability to take initiative, plan and monitor activity flow and outcomes
- Capacity to manage difficult working situations
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JOB TITLE: INTEGRATED NURSE

Responsibilities: Duties include but are not limited to Support DREAMS interventions for AGYW within communities. Act as team leader for mobile clinic team comprising of nurse, driver/educator and community health promoters

Minimum Qualifications/Experience

- A bachelor of science degree in general nursing from a recognized university
- Certificate of completion of trainings on clinical management of HIV specifically trained on the NARTIS curriculum.
- At least 3-5 years hands on clinical experience in providing clinical care including ART initiation.

Special Skills/Requirements

- Understanding of the new guidelines on integrated management of HIV in Swaziland.
- Youth Friendly service knowledge a must
- Experience in supervision of staff and knowledge/skills in use of TB/HIV tools is essential.
- Additional training on clinical management of TB/HIV and FP services is desirable
- Ability to take initiative, plan and monitor activity flow and outcomes
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Application letters and curriculum vitae must be sent via email to recruiting@psi.sz no later than 27 September 2017. No calls, please. No posted or hand delivered applications will be considered. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

1. EXTERNAL AUDITORS

SNYC invites reputable professional firms that have adequate a relevant expertise and experience to express their interest provision of the service in the above mentioned subject matter. Interested professional firms are expected to submit their Service

Plan document, which should include the following:

1. Expression of interest letter
2. Company profile
3. Membership to professional bodies
4. Trading references in respect of similar engagement
5. Curriculum vitae of proposed key personnel
6. Service fee quotation and timelines
7. Certified copy of certificate of incorporation
8. Certified copy of valid trading license
9. Valid tax clearance

Interest firms may submit their "Expression of Interest" in a seal envelope clearly superscripted as Expression of interest for "consultant Services for Swaziland National Youth Council at the SNYC office Mphakatsi Road, Malunge Township Mbabane

• Closing date is Friday, 22nd September 2017 @ 1600hrs.

Applications received after this date & time will not be considered.



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COUNCIL AGM A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

MBABANE - The Municipal Council of Mbabane convened its Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was a resounding success.

Council in the year 2016. Then in the year 2017, analysis reflects that for every one Lilangeni owed the organisation had 15 Emalangeni to pay back from," said Vilakati.

statements please first appreciate the good work and effort that Council Management has put in this document. This is outstanding work," submitted another speaker.

During the meeting, Council shared with its stakeholders its performance for the year 2016 - 2017. As part of the information shared with stakeholders during the meeting was the ever improving financial standing of the organisation where the information to stakeholders was presented in PowerPoint slides which proved informative to stakeholders. The impressive financial position of council was emphasised during the presentation of financials by the Director of Finance Nhlanhla Vilakati. Vilakati's presentation drove home the point in a simple comparison done over two financial years: "The Current Ratio:

Vilakati also mentioned that in the same period under review, it showed Council that Council further improved in other financial aspects like its Debt-to-Assets ratio which is a measure of the extent to which Council has been financed by debt

Another speaker praised Council for having availed hard copies and soft copies of the Annual Report.

I want to first acknowledge the good work that Mayor, CEO and you Management team have structured the Annual Report. I want to state that the work that you do is a thankless job and there will always be naysayers who will take every opportunity to shoot you down. I have been around long enough to see good work when I see it. I want to tell the people present here today that before some of you start making negative

(Current Assets/ Current Liabilities) shows that for every Lilangeni that Council owed in 2016 it had 10 Emalangeni to pay back from. I want to state that that was the position of



The CEO Gideon Mhlomo making his opening remarks during the AGM



Pls caption that pic for stakeholders attending the AGM

RATIO ANALYSIS

	2017	2016	Comments
1. Current Ratio: (Current Assets/ Current Liabilities)	15:1	10:1	The current ratio is a measure of Council's ability to meet its maturing short term obligations. The ratio means that for every E1 that Council owes to its current creditors, there is E10 in current assets to take care of it.
2. Debt-to-Assets Ratio (Total debts/ Total Assets)	4%	6%	This ratio is a measure of the extent to which Council has been financed by debt (external borrowing).
2. Rates collection	89%	86%	A measure of how much of the rates billed are collected within the year. Movement reflects improved collections efforts and response from ratepayers

WHEELCHAIR REPAIR SHOP TAKES OFF

MBABANE - Following the donation of 292 wheelchairs to Swazis living with disability, a repair shop has been opened at the Council depot. Thirteen Swazis were trained to repair wheelchairs and bicycles by a team of experts from Fort Worth (United States of America). The Mbabane residents also were also trained on eived entrepreneurship.

The public will be informed on how the repair shop will function. The idea to train Swazis to repair bicycles and wheelchairs will address the shortage of repairs for wheelchairs in the country.

It is undeniably great news to the wheel chair recipients that when their wheel chairs experience a problem they will know who to contact. The group that was trained consist of young and middle age people of which some are people living with disability. A series of interviews were conducted to know more about their experiences:

Winile Mkhonta

"We have been here since Monday. We are being taught how to loosen a wheelchair and how to change parts of a faulty wheelchair. Since I am a disabled person, at first it was hard as I need more attention. I have gained so many skills here not only the wheelchair mechanic skill but also team work skills. I am a better team player now.

I used to think that technicalities are designed for male people but as of today I see things in a different perspective and I now know that I can be what I want to be regardless of my disability. Lastly, I am really happy for this experience and I will forever be grateful to the Municipal Council of Mbabane for giving me this chance".

Thokozani Nxumalo

We have been here since Monday learning how to disentangle wheelchairs and bicycles.

DREAM DELIVERED TO SWAZILAND

NKWALINI - Swazi children have had a chance to be exposed to a number of career options courtesy of USA based company, Dream Outside the Box.

Kam Phillips-Sadler who is the founder of Dream Outside the Box distributed toys that gave minors a chance to perform surgeries on fruits as means of triggering interest towards a career in medicine.

are in line with the child's dream. For instance if a child dream of being a doctor he/she receive a box packed with items relevant to the child's desired career.

Phillips-Sadler met groups of children twice at Nkwalini Health and Social Centre.

Her visit comes as a result of the sister city relations between Mbabane and Fort Worth. Dream outside the box organisation helps under privileged children gain exposure in exciting new chances that they might not otherwise have access to. The organization helps children ranging from pre-school to those attending high school, realize their childhood dreams. Part of the company's mission is using dream boxes that contain dummies that



Kam Phillips-Sadler plays with a toddler at Nkwalini Health and Social center. She is the founder of Dream Outside the Box.

Being here and working with people with different disabilities has taught me that we are all capable of doing something at our level best regardless of being disabled or not. Teamwork is also one of the important abilities I have picked up ever since I started this training.

I now realise that we understand things at different levels, so if we working as a team we can achieve a common goal. In short I mean we have different capabilities when doing something but if you combine those backings with your team, you become efficient. Lastly I would like to say Bravo!!!!!! Maspala I have acquired a skill free of charge and I promise to use that skill at my full potential.



At the repair shop

SWAZILAND IN TOP 5 COUNTRIES WITH CHILD FRIENDLY POLICIES

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

THE country is making great strides in terms of creating policies that are in line with the United Nations' declarations as far as children are involved.

Swaziland was named amongst the top five countries in the SADC and EAC regions that have policies and frameworks in line with declarations signed at the United Nations as far child rights and protecting them are concerned. This was during the recently ended Psychosocial Support (PSS) Forum in Arusha, Tanzania.

The country was applauded together with South Africa, Lesotho, Tanzania and Zimbabwe for having these frameworks in place as this shows commitment in upholding and protecting the right of the child.

Swaziland was encouraged at the REPSSI reception and further challenged to see to it that these frameworks and policies are not just implemented but that the norms and the activities around children are in line with them.

REPSSI is the Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative.

REPSSI CEO Noreen was amongst the many speakers who applauded the country, further stating that government showed keen interest in protecting children by accepting frameworks that work help in the protection of the child.

This was echoed by WEI Dreams Programme coordinator Samuel Busika who, when making her presentation, said they were fortunate to have the law in their country so they were able to do their part in empowering the child.

She said even though in practice, it was not necessarily in full, the country seemed to be making progress. "Swaziland has good policies in place for the protection of children however there is still much to be done in terms of practice that is completely doing away with cultural practices that worked against these policies," she said.

Busika further pointed out that it is not government's responsibility alone to see to it that these practices are done away with but every stakeholder must make it a point to educate the public on these policies and what they mean.

"Swaziland has good policies in place for the protection of children. However, there is still much to be done in terms of practice that is completely doing away with cultural practices that worked against these policies," she said.

REPSSI Country Director Mandla Mazibuko also echoed the CEO's remarks.

"Most policies are good they are there but on paper. Government seems to just have challenges in implementing the policies but we

will continue to advocate for their implementation and help government where we possibly can," he said.

Director of Children's Department in the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Lucky Ndlovu said governments would continue to work around the clock to see to it that children are properly protected hence they would be soon reviewing policies so that they are in line with the times.

ADOLESCENTS WANT TO BE CONSULTED ON POLICIES

ADOLESCENTS want to be involved and consulted when governments make policies and frameworks that concern their livelihoods.

Adolescents from Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and East African Community (EAC) regions made this submission during the recently ended Psychosocial Support (PSS) Forum in Arusha, Tanzania.

The event, which was hosted by the Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI) in collaboration with SADC and EAC saw children from over 16 countries participate in the forum themed 'Equity, equality for all girls, boys and youth'.

The adolescents, making their submissions, said governments need to understand the importance of involving them in policy-making in the region especially when it comes to policies that will impact on their livelihoods.

Swaziland's representative Xolani Magongo was amongst the adolescents who addressed the forum. Magongo stated that there were many decisions taken by govern-

ments that had a direct impact on their livelihoods but ended up not benefitting them in anyway whatsoever.

"There are many decisions made on our behalf but end up not benefitting us. Governments must make it a habit to consult us on issues that affect us directly because times are changing and in turn this means that they have no idea what our generation is experiencing because things have changed a lot between now and their time," he said. Magongo during his submissions, had the house in stitches of laughter as he stated that one of the things they want to be consulted on concerns the retirement age of teachers. He said teachers naturally should be energetic and people beyond their fifties lack that. "Teachers must retire at fifty because after that they lack the necessary energy. They are tired and have zero interest in our needs," he said.

Magongo further called not just on governments but all stakeholders to really look into issues affecting children by consulting the children themselves.

Journos must protect adolescents

JOURNALISTS have a duty to protect adolescents when reporting stories that they are involved and implicated in.

Journalists from the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and East African Community (EAC)

were reminded of the importance of sticking to their code of ethics when reporting on issues that affect adolescents.

Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI) Country Representatives from Angola and Zambia

Felix Jeronimo and Kelvin Ngoma addressing journalists pointed out that it is important for children to remain protected when issues involving them are reported them.

They pointed out the need to sell had surpassed the responsibility that journalists have which is to make sure that the identity of the adolescent is hid-

den. "Journalists have the responsibility to make sure that the child's identity in cases of rape, child marriages and any other thing that could result in them being stigmatised are upheld. Often we get excited and we divulge information that may lead people to the identity of the child," Ngoma pointed out. He said it was therefor-

important that journalists reminded themselves from time to time of their ethics and not get carried away in publishing the big scoop. Jeronimo concurred with his Zambian counterpart stating that journalists were also a part of the community hence they had the said responsibility which was also enshrined in their code of ethics.

MTN Foundation beneficiaries gaining experience

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

ABOUT 17 beneficiaries that are supported by MTN Foundation through Young Heroes to pursue certificates in vocational skills are now attached in different companies to gain experience.

The trainees are amongst 50 beneficiaries that were supported by the Foundation through Young Heroes Skills Training Empowerment Programme (STEP).

Young Heroes Director Khulekani Magongo said the 17 beneficiaries had been training at Manzini Industrial Training Centre (MITC) and Siteki Industrial Training Centre for the past 12 months doing theory and practicals simultaneously.

Internships

He said after this period, the trainees were expected to find places of attachment to do internships for three to six months before they graduate.

He said this was part of the curriculum to give them a feel of the working environment and hands-on experience in their respective trades.

"These vary from plumbing, carpentry, electrical wiring, motor mechanics, agriculture, metal work and computer studies. Young Heroes is pleased with



Young Heroes Director Khulekani Magongo

the beneficiaries' performance and level of effort they have put in this training.

We are confident that they will do well in the internship programme which is the last leg before they graduate. Attempts are being made to ensure that those that are not attached yet will be attached soon. We appreciate the MTN Foundation for allowing us to transition this group into self-sufficiency," Magongo said.

He said all the beneficiaries were grateful to MTN Foundation for the opportunity that exposed them to this impor-

tant training which allowed them to gain a professional skill that they will use to sustain their lives.

Andile Dlamini, one of the trainees who was doing a motor mechanic course at MITC said he was happy with the opportunity Swazi MTN and Young Heroes had afforded him.

"The internship has exposed me to meeting new people and I am getting hands-on experience that will qualify me as a professional motor mechanic," he said.

MAN STABS ANOTHER OVER A WOMAN, GETS E2 000 FINE

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE passion of love took a violent twist last Wednesday when a 22-year-old man was stabbed over a woman.

Wandile Maseko had to be hospitalised for two days after his rival Charles Dlamini stabbed him with a knife in his shoulder following an argument.

Dlamini made an appearance before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati where he pleaded guilty to the offence and further apologised for committing the offence.

When asked by the court why he stabbed Maseko, the law-breaker said he was out with his girlfriend enjoying alcoholic drinks in one of the drinking holes situated in town when the complainant approached his woman and talked to her in a questionable manner.

"He did not show respect to me and that angered me as I love my woman. When I tried letting him know she was with me he started a fight and pushed me. He is the one who hit me with a fist first while saying the same woman was his

girlfriend too," Dlamini said.

The man from Hilltop said out of anger he pulled out a knife and stabbed the accused twice before taking the woman in question and left the scene of crime. He said the police arrested him at his house and he cooperated as he had realised his mistake.

He pleaded with the court to be lenient when passing its sentence as he was unemployed.

The 25-year-old further said he was hoping to go study and graduate hence he was hoping to be given a second chance in life.

The court warned him to desist from his conduct.

"You must focus on studying and stop getting into fights over women, otherwise, you will die young or idle in jail. What you did has no wisdom, now you have to pay a fine yet the money would have helped you in school.

You must learn to move on when a woman has done something you are against. You must not take the law unto your own hands," he said.

Dlamini assured the court such would not happen again. The court found him guilty and fined him E2 000 or two years imprisonment.

RSSC DOLES OUT E78 000 TO 4 CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

IT was another memorable contribution to the socio-economic development of the country by the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC), which donated a sum of E78 000 to different charitable causes last Thursday.

The benefitting organisations included Ebenezer Primary, DIWOSWA, Emvembili Primary and Ngomane Primary.

Addressing the beneficiaries, RSSC Managing Director Nick Jackson said given the good performance recorded in the previous financial year, RSSC fared very well despite the drought challenge that continued throughout the year.

He said innovation and improved business practices ensured the continued success of the corporation.

Jackson added that the success of the company in the 2016/17 financial year has not only boosted RSSC with good profits but also resulted in an improved allocation towards charity donations for the current year, which saw a 50 per cent increase in comparison to last year.

RSSC's Group Public Affairs Manager Sifiso Nyembe said RSSC seeks strategic partnerships that will deliver a tangible impact to the society.

"We have made noteworthy strides to date and remain realistic about challenges

● "RSSC as an organisation will be forever remembered and we urge other companies to copy what your company is doing"



FOR YOU: RSSC Board Chairman Dr. A.T. Dlamini and RSSC MD Nick Jackson present DIWOSWA representatives with the E15 000 donation cheque. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)

that lie ahead," he said. Expressing her gratitude, Lungile Mngometulu from Ngomane Primary revealed that RSSC has been assisting the school for years.

"We appreciate all the efforts that the company puts towards ensuring the devel-

opment of the school," she said.

Meanwhile, Buyi Masuku from DIWOSWA said disabled people have not been assisted much by companies and she appreciates what RSSC has done for them.



WORKING TOGETHER: RSSC Board Chairman, management, donation's committee and the donations beneficiaries pose after the presentation.



BE ACCOUNTABLE: RSSC Board Chairman Dr. Absalom Themba Dlamini addresses the beneficiaries during the presentation while Jackson listens attentively.

"RSSC as an organisation will be forever remembered and we urge other companies to copy what your company is doing," he said.

Fenced

"The school is one of the oldest schools in the country and it is not fenced which results in livestock and even community members vandalising the school property, this has been disturbing over the past years. We are grateful to RSSC for the continued support at both community and education levels," said Lindiwe Matsenjwa from Ebenezer Primary

expressing her gratitude. Synet Msimango from Emvembili Primary School said she was grateful her school was chosen by RSSC as one of the beneficiaries.

"To be honest we just thought we were trying our luck when we wrote the request but we were very excited when we received a call from the company telling us that we have been granted the sponsorship.

Thank you RSSC and continue empowering the country, we wish other companies could follow your footsteps," said an ecstatic Msimango.

...Ensure accountability – Dr AT

RSSC Board Chairman Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini has urged all the beneficiaries of the E78 000 donation to account for every cent of the money they were given by the company.

He said this would help the company to consider them for further assistance in future.

"Beneficiaries are once again reminded to ensure they account on the usage of these funds by reporting back to RSSC on completion of all these projects. This aids to account to the company's shareholders and stakeholders as well as helping to determine whether future assistance may be required by that organisation," he said.

He said commitment from all parties in improving the standard of living for all Swazis was key. He said aligning with the government's mandate by corporates and community members will definitely propel everyone closer to His Majesty's vision.

"Despite the drought challenges that continued throughout the last financial year, RSSC continued to contribute to the society and recently, employees from this company recycled old newspapers generating cash and also made personal monetary donations.

With the assistance from management after being informed of such teamwork and social responsibility, the employees were able to donate school shoes and stationery to destitute school chil-

Beneficiary Name	Amount	Purpose
Ebenezer Primary School	E40 000	Fence
Ngomane Primary School	E20 000	Admin Block Furniture
DIWOSWA	E15 000	Ramps at Mangwaneni Primary, crutches and walking sticks
Emvembili Primary School	E3 000	Stationery prizes for prize giving day

dren at Njakeni Primary School."

Dlamini added that the practice by the employees demonstrate that everyone can contribute towards making lives of those living in our communities better.

"We just need to change our thinking a bit."

Beneficiaries

"Our beneficiaries today are also encouraged to pay it forward; the smallest effort which is not necessarily monetary can incite others and yield immeasurable results. We are encouraged by one of the recipients here today who pledged community support or involvement in concluding the project they are receiving funds for today," Dlamini said.

He further said the corporation's growth is parallel to that of the community, none can exist without the other and RSSC strongly subscribes to that belief.

"Even within the corporate social investment space, RSSC seeks strategic partnerships that will deliver a tangible impact on

society. We have made noteworthy strides to date and remain realistic about the challenges that lie ahead.

"We encourage the community to be creative in generating solutions that will address the widespread poverty experienced daily within us," remarked Dr Dlamini.

He further highlighted that though the most challenging financial year of 2016/17 is gone and they managed to survive, this does not suggest in any way that they are now in the clear.

"Significant changes are expected next month in the European market. With the protected quotas being scrapped off, allowing new sugar suppliers into the market, we expect sugar prices to drop.

This presents a new challenge for Swaziland, and RSSC is no exception.

"The corporation therefore has had to position itself to adequately respond to these changes to ensure its sustainability in the long-term," he said.



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No. 1	SRA-RFP 2017/008	SRA Staff Climate Survey	Friday 29 September 2017

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- Technical proposal
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- Company audited annual financial statements for the past 3 years or since inception.

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MTSAMBAMA CONSTITUENCY TEAM WISH TO MEET KING

AS His Majesty King Mswati III is expected to visit the Shiselweni region for the umhlanga ceremony, the Mtsambama Inkhundla team wishes to meet him.

Usually, when His Majesty is in the region for the reed dance, there is time specifically reserved for him to meet *emabandla* and others presenting him with gifts.

It is during this time where His Majesty also officiates in the opening of projects in the region.

Indvuna Yenkhundla Mboni Cedric Simelane popularly known as 'MC' said it was their wish as inkhundla to be allowed to meet His Majesty just like others would have been given that opportunity.

He said it had been their dream to have a chance to present the King at least with something as a way of thanking him for being a wise leader who has managed to unite the Swazi nation.

"As inkhundla we should rally behind His Majesty's initiatives.

We hope we will be part of the '*emabandla*' which will have an opportunity to meet him. In all the four years we have been in office, we know all the projects which have succeeded and this is because of the support we have been receiving from government. Even the funding of these projects, has been through the efforts of government," said Simelane.

Simelane told Shiselweni News that if they would be afforded the opportunity to meet the King, they would cherish such a moment forever.



"We have already started approaching the relevant authorities requesting to be included in the list of all those wishing to meet His Majesty.

We will be doing a follow-up to find out if we will be afforded the chance. *Sifuna kulotsa lilanga ngoba lite kitsi*," said Simelane.

Simelane said as inkhundla, they were aware of the protocols which need to be observed when one had a wish of meeting the King.

"We know that there is always a long list and our hope is that we will be included in that list. We have realised

that it is only this opportunity when His Majesty is in the region where we can feel his warmth closely as inkhundla council team. It should also be considered that as Inkhundla, even the wages that we get, are endorsed by government which means a lot.

It's true that we are elected by the people but what we earn monthly and this all comes from His Majesty's government purse.

These are some of the things we want to thank to His Majesty and also appreciating what he has done for the country as a whole," said Simelane.

Mtsambama schools benefit from RDF

A number of schools under Mtsambama constituency have benefited from the Regional Development Fund (RDF), Indvuna Yenkhundla Mboni Cedric Simelane has disclosed.

Simelane said providing assistance to the schools was one of their achievements since ushered into office since 2013.

"Schools under this constituency have been assisted by our office, some of these lacked security and now have been fenced through the RDF.

We have some of these schools which had their properties vandalised just because there was no control of movement, but now because they are fenced, such has come to a stop and it's because of RDF," Simelane said during an interview with Shiselweni News.

Simelane said there were a number of projects financed by the inkhundla through the RDF with schools also given attention.

He said it was not just projects for associations which received funding from RDF as even schools were expected to apply for any project.

"Schools are in communities

some of these lacked security and now have been fenced through the RDF

which means they deserve to have their projects sponsored as well. It's pleasing that many of these schools have been among those whose applications for RDF have been successful and as we speak even those that were resembling a zoo, are now in good shape after being fenced through the money from RDF," said Simelane. Simelane said schools under the constituency which had their applications approved for fencing projects include Christ The King Primary and High, Hlatikulu Central Primary and High, Ebenezer Primary and High, Mhlabyadvuma Primary and Mpatheni Primary.

"We also have other projects such as the KaBhanganoma electricity scheme which also got funding from RDF. It's been hard work for us since we were ushered into office, but we are happy that we have achieved quite a number of things," said Simelane.

Areas under Somntongo have started feeling effect of drought

AREAS under Somntongo constituency are feeling the pinch of inadequate rains.

Indvuna Yenkhundla Dumisani Mbhamali said with the heat waves sweeping across the country, areas under his constituency were already hard hit as the streams and rivers had all dried up.

Residents were struggling with access to water. He said a local dam known as Vuvu located at Vimbizibuko, had unsafe water that would be dangerous for human consumption.

"Some of the residents draw water from the dam for domestic use. The water there is now muddy and because there is nowhere else the residents can get water, they use that dam together with animals," said Mbhamali.

Mbhamali said the sole hand pump (*ingwedle*) at Vimbizibuko is no longer functioning. He said they made efforts to have the water pump fixed but so far this has not

been possible.

"We are trying by all means to address the water crisis in this constituency. Yes, we are a drought prone constituency, but we are now hoping that soon this will be over as the SISOMA (Siphofaneni Somntongo and Matsanjeni) project is already bearing fruits. This is a water project which will see the three constituencies have access to clean water and we are part of this programme taken care of by the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC)," Mbhamali explained to Shiselweni News.

Mbhamali added that grazing lands were pathetic as they resembled deserts as grass or any vegetation no longer exist because of the heat waves.

"What we used to consider grazing land, is now a desert. We just wonder how things are going to be if we don't receive any rain in the next couple of months," said Mbhamali.

Inkhundla makes bumper harvest

MTSAMBAMA Inkhundla which has land reserved for farming has managed to record a bumper harvest in the past season.

According to Indvuna Yenkhundla Mboni Cedric Simelane who is popularly known as 'MC', the land that the Inkhundla was using for farming was not that big, but during good seasons, they recorded a good harvest.

"We have hectares of land specifically for farming and we usually focus on maize production and also *emabele* (sorghum). It's been much better what we harvested this past season compared to previous two seasons.

When we were ushered in office almost four years ago, we realised the challenges some of the communities

were experiencing in particular when it comes to needy people.

We took it upon ourselves that we should do something as some of these people have no one to take care of their needs. It was then that we agreed to have land reserved for maize production. This past season, it's been a blessing as from what we made, we have managed to feed many mouths," said Simelane.

Simelane told Shiselweni News that with Mtsambama Inkhundla made out of seven chiefdoms; each was given a share of the maize harvested from the inkhundla fields.

He said each chiefdom was given a number of bags of maize to distribute to the communities.

"Bucopho from each chiefdom was

given something which was shared by the members of that community especially the needy. Even though we could not manage to feed all the people that are in need to their satisfaction, but they appreciated the little they got.

We hope next time, even those that have been left out, will receive something," said Simelane.

Simelane said as the planting season was just around the corner, the constituency would be involved in ploughing the fields even this time around for the people.

The seven chiefdoms of Mtsambama Inkhundla are KaMbhoke (Eluvalweni), Hhohho, KaBhanganoma, Ekwendzeni, Magele, Enhlabeni (Sibetsamoya) and KaZenzile.

MTN SHOWERS DVOKOLWAKO HIGH WITH GIFTS

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Dvokolwako

SWAZI MTN showered Dvokolwako High School with gifts during their speech and prize giving day held last Friday.

Swazi MTN Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini, who was the guest speaker during the ceremony, presented the school with E5 000, two smart phones to top pupils, a cow to be used at the feedlot and five computers to be used by the pupils at the renovated computer room.

When making his remarks at the school, Dlamini encouraged the pupils to take their school work seriously as they draw to the close of this academic year.

"As a leader and a parent myself, I am passionate about young people and my joy is seeing them grow in all spheres of lives," he said.

Disruptions

Dlamini said one of the disruptions that negatively affects pupils is social media.

"Social media can be a good servant but terrible master. You cannot spend your entire life updating your Facebook status since as you do that, some of your age-mates are studying and preparing for their future," he said.

He said a bright future is not handed in a silver platter, but one must earn it.

Dlamini encouraged the pupils to take Christ in their life.

"A born again person can do any-

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CHAMPIONS: Swazi MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini who was the guest speaker during the speech and prize day, clinical psychologist Dr Ndo Mdlalose and Hhohho Region Maths Inspector Khanyisile Mokoena posing with three Dvokolwako High School pupil who are national champions in a business quizz. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)

thing through Christ.

"It is one of the things that helped me in my school days at Salesian High School," he said.

Dlamini said once someone has taken

Christ in his or her life some things begin to change automatically.

"I would like you to say to yourself, it is possible to beat all odds and be the best you can," he advised.



ALL EARS: Pupils listening to the motivational speeches.

..School transformed for the better

DVOKOLWAKO High which was at one point called *umcombotsi* school has transformed to a school of excellence, said Principal Sabelo Sibandze during the speech and prize giving day last Friday.

The school was called *umbombotsi* after three girls were found drunk and had to drop out of school because they did not want to take the punishment.

The principal said when he arrived at the school in 2013, it was known as *umcombotsi* and this was mentioned in some articles in the local newspapers.

He said when he arrived, the school was a total mess, however he is happy that together with his team of teachers they had transformed the learning institution to a school of excellence.

"However it was not easy to achieve



POSITIVE CHANGE: Dvokolwako High School Principal Sabelo Sibandze making his remarks.

this as some parents felt I was too harsh and imposing things that would not work," he said, adding that now they

were in good working terms with the school committee and parents.

He said in the previous years, they had produced good results and they wanted to continue performing much better academically.

Sibandze said they had to work hard so that they take the dangling carrot of E130 000 pledged by the African Alliance Partner Sthofeni Ginindza during the school prize giving day this year in March.

Ginindza said he would give Dvokolwako High School the money if they get 100 per cent pass rate in the JC results this year.

He said he would give the school E100 000 if it managed to achieve this target and further give E30 000 to each pupil who will make it to the top 10 in national ratings.



PROJECT: The invited guest inspecting the feedlot before the start of the ceremony.

3 pupils drop-out due to pregnancy

ABOUT 18 pupils dropped out of Dvokolwako High School in a single year.

About three girls were forced to abandon school due to pregnancy, while some had not reported their reasons for leaving school.

Principal Sabelo Sibandze said the statistics had increased compared to last year where there were 15 dropouts.

Shock

He expressed shock at the number of this year's dropouts as he said they have risen compared to

last year.

He said the school had taken the initiative to find out the reasons why the boys left school and discovered that some decided to quit because of ill-treatment from their relatives.

Suicide

Sibandze said after losing a pupil through suicide and a teacher who was killed by unknown people, they engaged Clinical Psychologist Ndo Mdlalose to counsel pupils.

Mdlalose was also present during the speech and prize giving day.

Businesses, Sthofeni, Mdluli deliver furniture at school

THE furniture that was pledged by some prominent business people during the prize giving day in March has been delivered.

Dvokolwako High Principal Sabelo Sibandze said African Alliance Partner Sthofeni Ginindza brought 20 desks and 20 chairs, Senator Ndumiso Mdluli also brought 20 desks and 20 chairs while Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SSWSC) also showered the school with desks and chairs.

Meanwhile, other sponsors were Mkhweni Member of Parliament Gideon Dlamini who delivered 10 chairs, local Pastor George Dlamini contributed a chair and Dwaleni High representative Khayelihle Mlota who donated a chair.

"Another sponsorship was brought

by Manzana Engineering Company Director in a form of a cow which was put in the feedlot and it netted E9 700 when it was sold to potential buyers," he said.

He, therefore, thanked the sponsors for living to their promises.

Grateful

"The school committee and the entire pupils are very much grateful for the donation," he said.

He said the new furniture was used by over 60 pupils and would fit two classrooms.

Corban Build Hardware offered to take care of the school's cultural activities needs.

Sibandze said Corban Build Hardware sponsored all the traditional attire for all the cultural activities at the school.



GIFTED: Some of the Dvokolwako pupils who received prizes for extra curricular activities.

HMCS, TECHNOSERVE, SWADE, UBOMBO SUGAR REACH OUT TO PUPILS

● The carer guidance programme is funded by the European Union and targets pupils in Form Three and Grade Seven where it seeks to capacitate them on issues such as self-awareness, financial literacy, time management, career choices as well as issues affecting their growth which include but not limited to HIV and AIDS, poverty and crime

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS), in realisation of the need to nurture the youth in the country, has reached out to eight schools in the Lubombo region to educate them about the role played by the department in society.

This was during a career guidance programme themed "my choice, my life" which was organised by TechnoServe in collaboration with Ubombo Sugar and SWADE.

The programme is funded by the European Union (EU) and targets pupils in Form Three and Grade Seven where it seeks to capacitate them on issues such as self-awareness, financial literacy, time management, career choices as well as issues affecting their growth which include but not limited to HIV and AIDS, poverty and crime.

HMCS proved to be one of the relevant organisations as hundreds of pupils showed interest, thus it (HMCS) seized the opportunity to educate the youth on its core business where security, rehabilitation, reintegration and community corrections dominated the agenda.

The pupils were educated on the litany of rehabilitation programmes aimed at assisting offenders develop



REACHING OUT: Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase.

into law abiding and productive citizens upon completion of their sentences.

Mandate

HMCS Deputy Commissioner General Bongani Khumalo, who represented the Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase highlighted that though their mandate is to ensure safe custody of offenders; they had taken a step further and tried to address some of the causal factors of incarceration at grassroots level.

He said programmes like "my choice my life" offer the right platform for the department to educate the youth on issues that might lead them to

incarceration.

Considering that a majority of the offender community in local correctional centres comprises the youth, he said HMCS further finds it appropriate to empower young people in communities with life skills that would help shape their future thus saving them from engaging in criminal activities.

This has been facilitated through the department's outreach programme aimed at equipping community members with vocational skills in trades such as welding, plumbing, motor mechanics, carpentry amongst others.

Programmes

Khumalo mentioned that all these programmes require skilled and qualified instructors who would effectively and efficiently impart such skills to the offenders and community members.

He said it was, therefore, imperative for the youth especially pupils, to take their studies seriously in order to attain their qualifications in the various fields.

The commissioner general said this would then place them well and increase their chances to be employed by the correctional services.

He further spoke of the issue on discipline, stating that as a disciplined force itself, the correctional services takes concern on issues of respect, responsibility and commitment.



OUR MANDATE: Deputy Commissioner General Bongani Khumalo lecturing pupils from U-Tech High School about programmes offered at Correctional Services.

Programme yields good results in three years

WITHIN three years of inception, the TechnoServe In-School youth programme themed "my choice, my life" has impacted positively on the lives of pupils in the country.

This was disclosed by the programme's Manager Samkelo Sukati who stated that ever since it started in 2015, there have been a number of pupils who were able to make right choices when choosing their careers.

He said the programme has further impacted on those who do not make it in their academic studies as they were able to develop small scale projects through the financial literacy lessons pro-

vided for them.

Sukati said pupils in the various schools had classroom sessions where they were educated by trained teachers on the various life skills.

He said the programme has also seen positive impact in self-empowerment as more pupils open up about issues affecting them and their environment. Sukati then thanked the Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase for affording the pupils with the opportunity to learn about various skills that could help shape their future even without formal employment.



CHOICES: HMCS PRO Gugulethu Dlamini addressing pupils from Gucuka High School.



MY POINT IS: Pupils from Sidlangatsini listen attentively as the HMCS PRO addresses them while Deputy Commissioner General Bongani Khumalo enjoys a light moment with pupils from Maphilingo High school.



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- Mpaka-Malindza Primary School, third Thursday of every month
- At Nhlangano- Ngwane Teachers Training College-every last Thursday of the month
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SEPTEMBER marks the thought leaders' summit month in the calendar of GBR.

This Friday and Saturday, Rosebank Union Church will be the place to be as the 8th annual 'Thought Leaders' kicks-off with the intercession and five-fold ministers summit. Friday evening will see the live launch of the GBR worship debut album.

GBR INTERCESSION SUMMIT

Prayer and intercession are an integral part of GBR and GFFJ as the mandate was birthed out of fervent prayer.

The vision of the department of

Intercession is to establish a global house of prayer for all the nations of the earth. The summit this year is organised under the theme "the role of intercessors in the kingdom mandate".

The intercession summit takes place alongside the five-fold summit. It is in line with Luke 18: 1 "And he spoke a parable unto them to this end that men ought always to pray, and not to faint".

GBR FIVE-FOLD MINISTERS SUMMIT

GBR hosts annually an interdenominational summit for all members of the five-fold ministers, these

include as extracted from Hebrews 4:11. The summit also includes senior church leaders in their various ranks such as bishops, archbishops, deacons, reverends and many others.

The main aim of this is to work towards unity in the body of Christ, sharing best practices, praying together as ministers and addressing the many challenges that are faced with spreading the gospel of Jesus in the various parts of the world.

GLOBAL THINK TANK SUMMIT

The thought leaders' summit is an intellectual and experts' forum that interrogates various kinds of

challenges around the world and seeks to find unique solutions to them.

This forum is tasked with rigorous research and critical inquiry, to ensure that GBR produces discussion papers on policy, governance and other principal issues affecting society.

These will in turn, play a role in formulating GBR position papers when the various structures have been completed.

The focus is on the original plan of God for these mountains, or what went wrong and what can be done to restore the damage done by the current world systems.

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- 04/09/17 Doing Business in Zimbabwe
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- 04/09/17 Mentorship and Coaching
- 11/09/17 Men Of Integrity
- 18/09/17 Future Leaders
- 25/09/17 Doing Business in Zimbabwe
- TBN-Channel 343 Season 2 (showing Saturday at 5pm)
- 02/09/17 Investments
- 09/09/17 Doing Business in Botswana
- 16/09/17 GBR Worship Team
- 23/09/17 Poverty
- 30/09/17 Healthcare-Global and Local Trends
- RTM Season 2 (showing Mondays at 8pm)
- 04/09/17 Doing business in Botswana
- 11/09/17 GBR Worship Team
- 18/09/17 Poverty
- 25/09/17 Child Healthcare-global and local trends
- A new thing on VOC radio (Every Tuesday 6:30 p.m.)
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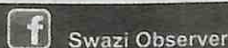
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ON THIS DAY

... SEPTEMBER 18

1850 - The Fugitive Slave Act was declared by the US Congress. The act allowed slave owners to claim slaves that had escaped into other states.

1851 - The first issue of "The New York Times" was published.

1891 - Harriet Maxwell Converse became the first white woman to ever be named chief of an Indian tribe. The tribe was the Six Nations Tribe at Towanda Reservation in New York.

1895 - Daniel David Palmer gave the first chiropractic adjustment.

1927 - Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System made its debut with its network broadcast over 16 radio stations. The name was later changed to CBS.

1940 - "You Can't Go Home Again" by Thomas Wolfe was published by Harper and Brothers.

1946 - Mound Metalcraft was founded in Mound, MN. On November 23, 1955, the company changed its name to Tonka Toys Incorporated.

1947 - The United States Air Force was established as a separate military branch by the National Security Act.

1955 - The "Ed Sullivan Show" began on CBS-TV. The show had been "The Toast of the Town" since 1948.

1963 - "The Patty Duke Show" premiered on ABC-TV.

1965 - The first episode of "I Dream of Jeannie" was shown on NBC-TV. The last show was televised on September 1, 1970.

1981 - A museum honoring former US President Ford was dedicated in Grand Rapids, MI.

1984 - The 39th session of the UN General Assembly was opened with an appeal to the US and Soviet Union to resume arms negotiations.

1991 - US President George H.W. Bush said that he would send warplanes to escort UN helicopters that were searching for hidden Iraqi weapons if it became necessary.

1994 - Haiti's military leaders agreed to depart on October 15. This action averted a US-led invasion to force them out of power.

1997 - Ted Turner, US Media magnate, announced that over the next ten years he would give \$1 billion to the United Nations.

1998 - The US House Judiciary Committee voted to release the videotape of President Clinton's grand jury testimony from August 17.

1998 - The FDA approved a once-a-day easier-to-swallow medication for AIDS patients.

2003 - Robert Duvall received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ronaldo (SOCCER PLAYER) : September 18, 1976 (41 Years)



Angela Simmons (REALITY STAR) : September 18 1987 (30 Years)

WHAT SADC LEADERS AGREED ON DURING DOUBLE TROIKA SUMMIT

1. The Double Troika Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) was held at OR Tambo Building, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) in Pretoria, in the Republic of South Africa on September 15, 2017.

2. The Double Troika Summit was attended by the following Double Troika Heads of State and Government or their representatives:

South Africa: H.E. President Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma
Swaziland: H.M. King Mswati III
Namibia: Rt. Hon. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister
Angola: H.E. Hon. Georges Rebelo Chikoti, Minister of External Relations and Special Envoy
Zambia: Hon. Davis Chama (MP), Minister of Defence
United Republic of Tanzania: H. E. Sylvester M. Ambokile, High Commissioner of the United Republic of Tanzania to the Republic of South Africa

3. The Right Honourable

Dr. Motsoahae Thomas Thabane Prime Minister of Kingdom of Lesotho was also invited. The Double Troika Summit was also attended by the SADC Facilitator to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa and the Executive Secretary of SADC, H.E. Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax.

4. Summit was convened following the assassination of Lieutenant General (Lt Gen) Khoantle Motsomoto, Commander of the Lesotho Defence Force (LDF) on September 5, 2017.

Upon the assassination, the Chairperson of the Organ on Politics Defence and Security Cooperation, His Excellency José Eduardo dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola, immediately sent a ministerial fact finding mission to the Kingdom of Lesotho to assess the circumstances surrounding the assassination of Lt Gen Motsomoto.

5. Summit strongly condemned the brutal assassination of Lt Gen Motsomoto, and expressed condolences to the family of the late LDF Commander, Government and people of the Kingdom of

Lesotho for the assassination of Lt Gen Motsomoto and urged the Kingdom to expedite investigations into the assassinations of Brig Mahao and Lt. Gen Motsomoto, the Chief of the LDF.

6. Summit received a report of the ministerial fact finding mission and noted the volatile security situation and its implications for the political stability of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Summit also noted an urgent need to assist the Kingdom of Lesotho in restoring law and order, and a peaceful environment conducive to among others, the implementation of SADC decisions specifically, security sector and constitutional reforms, as well as the recommendations of the commission of inquiry.

7. Summit approved the deployment of a contingent force comprising military, security, intelligence and civilian experts to support the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, and directed the chiefs of defence and security to assess the requirements, determine the appropriate size of the contingent force, and to prepare the modalities

for the deployment.

8. Maintained the terms of reference and composition of the Oversight Committee as approved by the 37th SADC Ordinary Summit.

9. In the interim, Summit approved an expanded mandate and composition of a total of 34 members of the Oversight Committee to include military, security, intelligence and civilian experts to be deployed to Lesotho immediately for a period of one month.

10. Summit commended the Government of Angola, the Chairperson of the Organ on Politics Defence and Security Cooperation, H.E. José Eduardo Dos Santos for his prompt action, and generosity in facilitating the fact finding mission to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

11. Summit thanked the Chairperson of SADC, H.E. Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa for hosting the Double Troika Summit and for the warm hospitality extended to all delegations. Done at Pretoria, Republic of South Africa, September 15, 2017.

EYE OF THE STORM

By Carl Brook

"HE said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?'" Mark 4:40

In the Indian Ocean, it's a cyclone. In the north Pacific, a typhoon. In the Atlantic, a hurricane. The sheer amount of energy released in these storms beggar belief. The winds of an average hurricane produce half the entire capacity of what the world generates in electricity. Take into account the energy released from cloud and rain formation and, according to NASA, "during its life cycle a hurricane can expend as much energy as 10 000 nuclear bombs."

Some of us still remember the tropical storm 'Domoina' that crossed into Swaziland from Mozambique in January 1984. In one day, Pigg's Peak measured 615 mm (24 inches) of rain.

Floods

The record downpour and resultant flooding damaged or destroyed over 100 bridges, and altered the course of the Pongola river. Domoina was directly responsible for the deaths of 73 people in Swaziland.

Dire though these figures are, they pale in comparison with the Category 5 monster that roared through the Caribbean last week. Meteorologists gave it the unassuming name of 'Irma.'

Hundreds of years ago, hurricanes were named after saints. By the end



of the 19th century, an Australian forecaster, Clement Wragge, began giving female names to tropical storms.

Impact

The practice was adopted widely and in 1979 male names were included. When a storm is particularly severe or destructive the given name is 'retired,' never to be used again. Cases in point would be hurricanes Sandy (2012) and Katrina (2005). Although these were only Category 3 storms by the time they made landfall, their impact on the United States was deadly: Katrina killed 1245 people.

To put Irma in perspective, the wind speeds of cyclone Domoina peaked around 100 km/h (62 mph). On September 5, Irma was producing winds of 295 km/h (185 mph) that were sustained for 36 hours. This was a hurricane three times as intense

as Domoina.

So, I have an uncle in the yacht-chartering business. During the Atlantic storm season (usually August to September), yachts moor their vessels in what are known as 'hurricane holes.'

These are protected inlets shielded from storm surges and surrounded by sturdy trees, usually sufficient to blunt the force of high winds, but the adjectives 'average' and 'usually' did not apply to Irma. Here is a picture of what the normally pristine mooring looked like, halfway through the storm.

My uncle and his wife lost their yacht and their livelihood, an experience shared by hundreds of other yachts. Hopefully, the vessel was insured so they can pick up the pieces. But many of the residents of the Caribbean islands are not as fortunate. Reading the headlines as

I write, severe damage to infrastructure and looting amid evacuations are seriously hampering efforts to render aid.

What is interesting about the photo is that it was taken in the 'eye' of the hurricane, that (temporary) moment of calm weather found at the very centre of the storm. Do you remember when the disciples woke up our Saviour, panicked at the sight of waves swamping their boat? Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Mark tells us that the wind died down and it was completely calm.

If Jesus is truly Lord of your life then he is the 'eye' around which storms will rage but never penetrate. You may be buffeted black and blue, you may be swamped by overwhelming pressures, but in Christ your anchor WILL hold. Place your trust in Him.

BEING GAY IS THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Mbuyiselo Botha
City Press

WE can't just sweep the widespread homophobia in SA under the carpet.

Former higher education deputy minister Mduduzi Manana has finally done the right thing. He resigned in the midst of a scandal in which he allegedly beat up a young woman, although he said that he was extremely provoked.

Reports say that the provocation leading to the beating was that the woman, Mandisa Duma, made comments about Manana's sexual orientation.

After this incident, the Twitter brigade and many callers to radio stations were scathing in their condemnation of the perpetrator and the victim of the abuse in equal measure. One male caller to Kaya FM even went a step further by saying that, just because the majority of South Africans haven't expressed an opinion about people with different sexual orientations, doesn't mean that society has fully accepted or embraced this section of the population. Hence, the caller said, he too would have been offended had he been called gay.

Abuse

Our country is known for its inability to address difficult topics, such as Manana's behaviour and his victim's obvious homophobic tendencies in using gayness as a slur.

We strongly condemn abuse against women and we believe there are no excuses if someone hits a defenceless woman.

The criminal charges – which Manana pleaded guilty to this week – are going to ensure that Manana doesn't lay a hand on another person again, and he has owned up to the fact that he needs counselling to deal with his feelings of anger.

He admitted as much when he said, "that shameful incident should not have happened. I know my actions and those of the people in my company have disappointed and hurt many people in this country. As a leader, I should have known



RIGHT DECISION: Former higher education deputy minister Mduduzi Manana.

better and acted better. Regardless of the extreme provocation, I should have exercised restraint."

We can't just sweep it under the carpet. In response to Manana's resignation as deputy minister, ANC Secretary-General Gwede Mantashe said something profound about our attitude towards people who are not heterosexual, adding that Manana would remain a member of the ANC in Parliament and would not face any action from the party.

He said that, during the altercation that led to the alleged assault, Manana was ridiculed for his sexual orientation. Mantashe said, "that aspect must be debated because, if we don't, we are going to continue this isolating of people with different sexual orientations in the communities. Beating up women is not acceptable; women are not for beating."

Slur

Mantashe is spot on. He condemned Manana's violent action towards the woman and agreed that what he did was wrong.

Yet, he implored us to deal with the issue of homophobia. We can't just sweep it under the carpet, because throwing the gay slur around just shows how society still views what we generally refer to as gay people, and the type of conversations held behind everyone's back.

And, as much as some people say

being called gay is not an insult, in a society such as ours – in which we have not fully embraced that there are people who are different from us, but who deserve the same respect accorded the rest of society – gayness will continue to be regarded as a swear word until we come up with ways to educate and teach everyone that gay people also have a right to be here and, therefore, they also deserve our respect and support. The callers to the radio station just demonstrate that we have not even begun to tackle the problem of how some people perceive those of a different sexual orientation. The rage that they have expressed should have us worried, because it means many of us still don't understand what our Constitution decrees on human rights, where we come from as a country and why those rights have to be protected.

We need to find a way to get our children to read and know the Constitution by heart – from an early age – so that they understand what is meant when we call South Africa a constitutional democracy, as opposed to countries such as Ghana, where gay rights are neither recognised nor protected by any laws. Without underplaying the abuse and rape of women, we can't at the same time ignore the cases of violent attacks on gay people in many communities. Some lesbians

are even subjected to what is called "corrective rape", which is a violation and brutalisation of women by straight men. Many of these women are also brutally killed.

If we fail to take stock and address this culture of violence meted out to all those perceived as weaker than and different to heterosexual men, we will be failing our children and ourselves as protectors, brothers, fathers, uncles, husbands and sons of this beloved country.

The gay tag is always hanging like a sword over men in our society. They feel they have to keep proving that they are not gay or "soft" by sometimes acting violently towards others and committing acts such as rape, assault, murder, alcohol and drug abuse, road rage and femicide. All because we want to prove that we are men. That is totally unacceptable. When men commit violent acts and other atrocities against women, children and other vulnerable community members, they are showing that they are inhuman and incapable of feeling compassion for other human beings – a huge indictment on their conscience. It has nothing to do with being a man and everything to do with being insecure and a coward, and picking on those more vulnerable than yourself to feel stronger.

Botha is a commissioner with the Commission for Gender Equality

STOP BEATING CHILDREN

Corporal punishment is a euphemism for child beating. We are asked to pretend that it is not, but such a performance would be both indulgent and untruthful.

However, in contemporary South Africa, many adults will have no qualms about professing in public that they beat children, and will even call in to radio stations to advocate for bringing back legislation which allows teachers to beat children.

The proponents of the necessity of corporal punishment are of the view that beating children is a way of disciplining them. It inculcates in chil-

dren values of obedience, respect for authority, and good behaviour. Throughout my own childhood I had heard people extol the virtues and values of their own beatings. This did not stop me from objecting to being beaten myself, and of pointing out the obscenity of an adult with a weapon being licensed by the state to beat children it has placed in his or her care.

One teacher I knew of went beyond the usual obscenity and named the implement he used to beat children in his mathematics class "Love". He claimed to be a charismatic Christian

and cited biblical text in support of his profligate beating of other people's children. Some people even threatened and did take their children to the police for beatings. All this violence was normalised and the brutalising effects were ignored or explained away.

What lessons does a six-year-old or a 12-year-old learn about the world when the adult who is supposed to teach them takes a weapon and beats them? What do the adults meting out this violence imagine these beaten children will become as adults, when they, the violators, are elderly? In a world awash in such interpersonal violence, what happens to human dig-

nity?

Of course, those who believe beating children results in public good, or is their right, or is a culturally protected practice, are not easily swayed by evidence in support of abolishing the practice. No number of studies showing the negative effects on individuals beaten in childhood can gain-say their anecdotal evidence of how much they themselves have benefited from being beaten. The nostalgia for such pain and violation does make a thinking observer wonder about the long-term damage so deep-seated as to have been rendered practically invisible.

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Wit and Wisdom

● "Everything in the world is about sex except sex. Sex is about power."
– Oscar Wilde

● "Laughter is timeless. Imagination has no age. And dreams are forever."
– Walt Disney Company

● "I was gratified to be able to answer promptly, and I did. I said I didn't know."
– Mark Twain

● "Kiss me, and you will see how important I am."
– Sylvia Plath, *The Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath*

● "When you have eliminated all which is impossible, then whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."
– Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes*

● "Never allow someone to be your priority while allowing yourself to be their option."
– Mark Twain

● "But luxury has never appealed to me, I like simple things, books, being alone, or with somebody who understands."
– Daphne du Maurier

● "There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them."
– Joseph Brodsky

● "Some tourists think Amsterdam is a city of sin, but in truth it is a city of freedom. And in freedom, most people find sin."
– John Green, *The Fault in Our Stars*

● "Libraries were full of ideas—perhaps the most dangerous and powerful of all weapons."
– Sarah J. Maas, *Throne of Glass*

● "Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth."
– Oscar Wilde

● "Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value."
– Albert Einstein

● "I am very interested and fascinated how everyone loves each other, but no one really likes each other."
– Stephen Chbosky, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

● "No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader. No surprise in the writer, no surprise in the reader."
– Robert Frost

● "I wonder how many people I've looked at all my life and never seen."
– John Steinbeck, *The Winter of Our Discontent*

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	6.5%
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 15 SEPT 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.1135	13.1635
British Pound/SZL	17.6009	17.6680
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.3990	8.4287
Swiss France/SZL	13.6103	13.6565
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2877	1.3045
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.4934	10.5400
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.7886	10.8261
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	15.6359	15.6955
Gold	1,330.5000	
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FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY WILL NEVER BE WON WITH LOWER WAGES

By Manqoba Makhubu
Harare, Zimbabwe
Courtesy of FSE&CC

INTERVENTIONS on unemployment should not only focus on employment creation, but decent employment creation.

International Labour Organisation (ILO) consultant Nyasha Muchichwa said work should be more than just a job, but should result in broader human well-being, both for the present and for the future.

He was speaking during the African Regional Labour Administration Centre (ARLAC) workshop held at the ARLAC centre in Harare, Zimbabwe last week.

Participating countries other than Swaziland included Botswana, Kenya, Liberia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Lesotho and Namibia.

The workshop was themed 'Rethinking strategies for employment creation and mitigating job losses.' It targeted government officials as well as representatives of workers and employer organisations.

The country had representatives from the ministry of labour and social security.

Dr. Godfrey Kanyendze said though some countries might have low unemployment rates, a majority of the people were underemployed or working poor, hence it has remained difficult for the working class to break the chains of poverty.

"Employment on its own is not sufficient for poverty reduction, the return or the wage rate is critical," he said.



STRATEGIES: African Regional Labour Administration Centre (ARLAC) acting Director Dr. Locary Hlabanu and Kenya Ambassador Lucy Chelimo during the official closure of the workshop.

Dr. Kanyendze said the underlying feature of the chronic nature of poverty is the persistence of poor quality employment. Therefore, he said sustained poverty reduction requires three factors; growth, elasticity and integrability factor. The growth factor relates to the rate at which the economy grows.

Elasticity

The elasticity factor indicates the extent to which growth is associated with employment both in quality and quantity.

The integrability factor refers to the extent to which the poor are able to integrate into economic processes such that as growth and employment expand, they can take advantage of the opportunities that arise.

"There is no automatic link between work and human development. The quality of work is an important dimension of ensuring that work enhances human development," he said. Dr. Kanyendze

said for the poor to participate in and benefit from economic growth, they need access to asset and exchange entitlements.

Asset entitlements refer to the relative distribution of capital assets such as land, credit, human capital and social capital such as health and social security. He said these entitlements were non-existent to those who were not able to find decent formal sector jobs.

Cycle

Therefore, he underscored the importance of coming up with policies that promote equity and help unlock the vicious cycle of links between growth, employment and poverty reduction.

He said there are three elements that serve as foundation for any national strategy targeted at poverty reduction.

These are a macro-economic policy framework that fosters stability, mechanisms to help reduce costs for the poor and public invest-

ments in the capacity of the poor to participate in and benefit from growth.

The four pillars of ILO's Decent Work Agenda require acknowledging that a principal route of poverty is jobs and that the economy needs to generate opportunities for investments, entrepreneurship, job creation and sustainable livelihoods.

The second pillar emphasises the need for people to have representation opportunities to participate, voice their views in order to obtain rights and to earn respect.

The third pillar stresses basic social protection such as health-care and retirement security and the last pillar champions social dialogue among governments, workers and employers to resolve important economic and social issues, encourage good governance, establish sound labour relations and boost economic and social progress.

FNB STRENGTHENS CUSTOMER RELATIONS

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE First National Bank (FNB) is working hard to reinforce its relationship with clients.

The bank has extended an invitation to FNB banked businesses to showcase during the upcoming Smooth Festival which will be held in October 21.

"As a bank, we are working on strengthening our relationship with clients by availing an opportunity to showcase their products and services at the upcoming Smooth Festival. This we are doing through

an invitation to service providers and small businesses. The invitation is open to both FNB banked businesses and non FNB businesses," said FNB's Head of Marketing Zethu Dlamini.

The bank decided to incorporate a business aspect into this year's edition of the festival which has in the past focused mostly on entertainment.

"In the past years the event has been focusing on entertain-

ment but we decided as a bank to help our clients by introducing a business aspect to it.

We are looking forward to sitting down with both service providers and businesses who offer products on how we can help them as a bank," said Dlamini.

She said the Smooth Festival is a premium lifestyle event and the bank wants to ensure that

it does not exclude anyone.

"In ensuring that we work with everyone in our premium lifestyle event we are also extending an invitation to our partners and stakeholders in finding a way on how we can work with them. We are sticking to our tag line (How can we help you)," she said.

"We live in a very competitive environment and in doing this the bank is making means on helping out small businesses in the country.

"Our retail clients are also welcome to showcase if they have businesses they are running," she further stated.



SPECIFIC SECTORS THAT CAN HELP THE COUNTRY ACHIEVE GROWTH

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu
Harare, Zimbabwe
Courtesy of FSE&CC



AFRICAN REGIONAL LABOUR
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

THE country needs to prioritise and fully explore opportunities in agriculture, mining, manufacturing and tourism to achieve growth.

These sectors were identified during the African Regional Labour Administration Centre (ARLAC) workshop held at the ARLAC centre in Harare, Zimbabwe last week.

International Labour Organisation's (ILO) Nyasha Muchichwa urged the participating countries to focus on these areas to achieve growth.

He advised the participating countries to increase productivity of the current land in use, introduce training, commercialisation and marketing.

"We need to introduce new methods of farming and develop downstream agro-processing industries, such as food and beverage manufacturing and textile amongst others," he said.

Muchichwa said there is a need to shift from low value grain production to more labour intensive and higher value added horticulture and biofuel crops.

The global market demand for organic food and beverages has increased

be able to create jobs and facilitate re-industrialisation," he said.

He said mining was the central driver of growth and structural transformation and assumes a key role of growth process because of its ability to generate spill overs, technical progress, economies of scale and to raise overall productivity of the economy.

"This is because the manufacturing sector has strong linkages with the rest of the economy, has potential for capital accumulation and a huge potential for technical progress," said Muchichwa.

Revamping

In revamping the sector, Muchichwa said there was a need to address policy uncertainty, access to finance and raw material, skills and infrastructure.

He said SMEs can benefit from the sector if there could be cluster development.

"This could provide and encourage collective efficiency and competitiveness and fosters productivity and innovation" he said.

"It is therefore important that there be a conscious and explicit cluster development programme targeting the manufacturing sector," he said.

He said it was also important to understand the sources of potential comparative advantage that the manufac-

remarkably in the past years.

Muchichwa said these present a huge opportunity for the continent which has roughly 60 per cent of the potentially available cropland in the world.

Potential

He said the potential of the capital intensive sectors such as mining can be maximised through building resource linkages with the rest of the economy.

These comprise of revenue linkages, supply chain linkages, value addition and beneficiation linkages to create new industries associated with mining.

Muchichwa said there is also need to reverse the decline of the manufacturing sector.

"This will ensure that the sector will

Increasing youth unemployment ticking time bomb

THE increasing number of unemployed youth could lead to increased unrest, according Dr.Mkhululi Ncube.

He said 40 per cent of those joining rebel movements were motivated by lack of jobs and outward migration. Ncube said the contributing factor towards youth unemployment was the mismatch between educational systems and the skills needed by the labour market, the saturated public sector, information gaps between job seekers and potential employers and barriers to the creation and development of business opportunities particularly gaining access to

such opportunities. Adding, he said the educated youth also has a tendency of seeking white collar jobs.

Propensity

"Poorer countries show the highest propensity for migration among the youth, elevated unemployment rate, increased susceptibility to working poverty and lack of good quality job opportunities," he said.

Therefore, he said creating jobs is critical across Africa and in particular for the youth.

"Africa is the youngest continent which has its own challenges and opportunities," he said.

turing sector holds in the global market and remove all the barriers that were preventing the sector to thrive and identify specific sub-sectors in which it can compete.

Export

"It is in these sub-sectors that the economy can diversify into higher value added export commodities, where there are higher wages and higher productivity," he said.

Muchichwa said the fastest growing sub-sector in sustainable

tourism was eco-tourism.

"Many developing countries appear to have a comparative advantage in eco-tourism, due to their environments, cultural heritage and opportunities for adventure holidays," said Muchichwa.

Also, he said modern efficient infrastructure was key to economic growth, especially because energy, transportation and internet costs have remained very high in Africa. He said this has made it difficult for African markets to grow sustainably.

Summary of employment creation challenges identified by ARLAC participants

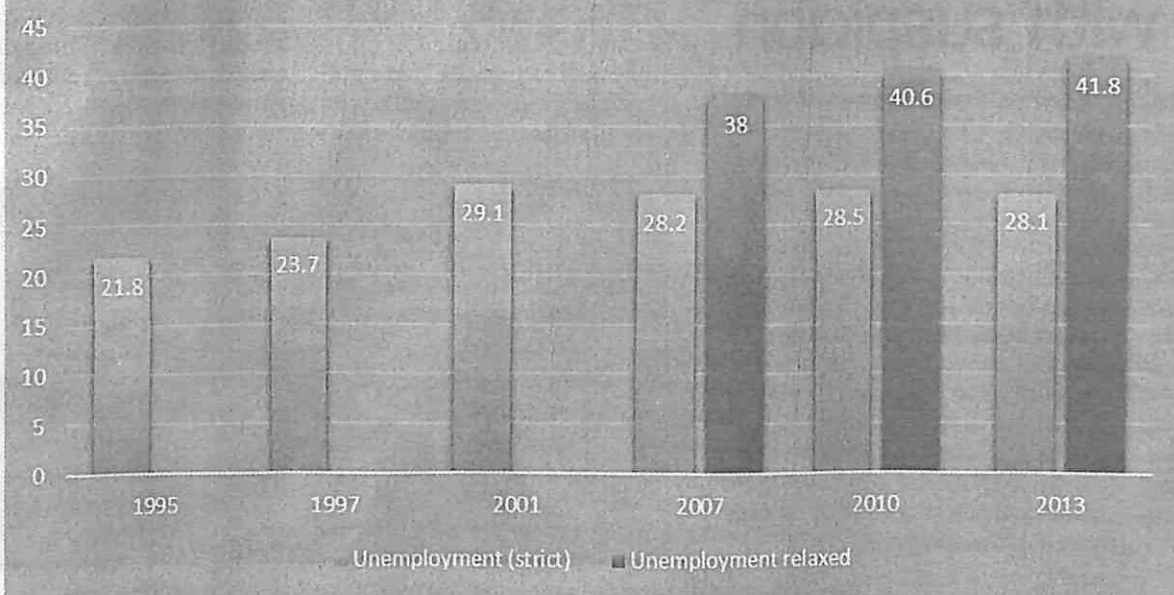
- Inefficient or lack of relevant regulations supporting entrepreneurship
- Lack of appropriate education and training (skills internship and mentorship)
- Poor/lack of supportive infrastructure (roads, water, electricity)
- Market challenges (information and accessibility)
- Restrictive social, cultural and religious perceptions
- Lack of start-up capital and limited access to finance
- Corruption
- Lack of harmonised approach by stakeholders to employment creation initiatives
- Race to the bottom and lowering of labour standards to attract

investors

Recommendations

- Enactment of relevant regulations to support entrepreneurship
- Developing relevant education and training programmes
- Providing and improving supportive infrastructure for employment initiative and market linkages
- Governments need to initiate public private partnerships for fundraising and capital generation
- Develop and increase effective oversight for monitoring and evaluation of all initiatives
- Harmonise and coordinate approaches of stakeholders to employment creation initiatives.

Unemployment Rate: 1995-2013



STA CONTINUOUSLY PROMOTES DOMESTIC TOURISM

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Swaziland Tourism Authority is continuously promoting domestic tourism.

STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini said there has to come a time where people understand that the country was blessed with a natural charm that provides vast options for tourism.

"The idea of using a passport and spending a lot of money in other countries for purposes of tourism is good but we have to explore the beautiful scenery that we have," he said.

The tourism establishment in promoting domestic tourism hosted local

media at Phophonyane Eco Lodge and Nature Reserve.

"As part of our marketing activities for Tourism Month as outlined in the STA marketing strategy, STA hosted media houses to a one day educational session which emphasises this global theme. Media houses present included Swazi TV, Swazi Observer, Swaziland Shopping and SBIS," he said. "It is becoming a norm that we host inter-

national tourists at establishments in the country that are not known by a number of locals.

The idea of tourism has since been looked at as an expensive activity that has to be done outside the country," he further stated. The one day educational tour had different activities that included hiking and learning about the Nsangwini bush paintings. "The itinerary included taking a walk to Nsangwini Rock

Art to see the bushman paintings which date back to 250AD. These paintings are unique to Swaziland in all of Southern Africa. The tour also included hiking to the famous GAP pot holes to find beauty in natural formations.

These are not the same pot holes you would find in a badly worn road, but rather holes formed in river rocks by water erosion. They are a truly magnificent phenomenon and the story behind this particular location "The Gap" is equally fascinating; In a nutshell, this was the only point (before bridges came along) where it was possible to cross the river due to the gap created by these pot holes," he said.



INNOVATIVE: STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini.

Sim goes it alone

JOHANNESBURG - Subtle and humble are two of the words used to describe Standard Bank CEO Sim Tshabalala, who, until last week, held the post jointly with Ben Kruger. The two were appointed in 2013 as part of what the bank said was a necessary structure to effect its turnaround strategy. It was heavily criticised for the dual appointment.

Speaking to City Press this week from the bank's head office in Rosebank, Johannesburg, Tshabalala said discussions about this joint leadership had continued since it came into being, and added that the arrangement was necessitated by the conditions at the time.

One of the most common sustained criticisms against Standard Bank was the assertion that the joint-CEO structure



GOES IT ALONE: Standard Bank sole CEO Sim Tshabalala.

was an insult to black excellence and, in effect, meant that Tshabalala, whom many thought was a natural

choice to succeed Jacko Maree at the time, was incapable of leading the group alone and needed to be yoked

with a white man to do his job.

As it turns out, it was Kruger who proposed that Tshabalala continues as sole captain, and that he steps down. Kruger will stay on as an executive director and report to Tshabalala.

Asked whether he thought he was ready to lead the bank alone, Tshabalala again made the point that, in light of what was happening in the banking group at the time, if a single person had headed up the restructuring process, they would have suffered a breakdown because of the immense workload.

The bank was exiting its international operations at the time, selling off units in Turkey, Argentina and Singapore, downscaling operations in Hong Kong, and deploying capital to local and African operations.

Tshabalala said the bank was also setting up a R21 billion information technology system at the time. It is scheduled for completion later this year.

"You had major projects that required the attention of a CEO, and you could have done it as a CEO. But I am prepared to bet you that whoever that person was would have had a nervous breakdown today. And thank God we didn't make that decision then because the load was just enormous," he insisted. "If you are truly an African institution, you need more people from outside South Africa at senior executive level," Tshabalala added.

He pointed out that, given that the bank operated in 19 African countries, and those countries contributed significantly to the profits of the group, it made sense that the bank reflected the demographics of the continent.

At least 30 per cent of the bank's profits come from its African operations.

Hence, reasoned Tshabalala, this was where he hoped to source executives in his bid to have more faces from outside the country take up roles in the higher echelons. *Fin24*

Apple, Dell join Bain Capital's bid to buy Toshiba's chip business

TOKYO, Japan - US tech titans Apple and Dell have joined a bid to buy Toshiba's memory chip business, a deal seen as key to the survival of the cash-stripped Japanese industrial conglomerate, the US investor leading the consortium has said.

"Last week Bain Capital made a revised offer" for Toshiba, which

"brings in a broad list of strategic partners including Apple, Dell" and others who will invest in the business, Bain Capital said in a statement obtained by AFP yesterday.

It was the first time Apple's name has been officially confirmed as part of the bid, although it has reportedly also been involved in rival bids for the lucrative Toshiba segment.

The announcement came after Toshiba said last week it had picked the Bain Capital-led consortium as the leading candidate to buy its prized chip business in a deal reportedly worth some \$18 billion. The development was the latest twist in a long-running saga as Toshiba agonises between three groups of suitors for its chip business. *AFP*

Bitcoin sinks as China said to order exchange halt this month

BEIJING - Bitcoin tumbled, heading for its worst week since January 2015, after people familiar with the matter said China aims to stop exchange trading of cryptocurrencies by the end of September.

Regional Chinese regulators were notified of the plan by a central bank-led group overseeing Internet finance risks, said the people, who asked not to be named because the information is private. Bitcoin dropped 9.3 per cent to \$3 077.55 at 10:22, extending this week's decline to 28 per cent.

The notice suggests Chinese policy makers will move quickly with their most far-reaching measure to

rein in the growth of cryptocurrencies. China's crackdown, which includes a ban on initial coin offerings announced last week, has fuelled an abrupt reversal in bitcoin after the digital currency soared more than 700 per cent in the 12 months through August.

The digital currency tumbled on Thursday after BTC China, one of the country's largest cryptocurrency venues, said it would stop handling trades by month-end. Rivals OKCoin and Huobi said they haven't received any regulatory orders to halt. The People's Bank of China didn't immediately reply to a faxed request for comment.

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Black contractors viewed with suspicion

CAPE TOWN - There is a culture of institutional suspicion in the construction industry as black contractors' ability to undertake construction projects is being questioned.

This is according to Master Builders South Africa President Bonke Simelane.

At the association's annual congress in Cape Town this week, he said: "It is always [a case of], 'Who are they? What can they do?' ... There is a culture of institutional suspicion regarding the reluctance to take on emerging black contractors."

"The established [big construction firms] need to take the emerging black

contractors into their fold and dedicate resources and time to a developmental approach over a period of time."

The congress explored ways in which radical transformation in the construction industry and to the sector's codes could be addressed and implemented to pave the way for previously disadvantaged black contractors to participate in the industry and reap financial gains.

Radical transformation, knowledge transfer and skills development dominated the two-day panel discussions, which formed a key part of the congress.

Chairing a panel discussion on the key points affecting the construction industry was John Maytham, the afternoon drive presenter on radio station 567 CapeTalk.

Maytham pointed out that, typically, when someone called contractors to do alterations on a property, a white foreman and/or the owner of the construction firm arrived at the property to start the work, spent "10 minutes" there and would leave two or three black or coloured people to carry out the alterations. Why, asked Maytham, were black contractors not setting up their own construction firms? *Fin24*

An end to impunity at SAA

JOHANNESBURG - Impunity at SAA was going to end, said Themba Godi, the chairperson of Parliament's key standing committee on public accounts (Scopa) and an MP for the African People's Convention, this week.

"Those who mess up must be held to account," Godi said during a meeting held at SAA's headquarters near OR Tambo International Airport during a Scopa meeting with the SAA board, including chairperson Dudu Myeni and acting CEO Musa Zwane.

Tim Brauteseth, a DA MP, said that SAA was a national liability. "We don't have money here in

South Africa. Every single cent counts ... I'm sick and tired of the South African taxpayer wasting money on something that should be self-sustainable," he said.

Myeni said that SAA could be turned around, and it could be sustained without asking government to intervene.

"The global airlines are looking for growth in Africa. It is only us as South Africans that are not capitalising on the continent to grow the airline," she said.

Myeni said that, to the public, SAA was known as an "alcoholic" or a "company that cannot sustain" itself. *Fin24*

Bloodbath at KPMG

JOHANNESBURG - Auditing firm says there was no political motivation behind its SARS rogue unit report.

The continuing purge of directors at audit firm KPMG, and its promise to return or donate fees it earned on "sub-standard" work for the Guptas and the South African Revenue Service (SARS) won't make up for the damage it wrought, says one of the company's most consistent critics.

"It is a cop out," said Iraj Abedian,

CEO of Pan-African Investment and Research Services.

This came after KPMG on Friday released a lengthy statement on its role in auditing Gupta-owned companies and providing the ammunition that was subsequently used to hound former finance minister Pravin Gordhan out of Cabinet.

Abedian said KPMG should pay for the damage it caused, and not just repay the fees it charged while doing it.

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Captain of SA's postal service

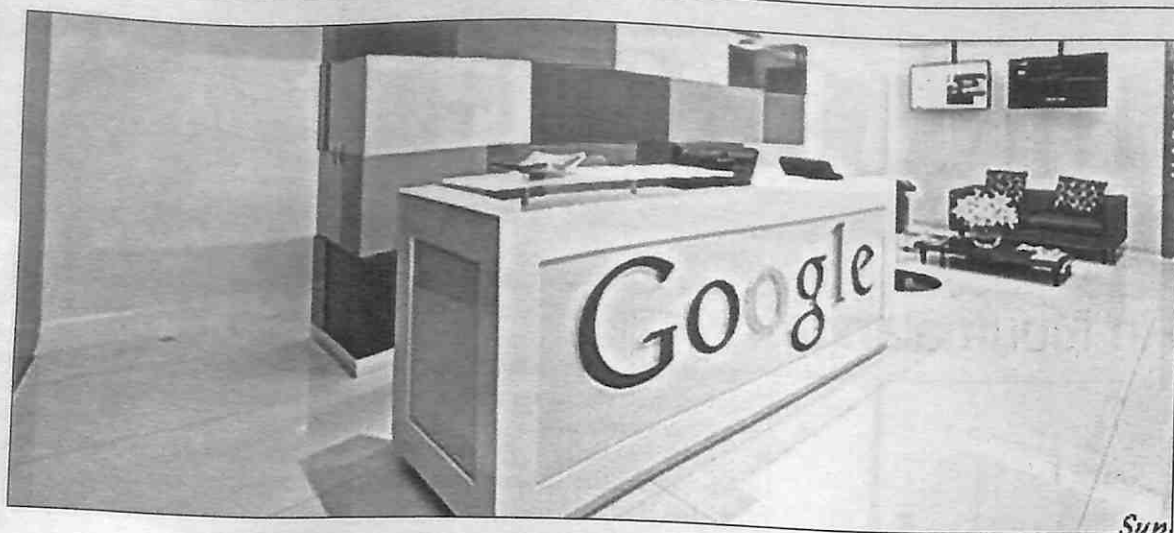
CAPE TOWN - "I believe the huge ship that is the SA Post Office is beginning to turn around - we are going to make it work," says a confident Lindiwe Kwele.

She has taken on one of the most demanding jobs in the country. It's her job to ensure the vision of an efficiently operating Post Office becomes a reality.

"It's a brilliant space to occupy if everyone buys into it," she says.

In the short time Kwele has been in the position, she has placed customers at the centre of all she does. "We need to win their trust so they become our ambassadors."

She knows she's sitting in a hot seat as competition mushrooms, specifically with courier services, the internet and other postal services. *News24*



EU MINISTERS MAKE PUSH FOR GOOGLE, FACEBOOK TAX

TALLINN - Google and Facebook may face higher tax bills in Europe as the EU rushed Saturday to change rules so that more of Silicon Valley's mega profits fall into public coffers.

Public anger against the billions of euros earned by online behemoths is growing louder in Europe and EU finance ministers meeting in Estonia pledged to make sure the companies pay a fairer tax.

But divisions emerged on how to go about taking on the giants, with several member states worried that a tax in Europe could push the companies to set up shop in the US or Asia.

In the digital age, "the current taxation system no longer applies and

that is why we have to find another solution," said Toomas Toniste, finance minister of Estonia, which holds the EU's six-month rotating presidency.

Led by France and Germany, big EU powers urged their bloc partners to explore an emergency tax so that the giants pay tax where they earn revenue, instead of on profits booked in a low-tax EU HQ of their choice, often Ireland or Luxembourg.

"We are now about 10 countries to back this idea," said French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire as he stepped into the talks, adding that he hoped for a firm proposal by December.

"We don't want a Europe at the heel of others," he added.

But the road ahead will be difficult.

Europe-wide tax reform is a huge headache in the European Union, requiring unanimity of all 28 states, which has proven nearly impossible on tax issues.

Ministers from smaller member states already hinted at difficulties, warning that they would much prefer the problem be addressed at the international level, such as at the G20 or through the OECD, the club of rich nations.

"I think we should be very careful not to tax on what we are going to live on in the future," said Danish Finance Minister Kristian Jensen.

"I am... always sceptical by new taxes and I think Europe taxes are heavy enough," he added.

AFP

Country Bird won't give up on merger

JOHANNESBURG - Country Bird has said that it would not give up on the merger with poultry producer Sovereign Food, despite the Competition Tribunal blocking the move and referring the decision back to the Competition Commission.

Country Bird Chief Executive Marthinus Stander said he remained hopeful that a favourable decision could be reached with the commission again.

Stander said the setback did not mean that the company would no longer pursue the proposed merger. "The tribunal's decision is merely about 'which acquisition of control' definition the Commission considered in its original decision, for instance de facto (control at a level below 50 per cent) or de jure (control at 50 per cent plus one), which is very technical in nature," Stander said.

Purpose

Sovereign has been a target of major takeover with Capitalworks last month entering the race to acquire the company through a special purpose vehicle.

Capitalworks said it wanted a controlling stake in Sovereign for R907 million in an all-cash buy-out, valuing the company at R12 a share.

The Capitalworks offer has the backing of the Sovereign board. The merger talks started when Country Bird tabled an offer to

acquire the entirety of Sovereign's shares in July last year for R9 a share.

The initial offer was dependent on Country Bird obtaining 50 per cent plus one share in Sovereign before the termination date.

When Country Bird noted that it would not reach the threshold required by its own offer in the designated time, it issued a circular amending it and waiving the acceptance condition.

The commission, acting under the impression that the merger would only take place by Country Bird acquiring, at minimum, a 50 per cent plus one share in Sovereign, approved the transaction and imposed employ-

ment conditions which would only be binding upon Country Bird if it were to come to control a 50 per cent plus one share in Sovereign.

Country Bird holds a 9.5 per cent stake in Sovereign. Sovereign thereafter approached the Tribunal, asking for a review of the Commission's decision. The Tribunal said it was not clear under what terms the Commission had approved the merger.

However, the tribunal this week said the matter should be referred back to the commission. "Central to our finding in this matter is an inherent uncertainty as to what merger the Commission approved," the tribunal said.

Business Report



Regret a text? WhatsApp will soon let you delete it - on both sides

JOHANNESBURG - Instant messaging service WhatsApp is testing a feature that will allow users to revoke text messages within five minutes of sending.

According to WABetaInfo, a cross-platform beta tester for new WhatsApp features, the Facebook-owned messaging service is testing a 'Delete for Everyone' feature.

WABetaInfo said in a tweet that the server works and will allow users to successfully recall a message they have sent.

If the server works, it does not necessarily mean that the feature will be enabled immediately. WhatsApp still needs to roll the feature out officially to users.

WhatsApp will first enable and roll the feature out to beta users before it becomes a fully-fledged feature.

According to the Daily Mail, the feature was included in the code for version 2.17.30 of the app, but WhatsApp still needed to enable it.

Suggested

Rumours of the feature first began in February, when reports suggested the messaging app was testing a feature to delete messages mistakenly sent to users in its beta version - a win for drunken texters and those who send messages they regret later on.

Prior to testing this new feature, a user could press and hold on a specific message to delete it.

However, this function only removes the message from the device of the user who deleted it and not from the device of the user on the other end.

Fin24

Drought-hit deciduous fruit farmers mull alternatives

PAARL - As the drought afflicting the Western Cape and parts of the Eastern Cape shows no sign of abating, deciduous fruit farmers are considering contingency plans for the coming season, according to deciduous fruit farmers' organisation Hortgro.

"Growing fruit trees is a long-term investment with orchards bearing fruit over multiple seasons. It has been one of the driest winters in recent history, with unprecedented low dam levels and pressure on the water infrastructure servicing Cape Town and other municipi-

pal areas in the region," Hortgro spokesman Jacques du Preez said.

Fruit farmers, who were reliant on irrigation water to produce their crops, apprehensively awaited rain to fill up their dams. The water situation differed between regions - with some growers reporting enough water to at least see through most of the summer, while others reported only fractions of the required amounts of water available for the coming season. Hortgro recently presented an irrigation seminar to equip producers with the tools and strategies to mit-

igate the impact of the drought as best as possible. Since the future scenario of a drying climate required that all new plantings were highly efficient, the seminar revisited the basic principles of irrigation design and planning.

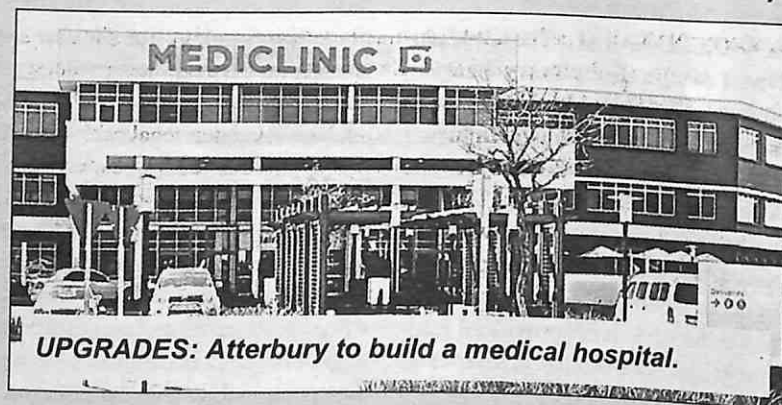
Stages during the season when trees might be more or less sensitive to drought stress or when conditions allowed water saving were identified while various practices and technologies to save water, such as mulching, restricting irrigation to the root zone, and netting were discussed, he said. **Fin24**

Winelands community to benefit from the new R350m medical facility

STELLENBOSCH - Atterbury, a South African property developer and investor is set to develop a new 15,000 square metre medical hospital worth R350 million in Stellenbosch.

Atterbury says it looks forward to delivering a modern, sustainable health care facility that supports Mediclinic in bringing even more of the best available care to the Winelands community for years to come.

It is understood that the development of a bigger private hospital responds to an increasing demand by the community and will mean residents of Stellenbosch and Winelands surrounding



UPGRADES: Atterbury to build a medical hospital.

areas will no longer have to travel long distances to access specialist medical services. Western Cape Development Manager for Atterbury, Gerrit van den

Berg says, "This is our first project for Mediclinic, and it is an exciting development for Atterbury."

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Focus on SA scene

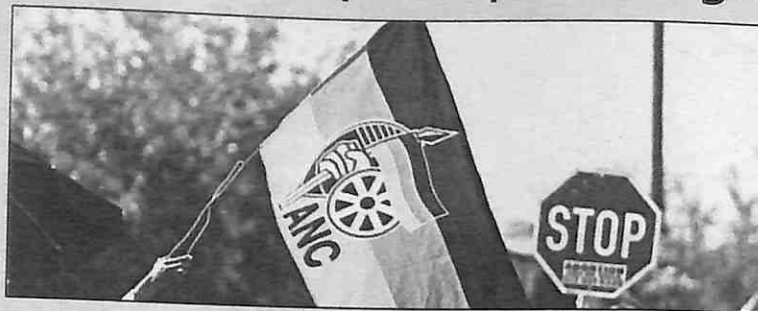
ANC succession race heats up in Mpumalanga

MBOMBELA - The ANC succession race is intensifying but the Mpumalanga province remains undecided about who it wants to lead the ANC.

The provincial Chairperson David Mabuza says the province is open to persuasion.

Mpumalanga is seen as the possible kingmakers in the ANC succession race.

Unity was the buzzword coming from



the special provincial general council, attended by leaders from other provinces, who gave their thoughts on the leadership race.

ANC North West Chairperson, Supra Mahumapelo said, "the organisation must speak in one voice. We may at times disagree let's speak amongst ourselves first, after agreeing that is when we can speak outside."

ANC Gauteng Chairperson, Paul Mashatile called for consensus in leadership.

Disputed ANC KZN Deputy Chairperson, Willies Mchunu said, "There's no rigidity in any of our positions, we are simply saying persuade us. That's what we understand as the culture and tradition."

Despite the show of unity, Mabuza

is keeping his options open.

Mabuza said, "this was a clear demonstration that the ANC is bigger than an individual, ANC has trained leaders, we've heard them speaking there should be no crisis to take ANC forward, we have men and women who are ready for the task, at this moment Mpumalanga we surrender ourselves to the unity of the ANC to work."

While the jury is still out for who the province will back calls are being made for Mpumalanga to accept the outcome of the December elective conference, whether they like it or not.

eNCA

TELL US WHERE THE GUNS ARE - BHEKI CELE

JOHANNESBURG - The Moerane Commission of Inquiry, which is investigating political killings in KwaZulu-Natal, is nothing more than a story-telling exercise, former police commissioner Bheki Cele says.

"I don't know why the commission was established. So Cele shot his sister and now what? You tell the story and then what? I don't know what the aim and the contribution of the commission is, except to tell us a story," he said.

Most of the "stories" the commission would hear had already been in the public domain for years, he told City Press.

Cele is former eThekweni ANC chairperson, is an ANC national executive committee member and is deputy minister of agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

He said Police Minister Fikile Mbalula's attempt to bring various branches of the police to bear on the problem of political killings was more valuable than the commission.

"There is one thing that stops people from committing crimes, and that is finding the people who are committing the crimes. Once people see arrests, they will lose their appetite to commit those



WASTE OF TIME: Former police commissioner Bheki Cele.

crimes because there are consequences," he said.

Cele attributed the killings to a toxic political environment and to inadequate policing efforts.

"Toxic because we have learnt to hold on to power at all costs, including [by] killing [people]."

The province has become a battleground in the run-up to the ANC's

December elective conference. Cele has aligned himself with presidential hopeful Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa to replace President Jacob Zuma.

"There is an exhausted democracy in the ANC when you begin to say that tradition can go out the window.

"You choose so-and-so and come with the foreign tendency of having kings and queens who take over.

DA rejects request for secret ballot against Mashaba

JOHANNESBURG - The Democratic Alliance DA has rejected the ANC's request for a secret ballot in the no confidence vote against city of Johannesburg mayor Herman Mashaba.

The party says the request is in conflict with the council's standing rules.

It is arguing that council rules

don't make provision for the speaker to call for a secret ballot.

The ANC tabled a no-confidence motion against Mashaba, citing financial distress in the city.

However, the DA has defended itself by saying it is cleaning up the corruption inherited from the previous ANC-led administration.

eNCA

State capture probe of old 'white capital'

DURBAN - The war between Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane, the SA Reserve Bank and top banks is far from over.

Mkhwebane is forging ahead with her investigation into alleged apartheid economic crimes implicating the Reserve Bank, top banks and business people.

She came under attack from the Reserve Bank and Absa last week.

In an affidavit, Absa accused her of having ulterior motives when she said in her June report that R1.125 billion in apartheid-era government funds should be recovered from Absa and the Reserve Bank's mandate must be changed.

The Reserve Bank, in an affidavit filed last week, accused the

Public Protector of being part of a conspiracy involving the State Security Agency.

The matter is a sequel to a report by Ciex, a covert UK-based asset recovery agency. The company was contracted by the government between October 1997 and December 1998 to advise on how to recoup money it lost due to apartheid-era looting or illicit activity. Thabo Mbeki, who was then deputy president, and several other government officials were interviewed as part of the investigation.

The company subsequently produced a report suggesting billions of rand was stolen during the apartheid era, of which R26bn was recoverable immediately.

News24

Makhosi Khoza disciplinary hearing adjourned to October

KWAZULU-NATAL - The KwaZulu-Natal ANC's disciplinary hearing against ANC MP Makhosi Khoza, who has been charged for bringing the party into disrepute, has been adjourned to 1 October.

Khoza had already stated she would not attend the disciplinary hearing, due to occur yesterday, as the courts had found the ANC KZN provincial leadership had been elected in an invalid process.

On Tuesday the court ruled that the KZN PEC be disbanded.

Khoza's hearing was meant to take

place last Sunday, but the date was changed after her representative requested more time.

Khoza has been a vocal critic of the party's current leadership, especially President Jacob Zuma, and had publicly called for him to step down before the motion of no confidence against him was held via secret ballot in August.

She has received multiple death threats against her and her daughter's life since first going public with her criticism in April.

Khoza was recently removed from her position as chairperson of the portfolio

committee on public service and administration, after five ANC MPs boycotted one of her meetings.

Today the ANC NEC will meet to discuss Tuesday's Pietermaritzburg High Court ruling that nullified the 2015 KZN elective conference, effectively rendering the leadership elected there illegitimate. This follows Friday's meeting between the now-defunct KZN PEC and the ANC Top 6 officials.

The PEC had said earlier this week that it would forge ahead with an appeal of their case at the Supreme Court of Appeal. *eNCA*



AT WAR: Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

ROLLS-ROYCE REVEALS PLANS FOR A FLEET OF SELF-DRIVING NAVAL SHIPS

LONDON - In what could be the most innovative naval vessels at sea, Rolls-Royce has revealed that it is developing a range of self-driving ships.

The crewless vessels will have a range of 3 500 nautical miles, and will be used to perform a range of missions, including patrol and surveillance, mine detection and fleet screening.

Rolls-Royce hopes that the fleet could take to sea "over the next 10 years."

The 60 metre-long vessel concept is capable of operating beyond the horizon for over 100 days, will displace 700 tonnes and reach speeds above 25 knots.

At the heart of the vessel is a robust and reliable power dense propulsion system.

Benjamin Thorp, General Manager of Naval Electrics, Automation and Control at Rolls-Royce, said: "Rolls-Royce is seeing interest from major navies in autonomous, rather than remote controlled, ships.

"Such ships offer a way to deliver increased operational capability, reduce the risk to crew and cut both operating and build costs.

"Over the next 10 years or so, Rolls-Royce expects to see the introduction of medium sized unmanned platforms, particularly in leading navies, as the concept of mixed manned and unmanned fleets develops. With our experience and capabilities we expect to lead the field."

Rolls-Royce sees larger manned ships covering multi-role missions, alongside the small vessels completing single-role missions.

The initial design suggests that the vessel will have a full electric propulsion system. It features two Rolls-Royce MTU 4000 series generators, providing around 4MW electrical power to a 1.5MW propulsion drive.

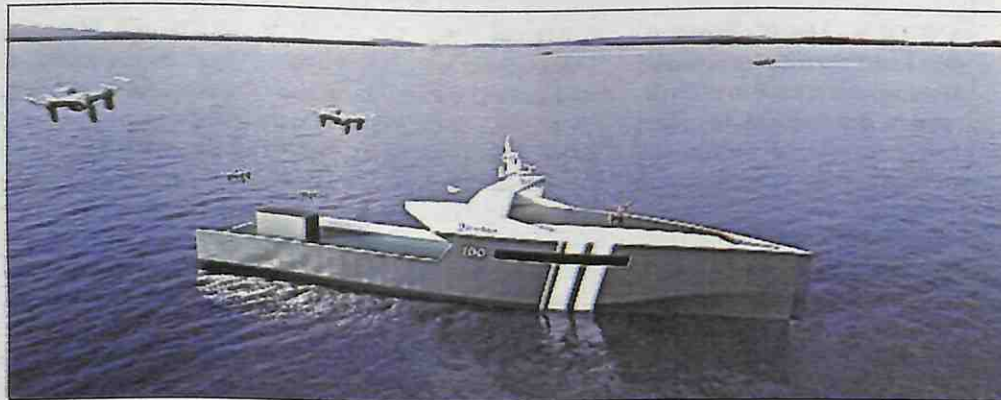
And to reduce fuel consumption and extend range, an additional 3 000 kWh of energy storage will be used for low speed operations.

The vessel will also be fitted with solar panels to generate power when the vessel is on standby.

Rolls-Royce emphasises that many of the technologies needed to make these autonomous ships already exist.

The firm has created what it believes to be the world's first Intelligent Awareness System combining multiple sensors with Artificial Intelligence, to help commercial vessels operate more safely and efficiently.

Daily mail



INNOVATION: The crewless vessels will have a range of 3 500 nautical miles and will be used to perform a range of missions including patrol and surveillance.



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MBABANE

PUBLIC NOTICE

LANE CLOSURE

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 lane closure of the following sections;

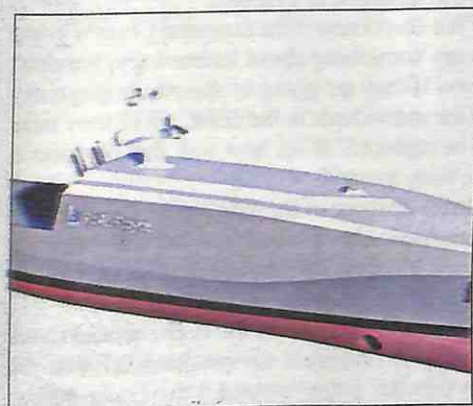
1. Gwamile Street between the traffic lights at Gwamile/Mdada intersection and the traffic light at Gwamile/Dabede /Somhlolo intersection, and
2. Mdzimba Avenue between the traffic light at Dabede/Mdzimba intersection and the traffic lights at Mdzimba/Somhlolo/Gwamile intersection (above Mbabane Spar)

The construction work is estimated to be completed within a period of two (2) months, from 18 September to 18 November 2017 and is being undertaken by A.G. Thomas (Pty) Ltd.

These sections of the roads (Mdzimba Avenue and Gwamile Street) will be temporarily closed for the duration of the construction period as shown below with limited access to residents. Motorists passing through these areas are advised to take directions as indicated below with extra caution.

Any inconvenience caused by the closure of these sections of Gwamile and Mdzimba Avenue is regrettable.

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ELECTRONIC: The initial design suggests that the vessels will have a full electric propulsion system. It features two Rolls-Royce MTU 4000 Series generators, providing around 4MW electrical power to a 1.5MW propulsion drive

BRIEFS

Troops sent to region of deadly clashes

ADDIS ABABA - Ethiopia's government said it is sending troops to a region where deadly clashes have broken out between Oromo and Somali ethnic groups. Somali regional officials say more than 50 people were killed in an attack against ethnic Somalis in the Oromia town of Aweday. Oromia regional officials say 18 were killed. "People were killed using sharp objects only because they were ethnic Somalis," the Somali region's president, Abdi Mohamed Omer, was quoted by his spokesperson's office as saying during a burial ceremony Friday for some of the victims. Omer has accused Oromia regional officials of not preventing the killings.

AP

Court upholds life sentence against Morsi

CAIRO - A top Egyptian court upheld on Saturday a life sentence for ousted Islamist president Mohammed Morsi in a case revolving around state documents leaked to Qatar, a judicial official said. The Court of Cassation ruling, which is final, overthrew a 15-year sentence for Morsi on charges of stealing the documents, handed during the initial sentencing. But it upheld a life sentence - 25 years in prison in Egypt - on the charge of leading an illegal organisation, his lawyer Abdel Moneim Abdel Maqoud told AFP.

AFP

Police arrest 20 suspected of being gay

ZANZIBAR - The arrests in Zanzibar mark the latest in the government's relatively recent crackdown on homosexuality. The punishment for sex among men can be 30 years to life in prison, but there is no ban on lesbian relationships. Police in Tanzania's semi-autonomous Zanzibar island have arrested 20 people suspected of homosexuality, police said Saturday, in the latest crackdown on the gay community.

ALLAFRICA

'Rwanda poll was not free or clean'

RWANDA - Over a month after the presidential election in Rwanda, the United Kingdom now claims there were irregularities in ballot counting and the registration process of candidates. In a statement released on Friday, British Ambassador to Rwanda, William Gelling, said that he personally witnessed irregularities that may have undermined the poll. "I saw irregularities in the counting of ballots and vote tabulation. I know that the National Electoral Commission (NEC) is committed to improving the system."

ALLAFRICA

Rebels bring schooling to a standstill

BAMAKO - Hundreds of schools have closed in Mali as the insecurity battering the West African country persists. Humanitarian agencies confirmed the banditry had led to the closure of 500 schools, which represents a sharp increase from recent years. Some 296 schools had been closed in areas affected by the security crisis at the end of the school year 2015/16. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) said the reason for this increase, besides the persistent insecurity especially in the Mopti region, was the absence of qualified teachers as well as the lack of political and administrative authorities.

ALLAFRICA



The future looks bright for Angola's Dos Santos Clan

ANGOLA - Angola's President-elect Joao Lourenco has promised to stamp out cronyism and corruption. But outgoing President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and his family look as entrenched in power as ever.

On September 24, Angola's new President Joao Lourenco will be sworn in, signaling an end to the 38-year iron-fisted reign of President Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

Dos Santos didn't contest the elections held in August 2017 due

to ill health.

Although the outgoing president hand-picked Lourenco as his successor, the impending political transition is still making dos Santos' hangers-on nervous, said Luaty Beirao, a hip-hop artist who went in and out of the presidential palace as a child.

But the inner circle of the tightly-knit dos Santos clan aren't worried.

"Essentially, they think they are still in control," Beirao said. "After

all," he said, "those who profited from the dos Santos' network of political patronage have had enough time to prepare for the new era and bring their wealth to safety."

Even with dos Santos out of the presidential seat, several of his family members are firmly ensconced in state affairs (dos Santos is said to have at least nine children from five wives).

Isabel dos Santos, his eldest daughter, heads the state-owned oil company, Sonangol.

She's said to be Africa's richest women, thanks to her father, critics say.

According to Forbes magazine, in 2016 her assets in Angola included a 25 percent stake in Unitel, the country's largest mobile phone company, and 42 per cent of the Banco BIC bank.

Her brother, Jose Filomeno dos Santos, heads Angola's \$5 billion sovereign wealth fund which invests Angola's enormous oil revenues.

ALLAFRICA

LESOTHO'S POLITICAL STRIFE TO COST SADC MILLIONS

MASERU - Lesotho's political troubles will cost the Southern African Development Community (SADC) more than R89.1m in the next few months as the region prepares to send in a standby force of military, security, intelligence and civilian experts to support the government.

Six SADC member states and Lesotho decided in Pretoria on Friday that there was an "urgent need" to help the country restore law and order, and create a peaceful environment conducive to implementing SADC-sanctioned reforms.

The meeting came after the assassination of army chief Lieutenant General Khoantle Motšomotšo by two senior Lesotho Defence Force officers on September 5.

His bodyguards retaliated, shooting dead Brigadier Bulane Sechele and Colonel Tefo Hashatsi.

According to a 12-page document distributed at the meeting and seen by City Press, the two officers were implicated in the killing of former army commander Lieutenant General

Maaparankoe Mahao in June 2015.



RESOLUTION NEEDED: SADC leaders worry over Lesotho's political volatility.

Maaparankoe Mahao in June 2015.

RSA Defence Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula on Friday said there was no decision on when the contingent force would be deployed.

The date recommended in the briefing document is November 1. SADC leaders have, however, directed the heads of defence and security "to assess the requirements, determine the

appropriate size of the contingent force and prepare the modalities for the deployment".

They will then advise how many troops should be deployed, and where.

According to the document, the budget for the battalion strength force is R77.7m.

It would consist of about 1 000 personnel, including military, police and civilian experts. City Press

Instability lingers in Lesotho after deadly shootout

MASERU - For workers leaving a textile factory during a recent lunchtime in Lesotho, assassinations and political intrigue are a kind of background noise in the small southern African kingdom.

The assassination last week of the country's military commander, Lieutenant General Khoantle Motšomotšo, by two rival officers who were killed in the gunfight heightened regional concerns about Lesotho, whose mostly peaceful elections in June gave hope that stability was being restored.

But many residents of the poor, mountainous country of 2 mil-

lion people encircled by South African territory feel cut off from the years of unrest and maneuvering for power.

"This issue is not for us ordinary people to worry about, but it concerns those involved in politics," said Matselano Senohe, who works in a Chinese-owned factory near the central business district of Maseru, Lesotho's capital. Munching fried bread, she recalled that after the assassination of a former army general in

2015, "it was business as usual here. In fact, we learnt about it on the radio in pretty much the same way that people outside Lesotho heard about it". Even so, Motšomotšo's killing was a jarring reminder of how periodic unrest is holding back Lesotho, which has a history of shaky coalition governments and military interference in politics for much of the period since independence from Britain in 1966.

AP

Kenya election rerun in doubt as acrimony deepens

NAIROBI - Doubts are growing over Kenya's ability to hold a rerun of its presidential election in just one month as key players remain unable to agree on how to conduct a credible vote, analysts say.

Bickering on all sides and confusion over the process have only increased as the clock ticks down to the October 17 vote, called after the Supreme Court annulled the initial election, citing widespread irregularities.

The opposition has vowed to boycott the election if its list of demands is not met, including staff changes at the electoral commission (IEBC), which it accuses of rigging the poll.

"The challenges are pretty extraordinary," said John Githongo, a prominent anti-corruption campaigner in Kenya, who said he believed the election date "does not seem feasible because we are asking people who have failed calamitously to run an election after such a short time".

A key hurdle is that the Supreme Court has yet to deliver its full judgement detailing why exactly it decided to annul President Uhuru Kenyatta's victory.

Chief Justice David Maraga mentioned only "irregularities and illegalities", notably in the transmission of election results.

The court has until September 22 to deliver the full ruling, which would give the IEBC little time to make any necessary changes.

"It is very uncertain," said Nic Cheeseman, a professor of African politics at the University of Birmingham in England.

"We don't know if the Supreme Court is going to say something about technology, we don't know if they are going to directly impugn any of the individuals in the IEBC. Will they have to be replaced? If so, how will that be done in the time frame?"

In the absence of the judgement, the electoral commission has pushed forward with plans for a new election, dismissing opposition calls to sack its top officials.

"It was expected that the IEBC would move swiftly to undertake far-reaching reforms. So far this has yet to happen," the Daily Nation newspaper said in an editorial on Saturday, denouncing a "stalemate which has created paralysis and is confusing the public".

Fissures within the IEBC, meanwhile, were exposed when a leaked memo showed chairman Wafula Chebukati outlining a raft of irregularities in the election to the commission's Chief Executive Ezra Chiloba.

AFP

World News

Iceland Prime Minister resigns

COPENHAGEN - Iceland's president on Saturday accepted the resignation of the volcanic island's prime minister, who says a new election mostly likely will be held on November 4.

Prime Minister Bjarni Benediktsson lost his nine-month-old, centre-right coalition after one party quit over an attempt by the prime minister's father to help clear the name of a convicted paedophile.

President Gudni Th. Johannesson met on Saturday with Benediktsson

and was meeting with other party leaders later in the day.

A small centrist party, Bright Future, quit the ruling coalition on Friday after it emerged that Benediktsson's father had written a letter urging a pardon for Hjalti Sigurjon Hauksson, who was convicted in 2004 of raping his step-daughter almost every day for 12 years.

Under Iceland's judicial system, a person who has served a sentence for a serious crime can apply

to authorities to "restore their honour" and seek employment again, meaning their criminal record is erased. For that, a letter of recommendation by a close friend or an associate is needed.

Benediktsson took office in January, uniting his Independence Party, the Reform Party and the centrists.

Together they held the slimmest of majorities — 32 of the 63 seats in Parliament following the October 29 election, which was called after the former prime minister resigned amid protests over his offshore holdings that were revealed in the Panama Papers leak. **AP**



RESIGNS: Prime Minister Bjarni Benediktsson

US signals softer stance on Paris climate pact: EU official

MONTREAL - A US envoy has signalled that President Donald Trump may be ready to soften his stance on the Paris climate pact, a European official said at a summit in Canada on Saturday.

Any shift in the US position on the historic deal could be hugely significant after Trump announced in June that he was abandoning the 2015 agreement.

The United States "stated that they will not renegotiate the Paris Accord, but they try to review the terms on which they could be engaged under this agreement," said the European Union's top climate official Miguel Arias Canete.

He said there would be a meeting on the sidelines of next week's UN General Assembly with American representatives "to assess what is the real US position," but noted, "it's a message which is quite different to the one we heard from President Trump in the past."

Environment ministers from some 30 countries gathered in Montreal on Saturday to push forward on implementing the Paris climate deal without the US.

The United States was represented only by an observer, who was not immediately available for comment.

All the ministers present and the US observer agreed that the Paris accord was irreversible, French Ecology Minister Nicolas Hulot said.

Trump, whose country is the world's second-biggest producer of greenhouse gases after China, drew widespread criticism when he announced on June 1 that he would quit the climate pact.

He has said he wanted to renegotiate the massive agreement, which was originally signed by every nation except Syria and Nicaragua.

The actual withdrawal time from the pact is three years, allowing time for a US re-think.

In August, the Trump administration confirmed it was abandoning the Paris accord but the State Department then indicated Washington was still committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions and engaging with the international community on combating climate change. **AFP**

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LONDON - POLICE hunting the London Tube bombers have raided the home of a couple who foster refugees.

It came hours after officers arrested an 18-year-old man believed to have planted the failed device.

Last night police were also searching for a "woman dressed in a niqab" suspected of masterminding the Parsons Green Tube attack.

A source said she was wearing women's Islamic dress and carried a Lidl shopping bag containing the bucket bomb.

It was left at a drop-off point and later picked up by another terrorist, who then left it on the

train. The "female" suspect is said to be part of a network of at least four people thought to be behind Friday's explosion.

Police were last night racing to catch them before they strike again. Yesterday an 18-year-old was arrested in Dover amid claims he was trying to flee the country.

Sources close to the investigation suggest he was known to counter-terror officers and was a supporter of Islamic State.

Hours later officers raided the home of elderly couple Ronald Jones, 89, and wife Penelope, 71, in Sunbury-on-Thames, Surrey.

The couple have fostered hun-

dreds of children and were given MBEs in the 2009 New Year's honours list for services to children and families.

They were being questioned last night but are not under arrest. Some of the youngsters they have looked after were believed to be refugees from Iraq, Eritrea, Syria, Albania and Afghanistan.

Neighbours said they had recently been caring for a "problematic foster child" aged 18.

Serena Barber, 47, who has known them all her life and lives in a property backing on to their home, said: "All I know is that they have two boys at the moment, both are foreign."

AP

Hundreds of flights grounded as typhoon slams Japan

TOKYO - A powerful typhoon ripped into southern Japan yesterday, dumping torrential rain, grounding hundreds of domestic flights and halting train services.

Typhoon Talim made a landfall in Kyushu, the southernmost of Japan's four main islands, packing winds of up

to 162 kilometres per hour, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

At least 644 domestic flights have been cancelled because of strong winds, according to public broadcaster NHK, while all major regional train services have been suspended, operator JR Kyushu Railway said.

Authorities have issued warnings of rainstorms, high seas, possible landslides and flooding across the southern half of the Japanese archipelago.

The meteorological agency said the typhoon was expected to head northwards, dumping heavy rain across a large area, including on Tokyo.

AFP

BRIEFS

Police arrest 7 teens linked to deadly fire

KUALA LUMPUR - The police chief in Malaysia's capital says authorities have arrested seven teenagers suspected of intentionally starting a deadly blaze at Islamic boarding school that killed 23 people. Kuala Lumpur Police Chief Amar Singh says the seven arrested boys lit Thursday's fire because they had been mocked by students at the school. Singh said in a press conference late on Saturday that the boys aged 11 to 18 had also tested positive for drugs. The blaze at a three-story "tahfiz" school, where Muslim boys study and memorize the Qur'an, blocked the lone exit to the dormitory, trapping students behind barred windows.

AP

Police detain 74 suspected IS militants

ISTANBUL - Turkey's official news agency says police have detained 74 suspects who are alleged members of the Islamic State (IS) group. The Anadolu news agency said Saturday the anti-terror police conducted simultaneous operations at 15 different addresses in Istanbul. Anadolu said 73 of the detained were foreigners and were handed over to relevant authorities to be deported. There was no information on their nationalities. The other suspect was being questioned. IS has been blamed for several deadly attacks in Turkey, killing more than 300 people since 2015.

AP

Hamas agrees to steps toward unity

GAZA CITY - Hamas said on Sunday it would do away with a body seen as an alternative government in the Gaza Strip in a step towards reconciliation with rival Fatah following discussions with Egypt. Hamas, the Palestinian Islamist movement that runs the Gaza Strip, also said it was ready for talks with Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas's Fatah on forming a unity government and holding elections. The announcement comes after talks in Cairo last week with Egyptian officials in which Hamas Chief Ismail Haniya agreed to take such steps, a Hamas official has told AFP.

AFP

Police stop truck with 51 migrants

BERLIN - German police say they have stopped a truck near the German-Polish border with 51 people squeezed inside, among them 17 children. Federal police say the truck was stopped early on Saturday on the highway A12 near the eastern German town of Muellrose. Police said some of the people inside were dehydrated and all were thirsty and hungry. They were taken to the nearby town of Frankfurt an der Oder where they received food, drinks and medical care. According to first findings, most of the people are from Iraq. Police said the 46-year-old Turkish driver was detained on suspicion of human trafficking. The truck was also registered in Turkey.

AP

Denmark race car hits spectators

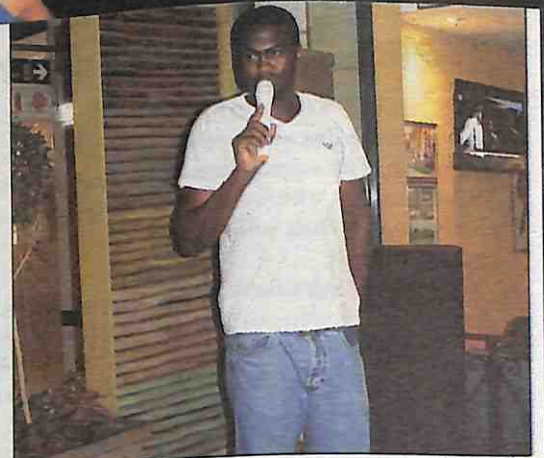
COPENHAGEN - Two spectators died after being hit by a rally car which came off the road in a western Denmark street race. In a statement on Saturday, Danish police said the car was driven by a 73-year-old male and 22-year-old female co-pilot. The spectators died shortly afterwards, police said, without giving further details. The driver and co-driver were both taken to the hospital but have no life-threatening injuries. The Ekstra Bladet tabloid said the rest of the one-day race featuring

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PERFORMANCE: KrTC, Nomalungelo Dladla and UNITONE performing at the Cuba Nora on Saturday night in Mbabane during the Siyinqaba and UNITONE show. (Pics: Lusito Tsela)



LEADER: MC Bongani Shiba.

SIYINQABA, UNITONE TURN UP THE HEAT AT CUBA NORA

By Lusito Tsela

ACAPPELLA group Unitone and Siyinqaba brought the heat and turned it up at their show held in Mbabane, Cuba Nora on Saturday.

The event was well attended by music-lovers hungry for soulful music as they begged for more from each rendition by the six member acapella group. Also in attendance was Swazi Mobile Brand and Communications Manager Macford Sibandze, comedians Emcee DaComedian, Dr Shakes and Mdura. Also in the midst were DJs LFA and Karly B and Swazi TV's Elfoe.

The night saw performances from KrTC and Nomalungelo Dladla who both performed individually with Anakhonza on guitar strings. The two parts of Siyinqaba, were with-



UNIT ONE: Nomalungelo Dladla and Anakhonza performing.

out their third half Mozaik.

The three artists all proved to be on a planet of their own and on the best level of their game as they gave fun lovers a great time. Unitone sang cover songs that got the audience on their feet.

This included a cover of Swaziland's crossover song 'Tigi' by Sands, 'Pretty Wings' and 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams.

After the group had rendered about four songs they then dedicated their second set to songs on request by the



FOLLOWING: Nomalungelo, Tshidi and Jackson having a good time.

audience. After their epic performance, one of the Unitone members, Melusi 'Sjaiva' Dlamini revealed that the group was currently brewing a song featuring Siyinqaba in studio.

"Unitone will also be touring Swaziland, promoting acapella music, and also a tour to South Africa, Zimbabwe amongst other countries are on the way.

The group urged companies to support their course to reach the international level as this will also raise

the Swazi flag high," he said. In their closing performance all the artists Nomalungelo, KrTC, Anakhonza and Unitone performed 'I want it all' by AKA together and it was the best performance of the night.

They gave the performance their all and the song was a bang and worthy of shutting down any event. Fun-lovers asked for more, the artists still had more energy and power as they gave the fans what they were asking for without hesitation.



COULDN'T MISS OUT: Swazi Mobile Brand and Communications Manager Macford Sibandze.



ATTENDED: KrTC and Karly B at the show.



KINGS: DJ LFA and S'khumbuzo of SXE Kings.



FOR THE LOVE OF FUN: Fun-lovers Busie, Nontando, Ncedo, and Emceed DaComedian.



JIKA MAJIKA: Fun-lovers on their feet when Siyinqaba and Unitone performed the song 'I want it all'.



IN SONG: Melisizwe Zwane conducting the HMCS choir during the Umdlalala Authors and Writers Association launch on Saturday at His Majesty's Correctional Services in Matsapha. (Pic: Lusito Tsela)



LIGHT MOMENT: Dr Hugh Magagula, Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala and SNCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini during the launch.

UMDLALALA AUTHORS, WRITERS ASSOCIATION **LAUNCHED** IN STYLE

By Lusito Tsela

TRY listening to music absent-mindedly, nothing gets to you but with the perfect touch from a talented, legendary and of course qualified Dr. Hugh Magagula there is a guarantee that the music will have an impact to your soul.

Swazi Composers Forum and Umdlalala Authors and Writers Associations was launched following a public parade in the city of Manzini on Saturday which was led by the brass band of His Majesty's Correctional Services and later progressed to His Majesty's Correctional Service Hall at Matsapha.

The event was graced by the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala, Director of Edu-

cation Sibongile Mntshali, Chief Assistant Commissioner Vusi Kunene, Chairman of the SiSwati Language Board Sibusiso Mkhonta, Managing Director of Macmillan Swaziland Busisiwe Simelane and HG Technologies president Dr Hillary to mention a few.

The programme director was the well known Mzwakhe 'Tjovitjo' Khumalo who kept the guests entertained with his jokes from beginning of the event to the end.

The day saw performances from Asihlabelele Choral Society, His Majesty's Correctional Service brass band and the Correctional Services Choir.

Moreover, Umdlalala Authors and Writers Association members were present and were offered an opportunity to introduce themselves as the writers of famous and well-known

educational SiSwati books such as 'Umjingi Udliwa Yinhlitiyo', 'Incwadzi Lengenakheli, Khulumani Sive, Insimbi Yemaswati and 'Emaphupho Emadvwala,' to mention just a few.

Talents

HG Technologies President Dr Hillary said they were very happy to be in Swaziland and also to invest in such projects which comes along with great talents. He said, however, that they are still to invest more in projects like this especially in the arts and culture industry as they are yet to meet with the minister to make sure there are funds allocated to the industry of arts and culture.

Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala urged the different talented individuals in the art industry to come together, be it novel authors, script writers, poets

and play organisers to formulate a group in their respective industries so the association has the ability to categorise them as per their constitutions and trade.

He encouraged such projects as he said this was preparation for the upcoming Swaziland's 50/50 celebrations in 2018. He further challenged them to work even harder to produce more quality work in the industry of music, writing and poetry.

Dr Hugh Magagula gave brief remarks on behalf of the Swazi Composers Forum, as the Asihlabelele Choral Society performed one of his famous Lullaby songs called "Loluswetini loludl'emazinyane."

"The aim of this association is to enrich Swazi culture through written language, bringing Swazi music to the people and also preserving purity of

the Swazi language," he added.

The event saw well deserving legends in the industry being awarded with certificates in different categories.

Sijabulile Sibandze, Mandla Zulu, Abel Mdluli, Thoko Mgabhi, Thembi Vilakati, Bella Malangwane, Sdumo H Lukhele, Celumusa Mkhathshwa, Vusi Masuku, Bernard Maseko, Phumzile Shongwe, Melisizwe Zwane, Dominic Gamedze, Dan Sibandze and Vincet Kunene were awarded under the Authors and Writers Association.

The second category which was Anthology of own original poems saw Modison Magagula, Douglas Ntiwane and Dr D.T Hugh Magagula being awarded.

The third category of the awardees were the 'distinguished support in Swazi culture' category which was the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala, HMCS Commissioner General Isaiiah Mzuthini Ntshangase, Regional Commissioner Commandant Vusi Masuku, Swazi Bank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele, Macmillan Managing Director Busi Simelane and Imisebe Printing and Publishing Managing Director Elias Ndwandwe.

TOO MUCH FUN, COLOUR AT STAR PAINT RAINBOW DASH

By Ayanda Dlamini

PARENTS and children had the time of their lives on Saturday at the second annual Star Paint Rainbow Dash held at Sifundzani Primary School.

The 5KM fun run started at 8 am and both parents and children came dressed in crazy outfits, ready to look colourful in the spray paints.

Participants got sprayed with different colour powder paint from the various sponsored colour zones, the route and on the event. They seemed to have fun with paintings.

Most parents who came through with children were happy about this initiative and they hoped Star Paint will again host the Rainbow Dash.

"You know this initiative is really good for us who can't attend the international Colour Run. At least now we have our very own and we hope Sifundzani teachers will once again host this colourful event," said Buyisile Hlophe who had brought her 12-year-old son Kukhanyakweze who clearly enjoyed the rainbow dash as she was all colour-



IN NUMBERS: Parents and their children came in numbers for the 2nd annual Star Paint Rainbow Dash hosted by Sifundzani Primary School on Saturday. (Courtesy Pics)

ful. Trophies and prizes were awarded for creativity and one of the winners Lisa Silver who came looking all white and had a green Afro said she is looking forward next year's event.

After the run, everyone enjoyed the family day on the Sifundzani parklands as they were socialising with other folks and entertainment such as aerobics, dances and jumping castle.



RAINBOW: The Shepard Brothers were also at the Rainbow dash.



IN COLOURS: Participants were sprayed with colours along the 5 km run.

International
Celebrity News

Single looks good on Fergie

RIO DE JAINERO - Fergie and husband Josh Duhamel announced their marriage was over on Thursday. But it seems Fergie is doing just fine on her own, as she steamed up the stage for a performance in Rio on Saturday.

The 42-year-old Black Eyed Peas singer donned a racy bodysuit for her time on stage. The garment, which sported numerous sets of black laces and rivets, put her cleavage on full display thanks to its plunging neckline. Initially she covered up the provocative costume with a huge satiny coat, but she quickly shed it as the performance moved forward. *Daily Mail*



DOING FINE: Fergie.

Jay-Z and Beyoncé slay as king and queen

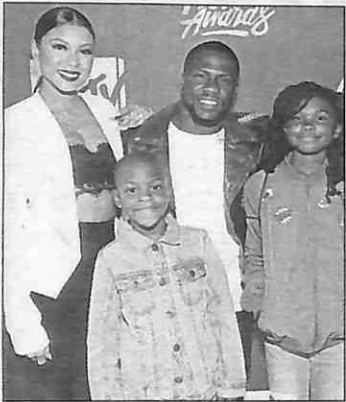
LOS ANGELES - Ladies and gentleman, take some notes on how to keep the spark alive—because nobody does it better than Beyoncé and Jay-Z. Seriously. Nobody. Despite their trio of kiddos, the pair in all their imperfectly perfect splendor have been enjoying a number of date nights out on the town recently and they're looking like they are "crazy in love" as ever. Earlier this week, Bey, who donned an emerald green gown, and Jay slayed it together at Rihanna's Diamond Ball in NYC on Thursday. *Mail Online*



KING AND QUEEN: Jay-Z and Beyoncé.

Kevin Hart issues emotional public apology

LOS ANGELES - It sounds like a plot to a movie, but it's turning out to be Kevin Hart's real life... The Central Intelligence star is trying to get himself out of a bad situation that he got himself involved in—and so he's coming clean. The funnyman took to Instagram on Saturday to publicly and profusely apologise to his pregnant wife Eniko Parrish and kids Heaven Hart and Hendrix Hart, his children from a previous marriage, for some "bad" behaviour on his part and to say that someone was trying to extort him for "financial gains" as a result of his actions. *Daily Mail*



APOLOGISES: Kevin Hart and his family.

Nicki and Nas relationship a scam

NEW YORK - Sources claim Nicki and Nas's relationship is as fake as her butt, teeth, and skin tone.

A few months ago she had her team reach out to him with a financial offer to fake date her after Remy's attack. They went back and forth but eventually reached an agreement. Nas however has not been keeping up his end of the deal.

They were supposed to attend shows together in New York for fashion week but he kept flaking on her. *Daily Mail*



FAKE: Nicki Minaj and Nas.

SA Celebrity News

Bonang relaunched book



JOHANNESBURG - Bonang Matheba relaunched her book, *Bonang From A to B*, on Thursday night during an intimate book signing at the Mall of Africa in Johannesburg. It comes after the first edition was

recalled because of grammatical and factual errors. At the same time B's former bestie, Somizi, and her ex-boyfriend, Euphonik, sent legal letters demanding that their names and any references to them in the book be removed. *TshisaLive*

Cassper declines statue offer

JOHANNESBURG - He might be into fancy cars and lots of gold chains, but when it comes to statues of himself, Cassper Nyovest has drawn the line.

The musician was offered the chance to have a statue of himself built by a fan, but he politely declined saying he was not that vain.

He did come up with an alternative though.

"I'm not that vain to want a statue of myself but I actually want a six foot statue of a Mufasa in my backyard. Can you do that?" he asked. *TshisaLive*



REJECTS: Cassper Nyovest

A taste of DJ Tira's song with Zodwa Wabantu

JOHANNESBURG - Forget the panty drama, Zodwa Wabantu is on the cusp of becoming a music sensation.

The Durban-based entertainer is releasing a track which will form part of an Afrotainment album due for release on September 22.

DJ Tira told TshisaLIVE the label wanted Zodwa to provide some of the vocals on the song, *Imithandazo* (Prayers)

"She is doing amazing things. I am surprised with how popular she is and how well she is doing. South Africa only wants people who are different. If you copy someone, you are going to have a hard time getting South Africa to like you," said



MULTI-TALENTED: Zodwa Wabantu.

Tira.
Timeslive

Trevor Noah to host The Daily Show till 2022

NEW YORK - It has been announced that SA-born comedian Trevor Noah has clinched a massive deal to host 'The Daily Show' until 2022.

Comedy Central announced the exciting news on Thursday night and they also revealed that Trevor would produce year-end, Daily Show specials.

"Trevor makes us look smart on a daily basis and for that we're grateful," said Comedy Central President, Kent Alterman.

"I'm thrilled to be continuing this amazing journey with both fans of 'The Daily Show' and Comedy Central. It's really exciting to renew this contract for either five more



MASSIVE DEAL: Trevor Noah.

years or until Kim Jong Un annihilates us all—whichever one comes first." *SundayWorld*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Qaphela is outraged by Zama's behaviour, as Zama and Jabu decide to go ahead with their plan. Thandi has a hard time moving on.



OUTRAGED: Qaphela.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Things come to a head when Nina discovers her man's secret. Barker orders a dangerous man to take care of an enemy. Nikiwe takes charge and decides to deal with Gabriel in a harsh way.



TAKES CHARGE: Nikiwe.

Muvhango

TODAY



IN THE OPEN: Rendani.

Livhu shows Tenda she means business. Matshidiso picks a number. Rendani uncovers the truth about Sthe's girlfriend.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



WARNED: Puleng.

Matric's spirit communicates with Puleng. Cuba warns Puleng against the Genesis Fellowship Church.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

EVERY MONDAY



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

If you listen carefully, you might hear a deep-roar coming from within. Passion and enthusiasm may have already been triggered (and not necessarily in a romantic way). You may have identified a field of expertise you want to know more about. Contact with an educational establishment is possible: with correspondence courses holding special attraction.



putting off. You might also find that you attract people whose reasoning tests your mental authority.

CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

If you expect a tussle between home and work, and will yourself into thriving on the challenge, you could have a superb day. Fighting within yourself is unlikely to produce the same successful results. Whilst travelling you may need to find a mental 'on-switch' that hasn't been used for a while. Once you do find it, you could be oh-so enthusiastic and sell an idea to someone who's initially resistant.



AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

For a variety of reasons your brain could be purring: perhaps because you now know that someone is actively doing something about their situation. Your little grey cells could be challenged in other ways too: you might decide you've had enough of a view (or an individual who thinks they're always 'right') and plan a change of scene that would free you from these limitations.



LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

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PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

Your fighting instincts could emerge. From debating, to negotiating, to cutting through traffic you could come out on top: and probably thanks to advice from someone with long experience. A dictionary or encyclopaedia could play a key role (or is that a Sagittarius that behaves like a walking one of these?). Winning a mini-war seems likely.



ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

A degree of tension seems likely: particularly amongst work colleagues. But yes, an internal struggle could be going on too. It may be that you just don't know what you want. Or it could be that someone close is messing you about by prevaricating.



TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

Harmony could be elusive - or just different to usual. The struggle between who has the best information source and who knows best how to work a system could get to you. You might also be privy to an argument between two people you're really fond of. Helping them find conciliation might not be too difficult. Perhaps they both just need to have their point of view heard.



GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

True, you could be at your mischievous best. However, later you may be accused of having stirred up unnecessary trouble. The upside of your mental faculties being in such good working order is that you could excel at a quiz, find a good slogan or finally tackle an essay you've been



SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

Agitation is possible: especially if you're trying to work out a strategy. A Libra friend might suggest that you look at a situation from a different perspective. You might both be wasting energy. You may benefit more from a long walk where you say little and instead allow images to come to you. Not only might this be refreshing, you might also unblock thought-waves and find your problem-solving sub-personality.



SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

A professional engagement could warrant travel - in the company of someone whose artistic inclinations you didn't know existed. An accent or even a different language could keep you mentally alert.



BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



HOME WORDSEARCH

PUZZLE CHOICE

CAN YOU FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS? THEY MAY BE HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL, DIAGONAL, FORWARDS OR BACKWARDS.

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LOL
Laughing Out Loud

I'm freezing

Bob's Tavern' was right next door to a cemetery. One day in mid winter a drunk stumbled out of the tavern. Due to his drunk state he wasn't careful where he was going and he fell into a freshly dug grave. "Help!" Screamed the drunk on the top of his lungs, "I'm freezing!" Before

long another drunk sauntered out of the tavern and made his way towards the first drunk's cries. "I'm freezing!" Screamed the first drunk again. "Of course you are" scolded the second drunk, coming closer. "You kicked off all of the dirt they had covered you with!"

USELESS FACTS

1. There are more than 10 000 varieties of tomatoes.
2. In 2001, there were more than 300 banana-related accidents in Britain, most involving people slipping on skins.
3. If you want to speed up the ripening of a pineapple, so that you can eat it faster, then you can do it by standing it upside down (on the leafy end).
4. Carrots have zero fat content.
5. Peanuts can be used to make dynamite.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Friday's brainteasers

1. Why did the boy throw a bucket out the window?
- Answer:** He wanted to see the waterfall.
2. Why did the boy throw butter out the window?
- Answer:** He wanted to see

the butterfly

Today's brainteasers

1. Why did the boy throw his watch out the window?
2. Which is the most curious letter?



DStv
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NEWS



HIGHLIGHTS



Judge Judy
Today 16:10 | CBS Reality (132)

"S13/E101 - 13/101". A man sues his child's former best friend for the cost to haul her stuff away and for filing a restraining order.



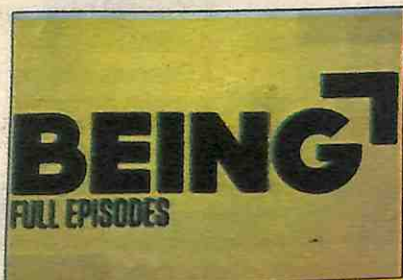
Marvel's Spider-Man
Today 7:40 | Disney XD (304)

"S1/E6 - Origins". When Peter Parker is bitten by a radioactive spider, he uses the five steps of the scientific method to diagnose what is happening to him. The American animated series is based on the Marvel Comics character of the same name and is produced by Marvel animation. Don't miss the exciting action, with Peter Parker balancing his superhero life with school and his personal relationships, while battling evil threats. It's back to basics as his personal story unfolds.



Every witch way
Tonight 21:30 | Nickelodeon (385)

"S4/E6 - Twisted Sister". With time running out, Emma tries her best to restore Daniel's memory, and Jax meets his long-lost sister.

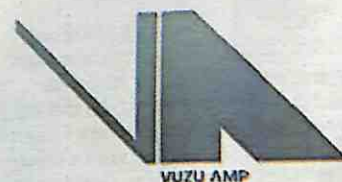


Being
Tomorrow 19:00 | BET (129)

"S6/E9 - Chanté Moore". An intimate portrait of musicians and their personal journeys as both individuals and artists.



Minnie Dlamini
BECOMING MRS. JONES



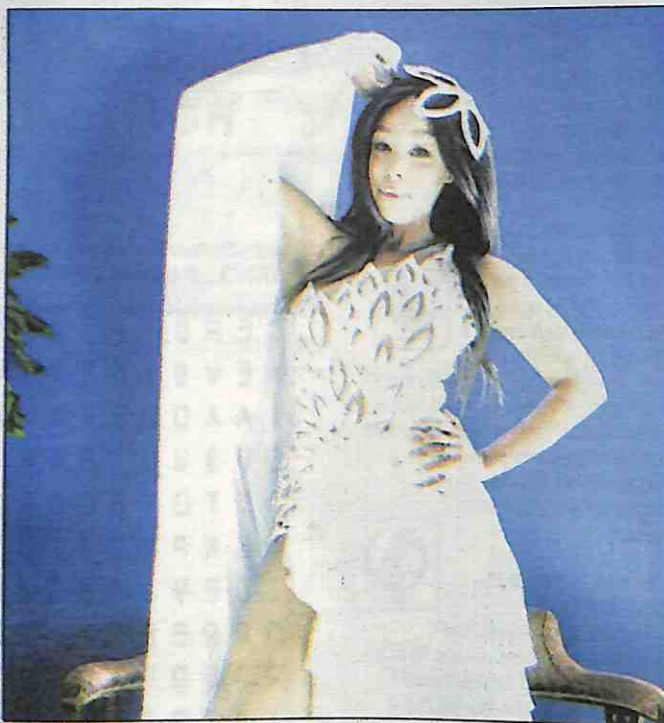
BECOMING MRS JONES

NEWS of the wedding special that fans around the country have been eagerly waiting for, is finally here.

From October 13, VUZU AMP will broadcast a three-part special, documenting Minnie Dlamini's much-anticipated prenuptial journey and marriage to Quinton Jones in 'Minnie Dlamini: Becoming Mrs Jones.'

The candid series documents the ins-and-outs of the wedding planning process, the elaborate wardrobes, traditional and western cuisine, as the couple traverse South Africa in putting together their special occasion. Touching on the traditional wedding and finally culminating in the white wedding, fans will see the absolute beauty of the couple's love and commitment to each other. Viewers will also be treated to snippets of Quinton's proposal to Minnie.

Minnie commented on starring in and producing the show, "Minnie



Dlamini: Becoming Mrs Jones is not a reality show, but more a three-part docu-series. It's my

journey, told through my eyes, my way. Producing the show helped me maintain control of the

creative process throughout. The production is deeply personal and I can't wait to share it with the country, as I step into my new role of being Mrs Jones."

Reneilwe Sema, M-Net's Director for Local Entertainment Channels commented on the show, "the Minnie Dlamini special does two great things for our viewers: it takes them on an intimate journey with one of the country's biggest superstars, in the most personal of situations; and it shows viewers that even the biggest stars face ordinary life challenges, conflicts, and celebrations, just like the rest of us. They share our motivations, aspirations and fears. Seeing Minnie in these sometimes-vulnerable, sometimes-celebratory situations, will surely make for great viewing."

Catch Minnie Dlamini: Becoming Mrs Jones on VUZU AMP (DStv channel 103), from Friday, October 13 at 7:30PM.

Eggs, cars bring out the yolks

TONIGHT on Comedy Central (DStv 122)

The ingredients for the sixth episode of #FamousLastWords include a pinch of puns and a dash of crazy from funny-man Rob van Vuuren, lightly sautéed and left to simmer with master of chefs, Benny Masekwameng. Prepped with a backseat, his eggs and some experienced wrist actions, Rob races in circles attempting to whip up the challenge that Chef Benny has cooked up for him.

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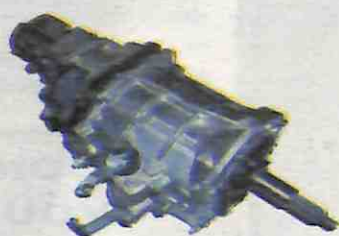
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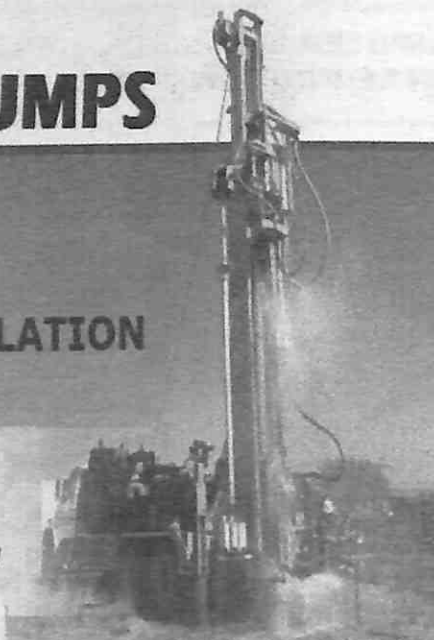
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GOLOVKIN, ALVAREZ FIGHT TO DRAW IN VEGAS THRILLER

LAS VEGAS - Gennady Golovkin retained his three world middleweight titles Saturday, fighting to a draw with Mexican star Canelo Alvarez in a showdown for middleweight supremacy that lived up to the hype.

The 35-year-old Golovkin, making his Las Vegas debut, kept hold of the World Boxing Council, World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation belts in front of a crowd of 22,358 at the T-Mobile Arena.

Judge Dave Moretti scored the tense battle 114-114. Dan Trella saw it 115-113 for Golovkin but Adalaide Byrd had it one-sided, 118-110, for Alvarez.

Byrd's lopsided score didn't reflect the explosive drama in which Golovkin moved forward aggressively while Alvarez was the counter-puncher with fast hands.

Golovkin won most of the early rounds but then got hammered a few times with Alvarez's uppercuts and right hands and seemed to be



the more tired of the two near the end.

Golovkin established himself early in the fight with his stinging jab, all the while effectively cutting off the ring. There was no feeling-out process in this one as both fighters came to fight from the opening bell and tried to land big punches early.

Golovkin said he expected Alvarez's game plan to include a few surprises and the former two-time champion on Alvarez didn't disappoint.

In the fourth round, Alvarez tried to press the attack, but he paid for it as Golovkin got the better of those exchanges. The 27-year-old Alvarez's best round was the 10th when he

stunned Golovkin with a vicious right hand to the head. Alvarez tried to finish him off but Golovkin survived and once he shook off the cobwebs the two continued their brawl on the ropes and in the center of the ring. By the time it reached the 12th round, both boxers looked exhausted. **AFP**

Hamilton cites health, harm to planet in adopting vegan diet

SINGAPORE - Formula One's Lewis Hamilton said a TV documentary had inspired him to go vegan to improve his health and avoid harming the planet.

The Mercedes driver, who is seeking his fourth world title this year, said he had gradually moved to veganism over the past two years. "It is something I have been going towards anyway. I stopped eating red meat two years ago," he told the BBC at the Singapore Grand Prix.

"This year I stopped eating chicken and then kind of went back to it and now I've stopped again. So I have generally been pescatarian for the majority of the year and then I've cut fish."

He added: "I have actually eaten plant-based food for the last two days and it has been amazing. So far I don't feel as if I have been missing out. But I am at the race so I have chefs here. I don't know how easy it is going to be when I get home. That is going to be a real test." Hamilton said he had changed his habits after watching a documentary about the environmental impact of the meat industry and animal welfare. "Take it for what you want to take it for but as the human race what we are doing to the world, there is obviously the pollution that is coming just from the amount of cows that are being produced is incredible," he said. **AFP**



IT'S A GOAL: Atletico Madrid player Antoine Griezmann celebrates his goal during the Primera Division match Atletico Madrid vs Malaga in the Wanda Metropolitani Stadium.

Atletico show classic grit in triumphant start to new era

MADRID - Atletico Madrid have a shiny new home, the Wanda Metropolitano, which they inaugurated with much fanfare on Saturday, but beneath it all, they showed they are still the same side with a gritty 1-0 win over Malaga.

Diego Simeone's team have built their success over the past five years on narrow victories, impressive defensive performances and occasional flair, and that is precisely what they delivered for nearly 68 000 fans at a packed stadium. Angel Correa produced the magic to beat his man and tee up striker Antoine Griezmann, who fired home the only goal in the 61st minute to seal the win which takes Atletico third in La Liga.

"On a personal level I'm proud to write my name in the history of

the club and the stadium," Griezmann told reporters.

"We were really looking forward to playing here, and the fans were the 12th man today. For me, this is the best stadium to play at, not just as it is my club, although you have to recognise that."

Atletico supporters were in good voice as they celebrated their new home in the north-east of the city and although the pain of leaving the Vicente Calderon will take time to heal, the Metropolitano era started perfectly.

As well as an opening ceremony which paid tribute to the club's former homes and included parachutists delivering the match ball and Atletico and Spain flags, a vibrant firework display lit the sky up in red and white.

Reuters

DOUBLES WIN GIVE SA LEAD IN DAVIS CUP TIE

AARHUS - South Africa's doubles duo Raven Klaasen and Ruan Roelofse produced a morale-boosting performance as they steamrolled their way to a 6-3 6-0 6-4 win over Danish duo Frederik Nielsen and Thomas Kromann in their Davis Cup Paribas Group II Euro/Africa third-round clash on Saturday in Aarhus.

With this victory, SA has stolen a march on their hosts, Denmark, who need to win both reverse singles on Sunday if they are to thwart SA's promotion bid. The winner of this tie will be promoted to Group 1 in 2018.

On Friday, each team won a rubber and that meant the sides were level-pegging at 1-all going into Saturday's dou-

bles clash. Marcos Ondruska, captain of the SA Davis Cup squad, was in awe of his doubles team who reigned supreme from start to finish even though the 2012 Wimbledon doubles winner Frederik Nielsen was on the other side of the net.

SA's 2-1 lead made Ondruska a very happy man afterwards.

"I'm ecstatic!" said Ondruska. "It's nice to be 2-1 up rather than 2-1 down."

"We steadied the ship yesterday (Friday) and now we have our noses in front. That is a good feeling."

"There's still a lot of tennis to be played and we won't be taking it lightly."

"We still have to figure out how we are going to take one, if not two, of the singles tomorrow."

Ondruska said Klaasen showed why he is world class doubles and he predicted that he will better his 11th place world ranking sooner than later.

"Just watching Raven play out there you can see there is a reason why he is 11 in the world and I think he is going even higher. He is incredible, he's everywhere (on court) and he doesn't miss a thing. He is also very knowledgeable and that combination is so difficult to play against. His class showed."

Ondruska said Roelofse was playing the best tennis of his career.

"The way Ruan is playing will drive his confidence even higher and he could be outstanding times ahead."

Sport24

RECORD WIN NOT GOOD ENOUGH - ALL BLACKS

AUCKLAND - The All Blacks gave themselves a pass mark but said there was still a lot to work on as they reflected on their record 57-0 demolition of South Africa.

The eight-try victory in Auckland, a marriage of a scintillating attack and ruthless defence, kept the unbeaten New Zealanders in line to retain the Rugby Championship with only two matches remaining. After taking a while to settle into the game and find their rhythm, the All Blacks produced their best display of the year, eliminating many of the errors that have littered their previous performances.

But scrum-half Aaron Smith said there were signs it was not the complete performance the All Blacks were searching for. "We came out in the first 10 in that second half and we were average and a bit sluggish," he said.

"We have still got improvements. Nehe (Milner-Skudder) scored that try in the



CAN DO BETTER: Springbok scrumhalf Francois Hougaard feeling the pressure against the All Blacks in Albany.

corner and we walked back and you always know that it's not a good feeling when you're not trying to get back (quickly). "It's really hard to do when you're up by a good score, to stay in that zone, but if we want to see where we can go we've got to stay in that zone for 80 minutes."

The result exposed the huge gulf between the world number one All Blacks and the number three Springboks, but a year out from facing second-ranked England at Twickenham and two years from the next World Cup, coach Steve Hansen was not getting carried away. **AFP**

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POGBA COULD BE OUT FOR THREE MONTHS - REPORT

MANCHESTER - French international Paul Pogba could be out of action for three months, the Sunday Times reported yesterday, dealing a huge blow to Manchester United.

The hamstring injury suffered by the 24-year-old -- an £89.3 million signing from Juventus last year -- after just 18 minutes in Tuesday's Champions League match with Basel is worse than was thought originally according to a club source.

The source said he faced sitting on the sidelines of anything from six to 12 weeks.

"The injury is really bad," a United source was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

However, the club believe



Pogba's injury was a result of the player overdoing his personal training outside of the club's supervision.

"It's not normal for a player respecting our training programme," the source said. According to the newspaper, Pogba is keen to go to the United States to undergo treatment and rehabilitation with a group of

personal trainers he used while on holiday there in the close season.

Should United's worst fears be realised Pogba would miss five Champions League games plus Premier League meetings with Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur, Chelsea, Arsenal and Manchester City.

AFP

Coutinho speaks on Barcelona link

LIVERPOOL - Philippe Coutinho has spoken for the first time about how close he came to joining Barcelona but insists there is no agreement for him to quit Liverpool next year.

The Brazil international started his first game of the season, playing 78 minutes in the 1-1 draw with Burnley. He was given a warm ovation before the game but, with Liverpool toiling, there was not much applause for him when his number was held up for his substitution. Coutinho was the subject of three bids from Barcelona, the last reaching £114 million. Barcelona claimed after the transfer window shut that Liverpool asked for £186 million on deadline day to sell him, an assertion which Liverpool quickly rubbished.

'Everyone knows I was interested, my family too'

There was an understanding in the Anfield dressing room that Coutinho -- who submitted a transfer request on August 11 -- wanted to move to the Nou Camp but there have been no issues since he returned to training having recovered from a back problem. Jurgen Klopp, Liverpool's Manager, is adamant the 25-year-old will be a huge influence this season and Coutinho has vowed to work hard to help his club achieve their aims. He has admitted, though, that he was honoured to be targeted by Barcelona.

"What happened was a job offer and, in life, sometimes you get interested, Coutinho told ESPN Brazil before he left Anfield. "Sometimes you don't

and, in my case, everyone knows that I got interested, my family too. But as I have always said, it is a great honour to receive an offer from such a great club like that, however, it is also a great privilege being here. Liverpool is a great club worldwide. "I'm here and I will give my best as always. I'm working hard, my thoughts are on the team's goals, making a good season." Of the persistent speculation about his future, Coutinho explained, "it was a complicated month for me but as I have said, it is an honour to receive that offer but it is also an honour to wear this shirt, so what I can do is work hard and honour that on the field. It is all cool." *Daily Mail*

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Sanchez winning back Arsenal fans' hearts

LONDON - Arsene Wenger can feel the love for Alexis Sanchez growing again at Arsenal.

Just eight short days ago – in the home win over Bournemouth – the Chilean's arrival as a second-half substitute was greeted with jeers rather than cheers.

That followed a summer of huge uncertainty surrounding his future, with his refusal to sign a new deal almost forcing through a £65m deadline day move to Premier League rivals Manchester City.

But during Thursday night's

chaotic, crazy Europa League battle against Cologne, the mood towards the Arsenal rebel improved considerably.

Not just with the fans, either, because, in addition to them hailing his scorching strike and display in the 3-1 win over the Bundesliga outfit, his teammates seemed equally thrilled to have him back in the fold.

Healing

All of which suggests the apparent dressing room rift between Sanchez and his teammates is healing fast.

Certainly, Wenger was delighted to see his players

race to celebrate the little South American's first goal of the campaign.

And ahead of tonight's tough trip to Chelsea, the Arsenal boss said: "We love Alexis. He is a special character and we all love him."

"I think he is well-loved and he's accepted – and that he's happy here at Arsenal."

If that remains the situation for the rest of the season, allowing Sanchez to run down his contract and leave on a free next summer might not be so costly after all.

DailyStar

Pochettino ignores talk of Wembley hoodoo

LONDON - Mauricio Pochettino says he is not worried that Tottenham's Wembley woes will derail their Premier League title bid.

Tottenham have now failed to win any of their three league games at their new home following Saturday's goalless draw with Swansea.

That followed on from a 2-1 defeat to Chelsea before being held by Burnley.

Their home record at White Hart Lane, which is undergoing a rebuilding programme, was the foundation for last season's challenge as they pushed Chelsea all the way.

It could prove a different story this time around but Pochettino, the Tottenham Manager, said, "it's frustrating and we need to do better. "Everyone needs to be clinical. We need to make Wembley our home. But we need to move on from this talk of a hoodoo. "Last season at White Hart Lane was fantastic, but that's now history. We are here. We can't compare this season with other seasons.

"Clubs are different and we are different. We have a new squad, a different dynamic which we need to create to win games



NOT WORRIED: Mauricio Pochettino

not just at Wembley but away. I'm not worried.

"Once we have been here for one season and then we can maybe say it's a problem."

Tottenham were looking to score for the 30th consecutive home game but found Swansea a tough nut to crack.

Relegation

Swansea are destined for a relegation fight so Paul Clement admitted the precious point will go a long way to sealing their top-flight status come next May.

"We had to defend well and we did," said manager Clement.

"We were complacent in our last game against Newcastle

and I was proud of the physical effort they put in and strong mentality. "They were waiting for a mistake so we had to stay focused. We want that to continue now. As a collective group we were very good.

"You want to be difficult to break down and then get a counter attack or a set-play. I'm confident in this group that if they execute what they did in training then they can do well."

Clement admits there is also more to come from new Bayern Munich loan signing Renato Sanches, who played an hour in his second game for Swansea.

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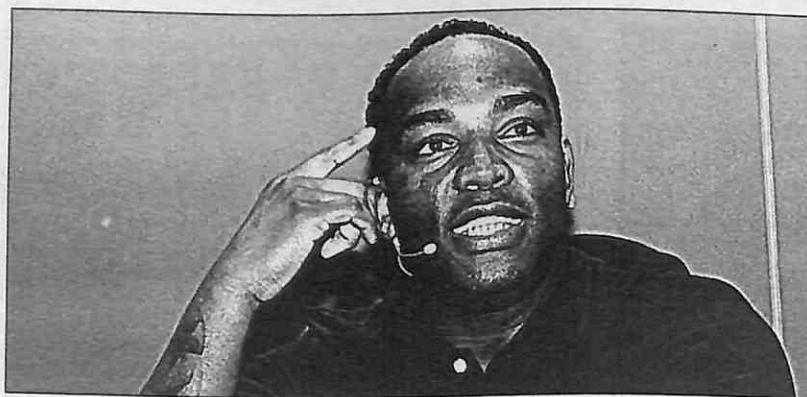
JOHANNESBURG - From one Soweto giant to another - Cape Town City will look to avenge their first loss of the season to a Sowetan club when they play against another Soweto side tomorrow.

City travel to Orlando Pirates after their maiden league defeat to Kaizer Chiefs, hoping to bounce back immediately.

But coach Benni McCarthy must regret messing with the winning team after he changed his side that eventually went down to Amakhosi on Wednesday.

McCarthy showed his lack of coaching experience when he made six changes to the team that had knocked Bidvest Wits out of the MTN8 at the weekend - and he paid dearly with three points.

But he will learn from these kinds of decisions because they often backfire - as they did when they lost 2-0 to Chiefs. McCarthy will face the side he last played for before hanging up his



TOUGH LESSON: Cape Town City head coach Benni McCarthy.

boots in 2013.

He was overlooked for the Bucs' coaching position when it was vacant, so he will have a few things to prove.

He has already won the hearts of many supporters after leading City to the final of the MTN8, where he will face Eric Tinkler's SuperSport United.

He was guilty of making wholesale changes to his side when they went down to Chiefs this week, but he will most likely restore most of the players who have been doing well for him - notably goalkeeper Shu-Aib Walters and defender Taariq Fielies, who missed the Chiefs game. *Sport24*

Onyango still hungry for success

PRETORIA - Denis Onyango's accomplishments tower over the aspirations he had when he started his professional career 13 years ago, but the Mamelodi Sundowns goalkeeper isn't done just yet.

He is aiming higher and destined to conquer.

The 32-year-old took home CAF's Player of the Year - based in Africa award earlier this year just before he led Uganda to their first appearance in the Africa Cup of Nations in almost four decades.

The crowning glory of Onyango's career is being part of the first Sundowns generation to win the CAF Champions League - a tournament that holds a special place in his heart.

"My dream was to at least play in the group stage of the Champions League," Onyango said at the club's base in Chloorkop ahead of their quarter-final clash with Wydad Casablanca of Morocco on Sunday afternoon at Lucas



STILL HUNGRY: Denis Onyango.

Moripe Stadium.

"I wanted to reach the group stage with Sundowns because I had never reached it in Uganda (with Sports Club Villa), in Ethiopia (Saint George) and even when I was at SuperSport United.

"I have surpassed that. I have learned a lot from this journey. The drive now is to make it difficult for the next group of players by setting the bar high.

Sunday Independent

Salary inequality could blow up at Downs

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns are sitting on a ticking time bomb which will blow up in their face if they don't defuse it quickly.

That ticking time bomb is the club's salary structure. Patrice Motsepe's purchase of the Brazilians saw Sundowns able to attract the best players in the country thanks to the billionaire's chequebook.

Sundowns don't only splash the cash to sign that talent but also spend big to keep them happy with financial incentives.

That's why coach Pitso Mosimane can boast the Tshwane giant changes players' lives by turning them to millionaires.

Saturday Star



CAREFUL: Patrice Motsepe.

The year of the PSL kids looms

JOHANNESBURG - It was the great Matt Busby who said "if you are good enough, you are old enough."

And PSL coaches are making that mantra their own as they pin their hopes on some of South Africa's young talent this season.

When Kaizer Chiefs host reigning league champions Bidvest Wits at FNB Stadium on Saturday night, at least three of these sensational teenagers will have another chance to give the kind of performance that would make Busby much pleased were he still alive.

Wiseman Meyiwa, now the youngest ever Amakhosi debutant at 17, Reeve Frosler (19) and his Wits team-mate Kobamelo Kodisang (18) will line up for their respective teams in this ABSA Premiership clash with much more awareness of their ability than ever before.

Meyiwa, for one, had an introduction to professional football that he will never forget - scoring the second goal in Chiefs' 2-0 win over Cape Town City on Wednesday.

Frosler had to step up last season when the more experienced right-back Nazeer Allie suffered a fractured toe, while Kodisang was only 15 when coach Cavin Johnson gave him a taste of top flight football at Platinum Stars, a side he left two years later to join Wits as a free agent in July.

"I can't imagine playing for Chiefs at 17," said Amakhosi coach Komphela, himself a former Chiefs player, this week. "Unbelievable. I am getting goose bumps just talking about it. It's crazy. It has been a while in SA football where you hear that parents had to be called in to sign a professional contract because the player is a minor. We had to call in his (Meyiwa's) mom to the office to do so when we took the decision to register the player."

The Chiefs midfielder and his two youth international counterparts, Frosler and Kodisang, have all played at age-group World Cups, with Meyiwa featuring at both the Under-17 and Under-20 competitions recently. *IOL Sport*

SAFA wants R5 million for replay

JOHANNESBURG - The South African Football Association (SAFA) will send a hefty invoice amounting to more than R5 million to FIFA for costs incurred for the now-botched World Cup qualifier against Senegal in November.

The bill will include a R1.5 million claim for the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

This was revealed to City Press by Chief Executive Dennis Mumble.

Despite this latest development, there are still questions over the decision by SAFA not to appeal FIFA's ruling. SAFA announced early this week that it would not challenge FIFA's decision on moral and ethical grounds.

This was despite the organisation feeling strongly about going ahead with its appeal after FIFA's ruling last week.

However, after Monday's hastily arranged emergency committee meeting, the leadership changed its tune.

Without elaborating, the SAFA leadership said it made the decision after

additional information was received from FIFA. Questions still remain on who did what, when, why and how.

What exactly is the additional information that made them change their mind?

Why a sudden change of heart? Is there something that they are hiding from South Africans?

However, Mumble on Friday insisted they were happy with FIFA's explanation, which he said was confidential.

"Unfortunately, we cannot disclose what FIFA told us, but we are happy with the explanation about what really happened in that game, particularly in the 41st minute. We took the moral high ground here and agreed to replay the match because we do not want to be recipients of a corrupt outcome," said Mumble. SAFA senior legal counsel Norman Arendse will travel to Switzerland tomorrow to let FIFA know exactly how they feel about the implications of the decision.

"This decision raises questions on procedural, statutes and constitutional issues as it means the referee's decision is no longer final. We want to establish how we are going to implement these decisions locally. We don't want it to be a free-for-all because people could now claim corruption even where there is none. These are very serious matters for the conduct of the game in this country," said Mumble.

Ghanaian referee Joseph Lampitey, who handled the match in Polokwane, received a lifetime ban from FIFA for match manipulation, he is now challenging the decision in the Swiss courts.

Meanwhile, Mumble said he was still in the process of quantifying the costs, but explained that it would not be less than R5 million.

Mumble said that, as a result of the replay against Senegal, Bafana would not be able to honour their commitment of playing the Nelson Mandela Challenge in November. *Sports24*

'Statistics don't lie'

JOHANNESBURG - Until this week, there were only four English coaches in the dugouts in the English Premier League clubs.

But the appointment of Roy Hodgson as a replacement for Dutch coach Frank de Boer has increased the number of Englishmen to five. This case is not mirrored in South Africa, where local coaches are fast proving to be the go-to mentors, if current statistics are anything to go by. Or is it perhaps the fact that local clubs have realised that foreign is not always better? This seems to be the case as 75 per cent of Premier Soccer League (PSL) coaches are South Africans - 12 of the 16, to be exact. Half of them are new at clubs, and the others have already been at their respective clubs' benches. Locally, already three coaches have lost their jobs. First it was two out of two! And now it is three out of three! Two coaches lost their jobs after only two games in charge of their clubs and now the number has grown to three in as many games. First to go was Sammy Troughton, who was shown the door by Free State Stars, followed by Peter Butler of Platinum Stars - both after two games. *City Press*

Teko reveals why he left Downs

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town City midfielder, Teko 'The General' Modise has opened up why he decided to move on from Mamelodi Sundowns.

The 34-year-old parted ways with the Brazilians in June this year, where subsequently joined up with head coach Benni McCarthy's City side that following month.

In an exclusive interview in this week's edition of Soccer Laduma, The General opened up about why he requested to be released from his contract with the Chloorkop-based club, saying that his lack of game-time was the only reason he left.

"Err... to tell you the truth, I was very happy at Sundowns and, of course you've got to face challenges as a footballer. So I faced my challenges at the club and I tried to tackle them as early as possible. My issues had nothing to do with the



SPEAKS OUT: Cape Town City midfielder, Teko Modise.

club or anyone else," Modise told Soccer Laduma. *Soccer Laduma*

LOGS

Premier League	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Manchester City	5	4	1	0	16	2	14	13
	Manchester United	5	4	1	0	16	2	14	13
	Chelsea	5	3	1	1	8	5	3	10
	Newcastle United	5	3	0	2	6	4	2	9
	Tottenham Hotspur	5	2	2	1	7	3	4	8
	Huddersfield Town	5	2	2	1	5	3	2	8
	Burnley	5	2	2	1	6	5	1	8
	Liverpool	5	2	2	1	9	9	0	8
	Southampton	5	2	2	1	4	4	0	8
	Wolverhampton	5	2	2	1	4	4	0	8
	Watford	5	2	2	1	7	9	-2	8
	Arsenal	5	2	1	2	7	8	-1	7
	Stoke City	5	1	2	2	5	6	-1	5
	Swansea City	5	1	2	2	2	5	-3	5
	Leicester City	5	1	1	3	7	9	-2	4
	B & Hove Albion	5	1	1	3	4	7	-3	4
	West Ham United	5	1	1	3	4	10	-6	4
	Everton	5	1	1	3	2	10	-8	4
	AFC Bournemouth	5	1	0	4	3	9	-6	3
	Crystal Palace	5	0	0	5	0	8	-8	0

Absa Premiership	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Golden Arrows	4	2	2	0	9	4	5	8
	Maritzburg United	4	2	2	0	5	1	4	8
	Baroka FC	4	2	2	0	5	2	3	8
	Oriando Pirates	4	2	2	0	3	1	2	8
	Mamelodi down	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	6
	C Town City FC	3	2	0	1	4	3	1	6
	SuperSport United	3	2	0	1	4	3	1	6
	Kaizer Chiefs	4	1	2	1	5	4	1	5
	Bloemfontein Celtic	3	1	2	0	4	3	1	5
	1Ajax Cape Town	4	1	1	2	3	4	-1	4
	Chippa United	4	1	1	2	3	4	-1	4
	Polokwane City	4	1	1	2	3	5	-2	4
	Amazulu FC	4	1	1	2	3	7	-4	4
	Bidvest Wits	4	0	2	2	4	7	-3	2
	Free State Stars	4	0	1	3	3	6	-3	1
	Platinum Stars	4	0	1	3	1	7	-6	1

Italian Serie A	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Napoli	4	4	0	0	15	2	13	12
	Juventus	4	4	0	0	13	3	10	12
	Internazionale	4	4	0	0	10	1	9	12
	Milan	4	3	0	1	8	6	2	9
	Torino	4	2	2	0	7	3	4	8
	Lazio	3	2	1	0	6	2	4	7
	Sampdoria	3	2	1	0	6	4	2	7
	Roma	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	6
	Fiorentina	4	2	0	2	8	6	2	6
	Cagliari	4	2	0	2	4	5	-1	6
	Bologna	4	1	1	2	3	6	-3	4
	SPAL	4	1	1	2	3	6	-3	4
	Atalanta	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
	Chievo	3	1	0	2	3	6	-3	3
	Udinese	4	1	0	3	5	7	-2	3
	Genoa	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1
	Sassuolo	4	0	1	3	2	8	-6	1
	Crotone	4	0	1	3	0	6	-6	1
	Hellas Verona	4	0	1	3	1	11	-10	1
	Benevento	4	0	0	4	1	10	-9	0

Spanish La Liga	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Barcelona	4	4	0	0	11	1	10	12
	Sevilla	4	3	1	0	6	1	5	10
	Real Sociedad	3	3	0	0	10	4	6	9
	Atlético Madrid	4	2	2	0	8	3	5	8
	Athletic Club	3	2	1	0	3	0	3	7
	Villarreal	4	2	0	2	6	5	1	6
	Levante	4	1	3	0	5	4	1	6
	Valencia	4	1	3	0	4	3	1	6
	Leganes	4	2	0	2	3	3	0	6
	Real Betis	4	2	0	2	5	7	-2	6
	Eibar	4	2	0	2	2	4	-2	6
	Real Madrid	3	1	2	0	6	3	3	5
	Getafe	4	1	1	2	3	4	-1	4
	Girona	4	1	1	2	3	5	-2	4
	Celta de Vigo	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
	Las Palmas	3	1	0	2	4	7	-3	3
	Depoo La Coruña	4	0	1	3	5	11	-6	1
	Espanyol	3	0	1	2	1	7	-6	1
	Málaga	4	0	0	4	1	6	-5	0
	Deportivo Alavés	4	0	0	4	0	7	-7	0

Bundesliga 2017/2018	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Hannover 96	4	3	1	0	5	1	4	10
	Bayern München	4	3	0	1	9	3	6	9
	Schalke 04	4	3	0	1	7	3	4	9
	Hoffenheim	4	2	2	0	6	3	3	8
	Borussia Dortmund	3	2	1	0	5	0	5	7
	RB Leipzig	4	2	1	1	8	5	3	7
	Augsburg	4	2	1	1	7	4	3	7
	Hamburger SV	4	2	0	2	4	5	-1	6
	Stuttgart	4	2	0	2	3	5	-2	6
	Bor M'gladbach	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5
	Hertha BSC	4	1	2	1	4	4	0	4
	Bayer Leverkusen	4	1	1	2	2	3	-1	4
	Eintracht Frankfurt	4	1	1	2	2	5	-3	4
	Wolfsburg	4	1	0	3	3	7	-4	3
	Mainz 05	4	0	2	2	1	8	-7	2
	Freiburg	4	0	1	3	2	6	-4	1
	Werder Bremen	4	0	0	4	1	7	-6	0
	Köln	3	0	0	3	1	7	-6	0

Valencia fires screamer before Mkhitaranyan, Lukaku Martial score to seals points

MANCHESTER - Antonio Valencia's brilliant opener set Manchester United on their way to a routine win over Everton on Wayne Rooney's return to Old Trafford before Henrikh Mkhitaryan, Romelu Lukaku and an Anthony Martial penalty sealed the points.

Rooney impressed, but he was guilty of missing several chances with the best of those coming two minutes into the second-half but David de Gea got down to save before the Spaniard thwarted Gylfi Sigurdsson from six yards.

United then had chances to extend their lead as Juan Mata struck a post with a pinpoint free-kick before Jesse Lingard lifted his shot over the bar when well placed.

It was a strange first-half. The way it began, it appeared Manchester United could run up a similar score to that Manchester City recorded at



GOAL: Anthony Martial strokes in United's fourth from the penalty spot in stoppage time after Morgan Schneiderlin handled the ball.

Watford on Saturday.

Yet United are built differently to City. This Jose Mourinho side is a significant upgrade on that left to him by Louis Van Gaal, in terms of its potential and attacking intent.

Yet it is some way off the abandon and ambition of a Pep Guardiola team. Mourinho runs a tight ship, doesn't take as many

chances. That isn't intended as a criticism. It may enable United to play a long-term game that is beyond City this season, it may leave them less vulnerable at crucial moments; we shall see. What is undeniable is that, initially, Everton looked worried – and not just by Antonio Valencia's magnificent fourth minute goal. *Daily Mail*

Luiz sees red as London derby ends in a stalemate

LONDON - The notion of a tense contest, low on goals first appeared when the team-sheets confirmed the game would start without Eden Hazard, Alexis Sanchez and Olivier Giroud.

With Diego Costa still absent, it meant four players who scored 72 Premier League goals last season had been omitted, although none were technically injured.

By the end, Sanchez, Hazard and Giroud were on all – Costa was still missing, naturally – and the game had become a shapeless mess and a story of missed chances.

David Luiz, it seemed, could

take no more and went flying over the ball into a challenge on Saed Kolasinac.

Referee Michael Oliver sent him off with a straight red card for violent play, which seemed harsh, when a second yellow for Luiz would have been impossible to dispute.

If the red card stands, Chelsea will miss the keystone of their defensive unit for the next three games.

The flashpoint triggered a frantic closing sequence with everyone challenging every decision made. But it did not produce the goal to separate the London rivals.

Arsenal escaped with a rare point from Stamford Bridge. Arsene Wenger's team were much more solid without Sanchez and Mesut Ozil but sacrificed their flair and could not find a goal, although they certainly had the chances.

Chelsea opened with the sort of confidence and control you might expect from a team with the pre-match form statistics so heavily stacked in their favour.

They had won the previous five against Arsenal at the Bridge and, in the Premier League, Wenger's side have struggled badly away from home against top-six rivals. *Daily Mail*

NBA launch new kits with chip

NEW YORK - Inside a jet black Los Angeles film studio, a leading player from each of the NBA's 30 clubs lines up to show off the swanky new season's kit.

Basketball's big-hitters have made the journey to this launch party - Kevin Durant, Blake Griffin, Paul George - to whet the appetites of the 500 or so in attendance and the millions more following every image on social media.

Once the posing has finished, rapper and singer Travis Scott, bedecked in a Houston Rockets jersey, entertains the younger members of the audience with a brief four-track set.

This razzamatazz is how US sport sets the scene for the upcoming campaign - all guns blazing to ensure excitement is at fever pitch for the first tip off next month.

But this Nike launch party also has an intriguing side, with a new technological innovation unveiled which is more than likely to find its way into the Premier League sooner than later.

All of this season's replica shirts throughout the NBA will be equipped with a Nike Connect tag - a microchip sown beneath the league's badge.

Scan the tag with an iPhone ahead of each game and fans can access a whole range of videos, deals and content on their favourite team.

They might discover courtside footage, LeBron James' pre-game play-list, downloads for the latest NBA 2K game or special offers on merchandise.

"Think of it as a personalised pipeline between you and the player or team that you love with a frictionless connection," says Stefan Olander, Nike's Vice President of global digital innovation. "We create a shortcut by you simply tapping your phone to your jersey. It immediately recognises you and then sends you the unique content."



The NBA is likely to be merely a

RESULTS

Absa Premiership		
Golden Arrows	4 - 1	Amazulu FC
Bundesliga 2017/2018		
Bayer Leverkusen	4 - 0	Freiburg
Hoffenheim	1 - 1	Hertha BSC
CAF Champions League		
Mamelodi Sundowns	1 - 0	Wydad Athletic Club
Italian Serie A		
SPAL	0 - 2	Cagliari
Torino	2 - 2	Sampdoria
Milan	2 - 1	Udinese
Napoli	6 - 0	Benevento
Sassuolo	1 - 3	Juventus
Premier League 2017/2018		
Manchester United	4 - 0	Everton
Chelsea	0 - 0	Arsenal
Spanish La Liga		
Girona	0 - 1	Sevilla
Deportivo Alavés	0 - 3	Villarreal

Hamilton surges to victory, increases hold on the championship

SINGAPORE - The miracle Lewis Hamilton had called for came on the astonishing first lap of the Singapore Grand Prix, when his title rival Sebastian Vettel crashed out in a three-car smash at 120mph.

It made Hamilton, the eventual winner, the clear favourite for the title, his lead extended to 28 points with six races remaining.

Rain was falling hard on the street circuit as the action began – the first wet night race ever. And the action lived up to the context as Vettel, who started on pole, gently squeezed Max Verstappen, who was the sandwich in the path of Kimi Raikkonen, who had started fourth.

Nothing that happened from now on was in any way gentle. Tearing away along the start straight and, having just flicked up to fourth gear, BANG. Verstappen and Raikkonen collected each other, ending their races there and then.

Vettel, whose Ferrari was damaged but not wrecked by the impact, carried on for a moment or two longer but he finally spun out, his car helplessly trickling the wrong way against the traffic.

The safety car came out. And Hamilton was suddenly in the lead, one he maintained for the rest of the night on an exciting occasion that felt pivotal in the championship contest.

Fernando Alonso, who like Hamilton had made a fine start, was caught up by the out-of-control cars, retired from the race after carrying on despite being lifted off the ground.

Daily Mail

guinea pig for this waterproof chip too, before it broadens its horizons across the sporting world. "Football has an incredibly passionate following, so we absolutely see it going into other sports," said Olander, ahead of the system's global launch on September 29. *Daily Mail*



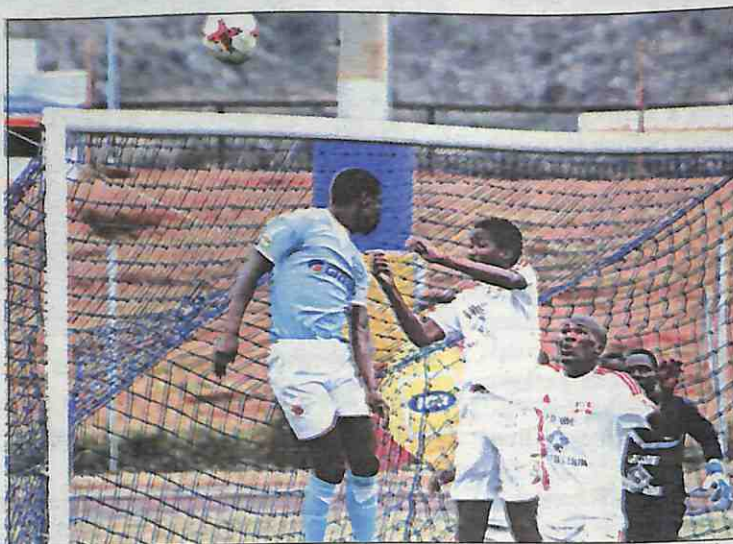
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MATSAPHA UNITED 1-1 RED LIONS



CHALLENGE: Red Lions' Katlego Albert Piana challenging Matsapha United's Sifiso Mdluli during the MTN Premier League match at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



OVER THE BAR: One of Matsapha United's scoring chances.



CLEAR: Red Lions' Nkosinamandla Nkambule clears the ball away from Matsapha United's Siphamandla Dhlamini.



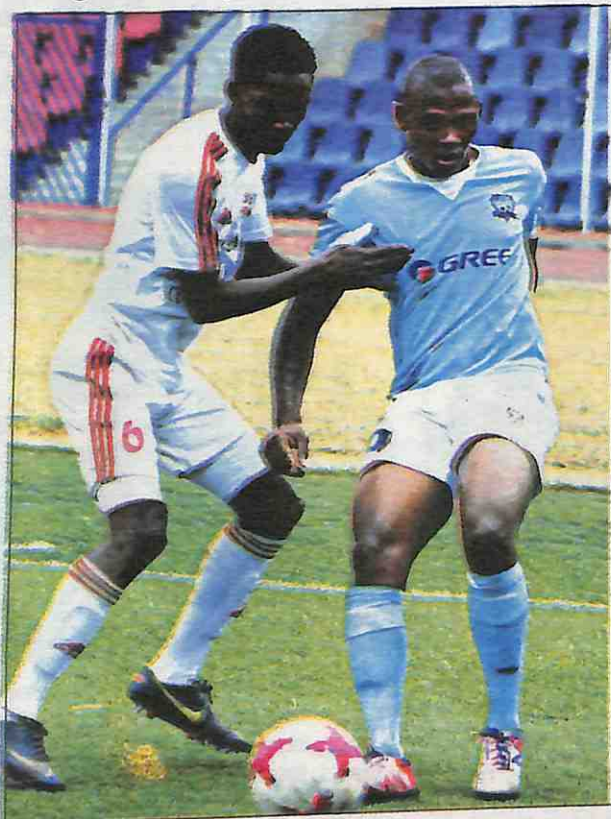
BLOCKED: United's Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze being blocked by Red Lions' Piana.



THE DEEP BLUE OCEAN: United supporters watching the game.



IN PAIN: Injured Red Lions goalkeeper Jim Knowledge being attended to.



TIGHT MARK: Red Lions' Mthokozisi Nkambule marking United's Vusumuzi Zungu.



IT'S A GOAL: United's equalising goal.



ORGANISED TEAM: Matsapha United ball boys clad in uniform during their game against Red Lions.

HEADER: Nkosinamandla Nkambule and Mthokozisi Hlatshwako battling for a high ball.



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MNZ. WANDERERS 4-1 MALANTI CHIEFS



UNIFORM MALFUNCTION: Malanti Chiefs ball boys leading the two teams to the field of play.



MY BALL: The players vying for the ball.

FROM BEHIND: Malanti Chiefs' Sandile Mazibuko outpacing Manzini Wanderers' Menzi Gamedze during the MTN Premier League game at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Wanderers won 4-1. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



MINE: Jose Machado winning the ball from Siyabonga Nkambule.



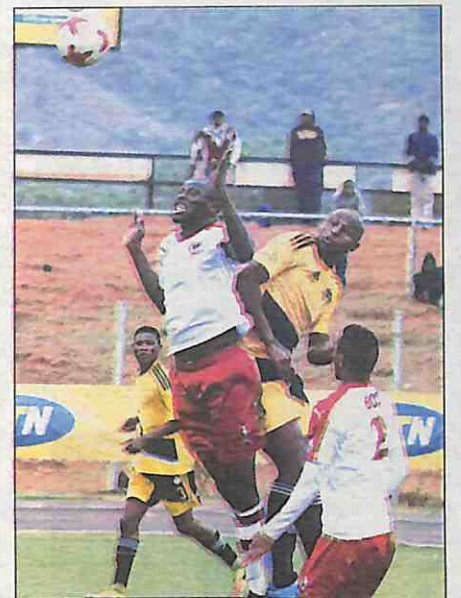
GOAL: Manzini Wanderers' second goal.



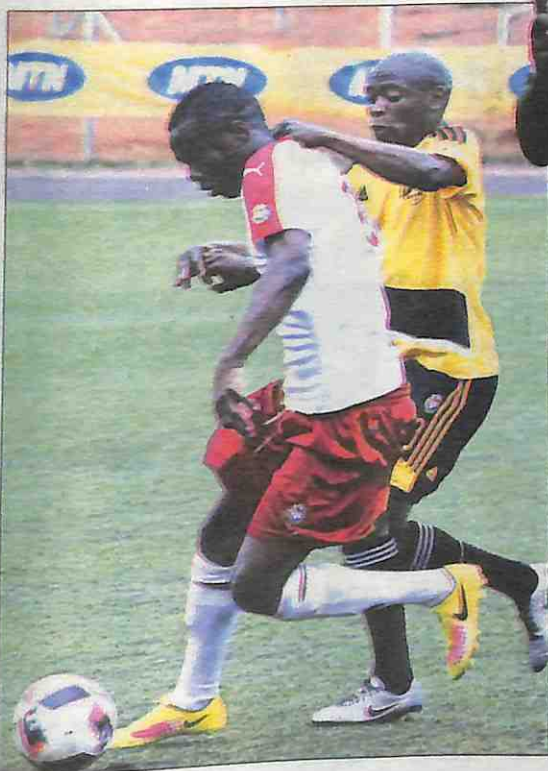
BALL CONTROL: Wanderers' Brian Vilane controls the ball while Malanti Chiefs' Charles Molopo closes in.



MAHHALA HHA: Wanderers supporters cheering the players on.



HEADER: Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya and Charles Molopo in a heading duel.



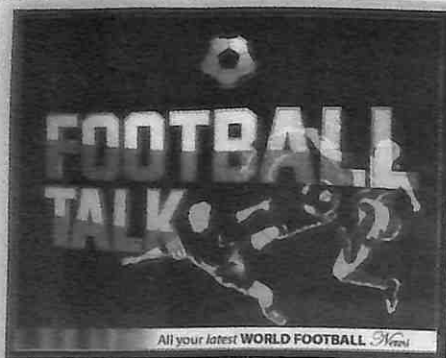
MOVE: Mike Dombo negotiates to go past Bongane Tshabalala.



HAPPY PEOPLE: 'Shana' Maziya celebrating his second goal.



YES: Wanderers players celebrating their second goal.



● Liverpool forward Sadio Mane, 25, interests Barcelona, Real Madrid and Juventus. (*Mirror*)

● Real Madrid president Florentino Perez has started talks with 28-year-old Arsenal forward Alexis Sanchez over a possible move. (*Don Balon via football.london*)

● Tottenham are interested in Barcelona midfielder Andre Gomes, 24, which could put any move for Everton's Ross Barkley, 23, in doubt. (*Sun*)



● Watford are interested in Olympiacos right-back Omar Elabdellaoui, 25. The Norway captain is out of contract next summer. (*Mail*)

● Leicester are set to complete the £22m signing of Sporting Lisbon midfielder Adrien Silva after approval from FIFA. (*Mirror*)

● Manager Jose Mourinho says Manchester United's spending power persuaded striker Romelu Lukaku, 24, to move to Old Trafford rather than Chelsea. (*Telegraph*)

● Nice midfielder Jean Seri has vowed to stay until at least the end of the season. The 26-year-old interests Barcelona. (*ESPN FC*)

● Real Madrid midfielder Isco, 25, turned down a move to Barcelona because of striker Lionel Messi. (*Diario Gol via Express*)

● Real Madrid winger Gareth Bale, 28, was told by team-mate Luka Modric to consider a move to Manchester United. (*Don Balon via Express*)

● Stoke and England goalkeeper Jack Butland, 24, says he welcomes speculation linking him with a move to Manchester United. (*Mail*)

● Manager Jurgen Klopp says Liverpool did not sign another centre-half after missing out on Southampton's Virgil van Dijk, 26, because he could not find the right alternative. (*Metro*)

● Paris St-Germain are looking to offload up to five players in January with wingers Julian Draxler, 23, Angel di Maria, 29, and Lucas Moura, 25, all said to be heading for the exit. (*Mundo Deportivo via Sun*)



● Everton have stepped up their interest in Uruguay winger Federico Martinez, 21, who plays for Liverpool FC in Montevideo. (*Sun*)

● Manchester United fear midfielder Paul Pogba could be out for longer than first thought as he faces being sidelined for up to 12 weeks with a hamstring injury (*Times - subscription required*)

● Jose Mourinho has urged Manchester United fans to give "legend" Wayne Rooney a warm welcome when he returns to Old Trafford with Everton on Sunday. (*Independent*)

A wounded team is dangerous - 'Ace'

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER-Moneni Pirates head coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini admitted that Manzini Sundowns gave them a run for their money during their match on Saturday.

The coach stated after the game that Sundowns was the most dangerous side on the day as they looking for vengeance after being eliminated by his side in another tournament.

The coach said they could have done better than the 2 all draw but were let down by the fact that his charges were failing to click.

"Pirates have been playing with regular players for a long time and if they can't click, the whole team suffers. You can't expect the new guys to come in and change the game if the senior players don't gel. What was even worse is that we were playing a



TOUGH ENCOUNTER: Players in action during the match.

side that was out for revenge and determined to get a positive result. To them the draw is a win. Lack of concentration especially from my midfielders was another factor that let us down," he said.

Meanwhile, Sundowns Coach Ernest Mavuso said the two early

goals had a strain on them but they came back hard and he believes they should have won the game.

"It was a tough game especially after conceding two early goals but I think we played well and we were unfortunate not to win

the game," he said.

The two sides were playing for the second time in less than a month after locking horns in the Charity Cup play-offs eventually won by Pirates.

Draw against Leopard a fair result - 'Madze'

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER - GREEN Mamba coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga has described his side's stalemate with police side Royal Leopard as a 'fair result'.

The former Sihlangu Semnikati head coach said this during his post-match interview after his team's 1-1 stalemate with Royal Leopard at the King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium on Saturday

"I think it was a fair result when you consider the balance of play.

We dominated in the first half albeit the fact that we conceded within the first 10 minutes of the match.

Leopard dominated the second half, and I'm glad the boys stood their ground and we didn't concede. All in all, it's tough this season, and this is a valuable point that will help us going forward.

His Leopard counterpart Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibanane said he was pleased to see his troops bounce back from what he termed as a 'demoralising lose' against modest newly-promoted side Matsapha United.

"The boys fought hard and we managed to gain a valuable point today. This will be a tough league this season and it's better to secure a point than nothing.

We just got our first point of the league and that's good enough for us," said the soft spoken mentor.

Superstars wallop Raiders in SNBL

By Sibusiso Dlamini

BASKETBALL - AS the action in the Swaziland National Basketball League (SNBL) heats up, defending champions of the Elite Men's League (EML) Superstars are showing strong intentions of defending their title as they walloped youngsters Manzini Raiders 99 - 51.

This was during their exciting encounter played at the Mavuso Sports Emporium on Saturday.

The defending champions who started the league on a rather low note have picked up in the second stanza of the league and have shown the character that stunned everyone when they marched to the crown last season.

The black and white side managed to bully the youngsters which have displayed an impressive performance throughout the season but failed to get the desired results

on the day, as Superstars were just outstanding on the day.

The EML match was not the only match on the day, as Jazz continued from last week's triumph, thumping basement placed Shooting Stars 20 - 0.

In the Men's Promotional League (MPL), Nhlanguano Warriors overcame Scavengers 46 - 40 in what was a tightly contested encounter, whilst Raptors stunned Imbumba with a 62 - 0 win in an entertaining match that kept fans on the edge of their seats at the Mavuso Sports Emporium.

The full results	
Jazz	20
Shooting Stars	0
Nhlanguano warriors	46
Scavengers	40
Raiders	51
Superstars	99
Raptors	62
Imbumba	60

VA Cup kicks off month end

By Sibusiso Masilela

VOLLEYBALL - Volleyball fanatics will be treated to three weeks of action when the annual VA Cup kicks off at the end of the month.

The tournament, which serves as qualifiers for the Zone VI Club Championships, will be held the Bosco Skills Centre and Mavuso Sports Centre where the teams in all the three categories will battle it out for the honours.

The likes of Correctional, RSP, Customs and USDF will battle it out for the two available spots in the men's category while Correctional, Bob Ladies, Zakhele and RSP will also be aiming for a place in the regional club cham-

pionships showpiece slated for Zimbabwe in December

The Swaziland National Volleyball Association (SNVA) will select a total of four teams to represent the country during the games.

SNVA Vice Secretary Eric Zwane confirmed the developments when sought yesterday.

"All is set for the VA Cup to kick off month end in various venues.

The draw and other details will be announced in due course and we do urge teams to start preparing themselves so they stand a chance to qualify," he said.

The SNVA recently hosted the PSI Trade Fair Cup where both Correctional Sunrise male and female teams emerged the victors.

11-year-old Siviwe conquers 20km at Khemani

By Sabelo Majola

CYCLING-11-year-old Siviwe Vilakati won the hearts of MTN Khemani Classic organisers as he was the youngest cyclist to complete 20km.

The young cycling purist was honoured with a special prize and a trophy for his courage as he kept his foot on the pedal to conquer the 20km race against experienced cyclists. Cycling Association of Swaziland (CAS) President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi and Khemani Cycling Club founder Dr Futhi Dlamini could not help but praise the youngster as they advocate for cyclists as young as him to join the sport.

Interviewed on his achievement, the youngstersaid he was not only



a cyclist but participated in other sports which include swimming, golf and tennis.

"I like cycling a lot but golf is closer to my heart," he said when interviewed after collecting his prize.

The race was won by Aston Zeeman while Thulebona Simelane was the first female to cross the finish line.

MATSAPHA UNITED, RED LIONS SHARE SPOILS

By Sibusiso Masilela

Red Lions..... (1)1
Matsapha United..... (0)1

SOCCER - RED Lions and Matsapha United settled for a stalemate in a tightly contested affair played at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

This was during an MTN Premier League match where both teams were gunning for the three points despite settling for the draw.

The match served as a resurrection for Red Lions as they displayed a brave performance against the star-studded newcomers following the crippling 0-4 loss at the hand of Manzini Sundowns last weekend at the same venue.

'Amabhubesi' matched the 'Deep Blue Ocean' pound-for-pound and drew first blood in the 12th minute through midfielder Mthokozisi Hlatshwako.

The stylish play-maker slotted home a Muntu Mamba pass, to beat United goalkeeper Khanyakezwe Shabalala with ease.

Matsapha tried to force to a quick response in the 19th minute when South African winger Siphamandla Dhlamini's effort kissed the crossbar with Jim Knowledge well-beaten between Red



IT'S A GOAL: United's equalising goal.

Lions goals.

The Fairview based side enjoyed a 1-0 lead when the match went to break.

United came back with some fire power in the second half as they started throwing all sorts of missiles to the opposition through the likes of Jimmoh Moses, who missed a sitter after benefitting from a Mthobisi Mdluli corner seven minutes into the second stanza.

They finally levelled matters in the 56th minute through a Sifiso Maseko header, who hammered in a 'Mkhelele' corner.

Workaholic Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze almost stole the maximum points for

his side just after the hour mark when his pile driver was tipped off the crossbar by keeper Jim Knowledge.

Both teams failed to find the elusive winner, allowing the match to end on a 1-1 draw.

The teams:

Red Lions - Jim, Ntokozo, Sandile, Thamie, 'Kwere', Muzi, Derrick (Mabelesa), Mthokozisi Nkambule, Muntu, Mthokozisi Hlatshwako, Phiana

Matsapha - Khanyakweze, Sibonelo, 'Sawa', Sifiso, 'Papi', Nkhosinamandla (Yuki), Zungu, 'Mkhelele', Sinethemba, Siphamandla (Bhekani)

Saul impressed despite the draw

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MATSAPHA United coach Saul Chaminuka believes they played well despite their 1-1 draw against Red Lions at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

This was during their second game of the MTN Premier League.

The coach said even though they failed to get maximum points, his players tried their best during this tough match.

"We will keep fighting hard as we are

all out to challenge for the honours. We drew today and we are not happy with the point. We started off badly and got punished early in the first half. We managed to fight back in the second half where we scored the equaliser."

He said they would keep working hard as these were the first games of the season.

"We just have to put this draw behind us and focus on the next encounter. I want to thank the players for the good fight in this match."

Meanwhile, his Red Lions counterpart Dumisani Makhanya commended

his charges for their performance on the day.

"I am happy with our performance where we managed to frustrate the opposition in the middle field by not giving room to Vusumuzi Zungu. We wanted to catch them on counter-attack and it worked well for us. We will continue working hard in the upcoming matches," he said.

Makhanya said they would take it one game at a time and keep going.

"We have to focus on the next match and target maximum points. I salute my players for the performance."

We were unlucky- Badara

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER-MBABANE Highlanders Coach Alou Badara says luck was not on their side after losing 1-2 to Vovovo.

Interviewed after their clash played at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday, the coach said they did all in their power but were just unfortunate.

"Today was just not our day. We tried everything in the match but lost. Another factor is that we had to nurse the situation as five of my key players played with injuries but they soldiered on and

fought for the team. We will go back to the drawing board to rectify our mistakes," he said. The coach said he was also considering to beef up his squad before the end of the transfer window next Friday.

"I am hoping to make a few additions into the team. We are still assessing the South African striker and will decide before the end of next week," he said. Meanwhile, winning Coach Caleb Ngwenya commended his players for a job well done inside the field of play. "I am happy with

the performance of the boys and were clinical on the finishing. We showed huge improvement from our previous match and will continue working hard," he said.



Milling, Sea Birds in goalless stalemate

By Sibusiso Dlamini

Milling Hotspurs..... (0)0

Manzini Sea Birds..... (0)0

SOCCER - LIFE continues to be tough for relegated Premier League side Manzini Sea Birds as they are yet to taste victory in the MTN National First Division after playing to a goalless stalemate against an impressive Milling Hotspurs.

This was during their encounter played at the Manzini Club yesterday.

The Gcina Dlamini-led charges came with a clear intention of frustrating Milling's signature play of free-flowing football.

They were cautious in their approach with the hope of catching the opposition on a counter-attack.

Sea Birds were the first to rattle the net through Mfundo Zwane but their joy was short-lived as referee Makalalane Dlamini ruled it

offside.

Minutes later, Bhukumuzi Mamba came close to scoring for Sea Birds after he unleashed a stinging shot from outside the box but it went straight into the hands of Thulani Dvuba, who was manning the poles for the red and white ensemble.

The match went to break with the teams locked at 0-0.

After the recess, Milling started to gel and matched Sea Birds pound-for-pound in a physical battle before executing their carpet football to confuse the opposition.

Milling midfield maestro Boy Sibandze was controlling proceedings in the belly of the park with ease.

Hotspurs continued to string a few passes but their final touch in the last third was a let down.

Sea Birds tried to exploit that and punish them with a counter-attack but their efforts were in vain as they failed to find the back of the net.

Both teams continued to huff and puff until the referee blew the final whistle.

'Koki' a happy man after Tambuti victory

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER-MBABANE Swallows Coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati was a happy man after his team beat Tambuti 3-2 at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday.

The coach said during a post match interview that he was relieved to see his side bagging maximum points in what he described as a very tough.

"I am happy with the win which was not easy as Tambuti gave us a run for our money in the second half. We somehow got relaxed after enjoying a 3-0 cushion and they started throwing everything at us

but we managed to protect our lead until the end of the match. We are currently trying to introduce some youngsters into the game so they can adapt to the big stage," he said.

Meanwhile, his Tambuti counterpart Texan Phiri attributed the loss to a poor first half from his charges. "It was a game of two halves as the opposition punished us in the first stanza for being nervous but we regrouped in the second half and took the game to them.

"We could have done better in the match had we converted our chances. We will go back to the drawing board and work towards improving in our next game," he said.



ONE-ON-ONE: Tambuti FC's Neliso Myeni and Mbabane Swallows' Sifiso Mabila fighting for the ball during the MTN Premier League game at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Swallows won 3-2. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



BAD LUCK: Mbabane Highlanders Coach Alou Badara.

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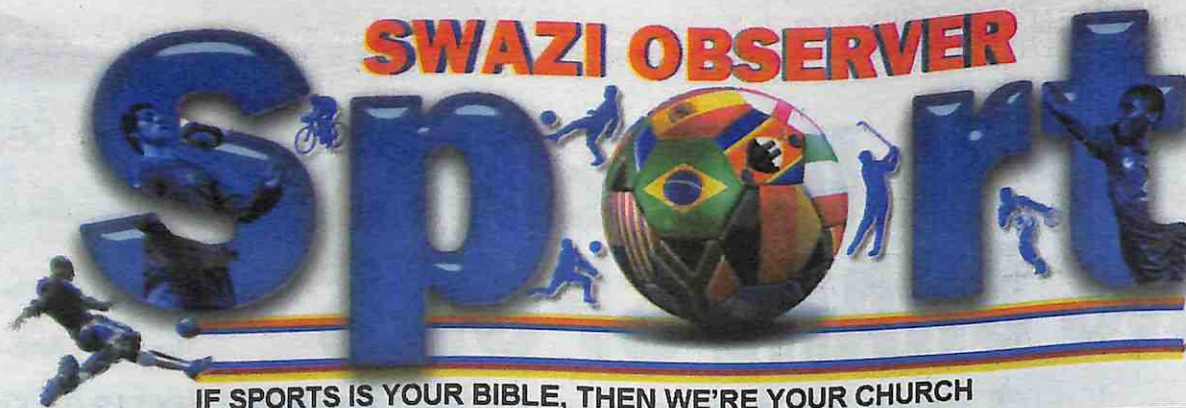
Golden Arrows 4-1 AmaZulu FC

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Mamelodi Sundowns 1-0 Wydad Athletic Club

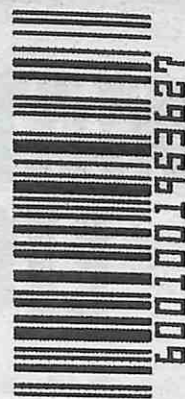
PREMIER LEAGUE

Manchester United 4-0 Everton
Chelsea 0-0 Arsenal
Tottenham Hotspur 0-0 Swansea City
West Bromwich Albion 0-0 West Ham United
Huddersfield Town 1-1 Leicester City
Watford 0-6 Manchester City
Liverpool 1-1 Burnley
Newcastle United 2-1 Stoke City
Crystal Palace 0-1 Southampton



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MARVELOUS WANDERERS WALLOP MALANTI



By Sabelo Majola

Malanti Chiefs..... (0)1
Manzini Wanderers..... (2)4

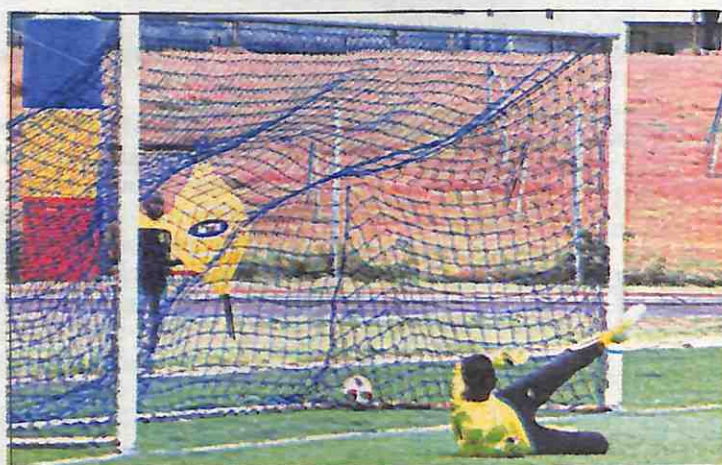
SOCCER – A brace by captain fantastic Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya gave Manzini Wanderers a sweet 4-1 victory over a non-resistant Malanti Chiefs during an MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

From a humiliating 1-4 defeat to Mbabane Highlanders last week, the combination of Mike Dombo and Ali Matse upfront was perfect to turn the same result to their favour in marvelous fashion.

The Weslians started the match on a high as they were all over the opposition, who were not given any space to breathe.

The troublesome Dombo was brought down in the box in the 16th minute after receiving a defence splitting pass from Matse and the referee Theminkosi Dlamini did not hesitate to point to the penalty spot.

Wanderers captain Lwazi 'Shana'



WELL BEATEN: Malanti Chiefs goalkeeper Thokozani Shabangu beaten by Wanderers' Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya from the spot kick.

Maziya took responsibility and scored from the spot, much to the joy of the team's supporters.

It was one-way traffic with Wanderers attacking from all angles.

The Zimbabwe-born Dombo was back again troubling the Malanti defence with his skills just after the half hour mark as he delivered a cross that was connected by Maziya, scoring a superb header to complete a brace to make it 2-0 for the visi-

tors.

The match went to break with Wanderers leading 2-0.

Wanderers continued where they left off in the first half with Malanti finding it hard to stamp their authority in this match.

After poor transition play from Wanderers, Malanti's scoring chance came in the 52nd minute after goalkeeper Banele Dlamini dropped the ball, falling on Charles Molopo's

feet but the striker failed to capitalize as his hard shot went over the bar.

Matse made it to the score sheet in the 71st minute after a perfect turn in the box before unleashing a hard shot that was too much for former Mbabane Swallows goalkeeper Ntokozo Shabangu to deal with.

Wanderers' fourth goal came by virtue of the superb Dombo whose volley from outside the box went to the top corner, much to the excitement of the team's fans, who cramped Somhlolo to watch the game.

Malanti pulled one back five minutes from full time through Charles Molopo but it was too late as Wanderers collected their first three points of the season.

Teams

MALANTI - Ntokozo, Siyabonga, Sthembiso, Bhakisisa, Thembumenzi, Sifiso (Thokozane), Sandile, Lindokuhle, Charles, Bongane, Potogo

WANDERERS - Banele, Sicelo, Menzi, Brian, Sihle, Lwazi, Ali, Jose, Kola, Sifiso, Dombo

MTN LEAGUE RESULTS:

Midas City	1-2	Buffaloes
Vovovo	2-1	Highlanders
Tambuti	2-3	Swallows
Sundowns	2-2	Pirates
Green Mamba	1-1	Royal Leopard
Matsapha United	1-1	Red Lions
Malanti Chiefs	1-4	Wanderers

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Manzini Sundowns	2	1	1	0	6	2	4	4
Matsapha United	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	4
Mbabane Swallows	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
Moneri Pirates	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
Young Buffaloes	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
Green Mamba	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
Mbabane Highlanders	2	1	0	1	5	3	2	3
Manzini Wanderers	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
Vovovo	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
Malanti Chiefs	2	1	0	1	4	6	-2	3
Royal Leopard	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
Red Lions	2	0	1	1	1	5	-4	1
Midas City	2	0	0	2	3	5	-2	0
Tambuti	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0

Nyanga hoping for consistency at 'Weslians'

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - MANZINI Wanderers head coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe says he is hoping for consistency from his team.

The coach said this after their 4-1 victory over Malanti Chiefs during an MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Hlophe praised his players for demonstrating character and deter-

mination especially after their performance against Mbabane Highlanders last week where they lost 1-4.

"The players gave the same gallant performance they did last week, they didn't give up after the loss to Highlanders only that this time they utilised their scoring chances and we snatched the victory. We still have to work harder to get to where we want to be. We will not read too much into the victory but I am hoping for consistency going into the next clash," he said.

Hlophe said he was aiming at the first six league games to determine where the team is headed before making league objectives.

"There is still a long way to go and we have to collect as many points as possible."

Meanwhile, Malanti Chiefs assistant coach Sicelo Shongwe said their game plan was to attack from the beginning but defensive errors cost them the match.

"We gave the opposition too much respect and the players didn't click



YES: Wanderers supporters celebrating one of their goals.

in the field of play. We lacked urgency upfront. We have to work hard on

our defence going to the next match," he said.