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## KING GIVES ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT WARM WELCOME

**ON RED CARPET:** Visiting Zambia President Edgar Lungu chatting with His Majesty King Mswati III upon arrival for a three-day state visit at Matsapha International Airport yesterday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

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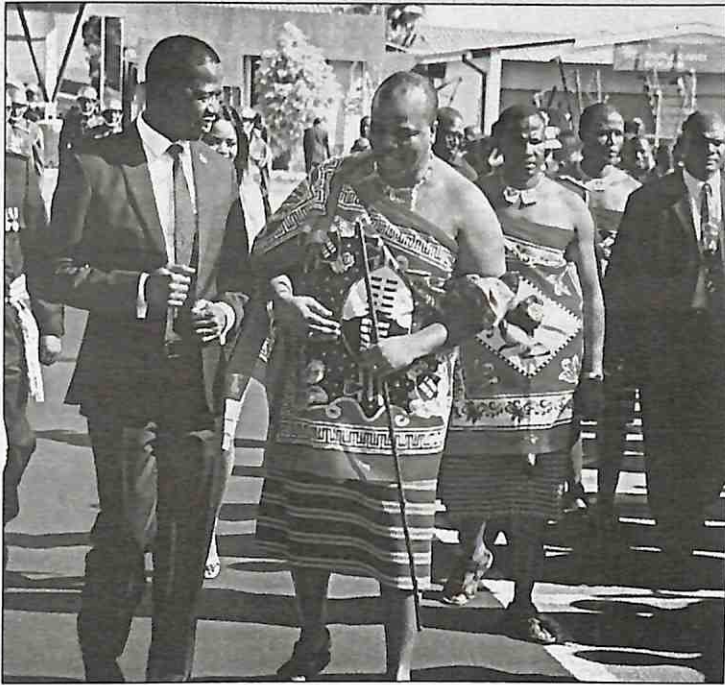
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LIKE THIS: His Majesty King Mswati III explaining more to visiting Zambia President Edgar Lungu.

## King welcomes visiting Zambian President Lungu

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Matsapha

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III yesterday welcomed President of Zambia His Excellency Edgar Lungu at the Matsapha International Airport.**

The President who is in the country for a state visit alighted from his plane at 12.40pm and was welcomed by His Majesty who was in the company of Prime Minister, Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini as well as amazinyane.

Upon arrival the president inspected the guard of honour then proceeded to greet the throngs of people who were there to welcome including some Zambian nations now resident in the country.

Amongst the many people present to welcome the president at the airport were all Cabinet ministers, secretary to Cabinet, principal secretaries and members of the royal family.

President Lungu is expected to visit the newly opened Sidvokodvo Milk Farm and tour Simunye Sugar Mill.

### Visit

The president is also expected to pay a courtesy visit to her Majesty the Queen Mother before departing tomorrow.

President Lungu first took office upon the demise of President Michael Sata in 2014 and was re-elected into office in August last year.

The Zambian President hosted his Majesty the King in 2015 on a similar visit.

## MOZA MAN ARRESTED FOR CAR SMUGGLING

By Sicelo Maziya  
Siteki

**LUBOMBO Lukhozi Police Unit on Monday busted what is believed to be a car syndicate at Mhlumeni border where they arrested a 54-year-old Mozambican national and a Swazi woman.**

Upon investigation the Swazi woman was released. The Mozambican man is reported to have been driving a suspected stolen truck which carrying a Toyota D4D van also suspected to have been stolen.

Two police officers are reported to have been detained briefly and questioned by Lukhozi but no arrests have made yet so far as investigations

are still continuing.

Deputy Police Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the arrests of the Mozambican man and the recovery of a truck and a Toyota van last night.

She said investigations are still continuing on what is believed to have been a car smuggling syndicate to Maputo.

"This syndicate was smuggling stolen motor vehicles from Swaziland to Mozambique through the Mhlumeni border post which is the only border operating 24 hours."

The syndicate is alleged to have been suspected for some time leading to a special operation being established and conducted on Monday night," the source said.



# SANU STUDENTS SHOCKER

## COVER STORY

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**SOUTHERN African Nazarene University (SANU) students who are sponsored by government received the shock of their lives when they received letters ordering them to fork out money as government is owing the institution tuition fees amounting to E4 772 per student.**

Not only were students informed to pay the money owed by government, they were also informed that all owing students must pay first semester fees in full by the end of November failing which students will not receive their first semester results and won't be allowed to register for the second semester.

On tuition deposits all students were informed that they are required to pay a 30 per cent deposit of the first semester fees. Government sponsored students were promised to be refunded.

The students, according to the letter given to them, will be refunded their tuition deposit once the university has received full payment from the sponsor.

In another letter which is specifically directed to government sponsored students, they are informed that: "the University has been engaging with your sponsor so that the shortfalls in tuition

Govt owes tuition fees for sponsored students and requires them to pay from their own pockets



can be settled."

However, the letter continues to state that regrettably, the engagement with government by the university has not yielded positive results. Therefore students were informed by the institution that the tuition shortfalls remained unpaid.

The university informed students that it will continue as an institution to pursue the sponsor to settle the balance and therefore encouraged students to settle the balance as paying of university fees remains their responsibility.

When contacted about the matter the Dean of Student Affairs Sonnyboy Mamba stated that indeed students were served with letters informing every student including government sponsored students to pay tuition fees including registration fees.

Mamba stated that however government sponsored students would be refunded their money once government makes payments.

Mamba stated that such fees were needed by the university to operate.

## Ministry of Labour acknowledges problem

**THULANI Mkhalihi the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security stated that they are aware of the issue of SANU students who have to pay the balance that is due.**

Mkhalihi said however this must not come out as something new to the students because they engaged with them about the issue.

The PS stated that as a ministry they are bound by the contract they signed

with the students.

He said just because the university has increased tuition fees does not mean that automatically the ministry will also automatically increase their sponsorship.

### Loan

Mkhalihi said this is a loan so they cannot increase fees without engaging all parties involved which may need to go back to the contract to amend it.

The principal secretary stated that changing the contracts is not just a one day issue.

Mkhalihi added that however as a ministry they were open to students and willing to meet with them to forge a way forward on this matter.

He said students must follow the proper procedure when consulting them because they know that all parties concerned including the university must be present at the table.

## Graca Machel, Elders launch campaign to advocate for peace, equality

**CAPE TOWN - Nelson Mandela's widow Graca Machel wants South Africans to support a global campaign aimed at improving the lives of citizens.**

Machel and the Elders, a forum of leaders set up by Mandela 10 years ago were on Tuesday launching the Walk Together campaign.

The Elders, supported by British billionaire Richard Branson, led hundreds of people on a 1.4-kilometre walk in the Cape Town CBD to commemorate Mandela Day.

The Walk Together campaign will focus on advocating for peace, equality, improving health and justice of citizens around the world.

Graca Machel says Nelson Mandela was particularly passionate about improving healthcare.

"Madiba was the first in this



UNITED: Graca Machel, former Ireland President Mary Robinson, Sir Richard Branson on the walk to the Cape Town Convention Centre on Mandela Day.

country to come and embrace those who were suffering from HIV/Aids, to say every single one of them deserves

to have treatment."

Machel adds the campaign will run over the next year. The Elders will work with

organisations such as the Last Mile Health and the Global Legal Empowerment Network among others. **EWN**



## 1. Balances owing in Emalangeni are as follows:

Academic Year	Claim from Sponsor	Sponsor paid	Balance due
2015/2016	E17 172	E16 200	E972
2016/2017	E20 000	E16 200	E3 800
<b>Total</b>			<b>E4 772</b>

## 1. Balances owing in Emalangeni are as follows:

DESCRIPTION	TUITION (FULL YEAR) E	FIRST SEMESTER(E)	DEPOSIT (30%) FIRST SEMESTER (E)
Primary Teachers Diploma	16 500	8 250	2 475
ECCD	16 500	8 250	2 475
BED/SIE/LME	17 050	8 525	2 557
Bsc Nursing & Midwifery	22 000	11 000	3 300
Bsc Medical Laboratory	22 000	11 000	3 300
Diploma in Pharmacy	17 600	8 800	2 640
Bsc Nursing Anesthesia	22 000	11 000	3 300
Bachelor of Theology	16 720	8 360	2 508
Diploma in Theology	13 000	6 500	1 950
Diploma in Entrepreneurship	16 500	8 250	2 474

**NB:** These fees are supposed to be paid by the end of November, failing which students will not receive their first semester results and will not be allowed to register according to the university. Government sponsored students were promised to be refunded their money once government pays.

## Students say they have no money

**MEANWHILE, students have revealed that they are not prepared to pay any cent to the university.**

When contacted, SANU Students Representative Council Secretary Tiger Nxumalo confirmed that students received letters from the university reminding them about tuition fees.

Nxumalo stated that that

most students are from destitute families and have no financial muscle to pay for their tuition.

**Promises**

Nxumalo stated that even though the university has promised to refund government sponsored students must be noted that the institution has a tendency of not living up to its promises.

He stated that last year, they faced a similar scenario whereby first year students were forced to pay a starter pack fee of E8 585 with the promise that such money shall be refunded as soon as the ministry disburses their funds.

"However that has not been forthcoming, instead they were only refunded an amount of about E460," Nxumalo

stated.

He said students are yet to meet and forge a way forward with regards to the issue.

**Predicament**

The SRC secretary blamed their sponsor for their predicament with the institution.

Nxumalo said the university had increased tuition fees about three times since 2014 but government has not changed its sponsorship as it has remained the same.

## UNISWA students decry allowance increment for foreign based students

**STUDENTS of the University of Swaziland have raised their concern in the manner in which government is giving preferential treatment for students based in South Africa and other countries.**

In a statement UNISWA SRC President Sibusiso Siyaya, stated that it had come to their attention that government sponsored students studying in South Africa and internationally, have their allowances increased.

"They refused to give us the exact amount of increment, but agreed that it has been increased with a justification that life abroad is more expensive so the students were suffering," Siyaya stated.

**Money**

He added that when he raised the case of UNISWA students, the response was that there is no money.

Siyaya said this means as students in the country, they need to live with the situation having students with-

out scholarships, and living in inadequate meal allowances.

Responding to the concerns, Ministry of Labour Principal Secretary Thulani Mkhalihi stated that students are given different sponsorships for different reasons.

He said many factors are taken into consideration when such is done.

He said for example they look at the cost of living at that country where the students is undergoing his studies.

## PRIVATE COLLEGES OFFER BOGUS DIPLOMAS – SHEC

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE Swaziland Higher Education Council (SHEC), through its overhaul assessment of the higher education institutions, discovered that most of the colleges are offering bogus Primary Teaching Diplomas (PTD).**

During an interview with this newspaper on the progress of the assessment on the country's higher learning institutions, SHEC Executive Director Mboni Dlamini said most of the higher learning institutions have been found to be offering mediocre PTD programmes.

He said the Council has noted, with concern, that higher education institutions are taking advantage by offering

these programmes knowing that most people are more interested in them.

Dlamini said the some of the colleges were

found to be offering teaching programmes and they deceive the students that they would be hired after completion yet those programmes are worthless.

"There is a lot of deception on the programmes that they are offering. Some of the programmes they offer are just the basic understanding of the teaching programme and not enough to equip someone to actually teach a syllabus in a school setting," he said.

Dlamini said the Council is working around the clock to finalise the assessment in all the institutions so they can finally release the list of all the institutions that are eligible to operate and those that are not.

He said the Council is cognisant of the fact that progress on the con-

ducting of the assessments has now taken more time than they had initially envisaged.

"The public must understand that this kind of operation by the Council is the first of its kind.

"The Council needs to make sure that the institutions are credible as well as the programs offered to the Swazi students.

"At the end, the wait will be worth it," he said.

Dlamini said the fortunate part for the students enrolled in these higher education institutions is that none of those that have been found with questionable programmes had awarded students with qualifications as yet.

He further said institutions that will have been found to be offering

such programmes will be penalised at the end of the assessment.

"However, the priority right now is stopping the mediocre programmes then the consequences will follow"

he said. It is worth noting that one higher institution of learning that has been affected by SHEC's operation is the Swaziland Christian Medical University.

The university is currently in limbo as they are still awaiting SHEC's report on its future.

The situation was so bad at the university, that in May, students started to boycott classes trying to put pressure on the University administration and government to have the report released to no avail.

The students, were amongst other things, worried that the university had stopped the 2017/2018 intake which created uncertainty on the future of the institution.

## MAZDA VEHICLES BEING RECALLED

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**MAZDA Motor Corp is recalling Mazda2, Mazda6 and Mazda RX-8 vehicles produced from 2003 with VIN numbers starting with MM6DE, JM6GG and JMZSE.**

In a statement released yesterday, Mazda South Africa said the vehicles are being recalled due to possible faulty airbag inflators which may cause the airbag not to deploy correctly, which could lead to injury during accidents.

"We urge all owners of Mazda2, Mazda6 and Mazda RX-8 models that could possibly be affected to contact the Mazda dealership network, or Mazda South Africa customer care centre on 0860 069 700 or email customer-care@mazda.co.za," reads the statement.

The statement that revealed owners of the mentioned models with the stated VIN stated above in Swaziland, Botswana and Namibia can call the

above number or visit the nearest Mazda dealership in their country for more information. Reuters reported yesterday that Mazda is recalling 19 000 units in South Africa due to airbag safety concerns as the Japanese car maker extends a global recall to cover a wider manufacturing period.

The agency reported that the recall was prompted by investigations in Japan and North America for three different types of Takata Corp manufactured airbags over safety concerns that inflators were defective.

"Takata airbag inflators have been linked to 17 deaths and more than 180 injuries worldwide, and the recalls will eventually cover about 125 million inflators," it said.

Carson Motors Workshop storeman

Nhlanhla Ndzingane confirmed having received the bulleting from their Mazda counterpart in South Africa.

He, however, said they have not sold any Mazda 2, Mazda 6 and RX-8 models from 2003, 2004 and 2005 since they started operating in Swaziland in 2006.

"However, those with the affected models they can come to Carson Wheels and we do arrangements with our South African counterparts."

He further highlighted that those with import cars should not come to Carson for their inquiries but should contact their dealerships.

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# HIS MAJESTY WELCOMES ZAMBIA PRESIDENT



**GOOD TO SEE YOU:** His Majesty King Mswati III welcoming Zambia President Edgar Lungu at Matsapha International Airport yesterday. The President is in the country for a three-day state visit. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**NATIONAL ANTHEM:** The President and His Majesty at the royal dias during the singing of the two countries' national anthems.



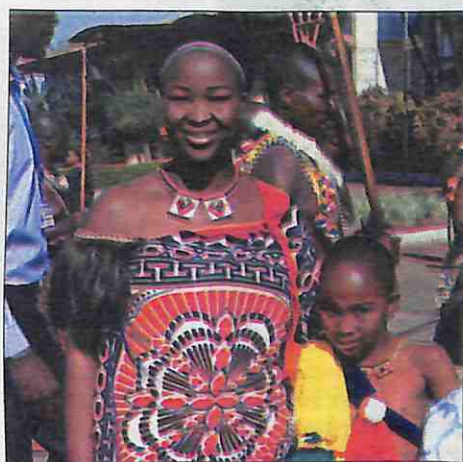
**RED CARPET:** The visiting President chatting with His Majesty King Mswati III upon arrival.



**YOU ARE WELCOME:** Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini shaking hands with the President.



**LANDED:** President Lungu alighting from a plane at the airport.



**KODAK MOMENT:** Sicine Mamba, who presented flowers to the President, with her mother Sindi Dlamini.



**PRESENT:** Minister of Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini, Jabulile Mashwama (Natural Resources and Energy) and Winnie Magagula (Labour and Social Security).

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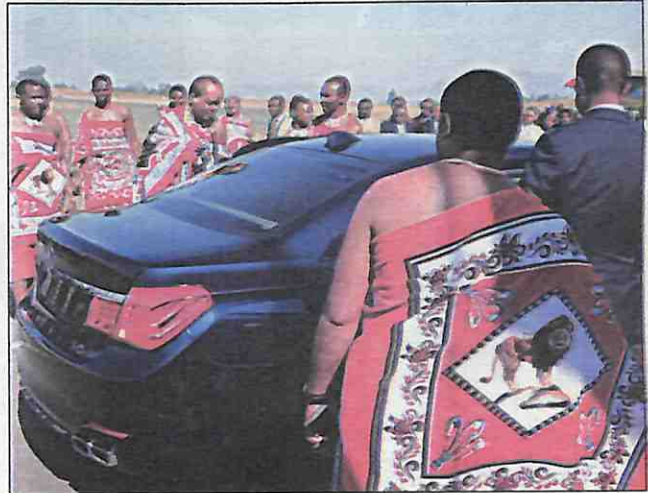
**SWAZI PRIDE:** The President and King enjoying the performance of Lutsango.



**CONVERSATION:** Visiting Zambia President Edgar Lungu sharing a light moment with His Majesty.



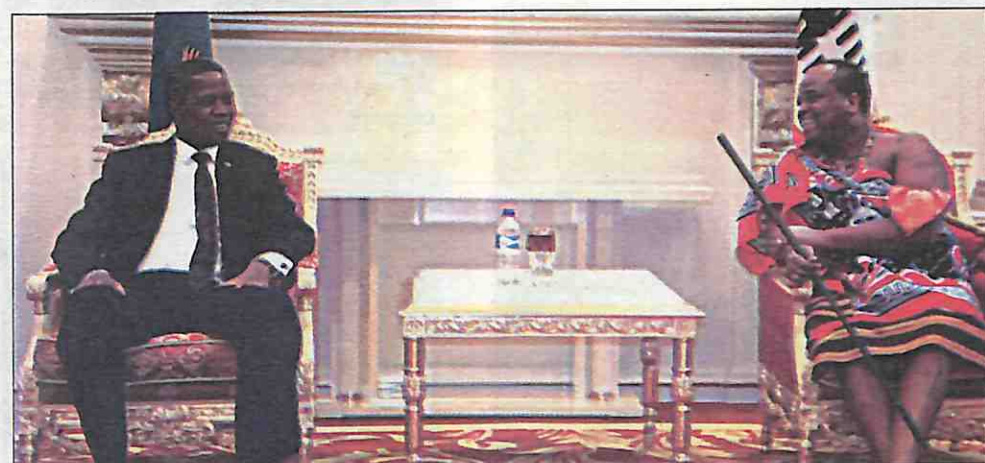
**HAND SHAKE:** Lungu being introduced to members of the royal family.



**OFF THEY GO:** His Majesty and the President using one car from the airport.



**FEEL AT HOME:** His Majesty King Mswati III shaking hands with the President at Mandvulo Hall in Lozitha.




**LET'S TALK:** President Lungu meets His Majesty King Mswati III during a courtesy call at Mandvulo Hall in Lozitha.



**WITH DUE RESPECT:** The President bowing in front of the guard of honour.



**FOCUSED:** Principal Secretaries from different government ministries were also present.



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TENDER No 17 OF 2017/18**

Proposals are invited from suitably qualified local civil engineering consultants, for the design & construction supervision of Peak School Road, in the Pigg's Peak urban area. Detailed RfPs are obtainable during working hours (08h00 - 16h45) from the Executive Secretary for a non-refundable fee of E500-00.

The following compulsory documents shall form part of the proposals;

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- Form J
- Valid Receipts for the purchase of the tender document from the Town Council
- Power of attorney
- Registration with the Construction Industry Council

A mandatory site inspection will be undertaken on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017, at 10:00 am.

Each bidder is expected to submit one original and two copies of both Financial and Technical proposal. Each Technical proposal and financial proposal shall be marked "ORIGINAL" OR "COPY" as appropriate and they shall be placed in separate envelopes and clearly marked "Technical Proposals for the design and construction supervision of Peak School road and Financial Proposal for the design and construction supervision of Peak School road, not to be opened with Technical Proposal"

Tender documents shall be delivered in a sealed envelope(s) to the CEO / Town Clerk at the following address:

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Not later than 12 Noon 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017, at which time the tenders will be opened in public.

**MZWANDILE NDZINISA**  
CEO / TOWN CLERK



# PANIC AS ALARM TRIGGERED AT CORPORATE PLACE

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**THERE** was a scare yesterday at The Corporate Place in Mbabane when a fire alarm was triggered at Standard Bank.

The incident which halted operations happened between noon and 12:30pm. Those in the bank including staff and customers were ordered out of the building as there were fears that there could be a fire in the building.

Standard Bank is at the second floor of The Corporate Place, with other banks like First National Bank and Nedbank. The Corporate Place is situated within the Swazi Plaza shopping Centre in Mbabane. The MTN office also situated at the Corporate Place was affected by the scare as people were in the office at that time were ordered out.

## Triggered

One security officer told the newspaper that an alarm was triggered and people were ordered to vacate the building anticipating a possible fire outbreak.

Another security officer said the alarm seemed to have been triggered on one side of the building. It seemed as if the offices that were most affected by the scare were Standard Bank and MTN. However, the situation was quickly normalised within 30 minutes.

Another woman found at the first floor of the building said she was also at Standard Bank when the incident occurred. She was with her two children.

She wondered how such could happen in a building like The Corporate Place. "This place is so beautiful and very much advanced. So, I do not understand how a fire could just break out because I am sure there were precautions taken to protect people against such incidents," she said.

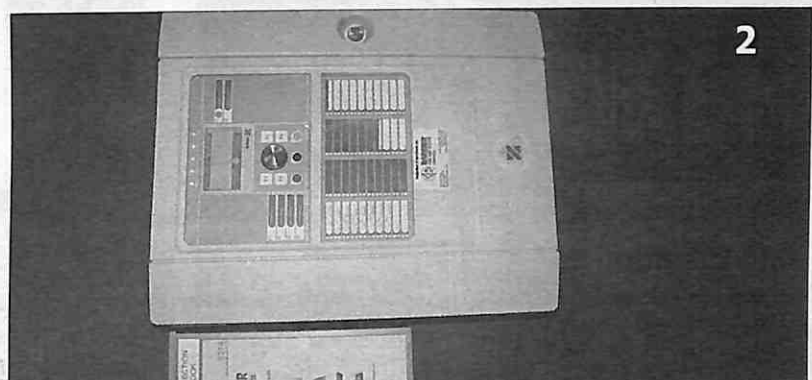
Workers from Swaziland Fire and Emergency Services (SNFES) were seen inside Standard Bank attending to the problem. At that time, people were clustered at the entrance of the bank, wanting to get in and



## 1. SCARED:

People waiting to enter at Standard Bank after the fire scare yesterday at The Corporate Place, Mbabane.

(Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



**2. HERE:** The ziton fire system that was installed at Swazi Plaza offices.



**3. AT WORK:** A fire fighter from SNFES attending to the problem at Standard Bank.

continue with their activities as soon as the doors were open.

It is worth noting that some workers were seen doing some renovation works on the elevators of The Corporate Place during the fire scare.

Swazi Plaza Properties Facilities Manager Thanduxolo Nxumalo said there was a system installed at the Swazi Plaza.

The system, according to Nxumalo,

is known as the Ziton Fire System, which is addressable. This means the system can detect if there is a fire outbreak in any of the buildings or offices within the Swazi Plaza.

The system is installed in all the buildings within the plaza so that a fire outbreak can be directly attended inside the building.

The system, he said, did not show

them any fire outbreak at any of the buildings. In short, there was no fire at The Corporate Place.

SNFES Regional Division Officer Luke Lushaba said they did attend a scare at The Corporate Place yesterday. He said though an alarm was triggered, there was no fire. He said this could have been caused by the on-going renovations at the Corporate Place.

## DAD TRIES TO KILL SONS WALKS FREE

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**FACING** a charge of attempting to kill two of his children, a father yesterday left the accused dock a happy man after the Crown withdrew the charges against him.

Jeremiah Maseko was however seriously warned by High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi that he was lucky to get away with it and that he should not dare be found to have assaulted either his wife or children as he will be sent straight to prison for same.

The crown represented by Crown Counsel Sandile Mdluli moved an application that the charges against Maseko who attempted to kill his children by assaulting them with a knob stick, be withdrawn following a serious reconciliation between the children (complainants) and the mother.

## Crown

Maseko according to the crown is also taking full responsibility of his family as confirmed by his wife Zodwa Nkenjane who gave evidence before court.

Maseko is alleged to have assaulted the children for visiting their grandfather's homestead which they did without his consent as their father and the incident happened at Hlane area where they are resident.

According to his wife, Maseko was not in his sober senses on the day in question and before Judge Nkosi issued the order, he warned Maseko against indulging in alcohol and further committing such serious offences.



**PRESIDING:** High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi.

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

## 8 cattle hides found at "slaughter house"

**WITH** the high demand of beef from the Republic of Mozambique in the country, thugs in Lomahasha are now taking advantage of the situation and stealing cattle around the area and selling the meat in the neighbouring country.

Residents of Lomahasha are now living in fear as thugs are now ravaging their homes and stealing cattle from their kraals. As a result, eight cattle hides were found in what can

be termed as "slaughter house" near Madzalane Dam last week.

The thugs are believed to be stealing the cattle from homes in the area, while some are said to be stolen from the feeding veld.

"We now fear for our lives, as we do not know when the thugs will strike, most try to keep watch of our livestock at night and we are scared as we do not know what type of

weapons they carry when they come to steal our cattle.

A number of cattle owners are now having sleepless nights as more and more people are losing their cattle to these thieves. The number of hides that were found at Madzalane Dam, do not represent the cattle that are missing," said Johane Nyoni from Lomahasha. Nyoni said residents of Lomahasha had in recent times had

a break from the cattle-rustlers in Lomahasha and had thought the issue of cattle-rustlers was buried. Little did he know that the thieves would bounce back and ravage their livestock investment.

## Thieves

Nyoni said in the past the thieves would steal the cattle and smuggle them into Mozambique where they would sell the beast.

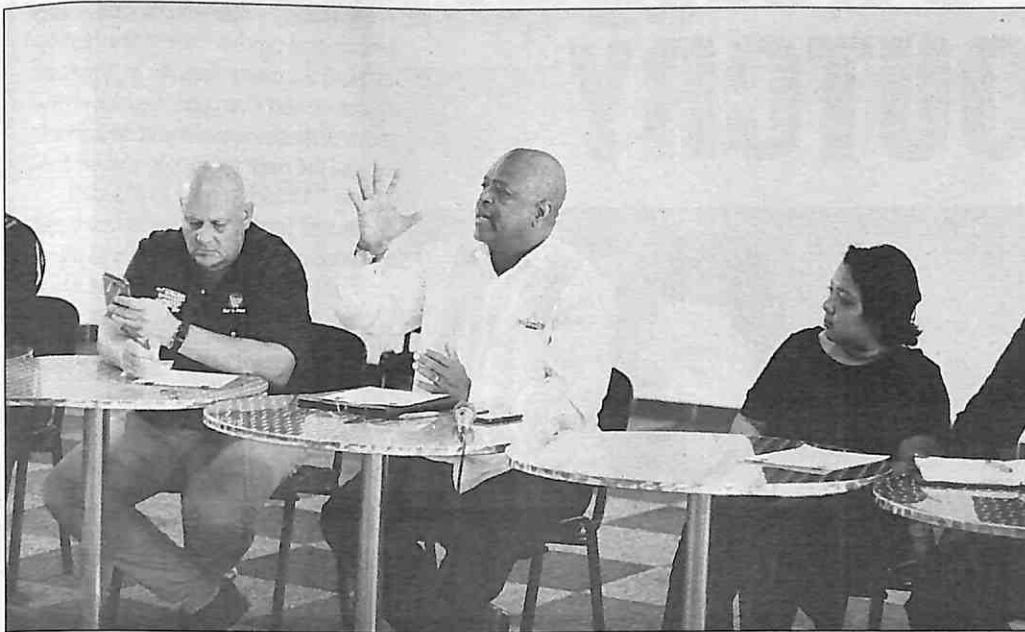
Acting Chief Police Information Communication Officer (CPICO) Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati has confirmed that the police found eight hides of cattle. "The police were tipped off on those who might be behind the crime but they are currently on the run. The police will not rest until the alleged thugs are apprehended and brought to book," she said.





# MANZINI NEWS

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**IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO:** Chairman of Philani Maswati Lutfo Dlamini captured in action during a briefing on the 2017 Biggest Braai which was held on Monday.



**MAY GOD BLESS THE EVENT:** Deputy Chairman of Philani Maswati Bishop Mavovo Mkhonto also attended the 2017 Biggest Braai meeting which was followed by a tour of the venue.

## 2017 BIGGEST BRAAI THIS SATURDAY! ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW...

**DEAR reader.** If the number of 2017 Biggest Braai tickets that have already been sold is anything to go by, Manzini News can safely say that this Saturday all roads lead to the Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre. Please read on for information on what will be happening and what is required of you. Enjoy...

### FRIDAY IS DEADLINE FOR BUYING OF TICKETS

The deadline for buying tickets to the 2017 Biggest Braai is Friday 21st July 2017. If you still have not bought yourself a ticket please make it a point that you do so soonest so that you don't miss out on this historic event which promises to be a day to remember. Please note that even if you do not necessarily wish to participate in the braai you have no reason to sit at home. There is lots of entertainment that has been arranged; besides the braai. Get yourself an entry ticket for only E60 and come and enjoy every other bit of entertainment that has been arranged for the day – and night.

Tickets are available at any Buy N' Save Spar outlets as well as the Philani Maswati offices within the Dairy Board Building in Manzini (Office No. 2). Alternatively, you may dial 7648 2941 or 7659 5341 and the tickets will be delivered to you. If you wish to participate in the braai, tickets are still available for only E100 for individuals, E180 for two people and E380 for four people. Platinum packages are also available for only E16 750 for a group

of 100 people. The good thing about the Platinum package is that you'll get 100 braai packs, charcoal and 25 braai stands free of charge. In fact, the biggest team will win a cow.

However, if you buy the other smaller packages, of course you will get free braai packs but will have to bring your own braai stand and charcoal. Firewood will be available free of charge though. If you do not have a braai stand you do have the option of buying it for only E220 at the venue; and if you will need charcoal it will be selling for E50 a bag.

### PLATINUM PACKAGE: IT'S 1ST COME, 1ST SERVED FOR BRAAI STANDS

If you have bought a Platinum package (i.e. 100 people) please know that you still need to be at the venue as early as possible in order to secure your braai stands.

Braai stands will be given out on a first come, first served arrangement. Also note that the fact that you've bought a Platinum package does not give you the latitude to bring your gazebo to the venue.

No gazebo will be allowed anywhere within the braai area. In fact, only exhibitors who have bought exhibition space will be allowed to pitch gazebos at the venue. Please ensure your team is in uniform and is the biggest. You might win a cow.

### COOLER BOXES ALLOWED BUT MUST BE EMPTY

Cooler boxes may be brought to the venue but must be empty. No one will be allowed to bring drinks to the venue. Vehicles will be searched at the gate. However, you need not worry about this restriction. There will be plenty of drinks at the venue – and all sorts. The drinks have been reasonably priced. If you've ever experienced the popular Tops outlets prices, rest assured that's what you will be enjoying throughout the event. Don't worry about queues. A number of serving points for drinks have been arranged. There is also no need to carry lots of cash. Speed points will be available - for drinks.

### SOUL BROTHERS, 40 SWAMA NOMINEES TO PERFORM

Popular Mbhacanga legends, Soul Brothers, is one of the many groups that will spice up the event with entertainment. So, please don't miss out. A total of 40 nominees of

the MTN Swaziland Music Association (SWAMA) awards will also be belting it out from morning, dusk to dawn. Do pop-in and satiate your music appetite. Entertainment will start at 10:30am but gates will open as early as 7am and close at 6am the next day.

### PAY E10 FOR SAFE PARKING

Parking within the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition and Centre will cost E10. Parking tickets are already available. Just approach any Pakani attendant in Manzini.

They will assist you. Tickets are also available at Buy N' Save Spar outlets and the Philani Maswati offices within the Dairy Board Building in Manzini.

Please note that no vehicle will be allowed into the Mavuso Exhibition Centre parking lot without a parking ticket and the ticket must be visibly displayed on the dashboard whilst the vehicle is parked. Failure to display the parking ticket will result in vehicle clamping. Please note that parking space is limited to 1 200 units, therefore, it is only wise that you buy your parking ticket before Saturday so that you secure your parking space. Even exhibitors and vendors will be required to produce the parking ticket at the gate in order for their vehicles to be allowed in.

### EXCITING KIDDIES GAMES, FREE ENTRY FOR CHILDREN

Children aged 12 years and below will gain free entry into the venue. Therefore, please do not leave them at home. Let this be a day for the entire family to go out and have fun. Exciting

kiddies games, including the popular tic-tac-toe, through-the-hula, musical chair, roll-the-dice, ludo, target golf and jumping castles, have been arranged. Coupons for each game will cost E10. Responsible parenting is encouraged. Make sure your children do not get lost.

### DON'T MISS OUT ON EXCITING SPINNING AND DRIFTING SPECTACLE

If you love the spinning and drifting sport, rest assured you will be treated to one of the most exciting shows you've ever experienced. It will take place in the afternoon hours and last about two hours. Spectators are urged to keep a safe distance from the spinning and drifting arena. Please do cooperate with security officials.

### SAFETY AND SECURITY GUARANTEED

Safety and security is guaranteed throughout the day and night.

The Royal Swaziland Police will be out in their numbers to see to it that you and your vehicle are safe. Security guards from Top Security as well as Boy Scouts will also be there to ensure safety and order. Participants are urged to cooperate with the security agents.

### IF NOT HEADED FOR MAVUSO, PLEASE USE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

To avoid being unnecessarily caught in the traffic jam that might be caused by vehicles moving into the Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre, you are advised to avoid the Central Distributor road (bypass) and use alternative routes. The William Pitcher road could be one of the most suitable alternatives.

### TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF THE DAY & NIGHT

TIME	ARTIST	GENRE	TIME	ARTIST	GENRE
10:30-10:45	Platue Roots	Reggae	17:00-19:00	SPINNING & DRIFTING SHOW	
10:45-11:00	Metal Chains	Kwaito	19:00-20:00	Kangaroo	
11:00-11:10	Nothando Hlophe	Gospel	20:00-20:15	Trippy King 20	Hip-hop
11:10-11:20	Swazi Praise	Gospel	20:15-20:30	Switch	
11:20-11:30	Mandisa	R'nB	20:30-21:00	King Terry	
11:45-12:00	Lodanda		21:00-22:00	Flameboy, M. Triggerson, LC Bizzy	
12:00-12:30	OFFICIAL REMARKS		22:00-23:00	DJ 1D	
12:30-14:00	BIGGEST BRAAI		23:00-00:00	DJ Tenderness	
14:00-14:15	Quad Element	Jazz	00:00-01:00	DjMbo	
14:15-14:30	Leebombo	Afro Pop	01:00-02:00	Soul Brothers	
14:30-14:45	Police Gospel Messengers Gospel		02:00-03:00	Dj Master P.	
14:45-15:15	Nonhle	Gospel	03:04	(More music)	
15:15-15:30	M. Triggerson	Dance Hall Reggae	04:00-05:00	DjNjebza	
15:30-15:45	Pelepele Candies	Kwaito	05:00-06:00	More music	
15:45-16:00	Skeel				
16:00-16:15	Nomalungelo	Afro Soul			
16:15-16:30	Symphony				
16:30-16:45	Magaya	Kwaito			
16:45-17:00	Linda Dlamini	Gospel			



# GOVT UPGRADES SGUJANA AFTER PUBLIC OUTCRY

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

THE ministry of information, communication and technology (ICT) has upgraded the problematic set top boxes (*boSgujana*) following public outcry.

The new upgrades come with a promise of a faultless transmission that will bring smiles to its users and attract new users in the near future as well. The upgrades were announced by acting Principal Secretary Bhekithemba Gama together with the ministry's Director of Communications Andreas Dlamini yesterday during a press conference.

"You can now change from radio stations to television station or vice versa by pressing the TV/radio button on the Ntjintja remote control," Gama said.

He further added that the set top box users can use CH-(minus- or plus+) button to select radio channels.

"We apologise to the public for the technical glitches that they faced as



**FIRST THING:** ICT acting PS Bhekithemba Gama with Director of Communications Andreas Dlamini during a press conference yesterday.

we were separating the TV and radio channels especially because we failed to update them on such, we have added the Voice of the Church (VOC) as the latest radio station, yet some parts of the country might not get it as yet, so we would advise that they

reboot their set top box," Gama said.

He mentioned that rebooting the set top box will help in rescanning all available networks, where the radio station frequency will then be received.

"We are hoping to introduce more radio channels on the set top box, as

we first tested waters with VOC and since its success, we saw it fit that we could introduce more channels, if an opportunity like that avails," he promised.

Gama then urged the public to call their call centre whenever they faced

technical glitches or needed assistance in the latest upgrades.

"Utilise our call centre; we have assisted a number of customers who were facing some glitches over the phone and on few cases, we had to drive to the customer to help, the staff is trained and if anyone has been mistreated, those cases should be reported and the right protocols will be followed," Bhekithemba explained.

Dlamini further explained that with all broadcast transmission media there will always be signal weaknesses during windy or rainy weather conditions.

## Effect

"Some signals are lost by power cuts, since we all know that transmitters are not easily accessible, and when they are not attended they also run out of fuel resulting to loss of signal, while some other places found in valleys may experience same effect, we are working around the clock to ensure that our transmission reaches those places as well," Dlamini said.

He went on to add that the ministry is currently working on two cases from such places, Maphalaleni and Maseyisini.

"We have earmarked these places for signal strength and they will be covered before the end of the year, where we are expecting to sort other places as well," Dlamini revealed.

He added that they rely mostly on feedback from the public as with every complaint they attend to, they see where they can make improvements or maintain their good name.





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# Swazi Mobile opening shop on July 28

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**SWAZI Mobile will open shop, come July 28.**

The emerging mobile network will finally open shop at the end of the month, much to the anticipation of thousands of the Swazi people.

The company's website is already displaying the count-down towards July 28, on which the mobile company is supposed to go live. Yesterday, the website reflected that it had 10 days to go before going live.

## Outlets

Swazi Mobile Marketing Manager Khulile Dlamini has confirmed that on July 28, the company is opening shop. He revealed that on the same day, the company will be opening their retail outlets where their products will be accessed.

On its official launch on March 8, it was announced that the first 25 000 customers registered online and reserve their cellphone numbers on the Swazi Mobile website will get free Short Message Services (SMSes) for life once the mobile net-



**CONFIRMED: Swazi Mobile Marketing Manager Khulile Dlamini.**

work starts operating.

On the same launch it was revealed that those who reserve their numbers will only have a minor change in their current MTN cellphone numbers.

It was revealed that Swazi Mobile's numbers will start with a 79..... instead of the usual 76.....all the other digits will be the same as the cur-

rent cell numbers.

The mobile company further promised to launch 2G network, 3G network and 4G at the same time to allow their customers to get the efficient services they deserve.

They revealed that they roped in a company from China which will help in setting up all operations for a smooth operation.

# Mzuthini to probe alcohol smuggling in prisons

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**HIS Majesty's Correctional Service Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase will commission a probe following reports that officers in the department smuggle in alcoholic beverages for prisoners.**

Speaking on Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Service (SBIS 1) programme Letishisako, Ntshangase said he couldn't believe the reports that were carried in the newspaper however he can't just turn a blind eye on the allegations hence he will commission a full on investigation on the matter.

"There are measures put in place to guard against such, there are many hands that packages go through when they enter our facilities hence it is hard to believe alcohol can make its way in without being detected by anyone," he said.

He further said even though it was alleged that it was senior officials who were behind the smuggling, it was a bit hard for him to believe that as no one within the department is untouchable and all members of the department report to someone.

"Everyone has someone senior to them, even



**PROBE: His Majesty's Correctional Service Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase.**

I report somewhere, hence I am struggling with believing the whole story," he said. He said however, they could not just push this under the carpet least they are accused of doing nothing about the reports. "We will investigate," he said.

At the press conference he made a joke about the reports saying they don't provide alcohol for prisoners as it was against the law.

## NOTICE



## WATER INTERRUPTION IN MALKERNS

The Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) would like to notify its valued customers and members of the public in Malkerns and surrounds of an extended interruption in water supply due to the maintenance of the raw water canal supplying the Malkerns Water Treatment Plant. Normal supply will resume on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2017.

As an intervention the Corporation will provide tankered water in strategic places and priority will be given to entities that deliver public goods and services.

Any inconvenience caused is regretted.

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# Cops find E71 000 dagga at Mkhitsini, Mashekesheni

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

NHLANGANO police found dagga worth E71 600 during a raid in homes and apartments at Mkhitsini and Mashekesheni on Monday.

Mkhitsini and Mashekesheni are situated in the outskirts of Nhlanguano town.

According to a press release issued by acting Police Information and

...*"On Monday, at 10am police arrested and charged a 47-year-old man of Mkhitsini for being found in possession of dagga weighing 33kg with a street value of E26 400 without a licence or permit while at Mkhitsini"*

Communications Officer, Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, in the first incident, at 8:30am police arrested and charged a 37-year-old man of Mkhitsini for being found in possession of dagga weighing 15.5

kg with a street value of E12 400 without a licence or permit at home.

## Charged

At around 10am they arrested and charged a 37-year-old man of Mkhitsini and a 22-year-old woman of

Mashekesheni for being found in possession of dagga weighing 41kg with a street value of E32 800 without a licence or permit while at Mkhitsini.

"On Monday, at 10am police arrested and charged a 47-year-old man



**CONFIRMED: Acting PICO, Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.**

of Mkhitsini for being found in possession of dagga weighing 33kg with a street value of E26 400 without a licence or permit while at Mkhitsini," she said.

Vilakati said all the suspects appeared at Nhlanguano Magistrate's Court yesterday.

## Two SA men nabbed with E1.8m Swazi dagga

**TWO dagga suspects aged 41 and 38 who were coming from Swaziland and heading to Venda in South Africa were nabbed with dagga worth E1.8 million.**

The suspects, who confessed having bought the dagga from Swaziland, were nabbed by Barberton police officers in Mpumalanga.

According to the Citizen newspaper online, when the suspects were searched, their travelling

documents reflected that they entered with the illegal dagga through Matsamo Border Post on Sunday afternoon.

## Compressed

The two suspects were unlucky when they found a roadblock manned along the Barberton public road.

Upon searching their car, police found eight compressed dagga bags weighing 108.5kg.

"They appeared before the

Barberton Magistrate's Court for being found in possession of dagga worth an estimated value of R1.8 million."

## Dealing

The two suspects, from Venda, briefly appeared before the Barberton Magistrate's Court on charges of dealing in dagga on Monday.

"They were each released on E2 000 bail."

They will appear before the same Court on August 10.

## Another SA man found with dagga in father-in-law's car

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**A South African man who was visiting his wife in the country has been arrested after he was found driving his father-in-law's car not knowing that it had dagga concealed within it.**

Justice Ngwenyama (38) of Ngodini in South Africa appeared before Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo and was charged with possession of dagga weighing 12.5 kg.

When making his submission before the principal magistrate, Ngwenyama informed in court that he never intended to be found in possession of the illegal herb.

He stated that he was in the country visiting his girlfriend who lives at Nhlambeni.

He stated that he took his father-in-law's car, a BMW with foreign registration plates, with the intention of using

it. Ngwenyama said while he was inspecting the car early in the morning before going police officers pounced on him, searched the car and found dagga.

The accused told the court that he was not even aware that there was dagga in the car.

## Absented

He pleaded with the court to exercise leniency as he is a first time offender. He informed the court that he had spent days in police custody and as a result absented himself at work. He told the court that if he is not seen for more days at work he risks losing his job. Khumalo, before passing

sentence, told the accused that he did not accept the explanation that the dagga didn't belong to the accused.

He sentenced him to three years imprisonment with a fine option of E7 000.

He further told the accused that he was lucky because the application to have the car impounded by the state was withdrawn by the prosecutor.



## NOTICE OF DISCONNECTION

The Swaziland Posts & Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) will on the **25th July 2017** suspend all overdue service accounts. Customers are advised to pay their outstanding bills to avoid suspension of service.

Payments should be made via:

- Cash or bank guaranteed cheques at any SwaziPost outlets or SwaziTelecom Telecentres countrywide.
- For EFT payments, please use the customer number shown on your invoices as reference for ease of allocation.

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...Pleads with the court for leniency saying he has spent days in police custody and has absented himself at work

## Cops identify dead man as Muzi Mbuli

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**THE man who was found dead a few metres away from Mbabane Government Hospital, near Engen Garage, has been identified as Muzi Mbuli who was residing at Hilltop in Mbabane.**

According to acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, the deceased's name was found in the medical report which he was carrying.

She said there was not much information on the medical report since the man is suspected to have left the hospital before seeing a medical officer for medical examination.

"It is unfortunate that the police have visited Hilltop to ask from some people who might know the deceased but got no help," she said.

## Unfortunate

It is unfortunate that no one knows a person by the name of Muzi Mbuli. "We, therefore, request anyone who may know him or his relatives to contact Mbabane Police Station," she said.

The deceased was wearing a green jacket, with grey pants and a cream white T-shirt.

The supposedly sick man is estimated to be in his early 40s and was discovered by passer-by on Sunday at around 4pm.

The passer-by went Engen Garage to report the matter and asked one of the petrol attendants to go with him to the scene.

His lifeless body was found lying on the ground, face up. His mouth was covered by flies.

## Suspicious

There was a plastic bag with a variety of fruits and his shoes were next to him. Suspicious are that the sickly person was resting when he met his death.

Even though there was no bad smell at the scene his body was about to decay as flies were found covering his mouth.

Meanwhile, Mbabane Government Hospital Administrator Cebile Dlamini said she could not comment much on the issue.

However, she said the long queues on Mondays are caused by the fact that doctors on Saturdays work until 1pm, thereafter they are on stand-by.

Worse still, the pharmacy is closed on weekends so people are told to come back on Mondays to get their medication.

"The lines are usually too long on Mondays but we admit that this was due to the above mentioned reasons," she said.



# SADC PARLIAMENTS WANT INVESTMENT IN YOUTH

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**PARLIAMENTS** of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) want to ensure that the region's governments make sound investments on the youth.

This transpired at the SADC Parliamentary Forum (PF) Plenary Assembly Session, which was held at Mahe Island in Seychelles.

The theme for the Plenary Assembly Session was "Harnessing Demographic Dividend in SADC through Investment in youth."

The event is held twice a year, that is July and November, on rotational basis in all the member states.

This time, the event was held from July 3 to 15, 2017.

SADC Parliaments, during the session, noted that they had a central role to play if SADC member states were to effectively harness the demographic dividends through investment in youth.

They resolved to play their role in the following ways:

- Popularising the notion of demographic dividends in order to make sure that citizen's especially youth and women are informed about it so that they get involved.

- Member states should ensure that there is accountability on the commitments signed up for through the AU vision 2063 and other related regional and International instruments.

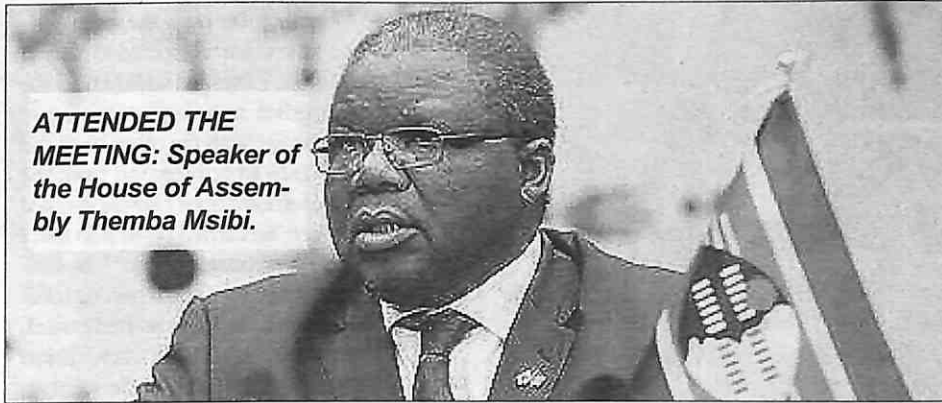
- Where ratification is required Parliaments must act with speed in order to ensure effective domestication.

- And monitoring of implementation through its oversight role.

Noted was that the theme was in line with that of the African Union (AU), thus there was need for commemoration of youth in the development of our continent. There was need for dynamism, and an element of urgency to provide resources for them to be the new drivers of economic development.

The Plenary Assembly Session thereafter deliberated on a concept note for the Assembly theme, presented by United Nations Food Agricultural Programme (UNFPA) which unpacked that this concept was not new in the SADC region, but was assigned by the 2063

**ATTENDED THE MEETING: Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi.**



Diaspora. The Theme emanated from the decision of the 40th Plenary Assembly Session of November, 2016, following a recommendation by the Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Women's Advancement and Youth Development (GEWAYD).

The theme was viewed as timely as it came at the back of the 28th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and government of the African Union (AU) which was held in Addis Ababa Ethiopia in January 2017. At the AU 2017, the theme, whose title was: Harnessing the demographic dividend through Investments in the Youth" was launched.

The session started with activities of the Regional Women's Parliamentary Caucus (RWPC) from July 5 to 6, 2017, where they addressed issues of Women, the Girl Child and HIV AIDS, UN Commission on the status of women (CSW)'s resolution.

This session unpacked the Girl child challenges, which included amongst all the following:

- early pregnancies,
- human trafficking,
- disabilities especially on young women,
- and the need to curb on corruption practices, as these impact on the girl child activities, yet investing in girls is key, there is need to walk the talk especially on fiscal discipline.

The caucus was followed by deliberations of the executive committee and relevant sub-committees, which included amongst all the legal, human resources, and the finance sub-committees.

Also presented for deliberations were the reports from the following Standing Committees:

I. Human and social development and spe-

cial programmes

II. Food, agriculture and natural resources,

III. Democratisation, governance and human rights

IV. Trade, industry, finance and investment

V. And gender equality, women advancement and youth development

Other reports included that of the Joint sitting of standing committees, and more.

Amongst the Speakers was also the Chief Executive Officer of the Youth Council from Seychelles, who advocated on the notion that education and health resources should be directed to the youth for rightful channels.

Members of the SADC PF also discussed and promised to work on making SADC PF a regional Parliament, just like in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi had attended the meeting. He was the head of the Swazi delegation of parliamentarians that went there. He was also a member of the SADC PF executive committee and were accompanied by the following parliamentarians and parliamentary staff:

- 1) Senator Princess Phumelele Dlamini (Natural Resources Standing Committee)
- 2) Thulisile Dladla (Governance and Democracy Standing Committee/Chairperson NWPC)
- 3) Senator Bonisile Mngometulu (SRHR Standing Committee)
- 4) Jomo Mfanawekhosi Dlamini (Trade and Finance Standing Committee)
- 5) Sikhumbuzo Apton Ndlovu (Gender and Youth Development Standing Committee)
- 6) Jabulile Malaza Director Research and SADC PF Desk Officer.

## We will work with private sector, says Martin

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Lobamba

**GOVERNMENT** will work closely with the private sector to keep the National Referral Hospital operational.

This was revealed by Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini when addressing senators regarding the staffing and operations of the soon to be built National Referral Hospital on Monday.

Dlamini said government would not contract medical specialists to work in the hospital on a permanent basis but will use the specialists who are already in the Private Sector.

"We will engage the private sector, so we can map a way forward on how we can contract the doctors that are already there," he said.

He also stated that government would soon put out an advert for a Public Private Partnership, because government doesn't have the capacity to operate the hospital.

Dlamini said the PPP would be the one to operate the Referral.

"Again we will engage the private sector for the partnership," he said emphasising that the private sector would be largely involved in the project.

The senators approved the loan Bill without amendments. The Bill was also approved two weeks ago by members of the House of Assembly, which makes it a law, meaning that government will now be looking for a PPP.



**TO WORK CLOSELY: Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini.**

## Harassed by a cop, seek audience with station commander

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**IN the event a member of the public feels threatened by a police officer, an audience with the station commander can be sought.**

This was made known by Acting Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, following a post on social media where Political Activist Joy Ndwandwe was accusing a police officer, in the Crime Investigation Department (CID) of threatening her.

### Threatened

Vilakati said the main objective of the police was to serve people and to keep them safe at all times, hence if one felt unsafe or threatened they should make that known to the police.

"Generally, if a person threatens you

and you really feel threatened by them, it is advisable to open a case with the police. In the event the person who makes the threat is a police, you have a right to go to the police where he is stationed or area where you were threatened. When you get to the station ask for the station commander and tell them what has happened," she said.

### Existence

Vilakati stated that station commanders had a duty to protect the public, not only from criminals but members of the police who ill-treat the public in one way or the other.

Vilakati said people must not shy away from reporting police because the primary reason for the existence of the police was to protect the country's citizens.

"I am unaware of the said case, but if a member of the public feels threatened by a police officer or is unsatisfied with

their work, they can seek audience with the station commander," she said.

### Reasons

Ndwandwe posted on her social media page, saying in the event she died mysteriously the first person to be questioned should be the CID police officer, who she named but cannot be published for ethical reasons.

Ndwandwe accused the officer of abusing her in full view of people over the past weekend. She alleged that not only did he abuse her verbally but he also threatened her life.

### Incident

Ndwandwe in her post further alleged that she had seen the officer before the incident carrying his gun so she couldn't defend herself because she didn't know if he was carrying it.

Efforts to get hold of Ndwandwe hit a snag yesterday as her number was not available on the MTN network.

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# WOMAN (59) FIGHTS-OFF WOULD BE RAPIST, FRACTURES ANKLE

Stories by Samukelisiwe  
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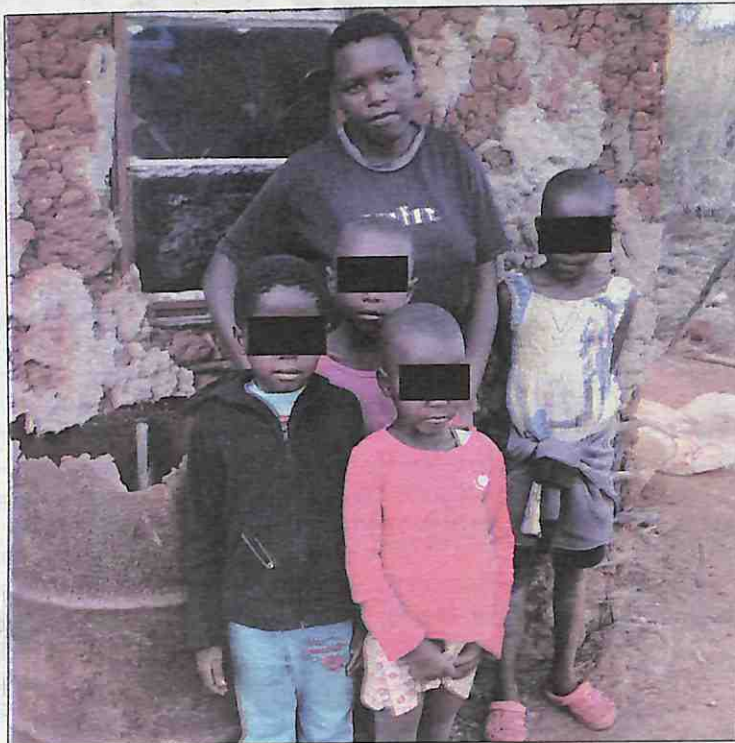
A woman lives to tell a tale after fighting off her would be rapist and unfortunately broke her right ankle.

Flora Zwane (nee Vilakati) of Madulini in Gege was on her way home from a traditional wedding in the same area, where she noticed a young man following her.

She recognised the man as one of the people she had seen at the traditional wedding, so she suspected nothing sinister when he was still in her track after taking another route leading towards her home.

It is in that quiet forest where Mazwi Vilakati (33), decided to improve his pace, walking next to the unsuspecting Flora and had a small talk about the event they both were from.

"He said to me *maye bayephana labanye bantfu, buka sesidile, sesesutisi*. I responded with a smile, suddenly feeling uneasy, then he pushed me to the bushes, ordering me to lay down and face up because he wanted to have sex with me. I refused, he then picked up a big stone, smashed me



**POSE:** Philile Zwane strikes a pose with her nieces in the home they were left at following her mother's painful ordeal. She has since dropped out of school. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)

with it in the face, a number of times," Zwane narrated.

She mentioned that she was con-

fused for a moment and only regained her strength when Mazwi began to tear her clothes with a screw driver;

he had kept in his pockets.

"The moment I saw the screwdriver, a little voice whispered to me and said fight. I wrestled with him for the screwdriver, as he kept attempting to undress me with the other hand and I fell face first, bleeding from the injuries endured from when he smashed my face, he carried on to stab me, I started to scream for help," she said.

Fortunately for her, a passing herdboy heard her screams and ran towards their direction, which is when Vilakati is said to have escaped the scene.

## Identified

"I crawled out of the forest, to a nearby home, where they called police and I identified him with his clothes, where it was revealed that we are related as our fathers are brothers," she added.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter.

According to the Zwane family, Vilakati knew about the relations between him and Flora but still continued with his ulterior motives.

Police are said to have quickly tracked down Vilakati, who was about to evade arrest by escaping to South Africa. He is still under police custody.

## Girl (16) drops out of school

FOLLOWING the whole ordeal, Flora Zwane's youngest daughter Philile, has been forced to drop out of school.

The 16-year-old Philile said she had to drop out of school, to take care of her younger siblings home, after her mother had to stay in hospital. "I was doing Form Four and since I was short of E800, which my mother was supposed to pay, I had to drop out of school and take care of my sister's three children," Philile said. She added that she would love to finish school, but she has to be home as the sole breadwinner is stuck in hospital, with a fractured ankle. Soon after the incident neighbours are said to have attempted to clear the path that goes through the man-made bush only to anger the owner of the bush. "We have been struggling to get food ever since my mother left home for hospital, we live from hand-to-mouth situation, where our neighbours played a big role in ensuring that we are able to go to bed on full stomachs," Philile said.

## I was counselled -Flora

FLORA Zwane said she was traumatised by the whole ordeal, yet her counselling sessions helped her to calm down and be thankful to be alive.

"I had to accept what had happened and count my lucky stars, thanking God for sparing my life, so to continue living for my children, since their father passed away in 2000 after an asthma attack," she revealed. Zwane revealed she will take her stay in Madulini, one day at a time, as she is forced by circumstances to go back. "I have to be strong for my children, hide my fears as they need me the most, I can't be scared forever, I will curb it," she added.



**ROUTE:** The now clear route, just a few metres from when the ordeal took place.

## Man fined E1 000 for impregnating 14-year-old girl

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

THE Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court heard how Charles Mngometulu (20) was arrested for impregnating a 14-year-old school girl.

The incident happened at the Mngometulu homestead at Vusweni in December.

The name of the minor has been deliberately withheld due to ethical reasons.

Appearing inside the Magistrate's Court on Monday, Mngometulu said he and the minor had a long history of sexual relations before the eventual pregnancy.

"The school going minor is my girlfriend and we have been having a sexual relationship for at least one whole year, before she got pregnant. It was not my intention to impregnate her at this tender age, unfortunately



**GUILTY:** Charles Mngometulu (20) was arrested for impregnating a 14-year-old school girl leaving the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court on Monday.

the condom we were using got torn. At the time I did not think that it would be such a big problem as once or twice we had sex

without a condom and nothing happened, I intend to marry her," he said.

Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini expressed his displeasure at the fact that a minor was about to mother a child.

"It is really unfortunate to see such horrible things happening to the youth. In this case we have a child getting ready to mother another child, this is children raising children. In Swazi culture this is unacceptable, that is why according to Swazi custom a man would be fined six cattle if he made such a mess of impregnating a child like you have done. I also refuse to believe that your own parents knew about this relationship, otherwise they would have stopped it at the beginning. The Crown has not lead evidence against you, so I am forced to fine you only E1 000 or three years in a correctional facility for this statutory rape of this minor," he said.

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# SD ATTENDS SADC PUBLIC SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

SWAZILAND was part of the SADC Public Security Sub Committee (PSSC) meeting which was convened in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, last week.

The PSSC is an annual statutory meeting convened to reflect on progress achieved in the implementation of public security programmes for 2016/2017 financial year.

Swaziland, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe were amongst the countries that were in attendance.

The PSSC was officially opened by Ambassador Simba Yahya, Acting Permanent Secretary from the Ministry of Home Affairs, United Republic of Tanzania.

## Crime

The SADC Secretariat was led by Jorge Cardoso, Director of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Affairs, who reminded the member states present that, public security remains more relevant today and critical, and forms part of governments multi-sectoral approach to address transnational organised cross

border crime, which have become more complex and sophisticated. Director Cardoso also alluded to the fact that visibility of public security in SADC would

enhance attraction of investor confidence, and will also go a long way in contributing towards sustainable regional growth.

The PSSC considered strategic matters to be recommended to the Ministerial Committee of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation for consideration.

In this regards, the PSSC considered the status of signature and ratification of the SADC Protocol on Facilitation of Movement of Persons.

## Strategy

The PSSC observed that the SADC protocol on facilitation of movement of persons remained relevant and critical for the region, particularly for regional integration and development. Member states that have not signed and or ratified the protocol were urged to expedite the signing and ratification process.

The PSSC also discussed bilateral visa exemption agreements within the region, and noted that Swaziland amongst the 11 SADC member states namely Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe have all exempted each other from visa requirements. The PSSC also noted progress achieved

by Angola towards finalising Bilateral Visa Exemption Agreements with most of the SADC member states.

PSSC also discussed free movement of persons in Africa, as envisaged in the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063, which calls for free movement of persons and the establishment of continental institutions leading to full economic integration by 2030. As part of the continental agenda, the PSSC considered a Desk Research on Implementation of the AU Migration Policy Framework within the region.

The desk research conducted by Advocate Maemo Machethe highlighted that SADC has made significant progress in the implementation of the AU migration policy framework. However, the research also recommends among others, the need to develop a SADC Comprehensive Migration Policy and a Regional Internally Displaced Person Policy. The PSSC further discussed piloting of the UNIVISA and acknowledged that the SADC UNIVISA is strategically important and therefore its implementation modalities should be finalised. In conclusion, the PSSC discussed the SADC common position on implementation of free movement of persons in Africa, harmonisation of operating hours at Ports of Entries and the need to introduce Coordinated Border Management.

The PSSC further urged member states to implement the Regional Law Enforcement and Anti-Poaching (LEAP) Strategy and align their National Policies with the LEAP Strategy.



## Man stabbed in the eye with beer bottle outside bar

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

A resident of Ntsanjeni has been denied bail after he stabbed another man in the eye with a beer bottle.

The accident happened outside a bar in Pigg's Peak this Saturday evening.

The man accused with the assault has been identified as

Celani Msibi from Ntsanjeni. Appearing inside the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court on past Monday, Msibi asked that he be admitted to bail as the date of trial was yet to be made known to him.

"May I please be admitted to bail so that I can wait for my trial with the general public and not be locked up behind the bars at the Pigg's Peak correctional facility," he said

Pigg's Peak Public Prosecutor Mncedisi Dlamini said the crown opposed the bail request because the state of the victim Senzo Dlamini was yet to be known.

"The crown is opposing the bail application because this court does not know the full extent of the injuries that Dlamini has suffered to his eye, therefore we are awaiting a full medical report from the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital where the victim is recuperating," said Dlamini.

Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini said Msibi should return to the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court to hear if he can place a bail application.

"The court must find out the current state of the victim who is at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital, if the victim is in a better medical state that is when this court can grant you bail," he said.



YOUR WORSHIP: Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.

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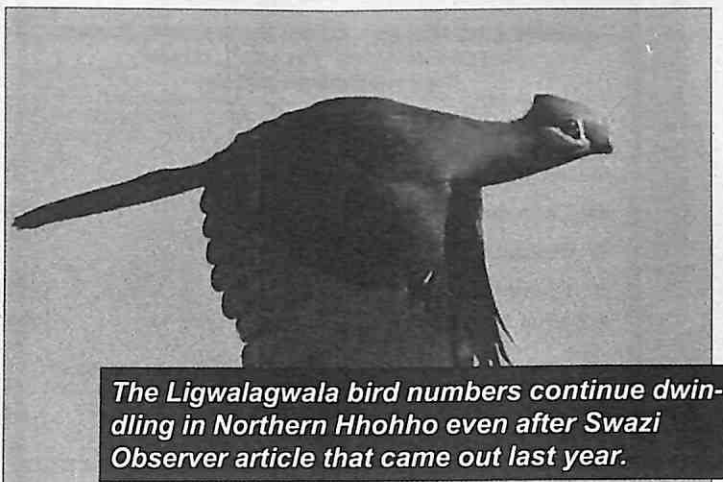


## NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS

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The Ligwalagwala bird numbers continue dwindling in Northern Hhohho even after Swazi Observer article that came out last year.

## LIGWALAGWALA REACHING EXTINCTION?

● The law was not strict enough to the illegal hunters who were feeding an increasing demand for the bird's feathers and meat

**PEAK Timbers Community Liaison Officer Nhlanhla Nxumalo has raised serious concerns about the possible extinction of Swaziland's national bird affectionately known as the Ligwalagwala in the Northern Hhohho.**

Nxumalo said the bird was being illegally hunted at a very fast rate especially in Hhelehhele and Buhleni.

The law was not strict enough to the illegal hunters who were feeding an increasing demand for the bird's feathers and meat.

"Unfortunately, we are having a very serious issue with the illegal hunting of the national bird. The best way to stop illegal hunting of any wild animal is to close and control the market for the animals' products, unfortunately this is not happening. In the case of the Ligwalagwala there is a big market for its feathers and meat, this is then fuelling the illegal hunting market.

The law seems to be relaxed when it comes to arresting people found with the bird's features, it is not like other wild animals where people are arrested if they are found with a hide or any other parts of the animal. We are fighting an uphill battle with this bird and in return we are seeing population numbers ever decreasing in Northern Hhohho," he said.

Last year, the Swazi Observer reported that the population of the national bird was dwindling.

He said they were hoping that

the public would see the problem and help conserve the animal, but this has not happened.

Another thing that they find strange was where all the fire arms that are used to hunt the bird are coming from.

"It is no secret that the bird can only be hunted with a rifle or another long barrel firearm, makeshift sling shots do not always work on the hunting of this bird because when wounded the bird will still fly to a distant place to die. Thus, the hunter will get nothing for all his hard work, so due to this hunters have started using guns because they can shoot the bird in the head killing it immediately.

This aids the hunters who then sell the bird's feathers after first drying them. We have also heard that the birds meat is also eaten," he added.

Acting Police Public Relations Officer (PRO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said they have to first research on the number of arrests made particularly towards the poaching of the national bird before they can make a proper statement.

"We have to first check how many people have been arrested for the poaching of the national bird before we can comment on the issue. Currently we have had only a few arrests being made in the area of poaching, but after we have collected all the data I am pretty sure we will have a better picture of the number of arrests that have been made," she said.

## Hhelehhele resident assaults mother, sister with pickaxe

**LEON Malambe (25) from Hhelehhele was arrested by the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) after he went on a violent rampage with a pickaxe assaulting his own mother and sister.**

The incident happened in the eve of July 7 at the Malambe homestead in Hhelehhele.

Malambe was subsequently charged with three counts of assault and one charge of malicious damage to property.

"The police were responding to a call by Simphiwe Malambe who is the mother of Leon Malambe, the police were told over the phone that he was outside the homestead armed with a pickaxe. He had already broken two windows and was chopping down the locked front door in an effort to gain access to the room where his mother was hiding," a source said.



**IT'S TRUE: Acting Police Public Relations Officer (PRO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.**

The police then rushed to the scene; they first had to restrain Malambe who was still holding the pickaxe.

After this struggle for the weapon the police were then told by the victims that Malambe had in fact already assaulted his mother with the pickaxe before running into the house to lock herself inside for safety.

"After arriving to the homestead the police found out that Malambe had already assaulted his mother once on the left rib with the pickaxe and once on the right shoulder.

### Pickaxe

"While all this was happening, two other people were also assaulted with the pickaxe, these two have been identified as Lungelo Shongwe who got struck once in the stomach and Zimama Malambe who got hit once on the back with the pickaxe," said the source.

Acting Police Public Relations Officer (PRO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident.

## Northern Hhohho youth needs entertainment

**PIGG'S Peak Minibus and Kombi Association Chairman Vuyane Dlamini says the youth of Northern Hhohho region are in desperate need of entertainment to keep them away for alcohol and dagga.**

**Dlamini was speaking during the Pigg's Peak stakeholder meeting that was held last Thursday.**

The meeting featured representatives from the Pigg's Peak government hospital, the Pigg's Peak correctional services, RSP Pigg's Peak, town council, the Pigg's Peak Hotel, Peak Timbers, Highlands Inn as well as the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court and the media.

Dlamini said they as Pigg's Peak kombi and bus operators were sad to see a large number of children turning to alcohol and dagga just because they have no other forms of entertainment to keep them busy.

"This is very serious and a sad situation. Pigg's Peak youth abuse dagga and alcohol as they are bored.

"As a bus or kombi operator in the town we literally see children grow into teenagers and then start drinking and abusing alcohol and dagga, we see the transition and transformation of each and every child before our very own eyes.

### Choices

We cannot always blame the children or the schools or the child's parents, the onus is on us all the senior stakeholders in Pigg's Peak to give these children better choices and expose them to new and exciting ventures and initiatives to help them not turn to alcohol or dagga," he said.

Meanwhile, Dumsile Gamedze Municipal AIDS Programme Manager and representative of the Pigg's Peak

Town Council said the municipality is not responsible for awarding trading licences to the many bars and liquor outlets in Pigg's Peak.

### Licences

"We as the Pigg's Peak Town Council have to come out and again tell the kingdom through the media that the council is not the one that awards the many liquor licences in the town.

"This is done by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade, they are the ones who are responsible for allowing so many alcohol outlets in Pigg's Peak to be opened.

"Unfortunately, the general public do often assume that it is the town council who award these licences, and this is a very false assumption and reflects badly on our organisation that is determined to improve Pigg's Peak," she said.



**NOT RESPONSIBLE: Pigg's Peak Town Council is not responsible for the awarding of liquor licences.**



# 'Oliveira is in Matola'

## PI claims he is being advised to leave issue

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**DOCTOR Myeni, the self-proclaimed Private Investigator (PI) will be leaving the country to 'fetch' kidnapped businessman Almor Oliveira.**

Myeni has been insisting for quite sometime now that the businessman, whose whereabouts are still not known, is still alive and has claimed to know where to find him.

He claimed that Oliveira is somewhere around Matola near Mozambique. "I am leaving on Wednesday to find him and not just to find him but to bring him back to the country. He is somewhere around Matola. Through my investigations, I have found out that he is still alive and that's also what is motivating me to risk and bring him back," said Myeni.

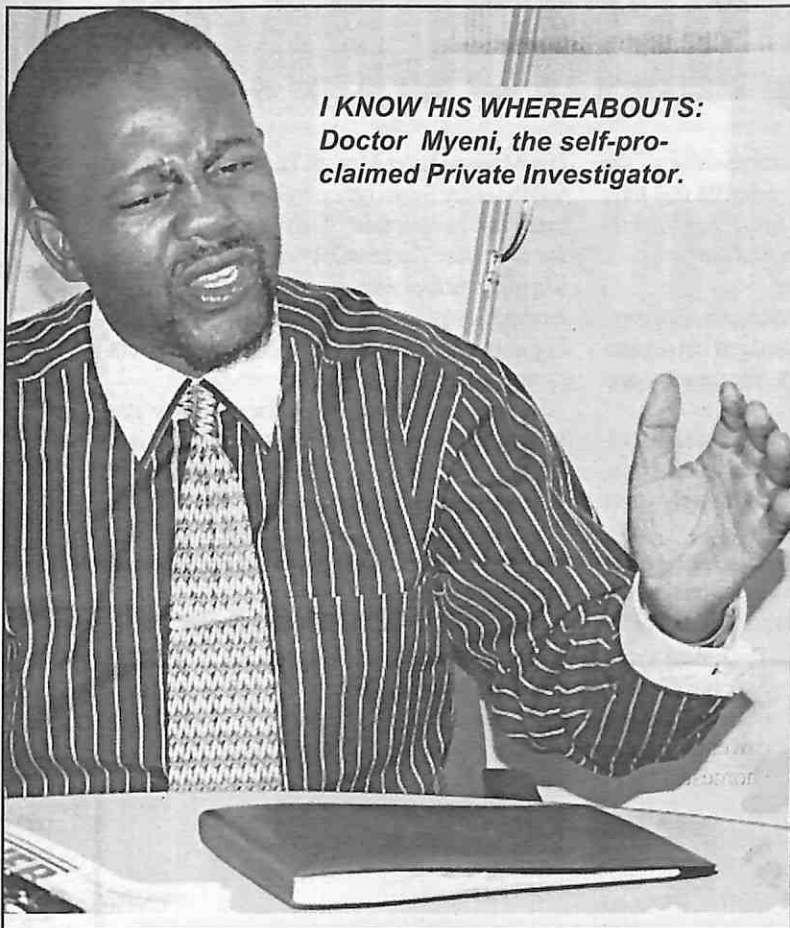
### Disappearance

Myeni said for all this time, he was still trying to follow all the leads on what actually happened to the businessman whose disappearance almost four months ago still remains a mystery.

"Going public on progress on my investigations on this matter is something not good as this could also jeopardise some of the plans.

It's better to keep quiet for now since there is a strong feeling that Oliveira is somewhere around Matola, it's where the nest should be cast and I am taking that risk of going there.

"I know it's a risky route, but there is nothing I can do as I want this mat-



**I KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS:**  
Doctor Myeni, the self-proclaimed Private Investigator.

ter put to rest. Mafia gangs have captured him and you know how mafias operate.

### Aware

I am fully aware of the danger I am going to face and I am prepared for anything as long as Oliveira is found," he said.

Asked if he was not making any public stunt or seeking publicity on a sen-

sitive issue, Myeni said there was no way he could be an attention seeker on a matter which not only concerned the Oliveira family and relatives, but has become a concern for the whole country.

Myeni said he was not at all interested in the E1 million reward offer but what he needed was to have Oliveira brought back in the country.

**DOCTOR Myeni, the Private Investigator, says he has been warned not to pursue the issue of the kidnapped Matsapha businessman.**

Myeni said there were people or individuals who feared for his life who always tell him not to continue with the investigations as even others such as law enforcers were seemingly developing weak knees in pursuing the matter.

"People tell me that I am placing my life in danger if I keep investigating the matter. Others I meet along the streets tell me to forget about it as it is a complex matter because even experts in the field of investigations are failing to come up with something tangible," said Myeni.

Myeni said while he was happy that there were people who were concerned about his safety, however, he would not 'abandon' what he had already started.

"It is cowardice to stop pursuing this issue when advised by people to be careful. Being a PI comes with such challenges.

There are times where you have to be brave and it is exactly what I have decided to do. My work is not a bed of roses and that is why I am going to the foreign land on Wednesday to find the businessman.

Abandoning the search to me is like waste as I have spent a lot since I started investigating the matter. Since now I am almost sure of his whereabouts, it can be



**KIDNAPPED:**  
Businessman Almor Oliveira.

improper for me to abandon the search," said Myeni.

Asked if he would be accompanied by police when traveling to Matola, Myeni replied with a big no. He said he would not be alone when leaving the country.

"I am going to be in a company of some people I trust. I can't say who are they but they are not police. There are reasons I don't want to be accompanied by police but I can't disclose them," he said.

Myeni said he was hoping to return back home on the same day or the next day depending on how the negotiations with Oliveira's kidnappers. "If I don't come back the same day then it should be the next day and not empty handed," said Myeni who sounded convinced that he would come back with the businessman.

## MAN BURNS DOWN LOVER'S HOUSE

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**Mfanawenkhozi Masuku (28), lost his cool after having a misunderstanding with Thandiwe Maseko, his girlfriend and he opted to set her house alight and thus damaged belongings valued at E42 315.**

This incident played itself out on May 15 at Siphocosini. Following this act, which would be interpreted as evil, Masuku was slapped with three counts; arson, malicious injury to property and theft.

On the arson offence, Masuku was charged for wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally breaking into Maseko's two-roomed house an immovable property valued at E10 000 and burnt it down.

### Charged

On count two, he is charged for damaging items belonging to his former lover which amongst other things include a bedroom suite, double bed, bedding and radio, to mention a few.

Masuku was also charged with theft after he walked away with an axe valued at E200 following the

two crimes he committed.

In court, he looked remorseful as he sat quietly whilst his head faced on the floor.

He seemed to agree with the court when his ruling was handed out by Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini.

### Imprisonment

When given a chance to mitigate, Masuku sincerely apologised for his actions as he said he was angry.

"What I did was a mistake your worship, I am sorry.

My mother is sick, I wish to go and look after her," he said. He pleaded guilty to the charges and never challenged the evidence brought to court by the Crown. He was fined E6 000 or four years imprisonment on the first count.

For the second count, the court fined him E5 000 or three years imprisonment, and a further E600 or five months imprisonment for theft. However, the court made count one and two to run concurrently, which means Masuku is expected to pay E6 600 to regain his freedom.

The court ruled his sentence would be backdated to May 18 when he first appeared in court.

## Hlatikulu low registration turn-up explained

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**HLATIKULU town recorded the lowest number of voters during the registration of the local government elections.**

The registration closed at the end of last month and at Hlatikulu, only 429 residents registered.

The town has a population of over 2 070 people residing within the town's boundaries.

This means the 429 people who registered are to make a decision for the over 2 000 residents. Depending on the outcome of the voter roll exercise as it is possible that from the 429 people who registered, others do not qualify to vote for other reasons, the figure is likely to come down.

### Contributed

Chief Executive Officer Bongani Dlamini said he was also disappointed by the low number of people who registered. He said he was not quite sure as to what contributed to the poor turnout. However, he hinted that other reasons could be that some of the residents only decided to come forward on the last day of the registration process.

"I may not be sure whether it was lack of interest or the people thought



**PETITIONED: Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phwayinkhosi Mabuza.**

there would be an extension or what. What I noticed is that on the last day (June 30), that was when many rushed to register and that led to many being left out. There was congestion even in the system we were using. It's typical of Swazis to jump on a bus when it is already departing," said Dlamini.

### Residents

Others interviewed however said the poor turnout was due to the existing friction as some of the residents do not want certain individuals being voted into office. Hlatikulu is divided and the previous council team was already becoming unpopular with some of the residents who even suggested that some of the councillors and part of the administration should be investigated. So serious was the matter that a petition was delivered to

the Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phwayinkhosi Mabuza who was requested to intervene.

Badmouthing and backstabbing each other within the team of councillors was rife with some of them labeled as sellouts.

Dlamini did not want to commit himself on whether the division in the town contributed to the a low number of people registered.

"I can't comment on that. What I can only say is that I was not happy with the numbers. I was looking at having over 500 or so people registering. More than anything, I think people delayed registering and only realised that time was up on the last day. Others probably thought there was to be an extension, something which never happened," said Dlamini.



# UN **APPLAUDS** SD'S EFFORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**UNITED Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres has pledged continued support for the Swazi nation in all its endeavours.**

He further applauded the country for its accomplishments where human rights and democracy are concerned.

Guterres said this during his meeting with the country's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, Melusi Masuku. He was presenting letters of credence to the organisation and they were accepted by Guterres.

Masuku, who is the new ambassador of the country to the UN after the reshuffle that took place in October last year, presented his credentials to Guterres beginning of July.

## Meeting

During their meeting Guterres, when accepting the letters of credence, pledged his organisation's continued support to the country and all its endeavours.

The secretary general also highlighted his satisfaction with achievements made by the country in as far as democracy and human rights were concerned.

Masuku in turn thanked the secretary 'general' for welcoming and receiving the credentials and further conveyed felicitations on behalf of

His Majesty King Mswati III, the Indlovukazi and the entire Swazi nation following his appointment and assumption of office in January and for the entire duration of his tenure of office. Masuku further expressed his delight on the recognition of the efforts the country was making in pursuit of the UN's values on democracy and human rights.

Furthermore, he informed the secretary general that in October 2018, the country will hold general elections and that the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) had started educating the public on the process of elections, voting and their rights as far as elections and voting are concerned.

When contacted, Masuku confirmed that he



**RECEIVE:** United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres receiving letters of credence from Swaziland's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, Melusi Masuku.

had presented letters of credence to the secretary general and it had been an honour for him to appear before Guterres on behalf of Swaziland.

## Stated

Masuku stated that besides conveying felicitations from the King, Indlovukazi, Government and the Swazi nation he had also informed Guterres of his mandate.

"I informed the Secretary General that as part of my mandate here, I will be paying interest to issues of development in particular those that can assist in uplifting the standard of living of our people in pursuit of His Majesty's Vision to see the country attain a First World status by 2022 hence we looking forward to the upcoming High Level Political Forum on the implementation of sustainable development goals to take place on 10 to 20 July 2017 in New York," he said.

Masuku is amongst the first Swazi Ambassadors to present credentials after the October reshuffles.

Others who have presented letters of credence include Nonjabuliso Gwebu Ambassador to the United States of America, Dumsile Sukati High Commissioner to the Republic of South Africa and Christian Nkambule High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.



**HAND SHAKE:** Queen Elizabeth with High Commissioner Christian Nkambule and his wife.



**WELCOME TO USA:** Nonjabuliso Gwebu Swaziland's Ambassador to the United States of America with President Donald Trump.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Temporary Disruption of Traffic along MR8 at Phuzumoya CONTRACT NO. 213 OF 2016/2017: UPGRADE OF THE STRATEGIC OIL RESERVE ACCESS ROAD AT PHUZUMOYA

The Ministry of Public Works & Transport (MoPWT) is currently undertaking construction works for the upgrading of the existing Strategic Oil Reserve Access Road at Phuzumoya. As well, this project includes improvements at the junction with Main Road MR8 in order to optimize the level of service and enhance road safety. This project shall be completed early October 2017.

During this construction period, heavy plant and machinery shall be utilizing the space, inadvertently causing disruptions to the daily traffic flow. Inyatsi Construction Ltd, who is the Contractor on site, has in place a robust Traffic Management Plan which the general public is urged to abide by (refer to the attached layout).

Thanking you in advance for your patience and understanding during this busy period.



S.M. MDAWE  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY





# FEATURES & OPINION

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## 1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

THIS month as we enter the second half of the year we will celebrate World Youth Skills Day on the 15th July.

This day is particularly relevant in the current climate as globally, young people are almost three times more likely to be unemployed and are continuously exposed to lower quality jobs, greater labour market inequalities as well as longer and more insecure school-to-work transitions.

This situation profoundly impacts women, as women are more likely to be underemployed and under-paid, and to undertake part-time jobs or work under temporary contracts.

Overall, more young people have greater educational opportunities than previously, but there are too many who are out of school, denied the quality education they deserve and are unable to acquire the skills that they need.

Developing the skills of young people is fundamental to the growth and sustainability of our country and economy, it is also undeniably one of the most important decisions we can have as a nation.

### Decisions

The youth are our future and they stand to inherit the consequences of our current decisions and actions. How then, can we as a people actively neglect this population whose livelihood is impacted by every single policy, law or custom we enforce?

On the streets we travel each day, the news we watch or read, we see an understandably frustrated population of young people. This picture is however, incomplete, because with the right skills, our young people are exactly the force that we need in order to drive progress forward towards building more inclusive and vibrant societies.

The fact is, investing in skills development reduces poverty and better equips the young to find decent jobs.

Swaziland as a country is suffering under the strain of high poverty levels and we cannot ignore this glaring solution for not just our young but also our country as a whole, as it will trigger a process of empowerment and self-esteem that

## WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY

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### WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY 2017

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benefits everyone.

Globally, forty (40) per cent of young people are unemployed or ranked amongst "the working poor," this situation prompted the inclusion of youth skills in the prospective 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The agenda recognises the importance of tackling youth concerns, in particular unemployment and calls specifically for promoting youth employment and economic empowerment.

Each and every day, numerous numbers of our young people are placed in positions whereby they must risk their lives in the hope of finding

economic opportunities in distant places. This is why education and training are key determinants of success in the labour market, but unfortunately, existing systems are failing to address the learning needs of many young people.

Skills affect people's economic development in many ways but they are not only limited to economic impacts and playing a positive role in career prospects.

Adults with low levels of foundational skills have a higher likelihood of reporting poor health and they also display levels of social anxiety as evidenced by less participation in community

groups or meetings.

Skills are also key in tackling inequality, therefore investing in human capital is the single most effective way of not just promoting growth but also its fair distribution.

The simplest method of understanding the importance of investing in youth skills development is that investing in skills is far less costly, in the long run for our country, than paying the price of poorer health, lower incomes, unemployment and social exclusion – all of which are closely tied to lower skills.

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# ON THIS DAY

...JULY 19

**1525** - The Catholic princes of Germany formed the Dessau League to fight against the Reformation.

**1553** - Fifteen-year-old Lady Jane Grey was deposed as Queen of England after claiming the crown for nine days. Mary, the daughter of King Henry VIII, was proclaimed Queen.

**1788** - Prices plunged on the Paris stock market.

**1799** - The Rosetta Stone, a tablet with hieroglyphic translations into Greek, was found in Egypt.

**1848** - The Women's Rights Convention took place in Seneca Fall, NY. Bloomers were introduced at the convention.

**1870** - France declared war on Prussia.

**1909** - The first unassisted triple play in major-league baseball was made by Cleveland Indians shortstop Neal Ball in a game against Boston.

**1939** - Dr. Roy P. Scholz became the first surgeon to use fiberglass sutures.

**1942** - German U-boats were withdrawn from positions off the US Atlantic coast due to effective American anti-submarine countermeasures.

**1943** - During World War II, more than 150 B-17 and 112 B-24 bombers attacked Rome for the first time.

**1946** - Marilyn Monroe acted in her first screen test.

**1960** - Juan Marichal (San Francisco Giants) became the first pitcher to get a one-hitter in his major league debut.

**1964** - In Illinois, Cahokia Mounds was designated as a US National Landmark.

**1971** - In New York, the topping out ceremony for Two World Trade Centre (South Tower) took place. The ceremony for One World Trade Centre had taken place on December 23, 1970.

**1974** - The House Judiciary Committee recommended that US President Richard Nixon should stand trial in the Senate for any of the five impeachment charges against him.

**1975** - The Apollo and Soyuz spacecrafts separated after being linked in orbit for two days.

**1979** - In Nicaragua, the dictatorship of the Somozas was overthrown by the Sandinista National Liberation Front (Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional or FSLN).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Riley Curry** (family member) - July 19, 2012(5 years)



**Trai Byers** (tv actor) - July 19, 1983-(34 years old)



**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Clarence Mini, acting Managing Director of the Board of Healthcare Funders (BHF) Southern Africa, Dr. Precious Matsoso, Director General, South African National Department of Health and Ian Douglas Neilson, the Executive Deputy Mayor of the City of Cape Town.

# PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WILL DRIVE THE SUCCESS OF NHI

“As we look ahead at the pending implementation of NHI, as with any change, the journey towards universal healthcare will present new challenges”

**SOUTH AFRICA** - Since the first Board of Healthcare Funders (BHF) conference in 1999, the BHF annual conference has attracted a line-up of local and international speakers who have continued to provide local, regional and international perspectives on various issues relating to the healthcare industry.

This year's theme, “embracing universal health coverage”, has ignited engaging discussions on the private sector's role in national health insurance.

The conference brought together industry leaders, government and the private healthcare sector to identify ways in which to ensure the success of what is said to be South Africa's biggest healthcare reform system.

Speaking at the opening of the 18th annual BHF conference, Dr. Clarence Mini, acting Managing Director, BHF Southern Africa, pleaded with the department of health to consider partnerships with the private sector in implementing national health insurance, and to utilise the current available resources in private healthcare to support and help drive NHI.

## Implementation

He said, “as we look ahead at the pending implementation of NHI, as with any change, the journey towards universal healthcare will present new challenges.

However, the promise of partnership, political will and good leadership might make the journey ahead a lot easier than we have all imagined.” In his welcome address Ian Douglas Neilson, the Executive Deputy Mayor of the city of Cape Town, echoed those sentiments with regard to the need for partnerships in implementing NHI, saying, “last month's approval of the national health insurance white paper by cabinet represents a substantial policy shift that will necessitate a massive reorganisation of our healthcare, both private and public, and this will present a challenge to both the public and private healthcare sectors in South Africa.”

He said, “over the years, we have learnt that we will not succeed in achieving anything on our own, and we have to work in partnership with our communities, NPOs, and the private sector, as we have seen the threat of Republicans wanting to repeal ObamaCare, and how it is argued that, this will be a ‘death sentence’

for the US healthcare system.

“Only sustained, successful partnerships will enable South Africa to overcome the many challenges of our rapidly urbanising environment, and will in turn ensure that we become more resilient,” said Neilson.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Precious Matsoso, Director General, South African National Department

of Health, highlighted that, “with at least 3.2 million children screened for the NHI pilot phase between April 2014 to March 2017, at least 500 004 children were found to experience oral health issues, eye-sight problems, hearing and speech problems.

“One of the findings from the pilot phase shows the high prevalence of stunting, with 27 per cent of children under five considered stunted and 10 per cent severely stunted.

“This is presenting a challenge to the department of education, as we are giving teachers children with hearing and sight problems, and waiting for them to be adults. This is a big problem, and South Africa cannot afford to sit back and not respond to the healthcare needs of vulnerable groups,” said Matsoso.

The department of health is looking to set up a National Health Commission.

She said, “NHI will not be affordable unless we deal with health promotion and prevention, and the role of the commission will be to assist in dealing with the risk factors that drive our non-communicable diseases, and put in place the necessary structures for setting up the NHI.

“For this reason, we must prioritise and respond to the healthcare needs of South Africa's children, and the National Health Insurance will go a long way towards the first steps to providing healthcare access.

“Immediate interventions are necessary, and we need to start with the 500 000 and the 3.2 million learners that were identified during the pilot

phase, and expand further to other vulnerable groups. We cannot postpone. For us to be a successful and responsive nation, we need to work collectively as public and private sectors and civil society, together with development partners.”

“With six million South Africans who have immediate healthcare needs that have not been met, we cannot talk about economic transformation when we cannot meet the basic healthcare needs of people,” noted Matsoso.

She explained: The plan is to create an interim structure for the NHI, where we have a CEO who runs the system with a team of people. Our aim is to upskill, reskill and invest in our people to get them ready for NHI. This will require conscious efforts from academic institutions as well, as they would have to deliver on this capacity.

Within the legislative framework, a number of laws need to be amended, in particular the South African National Health Act and the Medical Schemes Act. Currently a draft bill has been published for commentary, and the department of health is inviting all in the healthcare sector, civil society, the public, and interested parties to submit commentary by 31 July

2017.

We also need to identify areas where we can consolidate various schemes, and this is going to be a process that involves schemes. Our aim is to create a structure that involves the department of health, the medical scheme industry, and the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) in order to ensure that this reform is a success.

In closing, Dr. Mini explained that, “When discussions on NHI matured in 2008, BHF members took a decision to consciously support government in implementing NHI.

At that time, many people were not happy about the idea, and we supported NHI at a time when it was not favourable to support it, being fully aware that if the public and private sectors collaborate, we can make a success out of the NHI system and can begin to draw learnings for the rest of the Southern Africa region.”

## Resourcing

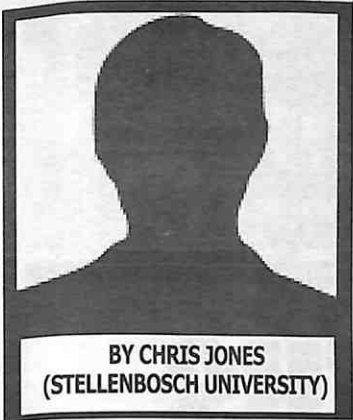
He reiterated that the department must look to the private sector for resourcing and utilise the already available resources in the private sector for the CEO positions that would be created for NHI. He cautioned that existing expertise within the private sector should be leveraged, and that NHI should not be politicised, but should be a collaborative effort that seeks to achieve the vision set by the United Nations to ensure that all people have access to healthcare, as a necessary human right.

BHF members include medical schemes, administrators and managed care organisations throughout the Southern African region, with membership in eight countries, namely, South Africa, Malawi, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique and Swaziland.

Over 17 countries from around the world are represented at the 18th Annual BHF Conference on universal health coverage currently underway from 16 – 19 July 2017 at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Cape Town.

**Source:** Board of Healthcare Funders of Southern Africa (BHF)





BY CHRIS JONES  
(STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY)

# THE BEST WAY SA CAN HONOUR MANDELA IS BY BEING ACTIVE CITIZENS

AS one of the iconic leaders of the 20th century, Nelson Mandela fought for democracy, justice, peace and reconciliation. He showed the world what it meant to live a life in the service of others.

In his own unique way, Mandela helped to restore the world's trust and confidence in South Africa after apartheid. To honour his legacy the United Nations in 2009, decided that July 18, his birthday, would be Mandela Day.

People in 149 countries mark the day by taking time out to help others. As Madiba – his clan name derived from his Xhosa ancestry – has shown, everyone has the ability and responsibility to help change the world for the better.

This year the Nelson Mandela Foundation is encouraging people to specifically take action against poverty. More than 63 per cent of South African children live in poverty; one in five – 12 million – South Africans live in extreme poverty. Despite the positive impact of social grants, poverty continues to halt progress in South Africa. Only through sustained development can it be eradicated to ensure a dignified life for all.

South Africa could do with its citizens becoming more active. In Brazil popular movements have worked with business elites to redistribute wealth and opportunity in a society that's as unequal as South Africa. Without exception, development – particularly efforts to tackle poverty and inequality – is best achieved through a combination of active citizenship and effective states.

South Africa needs a brave and moral leadership to redirect its citi-



**LEGEND:** To honour the legacy of Nelson Mandela, South Africa could do with its citizens becoming more active in driving development – particularly efforts to tackle poverty and inequality. (Reuters).

zens (and politicians) to fight the scourge of poverty through development. Moral leadership has the ability to educate and activate communities to restore human dignity.

Positive publicity and effective governance

The country's National Development Plan aims to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality by 2030. South Africa can realise these goals by drawing on the energies of its people. The country also needs to grow an inclusive economy, build capabilities, enhance the capacity of the state, and promote leadership and partnerships throughout society.

The plan makes it clear that to accelerate development, all South Africans must come on board. Leadership in all sectors must also put the country's

collective interests ahead of narrow, short-term goals.

This will require policy changes, the implementation of government programmes and holding people – especially political leaders – accountable for their actions. Also sorely needed are innovative solutions to complex challenges like poverty, unemployment and inequality.

South Africa urgently needs to recover from the damage caused by "Zuma-fication" – where its president is accused of running the country through personal networks of favouritism and cronyism. John Wallis, the founder of The People Capital Project SA says some members of President Jacob Zuma's executive have become tainted as corrupt and untrustworthy kleptocrats.

Many promises, scenario plans and forecasts have not been translated into homegrown and concrete development proposals, backed by a robust development curriculum, to help South Africa turn the socio-economic corner. The country has yet to be characterised by high levels of innovation, equality, opportunities, economic justice and human rights. As such, the hopes and expectations of the poor have collapsed, leaving them even poorer (and less productive) than they previously were. Zuma has become a prisoner of his own making – both the tool and agent of a self-serving political elite, amid growing poverty and hunger. How long can this go on before the country's economy – already in the doldrums – implodes, and a deep rooted entitlement inspired complacency turns into social upheaval?

## Honouring Mandela's legacy

This state of affairs often leads to secrecy, deep political factions, state capture, looting and corruption, as already seen. The growing dispossession of citizens amid growing accumulation by a few elites results in growing economic injustice, leaving more people on the fringes of society. Where the state and corporate bosses are only driven by financial growth and gain, without coupling it with productive development projects, they hold the down-trodden to ransom. South Africans can no longer standby and watch their "house" burn. To truly honour Mandela's legacy, they should espouse the values of active citizenship and help restore the world's confidence in their country. Otherwise, they'll continue barking at the moon.

*The Conversation..*

## Prove us wrong, Busi

spoilsports, we all thought.

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) came to Mkhwebane's defence, pleading that "we should give her a chance".

"She is inheriting an institution, and even if she made commitments to Zuma and friends that she will do work for them ... she is going to be exposed ... she is going to be the first public protector not to finish her term of office if she engages in any shenanigans," EFF leader Julius Malema said at the time.

### Appears

That was nine months ago. With six years and three months left on her constitutionally designated seven-year term, it appears Malema's threat may become a reality. The nation has turned against her, with the only support for her coming from the Gupta army and associated filthy types.

Malema has done a 180-degree turn, labelling her "a mistake" that he regrets having endorsed.

"She is a Gupta puppet straight



**PROVE THEM WRONG:** Public Protector Busi Mkhwebane.

from the Guptas' kitchen ... once a spy, always a spy. She's proving without fail that we were wrong, please do not call her public protector." Malema went on record to say that he had been told "by reliable spooks that she is a spy".

Mkhwebane has denied being an agent and in February this year, she said she was considering suing the DA because their claim "impacts

on the integrity of the institution".

We may never know whether or not Mkhwebane is a Gupta puppet, as Malema alleges. What we do know is that she loves ANN7 so much that one of her first instructions to staff upon her arrival was to change the office television sets from eNCA to the Guptas' propaganda TV channel.

It is also unlikely that we will ever confirm that she was a spy. Secret agents don't go about flashing their business cards or introducing themselves to new acquaintances as employees of intelligence agencies. Spy agencies never confirm that their secret plants are indeed on their payroll. Secrecy and deception are central pillars of successful intelligence operations.

What we do know is that we do not fully know Busiwe Mkhwebane. She and whoever she answers to (instead of only answering to the Constitution) successfully deceived South Africans from a wide spectrum about her mission. It is becoming apparent that something else lay behind her nomination and successful passage through the committee.

*News24*



● "Push yourself. Don't Settle. Just live well. Just live." — *JojoMoyes, Me Before You*

● "When the enemy has no face, society will invent one." — *Susan Faludi*

● "No matter how plain a woman may be, if truth and honesty are written across her face, she will be beautiful." — *Eleanor Roosevelt*

● "Five exclamation marks, the sure sign of an insane mind." — *Terry Pratchett, Reaper Man*

● "Chaos often breeds life, when order breeds habit." — *Henry Adams*

● "Sometimes you don't need a goal in life, you don't need to know the big picture. you just need to know what you're going to do next!" — *Sophie Kinsella, The Undomestic Goddess*

● "None of us knows what might happen even the next minute, yet still we go forward. Because we trust. Because we have Faith."

— *Paulo Coelho, Brida*

● "She's strong! And scary...I bet she's single...I'd put money on it." — *Masashi Kishimoto, Naruto, Vol. 18: Tsunade's Choice*

● "He who knows all the answers has not been asked all the questions." — *Confucius*

● "There were always in me, two women at least, one woman desperate and bewildered, who felt she was drowning and another who would leap into a scene, as upon a stage, conceal her true emotions because they were weaknesses, helplessness, despair, and present to the world only a smile, an eagerness, curiosity, enthusiasm, interest." — *Anais Nin*

● "I am too intelligent, too demanding, and too resourceful for anyone to be able to take charge of me entirely. No one knows me or loves me completely. I have only myself" — *Simone de Beauvoir*

● "So you're a Shadowhunter,' Nate said. 'De Quincey told me that you lot were monsters.' 'Was that before or after he tried to eat you?' Will inquired." — *Cassandra Clare, Clockwork Angel*

## JOHANNESBURG - The nationwide applause during Busi Mkhwebane's interview for the post of Public Protector was deafening.

Apart from the odd objector here and there, South Africans raved about the unknown candidate who wanted to step into Thuli Madonsela's shoes.

Her sleek performance set the Twitterverse ablaze with messages of approval.

"Busisiwe Mkhwebane, you're hired." "Clear, straight-to-the-point answers. No beating around the bush. I like Busisiwe Mkhwebane." "Give Busisiwe the job." "I'm rooting for Busisiwe, I think she is an all-rounder." "Mkhwebane for Public Protector ... she knows her story." "What a strong pitch by Busisiwe Mkhwebane." "I like Busisiwe Mkhwebane. She could be the one." "Go, lady!"

These were some of the sentiments expressed as she calmly and confidently fielded questions from a multiparty committee. The DA cut a lonely figure of dissonance when it refused to endorse her, owing to her alleged past as a spy. They were just



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First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.1%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.75%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.25%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.80 per litre
Replacement	E11.85 per litre
Diesel	E11.70 per litre
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Japanese Yen/SZL	8.6746	8.7075
Swiss France/SZL	13.4184	13.4663
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Australian Dollar/SZL	10.1787	10.2208
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# CHAMPIONS ENACTUS VOCTIM NEEDS E40 000

By Majaha Nkonyane

AFTER winning the ENACTUS Swaziland National Championship title for the third time in a row on July 1, Gwamile VOCTIM will now represent the country at the ENACTUS World Cup in London, UK on September 26 – 28.

Now the only hiccup is that the team needs to purchase a biogas digester for their project worth between E10 000 to E40 000 according to ENACTUS Country Director Teclar Maphosa-Dube.

ENACTUS Gwamile VOCTIM beat 12 other teams with their social enterprise project during the national competitions.

"The team is currently seeking funding for the procurement of the biogas digester in order to implement the next phase of the project. The costs can range from E10 000 to E40 000. Investors or partners that would like to support the team and community initiative can contact the ENACTUS office," Maphosa said.

Adding, she said phase two of project by the team would see it installing the biogas digester for production of renewable energy. The team is also looking into producing manure from the used diaper residue.

...for biogas digester procurement



INITIATIVE SOLUTIONS: Filthy environment before the intervention of the ENACTUS team.

As well they plan to replicate the enviro health diaper disposal project in other communities around the country. There are 290 people that have been directly impacted by this project.

"ENACTUS Gwamile VOCTIM with their motto 'A crisis is an opportunity, where others see a crisis, we see a chance for employment' started their enviro health diaper disposal project in Ludzeldudze.

The team saw an opportunity to help create businesses for five unem-

ployed community members who are the project beneficiaries and live in a filthy environment that had diapers littered all over the place.

The EHDD project is a business solution which enables the community to dispose diapers and other waste in a proper manner to promote environmental cleanliness as well as to generate income.

Maphosa said ENACTUS Gwamile VOCTIM partnered with Technoserve to help train the beneficiaries on entrepreneurial skills, business prof-

itability, and sustainability.

"The team further partnered with Nedbank to train the community members on record keeping for the project and financial management. As a result, three diaper stations using recycled plastic bottles, reaching out to 84 homesteads have already been established around the Ludzeldudze community. A total of 3 600 two litre plastic bottles have been repurposed to make the diaper stations," said the country director.

The project created a solution by clearing the community of Ludzeldudze of hazardous waste such as diapers, cans, bottles, plastics and papers, by introducing a green house where all this waste would be disposed of at a fee.

The beneficiaries also sell and install catalier pavers to customers as well as to provide advertising space to clients at a charge of E400 per month. A monthly income of E1 398 has been made from this project since February this year.

The profit has boosted one of the lead beneficiaries, Mr. Xaba by a whopping 466 per cent increase from a monthly income of E300 from piece jobs that he used to do. At least 25 per cent of the profits are re-invested into the project. This is phase one of the project.

## 100 jobs created by Furniture Warehouse since 1995

Stories by Njabulo Dlamini

FURNITURE Warehouse has created close to 100 jobs in its investment over the years since its establishment in the country.

The furniture chain now has 15 shops (branches) located in major towns and cities of the kingdom with a significant investment having been made into the business over the last 22 years. This was revealed by director of the business Chris Jackson in an interview.

"Our philosophy at Furniture Warehouse has been about delivering products and services to meet our customers' expectations and this is what has sustained the business thus far. We try to give our customers quality products at a fair price and this we have done over the long period of time we have been around," said Jackson.

He said they pride themselves at being a 100 per cent owned, managed and staffed by Swazi people hence the company philosophy 'Umngani wemaSwati' with their branches across the kingdom located in almost every corner.

"We wanted to ensure that at every corner of the kingdom we are represented, hence in the major towns like Mbabane and Manzini there are multiple outlets of Furniture Warehouse located in each city.

"Our secret over the years has been to give customers satisfaction, a competitive and fair price in the market and to value our staff as an important asset. That we have visibility in the kingdom is meant to ensure we reach out to the people wherever they are located," he said.

Furniture Warehouse opened its 15th branch in Nhlanguano last month as Jackson said their shop had a foothold or representation country-wide. This now sees Furniture Warehouse having branches in Mbabane, Manzini, Matsapha Industrial Site, Matata, Pigg's Peak, Buhleni, Malkerns, Simunye, Nhlanguano, Siteki and Tshaneni.

Tshaneni area also houses the headquarters of Furniture Warehouse where the administration offices are located. Jackson said their confidence in the Swazi market was demonstrated by the huge investment made in the past years whilst delighting their customers at every turn.

## Pay your dues, boss urges businesses

MEANWHILE, the Furniture Warehouse director has called upon individuals and corporates to fulfil their obligations through paying tax.

He noted that without payment of tax, the country cannot meet its development aspirations nor realise its vision 2022 goal.

"We are proud development partners of Swaziland in that whilst creating employment, Furniture Warehouse is also SRA compliant.

### Future

"Health services and education are important for the future of the kingdom so being part of the revenue collection through VAT and Income Tax is important to us as we are contributing to the prosperity of the kingdom".

Swaziland Revenue Authority Director Communications Vusi Dlamini said: "It is gratifying to see that there are people who understand and appreciate that

the success of this country relies on tax revenue.

"We know there are many more people out there who also have the same understanding, but for someone to go public and talk positively about it is encouraging to the work that we do as an organisation.

### Ideas

"As we have said many times, SRA is open to ideas on how we can help our taxpayers to voluntarily comply with their obligations.

Voluntary compliance can be mutually beneficial to the SRA and the taxpayer as it can help reduce the cost of doing business for both," he said.

Adding he stated: "And that's what we are aiming for, improving voluntary tax compliance and sincerely believe such comments will help influence positive behaviour amongst the taxpaying community".



# Local companies urged to join SERA Awards

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

**LOCAL** businesses have been invited to participate in the Sustainability, Enterprise, and Responsibility Awards, otherwise known as the SERA CSR (corporate social responsibility) awards Africa.

This follows the deadline extension of the submission of entries by Red Flag, organisers of the awards.

Red Flag Content Relations Specialist Lara Preston said: "based on requests from businesses across Africa, the SERAs deadline has been extended for entries until July 31 and we would like to invite more African countries to join the awards."

For them it is important to share the good work being done for a number of key reasons. "Businesses across Africa are spending considerable amounts of money on their CSR projects every year.

Often the real social impact of these efforts is not recognised in a public sphere.

"It is important to benchmark and set precedents in CSR on the continent. Best practices need to be shared and programmes that move from social responsibility to social impact need to become the norm," she said.

"By showcasing successful CSR initiatives through the SERA, businesses

can contribute towards improving the standards of other similar projects through knowledge sharing and the benchmarking of systems and measurable," she said.

Preston said another important reason for major brands and corporations to enter the awards and showcase their projects is to ensure that CSR projects remain top of mind for members of the media, business leaders, governments, and decision makers.

"Every year, SERAs publishes the CSR reports, a comprehensive survey of all entered projects. These case studies are shared across Africa with media, governments, civil society organisations, and corporates. The CSR reports is a

powerful tool for sharing the best and most effective CSR projects in Africa, sharing knowledge, and inspiring others," she said.

"The SERAs also provide a credible platform for businesses who also would like to share their CSR projects with wider audiences for marketing or brand recognition purposes.

"Effective and community driven CSR

that results in real change can be a powerful tool for driving brand loyalty and engagement.

"In 2017, the SERAs seek to uncover and reward the brands that have walked their talk in the real sense as we unravel the links between investments/interventions and the actual impacts of these in communities where they do business and the general society at large."

Adding Preston said:

"entries have been coming in from across Africa, ensuring that the 2017 version of the awards is truly pan-African. Entries include, from West Africa; Lafarge, ExxonMobil, Unilever, Chevron, Nigerian Breweries Plc, Airtel, Dangote and Procter and Gamble, along with South African companies Netcare and Anglo American," she said.

"There are various awards categories open for businesses to enter and the competition is open to large, medium, and small scale, not-for-profit organisations, as well as public sector organisations.

"At least 20 honours will be awarded in line with the Sustainable Development Goals as set by the United Nations," she said.

*Often the real social impact of these efforts is not recognised in a public sphere*

## FSE & CC GEARS UP FOR BHF

By Majaha Nkonyane

**FEDERATION of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE & CC) Chief Executive Officer Bonisiwe Ntando is attending the 18th Annual Board of Health Funders (BHF) Conference in Cape Town.**

This is according to FSE&CC Communications and Events Coordinator Magman Mahlalela.

"The conference seeks to explore new territories and identify areas in which private healthcare sector can become involved in the implementation of universal health coverage.

BHF southern Africa is a representative body of the healthcare funding industry.

Its members include medical schemes, administrators and managed care organisations throughout the southern African region with membership in South Africa, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique, and Swaziland," he said.

According to a press statement released this week, the gathering will bring together healthcare experts and leaders from around the world who will share their country's experiences and insights on universal healthcare coverage as countries embark on the journey toward the implementation of universal health coverage which is all about the availability of quality, affordable health services for all when needed without financial impoverishment.

"Among the key issues to be discussed



**FSE & CC Chief Executive Officer Bonisiwe Ntando.**

at the conference will be defining the role of the private sector in implementing the National Health Insurance, and why the private healthcare sector needs to evolve," he said.

Quoted ahead of the conference, Zola Mtshiyi of BHF southern Africa said; "as with any change, the journey towards universal healthcare will present new challenges.

"However, the promise of partnership, political will and good leadership might make the journey ahead a lot easier than we have all imagined.

"Partnering towards universal healthcare seems the most prudent move to ensure our industry participates fully in this development."

"While government takes the lead, the value and contributions that the private industry can bring to the process is recognised throughout the world, and its expertise, infrastructure, experience, and capabilities will help deliver on the promise to 'leave no one behind,'" he said.

Adding, Mtshiyi said: "it is, therefore, important that all healthcare players begin to look beyond fear and limitation, and look into the future, ready to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

Due to recent developments in South Africa's economy, the conference will also look at the implications of junk status for the healthcare industry."

One of the speakers in this conference include Dr Elizabeth Fowler who is Vice President for Global Health Policy at Johnson & Johnson. She is credited as the architect of Obamacare in the USA.

Fowler will share her insights and learnings from her experiences as the USA Special Assistant to former US President Barack Obama on Healthcare and Economic Policy at the National Economic Council.

She spearheaded the implementation of the March 2010 Affordable Care Act (popularly known as Obamacare), which was designed to increase the quality and affordability of health insurance in America.

## BUSINESS EXTRA



South African Reserve Bank

## Reserve Bank expected to keep interest rates unchanged

**JOHANNESBURG - The Reserve Bank is expected to keep interest rates on hold on Thursday.**

That's according to economists polled by Reuters.

The central bank left interest rates at 7 percent in May.

Inflation data indicates that the SAR has room to ease rates.

In May, inflation was at 5.4 percent, within the 3.6 percent tar-

get range.

Stats SA is due to release fresh consumer price index numbers on Wednesday.

The Reserve Bank is also expected to revise its growth forecast for the country.

Last week, Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba released a 14-point plan to help get South Africa out of recession.

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## FRAUD COSTS PRIVATE HEALTHCARE R22BN - SIU

**CAPE TOWN - At least 7% of all medical claims in South Africa are fraudulent, costing their members annually between R2 500 and R2 800 to cover fraudulent expenditure, said Andy Mothibi, CEO of the Special Investigating Unit (SIU).**

Addressing delegates on the second day of the Board of Healthcare Funder's (BHF) annual conference in Cape Town, Mothibi shed some light on the incidence of fraud in the private and public healthcare sector in South Africa.

The total fraud costs in the South African private healthcare system, Mothibi said, is estimated at approximately R22bn each year.

Estimates by the Healthcare Forensic Management Unit (HFMU) of the BHF find that at least 7% of all medical aid claims in South Africa are fraudulent and the figure could be as high as 15%.

Fraud in public healthcare sector is also rife, he said, citing the following statistics:

R24bn of provincial health departments' expenditure between 2009 and 2013 was irregular.

A third of the Northern Cape's provincial healthcare spending -

R1bn - was irregular.

In Gauteng, irregular expenditure amounted to R5.3 billion between 2009 and 2012.

Although there was an improvement in irregular expenditure as a proportion of the total health expenditure from 11% in 2010-11 to 4.8% in 2011-12, the figure increased again to 6.1% in 2012/2013.

In a separate presentation on fraud in the healthcare industry, Gregory Pratt, senior clinical advisor at Medscheme's forensic unit cautioned that South Africa's proposed National Health Insurance scheme stand to be plundered with billions of rand unless there is substantial investment in protective anti-fraud technology.

"Our healthcare system is targeted by syndicates and devious practitioners, as it is easier than committing other financial crimes," Pratt said.

"This should serve as a grave warning for the NHI initiatives. Unless there is substantial investment in protective technology we stand to lose billions of rand due to the plundering of NHI funds."

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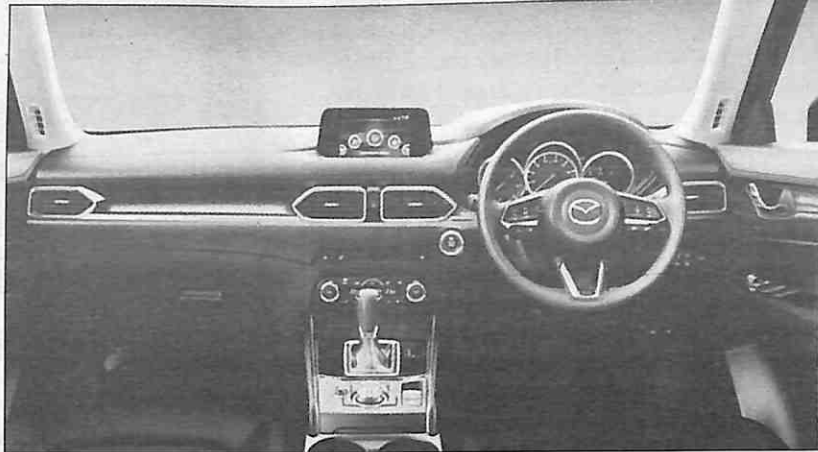


# MAZDA RECALLS 19 000 CARS IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG - Mazda is recalling 19 000 cars in South Africa due to air bag safety concerns as the Japanese car maker extends a global recall to cover a wider manufacturing period, its local unit said yesterday.

The recall was prompted by investigations in Japan and North America for three different types of Takata manufactured air bags over safety concerns that inflators were defective.

The US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in July that new testing was prompting Takata to declare 2.7 million air bag inflators defective in Ford, Nissan and Mazda vehicles.



Takata air bag inflators have been linked to 17 deaths and more than 180 injuries worldwide, and the recalls will eventually cover about 125 million inflators. **Reuters**

## Vodacom CEO calls R34.6bn Safaricom deal transformative

MIDRAND - Vodacom shareholders voted in favour of acquiring a 34.94 per cent indirect stake in Kenya's Safaricom.

The shareholders voted at an annual general meeting held before the release of the group's financial results for the year ended March 31 2017. The majority of shareholders (99.59 per cent) were in favour of the resolution, while only 0.40 per cent were against.

The deal will see Vodacom acquire 87.5 per cent of issued share capital of Vodafone Kenya. The cost of Vodacom Group's acquisition equates to R34.6bn. The newly acquired stake will position Vodacom Group strategically in the east African market and give it exposure to Kenya's high growth market. Safaricom is a market leader in Kenya with a market share of 71 per cent. "Safaricom is a high growth, high margin, and high cash generating business," the group stated in a circular to shareholders.

Vodacom CEO Shameel Joosub said the deal is transformative. "It gives us access to a high growth, high margin business."

He added that Safaricom is one of the quality asset players in the market, and that the deal would allow Vodacom to work in the financial services space. Outgoing Chairperson Peter Moyo described the deal as important.

Mobile penetration in Kenya is only at 88 per cent, indicating room for market expansion, the group stated. For the year ended March 31 2017, Safaricom reported revenue growth of 14.2 per cent and an Ebitda margin of 48.1 per cent.

The transaction will also allow Vodacom to diversify its financial profile. Its interest in Safaricom will contribute 15 per cent to the group's earnings. **fin24**

## MTN half-year earnings improve by 20%

JOHANNESBURG - MTN Group has announced that it expects to report an improvement of at least 20 percent in both headline earnings per share and earnings per share for the six-month period ended 30 June.

This would be a significant improvement in MTN's interim results compared with a headline loss per share of 271 cents and attributable loss per share of 301 cents reported in the prior comparable period that ended 30 June 2016.

MTN said the negative performance in the prior year period was mainly as a result of nonrecurring costs, including the Nigeria regulatory fine of 474 cents per share.

Professional fees related to the fine of 73 cents per share and losses of 136 cents per share from MTN's 51 percent equity interest

in Nigeria Tower InterCo B.V., mainly as a result of unrealised losses on US dollar-denominated loans, also contributed to negative performance in 2016.

MTN was initially fined US \$5.2 billion by the the Nigerian Communications Commission for not deactivating more than five million unregistered SIM cards, but the fine was later reduced to \$1.67 billion after negotiating the fine with the Nigerian government.

The South African based telecommunications giant has since paid \$254 million of the fine after agreeing to settle the debt over three years. MTN said it was in the process of finalising its interim financial results which will be announced on the Stock Exchange News Service of the JSE on 3 August.

**African News Agency**



## World's largest independent oil trader ditches Gupta deal

JOHANNESBURG - Vitol Group, the world's largest independent oil trader, walked away from a deal to buy a stake in the Richards Bay Coal Terminal from a company controlled by the Gupta family.

"The consortium comprising Vitol and Burgh Group Holdings will not be proceeding with the acquisition," the commodities-trading house said in a statement on Monday.

The proposed deal, first reported by Bloomberg News

in September 2016, would have seen Vitol and South Africa's Burgh Group acquire Optimum Coal Terminal from the Gupta's Tegeta Exploration and Resources. It would have given the consortium a 7.61 per cent stake in Richards Bay and rights to ship about 8 million tonnes of the fuel from South Africa annually.

The Guptas are friends with President Jacob Zuma. In December 2015 the family, along with Zuma's son Duduzane, bought Optimum

through Tegeta for R2.15bn (\$163m) from miner and trading house Glencore.

The purchase would have given Vitol, which handles more than 7 million barrels of oil a day and more than 30 million tonnes of coal annually, access to a key export facility in one of the largest coal-producing countries.

Vitol has trading and marketing operations in South Africa and its VTTI unit is building a fuel-storage facility in Cape Town. In 2012,

it formed a coal-trading company in neighboring Mozambique by buying a stake in a terminal that exports coal from South African mines.

While South Africa has quality coal reserves and is well positioned to export the fuel to India and China, shipments are constrained by limited port capacity. Only shareholders have an automatic right to export through Richards Bay, which accounts for almost all of the country's coal-shipping capacity. **fin24**

## Mystery of Eskom's money

JOHANNESBURG - The clock is ticking for scandal-infested Eskom as it readies to release its financial results amid confusion around the state firm's true financial solvency.

Eskom's financial results briefing is now scheduled for today after it was suddenly postponed two weeks ago.

The question is if it will shed any light on whether Eskom is in good financial standing or not, amid a host of controversies that has plagued the institution. The doublespeak of Public Enterprises Minister Lynne Brown and Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba has done little to lift the fog.

Gigaba last week hinted that Eskom was on the verge of a bailout, while Brown recently insisted that Eskom was doing well.

Earlier this year Brown even said that Eskom was coping with its 2.2 per cent tariff increase, which was much less than it had asked the national regulator for.

According to a leaked application, Eskom will ask for a 20 per cent tariff hike next time around on the grounds that it won't be able to operate sustainably without collecting on that revenue. Yet last month, after Eskom's annual general meeting, Brown reiterated that Eskom "recorded positive results according to its financial results

presented to the AGM".

She said Eskom was in a better financial position than it was a year and two years ago, at this time.

But over the weekend, Eskom refuted claims that it only has R20bn left in the kitty.

The Sunday Times, citing leaked financial statements, reported that the utility's current funds are only likely to last for the next three months and that Eskom may not be able to pay its 49 000 employees' salaries come November, unless it receives a bailout.

The Sunday Times report also suggested the postponement of Eskom's results is to avert a crisis

that would have required it to pay back R15bn owed to the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA).

The DBSA granted that loan to Eskom in 2010, and Eskom has drained the facility. But one of the conditions in the loan is

that it would be recalled if Eskom failed to achieve a clean audit, a disaster for the apparently cash-strapped state utility.

But Eskom on Sunday denied that it is facing a cash crisis.

"External auditors have confirmed Eskom is a going concern, and as a result the company sees these reports as being inaccurate and misleading," it said in a statement.

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## Puma raises forecast after second-quarter sales

FRANKFURT - German sportswear firm Puma raised its sales and profits forecasts for the full year Monday, saying it enjoyed strong second-quarter performance and was confident for the second half.

The Bavaria-based firm now expects to increase sales between 12 and 14 percent, adjusting for currency effects — up from "a low double-digit percentage" increase previously.

That would mean growth up to twice as fast as last year's, when high-profile sponsorships of sports teams like France's footballers, star athletes including sprinter Usain Bolt and celebrity endorsements from Rihanna and other musicians powered Puma ahead.

Global sporting events such as the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and the UEFA Euro 2016 tournament helped showcase the leaping-cat logo to millions worldwide. But the lack of such rare high points hasn't held back growth this year for the Nike and Adidas rival, with currency-adjusted sales reach-

ing 968.7 million euros between April and June — a 16.3-per cent increase on the same period in 2016.

The group also saw a massive boost to its operating, or underlying, profit in the second quarter, bringing in 43.4 million euros compared with 11.9 million last year.

That prompted Puma to lift its operating profit prediction to between 205 and 215 million euros (\$235-256 million) for 2017, up from past guidance of between 185 and 200 million euros.

It offered less detail on its bottom line, saying only that it expected net profits to improve "significantly" compared with last year's level of 62.4 million euros.

That figure was a 68-per cent improvement on 2015 profits.

Monday's announcement was the second time Puma lifted its forecasts for this year, as it reported a sunnier outlook in April following a strong first quarter.

The company will release full second-quarter results on July 26.

**AFP**



# RAND TOUCHES 2 WEEK HIGHS, JSE GAINS

**JOHANNESBURG** - The Rand reached its firmest level in two weeks yesterday as the suspension of new mining laws and weak data from the US pushed the currency past crucial technical levels and lured back investors hungry for high yields.

At 5 pm, the rand was bid at R12.9238 to the dollar, 10.77c stronger than at the same time last Friday, softer than the session-best R12.89.

"The disappointing US inflation

numbers and the mothballing of the mining charter, that momentum is still coming through today," said currency dealer at Treasury, One Andre Botha.

Last Friday, South Africa said it had suspended the implementation of new mining laws, which included raising the level of shares black people should own in mining firms, pending a court ruling on a challenge lodged by the Chamber of Mines.

The announcement of the laws

in mid-June saw the rand slide two per cent and mining shares plunge, and prompted a warning from ratings agency Moody's that the new rules would deter investment, raise costs and diminish cashflow generation.

Meanwhile, stocks ticked up, led by buying coming back into Lonmin after it cut costs and boosted third quarter mining performance.

The benchmark JSE Top40 index ticked up 0.4 per cent to 4799.60

points, while the all share index gained 0.43 per cent to 53 827.41 points.

Lonmin's share price rose to its highest level in more than a month after buying came into the previously oversold platinum miner when it cut more costs and improved its mining performance in its third quarter.

Lonmin advanced 14.82 per cent to close at R12.86.

Reuters

## No cover up in alleged corruption - says SAA Board

**JOHANNESBURG** - The South African Airways (SAA) board of directors yesterday assured the public that it would not cover up corruption at the state-owned airline following a Sunday newspaper report that it paid R4.5 billion to overseas companies for long-term contracts.

The board also said action taken against anyone accused of criminality must have factual basis and be legally sustainable. "It is important to understand the status these reports enjoy within the business and the processes the company has embarked upon before conclusions are made on the basis of any aspect of such reports," it said.

Investigations were previously commissioned by SAA to look into financial losses incurred by the company. "The board has looked into those reports and concluded that, as matters stand, they are incomplete." It was finalising these reports, including soliciting input from all affected parties and executive management. **BUSINESS REPORT**

## US fines BNP Paribas \$246m over forex oversight

**WASHINGTON** - US regulators on Monday fined French banking giant BNP Paribas \$246 million for poor oversight of its foreign exchange traders who manipulated trading prices.

The move came six months after the Federal Reserve permanently barred former BNP trader Jason Katz from the banking industry, for manipulating foreign exchange prices.

"The firm failed to detect and address that its traders used electronic chat rooms to communicate with competitors about their trading positions," the Fed said in a statement. "The Board's order requires BNP Paribas to improve its senior management oversight and controls relating to the firm's FX trading," the statement said.

**BUSINESS REPORT**



## Mahindra plans to double investment in US

**NEW YORK** - Indian conglomerate Mahindra Group plans to double its US investment in the next five years, where it is hoping its two-wheel electric scooters will win over American millennials.

"We're very bullish," Executive Chairman Anand Mahindra told reporters. "We're going to double our bets here."

The company plans \$1-billion (R12.96-billion) in additional investment, executives said.

Mahindra, which operates globally in 10 sectors including aerospace, farm equipment and financial services, already has invested \$1-billion in the United States, where it has 3 000 employees.

The biggest group of workers is in information services with 2 300, which is projected to grow

to 5 000 as the company steps up recruitment at US universities.

The company also plans to make additional hires in North American tractors and autos, officials said.

Mahindra said he was taking a nuanced view of US environmental politics, planning to co-chair a climate summit with California Governor Jerry Brown in spite of President Donald Trump's vow to exit the Paris climate agreement.

"America is not just Washington DC. America is very complex."

The company manufactures a fleet of electric two-wheel bikes and scooters that executives described as potential transportation disruptors.

Mahindra's GenZe e-bike and e-scooter brand announced a partnership Monday with Postmates, an on-demand delivery system

in New York and San Francisco that could be expanded to 200 cities. The scooters are produced at a plant in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The vehicles are fast becoming more popular in Europe, though Mahindra Managing director Pawan Goenka conceded the US as a "car crazy country," remained a greater challenge.

Mahindra offered a strong endorsement of the Indian government's setting of a 2030 target for all-electric cars, although he said the objective was "aspirational."

"In India, we've suffered from a poverty of aspirations, not just a poverty of income," Mahindra said. But lower battery costs will help accelerate the uptake of electric cars, an essential outcome for India, he said.

He said the prospect of 250 to 300 million households owning conventional cars is "a nightmare for the globe, not just for India."

"You're going to have to move towards fleet sharing and you're going to have to move towards electric."

AFP

## Direct selling sees exponential growth

**JOHANNESBURG** - Direct selling seems to be one of the fastest growing business models in South Africa, despite the country's depressed economy.

The industry has seen growth of 18 per cent in the last financial year.

Last year independent business owners collectively earned close to R5-billion.

South Africa's economy is facing headwinds - from a downgrade of the country's sovereign credit rating to a high unemployment rate of 26 per cent.

Business confidence is also at a low. But for those selling directly to the public, business is booming.

That's according to the Direct Selling Association which has 34 members.

The body represents popular brands like Avon, Justine and Tupperware.

The nearly R13-billion rand industry has over 1.3 million active sellers. Of those, 472 000 sell on a full-time basis. The Association's Ernest Du Toit said the business grew exponentially in the last financial year. "What we're seeing is a net growth in both the opportunity and the business opportunity and the person to person sales made and the number of people that are buying products. In fact in the health and beauty industry, research tells you that up to 57 per cent of all sales are done on personal endorsements face to face... grow well into the future," Du Toit said. He says the industry has seen a predominant growth of 35 per cent in Gauteng.

But there has also been growth in rural areas.

Du Toit said this kind of business has seen success the world over, with the US generating over \$35-billion in 2016. **eNCA**

## Waiting for Draghi only game for central banks orbiting ECB

**FRANKFURT** - As Europe's central banks forge a path out of extreme monetary policies, all roads go via Frankfurt.

Policy makers from Stockholm to Bucharest are now waiting for their colleagues at the European Central Bank (ECB) to kick off unwinding the record stimulus that was unleashed in the aftermath of the global financial crisis.

Tomorrow, they'll be watching for any new signals from President Mario Draghi, who hinted last month that the end of the road was approaching.

"The central banks are all waiting for Draghi to see how he develops his policy," said Janwillem Acket, chief economist at Julius Baer in Zurich. "They'll let the action take place in Frankfurt and then respond."

For smaller central banks, the wait-and-see mode can be chalked up to two main things: When interest rates hit rock bottom, the currency becomes the main tool to control inflation and the so-called rate differential comes into focus, and, despite rumors of its demise, Europe's economic integration is deepening.

Officials in Scandinavia and eastern Europe are all dealing with a lack of inflation even though their economies are very different. In Romania, where economic growth is topping five per cent, inflation is less than one per cent, and price growth is also slowing in Poland, where the central bank governor is quashing talk of an interest-rate hike. Sweden hasn't hit its two per cent target for more than half a decade, while inflation in the euro area has been below the ECB's goal since 2013.

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# Focus on SA scene

## 'WHITE MONOPOLY CAPITAL IS REAL'

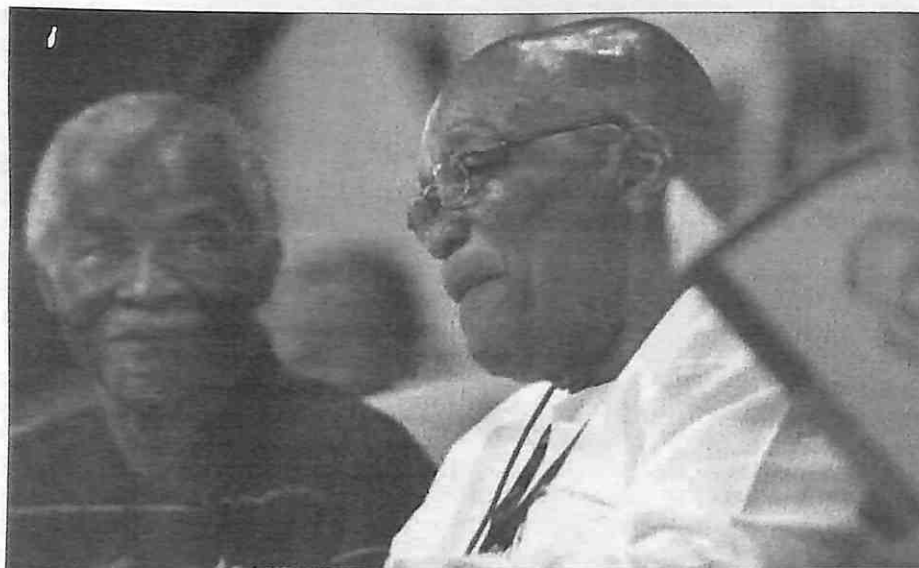
**CAPE TOWN** - President Jacob Zuma says white monopoly capital is real.

His comments come days after former president Thabo Mbeki warned against the use of popular slogans not based on facts.

"Those who say it doesn't exist, they live in another country," said Zuma.

In a speech in Cape Town, Zuma also urged the youth to lead the battle for economic emancipation for the black majority.

He reaffirmed government's commitment to ensuring higher education for all. *eNCA*



**HIT BACK:** In a subtle dig at his predecessor, President Jacob Zuma hit back at former president Thabo Mbeki.

## DA to lay criminal charges against SAP

**JOHANNESBURG** - The DA said on Monday it will file a criminal complaint against German software giant SAP over allegations of corruption involving friends of President Jacob Zuma.

SAP, Europe's top technology company, last week put four senior managers in South Africa on leave and opened an investigation into reports that dragged the company into an escalating influence-peddling scandal.

The company allegedly paid kickbacks to CAD House, a firm partly-owned by the politically connected Gupta family and Zuma's son Duduzane. The payments allegedly helped SAP clinch a deal worth R1-billion with rail and logistics parastatal Transnet.

CAD House sells 3-D printers and has no software experience that would make it a logical go-between for SAP and Transnet. "The DA has reason to believe that SAP South Africa procured the services of CAD House purely because they wanted access

to its owners, Duduzane Zuma and the Guptas," the DA said in a statement.

"The DA will, therefore, proceed to lay charges of corruption and money laundering against (SAP South Africa and CAD House)."

A Gupta spokesman, CAD House, SAP and a spokesman for Zuma did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The Guptas and Zuma previously denied wrongdoing.

SAP hired an independent international law firm based in the United States to conduct an external investigation and also will run its own internal inquiry. "We've obviously seen the claims in the media. And we're taking these extremely, very, very seriously," Adaire Fox-Martin, SAP co-President for global customer operations, told Reuters in an interview on July 12. Some members of the ANC called for Zuma to step down over allegations the Gupta family influenced government contracts and cabinet positions.

*Reuters*



## Every day is Mandela Day at Tshwane Haven for children

**PRETORIA** - For police officers from the Brooklyn station in Pretoria who visited Tshwane Haven, a home for abused, sick and abandoned children and babies, the intention was to deliver gifts in honour of Mandela Day.

But in the end, it was the officers who said they felt that the children had gifted them with love and warmth instead. Five-year-old Felicity with her big, beautiful, piercing eyes and warm smile greets everyone at the door. "Felicity came in at five days old. She was born without arms and legs, and her mother was unfortunately unable to look after her," said Karen Bruyere, the house mother at Tshwane Haven. Bruyere set up the Haven 10 years ago. "She is turning six in August, she is a very independent, very stubborn and normal child who feeds herself [and] gets into her bed by herself. *News24*

## Three national ministers fail to pitch at summit

**CAPE TOWN** - Student leaders attending the Schools and Campus Safety Summit disrupted a session after key government ministers failed to pitch, *GroundUp* reports.

The inaugural summit held from 11 to 14 July at the University of the Western Cape focused on safety at South African schools and campuses. This initiative was brought about by the Ministry of Police, the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Higher Education and Training. Other participants in the event included student leaders, campus protection services and delegates from the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority.

On Thursday afternoon, student leaders wanted to address the summit, claiming they weren't given an adequate explanation as to why national ministers who were scheduled to speak - Fikile Mbalula (police), Blade Nzimande (higher education and training) and Angie Motshekga (basic education) - were absent. *GroundUp*

## Tshwane to replace security guards with metro police

**JOHANNESBURG** - In a bid to cut costs, the City of Tshwane plans to replace outsourced security services with metro police.

Municipal buildings, licensing stations, parks and bus depots will soon be staffed by Tshwane metro police officers.

The move will save millions of rand. But the decision was not welcomed by security guards contracted to the city. They staged pickets outside the mayor's office to demand permanent employment.

Over 700 sites in the capital need security. In the past, guards from private firms did the job.

"We are not totally eliminating security guards. What we have done is look at our situation, at what we have and we are taking 10 187 metro police officers (who) are not totally trained at the moment, who need further training and we use them temporarily as security guards, then upskill them and bring them back to the TMPD (Tshwane Metro Police Department) while we start insourcing security guards going forward," said MMC for

Community Safety Derrick Kissoonduth. The security guards accused Mayor Solly Msimanga of making empty promises.

"Whether he likes it or not he will comply, we will force him because we are living in a democracy. So if he says we must sit down at home not working, what are going to eat, what about our people and children? The mayor is a coward, he is cruel he thinks for himself," said march organiser, Isaac Ngwenya.

The prospect of being replaced with metro police did not sit well with the protesters.

"It's a ridiculous move. How do you replace someone who's trained to do that job with someone who's not trained to do that job? If Solly's vision of taking the country forward is that, then he must step down," Austin Mofyoya of the Outsourcing Must Fall movement.

"We will be insourcing that's our intention however, it will be done fairly for all citizens so when we require more guards, then we will advertise post and employ people," said Kissoonduth. *eNCA*



**TENSION:** Former SASSA CEO Thokozani Magwaza.

## Sassa CEO forced to resign- SCOPA chair

**CAPE TOWN** - SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) CEO Thokozani Magwaza was forced to resign following irreconcilable differences with Social Development Minister Bathabile Dlamini, Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) Chairperson Themba Godi said on Monday afternoon.

"As far as I understand, Mr Magwaza was actually asked to leave because he did not see eye to eye with the minister," Godi told *News24*.

"Last week Mr Magwaza announced the disillusion of

work streams which irregularly were appointed by the minister according to the treasury.

This led to increased tension between the CEO and the minister."

Godi could not say where he had received the information. In a statement on Monday, Dlamini said Magwaza resigned following a "consultative process" led by the Head of Legal Services Advocate Nkosinathi Dladla.

"The department would like to thank Mr Magwaza for the role he played as the CEO of

SASSA and wish him well in his future endeavours."

Magwaza did not respond to phone calls and messages from *News24*.

He reportedly received several death threats before his resignation. Godi previously condemned the intimidation of Magwaza, saying it was a way to "open the door for the looting of public funds".

Former social development Director general Zane Dangor resigned in March, citing a breakdown in the relationship between himself and Dlamini. *NEWS24*



++MH17 3 YEARS ON++



# 'THEY WERE DEAD BEFORE IT CRASHED'

**MALAYSIA** - The Malaysian Airlines plane was en route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur on July 17, 2014, when it was hit by a surface-to-air missile reportedly fired by pro-Russian separatists.

The horrific disaster – coming just months after flight MH370 disappeared – came during intense fighting after the annexation of Crimea in March 2014.

All 283 passengers and 15 crew members died.

## ...Shock claim about doomed flight MH17

But on the three-year anniversary since the plane was shot down, outlandish conspiracies are being shared about the disaster.

"According to the people who collected corpses, most of the corpses – stale"

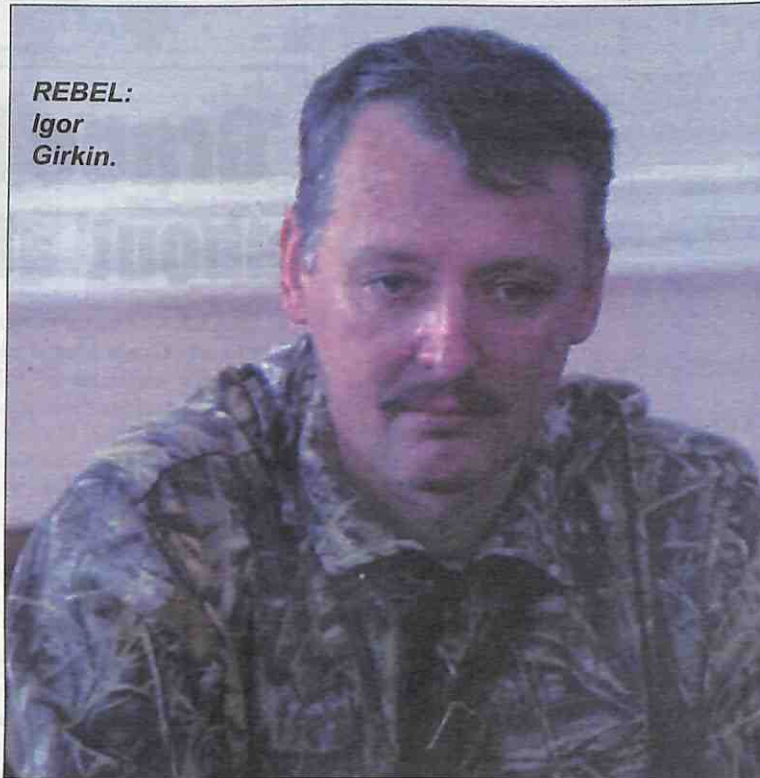
The most shocking of these is one that claims the plane was actually filled with corpses when it took off in Amsterdam.

Pro-Russian rebel commander Igor Girkin – also known as Igor Strelkov – made the incredible claim while asking questions about the disaster.

Girkin is being sued by the families of a number of MH17 passengers over his alleged role in downing the plane.

Days after the disaster, he was quoted as saying: "According to the people who collected corpses, most of

**PRO-Russian rebel commander Igor Girkin alleges that people that went to the crash site found many of the corpses were absolutely bloodless.**



**REBEL:**  
Igor  
Girkin.

the corpses – 'stale' – people had died up to a few days ago.

"For the complete accuracy of the information can not answer – of course, it is necessary conclusion of forensic experts."

He also apparently said people that went to the crash site found many of the corpses were "absolutely blood-

less".

Another theory that was put forward about MH17 was that it was caused by a botched assassination attempt on Vladimir Putin.

An anonymous source claimed the aircraft was confused for the official presidential plane that was also flying that day. *DailyStar*



**INSPECTING:** People walk on the debris at the crash site of a passenger plane near the village of Grabovo, Ukraine, Thursday, July 17, 2014. Ukraine said a passenger plane carrying 295 people was shot down as it flew over the country.



**DISCOVERY:**  
A piece of debris found in Mozambique are "almost certainly" from MH370.



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Imprest Administrator Capacity Strengthening and Technical Cooperation (CSTC), Aid Coordination and Management Section, Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, on behalf of the National Authorising Officer of the European Development Fund (EDF), invite applications for the utilisation of the Conferences, Seminars and Training Facility under the Government of Swaziland/European Union CSTC.

The CSTC provides for Technical Assistance to support programming of EU funds in Swaziland. It also provides for Conferences, Seminars and short-term Trainings Facility (CST).

The CST is designed to support the following activities:

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2. Organization of meetings, conferences and seminars on the topics mentioned above.
3. Training activities on development, cooperation and trade issues.
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Applications are invited from Government of Swaziland Ministries, affiliated Semi-State Organisations, ACP/EU Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and/or Non-State Actors (NSAs) operating in the Kingdom of Swaziland in support of the ACP/EU Partnership and Government of Swaziland development priorities.

Applications must be submitted by, or with the endorsement, of the Principal Secretary of the concerned Ministry, or by the Chief Executive Officer of the concerned NGO/NSA who will guarantee financial accountability in the utilisation of GoS/EU funds and take responsibility for submission of all proofs for approved expenditure, failing which will guarantee repayment of unsubstantiated expenditure to the CSTC account.

Application forms are available on request on the email address below:

• [cstc@mepd-acms.org](mailto:cstc@mepd-acms.org)

All applications must be hand delivered to:

Ministry of Economic Planning and Development  
Aid Coordination and Management Section  
Annex Building  
P.O. Box 602, Mbabane H100  
Swaziland  
Tel: +268 2404 6512 / 6154 / 9551

Deadline for submitting applications is 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 1630hrs for trainings which will (must) take place from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

Please Note: All applications should be submitted in 1 Original and 3 Copies



## BRIEFS

## Mob justice on Zim traffic cop

**BULAWAYO** - A video has emerged of one of Zimbabwe's despised traffic cops being pummelled by angry residents. Local reports say he caused a minibus carrying passengers to veer off the road and crash into a hardware store in Bulawayo. In the YouTube video taken moments after the accident, the cop tries to hurry away but is waylaid by angry pedestrians. Some of them punch his head and back. The policeman, who appears to have lost his cap but is still wearing his fluorescent green armbands, grey shirt and navy blue trousers, tries to deflect the blows. **NEWS24**

## Militants kill 5 police in complex attack

**EL-ARISH** - Egyptian security officials say suspected Islamic militants have attacked police in the northern Sinai Peninsula, killing five of them and wounding another five. They say the militants opened fire on an army vehicle before setting it on fire in the city of el-Arish on Monday. When reinforcements arrived, the militants set off a roadside bomb. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to brief reporters. Egypt has been struggling to combat an insurgency in the northern Sinai that has gathered strength since the military overthrew Islamist president Mohammed Morsi in 2013. Most of the attacks, including an assault on an army post earlier this month that killed 23 soldiers, have been claimed by an Islamic State affiliate. **AP**

## Malian soldiers' bodies recovered

**BAMAKO** - The bodies of eight missing Malian soldiers have been found following a presumed jihadist attack on July 9, official sources told AFP. The soldiers were ambushed in Mali's northeast and two escaped with their lives, but until now there had been no trace of the missing. "Eight soldiers missing after clashes with terrorists near Menaka have been found Monday killed by bullets," a senior army official told AFP. A local official in the area said eight bodies were found in Inkadogotane, 60 kilometres (37 miles) from the town of Menaka, and added that they were captured alive before being executed. **AFP**



## Roadside explosion kills five policemen

**ISMAILIA** - Five Egyptian policemen were killed and six wounded on Monday by two roadside explosions in the restive Sinai Peninsula, security sources told Reuters. The five policemen were killed in the city of Arish, the capital of North Sinai province, when their armoured vehicle drove past a roadside bomb, the sources said. Three others were wounded. Another armoured vehicle rushed to the scene only for a second roadside bomb to go off, injuring three policemen. Militants planted the explosives and detonated them remotely as the vehicles drove by, the sources said. **Reuters**

## Investigation begins into Senegal football

**DAKAR** - Senegalese prosecutors on Monday announced the opening of a judicial enquiry into a stadium tragedy, as a local team whose fans were accused of triggering a deadly stampede were suspended from the country's football federation. Multiple witnesses told AFP that US Ouakam fans threw stones and other objects at Stade de Mbour supporters when Mbour scored a goal to take a 2-1 lead in extra time during Senegal's League Cup final on Saturday. **AFP**



## 'Grace Mugabe 'up and about' after freak accident'

**HARARE** - Zimbabwean First Lady Grace Mugabe is reportedly "on the mend" following an accident this past Saturday at the Harare International Airport that saw her sprain her ankle.

The state-owned Herald newspaper quoted the Presidential Press Secretary George Charamba as saying that by Sunday morning, Grace was "up and about".

Grace suffered minor injuries in an accident that involved the presidential motorcade over the weekend. The incident occurred shortly after President Robert and his wife landed back home after a week spent in Singapore, where Mugabe had gone for his third medical check-up this year.

As usual, the presidential limousine was waiting to whisk the First Family back to their Harare mansion. But the chauffeur set off before Grace Mugabe had got in, causing her to lose her balance. "The sudden movement of the vehicle saw Amai Mugabe withdraw her foot from



**ON THE MEND:**  
Zimbabwean First Lady Grace Mugabe.

the car, and as she lost her balance, one shoe came off and was run over by a rear wheel," the state-run Sunday Mail said in a report.

Grace was treated at a local clinic before she was discharged.

Meanwhile, a prominent Zimbabwean pastor Patrick Mugadza said the First Lady's accident was "a message from

God advising her to stop evicting villagers in Mazowe", according to New Zimbabwe.com.

The report said that the pastor recently visited hundreds of families who were evicted from Manzou farm by Grace and prayed for God's intervention in their plight.

Mugadza said that the evictees' tears "were now haunting the First Lady". Last week Grace moved to expand her Mazowe "empire" in Mashonaland province by grabbing the "iconic state-owned Mazowe Dam - almost a century after it was built - and surrounding tracts of land".

According to Zimbabwe Independent, the move had heightened her "bitter fights local villagers", who were now barred from using the huge dam, as she also wanted to privatise it.

Mazowe Dam was in the vicinity of Manzou farm where Grace's growing empire already included a huge double-storey mansion, a dairy farm, an orphanage and a school. **NEWS24**

## Islamist attackers will be hunted down: Kenya President

**NAIROBI** - Kenya will use "deadly force" against suspected Islamist militants, President Uhuru Kenyatta said on Monday as he campaigned for re-election in Lamu, one of the regions that has borne the brunt of militant violence.

In the latest attack, suspected members of Somalia's al-Shabaab took a senior government official and five other people hostage in Lamu last Thursday. Two people died in a rescue operation by Kenyan forces.

"We shall bury them. Fire must be met with fire," Kenyatta said at a campaign rally, according to his press service. "Our citizens are losing their lives. Our security forces are losing their lives. My principal secretary was wounded here a few days ago... I have no apologies to make in taking the tough measures we are taking," he said.

Kenyatta is facing a stiff challenge from opposition leader Raila Odinga. High food prices worry most voters more than militant attacks, but security could be the issue for voters in the remote regions bordering Somalia.

Last week, the Kenya military said it had conducted air strikes on Lamu's Boni forest after the string of attacks blamed on the militants in the area. Al-Shabaab is fighting to topple Somalia's Western-backed government and establish its own rule, based on the group's strict interpretation of sharia law. **Reuters**

## ANGOLA REJECTS EU POLL OBSERVERS' DEMANDS

**LUANDA** - Angola rejected conditions demanded by an EU election observer mission that had been preparing to witness next month's polls in the country, state media reported Monday.

The European team had called for unfettered access to polling stations across the vast southern African nation during the August 23 vote.

"So this is Africa. And we do not expect anyone to impose on us their means of observing elections or to give lectures," said Foreign Minister Georges Chicoti according to the Journal de Angola newspaper.

"The invitation stands. But we do not want to have separate agreements with all of the organisations (sending observers)." Chicoti added that the only organisations with which Angola has election observation deals were the African Union and the southern African bloc SADC. "These are the only institutions for which Angola must abide by the electoral processes laid down in law," he said. The foreign ministry warned that safety could be an issue if the EU observers were allowed unhindered access to polling stations in all 18 of Angola's provinces. **AFP**



**PROTEST:** Angola rejected conditions demanded by an EU election observer mission.

## Egypt ends visa-free entry for Qataris

**CAIRO** - Egypt will end visa-free entry for Qatari nationals with some exceptions, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said on Monday, the latest measure taken against Doha which Cairo and three Gulf governments are boycotting.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt imposed sanctions on Qatar on June 5, cutting diplomatic and transport ties with the tiny Gulf monarchy, after accusing it of financing militant groups and allying with their regional arch-foe Iran.

Doha denied the accusations. "It does not make sense to keep making exceptions for Qatar and giving it privileges in light of its current positions," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Ahmed Abu Zeid. Qatari nationals will now have to apply for a visa in order to enter Egypt. Qatari nationals with Egyptian mothers,

those married to Egyptians, and Qataris studying in Egypt will be exempt from having to apply for a visa, he added.

Sources at Cairo International Airport told Reuters the decision would be implemented as of tomorrow, which the Qatari Foreign Ministry later confirmed on Twitter.

## Make up

Foreign workers make up around 1.6 million of Qatar's 2.5 million population, and hundreds of thousands of them are Egyptians, making them one of the biggest foreign contingents in the Gulf country.

So far no action has been taken against them. Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry told his Kuwaiti counterpart earlier on Monday that Egypt is standing by the list of demands it and the three Gulf countries made of Qatar and will keep sanctions against Doha in place.

**Reuters**

## Somalia's internet returns after 3-week outage caused outcry

**HARGEISA** - Authorities say Somalia's internet has returned after an outage of more than three weeks cost the Horn of Africa nation about \$10 million a day.

Hormuud Telecom, Somalia's largest telecom company, announced the restoration of service in a message to subscribers on Monday.

The loss of internet service sparked anger across Somalia and affected the central and southern parts of the country including the

capital, Mogadishu. The government called it a "major disaster".

Officials and internet providers attributed the problem to a commercial ship that they said cut an under-sea cable.

Major companies reported millions of dollars in revenue losses. University studies were disrupted.

The internet outage also stranded patients who were seeking medical attention abroad as they couldn't access online paperwork.

**AP**



# World News

## Parole board to decide OJ Simpson's fate

**LOS ANGELES** - Former American football star OJ Simpson has spent nearly nine years in prison.

Not for the grisly 1994 murders of his ex-wife and a male companion — he was famously acquitted in that case.

No, Simpson has been behind bars for his role in a September 2007 armed robbery of two sports memorabilia dealers at a Las Vegas resort.

He could soon go free.

A Nevada parole board will hold a hearing in Carson City tomorrow to decide whether the former National Football League (NFL) star and actor should be released from prison.

Simpson was convicted in October 2008 of armed robbery, assault, kidnapping and other offenses after he and five associates — two of whom were armed — ambushed the two sports memorabilia dealers in a casino hotel room.

Simpson (70) who earned the nickname "The Juice" during his playing days, claimed he was just trying to recover mementos from his career which he said the dealers had stolen.

A Las Vegas jury didn't buy it and Simpson was sentenced to a minimum of nine years in prison and a maximum of 33 years.

Simpson was granted parole in 2013 on some of the charges and he could be freed as early as 1 October if the board agrees tomorrow to grant him parole on the remaining offenses. Former Clark County district attorney David Roger, who led the 2008 prosecution of Simpson, said he is likely to be given his freedom.

AFP

## 7.1 million Venezuelans vote in opposition referendum

**CARACAS** - Venezuelan's opposition said more than 7.1 million people responded to its call to vote on Sunday in a symbolic rejection of President Nicolas Maduro's plan to rewrite the Constitution, a proposal that has raised tensions in a nation suffering through widespread shortages and months of anti-government protests.

A 61-year-old woman was killed and four people wounded by gunfire that erupted after government supporters on motorcycles swarmed an opposition polling site in a church in the traditionally pro-government Catia neighbourhood of western Caracas. Analysts said the vote for the opposition across Venezuela and the country's far-flung diaspora was an impressive show of support. However, it fell short of the opposition's 7.7 million-vote showing in 2015 legislative elections and the 7.5 million votes that brought Maduro to power in 2013. Opposition leaders said that was because it was only able to set up 2 000 polling places in a largely symbolic exercise that the government labelled as illegitimate. Still, some supporters said they were disappointed.

"I thought it was going to be more," said Mariela Arana, a 56-year-old school counsellor. "But these seven million people spoke and it was plenty."

AP



**WARNS:**  
**Sadiq Khan.**

## LONDON WON'T ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET FOR DONALD TRUMP

**LONDON** - Sadiq Khan has warned Donald Trump that there will be 'no red carpet' should he visit the United Kingdom.

The Mayor of London renewed his war of words with the US President ahead of a proposed state visit to the capital.

Theresa May had officially invited Trump to the UK in January but the trip was left out of the Queen's Speech last month, ending hopes it would happen this year. Despite an invite from the UK government, both sides have failed to arrange a date amid reports that Trump has been put off by the threat of large-scale protests. Among the President's main opponents in the UK has been Khan, who opposed Trump's travel ban which targeted people from mainly Muslim countries.

**...he should not get a full state visit to the UK says capital's mayor Sadiq Khan**

Speaking to CNN about the mooted state visit, Khan said he was 'ready to play my role' when it came to challenging people's opinions. He added: 'State visits are different from a normal visit and at a time when the President of the USA has policies that many in our country disagree with, I am not sure it is appropriate for our government to roll out the red carpet. 'If you somehow think it is not possible to be a Muslim and a proud westerner I am happy to disabuse you of that idea, whether you are a reporter for CNN or Donald Trump.' The pair have a colour-

ful history, most notably in the aftermath of the London Bridge terror attack when Trump criticised the Mayor of London in a Tweet.

The President attacked Khan after he had told Londoners there was 'no reason to be alarmed' by the increased police presence in the capital. Trump also said of Mr Khan: 'I think they were very rude statements and frankly tell him I will remember those statements.' He is said to have told the Prime Minister in a phone call earlier this month that he does not want to go ahead with the trip until the British public supports him coming.

Daily Mail

## Trump warns Venezuela it faces strong, swift 'economic actions'

**WASHINGTON** - US President Donald Trump on Monday warned Caracas of "economic actions" if Nicolas Maduro delivers on his bid to rewrite the constitution, calling the Venezuelan president a "bad leader who dreams of being a dictator".

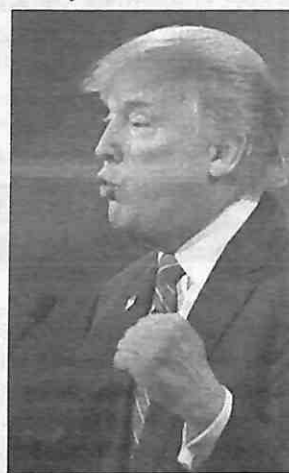
"The United States will not stand by as Venezuela crumbles," Trump said in a statement.

"If the Maduro regime imposes its Constituent Assembly on

July 30, the United States will take strong and swift economic actions," he said, without elaborating on what those actions would be.

Trump praised the Venezuelan opposition's unsanctioned Sunday vote that saw millions of voters reject Maduro's plan, saying "their strong and courageous actions continue to be ignored by a bad leader who dreams of becoming a dictator".

AFP



**US President Donald Trump.**

## Iran jails Chinese-American 'spy'

**TEHRAN** - Iran has imprisoned a Chinese-American man for 10 years after accusing him of "infiltrating" the country and detained President Hassan Rouhani's brother over allegations of financial misconduct, authorities said this past Sunday.

News of the detentions comes less than two months after relative moderate Rouhani beat a hard-line opponent to win reelection by running in large part on his record of pursuing greater engagement with the West. They

were announced by the judiciary, a pillar of hard-liners' influence.

The Chinese-American dual national was identified as Xiyue Wang, a 37-year-old history researcher, according to Mizan Online, a website affiliated with the judiciary.

He was not previously known to be among the handful of Americans detained in Iran. "It was verified and determined that he was gathering [information] and was involved in infiltration," Judiciary spokesperson

Gholamhosein Mohseni Ejehi said during a routine press briefing. Ejehi did not identify Wang by name. But hours after he spoke, Mizan published an article attributed to an unnamed source that revealed his identity and included several photos of him apparently taken from the internet.

The Mizan article said he was born in Beijing and entered Iran as a researcher. It pointed to graduate studies he did at Princeton University in 2013 and 2014, and described him as a fluent speaker of Persian. AP

## BRIEFS

### Bottles hurled at chaotic German town

**BERLIN** - German police said on Monday several assaults and cases of sexual harassment were reported in alcohol-fuelled weekend disturbances that saw youths rampage through a small town and hurl bottles at police. No arrests had been made over the alleged harassment, but police were treating as a suspect a 20-year-old Iraqi man and, in a separate case in which a 17-year-old girl was groped, three Afghan asylum seekers aged 18-20. Police Chief Roland Eisele urged other women to come forward if they were abused last Friday or Saturday night during the chaotic scenes that started at a local festival in the southwestern town of Schorndorf, Baden-Wuerttemberg state. AFP

### Man acquitted of murder

**NEW YORK** - A man charged with killing a stranger by pushing him into the path of a New York City subway train has been acquitted of murder. A Manhattan jury issued the verdict on Monday at the trial of Naem Davis, who said he had acted in self-defence. He said Ki-Suck Han was the drunken instigator of the deadly altercation on a train platform near Times Square in December 2012. Davis said that after they bumped into each other, Han followed him down the platform, berated him with obscenities, grabbed his shoulder and hurled death threats. Prosecutors brought a murder charge against Davis, arguing he had shown a "depraved indifference" to Han's life. The New York Times reports that the jury foreperson hugged Davis as he left the courtroom. AP

### Court confirms Jehovah's Witnesses ban

**MOSCOW** - Russia's Supreme Court Monday confirmed a ban on Jehovah's Witnesses, labelled by authorities as an "extremist organisation". The Russian Supreme Court has decided to reject the appeal of the organisation against its ban, the court, quoted by RIA-Novosti news agency, said in its decision. In April, the court issued a ruling banning the Christian group and seizing its property. That decision came after the justice ministry said it had found signs of "extremist activity" within the religious movement and requested that it be banned.

AFP

### 6.4 magnitude earthquake hits Peru

**LIMA** - A 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck just off Peru's southern coast on Monday, the US Geological Survey said, with no immediate reports of injuries or damage. The quake hit at approximately 9.05pm with a depth of 44 kilometres. It occurred some 220 kilometres west of Arequipa, Peru's second most populous city. Though there was no initial evidence of damage the tremor provoked alarm among Peruvians, with the Mayor of the southern town of Caraveli saying residents there had taken to the streets. The tremor has been very strong here in Caraveli, Mayor Santiago Neyra said. AFP

### Doctors find 27 lenses in woman's eye

**LONDON** - Doctors intending to perform cataract surgery on a 67-year-old woman in Britain found something rather unexpected: 17 contact lenses mashed together in her right eye. In a case report published Monday in the British Medical Journal, the doctors said that the woman had worn monthly disposable contact lenses for 35 years; she had "deep set eyes" and poorer vision in that eye, which they said might have contributed to a failure to remove some of the lenses. The doctors said the 17 lenses were bound together by mucus. A further 10 were found by the surgeon using a microscope. AP





# NOTHANDO LEAVES WOMEN IN PRAISE

...To feature for the last time with the gospel group on August 9

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

**TWO years after joining Women in Praise through auditions in Swaziland, Nothando Hlophe is set for one last outing with the group.**

This was confirmed by her management company; Leserato Events' Sijabulile Vilakati.

According to her management, she will be part of the new recording for the group to do a symbolic handover to the new artist who won the auditions recently conducted in Johannesburg. According to Vilakati, the recording will be held

at Lyric Theatre on August 9.

Vilakati said Hlophe, however, remains a member of Spirit of Praise volume 6 where she features alongside Bishop Benjamin Dube, Dr Tumi, Dumi Mkokstad, Winnie Mashaba, Neyi Zimu, Dube Brothers just to name a few. Spirit Music Group confirmed that the gospel princess will be performing for the last time with the women group.

## Happy

"We are happy to confirm that Nothando will be performing with Women in Praise on the recording on the 9th August at the Lyric Theatre.

She will do a 'Handover' to the new

singer who will join Women In Praise," read the a communiqué forwarded to this publication.

Leserato Events' Sijabulile Vilakati, on behalf of Nothando's management, believes it is part of the growth plan they had for the singer and they are pleased with the progress.

"It has been an amazing journey for Hlophe and the team. We have seen her grow to being an artist on her own and is continuing to grow in leaps and bounds. She has her debut album titled 'Impilo yami', which is currently in circulation.

This is part of the growth plan we

## 'One Night with the King' tickets flying off shelves

**TICKETS to the massive and prestigious show; 'One night with the King' are selling fast.**

As from Monday, the first day of the ticket release, E 30 000 was made from the sales in one day. This was confirmed by Leserato Events Manager Sijabulile Vilakati yesterday.

"By 9am yesterday we had already sold three tables for the live DVD recording which are targeted mostly at corporates," Vilakati said.

"This is a massive event and we invite people to buy their tick-

ets early to avoid disappointment. We only have 350 tickets available for the recording and more the tickets available for the show the following day," she added.

The prestigious Benjamin Dube show 'One Night with the King' will be held at Esibayeni Lodge in August 4 and will be launched the following day at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

Tickets are sold at E 1 000 each and available at Sdeez Supermix in Manzini and Mgavuzza Record Bar in Mbabane.

had for her and we are happy with the progress so far.

We so wish it could have been another Swazi getting the opportunity to grow in the same process but unfortunately the project requires a lot of resources.

We appreciate the partnership we have with Spirit Music Group and how it has accelerated the growth of our artist and we are looking forward to bringing the project back to Swaziland, resources permitting," Vilakati stated.

## Managed

Hlophe, popularly known for her hit song 'Khulul'ugcobo', is a Swazi recording artist who was born and raised in Lobamba, Swaziland.

Having spent 10 years as a backing vocalist for the legendary Frans Dlamini, in 2015 she managed to beat about 200 participants, in a nationwide competition in Swaziland. She then moved on to be a mem-

ber of the South African based Women in Praise Group which is under Spirit Music Group.

A month after joining the group, she took part in the live recording of the 'Women in Praise live in Swaziland' album when she led the hit song 'Khulul'ugcobo' and another crowd favorite 'Sekukani'.

On February 27, 2015, she recorded her first album live at Esibayeni Lodge, Swaziland, where she headlined the show with other Swazi artists.

In May 2016, Hlophe released her debut album titled 'Impilo yami', which is a real testimony of how God has worked on her musical journey thus far.

She is also a member of the 'Spirit of Praise Volume 6' ensemble where she leads two songs alongside gospel greats; Benjamin Dube, Dr Tumi, Winnie Mashaba, Neyi Zimu, and many more.

## No international acts for MTN SWAMA awards - Zox

By Ayanda Dlamini

**THE MTN SWAMA awards committee has proved to be 100 per cent loyal to local talent as they will not engage any international acts for the awards ceremony.**

This year the MTN SWAMA joint venture is only celebrating local talent unlike in the recent years where international acts were brought for the honouring ceremony and locals were not happy at all leading to some of them boycotting it.

## Pledged

This year the organising committee has pledged to be loyal to local on the ceremony as the Chairman of the MTN SWAMA committee Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini made it clear that they will not bring any international performers to the ceremony but only international media will be broadcasting it live.

"We can confirm that we will not engage any international artists for the

MTN SWAMA awards.

We feel the time has come to celebrate local artists and on August 5, the stage will belong only to local talents. We do have international media houses coming to cover the event and they must see the very best of Swaziland music on the night," Dlamini stated.

Dlamini mentioned that entertainment line-up on the night will be made of some of the nominees and they have not confirmed the actual performances.

## Acknowledge

"We haven't confirmed in writing the actual performers yet but that is a process the team is currently busy with.

What we can, however, confirm is that the entertainment line-up on the night will only be made up of (some) MTN SWAMA award nominees.

We will also acknowledge Swazi artists doing big things across borders, especially those of which people in Swaziland have never heard of.

We want to show the world an honest reflection of who we are and how far we have come in the industry. Swazi

people will be shocked to learn that we have a Swazi female artist currently touring with Drake.

## Regards

This shows how far we have gone with regards to local artistry and that is what the world and Swazis should appreciate," Dlamini said.

According to the chairman, the production team has come up with an out of this world production plan which will surprise a few and they are excited and looking forward to a great event.

## Impressions

"This will be a first and we all know first impressions last. MTN has been very supportive and the President of SWAMA Lutfo Dlamini constantly reminds us why we are doing this in the first place and why we should ensure that the industry comes first at all times. So we are cognisant of that and we can only as a team take this to the next level," Dlamini concluded.

The prestigious yellow carpet affair will be held at Royal Swazi Sun, Ezulwini on August 5.

## ANNUAL SPRING BASH EARLY BIRDS TICKETS OUT

By Ayanda Dlamini

**TICKETS to the annual Swaziboy Entertainment and Mega Sound joint venture; Spring Bash are out.**

This was confirmed by Swaziboy Entertainment's Mthunzi 'Shadow' Zwane.

Zwane said tickets to this year's show are available at all Ocean Basket outlets in the country; Mbabane, Ezulwini and Manzini, Esibayeni lodge, Celltronics in Manzini.

"The early birds tickets are out and available at E 100 general and VIP is E 300 and this year we only have limited number of the early birds tickets," Zwane said during a tele-

phonic interview with this publication. The spring bash will be held on September 23 at Ronde Vu, Esibayeni Lodge situated in Matsapha. Zwane revealed that this year's bash will see a number of local spinners from both entertainment stables; Swaziboy Entertainment and Mega sound.

## Merchandise

"This year we will have stalls where people will display their merchandise as we are loyal to local. Everything will be local," Zwane stated.

He urged fun lovers to buy their tickets to avoid disappointment as this year's tickets are limited. He added that the lineup will be revealed soon but it will one of the best they have developed as entertainment stables from last year.

**CONFIRMED: Swazi Boy's Mthunzi Zwane.**



# BHOLOJA CELEBRATES MANDELA DAY IN MADAGASCAR

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**JULY 18** is the day former South African president Nelson Mandela was born and after the hero's passing, the day is nowadays celebrated as 'Mandela Day' in many parts of the African continent.

Swazi born afro soul legend Mbongiseni 'Bholoja' Ngubane joined throngs of musicians and creative's in celebrating the day, only the singing sensation headed to the fourth largest Island in the world to do his part in charity work.

Honouring an invitation from the South African Ambassador to Madagascar, Bholoja and his fellow musical friends left their homes for Madagascar on Monday.

The group of musicians going by the name 'Africa Soul' took part in various charity activities upon arrival in Madagascar.

Bholoja said it meant the world to him to lend a helping hand to an age-group that Mandela was passionate about.

The singer reckoned Mandela to have been profoundly passionate about children and so he and his 'Africa Soul' friends painted and donated clothes



**PEACE:** Bholoja hanging out with children at an orphanage in Madagascar yesterday in honour of Nelson Mandela Day. (Courtesy pics)

and food to an orphanage.

The orphanage in Madagascar is said to be housing very young orphaned and vulnerable children who are between the ages of 15 and 20.

After painting the orphanage, Bholoja and his friends who include the likes of Gali Ngoveni, Msakie, Selaelo Selota, Velaphi and Krabo who is a bassist for The Muffinz then honoured yet another invite by the Prime Minister of Madagascar, Olivier Mahafaly Solonandrasana.

"We performed for the prime minister and he really enjoyed our music, which was a good sign," Bholoja said.

The afro soul sensation added that taking part in the Mandela Day celebration meant a lot to him and he learnt a lot.

"It means a lot to me as it is an international initiative and I have learnt a lot of things I can even put to practice back home," he said.

The 'Africa Soul' was also joined by a team rep-

resenting the African Union as they took part in the Mndela Day celebration.

This year the Mandela Day celebration was solely dedicated to eradicating poverty.

Bholoja is one of the top artists to have ever come out of Swaziland and has earned himself accolades in and outside the country.

Just last week, he handed over certificates to participants of a workshop he had organised and facilitated alongside his music producer from France.

Both of Bholoja's albums were recorded, mastered and produced in France.

To show versatility in his talent, Bholoja has collaborated in house and gospel songs that have been loved by music fanatics.

He collaborated with SAs Nqubeko Mbatha in his new album for a song called 'Heal our Land' and also collaborated with Swaziland's very own DJ Tenderness in two singles called 'Jika' and 'Love me.'

## 'The Queen' actor 'Kwanele' spotted in the country

By Ayanda Dlamini

**THE QUEEN** actor Kay Sibiyi was spotted in the country this past weekend.

He is popularly known as Kwanele from Mzansi Magic's soapie 'The Queen' and as Ayanda from SABC1's telenovela; Uzalo.

According to Lungelo Gina popularly known as Smallz the comedian, the star was in the country for vacation and business as well. "He was here for vacation but also to see me and the team in relation to a project we are embarking on together to be revealed soon," the comedian said.

The star and the comedian were spotted at Logoba, outskirts of Matsapha, apparently at a friend's house.

He was again spotted at Mfuleni; a chill out spot owned by Daladi Dlamini.

Kay, Sibiyi is not new in the country as earlier this year he was spotted at Solanis Shisanyama with his friends.

Kay, born Khumbulani Sibiyi in Durban in the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa is well

known for his charisma character in small screens in both South African soapies; Uzalo and The Queen. In 2013 Sibiyi secured his first television job as the co-host of the SABC 1 magazine show, Sunday Chillaz, with Kedebone Mkhabela and Kaos Matu. In February 2015 he began starring on the SABC 1 original telenovela, Uzalo, as Ayanda Mdletshe. The telenovela was commissioned by the SABC, created and written by Duma Ka Ndlovu of Muvhango fame and produced by the daughter of incumbent South African President Jacob Zuma, Gugu Zuma-Ncube. Recently joined The Queen, a telenovela produced by the Fergusons, (Connie and Shona Ferguson.)



**Kay Sibiyi and comedian Smallz.**

## Kalawa Jazmee's Proffesor for Dvuladvula festival

By Ayanda Dlamini

**SOUTH African house music heavy weight Proffesor is expected to brace the country for the Dvuladvula fest in the Lubombo Region.**

This was confirmed by Phelavele Kumndazi Elubonjeni Entertainment and Sound's DJ Kish.

The Kalawa Jazmee star will be headlining the fest alongside Mhlumeni resident spinners. The festival will take place on July 29 at the Mhlume Country Club.

Spinners who will be rendering music for the attendees will be; DJ Crooks, 1D, Kish, Chief (Ligwalagwala FM spinner), Twins of a kind, Mazwelany, Ma-Andi, Kraizee, Stix, Ma-Eli, Shay, Q3, Gp, Speech, Calinda, Tsotsi, Brickstor, Charm, Ccino, Mfundo, Deepmotion vs Freestyle, DJ NJE-BZA, LK Baba and The Plateau Roots.

"Phelavele Entertainment is known for hosting

memorable events at Mhlume Club and Dvuladvula fest will not be just an event it will be an experience from production to sound.

### Experience

It will be out of this world as we have upgraded our sound and we invite fun lovers too come early and experience the Talent Lubombo has got from our local DJ's," the spinner said.

Tickets will be available at the gate; E100 general and E 250 VIP.

Mkhonzeni Langa better known by his stage name Professor is a South African Kwaito musician from Durban. He first rose to prominence as part of the Durban-based Kwaito duo Tzozo and Professor before branching out on his own making a huge mark on the South African music industry with hit songs

such as Jezebel, Imoto and Lento.

According to reports, Professor was discovered by South African music producers Lindelani Mkhize, of Joyous Celebration and Spikiri of Trompies. In 1996 he moved to the city of Johannesburg to pursue a music career. During this time the Kwaito genre was fast approaching its peak with musicians such as Arthur Mafokate and Mdu Masilela at the very prime of their careers.

In 2003 Professor was signed to Kalawa Jazmee Records by Oskido and Spikiri. At Kalawa Jazmee Records Professor was pair up with an already established Kwaito singer Tzozo, and together they formed a duo which was known as Tzozo and Professor.

The emergence of Tzozo and Professor also marked the emergence of the sub-genre, Durban Kwaito Music, spanning from the original genre pioneered by the very label that signed them.

**CONFIRMED:** Mkhonzeni 'Professor' Langa.





International  
Celebrity News

## Woman held hostage by R. Kelly speaks Out

ATLANTA - A 21-year-old woman whose family made sensational claims that she was being held against her will by R&B singer R. Kelly spoke out on Monday night to insist she is safe and well. Jocelyn Savage came forward after watching her mother, father and sister hold a press conference earlier on Monday during which they claimed she was being held by Kelly at a home in Atlanta. They said she was one of many young women who the 50-year-old singer had targeted in recent years and that they hadn't spoken to her for months. Dismissing their claims that she had been 'brainwashed' by Kelly -



**SPEAKS OUT: Jocelyn Savage.**

who has been plagued by accusations of child sex abuse in the past. *Daily Mail*

## Mindy Kaling is pregnant with her first child

LOS ANGELES - Mindy Kaling is taking on the role of a lifetime! Multiple sources tell E! News that the A Wrinkle in Time actress is currently pregnant with her first child.

An insider explained that the future arrival for the 38-year-old actress was "an unexpected surprise" but that there will not be any changes made to production schedules for her upcoming projects. While little else is known at present time about Mindy's little one, years back she openly expressed wanting to have children.

*Eonline*



**PREGNANT: Mindy Kaling.**

## Naomi Campbell is after 'what every woman wants'

LOS ANGELES - She may have a reputation for being somewhat volatile and unpredictable, but in one key respect, supermodel Naomi Campbell is supremely steady. When it comes to romance, the 47-year-old British supermodel has a type: rich. Campbell, who has a tidy £45 million fortune of her own, has reportedly struck up a romance with yet another multi-millionaire - Louis C. Camilleri, the rather owl-like looking Egyptian tobacco tycoon who is also a director of Ferrari. Now 62 years old, Camilleri is the latest in a long line of wealthy suitors. Some of her boyfriends



**IN LOVE: Naomi Campbell.**

have been truly minted, with hot and cold running yachts and private jets. *EOnline*

## Rihanna stuns in off-the-shoulder gown

HOLLYWOOD - She's becoming a bona fide actress.

And Rihanna, 29, looked the part in a glamorous pink off-the-shoulder gown for the premiere of her new film Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets in Hollywood on Monday.

The intricate design looked almost like a baby doll style from the front, with big puffy sleeves, a ruffled neckline and a sash cinching it in the middle.

The back of the dress was entirely different with an extremely long trail flowing behind the Work



**STUNNING: Rihanna.** singer. *Daily Mail*

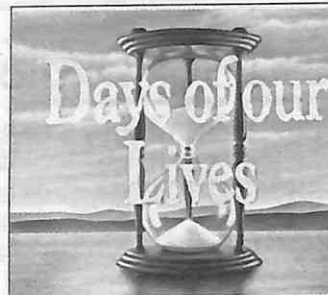
## SA Celebrity News

## Days of our Lives finds new home on etv

JOHANNESBURG - After being dropped to the late night time-slot on SABC 3 last year, popular American soapie Days of our Lives has found a new home on etv.

From Monday 4 September, the soapie will be broadcast weekdays at 5:30pm on the channel.

"We continue to add world-class entertainment to the e.tv lineup, and by adding a multi award-winning show like Days of our Lives, we not only give our current viewers a daily dose of quality drama, but we also give the die-hard fans of the show a new home to get their fix of 'Days,'"



**NEW HOME: Days Of Our Lives.**

Managing Director for e.tv, Marlon Davids, expressed in a statement. *CityPress*

## I didn't want to be homeless in LA - Presley

JOHANNESBURG - Actor Presley Chweneyagae claims that despite several possible opportunities overseas, he refused to move to America after his Oscar win in 2006 because he did not want to end up on the streets of Los Angeles broke and homeless.

The star, who recently lit up TV screens after the launch of the iNumber Number TV series on Mzansi Magic, told TshisaLIVE that at the time he did not want to leave South Africa on "a whim and a promise".

"My life obviously changed after



**REVEALS: Chweneyagae Presley.**

we won the Oscar. I got calls from around the world and there was a lot of interest. I would send audition tapes across and sometimes hear back.

*SundayWorld*

## Somizi 'regrets' doing Whose Show Is It Anyway?

JOHANNESBURG - Months after the end of Metro FM's Whose Show Is It Anyway?, Somizi has come out to admit that he 'regrets' taking on the show and has explained his main reason for doing so.

During an interview segment on The Great Escape, Somizi explained that he had joined the show as a "business" deal.

"Doing that radio show last year was something I regret. It was not a mistake, I did it because it was a business decision. I was asked to host the SAMAs last year and there were politics that I was on the 'other side' and they wanted to use SABC talent," he said.



**REGRETS: Somizi.**

He explained that because doing the SAMAs was a dream for him, he could not let the opportunity go. *Timeslive*

## Zahara to become a taxi boss, money lender

JOHANNESBURG - Not content with taking over the charts, award-winning musician Zahara will soon be extending her business ventures into the money lending and taxi businesses.

Zahara has started a business with her sister Bandedzwa, called BeeZee, which will in the next few months open a butchery in East London, a car wash in Johannesburg, a taxi service operating in both cities, and a money lending service providing loans across the country.

Speaking to TshisaLIVE Zahara said that she came up with the ventures after hearing countless complaints about the way money lenders



**NEW VENTURE: Zahara.**

and taxi drivers conduct their businesses. Loan sharks are doing the wrong thing. They are providing loans and then demanding money back at (a) huge interest (rate). *Sowetan*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



**FRIENDLY ADVICE: S'khaleni.**

Sihle outsmarts the Ndlovus. Phumelele convinces Siphokazi to follow her heart, while S'khaleni urges Ntandane to have a little fun.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



**IN A BATTLE: Sechaba.**

Sechaba bites off more than he can chew in the legal land claim battle. Morongwa gets a taste of her own medicine whilst the miners face uncertainty.

Muvhango

TODAY



**ATTACKED: Azwindini.**

Tendamudzimu goes after Azwindini. James give Fikile an ultimatum. Vho-Makhadzi throws her support behind Vho-Masindi and Vho-Mukondeleli.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

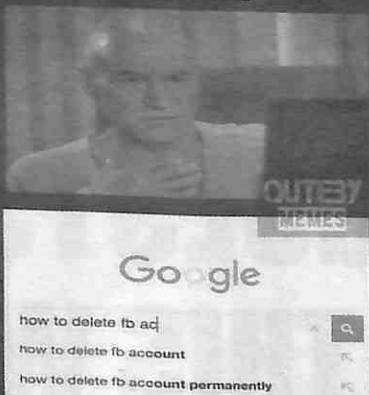
Reneilwe suffers strange after-effects after a night of partying with Bongani. Bongani Bond decides to be honest with herself and makes a drastic decision regarding her marriage. Pearl decides to sever her connection with David



**AFTER EFFECTS: Reneilwe.**



When Facebook shows me my memories 5 years ago...



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

### Capricorn

December 22 – January 19



Though it might seem that another financial banana skin has been left in front of you, this time at least you see it's there. You're also unlikely to be caught out by small print. Advances could be made in something begun last autumn. It may be that a marketing exercise yields positive results (might even be word-of-mouth) prompting you to revise a schedule.

### Aquarius

January 20 – February 18



Concern for someone younger may be easing: you might at last feel you know where you stand. Even so, the arrival of someone new to the scene might be destabilising. You might even feel confused by developments. People and places who're able to offer sanctuary become especially important - as does romance: especially with someone who focuses on maintaining the basics.

### Pisces

February 19 – March 20



A plan may be emerging. This is likely to affect both a work schedule and a dietary one. Prompted perhaps by someone who feels you're not looking after yourself as well as you might - and who argues that you're jeopardising your relationship, you could decide to turn over a new page. This might even be literal: a book could provide inspiration.

### Aries

March 21 – April 19



You could suffer a dose of financial common sense: or decide you need to look after something that's been in the family and is now accruing sentimental value. You might also plan an important purchase. None of this though will surely deflect your attention from a group of friends who want you to bring your artistic talents to their 'party'. Your imagination could prove valuable.

### Taurus

April 20 – May 20



You could spend much of the day comparing prices or gathering estimates. Balancing what you want with what you can afford might not be easy: you might need to call in a favour or perhaps barter to get what you want. Unconventional routes to getting to where you need to be might seem strange - yet it could be that this is one time when 'rules are meant to be broken'.

### Gemini

May 21 – June 21



Your knowledge could be put to the test - by someone you'll never meet. What seems to be important is that you make clear to others that though you know the rules, you also know when they ought to be bent. The fact that you've also thought out the consequences of what will happen if you do things differently could bring you respect from a Leo and a Capricorn who, for different reasons, might think you're perfect for their 'team'.

### Cancer

June 22 – July 22



An important document may require signature. This might even be for a loan whose duration or size seems almost beyond your imagination presently. Far from being something you're worrying about though, you could feel this is exactly the right thing to be doing. In so many ways it seems likely that you'll be preparing for the future.

### Leo

July 23 – August 22



You might enjoy the antics of close colleagues and friends as they attempt to persuade you of the merits of their plans. They might not have factored in that your critical faculties are in full working order: almost as though your common sense chip has been regenerated. With it working well, and you using good contacts to collaborate facts, you're unlikely to be a push over - until the moment when your head is turned by something quite unusual.

### Virgo

August 23 – September 22



Unbalanced by someone's quirkiness, you're likely to use essentials and practicalities to get them to promise to be in a certain place at a certain time. In hiding behind the basics, you'll be masking how much you really, really care. It may be that only by showing the full extent and depth of your feelings though that this person will understand where you're coming from.

### Libra

September 23 – October 23



You're likely to be in the mood to sort out a shambles (of your creation). You might be driven to this by the need to put your house in order before a new project lands on your desk. A minor health problem may require attention and could disturb the day's routine: that though, is as nothing to the effect of a conversation re holiday plans - that could really turn your day on its head.

### Scorpio

October 24 – November 21



It might seem as though you're skating on ice, not knowing what task to tackle first, where to put down your feet or whose needs should come first. Working through a list might seem expedient. You could be distracted by someone not known for recognising boundaries. It's this episode that might remind you that there are things you want to be doing but which you haven't factored into your planning. You might want to set aside time and space to give these consideration.

### Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21



On the one hand you may think you've met a deadline and done everything required. On the other you could be unsettled by news from someone new to the scene. Their take on a situation could be very different. All this could leave you in a muddle - and once again impressed by those who carry on day to day affairs regardless of confusion. Your own inspiration could come from both them, music and those involved with the Arts.

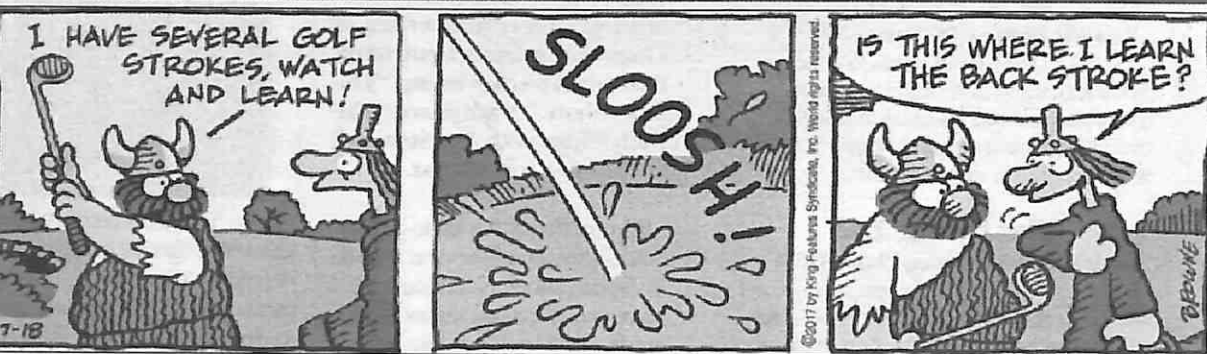
## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## Mini Crossword - 08

### PUZZLE CHOICE

CAN YOU FIND THE DOGS HIDDEN IN THE BOX? THEY MAY BE HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL OR DIAGONAL, FORWARDS OR BACKWARDS. PUZZLE CHOICE

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GREYHOUND, HUSKY, JACK RUSSELL, LABRADOR, LANDSEER, MAGYAR, MASTIFF, PEKINGESE, POINTER, POMERANIAN, POODLE, PUG, ROTTWEILER, SAMOYED, SANSHU, SETTER, SHEPHERD, SPANIEL, TERRIER, WHIPPET.

## LOL

Laughing Out Loud

## OFFICE THINGS

Colleagues have been writing names on the food in the office fridge - I'm currently eating a yoghurt called Susan. How cute, and then my boss told me that

there is no such thing as problems, only opportunities. I said, "That's great. Well, I have a serious drinking opportunity."

## USELESS FACTS

1. Male menopause is a lot more fun than female menopause. With female menopause you gain weight and get hot flashes. Male menopause: you get to date young girls and drive motorcycles.
2. Men forget everything. Women remember everything.
3. That's why men need instant replays in sports. They've already forgotten what happened.
4. Men would like monogamy better if it sounded less like monotony.
5. All men would still really like to own a train set.

BRAINTEASERS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Yesterday's brainteasers

1. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

Answer: Footsteps.

2. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

Answer: The letter "m".

## Today's brainteasers

1. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?
2. What did the riddler say to the riddle?





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## HIGHLIGHTS



**PL Asia Trophy: Liverpool V Palace**  
Today 14:00 | SuperSport 3 (223)  
Premier League Asia Trophy 2017. Liverpool FC v Crystal Palace from Hong Kong Stadium - Hong Kong, China. LIVE  
You can also catch the action on DStv Now (for Android and iOS).



**Our Guy In China**  
Tonight 20:01 | BBC Brit (120)  
"SI/EI". Guy Martin heads to a factory in Chongqing to build his own electric motorbike, but he's shocked to find that everything is assembled by a vast skilled workforce rather than machines.

## The Bronx Zoo

Tonight 20:05 | Animal Planet (183)

In the city that never sleeps, there's one place in particular that's always non-stop: the world renowned Bronx Zoo. Now, for the first time, the zoo is allowing the remarkable stories that unfold there to be captured in order to show just what a critical role it plays in conservation throughout the world. Filmed over an eight-month period, the series goes behind the scenes to reveal the inner workings of this incredible place.

Located 10 miles from Times Square in Manhattan, the Bronx Zoo spans approximately 265 acres and features more than 6 000 animals and a dedicated staff of more than 500 people. The series covers an array of cases and animals including: a silverback gorilla with glaucoma, two keeper-raised Malayan tiger cubs preparing for their introduction to their exhibit at Tiger Mountain, and the rescue of an orphaned snow leopard cub from a remote region in Pakistan.



## Evil lives here

Friday 21:00 | Discovery IDx (171)

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# TREVOR NOAH'S GUESTS ON 'THE DAILY SHOW' THIS WEEK

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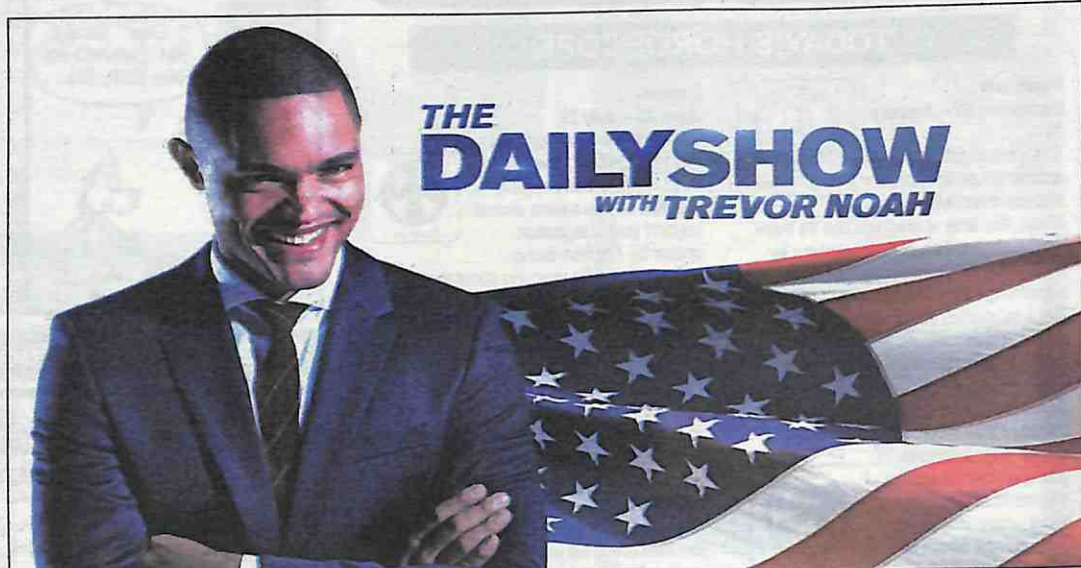
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Issa Rae, actor/writer/producer - "Insecure"

...Low Down on The Daily Show

TREVOR Noah is the host, executive producer and writer of Comedy Central's Emmy and Peabody Award-winning "The Daily Show." Noah joined "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" in 2014 as a contributor.



Born in South Africa to a black South African mother and a white European father, Noah has hosted numerous television shows including South Africa's music, television and film awards, the South African Comedy Festival and two seasons of his own late night talk show, "Tonight with Trevor Noah."

He made his US television debut in 2012 on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and has also appeared on "Late Show with David Letterman," becoming the first South African stand-up comedian to appear on either late night show.

In November, 2016, Trevor released his first book which was a collection of personal stories about growing up in South Africa during the last gasps of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom

that came with its demise. Already known for his incisive social and political commentary, here Noah turned his focus inward, giving readers an intimate look at the world that shaped him.

These are true stories, sometimes dark, occasionally bizarre, frequently tender, and always hilarious.

## Subsisting

Whether subsisting on caterpillars during months of extreme poverty or making comically hapless attempts at teenage romance, from the time he was thrown in jail to the time he was thrown from a speeding car driven by murderous gangsters, the experiences covered in this book will shock and amaze, even as they leave you rolling on the floor with laughter.

Noah recently debuted his one-

hour stand-up special, "Trevor Noah: Lost in Translation," on Comedy Central.

Filmed at The Lincoln Theatre in Washington, D.C., "Trevor Noah: Lost in Translation" brings Noah's unique world-view and global analysis of American culture to the forefront.

In the special, Noah addresses major domestic and international events of the past year, sharing his outlook on the world today, including terrorism, racial tensions in America and what it was like being African and travelling into the United States during the Ebola crisis.

Noah's one-man show "The Racist" at the 2012 Edinburgh Fringe was a sold out run that became one of the most talked about shows at the Festival that

year.

That same year, Noah was the subject of David Paul Meyer's award-winning documentary film "You Laugh But It's True" which tells the story of his remarkable career in post-apartheid South Africa.

His Showtime comedy special, "Trevor Noah: African American" premiered in 2013.

Recently, Noah performed for the Royal Family at the Royal Variety Performance. He was nominated for "Personality of the Year" at the 2014 MTV Africa Music Awards and won the award in 2015.

He continues to tour all over the world and has performed in front of sold out crowds at the Hammersmith Apollo in London and the Sydney Opera House in Australia as well as many US cities.



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## How

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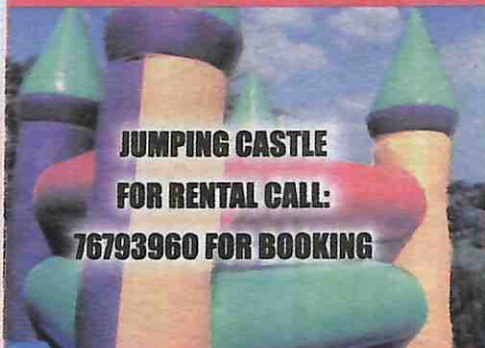
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# 'SPANISH FEDERATION CHIEF DETAINED'

**MADRID** - The president of the Spanish Football Federation, Angel Maria Villar, was detained by police yesterday as part of a corruption probe, a judicial source said.

Villar, 67, a former Spanish international footballer, was being held on suspicion of abusing his position to embezzle funds from the federation, among other charges, the source said.

Villar's son Gorka and another federation official were also detained in the probe which notably focuses on allegations of skimming profits from international matches, the source told AFP.

Spain's political and financial crimes court said it is directing the probe into allegations of "collusion, fraud, embezzlement and presumed forgery."

Police who carried out raids on the federation headquarters and other locations related to the probe said that Villar is suspected of organising international football matches as part of a scheme to embezzle profits for the benefit of his son.

Inigo Mendez de Vigo, a spokesman for the



**DETAINED:** President of Spain's football federation, Angel Maria Villar.

Spanish government, told public television in response to the Villar arrest that "no-one is untouchable and everyone must obey the law." **AFP**

## Arsenal keeper Wojciech Szczesny arrives in Turin for Juventus medical

**LONDON** - Arsenal goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny has arrived in Turin for his medical with Serie A giants Juventus ahead of the final touches to his summer transfer.

The 27-year-old has spent the past few seasons sharpening his teeth in Italian football after taking on an extended loan deal with Roma.

And, convinced by what they have seen, Juventus have made moves to bring the Arsenal stopper on board to compete with club legend Gianluigi Buffon for a place between the sticks.

Taking to the club social media channels Juventus posted an image of a smiling Szczesny posing happily offering a thumbs up.

Captioning the image ahead of the player undertaking his medical, the club wrote: 'Look who's just landed!'

The Old Lady soon followed up the snap with a short video of Szczesny sending a welcome message to Juve fans, cheering the team on for the coming season.

Arsenal are set to receive a fee in the region of £10million for the goalkeeper, who failed to nail down the number one shirt at the Emirates.

Sportsmail revealed the Italian champions' interest in Szczesny earlier this summer and the Poland international was keen for the deal to be signed off after he was left off Arsenal's pre-season trip to Australia.

Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri sees Szczesny as the successor to Buffon, who is expected to retire next year.

**Daily Mail**

**ARRIVED:** Arsenal goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny.



## FEDERER LAMENTS LACK OF NEXT GENERATION

**LONDON** - Roger Federer was over the moon after claiming his record eighth Wimbledon title this past Sunday and partied well into the night.

But once the hangover had receded, the greatest player of his generation was left to wonder why he is still able to win grand slam titles at the grand old age of 35.

With Federer claiming both the Australian Open and Wimbledon this year and fellow veteran Rafael Nadal taking the Roland Garros crown, the Swiss ace questioned why the next generation of tennis pros has yet to step up.

### Admitted

He admitted that the failure of tennis's next generation - the likes of Milos Raonic, Grigor Dimitrov, Bernard Tomic and others in their mid-20s - to come through in grand slams was good for him.

"Every generation definitely is different," Federer said.



"Since my generation and Rafa's generation, the next one hasn't been strong enough to push all of us out really, so that has been helpful for us to stick around."

### Describing

Federer also took a shot at the playing style of many of today's pros, describing their reluctance to approach the net as "frightening".

"I have played almost every player here that wouldn't serve and volley. It's frightening to see this at this level. I look at the stats and go into whichever round it is and see that the

guy I'm going to face is playing two per cent of serve and volley throughout the championships. I'm going, 'OK, I know he's not going to serve and volley', which is great," Federer said.

"Then we are talking about grass, it was playing fast this week (compared with the first week). I wish that we would see more players taking chances up at the net because good things do happen there. You want to be there and have to spend some time up there to feel confident and good there."

**Sport24**

## DI MARIA WANTS PSG STAY DESPITE EMERY PROBLEMS

**PARIS** - The Argentina international had a rough start to the 2016-17 campaign but says he and his family are happy in the French capital and plan on staying.

Angel Di Maria insists he wants to stay at Paris Saint-Germain despite admitting to difficulties working with Unai Emery last season.

The Argentina international played 43 times in all competitions in 2016-17 but struggled for form in the early half of the campaign in particular, scoring just once in his

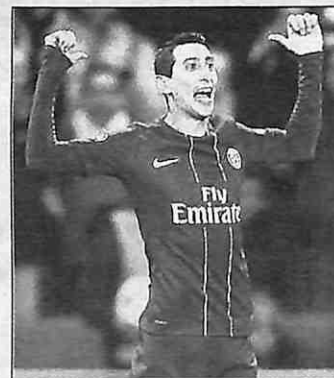
first 19 Ligue 1 appearances.

Di Maria has been linked with Inter during recent weeks, despite the Serie A club's sporting director, Piero Ausilio, suggesting that his wage demands would be too high.

### Believes

But the 29-year-old has no desire to leave Parc des Princes and believes he has become accustomed to the demands of his head coach in the last few months.

"For me, there's no doubt about it. I want to stay," he said. "But, for the club, I don't know. The real-



ity is that my family are well and I'm happy in Paris.

"I know that not everything went

well last season. At first, I didn't quite understand what the coach was asking me. Then we gradually got to know each other and I think people have seen the change in the last few months. I hope I can reproduce that this year."

PSG claimed a double of Coupe de France and Coupe de la Ligue trophies in Emery's first season, but they lost their league title to Monaco and suffered a Champions League exit against Barcelona after a 6-1 hammering in the last-16 second leg.

**Goal**

## Barcelona reject Roma approach for Munir

**BARCELONA** - The 21-year-old forward has attracted interest from Italy and domestic La Liga rivals but will not be let go for less than the Catalans' valuation.

Barcelona have rejected a bid from Roma for young striker Munir El-Haddadi, and the club expect further interest from La Liga rivals Alaves and Real Sociedad.

Goal understands that the Italian team came in with an offer of a one-year loan for Munir that included a purchase option to be exercised in June 2018.

The bid, similar to the deal previously agreed with Everton for Gerard Deulofeu, now back at Camp Nou, was eventually declined by Barca, despite the overtures of Roma's new transfer supremo Monchi.

### Bids

But Roma are not the only team interested in Munir, who spent last year on loan with Valencia.

Both Alaves and Real Sociedad made similar loan bids for 2017-18, only to be rebuffed.

The 21-year-old forward will be released on one sole condition: if a club comes up with the €25 million at which he is valued by Barcelona.

"We have no offers for any of our players," club sporting director Robert Fernandez signalled on Monday, confirming that none of the enquiries for the youngster have been considered.

Munir, who has scored nine times in his 41 senior appearances for Barca, is under contract with the club until June 2019 and has a buyout fee of €60m.

### Goal



**WANTED:** Barcelona striker Munir El-Haddadi.





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## Jermain Defoe among favourites for BBC award

LONDON - Former Sunderland striker Jermain Defoe has been listed among the favourites for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award.

The 34-year-old has received praise for his support for late Black Cats fan Bradley Lowery, who tragically passed away earlier this month after fighting neuroblastoma.

Defoe, who joined Bournemouth from Sunderland after the club were relegated, befriended the seriously ill youngster as he battled the cancer.

The six-year-old captured the hearts of people around the world during his final months.

English forward Defoe left his new team's training camp last week to attend his funeral last Friday.

And he is now one of the leading contenders to take home BBC's prestigious award.

But Defoe, who is listed as 5/1 with William Hill to win the prize, is unlikely to beat bookies favourite Anthony Joshua.

The heavyweight champion is 1/3 to win the award, after his epic victory over Wladimir Klitschko at Wembley in April.



**FAVOURITE: Former Sunderland striker Jermain Defoe.**

Liverpool's Echo Arena will play host to the event on December 17 and Joshua could become the first fighter since Joe Calzaghe to be the athlete 'whose actions have most captured the public's imagination this year.'

Andy Murray is the current holder of the award which is selected by a public-vote from a pre-determined shortlist.

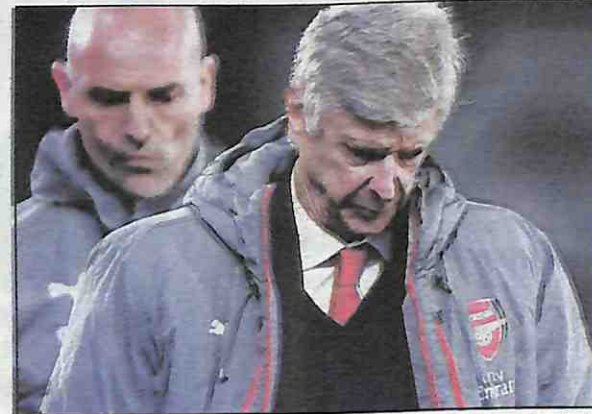
*Daily Mail*

## WENGER OUT FOR MORE SIGNINGS BEFORE LEAGUE'S SEASON OPENER

LONDON - Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said he wants to make more signings before the season begins and denied doubts about Alexis Sanchez.

Wenger is under pressure after the Premier League side failed to qualify for the Champions League for the first time in 20 years, and he is also dealing with persistent doubts about several of his star players.

Chief among them is the future of attacker Sanchez, who has a year left on his



Arsenal contract but is stalling over an extension. Wenger said that rather than

sell his best players, he is in the market to add to his squad. "We are still open to strength-

ening our team with players coming from outside," the Frenchman, who has already signed defender Sead Kolasinac and striker Alexandre Lacazette this summer, told the Arsenal website.

"We are very active in the transfer market and have already realised two incomings.

"We have to keep a balance as well, that you don't destabilise the team too much by bringing in too many players.

*TEAMtalk Media*

## Giggs backs Perisic to make big impact at Utd

MANCHESTER - News that the Croatia international may soon be arriving at Old Trafford was music to Giggs' ears, as he backed him to inspire the team.

Manchester United great Ryan Giggs believes the arrival of Ivan Perisic will give the whole squad a boost as the Inter winger nears a move to Old Trafford.

After months of speculation, United have reportedly made a breakthrough

in their pursuit of the 28-year-old Croatia international, with Jose Mourinho's men on the verge of a £40million deal.

Former United winger and assistant Giggs feels Perisic's imminent transfer will bring out the best in Marcus Rashford, Henrikh Mkhitaryan and Anthony Martial. "It can be a boost for all the players," Giggs told Sky Sports.

"It not only excites the fans but also the players, when a new player comes



in. *Goal*



### VACANCY - PROJECT MANAGER

#### Position Overview

This vital role oversees the successful planning, implementation, monitoring, tracking, control and closure of specific projects which have a beginning and an end with specified deliverables.

As a team leader, the role holder must have excellent technical skills and subject matter expertise and serve as a coach to their team. He/she will be responsible for ensuring overall employee satisfaction and productivity, in order to deliver strategic and operational business excellence. As a project manager, you need to have a passion for developing people, have a strong work ethic, and are able to manage multiple workflows and projects simultaneously. He/she should also be willing to take up other management responsibilities as required to provide cover or support within the business.

#### Roles and Responsibilities

Managers will directly manage, support their team to develop, implement and deliver on complex pieces of work within their remit. Work requirements and tasks will be guided by the department's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manual which is reviewed periodically but will fall broadly in the following Key Responsibility Areas (KRAs):

#### Project Planning

- Managing Project Teams, Stakeholder, Communication and reporting
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- Managing the project schedule and Budget
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- Managing the project delivery

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#### Personal Attributes

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- e) Team working skills & diplomacy
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#### Position overview

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#### Role and responsibilities

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## George enjoying life at the top

**JOHANNESBURG** - New Ajax Cape Town striker Sedwyn George says he has settled in at the Premier Soccer League side and is looking to take his career to the next level in the coming season.

George was signed from National First Division side Royal Eagles after winning the Golden Boot in the second-tier with 20 goals in 25 starts for the KwaZulu-Natal club.

The Pietermaritzburg-born star is untested in the South African top tier, but says he is ready to take up the challenge.

"It is good to be here at Ajax Cape Town, I am really enjoying the environment and the facilities here are the best," the 25-year-old told his new club's website.

"Pre-season has been but tough but it's part of the job as I am putting in hard work which will be beneficial in the long run. I am 'gelling' well with the guys, enjoying every minute here and it feels like I have been here for a long time.

George knows that his exploits last season mean all eyes will be on him, but adds he will focus only on his own game and not worry about the chatter around him.

"Football is a game of pressure, all I need to do is work hard and all the pieces will fall together," he said.

"My goal for the season is to better my performance from last season and win some silverware with the team." *Mzansi Football*

# MENZO SLAMS 'PETTY' ORLANDO PIRATES

**CAPE TOWN** - The reigning Ajax Player of the Season is said to be eager to leave the Mother City with Gauteng giants monitoring his situation at Ikamva

Ajax Cape Town Head Coach Stanley Menzo has labelled reported Mamelodi Sundowns and Orlando Pirates target Rivaldo Coetzee's behaviour 'petty'.

The Bafana Bafana international is believed to have absconded from training with Ajax after becoming frustrated at the club's reluctance to earn a better wage or sell him.

Menzo, who is a former Netherlands international, stated that Coetzee disrespected his teammates by not joining his club's pre-season training as scheduled.

"I'm disappointed, but look, it's football. It shows no respect for your teammates," Menzo told the media.

"If it is an issue with the club, then take it to the club, but don't involve your teammates who work with you," he continued.

"It's a bit silly and petty, but okay,



**WANTED: Orlando Pirates target Rivaldo Coetzee.**

we make choices in life and sometimes we don't make the right ones. It's a pity," Menzo stressed.

Sundowns and Pirates are said to be keen to acquire the 20-year-old player's services from the Urban Warriors, while their Gauteng rivals Kaizer Chiefs have also been linked with the talented player.

However, the clubs have reportedly been put off by the reported R13-million price-tag Ajax have placed on Coetzee, who is also believed to be on the radar of unnamed European clubs.

Menzo went on to comment on Mark Mayambela's recent move to Chippa United. The experienced midfielder was also reportedly unhappy at the Ikamva-based side.

"There are two players that want to go, without mentioning names. If you want to be here," Menzo said.

"You must be happy and you must want to be here. It doesn't make sense to be here and not be happy," he added.

"It's not good for you or for us, nobody wins and everybody loses. So let's make a good arrangement and see if we can solve the problem," he concluded.

*goal*

## Makaab confirms Jali's new contract at KV Oostende

**JOHANNESBURG** - Jali's future had been in doubt with the Belgian club over the last few months, but he has put pen to paper on a new deal.

Bafana Bafana midfielder Andile Jali has signed a new deal with his Belgian club KV Oostende, according to his representative Mike Makaab.

The extent thereof is currently unclear, but the Daily Sun newspaper, reports that Jali has indeed signed a new contract, ending months of speculation regarding his future.

The 27-year-old had been linked with a possible return to the PSL, with Kaizer Chiefs, Orlando Pirates and Mamelodi Sundowns all believed to be interested.

Earlier reports in the current transfer window indicated that Jali had a R6.4 million buyout clause, but no team came forward with a concrete offer for lure him away from Oostende.

His new deal seems to suggest that he is in the coach's plans for the 2017/18 season despite making just 12 appearances the previous campaign. Meanwhile, on the domestic front, Orlando Pirates defender Themba Sikhakhane has joined AmaZulu while Mthokozisi Dube has returned to the Sea Robbers from his loan spell at Bloemfontein Celtic.

Makaab confirmed the two deals, but rubbished reports that goalkeeper Brighton Mhlango



**NEW HOME: Bafana Bafana midfielder Andile Jali.**

has moved to Chippa United.

"Most of our clients are settled with their respective clubs, and nothing makes us happier than seeing our players feel at home," Makaab told Daily Sun. *goal*

## 'Chiefs' new signings not good enough'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Goal spoke to the former Chiefs star about the club's new signings ahead of the 2017/18 campaign.

Former Kaizer Chiefs defender Patrick Mayo is unhappy with the club's new signings Teenage Hadebe, Philani Zulu and Bhongolwethu Jayiya. "I'm not happy with the players they have signed because they have not replaced those quality players that left for SuperSport (United)," Mayo told Goal.

"Instead, they have replaced them with young players, who are inexperienced," he said.

Having played for both clubs, Mayo says they still need to replace the players that left for United one after the other in recent times.

"It's time for them to beef up the squad because they let too many players leave the club at the wrong time. So if you are going to allow play-

ers like (Reneilwe) Yeye Letsholonyane and (Kingston) Nkhatha to leave, you need to replace them with other quality players because all of them are playing now at SuperSport," he added.

"In order for Chiefs to win the league again, they will have to replace those players with other quality players," Mayo continued.

Zimbabwean-born defender Hadebe has not impressed Mayo and the retired player backs the pairing of Eric Mathoho and Lorenzo Gordinho in the central defence.

"He still needs to grow. He is still young and inexperienced to handle the pressure at the back. I would absolutely still prefer Mathoho and Gordinho partnership over him," Mayo concluded. *goal*

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## 'SALE TALK HURT FREE STATE STARS IN 2016/17'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Free State Stars captain Paulus Masehe has faith the team will have a stronger season this campaign without worrying about the club being sold.

Stars last year in July confirmed the failed sale of the club's franchise to a consortium led by Gauteng MEC for Education Panyaza Lesufi, who was

representing Moroka Swallows.

After that aborted deal, Ea Lla Koto narrowly avoided relegation in 2016/17 as they finished above the drop zone on goal difference.

"The very most negative factor that maybe pushed us to end up performing very bad [last season] was the sale of the team," Masehe tells KickOff.com.

"Because we ended up having to prepare with very minimum time left with our pre-season.

"Now we started early to prepare and we hoping and praying that everyone can be fit and there won't be any injuries and we can be able to be very competitive with a full squad when the [new] season starts." *Kickoff*

## Cesc Fabregas set to stay at Chelsea despite AC Milan pursuit

**LONDON** - The Blues will keep their creative midfielder despite the Serie A giants' attempts to bring him to San Siro.

Cesc Fabregas is set to stay at Chelsea after receiving the relevant assurances over his playing time ahead of the new season, despite prolonged attempts by AC Milan to bring him to Italy.

Fabregas has been aware of Milan's interest since December last year but he is happy to stay in London, despite admitting to being disappointed about missing out on a start in the FA Cup final defeat to Arsenal.

The midfielder has an extensive family who are settled in the English capital and Fabregas is known to enjoy life in the city off the field.

Milan boss Vincenzo Montella was keen to secure Fabregas and the club previously spotted a potential opportunity to bring him to Milan, but those chances now appear to have

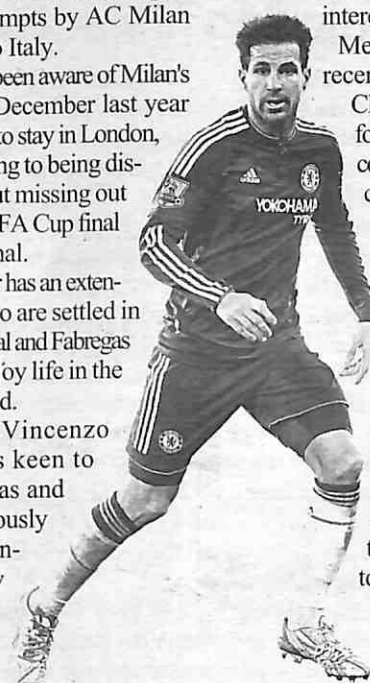
ended.

Antonio Conte wants Fabregas to compete for a spot in the starting eleven with N'Golo Kante and new signing Tiemoué Bakayoko, although he is ready to offload Nemanja Matic, with Inter, Juventus and Manchester United all interested.

Meanwhile, the Blues recently sold Nathaniel Chalobah to Watford for £5 million and they could yet seek a fourth-choice midfielder to come in and compliment the group.

The club will wait and see what the likes of Mario Pasalic, Kyle Scott and Lewis Baker have to offer during their pre-season tour, before making a decision on whether to add a midfielder to their squad

*Goal.com*



## Henderson in fitness race for season opener

**Liverpool** - Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson is confident he can return to full fitness for the first game of the Premier League season next month after an extended spell on the sidelines through injury, the midfielder has said.

The 27-year-old missed the latter stages of the last campaign after picking up a foot injury in February but returned to action last week, playing a half in each of the pre-season friendlies against Tranmere Rovers and Wigan Athletic.

"I feel good. I've got a few more weeks to build on my fitness but my body feels good," Henderson told the club website.

"I look forward to the next few weeks and hopefully I can go from strength to strength and be ready for the first game of the

season.

"I have been out for a while so I still think I've got a little bit more to go in terms of my general fitness and match fitness... Hopefully, I'll keep training and keep playing games, and that'll come."

Liverpool play their first match in the Premier League Asia Trophy against Crystal Palace in Hong Kong today and the England international believes that winning such games will boost morale ahead of next season.

**Season**

"In games, working on one or two things we need to improve on for the start of the season. The main thing is winning games and getting back into the winning mentality. I think that's the most important thing," Henderson added.

*Reuters*



**OPTIMISTIC:** Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson

## Barca announce record revenue

**BARCELONA** - Barcelona on Monday announced record income of €708 million for 2016/2017 with an after-tax profit of €18 million.

The Spanish giants said the healthy revenue was

up €13m on the forecast figure in their budget for the peri-

od. A statement following the approval of the accounts at a board meeting disclosed the club has reduced its debt by €24.5m to €247m.

**Expenditure**

The salaries of Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez, Neymar and co account for 66 per cent of Barcelona's expenditure, the statement added.

Barça say that the financial results fit into the club's strategic plan for rev-

enue to top one billion euros by 2021.

The Catalan side are ranked the fourth most valuable sports team in the world after the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, Major League Baseball's New York Yankees and Manchester United by Forbes magazine.

Last season Barcelona relinquished their Spanish title to Real Madrid and were knocked out of the Champions League at the quarterfinal stage by Juventus who went on to lose to Barça's arch-rivals Real in the final in Cardiff.

*AFP*

## UEFA charge Linfield, Celtic

**LONDON** - Linfield and Celtic have both been charged after violent scenes at last week's Champions League match in Belfast, UEFA said on Monday.

The Irish Premiership champions have been charged after their fans threw objects on to the pitch and invaded the playing area at the end of the 2-0 defeat in the second-round first-leg qualifier.

Celtic striker Leigh Griffiths, who had a bottle thrown at him, has been charged with provoking spectators, while Celtic face an improper conduct charge for receiving five yellow cards.

The match had been identified as

politically charged. Media reports said Griffiths tied a Celtic scarf around the Windsor Park goalpost and made a 5-1 gesture - a reference to the predominantly Catholic side's win over Glasgow rivals Rangers, a Protestant club with close ties to Linfield.

**Fans**

Police in full riot gear, backed up with dogs, ended the Belfast game on the pitch keeping rival fans apart after several hundred Celtic fans obtained tickets despite the Scottish club's decision not to take up their allocation.

The disciplinary charges will be dealt with on July 20, the day after the teams meet in the return leg in Glasgow.

*Reuters*

## Bafana call up Morton for Mokoena

**JOHANNESBURG** - South Africa have called up SuperSport United midfielder Michael Morton to replace club-mate Teboho Mokoena for the second leg of their African Nations Championship qualifier against Botswana in Moruleng on Saturday.

Mokoena was outstanding in the 2-0 first leg win in Francistown on Saturday, but has been recalled by SuperSport, who have released

Morton to the national team instead.

Morton already has two national team caps, both obtained in Chan qualifiers against Angola in October 2015.

South Africa are expected to complete the victory in the tie and will almost certainly face Zambia in the final round of qualifying. The latter are leading 4-0 over Swaziland after the away leg of their second round tie.

*Mzansi Football*







**TRAINING TIME:** Wenger, pictured putting his players through their paces at Yuanshen Stadium.

## WENGER INSISTS ARSENAL WILL NOT SELL SANCHEZ

**LONDON** - Arsene Wenger has confirmed he will not sell Alexis Sanchez this summer - and added that if the Chilean is so fond of the Champions League he should give his all to ensure Arsenal qualify next season.

Public remarks from Sanchez about his desire to be involved in Europe's top club competition have fuelled the theory he is trying to bolt for the Emirates Stadium exit before the transfer market closes.

Wenger, however, will not be swayed from his decision to make him honour the final year of his current contract even if he continues to reject a proposed new deal, thought to be worth more than £300,000 a week.

*...tells wantaway Chilean he must stay and lead Gunners back to the Champions League*

'We have played for 20 years in the Champions League,' said the Arsenal boss. 'That's 17 years before Sanchez arrived and three years with him. So he can get us back in there.'

'When you play in the Champions League, everyone says: Is that all you do? Suddenly when you don't play in there it becomes a major problem.'

'At the end of the season, only one team can win the Champions League.'

'We have to focus on the competitions we play in and prepare seriously for that. We can't feel sorry for what we do not

play.' Arsenal will compete in the Europa League in the campaign ahead but the manager admits the top target is to win the Premier League title for the first time since 2004. 'The main focus for us is to concentrate on the Premier League,' said Wenger.

'The Premier League for me today is more important than the Champions League. We rested sometimes players in the group stages of the Champions League for the Premier League, so that's become the biggest importance for us.'

*Daily Mail*



**NEW HOME:** Kieran Trippier.

## Trippier pens new five-year deal with Tottenham

**LONDON** - Tottenham defender Kieran Trippier has signed a new five-year contract, the club announced yesterday.

Trippier, who joined Spurs from Burnley in June 2015, has put pen to paper on a deal that will expire in 2022.

### Expected

The 26-year-old is expected to line up as Mauricio Pochettino's first-choice right back next season following the £54m sale of Kyle Walker to Manchester City.

Trippier told the club's official website: 'I'm delighted with the new deal, it's a great achievement for myself. I'm delighted to get it signed.'

'I learned a lot in the Europa League and Champions League, playing with the players I have here and the manager also.'

'It's been a great experience and a learning experience. I've progressed a lot and I thank my team-mates and manager for that.'

*AFP*

## Ribery, Robben have defined Bayern Munich for a generation

**MUNICH** - It is ten years since Franck Ribery first pulled on a Bayern Munich training shirt.

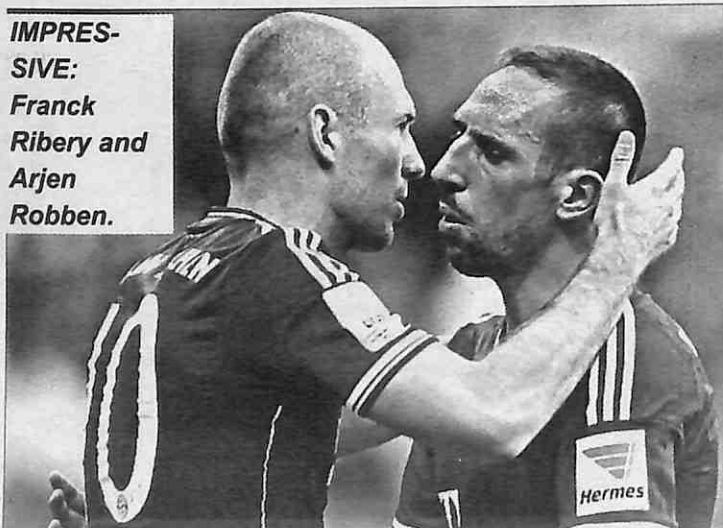
At that moment, the Frenchman was expected to stay at Bayern for a couple of years, before moving on to more lucrative pastures. He ended up staying, and defining a generation. Two years later, Arjen Robben would join him, surplus to requirements at Real Madrid and looking for a place to reboot his career. Together, the Frenchman and the Dutchman

would become the most feared pair of wingers in European football.

They would lead Bayern to three Champions League finals in four years. In the third, Ribery would provide the assist for Robben's last minute, redemptive winner at Wembley.

Together, the two have amassed 609 appearances, 242 goals and 260 assists for Bayern. Since Robben joined in 2010, they have won six Bundesliga titles, four German cups and one Champions League. *AFP*

**IMPRES-SIVE:**  
Franck Ribery and Arjen Robben.



## Antonio Cassano set to retire from football aged 35

**LONDON** - Antonio Cassano is set to announce his retirement from football despite joining new club Verona just seven days ago, according to reports in Italy.

The 35-year-old, who previously starred for Real Madrid and AC Milan, signed for newly promoted Serie A side Verona on July 11.

However, according to Gazzetta dello Sport, Cassano is set to retire from football almost immediately due to personal reasons.

The newspaper reports that Cassano is homesick and that he is expected to hold a press conference to clarify his future.

Cassano made the move to Verona following a year spent on the side-

lines at Sampdoria due to a contract dispute.

After breaking into the first team at Bari, Cassano joined Roma where he linked up with Francesco Totti and Gabriel Batistuta.

Cassano secured a move to Real Madrid in 2006 but his time at the Bernabeu was marred by poor eating habits and attitude problems.

He eventually joined Sampdoria, initially on loan, before spending a season each at both San Siro clubs AC Milan and Inter.

Cassano won 39 caps for Italy, scoring 10 goals, but was left out of Italy's victorious squad for the 2006 World Cup.

*Daily Mail*



## BARCA '200%' CERTAIN NEYMAR WILL STAY

**BARCELONA** - Barcelona Vice-President Jordi Mestre insisted yesterday that Brazilian star Neymar will be staying in Spain despite rumours linking him with a move to Paris Saint-Germain.

Asked during a press conference if he could confirm Neymar would remain at Barca ahead of the 2017-18 season, Mestre replied: '200 per cent'.

### Suggested

Reports in Spain have suggested PSG are looking to lure the 25-year-old to the Parc des Princes after snapping up Neymar's international teammate Dani Alves on a free transfer.

'PSG want to finalise the signing of Neymar this summer', wrote Catalan daily Sport, while the Madrid-based AS newspaper led with the headline 'Neymar flirts with PSG'.

PSG are reportedly attempting to take advantage of Neymar's desire to step out of Lionel Messi's shadow, with the French club prepared to build a team around

the Brazil forward.

'In the background of Neymar's annoyance there's always a concern, which has to do with his role in the team and his wish to become a leader,' wrote Sport.

'But you have to be aware that there are no shortcuts to leadership and it is something that is earned slowly, naturally and progressively,' it added.

According to Marca, PSG would be willing to stump up the 222 million euros (R3.3 billion) required to trigger Neymar's release clause and would offer him a five-year deal worth 30-plus million euros a season.

However, a report in French sports daily L'Equipe yesterday quoted a PSG club source as saying: 'We're not going to repeat the Neymar show. There is a huge release clause and you have to be realistic.'

PSG have previously been linked with Neymar only for the striker to pen a new five-year deal with Barca last October.

*AFP*





# MHLAB'UHLANGENE

'THE DEEP BLUE OCEAN'

With: Victor Dlamini



# KANYAMAZANE HERE WE COME...

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**GREETINGS Mhlab'uhlangene, welcome to another subscription, hope you are all well!**

Finally the day has come for the Deep Blue Ocean to hit the road to Nelspruit for the second edition of the Mpumalanga Transversal Cup and what a euphoric feeling that fills me with all bundles of joy.

KaNyamazane is a place with a very small population in the province of Mpumalanga, South Africa, which is located in the continent/region of Africa. Cities, towns and places near KaNyamazane include eNyamazaneni, Daantjiekasie, Nyamazane and Nyamasaan.

The closest major cities include Matola, Maputo, Witbank and Newcastle.

KaNyamazane Stadium, formerly also named Lekazi Stadium, is a multipurpose stadium in the KaNyamazane township, situated 2.5km from Mthethomusha Game Reserve - also referred to as the South Western corner of Kruger National Park; which is roughly 25km East of Nelspruit, in the Mpumalanga province of South Africa. The stadium received a significant upgrade from May 2009 to May 2010.

## Quality

A primary driving force for the upgrade, was that the local municipality was asked to prepare a high quality training venue -with FIFA standard-, ahead of the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

New maximum capacity of the stadium was reported to be 15 000. The stadium was subsequently used as training field by one of the qualified World



DEEP BLUE OCEAN: Matsapha United.

Cup teams in June 2010, and it also hosted a friendly 2-0 match between Chile and New Zealand, few days ahead of the World Cup.

And this weekend we head there for the second edition of the Mpumalanga Transversal Cup.

What is the Mpumalanga Transversal Cup all about!

The Mbombela-Umsebe Soccer Spectacular as the Mpumalanga Transversal Cup is known, is a one-day soccer event which provides an opportunity to showcase some star players for honours against other teams.

## Relationship

According to organisers, Buang Marketing Solutions' Stella Gwebu, the spectacular aims to strengthen the existing relationship between the three municipalities of Mbombela, Matola and Matsapha.

"It's a battle between three cities, Mbombela, Matola and Matsapha, that

have partnered on the socio-economic and cultural development of each city. This venture will not only be about the games as such, but will also boost tourism in our region because we're predicting a full house at KaNyamazane Stadium.

## Benefit

"It does not end there because we're sure of full occupancy of accommodation across the board. That will also transcend to wining and dining at our respective restaurants, hotels and night spots. Local businesses will benefit immensely from this event.

"The cherry on top is the legends' game takes place at 1400hours before the final. This game will feature prominent players who used to ply their trade in prominent clubs in the respective cities.

"Some of those figures are leading business people, politicians, academics and from other walks of life to provide

an entertainment spectacle on the day. Leading musicians from the three cities will also be there to provide entertainment at intervals during the day-long festivities.

"This is one not to be missed. Come one, come all. Mbombela will make history. The earliest bird catches the worm. It's all yours," she ended.

While the first edition was used to celebrate the Women's month, this year's edition forms part of the Nelson Mandela Month commemorative activities providing a major privilege to a young club like Matsapha United, the future face of the game.

Who won the inaugural edition!

Jomo Cosmos were crowned champions of the inaugural Mpumalanga Transversal Cup (MTC). Ezenkosi, as Cosmos are known, beat University of Pretoria (AmaTuks) 1-0 in the final that took place at KaNyamazane Stadium last August.

Both Cosmos and AmaTuks, who were relegated from the ABSA Premiership two seasons ago, advanced into the final after walloping Mpumalanga sides, Mbombela United and Acombush United, in their semi-final matches. AmaTuks beat Mbombela 4-2 in the lottery penalty shoot-out in the first semi-final. The match had ended deadlocked at one all in regulation time.

AmaTuks were first to score through Thabo Moseki in the 71st minute.

United striker Siyabonga Madikane equalised for the home side in the 88th minute. AmaTuks went on to win the match 4-2 in the penalty shoot-out with Tristyn Coetzee, for AmaTuks, becoming the hero of the day after saving two spot-kicks.

Ezenkosi advance into the final after beating the hard-fighting Acombush 2-1. A goal in each half from Nkanyiso Madonsela, sealed the game for Cosmos as they eventually won 2-1 after lead-

ing 2-0 at one stage in the second half.

This means there will be new champions this year and as Matsapha United we envy our name to be on that trophy.

As Matsapha United we are ready to compete!

We are in our fourth week of preparations for both the tournament and pre-season and I must say we are ready for the Mpumalanga Transversal Cup. Trust me, we won't be on some tourism expedition but rather we are going there to compete.

The supporters bus departs from Madala Lodge opposite University of Swaziland Kwaluseni Campus at 6am on Sunday arriving at KaNyamazane in time for the 10am kick off. Our boys needs you to paint a section of stadium into a sea of blue.

There is still space on the bus.

Our board worked together with the management committee and the marketing department and crafted two travel packages for the Mpumalanga Province Transversal Cup set for KaNyamazane Stadium on the 23rd of July.

We are happy with the response we have received from you our supporters.

The first package will include a replica jersey, a match ticket and transport for E450 with the second that includes transport and a match ticket going for E200. Let me emphasise that registration is based on first come first serve.

There are limited seats and you can get in touch with our marketing officer, Gcina Dodo Magagula on +268 7655 0972. It is my sincere appeal to you that we turn a section of KaNyamazane Stadium that will be allocated to us into a Deep Blue Ocean.

That said, today we are rewarding five readers with travel packages to KaNyamazane, all you need to do is to answer the questions below.

## About our opponents Maxaquene!

**CLUBE de Desportos do Maxaquene, usually known simply as Maxaquene, is a sports club based in Maputo, Mozambique.**

The club is nicknamed Maxaca. Currently besides football (soccer) there are two indoor sports namely basketball (CD Maxaquene Basketball) and handball.

In such sports Maxaquene is only the club with the most national titles after independence. Maxaquene won its first post-independence title in football, the Taça de Moçambique, in 1978.

Prior to Mozambique's independence from Portugal, Maxaquene were known as Sporting Clube de

Lourenço Marques or simply Sporting de Lourenço Marques (Lourenço Marques being the name for Maputo before independence). Under this name, the legendary Eusébio played for the club.

1920-76: Founded as Sporting Clube de Lourenço Marques, 1976-78: The club is renamed Sporting Clube de Maputo and 1978-present: The club is renamed Clube de Desportos Maxaquene Stadium The club plays their home matches at Estádio do Maxaquene, which has a maximum capacity of 15 000 people.

## Achievements

They have won the Campeonato de Moçambique : (5) 1984, 1985,

1986, 2003 and 2012; the Taça de Moçambique : (9) 1978, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2010; Campeonato Provincial de Moçambique in 1960 and 1962.

Maxaquene won the District Championship of Lourenço Marques nine times

- 1922, 1930, 1933, 1938, 1940, 1943, 1948, 1953 and 1960; the Taça de Honra de Maputo in 2006.

Performance in CAF competitions  
CAF Champions League : 1 appearance in 2004 - First Round, African Cup of Champions Clubs : 1 appearance in 1987 - Preliminary Round, CAF Confederation Cup : 1 appearance in 2011 - Preliminary Round

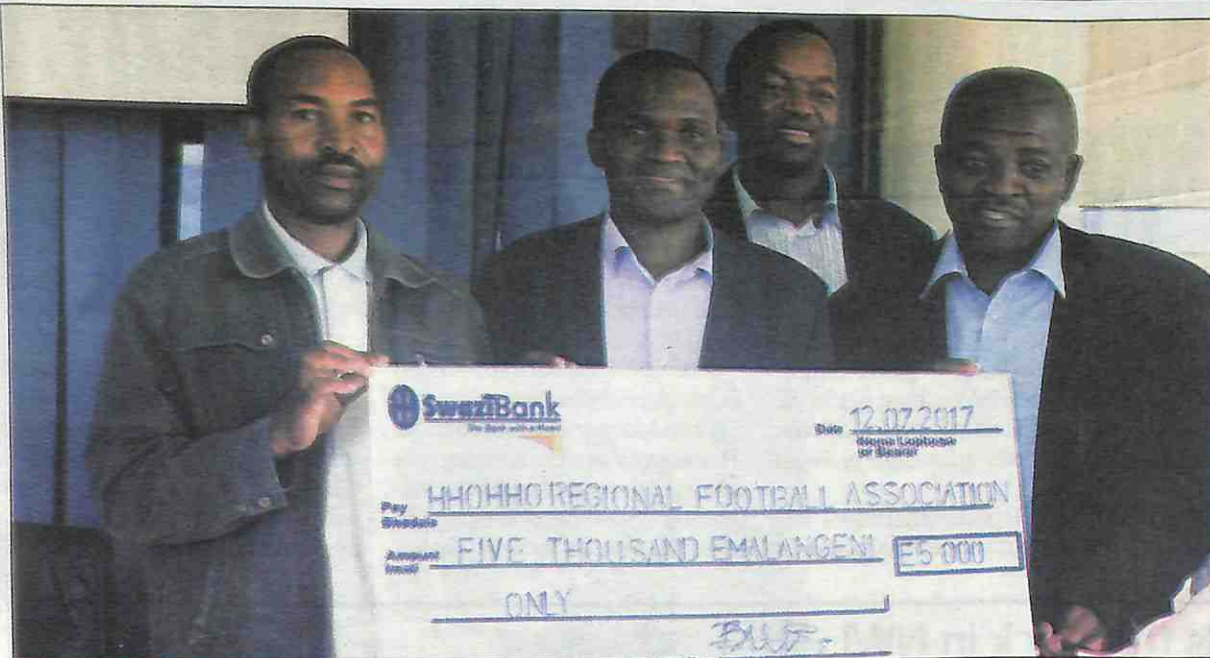


and eight CAF Cup Winners' Cup appearances.

We as Matsapha United we are ready to learn from the best and equally so beat the best.

Sibloma ekasi, siphethe i-vibe, sizobashiya be-dizzy. Until next week, Mhlabuhlangene - The Deep Blue Ocean wishes you a Fair Play filled weekend.





**SPONSORSHIP:** HRFA Secretary and National Football Association of Swaziland CEO Frederick Mngomezulu receiving the E5 000 cheque from Calakaliboli Director. This was during the Calakaliboli Sigangeni Juniors League sponsorship launch at Sigwaca House. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)

## HRFA SIGANGENI LAUNCH

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER** – The Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) has partnered with Calakaliboli in promoting the Sigangeni Regional Juniors League.

The company headed by Director Bongani Dube, contributed a sum of E5 000 towards the league. The league sponsorship was launched during an event held at Sigwaca House last week. Presenting the sponsorship was the company's director who said they were happy to partner with football in the development of football.

"It is really exciting to see young children passionate about the game. It was for this reason that we decided to lend a helping hand and contribute towards the development of the aspiring footballers at Sigangeni," he said. Meanwhile Sigangeni League Chairman Oscar Mlotshwa said they were happy for the juniors in the region as they



**ATTENTIVE:** The audience following proceedings.

would now play for something. "This contribution will really go a long way in motivating these juniors especially because we have already played games without a sponsor. Also worth noting is that this is our first juniors league so we are really excited," he said. HRFA Secretary Nigel Shongwe

expressed gratitude to the sponsor for the kind gesture. He urged the teams not to protect the brand of the sponsor. Also present during the event was National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) CEO Frederick Mngomezulu who also thanked the sponsors for partnering with football.



**LIYASIKWA LIYAMILA:** Youngsters also attended the launch.



**MY VIEW:** Calakaliboli Director Bongani Dube making his remarks during the launch.



**THANKS :** Sigangeni League Chairman Oscar Mlotshwa making his remarks during the launch.



**ATTENTIVELY:** NFAS employee Sam Mamba listening to the speeches.

## Mourinho pleased as Lukaku opens scoring account

**LOS ANGELES** – Romelu Lukaku bagged his first goal in a Manchester United shirt on Monday as the 10-man Premier League giants labored to a 2-1 victory over Real Salt Lake in Utah.

Lukaku, who joined the Red Devils from Everton in a reported £75m transfer last week, fired United ahead on 38 minutes, latching on to a low cross from Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

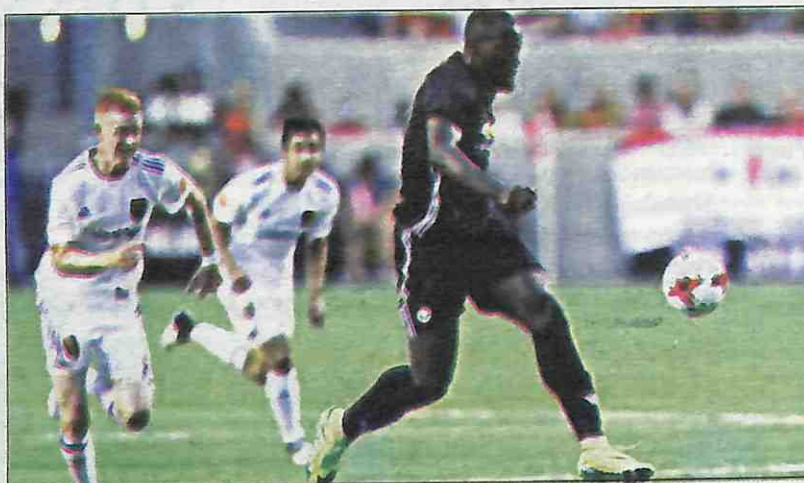
The 24-year-old Belgian international striker had also been involved in United's equaliser scored by Mkhitaryan in the 29th minute after Luis Silva had given Salt Lake a shock early lead.

Lukaku used his strength and physical presence to hold off the Real defence to feed Jesse Lingard, who provided the pass for Mkhitaryan to score.

### Striker

United Manager Jose Mourinho was pleased with Lukaku's display, saying the former Chelsea player was now a "top striker."

"It's just nice for him, not important



**ON TARGET:** Romelu Lukaku scored his first goal for Manchester in a friendly match.

for me," Mourinho said of Lukaku's first United goal.

"Before he scored the goal I told him I love everything you do on the pitch. Don't be worried about scoring or not scoring. He gets behind people, works and presses well. Like everything he does.

"It's easy to feel it because he was my player four years ago his evolution has been great. He's now a top striker. The goal is just a detail, not important."

United's win was marred by the second-half dismissal of Antonio Valencia for a reckless lunge on Sebastian Saucedo. **AFP**

## West Ham United Manager Bilic satisfied with Hammers start

**LONDON** – Slaven Bilic saw enough from his side's 0-0 draw with Sturm Graz II in a pre-season friendly to be optimistic about the upcoming season.

Each West Ham player saw 45 minutes of action in a bid to work on their fitness, with Bilic expressing his delight at the level of his players, while talking up their need to improve in front of goal.

He said: "It was as we planned – two sets of 45 minutes as a part of the training programme. We trained this morning before the game and the guys have also done a bit of extra running after playing this evening."

"It was a competitive game – Sturm Graz were a very lively team and they can play football. Of course they are at a different level, and we should have scored

maybe five or six goals.

"But, to be fair, we are not scoring enough goals in training at the moment, so it was the same in the game, but running-wise it was a good session for us."

"It was a good opponent for this stage but if we are looking strictly at the game, we have to score goals."

West Ham play Fulham tomorrow with Bilic set to use this game in a similar manner.

He continued: "We planned this part of the pre-season in Austria completely based and focused on the training, so the two games here are a part of the training. "On Thursday we have a better opponent in Fulham, but the approach is still the same and it fits around our training."

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● Arsenal goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny, 27, arrived in Turin to complete a £10m move to Italian champions Juventus. *(Evening Standard)*



● Manchester United's French forward Anthony Martial, 21, may be used in a swap deal for Inter Milan winger Ivan Perisic, 28. *(Gazzetta dello Sport)*

● Newcastle United are interested in Bordeaux's Uruguay forward Diego Rolan, 24, who is available for £5m. *(Chronicle)*

● Crystal Palace boss Frank de Boer is convinced striker Christian Benteke, 26, will stay despite speculation linking him with Premier League rivals Chelsea and Everton. Benteke scored 15 Premier League goals in 2016-17. *(Evening Standard)*



● Aston Villa defender Tommy Elphick, 29, is set to join fierce rivals Birmingham City after just one season at Villa Park. The former Bournemouth player is reported to have fallen out of favour with Villa boss Steve Bruce. *(Birmingham Mail)*

● Sunderland's hopes of signing former Leicester City, Leeds United and Saint-Etienne winger Max Gradel, 29, have suffered a setback after the £3m-rated Ivory Coast international said he wanted to stay at Bournemouth. *(Sunderland Echo)*



● Premier League newcomers Brighton are close to signing 21-year-old Norwegian midfielder Mathias Normann from Bodo/Glimt. *(The Argus)*

● Sheffield Wednesday keeper Jake Kean, 26, could leave the club after being left off the club's pre-season tour to Portugal. *(Sheffield Star)*

● Premier League champions Chelsea have "serious and strong interest" in Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero, 29. *(Sky Sports)*



● Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich is not willing to pay over the odds for Real Madrid's 24-year-old striker Alvaro Morata, who could be heading to Italy. *(Star)*

● Crystal Palace have offered about £16m for Arsenal defender Calum Chambers, 22. *(Telegraph)*

● Manchester City have had a £2.6m bid rejected for Napoli's former Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina, 34. *(Mirror)*

● City will not face competition from Bayern Munich for 28-year-old Arsenal forward Alexis Sanchez, after the German club's Chief Executive Karl-Heinz Rummenigge ruled out a move for the Chile international. *(Manchester Evening News)*



● Manchester United are considering a final £60m offer for 23-year-old Tottenham and England midfielder Eric Dier. *(Mirror)*

● Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, 35, has dropped a hint he will re-sign for United by enrolling his sons back into their youth academy. *(Sun)*

# TAEKWONDO ARTIST WANDILE MAZIYA RANKED 236TH IN THE WORLD

By Sibusiso Masilela

**TAEKWONDO - The country's top male artist Wandile Maziya is currently ranked number 236 in the world rankings released by the World Taekwondo Federation.**

The Manzini Nazarene player has only accumulated 4.45 points between

2014-2016 having taken part in the 2015 World Taekwondo Championships held in Russia.

Maziya recently represented the country in the 2017 global competition and was knocked out in the opening round losing out to a Polish fighter three weeks ago in South Korea.

The WTF currently ranks 1 392 artists from international countries

judging from their performances in tournament such as the German Open, European Taekwondo Open and US Taekwondo Open

Other local players who took part in the world championships are Carlotta Munave and Thandukhanya Shabangu who were, however, not amongst those ranked by the federation. Swaziland Taekwondo Association (STA) Secretary Sandile

Mchunu confirmed the rankings yesterday. "Rankings are usually released by the WTF after every major competition. From what we have, Maziya is the only artist that appears on the rankings," he said. Meanwhile, Mchunu reminded teams of the association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will also see the election of a new executive committee on July 29.

## Phoenix leads the pack in NWL

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**BASKETBALL - Phoenix Alumni is currently leading the pack in the Basketball National Women's League log standings with 10 points.**

The former Waterford students, who have proved to be a force to reckon, have won all their games since the beginning of the season.

The team is closely followed by defending champions Super Ladies, who are second with nine points. Super Ladies have lost one game in the season against the table toppers.

They lost against Phoenix while Lady Jazz are placed on the third spot after losing two of their games against Phoenix and Super ladies.

Youngsters Enjabulweni Griffins lie third with six points despite winning one match against bottom placed side Shooting Stars who are on four points. In the Elite men's league, Steels are placed on the summit with 15 points.

They are closely followed by glamour capital city giants

Mbabane Jazz with 14 points while blue and white ensemble Manzini Superstars is tied on 13 points with Imbumbi.

Youngsters Manzini Raiders are placed at the bottom of the log standings with eight points, and coming second from bottom with 9 points.

Manzini Titans rule in the Men Promotion (MPL) with while sugar belt side RSSC Tridents are second with seven points alongside Luyengo Pacers.



### NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LOG STANDINGS

	TEAM	Played	Won	Lost	Forfeit	For(A)	Agst(B)	Diff	Avg(A/B)	Pts
1	Phoenix Alumni	5	5	0	0	435	128	307	3.398438	10
2	Superladies	5	4	1	0	387	153	234	2.529412	9
3	Lady Jazz	5	2	3	0	237	289	-52	0.820069	7
4	Enjabulweni Griffins	5	1	4	0	197	371	-174	0.530997	6
5	Shooting Stars	4	0	4	0	40	355	-315	0.112676	4

## Two women in LRFA new executive committee

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER - It dawned a new era in Lubombo football as a new executive committee has been ushered into office.**

This was during the Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) elections at Siphoso Primary School on Sunday.

The elections which formed part of the agenda for the association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) saw two women beating men to win the race for positions in the executive committee.

Phumzile Dlamini and Lois Munro were elected for the posts of Executive Member and Vice Secretary respectively.

Dlamini amassed 65 votes in round two beating the likes of Boy Mavimbela, Ace Dlamini, while Munro beat Andile Hlandze dur-

ing the second round of the elections.

Mangaliso Langwenya retained his chairmanship post as he was unopposed while the real battle was between Solomon Mabila and Sifiso Shabalala who were the only candidates vying for the post of vice chairman.

Shabalala won with 88 votes.

Sicelo Nene also retained his position as Secretary General after beating Mduduzi Vilakati while former vice chairman Lucky Dlamini who was contesting for the post of treasurer bit the dust against Thokozani Shongwe who retained his position.

Like a cat with nine lives, Richard Shongwe survived an exit scare as

it took him three rounds to retain his position of being a member. The meeting was graced by National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) President Adam Bomber Mthethwa and his vice Dr. Comfort Shongwe.

Former FA executive committee member Elphas Ngcamphalala was the Electoral Officer.

## Construction of KaLanga Technical Centre to begin soon

**SOCCER - The construction of KaLanga Technical Centre in the Lubombo region will begin this month.**

This was revealed by National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa during the Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) Annual General Meeting held at Siphoso on Sunday.

"The project has been delayed by

the fact that there has been movement for change at FIFA and in CAF, something which prompted the change in policies guiding the works of technical centres.

### Projects

However, everything is now in place for the construction to begin anytime soon," he said.

LRFA Chairman Mangaliso Langwenya also apologised for the delayed commencement of the

constructions.

The association's Secretary Sicelo Nene has also report highlighted on the progress of the project. "It is anticipated that the project will be completed by December this year.

The centre is part of FIFA Goal project which also saw the construction of Nhlanguano technical centre amongst the projects



# ROWDY MANZINI WANDERERS SUPPORTERS DEMAND MEETING

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCKER-** It seems there is no end in sight in the troubles at hub giants Manzini Wanderers as supporters are now demanding a meeting.

About 45 supporters are said to have stormed the residence of National Supporters Chairman Majaivane Dlamini and threatened him with assault alleging that he was now siding with management in the team.

The supporters are said to have demanded that a mass meeting be convened this coming Saturday as there is a number of issues to be addressed.

## Ultimatum

Amongst the issues to be discussed by the supporters during the meeting is the two-day ultimatum given to the elders by the supporters on the resignation letters from the team's directors.

*...Teams threaten supporters chairman with assault, accuse him of siding with management*



The supporters also want an explanation

on the team missing out on this year's Swazi Telecom Charity Cup.

Dlamini confirmed the matter during an interview yesterday. "It is true that supporters attacked me and demanded a meeting this coming weekend."

## Refusing

One of the pressing issues is that of the directors who are said to be refusing to step down. They are also not happy that the team will miss out on the charity cup and are blaming certain people for bringing the team down," he said.

He said the supporters would be granted their wish and that the meeting will be held at the Manzini Library starting at 2pm. I have consulted with the council of elders chairman on this issue and he agreed on the meeting," he said.

## We are going for Transversal Cup honours— Chaminuka

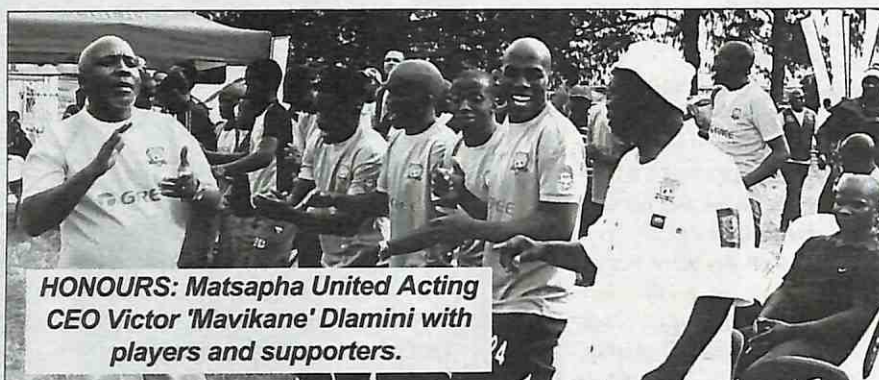
By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCKER**— Matsapha United coach Saul Chaminuka says they will be competing for honours in the Mpumalanga Transversal Cup slated for the KaNyamazane Stadium on Sunday.

Interviewed yesterday, the Zimbabwean mentor he was confident that his squad would compete effectively during the one-day tournament featuring Soweto giants Orlando Pirates, Mbombela United and Mozambican outfit Maxaquene.

He said they were also hoping to use the tournament to gauge themselves ahead of their new journey in the Premier League next season.

"We want to match the best and at the same time compete for an honours which is something I believe can happen. We aware with the magnitude of the games and our priority is to go learn from the big teams, Pirates and Maxaquene,"



**HONOURS:** Matsapha United Acting CEO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini with players and supporters.

"I also have faith in my players that they will put up a good fight on the day and represent the country well during the tournament," he said.

## Invited

Meanwhile, the team's Acting Chief Executive Officer Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini invited the nation to go and support the team during the tournament.

"Let us go and paint the stadium in the team's colours. This team is not only for its

supporters but for every football fanatic who wants to go and support the team," he said.

The 'deep blue ocean' will take on Mozambican side Maxaquene in the first semi-final at 10am and this will be followed by an all South African Affair pitting Pirates against Mbombela United while the finals have been slated for 4pm.

Supporters will have to part with E250 to travel with the team and the package will include entry fee to the stadium.

## New WFA executive promises sponsorships for women football

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCKER**— THE newly elected Women's Football Association (WFA) Executive Committee has promised to focus on securing more sponsors for women football in the country.

Making his remarks after the elections conducted during the Annual General Meeting held at Sigwaca House on Sunday, Chairman Sonnyboy Mabuza said their main focus would be getting more sponsorship in order to improve the sport.

He expressed gratitude to the members for trusting them with the mammoth task of developing women football in the country.

"Firstly, we would like to thank the members for



**FOCUS:** Chairman Sonnyboy Mabuza.

voting for us and giving us this responsibility to lead women's soccer in the country. And coming to our goals for the new term is to try and find more companies to sponsor women football.

## Reluctant

"This has proven to be a very difficult task because our sport has not been exposed so companies are reluctant to come on board. However, despite all these hurdles, we promise to do our very best."

The chairman was seconded Treasurer Cindy Dladu, who notably is the only female in the WFA executive committee.

"We really would like to plead with the

nation to support women football and contribute towards its development.

"We are also appealing for the same support from the football association as they are better placed to help us with the needed exposure. For example, we could curtain raise for the big games in the elite league such as the derby."

## Awareness

"This would create awareness as people would know more about women football," she said.

Quizzed on the disappointing number of women administrators in Women football Dladu urged more women to show interest.

"It is true that being an administrator is taxing for women because of time. Women have families to take care of while men can easily juggle their schedules. It's not easy but those of us who are there are passionate because we have played the sport before," she said.

## GOALKEEPER MKHULISI JOINS MBONGENI AT BULL!

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCKER**— It seems Mbabane Highlanders will parade sworn rivals Mbabane Swallows two former goalkeepers this season as goalkeeper Tambuti FC has been also linked with a move to the team.

Mkhulisi, who once plied his trade with Swallows about six seasons ago, was spotted at Highlanders training base at the Casino Sports ground at Ezulwini this earlier this week.

The goalkeeper joins yet another Swallows goal poacher in Mbongeni Motsa who started training with Highlanders last week following an unsuccessful spell at Red Lions in the previous season.

## Feedback

The two goalkeepers are tipped to replace last season's goal-keeping pair of Sidumo Vilakati and Sandile 'Onyango' Dlamini, who were both reported released back to their respective teams Green Mamba and Bad Boys.

Highlanders Public Relations Officer (PRO) Paul Masilela said he was still waiting for feedback from directors regarding the signing of players in the team.

"I am yet to get a briefing from the directors on players that will be joining the team in the coming season," he said.

Efforts to get a comment from Tambuti PRO Nathie Dlamini proved futile as his mobile phone rang unanswered when contacted numerous times yesterday.

There was also no response to a message sent to the PRO at the time of going to press.

## 4 schools make it to Scara Thindwa semis

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCKER**— Four schools have made it to the semi-finals of the Scara Thindwa Foundation U-13 soccer tournament.

This was revealed by Swaziland Schools Sports Association mouthpiece Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini yesterday.

The schools to compete in the semi-finals of the tournament slated for the Manzini Club today are Matsapha Government, Black Mbuluzi, Lulakeni and Mobondweni.

The semi-finals come after the top eight of the SRIC bankrolled tournament took place in three different venues where the four teams who will participate today triumphed.

Matsapha Government made it after beating Holy Rosary 3 - 0 at the Manzini Club yesterday while Black Mbuluzi beat Mangwaneni, 1 - 0 to advance.

At Nhlengano defending champions Lulakeni edged the hosts Evelyn Baring 4 - 3 in a thrilling seven goal encounter.

## Faced-off

In the Lubumbo region, Mabondweni faced-off with St Boniface and the former emerged victorious with a 2 - 0 win.

Despite crashing out of the tournament, the losing schools were also rewarded for their efforts as they received a team kit.

The semi-finals will see Matsapha Government take on Black Mbuluzi at 10am while Lulakeni has a date with Mabondweni at noon.

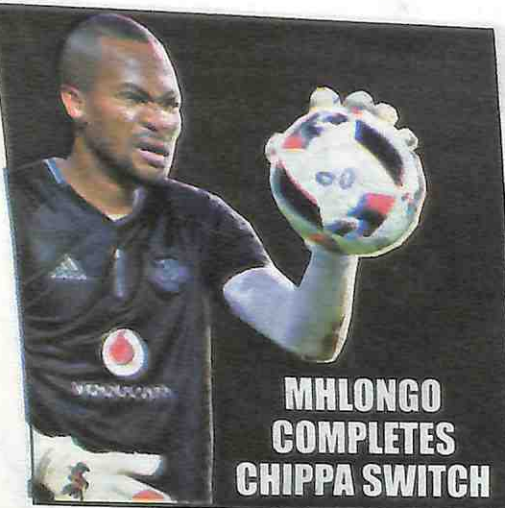
The finals of the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) sponsored tournament are scheduled for the Somhlolo National Stadium this coming Friday starting at noon. The losers finals will curtain raise for the finals at 10am.

The champions of the tournament are set to walk away home with E15 000 and a trophy, the runners up with E10 000 and the bronze medalist with E5 000.

## SEMI FINAL FIXTURE

Matsapha Government	vs	Black Mbuluzi	10am
Lulakeni	vs	Mbondweni	noon



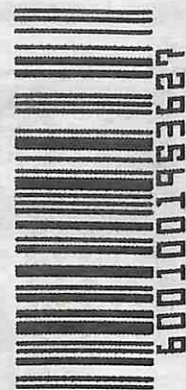


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## SUSPENSION LOOMS FOR SIHLANGU STARS

...Players face one-year ban from national football activities

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER** – The five Sihlangu players said to have snubbed camp face a one-year suspension from the team's activities.

The players facing the wrath of the national football mother body are goalkeeper Sidumo Vilakati, Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze, Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze, Thabiso Gumbi and Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze. The players shunned the team's camp ahead of the CHAN qualifiers clash against Zambia last Sunday in which the locals suffered a 4-0 massacre.

Midas City striker Simanga Shongwe is, however, said to have survived the wrath of the

association after giving a satisfactory explanation on not showing up for camp.

Some of the players, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed receiving calls from national team officials informing them of the looming suspension.

### Suspended

"We have been told that that we will be suspended for snubbing the national team camp. It is fortunate that there are officials who feel this is the best solution and have not bothered to find out the reason behind our actions. There are a number of things happening in the team and suspending players will not solve them," he said.

Another player said they

were also not happy with the statements made by the technical bench after losing in the COSAFA Cup. "I, for one, felt it was not important for me to stay in the team because they made it clear that I am not what they are looking for," said the player. National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe referred all queries regarding the matter to CEO Frederick Mngomezulu who is currently out of the country attending a CAF meeting.

The five players are likely to miss the return leg match



slated for the Heroes Stadium in Lusaka on Saturday.

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## Sihlangu will emulate Barcelona – De Jongh

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER** – Sihlangu Coach Pieter de Jongh believes the team can emulate Spanish team Barcelona's heroics when they take on Zambian squad Chipolopolo in the CHAN qualifiers return leg on Saturday.

The coach said yesterday that the nation's pride would do just like Barcelona when they made a historical comeback when they sent French side Paris St Germain (PSG) packing in the UEFA Champions League after an impressive 6-1 victory on their home ground Camp Nou. The Spanish giants

had lost 4-1 away. The Dutch born mentor noted that it would be a high mountain to climb, coming back from the 4-goal deficit at the hands of Zambia, but was however, optimistic of the team's chances because "anything was possible in football."

Sihlangu will have to score five unanswered goals to stage one of the greatest comebacks in the history of the CHAN. "Barcelona lost 4-0 in the round of 16 in the

UEFA Champions League in Paris but they bounced back at Camp Nou and progressed to the next round. We can also do it. Liverpool also did it against AC Milan, and that shows that anything is possible in this game called football," he said

**OPTIMISTIC:**  
Sihlangu coach  
Pieter de Jongh.

