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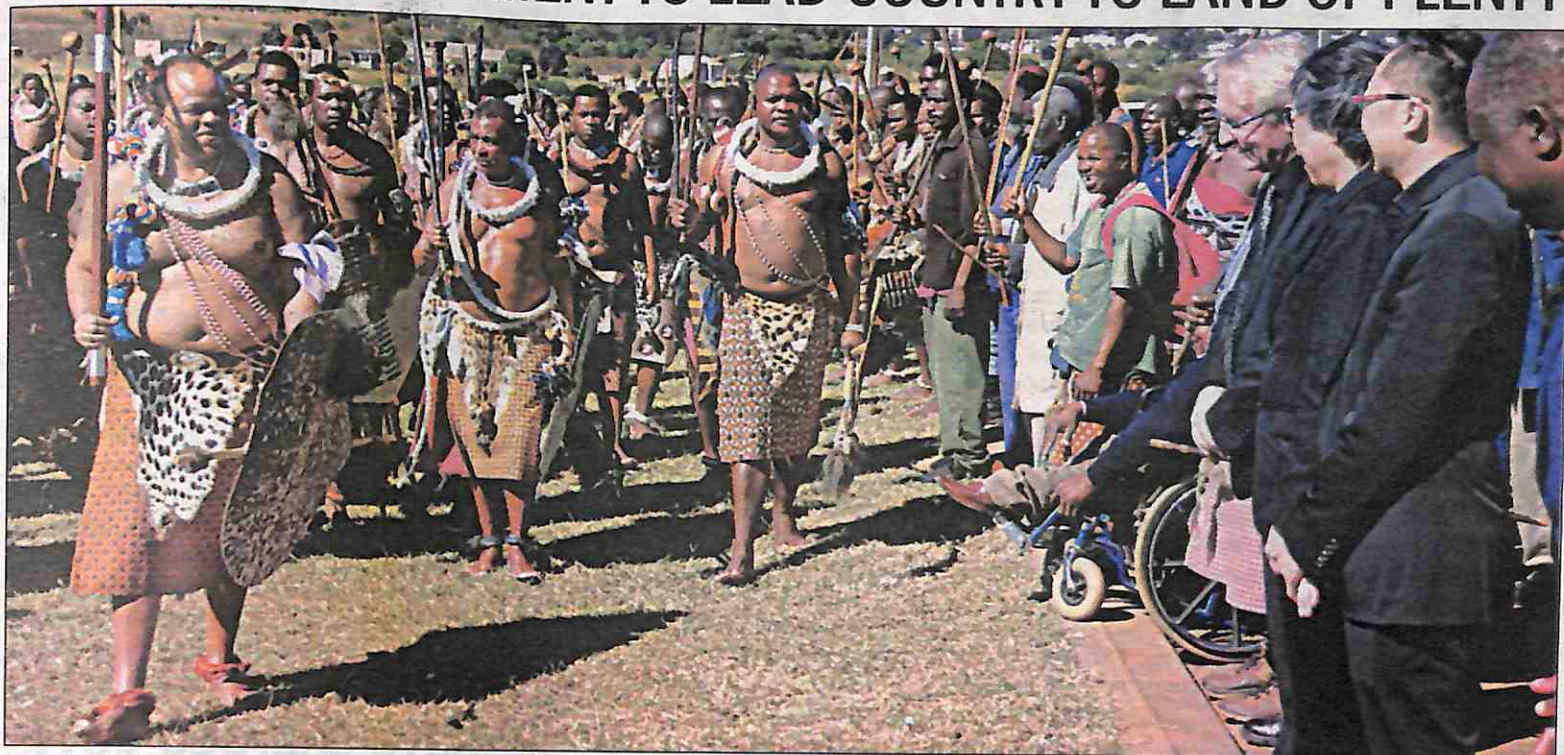
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**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III at Engabezweni Royal Residence where he dispersed the regiment after harvesting royal sorghum fields. Limkokwing delegation led by Dr Limkokwing also came to witness the ceremony. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

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# PEU DIRECTOR GRILLED OVER GOOD SHEPHERD

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**PUBLIC Enterprise Unit (PEU) Director Busangani Mkhalihi had it tough yesterday when the PAC grilled her over Good Shepherd Hospital.**

Mkhalihi was summoned by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) to explain how Good Shepherd Hospital, which is situated in Siteki, had gone for nine months without a board of directors.

The PEU is a government section under the ministry of finance.

This section is responsible for monitoring the operations of all public enterprises. Public enterprises can be described as companies that belong to government or companies where government has a majority shareholding or control. Public enterprises are also referred to as parastatals.

Members of the PAC wanted to know what the PEU did when Good Shepherd had no board of directors for such a long time.

The members of the PAC, which was hot under the collar over this issue, stated that they could not let this issue go



**NAG THEM: PAC Chairperson Thuli Dladla.**

because the taxpayers had given E360 million to Good Shepherd to transfer its workers to become fully-fledged civil servants. Mkhalihi, in response to the concerns of the PAC, stated that they informed ministers responsible for the affected parastatals.

"We inform them even during Cabinet meetings where we, as the PEU, form part of the Secretariat of Cabinet," Mkhalihi said.

She went on to state that they even informed Ministry of Health Principal Secretary Dr. Simon Zwane about this.

Such a response was not enough to convince the PAC, which then wanted written proof to show that the PEU informed the ministry of health about the absence of a board of directors at Good Shepherd.

Mkhalihi could not produce written proof to support that they told the ministry of health about the board absence at Good Shepherd. She admitted that it was not good for them, as a unit, to communicate informally with ministries when something happened to their parastatals.

Nkhamba MP Menzi Dlamini, who was seemingly irked by such a statement, said it was not good for PEU to communicate informally about formal structures, which were funded by taxpayers, who worked so hard for the money they were taxed. He then challenged Mkhalihi to go and familiarise herself with the PEU Act of 1989 in order to know what was expected of her.

PAC Chairperson Thuli Dladla advised Mkhalihi to always nag ministers and principal secretaries if something wrong was happening in parastatals. She told her not to be just quiet because at the end it was her that was to be seen as an inefficient person.

## Minister too busy to appoint board

**MINISTER of Health Sibongile Simelane has been committed with other national duties to appoint the Good Shepherd Hospital board of directors.**

This transpired yesterday during the PAC session where the ministry of health appeared before the government financial watchdog (PAC).

Ministry of Health Principal Secretary Dr. Simon Zwane told the PAC that the Ndlela-Simelane could have been held up by some other national commitments and could not appoint the board.

When Zwane was still making his remarks the issue of the board to the PAC, it transpired that the board could have been appointed as early as January this year.

However, such was not to happen. The PS said when it was realised that the Good Shepherd board had to be appointed, the Good Shepherd mission and the government had to nominate their candidates.

After the nominations were done by both parties, the nominees had to be vetted by the police.

The police did the vetting in January this year. After the vetting was done, the papers would then be taken to ministers.

"What is unfortunate is that the



**BUSY: Ministry of Health PS Dr Simon Zwane.**

papers cannot be discussed when the substantive minister is not there. The vetting was done early this year. Maybe the board could not be appointed then because the minister could have been busy," Zwane said.

Hosea Member of Parliament (MP) Thulani Masuku, who is also a PAC member, did not accept what was said by Zwane.

He stated that such could not be a good reason that could delay the appointment of the board.

"Appointing people into positions is not a tough task that needs a lot of time from someone. Such an explanation is not acceptable because all the minister had to do was to call names of certain people into the board," Masuku said.

## I would have charged govt E800 000 - Santa Lucia boss

**SANTA Lucia Director Themba Makhanya said he would have charged the ministry of health E800 000, but chose to charge E767 000.**

Makhanya said this yesterday when he appeared before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) to give his side of the story on the E767 000 he is said to owe government. The director said his company entered into an agreement with the Mbabane Government Hospital, under the ministry of health, back in 2006. Their agreement was that the ministry of health would use Santa Lucia mortuary to keep dead bodies for a period of a month.

Makhanya told the PAC that the ministry brought nine bodies of adults and one body of a child.

The 10 bodies, according to Makhanya, were at a decomposing state. He charged E250 for each body per day. Makhanya stated that he was very cheap because other mortuaries charged hire fees for a body in a day. He said they charged from E400 to E600 in a day.

"We took the bodies and we found

ourselves having to keep the bodies for nine months. We anticipated that government would come to claim the bodies after the nine months, but we had to keep the bodies for another 30 days," Makhanya said. He further told PAC that the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and the police came to him to talk about the issue five months ago. However, they could not apprehend him because he explained everything to them.

However, Makhanya could not produce a written document to prove that he entered into an agreement with the Mbabane Government Hospital. Instead, he furnished the PAC with a letter of agreement he signed with Pigg's Peak Government Hospital. The PAC did not accept this and they told Makhanya to come back with all the documents supporting the deal they had entered into with the ministry.

He was asked to bring his partner in business, whom he referred to as a certain Mrs Nkambule. He also promised to appear before the PAC with other managers that were present when the deal was signed.

## Government owes E234 million in drugs

**GOVERNMENT is in a dire situation as it owes E234 million to suppliers that supply drugs to public health facilities in the country.**

This transpired yesterday during a session of the House of Assembly. The Members of Parliament (MPs) wanted to know why medication had run out in hospitals and clinics. Lobamba MP Michael Masilela stood up on Standing Order Number 58 and moved a motion without notice.

The motion compelled Minister for Health Sibongile Simelane to ensure the availability of drugs in hospitals within seven days.

Masilela's motion was debated by about 15 MPs. They raised many issues that the minister needed to look into as she addressed the shortage of drugs in hospitals. They told the minister to also address the shortage of material for health practitioners to execute their duties to help the nation.

They also wanted to know why the ministry of health suddenly found itself in debts because they had allocated a

huge amount of money to the ministry, which was more than E1 billion. They allocated that money in February this year.

They wanted to know if the money they passed was real money or it was just numbers. Unfortunately, they could not get that answer from Minister for Finance Martin Dlamini, who was also present yesterday in the House.

### Status

Mayiwane MP Sifiso Eric Matsebulu and Ntfontjeni MP Sompisi Magagula wondered if the country was still going to achieve first world status under such circumstances. They said the people had the zeal to work towards achieving such a status in communities, but were disturbed by the unfortunate circumstance of the shortage of medication.

Somntongo MP Sandile Nxumalo advised the minister to also look into the issue of lack of human resources and material within hospitals and clinics. Manzini North MP Jan Sithole said it was a fundamental right for Swazis

to access good medical care and government had to ensure that the problem was solved.

Mbabane East MP Esther Dlamini was supported by his Mbabane West counterpart Johane Shongwe.

They told the minister that the situation was tough at Mbabane Government Hospital. Each time they went there, the people would complain to them because of the tough situation they faced. Ngwemphisi MP Veli Shongwe urged the minister to investigate if health practitioners did not establish their own chemists and pharmacies, which could tempt them to steal the drugs to sell at their outlets.

Minister for Health Sibongile Simelane promised to work on the matter. Simelane, who was emotional in her response, asked for the MPs to cooperate with her on the matter. He thanked his fellow ministers for working with her on the matter.

She said in January, government owed E400 million to the suppliers, but now, E230 million was owed.

## ST THERESA'S PRIMARY CLASSES START AT 6AM

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**THE ministry of education has launched investigations on St Theresa's Primary School for starting classes as early as 6am for Grade 7 pupils.**

A team of officers from the ministry here yesterday tasked to assess the situation on the ground after there were complaints by parents that school started as early 6am.

Information gathered by this publication is that parents were aggrieved by the school's decision to start school early especially now that it is winter.

The parents who took to social media said they understood that the school wanted to maintain its record of being the best in the country come January, but 6am was a bit too early for the children especially because the winter season had begun. Principal Secretary Pat Muir when asked on government's stand on the matter said they received com-

plaints from concerned citizens and he had in turn commissioned a team to go to the school to investigate the matter.

Muir said he was aware that schools in a quest to extra prepare pupils for exams tend to add extra hours of school and they didn't object to that but said they were however worried in this case.

"We also want good results, but teachers need to be reasonable and considerate," he said.

He said schools would rather end classes late than start early.

"We are aware primaries knock off between 1 and 2pm, they would rather have the classes until 3pm," he said.

Muir argued that 3pm was a reasonable time to end classes for primary school pupils.

Principal at the school Ben Dlamini said this was initiated by parents who wanted their children to be afforded more time to study.

"I don't believe this complaint was made by parents since they

were the ones who asked that we allow pupils to use school facilities as early as 6am," he said.

Dlamini explained that no teaching took place at this time; instead pupils used this time to study.

He further explained that it was not mandatory for the pupils to come to school at this time. He said, however, if this was causing confusion he would speak to teachers today and this would come to an end.

"We don't want to cause confusion," he said.

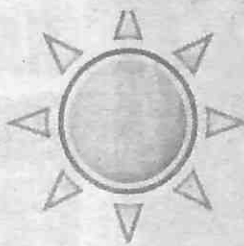


# Your weekend will be warm and sunny

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**THE warm and sunny weather is expected to continue over the weekend, forecasters have said.**  
Temperatures are expected to remain

in mid-20 degrees celsius throughout this weekend. According to information sourced from Swazi Meteorology Services, the weekend is going to be sunny and warm in the Highveld. "Whereas it will be hot mostly in the Lowveld," said the forecasters.



## WEATHER UPDATE

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
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Today, it will be sunny and warm but hot in the Lowveld.					
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Tomorrow it will be sunny and warm but hot in the Lowveld.					
Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
7/23	8/24	9/28	9/27	10/29	8/30
On Sunday, it will be sunny and warm but hot in the Lowveld.					

# POPULAR BUSINESSMAN SHOOTS HIMSELF DEAD

## COVER STORY

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**POPULAR businessman Timothy Dlamini (50) yesterday shot himself dead.**

Dlamini is alleged to have shot himself while at his house and was found with two bullet wounds on his right cheek.

Information gathered is that the businessman shot himself at around 4am yesterday.

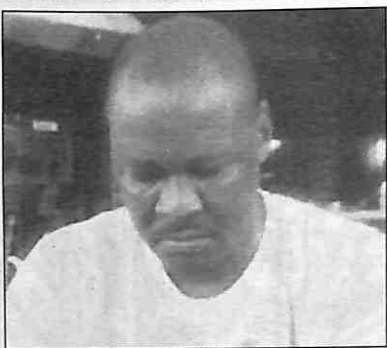
It is said his wife heard a gunshot in one of the bedrooms of his mansion which is situated at eSiyeni area and when she went to see what was going on she found her husband lying in a pool of blood.

The businessman was rushed to hospital where he was certified dead upon arrival.

One of Dlamini's businesses is the popular TC Pub and Restaurant known to many as 'Twins' restaurant. The death of the businessman has left his family members shocked.

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**DECEASED: Businessman Timothy Dlamini.**

did not even leave a suicide note. When this publication visited the homestead yesterday morning, the situation was tense as family members had already gathered at the homestead.

Some family members included well known public figures. Efforts to get a comment on what transpired proved futile as none of the family members wanted to speak on the issue.

Those who spoke to the publication stated that it was still too early to comment as they were still in shock. An

elder of the family who addressed the media politely asked that they be given some space as a family.

The elder stated that as a family they did not have much to say because they were still waiting for a report from the police. He further added that police came at night and did their job and left.

He said they could not say anything as a family because the deceased's wife who was present said she did not see anything as she just heard gunshots.

"We are still waiting for the police to report back to us, for now we cannot say anything as the police are still to do forensics," the family member stated.

Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident.

Mamba said police were investigating a matter whereby a 50-year-old man is suspected to have committed suicide by shooting himself yesterday morning.

Mamba stated that the businessman was found with bullet wounds on his cheek.

## Businessman had planned trip to SA

A family member who was overheard speaking on the phone with another person said he was shocked to learn of such news because all he knew was that the deceased was supposed to go to South Africa yesterday morning.

The family member was heard saying more puzzling was that the deceased didn't even leave a suicide note and did not mention anything about having problems or anything.

## Suicides a cause for concern - Ndo

**CLINICAL Psychologist Ndo Mdlalose has stated that cases of suicide are a cause for concern in the country.**

When probed on whether cases of people who commit suicide without leaving notes are normal, Mdlalose said they were.

She said it usually means the person had a strong desire to commit suicide and doesn't want to be bothered.

Mdlalose said not leaving suicide notes is common with men who prefer not to express their feelings or share their problems with others as they think that it will show a sign of weakness.

She said usually people who leave suicide notes are those that have not made up their minds and may want to be stopped from what they were planning to do.



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**CAUSE FOR CONCERN: Clinical Psychologist Ndo Mdlalose.**

The clinical psychologist stated that people have also come to the realisation that insurance companies no longer pay out benefits for members who have committed suicide so people no longer leave suicide notes.

## Simon Mthunzi fired as SPTC board chairman

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**WITH just under two months to the completion of his contract, former Ka-Boyce High School Principal Simon Mthunzi has been fired as the Chairman of the Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation board of directors.**

He has been replaced with Dr Tambo Gina.

Mthunzi whose contract was to elapse in July has since been replaced by the much experienced and travelled Gina who has sat on many boards.

Information gathered is that Mthunzi

was the only board member who was removed by the Minister of Information, Communication and Technology Dumsani Ndlangamandla.

### Introduced

Gina has been introduced to the other members of the board as well as the executive team at the SPTC.

The former Swaziland Industry Development Corporation (SIDC) CEO was appointed over a month ago and is yet to convene his first board meeting as chair.

Minister Ndlangamandla confirmed these changes and stated that there was nothing sinister.

"I have a right to appoint and dismiss. I practised that right in this case," he said.



**FIRE: Simon Mthunzi and his replacement as SPTC Board of Directors Chairman Dr Tambo Gina.**

# KING GIVES REGIMENTS A DIRECTIVE

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III has given regiments a directive to lead the nation to a self-sustainability era.**

Ingwenyama made this command yesterday when dispersing the regiments at Engabezweni Royal Residence where they had convened for the past six weeks, harvesting His Majesty's sorghum fields.

He Majesty said the regiment had shown that they were hard workers and committed soldiers who would lead the country to an era it was responsible for its food supply.

"We need to get to a stage where we no longer rely on other countries for our food supply, a point where we have everything we need within our borders and the commitment you have shown throughout the harvesting period shows that you are more than capable of leading and taking the country there," he said.

He said the regiments were not discouraged by the fluctuating weather conditions as there were days when the sun was blazing hot and those where it was really cold.

His Majesty said their perseverance was exactly the catalyst the country



**HARD WORKERS: Emajaha in song and dance at Engabezweni Royal Residence where the King dispersed regiments after harvesting Royal sorghum fields. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)**

## ...Insists on bumper harvest

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III has reminded the regiments that this year Swaziland will be blessed with a bumper harvest.**

Dispersing the regiments, he said they must go home and prepare themselves for a bumper harvest if they hadn't done so the first time he made the prophecy.

needed to attain this goal. "The determination, commitment and hard work that you have showcased in the last six weeks should be practised

His Majesty said the fact that the regiments had realised a bumper harvest from the royal fields was sign enough that the whole country would also realise such a harvest.

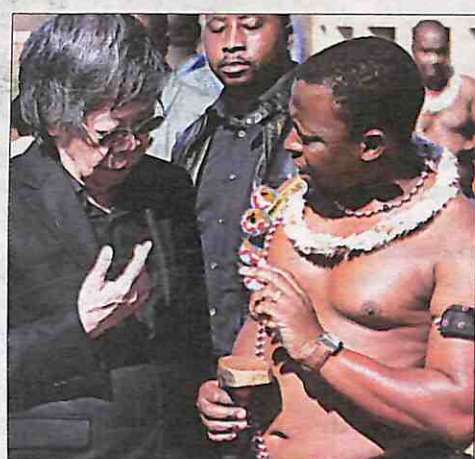
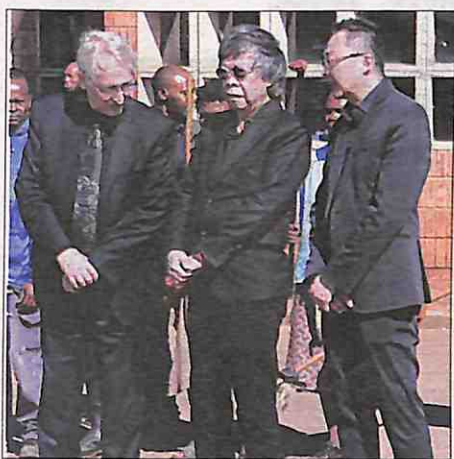
"Go home and prepare yourselves, prepare your maize storage facilities for the harvest will surely surprise you," he said.

back home. Plough enough for the whole nation to survive on, make sure that we have enough for ourselves all year round," he said.





**WENA WAPHAKATHI:** Arrival of His Majesty king Mswati III at the dancing arena at Engabezweni Royal Residence where he dispersed the regiment after harvesting royal sorghum fields. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Founder and President of Limkokwing University Worldwide Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dato Paduka Dr Limkokwing flanked by Regional Vice Chancellor Cedric Bell and Vice President of Steven Lum were also present. (r) **BRIEF:** Founder and President Limkokwing University Worldwide Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dato Paduka Dr Limkokwing with protocol officer Khandlela Mdluli.

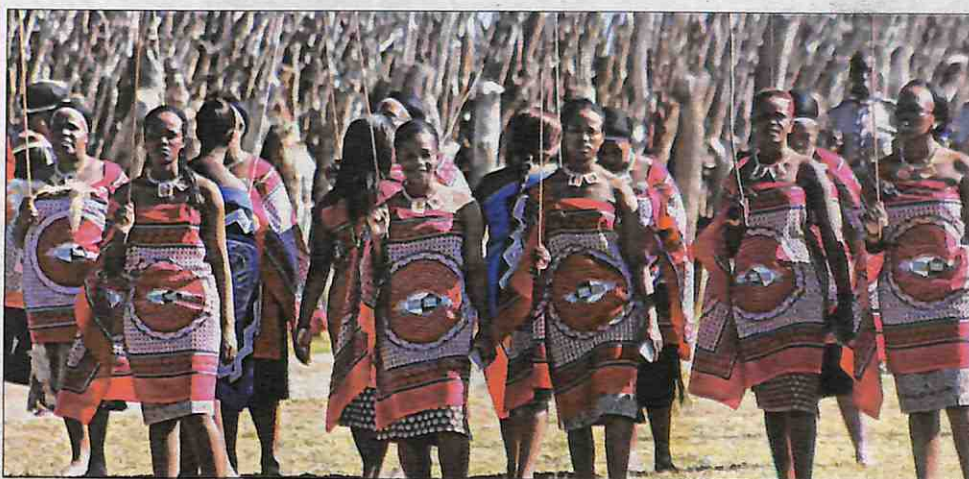
## KING DISPERSES REGIMENTS AFTER HARVESTING ROYAL SORGHUM FIELDS



**IN SONG:** His Majesty King Mswati III joined by libutfo in song and dance at Engabezweni Royal Residence yesterday before dispersing them after participating in harvesting royal sorghum fields.



**IN FULL SWING:** His Majesty doing a giya dance before addressing the regiments.



**CAN'T MISS OUT:** Imbali and Lutsango were also present.

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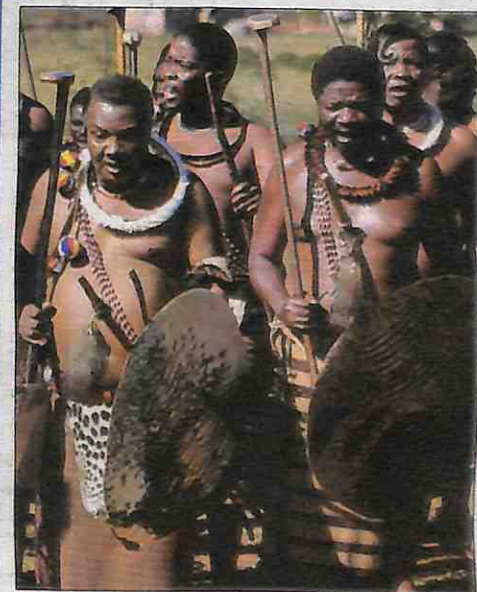
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During this time, MTN Bushfire has encouraged participants and guests alike to heed this call, and in the process the festival has achieved a worldwide reputation for its visionary and authentic approach to raising awareness of the need for social change.

### Bring Your Fire Zone

In 2017 MTN Bushfire will take this concept to a whole new level with the introduction of the BRING YOUR FIRE ZONE, an interactive and creative space within the festival that brings this call to action to life around the theme of environmental sustainability. To this end, MTN Bushfire Festival is partnering with various activators and organizations who engage with the myriad issues related to environmentalism and sustainability more broadly, including arts sustainability in the region. As the tangible and interactive manifestation of the BRING YOUR FIRE call to action based on this year's theme, the BRING YOUR FIRE ZONE will play host to an array of exhibitions, activations, performances and related activities.

Within the ZONE, Yebo Art Gallery will be presenting an exhibition, "The Burning Question," based on the theme of a changing climate, particularly focusing on the role that artists and the arts can play in effecting recognition, intervention and action.

Longtime partner of MTN Bushfire, All Out Africa will be launching their Khula Project at this year's festival. Working with the festival and the local Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, the Khula Project aims to counteract deforestation and educate on the importance of protecting trees and our shared natural heritage by

inviting guests to personally get involved by planting an indigenous tree in the nearby reserve. Guests will have the opportunity to sign up for the tree planting project and will be transported to and from the reserve where they will plant a tree and be part of this lasting environmental legacy project.

Within the BRING YOUR FIRE ZONE there will also be a digital studio where guests can engage in video-recorded discussions that will be shared via MTN Bushfire's social media platforms and on the main screens around the festival venue. These discussion platforms will open up the space for engagement beyond the festival itself and into the digital realm.

### Schools Programme

MTN Bushfire, along with its

age appropriate green messaging and education included in the programme.

Additionally, the annual Arts Round Table is a forum that welcomes local, regional and international arts practitioners and experts who engage in lively dialogue and debate towards creating a more sustainable arts community within Southern Africa.



## Environmental Sustainability

Events and Festivals have an impact on the environment; considerable amounts of water and energy can be consumed as well as litter and waste generated. Additionally, how people get to and from the event has an environmental impact. MTN Bushfire is aiming to reduce the overall tonnage of waste generated at this year's festival and overall tonnage sent to Landfill for disposal. The festival has targeted a recycle rate of a minimum of 50% based on last year's event, and calls upon all attendees, guests, exhibitors and vendors to help in making this a reality.

All waste will be separated at source into individual waste streams. There will be recycling stations within every zone at the festival, and a two bag system at bins throughout the festival site (green for recyclables, black for general waste).

MTN Bushfire urges all attendees to ensure that they into the festival with waste that could just as easily be carried out – **PACK IN/ PACK OUT**

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## GOVT WANTS PROVIDENT FUND FOR DRIVERS, CONDUCTORS

By Manqoba Makhubu  
Mbabane

MINISTER of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula has pleaded with public transport owners to remit provident fund for their drivers and conductors.

She said this was important because their work environment was highly risky in nature, which makes them more vulnerable.

Adding, she said they also change their jobs often, "each time something happens or when they change or lose their jobs, they go home empty handed."

The minister was speaking during the first day of the first annual stakeholder's forum hosted by the Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) yesterday at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha. Amongst those who were present were the executive members of the Swazi Commercial Amadoda.

The minister urged them to go back and have serious deliberations over the issue. She said it should be the same case with domestic workers. She said her ministry was also currently in negotiations with their South African counterparts to facilitate for the provident fund deductions of Swazi migrant workers residing in the Republic to be remitted directly to the Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF). "It should be the same case for South Africans working in the country, their provident fund deductions should be remitted to their native fund administrators," she said.

She said this would significantly improve social security for workers. "We are working towards that



ADDRESS: SNPF Chief Executive Officer Prince Lonkhokhela addressing the gathering

with our South African counterparts and we hope that we will soon reach a consensus," she said.

Magagula said since they had seen the capacity of SNPF, they cannot introduce a new provident fund, "what we can do is to look at the regulations and legislation so that the SNPF can receive the deductions." The minister said this arrangement could be convenient for beneficiaries as the SNPF has stretched its branch network almost all over the country.

SNPF Chief Executive Officer Prince Lonkhokhela said they have branches in Manzini, Matsapha, Mbabane, Nhlangano, Piggs Peak and Siteki.

He said they also have agencies in Mankayane, Simunye and Big Bend. These he said could be turned to fully fledged branches anytime depending on the need to do so. The minister said they have set a July deadline to see if the South African government would support their proposal.

## SECURITY GUARDS DEMAND 7% HIKE FROM MINISTER WINNIE

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

SWAZILAND Amalgamated Trade Unions (SATU) has given Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula a seven-day ultimatum to address workers' demands, including a seven per cent wage increase.

SATU represents security guards in the country.

The petition, addressed to the minister, was delivered yesterday morning at the ministry of labour by the union's executive accompanied by over 200 security guards. The petition was received by acting Under Secretary Gugu Ginindza.

Addressing the workers and the representatives from the ministry, SATU Secretary General Frank Mncina demanded that the minister addresses the workers' concerns to and publish the wages

Some of the songs that were sang during the march

1. Thula mama
2. Lemalingiyisebenza
3. Ayihalephansi bambeumthetho
4. Nomasiyafaalukhouvalo
5. SiyayaKanyamazane
6. Phansingemaholophansi

order for the private security industry.

"Government convened a wages council meeting which sought to improve terms and conditions of service for the industry including a wage increase," said Mncina, adding that the meeting was concluded on March 2.

He said the delay to issue or publish the wages order has continuously deprived the workers of their annual increase as they still rely on the wages council outcomes. SATU demanded the following from the Minister of Labour and Social Security, Winnie Magagula:

1. That the wages order be published with immediate effect and without further delays.

2. That the minister sticks to March 1, 2017 as an implementing date for the gazette as previously agreed by the council. They have given the minister seven days as an ultimatum to respond to these demands. Should these demands not be addressed sufficiently in the said period, the union will be left with no option but to prepare for a full-blown strike for security guards. The also requested that the minister increases the wages by a seven per cent. Acting Under Secretary at the Ministry of Labour and Social Security Gugu Ginindza assured SATU that the petition will be handed to the ministry as soon as possible. "I can assure SATU that their demands will be addressed as soon as possible," she said, assuring the security guards that the petition was in good hands.

## Over 200 guards complain of being paid peanuts

SECURITY guards working in Mbabane demonstrated for what they termed as poor pay despite the high cost of living in the country.

The more than 200 guards marched from Swaziland Broadcasting Information Services (SBIS) to the ministry of labour and social security to address their griev-

ances.

According to the guards, who spoke to the Swazi Observer, they want a salary increment from their current basic salary to be increased by seven per cent, which they say has not been reviewed for more than a decade.

They were carrying placards, singing

and dancing along the streets. "We have been lied to for so long.

We won't take it anymore," they were heard saying.

On the other hand, senior officers who were keeping order during the march urged them to handle the matter in a professional way.

## Over 4 000 voters registered for local govt elections so far

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

ABOUT 4 366 people have registered to vote in the upcoming 2017 government elections.

This is according to statistics released by both the Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Clifford Mamba and Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Head of Secretariat Richard Phungwayo yesterday evening.

The statistics show that there are more male than female voters in all of the 12 towns where the voting registration is in progress.

Registration closes on June 30 after opening on May 5.

Town Name	Register voters	Male	Female
Ezulwini	122	68	54
Hlatikulu	45	28	17
Lavumisa	75	40	35
Malkerns	129	72	57
Mankayane	85	32	53
Manzini	2615	1416	1199
Matsapha	21	18	3
Mbabane	537	341	196
Ngwenya	107	65	42
Nhlangano	278	143	135
Pigg's Peak	199	104	95
Siteki	153	90	63

## Asians' war looming at Mpolonjeni

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

IT would seem that the conflict between some Asian businessmen who own shops at Mpolonjeni is nowhere close to an end as the countrymen are alleged to be threatening each other with violence.

Mpolonjeni, an area with a complex of shops along Lukhula - Big Bend road has a number of shops operated mainly by Asian businessmen.

Actually, they are tenants in the shops which are owned by residents of the area. These are the same shops which are said to have caused a brutal fight between renowned businessman Akber Ali and Naeem Gul Khan early last year.

The fight saw Khan being hacked with bush-knives until he lost consciousness, allegedly by Ali and his gang of four other Asian men. They were subsequently charged with attempted murder, a matter which is still on trial at the High Court.

Tension between the Asian businessmen operating in the area is reported to be growing with each passing day. In a particular instance, Khan has raised his fears to this publication as alleges that some unknown men would from time to time make questionable visits to his shop.

Khan said some Asian men (not specifically those related to Ali) would visit his shop and harass his employees. He said the men would demand to see their price lists, something which would raise ques-

tions about the intentions of coming to the shop. It is recalled that the bone of contention between Khan and Ali was said to have been the pricing of their products. Knowing that there is still a case pending before court, Khan said he would ignore the men while they harassed his staff. He further claimed that since last year, some unknown men would be seen loitering near his place of residence at Lonhlupeko.

A recent incident is said to have happened on Sunday where four men attempted to break into Khan's house late in the evening. Khan said he was rescued by the prompt response of police after he called and informed them about the men who were trying to break down his metal gate. "These occurrences just indicate that something worse could take place any time," said Khan.



SNAT SAVINGS & CREDIT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

### NOTICE

The general membership of SNAT Savings and Credit Cooperative Society is cordially invited to a BUDGET MEETING for the year 2017/2018.

DATE: 20 May 2017  
VENUE: MAVUSO TRADE CENTRE  
TIME: 10:00HRS

#### PROPOSED AGENDA

- Opening prayer
- Chairperson's remarks
- Minutes of the Last Budget meeting 2016/2017
- Budget Presentation 2017/2018
- Closure of the meeting

Please note that Registration will strictly be done between 08:00a.m to 10:00a.m. Members should note that Lunch shall only be given to those who have registered.

Members are requested to bring following:

- Swazi ID or Driver's licence
- Latest payslip

Membership should also please note that the Banking Hall shall not operate, as members are expected to attend the Meeting.

Thank you

BY MANAGEMENT  
11/05/2017

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# SD, FAO SIGN E252.7M FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME

By Majaha Nkonyane  
Mbabane

**THE Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) has signed a five-year Country Programming Framework (CPF) worth E252.7 million with the kingdom.**

The programme will focus on the attainment of food and nutrition security; market-led agricultural production and processing and sustainable use of natural resources and climate change adaptation between 2016 and 2020.

The agreement was signed on behalf of government by Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati and FAO Representative for Swaziland and Sub-regional Coordinator for Southern Africa David Phiri on Wednesday.

Vilakati said the CPF represents the commitment of FAO to assist government in its efforts to achieve national development objectives and to achieve food and nutrition security for the population.

He said the CPF will be jointly implemented by government and FAO with support from

● The agreement was signed on behalf of government by Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati and FAO Representative for Swaziland and Sub-regional Coordinator for Southern Africa David Phiri on Wednesday

the wider spectrum of stakeholders within the private sector, semi government institutions and civil society.

Vilakati said the CPF was aligned to the country's national development objectives that were articulated in the National Development Strategy (NDS), the National Agricultural Investment Programme (SNAIP), the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and FAO's global, regional and subregional objectives.

"The implementation of the CPF would lead to an increased productivity and food security as well as growth in employment creation for socio-economic development," said the minister.

He said the framework would promote the establishment of

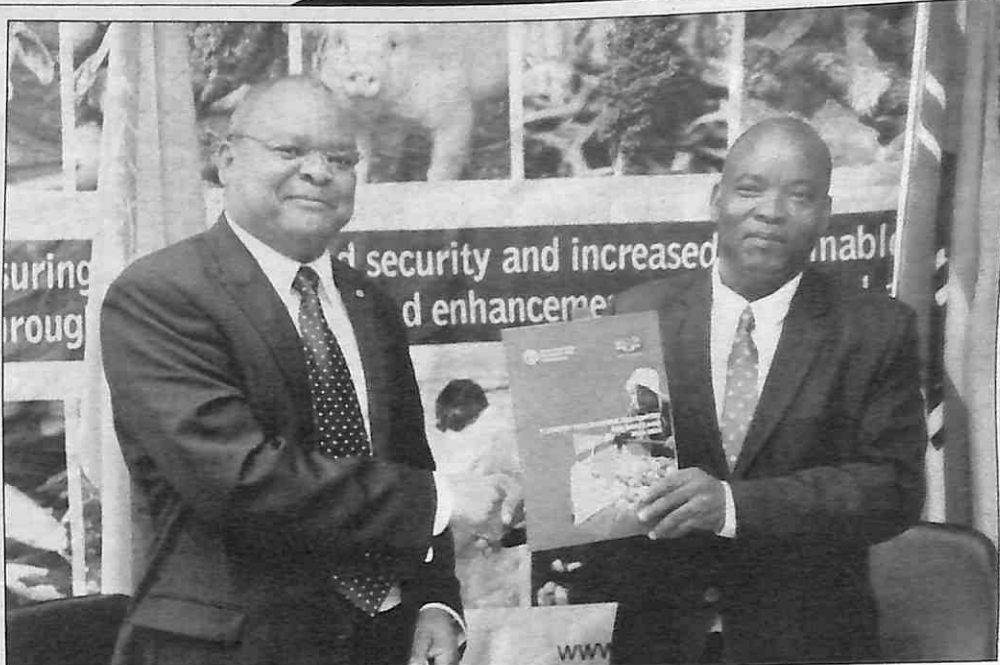
food and nutrition gardens, sustainable food production techniques as well as facilitate improved dietary standards and regulations.

It will also focus on the development of agricultural value chains and programmes that are expected to attract small-holder farmers to adopt a business approach towards agriculture.

## Resilience

"The framework focuses on building resilience of rural-based smallholder farmers so that they are capacitated to prepare for, respond to and recover from the effects of climate variability and other disasters. It will promote coping strategies to disasters; encourage the establishment of food reserves and the improvement of land productivity," said Vilakati.

Phiri said the FAO was already implementing the climate-smart agriculture programme in the



**DEAL:** David Phiri FAO Swaziland Representative and Sub regional Coordinator Southern Africa and Moses Nsizwa Vilakati, Minister of Agriculture display CPF after signing.

country, with the aim of sustainably increasing agricultural productivity and incomes, adapting and building resilience to climate change and reducing and/or removing greenhouse gas emissions, where possible. He said the organisation has already sourced about E53.2 million out of the required E252.7million.

"We will continue working with government to mobilise the remaining E199.5 million through the FAO Technical Corporation Programme (TCP), trust funds from development

partners as well as from government's budgetary allocations," said Phiri.

## Implementation

Vilakati and Phiri also signed an agreement that will pave the way for the implementation of a South-South cooperation project worth almost E3.1 million funded by the government of Morocco.

He welcomed the project, saying it would strengthen the capacity of the country's agricultural sector, with particular focus on livestock, irrigation and water management and

horticulture.

"Swaziland will benefit from Morocco's experience in water governance, modernisation of irrigation systems, horticultural production, open field cultivation, the use of hybrid crop varieties and livestock production and marketing," he said.

FAO facilitates South-South cooperation through which countries in the global south share and exchange of key development solutions – knowledge, experiences and good practices, policies, technology, know-how, and resources.



**UMBHALO:** Bible society members and Mduduzi 'Gaw'zela' Simelane presenting revamped SiSwati bibles to Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo. (Pic Sibusiso Dlamini)

## Bible Society presents Swazi Observer with SiSwati bibles

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE Bible Swaziland Society of Swaziland has presented the Swazi Observer with SiSwati bibles ahead of the 20 years celebration of the existence of the SiSwati bible.**

Bible Society's Secretary General Ngebo Mbuli together with members of the society presented the revamped SiSwati bible to the Swazi Observer Managing Editor

Mbongeni Mbingo yesterday afternoon at the Swazi Observer's offices.

## Celebration

The society committee was in the company of gospel singer Mduduzi 'Gaw'zela' Simelane who will be the main artist at the 20 year's celebration which will be held next week Saturday at the Mavuso Trade Centre. The entrance to the celebration will be free of charge.

Mbuli said the bible society is proud to be celebrating the 20 years of the SiSwati Bible

in existence at a time when the government of Swaziland has emphasized on the use of the SiSwati language in the country. Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo was very appreciative of the gift of bibles and said as a newspaper they are impressed that the bible society is upholding the SiSwati language.

He further said the SiSwati bible is easy to understand as there is no need for interpretation which sometimes distorts the preached message.

## MANAGING DIRECTOR: TOTAL SWAZILAND

TOTAL Swaziland is looking for a suitable candidate to fill the position of **MANAGING DIRECTOR**.

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## 8 PICTURES

# SECURITY GUARDS MARCH TO DELIVER PETITION

**ENOUGH IS ENOUGH:** Swaziland Amalgamated Trade Unions (SATU) members marching to the ministry of labour and Social welfare to deliver a petition where they gave the minister seven working days to address their demands. (Pics: Lucky Simelane).

## Funeral Notice



**Emmeline Tututwane Zwane**

Relatives, friends and the Free Evangelical Family are notified of Emmeline Tututwane Zwane's demise, a former lecturer at Ngwane Teachers College.

Funeral will be at Hlatikulu Cemetery (Show Ground) on Saturday 20 May 2017, starting at 05:00am after a night vigil on Friday 19 May 2017 at her home in Newtown Hlatikhulu.

Rest in Peace Zwane Mangetse.  
Announcement by her children.



**ON BEHALF:** Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Under Secretary Gugu Ginindza receiving the petition from SATU Secretary General Frank Mncina.



**HHAYI HHAYI:** Security guards singing and toying along the way.

## SCOPING MEETING INVITATION

Proposed Gecko Eco City Gardens Development  
On  
Remainder of Portion 9 (A Portion of Portion 1) Of Farm Droxford  
Estate No. 1007, at Ngwenya

The proponent, Tinsimbi Holdings (Pty) LTD, a locally registered, Swazi owned company, is proposing to develop Remainder of Portion 9 (A Portion of Portion 1) Of Farm Droxford Estate No. 1007, HHOHHO DISTRICT at Ngwenya into Gecko City Gardens. The main purpose of this development is to create and provide a state of the art world class shopping, recreational and entertainment experience as a preferred family destination offering 24hr non-stop service.

This is a multi facet, phased development whose major components to be developed in phases will include: a Filling Station/Convenient Store, TV and Film Production Studio, Commercial and Residential Facilities, Medical Center, Recreational Center, University and a Hotel.

In accordance with the Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations 2000, members of the public are invited to a scoping meeting, where information about the project can be obtained. The meeting is also intended to give Interested and Affected Parties (IaP's) an opportunity to voice out their concerns regarding the project for eventual input to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The meeting will be held on **Thursday 01/06/ 2017 at 10: 30 a.m at Ngwenya Town board Conference Room.**

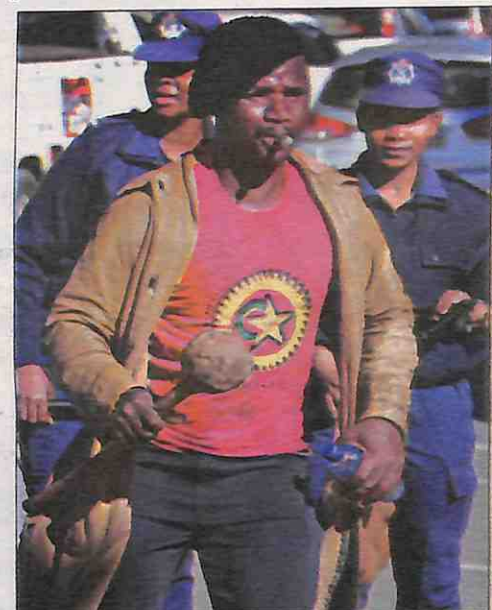
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**FOLLOW ME:** A female security guard leading them.



**HEAVILY ARMED:** Some were carrying knob kirrie at the march.

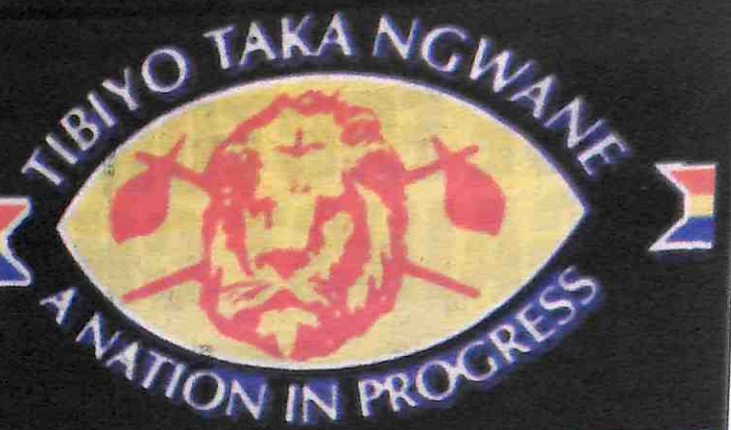


**MOVE AWAY:** The security guards pushing police officers.



# TIBIYO TAKA NGWANE

A NATION IN PROGRESS



## TIBIYO RECRUITS NEW STAFF

**L**ozitha, 18 May 2017: In line with its corporate strategy, Tibiyo Taka Ngwane recently appointed a team of Swazi professionals to serve in its different business portfolios. With their diverse backgrounds and professional experience, the new employees have been tasked with the responsibility to take the organisation to greater heights. Managing Director Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini, who believes strongly in corporate governance, leadership and innovation, welcomed the new staff members and congratulated them on their appointments. Dr Dlamini said one of the organisation's ambitions was to bring in fresh and innovative ways in doing business, and said the recruitment of these accomplished professionals was done in line with that approach.

He said that the organisation's diverse and rich portfolio demanded that it constantly reviewed its business strategy, to ensure that it remained aligned to its mission statement at the same time sustaining its business brand and corporate social responsibility mandate. Dr Dlamini challenged the new staff members to work hard in their positions and always strive to represent themselves and the organisation well at all times. *The new employees are:*



**John Mngomezulu**  
Manager in the Managing Director's Office

Mr Mngomezulu holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Durham in the United Kingdom and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Swaziland and Post-graduate Diploma in Management Development. He is an experienced corporate executive who has worked in public relations and management. He has worked for Swazi Bank, before climbing up the corporate ladder to serve in different management positions at SPTC, where he is credited for leading the business transformation and growth of the corporation's postal portfolio. Mr Mngomezulu is also a former member of Tibiyo Taka Ngwane Main Committee.



**Nyakwesi Motsa**  
Accounts Officer

Ms Motsa has experience in finance and accounting spanning more than 10 years. She has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Swaziland. She has worked for the Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce, Tibiyo Properties and Dups Holdings in the accounting portfolio.



**Simangele Mndzebele**  
IT Officer

Ms Mndzebele has been in the IT industry for more than 11 years. Before joining the organisation, she worked for Swazi TV, starting out as a Computer Technician, before rising up to be the national broadcaster's IT engineer. She also worked for the Government of Swaziland as a Cartographic draftsman in the Surveyor General's Office. Ms Mndzebele has a B-Tech in Business IT from the Vaal University of Technology in South Africa and a Diploma in AAT Level 4 from SCOT.



**Ncabeni Mdlovu**  
Estates Foreman

Before joining Tibiyo Taka Ngwane, Mr Mdlovu worked extensively in the construction and estate sectors. He is a graduate of the Swaziland College of Technology, and holds a Diploma in Building Studies. Mr Mdlovu has worked for Peak Timbers, GwamileVactim and SEDCO, where he served in different capacities.



**Sibongiseni Mamba**  
Communications Officer

Mr Mamba is a communication professional with more than 15 years' experience in media, development and corporate communication. He holds a BA Honours degree in Industrial Sociology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Media Studies, both from Rhodes University in South Africa, as well as a Certificate in Community Journalism from Elizabethtown College in the USA. Before joining Tibiyo Taka Ngwane, Mr Mamba worked for UNICEF, where he served in different capacities, first as Communication Officer and later Communication for Development Consultant. He also worked at Waterford Kamhlaba UWC as Communication Officer.



**Vusavusi Dlamini**  
Human Resources Officer

Mr Dlamini holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science from the University of Swaziland. He has worked from the Swaziland Revenue Authority in the Human Resources portfolio, starting out as an intern before becoming Senior HR Officer - Employee Relations. He has experience in HR Administration, employee wellness and other strategic HR initiatives in the workplace.



**Sibusiso Mahlalela**  
Manager Operations, Bolcrue Holdings

Mr Mahlalela comes from a background of farming and farm management, which spans two decades. He has a Master of Business Administration degree from the Management College of Southern Africa, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Education from the University of Swaziland and several post graduate qualifications in farming and nutrition. Before joining Tibiyo Taka Ngwane, Mr Mahlalela worked for Nisela Farm, Illovo Sugar and TongaatHulett Sugar SA Mozambique.

By Manager  
Public Affairs

# CONGRATULATIONS!!





# FIVE FACTORS DRIVING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IDENTIFIED

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**FIVE** factors have been identified as the main reason for violence against children in the country.

These factors have been uncovered by a national study on the drivers of violence against children in Swaziland. The report was yesterday disseminated by stakeholders at the Happy Valley.

Deputy Prime Minister's Office Statistician Choice Ginindza said the comprehensive study on violence against children identified that the five key factors that drive violence as negative gender norms and inequality, economic and social policies that increase poverty, HIV and AIDS epidemic, formal and informal systems that inhibit disclosure, access and follow up on violence experiences and the family and community norm around 'Tibitendlu' or secrets.



**ATTENTIVELY:** Phindile Masango, Victoria Khumalo and Lucky Ndlovu following the proceedings. (Pic Gugu Simelane)

Ginindza said these five drivers impact on children's individual vulnerability, on the quality of relationships in the home, school and the community, on the stress and capacity of adults to care for children and on the community and institutional responses for violence.

He further states that Swaziland is the first country to map these drivers of violence at the institution-

al and structural levels that create the conditions in which violence is more likely to occur onto to strategies that are likely or proven to be effective at preventing violence.

The statistician further made a startling revelation that Swaziland has the highest prevalence of sexual violence during childhood compared to other countries that have done similar surveys. The find-

ings of the study revealed that in Swaziland the prevalence of sexual violence prior to the age of 18 by female stands at 38 per cent. The study was conducted in nine countries.

Swaziland is closely followed by Zimbabwe at 33 per cent, then Kenya at 32 per cent. Cambodia had the lowest prevalence with 4 per cent, while Zambia is at 20 per cent and Nigeria is at 25 per cent.

## Revealed

The study further revealed that the Swazi notion of 'tibitendlu' (loosely translated to keeping it within the family), leads to many risk factors that may prevent children from telling anyone about violence. It further states that it keeps community and family members from intervening when they see a child being harmed. 'Tibitendlu' gives the perpetrators a sense of impunity, such that they can continue abusing children without consequences.



## 'VIOLENCE, HIV ARE LINKED'

**UNITED** States Ambassador to Swaziland, Lisa Peterson has pointed out that there is a link between violence in children and HIV.

The ambassador said aside from health and economic challenges resulting from violence against children, there is a strong and direct link between all forms of violence in childhood and HIV. "We know that children who have HIV, live with an HIV-infected parent or guardian, or have been orphaned as a result of HIV face an increased risk of violence and abuse," she said. Peterson said the national study on the drivers of violence against children comes at a critical time for Swaziland, as violence against women and children is increasing.

She said the information learnt from the study will be essential to preventing, rather than just responding to, the drivers of violence. "I hope that the study allows stakeholders to better understand the social norms behind these elevated levels of violence and to redouble their efforts to protect and treat those most susceptible to harm," she said.

The ambassador said she hopes the study would provide the impetus to finally pass the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill, which would help stem the tide of violent acts currently committed with impunity. "Without the full support and coordination of Swaziland's legislative and judicial systems, many of our collective efforts will fall short, trapping youth and families in a cycle of violence," she said. Peterson further revealed that since launching in Swaziland, PEPFAR has devoted tremendous resources to combat the twin tragedies of violence against children and gender-based violence. She said their efforts have largely focused on the practical response to these issues, working in close collaboration with key ministries, especially the DPMs, Non-governmental organisations the Public Prosecutor's Office and the Judiciary. She said amongst other projects, through UNICEF, the US government has helped to establish Swaziland's first one-stop centre for survivors of abuse in Mbabane, while in Lubombo, they helped the establishment of a Child Friendly Court that we helped to set up is making it easier for child victims of abuse to bear witness in court proceedings in a child-friendly manner designed to minimise secondary trauma.

## VIOLENCE CAN SCAR A CHILD FOR A LIFETIME – ODEDE

**UNITED** Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Representative Rachel Odede says the organisation is concerned about violence against children because it has long term effects and can scar a child for a lifetime.

"Often it alters and damages a child's physical, emotional and mental development," she said. Odede said UNICEF is committed to ending abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against children as stated on Sustainable Development Goal 16, target 16.2. She said in order to achieve SDG16, there is a need for the development of sustainable relevant child protection systems. She said availability of data and evidence is critical in this regard.

She further highlighted that research has proven that violence can contribute to economic losses, which can be as high as 2-8 per cent of the GDP and at the same time it can decrease the value of investments in child survival, development, education and protection.

tection.

"Violence against children is an issue that has become so important to our individual brands. It is universal, cuts across geographic, ethnic, religious, cultural and social economic boundaries. Bringing it to an end is a shared responsibility. Many victims of violence are too young or too vulnerable to protect themselves," said Odede. She further added that the report on "Drivers of violence against children in Swaziland" is a resourceful tool that will strengthen the prevention and response to violence initiatives. She said she hopes the report will assist stakeholders develop and implement interventions that are informed and guided by the study.

She said the absence of a legal framework that provides recourse to survivors of sexual violence remains a gap in addressing the social challenge in a comprehensive manner. She then urged the relevant actors to expeditiously pass the sexual offences and domestic Bill and have it enacted into a law.



**ATTENDED:** Nombulelo Dlamini, Tengetile Tsabedze and Boniswa Dladla also took part in the meeting.



**REMARKS:** Rachel Odede UNICEF's Representative making her remarks.



**HAD SOMETHING TO SAY:** The US Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson delivering her speech.

## REPORT TO PROVIDE FRESH DATA – PS MABUZA

**DEPUTY** Prime Minister's Office Principal Secretary Khangeziwe Mabuza said she hopes the national study on the drivers of violence against children in Swaziland will inform future programming for targeted response measures towards reducing the scourge of violence.

Mabuza is also the chairperson of the high level task force on violence (HLTFV). She described the report as qualitative in nature, as it will pro-

vide fresh data to inform programming, lobbying and advocacy as well as resource mobilisation initiatives.

She said the battle against violence in general is not over, despite the existing programmes within government, civil society and private sector organisations. "We still have much more to do to combat violence in society which includes violence against women (VAW), violence against children (VAC), violence against men (VAM)

as well as the intimate partner violence (IPV)," she said.

She further said there is need to conduct research on the drivers of violence in Swaziland that would capture the other manifestations of violence across ages.

She said there is also a need to strengthen the surveillance, case management and monitoring and evaluation systems to determine the extent of the interventions.



# WEAKER EL NINO TO BE EXPERIENCED IN AUG

Stories by NoziphoSibiya  
Mbabane

**AFTER one of the most severe El Nino events on record, the models immediately turned around to a weakest El Nino situation thus far in 2017/18 period.**

Up to August, 2017, the models were showing the weakest El Nino that will have not much impact compared to

the El Nino that affected the country the past season.

According to Swazi Meteorology Service Acting Director Jabulani Hlatjwako said the public assumed conditions associated with an El Nino are weather pattern associated with drought and water scarcity as seen recently in the country. However, he said this time around Swazis should not panic much since a weaker El

Nino is likely to develop.

"The next summer season has increased the likelihood for the development of El Nino conditions which are however weaker compared to that of 2016," he said. Hlatjwako said they would make sure that they released monthly forecast updates on the El Nino situation. "We are currently at a warning stage, so the public should not worry much," he said.

The previous El Nino, which faded in May last year, brought widespread drought to the country, hitting crop production and fuelling inflation across the region while leaving millions in need of food aid. Ten southern Africa countries including Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe are at risk of the El Niño climate phenomenon.

EL NINO EVENTS AND THEIR IMPACTS IN SWAZILAND EL NINO

Weak	Moderate	Strong
1951-52	1963-64	1982-83
1952-53	1986-87	1997-98
1953-54	1965-66	2015-16
1958-59	1991-92	
1968-69	2002-03	
1969-70	2009-10	
1976-77		
1977-78		
1979-80		
1994-95		
2004-05		
2006-07		

## NDMA's intervention strategy in place

**THE National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) has established systems and mechanisms to ensure that there is smooth coordination of response interventions to avoid loss of life, livestock and food availability in the country.**

This has been done to prepare for the same situation or worse (2015/2016 drought) that befell the country.

NDMA Chief Executive Officer Russell Dlamini said incase another severe El Nino developed in the coming season, the agency is ready to ensure that there is smooth coordination of response interventions to avoid loss of life, livestock and food availability in the country.

"However, this is all dependent on availability of resources and the rate of response from the donor community," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said in the year 2016, NDMA and partners had been able to initiate a number of water projects, which were not only going to deal with the drought on a short-term basis but also long term.

In the area of water security, a number of boreholes were drilled and operationalised including two high yielding boreholes in the Shiselweni region where water could be sourced and further distributed to nearby communities using water tanker trucks.

"In Mbabane Swaziland Waters Services Corporation (SWSC) capacity was aug-



**IN PLACE: NDMA Chief Executive Officer Russell Dlamini**

mented through the harnessing of Pholinjane/Mbabane river which increased Mbabane supply by five megaliters per day," he said.

Also, there is Luphohlo Mbabane pipeline which is meant to ensure there is constant water supply in Mbabane even during a severe drought.

Meanwhile, from May 29, NDMA working with the deputy prime minister's office an annual assessment will be conducted by Swaziland Vulnerability Assessment Committee (Swazi VAC).

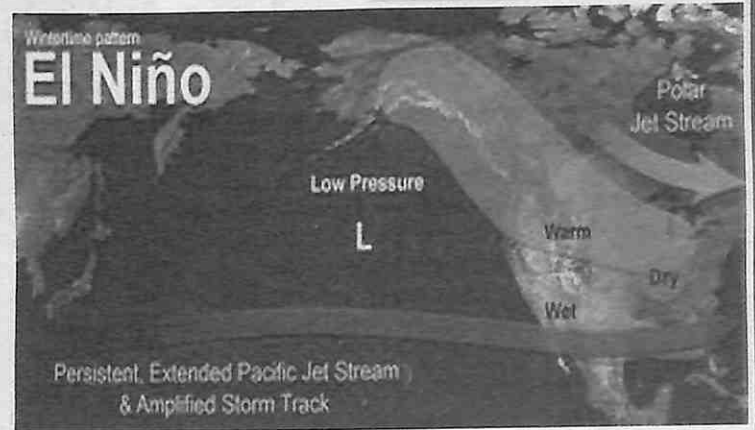
The assessment will provide an estimate of the number of people who will be in need of food support.

Dlamini further mentioned that all food distribution plans for 2016 were planned to end in April, 2017.

It is worth mentioning therefore that this gap has not only been driven by the shortage of resources but also planned to allow the community to consume what may have been harvested from the season. "It is not the NDMA's desire to perpetually give assistance thus creating dependence on aid. Our approach is that always interventions must be informed by evidence."

There is a document called the National Emergency Response, Mitigation and Adaptation Plan (NERMAP) that is meant to address issues of drought and food shortage. Therefore it is worth noting that this document has been very effective because it acted as a guide and plan for the entire response in 2016/17. "Issues of water shortage, food insecurity, were addressed following the same NERMAP document."

Having a plan is the first step of dealing with any problem, by saying so as a country we were better positioned to attract funding and also implement the different programmes through the NERMAP," he stated.



## Abusive businessman sued for assault

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A businessman's former girl friend is suing her former ex-lover to pay her after beating her senseless.**

Bongani Mndzebele stands accused of assaulting his girlfriend Khetsiwe Mkhathjwa following suspicions she was cheating on him with his friends.

The two were in court for trial before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini and both detailed how the alleged assault unfolded at Pine Valley inside a house rented by Mndzebele. Mkhathjwa told the court that the alleged assailant was renting the house for her after he moved her from another house he was renting at Nkwadini Zone Four (4).

Whilst being emotional, Mkhathjwa made it clear before court she did not want anything to do with Mndzebele anymore as she said he was abusive and controlling.

She alleged on April 4, Mndzebele came to their rented flat whilst she was in town and refused to pay rent. "I was called by the landlord to come to the house and I rushed back, indeed I found him there," she said.

She added the landlord excused them to sort out their issues but when they got inside the house she alleged Mndzebele accused her of cheating on him before assaulting her all over her body

using open hands, fists, kicks and items such as a wooden spoon.

"He also used a toaster cable to assault me, and he kicked me when I fell down until I became weak and raised an alarm," she added.

She alleged she bled from the injuries on her head and body.

Mkhathjwa said her lung collapsed such that she could not be able to take her belongings when the businessman chased her out of the house.

"I managed to call the police and was taken to hospital. Now, my lung has been permanently damaged. I will never be like any other normal person anymore. I need him to pay for what he did

to me. I also want to teach him a lesson so that he does not do this to other women," she said.

The complainant was being led in her evidence in chief when she further said Mndzebele once took her to Nkomazi

where he assaulted her for allegedly cheating on him.

"This man is dangerous; he also did not allow me to have friends. He also blocked me from visiting home, he said I should stay indoors," she added.

She added she was no longer in love with him and that Mndzebele's friends had also warned her about seeing him as they allegedly insisted he was a dangerous man.

The matter was postponed to June 2 for continuation.



## Drama as govt driver punches baby mama, cop in court

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**THE pressure of defaulting in child maintenance took a nasty twist when a government driver punched the mother of his child and a policeman at the magistrate's court on Wednesday.**

Vusi Mtsetfwa reacted angrily when Crown Counsel Buddy Masango asked for his employment number to help the court finalise a garnishee order against him since he has been failing to pay money for child support for over a year now.

Mtsetfwa caused drama when he argued with Lungile Ndlovu, the mother of his child, before landing several punches on her face.

The argument was mainly caused by the employment number required by the Counsel.

Mtsetfwa further accused Ndlovu of having a love affair with Masango whilst they argued about his failure to support his child.

Mtsetfwa is employed as a driver at the ministry of economic planning and development.

The incident happened at Masango's

office, better known as the DPP's maintenance office at around 1200 hours in front of other maintenance applicants who were queuing for help.

The scuffle drew a number of people as the respondent's fist aimed at Masango's face missed the Crown's Counsel by a whisker.

However, Mtsetfwa turned to a policeman calming the situation down. He landed a stinging punch on the officer's face. The police officer then handcuffed him before calling for back up as Mtsetfwa proved to be violent.

When Mtsetfwa was handcuffed, he did the unthinkable as he smashed the handcuffs on the floor until they broke before fighting with the police who were trying to whisk him away from the crowded office.

This led to policemen finding yet another set of handcuffs before detaining him in one of the rooms in court. He was kept there for close to 30 minutes whilst a police van was organised to take him to the Mbabane Police Station.

During that time the officers were recording statements from the victim and eye witnesses.

According to police officers, who were guarding him, they alleged Mtsetfwa

was being violent as he did not want to be arrested.

"I was avoiding talking to him as I had been told he was targeting me.

He was aggressive but I told him we had nothing to talk about as he was failing to pay maintenance of his child. I then rushed inside the counsel's office after noticing he was getting more aggressive," Ndlovu said.

### Shocked

Moreover, Masango said he was shocked by Mtsetfwa's reaction as he was only trying to calm him down after Ndlovu screamed for help. Mtsetfwa could not comment as he was detained by the police and their maintenance case had to be postponed.

According to reports from the police, the assailant was charged with two criminal counts of assault and he is expected to make a court appearance this week.

On another note, Mtsetfwa was in court after two women, his first wife and baby mama, dragged him there for failure to support his children.

The court had ordered him to fork out E350 on each child but due to defaulting, the arrears raised the amount of money he was forking out for each child.





# MTN BUSHFIRE

## FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

**HUGH MASEKELA**  
**THZEE**  
**FAADA FREDDY**  
**SANDS**  
**JEREMY LOOPS**

**ZAHARA**  
**KWESTA**  
**MATTHEW MOLE**  
**JAH PRAYZAH**  
**AND MANY MORE**

### FRI / 26 MAY

DOORS OPEN: 6PM - 3AM

TIME	PERFORMING ACTS
19:00	SWAZI REGGAE LEGENDS (SWZ)
20:10	MATTHEW MOLE (RSA)
21:30	SIYINGABA FT. THE EXCHANGE (SWZ, USA)
22:50	PETITE NOIR (DRC, RSA)
00:10	JAH PRAYZAH (ZIM)
01:30	KWESTA (RSA)
02:20	DJ CHYNAMAN (RSA)

### SAT / 27 MAY

DOORS OPEN: 10AM - 4AM

TIME	PERFORMING ACTS
12:15	LODANDA (SWZ)
13:30	MSAKI (RSA)
14:50	CHICO ANTONIO (MOZ)
16:10	SANDS (SWZ)
17:30	FEMI HOYA (NIG)
18:50	JEREMY LOOPS (RSA)
20:10	ZAHARA (RSA)
21:30	FAADA FREDDY (SEN, FRA)
22:50	THZEE (RSA)
00:10	THE JÄGERMEISTER BRASS CARTEL FT. REASON (RSA)
01:30	GOODLUCK (RSA)
02:30	DLOXCLUSIV (RSA)

### SUN / 28 MAY

DOORS OPEN: 10AM - 10PM

TIME	PERFORMING ACTS
11:00	LEE THOMSON QUINTET (RSA)
12:20	SEBA KAAPSTAD (RSA, DEU, SWZ)
13:40	BOMBINO (NER)
15:00	HUGH MASEKELA (RSA)
16:40	BALON (DRC)
18:00	BHOLOJA (SWZ)
19:15	BUSHFIRE AFTER PARTY BACARDI HOUSE ON FIRE STAGE

DOORS OPEN: 6PM - 3AM

TIME	PERFORMING ACTS
20:00	DJ BOB (RSA)
21:00	FLAMEBOY UNIVERSE (SWZ)
22:20	BEN DEY & THE CONCRETE (RSA)
23:40	JOJO ABOT (GHA)
01:00	BATUK (RSA, MOZ, USA)
02:00	SHEPARD BROTHERS (SWZ)

DOORS OPEN: 10AM - 4AM

TIME	PERFORMING ACTS
11:00	IWAMANZI (THEATRE FOR AFRICA) (RSA)
14:30	VUNAZITHATHE (RSA)
15:40	ITALLO (SWZ)
16:50	GRIN SÉMÉ (REU)
18:00	TRENTON & FREE RADICAL (RSA)
19:10	HDS N HATS (AUT)
20:20	THE EXCHANGE (USA)
21:30	EASY FRESH (RSA)
22:50	ROOTWORDS (CHE)
00:10	THE HIFFNESS (RSA)
01:30	GO SCRIPT (SWZ)
02:30	THE MUTE BAND (MOZ)

DOORS OPEN: 10AM - 10PM

TIME	PERFORMING ACTS
12:30	MTN BUSHFIRE JAM SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY
19:15	BUSHFIRE AFTER PARTY BACARDI HOUSE ON FIRE STAGE

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# MAN ASSAULTED IN PUBLIC, COLLAPSES

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**THERE** was panic in the small town of Pigg's Peak on Wednesday afternoon after an unidentified man was assaulted in public.

The assault allegedly started after one man (\*Sifiso Magagula) entered the Entweni Bar only to find his girlfriend in the arms of another man.

"It was like watching a movie, Magagula first went into the bar and found his girlfriend with another man, after seeing this he called his three friends and they started



**KNOCKED OUT:** The assaulted man lays down waiting for emergency services to arrive.

assaulting the man," a source said.

The man who was left inside the bar also

bolted out, unfortunately he was impeded by his four attackers who then started assaulting him.

## Chased

"The victim then managed to run out of the bar but was chased by his attackers who continued to assault him in full view of the public.

"The assault eventually ended after the victim collapsed outside the SRA building in Pigg's Peak about two kilometres from where the assault started," said the source.

Emergency services were notified about the assault by concerned members of the Pigg's Peak public who assumed that the victim was unconscious.

## Concealed

A bystander said if the victim had not run out of the bar he would have lost his life as his attackers had concealed weapons.

At time of compiling this report the victim was at the Pigg's Peak government hospital and his condition and name were yet to be ascertained.

## RSP BOSS APPLAUDS PPK POLICE

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**ROYAL Swaziland Police (RSP) Services National Commissioner Isaac Magagula has praised the Pigg's Peak police's efforts of reducing crime in the small town.**

He said their newly introduced shift system is to be mimicked by all police around the country.

Magagula made these comments on Tuesday morning in the wake of Pigg's Peak police having reduced crime in the

small town.

The crime reduction numbers were also confirmed by Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

## Policing

Magagula said the work and policies pioneered by the police of the small town of Pigg's Peak under the name Lunyazi was called targeted policing.

"The police have done a very good job and we are happy that such work has been brought to light.

"We know that the job itself is very stren-

uous, but what we have seen in the small town of Pigg's Peak must be emulated by other police stations around the country.

## Impressive

"We know that we may see the same impressive numbers in crime reduction that we have seen in Pigg's Peak, we do take into account that they are variables that have to be taken into consideration like, size of the police station and size of the immediate public population.

"However, if this can all be calculated and reproduced elsewhere it will be good to see this type of targeted policing in every police station," said the National Commissioner Magagula.

# Shoes and chains aid copper thieves

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**IT** has been revealed that shoes and chains are used to aid copper wire thieves in northern Hhohho as they help themselves to copper.

Sources within the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) said northern Hhohho is becoming a haven for copper wire theft.

Speaking to this newspaper, a police source said thugs in Northern Hhohho particularly at Buhleni, Horo, and Herefords are now using old shoes tied in between chains to trip electric wires before cutting and stealing copper.

"People are going through very dangerous lengths to steal copper, we have seen a lot of thugs using old shoes tied in between chains. This is then thrown at the overhead electric lines causing them to touch thus overload the electric transformer which then turns off," said the police source.

## Transformer

When the transformer is off this allowed the thugs to touch and cut the electric lines as there is no electricity running through them.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said Northern Hhohho was not the only region that registered copper theft.

"The whole country is faced with copper theft problem, I can report that the actual number of thefts pertaining to the electric lines has in fact dwindled. This I feel is a very good sign and shows that we the police are working hard to put an end to this very dangerous and costly exercise," said Mamba.



**SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES**  
SWAZILAND

## VACANCY: SOCIAL WORKER

SOS Children's Villages is an International Child Development non-profit organization that provides care for children at risk of losing, as well as those who have lost parental care. The Member Association of Swaziland is currently serving at least 3500 children and this is done through two methods; Family Based Care, as well as Family Strengthening. The association is currently functioning in the four national regions and aims to expand its coverage in order to meet the needs of more children.

Applications are invited for the following vacancies: **SOCIAL WORKER(2)**, one to be based in Mbabane and the other in Nhlalakahle. Both on two (2) year renewable contracts.

## Main Purpose of the Job

S/he provides guidance, advice and support to children, community care givers and SOS Mothers in the form of psychosocial support. The Social Worker also ensures that the procedures for admission/departure of children into and from the SOS Children's Village Programmes are properly followed; this is conducted through structured assessments. S/he works closely with relevant officers to plan appropriate curriculum and development of each child. Lastly, the Social Worker facilitates psychosocial support camps for children and care givers, and offers expert knowledge to community based organizations.

## Qualification

- Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Psychology or equivalent
- Has worked in an NGO for a minimum of 3 years
- At least 3 years relevant work experience in psychosocial support
- Drivers Licence

## Work Experience

- Experience in child admission and departure processes and procedures of children in alternative care
- Experience in working closely with State Welfare Authorities and other external bodies who may provide services in child welfare
- Experience in individual and group counselling; rural, semi-urban and urban communities members
- Knowledge in community development as well as child development issues
- Knowledge on child rights as per UN Guidelines
- Knowledge of the UN Guidelines on Alternative Care
- Knowledge on child rights as per the Swaziland National Legislation
- Experience in or knowledge of child protection issues policies and guidelines

## Skills Requirement

- Excellent report writing skills
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; fluent in English and siSwati
- Ability to maintain confidential information
- Work under minimal supervision
- Critical thinker and complex problem solver
- Conflict resolution skills
- Excellent organisational and analytical skills
- Computer literate

If you are interested in the above post(s), please send a detailed CV and letter of application to: The National Human Resource Manager, SOS Children's Villages at Nhlalakahle Villiers Street opposite Cashbuild delivery site Manzini or fax application to 2505 8491 or email to: [wendzile.zwane@sos-swaziland.org](mailto:wendzile.zwane@sos-swaziland.org). Enclose a detailed CV and names of two most recent referees. If you are not contacted within 10 days of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.

Closing date for applications is 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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SWAZILAND



## VACANCY - NATIONAL FOSTER CARE PROGRAMME MANAGER

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Applications are invited for the following vacancy based at the SOS Children's Villages National Office:

## NATIONAL FOSTER CARE PROGRAMME MANAGER

The ideal candidate will be hired on a two (2) year renewable contract.

## Basic Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelor of Social Work Degree or related field. A Master's Degree will be an added advantage
- Minimum of 6 consecutive years of experience; recent experience working in a public child and social welfare setting is required;
- Experience working with the Government of Swaziland is an added advantage;
- National child and social welfare organizational experience required;
- International and Regional frameworks on women and children
- Knowledge of child or social welfare policies and practices issues and trends
- Advanced knowledge of Alternative/Foster Care practices
- Advanced project management skills including experience in managing diverse teams of technical and non-technical members to achieve common goal
- Experience in developing and delivering trainings/workshops/webinars, facilitation and public speaking to a variety of audiences

## Competencies:

- Strong writing skills - ability to synthesize and write about complex child and social welfare issues
- Ability to share knowledge, learnings and experiences
- Ability to work with technical working group, teams of communities of practise as well as outside clients and vendors
- Proven project management and organizational skills
- Knowledge of and experience using websites and internet databases to find information
- Proficiency in MS Office Applications (Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Excel)
- Proposal development experience

## Personal Attributes:

- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Strong analytical, problem-solving and decision making capabilities; identify existing or potential problems and recommend solutions
- Team player with the ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to multi-task with various projects and responsibilities
- Demonstrate outstanding level of professionalism in providing administrative and fiscal responsibilities
- Sound organizational ethics, including the protection of proprietary and confidential information

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# PARENTS 'CAMP' FOR GRADE ONE SPACE

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**PARENTS** found at Evelyn Baring Primary School on Monday evening sacrificed the comfort of their homes to camp at the school with the aim of securing admission for their children next year in Grade One (first year).

The parents braved the chilly weather and camped at the school waiting to meet the administration on Tuesday for registration.

It is alleged that almost yearly, parents crammed the school and wait for the next day to meet the school authorities to register the children who will begin schooling.

The time was around 11pm when the newspaper visited the school on Monday.

Some parents were found wrapped in blankets at the verandah while others were found inside classrooms.

The parents explained that they were not forced to camp within the school, but they did it on their own accord as they were keen to have their children enrolled at the school next year for Grade One.

"We decided to come and spend the night at the school because we want our children to be part of next year's enrolment."

"No one has forced us to do this, but we are doing it on our own as we prefer this school. However, school authorities have nothing to do with us doing this," said one of the parents.

Others who were not comfortable to have pictures of them taken decided to cover themselves with the blankets while some were not bothered.

"It's not the school which should take the blame but its high time government starts acting as there is need to have additional classrooms."

"Though it's not the only school around here, the good thing with it is that this one is accessible as it is within town," one parent said.

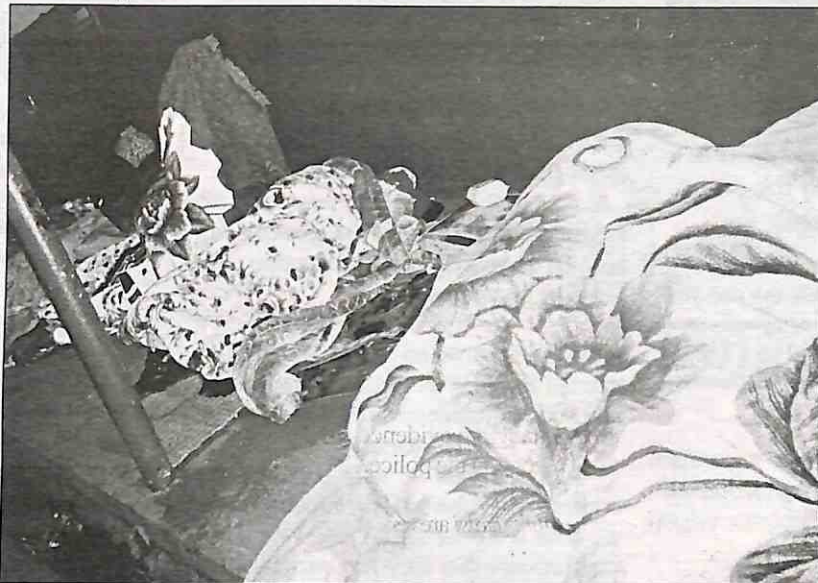
Notably, there were a couple of men found at the 'camp'.

"What we are doing is part of parenting as we all sharing the responsibility of raising children."

"The women do not mother these children alone, and therefore we should be supportive hence we are here," said one of the young men.

Meanwhile, Evelyn Baring Principal

● "We decided to come and spend the night at the school because we want our children to be part of next year's enrolment"



**COMMITMENT:** This was the scene at Evelyn Baring Primary School where parents spent the night in the open in order to be first in line to secure admission for their children to enroll for Grade One next year. Admissions for next year's Grade One class was done on Tuesday. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)



**TAKE COVER:** Others were found seated while covering themselves.

Muntu Dlamini did not want to elaborate on the issue but hinted that Grade One space remained a challenge.

"I can't be drawn to comment on the issue of parents camping here for space. It is however true that we still have a big challenge in as far as space is concerned especially for the Grade Ones. I sympathise with the parents, as it is

a first come first serve basis because of the space constraints," said Dlamini.

"We have space for only 100 pupils, which means it's 50 per classroom. It's a high number even but there is nothing we can do."

"For each class to be properly managed, the number should be a reasonable one for proper learning."



**SACRIFICE:** Two young men who were part of the parents camping at Evelyn Baring Primary School on Monday evening. On the left are some of the other parents who were arriving.

## Roll call made time and again

**THE** parents found on Monday evening camping at Evelyn Baring Primary School to secure admission for their children conducted roll calls to make sure that all were still present.

According to the parents, one roll call was made at around 8pm while there was another one at midnight, the other was at 4am hours.

"We did this to make sure that no one 'cheats', we had an agreement that no one should take advantage as we all sacrificed to be there the whole night," said another parent.

The parents said others had to leave before the school opened or before being attended by the administration to bath at their homes and returned later.

"Some had no choice but to remain at the school until we were attended. Mind you some were coming

from as far as Pigg's Peak and others from Manzini and Mankayane," said another parent.

It was gathered that the children that were considered for admission next year in Grade One are those born around 2011.

Parents thanked the principal for giving clear explanation regarding the admission process.

"The principal is always fair and makes sure everything is done in a transparent manner, to everyone's satisfaction," said another parent. Some of the parents said spending the night camping at the school was worth it as it worked to their advantage.

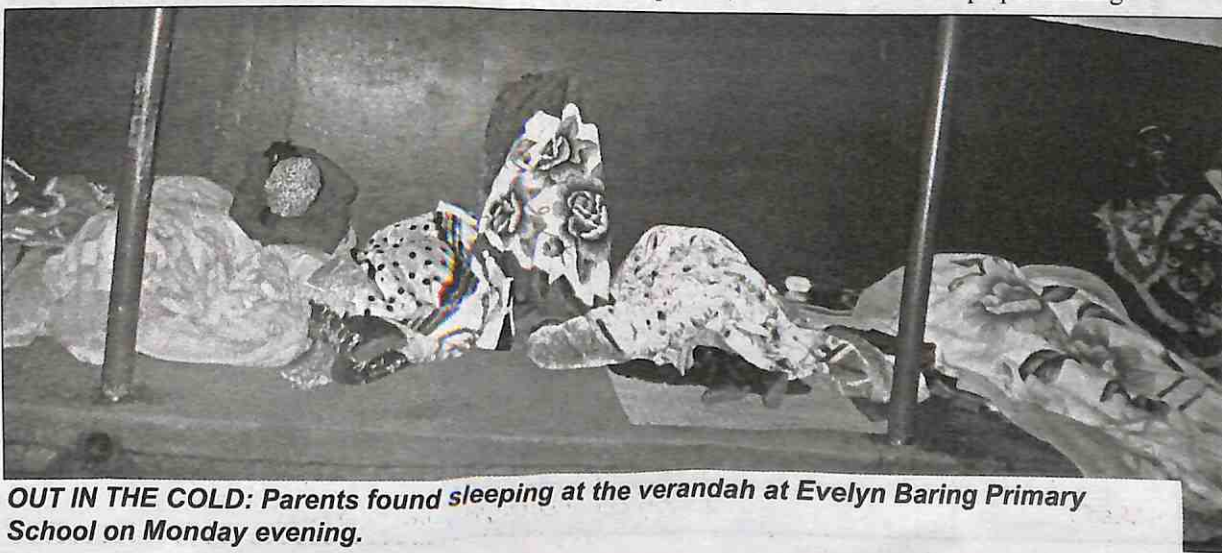
"Had we decided to come in the morning, we would not get the spaces for our children. Sleeping in the school despite the chilly weather helped us," said another parent.

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**JOINING:** Two parents seen arriving at the school to join others who were 'camping'.



**OUT IN THE COLD:** Parents found sleeping at the verandah at Evelyn Baring Primary School on Monday evening.



# UMPHAKATSI INVESTIGATING BRIBERY ALLEGATIONS

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Gege

**AUTHORITIES** of Tsambekwako *Umphakatsi* at Gege are investigating their trustee in a road construction project for allegedly demanding bribes.

The authorities had entrusted this individual with the responsibility of being the one approached when there are labourers needed.

However, the trustee is now demanding bribes from the people to be employed. Kukhanya Construction Company has been contracted for the Nhlanguano-Sicunusa road project.

Locals along this road have been fortunate as the existence of this project has created job opportunities to some residents.

The company had suggested that a representative from each community involved should be chosen to handle hiring in the event temporal employees are needed.

At Tsambekwako, authorities also assigned someone to be the link between them and the company.

However, now allegations are that the person they appointed has been making money through his appointment, despite that he is also being paid for being a trustee, he is allegedly demanding money from some of the people coming to look for jobs.

● The authorities had entrusted this individual with the responsibility of being the one approached when there are labourers needed



Already, the *umphakatsi* has received six cases where some of the residents have come out to claim that the person entrusted to be its eye and ear was applying dirty ways of making money which he demands from desperate job seekers.

## Evidence

An insider at the *umphakatsi* revealed that they were busy collecting evidence which would lead to action taken against the person who was entrusted to be the authority's representative.

"He is getting paid just to be *umphakatsi*'s linkage and what is now worrying us are reports that he is swindling the same people who he should be assisting to get a jobs.

"His only task is to make sure resi-

dents chosen to be employed are known in the community.

"We want the truth about the allegations and if there is tangible evidence, we will be forced to rope-in the police," said one of the elders.

The elders at the *umphakatsi* are reportedly keen to know how much the man has collected from the residents and that if it is discovered that he indeed took advantage of the situation, drastic actions would be taken against him.

"Should we find that he has been taking bribes, then we will refer this to the relevant bodies as we cannot allow someone to taint our image as *umphakatsi*. He has to clear himself on these rumours," said one of the elders.

## Hlatikulu residents insist on board's commission of enquiry

**HLATIKULU** residents still expect Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza to set-up a commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities within the town board.

The residents said they were keen on the enquiry as they believe there were irregularities in the way the outgoing town board operated.

Not long ago, the residents listed their concerns about a number of issues which they hinted to the minister that they needed to be investigated.

Some of the issues touched on funds, property or assets owned by individuals,

the residents wondered how these individuals could have accumulated 'wealth' to own these 'assets'. With the

regarding what we highlighted in the petition we delivered to the minister," said one of the residents who is believed to be in the forefront in orchestrating the move to investigate the town board.

Some of the residents claimed that the minister promised them that he would act on their petition, however, he never gave them any time frame except say that he needed to consult relevant parties. Some of the residents are now eager to know progress.

It has also been established that the minister is aware of the petition that the residents

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delivered requesting him to setup a commission of inquiry.

Meanwhile, Hlatikulu Chief Executive Office Bongani Dlamini rubbished claims that there was a commission setup by the minister as some of the residents claimed.

He said as CEO, he would be aware of this and would know the members of the commission.

"There is nothing like that and he (minister) should have alerted us about it (commission). Anyone saying the commission is in place is lying.

"The minister was here last month and never talked about any commission. It's all untrue, what I know is that the minister said he would consult and this was after he received the document that the residents delivered," said Dlamini.

## Mahamba Gorge Hiking proceeds for the needy

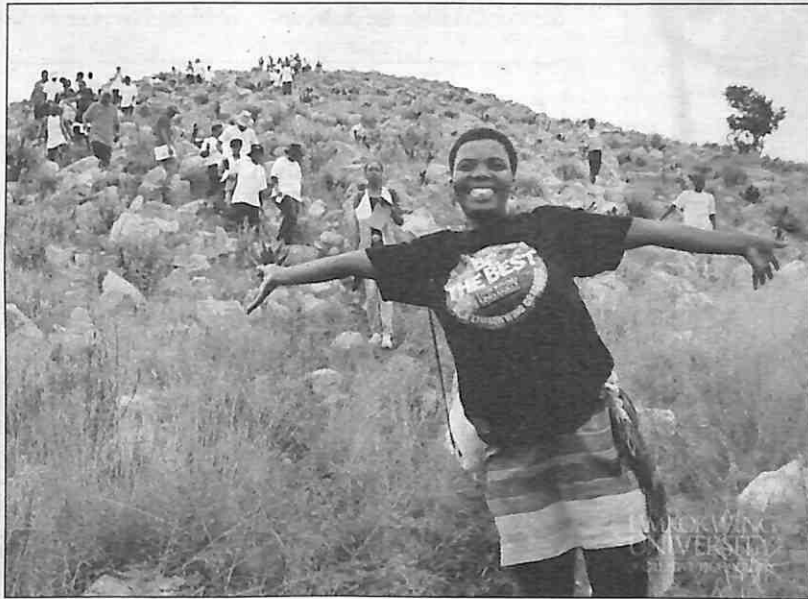
**ABOUT E130 000** of the proceeds from this year's Mahamba Gorge Hiking will be distributed amongst needy members of the community.

The distribution will be done today where all the beneficiaries will be presented with cheques.

The Mahamba Methodist Church, Mahamba Gorge Lodge, Crime Prevention, Shiselweni Youth, Hlatikulu Orphanage Home, Child headed homestead at Magele near Hlatikulu as well as Child headed homesteads at Nsalitje ... Lavumisa are some of the beneficiaries.

Chairperson of the technical committee of Mahamba Gorge Hiking project Lucky Msibi confirmed that tomorrow (today), the identified beneficiaries would share the proceeds of this year's hiking.

Chairperson of the Mahamba Gorge Hiking is Dr Phetsile Dlamini, will be leading the presentation to the differ-



ent beneficiaries. Also expected on the day is the RA Themba Masuku.

This year's event which was the fourth

edition was held on April 2, while next year's event is expected to be held on April 1.

## Could President Zuma be out by next week?

**SOUTH AFRICA - President Jacob Zuma is at the weakest moment of his term as ANC leader.**

Zuma can no longer count on his party's caucus in Parliament to save him from a humiliating motion of no confidence that threatens to cut short his scandalous reign.

The return of Brian Molefe to Eskom this week - seemingly with the support of Zuma and the Guptas - has pushed the ANC to the edge and there is renewed talk of recalling Zuma at next week's meeting of the national

executive committee (NEC).

Senior ANC members believe the power has shifted sufficiently for Zuma to be recalled on the back of Molefe's return - the umptieth scandal of his presidency that many in the party now loudly believe will lead to electoral defeat for the ANC in 2019.

Molefe's return has pitted the ANC against Zuma and the Guptas. Many in the ANC now openly talk about the urgency to remove Zuma "to save what is left of South Africa".

The ANC has set the government, led

by Zuma, an ultimatum: rescind Molefe's appointment, or else. "Or else" seemingly means "we will get rid of you".

There is a growing belief in the ANC, even under staunch Zuma supporters who are thinking of their own political futures, that only a Cyril Ramaphosa presidency can save the ANC from electoral defeat in 2019.

There are also some who believe and openly state that even a Ramaphosa presidency will not save the ANC from collapse and that the party is already "dead".

Zuma's weakened power has boosted Ramaphosa's campaign for ANC president and he is now openly campaigning in provinces like Mpumalanga, North West and KwaZulu-Natal that were until recently no-go zones for Zuma's foes.

Until recently it was unthinkable for an opposition motion of no confidence against Zuma to succeed in Parliament, but the caucus is divided on the matter and there is a strong push-back against the instruction from Luthuli House that they should toe the party line

no matter what.

The majority of ANC members still prefer the NEC to provide leadership on the matter and recall Zuma for bringing the party into disrepute, but there is a growing feeling under ANC MPs that the electorate and the ANC's founding values demand of them to do the right thing when a president is no longer fit to rule.

There is a growing sense in the ANC caucus that "if the NEC can no longer provide moral leadership, we should".

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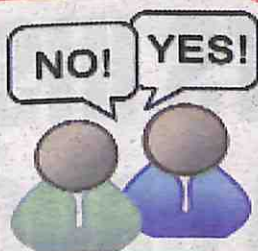
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## 14 TEAMS SAGA:



Kenneth's  
**Tit-Bits!**

I was one of those who were left astounded and paralysed with shock following news that the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) contemplates increasing teams from 12 to 14 from next season.

I couldn't believe we could be back to square one, discussing the very issue that divided this country barely three seasons ago.

In fact, I thought the idea of increasing teams or not relegating some teams, as it were, had been emphatically dealt with at the time.

Evidently, I was wrong. I was one of those who



**RUNNING THE SHOW:** PLS Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze.

# NO RELEGATION MEANS NO LEAGUE WINNERS!

praised the PLS Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze for his bravery in the manner he stood firm and uncompromising in dispelling attempts to save Mbabane Highlanders.

Fast forward to 2017, the same scenario has played itself out again... alias in terms of the very Highlanders desperately caught in another relegation dogfight.

The difference this time is that Highlanders are not condemned yet as they still have a bit of a lifeline, that is, if they beat hard-core rivals Mbabane Swallows in the deciding match of the season.

Herculean task indeed, given the stature of their opponents. But that's not the only obstacle in Highlanders' bid to evade the relegation humiliation as their fate now depends on how the other clubs perform.

So, nothing has been decided yet. In short, we all don't know if Highlanders will be relegated or not yet that's sent the PLS

Board of Governors into panic overdrive. Apparently, they can pre-determine games now.

That's something that could interest FIFA (Federation of International Football Association) knowing that the league is in

Swaziland has a way of pre-determining outcomes of games. They call it match-fixing.

Otherwise, how would they know how the final games of the league would pan out – if they are already piloting a move to increase teams to 14 because they feel they have duty to save Highlanders? They even have the audacity to say Highlanders is an important stakeholder.

It boggles the mind really – what then makes the rest of the teams to be? I mean not only the present lot but the rest of the teams that have suffered the ignominy of relegation over the years.

I can count so many, namely, Green Sea Bombers, Preston Brothers, Mbabane United, Mbabane Dribbling Wizards, Eleven Men In Flight, Mhlambanyatsi Rovers, Mhlume Highlanders, Mhlume Peacemakers, to name but a few.

So, the only important team in Swazi football context that needs a national campaign similar to the Save South Africa campaign in our next door neighbours – is Mbabane Highlanders? Really?

I shudder at the thought of the statement made by PLS Chairman Gamedze that they will do anything to save Highlanders, because they are running a business. So, in short it's the PLS business to save Highlanders. If the kind of business Gamedze runs at the PLS has no regard for other teams and no principles at all, then I have nothing but envy for the guy. I take my hat off for him.

Typical Animal Farm style: All animals are equal but some are more equal than others. If this is what Gamedze stands for, then I salute him.

The total disrespect, disregard, blatant flouting of rules and undermining of other teams at the expense of one affiliate. I have never seen this. It can only happen in Swaziland. World over we have seen powerhouse clubs suffer the same fate of relegation. What's so special about Highlanders?

It's beneath my understanding how Gamedze, the very same person we all

supported and defended as if our lives depended on it, can do this?

We all praised him for his boldness and bravery when he refused to be manipulated into increasing teams to save Highlanders only three years ago then the man summersaults in this manner.

If that's what he stands for, then he's lost me as a supporter. I'm one of those who have supported Gamedze, the visionary leader and shrewd businessman he is but I cannot stand here and applaud his manipulative ways to change decisions as and when they suit him.

### Agree

If he can agree to the move now it makes me wonder why he didn't agree to it three years ago? Then, the PLS chairman was armed with 11 strong reasons why it would be wrong to increase teams.

So, what has changed now? The same reasons he advanced then, including the shortage of stadia, still stand even now?

To me, this whole thing proves one thing – he and only he, calls the shots at the PLS. *Sivangaye!* And which brings to mind the function of the PLS Board of Directors. What do they do really? What is their function?

But why I ask the obvious, because their main function clearly is to be Gamedze's cheerleaders. They cheer at every decision he makes.

Call them stooges if you want... you won't be far off the mark. I am utterly disappointed that the PLS Board of Governors is the one peddling the thought of increasing Premier League teams to 14.

Maybe it explains why these governors' teams have been performing so poorly of late and failing to challenge Swallows. They admire their chairman so much that that they are even scared to take him on.

Our football is not safe with these people. They should bury their heads in shame, because they don't deserve even

a mention. This move to save Highlanders proves how dirty our football is and it won't reflect well on Gamedze, who is a businessman of stature in the country.

People will start asking questions about his much anticipated multi-billion business entity – Swazi Mobile.

Is this how he would run such a huge entity? Perhaps, what Gamedze fails to fathom is that – people will have difficulty separating the man that runs the PLS as his fiefdom to the man that is supposed to run probably the biggest business entity ready to end the Swazi MTN monopoly.

These things have a way of coming back to haunt you as a person. What Gamedze has done with this decision to save Highlanders – is to destroy the legacy he has created in the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) in one moment of absurdity.

### Harshly

Furthermore, Gamedze and his cohorts must know that history will judge them harshly for the decision that buried Swazi football alive.

One thing should be clear, if the PLS is saying there will be no relegation – then it can only mean one thing – there was no league this season. In short, everything that happened becomes NULL and VOID. Period.

Furthermore, this means there should be no winner of the MTN Premier League 2016/2017. Swallows who have already claimed the championship – will have to suffer the same painful fate of being stripped the league winners' medals.

How ironic, they have travelled this same road before – and know very well how it feels like to be deprived a championship – not once but twice.

Could this be lightning striking the same place thrice? Yes, so long as they leave this decision open, any team can challenge the legality of the current campaign. So, Gamedze being the kind-hearted person he is may have meant well with this and trying to please his friends at Highlanders, but let's hope it does not come at a price for his entire legacy at PLS and Swallows.

I know how ungrateful Highlanders' supporters are. He needs no reminder about how they have insulated him when he's done them favours in the past.

But that's beside the point, Gamedze has made the bed hopefully when the time comes he will lie in it. I thank you.

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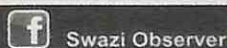
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1535 - French explorer Jacques Cartier set sail for North America.

1536 - Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after she was convicted of adultery.

1568 - After being defeated by the Protestants, Mary the Queen of Scots, fled to England where she was imprisoned by Queen Elizabeth.

1588 - The Spanish Armada set sail from Lisbon, bound for England.

1608 - The Protestant states formed the Evangelical Union of Lutherans and Calvinists.

1643 - Delegates from four New England colonies met in Boston to form a confederation.

1643 - The French army defeated a Spanish army at Rocroi, France.

1796 - The first US game law was approved. The measure called for penalties for hunting or destroying game within Indian territory.

1847 - The first English-style railroad coach was placed in service on the Fall River Line in Massachusetts.

1856 - US Senator Charles Sumner spoke out against slavery.

1857 - The electric fire alarm system was patented by William F. Channing and Moses G. Farmer.

1858 - A pro-slavery band led by Charles Hameton executed unarmed Free State men near Marais des Cygnes on the Kansas-Missouri border.

1864 - The Union and Confederate armies launched their last attacks against each other at Spotsylvania in Virginia.

1906 - The Federated Boys' Clubs, forerunner of the Boys' Clubs of America, were organized.

1911 - The first American criminal conviction that was based on fingerprint evidence occurred in New York City.

1912 - The Associated Advertising Clubs of America held its first convention in Dallas, TX.

1921 - The US Congress passed the Emergency Quota Act, which established national quotas for immigrants.

1926 - Thomas Edison spoke on the radio for the first time.

1926 - Benito Mussolini announced that democracy was deceased. Rome became a fascist state.

1926 - In Damascus, Syria, French shells killed 600 people.

1928 - The first frog-jumping jubilee held in Calaveras County, CA.

1935 - T.E. Lawrence "Lawrence of Arabia" died from injuries in a motorcycle crash in England.

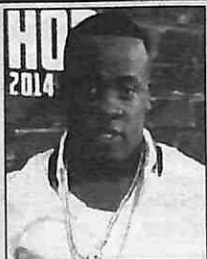
1935 - The National Football League (NFL) adopted an annual college draft to begin in 1936.

1943 - Winston Churchill told the US Congress that his country was pledging their full support in the war against Japan.

1958 - Canada and the US formally established the North American Air Defense Command.

1962 - Marilyn Monroe performed a sultry rendition of "Happy Birthday" for US President John F. Kennedy. The event was a fund-raiser at New York's Madison Square Garden.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Yo Gotti(rapper)** -  
May 19, 1981 - 36  
years old



**Sam Smith(pop  
swimmer)** - May  
19, 1992 - 25  
years old



**COME  
TO  
THINK  
OF IT**

Ackel Zwane

**NO matter how much we aspire to be like Jesus Christ it will not happen for as long as we are not the chosen ones like he was to pursue and complete the difficult task of the trials he was subjected to and the crucifixion.**

But maybe for Zimbabwean Pastor Jonathan Mthethwa this was possible by provoking the appetite of crocodiles when he attempted to walk on the water of the river in the majestic swagger of Christ.

Three crocodiles devoured his body completely living only his underwear and sandals, the Daily Mail reported in Harare on Monday.

But it was the miracle of Jesus walking on the water that, more than any other, convinced Jesus' disciples that He was indeed the Son of God (**Matthew 14:32-33**).

The story unfolds at the Sea of Galilee, which lies in the lower portion of the Jordan Valley in a mountain range that rises to 1 300 metres above sea level. The lake itself is 700 feet below the Mediterranean Sea. One of the more noteworthy aspects of this body of water is that it is greatly susceptible to sudden and extremely violent storms.

These storms are caused by the cold air rushing down from the mountains surrounding it and colliding with the warm, moist air rising off the surface of the water itself.

"When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them.

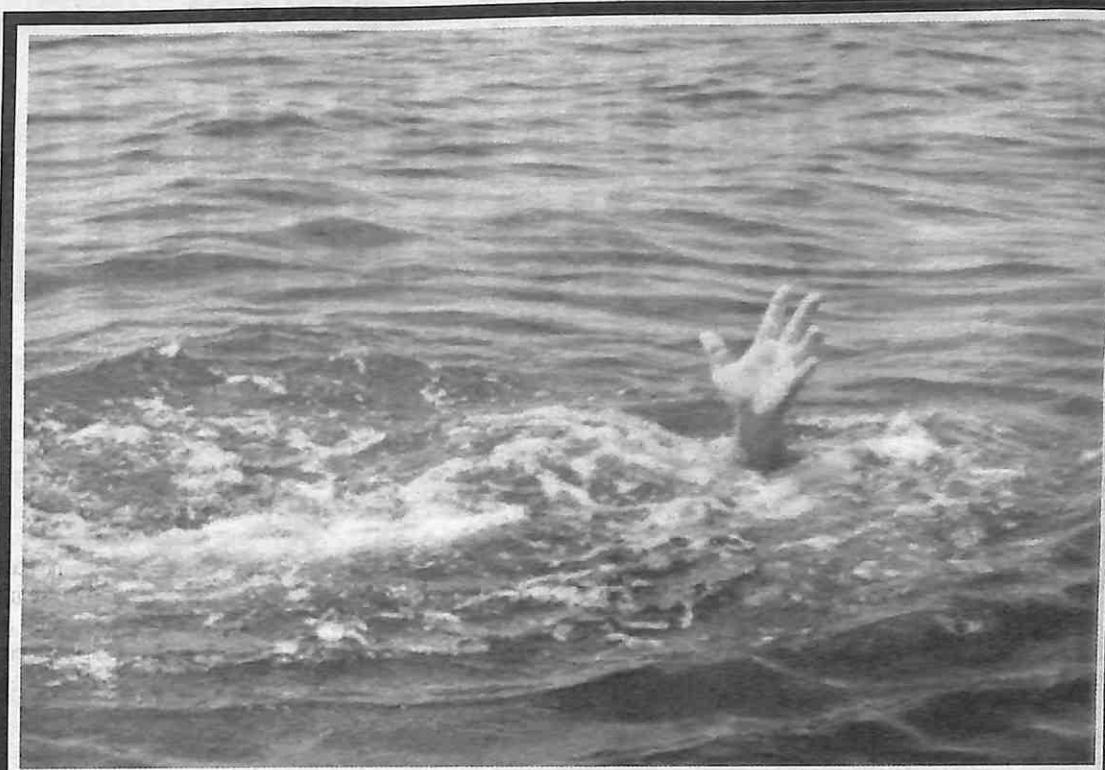
## Approaching

A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; don't be afraid.' Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading" (**John 6:16-21**).

These are accounts of the journalists who reported on the New Testament but as for Pastor Mthethwa we were told the Crocodile River did not succumb to calm to his stead as the Sea of Galilee did to Jesus but the permanent hosts, three crocodiles, simply devoured him and they were through in a couple of minutes.

This could be heralding a new era for the gullible pastor who has always thought they could do away with making a fool of worshippers who, out of nothing better to do, keep cheering and offering to accept anything the pastor has on offer without question. From anointed sewage and sperms to swallowing grass and dead snakes, people have always allowed themselves to be the turf for which the pastor plays their com-

# WHEN PASTOR GETS HIS LAST KISS FROM A CROC



**NOMORE: Pastor eaten by crocodiles while trying to walk on water like Jesus.**

edy. This time things turned out not so funny as the pastor's antics could not work alongside hungry crocodiles.

This happens just as we thought the innocent public was waking up to free itself from the clutches of persuasive advertising, with the advent of sophisticated electronic

media and all the tricks that come with it, pastors as far afield as the Americas and Nigerias running media empires that lure to their den millions of the innocent poor into believing in virtues of cutting corners in life and literally owning a den of angels on earth down hereunder.

We have witnessed tens of people dying in stampedes as they rush to as much as hold the hand of the con artist pastor, remember the collapsed synagogue in Nigeria recently? People had flown there with their afflictions for miracle cures that never existed in the first place save in advertising through such fictions as testimonies of miracles.

Semi literates rose to the ranks of bishops donned in colourful gowns to share tables with kings and queens all in the name of acting their way

to the stage in the name of Jesus and other fire spitting spirits.

We have come through a period of being scared stiff about the dreaded river snake, the seven-headed hydra, that makes people rich and pastors powerful, we have been told of pastors sending smses to heaven and getting replies in encrypted

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languages that are hidden to earthlings but only decipherable by the pastor, we have been told how Jesus Christ did not die but is working through a selected few of his club that wear the cassock, we have seen politicians taking their positions alongside the successful pastor all in the name of amassing votes and securing lucrative government positions such as cabinet posts

thus perpetually impoverishing the majority of the poor, we have been told how soon the world was winding up with the advent of the water mark interpreted to mean the mark of the beast?

Someone rightly observed that Swaziland's youths have since noticed that the Christianity thing of pastors is oversubscribed and instead, in full force, venturing into

the dagga trade that has made their lives more meaningful than being lackeys of politicians and pastors who load it on them by taking advantage of their failure and denial to take it upon themselves that their destiny cannot be entrusted on any one thug of the era.

The youths can now afford decent homes, drive the sleekest of wheels and date the most high-heeled of women, eat out in the most exotic of eateries, thanks to the Swazi gold easily available in the ever green plush valleys of Northern Hhohho and the banks of the Mkhondvo River.

## Inflation

They need not worry about the inflation rate, burning in the eternal fire of the pastor's hell or languish in the prison of an equally impoverished law enforcing officer.

As we move to celebrate Ascension Day let us cast our eyes on Shembe who climbed a cliff and told his congregation that he was going to meet God his Father but crashed down the sharp rocks and shrapnel as he tumbled down the hillock, nothing of his remains could be salvaged.

We also know of the traditional African church that mixes Christian values and ancestral ones; most of these churches are headquartered in South Africa where we take busloads of cash to give to the founding families for their upkeep while our families continue to starve and perish in abject poverty and need. Why should I take my hard earned money to Moriah, Indian Ocean or Thabanehu instead of feeding our own widows and orphans and build the church of Christ here in Swaziland? Should we wait for more crocodiles to wake up to smell the coffee?





## Women and Law

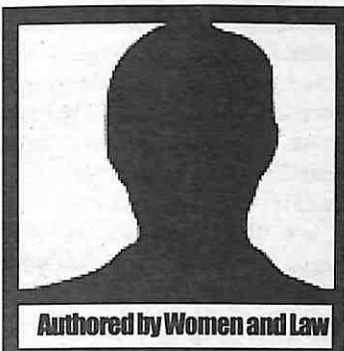
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# PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF INEQUALITY



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**THERE** are many ways through which a person could be oppressed, it is not only limited to physical deprivation but also includes legal inequality and economic exploitation.

All these forms of oppression have consequences beyond the physical, they also affect the psychological development and mental state of a person. This results in their psychological oppression as that means the person is weighed down by their own mind, creating a situation where the oppressed become their own oppressors.

The underlying factor is that inequality has a significant impact on mental health as proven by the substantial amount of evidence that has been gathered throughout the years. Larger income differences increase the prevalence of most health and social problems, these problems tend to

occur more frequently to people lower down in the social ladder, most of which are women and girls.

The inequality experienced by women and girls in the country has far reaching mental health effects, increasing their chances of suffering from depression due to the inferiority status attributed to the lower social levels of inequality. Legal, economic, political and social inequality are not issues separate from each other, they are intrinsically linked as any effect on one has a ripple effect on the others. When women are denied equal rights and opportunities the psychological effects cannot be ignored as greater inequality makes social position more important. Therefore, narcissism and self-enhancement are likely to rise where some people appear to be worth so much more than others leading us to judge each other more by status.

A common argument utilised against the

recruitment or support for women taking up higher levels in decision making is that women judge each other and create a hierarchy amongst themselves.

This socialisation is the result of the decades of inequality women have been subject too, as narcissism is part of the struggle for social survival against self-doubt and the sense of inferiority. Inequality combined with the accompanying increase in status competition have created a culture where risk-taking is admired and domination is mistaken for leadership, leaving women who have unfairly carried the mantle of submission stuck in the fringes.

Inequality as a result of sexism, is heavily reliant on stereotyping for self-sustainability which has permeated throughout society for millennia. The majority of society has deemed women incapable of high achievement, leading women themselves to believe this lie and consider this



underachievement a normal characteristic of being a woman. Therefore, in a scenario whereby a woman breaks away from the mould and does manage to elevate herself, she is deemed as less of a woman or unfeminine, which of course perpetuates the cycle of oppression both inside and outside.

The popular patriarchal stereotypical view that a woman needs a man to look after her, has the effect of discouraging women from pursuing autonomous development. This further internalises their feelings of inferiority making them prisoners of their own minds.

### Legends

If you open any book of history, mythology and legends, you will encounter numerous stories of cultures consisting of heroic men beating the odds and overcoming challenges. This supremacist culture has led to a society of domination and exclusion towards women, whereby men have a past to refer to yet women have no such culture or identity to refer to that has been free of the other. Unfortunately this has meant that the culture and history of women has been inseparably tied with the culture of men, thus making the culture of patriarchal oppression in most society's appear normal. It is our duty as a nation to change this and create a culture for women in coming generations to refer to, a society that imparts the principles of fairness and equality. As women this is our opportunity to create our own culture and history, one full of women as conquerors, healers, guides, mentors and leaders; a history our girls can be proud of.

Authored by Women and Law

## Wit and Wisdom

● "A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely." — **Roald Dahl, The Twits**

● "I have accepted fear as part of life - specifically the fear of change... I have gone ahead despite the pounding in the heart that says: turn back...." — **Erica Jong**

● "We are all different. Don't judge, understand instead." — **Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart**

● "Behind every exquisite thing that existed, there was something tragic." — **Oscar Wilde, The Picture of Dorian Gray**

● "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." — **Helen Keller, The Open Door**

● "When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everyone will respect you." — **Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching**

● "Another belief of mine: that everyone else my age is an adult, whereas I am merely in disguise." — **Margaret Atwood, Cat's Eye**

● "Others have seen what is and asked why. I have seen what could be and asked why not." — **Pablo Picasso, Pablo Picasso: Metamorphoses of the Human Form: Graphic Works, 1895-1972**

● "Silence is so freaking loud" — **Sarah Dessen, Just Listen**

● "I must learn to be content with being happier than I deserve." — **Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice**

● "It's the questions we can't answer that teach us the most. They teach us how to think. If you give a man an answer, all he gains is a little fact. But give him a question and he'll look for his own answers." — **Patrick Rothfuss, The Wise Man's Fear**

● "To lose balance sometimes for love is part of living a balanced life." — **Elizabeth Gilbert, Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia**

● "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." — **Norman Vincent Peale**

● "In the summer I stretch out on the shore And think of you. Had I told the sea What I felt for you, It would have left its shores, Its shells, Its fish, And followed me." — **Nizar Qabbani**

● "Happiness always looks small while you hold it in your hands, but let it go, and you learn at once how big and precious it is." — **Maxim Gorky, The Lower Depths and Other Plays**

● "There's nothing worse than waiting and not knowing what'll happen to you. Your own imagination can be crueler than any captor." — **Richelle Mead, Frostbite**

## your HEAL+H section

### What to eat when you're sick

**EVEN** when you've done your best to fight off the winter blues and miserable flus, it's almost inevitable you'll get at least a mild sniffle at some point during cold and flu season.

And even though being stuck at home with a fever does warm up our bodies — which may sound nice when the temperature outside is below zero — it's not exactly as enjoyable as warming up in the sun on a gorgeous beach somewhere. With flu season peaking in February, it's time to stock up on food and drinks that'll get you back to tip-top shape in no time.

#### THE NEED-TO-KNOW

When we're sick, the body needs more calories to function normally. The body must work harder than normal when we are sick in order to fight infection, especially with fevers (when it's battling higher body



temperatures, too). To do this effectively, it needs to maintain higher energy levels (which can be tough when it's already working so hard). This is why properly fueling a sick body is an essential part of getting better. It's important to stick to regular eating schedules when sick because consuming fewer calories than normal can restrict the body's ability to heal. In fact, studies suggest reducing calorie intake when sick not only increases susceptibility to the flu, but also worsens symptoms and lengthens the dura-

tion of illness. While a nasty cold or bad case of the flu might ruin your appetite, it's important to stay well nourished and hydrated. Eating smaller portions of food more frequently (and listening to your body to determine when you're actually hungry) makes it easier to steadily fuel ourselves through the recovery process. The best foods to eat will keep us hydrated and give our bodies extra energy and nutrients to stay strong (without aggravating upset tummies or clogged-up respiratory systems). (AP)



**SEARCHING:** Researchers at the University of Exeter in England have developed a brain-training computer game to help children make healthier food choices. (AP)

### Computer game helps children make healthy food choices

**LONDON** - The seven-minute computer game involves children reacting to images of healthy food by pressing a button or doing nothing if unhealthy food are shown.

Researchers conducted two experiments on more than 200 children age four to 11 who played the computer game. For each image, a happy cartoon face was displayed for healthy food and a sad cartoon face was displayed for unhealthy food. Children were instructed to hit the space bar when they saw a happy face and do nothing if they saw a sad face. The children then played a shopping game where they were asked to choose a limited number of food items in one minute.



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## VITALS

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

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 18 MAY 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.2378	13.2878
British Pound / SZL	17.1430	17.2077
Japanese Yen / SZL	8.3836	8.4130
Swiss Franc / SZL	13.4983	13.5452
Botswana Pula / SZL	1.2761	1.2849
Australian Dollar / SZL	9.8635	9.9074
Canadian Dollar / SZL	9.7165	9.7504
Mozambique Meticals / SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro / SZL	14.7370	14.7926
Gold	1,256.9000	
Oil	51.4000	

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## SNPF now worth over E3.2bn

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THOUGH** the Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) started with as little as E100 000 in 1976, today the fund is worth over E3.2 billion.

It was already worth E300 million by the year 2000.

This was disclosed by SNPF Chief Executive Officer Prince Lonkhokhela yesterday during the fund's inaugural annual stakeholder meeting held at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha yesterday.

The objectives of the annual stakeholder forum which was graced by Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula were to share information on the operations of the fund in an open, effective and timely manner and to create opportunity for stakeholders to interact with the board and management and share their thoughts on the operations of the fund.

Dlamini said to date the fund had over 5 000 registered companies with over 120 000 workers.

"We paid benefits worth over E120 million in the past year," he said.

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**FOLLOWING:** SNPF Board Chairman Sabelo Mngometulu and Chief Executive Officer Prince Lonkhokhela and Financial Services Regulatory Authority's (FSRA) Head, Consumer and Stakeholder Affairs Mbuso Gamedze following proceedings.

Dlamini said this showed that the fund was still at a very healthy level.

"We have never at any point in time felt shy about the performance of the fund. We are still proud of it and we are optimistic going forward that we will remain proud of it," he said.

Adding, he said they had managed to pay an interest level above

five per cent to members reaching 10 per cent at times.

Dlamini said fund has also positioned itself to invest 50 per cent in the local economy as stipulated by the regulator, the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA).

He said this was critical as off-shore investments only benefit foreign economies.

"Fortunately, when the SNPF was formed it was barred from investing outside the local economy until 1995. True, the returns in the local economy were minimal, when the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) started growing, we jumped in. However, FSRA came in. The reason we are not against this development is that if we cannot take the risk of investing in our own country, who then can take that risk?"

Some of the SNPF investments include the Happy Valley Hotel in Ezulwini, the E700 million Lower Maguduza Hydro-Power project which SNPF jointly implements with Old Mutual and the Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) and the E90 million dairy project where SNPF also partnered with the Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) and Old Mutual Swaziland.

Dlamini said under the dairy project they intended to buy a total herd of 3 000 milking cows and produce at least 60 per cent of milk needed by the country. He said they were currently preparing for the launch of the dairy project. "What is important for us is to create jobs and grow the local economy," he said.

## SwaziBank pays E2.5m dividend to government

By Majaha Nkonyane

**SWAZIBANK** paid a E2.5 million dividend to government during the past financial year.

The bank made a profit worth E20.7 million during the past financial year ended March 31, 2017.

Speaking during the official opening of the bank's new Siteki branch, Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini applauded the financial institution for remaining profitable.

He also commended the bank for being self-sustainable since its restructuring without government assistance.

"Since the last capitalisation and restructuring in 2001, the bank has been able to sustain itself and not rely on government subvention or assistance. The bank is also able to source its own funding through deposits and loans," he said.

SwaziBank Board Chairperson Sibongile Mdluli said the bank was working on being an advanced player in technology and towards bringing first class treatment to its customers.

The minister said this was critical as it would help the bank to be competitive.

"I am happy to note that the bank is able to meet the challenges as we have seen it financing projects in various sectors such as agricul-

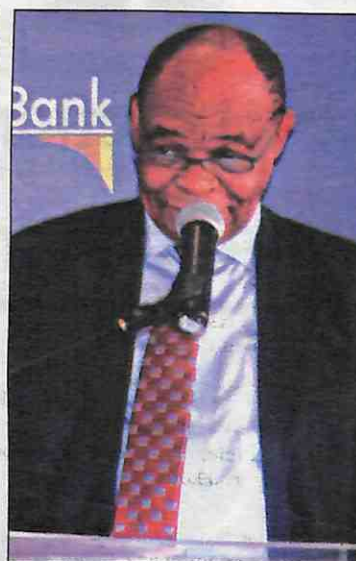


**HARD WORKING:** SwaziBank's acting Branch Manager Hloniphile Maziya speaking during the official launch of the Siteki Branch. (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)

ture, infrastructure development, industrial, commercial health and tourism," said the minister.

Dlamini further applauded the bank for investing substantially towards social corporate responsibility.

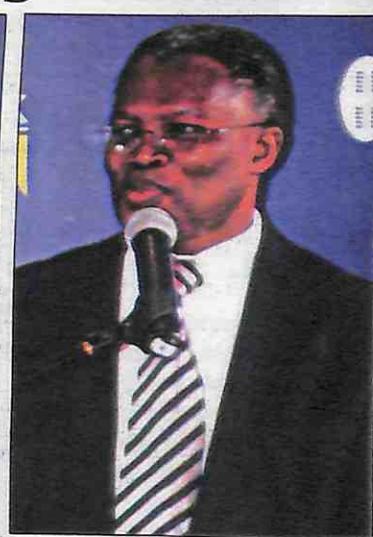
"This is evident from the various corporate social investment programmes it has such as the SwaziBank cup, schools music competitions, youth entrepreneurship programmes and poverty alleviation initiatives," he said.



**FINANCIAL MATTERS:** Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini delivering his key note address at Siteki.

Dlamini said the bank was the first and remains the only bank to open on Sundays through its Gables branch in Ezulwini.

"It has also reached all corners of the country through its collaboration with the Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) on agency banking whereby the bank's customers can transact at some post office branches. This enhances financial inclusion by economy that financial services reach remote corners of the coun-



**WELCOME:** SwaziBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele doing welcoming remarks at Siteki on Wednesday.

try," he said.

Meanwhile, Mdluli promised the bank customers more innovations in the near term.

"You may have also seen billboards and adverts written, 'Gearing up for Vision 2022... Banking Innovations Coming Soon.' This is in line with new innovative products that will be launched soon, next month to be precise, and we are certain that our customer will benefit immensely from them," she said.



# MOBILE MONEY TAX PAYMENT 2ND PHASE TO INCLUDE IMPORT VAT

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE second phase of Mobile Money tax payment mode will cover customs duties and import Value Added Tax (VAT).**

The first phase of the project included Company Tax, Provisional Tax, Pay as You Earn (PAYE), Domestic Value Added Tax, Withholding Tax, Sales Tax, Casino Levy and Fuel Tax.

Speaking during the launch of the Mobile Money tax payment mode held on Wednesday at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre in Ezulwini, Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela disclosed that they would continue their engagements with Swazi MTN to implement phase two of the project which would cover amongst others; payment of goods imported into the country which was Customs Duties and import VAT.

He said the authority has made huge strides with regards to the modernisations of tax payments.



**PHASE TWO: Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela.**

"Starting way back in 2011, when we took over the revenue administration function from the government, the level of tax compliance was generally low. This was confirmed by an International Monetary Fund (IMF) report compiled in 2007 which concluded that paying taxes was optional in Swaziland," he said.

In tax administration, compliance is defined in many different ways.

Masilela said the main elements that they track were registration com-

pliance, filing compliance and payment compliance.

He said whilst an effort was made by the then tax administration to introduce electronic platforms to facilitate tax-payment, they realised that they still had a long way to go.

"At the time tax payments were essentially done in cash or cheques at the different tax offices which existed at the time.

"In line with our vision, we took a deliberate decision to modernise our

work and in partnership with all banking institutions in the country, we tapped into their electronic platforms," he said.

After engagements with the institutions, Masilela said in 2013 they introduced a new and simpler method of making and referencing tax payments.

"This included payment at the banking halls, internet banking and transfers inside the banks. We later installed Point of Service gadgets (Speed Points) in all our major service centres and border posts. This allowed us to facilitate payment while minimising the risk of carrying cash on the part of the taxpayer and keeping large amounts of cash on the part of our officers," he said.

Masilela dearly thanked the banks for continuing to look at other ways to help improve payment compliance especially through their digital platforms.

"We would like to make it clear that as the SRA, we stand ready to partner with any service provider that will assist us make compliance easier for our clients," he said.

## EU jumps in for Qomintaba development

By Majaha Nkonyane

**THE European Union (EU) has joined hands with the Ministry of Tinkhundla for the launch of the Bambitje sub-chiefdom development plan at the Qomintaba chiefdom.**

Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Small Joe Dlamini thanked the EU for assisting the chiefdom.

"His Majesty's government would like to express its heartfelt appreciation to the funders of the project for investing millions of Emalangeni in the development of Lavumisa communities especially, Qomintaba," he said.

"This project is not the first to be delivered by the European Union and I hope it's not the last. Not so long ago, we were at Siphofaneni to witness a state of the art bridge which was officially opened by His Majesty king Mswati III in an effort to aid development and communication in that area," he added.

He said the project would bring multiple benefits to the chiefdoms.

"The sub-chiefdoms which will benefit from this current project are Nkonka, Luhlekweni, Bambitje and Maplotini. It must be said however that His Majesty's government is working around the clock to ensure that more similar projects are initiated to cover the whole of Swaziland," he said.

He said the ministry has a big task in ensuring that communities come together and the people in those different communities have their lives developed.

"It is part of the mandate of the ministry of Tinkhundla administration to encourage communities to come together and plan for their development and the launch of the Bambitje sub-chiefdom development plan is a major stride for his majesty's government who's chief mandate is to uphold the Constitution and to promote the rights of the people, especially the right to development," he said.

The minister also thanked the two implementing agents of the high value crop and horticulture project the Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE) and National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) whom he said were known nationwide for changing the ordinary subsistence farmer into reputable business people.

"The government has all the confidence that they shall do a diligent job even for the Qomintaba chiefdom," he said.

The project's survival is dependent on the commitment of the people and their willingness to work hard.

## NMC HOSTS SITE VISITS FOR NSENGA FARMERS

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE National Maize Corporation (NMC) hosted farmers from Nsenga and surrounding communities last week Thursday.**

According to NMC Marketing and Communications Officer Nokwanda Dlamini-Masuku, even though this initiative was an activity under Nsenga Community Services Multi-Purpose Co-operative, the National Maize Corporation accepted the opportunity with both hands as an extension of the organisation's stakeholder relations management activities.

She said the tour, which took farmers to different yet essential agri-business sites, was aimed at exposing rural farmers to the operations of the

agribusiness organisations and companies with the ultimate aim of motivating and equipping them with increased knowledge so as to equip them to actively and effectively play their roles towards achieving the national agenda of food security.

Dlamini said the tour follows the successful crop production promotion held at Nsenga on April, 5 2017.

"The group comprised of approximately 60 farmers and members of the cooperative selected from nine royal kraals (Imiphakatsi) under the three constituencies: Ludzeludze, Kukhanyeni and Maphalaleni. These are namely Nsenga, Ngeyayini, Nsingweni, Sigombeni, Ntunja, Nklili, Eni, Sankolweni and Sibuyeni," she said.

Also present during the event were

community development motivators and extension officers from the ministry of agriculture.

Dlamini said at NMC, the group was received by NMC's management team from the operations department that took them on tour and explained the daily operations' activities of NMC in detail.

The group comprised of NMC's farmer development officers, stock controller, SHERQ officer, agri-business manager and the marketing and communications officer.

"Later, the group was addressed by both the chief executive officer and the chief operations officer who gave a briefing on the strategic direction of NMC as a means of forging continuous and mutually beneficial relations with Swazi farmers.

"NMC also extended the services of the organisation's storage facilities, combine harvester and transport as means to aid farmers in cutting costs and ensuring high quality maize grain," she said.

"NMC management team also took the opportunity to address recurring issues that farmers often raised such as the matter of moisture content, weight determination and quality control when selling their maize to NMC," she added.

Dlamini said it was during this briefing that issues pertaining to the use of a weighbridge versus the traditional *ligogogo* were brought to light and clearly articulated.

The tour ended with farmers assuring NMC of a continuous and mutually beneficial business relationship.

## SWAZIBANK TO ROLL OUT AGGRESSIVE MARKETING

By Majaha Nkonyane

**SWAZIBANK is set to roll out aggressive marketing for its recently opened Siteki branch.**

Siteki Acting Branch Manager Hloniphile Maziya said for a long time they had been operating as the only bank in Siteki with customers coming to them, "but now things have changed, we have to go to the people in order to get more customers."

This was after SwaziBank Board Chairperson Sibongile Mdluli said the small town was fast growing to become a city, due to its numerous activities that would see it contribute meaningfully towards economic growth.

Maziya said they were optimistic the town would soon become major contributor to the local economy.

She said this challenges on them to work even harder on their marketing.

"We acknowledge that the bank has had numerous challenges in the past and former managing director Stanley Matsebula brought a lot of change and our branch was suddenly running out of space

in our previous building and we now have to work towards retaining the customers we have and drawing more," she said.

She said the bank was also supporting numerous activities in the area which adds to its corporate social responsibility.

"We are happy to engage with more of our clients and our customers were getting frustrated in our former building especially during busy times of the month. We are more than willing to give them the service that they deserve in our new building, this we are doing as a bank so to make them very comfortable as our clients," she said.

She said they were further working on making their clients feel more at home and create long lasting relationships.

Maziya said this was critical as the bank belongs

to the nation.

Meanwhile, Lubombo Regional Administrator Sylvia Mthethwa could not hold her excitement and appreciation during the official opening of the Siteki branch of the bank.

She sang praises for the presence of SwaziBank and its impact in the region.

"SwaziBank continues to play a significant role in the development of the region. The bank, by virtue of being a member of the Swaziland Bankers Association (SBA), also donated funds towards the recently held King's Birthday which was held in the Lubombo Region," she said.

She also hailed the bank as a major player in the agricultural sector.

"SwaziBank finances sugarcane farmers, transport operators, small medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) and infrastructure development,"

she said.

"We are very grateful to have a bank that also provides banking services to employees of the three sugar milling companies, civil servants and the general public. In the region, we have three SwaziBank branches (Simunye, Siphofaneni and Siteki) as well as an ATM in Tshaneni. The Bank with a Heart also embraces the Lubombo region in its corporate social investment programmes," she added.

Mthethwa also noted that every SwaziBank Cup tournament features two teams from the region. She also noted that the SwaziBank Schools Music Competition also features some schools from the Lubombo region.

"It is during these competitions where our children are empowered with bank accounts which they open at the different venues where these competitions are held.

"These accounts inculcate the culture of saving in our children at a young age. We all know that *ligotjwa lisemanti*. The children become SwaziBank customers at an early age and learn how to handle a bank account," she said.

*Maziya said they were optimistic the town would soon become a major contributor to the local economy*



# SD, Mpumalanga, Moz to be promoted as a block in Russia

By Simon Shabangu

**MPUMALANGA** Province MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Sikhumbuzo Kholwane has disclosed that the province will collaborate with the Kingdom and Mozambique to promote the three countries as a block in Russia.

He said giant Russian tour operators were keen to bring large numbers of tourists from Russia to the region due to the increasing number of Russians keen on visiting the three countries.

Kholwane was speaking during a dinner hosted by his province for the delegation of Russian operators led by Maltsev Mikhail, the Executive Director of Ural Association of Tourism at the ongoing Tourism Indaba in Durban hosted by the province.

The dinner was held at Tsogo Sun, Elangeni Hotel.

He said seeing that there was appetite to visit the province, they saw it prudent that they do not confine the tourists to the province, but also open up to their neighbours stating that the three destinations offer unique experiences which is what the tourists want.

## Provide

"The working arrangements between our province and the Russian Federation, Mozambique and Swaziland provide an enabling framework and opportunities to support the growth of international travelling between our countries. The cooperation between South Africa and Mozambique resulted in the implementation of multi-billion rand economic projects such as the Maputo Development Corridor and the Trilateral Spatial Development Initiative with Swaziland. We have also signed a Charter for the Regional Tourism Organisation of Southern Africa which conjoins us to develop tourism through effective marketing of the region in col-



**SIGNING:** Mpumalanga Tourism Board Chairman Thulani Nzima and Russian Executive Director of Ural Association of Tourism Maltsev Mikhail signing the agreement.

laboration with the public and private sector" he told the gathering which comprised of representatives from all three countries.

## Revived

He said he was optimistic that the tri-land initiative would be revived so that the three countries could collaborate and initiate more projects to attract more tourists to benefit the three countries.

Kholwane said the province had a lot of projects in the pipeline in which the three countries need to collaborate.

"We are planning to have a mini-tourism Indaba which we aim to host ahead of the main Indaba for us to package our products and mould the existing ones so that they meet the needs of the tourists. It is a given that we are neighbours who bring different offering for the tourists hence we have to package our products well. We are not in competition here because we are unique in our own way but we just need to complement one another so that we all come out as winners at the end," he said.

Representatives of the three tourism

boards were also given an opportunity to make brief presentations about what their destinations can offer.

STA was represented by Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini who literally stole the show with his clear cut presentation which touched almost all the aspects of the tourism sector in the country.

He made the packed auditorium eat out there palm of his hand as he unpacked what the country had to offer.

## Country

Dlamini began his presentation by telling the gathering about beauty and advantages of being a Kingdom, the advantages of being a small country, being one nation with one language and the beauty of the Swazi culture and the Kingdom's scenery as well as wildlife.

"Our parks are small but offer the best opportunity for tourists to see the big five in a short space of time. You do not have to travel hundreds of thousands of hectares to be able to see and interact with wild life especially the big five," he said.



**CHAT:** Russian Executive Director of Ural Association of Tourism Maltsev Mikhail in a conversation with Mpumalanga MEC for Tourism Sikhumbuzo Kholwane during the dinner hosted by the province for the Russian Delegation at Tsogo Sun, Elangeni Hotel. (Pic: Simon Shabangu).



**PRESENTATION:** Swaziland Tourism Authority Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini making his presentation.

## SWAZILAND TOURISM AUTHORITY SCOOPS SILVER AWARD

**THE** Swaziland Tourism Authority scooped third best stand award under the Southern African Development Community, (SADC) countries category during the stand awards held at the Indaba on Wednesday evening.

The local authority received a silver medal certificate for their achievement.

The award was presented by South African Tourism Chief Executive Officer Sisa Ntshona during a small ceremony held at the media centre in the ICC Hall.

The top winners of the category were Mozambique followed by Malawi then Swaziland respec-

tively.

STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini said they tried their best to put up an attractive and yet interactive stand which attracted people who made stops to enquire about products and services the country can offer to tourists.

## Position

Last year, the country got second position and had worked towards getting the first position.

Despite missing the first spot, Dlamini said being named amongst the top three out of all the tourism authorities and boards from the region was an achievement on its own.



**SIGNING:** Mpumalanga Province officials during the signing of the MoU with the Russian delegation.



**AWARD:** STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini and Marketing officer Melusi Dlamini displaying the silver award won by the Swaziland stand.



# Eskom claims it didn't pay Gupta-linked Trillian a cent

CAPE TOWN – Eskom yesterday denied paying Gupta-linked Trillian in 2016, after a report alleged payments to the firm were used by Gupta-owned Tegeta to buy Optimum coal mine for R2.15bn.

Eskom spokesperson Khulu Phasiwe told Fin24 yesterday that while Trillian was listed as a supplier of Eskom in 2016, the power utility has no record of paying any money as no services were used.

As part of a series by amaBhungane, the investigative unit is digging deeper into the basis of the public protector's State of Capture report in 2016, providing new allegations that – if found to be true – could connect the dots to prove that the state (through Eskom executives or government offi-

cials) and the Guptas conspired to take over Optimum from Glencore.

On Monday, amaBhungane revealed how former mining minister Ngoako Ramatlhodi claimed Eskom CEO Brian Molefe and Chairperson Ben Ngubane pressured him to help the Guptas take over Glencore's coal mine in 2016.

Their latest expose claims that Public Enterprises Minister Lynne Brown misled Parliament in December 2016 by stating that no contracts had been concluded between Trillian and Eskom.

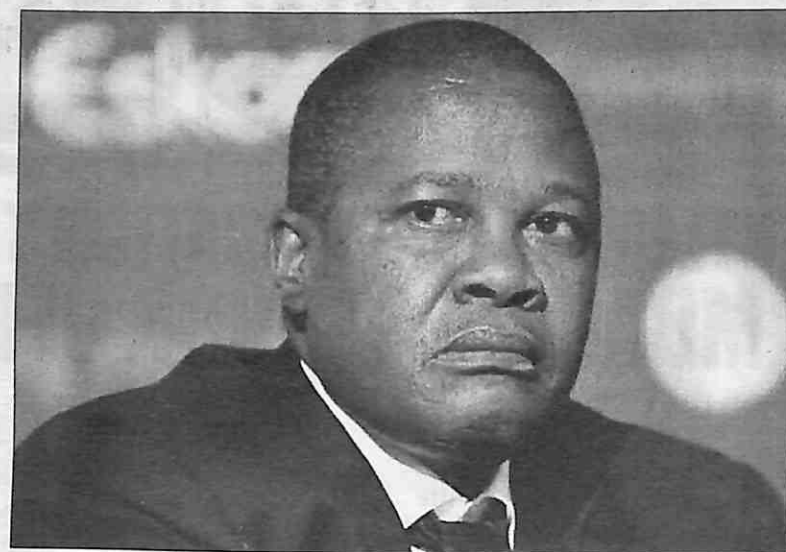
The report says Trillian, which is owned by Gupta associate Salim Essa (who has a 21.5 per cent stake in Tegeta), invoiced Eskom for R266m at the time of Brown's submission and then invoiced it for a further R153m after the submission.

This links to the allegation that Trillian helped the Guptas pay for Optimum coal mine, after they were allegedly short of cash to buy the mine.

The State of Capture report states that Trillian "contributed to the purchase price of OCH (Optimum)", adding that Trillian and its subsidiaries put R235.4m into a Tegeta account in the Bank of Beroda, which was then used for the purchase. Trillian denies this occurred.

"AmaBhungane has confirmed that Trillian companies invoiced Eskom a total of about R419m between April and December 2016," it reported yesterday, listing the following, which allegedly occurred during Eskom CEO Brian Molefe's time.

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LINKED: Eskom CEO Brian Molefe.

## 20 BLACK ABSA CAPITAL STAFF STAGE WALKOUT

● after top black manager overlooked

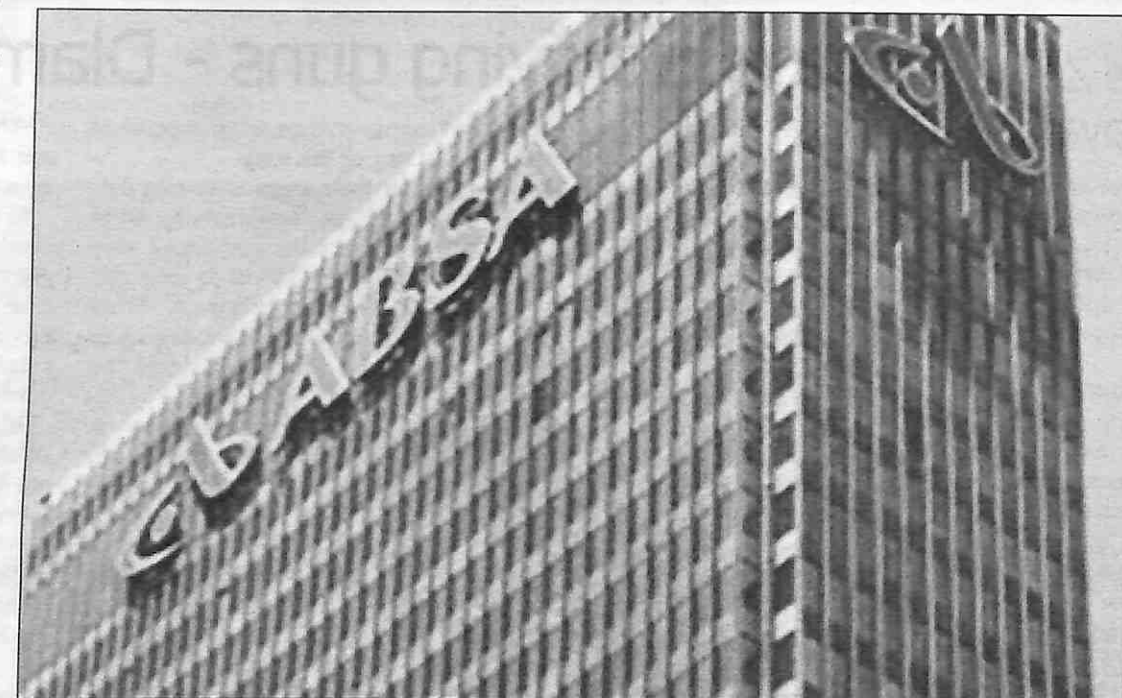
JOHANNESBURG – Black professionals at ABSA Capital on Tuesday staged a walkout after a top black manager was passed over for the position of head of corporate and investment banking, according to a source close to the company.

The source said that about 20 black employees had got up and left during the announcement of leadership changes at ABSA Capital headquarters in Sandton.

"The announcement made yesterday which was interpreted as Phakamani [Hadebe] didn't get the nod – which shocked a lot of people – hence the anger and the walkout at the staff meeting by black employees," the source said.

Khaya Sithole, a former KwaZulu-Natal chairperson of the Association for the Advancement of Black Accountants in Southern Africa, said on his Twitter page today: "Rumour has it Phakamani Hadebe has been exiled from ABSA and the clever blacks have finally grown a pair and staged a walkout. Anyone know?"

"The bank's record on transformation is not rosy and the argument that there are not capable and sufficiently experienced black professionals just doesn't wash any more



when things like this happen," the source close to ABSA said.

"It is the first time in my career, I have seen black professionals actually openly display their level of displeasure in this manner. Black people behaved like the Economic Freedom Fighters and walked out," the source said.

"People are fed up. Things are going to reach a tipping point – we can't continue like this," the source claimed.

David Hodnett, Barclays Africa Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Executive of the group's South African banking operations, said in an internal note to ABSA staff on

Tuesday morning, which City Press has seen, that Hadebe, Head of Client at ABSA Corporate and Investment Banking, had decided to leave the bank for "personal reasons".

The matter of Hadebe's departure was the first point raised in Hodnett's note.

Citi-Press

## EU launches 'Dieselgate' case against Italy

BRUSSELS – The EU launched infringement proceedings against Italy on Wednesday for failing to adequately investigate emissions cheating allegations against automaker Fiat.

The accusations involving the Italian auto giant come in the wake of the Volkswagen "dieselgate" scandal, revealed in 2015, that affected 11 million cars.

The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, says Italian authorities ignored the presence of so called "defeat devices" in Fiat autos that enable cars to minimise pollution levels during tests.

Italy follows Germany, Britain and five other member states challenged by the commission in December for turning a blind eye to emissions cheating.

"The commission decided today to send a letter of formal notice asking Italy to respond to concerns about insufficient action taken regarding the emission control strategies employed by Fiat Chrysler Automobiles group (FCA)," a statement said.

The notice is the first step in the EU's infringement procedure that ensures the bloc's 28 member states abide by EU-wide regulations.

Ahead of the widely expected decision, Italian Transport Minister Graziano Delrio said he found the action "particularly disappointing."

Delrio firmly denied that any cheating by Fiat took place and maintained that his services could provide evidence to clear Italy of any wrongdoing.

Under current EU law, infringement proceedings remain the commission's only tool to fight auto makers in the wake of the scandal.

Day-to-day regulation of the auto sector, including approving new car models for the road, remains under the authority of national governments.

Last year, the commission proposed an overhaul of rules on how vehicles are licensed and tested across the EU, but has faced resistance from member states and European Parliament.

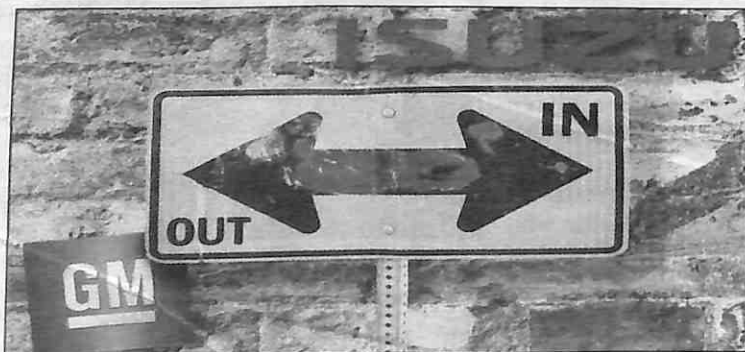
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## General Motors exits SA - Isuzu to step in

PORT ELIZABETH – American automotive giant General Motors has announced that it is withdrawing from the South African market. As a result, production and sales of Chevrolet models will cease and Isuzu will take control of the firm's Port Elizabeth operations.

This major announcement was made to the press early on May 18 2017 in Port Elizabeth, after GM's top management had informed its workforce and dealers of the decision. When the process is concluded by year-end (as planned), it will



mark the end of the US multinational's 13-year tenure in South Africa, which saw the introduction of the Chevrolet, Hummer and

Cadillac brands as well as the production of Isuzu and a number of Opel and Chevrolet products.

Speaking to Cars.co.za exclusively

prior to the announcement, Ian Nicholls, President and MD of General Motors South Africa, said: "General Motors is today announcing restructuring actions in a number of different markets to drive stronger global financial performance."

"From a global point of view, the firm is adopting a more efficient structure to allow it to focus on its core business of building and selling vehicles and also investing heavily in defining the future of personal mobility."

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# Focus on SA scene

## NTLEMEZA'S APPLICATION TO INTERDICT MBALULA STRUCK OFF THE ROLL

**PRETORIA** – Former Hawks boss Major-General Berning Ntlemeza's application to interdict Police Minister Fikile Mbalula has been struck off the roll by the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria.

Judge Sheila Mphahlele struck Ntlemeza's urgent application to interdict Mbalula off the roll and has awarded costs to Mbalula.

Ntlemeza's lawyers on Wednesday argued that his application to interdict Mbalula was urgent, as the minister's actions were illegal and prevented Ntlemeza from returning to his duties.

Nazeer Cassim, for Mbalula, argued that a full bench had found

that Ntlemeza was not fit to hold office, that this application was not urgent, and was tantamount to scoring political points.

Advocate Nceba Duduka argued that the interdict sought to stop Mbalula acting illegally.

Judge Mphahlele told Duduka that he needed to convince her that the application was urgent, seeing as Ntlemeza's enforcement order appeal would be heard in front of the Supreme Court of Appeal on June 2. Duduka argued that every day that Ntlemeza did not report for duty was another day that he was prejudiced and humiliated.

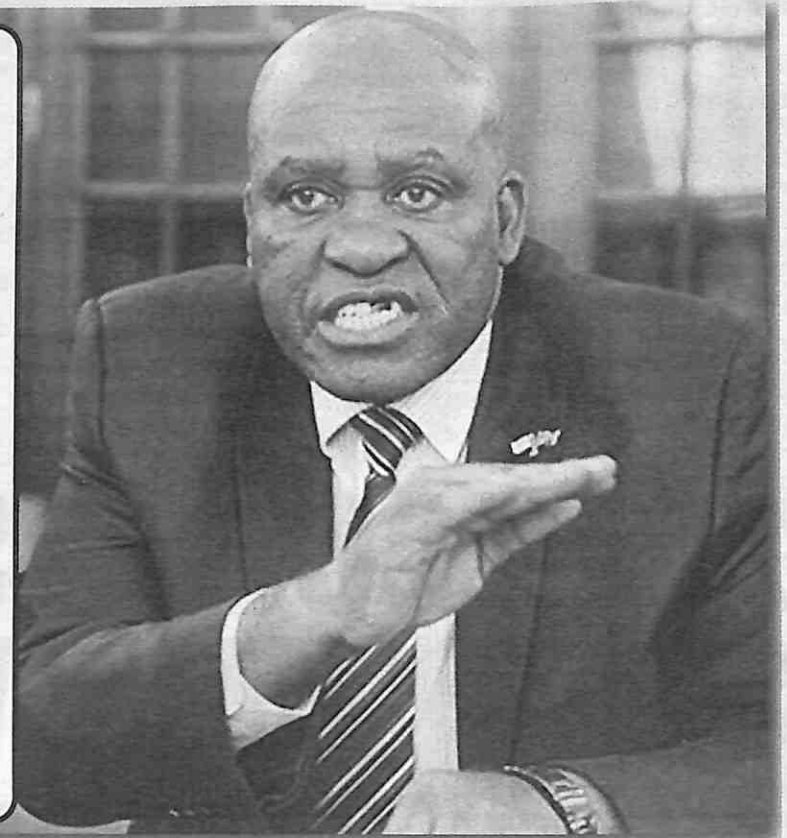
In March, the court found that then-police minister Nathi Nhleko

had ignored two court judgments, which found that Ntlemeza lacked integrity and honesty when he appointed him head of the elite police unit.

The court found that the findings in both judgments constituted "direct evidence" that Ntlemeza lacked the requisite honesty, integrity and conscientiousness to hold public office, effectively setting aside his appointment.

Ntlemeza applied for leave to appeal these findings, but was unsuccessful. However, he was granted leave to appeal an enforcement order which stopped him from going to work.

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## 'ANC MPs voting againsts Zuma would be worst betrayal'

**JOHANNESBURG** - The ANC has sent its strongest warning yet that it will not tolerate dissent in the motion of no confidence vote against President Jacob Zuma.

ANC secretary General Gwede Mantashe said if ANC MPs supported the motion brought forward by the Democratic Alliance and supported by other opposition parties, "it would be the highest betrayal".

"It would be highest level of ill discipline, the highest level of betrayal, the worst," Mantashe told News24.

### Constitution

He said ANC members that are unhappy with Zuma should rather continue to fight from within the party.

Mantashe was responding to claims that there are a growing number of ANC MPs that will vote for Zuma to go, especially if the Constitutional Court rules that the motion can be carried through a secret ballot.

Some ANC MPs have also begun speaking out, signalling that they would follow their conscience rather than the party line.

ANC MP Dr Makhosi Khoza said on her Facebook page that she will always vote for the ANC's survival, but not for an "amoral leader".

"I therefore cannot be expected to vote [for] an amoral leader whose behavioural practices liquidates the ANC at a speed faster than the space-

craft," Khoza's post read.

Opposition parties that are a minority in Parliament have also claimed that they have spoken to enough ANC MPs to ensure the success of the motion.

### Debate

"That will be the worst day of my life when ANC members follow the command of the opposition," Mantashe said.

He said ANC members that defy the party line lack "organisational discipline".

"The most important characteristic of organisational discipline, is the ability to suppress your emotional feeling, if you can't suppress your emotional feeling, we can't talk organisational discipline of any sorts," Mantashe said.

He added that there is always space to fight for Zuma to go within the ANC.

The party is due to hold its National Executive Committee meeting next week, at which the motion is expected to be debated.

It will be the first NEC since Zuma's Cabinet reshuffle that saw five ministers lose their positions, including former finance minister Pravin Gordhan, who was replaced by Malusi Gigaba.

Mantashe and his deputy Jessie Duarte have already descended on the ANC caucus to warn MPs to follow the party line and vote against the motion.

News24

## Stop glorifying guns - Dlamini-Zuma

**JOHANNESBURG** - Presidential hopeful Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma wants ANC members to stop singing songs about guns.

She was speaking while on the campaign trail in Nquthu in northern KwaZulu-Natal ahead of a crucial by-election next week.

"There are songs we sing that I don't understand. Let us do away with those songs that talk about guns. We can't, when we campaign, start singing songs like 'isibhamu sisho kamandi' (the gun sounds nice). How can a gun sound nice when comrades have been killed?" she said.

Dlamini-Zuma recalled how the party had gone to pay its respects at the house of a slain ANC member

in Pietermaritzburg when supporters began singing this song.

"I know these songs were nice during the struggle. In Maritzburg, when we went to see the families of slain comrades, we started to sing this song. I even said to myself, 'What are the families of comrades killed saying when we come singing that

the gun sounds nice?' Let us be sensitive and not sing those songs," she said.

The former AU Commission chairwoman said there were so many songs to sing that do not glorify guns.

Sticking with this theme during an address at a

Cadres Forum at the AV Makhoba Hall, Dlamini-Zuma also lashed out

at ANC members who use violence and kill their comrades over positions.

"In this province, especially, where does this come from? And why, when it is done, no one is arrested, even when women are fair game and they are killed? No, comrades, councillorship is a responsibility given to you by the ANC," she said.

"It's important, comrades, that we don't kill each other for positions," she said.

Dlamini-Zuma said councillors only stay for five years, and would only be redeployed when they did well.

Breaking away from this theme, she repeated her campaign mantra that the ANC was advocating for radical economic transformation to better black people's lives.

She said land should be used as surety to better black people's financial circumstances, which is why it needed to be urgently addressed.

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## Holomisa comes out guns blazing against Athol Trollip in NMB feud

**PORT ELIZABETH** - United Democratic Movement (UDM) leader Bantu Holomisa came out guns blazing on Wednesday in support of Nelson Mandela Bay Deputy Mayor, Mongameli Bobani who has been axed from the position of Mayoral Committee Member heading the public health portfolio.

Bobani was recalled on Tuesday by Executive Mayor Athol Trollip who said the public health directorate had been a concern for a number of months, citing allegations of maladministration which were being investigated internally.

Trollip also said that the process to have Bobani removed as the deputy



**GUNS BLAZING:** United Democratic Movement (UDM) leader Bantu Holomisa.

mayor would be pursued through a motion at council, adding that situation had just become "untenable".

The move follows months of simmering tension between the two who have been at loggerheads over a series of issues around governance and staff appointments.

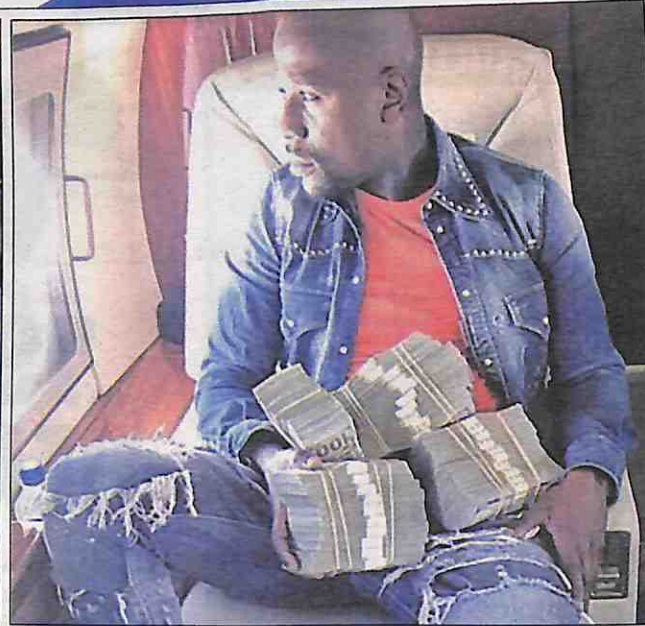
Trollip said the decision to remove Bobani had been coming for quite some time, adding that there was instability in the coalition because of "Bobani's behaviour".

Holomisa undermined Trollip for removing Bobani from the Mayoral Committee team and basically accused him of making a decision without consensus.

"The whole exercise is just wrong. Trollip acted unilaterally, this is only his side of the story."

AFP





**BOSS:** Mayweather, a retired boxer, received hundreds of comments from the post, with many praising him and calling him an 'inspiration'. Mayweather is not one to shy away from his riches as he has previously flaunted his wealth online. (Daily Mail)

## WELL RETIREMENT HASN'T MELLOWED HIM!

MIAMI - Former professional boxer Floyd Mayweather wowed his fans after showing off six luxury cars sat on his driver at his multimillion pound home.

Mayweather, who is known for his 19-year career in boxing, published a video of two Drophead Coupes (worth around £367 000), one Phantom Limousine (valued at £374 000), a Phantom Limited Edition (worth £450 000), a Ghost Extended Wheelbase (£358 000)

● **Floyd Mayweather shows off SIX Rolls Royce cars worth £2.1million at his Miami mansion. Mayweather is rumoured to be worth around £510 million while the cars are worth a fraction of that - £2.1million**

and a Wraith (£240 000), at his mansion in Miami, Florida. Footage posted to his Instagram account captioned 'Rolls Royce Wednesday' shows two gleaming white vehicles sitting on his drive before the camera pans to another four white cars sitting inside a double garage while

rapper Jay Bling's song Aye plays in the background. The one minute video gained hundreds of comments, with many people saying the boxer had provided 'inspiration' to them. Instagram user sethbluekens wrote: "You're my inspiration", while Carterbgood wrote:

"Continue doing you Floyd!!!!" The retired boxer, who has previously flaunted his wealth on Instagram, is rumoured to own nearly 100 cars. His other vehicles include a Bentley Mulsanne, a Bugatti Veyron, a Ferrari 458 Italia, a Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano, a Ferrari Enzo and a

McLaren 650S. Other posts on his social media page have shown him sitting on a private jet with stacks of dollar bills, travelling around the world and flaunting his luxurious properties. He is believed to be worth around £510million.

Daily Mail



### National Emergency Response Council On HIV/AIDS

#### INVITATION TO TENDER

The NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL FOR HIV & AIDS (NERCHA) invites bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of the following goods and services.

Reference Number	Contract Title
PP/GOODS/5/2017	Supply and Delivery of Motorbikes
PP/GOODS/6/2017	Supply and Delivery of Office Furniture
PP/GOODS/7/2017	Supply & Delivery of Electrocardiograph Equipment (ECGs)
PP/CONS/6/2017	Short-term Technical Assistance – Survey Software/Database Development Consultant

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from; THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER, NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL FOR HIV & AIDS (NERCHA), PLOT 738 OF FARM 2, EMAJIKA ROAD, MBABANE, THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND, Telephone: (268) 2406 5000, FAX: (268) 406 5004/5/6 and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 09.00 to 16.00 at the address given below.

A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders from the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of E300. The method of payment will be Cash or Bank certified cheque.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10.00 am on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 10am at the NERCHA Training Room.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration as indicated in the Tender document. The address referred to above is;

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### Employment Opportunity General Manager Human Resources and Administration

On behalf of our client the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS), we invite suitably qualified and experienced candidates to apply for the position of General Manager Human Resources and Administration. You will need to be people and results oriented, goal driven and computer literate to succeed in this position. The ability to foster sound relationships between management and internal stakeholders is vital in this role.

This position is responsible for business planning, organisational development, change management, maintaining stakeholder relations and managing the human resources and administration function of CBS.

#### Principal accountabilities

- Develop CBS human resources and administration strategy and budget.
- Coach senior management on labour relations matters.
- Work with senior management to drive the business processes that promote a high performance culture.
- Champion talent acquisition and management processes in support of a high performance culture.
- Ensure the formulation, review and implementation of HR policies, procedures and standards.
- Manage the CBS Pension Fund in accordance with the local legal and regulatory framework.
- Lead and manage the learning academy of CBS.
- Manage the facilities function of CBS ensuring proper management of contractors.

#### Qualification and experience

- MBA or relevant post-graduate qualification plus a Senior Management Development Program.
- 15 years Senior Management experience preferably in the banking financial services sector.
- 3 years' proven experience managing large projects.

#### Knowledge and skills

- Well established communication skills.
- Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with key stakeholders.
- Client focus and service orientation.
- Well established team management and leadership skills.
- Well established decision making and problem solving skills.
- Business and financial acumen.
- Good influencing skills.
- Proven knowledge of corporate governance.
- Working knowledge of labour law.
- Knowledge of Occupational Health, Environmental and Quality Management legislation and practices.
- Knowledge of change management principles.

Closing date for applications is 25 May 2017. All applications will be acknowledged. No late applications will be accepted. Should you not receive further correspondence within one month of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful. Written applications are to be submitted together with a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae.

Preference will be given to Swazi citizens.

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## BRIEFS

## MTN Rwanda fined \$8.5m

**KIGALI** - A regulatory agency says it has fined MTN Rwanda roughly \$8.5m for hosting its IT services outside the country. The Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority said in a statement on Wednesday that MTN Rwanda, a subsidiary of the African telecommunications giant MTN Group, breached its license obligations by hosting its IT services in neighbouring Uganda. The statement says MTN Rwanda was informed of the breach of its license obligations earlier this month.

AP

## Ebola screening at Airports

**ABUJA** - The federal government has finally started screening and checks against the dreaded Ebola disease at airports across the country. Checks by leadership yesterday at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja and Murtala Muhammed International Airport Lagos, revealed that sanitisers and scanning apparatus called thermal scanners were already installed by port health services at arrivals terminal of the airport. Our correspondent who visited the airport in Abuja observed that international passengers were properly undergoing screening for symptoms of Ebola.

AllAfrica

## Europe bans AirZim from its skies

**HARARE** - The European Commission (EC) has banned Zimbabwe's struggling airline, Air Zimbabwe, from its airspace over safety concerns. On Tuesday, the EC said it had updated the list of non-European airlines that do not meet international safety standards and were, therefore, "subject to an operating ban or operational restrictions within the European Union". "All air carriers from Benin and Mozambique were removed from the EU Air Safety List, while four individual airlines, one each from Nigeria, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Ukraine, and Zimbabwe, were added," the EC said.

*African News Agency*

## 23 sentenced in Ethiopia

**ADDIS ABABA** - A court in Ethiopia has sentenced 23 people to up to 15 years in prison for establishing links to the al-Qaeda and al-Shabaab extremist groups. The Ethiopian Federal High Court says they had been accused of planning to carry out terror attacks inside the East African country. The state-affiliated Fana Broadcasting Corporate quotes the court ruling as saying three of those sentenced had been planning to establish an Islamic state.

## MP in court for fake certificates

**ABUJA** - Nigeria has a reputation for corruption, a scourge the APC pledged to address when it came to power in 2015. A Nigerian legislator has been arraigned in court for allegedly contesting the 2015 general elections using forged academic qualifications. Ibrahim Baba Hassan, representing Jos-North constituency in the House of Assembly in the central Plateau State, has appeared before Justice Usman Musale at the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) in Abuja.



## 'ISLAMISTS' STONE COUPLE TO DEATH IN NORTH MALI - OFFICIAL

**BAMAKO** - An unmarried couple was stoned to death in public in northeast Mali by "Islamists", local officials told AFP on Wednesday, the first such incident since jihadist groups were driven out of the region.

Jihadists seized key northern cities in Mali in March 2012, and though they were driven out by a French-led military intervention in 2013, Islamist groups continue to make their presence felt with frequent attacks on domestic and foreign forces.

"The Islamists dug two holes where they put the man and the woman who lived maritally without being married," said a local official. "They were stoned to death."

## Stones

The stoning happened in Taghilit on Tuesday, close to Aguelhok in the Kidal region, and the same source told AFP that members of the public were invited to take part.

"Four people threw stones at them until they died," they said.



HEARTLESS: Mali Islamists.

Another local official said the Islamists had accused the unmarried couple of violating "Islamic law", which requires punishment by stoning.

During their brief control of key towns in the vast north, jihadist groups imposed a version of Sharia law which forced women to wear veils and set whipping and stoning as punishment for transgressions.

In July 2012, the Al-Qaeda-linked Ansar Dine group stoned a couple in public in Aguelhok who they accused of having children outside marriage.

The stoning comes on the eve of an expected visit to Mali by French President Emmanuel Macron, who is due to meet French troops stationed there soon.

The Malian Association for the Defence of Human Rights (AMDH)

described the stoning as "cowardly murder".

"This is barbaric. The people who did this should be arrested and put on trial," said Oumar Diakite, an AMDH official. A 2015 peace deal signed by Tuareg-led rebels, the government and pro-Bamako militias aimed to quell separatist uprisings in the north and isolate jihadist groups.

But its implementation has been piecemeal and the jihadists, who did not sign up to the accord, continue to mount attacks on civilians and the army, as well as French and UN forces. The new UN peacekeeping chief said a rapid intervention force of Senegalese troops would soon be deployed in central Mali, which has seen an increase in attacks and communal violence since 2015. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, on his first visit to Mali since becoming under secretary-general for UN peacekeeping operations, said the UN mission lacked capacity.

AFP

## 'Excessive' spending by Zim government could fuel inflation

**HARARE** - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is warning that excessive spending by President Robert Mugabe's government will worsen cash shortages and stoke inflation.

The warning came as latest figures showed inflation rose to 0.48 per cent in April up from 0.21 per cent in March.

"Excessive government spending, if continued, could exacerbate the cash scarcity, further jeopardise the health of the external and financial sectors, and, ultimately, fuel inflation," said Ana Lucia Coronel, who

headed an IMF mission to the country this month.

Hyper-inflation peaked in Zimbabwe in 2008. The government was forced to abandon the Zimbabwe dollar in early 2009. But high domestic borrowing and lack of financial inflows has seen foreign currency and the recently-introduced bond notes running short.

In her statement issued late on Monday, the IMF's Coronel urged the government to "unleash the potential of the private sector" and "demonstrate that Zimbabwe is open for business".

"This will include enhancing efforts to tackle corruption, encouraging private sector investment, allowing the market to determine prices, promoting labour flexibility, and creating a stable legal and regulatory framework to reduce policy uncertainty," she added.

Meantime, the Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI) wants Mugabe's government to make it compulsory for wages and prices to be denominated in rand, to encourage wider use of the South African currency.

News24

## Another kidnapped Chibok girl free in Nigeria

**ABUJA** - Nigeria's government on Wednesday said another Chibok girl was free, having escaped from Boko Haram Islamists more than three years after she was kidnapped with more than 200 classmates.

Presidency spokesperson Femi Adesina said Vice President Yemi Osinbajo informed ministers at a Cabinet meeting.

She was "found by the Nigerian troops while she was escaping", added government aide Bashir Ahmad.

## Rebel chief escapes in DRC prison break

**KINSHASA** - Rebels from an outlawed political-religious group attacked Kinshasa's central prison on Wednesday, breaking out their leader and about 50 other prisoners, the Congolese government said. "Followers of the Bundu Dia Kongo (BDK) attacked Makala prison at dawn and broke out around 50 prisoners including their guru, Ne Muanda Nsemi," government spokesman Lambert Mende said, indicating that police had given chase.

AFP



**HUGE:** Weighing in at 14kg Omar the Maine coon became (pictured left with owner Stephy Hirst) an internet star after his photo was featured on the Cats of Instagram account, which has over 8 million followers. After Omar's picture went viral his owner Stephy Hirst, from Melbourne, was contacted by Guinness World Records, who suggested her cat could be the longest in the world. (Daily Mail)



# World News

## IMMIGRANT ARRESTS SOAR UNDER TRUMP, FEWER DEPORTED

**SANTA ANA** - Immigration arrests increased by nearly 40 per cent in early 2017 as newly emboldened agents under US President Donald Trump detained more than 40 000 people suspected of being in the country illegally - with a renewed focus on immigrants without criminal convictions.

The numbers released by Acting Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Thomas Homan provide a snapshot of how the new president is carrying through on his campaign promises to make immigration enforcement a top priority.

Overall, 41 300 people were arrested for deportation. Nearly 11 000 had no criminal conviction, more than double the number of immigrants without criminal convictions arrested during a comparable period in 2016.

Even so, deportations carried out were down from late January to late



**MAKING AMERICA GREAT AGAIN: US President Donald Trump.**

April compared to a year ago despite the new president's stepped up immigration enforcement effort.

The increase in arrests of people without criminal convictions has generated outrage across the US from Trump opponents who believe otherwise law-abiding families are being rounded up.

The report was made public as the Trump administration seeks to promote its accomplishments despite a growing scandal over the firing of the FBI director and the sharing of intelligence with Russian officials.

The president "puts this out to distract from the real affairs of our

country", said Angelica Salas, Executive Director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights. "It is unfortunate that he basically is using the pain and destroying our families as a way by which to give red meat to his base."

### Some highlights in the numbers

● 41 300 immigrants were arrested on suspicion of being in the country illegally between January 22 and April 29, up from 30 000 during a similar year-earlier period.

● 30 500 of those arrested had criminal convictions, compared to 25 800 for the earlier period.

● 10 800 did not have criminal convictions, compared to 4 200 in the previous period.

Immigration enforcement operations have generated headlines nationwide since Trump signed an executive order on January 25. Many of them targeted violent offenders with felony records on crimes ranging from assault to murder.

*Daily Mail*

## UK PM to promise immigration curb

**LONDON** - British Prime Minister Theresa May has promised to crack down on immigration from outside the European Union as she unveils the Conservative Party's manifesto, the BBC reported.

May promised to "bear down on immigration from outside the EU" by asking firms to pay more to hire migrant workers.

The prime minister is expected to announce extra costs for employers choosing to hire non-EU workers for skilled jobs by doubling the skills charge.

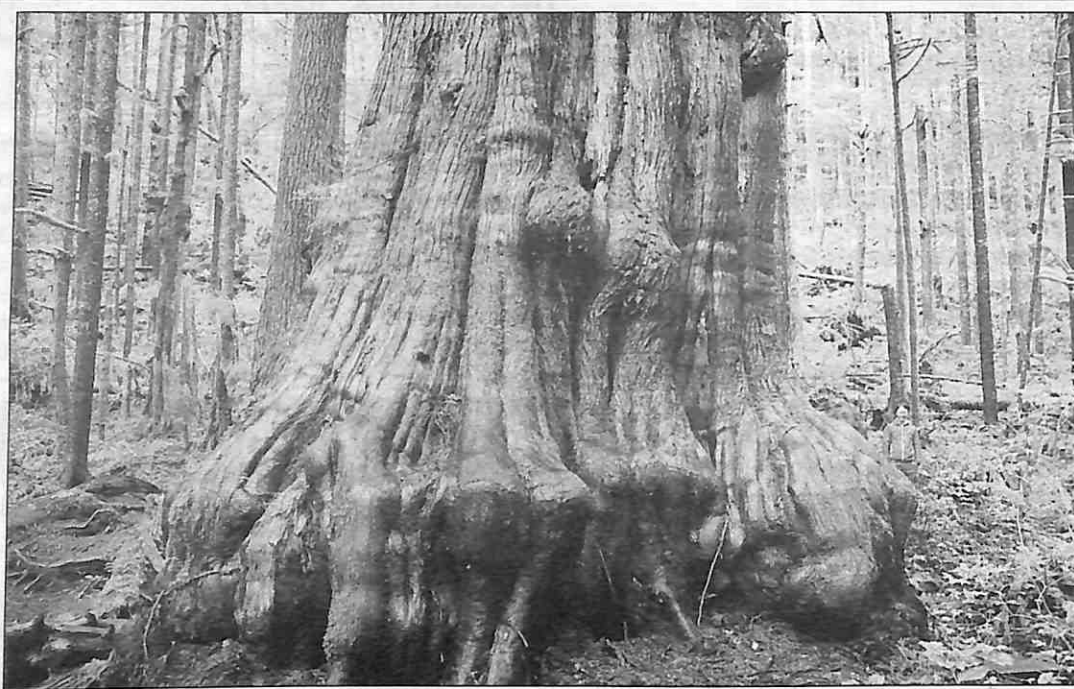
Under the current scheme, small companies pay £364 (R6 207) a year in skills charge, while medium to large ones pay up to £1 000.

Migrant workers will also be asked to pay more to use the National Health Service, according to the BBC.

The revenue generated will fund skills training for British workers.

May is hoping the new measures will curb immigration from outside the EU to the tens of thousands a year, a pledge the Conservatives have made and failed at for the past seven years.

In the year to September 2016, immigration to the UK was estimated to be 596 000, of which 257 000 were non-EU citizens according to the official statistics agency. *Daily Mail*



**HUMONGOUS:** Canada's temperate rainforests, found on British Columbia's Pacific coast, contain some of the largest trees in the world - after California's redwoods and sequoias. The oldest of those trees are located in the southwest of the province where prodigious rainfall and mild winters allow relentless growth. But more than a century of unrelenting commercial logging has placed primeval old-growth forests - and the delicate ecosystems that thrive within them - on the cusp of extinction. Only a handful of the largest trees remain on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland areas of British Columbia. (Aljazeera)

## Mexico's president calls for more protection of journalists

**MEXICO CITY** - Mexico's president says he's taking actions to halt slayings of journalists, though he hasn't given specifics.

President Enrique Peña Nieto did not take questions at a Wednesday event called "actions for freedom of expression and protection of journalists and defenders". He request-

ed a moment of silence for those killed.

Peña Nieto was flanked by his security Cabinet and governors as he promised more resources to help journalists under threat and for the special prosecutor's office tasked with investigating such crimes. Past measures have been ineffective in

stopping bloodshed among the country's media workers.

The slaying Monday of journalist Javier Valdez in Sinaloa state was the sixth in 2017.

Peña Nieto also called generally for better coordination between federal and state authorities.

*AP*

## BRIEFS

### US wants to end violence in Venezuela

**UNITED NATIONS** - US Ambassador Nikki Haley says the US has called for the first-ever Security Council consultations on Venezuela to seek joint efforts to ensure that President Nicolas Maduro ends violence and restores democracy. She said in a statement ahead of Wednesday's closed-door meeting that Venezuela is "on the verge of humanitarian crisis", with medicine unavailable, hospitals lacking supplies and people facing difficulty finding food. Haley said "peaceful protesters have been injured, arrested and even killed by their own government". *AP*

### White House knew about Flynn

**WASHINGTON** - Mike Flynn, Donald Trump's fired national security adviser, told the president-elect's transition team that he was the subject of a federal investigation, but was hired for the post anyway, the New York Times reported late Wednesday. The daily, citing two people familiar with the case, said Flynn told the presidential transition team's chief lawyer Don McGahn about the investigation on January 4 -- weeks before assuming the highly sensitive post. Flynn, who ended up being fired from the position after just 24 days, is at the centre of a sprawling federal investigation into alleged Russian interference in the 2016 US presidential election. *AFP*

### PM accepts new finance crisis

**PRAGUE** - Czech Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka said on Wednesday he would accept a new finance minister to replace controversial billionaire Andrej Babis, ending a chaotic political crisis that risked bring down his government. The leftist Sobotka moved to sack his centrist arch-rival earlier this month after Babis came under heavy fire for alleged tax evasion and embarrassing leaked conversations. The tycoon, who ranks as the second wealthiest Czech national, has denied doing anything illegal but nonetheless agreed to leave amid mounting public pressure. *AFP*

### India to build nuclear power reactors

**NEW DELHI** - India on Wednesday said it will develop 10 domestically-built heavy water reactors to increase its nuclear power capacity, as it looks to ramp up clean energy generation. The federal Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the plan to build the pressurised heavy water reactors with a combined capacity of 7 000 megawatts, more than double the country's current atomic power generation of 6 780 megawatts. "A total of 7 000 MW capacity will be added. It will help produce clean energy," Power Minister Piyush Goyal said at a media briefing. *AFP*

### Iran's top leader urges support

**TEHRAN** - Iran's supreme leader called on Wednesday for a high turnout in this week's presidential election, urging voters to head to the polls and send a message to the US - but stopped short of saying which candidate he prefers of the four remaining in the race. In a televised speech, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the US and its allies, including the "pathetic prime minister of the Zionist regime", or Israel, are closely watching the voting today. He called the election a "great popular epic", saying that while the region is "drowned in anxiety", Iran is "peacefully and safely holding an election". *AFP*





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# LET US HEAR 'THE THRUTH' THIS WEEKEND

... As  
USA's DA  
T.R.U.T.H  
hits the  
country



IT'S ON: Symphony at 'Rhymes and Laughter' and Da T.R.U.T.H. shows.

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**IT is the weekend before MTN BushFire.** Fun lovers are already going out in preparation for next week's weekend of bliss, well what we can say.

Go on MTN BushFire is on pay day weekend. The wind is chilly in the evenings so words of advice to you fun lover would be 'keep warm.'

This will also be a great weekend considering that American hip hop pioneer Da T.R.U.T.H will be speaking the truth at Sibane Hotel on Sunday. Do not miss it.

## TONIGHT

### CUBA NORA ACOUSTIC NIGHT

**Where:** Cuba Nora, Corporate Place  
**Time:** 7pm

The headlining act for the Cuba Nora Acoustic Night that have come to be the life of fun in Mbabane is Sibusiso Nkambule.

Nkambule is an extraordinary talent, both a guitarist and vocalist. Entry is free.

### MPUMALANGA GOSPEL MUSIC AWARDS (THANK YOU CONCERT)

**Where:** City of Mbombela Civic Centre  
**Time:** 6pm

Entry is free at the extravagant Mpumalanga Gospel Awards Thank you Concert.

The host will be none other the country's very own leading comedian Mdura, who also hosted the award ceremony last year.

Artists to look out for are Thina Zungu, Sipho Makhabane and Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved Group.

## TOMORROW

### NKAMBA NKAMBA MUSIC VIDEO PREMIERE

**Where:** Déjà Vu Cocktail Lounge  
**Time:** 7pm

Where the hip hop heads at? As they would put it in their language, 'it will be dope.'

Nkamba Nkamba, a lyrically blessed young man will be streaming his new album live and also premiering his brand new video.

Big names in hip hop circles will be performing. The likes of KrTC, Switch, 80 Script and for some melodious tunes, soloist Zweli Msibi will also be there. Entrance is free before 11pm and it is E30 after.

### THE GROUNDERS MARKET

**Where:** Wood N Putter, Corporate Place  
**Time:** Noon

If you are a lover of fashion, be sure to make a stop at the Corporate Place on Saturday for some vintage fashion clothes and tips.

Music will be from Orthodox, Jazzinsoul, NCM, Sabeloog and Sooks. Entrance is E30.

### RHYMES AND LAUGHTER S2, EP7

**Where:** Swaziland Theatre Club

**Time:** 7pm

Hip hop meets comedy at the 'Rhymes and

Laughter' this Saturday.

Entry fee is E70 to witness Swaziland's top hip hop artists and comedians.

## SUNDAY

### DA T.R.U.T.H LIVE IN SWAZILAND

**Where:** Sibane Hotel

**Time:** 3pm

Join RED Foundation as they launch their life skills and mentorship programme alongside America's award winning rapper Da T.R.U.T.H.

The less said the better for the fun will be darn too much.

## GAUZEN BRAND RETURNS WITH WINTER COLLECTION

By Ayanda Dlamini

**AFTER a lengthy break Menzi Gama, Gauzen owner has bounced back this year with his newly produced winter new stock.**

He recently posted his new merchandise on his Facebook page; mostly winter sweaters, meaning his brand is back in the market after a long break. According to highly placed sources, Gama was concentrating on developing his brand during his hiatus from the market for several years. The Limkokwing University

graduate's brand has grown since 2005 and he has improved a lot in the type of merchandise he produces.

Menzi Gama on his hit reality show 'So What' on e-TV in 2011. Kenny is often seen wearing high end clothing labels like G-Star Raw.



The clothing label made history when well-known personality Kenny Kunene 'Sushi King' was seen wearing a Gauzen Social Intelligence T-shirt designed by



## Mdura at MP Gospel Awards concert

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**NO wonder he will also be the SWAMA Awards host, comedian Mdura has broken limits hosting events outside the country.**

After hosting the Mpumalanga Gospel Awards in December, the comedian will also be the MC tonight at the awards thank you concert to take place at Mbombela Civic Centre, Nelspruit.

Headlining acts for the event are amongst all Mpumalanga based gospel music giants Thina Zungu featuring Sipho Ngwenya with the hit track 'Jesufikekuseni.'

### Received

Gospel music lovers have fallen in love with the song and it has received constant airplay on DStv's One Gospel Channel.

According to one of the awards organisers

who also double's as Mahalia Buchanan's manager Doctor Makhubele, Mdura was the MC at the awards ceremony last year and it was only right that the comedian returned to finish where he left off last year.

### Shooting

The comedian has been in and out of the country almost all weekends of late as he is still shooting for his big TV break in a sitcom called 'The Khambules.'

Mdura, real name Mduduzi Dlamini, is not the only comic on the show as South African born Thenjiwe is also part of the cast.

At the Mpumalanga Gospel Awards Thank You Concert, Mdura will also have the privilege of introducing to the stage giants like Sipho Makhabane otherwise known 'Big Fish, Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved Group, Mahalia and many more.

The comedian's manager Larry Mhlanga acknowledged the fact that Mahalia's manager has engaged Mdura for the fourth time ever since they met.



BROKEN LIMITS: Mduduzi 'Mdura' Dlamini



# HYENAS DAY JOL GIVING AWAY BIKE

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**THE Hyena's Motor Cycle Club has good news in store for children as they will be giving away a motor bike next week.**

This will be during the Hyenas Day Jol slated for May 27 at Esibayeni Lodge where various activities will be taking place for the enjoyment of the whole family.

Mandla Hlatshwayo, a member of the organising committee of the Day Jol assured that anyone who purchases a ticket which costs E150 to the Day Jol stands a chance to win the brand new motorbike for his or her child.

"Anyone who buys a ticket before May 26 stands a chance to win the bike at the draw that we will con-



TP FOR GRABS: The bike to be won.

duct on the actual day, which is May 27," he said.

The Day Jol is expected to not only be filled with noises of brakes and bikes but also with music from a strictly local line up as they clearly stated that they were in total support of the loyal to local campaign.

The only difference is they have

dubbed their quest to support local acts '#woteSwatini.'

Mozaik, Sands and DJs; MBO, Lungsta, LFA, Karly B, Cappucino and Trompies will be the main performers for the day.

Hlatshwayo reminded that there will be children's games in the form of face painting, toys and many more

will also be there.

Worth noting is that all the proceeds from the Hyena's Day Jol will be directed to charity as the club already has identified the right people to donate to.

#### Donate

"On the day, we will open gates at 9am and at noon bikers will be off to Mawelawela Women's Prison to donate to the children who live with their mothers there" he added.

This will be the second Day Jol the club will host as they first held it last year.

The Hyena's Motor Cycle Club consists of amongst all top business people in the country and respected personalities, the likes of Matsapha Mayor Nkhanyeti Ngwenya, Esibayeni Lodge owner Desmond Oswin and PS Betram Stewart, amongst all.



92% of MTN BushFire full festival tickets sold

By Ayanda Dlamini

**ACCORDING to MTN Bushfire Communications Officer Noncedo Dlamini, tickets to the festival are selling fast as compared to last year's festival, having sold about 92 per cent thus far.**

"Fans are looking forward to this year's event and this is shown by the number of tickets we've sold already. The number of tickets sold is very high as compared to last year's. We are left with eight per cent of full festival main arena," Dlamini said.

The golden lounge tickets are sold out. Dlamini urged fans and the public to buy their tickets as they last to avoid disappointment at the gate because there would be no tickets at the gate.

"Tickets are selling at a faster rate and people are encouraged to buy their tickets while stocks last to avoid missing out on the festival," Dlamini said.

#### Provides

Dlamini also revealed that the 'Saturday main Arena' tickets are selling fast. The Saturday main arena provides access to the MTN BushFire main festival arena from May 27, 10am until May 28, 4am.

Reports have also shown that MTN BushFire 2017 ticket sales rates have increased by 50 per cent compared to 2016.

In previous years, the MTN BushFire artist line-up featured a dynamic range of artists from across Southern Africa and the globe.

According to Dlamini, fans can still purchase tickets at MTN Service Centres at Corporate Place in Mbabane and Riverstone Mall in Manzini as well as All Out Africa in Malkerns.

## HUGH MASEKELA LOOKING FORWARD TO MTN BUSHFIRE

By Ayanda Dlamini

**WITH only seven days left until the MTN BushFire Festival, South African Legendary Jazz Musician Hugh Masekela has assured his fans and festival goers that he is definitely coming to the festival and he cannot wait to bless the nation with a great rendition.**

"I'm really looking forward to the MTN Bushfire Festival on May 29 just outside Mbabane in Swaziland," he said in a video on one of the MTN Bushfire Festival social media platforms.

"I've played for MTN Bushfire before and House on Fire as well. The natural surroundings are enough to kill you. Not to mention all the wonderful music that

would be there," the jazz singer reckoned.

He urged fans and festival goers to brace themselves and attend the festival.

"Don't be square; be there at the MTN Bushfire. See you there," said the legend.

Hugh Masekela

is a South African legend, global icon, human rights activist and one of the world's greatest musicians – Masekela needs no introduction to most audiences. Going into his sixth decade of performance and with 44 albums under his belt the living

legend still packs a punch with his riveting live performances.

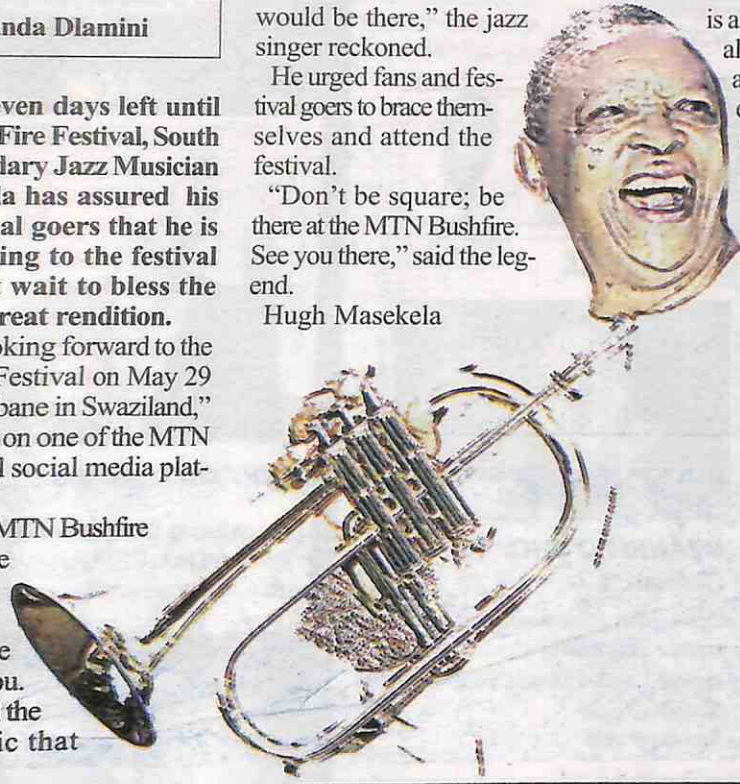
#### Styled

Masekela is also known for his great detest to black women with fake hair as he has many a times refused to take pictures with women who do not have their natural hair styled.

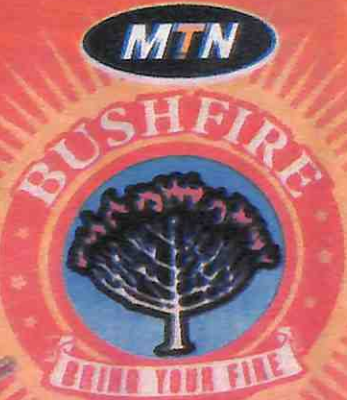
Next week music fans from across the globe gather in the scenic Malkerns Valley of Swaziland to experience the internationally acclaimed event.

More than simply a music festival, MTN BushFire is a holistic experience made up of a rich texture of arts, cultures, crafts, food and people, carefully curretted into specialised zones, to create an explosive three-day event and a memorable take home, family-friendly experience.

**BRINGING FIRE: South African Legendary Jazz Musician Hugh Masekela.**



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International  
Celebrity News

## Selena Gomez releases new single

LOS ANGELES - Selena Gomez has just released the single "Bad Liar" after teasing the track for days on social media.

The Instagram queen posted lyrics and clips to get her fans around the world hyped up for the highly anticipated single and she definitely didn't disappoint.

The former Disney darling and Executive Producer of Netflix's 13 Reasons Why also released the music video for the brand-new tunes. The video, however, is only available on Spotify at the moment.

Earlier today, the 24-year-old beauty released the lyrics to "Bad Liar" to ensure that fans can sing-along



**SONG BIRD: Selena Gomez.**

by the time the music hit the radio.  
*Eonline*

## Amber Rose victim of home invasion

LOS ANGELES - Amber Rose got quite a scare this morning when she discovered that a man had broken into her Los Angeles-area home while she was sleeping.

E! News has confirmed the incident, which is currently an ongoing investigation. TMZ is reporting that the suspect was in her home for four hours before he was discovered and that her son, mother, assistant and bodyguards were all also home at the time that the incident took place. Law enforcement sources tell the outlet that the man gained access to Amber's home by breaking one of her kitchen windows and going through her pantry.



**VICTIM: Amber Rose.**

Apparently, in the wee hours, Amber noticed that her kitchen window was broken and went to check her home surveillance footage to determine the cause.

*MailOnline*

## Bella Hadid gropes voluptuous Emily Ratajowski

LOS ANGELES - They'd enjoyed a glamorous night out at the opening ceremony of the 70th annual Cannes Film Festival.

And Bella Hadid, 20, and gal pal Emily Ratajowski, 25, decided to keep the party going in the South of France as they put on a rather raunchy display while boogying the night away on a luxury yacht after the main event. Supermodel Bella was evidently so impressed with the Gone Girl star's assets that she couldn't help but grope her as they got their groove on in a racy Instagram video, with Emily captioning the



**HAVING FUN: Bella Hadid and Emily.**

clip: "She loves me."  
*DailyMail*

## Halle Berry photo'd out with her new man

GRACIAS - Halle Berry was spotted out for a romantic lunch with a mystery man at Gracias Madre. The 50-year-old actress was wearing skinny jeans and a tunic paired with a wide brim hat and suede boots. The pair could be seen laughing and joking while they got close during the lunch date.

Halle once dated black men like former husbands David Justice and Eric Benet, but not anymore.

Her baby daddies are model Gabriel Aubrey (Nahla's daddy) and her last husband, fellow actor Olivier Martinez, who is the father of their



**COUPLE: Halle Berry and her new bae.**

toddler son.  
*MTO*

## SA Celebrity News

## Skhumba defends his comedy

JOHANNESBURG - It's very tricky being a comedian. Skhumba shares that timing, location and audience could mean the difference between going too far with a joke or winning comedy awards.

Skhumba is no stranger to public backlash and has often made headlines for joking about "sensitive issues" or being "too" controversial in his statements.

The comedian told TshisaLIVE that he loves the freedom that the stage gives him unlike TV and radio where his jokes can always come back to haunt him. He added that every comedian goes through some negative



**IT'S JUST COMEDY: Skhumba.**

feedback and it's all part of the "growing pains". "It's very tricky to get comedy right. Sometimes you can never tell if a joke will be too insensitive or too safe. But we learn as we go," he said. *Sowetan*

## Bonang spends money on shoes

JOHANNESBURG - It's no secret that Bonang Matheba is a lover of nice things. In a new documentary, Six Zeros to My Name, the TV star admitted that while she paid off her first house at 22, she also indulges. Bonang said that she has been lucky to have parents who taught her the importance of spending wisely and investing.

"I'm very lucky that God chose my parents for me. Parents that are business savvy, that know all about finance and are academics. They also gave me the mind and intelligence to know that you need to have a home because this might end tomorrow."

Bonang said she is determined to



**LOVER OF NICE THINGS: Bonang Matheba.**

invest in herself and her future.  
*Drum*

## Damian Marley to perform in SA

DURBAN - Jamaican reggae artist, Damian Robert Nesta Marley, also known around the world as "Junior Gong" and more recently as "Gongzilla" will be performing in Durban at The Zakifo Music Festival and at The Groove Live in Johannesburg this May.

Marley has announced that he will be treating Johannesburg fans to a show at The Groove Live in Newtown on Friday May 26 at 19:00.

The support artist at the venue formerly known as The Bassline is Lesotho hip hop act Kommand



**MZANSI FO SHO: Damian.**

Obbs. After Johannesburg, Marley will travel to Zakifo which happens at Blue Lagoon Beach, Durban on May 26, 27, 28.

*SundayWorld*

## LootLove bags big Metro FM gig

JOHANNESBURG - Luthando Shosha had Twitter in a tizz on Wednesday night after it was announced that she would be taking over a new slot on Metro FM. Along with DJ Speedsta, Loot will take to the airwaves to give listeners the best hip-hop in the game.

They made the announcement on Wednesday night and fans went wild.

*Timeslive*



**WE GROWING CHIEF: LootLove.**

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

## ISIBAYA

## TODAY

Lethu takes steps to reclaim what is rightfully hers while Zitha finds that the walls are closing in on him. Beauty and her mother have a dispute over Judas's fate. Meanwhile, things heat up between Mabuyi and Samson.



**IN LOVE: Samson.**

## ISIDINGO

## TODAY

Lerato and Sechaba suffer more threats. Gabriel commits Nikiwe to a magazine expose much to her disliking. Hendrik laments how to deal with Matlala and the miners.



**UNDERFIRE: Matlala.**

## Muvhango

## TODAY



**LEFT OUT: James.**

Vhutshilo is moved yet again. James feels left out. Will Nonny find a suitable replacement?

## RHYTHM CITY

## TODAY

Mr Ngcobo wants to be tested for compatibility for Dineo's transplant. Niki reluctantly makes an admission. Lerato is going all out, wanting to meet Sizwe's daughter.



**GOING ALL OUT: Lerato.**



She was my crush until she texted me that she was cooking, "pastor, soap and miss meat."



15 likes

## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

Fortunately, this day is not as challenging as others this week. However, because you are mentally in high gear most of the time, a slack or slowdown in work can result in negative thinking. Use extra time successfully by finding creative and positive things to do for others.



## AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

This is a very good day for job-related events. You may shine in your particular job or find that a promotion is within reach. You could represent or speak for your company or communicate about your skills. You need a place to think and dream without interruptions this afternoon.



## PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

You could be teaching or in class today, particularly regarding a new project or style of working. The day is charged with lots of energy and new beginnings. You may lack the staying power to see projects completed but stretch and encourage others in your team or group to do the same.



## ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

You have a quick-thinking mind that is beneficial for investigative work. You are able to sway others to your way of thinking. Establishing a balance in your life just now can be quite stressful. You have personal needs and the responsibilities you have incurred over the years may be taking up most of your spare time.



## TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

You could set a good example today for others, as you attend a conference, public or office meeting or important council meeting. You walk and carry yourself with pride and show respect for others, no matter what differences or difficulties you might find. You could teach problem-solving techniques as well.



## GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

Channel your energies into your work—there is plenty of energy available for accomplishing whatever you set out to do today. Others may challenge some of your ideas and it would be a good time to discuss different aspects of your ideas so as to fine-tune results.



## CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

You like a conventional career. The well-trodden path is where one can find you. You may go out of your way to conform and avoid the new, novel and unconventional with great vigor. Although you may fight for your place in line, your attitude is positive and upbeat. Your money and career take precedence.



## LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

You love to communicate and will pursue a variety of conversations today. The mental world appeals to you and you are very discriminating, but appreciative, when it comes to concepts, ideas and thoughts, etc. You value good research and real inquiry. In-depth discussions and probing conversations find you at your mental best.



## VIRGO AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

Things are happening in your career that will become quite positive... A path will open up and present some good opportunities for you. This may mean a total change or a simple raise. It is where you look and what you want that matters at this time and it would be advisable to give your future goals a lot of thought; these goals are yours for the taking.



## LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

There is confidence now to succeed at any project you attempt. There could be a sudden loss in business but this is no fault of your own. Oddly enough this is a time in which you may increase finances through some unexpected avenue. You should not, however, let finances completely dominate your concerns just now.



## SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

Circumstances may appear to bring some very sensitive issues to your attention. Changes you want to make or are making may be challenged by someone close to you or by events. This could heat up and be an explosive time.



## SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

A co-worker confides in you this morning. You seem to be able to calm others and pass on some of your philosophy to those who may have lost their way. You are expressive and sociable at this time.



## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## MINI CROSSWORD - PUZZLE CHOICE

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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TWILIGHT.

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Laughing Out Loud

## Mommy ate it

For weeks a six-year-old lad kept telling his first-grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed, but made no comment.

Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event. The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mommy ate it!"

## USELESS FACTS

1. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
2. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
3. In many advertisements, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
4. The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."
5. A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

BRAINTEASERS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYesterday's  
brainteasers

1. There was an airplane crash, every single person on board died, but yet two people survived. How is this possible?  
**Answer:** The two were married.
2. If Mr Smith's peacock lays an egg in Mr Jones' yard, who

owns the egg?  
**Answer:** Peacocks don't lay eggs, just peahens.

## Today's brainteasers

1. How many legs does an elephant have if you count his trunk as a leg?
2. How many birthdays does the average person have?





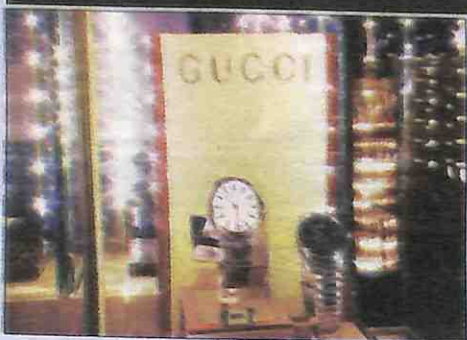
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## HIGHLIGHTS



**Luxury must haves**  
**Tonight 20:00 | Fashion One (178)**

A weekend highlighting the best of high-end apparel and all sorts of designer accessories, bags, shoes and much more.

**Scooby Doo**  
**Tomorrow 15:00 | Boomerang (302)**

The gang goes on a trip to check on Velma's younger sister, Madelyn. She's been studying stage magic at the Whirlen Merlin Magic Academy, where apparently there have been sightings of a giant griffin. The gang decides to investigate.



**Date My Family**  
**Sunday 19:30 Mzansi Magic (161)**

Date My Family helps singletons find love by sending them on dates with their potential partner's family. Can you really trust your family to help you find love?



**Rich kids of social media**  
**Sunday 19:59 | BBC Lifestyle (174)**

There's a new set of ultra-rich, jet-setting party animals in the world: the rich kids of social media, who document every aspect of their fabulous and frequently debauched lives for their millions of followers to envy and enjoy.

There's Emir in Turkey, heir to a massive property empire who considers himself the country's closest thing to royalty. In the USA, Timothy charts flights around the world to stave off the boredom of never having to work.

In the UK, 16-year-old Adil likes to pick up his friends for school in his personal chauffeured Bentley.

# NEW MOVIE POP-UP CHANNEL

M-Net and MultiChoice have created yet another thrilling movies pop-up channel.

Following the massive success of themed movie channel offerings such as the M-Net Movies Fast & Furious, Star Wars, Harry Potter, James Bond and other must-watch pop-up channels, M-Net Movies Blackbelt (109) hit television screens across Africa yesterday.

For a full 25 days thereafter, DStv Premium, DStv Compact Plus and DStv Compact customers can Kung-Fu fight, Karate chop, round-house kick and create all kinds of pulse-pounding mayhem with the masters of martial arts.

The M-Net Movies Blackbelt pop-up channel, which will burst onto channel 109, will showcase a variety of action-packed films in this highly popular martial arts movie genre and its numerous sub-genres. Instead of only focusing on recent high-adrenaline blockbusters of the kind, the pop-up channel has been carefully curated to feature martial arts gems spanning over 40 years from around the globe.

Whether they possess the power of the Tiger Claw or the grace of the Crane Style, fans will indeed be spending time with all the industry icons, cult heroes and infamous villains whose choreographed moves and bruises have kept us enthralled over the years. M-Net



Movies Blackbelt will - among others - celebrate the legacies of Bruce Lee, Jackie Chan, Jean-Claude Van Damme, Steven Seagal and Jet Li.

This means there will be epic revenge tales, Shaolin monks, flying fists, ninja stars, dubbed classics, Van Damme splits and kicks and much more.

Even though the pop-up channel will be packed with action-fuelled movies, each day will start and end off in the company of the man whose impressive spirit and powers have spurred millions of jokes - the one and only Chuck Norris. M-Net Movies Blackbelt

will screen Season 8 of his iconic series Walker Texas Ranger at 09:00, from Mondays to Sundays, and Walker Texas Ranger Season 7 at around midnight.

Every evening at 20:00 there will also be a must-see action film - like Enter The Dragon, Red Cliff, Bloodsport and Shanghai Knights - while weekends will be built around themes. On the weekend of 17 and 18 June you will see the Best of the Best in the genre, while Jackie Chan will take over on the weekend of 24 and 25 June and the Muscles from Brussels, Jean Claude van Damme, the following weekend. And who else but

Chuck Norris can fill up the final two days?

"We are planning a fun-filled channel," says M-Net CEO, Yolisa Phahle.

"Earlier this year, we promised to treat viewers to plenty of exciting themed pop-up channels. They help people find genre specific content and allow enthusiasts to get a dedicated fix of their favourite movies. Viewers seem to love it when we curate content and create a movie-watching event."

M-Net Movies Blackbelt, channel 109, will be available to DStv Premium, DStv Compact Plus and DStv Compact customers



## Still on the Africa day pre-celebrations tip

DStv is celebrating Africa Day May 25 with Africans who have made an impact on the world and made Africa proud.

These personalities include TV stars like Trevor Noah (The Daily Show, weekdays at 21:45 on Comedy Central), Lupita Nyong'o, Pearl Thusi (Quantico, 21 May at 20:00 on

Vuzu AMP and Lip Sync Battle Africa S2, Thursdays at 21:30 on MTV Base), Kat Sinivasin (E! Host South Africa: Destination Hollywood, Sundays at 20:55 on E!) and Terry Pheto, among others. The list also includes sports stars like Caster Semenya, Kagiso Rabada and Yaya Toure.

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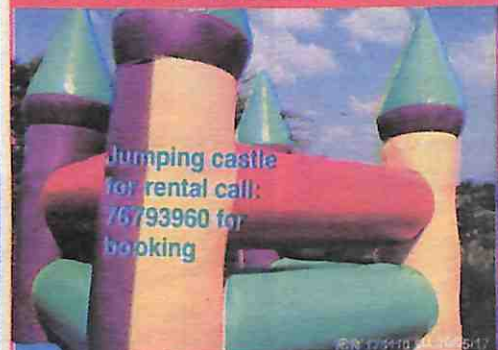
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Place: eSibuyeni

Kwatiswa tihlobo takamangwe, bekhabinina kaShongwe eMakhungutja, nalabahlala nebantwabakhe kutsi ababalese.

Clement Sifiso Masuku



Vigil: Friday  
19/05/2017  
Funeral: Saturday  
20/05/2017

Relatives and friends are notified of his passing. Announcement made by Christopher Masuku on behalf of the family.

## JOB 13:15

Though He slay me,  
yet will I hope in him.

I will surely  
defend my ways to  
his face.

Dumisani Maponyane Mlota



Vigil: Friday  
19/05/2017  
Funeral: Saturday  
20/05/2017  
Place: eGundwini

Kwatiswa bakaMlota, bekhabinina nebasemsebentini. Ibhasi nguKusile bese sitieshi kuseGundwini High School. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumalume wakhe Moses Mbingo.

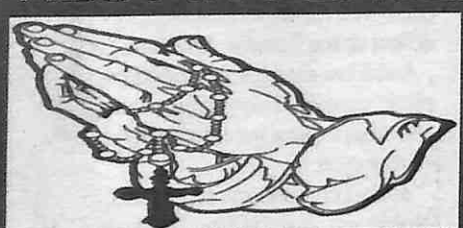
Miriam Khetsiwe Dlamini



Memorial: Salukazi Methodist Church  
19/05/2017  
Time: 12 noon  
Vigil: Friday  
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20/05/2017  
Place: Bhengkosi

Friends, relatives and SNAT family are notified that Miriam Khetsiwe Dlamini; former head teacher of Mangedla Primary School. Rest in peace Nkhosi.

## REST IN PEACE



Sitobhane Manyatsi



Place: eBuseleni (kaGebhuza)  
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Kwatiswa bakaManyatsi, bakaManana nebakaZwane. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

Yvonne Duduzile Nkonyane -Masilela



Memorial: St Christopher's Anglican Church  
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Time: 06:00 am

Relatives and friends are notified of her death, and no night vigil. The funeral will be held at her home. Announcement is made by family.

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Mduduzi Njabulo Msibi



Vigil: Friday  
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Place: eMbikwakhe  
Time: 06:00am

Kwatiswa nebekhabonina kaGamdze emphakatsini kuBulunga. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe Sishosonkhe Isaac Msibi

Gloria Andile Mndzebele



Vigil: Friday  
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Funeral: Saturday  
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Place: Mankayane Tsawela

Relatives and friends are notified of her sudden death. Announcement by her family.

Letta Mntombiso Dlamini



Vigil: Friday  
19/05/2017  
Funeral: Saturday  
20/05/2017  
Place: eNcabaneni

Relatives and friends are notified of her demise. Announcement by family

Mlungisi Candry Simelane



Vigil: Saturday  
20/05/2017  
Funeral: Sunday  
14/05/2017  
Place: Mndobandoba

Friends and relatives "Jolox" are notified of his death. He was working at Sibonelo Credit and Co-Operative Society. He will be laid to rest at Mndobandoba) ka-Thepha Mngometulu) next to Big Bend High School. The Simelane's his family at Maseyisini are notified. The Nxumalo's at Mankayane and the Dlamini's are also notified. Announcement made by Sifiso "Bhamu" Mngometulu his uncle on behalf of the family.

Minah Mbhamayi Matse



Funeral: Saturday  
20/05/2017  
Time: 06:00am  
Place: ka Lobamba lomdzala kuMahlanya

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kute umlindzelo.

MAY  
YOUR  
SOULS  
REST IN PEACE

Delisile Tamaria Zondo



Vigil: Friday  
19/05/2017  
Funeral: Saturday  
20/05/2017  
Place: Phongola SA

Relatives and friends are notified of her death. YKK staffs, Zondo, Nkhosi, Hlatwayo and Lukhele families are also notified.

Teresa Thandazile Dlamini



Funeral: Sunday  
21/05/2017  
Place: eMbikelweni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Johannes Dlamini egameni lemndeni.

Minah Nikiwe Dlamini



Funeral: Saturday  
20/05/2017  
Place: eNtongozi kaMkhumbane

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba (gogo Masuku) kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguZebon Khulu Dlamini egameni

Lomasontfo Mirriam Magongo



Vigil: Saturday  
19/05/2017  
Funeral: Sunday  
20/05/2017  
Place: Nkwadini

Friends and relatives of are notified of her untimely death. Memorial will be at Faith Apostolic Mission kaXobonga Sidwashini at 2pm. Night vigil at her home at Nkwadini Zone 4. She will be laid to rest at Sidwashini cemetery on 20th May 2017.

Bawinile Precious Simelane



Vigil: Saturday  
20/05/2017  
Funeral: Sunday  
21/05/2017  
Place: eMathangeni Matsapha

Relatives and friends are notified of her demise. Announcement made by Nkosinathi Dlamini his brother on behalf of the family.

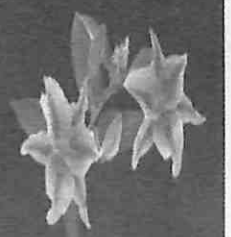
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## ALEXIS SANCHEZ SLAMS WENGER OUT PROTESTERS

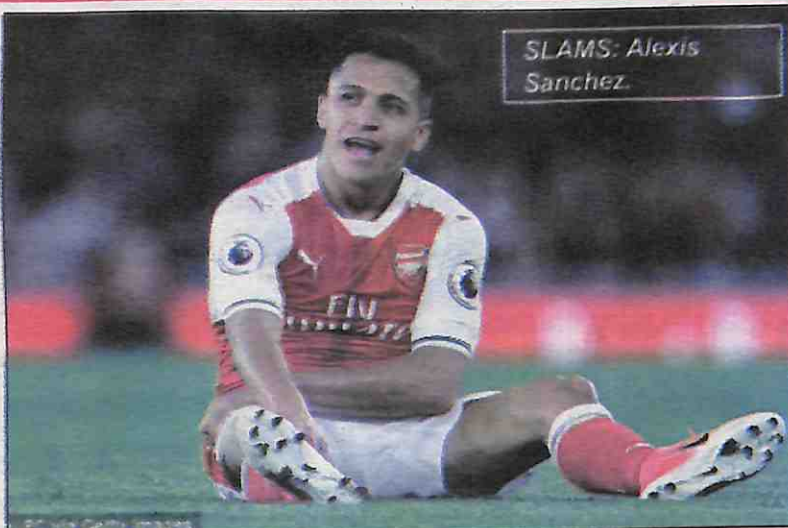
**LONDON** - Alexis Sanchez has slammed the Arsenal fans who are protesting against Manager Arsene Wenger, saying the Gunners boss is 'the creator' of everything at the club.

The 'Wenger Out' campaign has gathered momentum this season, culminating in a partial boycott of Arsenal's last home game, in which they beat Sunderland 2-0 in a stadium that was less than full. But Sanchez said the protests were 'very bad' and heaped praise on his boss. "For me, it (fan demonstrations) is very bad," said the Chilean. He is the manager who gave a stadium to the club, won cups, and he has been on the job 21 years.

"He is the creator of the stadium, the players and style of the club."

Sanchez has been Arsenal's stand-out performer this season as they chase Champions League football, with 23 league goals and 10 assists.

But with only one year remaining on his contract after this season, the forward has been linked to other top clubs. However, the Arsenal star insists



his future is purely down to the club, and says it will only be discussed at the end of the season.

"I cannot tell you now (about my future). We have to wait until the end of the season. As I always say, it doesn't depend on me. It depends on the club. What they like, what they don't like. 'I always said the same: I try to do my best, to support the team, to

score goals, to win victories.' And we will see at the end. If they like that I carry on, or they don't. Whatever they want, we will see it at the end of the tournament."

Whether Arsenal finish in the top four or not, the club anticipates a busy summer in the transfer market, with Schalke left-back Sead Kolasinac set to be the first signing. *Daily Mail*

## MILNER TRAMPLED BY MONSTER IN LATEST NIVEA MEN ADVERT

**LIVERPOOL** - James Milner is the unlikely leading man in Liverpool's latest Nivea advert.

He starts the clip with his teammates in the changing room following a victory before the scene changes to the car park.

Milner is seen stepping into his car, giving some fans around him a wave before the supporters look to the sky and run for cover.

A giant, clawed foot then crushes Milner in the car and Steven Gerrard makes a cameo appearance, giving his colleague in the rubble a cheeky smile.

Liverpool's Nivea adverts have become something of a tradition

and the latest installment also features Roberto Firmino and Nathaniel Clyne, who soaps himself down in the shower.

Milner said, 'It was good fun to shoot the ad. The previous ones have gone down really well with the fans.'

'I gave it my best but I think the other lads are probably more natural actors than me!'

The Reds are still chasing Champions League football this season and have their fate in their own hands, needing a win against Middlesbrough at Anfield to secure a top four spot.

*Daily Mail*



## TRANSFER WINDOW TOUGH FOR SPURS - POCHETTINO

**LONDON** - Tottenham Hotspur cannot compete with their Premier League rivals offering huge wages in the transfer market despite securing a Champions League berth for the upcoming season, Manager Mauricio Pochettino has said.

Spurs finished second behind Chelsea in the league to qualify for the Europe's elite competition but Pochettino says it is not enough to attract "top players" and will instead look to add younger players to the squad. "We talk about 'if Tottenham are in the Champions League, it will be more attractive.' But then it's all about if

you pay or not when we talk about top players," Pochettino told reporters.

"We have unbelievable facilities but if some club is paying double the salary, then how can you convince them? We cannot lie to you. That is the reality."

"You need younger players, like Dele Alli, who preferred to come here than another club," Pochettino also said they cannot afford to make any mistakes next season if they want to win the title.

Following a 2-0 victory over Manchester City on October 2, the North London side had to wait for another five games for

their next league win. "It is about being more competitive next season. In October and November we dropped a lot of points and it was difficult to catch Chelsea," the Argentinean added. "So now it is time for us to look at it and find a way to fix the team, find better tools to improve in our methods and the way that we handle and manage the team."

Spurs visited 11-placed Leicester City later yesterday and will be travelling to already-relegated Hull City on Sunday in their final game of the season.

*Reuters*

## Mourinho sweating over Fellaini injury

**Manchester** - Midfielder Marouane Fellaini is doubtful for Manchester United's last league game and next week's Europa League final after sustaining an injury in Wednesday's goalless draw at Southampton.

Belgian international Fellaini was substituted in the 75th minute and had a brief talk with Manager Jose Mourinho before walking straight down the tunnel with what appeared to be a muscle problem.

"Fellaini, on top of his experience, says it's not a tear," Mourinho told the club's website (www.manutd.com).

"He says it was a minimal thing but minimal can be a big thing. Let's wait for tomorrow but he needed to play."

Mourinho said that he had to give the 29-year-old playing time to prepare him for the remaining two games as Fellaini missed United's last three league games after picking up a red card in the Manchester

derby in April.

"I couldn't protect him as he needed to play. He didn't play for three matches due to suspension. Players need not only to rest but also to play."

He wasn't playing a lot so he had to play today. I don't blame myself or our decision," Mourinho said. Mourinho also said that defender Eric Bailly picked up a minor injury but was not too concerned about the 23-year-old who is ineligible for the Europa League final after being sent off in the semifinal.

*Reuters*



## Terry promised West Ham squad a 'night out on the Chelsea boys

**LONDON** - The West Ham players can claim a night out on John Terry and his Chelsea team-mates after beating Tottenham, James Collins has revealed.

The Blues won the title last week following their victory over West Brom at The Hawthorns, having been given a major boost by Spurs' defeat at the London Stadium.

And it has emerged that the champions' captain, Terry, handed the Hammers extra incentive ahead of that match.

"John Terry text me and Mark Noble saying, 'If you boys beat Tottenham there's a dinner or a night out on the Chelsea boys,' so that was nice," Collins told Betway Insider.

"But we wanted to beat Tottenham anyway. We're lucky we did in the end looking at the result we got after that [a 4-0 loss against Liverpool]."

"It was a massive result, it put us safe and obviously to beat our closest rivals at home was massive."

West Ham's first season at their new home has been largely forgettable but that victory over Spurs



was a highlight.

"It's all about the tactics on the night, you change formations, change tactics for each team you play." *Daily Mail*



# WITS WRITING HISTORY IN THE PSL

JOHANNESBURG - South African football lovers witnessed a veritable colossal achievement by a team known to be quite nifty, but without enough verve for a league title.

Wits' journey to this year's ABSA Premiership title is a story that took over 96 years - and low and behold, it reached a happy ending.

On Wednesday, the Clever Boys overcame Polokwane City 2-0 to the jaw of Mamelodi Sundowns, who had to fight back during the dying minutes of the game to get a draw against Maritzburg United.

Wits now have an unassailable four point lead at the top of the table with only one match remaining in the season. They have won 18 of their 29 matches played, drawing six and losing five in the process - two of those losses inflicted by SuperSport United. They won both home and away games against Orlando Pirates and have beaten all the three big clubs this season.



TEARS OF JOY: Maritzburg United coach Gavin Hunt.

At least five teams were in the running for the title until recently when one by one they started falling by the wayside - Kaizer Chiefs, SuperSport United and then Cape Town City.

But Sundowns alone may have given Wits coach Gavin Hunt a full blown migraine having been in the similar

race with the Brazilians last season when plans to win the league blew up in his face. Wits faltered when it mattered the most, in the last few games.

Hunt had also spoken about injuries that robbed him of his key players in some of the crucial fixtures this season. *Sport24*

## MOSIMANE: WITS DESERVE THE TITLE

PRETORIA - Johannesburg - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane congratulated newly-crowned Premiership champions Bidvest Wits after the title was decided on Wednesday.

Masandawana were held to a 2-2 draw at home by Maritzburg United, while Wits claimed a 2-0 win over Polokwane City to secure the silverware.

The results put Wits four points clear of last season's champions Sundowns, with only one game left to play.

"It was not meant for us. We have to accept it," Mosimane said in his post-match interview, according to Goal.com website.

"You've got to congratulate Wits. They've done very well, they deserve the trophy. You know, we've got seven titles.

So, it's about football, it's like that.

That's how Barca (Barcelona) or Real Madrid will feel in the last match as well - one of them will be feeling like that after the last

match, but it's OK.

"The second goal was very important for us; to keep us alive for second position for a (CAF) Champions League. So, it's OK, you've got to accept it."

He added; "what makes me happy is (the fans), they were singing all the way. Unbelievable.

They understand you can't win everything.

I'm very proud of this team that even at this point in time we are still fighting for second position." *Sport24*



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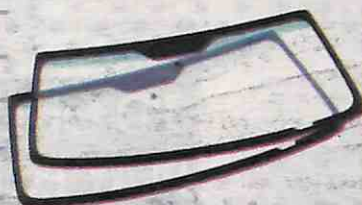
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# MCGREGOR ON BOARD FOR MEGA FIGHT

**LOS ANGELES** - Fight promoter Dana White says he has an agreement with mixed martial arts champion Conor McGregor for a proposed megafight, but boxing superstar Floyd Mayweather remains unsigned.

White told American television cable channel TNT on Wednesday night that McGregor has agreed to a boxing match and not a martial arts fight which heavily favours Mayweather, who has never lost in his two-decades long storied career.

White said they still have a long way to go.

But his plan now is to try to lure Mayweather out retirement for a superfight with McGregor.

"The McGregor side is done," Ultimate Fighting Champion president White said.

"I'm not saying the fight will happen but I got one side done and it's time to work on the other (Mayweather).

"If we can come to a deal with (Al) Haymon and (Floyd) Mayweather, the fight's going to happen."

White said that McGregor has agreed to step in the ring with the undefeated Mayweather despite not



**WORK IN PROGRESS: Floyd Mayweather and Conor Macgregor.**

having fought competitively in a boxing ring since he was a teenager.

McGregor was granted a license to box in California several months ago.

McGregor, a 28-year-old Irishman, has been the UFC's most popular fighter and among its top money spinners while Mayweather, a 40-year-old American, retired in 2015 with a 49-0 record including 26 victories by knockout.

White has said the fight could gen-

erate a payday of \$100-million (R1.3-billion) for Mayweather and \$75-million (R975-million) for McGregor.

Mayweather has repeatedly said that he won't come out of retirement, against anyone, for less than \$100 million.

Not everyone would be excited to see a Mayweather-McGregor boxing match.

AFP

## PSL congratulates champions Wits

**JOHANNESBURG** - The Premier Soccer League (PSL) has congratulated newly-crowned 2016/17 ABSA Premiership champions, Bidvest Wits.

Wits won their first ever ABSA Premiership title following a 2-0 victory against Polokwane City at the Bidvest Stadium in Johannesburg on Wednesday night.

The club has now accumulated an unassailable 60 points with only one match remaining.

PSL Acting Chief Executive Mato Madlala heaped praises on the 'Clever Boys'.

"The 2016/17 championship race will go down as one of the most impressive and highly con-

tested battles in recent history. I would like to commend all the clubs that put a spirited challenge to the top honours," Madlala said.

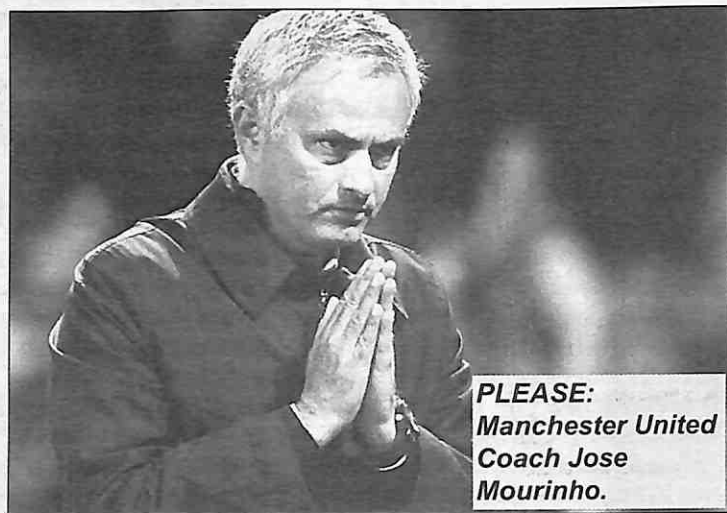
"At the end of the day there can only be one winner and this time it was Bidvest Wits who earned the top prize.

"We would like to congratulate the club for this historic achievement. I'm certain that they will savour this moment for a very long time."

The PSL and ABSA will hand over the Premiership trophy to Wits, May 27 at the FNB Stadium where they will play Kaizer Chiefs in their last match.

Kick-off is at 15:00.

Sport24



**PLEASE: Manchester United Coach Jose Mourinho.**

## 'DON'T KILL ME'

**SOUTHAMPTON, United Kingdom** - Jose Mourinho says the Premier League's unwillingness to help Manchester United prepare for their Europa League final will force him to pick youth players against Crystal Palace on Sunday.

United finish their league campaign against Palace at Old Trafford before facing Ajax in the Europa League final in Stockholm next Wednesday, a game they must win to qualify for next season's Champions League.

With nothing riding on Sunday's game for either United or Palace, who are assured of avoiding relegation, Mourinho believes it should have been

moved forward a day.

"In any country in the world, the match would be tomorrow because of Sunday, we are sixth, doesn't matter what, and Crystal Palace is safe," the United manager told reporters after Wednesday's 0-0 draw at Southampton.

Asked if he had submitted a request for the game to be moved, Mourinho replied, "I don't lose time. When I know that the battle is lost, I don't fight the battle."

"You (journalists) are English, you were here since you were born. I'm here already, four plus three, seven years. I never saw any detail of trying to care about the English teams involved in European competitions. AFP

## I'D ONLY LEAVE ATLETICO TO PLAY FOR KNICKS - GRIEZMANN

**MADRID** - Antoine Griezmann says he would only leave Atletico Madrid to play alongside Derrick Rose for NBA side New York Knicks.

Griezmann has been widely tipped to join Manchester United in the summer, something repeatedly denied by the France international.

However, Griezmann did hint at a move away from Madrid - not to England but instead to a team in the NBA.

"I would only leave Atleti to play with Derrick Rose," the 26-

year-old jokingly told Cadena Ser.

It has been another fine season for Griezmann, who has 16 La Liga goals and 26 in all competitions.

But his goals have not been enough to deliver a trophy to Atletico, who will finish third in La Liga this term, having lost in the semi-finals of the Champions League and Copy del Rey.

And if Griezmann is to remain in the Spanish capital, he wants to win silverware.

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## ARSENAL MUST RESPECT EUROPA - CECCH

**LONDON** - Arsenal must respect the Europa League next season and take the tournament seriously if they fail to qualify for the Champions League, goalkeeper Peter Cech has said.

Arsenal's 2-0 win over relegated Sunderland on Tuesday moved them within a point of fourth-placed Liverpool and gave the London side an outside chance of qualifying for the Champions League if results go their way on the final day of the season.

English clubs have become more prominent in the Europa League in recent years with Chelsea winning the competition in 2013, Liverpool finishing runner-up last year and Manchester United set to play the final next week.

"A European trophy is a European trophy," Cech told British media.



Europa League with respect because it is a European trophy.

"I only played in it once and was fortunate to have won it. But obvi-

"I have to say you want to have the Champions League one rather than

the Europa League one but you can see more and more, big teams are treating te

ously I would rather be in the Champions League, that's for sure. Let's see what will happen."

Arsenal will finish in the top four if they beat Everton on Sunday provided Liverpool lose or draw against relegated Middlesbrough.

"We have a difficult game, let's not forget this first," Cech added.

"We will concentrate on our game and there is only one thing we can do which is to win and then hope the other results will go our way, which if they don't, they don't. But we need to make sure we win our game."

"I never care about the other results so I am not going to start now."

Reuters

**RESPECT: Arsenal goal-keeper Peter Cech.**

## Wits youngster Mahlambi to miss out on World Cup

**JOHANNESBURG** - Bidvest Wits forward Phakamani Mahlambi has been withdrawn from South African Under-20 men's national team due to a hamstring injury he sustained while training with his club.

His place has been taken by Ajax Cape Town defender Sergio Kammies, who was expected in South Korea on Wednesday night.

As per the FIFA rules for the tournament, no player can be replaced in the squad without proof of an injury.

"Judging from the evidence

revealed by the ultrasound film that has been sent by Mahlambi's club and has been forwarded to the FIFA Medical office, the player's injury is very significant and unfortunately can't be managed before any of our World Cup games.

"Surgery would be a better option to enhance recovery however, he will still not be ready for this World Cup Tournament and it is for this reason that he has been withdrawn," said Dr Thulani Ngwenya, the SA Under-20 team doctor.

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**INJURED: Wits forward Phakamani Mahlambi.**



# Weekend Sports Fixtures

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## FOREIGN SPORT

### TINKLER ADMITS CITY GOT LUCKY

CAPE TOWN - Eric Tinkler says his Cape Town City perhaps got more than they deserved after a 1-0 home win over Lamontville Golden Arrows in the Absa Premiership on Wednesday kept alive their hopes of finishing second in the league this season.

Both sides squandered numerous opportunities in an entertaining game at the Athlone Stadium, before Musa Bilankulu turned the ball into his own net from an Aubrey Ngoma cross in the final minute of injury-time at the end of the game.

"It was a game of two halves and first half we weren't very good at all," Tinkler says. "Defensively we were poor, Arrows

were trying to force us to play through the middle and we fell for it every single time. That allowed them to play off our mistakes.

"Their transitional play and counter-attack is their main threat, they are not a team that will look to press you high up the field.

#### Mistake

They will look to drop off into the middle third and wait for you to make a mistake and capitalise on that.

"In the first half our shape was poor, we made the wrong decisions and we got away with it a bit."

But Tinkler says they made some

adjustments at the break and the introduction of midfielder Thabo Nodada also provided a boost for City.

"We rectified that at halftime and the players responded much better. When Thabo Nodada came in, the impetus really fell to our side, he made a big difference.

"We seemed to get a second wind, drive forward more and create a lot of chances. Their keeper [Nkosi Gumede] I think probably had his best game this season, he made some fantastic saves."

When captain Lebogang Manyama missed a penalty with five minutes remaining, it looked as though it would not be City's night. *Mzansi Football*

Highlands Park at Makhulong Stadium. Both matches kick off at 15:00.

If Sundowns win, they will finish second regardless of what Cape Town City do, and will secure that all-important runners-up spot. If City win and Sundowns lose or draw, the Cape side will get the chance at challenging for Africa's biggest club prize.

A City draw coupled with a Sundowns defeat - which would see the teams end level on points - won't be good enough for the Cape side to finish second due to their inferior goal differential.

Teamtalk

### City could pip Sundowns to CAF CL spot

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town City FC have the chance to represent South Africa in the CAF Champions League with second place still up for grabs in the ABSA Premiership.

The Premier Soccer League (PSL) have two Champions League spots available which are secured by the PSL champions and the team which ends the campaign in second place. Bidvest Wits were crowned 2016/17 champions on Wednesday after beating Polokwane City 2-0 at home, while their only challengers, defending

champions Mamelodi Sundowns, were held to a 2-2 home draw by Maritzburg United.

Meanwhile, Cape Town City claimed a 1-0 victory over Golden Arrows at the Athlone Stadium in their final home match of the season. That victory over Abafana Bes'thende moved City to within a point of second placed Sundowns with one match in the season remaining. Eric Tinkler's charges travel to the Peter Mokaba Stadium May 27 for a clash against Polokwane City while Pitso Mosimane's Brazilians take on relegation-threatened

### Klate delight at sixth title

JOHANNESBURG - Daine Klate has described winning his sixth Premiership title as overwhelming but says he is "more delighted for the club" than himself.

When the Clever Boys won the title on Wednesday, it made Klate the most decorated footballer in the Premier Soccer League era.

The Bafana Bafana international won five back-to-back league titles - three at SuperSport United and two at Orlando Pirates - and is now two more ahead of the next best, Andre Arendse with four.

But Klate, ever the team player, played down his achievement, saying it was all about the team, than himself.

"Ja, I think it's a spectacular evening for myself. But I'm more delighted for the club than myself," the 32-year-old from

Port Elizabeth was quoted by Sowetan Live. "It's a bit overwhelming. As we speak, I still have to make sense of everything."

"If you want to win the league, sign Daine Klate," a commentator said after the game about the player who has also won a staggering seven cup medals. But, Klate wasn't just the only decorated player in Gavin Hunt's all conquering side. Elias Pelembe is a multiple league winner, as is former Tottenham

Hotspur defender Bongani Khumalo and ex-Bafana and Pirates star Moeneeb Josephs.

"... Pelembe was fantastic tonight. I think he played his best game of the season, and it showed his experience," Klate continued.

"And obviously myself getting the goal, and Bongani Khumalo at the back.



OVERWHELMED: Daine Klate.





MBABANE HIGHLANDERS

Supporters' Corner



# TEAM CHAIRMAN CHATS TO US

By Maxwell Mfanfikile Masuku  
(National Supporters Committee Secretary)

**THE** greatest lesson one can learn in life is that wishing for something, does not mean that wish will become a reality.

We all wish for positive results and trophies but all that will remain a wish if we do not working together towards bringing that wish to reality. We have mourned, criticised, and crucified each other and drew attention from sympathisers but now it's time we dust ourselves and move forward together.

The challenges have helped to shape our teams and has given us a lesson we need for our success and most of all allowed us to realise that we absolutely can manage through anything that comes our way.

In today's article we honoured to have had a chat with the team's Chairman of the Board of Directors Zweli Jele who gives us his insight, and shares the team's future prospects.

**NB: ZWELI JELE - ZW  
MAXWELL MASUKU-MM**

**MM:** Welcome to our column Mr. Jele. On a lighter note, I am not sure whether to congratulate you or mourn for you on being tasked to be the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Mbabane Highlanders.

**ZJ:** I think its congratulation, I have been given the opportunity to lead a team in which I have spent my entire life with. That is something good.

**MM:** For the sake of those who do not know Mr Jele can you briefly share with us who you are and your involvement in football.

**ZJ:** I started at Mbabane Highlanders junior levels but I couldn't break into the senior team. I was secretary of the team in 1992 and held various positions before the current one.

**MM:** In years gone by Highlanders were the most feared team in the country taking trophies left, right and centre of late the direct opposite of that is happening, where do you think we lost it?

**ZJ:** We did not transform our managerial



**PROSPECTS: Mbabane Highlanders Board of Directors Chairman Zweli Jele.**

approach to be in line with modern football and we allowed co-support basis such as sponsors like Inyatsi and Puma to fall away leaving us without strong financial backing.

**MM:** A Few seasons ago Mbabane High-landers had a sole director who was working based on a contract. In your assessment is the sole directorship working for Highlanders? If not what are the challenges in that?

**ZJ:** Sole directorship has its own challenges, especially when the sole director loses appetite for the game or the team.

I believe in collective leadership with the chairmen being given executive powers to make decisions when necessary

**MM:** You and your team in the leadership structure took over the reign after supporters threatened former director Bheki Simelane and pushed him to resign, how was the state of the team when you took over and what were the main challenges you faced?

**ZJ:** Challenges were that players were given fraudulent and inflated contracts which means we started off from a conflict with the players. We found out that some of the players were not of the required premier league status and we found it difficult to find quality players over the short window period

**MM:** what does PLS vision 2022 mean to Highlanders?

**ZJ:** In 2015, The Premier League of Swaziland summoned Mbabane Highlanders, Manzini Wanderer, and Mbabane Swallows to a meeting at Lugogo Sun.

At this meeting they presented vision 2022 to us and informed us on the role they wanted us to play reaching that vision. We embraced that vision and therefore we have been supportive of the PLS on that vision.

That vision requires the three teams to work together in establishing a base for the success of the vision.

It was during this meeting that it was discussed that amongst the other issues that we have to do as the three teams was to establish a common marketing strategy, a financial model that will sustain the premier league.

It is in the context of this agreement that both Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers have received financial assistance from the premier league because we are integral to vision 2022

**MM:** Going forward, can you share some

light on future plans on reviving the team?

**ZJ:** We are in negotiations with some sponsors to enable us to buy some quality players and improve player welfare as well as improve our technical bench. We then want to commence the implementation to strategies that were agreed upon with PLS in terms of vision 2022.

**MM:** we have read in the media about PLS's moves to ban elders and patrons in team's structures. Can you shed some light on that issue? What is highlander's official stand on that?

**ZJ:** The PLS has not banned Patrons but has required that decision making in a club should be done by the directors. The patrons will continue to exist as an informal body to be consulted as and when necessary but will not be involved in decision making.

**MM:** There is a burning issue being discussed in harsh tones in the corridors of football about increasing teams to 14.

Most people believe it is being done to save Mbabane highlanders, yet a honest fact is that Mbabane highlanders has not been relegated, what can you tell supporters on this issue?

**ZJ:** You are correct that we haven't been relegated our obligation is to beat Mbabane Swallows when we meet them in order to avoid relegation. We are working towards that.

**MM:** In the supporters meeting held over the weekend, supporters agreed on a need to amend or review the teams constitution. How will that process go about?

**ZJ:** A draft constitution has been given to stakeholders to look at and comment. We hope to have a meeting on May 28, to finalise the constitution which shall later be adopted.

**MM:** Thank you so much Mr Jele for your time. We do wish you and your team the best as you strive to bring back the glory days at Mbabane Highlanders.

**ZJ:** My message to the team's supporters is that we support our leaders and stand united so that we can revive the Highlanders brand and take it to where it belongs.



(Ezimnyama Ngenkani)



**GWAZA NKUNZI:** Mbabane Highlanders fans in a joyful mood during one of their games.



# BUY CASH PIGG'S PEAK LEAGUE CLOSING



**SOCCKER BABES:** Khanjana Rovers FC fans pose with their teams trophy.



**CHAMPIONS:** Khanjana Rovers celebrating with their trophy.



**PROUD:** Khanjana Rovers fans in a jovial mood.



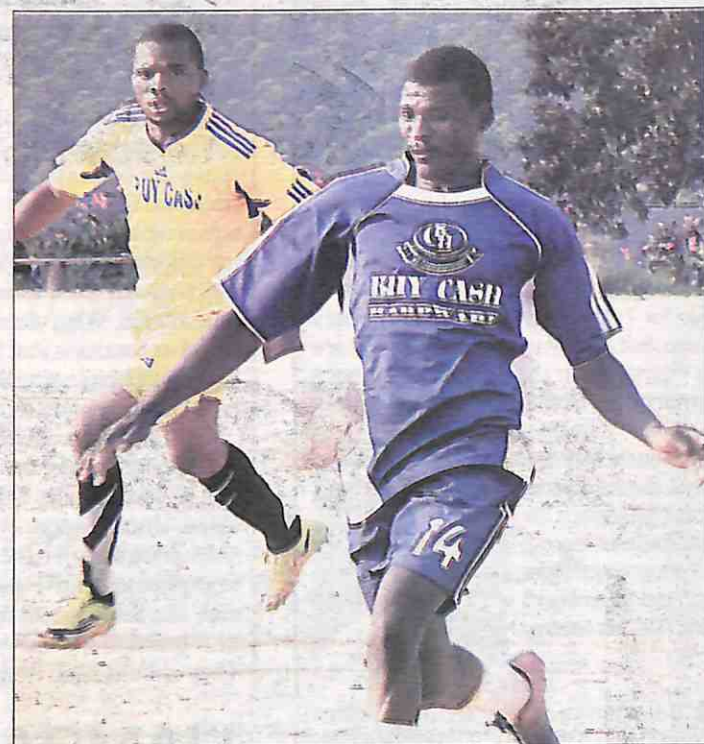
**THANKS:** HRFA Executive with Pigg's Peak League Sponsor Minister Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza and Ntfontjeni MP Sompisi Magagula during the game.



**GOOD GAME:** HRFA Secretary Nigel Shongwe being introduced to the officials.



**RUNNERS UP:** Pigg's Peak United FC with the sponsor and executive.



**CATCH ME IF YOU CAN:** Phophonyane FC striker dashing with the ball.



**THROUGH:** Champions Khanjana Rovers players receiving their gold medals from the sponsor.



**TIGHT AT WORK:** Pigg's Peak league secretary Hloniphile hard at work.



**POSE:** The Minister presenting Khanjana Rovers captain their trophy after the game while Ntfontjeni MP Sompisi Magagula and the HRFA Executive looks on.



**SUPPORTERS:** Fans watching the game.



## football talk

all your latest world football news

● Chelsea have made a £55m bid for Paris St-Germain's 24-year-old Italy midfielder Marco Verratti. *(Sun)*



● Tottenham have initiated talks with Juventus and Brazil right-back Dani Alves, 34. *(Yahoo)*

● Two more England players - midfielder Eric Dier, 23, and full-back Danny Rose, 26 - are also close to leaving Tottenham amid interest from Manchester United and Manchester City. *(Sun)*

● Southampton Chairman Ralph Krueger says the club does not need to sell Netherlands centre-back Virgil van Dijk, 25, even if they are offered £60m. *(Liverpool Echo)*

● Barcelona have been linked with a move for Tottenham midfielder Moussa Sissoko, but AC Milan and Real Madrid are also interested in the 27-year-old France international. *(Don Balon - in Spanish)*

● Manchester United target Bernardo Silva, 22, says he dreams of leaving Monaco for one of the 'best teams'. The Portugal midfielder is valued at around £70m. *(SIC, via Metro)*



● Bournemouth are willing to offer Jermain Defoe a three-year contract worth £115,000 a week. The 35-year-old Sunderland and England striker is soon to be available on a free transfer. *(Sun)*

● Winger Wilfried Zaha has told Crystal Palace he is willing to sign a five-year deal worth £110,000-a-week after the 24-year-old Ivory Coast international helped to secure the club's Premier League status for another season. *(Guardian)*

● Chelsea will offer keeper Thibaut Courtois a new contract worth more than £150,000-a-week to try to fight off Real Madrid's interest in the 25-year-old Belgium international. *(Telegraph)*

● Arsenal want to sign Real Madrid and Brazil right-back Danilo, 25. *(Don Balon - in Spanish)*

● Lyon and France striker Alexandre Lacazette, 25, says he is interested in joining Atletico Madrid this summer. *(Lyon, via Eurosport)*



● Newcastle United are set to enquire about the availability of 26-year-old Fulham and Scotland midfielder Tom Cairney. *(Telegraph)*



## DU'S CORNER

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

WITH DUMSANE SIBANDZE

PLS Youth Development Communications Manager



# PLS PROUD OF 'BIRDS'

...the club's impressive CAF Cup campaign is a massive boost in uplifting the Premier League of Swaziland brand



EVER READY: Mbabane Swallows players ready for one of their games.

AS Premier League of Swaziland (PLS), we take this opportunity to congratulate the high-flying Mbabane Swallows for their great if not courageous performance away in Tunisia during the CAF Confederation Cup first leg match.

A true football person would immediately agree that losing 0-1 in an away match of such high standards is not a bad result at all.

In fact, it must be pointed out that Swallows have outdone themselves and elevated their status in African football with their polished display in this tournament. Without doubt, Swallows will get their revenge here at home in the second leg match and this is where they always rise to the occasion against the best.

After all, they have already shown great character in the field of play against the best on the African continent and this has given the Swazi nation renewed hope that the capital city giants will rewrite the history books of this tournament this time around. What we should not forget as Swazis is that Swallows are not just representing themselves now but the country as a whole.

When they get headlines for such good performances, the country's flag is automatically hoisted high in the African region. We need to show pride that we have managed to send a competitive and resilient club like Swallows to market the PLS brand to the outside world. They should keep it up and not

underestimate themselves against any opposition.

On Tuesday, the red and white giants are calling all football lovers in the country to kindly join them in celebrating another historic victory at the Somhlolo National Stadium. Love or hate them, this Swallows team is the greatest of all time and qualifies to be christened the barometer of Swazi football. They host South Africa's Platinum Stars in the second group

stage match of the competition and this is a game not to be missed by all. It will cost only E40 to be able to watch this exciting match and we appeal that the Swazi nation to pack the stadium and turn it into a fortress.

We want to see the stadium painted red and white.

Let us make life difficult for the visitors and provide our heroes Swallows the much-needed morale support. After all, they now carry

the flag of all Swazis and we need to show our support. Let us go not to just sit and watch but blow our *vuvuzelas*, come up with nice songs and make it an atmosphere not to forget. With that said, let me again take this chance to wish Swallows the best of luck as they prepare for next Tuesday's match. We have no doubt at all that Swazis will be all smiles at the sound of the final whistle in that match. *Kubo majaha!*

## HAMBA KAKUHLE 'MABURA'

MBABANE Swallows had a long thought-out plan building this great umpire, this great institution and those years of hard-work are finally paying off handsomely, it must be said. It has taken about 20 years for the Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze-led administration to build what has arguably become Swallows' greatest home ever.

Gamedze, with the likes of the late Sibusiso Manana (may his soul rest in eternal peace), Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane and others had a dream which has come true. It is very gratifying that before meeting his untimely and regrettable death, Sibusiso had already tasted the fruits of his unquestionable hard-work the club.

He leaves this world a happy man because today, Swallows is the measure of our football. The experience of these officials has helped a lot in elevating this great club and demonstrated the fact that experience cannot be bought but acquired with time.

You cannot bypass it *utolimala* because it is

always wise not to reap what you did not sow.

These officials have taught some of us that if you want results, you must keep your administration for a long time to maintain continuity, buy quality players, have good coaching panel and disciplined supporters.

The combination of those factors will without doubt bring the desired results as we continue to witness at Swallows. A lot has already been said about you 'Mabura' and I think it is only fair to let your spirit rest in peace.

On the same note, this column wishes to plead and request all those who will attending his funeral to be on their best behaviour.

We all know that Manana was a disciplined man and respect to him came first in whatever he did. Let us be seen painting a good picture of football by respecting the programme and taking our dearest friend to his final resting place. *Lala kahle nangekuthula 'Mabura'.*

HAMBA KAHLE: The late Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana.

## PLS RESERVE LEAGUE IN FULL SWING

THE much-anticipated PLS Reserve league will be in action this weekend and we anticipate great football action.

Fixtures have already been released and we ask teams to liaise with the PLS office or check in the local media. We trust and hope that all teams are geared up for the game.

### THE FIXTURES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### Tomorrow at Manzini Club

Red Lions	vs	Wanderers	9:30am
Tambuti FC	vs	Pirates 1	1:30am
Buffaloes	vs	Sundowns	1:30pm

#### Tomorrow at Old Trade Fair Ground

Leopard	vs	Highlanders	9am
Midas City	vs	Sea Birds	11am

## From the PLS COO

With the focus firmly on Swallows' CAF Cup campaign, our COO Mr Pat Vilakati is urging all Swazi football lovers to unite and rally behind the country's representatives in this competition.

He has emphasised all present to be dressed in the team's colours and create a carnival atmosphere.



# MTN GRAND CLOSING GAMES LIKELY TO BE PLAYED NEXT WEEKEND

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - THE** much awaited MTN Premier League grand closing games featuring Mbabane giants Highlanders and Swallows are likely to be played on the weekend of May 27-28.

The games were suspended two weeks ago due to security reasons after Highlanders patrons and players were threatened.

Mbabane Swallows will host Algerian club Mouloudia Club D'Alger on June 2 in their third game of the CAF Confederations Cup group stages at Somhlolo National Stadium and the following weekend will see the senior national team Sihlangu take on North African nation Niger in the Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers.

The programme suggests that the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) has next weekend to get over and done with the league campaign so that the focus shifts to other on-going football programmes.

PLS COO Pat Vilakati said they were fully aware of the football calendar and were still in discussions with the sponsor to have the games played so that they don't clash with the upcoming football events.



"We are yet to confirm the date of the grand closing games and considering that there is a busy schedule in our football calendar, we are striving to close the curtain on the league but nothing has been finalised yet," he said.

Another fixture in the grand closing games will see Manzini Wanderers take on Royal Leopard while Tambuti will lock horns with Red Lions.

## THE PENDING FIXTURES

Tambuti	vs Red Lions
Highlanders	vs Swallows
Manzini Wanderers	vs R. Leopard
Young Buffaloes	vs Green Mamba

## MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

	P	W	D	L	GFGA	GD	PTS
1. Mbabane Swallows	21	18	3	0	55	14	57
2. Young Buffaloes	21	10	7	4	25	17	37
3. Moneri	22	9	8	5	33	25	35
4. Manzini Wanderers	21	8	9	4	31	20	33
5. Royal Leopards	21	10	3	8	27	25	33
6. Manzini Sundowns	22	8	9	5	24	23	33
7. Green Mamba	21	7	5	9	29	23	26
8. Midas City	22	5	10	7	25	28	25
9. Tambuti	21	6	3	12	23	36	21
10. Red Lions	21	6	3	12	22	43	21
11. Mb. Highlanders	21	4	7	10	27	35	19
12. Manzini Sea Birds	22	1	5	16	14	46	32

## NETBALL SQUAD FOR SINGAPORE NATIONS CUP

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**NETBALL - THE** country's senior national netball team has been invited to partake in the Singapore Nations Cup in December.

Worth noting is that the country is the only one from Africa to be invited to the prestigious tournament, which will feature six countries.

Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane said yesterday that the event would run for a week.

"The tournament is slated to run from December 3 to December 9 and is an International Netball Federation (INF)



**INVITED: Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane.**

recognised ranking event. The invited countries so far are Oceania - Samoa and Cook Islands, Asia - Malaysia

and Sri Lanka, and Swaziland then the hosts Singapore. "Netball Singapore has already assured us that they will provide the visiting countries with accommodation at a good hotel, internal transport and the other basic needs of the teams," Ntiwane said.

He then appealed to the sport's stakeholders to join hands with the association in a bid to make the trip a success.

Netball in the country is under the guidance of long serving administrator Mandisa Sigudla. "They (Netball association) have the tasks of raising airfares and meal allowances for the travelling delegation, as the hosts will only offer accommodation and breakfast," Ntiwane said.

## Hub Essential Champions League tomorrow

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - Hub Essential** has forked out E4 000 for a one-day tournament to be contested for by all five champions from the regions.

These will be teams that won the five different tournaments in the regions sponsored by Hub Essential.

These regions are Maphaleni, Mbabane, Nkhamba, Sigangeni and Mdzimba.

The tournament will be played at Msunduzi Sports Ground tomorrow.

The overall winners of the tournament will pocket E1 000 while runners-up will get E700.

### TOMORROW AT MSUNDUZA SPORTS GROUND

Maphaleni vs Mbabane	8:30am
Sigangeni vs Nkhamba	9:30am
Mdzimba vs Maphaleni/Mbabane	10:30am

### THE PRIZE BREAKDOWN

Champions	E1 000
Runners up	E700
Semi finalists	E500
Elimination	E300

Hub Essential initially pumped in E14 000 at the beginning of the sponsorship deal and E10 000 was equally distrib-

uted among the five regions with each playing for E2 000.

Now that the respective leagues are over, the champions will be fighting for a carrot in the remaining E4 000.

Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) Development Officer Sibonangaye Dlamini said the teams had expressed enthusiasm over the tournament and the hype was very high.

"We are grateful to Hub Essential for their investment in football development and we hope the marriage will continue for a prolonged period," he said.

Hub Essential Mbabane Juniors One Day Tournament.

## 7 TEAMS FOR HC3, MANZINI CITY COUNCIL TOURNEY

By Qondile Ntiwane

**VOLLEYBALL - SEVEN** male volleyball teams will this weekend battle it out during a tournament sponsored by the HC3 and Manzini City Council.

The Health Communication Capacity Collaborative (HC3) is USAID's flagship social and behaviour change communication (SBCC) project.

The teams to compete during the tournament include RSP, USDF and RSSC who have been drawn in Group A while Correctional, Customs, Mahlanya and Ludzeldudze will compete in Group B.

Interviewed yesterday, Swaziland National Volleyball Association (SNVA) Vice President Eric Zwane said the tournament would be held at the Bosco Skills Centre, a venue that had been sponsored by the council.

"We are very happy to announce a sponsorship from HC3 and the Manzini Municipal Council. This sponsorship will go a long way in improving the standard of our sport.

"The HC3 has a specific target audi-

### THE GROUP

Group A  
RSP  
USDF  
RSSC  
Group B  
Correctional  
Customs  
Mahlanya  
Ludzeldudze

### FIXTURE

RSP	vs	USDF	9am
Customs	vs	Corr	9am
Mahlanya	vs	Ludzeldudze	10am
RSSC	vs	RSP	10am
Corr	vs	Mahlanya	11am
Customs	vs	Ludzeldudze	11am
RSSC	vs	USDF	12noon
Corr	vs	Ludzeldudze	12noon
Customs	vs	Mahlanya	1pm

ence and that is why they have sponsored the male tournament. There will be a presentation on the day on issues including male circumcision and other health related issues. We do urge the players to be attentive as this will be of great benefit to them," he said.

Zwane said the winners of the tournament would take home a trophy and medals and that all participating teams would get a ball.

He then invited lovers of the sport to come and support these games.

## SNBL ACTION CONTINUES TOMORROW AT MAVUSO

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**BASKETBALL - THE** Swaziland National Basketball League action continues tomorrow as teams will be battling it out at the Mavuso Sports Emporium.

This week will also mark as the end of the first round of games of the Elite Men's League.

The first match on the day will see Enjabulweni Griffins take on Shooting stars at 9am.

This will be Griffin's first game after their break while their opponents Shooting Stars were in action last week where they suffered a 2-122 loss at the hands of defending champions Superladies.

The second match of the day pits Raiders against Imbembe. Both teams suffered losses in

their last outings despite displaying great performances.

Raiders lost to Jazz due to lack of experience while Imbembe narrowly lost to defending champions Superstars in a grudge match that saw tempers flare. The game will start at 11am.

At 1pm, Dunkylaine will take on table-toppers Steels.

Steels are currently at the summit of the log standings with the newly promoted Dunkylaine occupying the second spot from the bottom.

Lady Jazz are up against Phoenix at 3pm in what promises to be a thriller. Phoenix have been in great form but the experience of Jazz can never be underestimated. Next on the court will be Jazz against Raptors at 5pm.

The last match of the day will be at 7pm where Knicks will clash with Superstars.





## FIXTURES

### ON SATURDAY

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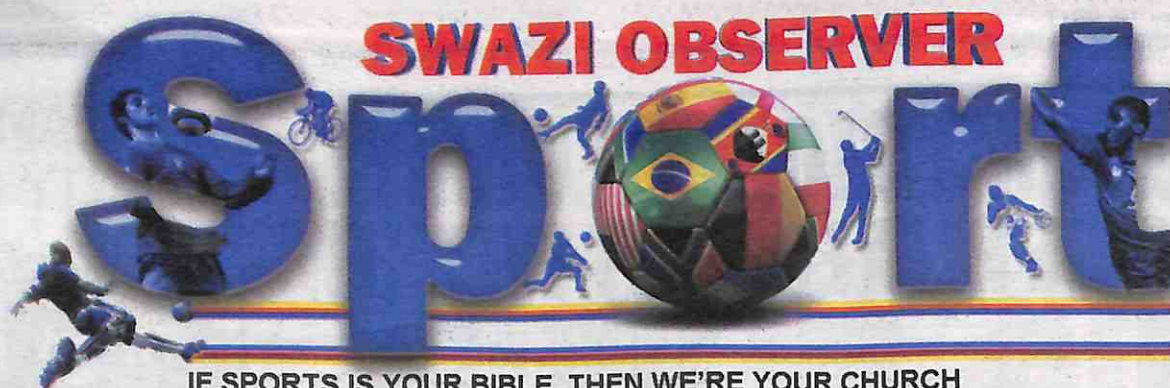
15:00 Chippa United v SuperSport

#### Spanish La Liga

17:00 Sporting Gijón v Real Betis  
19:00 La Coruña v Las Palmas  
19:00 Leganés v Alavés  
21:00 Sevilla v Osasuna

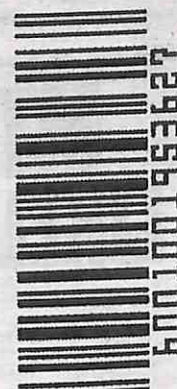
## RESULTS

Leicester City 1 - 6 Tottenham



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## Chiyangwa says Swaziland not fit to host COSAFA

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER** – IT seems Swazis can forget about hosting the Council of Southern African Football Associations (COSAFA) Cup, if President Phillip Chiyangwa's sentiments are anything to go by.

From what COSAFA President Phillip Chiyangwa is saying, the COSAFA currently does not view smaller countries among its 14 member nations - Madagascar, Comoros and perhaps even Swaziland and Malawi - as worthy or capable of hosting their headline competition.

In an article published in the Times Live, the president minced no words when questioned as to why the tournament is being rotated amongst the same countries ever since its inception, stating that countries like Swaziland among others did not have the proper infrastructure to host the tournament.

### Bidding

"All the tournaments you see are awarded based on countries bidding, that they want to participate in this. You can't just be given a competition when you don't even have a stadium. Remember, people must go to a country where they have to stay nicely and so forth, and all those are considerations before being granted the opportunity to host a competition."

The president's assessment that smaller countries in the region could successfully host the tournament has been viewed as off beam by most; especially because much of these countries' economies are tourism based (Mauritius and Seychelles just to name a few). When further quizzed on why SA keeps on hosting the tournament every two or three years, the president was imprecise, and stated that sponsorships played a role.

"COSAFA does not just operate on its own, or make a decision on its own," the president said.

### Marketing

"We've got a company that is contracted to carry out marketing and sponsorship bills. It is paid as a commission for that. That's the company that comes back to us and says, 'That client of ours is still keen to carry on'. So we have to work on making the sponsor happy, because if for instance, if there is no sponsor, what would we do then?"

Meanwhile, when FA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu was contacted for a comment, he was reluctant on commenting stating that he hadn't seen Chiyangwa's comments.

"Problem is I haven't heard the comments, but I think it's something we need to look into because you may find that there are valid points that the president is making. The decision on who hosts a tournament is taken by COSAFA, after their evaluations," he said.

# DIKWENA ARRIVE ON SUNDAY

● Team is expected to arrive through Ngwenya Border Gate for their CAF Confederation Cup group stage clash against 'Birds'

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER** – SOUTH African ABSA Premiership side Platinum Stars is expected to arrive in the country on Sunday.

The team, popularly known as Dikwena will be in the country to honour their CAF Confederation Cup Group stage clash against local giants Mbabane Swallows.

The game is scheduled for the country's Mecca, Somhlolo National Stadium on Tuesday afternoon starting at 3pm.

### Information

gathered by this publication is that the team will arrive through the Ngwenya Border Post on Sunday afternoon.

"As it stands, the team will be arriving on Sunday in preparation for the game against Swallows," said a source.

The source added that the team was looking to engage in other activities during their short-stay in the country.

### Confirmed

Sought for comment, Platinum Media Officer Tebogomo Mochadibane confirmed the team would be in the country on Sunday.

"We will be in Swaziland on Sunday and it is then that we can talk further. For now I can



ARRIVING ON SUNDAY: Platinum Stars players celebrating a goal.

Swallows come into this match after losing 0-1 to Sfaxien from Tunisia while Platinum Stars played to a 1-all draw against MC Alger in Group B of the CAF Confederation Cup.

### Displayed

Swallows were away in Tunisia while Dikwena played at home.

The two teams now have a date on Tuesday.

Judging from Dikwena's Wednesday match against Kaizer Chiefs, Swallows should be wary of the visitors as they displayed a great performance to dispatch Amakhosi 2-0.

### GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	GA	GD	Pts
CS Sfaxien	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Platinum Stars	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
MC Alger	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Mbabane Swallows	1	0	0	1	0	-1	0

only confirm that the team will be arriving in Swaziland on Sunday ahead of the Tuesday match," he said.

## 'SAWA' PICKS UP INJURY AT SIHLANGU CAMP

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER** – MATSAPHA United midfielder and Sihlangu player Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze will have to wait until today to know his future in the team after picking up an injury while training.

The National First Division side's

vice captain is said to have picked up an ankle injury during Sihlangu's training session on Wednesday.

He is currently awaiting an x-ray to determine the extent of his injury.

The team is currently camped at the Technical Centre in Lobamba in preparation for the AFCON 2019 qualifiers and COSAFA Castle Cup

slated for Rustenburg, South Africa starting June 25.

National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radede confirmed the player's injury yesterday.

"He finished yesterday's (Wednesday) training session limping. The doctor is, however, assess-

ing the player and we will know the extent of his injury after he has taken the x-ray," he said.

The Pieter De Jongh led national squad will play their first international match against Niger, an away encounter slated for June 10.

The match will be followed by the COSAFA Castle Cup where they have been seeded in the quarter-final stage of the regional showpiece.