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ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT PAYS COURTESY CALL TO INDLOVUKAZI

WELCOME: Her Majesty Indlovukazi extending a warm welcome to visiting Zambia President Edgar Lungu when he paid a courtesy call at Ludzidzini Royal Residence yesterday afternoon.
(Pic: Simon Shabangu)



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POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT MAJOR ENEMY – KING

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule
Lozitha

THE visit by President Edgar Lungu of Zambia is set to strengthen the already existing relations between the countries' governments and people.

This was pointed out by His Majesty King Mswati III yesterday during the State Banquet at Lozitha Palace in honour of the visiting president.

His Majesty the King said the visit of the president he believed was a way of renewing the friendship shared by the two countries.

"Your Excellency such visits are always a way of renewing our friendship. They also give us the opportunity to share our regional and continental initiatives that are meant to inject the required effort in our quest to develop sustainable programmes and projects for our peoples," he said.

The King pointed out that unemployment and poverty were some of the common challenges that the two countries had, hence they had to make means to work together to overcome them.

"Poverty and unemployment are some of the challenges facing our social and economic development obligations that we need to work together to overcome,"

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BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III speaking during the State Banquet in honor of visiting Zambia President Edgar Lungu at Lozitha Palace on Tuesday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

he said.

"This problem is not only facing our region but the African continent as a

whole. We therefore have to develop strategies and policies that will create an inclusive economic development,"

...Energy key to speeding development

HIS Majesty has said once again the region needs to start producing sufficient energy for the people, in order to fast track economic development.

Speaking on Tuesday at the State Banquet which was held in honour of visiting Zambia President Edgar Lungu, His Majesty said he was convinced that if the region could start producing enough energy for its people, economic development could reach its highs.

"We are convinced that if our region could succeed in producing sufficient energy for people, we could be propelled to a higher level in terms of economic development," he said.

His Majesty further said the region needed to make faster progress in increasing access to electricity and

water sanitation.

"The SADC region and Africa in general need to make faster progress in increasing access to electricity and water sanitation, transforming the agricultural sector to feed its people and becoming competitive globally, as well as industrialising and improving the quality life our people," he said.

His Majesty also told the visiting president that the country had a vision to transform into first world status by 2022 and thus the country needed to be able to produce its own energy by then.

"The main vision of 2022 is to improve the standard of living for all our people through the access to quality services, wealth creation and employment opportunities," he said.

he said.

His Majesty the King said that is why the two leaders had a responsibility to create a conducive environment that will enhance growth and sustainable development of their nations.

Training

He further said the relations had allowed Zambians to find a home in Swaziland and also allowed Swazis to get training in various sectors while others engaged in business.

His Majesty said in light of these things it was important that the two leaders use the visit to engage on issues of strengthening this mutual cooperation.

"As members of regional blocs such as SADC and the African Union as well as Global Organisations, our shared common goals should give impetus to increasing trade and removing all barriers to the free movement of our people so as to reduce dependence on foreign markets," he said.

President Lungu tours Dairy project, visits Simunye

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

VISITING Zambia's President Edgar Lungu yesterday toured two major agricultural projects.

Lungu, an enthusiast farmer himself, visited newly opened Sidvovoko Milk Farm and Simunye Sugar Mill before heading to Hlane Game Reserve where he had lunch with his delegation consisting of Swazi and Zambian ministers.

Lungu who is quoted on many occasions saying Agriculture can change economic fortunes for the region was a keen tourist on both occasions and would from time to time ask his tour guides questions with the main one being on how long it took both initiatives to realise returns.

Lungu said the whole point of his visit was to see if there were initiatives that he could take back to Zambia that would boost the economy.

"It is important to ask about the return on investments, because when I get home and tell them about it they will ask me.

"If I want them to buy into the idea then I need to tell them how much profit we will make and when we will start realising them," he said.

The president, who had a packed schedule, started his day by visiting the E160 million state-of-the-art Old Mutual Swaziland AgriFund Swazi Milk Project at Sidvokodvo, which was recently officially opened by His Majesty King Mswati III.

He was taken through the farm by Farm Chief Executive Officer Dewald



THAT WAY: Zambia President Edgar Lungu and his entourage led on a tour of the plant by RSSC Managing Director Nick Jackson during his tour of the sugar manufacturing plant yesterday. The President is in the country on a state visit which ends today. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

Scheepers who told about the operations of the farm.

The president was told that the farm currently employs about 40 people, when he asked about the staffing and that the company chose to outsource the veterinary services.

Partnership

The Old Mutual AgriFund consists of a partnership between Old Mutual, Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) and Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF).

The project consists of a dairy farm and milking facility that boasts of infrastructure that is the third most technologically advanced in the country.

He then proceeded to Simunye Sugar

Mill where he was welcomed by Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nick Jackson.

His Excellency's delegation for the day comprised of Zambian ministers, local Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati, Minister of Foreign Affairs Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze, Minister of Education and Training Dr Phineas Magagula, Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula and Lubombo Regional Administrator Sylvia Mthethwa.

After completing his tour President Lungu went to Ludzidzini to pay Her Majesty a courtesy call. Lungu is expected to leave the country today after a meeting with His Majesty King Mswati III.



UNITY IS POWER: Zambia President Edgar Lungu.

President Lungu urges Africa to unite

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

VISITING Zambia President Edgar Lungu has encouraged the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Member States to unite with the rest of the continent in order to make the African Union (AU) effective.

The president was speaking during the Royal Banquet which His Majesty King Mswati III had hosted for the visiting president at the Lozitha Palace on Tuesday evening.

President Lungu emphasised to the importance of SADC Member States to unite with the rest of the continent.

He said unity of the African countries could make the African Union more effective.

"I wish to touch on the importance of unity amongst us as a region and as a continent. It is extremely important that we, as African countries, seek to harmonise our positions under the African Union, so that Africa can speak with one voice on the global stage if we are to achieve our ideals at the United Nations (UN) in particular.

This spirit of unity will also stand as in a good stead as we strive to achieve our common developmental goals as a continent," said President Lungu.

He further quoted former Ghana President Dr. Kwame Nkrumah who once said: "Unite we must."

WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

COVER STORY

By Nozipho Sibiya
Sihhoye

A distraught woman of Sihhoye committed suicide after she allegedly discovered her husband to be cheating on her with a widow from the same area.

It is alleged the mother of five discovered her husband's adulterous act about three months ago and confronted him about the alleged affair.

The identity of the woman will not be revealed to protect their minor children.

She took a weevil tablet after her husband allegedly confessed to having an affair with the said widow.

The woman died whilst undergoing treatment at Good Shepherd Hospital on Sunday.

It is reported that the couple which had been married for over 15 years had five children with their first born currently enrolled at the University of Swaziland.

According to a close family member who preferred to remain anonymous due to sensitivity of the matter, the distressed woman discovered her husband's extra-marital affair with a widow.

"At first she confronted the widow who is from the same area, however, the widow denied having an affair with her husband."

It is believed she nursed hopes that by confronting the widow the said affair

● after her husband allegedly confessed to an adulterous affair with known widow

would come to an abrupt end, but it was never the case, as the two continued to see each other.

At first the deceased reportedly approached her husband about the alleged relationship but he denied the allegations.

"It is unfortunate that the wife continued to receive the same disturbing reports about her husband. We remember that last week she received a call notifying her that the widow was at the husband's compound at Mhlume."

Confessed

It is alleged that this did not go well with the wife who contacted the husband who it is alleged confessed having a relationship with the widow.

"The confession by the husband made the wife believe that her husband no longer had feelings for her," said the family relative.

On the day she committed suicide, she contacted her husband to notify him of her decision.

"The husband took it lightly and called the wife's younger sister."

It is alleged that when he contacted her sister, it was already too late as the deceased had already taken the weevil tablet.

The family member further mentioned that the deceased was heard screaming for help by her younger son.

"After hearing the screams he rushed

to the house only to find that the door was locked," he said.

The boy aged 15 years went to report the matter to other family members who then hired a neighbour's van to rush the dying woman to hospital. It is said the boy cracked the door and forced his way in.

"He found his mother lying down and in severe pain."

"We first took her to Mhlume Clinic but she was later transferred to Good Shepherd Hospital," the family member disclosed.

It is said the woman died while undergoing treatment at the Good Shepherd Hospital on Sunday.

The tragic incident has left the family in shock.

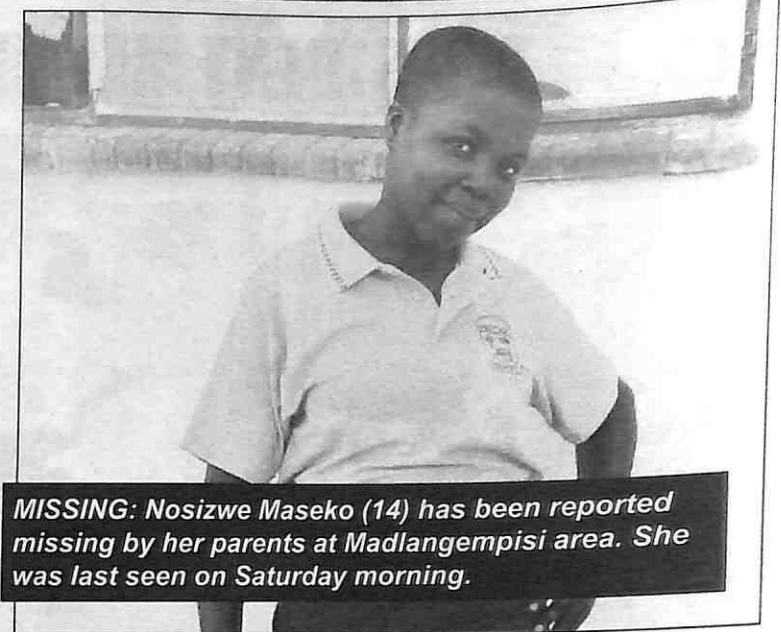
"We do not know what triggered her to resolve to commit suicide because she always had problems with her husband but she has never resolved to such."

The source disclosed that they did not spot any suicidal signs from her.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said the matter was not reported to the police.

"We have not received any suicide case around Sihhoye-Tshaneni in the past four days."

She said for various reasons, it might have been that the relatives of the deceased decided not report it as a suicide case.



MISSING: Nosizwe Maseko (14) has been reported missing by her parents at Madlangempisi area. She was last seen on Saturday morning.

Another child mysteriously disappears, abduction suspected

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

AS cases of people who go around abducting children continue to be reported in the country, yet another child has been reported missing by her parents.

Nosizwe Maseko (14) of Madlangempisi was reported missing by her mother to the police. Information gathered is that the child mysteriously disappeared on Saturday in the early hours of the morning.

Her mother, Nomsa Dlamini during an interview with this publication, stated that she is worried sick as she does not know where her child went to and fears that she might have been kidnapped or abducted. Dlamini said she is always hoping and praying that her child is found safe and sound as she has read many reports of children who have gone missing and some who had turned up dead.

Dlamini hopes that her child is alive because she received information that she was seen in Pigg's

Peak on Sunday afternoon.

Dlamini also suspects that her child might have ran away from home as opposed to being kidnapped.

She said this is because before the girl's disappearance, she was caught using a cellphone in school and when asked where she got the cellphone she told the teachers that her mother bought it for her.

Lies

Her mother said, however, those were lies as she had never brought any cellphone for the 14-year-old.

When she asked her child about the cellphone she failed to come up with a clear explanation.

The worried mother has since roped in the help of Mliba Police in the matter who will help her in finding her daughter.

The young girl has not contacted any of her relatives, causing her mother to fear she might have been abducted.

She requested that anyone who could be of assistance in finding her daughter to contact her at 76031528 or the investigating officer Sergeant Mbhamali at 76359936.

MP Veli Shongwe stuns King with sibhaca skills

NGWEMPISI Member of Parliament Veli Shongwe stunned His Majesty King Mswati III and guests when he showcased his sibhaca skills during the state banquet that was held at Lozitha Palace.

MP Shongwe joined the Lushikishikini Sibhaca Group which is led by an ener-

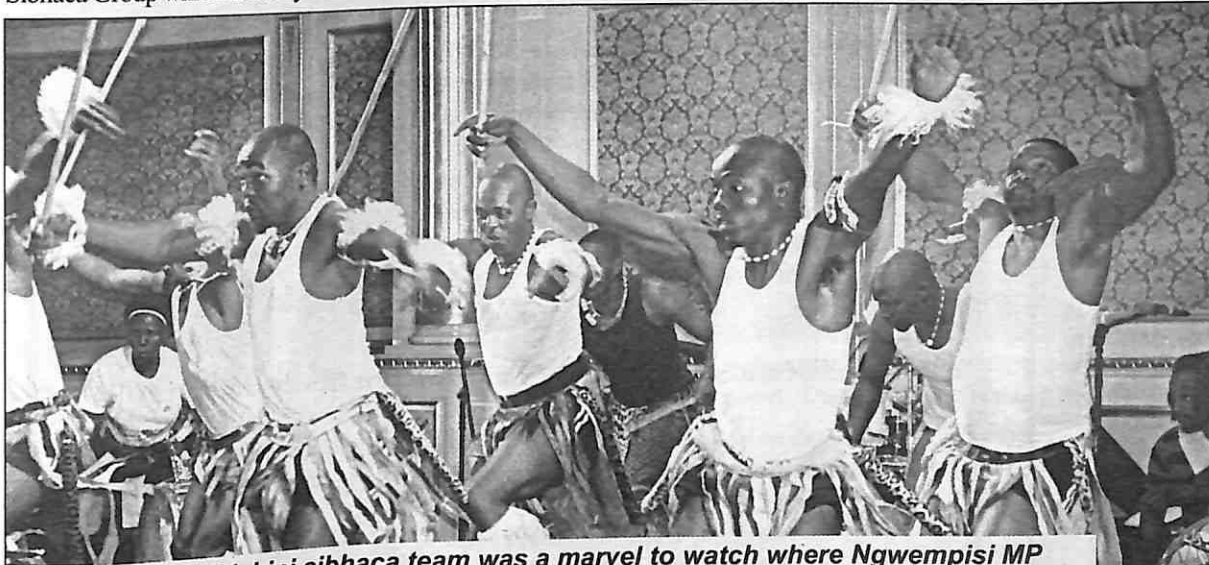
getic elderly Babe Shongwe, who happens to be his father.

The MP joined the sibhaca group and followed the routine; one could tell that he is not an amateur but a true sibhaca dancer.

Other entertainers of the night were music sensational musicians Sands and

Velemseni who thrilled the and the Zambian President Edgar Lungu, Royalty, and guests. Sands captivated the audience when he performed his trademark song 'Tigi', as the audience softly sang along with him.

His performance was very neat as he coupled it with sleek dance moves.



MARVEL: Lushikishikini sibhaca team was a marvel to watch where Ngwempisi MP Veli Shongwe (r) stunned His Majesty King Mswati III.

We must unite to achieve the full liberation of our continent."

The President further said Africa should cease going to the UN as if they are escorting friends and have no say, but they should ensure that when they get to New York they speak with one voice to make sure that Africa is represented well.

President Lungu highlighted that discussions with His Majesty King Mswati III were fruitful as the two leaders identified key areas of cooperation that would mutually benefit the two countries.

"There is a remarkable potential for collaboration between us and it is fervent hope that this potential will be realised sooner rather than later," he said.

Relations

He further highlighted that Swaziland and Zambia's mutual relations date back to President Dr. Kenneth Kaunda and His Majesty King Sobhuza II's as they maintained good relations during their tenure.

He said the strong bonds were forged during the collective struggle for the

liberation and independence of the African region.

The visiting President underscored that Swazis and the Zambian nation share a rich cultural heritage, and a rich history which is steeped in the common beliefs and tradition that they hold dear.

He stated that in the East and West Provinces of Zambia people share the same names, language, dances and traditional ceremonies.

"This truly indicates that we are one people. The bond that the two countries is true bond of friendship," he said.

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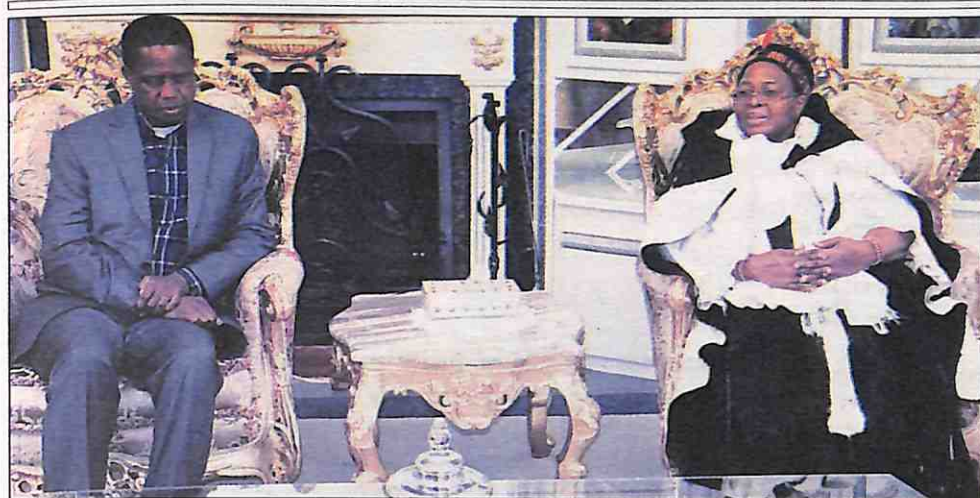
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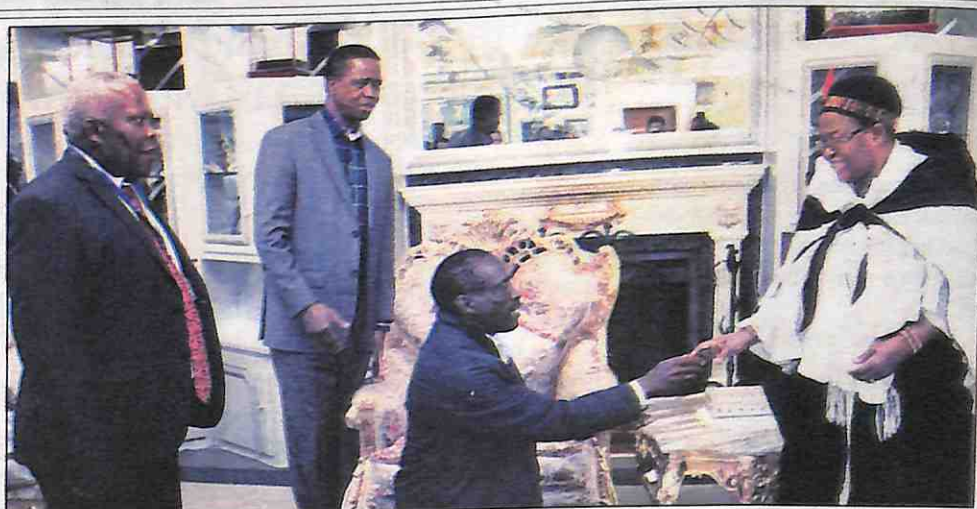
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PRESIDENT MEETS HER MAJESTY THE INDLOVUKAZI



WISE WORDS: President Lungu listening to Her Majesty's remarks. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



PLEASURE TO MEET YOU: President Lungu introducing members of his delegation to Her Majesty.



FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS: Nhlanhla Dlamini, TV Mthethwa, Mphiwa Dlamini and Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze at Ludzidzini.



HOSPITALITY: Her Majesty addressing the President while Zodwa Ginindza listens.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOMINATION OF A CANDIDATE LEGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SWAZILAND ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Notice is hereby published in terms of Section 13 (6) of the Environment Management Act No. 5 of 2002.

Members of the public are requested to nominate and submit within 60 (sixty) days from date hereof an individual for selection by the Minister to serve as a Board member in the Management Board of the Swaziland Environment Authority. Such nomination should include a detailed curriculum vitae of the nominee. The Nomination should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Swaziland Environment Authority Management Board" and should be deposited at the Principal Secretary's Office in a special box marked "Swaziland Environment Authority Management Board on or before the 15th September 2017".

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DISASTER RISK ASSESSMENT

The Municipal Council of Mbabane (MCM) intends to appoint a suitably qualified Disaster Risk Assessment and Management Consultant to conduct a disaster risk assessment and management plan for the city.

More details on the requirements are provided in the Request For Proposals (RfP) documents, which may be purchased from the Municipal Council of Mbabane's Civic Offices for a non-refundable fee of **E250.00** per set. The method of payment shall be cash or bank guaranteed cheque, payable to the Municipal Council of Mbabane.

Proposals shall be valid for a period of 60 days after bid opening.

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited into the Tender Box located next to the Council's revenue offices at the following address;

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Not later than 12:00hrs on **Thursday August 10, 2017** at which time the technical proposals will be opened in public. On the outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked:

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Chief Executive Officer

PRESIDENT LUNGU TOURS RSSC SUGAR MANUFACTURING PLANT



GIFT FIT FOR A PRESIDENT: RSSC Managing Director Nick Jackson presenting a gift to visiting Zambian President Edgar Lungu after his tour of the sugar manufacturing plant yesterday. The President is in the country on a state visit which ends today. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



THAT WAY: President Lungu and his entourage led on a tour of the plant by the MD.



THE VOICE: Public Affairs department team Babongile Zwane, Sifiso Nyembe and Phindile Lukhele-Dlamini.



THIS BIG: Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze gestures during a conversation with Mphiwa Dlamini, Lubombo Regional Administrator Sylvia Mthethwa, PS Bongani Masuku and Senior USDF Officer Inkhosatana Tsembeni Magongo.



ENTERTAINMENT: The President and his entourage were treated to a brief Marimba piece of entertainment by pupils from Thembelisha Preparatory Primary School.

PRESIDENT LUNGU TOURS SWAZI MILK PROJECT



WARM WELCOME: Visiting Zambia's President Edgar Lungu and his delegation with local ministers and investors in the Swazi Milk Project at Sidvokodvo. This was during the president's tour yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: President Lungu posing a question to Prince Lonkikhela during the tour of the milk production project where SNPF is one of the partners.



INTERESTING TOUR: Minister Chief Mgwagwa in a conversation with Old Mutual CEO Muzi Bell.

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PENSIONERS NOW WANT 50% RETIREMENT PACKAGE

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

MEMBERS of the Swaziland National Public Service Pensioners Association now want at least to be paid 50 per cent of their retirement package total savings.

The pensioners said they find it hard to do anything significant with the 25 per cent they currently get upon retirement from government. This transpired during their meeting held at Mater Dolorosa Church yesterday.

The pensioners added that most of them were forced to go back and look for jobs to make ends meet once the money was finished.

"After my 25 per cent retirement grant

ran dry I had to go back and find another job. Today I am working as a security guard, just so I can earn a living. If I had received at least half of my total savings things could have been better," one member explained.

Revealed

It was further revealed that some of the pensioners pass away without getting the remaining 75 per cent of their package, which remains with the government.

"If that money was to be given to us, we would do something meaningful to leave a legacy for ourselves or create it even in old age. We won't be impressed by getting E1 000 monthly because at this day and age that money is nothing," another lamented.

Meanwhile, members of the associ-

ation revealed that they need an investment policy, which will guide them on where their savings were invested.

They said currently they are not aware of where their money goes to and how much they individually benefit from all the business ventures.

"We are only told that the Pension Fund has built houses and these belong to us as well because they used our money. We do not even know how much we each benefitted. We are not even aware of such processes. If we contribute money we should be engaged step by step," one member said.

The members added that they were sidelined even concerning the elderly grants, where they qualify yet are being told they will not be getting anything because they used to be civil servants.

Pensioners' govt lawsuit gathers pace

THE move by the Swaziland National Public Service Pensioners Association to take government to court has gained momentum as members continue to contribute money towards legal fees.

The association has established a legal fees fund where each member contributes E100. This was revealed during their meeting held at Mater Dolorosa Church by General Secretary of the association Dominic Nxumalo.

"Our main issue now is getting a good lawyer to represent us in our case to take government to court since all the nine branches of the association have forked out contributions towards the fund," he said. He added that it may seem like they have been dragging their feet since 2014 when the pension fund was allegedly illegally changed by

government from category B to A.

"According to the Public Pensions Order of 1993 it is illegal to move the fund from an independent body to a parastatal especially because it is hard to get things like salary reviews," Nxumalo added.

According to the association's Vice President, Wilson Ginindza, they are doing all this for other pensioners to follow.

"*Tsine asisanakwa, kumele sitikhulumele*, this includes all those civil servants who are still to retire because they will find this situation, so we are working to change how things are done in order to make things easier for them," Ginindza said.

He then urged members of the association to remain intact and not be divided by anything as he said they can only work well as a unit.

SRA DEMANDS E40M FROM NGWANE MILLS

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

THE Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) is demanding a sum of E40 million from Ngwane Mills Property Limited in respect of customs pots.

Following an audit clearance by SRA on Ngwane Mills, the authority, through correspondence to the Matsapha based company, demanded the dues which are for the period of April 2012 to March 2014.

The actual amount is E40 109 557.26 and according to a letter directed to Ngwane Mills from the authority, the money has been broke down into three, with E10 594 977.39 being in respect of Value Added Tax (VAT), an additional penalty of E10 594 977.39 and forfeiture to the amount of E18 919 602.48.

The SRA served the company with a letter demanding the said monies totaling to the E40 109 557.26 on July 3.

Seeking

Upon receipt of the letter of claim, Ngwane Mills yesterday filed an urgent application seeking an order of the High Court interdicting or restraining the SRA from taking any steps to enforce the payment of the money pending finalisation of the urgent application they have filed against the SRA.

SRA has been cited as the first respondent in the application, while the SRA Commissioner General has been cited as the second respondent. Ngwane Mills is represented by Senior Attorney Kenneth Mota from Robinson Bertram while SRA is represented by Senior Attorney Sidumo Mdladla of SV Mdladla and Associates. Wilhelm Van Niekerk of Ngwane Mills in an affidavit, submitted that the money claimed by SRA and the goods to be forfeited were actually imported into the country by AFGRI Operations Limited which was liable

for VAT on importation of the goods into the country.

Van Niekerk submitted that by demanding the VAT from Ngwane Mills, the Commissioner General of SRA legally flawed as Ngwane Mills would have claimed same as a tax credit in terms of Section 28 of the VAT Act. This, according to Van Niekerk would have been an in and out transaction hence the SRA flawed by an error of law.

"The Commissioner General misconstrued the nature of his powers which had the effect of levying VAT on Ngwane Mills without Ngwane Mills being obliged to make payment thereof, having regard that the company was not the importer of the goods," he submitted.

Urgency

However, when the matter was brought before High Court Judge Cyril Maphanga as being urgent, Mdladla moved an application to the effect that the application by Ngwane Mills to restrain SRA from taking any steps to enforce payment, attachment and forfeiture of the goods, be ignored by the court as SRA had undertaken not to proceed such action pending finalization of the matter in court.

Mdladla told the court that SRA would not attach and forfeit property while the matter is being heard as of urgency before the court.

"My Lord, we are making an undertaking that we will not effect the intended process of attaching and forfeiting the goods in respect of the E40 million pending finalisation of urgent appeal by the applicant," Mdladla said.

Judge Maphanga ordered that the applicants are to file their replying papers on or before July 27 2017 and the applicant is to file its heads of argument on the July 31 2017 while the respondents are to file their heads on August 3 and the matter will be heard on August 11.

CPA DEPLETES COFFERS TO MEAGRE E140 000

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Ezulwini

THE Swaziland branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) has an amount of E139 694.23 in its bank accounts.

This is the amount that was found to be in the name of the accounts of the association as at July 1, 2017. The CPA has three bank accounts that have different amounts of money. All the amounts add up to the E139 694.23.

This transpired yesterday during an annual general meeting of CPA Swaziland, which was held at Emtfonjeni Building in Ezulwini.

Several Senators and Members of Parliament attended the event.

However, Senate President Gelane Zwane and Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi did not show up for the meeting. Two of the accounts are held at Nedbank in Mbabane. The Nedbank Current Account has E28 117.94 and the other is a Nedbank Call account, which has an amount of E5 307.83. The third account is held at the Mbabane branch of Swaziland Building Society, and has an amount of E106 268.46. According to a report compiled by CPA Treasurer Senator Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa, the process of activating these accounts was still ongoing as previous signatories were coop-



ATTENTIVE: Parliamentarians following proceedings yesterday during the CPA AGM held at Emtfonjeni Building in Ezulwini. (Pic: Mbono Mdluli)

erating. Signatories are said to include former Senator Walter Bennett and Supreme Court Judge Majahenkhaba Dlamini. The process is expected to be over on Monday next week.

The organisation expects to have made an amount of E28 000 by September this year. This money is expected to come from 80 members of the Swaziland branch of the CPA. Each of these members is expected to fork out an amount of E350, and that will add up to E28 000.

The kit donated by the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVAF) will be given to members who have subscribed to the CPA Swaziland.

Mthethwa, in his report, said the financial position of CPA Swaziland was not a good one. It was for that reason that the branch would continue to rely on government to finance most of its pro-

grammes and activities.

The CPA is an association formed to support good governance, democracy and human rights in the commonwealth countries. It was formed in 1911 as the Empire Parliamentary Association. It changed to the CPA in 1948.

The CPA is made out of nine regions, with Africa being the largest of them. Swaziland is the effective member branch of the CPA, having being the first country on the continent to host the first ever CPA Africa Region Conference back in 1980. Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo said last year, the House of Assembly changed the executive committee members of the CPA. They chose eight of them into the committee. He said Senators took time to bring four of their members to the executive committee. In February this year, Khumalo was elected as chairman of the CPA.

CPA needs over E1m for it's activities

THE Swaziland Branch of the CPA needs E1.35 million to do its activities in the remainder of this year.

This is contained in the report of CPA Swaziland Treasurer Senator Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa. The report was released to CPA members yesterday during an annual general meeting held at Emtfonjeni Building in Ezulwini.

The report states that the 2017 annual budget could not be prepared, as stipulated by Article 8 (4) of the CPA Swaziland constitution. However, the branch is set to operate for the remaining five months of the CPA Swaziland financial year, which starts from January

1 to December 31. According to the report, the activities are to be largely financed through grants from companies and government. The CPA is expected to spend E700 000 on its trip to KwaZulu Natal, which will take place from September 28 to October 1.

They are expected to meet Members of Parliament of the KZN provincial parliament. During this trip, they are expected to share ways to do their work in their respective workstations.

They will then engage in sporting activities, which will include soccer, netball, and athletics. All branch members are expected to partake in this

activity.

The second activity of the CPA will take place between November 1 and 8 this year. The activity will be taking place in Dhaka, Bangladesh and it is known as the 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC). The parliamentarians will need E350 000 for this activity and only four delegates, and the secretary, will go to that conference. The third activity will be the CPA regional conference.

It will be held in November at Imo State in Nigeria and the dates of the events are still to be announced.

An amount of E300 000 will be needed for this activity. Only four delegates, and the secretary, will go to that conference.

NEW E10 NOTES START CIRCULATING ON MONDAY

By Majaha Nkonyane
Mbabane

THE new E10 notes will start circulating on Monday, Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) Governor Majozi Sithole has announced.

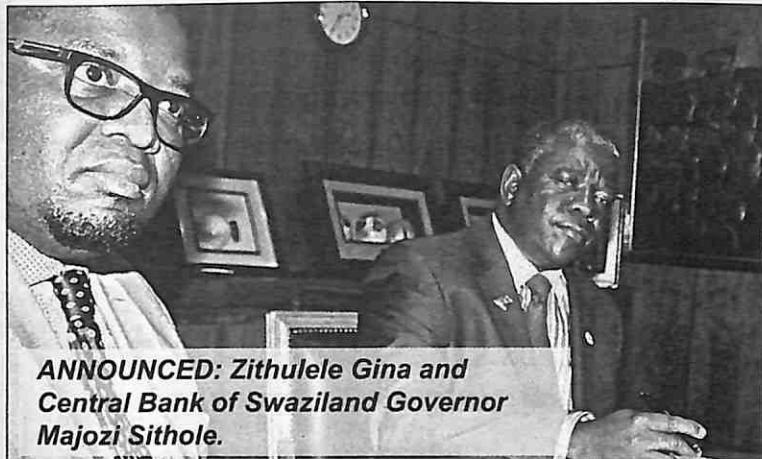
The governor made the announcement yesterday during a press conference held at the CBS head office in Mbabane.

"As we always do when we introduce a new currency, we have met with key stakeholders like commercial banks and retailers and sensitised them about a re-configuration of their counting and vending machines, so that they accept the new E10," he said.

He said after the engagements that they had with the aforementioned stakeholders; they expect all machines to be ready to accept the new E10 notes.

"We have been sensitising the public about the new E10 banknote since the beginning of June which we said we would soon be introducing for circulation, with some minor changes from the current E10 note," he said.

The governor said the introduction



ANNOUNCED: Zithulele Gina and Central Bank of Swaziland Governor Majozi Sithole.

of the new E10 was necessitated by feedback that the bank received from members of the public to the effect that the current E10 note was similar in colour to the current E100 note hence causing confusion in some cases.

However, he said the current E10 will not be withdrawn from circulation; instead it will coexist with the new E10 note until it is naturally phased out of circulation over time.

"I hope the public will appreciate this, as we have already picked that some were worried about this aspect," he said.

Adding, he said in the past not all vendors were able to reconfigure their machines in time and this was a frustration to the public.

Technology

"While we have been working with our stakeholders to avoid the mistakes of the past, we do acknowledge that when dealing technology teething problems cannot be totally eliminated sometimes," he said.

The governor, he said he hopes there would be isolated incidents of machines that do not accept the new E10.

"If they do happen we urge the pub-

lic to be patient with our vendors. Again, in our sensitisation messages we have been advising the public that the new E10 shares the same base colour green with the current E200 banknote and as such, caution should be exercised to avoid confusion," he said.

Sithole said their original intention was to release the new E10 together with the new E100 and new E200.

Unfortunately, he said due to an increasing demand for the E10 notes the release of the new E10 could not

wait for the other notes (E100 and E200) which would be ready in January 2018. He encouraged members of the public to trust their currency and love it and to avoid referring to the local currency as the rand.

The governor also warned members of the public against performing rituals with notes as experienced before with hope that the money could multiply. "Once again, we continue to encourage members of the public to be vigilant and familiarise themselves with the new notes," he said.



BOY (20) KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

By Nozipho Sibiba
Mbabane

A 20-year-old man was tragically killed when the car he was driving collided head-on with another car on Tuesday afternoon along Big Bend /Siphofaneni public road.

The young man was driving a Nissan X-Trail when he lost control of it and it veered onto the opposing lane colliding head-on with a Ford Ranger.

According to sources, the Nissan X-Trail was towing another car and lost control after the tow bar was dislocated. It veered onto the next lane and collided head on with the Ford Ranger driven by a 36-year-old man of Durban. "The man estimated to be in



CONFIRMED: Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

his 20s sustained serious head and facial injuries and was rushed to Ubombo Hospital where he died while undergoing treatment," said the source. Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter.

She said police were still investigating the cause of the accident.

In another matter, Vilakati said Pigg's Peak police arrested and charged a 35-year-old man of Tanzania for being found in possession of dagga weighing 52kg with a street value of E41 600 without a licence or permit while at Mgululu.

The suspect will appear in the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court today. "On another incident, Nhlanguano police arrested and charged a 47-year-old man of Enezer for being found in possession of a 12-bore shotgun loaded with one (1) live round of ammunition without a licence or permit while at Benezer." The suspect appeared before Nhlanguano Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Zim wants 60-year jail term for rapists

HARARE - The Zimbabwean government has proposed a minimum mandatory 60-year jail sentence for people convicted of raping the disabled and minors.

At the same time, the government has proposed a mandatory 40-year jail term for all convicted rape cases.

Information minister Christopher Mushohwe, in a statement late on Tuesday, said

the proposals had been made in cabinet as deterrent measures to help stem rape cases.

"Accordingly, government resolved as follows, that a sentence of 60 years of imprisonment be imposed for cases of rape of minors between 12 years of age (sic) and the disabled; and that a sentence of 40 years of imprisonment be imposed for the rest of the cases of rape or sodomy," part of the state-

ment read.

Mushohwe said the new proposals would help guide the proposed amendments to the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform Act [chapter 9:33]: minimum mandatory sentencing for rape.

The Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act Chapter 9:23 considers rape as sex with a person below the age of 16.

African News Agency

SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT A COST OF SERVICE STUDY FOR THE SWAZILAND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY

The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) is an organization established under the Energy Regulatory Act 2007. The mandate of SERA is the administration and implementation of the Electricity Act 2007.

The Regulator hereby invites expressions of interest (EOI) from suitably qualified consultancy firms to supply the following service:

TENDER NUMBER SERA_02/2017: CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT A COST OF SERVICE STUDY FOR THE SWAZILAND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY

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Only shortlisted consultancy firms will be invited to further submit Requests for Proposals (RFP). The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority reserves the right to accept/ reject any EOI or stop the process of approval at any stage, at its sole discretion without assigning any reason and shall bear no liability whatsoever consequent upon such decision.

Interested parties may submit EOI demonstrating their understanding and capability statements, including company profiles in sealed envelopes (clearly marked with the work for which the EOI is submitted) through registered post or hand delivered to reach the address not later than 11AM, Friday, 4th August 2017.

For further information regarding this tender, please contact the Project Manager, Mr Sabelo Dube- General Manager Finance and Administration, on the below contact details.

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ZAMBIAN PRESIDENTS' STATE BANQUET



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III speaking during the State Banquet in honour of the visiting Zambia President Edgar Lungu at Lozitha Palace on Tuesday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



ROYAL FAMILY: Emakhosikati LaMotsa, LaMahlangu and LaNtentesa and Princess Sikhanyiso.



UNITE: Zambia President Edgar Lungu making his speech.



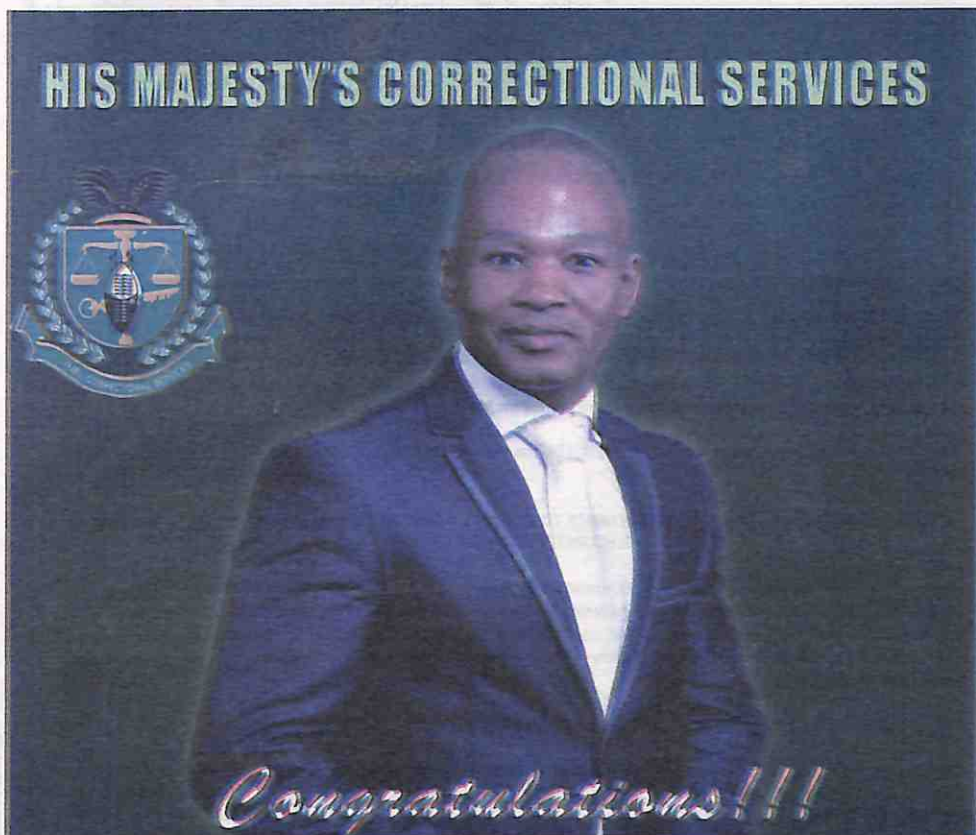
ALL SMILES: Supreme Court Judge Phefya Dlamini with Board of Trustees members Sylvia Mthethwa and Mavovo Mkhonto.



PRESENT: President Lungu's delegation also attended the dinner.



YOU ARE WELCOME: Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini making his remarks before introducing His Majesty.



IN HONOUR: DPM Paul Dlamini, Prince Lonkikhela and others standing during the singing of national anthems.



JOY: Standard Bank Chief Executive Mvuselelo Fakudze and Swaziland Sugar Association Chief Executive Officer Phil Mnisi in a jovial mood.

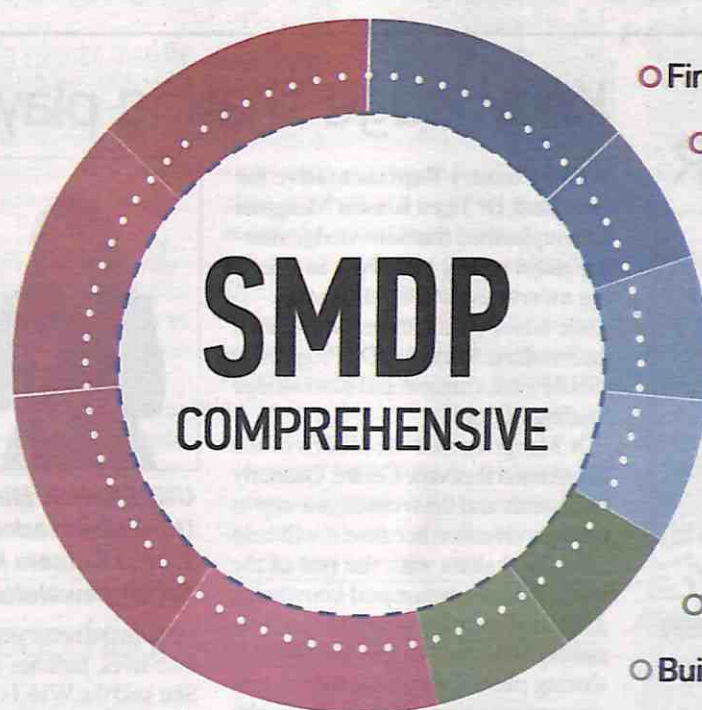


WOULDN'T MISS OUT: Minister of Education and Training Dr Phineas Magagula with Attorney General Sifiso Khumalo.



ATTENTIVE: Attendees of the state banquet listening to speeches.

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'My wife of 11 yrs left me for a bus conductor'

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A husband has painfully related how he finally gave up on his marriage of 11 years following allegations of cheating by his wife, who later deserted him for a bus conductor.

While talking in a low tone, Sibusiso Mdluli cut a gloomy picture when he made his appearance before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini as he alleged his wife cheated right before his eyes.

Mdluli alleged Khanyisile Simelane, the defendant in this court matter, had two extra marital affairs before alleged-

ly walking out of their marriage in 2015. The applicant said they got married on March 10, 2006 at Siteki where they lived together after tying the knot.

Before making his submissions, he was asked to tell the court where his wife was and Mdluli simply replied that he was not aware of where she was. "Our marriage soured when my wife started seeing another man and I would see her being picked by cars not far away from our matrimonial home," he alleged.

Mdluli said this bothered him and when he asked his wife he would be told the people picking her up were from her church.

"She used to leave in the evening and come back very late; at times she

would come back at 2am and when I asked her where she was from she usually told me she was from church, but I knew she was lying to me," he continued making his stinging allegations.

WhatsApp

The concerned husband alleged that what disturbed him the most was that his wife no longer had time for him as she spent most of her time on her mobile phone, chatting on the popular social network known as WhatsApp. "She would chat even at night and ignored me as her husband," he added.

Moreover, Mdluli said when his wife left him and never returned as she was having an affair with a bus conduc-

tor. He said he was not sure if the two were still together but alleged this was not her first affair. He alleged his wife once cheated on him with a police officer based at Lubulini.

"It was not the first time a man came between us as I caught her holding hands with a police officer as they kissing in a private place. When I approached them she confessed that she the police officer was her boyfriend. I remember very well as I even hit her out of anger," he added.

Intention

Furthermore, Mdluli alleged his wife gave up on their marriage a long time ago as each time they had a misunderstanding she would pack her belongings and vacate their matrimonial

home.

"This is what she did when she left me in 2015; she collected her belongings after a misunderstanding. Our families tried holding meetings with the intention of finding a solution but all that failed," he added.

Furthermore, Mdluli alleged his wife had a problem with the child he had before they got married. "She threatened to kill the child such that I had to move him to stay at my parental home. I assured her that the child would not be a problem since I loved her," he said.

He told the court that he wanted to divorce his wife as he was no longer enjoying the benefits of being a married man.

KNOWLEDGE ON HIV IMPORTANT - MINISTER

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

MINISTER of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane says the need for continuous acquisition of knowledge on HIV and other communicable diseases cannot be overemphasised hence, the launch of the Swaziland National AIDS Programme (SNAP) Information and Knowledge Sharing Portals has come at an opportune time.

She was speaking during the launch of SNAP's Website and Newsletters which was held at the Happy Valley Hotel yesterday.

She said the need cuts across all sectors of the society and across all age groups. "It is my hope that, the resource centre, website and newsletter will continue providing up-to-date HIV information for the benefit of the Swazi population," she said.

Simelane further highlighted the objectives and the expected outcomes of the knowledge sharing forums, centred on building the capacity of the general population,



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER: Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane.

students and researchers.

The minister then urged the nation to utilise the information sharing mechanism that SNAP has available. "The empowerment outcome can only be achieved if they are utilised. Let us all remember that information is power.

I invite you all to physically visit the resource centre located at Cooper Centre and experience the empowerment," she said.

Knowledge sharing plays vital role - Mengestu

WHO Country Representative for Swaziland, Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu has emphasised that knowledge sharing plays a very vital role in creating awareness amongst people.

She was speaking during the launch of the Swaziland National AIDS Programme (SNAP) Information and Knowledge Sharing Portals.

Dr Mengestu said the launch of the Information Resource Centre, Quarterly Newsletter and the website is a step in the right direction because it will help Swaziland share with the rest of the world the information and knowledge generated over the years in the fight against HIV and AIDS. "Knowledge sharing plays a very vital role in creating awareness amongst people. Health is an information-driven and knowledge-based sector. The exchange and dissemination of information about health conditions is central to the sector.

Without evidence-based, timely, up-to-date, relevant, easy-to-use, and affordable information, the health-care provider will not be effective in delivering health care to those who need it", said Dr Mengestu. She highlighted that access to information is a basic human right, adding that information empowers people



UNVEILING: Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane, US Ambassador Lisa Peterson, WHO's Representative Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu and Dr Velephi Okello unveiling SNAP newsletters. (Pic Gugu Simelane)

ple to make better decisions about their own lives, families and communities. She said the WHO Constitution states "The extension to all people of the benefits of medical, psychological and related knowledge is essential to the fullest attainment of health. Informed opinion and active co-operation on the part of the public are of the utmost importance in the improvement of the health of the people".

She said coming up with innovative ways of sharing health information is commendable, adding that strategic approaches and policies to support the generation, sharing and use of information are needed.

"Timely, accurate and complete information to support policy and decision making must be accessible to everyone, without any restrictions.

WHO will continue to collaborate with national and international development partners to provide technical support to the Government of Swaziland, in fighting HIV through dissemination of vital comprehensive information via easily and quickly accessed portals," she said.

He further encouraged the nation to make maximum use of the resources, saying knowledge is a powerful factor that empowers people to achieve great results.

Matututu trial on E12m CTA fuel theft starts July 31

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

BUSINESSMAN Matututu Morris Dlamini, who was arrested in connection with theft of E12 million-worth fuel from the Central Transport Administration (CTA), will have his pre-trial conference set by the Registrar as his trial is expected to be heard soon.

Dlamini, who is co-charged with Mandla Ndzimandze, Moses Simelane and Themba Ndzimandze, is currently out on bail after his bail conditions were varied by the court following his arrest in 2014 and have been awaiting trial since then.

Although the accused persons did not appear in person yesterday, Lawyer Ntobeko Piliso who is representing the Ndzimandzes and Simelane, submitted that he was ready to proceed and applied that his clients have a

pre-trial conference.

Crown Counsel Stanley Dlamini indicated that the witnesses in the matter were ready and High Court Judge Cyril Maphanga ordered that they be warned for July 31, 2017 as the pre-trial conference will be arranged by the Registrar with the main trial resuming thereafter.

The court noted that the matter should be expedited as the accused persons have been waiting in abeyance not knowing what will happen to the matter.

The last time he made his bail application after his arrest, Dlamini was represented by lawyer Noncedo Ndlangamandla, while the two, Themba and Mandla Simelane are represented by Piliso.

Dlamini was arrested together with Themba, who is the owner of Mpaka Filling Station, and Simelane who is the Director of Nhlanguano Filling Station.

Dlamini operates a number of businesses including Mampolo Filling Station, along the Hhelehhele - Lavumisa public road.

They are alleged to have been colluding with some of the government employees at CTA to steal fuel which was then delivered to their various filling stations.

Rounded

It has been alleged that the fuel was then delivered to the filling stations at a cheap price. Also arrested in connection with the same crime was Dlamini's son Wonder.

The four were rounded up by police officers from the Hhohho Fraud and Commercial Crimes Unit and detained at the Mbabane Police Station.

Four civil servants were also arrested in connection with the alleged theft of fuel worth E12 million, at CTA. In his application for bail, Dlamini denied to have ever defrauded government this amount.

He had denied ever defrauding and/or misrepresenting any orders to the Swaziland Government in the amount alleged, or any at all, arguing that he was implicated in the commission of the offence by virtue of being a director of Mhlekwu Investment.

He also submitted that the allegations against the company are correct, alleging that whatever happened might have been done by his employees during the course and scope of their employment and that he was to investigate same.

He said he was not physically and actively involved in the operations of the said company, and there was no way he could have prevented the occurrence of the offence if it did happen.

The businessman had informed the court that he was an old sickly person who suffers from high blood pressure and his continued incarceration would worsen his condition.

IN THE MAGISTRATES COURT FOR THE MANZINI REGION

SITTING AT MANZINI CASE NO: 7841/16

In the matter between :

WILLIAM MASIKO PATRICK

Plaintiff

And

HEZEKIEL NHLABATSI

1st Defendant

MIHLA MFUNDO NKONYANE

2nd Defendant

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Date : 27th July 2017

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Messenger of court (Manzini)
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MAN AMPUTATED LEG WITHOUT CONSENT LOSES BID TO SUE GOVT

Stories by Sandile Nkambule
High Court

A civil works employee who allegedly had his leg amputated without his consent by the Mbabane Government Hospital has lost his last bid to institute legal proceedings against the hospital.

The hospital which has been cited as the first respondent in the matter, while government and the Attorney General are the second and third respondents.

High Court Judge Doris Tshabalala made a ruling to the effect that Zakhele Sonnyboy Shabangu's application for special leave to institute the proceedings, failed on grounds that he undertook the action after the legal two years that was stipulated for filing proceedings, had already elapsed.

When making her ruling, Judge Tshabalala stated that although the applicant's (Shabangu) situation is a sad one, the court had no option but to make the ruling that the application fails on those grounds.

Shabangu's Lawyer Fayiya Tengbeh had submitted that his client could not over the past seven years institute the legal proceedings against the hospital

due to the fact that he was not financially stable.

It was for that reason that he eventually sought the services of Fayiya's office which handled the matter pro bono due to his financial position.

Submitted

Fayiya had also submitted that the fact that his client had his leg amputated without neither his nor his relative's consent, did not shift focus on the matter which needed the jurisdiction of the court to hear and entertain hence they also filed for an application for condonation.

However, Nhlanhla Dlamini from the Attorney General's office submitted that the applicant's financial position could not be made an excuse since the applicant was amputated in 2010 whereas the application is now brought before court.

Having heard both counsel, Judge Tshabalala stated that the matter was a straight forward one although sad as it is, she had to make the ruling that the application fails.

"I have heard both your submissions but I must state that although the applicant's situation is a sad one, this court has to make the ruling that the application fails on the grounds that the two

years required by law, long elapsed," Judge Tshabalala said.

Shabangu had filed the notice of application in October 27, 2016 through his Lawyers SV Mdladla Attorneys.

In his affidavit, Shabangu submitted that while employed by W.G Civil Works and while going about his duties as a chainsaw operator in December, 2010, he was injured in an accident caused as a result of a section of a tree he was cutting down deflecting on his left leg causing a fracture.

Accordingly

He stated that he was rushed to the Mbabane Government Hospital by his employers and was accordingly admitted. "I state that whilst admitted at the hospital and under the care of doctors and nurses employed within the hospital, my left leg was mysteriously amputated without my knowledge and or consent and that of my family," Shabangu submitted.

He stated that he was only advised by nurses when he woke up from his hospital bed after having been taken to the theatre, that his leg had been amputated above the knee.

He stated further that he was extremely shocked by such revelation and till this very day no concrete and justifi-

HOSPITAL FAILS TO PRODUCE APPLICANT'S MEDICAL FILE

CONSEQUENT to his discharge from the Mbabane Government Hospital, attempts by Zakhele Shabangu to obtain his medical records and file proved futile.

According to Lawyer Fayiya who was representing him, for the past five years, his client has been sent from pillar to post in same regard with no positive assistance which is one of the things that contributed to his late filing of the legal proceedings.

He submitted that it was only on May 31, 2016 after having made another enquiry in relation to his medical records that the hospital advised his client that his file was taken from the records section of the hospital in March 2011, by a doctor within the employ of the hospital identified

as Dr B Dlamini and had not been returned since then.

In his affidavits, Shabangu also submitted that he had long been waiting for the file for the past five years to no avail and this accordingly delayed the process of instituting the proceedings earlier.

He stated that now that it has become clear that his medical file has been removed from the records section and not returned, this has given credence to his long held knowledge that his amputation was indeed as case of medical malpractice and the disappearance of his file is a possible cover up.

He stressed that had the medical file been brought to him earlier he could have instituted the legal proceedings timeously.

able reasons have been furnished to him or his family for his amputation without his consent or that of his family.

As a result of the said amputation, he stated that he has been rendered disabled and unemployable since December, 2010 and that the trauma and emotional shock as well as the period to heal from

the amputation rendered him practically dysfunctional and incapacitated for a period of two years.

He had intended to seek damages for emotional shock and stress, disfigurement, pain and suffering, loss of amenities of life, change of personality, loss of expectation of life, loss of future earnings and costs of future medical expenses.

Man who disappeared 4 years ago haunted by car theft case

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man who disappeared about four years ago following a car theft case has resurfaced and denies committing the crime.

According to the evidence paraded before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini, the neatly dressed Meiniseli Gwebu left the country for South Africa soon after a Toyota Corolla belonging to Nomcebo Dlamini was stolen while parked at a certain homestead in Maduma.

It is alleged that the car was stolen while Dlamini was at her rented flat a few metres from the homestead where she used to park the sedan.

In fact, the evidence paraded in court reveals that the motor vehicle was stolen less than an hour after Dlamini had parked it in the afternoon, returning from work on June 19, 2013.

The former Swazi National Court employee was in no compromising mood as she was being led in her evidence in chief. She was not only energetic but also oozed confidence as she faced the accused person who allegedly stole her car.

Offence

However, on the other hand, Gwebu pleaded not guilty to the offence.

He did not show any remorse while in the accused dock as he constantly laughed off the allegations made by the complainant. He repeatedly laughed at Dlamini while looking at her and uttering the words "You are lying".

The suspect was warned by the senior

magistrate for his unlawful conduct.

The suspect, who was dressed in a beige coloured shirt with a pair of trouser of the same colour, was represented by attorney Noncedo Ndlangamandla of Mabila and Attorneys firm.

The lawyer told the court her client was being framed by Dlamini following a failed love relationship between him and the complainant's sister.

She added that Dlamini was bitter because Gwebu was accused of trying to steal a kombi belonging to her sister who was Gweru's girlfriend in 2013. "You fabricated the story of Gwebu stealing the car because you were still angry about the taxi, otherwise you know very well the accused person did not steal the said car," Ndlangamandla alleged.

Disputed

However, Dlamini disputed this as she mentioned that Gwebu was a helpful person in her life before her car went missing hence she did not have any grudges against him.

"He used to help me after I received my driver's licence as he taught me how to drive, and also helped in driving me around after buying the car.

He used to come to my place and since he was dating my sister, I did not have a problem with him," she said.

Narrating how her car was stolen, she alleged that Gwebu came with a man, known as Tholeni Gwebu while driving in a kombi and the other man, who was unknown to her, allegedly emerged from the kombi and went to the homestead where he hurriedly drove the car before letting Gwebu jump in whilst by the main road.

She said even though she did not see when the car was stolen; her neighbours helped her put the pieces together.

"One woman told me she saw my brother-in-law boarding the car.

I learnt that when the car was stolen it almost hit a child as the driver was not willing to stop and this was on the afternoon. The following day in the morning, whilst I walked with my child to the homestead, my child ran ahead to the homestead but quickly came back shouting that the car was no longer there," she said.

Shocked

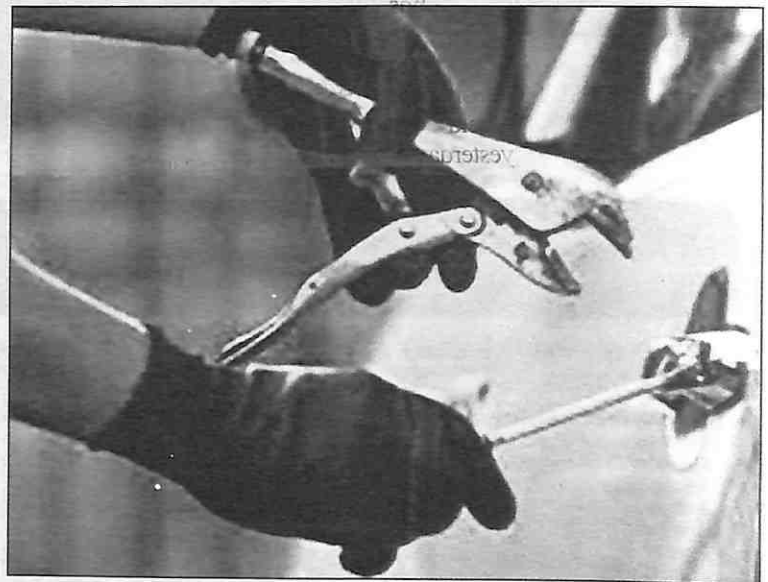
She said she was shocked when she discovered that the car was stolen and that is when she was told her brother-in-law came with an unknown man and stole it.

"I reported the matter to the police. I then went to Manzini to meet my sister since I needed to find out what was going on, and whilst in Manzini, I saw my brother-in-law together with the man that was described to me, however, they quickly ran away after noticing me," she said.

She added she tried following them but could not catch up and even the police could not find the two men. She said the car was found driven by Tholeni Gwebu weeks later and spotting a different number plate.

She added that her brother-in-law was never found until January this year. Moreover, Tholeni Gwebu was charged for stealing the car and was convicted.

He was sentenced to two years in jail without an option for a fine. The matter was postponed to August.



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Man fined E2 000 for hitting woman with bottle

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A 27-year-old man was slapped with a fine of E2 000 after he pulled a woman by her hair and further hit her with a beer bottle.

Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi made sure she taught Celani Maziya of Sitibeni that he never takes the law into his hands again when she sentenced him to two years imprisonment for assaulting Noxolo Simelane, whom he said insulted him and his girlfriend.

Maziya was warned by the court to desist from perpetrating violence against women as it would lead to a serious offence, which is murder.

He was lectured that he should report crime to the police than taking the law into his own hands. The remorseful Maziya said he was intoxicated when the scuffle unfolded. He said Simelane was the one who was rude as she insulted his girlfriend after a misunderstanding.

"I asked this woman why she was insulting the woman I am in a love relationship with, but

instead of apologising she shifted the focus to me and started hurling insults at me. I got angry and assaulted her," he said.

He pleaded guilty to the offence which he committed on July 11 while at Dark City, Sidvashini which led to the Crown opting not to lead evidence against him.

While in court, Maziya has his head bowed down and maintained he regretted his unlawful actions. While at the busy township, the woman basher is said to have reacted from the noisy misunderstanding and assault Simelane with fists several times on the face before pushing her and further per by the hair.

As the attack intensified, Maziya then grabbed a nearby bottle and hit Simelane on the body with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm.

"I ask the court to be lenient as I regret my actions. I apologise as I cannot reverse my actions now," he said.

The court fined her E2 000 or two years imprisonment and he was ordered refrain from his conduct.



FOR YOU: Ministry of Education and Training PS Pat Muir receiving mealie-meal from Premier Swazi Milling Brand Ambassador Tahmar Reid. Looking on are SWAPA President Welcome Mhlanga, Premier Swazi Milling Loader Mthobisi Dlamini, Sales and Marketing Manager Neil von Wissell, and Government Nutritionist Thobile Gamedze. (Courtesy pic)

PREMIER SWAZI MILLING DONATES 120 BAGS OF MEALIE-MEAL TO MINISTRY

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

PREMIER Swazi Milling has donated 120 bags of mealie-meal worth E48 000 to the ministry of education and training.

The bags were donated to the ministry after the Swaziland Principals Association (SWAPA) pleaded with companies to donate food to schools following the food crisis in public schools. The donation took place on Tuesday at the premises of Premier Swazi Milling in Matsapha.

The event was attended by Ministry of Education and Training Principal Secretary Pat Muir, SWAPA President Welcome Mhlanga, and authorities from Premier Swazi Milling. The bags were transported to 40 schools and these had been identified by SWAPA.

Muir, when contacted for comment, thanked Premier Swazi Milling for the kind gesture.

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He said they had already started giving the mealie-meal to the most affected schools.

On Tuesday, the bags were handed to some schools in the Lubombo region and the others (regions) would benefit during the course of the week and next week.

Muir said each region would get 30 bags of mealie-meal adding, that 10 schools would benefit from the 30 bags of mealie-meal in each region. This means each school would be given three bags of the mealie-meal. Muir said the mealie-meal would be expected to serve as breakfast to the pupils in the schools. He could not give out the names of the schools that were supposed to benefit from the initiative.

He said he could remember two of the Lubombo schools

that benefitted and these include Mhlumeni Nazarene and Letindze Primary Schools.

Meanwhile, SWAPA President Welcome Mhlanga, when reached for comment, said they identified 20 schools from the Shiselweni and Lubombo regions so far. He said these schools, if things go according to plan, would receive the mealie-meal this week. They would then identify needy schools in the Manzini and Hhohho regions next week.

Primary schools have been identified for now. Mhlanga said that was not to suggest that the high schools were not affected.

"All schools are affected, but primary schools are hard hit by the prevailing situation, given that they solely depend on government grants," Mhlanga said.

Foreign nationals nabbed while buying mealie-meal

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

TWO foreign nationals were arrested at Ngwenya border gate as they attempted to buy mealie-meal.

Jose Lugondo (29) of Congo was charged with contravening Section 14 (2) (d) of the Immigration Act of 1982 after being caught secretly sheltering a man from Nigeria whom he knew or had reasonable cause to believe to be a person who had committed an offence.

Lugondo and his counterpart, Nathaniel Adedayo (37) of Nigeria were detained by the police stationed at the border gate for attempting to help each other gain entry illegally.

Adedayo was charged with being in the country without a valid licence or permit whilst Lugondo, who had a passport, was detained for playing a part in Adedayo gaining entry.



PRESIDING: Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

While making their court appearances separately, both men apologised for breaking the law and pleaded with the court to be lenient with them when passing sentence.

The trespassers conducted their own defence as they explained they were at the border gate to buy mealie-meal and intended to head back to their place of abode.

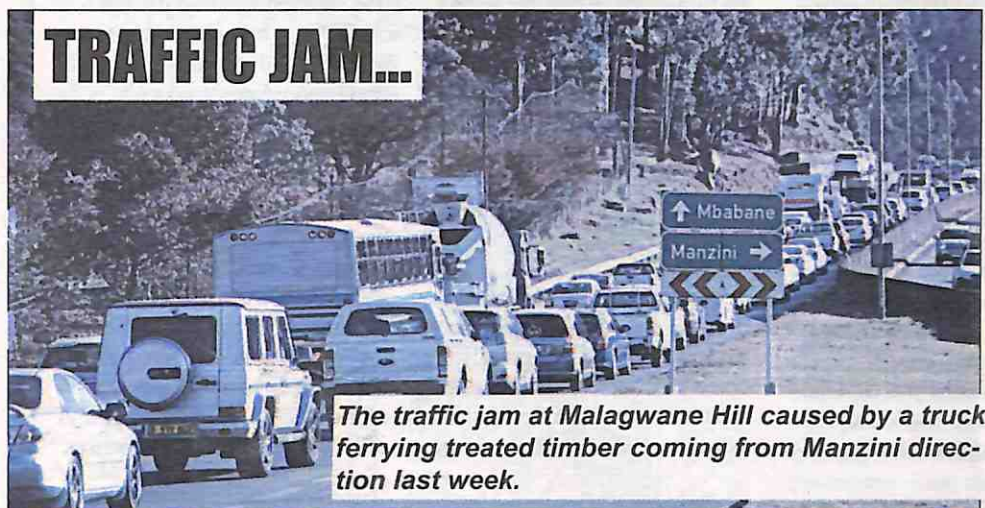
Lugondo denied he sheltered his friend as he told the court all he knew was that Adedayo

also had his passport with him when he asked him to accompany him to buy the mealie meal.

"I am very much sorry for what happened. I was not aware my friend was carrying an expired passport as I had asked him to accompany me to the border and he never mentioned anything about not having the required documents," Lugondo mitigated before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

The court frowned upon his actions and was told to desist from the unlawful conduct. The court was not convinced with his explanation as it believed he was trying to let his friend sneak in without a valid licence or permit.

He was fined E1 000 or a year imprisonment whilst Adedayo received a fine of E500 or five months imprisonment. Adedayo chose to limit his mitigation as he only apologised and asked for leniency from the court.



The traffic jam at Malagwane Hill caused by a truck ferrying treated timber coming from Manzini direction last week.

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INDUSTRIAL COURT GRANTS INTERIM ORDER FOR ATUSWA, SMAWU BATTLE

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE Industrial Court has granted an interim order in the matter between the Amalgamated Trade Union of Swaziland (ATUSWA) and Swaziland Manufacturing and Allied Workers Union (SMAWU).

The interim order has been welcomed by ATUSWA as the organisation sees it as an instrument which ensures that its members continue to enjoy adequate protection. ATUSWA Secretary General Wander Mkhonza said their lawyer made an application for an interim order after the matter was postponed to August 16, by the court.

Mkhonza said the organisation had full confidence the leadership of the

Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) that they would steer the ship in the right direction during this period. He said as ATUSWA, they undertake to give their federation all the support required in doing what the Industrial Court mandated them to do. "We are sure our members will welcome an opportunity to interact with our federation. This will also afford us to have first-hand information on the worker issues on the ground," he said in a statement.

Mkhonza said as members, they would not have left their members to suffer for another month having stood with the organisation even when coerced by their employers to ditch ATUSWA. The Secretary General said it was not surprising that SMAWU rejects are looking at such a window of opportunity

to divide ATUSWA, no matter how small and faint it is.

"We know that the bigger picture is to divide workers within ATUSWA and use them to launch a new federation which will not be viewed in the manner that the other employer formed 'workers' federation' is viewed internationally and amongst workers. These surrogates of division represent some employers, government in general and the commissioner of labour in particular with a glorious opportunity to resuscitate their dying dream of dividing workers in Swaziland so that TUCOSWA is weakened," he added.

Mkhonza stated that the national office bearers of the union, in its sitting on Tuesday, mandated the secretariat to extend the office's appreciation to the union organisers and shop stewards for



IN HIGH SPIRITS: Gospel artist Siphosiso Makhubane ministering at Rest In Christ Church at Mbikwakhe. This was during the artist's visit to the church led by Bishop Vincent Hlatshwako on Sunday. Also at the service was former Senator Bhutana Dlamini. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

having taken the constant and permanent attacks towards the union and transferring same to build a momentum not only to keep existing members but also to grow the union each and every day.

No planting of exotic trees in the country

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

LOCALS who want to plant trees will soon not be allowed to do so unless they consult with the ministry of agriculture.

This is according to the Plant Health Protection Bill as it had been discovered that other exotic trees had a potential to bring diseases into the country.

The Bill is now being deliberated by the House of Assembly portfolio committee of the ministry of agriculture, chaired by Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala.

The other Bill that is deliberated by the portfolio committee is the Swaziland National Agricultural Research Authority (SNARA).

When contacted by this newspaper, Thwala said his portfolio committee would be conducting public hearings on the Bills.

He could not specify on when the hearings would be conducted.

He said the Bills would affect members of the public, especially farmers, hence it was imperative that they should conduct the public hearings to ensure they got opinions from stakeholders.

The MP said the stakeholders would be informed of the importance of the Bill and they would be informed about its importance in their lives. In

short, the portfolio committee would be raising public awareness on the Bills and looking for opinions from stakeholders.

Thwala said there would be penalties from people who would plant exotic trees without getting approval from the experts for the ministry of agriculture.

The penalty would be decided by the stakeholders.

Guidance

"We are not saying people should not plant exotic trees in the country, but we are saying they should seek guidance from the ministry of agriculture so that we protect ourselves from diseases that could be brought by certain plants," Thwala said.

Speaking about the SNARA Bill, Thwala said the aim of the Bill was to inform farmers that an autonomous research authority on the agriculture sector would be formed.

The authority is aimed at helping farmers in ensuring that they used the research facility to ensure they improve their products.

"We are also looking for ways in which we can make it possible for farmers to make them feel part and parcel of the research authority.

"We also want farmers to easily access the results of the research.

"The public hearings will also be conducted for that purpose," he said.

Civil servant's child smashes govt car

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A government employee's child has been nabbed driving a government car without any authority.

The motor vehicle, an Isuzu L.D.V was involved in a road accident on July 13 while near or at Dlozini wherein four passengers were injured. Amongst the passengers was an 18-year-old male adult who was treated and admitted at Mbabane Government Hospital whilst the others were treated and discharged. The offender, Wandile Dlamini, did not only drive the motor vehicle without an official authority but also used it

without his father Absalom Dlamini's consent, who is authorised to drive it. Wandile accumulated four traffic counts as he was charged with negligent driving; for driving without a valid driver's licence; for driving a government car without an official authority and driving it without his father's consent. According to the police report, Dlamini was speeding and thus contravened section 93 (2) as read with section 122 (4) of the Traffic Act of 2007. The remorseful man pleaded guilty to all the counts and pleaded with the court to be lenient with him when passing sentence.

"I received a call that my child was sick and I was rushing there

to help. I have learnt my lesson. I plead with the court to consider that I am unemployed," he said. The court fined him E1 600 or a year imprisonment for causing an accident and a further E800 or six months for driving without a valid driver's licence. He was then fined E4 000 or two years for driving a government car without being authorised.

Lastly, he was fined E2 000 or a year imprisonment for driving the said car without consent from the authorised person. The overall fine amounted to E6 800; however, the sentences were made to run concurrently, which means he is expected to pay the highest fine, which is E4 000.



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3. Nhlengethwa Vusi Paul	6217541	03.06.2017	10h00
4. Manyatsi Queeneth Kholi	3297441	08.08.2016	10h30
5. Ndaba Daniel Masotsha	29358	12.06.2017	11h00
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2. Mayisela Naphtal Veliinjani	217310	06.07.2017	10h30
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4. Motsa Joseph Mangaliso	7105302	27.06.2017	10h30
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FAILED RITUAL MURDERS; GOGO IS THE LATEST TO ESCAPE

Stories by Sicelo Maziya
Siteki

MAPHUNGWANE residents are now living in fear of being abducted by an unknown syndicate that is reportedly terrorising the community.

Last Friday, yet another elderly woman is reported to have been saved by raising an alarm calling for help as unknown people entered her house.

This latest incident follows that of another elderly who was saved by hiding in thick grass when she was attacked while on her way from a drinking spree to home.

Another incident was of a boy who was lured to help push an unknown car.

The lad is said to have ran for dear life and luckily he knew the area more than the people chasing him as he ran towards homesteads.

The latest incident has fuelled the

● *The community is scared because according to local intelligence, the murderers are looking for elderly people and those with baldheads.*

suspicions that community members are selling each other by giving information on vulnerable people to be attacked by the syndicate.

The community is now living in fear as the latest incident follows a number of failed attempts to others in the area.

Ritual

There have been other incidents where an elderly man was found dead and his body mutilated. Many instances have been recorded in the area, a young man who was reported in the media to have survived an ordeal where it's suspected he was destined to be killed by ritual murderers.

The community is scared because according to local intelligence, the murderers are looking for elderly people and those with baldheads.

The night is not an ideal time for the Maphungwane people to go out, as the challenges posed by the murderers gives the community sleepless nights.

The community has reported the challenges to the police and a swift police intervention has been devised to form a response team of community police initiative. The community is mobilising in a bid to appoint community police in their different areas.

The small community is not only engulfed by the threat posed by the ritual murderers but it is embroiled with the latest sporadic attacks related to the never ending chieftaincy disputes. The community is now leaving in fear of the unknown.

Quantum, unknown cars patrol area

THE community members of Maphungwane have alleged to have seen unknown quantum and kombis roaming the area at night.

They said the vehicles move at a snail pace like they are patrolling.

The cars are seen within Mhlabubovu, Sgwenyama till Palatha.

An elderly man disclosed that

"the night is no longer the same in our area as we fear to use the late bus when we are in town".

The quantum allegedly surfaces during the night and at Ndlangane. At times one would find a car parked in the area. The sight of such parked cars cast fear and children run for their dear life and only those in groups are able to pass such stationery cars in the area

Soldiers called in to patrol area

COMMUNITY members want the border patrol army troops to patrol the area.

The community is alleged to have sent local *Indvuna Londomane* Ndzimandze to request the army troops to help the community scare off the ritual murderers.

"We want soldiers to patrol the area as police had said they are challenged at the moment as Tikhuba has only one vehicle that services Mambane, Tikhuba, Maphungwa as well as have to go to Siteki. The challenges from the police make

it impossible for them to always be around when we call them yet the soldiers' base is within our area," the source said.

The elderly community member has expressed concern over the increasing number of "ritual murders" in the area because it's not the first time the area has been engulfed by such murderers.

The concerns from the community comes after a young man of the area got lucky to escape and another elderly man of the area found dead with missing body parts.



IT MUST STOP: RSP's Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

We will fight ritual murders - Vilakati

RSP's Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati says incidents of suspected ritual murders which have been reported to be rife, requires strong partnerships with all stakeholders.

"However, as police we want communities to be careful and not traumatise people especially the vulnerable children and women. We encourage people who have

been subjected to such scare to report immediately all incidents. It's unfortunate that such information is sent out even when there is nothing tangible as evidence," she said.

Vilakati further pleaded with people not to leave children alone and ensure their safety when they are from school.

She said community initiatives

should not stop parents from taking responsibility for the safety of children.

Vilakati further encouraged people to avoid going out at night alone and asked that anything suspicious in the communities be reported to the police all the times.

She pleaded with the community to report to the police anything that they suspect so that

police can act immediately. On the issue of transport, Vilakati said the police continue to have challenges in other areas with transport because at times their cars are at the garage for maintenance. Vilakati said police help each other in case of emergencies from other stations.

"In the latest incident, the police in Siteki have launched a massive scale community police initiative and we are doing everything possible to protect the people of Maphungwane," adds Vilakati.

Awesome Security Services fails to pay salaries

By Sicelo Maziya
Siteki

SOME employees of Awesome Security Services have reportedly not been paid their salaries for three months now.

Disgruntled security personnel who complained of being inconvenienced and stressed told this newspaper that they have been subjected to cold nights, guarding millions worth of their client's property but are not paid for their services.

They said the act by the company was inviting crime and anarchy as workers such as security guards had the responsibility guarding items worth millions. The guards alleged that they had tried everything to engage their employer about being paid, however, nothing positive has come out of that.

Two security guards who preferred anonymity said; "the management tells us that they have not been paid by their clients. We are working for a big company that knows the laws of the land and we suspect we are being taken for a ride because we are security guards."

The security company is providing services for clients like the Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC).



SPTC's Nqobile Magagula when reached for comment concerning the allegations from the security guards that their employer claims not to be paid by its client; confirmed to know the company. However, on the issue of payment or contractual agreement, she preferred not to comment.

"The said company is one of our registered security service providers, whom SPTC has a contractual obligation with. As you may be aware contractually we cannot divulge the contents of our agreement with a third party, we are also not aware of any SPTC employees who have the mandate to speak on behalf of SPTC service providers. On that premise we have no comment for your questions," she said.

Meanwhile, Director of the company Duma Makama pleaded with his work-

ers saying they would be paid soonest.

"As I'm speaking to you I am from a client and has failed to pay us claiming they had to use part of their resources with the hope to repay us but nothing has materialised that's why we are having the challenge we are in now."

Makama said he was in debt that he could not even get a loan from the bank because he has a pending loan that was also necessitated by late payment by clients.

The security company is also alleged to be faced by mismanagement of funds as reliable sources within the company disclosed that the director is not hands-on with company affairs.

It is alleged that the company director does not even attempt to attend to the pertinent issues of the company as security guards are hired willy nilly.

Pigg's Peak Town Council detains braai stands

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

OPERATORS of informal businesses selling chicken dust at night have complained that the Pigg's Peak Town Council has confiscated their braai stands.

It is said the municipality deemed them unsafe.

The operators said they were now forced to buy more expensive gas powered braai stands.

"We are small business people who sell chicken dust to the Pigg's Peak general public for a living.

We have been working opposite the Jazz Time Bar for a year now.

We choose to work at night because most of our customers who are bar patrons support us. Recently the council confiscated our braai stands deeming them unsafe, in total five braai stands were seized," they said.

The operators said after the braai stands were taken, they went to the Pigg's Peak Town Council building the next morning to negotiate.

However, they were told to pay E20 to get back their equipment.

"Also, we were told to buy more expensive gas powered braai stands or the confiscation will happen again," they said.

Meanwhile, Pigg's Peak Town Council CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa said he was not yet able to comment on the issue as he had not yet consulted with the relevant manager.

"Unfortunately we as a council cannot yet confirm the incident, because all the details are yet to be made known to our communications department. We will forward the comments regarding the issue as soon as we possibly can after the relevant manager is contacted," he said.

ACC investigates immigration rot

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

THE Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) is reportedly investigating rot at the immigration department in Nhlanguano.

A senior official is said to have had a hand in the escape in assisting a foreigner to escape after he was found without valid documents of remaining in the country.

It is alleged that since the ACC started investigating the department, some of the employees look concerned and are reportedly stressed.

Already, three employees at the department had been asked to submit their own report about the incident which others claimed it's a scandal implicating a senior in the department.

Implicated

It is said the ACC team, which was also in the company of a police officer, would soon complete its investigations and it's believed one of those implicated is likely to be hauled before court anytime from now. Reports are that the ACC's

visit to the department was after it was alerted of a matter which occurred last November where a foreigner believed to be a Senegalese was arrested during an inspection.

It is said on the day in question, it was while the joint operation was held near Nsongweni, along the Nhlanguano-Manzini public road where the Senegalese was nabbed and he was without the valid papers and was taken to the Nhlanguano Police Station for detention while awaiting a court appearance.

However, it is said a plan was orchestrated for him to escape and the mastermind was allegedly a senior officer.

Reports are that a government vehicle belonging to the department was used to whisk the Senegalese away from the police station.

A driver, according to impeccable sources, was ordered to park close to the police station where the foreigner was allegedly then seen transported away.

It is believed he was taken to the bus rank with the government vehicle and he connected with public transport to some places in one of

the cities.

There are claims that police officers on duty are likely to also be called to give an account on what happened.

Investigations

"Last week the ACC had time with one of the top officials of the department in the region. Another employee as well as a driver were also among those interviewed about the matter.

Indicators are that once the investigations are concluded certain individuals might be taken to court and others will be witnesses.

The matter, which all along was thought to have been buried, has surprised many especially when the ACC investigators started calling some of the employees aside one by one," said a source. Other claims are that the investigators had to look for an alternative place to conduct an interview to one of the employees after it was found that within the office, there was no privacy as members of the public always come in and out.

"One had to be interviewed outside as the department is busy.

You find that someone storms inside seeking service and the ACC viewed it as a non conducive environment to conduct their work and then decided to look for an alternative place," said a source.

Guided

It has also been revealed that with three employees interviewed, the next one to be called is probably the 'big fish' that is believed to be heavily implicated in the scandal.

"As we speak, there are some who are looking stressed as it's not known what is likely to happen," said the source.

ACC's Jabu Phakathi said it was against the organisation's policy to go public on any investigations they were conducting.

"We are guided by principles and therefore cannot divulge our investigations to the public," Phakathi said briefly when called. On the other hand Deputy Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said police were not aware of the matter or any investigations done at the immigration department.

Food delivery in schools brought life back

THE delivery of food to some schools by government has literally brought life back with operations now back to normal.

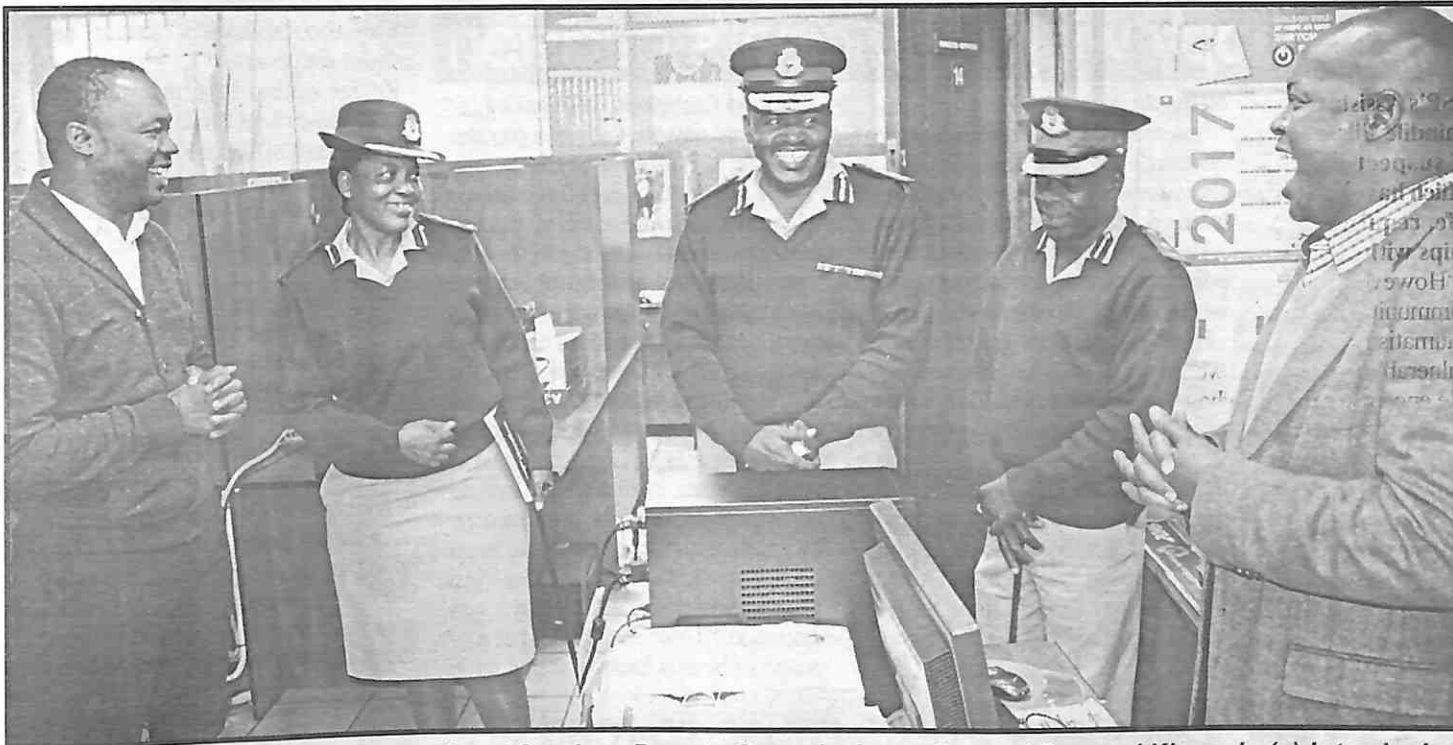
Some of Members of Parliament (MPs) said schools under their constituencies were now operating normally and children are happy. Hosea MP Thulani Masuku said some schools that faced food shortages had since reported that all was going well. He said he personally witnessed deliveries in some of the schools where trucks with food arrived to deliver.

"Last week, some of these schools had food delivered and teachers have reported that things seemed to have returned back to normal. We are happy as the situation was becoming unbearable. There are, however, those schools which have not yet received anything and my appeal is that means should be made so that they receive their share."

If the delay is because of shortage of transport, other means should be done. Principals should make plans and they can approach even us on how we can assist in fetching the food," said Masuku.

Masuku said it was important for government not to take what happened lightly as at the end it would taint the country's image. "In future government should plan and not wait until things get out of hand. That some of the schools pupils were starting to riot is not good for the country and the people. Learning about this can interfere with learning. Government that has to put its house in order so that we don't become a laughing stock as a country," said Masuku.

Matsamo South MP Sikiza Mhlungu, whose constituency also had schools in similar situation, said even though he had not given himself time to find out if the delivery of the food had taken place, he was sure all was in place. "Actually, our schools should have been in the first list of food deliveries. I have not heard anything but I know there are those schools which have received something. We applaud government for this as things were already starting to get out of control. Schools like ours which are in rural areas, need to be always considered for assistance as we all know we are in a drought stricken part of the country," said Mhlungu.



HAND OVER: His Majesty's Correctional Services Deputy Commissioner General Bongani Khumalo (c) introducing newly appointed PRO Gugulethu Dlamini and Assistant PRO Mandla Sibiba to Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo at News Editor Kenneth Dlamini on Tuesday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

Man charged for assaulting baby mama

Stories by Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

NHLANHLA Matisa (25) from Lomshiyo got the shock of his life after he was assaulted by his in-laws and then arrested for assaulting the mother of his child with a mudguard.

The incident happened at the Matisa homestead at Lomshiyo on Saturday evening.

Sources close to the matter said Matisa first assaulted the mother of his child Nompumelelo Magagula with a mudguard on the back, then he started to kick, slap and punch her all over the body until she screamed for help.

"Magagula then phoned her family who came to the Matisa homestead and then allegedly assaulted Matisa

who was injured and later transported to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital for treatment of multiple head injuries. Matisa was then arrested for assaulting Magagula by the Pigg's Peak police," said the source.

Speaking inside the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court on Monday, Matisa who had bandages said he was assaulted by three of his male in-laws who were angry. "I was assaulted by my in-laws that is why I look like this, they were angry that I assaulted the mother of my child," he said.

Pigg's Peak Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini admitted Matisa to bail set at E3 000 and told him that he must not interfere with Magagula until the trial date has passed. "Your bail is set at E3000 for the assault of the mother of your child, but I warn you not to inter-



SET BAIL: Pigg's Peak Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini

fere with Magagula until after the trial date that is set for December 10," said Dlamini.

Brothers assault man over money

TWO siblings from Matsamo have been arrested for ganging up on a male adult and assaulting him over money for an unknown deal.

Lucky (29) and Ntokozo (26) Shibahave were both been arrested after they brutally assaulted Phumlani Kunene with a beer bottle over money.

The incident happened at Matsamo on Saturday evening outside a shebeen. It is said Kunene owed the brothers some money for an unknown deal. First to assault the victim was Lucky Shiba, who broke a beer bottle on the victim's head.

Shortly after the bottle was broken, Ntokozo then started to punch the victim's bloody face multiple times. Both brothers were then arrest-

ed after Kunene managed to go to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital on the same night for treatment of his facial injuries.

Available

Senior Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini admitted one of the brothers to bail and told the other brother that the option of bail was not yet available for him because the state of the victim was not fully known by the court.

"We will allow only Ntokozo to be admitted to the E3 000 bail for the assault, unfortunately we cannot admit Lucky to bail as we do not know the full extent of Kunene's injuries. You are both ordered to return to this court room tomorrow so we can be updated on the victim's medical condition," said Dlamini.

STEP 3 DONATES TO ETHEMBENI PRIMARY

By Njabulo Dlamini
Ngculwini

STEP 3 International Ministries, an NGO from Taiwan, on Monday donated clothing and shoes to 100 children from Ethembeni Primary School based at Ngculwini under Gundvini chieftdom.

Project Manager of Step 3 International Ministries Paulette Hoare said they were moved by the desperate situation of the children in this rural community which they previously visited, hence the donation.

"Step 3 International Ministries is basically here to help all the children in Swaziland without discriminating against race, colour or religion.

We are here to assist churches, schools and communities in fighting poverty in the areas where they

are located," Hoare said.

They have previously extended a helping hand to Manyonyaneni Primary in Matata by donating clothing, books and now are presently waiting for no less than 20 computers to be shipped from abroad in Taiwan.

These computers will also be distributed to the same school.

"We set up computer laboratories for them and also intend setting up solar systems at Manyonyaneni School so that they do not consume a lot of electricity. This is meant to ensure that the learning process is enhanced for the pupils".

Hoare said seeing the smiling faces of satisfaction and contentment from the young ones made them realise the impact made by their timely donation carried out on the day.

Meanwhile, the NGO yesterday donated clothing and shoes to Ekupheleni Neighbourhood Care Point (NCP), which looks after 25 children.

Still, they are pursuing the same mandate of reaching out to the neediest of communities through this donation. Some of these children were identified by Step 3 International whilst others were brought to the NGO by the communities where they hail from as well as their teachers.

Step 3 International Ministries is an NGO from the Republic of China on Taiwan which is here to help out in poverty stricken communities of the kingdom with meeting their basic social amenities like clothing.

Step 3 Ministries can be reached at 7624 3826



STEPPING OUT: (above and below) These children wore bright smiles on their faces after being presented with new pairs of sneakers by Step 3 International Ministries from Taiwan. (Courtesy pics)



Business operators not happy with municipal's decision

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlango

BUSINESS operators in Nhlango have accused the town council of 'killing' their businesses.

This is because some suppliers are now reluctant to deliver in some of the outlets because they are

issued with tickets by police.

The enterprises that are hard hit by this are those whose suppliers use big trucks to deliver goods.

An operation by police to issue a ticket to any truck seen in the main streets of the town has caused an uproar with some of the business operators considering to take the matter up with the relevant authorities while others contem-

plate seeking legal advice.

It is said town council has started effecting a law which had been in existence for a long time prohibiting all trucks not to drive within the town.

There are signs in strategic entry points which direct truck drivers to use when coming into the town.

Business operators said they were not aware of the said law and were taken aback when some of the suppliers who had come to do deliveries were issued with tickets demanding them to pay the E60 spot fine.

One of the business operators who is operating a livestock and animal feeds business said he found himself having to pay almost all the time the trucks were found offloading near the outlet.

He said the tickets were issued by police and anyone failing to pay the spot fine, was taken to court.

"Just last week, I paid three tickets where the trucks were found offloading.

Any truck sent by the supplier here is penalised and as owner of the business, I end up paying. It's bad and if town council continues with this, then it is not different from chasing away investors. Some of us are still small businesspeople and to be frustrated in such a manner, insinuates that they do not want to see us grow," lamented the businessman. Others said the town council should have at least called them to a meeting where such a matter was discussed. "Town council was not supposed to be this harsh and mind you

we are also stakeholders," said another business operator.

Police acting Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that trucks were prohibited from driving across the town's streets for known reasons. She said from what she was made to believe, the exit and entry points had signs directing preferable routes to use for all trucks.

"There are signs which are directing the routes to be used by trucks.

Town council has been effecting the law and what I have been told is that there are now discussions taking place to harmonise the situation.

For the time being, I am told the operation that the police have been carrying out has stopped while talks are to take place involving the stakeholders for an amicable solution," said Vilakati.

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Damages trucks cause to road and traffic lights milking the town council

THE town council has explained why it has decided to effect the law prohibiting big trucks to be driven across the main streets.

It has been explained that damages caused by the trucks end up milking the town council as it has to repair and fix all the damaged roads and traffic lights some which are bumped and smashed by trucks.

Chief Executive Officer Apollo Maphalala said the town council was effecting existing laws which prohibit trucks from being driven across the town.

He said it was not like someone decided to effect the law the next day.

"These are laws which have been there for a long time. As for the signs directing routes trucks should use have been there for years and if I am not mistaken since 2014. We are fully aware of the contribution these businesses are making for the development of this town's economy but at the same

time, we have to look at what also affects the operations which at times become costly to the town council," said Maphalala.

Maphalala said as a result of trucks driven across the town, there are damages caused on the road which end up being the town council's burden.

"There are the manhole covers which get damaged when a big truck drives over these things.

It becomes difficult for us even to work on drainage when manhole covers are destroyed. Again some of these trucks are also responsible for the damage of the pavements as some have trailers. We have the traffic lights which are damaged now and trucks are usually to blame for this.

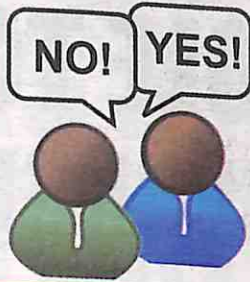
Time and again we have to fix the traffic lights because of the trucks driven across the town. It's costly for us hence we resolved effecting the law," he said. Adding, Maphalala said town council would soon engage the busi-



WORKING HARD:
Nhlango Town Council
CEO Apollo Maphalala.

ness operators with some of the transport associations with the aim of finding an amicable solution on this matter. "It was once suggested that some of the businesses should have warehouses outside the town or alternatively at the industrial site where they can have the stock stored there and can only fetch it with small trucks or bakkies," said the CEO.

Maphalala said town council management would have to meet with the stakeholders to work on an amicable solution.



FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...



MACFORD
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(Direct
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Abraham)

IF, at your late age, you still do stunts that you used to do 30, 40 or even 50 years ago, know that you are either immature or premature.

Well, I mean if you are still a busy body and loudspeaker; 24/7, at bars, restaurants, clubs, braai resorts, etc, with a bevy of beauties hanging gingerly on you; others as young as your grand daughter and boys as young as your grandson, know for sure, that your screws still need tightening; because you chose to be a pathological creature with a body of a man and a mind of a baby!

The thing is, through time, old bad habits have to be flushed out in the loony bin and be replaced by new good ones. So at 17, your voyage of skirt wearer hunting was understood from the context of experimentation; seeing the world with the eyes of the hyena; that every prey has to be devoured!

At 27, we called it exploration but at 37 you get us worried. At 47 we call 999 and at 57 we call an ambulance. At 67 we call the mental sanatorium because it is now a mental case. This is because, here you are, on stage, acting in a theatre of the absurd, with no audience cheering. At 27 we assume you have a family. At 37 and 47 there are no assumptions, you have it, unless you want to tell us something. The question is, if you still have 99 per cent of your time with friends, girlfriends and engage in small fruitless talks, when do you have time for your family? You mean at your age you still sleep out or even reach home at dawn. Can't you see you are now competing with your sons! Mature Tiger boy!

SCARY

Nothing scares me than seeing old people behaving like kids! You can imagine an old man of my age or

MATURE, IMMATURE OR PREMATURE

more in a groupies trying to fit in by telling small time old fashioned fairy tales! Despicable! How do you engage with boys who don't know Patience Africa, Ray Phiri or PJ Powers? The thing is I can't be 27 again even if Prophet Mboro can lay hands on me! Can somebody please bring Mboro to Swaziland!

Oh! I love him like I love over spiced stew! I am reminded of my days in Hospital Hill during the world cup in 2010. I was chilling in a posh hotel with three political veterans aged 68, 70 and 71 and I was 41. We clicked and engaged intellectually.

These guys looked like they were in their 50s and dressed smart. In the spur of the moment one burst out and said that, 'we outclassed *lentwana angithi icabanga kuthi isilemu*.' Meaning that they outclassed the young man because he thought he was smart. As I followed the conversation, I found out that *mfana ndzini 'ubashaye ngestini'* meaning he took their girlfriends. I learnt that these guys were in charge of big tenders and used to host them at *mfana ndzini's* restaurant until boy took their 23-year old sexy girlfriends and hooked them with their age-mates! *Gwagwagwa!* I laughed out quietly (LOQ) and applied wisdom by comforting these bushpigs.

They even told me that they bought brand new cars for these 'stupid girls.' *Uyabona emhlabeni!* Jesus Come Down! Honda Fit my Lord!! I sympathise with these guys because they spent all their youth and adult lives either in jails, undergrounds, jungles or in exile and never got the opportunity *yekudla busha babo*. But *wena* had a surplus of life!

SAINT

I am not Saint Mac but there are things that used to be a problem at 30 something that have been thrown out of the window. It is about choices! At the age of 27 I took a decision that I won't have another kid! I told



myself that I don't want the smell of napkins at the wrong side of 40 while enjoying CNN news. (*Gwagwagwa*) Or compete with my kids in baby production! 20 years later I still fire blanks!

I also made an oath that I don't want first boms all over as I won't prosper in life. I didn't say this in front of the pastor. No! I had a conversation with myself! I also said I will have a small house for a small family. Why build a mansion with only three people because as children grow they belong to society? Does it make sense to build a double story when through aging I won't be able to climb the upper part of my house? *Futsi!*

I told myself that I can't be impregnating young girls and destroying their futures instead of them enjoying real love with *bontanga*. I also told myself I will only have one wife no matter what it takes! It is about maturity that comes from experiences that are a result of comparative studies. The industrial revolution taught England a thing or two about planning. Look at Portugal, Italy and Greece with their devil carefree social attitudes; chaos! Like I said, I am no saint and I burnt my fingers a lot as you can see the scars but I learnt from the wounds! I call it maturity!

QUALITY FAMILY TIME

Maturity wrote me a strong worded love letter about girlfriends; that they are just a ball game; a type of a sport you can play at your own peril.

Just ask one Casanova who had all the girls before bankruptcy; ask him where his is today. He will stammer and sob and won't go any further, just give him a handkerchief to wipe the tears streaming down his cheeks. Oh my gosh the girls are with 'movable objects' to achieve their 'movable project!' Thus I woke up from the deceptive veil called love and put all my energies to where it is mostly needed; at home! Believe me, maturity flashed a red card on my pranks. That's why I am among a few Swazi men who flag their wives and children as pp on my phone. Many men would rather have their wives pictures as pp when they are dead! I believe in giving them flowers while the heart still beats!

SCHEDULE

I now have a schedule; on Wednesdays we have lunch out and go to the movies. Fridays, its dinner out, casino or music club. Once or twice a month, we travel out of the country; as a family! I still give friends time usually on Saturdays but Sundays its church, eating out as family and then watching TV at home as a family. Oh I love that! Friends now have a small slice of me and a big chunk goes to family! Its maturity! This brings me to the story my wife and twin daughters told me. They were stopped by a clown in town who said he saw me at 9pm one Friday with a girlfriend, sipping wine with a huge hump of pizza on my oesophagus. People talk. One saw me with Bonang

gwagwagwa! This world! Wife says they all burst out laughing. Why? Because they know me, that, one, on that Friday, we were all at Happy Valley eating out. Two, that I arrive home as early as 4, 5 and latest 6pm. Three, that I don't have an oesophagus *gwagwagwa!* Humiliated, the clown said he was just joking! The story here is that my family knows me! Does your family know you?

POINT

I am at the extreme wrong side of 40, so why do I have to work like when I was in my 20s. Who do I want to impress and what point do I want to prove? If by now, at this age, I work myself to death and compete with 20 or 30 year olds, it means I have three problems; One, that I never planned my life because there is no need to be flying at such speed and altitude especially with my tired knees. Two, that I just enjoy to be seen to be flying because I believe that if I am not there nothing will happen. So it is me or never! This can be interpreted as greed or grandstanding! At this level you don't RUN its your work that RUNS!

With the contacts that you have made over the years, you RUN smart; retire early in bed, with remote control in your hands, switch from channel to channel! Three, you don't believe that the more you say 'Merry Christmas, the biological clock is ticking!' So you are a dunderhead because you don't believe in time zones and shifting identity!

All you need to do is; work smart to avoid the danger *yekugilwa bantfwana* because they have arrived with new ideas and they are relevant! Two, be careful of collision as the young minds have a consortium of ideas and you risk arguing with them because of generational gap! Just remember that you have what they don't have; experience and you can still lead; where? From BEHIND! It is called MATURITY!

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1810 - Colombia declared independence from Spain.

1859 - Brooklyn and New York played baseball at Fashion Park Race Course on Long Island, NY. The game marked the first time that admission had been charged for to see a ball game. It cost \$.50 to get in and the players on the field did not receive a salary (until 1863).

1861 - The Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, VA.

1868 - Legislation that ordered US tax stamps to be placed on all cigarette packs was passed.

1871 - British Columbia joined Confederation as a Canadian province.

1881 - Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops. (Montana)

1917 - The draft lottery in World War I went into operation.

1935 - NBC radio debuted "G-men." The show was later renamed "Gangbusters."

1942 - The first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, (WAAC) began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

1944 - An attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler failed. The bomb exploded at Hitler's Rastenburg headquarters. Hitler was only wounded.

1944 - US President Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

1947 - The National Football League (NFL) ruled that no professional team could sign a player who had college eligibility remaining.

1961 - "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off" opened in London.

1969 - Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr. became the first men to walk on the moon.

1974 - Turkish forces invaded Cyprus.

1976 - America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful landing on Mars.

1982 - US President Ronald Reagan pulled the US out of comprehensive test ban negotiations indefinitely.

1985 - Treasure hunters began raising \$400 million in coins and silver from the Spanish galleon "Nuestra Senora de Atocha." The ship sank in 1622 40 miles off the coast of Key West, FL.

1992 - Vaclav Havel, the playwright who led the Velvet Revolution against communism, stepped down as president of Czechoslovakia.

1998 - Russia won a \$11.2 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund to help avert the devaluation of its currency.

2003 - In India, elephants used for commercial work began wearing reflectors to avoid being hit by cars during night work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Paige Hurd (TV actress) - July 20, 1992 - 24 years old.



Omar Epps (MOVIE ACTOR) - July 20, 1973 - 44 years old.

MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

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As the HIV and AIDS response continues with the effort to turn the tide on the HIV epidemic that has ravished the Swazi people and the economy, there is need to go back to the basics and ask ourselves, "Am I doing something to contribute to the response?"

Most people are now aware of the road to 90-90-90 in 2020 set by the global community, and his Majesty's vision to eliminate AIDS by 2022 in Swaziland.

To achieve these targets, means the country has to reach a point where there are fewer new HIV infection cases than AIDS-related deaths. At present, government through the Umguvudla: a fast-track programme towards an AIDS-free Swaziland, is upscaling five extended National Strategic Framework (eNSF) programmes that offer the highest returns in the country's pursuit of set targets.

The antiretroviral therapy (ART) and the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) programmes are the country's flag ship. In 2015, the ART coverage based on the number of PLHIV in need of ART and the 90-90-90 target was 82 per cent and 66 per cent respectively. The coverage for children less than 15 years was 72 per cent and 46 per cent, based on the ART eligibility criteria and the 90-90-90 target; and 83 per cent and 68 per cent for adults 15 years and older. As per new integrated HIV guidelines, pregnant and lactating HIV-positive women should be initiated on lifelong ART (LLaPla) regardless of CD4 count. The introduction of more efficacious regimens has improved PMTCT outcomes, resulting in the positivity rate amongst exposed infants aged 6-8 weeks dropping. Intensified TB/HIV co-infection diagnosis and treatment are also bearing fruits.

Unfortunately, voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) services need to reach the globally accepted-

coverage levels of up to 80 per cent among adults and adolescents for meaningful public health impact, and we are no where near getting there. VMMC is just not moving in the males aged 24 and above. The other challenge faced is with the innovative HIV prevention approaches for girls and young women. Even with new HIV infections gradually declining, the rate is not one that will lead to the achievement of the extended National Strategic Framework (eNSF) target of 1.4 per cent by 2018. At 45 per cent of all new HIV infections, the situation of adolescents and young people aged 15-24 stands out like a sore thumb. Then there are men, whom most AIDS deaths (though declined by 24 per cent between 2013 and 2016) accrue to.

As the national target is to reach zero AIDS-related deaths, it is now apparent that there still remains the challenge of making the environment conducive for everyone to take informed decisions about their health and lives. There is need to ensure that every Swazi is well informed on matters of HIV and AIDS to allow them to internalise the HIV and AIDS response to "I". When every Swazi understands that it is about me and not my partner, family, relatives, colleagues, friends and the government, but about what can be done individually by me, myself and I, we will turn the tide on HIV and AIDS.

Back to the basics

First, there is need to realise that no one is immune to HIV infection so there is no space for the ignorant people who believe that HIV is not their problem. There is need for each one of us, to personalise the HIV risk, own it, and learn more about the human immune-deficiency virus. There is need to understand that once it gets into the body, it never goes away. Then there is need to come to terms with that the HI virus attacks the immune system and severely damages it over time - weakening the immune system so much that it exposes the individual to opportunistic infections. The right thing to do therefore, is for each person to take an HIV test to determine his/her HIV status. A negative result should motivate one not to become a statistic so should

encourage one to take even better care of him / herself to minimise chance of infection. A positive result should present an opportunity to learn even further about HIV, access care and support services, as well as empower yourself to take care of your health and protect yourself from re-infection - and your partner from infection. It should be a good reason to care of your body by living a healthy lifestyle and treat opportunistic infections. There is need to concentrate on learning and understanding how to deal with the viral infection as with knowledge, one can save his or her life as well as those of others.



How you can contribute to the HIV response

"Our greatest enemy is not the disease itself, but the fear of seeking help" says celebrated Metro FM radio, television personality, and motivational speaker, Criselda Kananda-Dudumashu (hosted in 2015 by Elevated Dialogues and the Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse). Criselda, an advocate of empowering people to take care of their health, described by the late statesman, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela as "a light for the world to see," believes in the power of information.

Criselda believes that whether living with or affected by HIV, there is always something that you can do. She confesses that when she first learnt that she was HIV positive (after requesting her gynaecologist to run an HIV test during routine tests while pregnant) her knowledge and information on HIV was shameful. On being informed that she would die within two years, she took it upon herself to learn more about the disease. She has now given new mean-

ing to the HIV acronym, saying it stands for "Health is Vital". Among the interesting advice she gives on how we can, individually, contribute to the HIV and AIDS response by concentrating on learning and understanding how to deal with the viral infection, she emphasises the need to:

- Take responsibility for your life. Respect yourself and others, and love yourself in abundance;
- Read as much as you can to broaden your knowledge base and capacity to make informed decisions and choices;
- Eat to strengthen your immunity - take the five different colours of fruits and vegetables;
- Take time to learn about the importance of different foods so that you can eat right. For example: lemons help with absorption; cabbage settles acids in stomach; ginger stimulates appetite; carrots kill viruses; garlic is a natural antibiotic and kills parasites; while beetroot promotes the production of white blood cells.
- See the bright side of any dark situation by feeding the mind with positive thoughts only
- As a Christian, she encourages prayer. The parental voice (father and or mother) is the best voice to instil a sense of pride in children, so teach them to wait their turn (for all the shiny things they crave and desire, will always be here). There is need to teach young girls that "your reputation is your currency" so they should not be easily gettable!
- Know that every time that a female has a sexual encounter, she leaves a part of her soul with the male, and for every time a male has a sexual encounter with a female, he leaves a part of his DNA with her.
- There are some people that do not deserve to go around with a part of your soul or DNA so be wary of who you get involved with.

Criselda has also given new meaning to the AIDS acronym, saying it now stands for "Am I doing Something?" She notes that HIV and AIDS is so limiting that it cannot cripple love, corrode faith, take away friendship, and quench our spirits.

The question therefore is "what are you doing to bring an end to HIV and AIDS?"

The war that provided the soundtrack



ROCKING:
Bernoldus Niemand (aka James Phillips) at the Market Theatre Warehouse in Johannesburg, 1989.

IN 1967, military conscription became compulsory for all white men in South Africa over the age of 16. In the subsequent two decades the country got ever deeper involved in the so-called "Border War" on the Namibian/Angolan border.

The war was primarily fought between the South African Defence Force (SADF) and the South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO). Under the hawkish President PW Botha, the

role of the military was expanded. The concurrent militarisation of white South African society, as well as the construction of white militarised masculine identities, were powerful societal forces.

However, they grew increasingly unpopular. It elicited some resistance from within South Africa's white population.

This resistance was indicative of wider dissent and oppo-

sition to apartheid especially in popular culture. English-language rock bands like Bright Blue, the Kalahari Surfers and the Cherry Faced Lurchers, along with solo artists like Roger Lucey, were openly opposed to apartheid and the conscription of white males into the armed conflicts.

These artists often performed under the banners of the End Conscription Campaign, a lobby group formed in 1983 to end compulsory military

IS A NEW RAMAPHOSA-LED PARTY OUR LAST HOPE?

THERE is increasing talk about the possibility of a new party forming in the event of a Zuma faction victory at the ANC Electoral Conference in December.

For many, this possibility remains the only light at the end of the dark political tunnel of late. But would it really be a positive turn of events?

Forming a new party is not for the faint-hearted. It is tough and many have failed in trying to do so. It is particularly difficult when one big party like the ANC dominates the political landscape. For such a new party to make an impact, it would need huge popular support which would in turn require high profile and popular leaders.

The big question is, therefore, whether, if he fails in his bid for the presidency, would Cyril Ramaphosa be willing to lead such a party.

Credibility

Ramaphosa has the credibility, gravitas and popularity to pull other big names into such a party. He might even be able to convince our former public protector, Thuli Madonsela to come back from America to join him on the ticket. What a winning team that would be!

Ramaphosa would also gain massive public support. As a caller to a radio station this week said: "with that smile, he is a magnet for votes."

But in order to gain significant public support as well as organisational capacity, this new party would also have to get some form of cooperation and support from both the SACP and COSATU. Given the SACP's declaration after their national conference last week it seems likely that they will either join such a party during the election campaign or at least be willing to form an alliance after the elections. Since COSATU is also opposed to the shenanigans of the Zuma faction, they would most probably follow suit.

Any political party also needs a lot of money, especially to run an

election campaign. The ANC for example spent over R1 billion during the local government election campaign last year. Presumably, Ramaphosa would be able to access big money in the business world and like all parties (including the EFF), he would not have too many objections to accepting funds from the so-called white monopoly capital.

But would such a party be able to make an impact in the 2019 elections? It is important to note that there would only be about 16 months between the ANC electoral conference and April 2019. (One can be fairly certain that the ANC would call the election as early as possible to prevent such a party from getting too much traction). Although sixteen months is extremely short to mount a large scale campaign it can be done. COPE for example were able to gain 7.42 per cent of the vote in 2009, only four months after they were formed. The EFF gained 6.35 per cent or 25 seats in the 2014 elections, less than 10 months after its launch.

Although some analysts argue that there is a ceiling for the support of a new political party, a Ramaphosa-led party could possibly gain more traction and enough to push the ANC below the 50 per cent mark. Although people tend to vote differently in national elections, it is important to remember that the ANC only received 54 per cent support during the recent local government election.

Able

A further loss of just 5 per cent would push them below 50 per cent. However, in order to be able to govern, such a new party would have to do some serious horse trading with the other bigger parties.

The DA has made it clear that they want to increase their support to 30 per cent. A party led by Ramaphosa might, however, pull support away from the DA with many disaffected ANC supporters preferring to support the new party.



LAST HOPE? ANC Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa at the party's policy conference.

But let's for the sake of the argument accept that Maimane reaches his target of 30 per cent. The EFF might also increase their support slightly, let's say to about 8 per cent. If the IFP and UDM remain, they will jointly have about 3.5 per cent of the vote.

Now assuming that the new party together with the SACP and COSATU can get about 10 per cent support and all these parties agree to form an alliance they can claim just over 51 per cent of the vote and thus form a government. It would be tight, but it is possible. This is the reason why some in the ANC are very concerned about the formation of such a new party.

Automatically

Of course, one cannot assume that Ramaphosa would automatically be president if all of this comes to pass, since the new party is most unlikely to receive more votes than the DA. Hopefully, despite having more seats the DA would agree, for the greater good, to accept someone like Ramaphosa in exchange for other senior cabinet positions.

Although this is a positive scenario, it would also involve some risks for the country. For example: if such a party is formed, those who wanted to join it would have to leave the ANC and in case of ANC MPs, resign their seats.

With all the "good" people leaving the ANC, it would give the Zuma faction carte blanche to pursue their own agenda. Simply put: The brakes in the ANC would be gone. One shudders to think what the implications of that would be.

It is also questionable whether such a minority government would be accepted by many in the ANC. If not, it could lead to serious violence and instability.

Such a coalition could also make the government extremely unstable. Alliances, especially if they involve many partners, are notoriously hard to manage and keep together. The DA, EFF and former ANC members in the new party would have very different ideological positions and it would certainly take maturity on all sides and all the skills of someone like Ramaphosa to keep it all together.

It is certainly too early to assume a defeat for Ramaphosa at the end of year.

However, if it happens I hope that Ramaphosa will show the strength of character to not just leave the ANC, but lead the millions of people in this country who would be looking for a new political home.

- Melanie Verwoerd is a former ANC MP and South African Ambassador to Ireland.

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for subversive Afrikaans rock

service. These performances were highly politicised and held a considerable element of risk for the artists.

Culture supporting the war

In contrast, popular culture in support of the war effort (music, film and literature as propaganda) was common. Numerous pro-war music releases in both English and Afrikaans appeared on the market.

Among the Afrikaans releases were albums by two of the most popular South African singers of all time, Gé Korsten's "Huis toe" (Homewards) and Bles Bridges's "Onbekende

Weermagman" (Unknown Soldier). Notably, while some English bands were openly opposed to the army, the war and apartheid, Afrikaans music remained almost completely compliant. Protest among Afrikaners was still rare, although there are some exceptions.

In 1983, two acts released Afrikaans songs that parodied the army experience. Opposition towards conscription and South Africa's involvement in the border war was steadily increasing at the time. Bernoldus Niemand (the alternative persona of English-speaking musician James Phillips)

released his single "Hou my vas Korpelaar" (Hold me tight, Corporal). The rock group Wildebeest released an EP, "Horings op die Stoep" (Horns on the Stoep), containing the song "Bossies" (Bushies).

"Bossies" is a vernacular term referring to post-traumatic stress following military battle. The fact that these are Afrikaans songs, make them a poignant testimony to the unravelling of Afrikaner hegemony. This was a significant change. Afrikaners as a group had arguably more invested in the apartheid system than their white English counterparts. *News24*



HOLD ME TIGHT: The sleeve of the record 'Hou my vas korpelaar'.

Wit & Wisdom

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."

- Mother Teresa

"Either you deal with what is the reality, or you can be sure that the reality is going to deal with you."

- Alex Haley

"You alone are enough. You have nothing to prove to anybody."

- Maya Angelou

"The major problem—one of the major problems, for there are several—one of the many major problems with governing people is that of whom you get to do it; or rather of who manages to get people to let them do it to them."

To summarize: it is a well-known fact that those people who must want to rule people are, ipso facto, those least suited to do it.

To summarize the summary: anyone who is capable of getting themselves made President should on no account be allowed to do the job."

- Douglas Adams, *The Restaurant at the End of the Universe*

"Jace?"

"Yeah?"

"How did you know I had Shadowhunter blood? Was there some way you could tell?"

The elevator arrived with a final groan. Jace unlatched the gate and slid it open. The inside reminded Clary of a birdcage, all black metal and decorative bits of gilt. "I guessed," he said, latching the door behind them. "It seemed like the most likely explanation."

"You guessed? You must have been pretty sure, considering you could have killed me."

He pressed a button in the wall, and the elevator lurched into action with a vibrating groan that she felt all through the bones in her feet. "I was ninety percent sure."

"I see," Clary said.

There must have been something in her voice, because he turned to look at her. Her hand cracked across his face, a slap that rocked him back on his heels. He put a hand to his cheek, more in surprise than pain. "What the hell was that for?"

The other ten per cent," she said, and they rode the rest of the way down to the street in silence."

- Cassandra Clare, *City of Bones*

"The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper."

- W.B. Yeats

"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*

"I clench his hands to the point of pain. 'Stay with me.'"

His pupils contract to pinpoints, dilate again rapidly, and then return to something resembling normalcy. "Always," he murmurs."

- Suzanne Collins, *Mockingjay*

"I think you should be a child for as long as you can. I have been successful for 74 years being able to do that."

- Bob Newhart

"I'm going to keep going until I succeed — or die. Don't think I don't know how this might end. I've known it for years."

- J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*

"Books are no more threatened by Kindle than stairs by elevators."

- Stephen Fry

"Behind every exquisite thing that existed, there was something tragic."

- Oscar Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."

- Viktor E. Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	6.9%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.75%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.25%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.80 per litre
Replacement	E11.85 per litre
Diesel	E11.70 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.95 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 18 JULY 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	12.8763	12.9263
British Pound / SZL	16.8654	16.9309
Japanese Yen / SZL	8.6746	8.7075
Swiss Franc / SZL	13.4184	13.4663
Botswana Pula / SZL	1.2657	1.2745
Australian Dollar / SZL	10.1787	10.2208
Canadian Dollar / SZL	10.1845	10.2208
Mozambique Metical / SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro / SZL	14.8383	14.8989
Gold	1,236.8500	
Oil	47.7000	

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Businesses struggling to stay afloat amid crisis

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

AMID the uncertain economic landscape, businesses are struggling to keep their heads above water.

With the country's economy projected to grow by less than one per cent and South Africa recently sliding into recession, the future of business remains faint going forward. Federation of the Swaziland Business Community (FESBC) President Henry 'Tums' du Pont said business has been affected big time thus far.

"The figures we use to make have drastically declined, while generally the cost of doing business has been shooting up," he said.

For example, he said a business that used to make about E5 000 a day could currently hardly make anything not more E2 500.

Adding, he said salaries have also remained stagnant.

Stagnant wages are not only tough on workers; the economy also pays



UNCERTAIN: FESBC President Henry 'Tums' du Pont.

a price. Living standards are not rising and consumer spending has been restrained.

Du Pont said this was bad because the economy needs everyone to participate in order to flourish.

"Going forward, we really need a business *indaba*. We need to meet as a country, rope in experts and find solutions on how we can kick-start the economy," he said.

Tee&Jay Woodworks Managing Director Theminkosi Mndzebele agreed that they were feeling the pinch resulting from weak economic growth.

"Business performance in general is currently at its poorest rate, but we are trying," he said.

He said what contributed mostly to their day-to-day operation hurdles were costs like the 15 per cent

electricity hike effected by the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) on April 1.

"We are currently paying ridiculous amounts for the service and the cost has really become a burden to our businesses. We are now buying electricity almost every day and this is affecting us. At the same time, we cannot shift the costs to our customers, because they are already under much pressure and we can't afford to push them away," he said.

Mndzebele said it was high time businesses be relieved from subsidising electricity on behalf of domestic users.

On another note, he said they also need support from government to turn things around, especially on their cash flows. "Government has to try and pay suppliers, so far, that is the support that we need from government to reduce our cash flow challenges," he said.

"We have hope that the situation will improve and we can only hope for better times ahead," Mndzebele added.

SMEs TO FACE STERN TEST FROM RECESSION

THE Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) sector is highly anticipated to face a stern test from the South African technical recession.

Southern African Research Foundation for Economic Development (SARFED) Regional Coordinator George Choongwa said this would come as a result of the reduction in economic activities from the country's immediate trading neighbors, South Africa.

He said this was because the level of the country's exports to the Republic might decrease proportionally as about 80 per cent of the country's imports were from South Africa.

"Most of cross border traders especially the SMEs are likely to face a challenge of not doing their normal businesses due to both shortages and increased prices of commodities which in return will challenge their quest of competitiveness on the goods market," he said.

He said the challenge would be worse if government does not put in place precautionary measures to stabilise the local goods market.

"This is because the consumer purchasing power would eventually fall, forcing a significant reduction



CAUTIOUS: SARFED Regional Coordinator George Choongwa.

tion in the disposable income and consumer confidence in general," he said. Choongwa said the fall in spending power could work contrary to the objectives of government as it seeks to reflate the economy through spending and job creation.

"This is very much in line with the national income model where government purchases and consumer spending could help stimulate demand.

"It is, therefore, in government's interest to keep spending power high enough to bring the economy back on the growth trajectory.

"These are the fine points that the Central Bank of Swaziland needs to understand for it will save many SMEs from being hit with the external impact of market failure," he said.

He said the challenging position of the country was that it was centered on the local-foreign value chain in the production and supply of goods and services in the economy.

However, he said depending on the duration of the recession, solutions for its resolutions could include fiscal policy consolidation with monetary policy or unprecedented government spending, among other considerations.

"Alternative pathways the monetary authorities could have adopted would have been to allow fiscal measures aimed at increasing the tariffs for foreign imports to discourage demand for forex for commodities with local substitutes while unleashing credit flows from the banks to the private sector through reduction in the cost of lending.

The Central Bank of Swaziland could, however, employ an inflation targeting model to manage the inflation rates in the economy," he said.

Mobile Money users to access cash even outside SD

By Njabulo Dlamini

MOBILE Money users located outside the country will later this year be able to access cash wherever they are (cross border remittances).

This was confirmed by SWAZI MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo who said this was a project they were still working on, thus logistical considerations are yet to be announced in due course.

But for now subscribers can only access non-cash platforms such as payment of electricity, water bills, DSTV, etc whenever they are outside Swaziland so long as the roaming facility on their phones has been activated. Still they will need to have cash in their Mobile Money wallets to do so.

"To set the context, the issue you raise was actually a question posed during a recent Swaziland Conference of Churches (SCC) annual gener-

al meeting held at MTN Headquarters. And our response was, and still is yes one can transact on Mobile Money even when outside the country as long as you are able to roam.

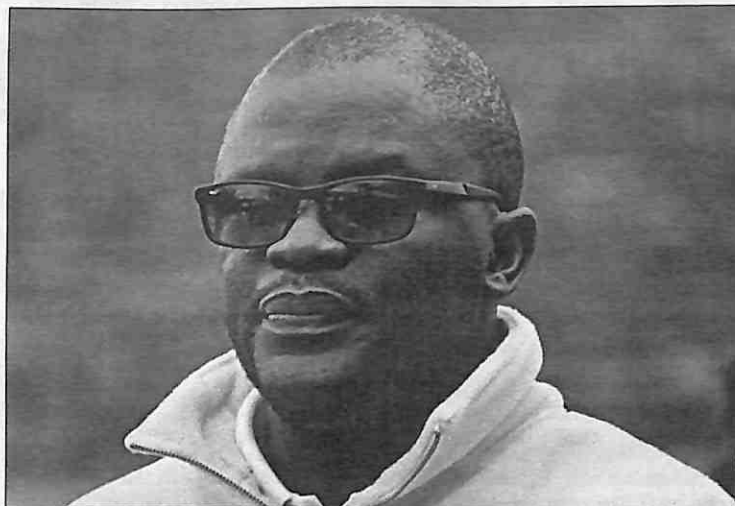
"Essentially, you can purchase electricity, buy airtime and other products. The only challenge would be cash out because there needs to be specific arrangements in place to facilitate withdrawals.

"However, for cross-border remittances, Swazi MTN is still doing preparatory work. And that includes cash in/out. We are hoping to have this finalised later in the year after having engaged all our key stakeholders".

Access

To access the Mobile Money facility when outside the country, subscribers need to follow the same method i.e. dial *007# and the menu will be displayed on the screen where they will choose the option they want besides the first one, of course, being send money.

Mobile Money Sales Manager



CONFIRMED: MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo.

Thokozani Dlamini had informed SCC membership during the AGM at Mahlalekhukhwini House that these developments were being mulled by the mobile telecommunications company as it worked hard towards financial inclusion for all its customers.

He also said one can send cash from his or her bank to a Mobile Money wallet. Presently, Mobile Money subscribers can only withdraw up to E4 000 daily but in one's wallet more than this amount can be kept at any given point in time.

Business Sunday seminar prepares youth for entrepreneurship

By Majaha Nkonyane

YOUNG people are set to benefit from a Business Sunday (BS) seminar that is scheduled for the country on different dates starting this coming Sunday.

According to founder of the seminar Menzi Vilane, the Business Sunday seminar series will be hosted in tertiary institutions and churches across the country.

"The nation needs to shift from the traditional mindset of enrolling at tertiary to get a degree and get employed.

"Nowadays Entrepreneurship is a better platform to approach things as not every young person will get employed and therefore we need to be innovative as young people," he said.

Address

Vilane said the seminar seeks to address the issue of unemployment amongst others and impact young people on business possibilities.

"We need innovative thinking from young people who will be able to learn and also unlearn past experiences and methods in order to bring in new systems and methodologies.

Hence the introduction of the Business Sunday Project which seeks to empower young people to start their own businesses and have the entrepreneurship mindset, and that is where we learn

to better ourselves and not to get employed but empowered and enabled," he said.

"The project is aiming at unemployed youth and adults

to start businesses, to get the employed informed on how and where to invest their money. Get university students to move towards studying and investing at tertiary level.

Finance

"Educate business starters on how the Institution can finance their businesses, and which business are financed and why. (Startup money)," he added. Vilane said they have been joined by companies like Old Mutual, Swazi MTN and the Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO), who will have speakers on different topics.

"Old mutual will address those who wish to invest and those who wish to insure and how it benefits one to insure," he said.

He said technology was diversifying and the speed at which it was changing requires that young people take over the creative space.

"We are bringing business information on all sorts of business categories one may have interests in, agriculture, investing, communications, and also giving the people info and systems in place to better manage and run their businesses," he said.

He said some of the packages that would be discussed include sage, which can be used to manage a business's accounting needs.

"SEDCO will also be there to inform the people how to register a business and just what they do for new SMEs," he said.

SWADE's LUSLM project move residents to commercial farming

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE) has successfully mobilised 453 farmers to produce commercially indigenous poultry, 380 farmers to produce and sell honey and honey products while others are into hay baling.

This was achieved under the Lower Usuthu Sustainable Land Management Project (LUSLM) project championed by SWADE.

According to the company's annual report 2015/16, the project which came to an end in March 2016 was complemented by a new project that commenced in February 2016.

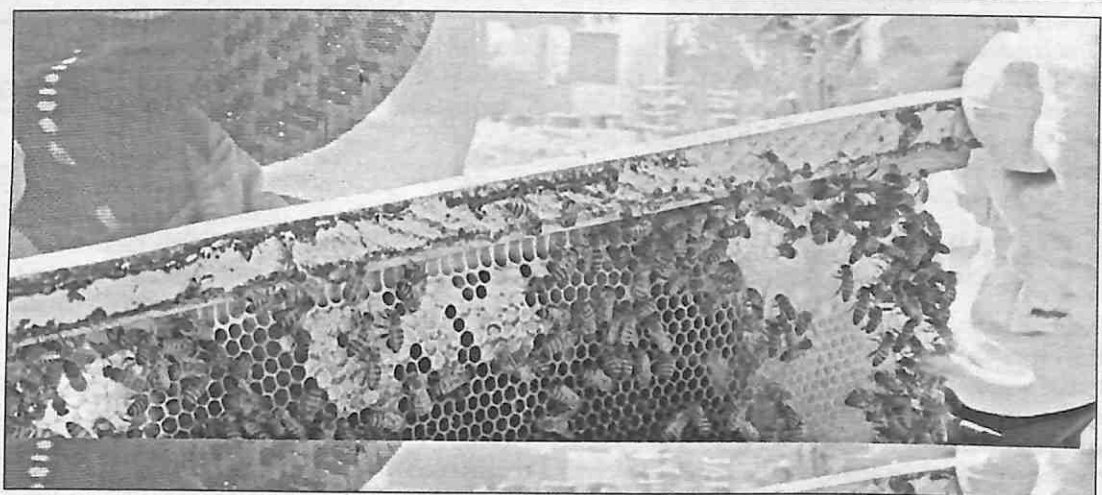
This is the Smallholder Market-Led Project and the Climate Smart Agriculture for Resilient Livelihoods (SMLP/CSARL) targeting an additional 27 chiefdoms.

SWADE projects ensure that poverty in communities in their project development area (PDA) is reduced.

Achieved

The report said this was achieved through investments that support capacity building to ensure that households were food secure and have a source of income. While the capacity building seek to ensure sustainability after projects' implementation as communities were left with the necessary skills.

The parastatal said reviews of their programmes show that it has been able to implement efficient and supportive resettlement programmes, increase in income



generation within the project areas initially through the sugar cane schemes and other agricultural enterprises with average household income increasing by over 30 per cent and introduce alternative crops and livestock development despite being more challenging, particularly due to the reluctance of the finance sector to invest in rural economic activities other than sugarcane production.

The report said the company had also managed to provide potable water and sanitation, introduce climate smart agriculture for rain fed communities and

reduced poverty rates.

"Beneficiaries are now able to build sustainable structures and there are positive trends in the type of durable assets owned by beneficiaries," said the report.

SWADE had also established concrete market platforms for selected niche crops.

"Sugarcane has a steady market while diversification produce markets are being strengthened," said the report.

The National Agricultural Marketing Board (NamBoard) remained the major market for fresh vegetables and fruits and banana, while other sales were

done informally with vendors and the public.

"This financial year SWADE developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Maize Cooperation (NMC) to buy maize and sugar beans from their farmers," said the report.

Livestock production by SWADE supported farmers has increased and the farmers have acquired several marketing platforms which include the Swaziland Meat Industry (SMI). Indigenous chicken farming is also on the rise with steady markets being secured for the farmers.

INFLATION FALLS FOR THIRD MONTH IN A ROW

CAPE TOWN - Inflation decreased for the third month in a row in June, with the annual consumer price index (CPI) falling to 5.1 per cent after a drop to 5.4 per cent in May, Statistics SA announced yesterday.

"This is the third month in a row that we are back within the inflation target band," TreasuryOne said in reaction yesterday.

"All eyes will be on the SA Reserve Bank's monetary policy committee tomorrow (on Thursday) to see if they make a move on interest rates."

The rand was 0.43% weaker against the dollar on Wednesday, trading at R12.95 against the greendback. It had earlier traded at a low of R12.89/\$.

SARB's inflation target band is between 3 per cent and 6 per cent.

The change in South Africa's interest rate is often done to keep inflation within this band. The repo rate is currently at 7 per cent, with the bank's lending rate at 10.5 per cent.



CPI increased by 0.2 per cent month-on-month in June 2017.

Clothing and footwear decreased from 0.2 of a percentage point in May to 0.1 of a percentage point in June. The index increased by 3.8 per cent year-on-year (y/y), Stats SA said.

Transport decreased from 0.8 of a per-

centage point in May to 0.5 of a percentage point in June. The index increased by 3.3 per cent y/y.

Restaurants and hotels decreased from 0.2 of a percentage point in May to 0.1 of a percentage point in June. The index increased by 4.1 per cent y/y.

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Koko faces disciplinary action over R1bn contracts

JOHANNESBURG - Former acting Eskom CEO Matshela Koko will face disciplinary action, relating to tenders awarded to Impulse International, while his stepdaughter was a director at the firm.

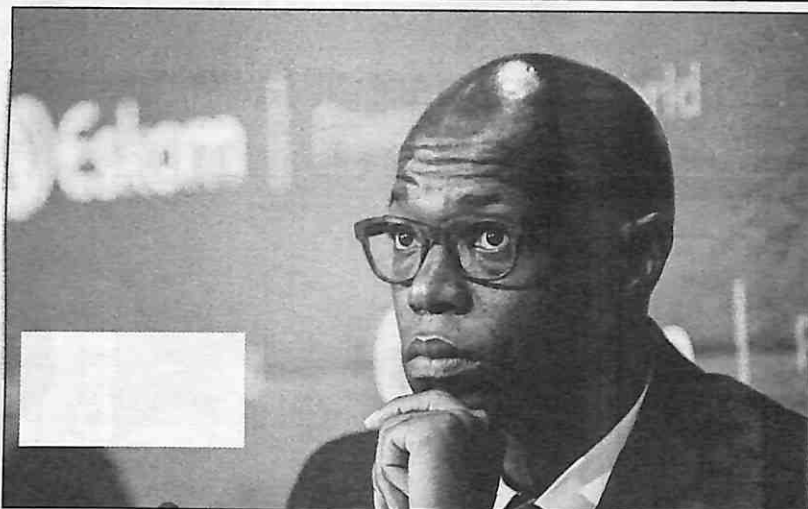
"The board has taken a decision to pursue disciplinary action against Koko," said Eskom board chairperson Zethembe Khoza at Eskom's financial results presentation in Johannesburg yesterday.

He added that the minister of public enterprises is aware of the decision.

Eskom's external auditors, Sizwe Ntsaluba Gobodo, reported the state utility to the Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors earlier this month, postponing its original financial results announcement.

Eskom spokesperson Khulu Phasiwe confirmed that one issue related to Koko and the other to former CEO Brian Molefe.

Koko was placed on special leave in



May pending an investigation by Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr after concerns were raised about an apparent conflict of interest. Eskom awarded tenders worth R1bn to the company Impulse International, but it emerged that Koko's stepdaughter, Koketso Choma, was a director in

Impulse.

That report has not been made public yet, but Fin24 understands Eskom has met with investigators in preparation for steps against Koko.

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TAXPAYERS GET PENALTY SURPRISES

JOHANNESBURG - Several taxpayers have complained about receiving penalties for being non-compliant in the submission of tax returns for prior tax years.

The penalties ranging between R500 and R2 000 have been issued mainly for the non-submission of returns, despite taxpayers claiming that they were not required to file tax returns.

The South African Revenue Service (SARS) did not acknowledge these complaints, saying they will require specific cases to be able to investigate.

Sars spokesman Sandile Memela, says it is advisable for taxpayers concerned to contact them with their specific cases.

He says the rules and applications for administrative penalties have not changed. Taxpayers who do not submit returns are charged with a penalty, which can range from R250 to R16 000 per month, depending on the taxable income of the taxpayer.

This penalty will reoccur for every

month the return remains outstanding, Sars indicates on its website.

"Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with the penalty, it is advisable to submit the outstanding return to stop further admin penalties," the agency says. Malebo Moloto, technical advisor at the South African Institute of Tax Professionals (SAIT), says they have been receiving complaints from their members relating to the penalties since last week.

"It appears that the returns were never required, yet they (the taxpayers) are getting penalty assessments. It seems there is not clear communication or understanding about the reasons for the penalties," says Moloto.

She has recommended that Sait's members look at the particular year for which the taxpayer is now receiving penalties for non-submission and to determine whether the taxpayer was actually required to submit a tax return.

TaxTim director Marc Sevitz says they

are aware of Sars imposing penalties on "old returns not submitted" in the last few years. In the majority of cases they have encountered, the taxpayers were not required to file a return.

"It is quite concerning because people who thought their income was below a particular tax year's threshold did not file returns. Many no longer have the necessary information to prove that they did not need to file a return."

He says the five-year rule, where taxpayers have to keep their documentary proof, only relates to returns that were filed and assessed.

Sevitz says the penalties that they have encountered were mainly for one month - which can range between R250 and R16 000 - depending on the taxable income.

Sars has a questionnaire on its website, which asks several questions to determine whether a taxpayer is required to file a return or not.

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Magwaza's ousting as SASSA CEO spooks rights group, trade union

JOHANNESBURG - As SASSA's constitutional mandate of taking over social grant payments hangs in balance.

Civil rights group The Black Sash fears that the ousting of Thokozani Magwaza as South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) CEO might impact the agency's ability to take over social grant payments or outsource the responsibility to another service provider beyond the incumbent Cash Paymaster Services (CPS).

A new twist has hit SASSA in which Magwaza's contract - which has been effective for a year - was abruptly terminated by Social Development Minister Bathabile Dlamini on Monday, fueling speculation about a breakdown in the relationship between the two parties.

"Of particular concern is whether SASSA will lawfully procure services timeously to ensure the proper functioning and integrity of the agency's national payment system, in accordance with its first report to the Constitutional Court, with the view that SASSA takes over its full mandate," said Black Sash's National Director

Lynnette Maart.

Black Sash dragged Dlamini to the Constitutional Court this year, asking the court to urgently supervise a new social grant contract when CPS's contract expired on March 31 2017.

At the eleventh hour, the court extended CPS' contract, which was initially declared invalid in 2015 as it didn't go through proper tender processes, for another year (ending March 2018) - giving SASSA time to take over social grant payments to 10.6 million beneficiaries or appoint another service provider.

SASSA and the Social Development Department have less than nine months to phase out CPS' contract and take over social grant payments. However, questions have emerged about whether this is possible given the crucial timing of Magwaza's departure.

"South Africans and grant beneficiaries, in particular, should not have to experience yet another extension of the invalid SASSA-Cash Paymaster Services contract, as was the case in March this year," said Maart. Moneyweb

Mining Charter has already wiped out R50bn

JOHANNESBURG - Chamber of Mines says the charter would, if implemented, probably destroy what's left of the industry.

The proposed 2017 Mining Charter has already wiped out R50 billion of the market value of shares in listed mining companies in South Africa and could destroy the industry altogether, the Chamber of Mines has contended in court papers.

The chamber's urgent application to stop the implementation of the charter was yesterday removed from the court roll in the High Court in Pretoria for the filing of further affidavits.

This was after the chamber accepted an undertaking by Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane that his department would not implement the charter in any way pending judgment in the interdict application.

It is expected that the application will be heard in September.

The chamber's senior executive of public affairs and transformation, Tebello Chabana, said

in court papers its members were fully committed to the transformational objects of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Act, but the Mining Charter would, if implemented, destroy the very industry whose survival was necessary to give effect to the objects of the Act.

"The publication of the 2017 charter had, and continues to have, a disastrous effect upon the mining industry as a whole, as well as investors.

"The shock induced in all role players within the mining industry has been so profound that an amount in excess of R50 billion was wiped off the market value of shares in listed mining companies.

"The effect of the 2017 charter has indeed been so profound that Moody's, one of the top three sovereign ratings agencies, characterised it as 'credit negative', implying that it may lead to a further cut in South Africa's credit rating."

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Africa News

Zim elections body needs US\$274m for 2018 polls

HARARE - The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) says it needs US\$274 million in order to fully run next year's anticipated presidential, parliamentary and local council elections.

ZEC Chairperson Rita Makarau told a Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Women Affairs and Gender on Tuesday that they had made a US\$274m requisition from Treasury meant for the elections and hoped the latter would fund them, as has always done in the past.

"The funding will enable ZEC to procure all election material necessary and to pay all allowances necessary to ensure not only a successful voter registration exercise, but a free and fair election," she said.

"A consolidated budget requirement has since been submitted to Treasury for funding in the sum of US\$274 million, and ZEC is confident that Treasury will avail the funding as it has



IN NEED: Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.

funded all the past elections and the acquisition of the biometric voter registration kits (BVR kits)."

A Chinese firm, Laxton Group of Companies, recently won a tender to supply BVR kits,

where they reportedly charged US\$4 million for the whole project.

The BVR package includes a laptop with encryptable USB ports, internal high capacity, extended life battery which lasts for a minimum of six hours before recharging, digital signature pad and pen, fingerprint scanner, ID and document scanner, digital camera, solar kits and encryptable USB flash disks that are not usable on any other media.

A 50 per cent deposit of the total payment is said to have already been made and ZEC is set to launch a voter registration exercise targeting at least seven million potential voters.

Zimbabweans will choose a new President next, with the current one, Robert Mugabe, in power for 37 years since independence and turning 94 years next year, already announced as his party, ZANU PF's candidate.

African News Agency

Nobel winner Malala in Nigeria, speaks out against Boko Haram

MAIDUGURI - Nobel Peace laureate Malala Yousafzai was greeted with cheers on Tuesday by dozens of young women in northeastern Nigeria, where she spoke out for the many girls abducted under Boko Haram's deadly insurgency.

The 20-year-old Pakistani activist told The Associated Press she was excited by the courage of the young women who are undaunted as they pursue an education amid one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.

"This is part of my girl power trip, visiting many parts of the world," said Yousafzai, who also met with the freed Chibok schoolgirls taken in a mass abduction by Boko Haram more than three years ago.

Displaced

"I am here now because of the Nigerian girls. Fighting for them and speaking up for them."

Yousafzai visited internally displaced camps in and around the city of Maiduguri, where thousands have sheltered from Boko Haram's violence. The extremist group continues to carry out deadly attacks there, often using young female suicide bombers.



LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT: Ed Sellers, 88, fell for Katie Smith, 89, aged 14 when she moved into the house next door to his in the early 1940s in Kannapolis, North Carolina. They courted for three years but the relationship ended when Katie's strict religious parents banned them from going on dates. Both went on to marry new partners. After their spouses passed away, the long-lost lovers reconnected and over the course of 18 months, slowly rekindled their romance before finally tying the knot last Sunday (main pictured). Inset left: Photos showing Ed and Katie in their youth. (Daily Mail)

ICC judges to rule on release of I. Coast ex-leader Gbagbo

THE HAGUE - War crimes judges will rule on Wednesday whether former Ivorian President Laurent Gbagbo can be released from prison for the rest of his trial on charges arising from deadly election violence that rocked his nation in 2010.

Gbagbo, the first ex-head of state to be tried by the International

Criminal Court, has appealed a March decision that he must stay behind bars in a UN detention centre until the end of the legal process.

Both Gbagbo, now 72, and his former militia leader Charles Blé Goudé, 45, have pleaded not guilty to four charges of crimes against humanity including murder, rape, and persecution in five months of

bloodshed that wrecked the Ivory Coast.

About 3 000 people died in the turmoil that swept Abidjan - once one of Africa's most cosmopolitan cities - in the aftermath of the November 2010 presidential polls that Gbagbo lost to bitter rival Alassane Ouattara.

His highly divisive trial at the tri-

bunal in The Hague opened in January 2016, and is set to last three to four years.

ICC prosecutors accuse Gbagbo of trying to cling to power "by all means," while his defence team has charged that Ouattara seized power by force with the help of former colonial master France.

Abidjan was turned into a war-zone between late 2010 to 2011 as clashes flared between the rival forces. *AFP*

BRIEFS

Special dogs to track down poachers

MALI - Ivory trafficking networks have devastated one of Africa's last desert elephant herds in Mali. Poaching has been rampant since Tuareg rebels and Islamist militants became active in the north of the country. Trade in elephant tusks is funding extremists and only about 300 elephants are left in Mali. About 167 have been slaughtered since fighting broke out in 2012 and a system of local self-policing fell apart. Now environmentalists are trying to do something about it, using special dogs to try to track down the poachers. The anti-poaching team have trained three chocolate-coloured spaniels, Mitch, Bobby and Amy to help police make arrests. They will be joining the anti-poaching brigade, charged with dismantling the illegal trade in ivory. *eNCA*

Date set for west Africa key rail line

OUAGADOUGOU - Work to rehabilitate a 1 260-kilometre railway that is a vital link between the Sahel and Atlantic coast will begin on September 15, the governments of Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast said. The two governments, along with the track's operating company Sitarail, signed an agreement setting the date at a meeting in the Burkinabe capital. Under a deal reached with Sitarail's parent company, the French group Bolloré, 400 million Euros (R6 billion) will be committed to modernising the route, Burkina Faso's Foreign Minister Alpha Barry said. The first phase, costing 130 million Euros, will last four years, Barry said, without giving a completion date for the overall project. *AFP*

Girl, 10, killed by lion at home

HARARE - A 10 year-old girl has been killed by a lion outside her home in south-eastern Zimbabwe, reports said. Her aunt used a torch to follow a trail of blood to find the girl's body, said the state-run Chronicle. The incident occurred on Saturday night in the wildlife-rich Chiredzi district. A police spokesperson said Mitchell Mucheni had gone round the back of the house to relieve herself while her aunt, 34-year-old Mawonei Muchacha waited for her. When she didn't return, Muchacha went to investigate and saw her niece's body being dragged away by the lion. The aunt called for help from a neighbour and the two used a torch to follow the lion's spoor. *News24*



DRC linked to UN experts' murder

NEW YORK - UN experts say they are not ruling out the possible involvement of Democratic Republic of Congo state security forces in the murder of two of their colleagues. In a confidential report seen by AFP on Tuesday, the group of experts says it has conducted preliminary analysis of phone records, a video and interviews on the March 12 murder of American Michael Sharp and Swedish-Chilean Zaida Catalan. "The preliminary evidence does not yet allow the group to attribute responsibility for the murder," reads the report by the experts. *AFP*

Egypt police trap, kill top militants

CAIRO - Egyptian police have killed two leaders of the Hasam militia in a shootout after intercepting them as they relocated to a new hideout on Cairo's outskirts, the government said. The interior ministry said the two militants were "prominent leaders" of the Hasam group - an extremist movement the government accuses of having links to the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood. The militia ambushed a police convoy and killed three officers in May, in an attack the group claimed at the time and which the government has since also blamed on them. Authorities learned that some of the group's leaders were "about to move their equipment and weapons used in terrorist operations", the ministry said. *AFP*

Focus on SA scene

DR MAKHOSI KHOZA HAS CROSSED THE LINE: ANC KZN

"Her public stunt and participation in platform intended to replace the societal leadership role of the ANC constitutes a blatant betrayal of the core values of the ANC"

JOHANNESBURG - The African National Congress (ANC) in KwaZulu-Natal yesterday said it was of the firm view that MP Dr Makhosi Khoza "has now crossed the line and must immediately face the consequences of her actions".

Speaking at an event hosted by the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation and Save South Africa on Nelson Mandela Day, Khoza reiterated her call for President Jacob Zuma to step down.

The outspoken MP, who has received death threats, said she found it intolerable being led by a man accused of harassing women.

Reacting to the comments, the ANC KwaZulu-Natal said it was "of the firm view that Khoza has now crossed the line and must immediately face the consequences of her actions".

Deployed

In a statement issued by provincial party spokesperson Mdumiseni Ntuli the ANC said: "Cde Makhosi is a member of the ANC and a deployed MP who is not immune from the political discipline of the ANC."



HAS CROSSED THE LINE:MP Dr Makhosi Khoza.

"Her public stunt and participation in platform intended to replace the societal leadership role of the ANC constitutes a blatant betrayal of the core values of the ANC".

The ANC said Khoza's latest public pronouncements represented the "worst form of arrogance" which is completely at variance with the conduct expected from those represent-

ing the ANC.

"Accordingly, the Provincial Working Committee has directed the ANC provincial officials to urgently and immediately institute disciplinary measures against Cde Khoza.

"She is now treating the ANC with absolute disdain and acts with a maximum degree of impunity."

African News Agency

NPA let Duduzane Zuma off the hook after car crash

JOHANNESBURG - The National Prosecuting Authority quietly let President Jacob Zuma's son Duduzane Zuma off the hook eight months after a magistrate ruled he was responsible for the death of a young woman in a car crash.

Despite the high-profile nature of the case, the NPA has never publicly announced its decision, but it has emerged in correspondence in the leaked Gupta e-mails which The Times has obtained.

Randburg Magistrate Lalitha Chetty ruled on December 11 2014 that Zuma was negligent when the Porsche he was driving collided with a taxi on the M1 highway.

Two women who were travelling in the taxi died. Phumzile Dube, 30, died at the scene, while

Jeanette Mashaba died in hospital a few weeks after the crash. Mashaba's death was ruled a result of natural causes.

Zuma maintained his car hit a puddle of water and he lost control, veering into the taxi, which in turn smashed into the barrier.

Shortly after the accident, the NPA decided for the first time not to prosecute based on the existing, insufficient evidence and referred the case to a Magistrate's Court for a formal inquest.

Chetty found "the death of the deceased Phumzile Dube was *prima facie* brought about by the negligent act of suspect two, Zuma".

"He failed to conduct himself in a reasonable manner under the circumstances and adverse weather conditions," she said.

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LET OFF THE HOOK: Duduzane Zuma.

'State capture money will be used to steal 2019 elections'

JOHANNESBURG - Veteran ANC leader, Reverend Frank Chikane, on Tuesday said he believed that funds laundered during the state capture project would be used to "steal the 2019 elections".

"Some of the billions of rands have been siphoned from this country and are laundered back and used as part of a war chest to make sure that the corrupt remain in power..."

"They go from branch to branch of the African National Congress and buy branches in preparations for the December conference. They will use this to continue buying people and corrupting the systems to make sure that the 2019 election is stolen," he said.

He said the main objective was to corrupt the 2019 elections.

"To those running this project, the game is over."

He said a state of fear had been created.

"There are people who fear for their lives today, people being threatened. Some of us are beginning to live like we lived during apartheid."



BELIEVED: Reverend Frank Chikane.

I am worried about who is following me."

He said it pained him that some of his comrades, some of whom he shared the trenches with, were doing the wrong thing without fear of being caught.

Chikane encouraged public servants to resist being co-opted into the state capture project.

To those in the security services, Chikane said nobody should be given instructions and carry out an illegal order. *News24*

ANC WORRIED ABOUT MEMBERS WHO PUBLICLY ATTACK THE PARTY

JOHANNESBURG - The African National Congress says it will not engage its own members who publicly question the integrity of its leaders.

This after the outspoken Member of Parliament, Dr Makhosi Khoza called for President Jacob Zuma to step down on Tuesday, speaking at a Save South Africa gathering, she said the ANC was being led by a president who had become dishonourable.

ANC spokesperson Zizi Kodwa said the party had noted the serious transgression of its disciplinary code by Khoza and others who continue to attack the organisation and its leader-

ship on public platforms.

"These are public representatives representing, among others, the ANC, sent by the ANC to parliament, they are now turning against their own organisation," said Kodwa.

He added that the party had decided not to respond to those members who have been attacking the ANC in public. Former finance minister Pravin Gordhan also shared his views on Zuma yesterday, he said the president should go, while participating in a dialogue to celebrate the founding father of South Africa's democracy Nelson Mandela's legacy on his birthday.

And more: HuffPost SA: Zuma,

Makhosi Khoza, PW Botha and the birth of an anti-corruption movement

Kodwa said Khoza was peddling lies when she said Zuma only agreed to serve one term.

"There was nothing like that, President Zuma was persuaded by structures to stand for a second term," argued Kodwa.

"It was not him who wanted to stand, it's about structures of the ANC. There are many lies being peddled by members of the ANC," continued Kodwa.

Kodwa said the party would engage its own members "at an appropriate time when they think it's necessary for them to come [to] their own organisation". *News24*

SABC's Aguma resigns with immediate effect

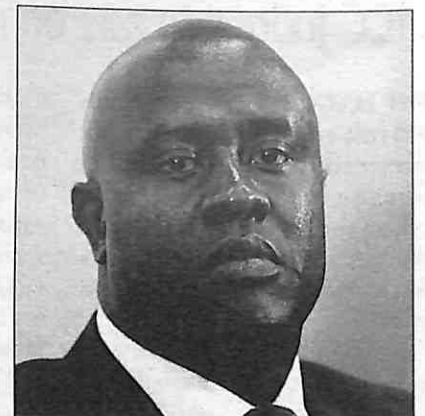
JOHANNESBURG - Suspended acting SABC Chief Executive James Aguma has resigned with immediate effect, his lawyer said yesterday.

James was in the midst of a disciplinary hearing, where he stood accused of providing false information under oath during the disciplinary proceedings brought against former chief operating officer Hlaudi Motsoeneng.

Aguma was also accused of tender irregularities and fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

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RESIGNS: Suspended acting SABC Chief Executive James Aguma.



FROM EATING 8,000 CALORIES-A-DAY TO WEARING OXYGEN MASKS WHILE NAPPING:

INSIDE THE SECRETIVE WORLD OF JAPAN'S ELITE SUMO WRESTLERS

JAPAN - This is the secretive world of Japan's elite sumo wrestling where wrestlers eat 8 000 calories-a-day and wear oxygen masks while they nap.

Incredible photos have emerged from inside the Tomozuna sumo 'stable' in Nagoya, Japan, where 11 gigantic wrestlers wear only loincloths and take turns throwing each other out of a ring of sand. The wrestlers, or 'rikishi', spend more than three hours each morning practising holds in Japan's 15-century-old national sport, with defeat facing the first to fall or be forced out of the ring. When they end practice at 10.30am, they sign autographs and pose for photos before the first of their two daily meals.

Lunch, prepared by the junior wrestlers, is a spread of pig's feet, grilled and deep-fried sardines, steamed rice, and 'chanko nabe' - a signature hot-pot dish associated with sumo wrestlers, who consume 8 000 calories a day.

Entering the world of sumo is to eat, live, and breathe Japanese - from the samurai-style top-knots to the rigid hierarchy.

But the tough training and tradition-bound ways have put off many Japanese youth, leaving sumo to be dominated by foreign - mostly Mongolian - wrestlers, who face a gruelling path to assimilation.

"Language was the biggest source of stress," said Tomozuna Oyakata, better known by his fighting name Kyokutenho, the first Mongolian-born wrestler to lead a sumo stable.

"I couldn't understand anything when I was being scolded, or even when I was being praised," said the master, one of the first six Mongolians to be inducted into the sport in 1992.

Today, the one-time champion, who was born Nyamjavyn Tsevegnyam, speaks near-flawless Japanese, has a Japanese wife, and has given up his Mongolian nationality to become Japanese - a requirement to become a sumo master, or 'oyakata'. Full assimilation into Japanese culture means that foreign wrestlers face no ill-will.

"We wear our topknots, kimonos and sandals, and live by Japanese rules, and the rules of sumo," said Tomozuna Oyakata.

"It's only by chance that we were born a different nationality." *Daily Mail*



NAP: The wrestlers sleep after a signature hot-pot dish with the oxygen masks to help them breathe.

FLEXING: A wrestler returning from town for training.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

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



S.M. MDAWE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



LET'S WRESTLE: Wrestlers doing their training of the day.



TIME TO EAT: A wrestler enjoying one of their two meals a day.

BRIEFS

Wildfire forces California evacuation

MARIPOSA - The 2 000 residents of a small California town in the foothills flanking Yosemite National Park were ordered to evacuate on Tuesday as crews battled an out-of-control wildfire that has already destroyed eight structures. Residents of tiny Mariposa, in the Sierra Nevada mountains southwest of Yosemite in central California, were ordered to flee after flames from the so-called Detwiler Fire jumped over Highway 140 and marched toward the community, threatening 1 500 structures. "Fire activity continued to grow throughout the night due to ample fuel, and steep terrain," the California department of forestry and fire protection (Cal Fire) said on its tracking website. *Reuters*

London delivery drivers protest

LONDON - Distressed over a rise in acid attacks, some 200 delivery drivers protested in front of the British Parliament on Tuesday, demanding the government takes action. "Most of the time we get attacked or our bikes are stolen. I don't feel safe doing my work. Yesterday I felt threatened because some boys wanted to attack me," Musa, a young UberEATS driver told AFP. The protest was organised after five people, including delivery driver Javed Hussain, were attacked with acid in a space of just 90 minutes on the night of July 13. Two teenagers aged 15 and 16 were subsequently arrested. "I've been working for Deliveroo for four years. I don't feel safe to go on my bike. I don't know what I'm going to do for a living," Hussain, who suffered slight burns to the chest, told AFP. *AFP*

World's first child hand transplant

WASHINGTON - The first child in the world to undergo a double hand transplant is now able to write, feed and dress himself, doctors said Tuesday, declaring the ground-breaking operation a success after 18 months.



The report in The Lancet Child and Adolescent Health provides the first official medical update on 10-year old Zion Harvey, who underwent surgery to replace both hands in July 2015. "Eighteen months after the surgery, the child is more independent and able to complete day-to-day activities," said Sandra Amaral, a doctor at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where the operation took place. *AFP*

Flood destroys cash contents of bank

BURLINGTON - Flooding last week destroyed all the cash in the vault of a southeastern Wisconsin bank. Fox River State Bank President Keith Polleck refused to disclose how much money was ruined, but said the Federal Reserve will have to replace every Dollar. Polleck told WISN-TV that the vault at the bank in Burlington, 55km southwest of Milwaukee, is water resistant but not waterproof. As the Fox River rose above flood stage, water flooded the bank, rising up to 53cm deep inside the facility. Now that the river is back below flood stage, restoration crews have started to clean up.

Japan commits US\$1bn to fight poverty

UNITED NATIONS - Japan says it is committing US\$1bn by 2018 to promote the UN goals of combating poverty, achieving gender equality, promoting good government and preserving the environment by 2030. Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida made the announcement on Monday at a high-level meeting assessing progress toward meeting the 17 goals adopted by world leaders. He said the US\$1bn will be focused on children and young people, particularly in the areas of education, health, gender equality and reducing risk from natural disasters. Kishida said Japan's vision for the UN goals "is to create a diverse and inclusive society".



RELEASED: Former US House of Representatives Speaker Dennis Hastert arrives for an appearance in Federal Court in Chicago, Illinois, US. (Daily Mail)

EX-US HOUSE SPEAKER RELEASED FROM PRISON

CHICAGO - Former US House Speaker Dennis Hastert was released from prison and will serve his final month of a child sex abuse-linked sentence under supervision by a Chicago re-entry office, authorities said Tuesday.

Hastert admitted last year to paying hush money to cover up the sexual abuse of boys decades ago. The former Illinois congressman served as House Speaker from 1999-2007, the longest-serving occupant of the post second in line to the presidency.

He was handed 15 months in

federal prison for breaking banking laws in the cover-up, a sentence he was serving at a medical prison facility in Rochester, Minnesota, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Suffered

The 75-year-old former congressman suffered a stroke in 2015.

He was released from the Minnesota facility on Monday and is now under the jurisdiction of the Chicago residential reentry management office, which administers halfway houses and helps prepare pris-

oners to re-enter society, the bureau said.

It was not immediately clear whether Hastert would finish the remainder of his sentence in a halfway house or under house arrest. He is set to be released from custody August 16.

During his sentencing in a Chicago court last year, Hastert admitted for the first time that he had sexually abused boys when he taught wrestling at Yorkville High School in a Chicago-area suburb from the 1960s to the early 1980s.

AFP

Iran condemns US sanctions, responds with its own

TEHRAN - Iran condemned new American sanctions on its ballistic missile programme imposed on Tuesday and responded with its own sanctions against Americans, official news agency IRNA reported.

The foreign ministry condemned "the United States' worthless act of imposing illegal sanctions" against people linked to the programme, IRNA reported.

Tehran "will, in turn, apply new sanctions against American people and entities that have acted against the Iranian people and other Muslim peoples of the region," it said.

Hours after the White House admitted the Islamic republic was complying with a landmark 2015 nuclear deal, the State Department announced new sanctions against 18 individuals and entities in Iran.

They include people linked to the country's missile programme and others close to the elite revolutionary guard.

"The Americans... want to weaken the capabilities and strength of the Islamic regime," said General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, who heads the guard's aerospace wing and missile programme, quoted by state TV.

"We propose reciprocal actions with a high cost."

AFP



RESPONDS: General Amir Ali Hajizadeh.

Justices urged to reject Trump plea to tighten travel ban

WASHINGTON - Opponents of President Donald Trump's ban on refugees and visitors from six mostly Muslim countries are urging the Supreme Court to leave in place a federal judge's order that would relax restrictions on entry into the United States.

The lead challengers say in a high court filing on Tuesday 18 July that the administration's argument in favour of a broader travel ban is "nonsense."

Appealing

The administration is appealing a ruling from US District Judge Derrick Watson that requires the government to allow in refugees formally working with a resettlement agency in the United States.

The State Department on Monday 17 July expanded its definition of 'close family' to include grandparents and other relatives that constitute a bona fide US relationship for visa applicants and refugees from six banned countries.

Putin, Trump held 2nd undisclosed G20 conversation

LONDON - US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin had a previously undisclosed conversation during a dinner for G20 leaders at a summit earlier this month in Germany, a White House official said on Tuesday.

The two leaders held a formal two-hour bilateral meeting on July 7 in which Trump later said Putin denied allegations that he directed efforts to meddle in the 2016 US presidential election.

Trump's interactions with the Russian leader were scrutinised closely because of those allegations, which have dominated his first six months in the White House, and Trump's comments as a presidential candidate praising the former KGB spy.

Trump and Putin first met at the G20 during a gathering of other leaders, which was shown in a video. They later held the bilateral meeting, which was attended briefly by a pool of reporters.

In the evening, both men attended a dinner with G20 leaders. Putin was seated next to US first lady Melania Trump. The US president went over to them at the conclusion of the dinner and visited with Putin, the official said. That



Russian President Vladimir Putin.



US President Donald Trump.

conversation had not been previously disclosed. *Al Jazeera*



WITH: Majaha Nkonyane

CHURCH NEWS



WIVES INVITED FOR EXCITING SEMINAR

YOUNG Makoti, is once again hosting an interesting seminar, for young brides, which is themed, "Married & Still Chasing Your Dreams".

Many ladies wish to know if they can have it all: The good marriage and successful career. The seminar is sure to leave many inspired.

Young Makoti, is an organisation run by Pastor Bakhe Dlamini's wife, Nokwanda. The sole purpose of Young Makoti, is to empower the young bride or wife.

Modern wives are no longer like olden day wives; the former, lives in demanding times, whilst being married, has to meet the ever increasing

demands of her workplace.

The seminar will be on Saturday, 29 July, at CODEC, Ezulwini, from 9am to 1pm.

Speak

To speak at the event is the Founder and Director of Young Makoti, Nokwanda Dlamini, who is a social worker by profession; BBM Clothing SA, CEO, Nthabeleng Mogale; Pastor Bakhe, who is an author, marriage therapist, senior founding pastor (Yonder Worship Centre); and Phikile Magagula, a human resources specialist.

Topics to be discussed are: Balancing Family & Work, Taking Leaps,

Discovering Your Purpose, How to Successful at Work, Coping With the Ever Increasing Demands, Upgrading Yourself, Entrepreneurship, Having a Healthy Marriage, and many more.

"We already have a great turnout from ladies.

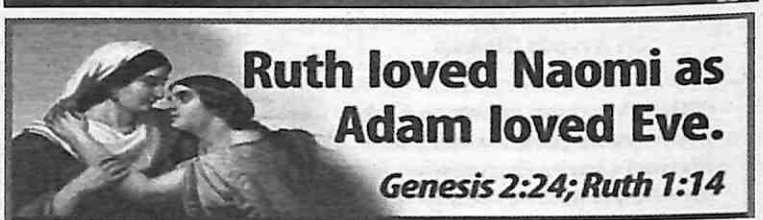
People are excited about the event. We looking forward to a time of sharing information and networking. As married women, we go through almost the same experiences.

We all need that support group, where we will be made to realize that we are not alone. 29 July, is the place to be at", stated Nokwanda.

Refreshments will be served at the



HOST: Pastor Bakhe Dlamini and wife Nokwanda.



Ruth loved Naomi as Adam loved Eve.

Genesis 2:24; Ruth 1:14

event. All ladies need to do is register for the seminar on 2417 1119 or 7843 7711.

Attendants should provide a contribution of E150, which also covers refreshments.

JUBILEE WORSHIP HOUSE INTERNATIONAL

THEME:
A Place Where We Celebrate God's Intervention

Church services:

Fridays
Youth summit 6pm - 8pm

Saturdays
Prayer 6pm - 8pm

Sundays
Main Service
10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Kashaliethonden next to Mtn tower (Emkhweni)

God is changing changers to change the world
Contact: 76158475

FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

God Can Still Do It Again with Apostle Jeremiah

Venue
Ngwane Park Manzini, Faith Premises

Sundays 11.30am.
In spite of your past, you shall smile again.

Place of miracles where the blind see, lame walk, sick healed, jobless find job, deliverance happens its your moment to grasp it.

CONTACTS
7671 0029/7631 4007.
Come one come all

ZAKHELE FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY
English service
@9:00am - 10:45am
Siswati Service
@11:00am - 1:00pm

Venue:
Zakhele, Nkambule street, Manzini

BY: Rev Msibi
Contacts:
2505 6419 / 7650 3140

CHURCH - NAZARENE
MBABANE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Services

SUNDAY
08:00 - 09:30 - English Service
09:30 - 10:30 - Juniors Fellowship
10:30 - 11:30 - Sunday School (All Ages)
11:30 - 12:15 - NY Service (Youth)
12:15 - 13:00 - Gifted Service

MID-WEEK
MORNING PRAYER
08:30 - 09:00 (MONDAY - FRIDAY)

EVERY WEDNESDAY
12:00 - 1:00 (Bible Study/Prayer)

FOURTHLY THURSDAYS
18:00 - 19:30 - Men's Ministry Service

CONTACT
76180775

GOD'S GLORY ABLE CHURCH (NHLANGANO MATHEDELE)

Services

Mondays
6pm - 7pm home cells
Wednesdays 6pm - 7:30pm
Fridays 6pm - 7:30pm

Sundays
Morning prayer
5.45am - 6.30am
Main service
10.00am - 1.00pm

Contact
76638622/76471717
Host ;
Pastor N.T Dlamini

Yonder Worship Centre

with
Apostle Bakhe and Mrs. Nokwanda Dlamini

Sundays:
09:00am-11:00am

Venue:
Woodlands, Ezulwini

*Where you go, I will go...
Where you stay, I will stay*

VERSE OF THE DAY

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord.

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Isaiah 1:18

GOD IS ABLE

CHURCH SERVICE Times

SUNDAY SERVICES
MBABANE THEATRE CLUB
10.00 AM-1.00 PM

MANZINI SATELITE
2.30 PM-5.00 PM

CONTACT 7605 3160

CALL: 7613 1069 | 7605 3160

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

CHOSEN GENERATION OF JESUS CHRIST

JOIN US ON OUR THURSDAY SERVICES

17:30 HRS - 19:30 HRS

CONTACT:
7659 1921 / 7825 8913
CAMPUS CRUSADE BUILDING (NEXT TO TEBA - MBABANE)

MBABANE FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES

Sunday Bible study
9.30 am - 10.30am

Main Service
10.30am - 1.00pm

Wednesdays Prayer
6.00pm - 7.30pm

Mondays Couples
6.00pm - 7.30pm

Mbabane FEA Church next to Build It, Contacts
24045807/76572977
Email: mbabanefea@swazi.net

FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES SITEKI

Mondays Prayer
6.00pm-7.30pm
Wednesdays
6.00pm-7.30pm
Saturdays Youth
3.00pm
Sundays Women
9.00am-10.30am
Sunday School
9.30am - 10.30am
Main Service
10.30am - 1.00pm

EVANGELICAL Church - Nhlango
"Distinctively Christian"

Every Sunday
English Service at 0830hrs - 0955hrs

Bible Study -
1000hrs - 1055hrs
Siswati Service -
1100hrs - 1300hrs

Every Monday Prayer:
1800hrs - 2000hrs

Last Tuesdays of the Month
Family Fellowship:
1800hrs - 2000hrs

Every Friday
Youth Services: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

Venue:
Evangelical Church Nhlango Church Hall, Opposite Nhlango Central Primary School

Contacts
22075 020/7603 6628

DIVINE
Healing Ministries International

Manzini Branch:
Wednesdays- Prayer
6:00-7:30pm

Thursdays- Mid-week
Service 6:30-8:00pm

Sundays- Teachings
9:30-10:30am

Main Service
10:30am - 1pm

Mbabane Branch:
Tuesdays - Prayer
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Sundays- Service
10am - 1pm

DIVINE
Healing Ministries

GROWING FAITH
Ministries International

Mondays:
Prayer & Transformation 6-8pm

Tuesdays:
Transformation Class at Syney Williams in Manzini 6:30-8pm

Fridays:
Breakthrough Service 6-8pm

Sundays:
Prayer 9am

Main Service
10am - 1pm

(Lobamba, Esitjeni on you way to Miliwane)

MBABANE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Church services

Mondays
Prayer 6.00pm-7.30pm

Thursdays
Bible Exposition 6.00pm-7.30pm

Fridays
Youth 6.00pm-7.30pm

Saturday
Women 2.00pm-3.30pm

Sundays
English Service 8.30am-10.30am
Siswati Service 11.00am-1.00pm

Children's Ministry 8.30am-10.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm

Men-Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Single Parents -Every 1st Saturday of the month 2.00pm-3.30pm

Contacts 2404 0979



BIGGEST BRAAI UPDATE:

BMW CLUB PARTNERS WITH PHILANI MASWATI

- Bought over 200 tickets
- Bringing 60 BMW car convoy to the Biggest Braai

By Ayanda Dlamini

THE BMW club known as Club E46 (+268) has partnered with Philani Maswati Charity Organisation for the annual and massive Biggest Braai as they have bought over 200 tickets to the event.

They have also pledged to offer two elderly people a ride in one of their cars.

Members of this club will also bring a convoy of 60 BMW cars to the Biggest Braai. This was revealed by the Chairman of Philani Maswati Charity Organisation Lutfo Dlamini.

Club E46 (+268), founder Mkhosi Dlamini confirmed the partnership.

"We are one of the largest groups that will be taking part on the Biggest Braai with over 60 cars and above 150 participants.

We have decided to partner with Philani Maswati by taking part in everything that they embark on in terms of all members participating; we also have decided to engage Club E46 to market Philani Maswati projects. Our club is about development and giving back to society.

For now, we are going to actively participate in Philani Maswati's road shows and events to reach the masses because what Philani does is actually in line with what we seek to achieve end of the day," Dlamini stated.

"Club E46 (+268) membership is

dedicated to the change in perception of BMW drivers through embarking in charitable activities and giving back to society. Club E46 (+268), has more than 100 members. Some of the club's founding members are Manqoba Sakwane, Mkhosi Dlamini, Sikhulile Dlamini, Pitso Lekhobole, Eugene Dlamini, and Thembele Dlamini. The club has strong societal development prospects.

The membership comprises of all BMW E46 (BMW 3rd generation



IT'S ON: Founder of BMW Club Mkhosi Dlamini presenting Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini a T-shirt during the sponsorship presentation.

sedan) drivers across the four regions of the country. This brotherhood, a first of its kind in Swaziland, is an initiative that seeks to promote friendship through the love of cars and subsequently improving the society we live in," Dlamini explained. According to Dlamini, Club E46's vision is to be the leading marketing brand since it is open to liaise with any organisation that needs to create an awareness and promote a brand. The club also seeks to be known as reputable, professional, caring and knowledgeable and by mak-

ing a significant contribution to the development of Swaziland through affiliation with charity organisations. "Club E46 (+268) in its 11 months of existence, has served small business with the owners of Swaziland through marketing and ensuring a continued customer base for first time business owners.

During that time, our work has empowered business owners to play an active role in determining their own destiny and in uplifting their quality of life," Dlamini said.

Dj MBO to drop debut single featuring LomaSoul, Slotta

By Ayanda Dlamini

RENOWNED spinner Mbongeni Sithungo popularly known as DJ MBO has spread his wings in the music industry as tomorrow he will be dropping his debut single as a spinner and producer where he features Slotta and MTN SWAMA Award nominee LomaSoul.

The single is called 'Without you'. "Basically it's a love song, and house beat obvious, I produced it with Subjamz and featured Slotta and LomaSoul. It is basically my first original song as a DJ and producer," Sithungo said.

According to the spinner, he had always wanted to do a collaboration with the two artists as he had witnessed their craft way before.

"I know Slotta from church, and I have been following his music journey for some time.

So I sent him the beat and asked him to play around with it in terms of vocals and when I heard what he did on it, I was blown away.

The lyrical content required a female part on the song and immediately

LomaSoul came to mind. I had been impressed with her vocal ability since the first time I heard her performing and when we finally hit the studio, magic happened," the spinner stated.

The spinner added that the love song will be out tomorrow.

DJ Mbo is one of country's most sought after DJs whose ability to keep a crowd captivated has earned him the 'European DJ' nickname from peers in the industry and fans alike.

His focus is not only house music but different

ferent music genres as well. In 2014, he won the Miller Sound Clash in Botswana followed by the launch of his Ear Candy mixes on Fridays.

That same year he received some cash to spend courtesy of Swaziland Beverages and FNB towards his Las Vegas, US trip for the Miller Sound Clash.

Two other DJs namely DJ King from Botswana and DJ Ray Dizz from Zimbabwe also travelled to 'Sin City' to play on an international stage.

DJs JAZZInSOUL, ORTHODOX TO UNITE HOUSE MUSIC FANS

By Nomfundo Sifundza

A show slated for this weekend titled 'The Jazzinsoul and Orthodox first birthday celebration is set to unite house music fans in the country.

The birthday celebration for two underground DJs; Ndumiso 'Jazzinsoul' Mhlanga and Mpendulo 'Orthodox' Magongo will take place at Ron Deh Voh (Sdwasini) next to Engen filling station. Magongo said "the Jazzinsoul and Orthodox first annual birthday celebration is an

event basically formed to unite all Swazi deep and soulful house music fans around Swaziland." The first edition will feature SA's Deep-house spin-

ners Oscar Mbo (Co founder of the Ashmed Hour Movement) and Vandal M (DJ and Producer).

Commenting on his first visit to the country, DJ Oscar MBO said "My first visit in Swaziland was too exciting, it's been a dream to experience what my fellow DJ friends have been telling me about how the culture is embraced in Swaziland. I had a great time, from the reception of my host DJ Jazzinsoul, his family and friends as well as the patrons who came through to experience the 'golden power' at the event held at Solanis Shisanyama."

Local spinners: Tibza, Sooks, Kuru, Msakrie, Deepabo, Sci fi, Sabeloog, Mserah, Maldini (Gruv Basement), Mmely (Antidotes) and more will also be helping out on the decks.



SANDS, VELEMSANI THRILL ZAMBIA PRESIDENT LUNGU

By Gugu Simelane

AFRO Soul sensation's Velemseni and Sands thrilled the President of Zambia, Edgar Lungu, royalty and His Majesty King Mswati III at a Sate Banquet on Tuesday.

Sands captivated the audience when he performed his trademark song 'Tigi,' as the audience softly sang along with him.

His performance was very neat

as he coupled it with sleek dance moves.

Strings

Other songs he performed included 'Ngicacisele and Vuma.'

Velemseni on the other hand also thrilled with the amazing strings of her guitar and her melodious voice.

SERENADE: Sands and Velemseni performing at the state banquet on Tuesday.



SANDS FOR IMBHOKODO MUSIC EXPERIENCE

By Nomfundo Sifundza

SANDS will on August 25 serenade the women of Port Elizabeth, South Africa as he is scheduled to perform at the inaugural Imbhokodo Music Experience.

The event solely put together to celebrate women, is organised by yet another Swazi who goes by the name Vusi Xaba under his events management stable, ROKA Swazi.

The name of the event is said to be derived from the famous adage 'Wathinta 'bafazi, wathint 'imbokodo' which translates 'you strike a woman, you strike a rock.'

Xaba said even though Sands would not be the first Swazi to be hosted by his stable in Port Elizabeth, he was definitely the perfect choice for an event celebrating women.

"In the recent years, I brought rappers 80 Script and Psycholution here but for this concept that celebrates women, I decided to go with Sands because he is a heartthrob and many ladies love his music," Xaba said.

Xaba added that the event was aimed at drawing attention to the significant



MUSICIAN: Sands.

issues by celebrating women instead of bashing or killing them.

"This exhilarating and soulful event will not only serve to entertain but will be a landmark event aimed at expressing gratitude and appreciation for the everyday struggles women go through and the warmth they bring to our families," said Xaba.

The afro soul sensation (Sands) will

be the main performer on the day and will be joined by DJs from Port Elizabeth.

The show will start at 8pm and the venue in which it will take place is called 'The Dockside.'

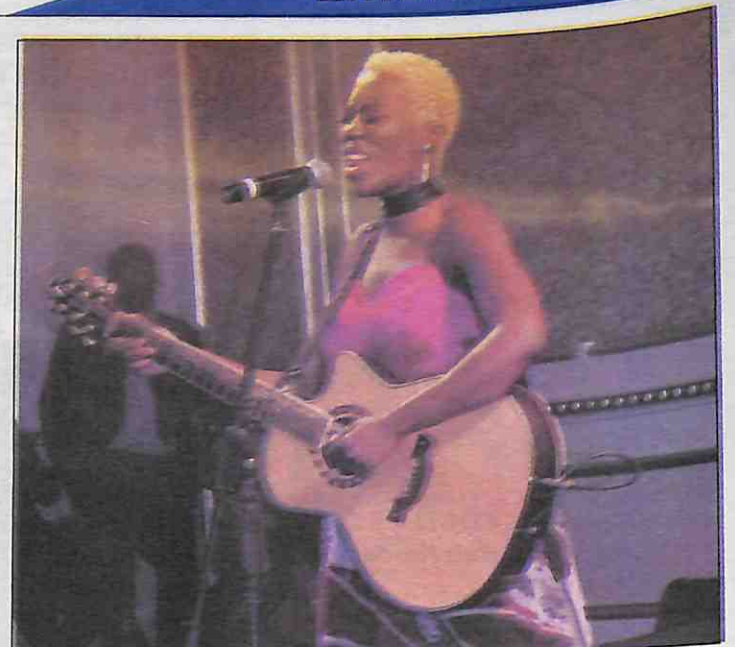
Vusi Xaba is based in Port Elizabeth as he is currently pursuing his Masters in Information Technology at the Nelson Mandela University.

Xaba affirmed his love for entertainment and also shared that if he would secure sponsors the concept of celebrating women in this manner would also roll out in Swaziland.

"As you can see this one is called 'The First Annual Imbhokodo Music Experience, I would love to host the second instalment and many more in my home country, but that is of course determined by sponsors.'

Born and raised in Matsapha, Logoba Xaba said he would work all in his might to see to it that the concept of celebrating women rolls out in Swaziland.

Sands Manager Phila Koshini confirmed the booking of the First Annual Imbhokodo Music Experience and that the fellow Swazi, Vusi Xaba had contacted him on behalf of his stable ROKA Swazi in partnership with Brewed Ebhayi Productions.



NEWS EXTRA

Jessica Nkosi returns to Isibaya

TWO months after announcing her departure from Mzansi Magic's popular soapie Isibaya to focus on theatre and "other projects", actress Jessica Nkosi has made a triumphant return.

The actress announced her comeback on Tuesday, posting a cheeky picture of herself being carried on set.

Speaking to TshisaLIVE last month, Jessica said that her love for theatre had led her away from TV and she was unsure when she would return to Isibaya.

However, Mzansi Magic

spokesperson Bongiwe Potelwa-Metsing told TshisaLIVE yesterday that it was always in the show's plans for Jessica to return.

"Jessica is still part of the cast of Isibaya. When her character was not on air it meant that the storyline had taken a different turn," Bongiwe said.

Attempts to contact Jessica for comment were unsuccessful.

Tshalive



'I preach on certain Sundays'

AFTER announcing her surprise exit from popular SABC 2 soapie Muvhango, actress Phindile Gwala has revealed her interest in preaching.

Speaking to the Fresh Breakfast team, Phindile explained why she decided to resign from Muvhango after five years.

"I am leaving because it is the right time. It's like moving out from home, a chance to be independent. Pay your own rent, buy your own groceries and stuff like that," she said.

Phindile revealed that she started preaching in February last year and that she plans to do more of it.

"I preach on certain Sundays.

I started last year in February. My parents are pastors, not the famous pastors or ones that give you snakes. It's not one of those churches. It's an old fashioned church. I preach in Ecaleni, Tembisa and I am there every Sunday except when I am working out of town," she said.

Phindile became a household name after she stepped onto the small screen as Nonny in 2013. Playing the loud, likable character Phindile quickly becoming a fan favourite on the soapie as her character's storyline grew.

The actress has shared pictures of herself standing on a pulpit in church.

Sowetan



PREACHER'S KID: Phindile Gwala.

J-Molly, K-dirty for The Afterlife

By Ayanda Dlamini

SOUTH African hip hop artists J-Molly and K-dirty will be serenading hip hop fans next month as they have been booked for The Afterlife show hosted by the Hyena Junior Motorcycle.

This was confirmed by founder of the Hyena Junior Motorcycle Khaya Maziya yesterday.

According to Maziya, the show is basically for the youth and it will be a clean fun kind of set up.

"We are just doing it for the youth, from music to comedy it's all about the youngsters. Even the line-up itself is very youthful," Maziya said.

The show will be held at Mavuso Trade Centre on August 19, starting from noon till late.

"The show will be graced by several acts such as drifting (Team UFO), bike stunts, mini quads, bike races, brand showcase, dance battles, comedy show and music as well," Maziya said.

He added the spinners of the day would be DJ Snoop, DJ Miles Maseko,



COMING: J-Molly and K-dirty.

DJ Simz, Wicked, Ice and Colourful.

Artists line up include Nigel, Static, EMMMLA, Cripple, AK ft Joe La-flame, T-script ft Ricky, King F, Boaz, Trent Omar, Skinny G, III Switch, Melo, Canual, Vee, ISk, Escro, Harris, Steez, Keanu.

Awareness

According to Maziya, the purpose of



the Hyena Junior Motorcycle is to raise awareness of the motorcycling community in Swaziland and providing young riders with opportunities to meet and hang out with other motorcycle riders.

"We strive to bring motorcyclists together and promote safe riding as a form of sport and transportation.

International
Celebrity News

Rob's revenge porn could cost him US\$5 million

CALIFORNIA - Rob Kardashian could be in serious trouble with the courts after posting naked revenge porn pictures of ex-fiancée Blac Chyna online.

And a celebrity image expert believes that his actions could have cost him a LOT of money as well. Celebrity brand Rob Kardashian.



COSTLY PORN: Blac Chyna and Rob Kardashian.

and reputation expert, Eric Schiffer, is CEO of Reputation management consultants.com.

He exclusively told Mirror Online that the Keeping Up With The Kardashians star, 30, could have

lost an estimated \$5 million after posting naked snaps of Chyna, the mother of his daughter Dream Kardashian, on Instagram before having his account shut down. *Daily Mail*

Kendall and Kylie launch Barely-There Swimwear

LOS ANGELES -

Because you don't yet have enough Kendall and Kylie in your life, the duo just launched a 23-piece swimwear capsule exclusively on Revolve.com.

Think: sexy, high-cut one pieces, mesh detailing, flirty neon pinks and one stand-out, army-inspired print. Basically, the collection's a selection of ultra-daring silhouettes you'd likely see on Kendall and Kylie Jenner themselves. (We're especially loving this US\$135 colour-blocked suit with cutouts and small



SWIMWEAR: Kendall and Kylie at the launch.

hardware.)

Still searching for the perfect, Instagram-worthy suit? You might just find your perfect match in the sisters' newest range. So get shopping! *Eonline*

Ben Affleck drops out of Netflix film

HOLLYWOOD - He's decided to take a break to focus on his personal life.

And Ben Affleck, 44, is doing that by dropping out of Netflix project Triple Frontier to focus on 'his wellness and his family', according to Deadline. The thriller, helmed by A Most Violent Year director JC Chandor, will move forward without him



and find its final cast quickly.

Ben hasn't made any official statements about his decision.

He is still scheduled to be at San Diego Comic Con later this week to promote the upcoming Justice League, which hits theaters in November. *Daily Mail*

DROPS OUT: Ben Affleck.

Drake still raking in Degraasi money

NEW YORK - Started from the bottom, now he's here.

It's been a decade since Drake left 'Degraasi: The Next Generation' to pursue music, but the superstar rapper just proved he'll never forget his humble beginnings, especially since he's still earning those royalties!

To be fair, the Canadian teen drama only cut him a check for US\$8.25, which was still enough to excite Drizzy enough to share it to Instagram

on Tuesday. "Degraasi money still coming in don't sleeeeeep..." the 30-year-old Toronto native joked.

It's safe to say the "Hotline Bling" rapper isn't relying on moola from his years on television as wheelchair-bound Jimmy Brooks. In 2017, Forbes estimated Drake's net worth to be a staggering US\$90 million, making him the fifth wealthiest hip-hop artist in the world. *Mail Online*

RAKING IN: Drake.

SA Celebrity News

Motsoaledi Setumo to cause even more havoc on Generations

JOHANNESBURG -

Small screen siren Motsoaledi Setumo is back on 'Generations: The Legacy', hellbent on causing more havoc than the last time she was seen nude.

Setumo, 26, will be remembered for playing young, care-free model and sex goddess Thabi Cele, involved in a hot candle wax bondage scene with Smanga, played by Moopi Mothibeli, back in 2015.



BRINGING HAVOC: Motsoaledi Setumo.

"I've always wanted to be on the Generations platform, I auditioned three times before I got to be cast two years ago. It was my first credited screen role and I still embrace it even to this day," Setumo said.

"It's a recurring role. It's not a long-term, permanent contract but as they say, everything happens for a reason.

Perhaps it will open up even more great things for me." *Sunday World*

Letshego conquers Kilimanjaro for Gugu

JOHANNESBURG -

Exactly one year after racing car driver Gugu Zulu died while trying to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, his wife Letshego Zulu conquered the grueling trek up the mountain in his honour.

Letshego summited Kilimanjaro with the Trek 4 Mandela team on Tuesday, with friends and fans applauding her achievement.



ment.

One of the organisers and media personality Gerry Elsdon, took to Instagram shortly after the group's summit to pay glowing tribute to Letshego's strength and determination. *Sowetan*

CONQUERS: Letshego Zulu.

Brickz was living his best life for only R50k

JOHANNESBURG - When reports broke in 2013 that Brickz had allegedly raped a young girl who stayed with him and his wife, South Africans were enraged. "His celebrity status and money should not be a factor in this case. He must be treated like an accused rapist," read some of the comments on social media at the time.

After being arrested by police Brickz served a little over a month in prison and was released on R50 000 bail. When Brickz came out he compared prison to his *kasi*, where he was just catching up with the boys. You know, as one does after being arrested for rape. The anger fizzled out and like the forever pre-occu-



BEST LIFE: Brickz.

pied species we are, we forgot to stay angry. We moved on. And so did Brickz.

Brickz paid R50 000 for 42 months of freedom, while the law took its course. Issa long time for the victim to wait while the person who violated her was living his best life. *Sowetan*

'Think' your way out of poverty - Tbo Touch tells beggars

JOHANNESBURG - Media mogul and entrepreneur Tbo Touch faced the wrath of Twitter on Tuesday after suggesting that street beggars could escape poverty by changing their way of thinking.

Touch took to Twitter late on Tuesday evening to claim that the only difference between him and a person begging on the street was their 'mental disposition'.

Touch's tweet drew sharp reaction from hundreds of Twitter users, who flocked to his page to lambasted him for being 'fake deep'. *Thisa Live*



FACES WRATH: Tbo Touch.

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Mbodla is forced into accepting Samson's proposal. The Ngwenyas celebrate a small victory and later, welcome Zanele.

ACCEPTED: Samson.



ISIDINGO

TODAY

Sechaba feels the heat as Basetsana's questions have family members in agreement with her. Nina pulls a gun on her father. Morongwa flirts with Gatanga over the phone.



PULLS GUN ON DAD: Nina.

Muvhango

TODAY



ENVOIOUS: Vho-Masindi.

A life threatening incident humbles Tendamudzimu. Imani is nervous about Gugu's decision about the job offer. Vho-Masindi is a little bit envious about Vho-Mukondeleli's soccer success.



TODAY

Lungile falls off the wagon. David has a showdown with Pearl and Roberto and Flavia are forced to rush over to intervene. Reneilwe is mortified to find out what she did with Bongani. Kop is unsure why Cuba rejected him.

MORTIFIED: Reneilwe.





TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn
December 22 – January 19

You might feel overwhelmed by someone's thoughtfulness. You might be as touched by the fact that you're being held in new respect. Your opinion could be sought. You might also discover that younger people look up to you - and are intrigued about what you do - and why. A delicate family matter might also be discussed.

**Aquarius**
January 20 – February 18

It's likely to be other people - and those who you are legally 'bound' to in some way, who cause you to stop and think. Their plans could be directly at odds with yours - even literally. True, it could just be travel arrangements that aren't coming together. It's as likely that you are working to one timetable and that they are working to another. Resolving this could take a few days.

**Pisces**
February 19 – March 20

You could be stopped in your tracks. Either because of a health problem or because you realise that a deadline is much closer than you think, you may need to adjust your schedule. It's possible too that someone thinks you've failed to take notice of a regulation. Talking your way out of this might just be possible - but could take a few days.

**Aries**
March 21 – April 19

You might wonder either why you've been left with so much responsibility or why it's suddenly vanished. Another possibility is being stunned by how well a friend you haven't seen in ages has taken on a new role. Making sense of what you said - and what was said to you yesterday could be baffling - and perhaps warrant a long walk by water whilst you try to untangle your thoughts.

**Taurus**
April 20 – May 20

True, your memory could be playing tricks on you. It's as likely that something's surfaced that won't fit neatly back into the bottle. The need to revisit these thoughts and, perhaps, to work out why an ancestor did what and when could be strong. At a different level entirely you may wonder if a friend is as bound by obligations as they infer.

**Gemini**
May 21 – June 21

You might wonder just how much of a game you've given away. You might also need to know whether a group of people still feel the same way about you. In 'testing the water' you could find an ally in someone who is significantly



older and clearly not at all fazed by what you have to say.

Cancer
June 22 – July 22

Still you may be unsure as to whether you are ready to 'test the water'. On top of that, relatives may be asking you 'when'. Irritating as it may be not to have the answers at your finger-tips, the fact that the 'audience' is in place, could please you. A couple could have something helpful to say too - they may be happy to help you negotiate a small hurdle.

**Leo**
July 23 – August 22

With amazing clarity, you could suddenly understand why someone has acted as they have. Speechless (but not for long), you might decide you need to walk away and give yourself time to cool down. Relations with a relative could take an interesting turn too. They might not be surprised at your news - but interested to know how you're going to face up to it.

**Virgo**
August 23 – September 22

An 'inner glow' is possible: though you might still wonder how someone could have SUCH effect on you. Your confidence may have been boosted. This new state could have its confusing moments too though: for a start you might wonder how you are going to explain a decision that seems to have been taken for granted to an older relative who almost certainly won't approve.

**Libra**
September 23 – October 23

It's probably going to take much longer than just today to resolve all that was said yesterday and to know where you stand within a group. Relations with someone you haven't seen in ages may have been altered substantially. What was once black and white, could seem grey - and even confused. Home might seem like a really good place to be.

**Scorpio**
October 24 – November 21

You might wish you could be invisible or able to take up position as 'fly on the wall'. You might also need to know what someone's thinking and feeling. It could be that you've already decided that you need to put distance between you and someone who's now keeping you within too close confinement. A friend might have ideas as to how you could break free.

**Sagittarius**
November 22 – December 21

Your recall of an incident that took place some years ago could be excellent. The historian in you could emerge in other ways. You may be asked questions about your background and which areas of the world have had great impact on you.



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USELESS FACTS

1. Men don't feel the urge to get married as quickly as women do because their clothes all button and zip in the front. Women's dresses usually button and zip in the back. We need men emotionally and sexually, but we also need men to help us get dressed.
2. Men are self-confident because they grow up identifying with superheroes. Women have bad self images because they grow up identifying with Barbie.
3. When a woman tries on clothing from her closet that feels tight, she will assume she has gained weight. When a man tries something from his closet that feels tight, he will assume his clothing has shrunk.
4. It is generally believed that the difference between men and women is enormous. Women and men differ in almost every imaginable aspect of human life, especially when it comes to psychology.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brainteasers

1. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?
Answer: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

2. What did the riddler say to the riddle?
Answer: Riddle me the answer

Today's brainteasers

1. Doctor Harish and a bus driver Manish are both in love with the same woman named Priyanka. The bus driver needs to go for a long trip of 10 days. Before he left he gave Priyanka 10 apples. Why?
2. I give you a group of three. One is sitting down, and will never get up. The second eats as much as is given to him, yet is always hungry. The third goes away and never returns.



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Tom and Jerry
Today 10:20 | Boomerang (302)

After chasing each other as usual, Tom and Jerry find themselves trapped on a spaceship to Mars, and end up having to save Earth from aliens!



Prince Harry in Africa
Tonight 20:00 | ITV Choice (123)

Film following HRH Prince Harry on his return to the African kingdom of Lesotho where he continues the work of Sentebale, the charity he established there a decade ago.



Street Outlaws: Fast and Loud
Friday 21:00 | Discovery Channel (121)

S3/E1 - Pre Show! Street Outlaws (Vs. Fast N' Loud Mega Race). It's Texas vs Oklahoma in this adrenaline-fuelled crossover in the lead up to Motor Monday's turbo-charged race between the Street Outlaws and the Fast N' Loud crews.



IAAF Diamond League: Monaco
Friday 22:00 | SuperSport 7 (227)

IAAF Diamond League 2017. Monaco from Stade Louis II - Monaco. LIVE
You can also catch the action on DStv Now (for Android and iOS).

THE AFRICAN LEGACY DOCUMENTARY ON FOX LIFE

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The African Legacy Project, explores the world of some of Africa's most successful business icons and executives.

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They also share some of their worst failures and challenges.

They have mastered the principles of business, amassed great wealth and most importantly are building, sound, lasting legacies. African Legacy Project, gives viewers access

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to these individuals in an intimate setting, so that you too may be inspired to pursue your dreams and build your very own legacy.

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Episode 1: Swaady Martin, Cote D'Ivoire

(26 July)

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Yswara is listed in some of the world's most prestigious retailers and hotels such as: Selfridges; Harrods; Four Seasons, Saxon and many more. In this episode she shares her journey, her story and also shares on a unique business philosophy she's coined: 'Luxe Ubuntu'.

KATE'S WARDROBE SECRET

SINCE she grabbed Prince William's attention wearing a near see-through dress at a student fashion show, Kate Middleton's outfits have always been in the public eye.

In Kate's Wardrobe Secrets – to be broadcast exclusively on ITV CHOICE (DStv 123) next Thursday, at 8pm, the filmmakers reveal Kate's favourite labels, the styles she chooses – whether she is going to a sports ground or a film premiere – and her go-to designers, who include Catherine Walker – a favourite of her late mother-in-law, Diana – Jenny Packham and Alexander McQueen.

At the other end of the scale they disclose how high street favourites such as LK Bennett, Reiss and Hobbs are regular choices and how



small, niche labels like Goat, Preen, Me and Em and maternity specialist Seraphine have seen their businesses boom after being worn by the Duchess. With every outfit she wears scrutinised, dissected and discussed, this hour-long doc-

umentary also finds out what celebrities, stylists, fashion writers and bloggers think of her choices, and ask them to reveal their particular favourites.

Kate has graced the cover of every fashion, celebrity and gossip mag-

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Without a doubt, she is the current golden girl of fashion – and it seems every woman wants a slice of that magical Duchess glamour.

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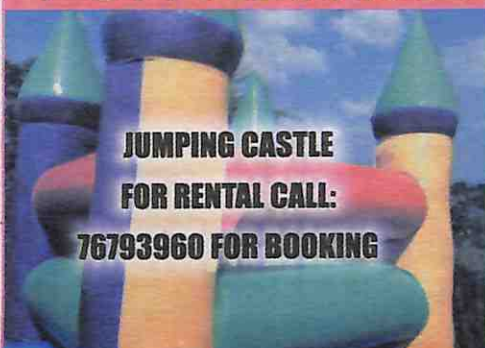
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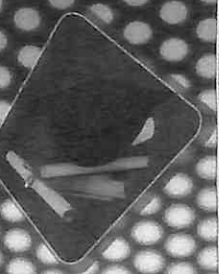
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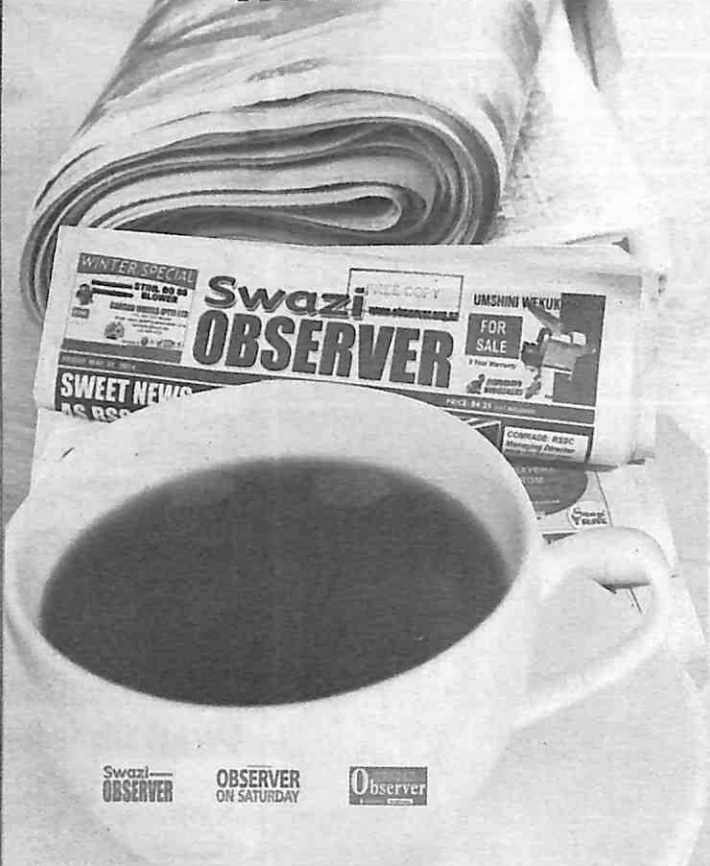
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6 DEATHS

Gugu
Teluve
MagagulaVIGIL: SATURDAY
22/07/2017
FUNERAL: SUNDAY
23/07/2017

PLACE: KADVOKOLWAKO

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni nebangani ba Gugu Teluve Magagula kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 23/07/17 ekhaya kubo kaDvokolwako. Umlindzelo ungeMgcibelo mhlaka 22/07/17. Kwatiswa ibandla lakhe lithuba umsebenzi. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni wakaMagagula.

Samson
Simon
DlaminiVIGIL: SATURDAY
22/07/2017
FUNERAL: SUNDAY
23/07/2017

PLACE: ENCEKA

Kwatiswa umndeni, eMalangeni onkhe, bekhabinina bakaMsibi, bekhakhakhe kaMgabhi, Mkhathwa Malaza, nelibandla lakhe eDikapoli kutsi Samson Simon Dlamini lebekatiwa ngekutsi ngu S.S. Dlamini akasekho emhlabeni. Utofihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 23/07/17 ekhaya kubo eNceka. Kulindzelwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 22/07/17. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni wakhe.

Victoria
MasekoVIGIL: SATURDAY
22/07/2017
FUNERAL: SUNDAY
23/07/2017

PLACE: ENCABANENI

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa make Victoria Maseko lobekendze kaNgwenya eMbikwakhe kutsi akasekho emhlabeni kwatiswa nenhlango yaka Adra nebaGcugcuteli baseKwaluseni inkhundla. Kutawulidzelwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 22/07/17 afihlwe ngeliSontfo mhlaka 23/07/17 ekuseni nga 6:30am, ekhaya kubo eNcabaneni kaMkhulu Maloba. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Zacharia maseko umnakabo egameni lemndeni.

REJOYCE
PHATSIWE
MABUZAVIGIL: FRIDAY
21/07/2017
FUNERAL: SATURDAY
22/07/2017

PLACE: EMAFUTSENI

Relatives and friends are notified that Rejoyce Phatsiwe Mabuza is late. Funeral will be at Mafutseni 22/07/17 after a night vigil on 21/07/17. Memorial service at Mafutseni Methodist 1300hrs Friday. Announcement by Solomon Mabuza. Rest in Peace Mbhokane you will be missed.

Lindiwe Cynthia
Ndlangamandla
laNkhosiVIGIL: SATURDAY
22/07/2017
FUNERAL: SUNDAY
23/07/2017

PLACE: EMBIKWAKHE

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni nebatfwabeNkhosi beNkamanzi, nebangani baLindiwe Cynthia Ndlangamandla laNkhosi eMbikwakhe, lowake wasebenta eHospice at Home kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, inkonzo yekumvalelisa itokuba ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 22/07/17 eMbikwakhe nga 1230hrs ibese ichubeka ekhakhakhe eSivule. Afihlwe ngeliSontfo ekuseni mhlaka 23/07/17. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni wakhe Derrick Bheki Ndlangamandla egameni lemndeni.

Thandi
DlaminiVIGIL: FRIDAY
21/07/2017
INTERMENT: SATURDAY
22/07/2017

PLACE: DALRIACH

Friends and relatives are invited to the memorial service at All Saints Cathedral on Friday 21/07/17 at 1:00pm. There will also be a short service in the evening at 7:00pm at home, Mountain Drive Dalriach. On Saturday there will be a prayer service at 6:30am it will be followed by interment at Fonteyn Cemetery. Announcement by Jika Dlamini on behalf of the family.

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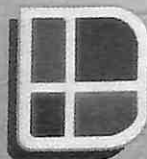
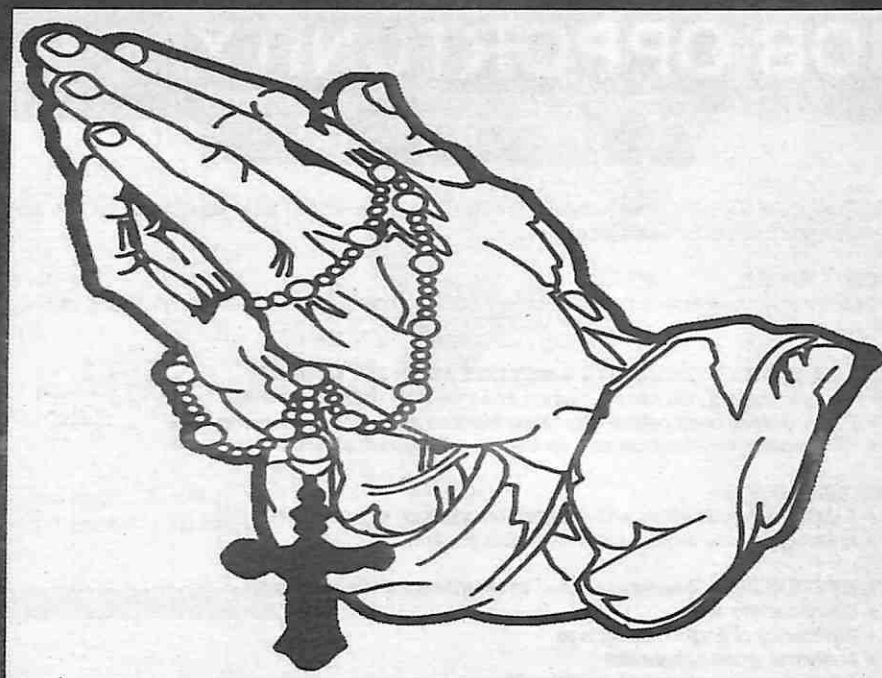
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yet will I hope in him;
I will surely
defend my ways to
his face.

*The LORD is close to
the broken-hearted; he
rescues those whose
spirits are crushed.*

*It's almost unbearable
when so much hope
turns in deep sorrow
wishing you much strength*

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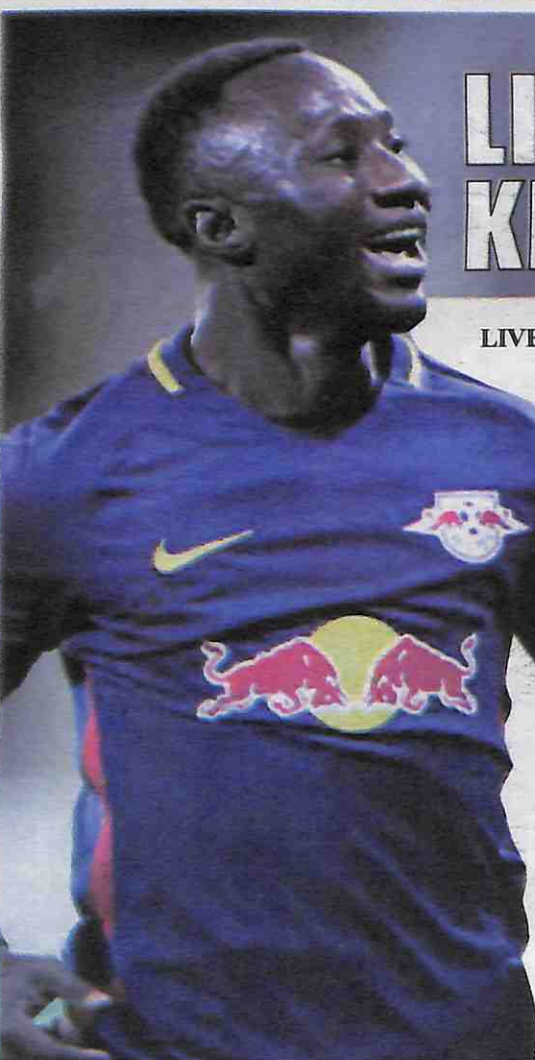
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LIVERPOOL'S MASSIVE KEITA BID **REJECTED**

LIVERPOOL - Red Bull boss Dietrich Mateschitz has confirmed RB Leipzig have rejected an offer of 75 million euros for Liverpool-target Naby Keita and insists the Guinea midfielder is not for sale.

On their first season in

Germany's top-flight, RB Leipzig finished second to Bayern Munich in 2016-17 and have qualified directly for the Champions League, but are eager to keep their playmaker Keita.

The 22-year-old has three years left on his Leipzig contract, although Liverpool's Manager Jurgen Klopp is eager to lure him to Merseyside.

Defensive

However Mateschitz, 73, the co-founder of energy drinks firm Red Bull, which backs RB Leipzig, says the defensive midfielder is not for sale.

"We were flattered when an offer of 75 million euros offer for Naby Keita recently landed at our door. No way! He still has a contract and he will fulfil it," Mateschitz told magazine Sport

Bild. Mateschitz says selling Keita would send the wrong message to RB's other stars.

RB Leipzig's Germany striker Timo Werner has been linked to Real Madrid, while Swedish midfielder Emil Forsberg is reportedly being chased by Liverpool and Arsenal.

"To sell him (Keita) would not only be a sign of distrust for our fans, but would also send out the wrong signal to our other players, such as Timo Werner, who are also in demand," added Mateschitz. Leipzig will not sell talented players to boost their coffers.

"We are not, and will never be, Manchester City," added Mateschitz.

AFP

CONTE SIGNS NEW TWO-YEAR CHELSEA DEAL

LONDON - Chelsea Manager Antonio Conte has signed a new two-year contract with the Premier League champions, saying they must work even harder this season to remain the top club in the country.

The deal does not extend the Italian's commitment to the club because he signed a three-year deal when he joined in 2016, but British media reported he has been given improved terms.

Happy

"I am very happy to have signed a new contract with Chelsea. We worked extremely hard in our first year to achieve something amazing, which I am very proud of. Now we must work even harder to stay at the top," 47-year-old Italian Conte said.

Conte, who managed Italy at Euro 2016, led Chelsea to the league title at his first attempt last term and they reached the FA Cup final which they lost to London rivals Arsenal. The new contract will come as a relief to Chelsea fans after Conte was reported to be frustrated by the club missing out on Belgium forward Romelu Lukaku, who was signed by Manchester United last week for £75 million. *Reuters*

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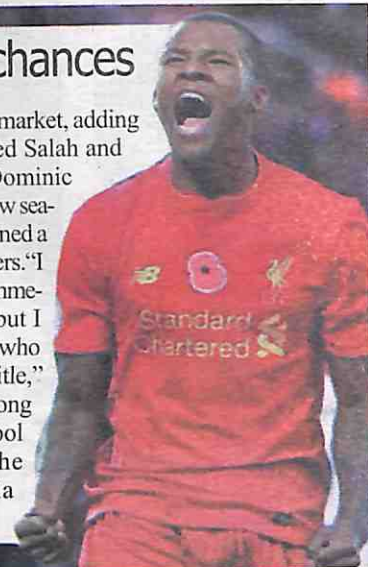
Wijnaldum optimistic about title chances

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum says the club can compete for the Premier League title this year, providing they cut out the mistakes that derailed their bid last season.

Liverpool finished fourth last season, 17 points behind champions Chelsea, but could have delivered more of a challenge had they performed better against some of the lesser lights of the Premier League. Five of Liverpool's six league defeats were against teams who finished in the lower half of the table.

While Liverpool have been relative-

ly quiet in the transfer market, adding only winger Mohamed Salah and 19-year-old striker Dominic Solanke ahead of the new season, they have maintained a core group of top players. "I won't say that we can immediately win the title, but I think we have a squad who can compete for the title," Wijnaldum said in Hong Kong, where Liverpool are competing in the Premier League Asia Trophy. *Reuters*



Mourinho 'ready for 15 years' at Old Trafford

LOS ANGELES - Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho has revealed he is targeting a 15-year stay at Old Trafford, telling ESPN in an interview he wants to restore the stability of the Alex Ferguson era.

Mourinho, who took over the Premier League giants last year, told the network's website that he is desperate to deliver sustained success over a long-term period just as Ferguson did over nearly three decades.

United have not won the Premier League title since Ferguson's retirement in 2013, with the club struggling to rediscover its dominance under David Moyes and Louis van Gaal.

Mourinho has never spent longer than three years as manager of a club during his tro-



READY: Jose Mourinho.

phy-laden career.

But the 54-year-old, speaking as his team prepare to face Manchester City in Houston today in the latest leg of their US tour, insisted he saw United as a long-term project.

"I am ready for this," Mourinho told ESPN. "I am ready for the next 15, I would say. Here?

Yes, why not?

"I have to admit that it is very difficult because of the pressure around our jobs, everybody putting pressure on managers and things that people say that we have to win, but in reality only one can win and every year it is getting more difficult. *AFP*

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NO IMPROVED PACKAGE FOR BVUMA

JOHANNESBURG - South African Football Players Union (SAFPU) president Tebogo Monyai is not happy that Kaizer Chiefs are dragging their feet in offering goalkeeper Bruce Bvuma an improved contract.

This is after the goalkeeper made headlines two months ago - after news broke that he was earning a paltry R5 000 a month since he earned promotion to the first team March, 2017.

"We have always wanted to engage Chiefs to sort out this issue regarding Bruce Bvuma, but they don't want to cooperate. So we are forced to go out to the public about this matter," Monyai

told The Sowetan. Bvuma got promoted to the first team following injuries to Itumeleng Khune and Brilliant Khuzwayo and played two games towards the end of last season. "Chiefs are claiming that Bvuma's contract where he earns R5 000 is a junior contract, but if you look at the contract, it was signed on the 28th March 2017," stated.

Goal



Chippa United confirm Mark Mayambela return from Ajax

PORT ELIZABETH - Chippa United boss Siviwe Mpengesi is confident Mark Mayambela will impress on his return to the Chilli Boys.

As was revealed on KickOff.com, Mayambela penned a three-year contract with United from Ajax Cape Town.

"We are delighted to have him back in Port Elizabeth to finish what he started," Mpengesi told his club's website.

"Chippa United will give him a platform to fulfill the potential he showed in his early years in the PSL."

"The club has grown since Mark left and we have different objectives now."

"We have no doubt that he will add value to the growth of the brand, on and off the field."

The former Orlando Pirates and Bloemfontein Celtic playmaker previously spent six months with the Chilli Boys in 2015, scoring twice in 10 Premiership starts.



THE RETURN: Mark Mayambela.

The 29-year-old then had a brief stay at SuperSport United before reviving his career at Ajax last term with three goals and two assists in 22 league outings.

Chippa have also recruited goalkeeper Brighton Mhlomo from Pirates ahead of the 2017/18 season. **Kickoff**

SSU need to be more like Wits, says Stanley Matthews

PRETORIA - SuperSport United could have a new home in the coming seasons with the club currently in talks over a potential deal to move to the Caledonian Stadium.

Matsatsantsa currently call the Lucas Moripe Stadium in Atteridgeville home, but it seems the club's hierarchy are growing concerned by the lack of supporters at the stadium. Their current home stadium has a capacity of close to 30 000, but even with their domestic success, it has proven an endless struggle to fill the stadium.

Nonetheless, SuperSport's Chief Executive Officer Stanley Matthews

has revealed that the club are looking to move to a more compact venue as they hope to create a more intimate atmosphere. However, a move to a new venue is unlikely to materialise during the 2017/2018 Premier Soccer League season.

Solution

"We are in talks with the city council about taking over Caledonian Stadium and reviving it," Matthews told The Times.

"We feel that it could be a viable solution for us, a 6 000-7 000 seater stadium, close to the city hub where people can walk to the game."

Goal

Menzo disappointed in AWOL defender Rivaldo Coetzee

CAPE TOWN - Ajax Cape Town coach Stanley Menzo has voiced his disappointment over Rivaldo Coetzee's absence from pre-season training.

The 20-year-old Bafana Bafana defender has gone AWOL, making his intentions to leave the club very clear.

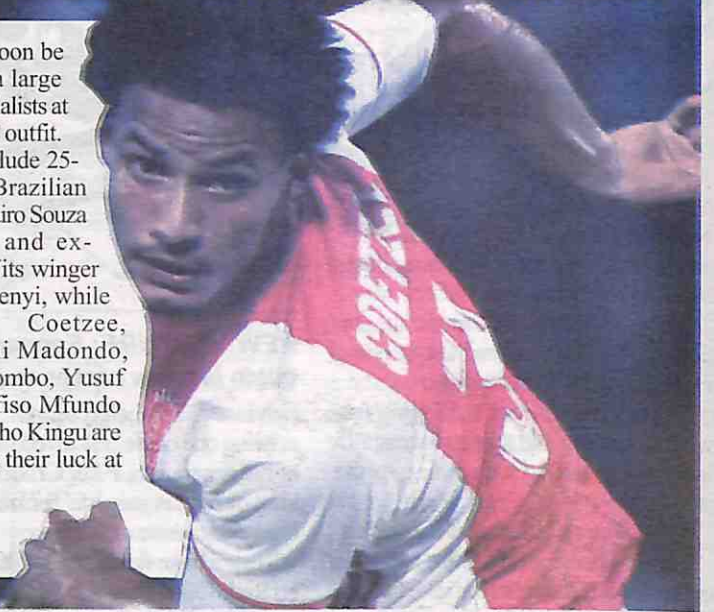
Menzo, a former Holland assistant coach, told reporters: "I'm disappointed, very disappointed. Look, for me it's football and it's a small world. It shows no respect for the teammates, for me."

"If it's an issue with the club then keep it with the club don't bring it to the teammates that work with you - it's a bit silly and petty but okay that's it. We make choices in life and sometime we make not the best choices but it's petty and it's not good." Meanwhile, Menzo said a deci-

sion will soon be made on a large group of trialists at the coastal outfit.

They include 25-year-old Brazilian defender Jairo Souza da Silva and ex-Bidvest Wits winger Ejike Uzoenyi, while Coldrin Coetzee, Khulekani Madondo, Mango Dombo, Yusuf Jappie, Sifiso Mfundo and Nakouho Kingu are also trying their luck at Ikamva.

Kickoff



Bloemfontein Celtic sign Ndumiso Mabena and Lucky Baloyi

BLOEMFONTEIN - Bloemfontein Celtic have further reinforced their squad for the new season with the capture of Ndumiso Mabena and Lucky Baloyi.

With goals proving hard to come by last season, Siwelele have turned to Mabena - snapping up the free agent after he failed to agree on a renewal with Platinum Stars.

As reported by KickOff.com yesterday, the 30-year-old hitman links up with Celtic on a two-year-deal.

Lucky Baloyi joins the Free State-based club after being offloaded by Kaizer Chiefs following a season in which he made only seven appearances for the Glamour Boys.

The duo join alongside Given Mashinkinya, who arrived at the club yesterday from Cape Town City as part of a swap deal with the departing Lyle Lakay.



Celtic CEO Khumbulani Konco confirmed the capture of Mabena and Baloyi, clarifying the lengths of their respective contracts.

"Yes, both players have signed two-year contracts plus an option," Konco tells KickOff.com.

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NATIONS CUP TO BE EXPANDED AND TIMING CHANGED - CAF

RABAT - The African Nations Cup finals are set to be expanded to 24 teams and moved to dates in June and July but will continue to be held every two years after recommendations on the tournament at a symposium in Morocco yesterday.

The decision must still be ratified by the Confederation of African Football's executive committee, but that could come as early as

today when they meet in Rabat.

The recommendations were made after a workshop on the future of the tournament that included much of CAF's leadership, and the decision is expected to be rubber-stamped.

The timing of the Nations Cup finals has been contentious as it has been played in January, in the middle of the league season in Europe. The majority of Nations Cup players come from European clubs and increasingly found themselves drawn into a club versus country tug-of-war.

The increase in teams follows the expansion of the European Championship last year, which African observers said

had been a success.

"From a sporting perspective, it will allow more opportunity for footballers across the continent. It will increase revenue for CAF and we can triple our income. It will also force more infrastructure development," said Nigerian Football Federation President Amaju Pinnock, who is also a CAF executive committee member.

But the tournament will not be cut to once every four years as in Europe because its revenue remains a cornerstone of CAF's income. It also provides much needed competitive matches in the qualifying competition for smaller African associations, whose limited

finances means they rely heavily on state support. Such support across Africa is readily given for official competitions as opposed to friendly internationals.

The symposium also recommended much stricter standards on stadia for the finals and said future hosts would have to prove they had the necessary infrastructure, particularly high quality pitches and hotels for teams.

These are problems that have bedeviled previous Nations Cup finals.

The proposal to increase the scale of the finals to 24 teams did raise some opposition at the symposium, however. **Reuters**

Peter Crouch set to begin new career as radio DJ

LONDON - Ahead of the 2017-18 season, most players are preparing for the new campaign on pre-season tours and by building their fitness, but Stoke City's Peter Crouch will be busy with a different project altogether.

The former England international striker is set to make his debut on July 24, but not for a new club!

Instead, the 36-year-old will be presenting the Radio X Evening Show for two weeks as cover for regular host Gordon Smart.

Crouch is eager to get started in his new temporary position, where he will be playing some of his favourite songs and entertaining fans with anecdotes from his football career.

"I love Radio X and the music the station plays so I'm excited about being in the hot seat," Crouch said.

"I have a few stories I'm looking forward to sharing and some visitors I'm looking forward to welcoming to the studio.

All will be revealed next week!"

Radio X Managing Editor Matt Deverson explained why they chose to give Crouch



NEW VENTURE: Former England international Peter Crouch to begin his new career as a Radio DJ.

a chance as a radio presenter. "As well as being one of the best loved footballers of his generation, Peter Crouch is well known for his passion for music and legendary sense of humour.

"He is a huge fan of the music we play on Radio X so I know he's looking for-

ward to entertaining listeners, playing his favourite records as well as revealing a story or two from his incredible career. We can't wait for him to get behind the mic for what I'm sure will be a hugely entertaining couple of weeks."

Goal.com



Rosberg meets United players at pre-season camp in the USA

LOS ANGELES - Any visitors to Los Angeles will expect to bump into celebrities, though one would think it would more likely be a movie star than a racing driver.

However that is who the Manchester United players met during their training camp.

Reigning F1 champion Nico Rosberg visited the squad, and was presented with a shirt featuring his name on the back.

Rosberg, who retired from F1 last season after winning his maid-

en world title, seemed just as pleased to have met the players, making sure he got a selfie.

The German also shook hands and took pictures with Manager Jose Mourinho and newly crowned club captain Michael Carrick.

He also got a shirt with the number six on the back, meaning he shares the digit with midfielder Paul Pogba. United are in the USA for a five game tour, with matches against some of the world's biggest sides planned in the coming days. **Daily Mail**

Motupa eager to excel at Baroka FC

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana striker Gift Motupa is looking forward to the new season following his return to Baroka FC on loan from Orlando Pirates.

After scoring in Bafana's 2-0 win over Botswana in the Chan 2018 qualifier over the weekend, Motupa is excited to go 'back home' where it all started for him as a professional footballer.

"I can't wait for the new season to start, as I will be able to play in the PSL week in and week out," Motupa told Daily Sun. "But in the meantime, we (Bafana) have to beat

Botswana on Saturday and qualify for the next round of Chan," he continued. During his two-year stay at Bucs, Motupa made 34 appearances in all competitions scoring only two goals.

Goal.com

Szczesny signs with Juventus from Arsenal for €12.2m

MILAN - Juventus have completed the signing of goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny from Arsenal for an initial fee of €12.2million.

The Poland international has signed a four-year contract with the Serie A champions after undergoing a medical on Tuesday.

The value of Szczesny's transfer could

eventually rise to €15.3m depending on certain conditions being met over the course of his contract.

Szczesny has spent the past two seasons in Serie A on loan at Roma.

He joined Arsenal from Legia Warsaw as a youngster and went on to make 181 appearances in all competitions before the arrivals of David Ospina and Petr

Cech left him looking elsewhere for first-team opportunities.

Szczesny's path to the starting XI at Juve is likely to be blocked by an all-time great, with Gianluigi Buffon preparing for a career swansong in 2017-18.

"I'm delighted to be at Juventus," he told a news conference.

Goal.com

Riyad Mahrez puts himself in the shop window

HONG KONG - Riyad Mahrez came as close as you can get to saying 'I want to leave Leicester' without actually saying 'I want to leave Leicester' with his May come-and-get-me statement.

It would appear that, even in this ludicrous market, the £50m valuation the club have put on his head may well have scuppered his chances of leav-

ing so far.

That may well change, but if Mahrez does go, one of his final touches in a blue shirt was noteworthy. Picking up the ball on the edge of the centre-circle here, with the Foxes a goal down to Albion, he surged to the edge of the box before cracking a low drive into the bottom corner.

Daily Mail





ITS A GOAL: Lewandowski sent Petr Cech the wrong way after Ainsley Maitland-Niles had fouled Juan Bernat in the penalty area. (Daily Mail)



SCORES: In the 92nd minute Iwobi scored an uncharacteristic diving header to send the game to penalties, which Arsenal won 3-2. (Daily Mail)

GUNNERS WIN PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY ON SPOT KICKS

SHANGHAI - Arsene Wenger got the defensive test he was seeking against Bayern Munich - the only problem was Arsenal had very few genuine defenders on the pitch to benefit.

Per Mertesacker pulled out before kick-off feeling ill, Laurent Koscielny did not feature and Sead Kolasinac was forced off before half-time.

Olivier Giroud was also unwell and stayed in the hotel, all of which raised the usual questions about the sense in combining pre-season training schedules with the sweltering tropical heat of venues such as Shanghai.

Assistant Manager Steve Bould was another conspicuous by his absence on the bench, which was a shame because he might have been useful at centre-half.

Arsenal finished the game with a back-five of Reiss Nelson, Ainsley Maitland-Niles, Mohamed Elneny, Nacho Monreal and Cohen Bramhall and, all things considered, they responded very well.

They went behind to a Robert Lewandowski penalty, early in the

game, but Alex Iwobi summoned an equaliser with the very last kick of the game, heading in from an Aaron Ramsey cross.

Arsenal went on to win 3-2 on penalties with back-up goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez saving two spot-kicks.

It was a remarkable outcome considering what had gone before. Bayern picked a strong side and started with purpose, looking closer to a team ready to start the season. They seemed to cope better with the stifling heat, helped by

the fact they had the ball for most of the game but paid the price for squandering chances.

The only goal for Carlo Ancelotti's side was Lewandowski's penalty, confidently converted after a clumsy challenge by Maitland-Niles on Juan Bernat in the ninth minute.

It was a soft decision by the Chinese referee, Bernat went down with barely a trace of contact and the decision would have been heavily disputed were it not just part of a glorified training exercise.

Daily Mail

Dladla throws his weight behind coach Komphela

JOHANNESBURG - Former Kaizer Chiefs midfielder Josta Dladla says Steve Komphela's efforts so far at Amakhosi warrant an extended stay for the coach.

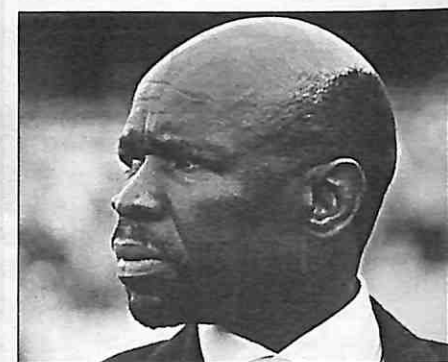
The Glamour Boys are yet to claim silverware under the tutelage of the 50-year-old coach.

However, Dladla says he saw evidence of Chiefs coming right under Komphela last season and urges the current crop of players to start pulling their weight.

"It takes time for them [players] to understand what the coach wants, but you can see that in the second season he [Komphela] was much better," Dladla said.

"So, I mean if he keeps the same players they'll know what the coach wants and when he goes for the [new] players he will know where he lacks [when signing]. So, I think next season [2017/18 season] it's going to be much better for him.

Kickoff



SHOULD STAY: Kaizer Chiefs Coach Steve Komphela.



RANKS HIGH: Hashim Amla.

AMLA, PHILANDER MOVE UP IN ICC RANKINGS

CAPE TOWN - Proteas batsman Hashim Amla is back in the top 10 of the latest ICC Test batsmen rankings after his performance in the second Test against England.

Amla moved up six places to seventh spot with knocks of 78 and 87 at Trent Bridge.

Meanwhile, Proteas all-rounder Vernon Philander also made a

charge in the all-rounder rankings after his man-of-the-match performance in helping the Proteas win the Test by 340 runs to square their four-match Test series at 1-1. Philander scored 54 and 42 and grabbed five wickets to move up two places and break into the Top 5 in a list led by Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan.

Sport24

TOP 10 TEST BATSMEN:

1. Steve Smith (AUS) - 941
2. Joe Root (ENG) - 886
3. K. Williamson (NZ) - 880
4. C. Pujara (IND) - 846
5. Virat Kohli (IND) - 818
6. Quinton de Kock (SA) - 793
7. Hashim Amla (SA) - 778
8. Azhar Ali (PAK) - 769
9. David Warner (AUS) - 759
10. Lokesh Rahul (IND) - 739

Top 10 Test bowlers:

1. Ravindra Jadeja (IND) - 898
2. Rangana Herath (SL) - 866
3. Ravichandran Ashwin (IND) - 865
4. Josh Hazlewood (AUS) - 826
5. James Anderson (ENG) - 826
6. Stuart Broad (ENG) - 785
7. Kagiso Rabada (SA) - 785
8. Dale Steyn (SA) - 787
9. Vernon Philander (SA) - 767
10. Neil Wagner (NZ) - 745

TOP 5 TEST ALL-ROUNDERS:

1. Shakib Al Hasan (BAN) - 431
2. Ravindra Jadeja (IND) - 422
3. Ravichandran Ashwin (IND) - 413
4. Moeen Ali (ENG) - 379
5. Vernon Philander (SA) - 351

SOLANKE, ORIGI ON TARGET IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG - Dominic Solanke announced himself as a Liverpool player with the opening goal as Jurgen Klopp's side overcame Crystal Palace 2-0 in the Premier League Asia trophy.

The 19-year-old joined Liverpool from Chelsea in May before being named player of the tournament in England's triumphant Under-20 World Cup campaign.

Solanke came on as a second-half substitute against Ronald de Boer's Palace and offered a suggestion he can transfer that form to senior football with an excellent finish before fellow replacement Divock Origi

made sure of victory.

Daniel Sturridge led the Liverpool attack, flanked by record signing Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino as Klopp's men made most of the early running, pressing Palace high up the field.

Sturridge might have opened the scoring in the 13th minute after Ben Woodburn and Trent Alexander-Arnold linked impressively down the right, but the England striker did not make a clean contact and Scott Dann blocked his effort behind.

Salah's pace caused Palace persistent problems and Dann was booked for a cynical foul on the Egypt star,

whose lay-off was lifted wide by Adam Lallana on the stroke of the interval. A raft of substitutions early in the second period interrupted the game's flow but it was two of the new arrivals who combined to break the deadlock with an hour played.

Origi's instinctive flick was collected by Solanke, who engineered space and lashed past Wayne Hennessey from 20 yards. Not to be denied, Origi also got on the scoresheet 13 minutes from time, when Palace failed to deal with James Milner's ball in from the left and the Belgium forward scrambled home the loose ball at the far post. *Daily Mail*

Chelsea confident of completing deal for Real Madrid's Morata

LONDON - Chelsea are hoping to reach an agreement with Real Madrid for Alvaro Morata after holding more positive talks.

The Spanish champions have been pushing for £75 million for the 24-year-old and believe a deal can be concluded with Chelsea.

AC Milan had shown interest but are concentrating their efforts on Torino's Andrea Belotti while another option for Milan and Chelsea, Pierre Emerick Aubameyang is expected to stay at Borussia Dortmund.

Morata has long been a favourite with Antonio Conte and the Chelsea manager agreed his new two-year contract in the knowledge the club

would push to deliver quality additions to his title-winning squad.

Though disappointed at missing out on Romelu Lukaku, Conte worked with Morata at Juventus and wanted him last summer. Madrid want to sell Morata and full-back Danilo to offset their bid for Monaco forward Kylian Mbappe. Danilo is expected to join Manchester City from Real Madrid for £26 million. The Brazilian full-back is in the USA on Madrid's tour and is expected to fly across to link up with City over the next 48 hours. The clubs are close to agreement on a fee for the 26-year-old with an expected £4m to follow in additions. *Daily Mail*



POSITIVE TALKS: Alvaro Morata.



WHAT IS MINISTER 'CRUISER'S BIG SURPRISE?

● National Sports Associations have been summoned to the SWSC offices in Ezulwini tomorrow at 12 noon

WELCOME to yet another edition of your favourite read.

It has been a busy month for the for the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC), which is the supreme governing body for sport in the land.

You will recall that the Shukuma Football Tournament, which pitted all 55 Tinkhundla Centres had taken centre stage in the last month or so.

It has been scintillating football action countrywide, something, which we at the SNSRC stand and advocate for.

Our vision is to create a well regulated and coordinated sport indus-



BIG SURPRISE: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala.

try that promotes a healthy, passionate, proud and winning nation.

It is also our mission to develop and regulate all sports and recre-

ation activities in the kingdom through quality sport and recreation programmes and facilitating maximum access to resources and opportunities for Swazi citizens.

The Shukuma Football Tournament has proved to be a hit in the communities, even though we did experience some minor teething problems. These will obviously help us prepare for a bigger and better tournament next year.

Tournament

The tournament has seen three regional champions emerge. These are Mkhweni (Manzini), Mpolonjeni (Lubombo) and Mbabane East (Hhohho). We still have a pend-

ing game between Kubuta and Shiselweni II, which is set to be replayed this Saturday, as the initial game could not be finished due to darkness, well at least according to the match officials' reports.

Kubuta Inkhundla has now lodged an appeal against the decision of the tournament's Management Committee (MC) to order a replay of the abandoned final. It is within their rights to do so, as per the football rules and regulations.

Worth noting is that before the initial game was abandoned, Kubuta were leading 1-0.

The tournament MC has already ordered both teams to take to the field at the same venue, the King Sobhuza Memorial Stadium.

Appeal

Depending on how the MV treats the appeal, both teams are expected to take to the field of play at exactly 12 noon to determine the Shiselweni Region Champions.

The nation will recall that we are still to host the Shukuma Football Champ of Champs tournament, which will be played in one day.

This is where the respective regional champions will fight it out for the national champions title.

The main day is slated for August 20th during the SPTC Charity Cup play-off to pit elite league sides in Moneni Pirates against Manzini Sundowns. This will be the day we see the crowning of the National Champ

This means we will stage the semi-finals of the Champ of Champs on the weekend of 5-6 August.

The finalists will have a two-week rest before the finals on August 20, which is sufficient time for them to prepare because we want the nation to witness top shelf football on the day.

MINISTER 'CRUISER'S GIFT TO ASSOCIATIONS

THE Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala will be addressing all the country's National Sports Associations (NSAs) in an event, which is slated for tomorrow at the Swaziland Water Services Corporation offices in Ezulwini.

It is an event not to be missed by our NSAs.

It is not every day where one finds the minister addressing associations at the same gathering. It starts at 12 noon.

We are all looking forward to the minister's address.

Darts: What are they?

The Swaziland National Darts Association (SNDA) was established in 1978. It has 16 registered teams and is a member of the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council.

The SNDA is affiliated to the Zone VI Darts Federation. Worth noting is that the SNDA has a four-year strategic plan (2015 to 2019). The Swaziland Royal Humane Corporation is the association's main sponsor. Other development sponsors Orsett include Plus & Minus Accounting, Just Print and Your Advantage Sports.

Two main highlights have been the consistency of the SRIC sponsorship and playing all competitions at alcohol free places thereby opening the sport to all interested including children. Enjoy the read, as we profile this up-and-coming association, which is taking the sporting fraternity by storm.



The SNDA Executive

President – Michael 'Scara' Gama

Vice President – Musa Manyatsi

Secretary General – Phumlani 'Kofi' Ndwandwe

Vice Secretary – Bheki Nkonyane

Treasurer – Jethro Ndzingane

Members – Normi Nhlabatsi and Sihle Zwane

Mission Statement

The Swaziland National Darts Association aims to increase participation of all age groups and gender. Promotion and education of all people will be key in raising awareness of the sport. To develop and enhance more stakeholders' partnerships for the use of facilities.

Vision

- To develop the sport ensuring that it becomes one of the most popular sports in the country and secure more sponsorships.
- Being accountable and promote good governance.
- To attain more medals in international tournaments.

Organisational goals

- Organise darts sports into formidable organisation by all age groups particularly the youth in schools and ensure representation at regional tournaments.
- Coordinate, develop and promote darts throughout the country.
- Provide opportunities for participation in darts to all members of the community in an ongoing and meaningful basis by using all possible venues including youth centres, community halls and Tinkhundla centres.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive structure for junior participation and development and elite player development.
- Provide a safe and enjoyable sport to the community.
- To increase awareness and importance of darts among the people of Swaziland.
- Achieve a highly consistent standard of coaching and officiating while increasing the number of officials and coaches in the country.
- Maintain a long-term financial availability of the association to enable it to implement its development pro-

Darts as a sport

DARTS is a form of throwing sport in which small missiles are thrown at a circular dartboard fixed to a wall.

Though various boards and rules have been used in the past, the term 'darts' usually now refers to a standardised game involving a specific board design and set of rules. As well as being a professional competitive sport, darts is a traditional pub game commonly played in Britain and Ireland, across the Commonwealth, the Netherlands,

The standard dartboard is divided into 20 numbered sections, scoring from one to 20 points, by wires Germany, Africa and of course in most countries across the globe even in small Swaziland.

Various games can be played (and still are played informally) using the standard dartboard. However, in the official game, any dart landing inside the outer wire scores as follows:

- Hitting one of the large portions of each of the numbered sections, traditionally alternately coloured black and white, scores the points value of that section.
- Hitting the thin inner portions of these sections, roughly halfway between the outer wire and the central circle coloured red or green, scores triple the points value of that section.

grammes and projects in an orderly, responsible and cost effective manner.

- Bring the awareness to the authorities and youth custodians; parents, teachers and organised groups amongst others.

- To cultivate good relationships between the SNDA and the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council

- Hitting the thin outer portions of these sections, again coloured red or green, scores double the points value of that section. The double-20 is often referred to as double-top, reflecting the 20's position on the dartboard.

The central circle is divided into a green outer ring worth 25 points (known as "outer", "outer bull", or "iris") and a red or black inner circle (usually known as "bull", "inner bull" or "double bull"), worth 50 points. The term "bullseye" can mean either the whole central part of the board or just the inner red/black section.

The term "bull's ring" usually means just the green outer ring. The inner bull counts as a double when doubling in or out. Hitting outside the outer wire scores nothing.

Any dart that does not remain in the board until it is collected by the player (for example, a dart that hits a wire and bounces out of the board or drops out with the impact of a later throw) also scores nothing; exception should be noted if play is on any electronic board: darts falling out are counted.

A dart only scores if its point is embedded in or is touching the playing surface. A dart that hits the board side on or at an angle but does not fall off because it is held in place by two other darts, for example, will score either equal to where its point touches or not at all.

and stakeholders.

Quote of the week

"The trouble with referees is that they know the rules, but they do not know the game."

– Bill Shankly (Liverpool's greatest manager of all time)

CHQ BEATS LOG LEADERS SIDWASHINI IN COMGEN'S CUP

By Sibusiso Dlamini

CHQ.....1(0)
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SOCCER - Correctional Headquarters (CHQ) recorded an emphatic 1-0 victory after a hard-fought game against Sidwashini in the Commissioner General's League.

These two giants met at the TB centre sports ground over the past weekend, a clash which marked the end of the first round games.

The clash between the two sides kept the supporters at the edge of their seats as they have each other a run for their money inside the field of play.



HARD LUCK: Log leaders in the tournament Sidwashini Correctional lost 0-1 to Correctional Headquarters during their game last Saturday.

CHQ's efforts paid off in the 35th minute and it was through midfielder Nkosinathi Dlamini who tapped inside the net a pass from Sakhile Dlamini

inside the box.

After the recess, Sidwashini came back guns blazing but their efforts were in vain as they failed to find the elusive equaliser.

In the 79th minute, CHQ were denied a penalty by the opposition's stopper Mduduzi Fakudze who made an astounding save inside a box.

Draw

Other games played on the day saw Malkerns play to a one all draw against College while Big Bend beat Remand 2-1

Despite the loss Sidwashini remain at the top of the log and are followed by defending champions Matsapha while CHQ occupies the third spot.

The Commissioner's Cup is sponsored to a tune of E300 000 by the Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase.

CHQ: Sikhumbuzo Mhlanga, Simanga 'Fuma' Dlamini, Mbhekwa Matsebula, Dominic Dlamini, Simanga Nkambule, Shana Gama, Njabulo 'Koko' Gama, Nkosinathi Dlamini, Sakhile Dlamini, Thokozani Vilakati, Bongani Mabuza (Adebayo).

Sidwashini: Mduduzi Fakudze, Wandile Mahoko, Phinda Malinga, Sakhile Phiri, Bheki Fakudze, Mangaliso Ndzinisa, Ntobeko Mdluli, Marco Vilakati, Melusi Zungu, Charles Mthembu, Mpendulo Khumalo.

The full results

CHQ	1-0	Mbabane
Malkerns	1-1	College
Pigg's Peak	2-2	Bhalekane
Matsapha	3-3	Nhlangano
Big Bend	2-1	Remand

COMGEN'S LEAGUE MID-SEASON TRANSFER WINDOW OPENS TODAY

SOCCER - The Commissioner General's League mid-season transfer window opens today.

This was confirmed by the league's Public Relations Officer (PRO) Majaha Kunene who spoke on behalf of the President Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase. He stated that the registration of players would begin on July 20 and will run until August 5.

The transfer will be conducted at Criminal Health Centre on weekends starting at 8am to 4pm.

Ntshangase urged teams to sign new players in order to beef up their squads for the second round of the season to resume this coming weekend.

The commissioner general emphasised that the regulations were clear



ALL SET: Pigg's Peak Correctional posing before their clash against Big Bend.

that there would be no extensions and/or alterations to this period and that all registrations must be achieved within the stipulated time limits.

Worth noting is that the rules of the tournament allows each team to register 30 players, 20 of which are officers and 10 non-officers.



SHOT: Teams in action during the league games.

THIS WEEKEND FIXTURES

Saturday at College Sports Ground

College	vs	CHQ	9am
Nhlangano	vs	Mbabane	1am

Saturday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground

Bhalekane	vs	Remand	9am
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● Liverpool have had a second bid worth £66m rejected by RB Leipzig for Naby Keita, the German club insisting the player is not for sale. (*Times - subscription required*)

● Antonio Conte has become the highest-paid manager in Chelsea's history on £9.5m a year after the 47-year-old Italian signed an improved two-year deal with the Premier League champions. (*Evening Standard*)

● Liverpool midfielder Kevin Stewart has flown home from the club's tour of Hong Kong after the Reds agreed an £8m deal with Hull City for the 23-year-old. (*Liverpool Echo*)

● West Ham United and Republic of Ireland goalkeeper Darren Randolph, 30, could join Newcastle United after the Hammers signed Manchester City's Joe Hart on a season-long loan. (*Chronicle*)

● Stoke City boss Mark Hughes may move for Schalke's Ukraine winger Yevhen Konoplyanka, 27, as a replacement for Marko Arnautovic, who is set to join West Ham. (*Stoke Sentinel*)

● Former Blackburn Rovers and Congo defender Christopher Samba, 33, could earn a contract at Aston Villa for 2017-18 after impressing manager Steve Bruce in training. (*Birmingham Mail*)

● Former Chelsea youth team defender Alex Davey, 22, has joined League Two Coventry City on trial. (*Coventry Telegraph*)
● Everton midfielder Ross Barkley wants £150 000 a week to join Tottenham and the Toffees are demanding £50m for the 23-year-old. (*Daily Mirror*)

● West Ham are close to signing Mexico's former Manchester United striker Javier Hernandez, 29, from Bayer Leverkusen in a £13m deal. (*Daily Express*)

● Barcelona forward Neymar, 25, has accepted an offer from Paris St-Germain after the French club triggered his £195m release clause. (*Esporte Interativo via Daily Mail*)

● But Barcelona's vice-president, Jordi Mestre, has insisted Brazil international Neymar will not leave the Spanish giants any time soon. (*Daily Star*)

● South American football expert Tim Vickery says Neymar could leave Barcelona to step out of team-mate and Argentina forward Lionel Messi's shadow. (BBC Radio 5 live)

● Spurs face having to pay midfielder Moussa Sissoko to leave the club having spent £30m on the 27-year-old last summer. (*Daily Mail*)

● Arsenal will try to sign Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema, 29, if Alexis Sanchez leaves the club this summer. (*Don Balon via Daily Star*)

SWABA SENDS COACHES, REFEREES TO AIBA COURSES

By Sabelo Majola

BOXING - The Swaziland Boxing Association (SWABA) has sent coaches, referees and judges to South Africa for the Year of Africa initiative that comes with vast boxing certification courses.

The Year of Africa initiative is an operation brought by the International Boxing Association (AIBA) and one of the host cities for the initiative is South Africa.

Through

SWABA Secretary Thabsile Mngometulu said through the financial aid from the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) they were able to send two coaches in Fanana Dlamini and Muzi Shongwe as well as three referees and judges namely Thembi Dlamini, Sandile Kidzo Shongwe and James Nkambule.

The coaching course commenced on July 14 and ends today while the referees and judges' course started on July 18 and ends on Sunday. "We are hopeful that these officials will benefit a lot from these courses and will in turn come back and put into good use what they have learnt for the betterment of the game," she said.



OFF: Local boxers in a group picture with SWABA president Pearl Dlamini (c), secretary Thabsile Mngometulu (front) and coach Fanana Dlamini.

...Five boxers off to Moza friendly next week

THE Swaziland Boxing Association (SWABA) will send five boxers to an invitational tournament slated for Maputo, Mozambique next Friday.

The boxers to be part of the games are Thabiso Dlamini, Sithembiso Mkhwanazi, Zweli Dlamini, Phumlani Tshabalala and Lwando Shongwe.

SWABA Secretary Thabsile Mngomezulu confirmed the

developments yesterday.

"This international friendly is for elite boxers and as SWABA we want to use it as part of the development programme towards the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

Confident

"We are confident that they will compete effectively and represent the country well during the games," she said.

The boxers were in South Africa

last month for a tournament that was held in Johannesburg and they also went to Pretoria for a two-day training in the High Podium Centre.

Below is a team that will travel to Mozambique for the tournament:

Thabiso Dlamini
Sithembiso Mkhwanazi
Zweli Dlamini
Phumlani Tshabalala
Lwando Shongwe

Birds NSC opens two new branches

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - Mbabane Swallows National Supporters Committee has opened new branches in Matsapha and Siphofaneni.

The opening of the supporters' branches was conducted over the past weekend where committee members were elected to ensure progress in these two areas.

NSC Secretary Jackson Dlamini said the move

was aimed increasing the team's support data, especially in these areas.

"We didn't have a branch in Matsapha and Siphofaneni yet there are so many Swallows supporters in both places. We are

happy that the visits by the NSC turned out to be a success because we now have formal branches," he said.

Dlamini also thanked

the supporters who took time and

attended these meeting.

"We had said that we are building our own and everything seems to be on track. I would also like to congratulate those who won the election on the day. We hope they will do their best in upholding the mighty Mbabane Swallows Football Club Brand and also recruit more supporters to join the team and go to the stadiums in numbers," he said.

Matsapha Branch

Chairman: Mduduzi Dube

Vice Chairperson: Nobuhle Dlamini

Secretary: Nothando

Vice Secretary: Knowledge Ngwenya

Treasurer: Fikile Fakudze

Committee Members: Brian Mthupha and Slindile Manthatha

Siphofaneni branch:

Chairman: Wayaba Gamedze

Vice: Wiskey Matse

Secretary: Mlungisi Khumalo

Vice Sec: Mhlembisi Simelane

Treasure: Fikile Mamba

Members: Simon Mngometulu Nathi Dlamini Squash Dlamini.



16 TEAMS FOR MATSAPHA BUILD IT TOURNEY

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - A total of 16 teams will battle it out in the Build It, Matsapha Juniors tournament this weekend.

The teams will be fighting for a spot in the last eight of Matsapha Build It sponsored tournament. Interviewed yesterday Manzini Regional Football Association

(MRFA) Juniors Secretary Muzi Mtsetfwa said the tournament would be played at the Kwaluseni Sports Ground on Saturday starting at 10am.

The teams to be part of the tournament include Ark Academy, Ludzeludze Kicks, Royal Leopard, Highlanders, Real Professional, Young Buffaloes and Matsapha United amongst others.

He said the teams have been divid-

ed into four different groups and that the top two teams in each group would qualify for the next round of the games.

"The last eight will also be divided into two groups of four and these will play in a round-robin format. The top two teams will then qualify for the knockout stages which will then produce the team to represent Matsapha in the national tournament," he said.

The teams:

GROUP A: Super 16, Ark Academy, Ludzeludze Kicks, Manilla

GROUP B: Christ like, Brave Stars, Royal Leopard, Highlanders

GROUP C: Malandelas, Real Professional, Logoba Chelsea, Kwaluseni Heroes, Umtfuti

GROUP D: Young Buffaloes, Matsapha United, Ludzeludze Killers, International, Green Mamba.

AFCON TEAMS INCREASE TO 24

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER-THE Confederation of African Football (CAF) has increased teams to participated in the African Nations Cup (AFCON) finals to 24.

This follows a proposal raised at the (CAF) during a symposium held in Morocco.

The symposium is attended by, amongst others, National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa and CEO Frederick Mngometulu.

Information sourced from **cafonline** is that dates of the tournament are also expected to shift from January to June and July and the recommendations were made after a workshop on the future of the tournament, which included much of CAF's leadership. The decision is expected to be rubber-stamped.

The timing of the Nations Cup finals has been a contentious issue previously as it was played in January, in the middle of the league season in Europe. The majority of Nations Cup players come from European clubs and are increasingly drawn into a difficult club versus country tug-of-war.

The increase in teams follows the expansion of the European Championship last year, which African observers said had been a success.

However, the tournament will still

be contested every two years and will not be played every four years as is the case in Europe because its revenue remains a cornerstone of CAF's income and provides much needed competitive matches in the qualifying competition for smaller African associations, whose limited finances means they rely heavily on state support which, across Africa is readily given for official competition as opposed to friendly internationals.

The decision, however, must still be ratified by the Confederation of African Football's executive committee but that could come today when they meet in Rabat.

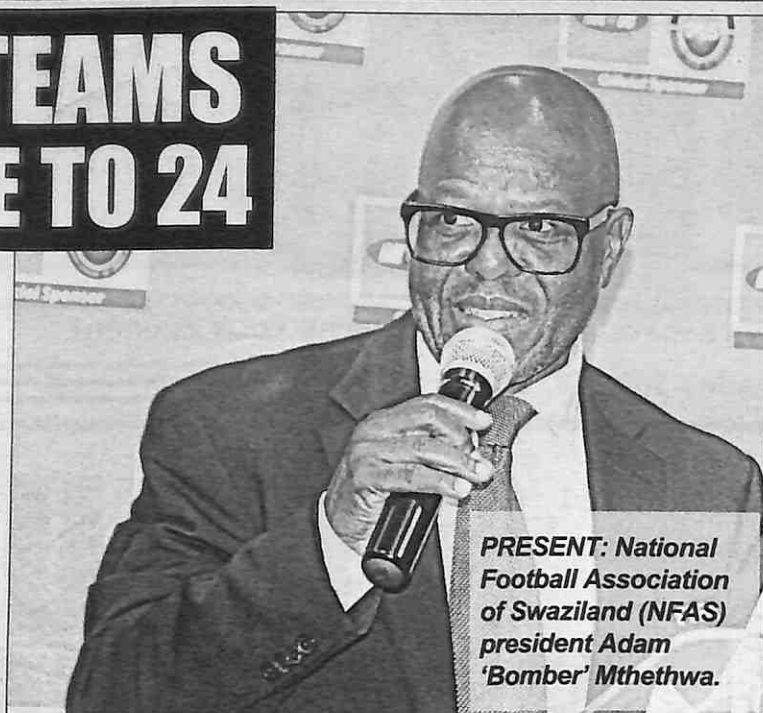
"From a sporting perspective, it will allow more opportunity for footballers across the continent. It will increase revenue for CAF and we can triple our income. It will also force more

infrastructure development," said Amaju Pinnock, the Nigerian Football Federation president, who is also a CAF executive committee member.

The symposium also recommended much stricter standards on stadia for the finals and said future hosts would have to prove they had the necessary infrastructure, particularly high quality pitches and hotels for teams as these are problems that have bedevilled previous Nations Cup finals.

The proposal to raise the finals to 24 teams did prompt some opposition at the symposium on Wednesday.

"This will restrict to just a handful the number of African countries who are able to host future Nations Cup," said former Cameroon goalkeeper Joseph-Antoine Bell, one of over 200 African football personalities at the symposium.



PRESENT: National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) president Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa.

Its Govt versus Mobondweni in Scara Thindwa finals

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER - MATSAPHA Government and Mabondweni now have a date to decide on who will claim this year's Scara Thindwa Under-13 title.

The two teams emerged victorious in the semi-finals of the tournament played at the Manzini Club yesterday.

It was a sweet victory for Government when they thumped defending champions Lulakeni 3-1 after losing to the Shiselweni side last year.

Government started on a high note, scoring three quick goals in the first half of the game.

After the recess, Lulakeni came back as the much stronger side, as they started passing the ball with more urgency. Their attack showed intention, but they failed to come back

from the three goal deficit as the Matsapha defense marshaled by their no-nonsense captain Sizolwethu Vilakati who plies his trade with Correctional services side Green Mamba's Under-13 development team proved to be a force to reckon with. In the second match, two gasp goals by Mabondweni were enough to send Black Mbuluzi packing.

The match was a physical encounter as both sides matched each other pound for pound and thus the match went into half with none of the teams having broken the deadlock.

After the recess, Mabondweni upped their performance and unlocked the Mbuluzi defense. They eventually got the elusive opener 10 minutes before time. Thando 'Stjivovo' Sihlongonyane then doubled the lead in the 88th minute with a stunning long range shot that went to the top left corner of the net.



TSAMAYA: A Mabondweni player dribbling past a Black Mbuluzi Player. This was during the semi-finals of the Scara Thindwa tournament bankrolled by SRIC to a tune of E170 000. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)

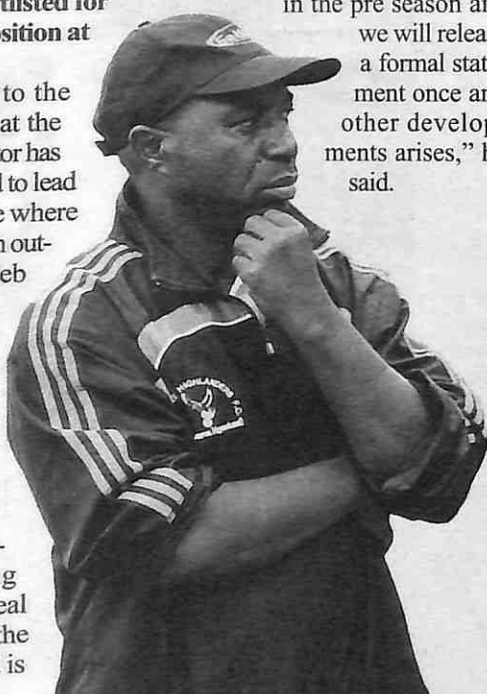
SIMFUKWE SHORTLISTED FOR MIDAS CITY JOB

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER- Former Mbabane Highlanders and Moneni Pirates coach Happy Simfukwe is said to have been shortlisted for the head coach position at Midas City.

A source close to the matter revealed that the Zambian born mentor has been recommended to lead the capital city side where he is competing with outgoing mentor Caleb Ngwenya.

"A member of the technical team has recommended that Simfukwe should come and lead the team in the new season due to his experience in local football. He is being described as an ideal candidate to lead the team but the board is yet to take a decision over the matter," the source said. The team's board



SHORTLISTED: Highlanders and Moneni Pirates coach Happy Simfukwe.

of Directors Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli said they were yet to take a decision regarding their technical bench.

"We are currently having a interim coach in 'Lalas' Zulu who has been tasked to drill the team in the pre season and we will release a formal statement once any other developments arises," he said.

Masiza bags gold in Botswana Open

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER-Local veteran tennis player Masiza Ntshangase has brought back a gold medal from the Botswana Open held over the past weekend.

Ntshangase won in both the singles and the doubles category under the veteran category.

He defeated Mohammed of Botswana in the singles finals while his tag team with Botswana's Peter, who once plied

his trade in the country, saw them go all the way to claim gold in the doubles.

"We had a sterling tournament in Botswana. It was good practice and I'm happy with my performance and looking forward to other tournaments," he said.

There seasoned local duo of Bruce Gama and Thulani Gina were unfortunate not to attain a podium finish as they lost in the quarterfinals in both the singles and the doubles in the same

tournament which was sponsored by Toyota.

Another international event for the players is yet to be confirmed and is scheduled for Mozambique between September and October.

Meanwhile, this coming weekend will see the Under-12 and Under-16 boys and girls in action at the UNISWA tennis court.

The games will form part of the in the Swaziland Building Society (SBS) sponsored juniors development programme that seeks to nurture and develop young talent in the sport.

PLS DEVELOPMENT AWARDS TOMORROW

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER- Development kings Young Buffaloes and Manzini Sundowns will finally be rewarded for their achievements during the end of season awards to be held at the Esibayeni Lodge tomorrow.

The event will see the official crowning of 'Buffaloes as the Esibayeni Lodge U-17 E200 000 League champions and Sundowns receiving their inaugural PLS Reserve League crown.

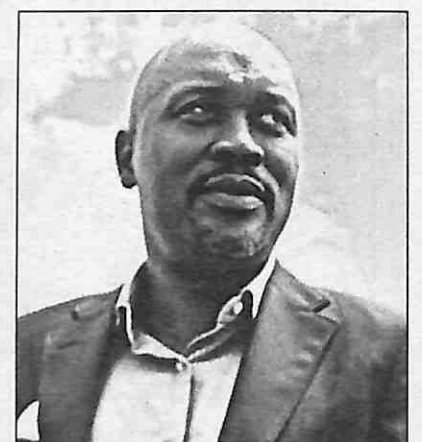
PLS Development Communications Officer Dumisani 'DU' Sibandze said the event would start at 2pm. He said they were expecting Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Chairman Victor Gamedze and Esibayeni Lodge Managing

Director Desmond Oswin to attend the event.

"We will be presenting awards this coming Friday (tomorrow) to both champions both in U-17 and Reserve League. All the teams are expected to be at the venue by 1.30pm. The two teams are urged to bring their entire squads while the others need to bring at least two representatives," he said.

Sibandze also mentioned that the chairman had also introduced three new categories in the awards.

"The chairman has seen the need to motivate the players and the officials in the two leagues hence he has introduced three new awards in the Best Defender, Best Midfielders and Best Manager and they will also honour the outstanding development products that

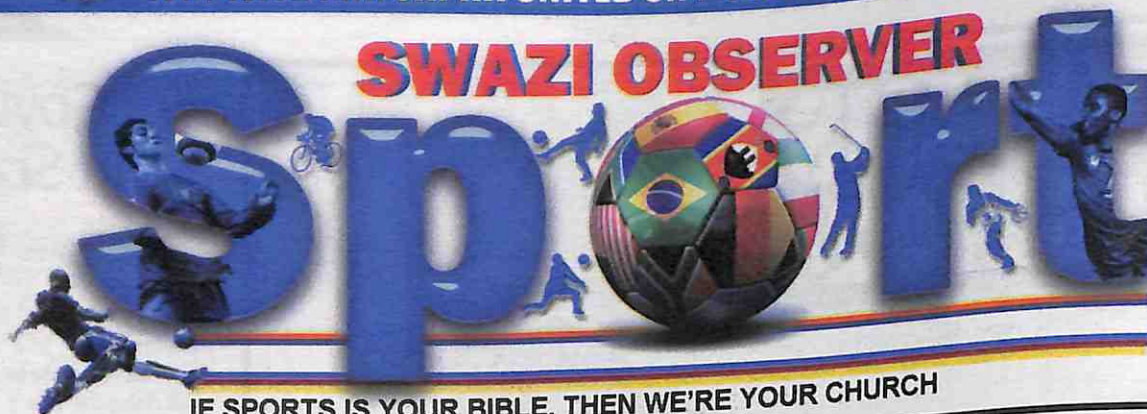


BOSS: Swaziland (PLS) Chairman Victor Gamedze.

are playing in top flight football," he further said.

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KING URGES SIHLANGU TO WIN IN ZAMBIA

● His Majesty jokingly says team was being diplomatic ahead of Zambia President's visit after losing to Chipolopolo in CHAN qualifiers.

By Lungelo Nkambule

SOCCER – His Majesty King Mswati III has implored the country's national team, Sihlangu, to avenge the 0-4 loss against Zambia on Saturday.

Sihlangu suffered a crippling 0-4 loss to their Zambian counterparts in the first leg of the 2018 CHAN qualifiers at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Speaking at a state banquet held at Loziha Palace on Tuesday following President Edgar Lungu's arrival, His Majesty

joked that the loss was a sign of courtesy to Zambia in preparation for the President's visit to country.

He said he believes that national team players had been made aware of Lungu's visit hence extended a kind gesture to Chipolopolo during the game

Ties

"I believe the boys were made aware of your visit Your Excellency hence losing the game on Sunday. This may just strengthen diplomatic ties between the two States. We expect Sihlangu to win the return leg in Zambia," he said. President

Lungu, who arrived in the country on Tuesday, was smiling and nodding assumably in agreement with His Majesty as he made these remarks.

The nation's pride is expected to leave the country today and travel for the second leg encounter slated for the Heroes Stadium on Saturday.

Worth noting is that the result did not go down well with many Sihlangu fans who resorted to insulting the Dutch born coach and further called on the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) to recall former Head Coach Madze Harries Bulunga.

New wheels for Mbabane Highlanders

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – In the midst of player transfer issues troubling the team, Mbabane Highlanders have bought a luxury Nissan quantum worth about E400 000.

The quantum has already been branded with the team's customary black and white colors and its picture has been making rounds in social networks.

Highlanders' mouthpiece Paul Masilela could neither confirm nor deny the purchase of the vehicle stating that he had not been formally informed on the new wheels but heard the rumors about the vehicle.

"I heard about the purchase of a new quantum for the team but the management has not engaged me on developments of this nature so I am in no position to confirm it," he said.

Highlanders' Chairman of the



Board of Directors Zweli Jele was not co-operative when contacted on the matter.

Reclaimed

Highlanders had been allegedly using a sprinter that they got from South African based businessman Thabo Shabangu and the latter is believed to have reclaimed it.

Meanwhile, the team's target in Moneni Pirates defender

Mncedisi Dlamini is alleged to have started training with the rest of 'Bull' players including former Pirates teammate Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze. According to a source in the club, the former 'Buccaneers' skipper started training yesterday and is settling in well at the 'Bull'.

Masilela was on the dark on that aspect too, as he didn't go to the team's training yesterday.

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