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## MTN SWAZILAND BEATS 22 COUNTRIES TO WIN E1.3m

**BIG WIN:** MTN Swaziland CEO Ambrose Dlamini receiving an award from MTN Group CEO and President Rob Shuter during an award ceremony at MTN head offices in Johannesburg on Wednesday night. (Courtesy pic)

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**NATCOM SAYS THANKS BUT NO THANKS TO NURSES**

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WE ARE SITTING ON GOLD LITERALLY...

# MPs DANGLE E23<sup>BN</sup> DAGGA CARROT

...this was discovered by MPs committee on benefits of legalising the herb

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# Weather favours SmoothFest

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**THE weather outlook shows a cold and warm weekend ahead.**  
According to information sourced

from the Swaziland Meteorology Services, today it will be mild in the Highveld and warm in the Lowveld.

## Drop

"Tomorrow, temperatures are expected to drop to a maximum of 18 Degrees Celsius in Highveld and 24 Degrees

Celsius in the Lowveld," he said.

## Temperatures

On Sunday, temperatures are expected to slightly shoot up to a maximum of 27 Degrees Celsius while in the Lowveld the temperatures will reach 32 Degrees Celsius.

## WEATHER UPDATE

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
12/22	13/23	14/25	14/24	13/26	15/27
Today, there will be morning fog at places, otherwise partly cloudy and cool but warm in the Lowveld, with isolated afternoon to evening thunderstorms.					
12/18	13/19	14/21	14/20	13/23	15/24
Tomorrow, there will be occasional rain and fog at places otherwise cloudy and cool.					
13/27	14/28	15/30	15/29	14/32	16/32
On Sunday, it will be cloudy with drizzle and fog in the morning clearing to partly cloudy and warm to hot in the Lowveld.					

# MTN Swaziland beats 22 countries to win E1.3m

By Simon Shabangu  
Mbabane

MTN Swaziland scooped E1.3 million in prize money and a trophy for being overall winners of this year's Group President and CEO Award in the 21 Days of Y'ello Care initiative.

The local mobile network operator which is part of the giant mobile network operator, MTN Group, beat 22 countries to scoop this much sought after annual prize which comes with the \$100 000 cheque which is ploughed back to the social responsibility project initiated by the respective winners.

In a press statement released by the MTN Group Corporate Affairs office, Swaziland beat all the 22 countries to walk away with the award. MTN Swaziland was followed by MTN Sudan who received the Vice President Award for the MENA region.

In third position was MTN South Africa who won the Vice President Award for the SEA region while MTN Cameroon got the Vice President Award for the WECA region as they were placed last.

All three runners-up after MTN Swaziland will each receive \$30 000 prize money.

Commenting on the company's victory, CEO Ambrose Dlamini said they are grateful to His Majesty King Mswati III who officially launched MTN Foundation in 2006.

"We are grateful to the head of government, Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini who officially handed over the completed Endlalani Primary School at the end of the 21 Days of Y'ello Care recently. Additionally, we are grateful to the Ministry of Economic Planning who allowed us to work with Micro Projects.

This award is not just for Swazi MTN, it is for the country. We are grateful to all the partners who believed in the brand and invested resources towards the campaign," said an elated Dlamini.

MTN Swaziland's main project, dubbed Y'ello Bricks of Hope School Building Fund, saw the re-construction of seven classrooms at Endlalani Primary School, a school in Manzini that had been condemned by government health inspectors.

The volunteers also rehabilitated a hostel at a primary school for the deaf, which was in dire straits.

The project was part of MTN Swaziland's effort to help their government address the challenges of providing basic school infrastructure.

Some of the conditions in Swazi schools impeded the quality of education.

MTN Swaziland CEO, Ambrose

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**HAPPY DAY: MTN Swaziland CEO Ambrose Dlamini with the heavy cheque and trophy won by MTN Swaziland.**

## ABOUT Y'ELLO CARE

21 Days of Y'ello Care is MTN's annual employee volunteer programme, which takes place across the company's footprint between June 1 and 21 every year.

The theme for Y'ello Care is investing in education for All. MTN Group was launched in 1994, the MTN Group is a leading emerging market operator, connecting subscribers in 22 countries in Africa and the Middle East.

The MTN Group is listed on the JSE Securities

Exchange in South Africa under the share code: "MTN".

As of June 30, 2017, MTN recorded 232 million subscribers across its operations in Afghanistan, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Cyprus, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Republic, Iran, Liberia, Nigeria, Republic of Congo (Congo-Brazzaville), Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, South Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia.

Dlamini thanked the staff for the hard work and dedication they displayed during the course of the 21 days of social responsibility "I am extremely excited that Swazi MTN received the top prize this year.

## Participation

"I would like to thank the MTN Swaziland team for their participation and commitment. I would also like to thank them, from the bottom of my heart, for raising the Swazi flag. The project we embarked on this year, to build a primary school within 21 days, with 21 partners, was extremely humbling and powerful. We are also grateful to the Swaziland government, in particular the minister of education, who assisted us with this year's projects," he added. The award ceremony was held in South Africa, Johannesburg on Wednesday evening.

Speaking at the presentation the Group CEO and President Rob Shuter said they were excited that Swaziland won this award.

"We are excited to announce that MTN Swaziland has won the grand prize for the 21 Days of #YelloCare campaign. The prize, known as the Group President

and CEO Award comes with \$100 000 that will be invested back into CSI (Corporate Social Investment) projects around Swaziland.

## Projects

Under the leadership of our CEO, Ambrose Dlamini, staff and partners participated in projects aimed at improving education in Swaziland which included the building of an entire school," said the president in a statement posted on the company's social media page.

Meanwhile, over 11 000 MTN employees across the company's footprint participated in activities aimed at uplifting local communities.

These initiatives driven through MTN's annual employee volunteerism programme, 21 Days of Y'ello Care, took place in 130 schools and will benefit 125 000 people.

During this year's edition of the campaign, 21 classrooms were constructed and 13 more renovated; 7 digital platforms established; 103 software programs installed and 10 Internet connectivity projects launched.

Volunteers also made cash and in-kind donations, and engaged in a host of other activities to support education.

# TV's body arrives in the country

By Mbono Mdluli  
Ngwenya

**THE body of the late acting Ludzidzini Indvuna Timothy Velabo Mtetwa has finally arrived in the country.**

Mtewa's body came through Ngwenya Border Gate at about 6pm. He died in a South African hospital.

TV as he was popularly known succumbed to death in the early hours of Monday morning.

Mtewa reportedly died at the Netcare Garden City Hospital in Mayfair, Johannesburg where he was admitted about a fortnight ago.

His sickness started haunting him last year as he could not attend a Royal assignment at Mangwaneni, Mbabane in November.

The meeting had to be called off, thus leaving the residents rather hot under the collar.

Mtewa's sickness was announced by Hhohho Regional Administrator



**GONE: The late acting Ludzidzini Indvuna TV Mtetwa.**

Prince Tshekedi.

In March this year, he was supposed to grace the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) event at the Multi-Purpose Hall of the University of Swaziland (UNISWA), Kwaluseni Campus.

He could not attend the event because he was sick and had to be hospitalised.



**BACK HOME: The convoy of vehicles carrying Ludzidzini Indvuna Timothy Velabo Mtetwa's body getting ready to depart at Ngwenya Border Gate yesterday. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)**



**LAST RIDE: A Dups vehicle, which was part of the convoy, arriving at Ngwenya Border Gate.**

# DAGGA TO PUMP IN E23BN IF LEGALISED

**COVER STORY**

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

... The money that could be potentially made by Swaziland from cannabis could be 26 times more than what sugar production brings, which is the country's major cash crop

## Cannabis better than alcohol

**CANNABIS** is said to be far better than alcohol, but the puzzling fact is that the latter is legal, while the former remains illegal.

According to Dr. Humba, who also submitted before the committee, there

was an overwhelming evidence of cannabis for medical route.

He highlighted that there were a lot of benefits. Below is a table showing the benefits of cannabis versus alcohol, according to the report.

### ALCOHOL

Addictive and health-damaging  
Depressant  
Causes cancer  
1 000 000+ annual deaths  
Costs (wastes) billions  
Deaths due to overdose daily  
Destroys brain, liver and other cells  
Accidentally flammable  
Toxic  
Hangover and pain  
Vomiting and nausea  
Causes domestic/public violence  
Prohibition did not work in the past  
**LEGAL**

### CANNABIS

Non-addictive and healing  
Anti-depressant  
Cures cancer  
Zero deaths. Ever!  
Saves billions. Wastes nothing  
Overdose is physically impossible  
Protects, grows and repairs other cells  
Intentionally combustible  
Reparative  
Restful sleep  
Laughter and 'The Munchies'  
Causes DVD rental/pizza orders  
Prohibition does not work today  
**ILLEGAL**

They are worried about the possibilities of this market being saturated as some countries, according to them, are seen to be moving towards this direction in a trendy way.

The country is lagging behind in that regard. Countries like Lesotho are said to be ahead of this country in that regard and 37 other countries have legalised and still increasing. Lesotho is said to have already injected E30 million in the first phase of Lesotho dagga industry.

In other countries, it is reported that medical oils range from US\$20 to US\$60 (E270 to E810) per gram.

Premium medicine range from US\$200

(E27 000 or more) per dose. A ton of outdoor cannabis costs E1 million and a ton of indoor cannabis costs E3.5 million. Some stakeholders who submitted during the investigations, according to the report, are also of the view that cannabis should be legalised. They even mentioned that Swaziland was at an advantage because its cannabis was considered as gold internationally.

The people who submitted included Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini, Minister for Housing and Urban Development Phwayinkhosi Mabuza, National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula, lawyer Gigi Reid, and others.

## Committee strongly warns against abuse of dagga

**THE committee, however, warned that if the country was to take the route of legalising cannabis, it would have to adopt strict control measures to avoid abuse of the plant.**

The abuse of the plant, according to the committee, could cause catastrophic health damages. They also expressed concerns on the lack of appropriate enabling regulatory framework in the country, to regulate the

cannabis industry. The Opium and Habit Forming Drug Act 37 of 1922 allowed for the issuing of licences as unpacked in Subsection 1 and 2, but lacked provision on issuance of research licence. Another problem, according to the MPs, was that the country had no organised institutional framework to conduct and coordinate research in the cannabis and indigenous products.

## King Sobhuza II advised on dagga legalisation

**HIS Majesty King Sobhuza II is said to have insisted that the issue of cannabis should be looked into, especially in Parliament.**

This was said by Sipho Kopolane Dlamini from Chief Lovuthu Magongo at Elangeni. Dlamini, who was referred to as 'Umsizi' in the report, said the king was particular that the country had the first grade of cannabis.

The Umsizi said King Sobhuza II highlighted that cannabis could not be categorised as a drug but rather a herbal plant. A drug is a pharmaceutically synthesised component, while cannabis is described as very pure and an indigenous plant. According to the report, Dlamini narrated that "yini ngatsi kubandlulwa tsine. Kwesilungu bakavuma konkhe. Asifuni kuphelelwa ngushukela."

In short, Dlamini was complaining that western medicine was deemed as the best while the traditional one was deemed as dangerous for human health. Dlamini also cited a scenario on how the beer industry came to be legalised in the country.

He said it was very difficult until

the change of name to food and beverages, then the launch took place.

Renowned traditional healer Nhlavana Maseko also noted before the committee that King Sobhuza II recalled Professor Lydia Makhubu to the University of Swaziland to pair up with them. They were mandated to work and preserve indigenous plants, thus they established a herbarium, which was later destroyed by UNISWA students.

This was an initiative where they were to make *timbita* (traditional medicine).

Organisations like SEDCO and NIDC were also consulted for purposes of establishing a factory.

Such factories were established in the Lubombo region. The late Prince Maphevu was the prime minister at that time. Maseko was sent to Germany to learn how to craft and mix the herbs.

Thereafter, 11 professors from the University of Bonn came in to endorse all necessary training. Cannabis, according to Maseko, was referred to as 'Mbewunkulu.'



State saw a 13 per cent decrease in the murder rate.

■ Nationwide medical marijuana is linked to a four to 12 per cent reduction in property crimes such

as theft and burglaries.

■ In Washington, violent crime dropped by 10 per cent from 2011 to 2014.

## CANNABIS CAN ALLEVIATE CRIME

**THE rate of crime can drop if cannabis is legalised in the country.**

This is also contained in the report of the Parliament Select Committee that was tasked to investigate conditions of a special licence for special cannabis growers for the purpose of medicinal and industrial use.

The five legislators mentioned that the legalisation of cannabis could potentially reduce the rate of crime, as it happened in the city of Denver, which is

in the USA state of Colorado.

The Colorado state is said to have legalised the use of cannabis in 2012 and effects were seen in the first six months of the legalisation.

Here are some of the results that happened in the first six months.

■ 10.6 per cent less property crime in Denver.

■ 60 per cent fewer homicides in Denver.

■ 5.6 per cent less violent crime in Denver.

■ US\$12 to 40 million saved each year in enforcement costs.

■ 10 000 jobs created in the marijuana industry.

The report also highlights some of the following benefits in USA.

■ Colorado's property crime rate fell by five per cent between 2012 and 2015.

■ Since 2009 when the marijuana industry started to take off, violent crime is reported to be down by six per cent.

■ Between 2011 and 2014, Washington

## NatCom says thanks but no thanks to nurses invite

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**SECURITY forces remain loyal and dedicated to the Government of Swaziland and will not partake in the march they have been invited to join next Tuesday relating to the on-going cost of living adjustment debacle.**

National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula, speaking on behalf of the security forces, said they have been horrified

by an article to the effect that members of the security forces have been invited to down tools and partake in a march to deliver a petition, related to the cost of living adjustment debacle between government and Public Sector Associations.

"We view such an invitation as act of mischievousness and delinquency of the highest order which cannot escape our harsh condemnation," said Magagula yesterday.

NatCom said it should be known and appreciated by all and sundry that it is

virtually unthinkable for members of the security forces to relinquish their day to day responsibilities which are categorised by law as essential service to take part in such actions.

He said they took an oath to serve government and the country with utmost loyalty and dedication.

He said members of the security forces have their own channels and structures through which they address issues that affect their conditions of service, and marches or demonstrations are definite-

ly not and can never be one of those.

"To this end, with all due humility, we request public sector associations not to legitimise whatever they are currently doing by using and dragging the name of the security forces in the mud," he said.

He assured the nation of their continued devotion to duty and loyalty to the badge and affirms none of their members will heed to the invitation next Tuesday when they march to the ministry of public service to demand answers on who was responsible for bypassing the joint negotiations forum and issued secret

salary increase to some senior government.

The invitation was extended to security forces by nurses during their march on Wednesday to deliver a petition to the Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini's office.

Public servants are expected to down tools next Tuesday and take to the street over salary scale adjustments for some senior officers.

The adjustments came at a time when government is offering zero per cent increase to public servants this financial year, owing to financial strain.

## 4 PICTURES

## INKHOSIKATI LAMATSEBULA VISITS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



**REMARKS:** Inkhosikati LaMatsebula making her remarks at Matsetsa High School for the Deaf. (Pics: Wonderboy Dlamini)



**HONOURED:** Inkhosikati LaMatsebula posing with some of the pupils and teachers who presented her with a portrait of herself.



**IMPRESSED:** Emakhosikati LaMatsebula and LaMagongo go through the artwork of the pupils at School for the Deaf Primary.



**HAPPY DAY:** Inkhosikati LaMatsebula with some pupils and teachers at Matsetsa School for the Deaf.



**TECHNOLOGY:** Emakhosikati being shown around the computer laboratory.



**HAND WORK:** Inkhosikati LaMatsebula and Lubombo RA Slyvia Mthethwa with some of the pupils who do art-work.

*Death Notice*

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**MKHOSISE DLAMINI**

Relatives and Friends of Mkhosise Dlamini, daughter of Sabelo Dlamini and Nomonde Malaza are notified of her untimely death. She will be laid to rest at Malandzela, eMaphalaleni on **Saturday, 21 October 2017** at 5am after a night vigil.

Announcement by her father Sabelo Nhlanhla Dlamini on behalf of family.

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**MKHOSISE TAKAZULU DLAMINI**

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# 5% OF ASIANS ARE AUTHENTIC

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**THE report on the influx of Asians in the country revealed that only five per cent of Asians entering through KM III Airport are authentic.**

This was said by one immigration officer based at King Mswati III (KM III) International Airport.

The officer wanted to speak on condition of anonymity. The officer could only be referred to as Immigration Officer 6. The officer told the committee of MPs investigating the Asian

influx that out of 20 people who entered through the airport in a day, only one would be authentic.

People from Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh, according to the officer, were the ones entering the country in large numbers.

## Normally

The Asians who normally went to the airport to fetch one another would have difficulty in recognising one another and some of these Asians were trafficked into the country. Most Indians did not even know where they were headed to.

There are allegations to the effect that some of the police officers sta-

tioned at the airport were bribed with E3 000 per Asian to allow some underserving Asians enter into the country.

Some of the Asians who entered into the country were trafficked to South Africa and Mozambique.

Some immigration officers are said to be paid E8 000 in every six months in payment of visas.

The officer mentioned that most of the corruption was practiced by home affairs officials, who were linked to 'big guns' at headquarters. The Indians who entered through the airport without necessary documents could not even speak English. They would say

"no English please." Other immigration officers at Lomahasha and Mhlumeni Border Gates said on average, 20 Asians entered through these entry points in a week. They came with documents written "Visa on Arrival." Sometimes, they would call the headquarters and they would be told to wait for faxing of relevant documents.

## Release

Later, they would be told to release the Asians since the fax machine was faulty or the internet was down.

Police officers at the two border gates said they see would many Asians coming into the country, but sur-

prisingly, they could not see as many of them exiting the country.

They also told the committee that they would only act when called upon by immigration officers, otherwise they were not responsible for immigration processes.

When they acted on their own, they would get rebuked by some of the immigration officers, or even the Asians as they seemed to know the police were not responsible for immigration processes.

The police suggested that immigration processes should be done by police officers, as it was the case in some countries.

The police said they would be better placed to do the job because suspects would easily be recognised.

They said police were trained to read individuals from their walk, talk and looks, among other things.

## Corruption network gets Asians in the country

**THE influx of Asians in the country is said to be masterminded by a certain corruption network within home affairs and Interpol.**

The alleged officers at the centre of the cartel include Home Affairs Principal Secretary Anthony Masilela, Acting Chief Immigrations Officer Makhosi Simelane, and Interpol Director Christopher Lukhele.

This is contained in the findings of the report of the Asian influx in the country.

Bribery and nepotism is said to be very rife at the immigrations department at home affairs. The problem

could be caused by the fact that the post of substantive chief immigration officer has remained vacant for the past four years. The deputy chief immigration officer is acting on the position.

## Tasks

Tasks of the office are also said to be shared on rotational basis.

King Mswati III International Airport and Mhlumeni Border Gates are said to be the most porous for illegal immigrants, particularly those from Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan.

Visa-on-Arrivals, Memos, Visitors Passes, and Dependant Passes were

some of the documents used to allow immigrants into the country.

Most of the foreign business people found in the rural areas came through trading licences owned by local business people, who leased them. Some foreigners came through chiefs and obtain identity cards through 'kukhonta' system. Some immigrants get to rural areas as 'Bakhwenyana' (sons-in-law) after marrying Swazi women.

When there are joint raids with other relevant ministries, including SRA, the Asians literally run away, or just lock themselves inside their shops.

Chiefs and their administration structures would not be remunerated. The MPs recommended that the position of chief immigration officer should be filled with utmost urgency.

Masilela and Simelane at home affairs should be transferred promptly after the adoption of the report by Parliament.

Lukhele, the MPs recommended, should be re-deployed because he was alleged to be in a corrupt rela-

tionship with the two above-mentioned officers to let in the illegal immigrants. The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) must, within 30 days from the removal of the three officers, investigate all temporary residence permits and all related documents, back-dating 20 years.

All immigrants should be deported and if need be, re-applications should be done from their countries of origin.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### TENDER No.17 of 2017/18:TAXATION SERVICES REVIEW

#### BACKGROUND

The Swaziland Electricity Company Limited (SEC) is a state owned enterprise incorporated in Swaziland by the Company's Act of 1918. Its primary business includes generation, transmission and distribution of electricity for national use. SEC is committed to the compliance of any form of tax and in her endeavor to comply; SEC is therefore issuing a Request for Proposals from suitably qualified firms to provide taxation services review in all aspects of SEC which include: Corporate Tax, Withholding Tax, Value Added Tax (VAT), PAYE etc.

The intention is for SEC to perform a review on all tax regimes and structures within itself and ascertain any potential liability if any to Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA).

#### OBJECTIVE

SEC wants to ensure full compliance with the taxation rules and regulations as promulgated in the different Acts in Swaziland.

#### DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

Detailed tender document is available at a non-refundable fee of E250.00 and can be collected or emailed from the Commercial Services Department, SEC Head Office, Mbabane.

#### SUBMISSION & CLOSING DATE

A signed and sealed tender bid clearly marked on an official envelope "TENDER No.17 of 2017/18: "TAXATION SERVICES REVIEW" should be deposited in the tender box situated at the SEC Head Office, Elovatsini Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Swaziland. If posted it must be ensured that the Proposal reaches SEC on or before the closing date marked for the attention of the "Secretary to the Tender Committee".

The closing time for receipt of RFP's is 12:00hrs on Tuesday October 31, 2017. It is the responsibility of all tenderers to ensure registration of their tenders on submission.

#### ENQUIRIES

Enquiries must be directed to the Commercial Services Manager at [ephraim.kunene@sec.co.sz](mailto:ephraim.kunene@sec.co.sz)

# GOVT, UNIONS BACK IN COURT NOVEMBER 3

By Sandile Nkambule  
Industrial Court

*...Industrial Court issues yet another order calling upon government, unions to find an amicable solutions to negotiations*

**FOLLOWING** the deadlock between government and public sector unions over the zero per cent cost of living offer, the Industrial Court has issued yet another order calling upon both parties to go back to the drawing board and find a lasting solution to the matter.

The last time the matter was before court, Industrial Court Acting Judge President Nkosinathi Nkonyane had stated that both parties should amicably find a solution into the matter and report to the court on how far they have gone.

It, however, transpired that the status quo remains as it is, hence the court gave both parties yet another opportunity to find a lasting solution into the cost of living adjustment negotiations and ordered that the matter will be back in court on November 3.

## Appeared

The last time the parties appeared in court, the unions' lawyer Lucky Howe submitted that government (public service ministry) continues to negotiate in bad faith as regards the cost of living adjustment.

Howe submitted that they have been pushed to a corner by the respondent but they do not want to

resolve to a strike action as this is the last resort.

Judge Nkonyane had advised both parties to at least engage a third party in the negotiations in order to reach a peaceful and lasting solution and that for now the court cannot deal with the matter as it is between both parties.

The four public sector unions; Swaziland Association of Teachers (SNAT), Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP), Swaziland Nurses Association (SNA) and the National Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) filed an urgent application as regards the matter.

The unions sought an order directing the ministry of public service (respondent) to return to the negotiations table to negotiate in good faith and not deliberately stall the process of negotiations and that such should be done within three days of the court order.

They further sought an order declaring that both parties when at the table they use as a variable and as a basis in the negotiation process, the inflation rate over the past year (2016) as one of the paramount factors in the negotiation process when

determining the said rate to be used for the cost of living adjustment.

According to the unions, in their papers filed at the Industrial Court, the cause of action between the parties emanates from an agreement signed between the parties dated July 5, 2017 as the agreement outlines the need for the parties to negotiate as a collective bargaining and it governs the relationship between the parties.

## Agreement

The agreement was signed voluntarily by all the applicants and the respondent as the governing instrument between them during the process of negotiations which included bargaining in good faith and balance the needs of the government and the civil servants.

During the negotiations, the unions state in their papers that the respondent's representatives requested permission to get authority on the demand by the applicants which what 9.15% and requested two weeks to do same.

However, Zwelithini Mndzebele on behalf of the unions submitted that on their return, the respondents representatives advised that they were only authorised to give the zero per cent offer and gave no rea-

sons, a thing that happened over three meetings.

The respondent further asked the unions at another meeting as to where government should get the money from.

"I must state that we were taken aback by this as the respondent was not bona fide in his negotiations, had he been, he would have stated why he could only offer zero per cent but took the matter as a joke and was not serious about the negotiations," Mndzebele submitted.

## Controlling

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Public Service Evert Madlopha, as the controlling officer, is part of the negotiations team.

This conduct displayed by the respondent seemed to be one which lacks the seriousness and respect that he ought to take such matter with seriousness according to the unions since this is a matter of national interest and goes to the core of the existence of the kingdom and the business of the ministry.

They argued that the ministry would not be in existence had it not been the presence of the members of the unions and the nation but chooses to be disrespectful in his conduct of his business with them.

# Nurses' 'go slow' fails to take off

By Nozipho Sibiba  
Mbabane

**THE** much anticipated nurses' 'go slow' and picketing which was expected to start yesterday did not take off as anticipated by many.

The industrial war between government and nurses was expected to start yesterday in all the government hospitals in the country.

The nurses association had on Wednesday during the march to the prime minister's office to deliver the petition vowed to embark on a 'go slow' as of yesterday.

According to sources inside the hospitals the 'go slow' did not take off as anticipated. "There is nothing to report, it was business as usual at Pigg's Peak, Mbabane and Mankayane Government Hospitals," said the source, who only said there was unhealthy relationship between the nurses and the patients.

Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU) President, Bheki Mamba said the 'go slow' and picketing could spell disaster for patients as the last time nurses went on a go slow things did not look good in hospitals.

Patients in some hospitals were left stranded. The nurses are demanding that the prime minister addresses the Emkhuzweni Health Centre issue which has dragged for too long.

The matter involves a patient who reportedly experienced complications after delivery and nurses were fingered for the mess up.

A probe was set up and nurses feel it is targeted at them. The go-slow comes at a time when the country is faced with an outbreak of Malaria. Already three people are confirmed dead while hundreds are getting treatment.

On Wednesday, hundreds of nurses took to the streets and marched to the PM's office to deliver a petition that outlined all their concerns.

## 37 cooperatives delegates leave for Malawi

By Manqoba Makhubu  
Mbabane

**ABOUT 37** Savings and Credit Cooperative (SACCO) delegates will leave the country to attend the 18th Savings and Credit Cooperative Association (SACCA) Congress to be held in Malawi from October 23-27.

The SACCA Congress is the African Confederation of Savings and Credit Associations (ACCOSCA)'s largest event that brings together cooperators from all over the world to address key topical issues facing cooperatives in general and SACCOs in particular and to explore strategic and innovative techniques of ensuring sustainable co-operative institutions.

The first group of delegates will leave the country on Sunday and the rest of the group is expected to leave on Tuesday. Both groups will travel by road to OR Tambo International Airport to connect with their flight to Malawi.

Swaziland Association of Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SASCCO) Vice President Petros Dlamini said the delegates were drawn from 11 SACCOs who were affiliates to SASCCO.

Yesterday, the delegates met Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade



**COME BACK WITH SOLUTIONS:** Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza reading his speech yesterday at the meeting with the departing delegates. With him is SASCCO Vice President Petros Dlamini (Pic: Manqoba Makhubu).

Jabulani Mabuza to get his blessing before their departure.

The minister urged them to ensure that they network and learn from their counterparts who come from more developed countries.

"We would like to see SACCOs taking Swaziland by storm and enabling the whole Swazi nation to reach 2022 with no financial stress," he said. Coincidentally, cooperatives were also commemorating the International Credit Union Day or the International Savings

and Credit Cooperative Day yesterday under the theme 'Dreams Thrive Here.' The minister said it was high time for cooperatives to assess if they actually make their members dream come true.

## Business

"When members think of a business, buying a house, buying a car or furthering their studies, let them not look any further but let their SACCO be their first choice in terms of sourcing funding," he said. He said as they leave for Malawi, they should think about these



**LISTENING:** Part of the delegates that will be leaving for the SACCA Congress to be held in Malawi listening to the minister's address.

issues and come back with convincing answers. The theme for this year's SACCA Congress is 'Disruptors: Cooperative economy for human empowerment.'

The objectives of the congress are; to create awareness of the cooperative economy and the possibilities that come with it, promote the human empowerment agenda as the basis for cooperative business, promote financial inclusion by encouraging involvement of marginalised groups and to create innovative ideas that will sustain cooperatives as a solution to poverty.

SASCCO Vice President Petros Dlamini said participating in the congress would help SACCOs come up with innovative ideas that would sustain them to

become effective tools to alleviate poverty. "We also believe that it will further help SACCOs to identify challenges earlier and to come up with swift mitigation measures," he said.

There will also be a women's leaders' network forum on the sidelines of the congress. Speaking on behalf of the departing delegates, Thulani Lokotfwako gave assurance to the minister that they would uphold good conduct and represent the country well during their stay in Malawi. "We give you assurance that we will remain respectful as we are widely known for that, especially because we also cognisant of the fact that we are now representing the country," he said.

# NATCOM CONGRATULATES POLICE GRADUATES

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**EDUCATED** police officers will help in transforming the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Service, says the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula.

He said the 33 recently graduated police officers will improve the level of their performances and make a difference in the enhancement of service delivery within the police service.

The national commissioner was speaking during a press conference to congratulate the recently graduated police officers at the police headquarters yesterday.

The recent graduation ceremony at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) saw 29 members of the police service graduating and conferred with Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in various academic fields that include law, science, commerce, education and psychology.

The other four graduated at different institutions of learning, including Limkokwing University, UNISA, MANCOSA and Regent Business School.

The police service was represented during the graduation at Limkokwing, where one officer was conferred with an Associate Degree in Graphic Design, whereas others were conferred with Degrees in fields of law, commerce and human management at institutions such as UNISA, MANCOSA and Regent Business School.

## Congratulated

Magagula congratulated the graduates for their various academic achievements, saying such will go a long way in aiding their organisation illustrating to all and sundry that the police service is in throes of transforming the quality and competencies of its human capital.

"The qualifications you have acquired are a result of the hard work and painstaking study on your part, which we wish to applaud and commend you for, as we are alive that you had to juggle both

work and academic pursuit, a feat that can be very taxing," said Magagula.

He said the police organisation put a high value on education as they are aware that it not only broadens the minds and horizons of their officers. He said education ensures that officers are relevant in addressing the various issues that confront such a diverse and dynamic clientele base.

"Congratulations to the five officers or legal eagles that were admitted at the High Court of Swaziland as attorneys of the High Court of Swaziland.

This group adds to the pool of legal experts in the organisation, a cadre that is critical and key to guiding and providing legal counsel in various operational and administrative scenarios, especially to ensure that as a law enforcement agency we work within the confines of the law."

Meanwhile, Magagula commended the attorney general's chambers for always opening doors to their law officers to serve articles in their chambers.



**GREEN PASTURES:** Police officers working for Green Pastures were runners-up during the Service Excellence Awards.

## ...Applauds RSP for winning excellence award

**NATIONAL Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula applauded the Customer Service Awards for awarding the police service for service excellence in various categories.**

Speaking during the press conference yesterday, NATCOM said the organisation received an award of excellence in customer care eclipsing all other government ministries in this category.

## Present

Present during the conference was Institute of Research management and development Executive Director Museka Oliver and Public Relations Officer Nonhlanhla Dlamini.

Magagula said they cherish the awards immensely as they illustrate efforts to enhance customer care, empathy and precision to the needs of the public they serve were bearing fruit. They also became runners-up in the call centre category where the respondent unit was their 999 emergency response system operators who played a critical role to their response mechanism to the public.

We applaud Green Pastures Saving and Co-operative Society

for garnering the financial institution and cooperative award for the organisation which is a reflection that management is doing a commendable job," he said.

Lastly, Magagula expressed his appreciation to a firm from the business community- 'Systems' which provided (closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras during the 2017 Swaziland International Trade Fair.

"The surveillance equipment was professionally installed and it became a valuable tool for the police to scan and monitor movements within and outside the trade fair boundaries."

He said with the tool they were more proactive in policing operations, and it was easy to spot criminal elements and other shenanigan activities on time.

Meanwhile, Institute of Research management and development Nonhlanhla Dlamini thanked the police service for entering the service excellency awards competition. "Continue maintaining the good service to your customers as even next you can keep the award," she said, further adding that even next year they will use the same procedure to elect the best organisation.



**POSE:** The police graduates who were conferred with different Degrees taking a group picture with the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula yesterday. The commissioner applauded them for a job well done. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

## SD to reduce new infections by 75%

**THE** country is committed reducing new HIV infections by 75 per cent in an effort to keep up with the HIV prevention roadmap which seeks to accelerate HIV prevention.

The country made this commitment while participating in the inaugural meeting of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition held in Geneva, Switzerland last week, during which the HIV prevention roadmap 2020 was also launched.

The coalition chaired by the Executive Directors of UNAIDS and UNFPA, brought together United Nations member states, civil society, international organisations and other partners agree on the roadmap, as part of efforts to reduce new HIV infections by 75 per cent by 2020. The HIV prevention 2020 roadmap contains a 10-point action plan that lays out immediate concrete steps countries need to take to accelerate progress.

Steps include; conducting up-to-date analysis to assess where the opportunities are for maximum impact, developing guidance to identify gaps and actions for rapid scale-up, training to develop



**PARTICIPANTS:** The Geneva team that attended the Global HIV Prevention Coalition held in Geneva, Switzerland last week, during which the HIV prevention roadmap 2020 was also launched pose for a picture. (Courtesy pic)

expertise in HIV prevention and on developing networks and addressing legal and policy barriers to reach the people most affected by HIV, including young people and key populations.

This new roadmap seeks to ensure that 90 per cent of people at risk of HIV infection have access to comprehensive HIV prevention services. It builds on the joint global 90-90-90 targets whose

aim is to ensure that 90 per cent of people living with HIV get to know their status, 90 per cent of these people are put on ARVs and 90 per cent of people on treatment have suppressed viral loads.

The HIV prevention roadmap comes at an opportune time when the country accelerates momentum to achieve the ambitious targets of 2016 United Nations General Assembly Political Declaration

of Ending AIDS. The Swaziland delegation was led by Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini, who stated:

"The roadmap is a key vehicle to take Swaziland forward in reaching the ambitious but achievable targets of ending AIDS by 2022 in Swaziland as envisaged by His Majesty King Mswati III".

Dlamini appealed to international donors and partners to continue to sup-

port the country by sustaining funding of the response and providing technical assistance to avert new infections so that the country can be able to achieve the set targets by 2020. UNAIDS estimates that around one quarter of HIV budgets should be allocated to HIV prevention as many countries were spending less than 10 per cent of their HIV budgets on prevention and many international donors were spending less than a quarter.

## Participated

One key follow-up is that countries that participated in the meeting would develop a 100-day plan for immediate actions including setting national targets, reviewing the progress made against the plan after 100 days, reassessing their national prevention programmes and taking immediate remedial action.

Other members of the delegation from Swaziland included NERCHA Executive Director Khanya Mabuza, SAFAIDS Country Representative Mandisa Zwane-Machakata and CANGO Grants Coordinator Nqobile Tsabedze-Msibi.



## LET'S IMPROVE LIFE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

### LETSHEGO IMPROVING LIFE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Yet again Letshego introduces its annual Improving Life Campaign (ILC) for 2017 starting from 1<sup>st</sup> July ending in 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. This year's theme is Improving Life for a better tomorrow. 2017 campaign prizes are entrepreneurial to encourage our customer's to lend towards starting small business in order to have a better tomorrow.

The Letshego ILC is an annual campaign where Letshego customers get to share how their lives were improved through the Letshego solutions. The objective of this campaign is to encourage and reward productive lending. New customers are encouraged to enter and share their dreams on how Letshego solutions will improve their lives.

#### 2017 ILC Prizes

Through the campaign Letshego will give away three business ideas and supporting equipment valued up to SZL100, 000 to customers who demonstrate that they used their Letshego loan in a productive manner.

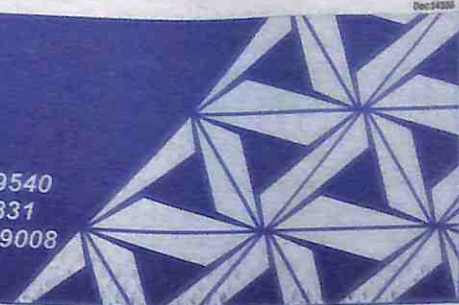
**First prize is a Catering Business** consisting of one 5x10 Meter Tent, 1 non flush toilet, 50 Chairs and 5 foldable Tables which the winner will rent out in their community to make extra income.

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**Third Prize is a Grass cutting business** consisting of 2 grass cutters coupled with 2 protective clothing.

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By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

# TAIWAN HANDS OVER E12.6m SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT

FOLLOWING a proposal by the ministry of housing and urban development during the 25th Technical Monitoring Committee (TMC) meeting for procurement of equipment for basic solid waste management in 2016, the Republic Of China (Taiwan) has approved the proposal for the procurement of equipment amounting to E12 679 320.76.

The equipment which was officially handed over yesterday includes an excavator (dozer), landfill compactor, low-bed trailer and horse (horse-and-trailer) and a self-compacting refuse truck.

It was handed over by Taiwan Ambassador Thomas Chen to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development Prince Hlangusemphi at the Central Transport Administration (CTA) in Matsapha on Wednesday.

## Revealed

During the event it was revealed that the equipment is to be shared by the small towns including Siteki, Nhlanguano, Hlathikhulu, Hluthi, Lavumisa, Malkems, Ngwenya, and Mankayane.

Taiwan Ambassador Chen in his remarks said the amount for purchasing the above-mentioned equipment totaled US\$975,332.37 (E12 679 320.76), which was funded by the Republic of China (Taiwan).

He said the government of China made an initial payment of US\$ 585 199.42 (60 per cent) which was disbursed to commence its implementation in early May this year, leaving a



**THANKFUL:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Development PS Clifford Mamba, Taiwan Ambassador Thomas Chen, Prince Hlangusemphi, Ministers Phwayinkosi Mabuza and David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

balance of US\$390 132.95 (E5 071 728.35) payable upon completion of the procurement.

The E5 071 728.35 was released in the handover ceremony.

Chen said the public should be aware that solid waste not properly collected and disposed can be a breeding ground for insects, vermin, and scavenging animals, and can thus pass on air- or water-borne diseases.

He said that was the reason solid waste management is essential to public health.

## Clean

"These pieces of basic solid waste management equipment are going to help the ministry of housing and urban development in ensuring that small towns are kept clean at all times," Chen stated.

The ambassador said this project will

greatly improve the efficiency of solid waste management, thus beneficial to the ministry and the nation at large, and will continuously assist the ministry in its service delivery to the Swazi people.

Chen then handed over the equipment and a cheque in amount of US\$ 390 132.95 (E5 071 728.35) as its final payment to the government of Swaziland. Prince Hlangusemphi in his appre-

ciation remarks said as government they were very grateful to the Taiwanese government for the equipment, especially the continued support in the improvement of service delivery in the country's urban local authorities.

He said the equipment will go a long way in improving refuse collection, land clearance and solid waste management in the aforementioned small towns.



Excavator



Landfill compactor



**HELPFUL:** Some of the equipment donated by the Government of Taiwan.



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## INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MOTORCYCLES

1. The National Maize Corporation (Pty) Ltd is seeking suitable suppliers of motorcycles.
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**The Secretary to Tender Committee  
National Maize Corporation (Pty) Ltd  
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Matsapha**

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SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MOTORCYCLES  
'Do not open before 1430hrs on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017'.**
5. The National Maize Corporation does not bind itself to accepting the lowest or any tender.



# SIXTY REPENTED INMATES GRADUATE IN BIBLE STUDIES

By Observer Reporter

**HIS Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has applauded efforts by various faith based organisations towards the rehabilitation of offenders.**

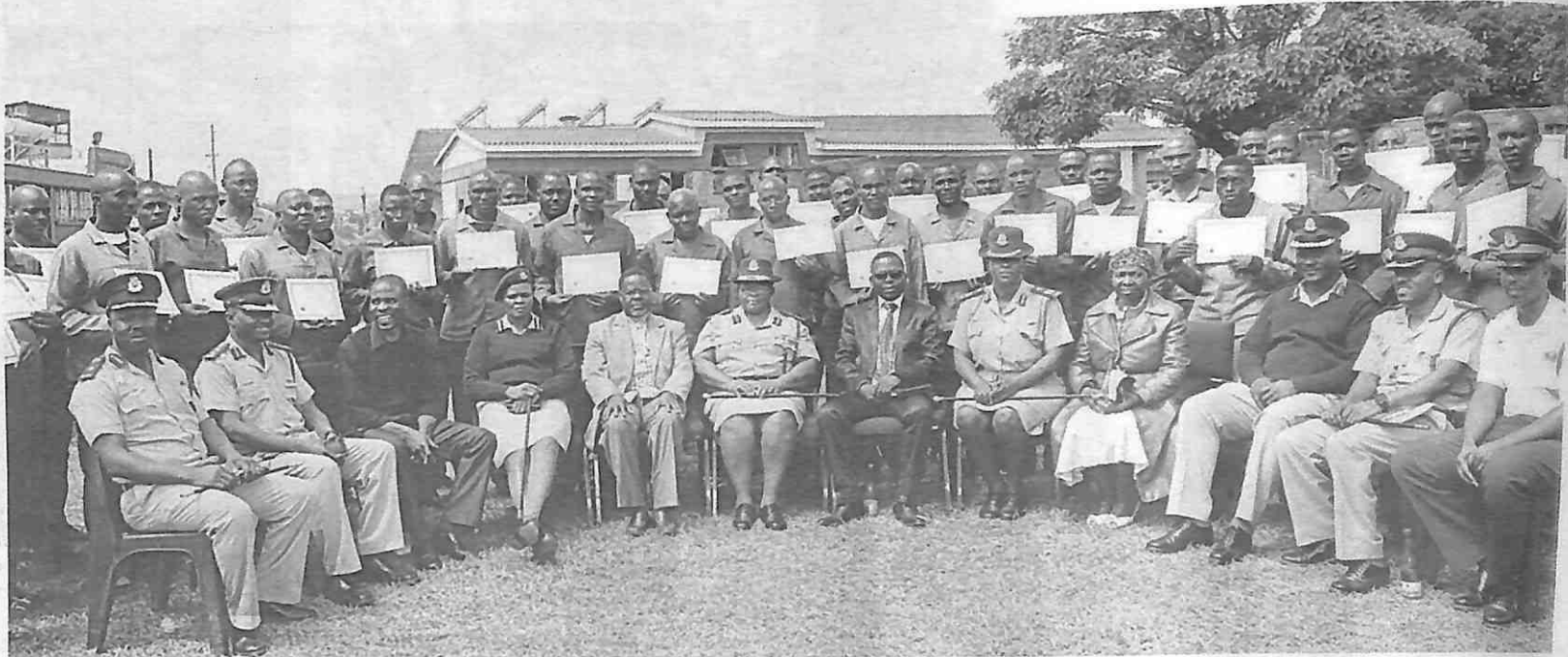
Taking full comprehension of the responsibility bestowed upon the department towards transforming the lives of those in conflict with the law, Ntshangase said the role played by other sectors of society cannot go unnoticed.

He was speaking during the graduation ceremony of 60 offenders at Matsapha who have been trained by the Bible Correspondence School of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The offenders undertook the 60 Bible study series offered by Real Truth Bible Correspondence and the 25 Bible study series offered by the Good News Bible Correspondence.

## Resources

Ntshangase, who was represented by Deputy Commissioner General Thokozile Nxumalo, stated that the Correctional Services has put in place a number of programmes and other interventions to assist in the transformation of offenders into law abiding citizens and to facilitate their successful reintegration into society as law abiding citizens amidst the limited resources.



**BORN AGAIN: Deputy Commissioner General Thokozile Nxumalo (c), Seventh Day Adventist Church leaders and senior correctional officers pose with the graduates at Matsapha Correctional Centre. (Courtesy pic)**

Though faced with the challenge of accomplishing such a mammoth task under the very weak economic environment, it was however, encouraging to have the support of the faith based organisations such as the Seventh Day Adventist Church coming to the department's rescue through such scholarly collaborations.

He mentioned that the six months long training would help offenders recover and overcome their destruc-

tive behaviour by sharing God's love and hope through the teaching of His word and through equipping them with life skills. "All human beings, be it law abiding citizens or offenders belong to God; hence our effort to expose them to spiritual programmes."

## Guidance

He said the skills that the trainees have acquired will go a long way in shaping them into good citizens and that such initiatives will have a great

impact in reducing recidivism.

He added that the department was in actual fact impressed with the increasing number of inmates who consistently seek guidance on their recovery part through the intervention of the Word of God.

Having been trained on the series of Bible studies, Ntshangase urged the recipients of the awards to make use of them in order to lead productive lives upon leaving correctional cen-

tres. He said he was hopeful that with the knowledge amassed during the training programme, the offenders would not remain the only beneficiaries as they will also live a life that others will emulate.

He then thanked the Seventh Day Adventist for sponsoring the programme and for empowering the trainees with the knowledge to sustain their lives after being released from custody.

## Dr Tshabalala's daughters want forensic audit on hospital

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**THE late Dr Ruth Tshabalala's daughters, who have filed an urgent application at the High Court, also want a forensic audit conducted at the hospital.**

This, the two argue, will enable them as representatives of a 50 per cent shareholder to review the financial and management affairs of the hospital Siyanaka Acute Care Hospital known as Women and Children's Hospital situated in Manzini.

The two, Busisiwe Nandi Fuphe (nee Tshabalala) and Natasha Siphwe Tshabalala have filed an urgent application at the High Court, where they seek amongst others an order that they are directors of the hospital and have cited Dr Butare Rukundo as the respondent.

## Information

They stated that they have a right to information pertaining to the affairs of the hospital in particular during the period where they were excluded from participating in the management of the affairs of the company.

In their papers filed before court the two stated that they do not even know whether there has been compliance

with statutory duties which require that the company holds annual general meetings and board meetings.

## Investigations

They further stated in their papers that it is this lack of transparency and compliance with laws that necessitates that the affairs of the company be investigated in a manner that is not intrusive and disruptive to the operations of the company.

"The investigation is proposed to be done in a manner that entails the availing and disclosure of information to them as representatives of shareholder that has been marginalised in the management of the affairs of the company," Busisiwe stated in her affidavit.

As shareholders, they submitted that the Estate has a right to have the affairs of the company investigated by a Forensic Auditor particularly because Dr Rukundo has totally marginalised the Estate in the management of the

affairs of the joint venture company.

In their papers they argue that their late mother's contribution to the joint venture at the hospital was a piece of land being portion 7 of ERF No 369 situated at Kelly Street in Manzini measuring 2855 square metres with its value standing at approximately E9 million.

It is on this piece of land that the hospital was built and the funds for building it were sourced from the Swaziland Industrial Development Company who mortgaged the property for E8 800 000 (Eight Million Eight hundred Thousand Emalangen).

## Disagreement

They argue that there was no capital contribution from Dr Rukundo and this was and still is the point of serious disagreement between

their late mother, her Estate and Rukundo.

"It is opposite to state that the late Dr Tshabalala was our mother and she involved us in this project for the establishment of the hospital because it was a family investment and we

were well acquainted with the project from its inception, the late Tshabalala kept us abreast and would appraise us on every development concerning the project," they submitted.

They argued that when their mother passed away in March 2013, they were appointed as joint Executrixes of the Estate and by virtue of that capacity they became the joint shareholder representatives in the joint venture.

## Estate

Apart from usurping control of the joint venture in the hospital they alleged that Dr Rukundo unilaterally stopped monthly payments of E65 000 to the Estate as a shareholder, the monthly payments started during the time of their late mother.

They argued that Dr Rukundo clearly had no right to alter an agreement between shareholders and to unilaterally stop payments, and his actions are prejudicial to the Estate and these are grounds to claim by the Estate against him.

Busisiwe submitted that she was appointed as board member of the joint venture company during their late mother's time as she served as a director until February 2015 when the board of directors was dissolved by Dr Rukundo using, as a basis, a

legal opinion by his attorneys that the board was not properly constituted.

They allege that they are entitled to participate fully in the management of the affairs of the hospital as it is a joint venture and that Dr Rukundo's breach of good faith and his obligations to his co-shareholder entitles them to bring the present application before court for the relief sought.

## Order

The duty of full disclosure of all company affairs according to them is a duty Dr Rukundo owes to them as shareholders in the joint venture.

"I submit that the applicants have made out a case for the relief sought as such relief flows directly from the respective duties the shareholders owe to each other, they are an incidence of law flowing directly from the nature of their relationship," Busisiwe stated. She stated that Dr Rukundo's conduct is a threat to the joint venture company and it is important that the Honorable Court intervenes to prevent a perpetuation of the Rukundo's unlawful conduct and to protect the right of the Estate as shareholder to participate in the management of the affairs of the company.

This is a proper case according to Busisiwe in which the court should exercise its discretion and grant the orders sought by the applicants.

# STA WINS 'BEST INTERNATIONAL STAND' AT MOZAMBIQUE EXPO

Stories by Nomthandazo Nkambule

**FOR the third time in a row, the Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) has won the best international stand award at the just-ended Fikani Mozambique International Tourism Fair, which was held in Maputo.**

The fair was held between October 12 and 15, at the Joaquim Chissano Conference Centre.

The annual fair, which was established five years ago, was this year re-branded 'Fikani' – which means 'welcome', and it featured about 100 national and foreign exhibitors, 14 hotels, 40 travel agents, with representatives from both South Africa and Swaziland, and several tour operators.

## Commercial

Buyers, decision makers from national and international companies, public and private sectors officials commercial organisations, NGOs, students and the general public also attended the expo.

The first day of the show was graced by President Filipe Nyusi, who is the President of Mozambique.

In an interview, STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini said STA

was ecstatic over winning the top award for the third consecutive year, and said it bolstered their rationale for participation at the annual expo.

"Mozambique is one of the major source markets for Swaziland, and the leading destination in Southern Africa due to her magnificent coastline and white sandy beaches.

## Benefit

Swaziland is strategically positioned as a neighbour to benefit from the tourists that flock to that country; hence our participation is always aimed at establishing synergies with strategic entities in that country and in the region," said Dlamini.

While the sum value of shows cannot be stated in monetary terms, he said, the contacts that are made and the follow ups yield positive returns for Swaziland.

Dlamini said STA attended the show to establish contacts with tourism service providers with the aim of capitalising on these relationships in the future through the exchange of ideas, business and indeed moving tourists across South Africa, Mozambique and Swaziland.

STA's stand at the show was decorated with pictures depicting various points of interest and attractions in Swaziland, ranging from Swazi



**SERIAL WINNERS:** STA Marketing Officer Chunky Mdluli-Dlamini with STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini showcasing the 'Best International Stand' award STA won at the Fikani Moz Tourism Fair.

(Pic: Nomthandazo Nkambule)

cultural events, nature, wildlife, as well as arts and crafts among others.

"We managed to distribute a significant number of our promotional literature to a keen public as well as to members of the tourism trade,"

said Dlamini.

Among the said literature were 'Swaziland Discovery' magazines, 'Kingdom of Swaziland' destination brochures, as well as 'What's On in Swaziland' brochures.

## ...STA COURTS INTERNATIONAL TRADE

MEANWHILE, the Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) has held fruitful scheduled meetings with international tourism buyers during the fifth Fikani Mozambique International Tourism Fair which ended this past Sunday, which they used for speed marketing purposes.

Some of the operators that STA met include Mozambique-based Nduna Safaris, who are already packaging Swaziland, as well as Dana Tours, who are also already selling packages that include Swaziland.

STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini revealed that Cardoso Hotel's Sales Manager Botho Mogami is already scheduled to visit Swaziland as a result of her meeting with STA at the fair. She will be meeting tour operators in Swaziland to identify opportunities of cooperation and growth.

Among many others, STA also met CR Aviation, a company that offer charter flights and has an international clientele; as well as Simara Travel & Tours, who indicated their willingness to expand their tours to Swaziland.

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# EBALENI PUPILS NOW ENJOY BALANCED MEALS

By Observer Reporter  
Ngudzani

**TEACHERS and pupils from Ebaleni Primary have hailed Esicojeni Foundation and World Vision for providing them with a garden that they have used for planting vegetables that enable them to prepare a balanced meal.**

Pupils have highlighted how they were now enjoying a balanced meal and were grateful for having their own garden.

"We get a balanced meal and nice food. The food is body building, energy giving and also protective. It is all balanced, thank you very much Esicojeni Foundation for the good you have done," one of the pupils said.

The pupils said if they can lose their garden, things will be hard again, having a balanced meal is very rare but they get to enjoy it at school daily.

The school now harvests the spinach that they had planted and already are serving it to their 196 pupils who also said the food is very enjoyable.

Principal of the school Glorious Matsebula was elated from the time she started receiving the assistance and is now even more overjoyed because the pupils have been enjoying vegetables since two weeks ago.

"I am very happy, now we are in the community and people envy us and some have expressed a desire to buy the spinach and we might consider that if it continues doing well,

...thanks to Esicojeni Foundation



**DONATED FOOD:** Pupils queueing for food.



**AGRIC:** Pupils watering the garden.

so we can generate money to buy more seeds next year," explained Matsebula.

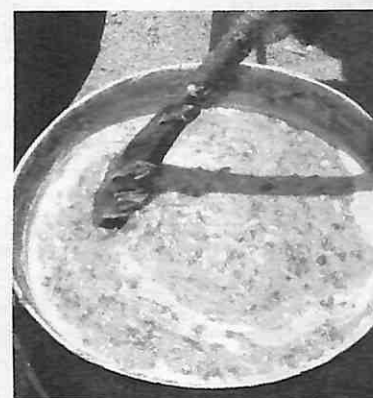
She also stated that the pupils now no longer spend long hours at the garden because they have a good irrigation system. "All they do now is shift the sprinklers when watering the garden," she said. She shared her joy

about the foundation.

"We will never forget Esicojeni Foundation. We are proud of it and wish to thank them personally.

## Now

Even the children enjoy the food even more now. We are very happy and thankful also to Mr. Mamba who passionately looks after the project," she



**STEW:** The spinach soup mixed with beans.



**FRESH WATER:** Pupil drinking water provided by Esicojeni Foundation.



**FRESH:** Cabbages almost ready.

said.

Bigboy Mamba was equally elated and also thanked Esicojeni Foundation for the aid that has greatly assisted also with his teaching subject, Agriculture.

"This project is very good and helps the pupils gain farming knowledge and also the change of menu for their meals is much appreciated.

It will be sustainable as long as there is water. Now we look forward to practicing crop variations and crops that consume less water like sweet potatoes.

Even the pupils have taken full ownership of the project and they are grouped per class to take care of the garden," Mamba added.

# 35 preceptors trained to assist nursing students

By Nozipho Sibiba  
Mbabane

**THE ministry of health with support from the World Health Organisation and USAID has trained about 35 preceptors who will assist nursing students during practical classes.**

The five-day workshop began on Monday at the George Hotel in Manzini and was led by WHO Human Resource for Health Advisor Dr James Antwi.

Preceptors from 11 clinical sites and hospitals attended the training.

Preceptors are practicing nurses who assist nursing students with their practical during their visits to health facilities including wards and clinics.

Phindile Mashwama, a lecturer at the Southern African Nazarene University (SANU) and also Chairperson of the Preceptorship Technical Working Group explained that nurses after graduating with their first Degree become eligible to be preceptors.

"All nurses who have graduated with their Degree in Nursing and have two-year experience are required to mentor others who are still studying without additional compensation. They are called preceptors," she said.

She explained that the training was not meant for giving the nurses extra duties but merely equipping them with skills to enhance what they were already doing.

Mashwama said the training was to equip the preceptors with the right attitude and skill to transfer their knowledge to the upcoming student nurses.

es. The practicals are basically for helping student nurses to practice the theoretical things that they have learnt in class.

Mashwama stated that it is important that nurses have the theoretical knowledge which they will put into practice whilst modelling a positive attitude towards patients.

She said the idea was to standardise the preceptorship practice which will be applied in students from all the four nursing schools in the country – SANU, UNISWA, Good Shepherd College and Swaziland Christian University.

"Attitude is very important. Preceptors need to model a positive attitude which they will impart to the nursing students. Attitude can enhance or deter the relationship between the nurse and a patient," she said.

Mashwama explained that in order to deliver quality health care, nurses needed to have the competency and skills in assessing the patient, hence they need someone to school them on how things are done when assisting a patient.

The practical usually takes from four to six weeks, after which students are evaluated.

During the training preceptors raised concerns about the number of students assigned to each preceptor at a given time. They requested that the number should be controlled to at least five students per preceptor. This will enable adequate supervision and students.

Mashwama further mentioned that a preceptorship programme framework has been developed which will guide preceptors on how to help students during their practical. These trainings will continue and the aim is to train over 100 nurses.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE ON POLLING STATIONS

Below is the list of polling stations in all the towns. Polls will be opened from 7am to 5pm on the 28th of October 2017.

City/Town	Ward	Polling Station
Lavumisa		Lavumisa Primary School
		Lavumisa Park-Hall
Mankayane		Siyakhula Community Hall
		Mankayane Swazi National Court
Nhlangano	1	Ward2 Neighbourhood Care Point
	2	Ward2 Neighbourhood Care Point
	3	SOS Children's Village
	4	Nhlangano Central High School
	5	Ward 5 Neighbourhood Care Point
	6	Nhlangano Town Council Offices
Siteki	1	Siteki Town Council Office
	2	Methodist Church
	3	Apostolic Faith Mission Church
	4	Red Cross Offices
	5	Good Shepard Primary School
	6	Mahwala Hall
Manzini	6	Ward 6 Soup Kitchen
	1	Zakhele Community Hall
	1	Zakhele Market
	2	Inkhanyeti School
	3	St Paul's Primary School
	3	F.E.A. Training Centre
	4	Ngwane Park High School
	4	Ngwane Park Extension Social Centre
	4	Jesus for the World Church (Sihlahleni)
	5	Murray Camp Social Centre
	6	Bahai Centre
	7	St Micheal's Chapel
Hlathikhulu	7	Mangwaneni Social Centre
	8	Khanyisile Primary School
	8	Living Waters Primary School
	9	Masekweni Social Centre
	9	Moneni Pre-School
	10	Mjinga High School
	11	Old Enjabulweni School
	11	Salesian School
	12	Council Chamber
		Hiathikhulu Market
		Municipal Offices
Ngwenya		Ngwenya Village Meeting Hall
		Back To Jesus Church
Pigg's Peak		Oshoek Alliance Church
	1	Malandahle Soup Kitchen
	2	Mangwaneni Soup Kitchen
	3 & 6	Pigg's Peak Civic Centre
	4	Nazarene Church
Ezulwini	5	Mhlatane High School
	1 & 2	Ezulwini Catholic Primary
	4 & 5	Ezulwini Civic Offices
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		Mbabane Central High School
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		Limkokwing University
	3	Mangwaneni Soup Kitchen
		Mangwaneni Primary School
	4	Mbabane Civic Centre
	5	Mbabane Central Primary School
		St Marks Primary School
		Checkers Business Park
	6	Swaziland College of Technology (SCOT)
	7	Woodlands High School
		Ward 7 Council Soup Kitchen
	8	St Francis High School
		Council Depot
		Khula Guest House
	10	Little School Primary
	11	Fonteyn Primary School
		Fonteyn Kitchen
		Ka-Boyce Primary School
		Mqolo Primary School
	12	Council Kitchen (at Bahai)

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## SINCEPHETELO MVA FUND

### TENDER NOTICE

NAME OF PROJECT	CLOSING DATE
DEVELOPMENT OF A CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN	30 NOVEMBER 2017

Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified business entities for the development of a corporate strategy for Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund.

The Scope of Work of the Consultant will include but not limited to:

- Review SMVA Fund's Vision and Mission based on its mandate;
- Conduct stakeholder mapping and analysis;
- Undertake a situational analysis of SMVA Fund's operations to date;
- Identify focus areas, develop Strategic Objectives and Key Results Areas (KRAs) for SMVA Fund, together with a relevant performance monitoring tool/framework;
- Propose a Strategy for achieving the strategic objectives and key results;
- Conduct stakeholder meeting(s) to validate the Draft Strategic Plan;
- Develop Enterprise Change Management Plan to support strategy implementation;
- Present the Draft Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022 to SMVA Fund
- Finalize Strategic Plan and submit to SMVA Fund.

The full-scope of works can be found in the tender document which may be obtained as from 8:00 am on the 23rd October 2017, at Sincephetelo MVA Fund Head office, Reception located at Sincephetelo MVA Fund Office Park, Mhlabi Street, Mbabane, on payment of E300 (cash payments only) non-refundable.

Completed Tender Documents should be submitted with the following documents:

- Original receipt confirming payment of the tender documents
- Completed set of tender documents
- Company profile with CVs of key personnel
- Certified copy of Valid Trading Licence
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- Company audited annual financial statements for the past 3 years or since company inception if newer than stipulated period
- Names and contact details of at least three (3) recent reference customers
- Statement of joint ventures / partnership (if tendering as a JV or partnership)

Completed Tenders are to be returned **NOT LATER than 12 noon, on 10th November 2017**, at the SMVA Fund Offices Reception, enclosed in a sealed envelope with the project name and contact details, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

No late submissions, no facsimiles, emails or other forms of submission will be accepted other than the prescribed. There shall be a public opening immediately after tender submissions closing time.

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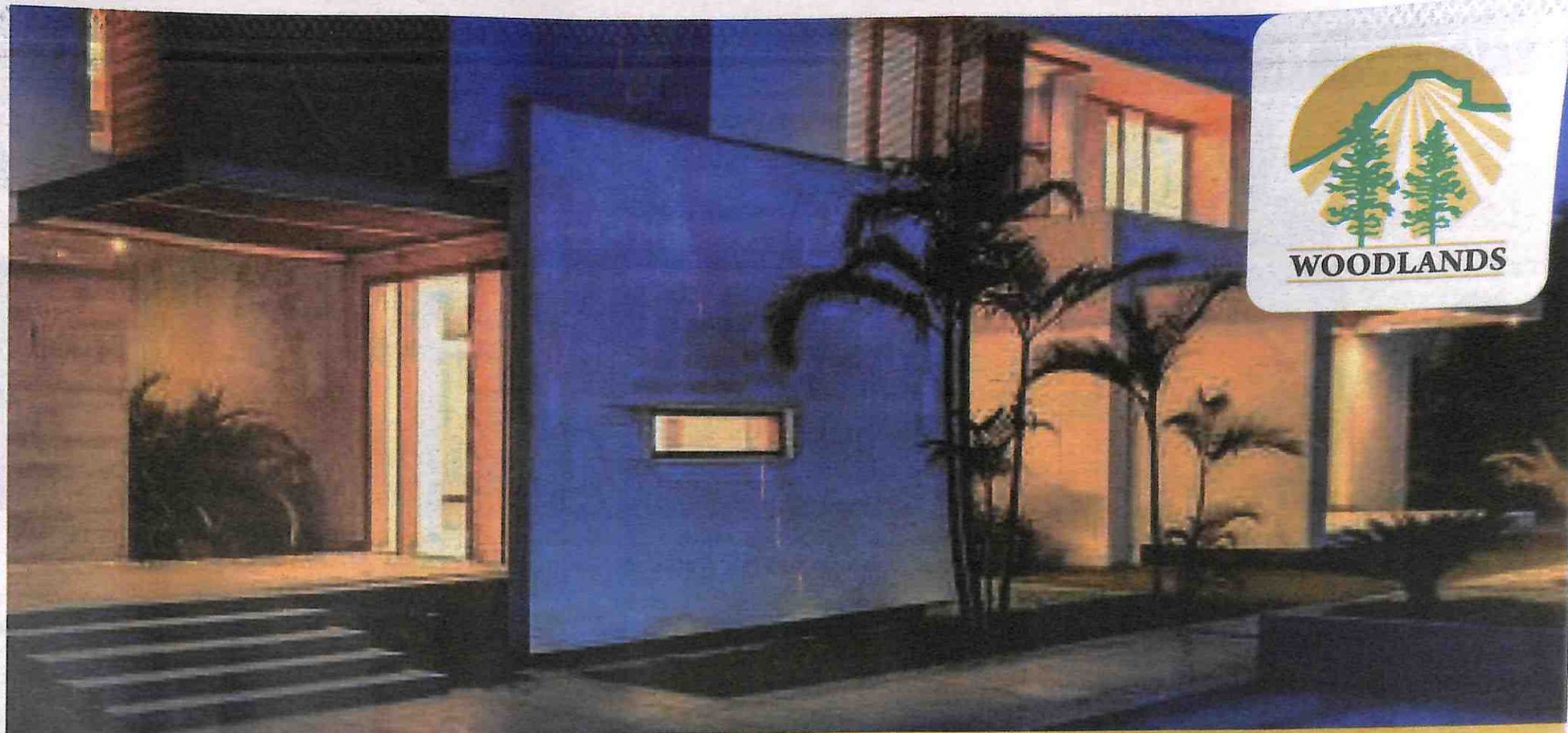


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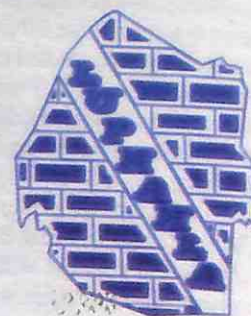
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**ADDRESS:** Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini addressing participants at the on-going training of trainers workshop at Bethel Court. He is flanked by Acting PS Nonhlanhla Dlamini and Matsanjeni South MP Sikiza Mhlungu, who is the ministry's portfolio committee member. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

## TINKHUNDLA MINISTER APPLAUDS MICRO-FINANCE UNIT

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**MINISTER** of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini has applauded the Micro Finance Unit for facilitating a workshop that will help community development officers alleviate poverty at grassroots level in the communities they save.

Dlamini was speaking at Bethel Court during the official opening of the trainings of community development officers workshop aimed at helping generate sustainable income generating projects.

"The training is being facilitated by the Micro-Finance Unit and we take this opportunity to thank them for collaborating with Micro-Projects and the ministry of tinkhundla adminis-

tration and development in empowering those officers who will empower the entrepreneurs at grassroots level," he said.

### Projects

The minister said the training would greatly assist to reduce bottlenecks when recommending income generating projects for funding and also enhance viability and sustainability of the projects.

Income generating projects directly address the objective of the Regional Development Fund, which is poverty alleviation or eradication in each of the four regions of the Kingdom of Swaziland.

"As government, we are custodians of the poverty reduction strategy and action plan and are also responsible for coordinating programmes that target achievements of Millennium Development Goals."

He said improving the quality of life amongst the poor is one of the pillars of the poverty reduction strategy.

It is within government's vision to pursue expansion into other project areas, which are a priority for improving the socio-economic lives of rural communities. He implored all the community development officers to ensure that the community members were adequately empowered to start and manage their businesses. His Majesty's Government will continually challenge the members of parliament, regional administrators, regional secretaries, tinkhundla committees, local chiefs, development committees, community development officers and the Micro-Projects Unit to work hard in ensuring that the Regional Development Fund is also used as a vehicle to achieve His Majesty's vision for developed Swaziland by 2022.



**PRESENTATION:** Micro-Finance Unit Programme Officer Access to Finance James Manyatsi making his presentation.



**MAKING A POINT:** Tinkhundla Ministry Acting PS Nonhlanhla Dlamini addressing the gathering.

## US Embassy donates E220 000 worth computers to 10 chiefdoms

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**THE** Embassy of the United States of America has donated 10 computers worth E218 510 to chiefdoms with the aim of providing traditional leaders and community development with tools to plan their HIV response mechanism.

The computers were handed over to the respective chiefdoms by Ambassador Lisa Peterson during a ceremony organised by USAID at Mountain Inn on Wednesday.

The 10 chiefdoms to benefit are: Bulandzeni, Gucuka, Zondwako, Lundzi, Kuphumleni, Qomintaba, Maphungwane, Lukhetseni, Dwalile and Mlindazwe.

Peterson said the computer equipment will help the chiefdoms to set their own HIV prevention and service uptake targets, and track their progress.

"Today, we recognise 10 of these chiefdoms that have met and exceeded their expected results. Your coordinated actions have signalled to your communities that keeping them healthy is top priority."

And with the handover of these computers, we are confident that this type of technological support will assist your communities in their work to confront the HIV epidemic through



**SHOT IN THE ARM:** USA Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson presenting a sample of the 10 computers the embassy donated to the ministry of tinkhundla administration and development which was received by the Minister responsible Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini. The presentation was at Mountain Inn on Wednesday morning. (R) Ambassador Peterson posing with Chiefs GasawaNgwane, Mancibane Dlamini of Lundzi, Velamuva Maseko and Ndlaluhlaza Ndwandwe. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

more consistent tracking," said Peterson.

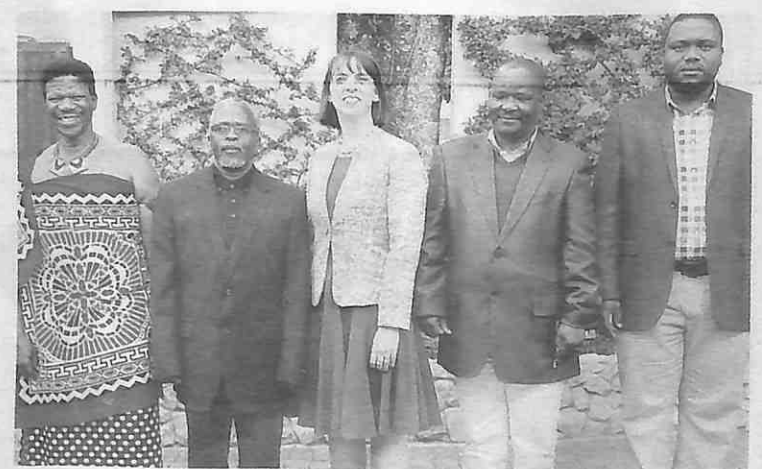
She further highlighted that since 2014, their PEPFAR programme through USAID's partner HC3, have been working alongside the ministry of tinkhundla, ministry of health, and NERCHA to reinforce the capacity of traditional leaders to reduce the impact of HIV in their own communities. "We know that your communities were on the frontlines when the crisis first started and you are now at the helm of implementing an effective response," she said. She said this is not a small task and they are more than appreciative of the steady collaboration and partnership. "At the community level, the United States Government and tinkhundla system are aligned to create a protective environment for adolescent girls and to improve access to HIV services, including testing, treatment, and voluntary medical male circumcision for rural communities," she added.

She applauded the Government of Kingdom of Swaziland for its unwavering commitment to halt the AIDS epidemic in Swaziland and especially for the focus on engaging men, which can ultimately help reduce the impact of HIV on families, adolescent girls, and young women.

Meanwhile, Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini appreciated the donation from Peterson.

"As a ministry, we appreciate the collaboration and support we have

received from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through HC3 over the years," he said. He said the equipment has come at the right time because the Government of Swaziland is going digital. "The ministry is promoting that all chiefdoms should have chiefdom development plans of which HC3 through your support has assisted with. The equipment will help the communities to keep their records so they will be easily accessible."



# NDMA, WORLD VISION PROVIDE FOOD TO 40 000 CITIZENS

Stories by Observer Reporter  
Mbabane

**NATIONAL** Disaster Management Agency (NDMA), through World Vision, provided food to close to 40 000 citizens from areas affected by El Nino including constituencies such as Lubulini, Lomahasha, Nkilongo and Madlangempisi.

The exact number of residents that benefited was 39 785.

This figure translates to 45 communities from 8 175 households which benefited from the Integrated Food Security Population Classification (IPC) once off food distribution. The agency donated 221 tons of food that included rice and vegetable oil, which was donated by Taiwan and mealies donated by the government.

Each beneficiary received a 5kg of rice and 500 ml of vegetable oil. At Gamula, each beneficiary received 7kg of mealies and the same quantity of vegetable oil.

Beneficiaries were happy with the food relief as they have not harvested anything due to the scorch-



**NDMA's Monitoring and Evaluations Assistant Mayibongwe Maphalala and Emellina Nxumalo, a beneficiary. (Courtesy pics)**

ing heat and some, like Mangwaneni at Nkilongo, have no land to farm.

One of the beneficiaries, Emellina Nxumalo, appreciated the food aid and said, "I really like this programme because we have received rice and oil, at least we will have that and have to make means to get other food items that we need,

unlike when you have nothing at all and have to buy everything."

Emellina has received food aid for as long as she can remember and shared that she is a recipient for her family of seven.

She resides at Mangwaneni and has a few rooms built from stick and mud that she shares with her

children and grandchildren.

She also compared the aid to the Cash Based Transfers programme and said, "This one is not like the Cash Based Transfer programme which I most preferred for its options in buying food.

There we would also save money to use once the food is finished yet with the food parcels, we have to keep and our homes are not conducive for storing." When drawn to the prospect of rains, Emellina gave a hopeless sigh and said she does not foresee getting any rains at the area as it's already October, a time when everyone goes to their field to plough. She added that even if it does rain, they have no land to farm, the soil is rocky and very dry, and nothing ever grows there.

She pleaded that NDMA and World Vision continue with the food assistance because they are in need of food aid.

"We have no hope now that this is a once off distribution yet we need food but we trust that God, who has carried us through all these years, will see us through again," said Emellina.

## Gamula community appreciates food aid

**BUCOPHO** of Gamula Mbongeni Ndzinisa expressed gratitude for the food aid they received and said the community was still faced with serious food scarcity.

He revealed that they had conducted a survey before to understand the economic status of the community and it revealed shocking statistics.

"This situation is bad because of the drought. Only 15 per cent of the community has job security, about 25 per cent have seasonal employment and the rest are unemployed and mostly that is the youth. In total, there are about 5 500 people who reside here," he explained

### Rain

Ndzinisa shared that an average family has between seven to 10 family members. He also said the community has not had a harvest for almost 10 years now and that their region (Lubombo) also receives the smallest rainfall yet it is too hot.

Appreciating the food Ndzinisa said, "This food will help the people a lot because they will have something to eat these days although it won't last long." He also appealed to the government to continue with providing food aid for all.

He explained that most of the people who were better in the past are now amongst the most vulnerable due to loss of employment.

At Gamula, they were receiving 7kg of mealie meal and vegetable oil per beneficiary.



**MAKING SURE:** World Vision's Field Officer Phiwo Ngcamphalala at the check point.



**FOOD GALORE:** Some elderly citizens taking their rations of food.



**HELP:** Gamula's Bucophu Mbongeni Ndzinisa assisting some beneficiaries.

## Businessman commends King for first university in Shiselweni

By Simon Shabangu  
Mbabane

**NHLANGANO** businessman Justice Nxumalo has commended His Majesty King Mswati III for declaring Ngwane College as the first university of the Shiselweni region.

He was reacting to the King's command that since the country will be celebrating 50 years of independence next year, it was also high time the region had its own university. The King's declaration was received with a huge round of applause and ululation from the Shiselweni community as they have been waiting for such good news for many years. Nxumalo, who is also a member of the Land Management Board and former

Chairman of the Road Transportation Board, said as the local business community, they were grateful to the King for putting education first.

He said this proved that the King is committed to seeing a highly educated nation which will in turn develop the country to the desired first world status.

"Education is the main pillar for development and for the King to make it a priority as he has always displayed makes us as a nation proud.

The Shiselweni region will never be the same once the university starts working because our children will not go out of the region but be trained locally. It will make a great shift to us and as a business community we hail the King for such a declaration," he said. "We are hopeful that gov-

ernment is already working on strategies in preparation to implement the King's command.

We believe that once the lion has roared things must be implemented, hence we trust that government is already working on this matter because 2018 is only a few months away from now," he added. He said a number of the already developed countries relied on education for the development which has seen them rise to the first world status.

He cited the likes of Japan and Taiwan as some of the countries which prioritised education, which in turn worked wonders for their economies. He said they are behind the King in his quest to see the country develop, stating that education can be used to realise development.



**THANK YOU:** Nhlanguano businessman Justice Nxumalo (wearing glasses) with Minister Owen Nxumalo and Chief Nzameya Nhlabatsi.



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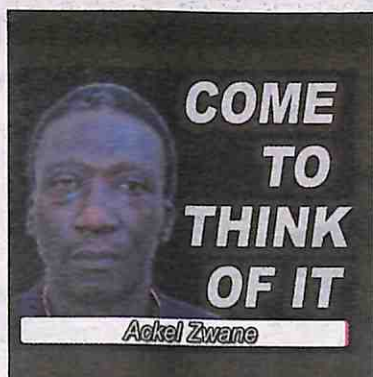
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## ANOTHER DAY IN SD, ANOTHER TOYI-TOYI

**NEXT Tuesday promises to be filled with action as public servants will abandon their work stations to protest against secret salary scale adjustments announced this week.**

After all had been done and dusted, Principal Secretary Evert Madlopha emerged the runaway pacifier offering by issuing what he believes to be reasonable and legitimate explanation on why government had moved to make the adjustments without the knowledge of the public servants with whom he is supposedly at the table of negotiations over the same issues.

On the other hand, security services are bracing themselves for a dramatic showdown that will be handsomely rewarded in overtime claims resulting from the duration of the toyi-toyi which is more likely to be prolonged given government's steadfastness in offering only zero salary adjustments to the entire civil service of lesser value.

Government will also spend incalculable amounts of fuel and wear and tear on vehicles running helter skelter in an effort to block Mphandlana Shongwe and allies from joining the street dances.

### Comprising

The practice has been to drive Mphandlana all the way from Mbabane to his parental home at Nkonjwa near Sithobela, complete with a long convoy comprising the top brass all at the taxpayers' cost.

Hospitals are most likely to be without the Nightingales despite that they are perceived to be in the essential services, who in the essential service can deliver a service on an empty stomach, none other than police, warders and soldiers with unlimited rations both at barracks and during the citizens bashing sessions in the form of hefty lunches supplied by high flying trucks carrying doggy bags.

But we have always observed ten-



**TOYI-TOYING:** Some trade union members in a recent march. More of such will be witnessed in the coming weeks as public servants are expected to down tools.

dencies by the government of the day before vacating office that together with the colluding Parliament they prepare for a grand exit by issuing ludicrous circulars that will guarantee not only themselves but also their spouses benefits from the ever willing cash cow, the state coffers.

The idea is to get married shortly before exiting and channel the spouse to be accommodated into the scales that will result in reaping the highest of benefits on offer to politicians' spouses. These and other similar circulars are commonplace on the eve of the exit date 20/3/14.

As early as 2023/14, state employees demanded a fair salary review that will be the equivalent of that which was given politicians in the Eighth Parliament. During that peri-

od (2003 to 2008), politicians benefited from, among other increments, the introduction of Circular No.3 of 2005.

Parliament Deputy Presiding Officers received a 174.5% increment while parliamentarians had theirs increased by 120.77%. The Circular No.3 of 2005 also led to Cabinet ministers, including the prime minister, having their salaries increased by over 42 per cent.

The boss, the PM, was paid a monthly basic salary of E22 235 before the circular was introduced before it skyrocketed to E31 647 after the introduction of the circular. The monthly basic salary for parliamentarians before the 2005 circular was E12 365, rising to E29 000 per month.

However, following the review of

Finance Circular No.1 of 2010, the newly elected lawmakers woke up to shocking news that their salary structure was to undergo a slight decrease compared to the previous government.

Finance Circular No.2 of 2013, had the PM's salary cut by approximately E4 000. In the previous government, the PM received a basic salary of E55 588 monthly calculated on an annual salary of E667 056. In 2013, he was expected to take home E51 470 each month, hence his annual salary was E617 646.

"The basic salary of the prime minister of Swaziland will be benchmarked against similar sized (by GDP) SADC countries every two years; and discounted for economic conditions and the affordability of the Swaziland Government. The annual review of

salaries will be applied based on the civil service annual review rate."

All other parliamentary salaries were to be determined as a ratio of the prime minister's salary. Previously, the basic salary of a minister stood at E42 353 based on an annual pay of E508 236.

The new ministers were each expected to pocket approximately E38 602 per month, resulting in a drop of E3 750. The cut on parliamentarians was just about insignificant. Thereafter, there had been attempts to grease the exit packages of top politicians, these being lawmakers and Cabinet ministers, something that accumulated into the current anger and helplessness as expressed today by the civil servants who feel politicians have not produced any rocket science to catapult the country out of its current miseries into a status of a contented and not disgruntled citizenry.

### Returning

Evert Madlopha, the Principal Secretary and public service is returning to put to the test the intelligence of the civil service and the nation by blatantly saying politicians had been shortchanged while the civil servants are deserving of the zero per cent salary adjustment because they have not added any value into the economy like the politicians.

These are the same politicians who have steered the country into the quagmire best analysed by the recent International Monetary Fund report. For all the mess, Madlopha says they are deserving to be rewarded, and handsomely so.

Whatever happens next week, no doubt it will put the country back into the world map and for the wrong reasons, as always. The protests shall be complementing the high statistics in HIV and AIDS, poverty levels, hunger, homelessness, the works.

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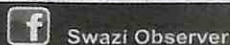
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## ON THIS DAY

...October 20

1740 - Maria Theresa became the ruler of Austria, Hungary and Bohemia with the death of her father, Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI.

1774 - The new Continental Congress, the governing body of America's colonies, passed an order proclaiming that all citizens of the colonies "discourage and discourage all horse racing and all kinds of gaming, cock fighting, exhibitions of shows, plays and other expensive diversions and entertainment."

1803 - The US Senate approved the Louisiana Purchase.

1818 - The US and Great Britain established the boundary between the US and Canada to be the 49th parallel.

1827 - The Battle of Navarino took place during the Greek War for Independence.

1873 - A Hippodrome was opened in New York City by showman Phineus T. (PT) Barnum.

1892 - The city of Chicago dedicated the World's Columbian Exposition.

1903 - A joint commission ruled in favour of the US concerning a dispute over the boundary between Canada and the District of Alaska.

1910 - A baseball with a cork centre was used in a World Series game for the first time.

1930 - "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" debuted on NBC radio.

1935 - Mao Zedong arrived in Hanoi after his Long March that took just over a year. He then set up the Chinese Communist Headquarters.

1942 - Pierre Laval told the French labour that they must serve in Germany.

1944 - Allied forces invaded the Philippines.

1944 - During World War II, the Yugoslav cities of Belgrade and Dubrovnik were liberated.

1947 - Hollywood came under scrutiny as the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence within the motion picture industry.

1952 - The Mau Mau uprising against white settlers began in Kenya.

1955 - 'No Time for Sergeants' opened on Broadway at the Alvin Theatre. The show starred Andy Griffith and Don Knotts made his Broadway debut. The last show was on September 14, 1957.

1957 - Walter Cronkite began hosting "The 20th Century." The show aired until January 4, 1970.

1968 - Jackie Lee Bouvier Kennedy married Aristotle Onassis.

1979 - The John F Kennedy Library in Boston was dedicated.

1984 - The US State Department reduced the number of Americans assigned to the US embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

1993 - Attorney General Janet Reno warned the TV industry to limit the violence in their programmes.

1994 - The website White House.gov was launched.

1995 - Britain, France and the US announced a treaty that banned atomic blasts in the South Pacific.

2003 - A 40-year-old man went over Niagara Falls without safety devices and survived. He was charged with illegally performing a stunt.

2009 - European astronomers discover 32 exoplanets.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Alona Tal (TV actress)** - October 20, 1983 - 34 years old



**Snoop Dogg (rapper)** - October 20, 1971 - 46 years old

# SA'S MEDIA SHOULD BEWARE OF BEING THE VOICE OF ONLY SOME

**MEDIA Freedom Day in South Africa marks the day in 1977 when the apartheid government banned two newspapers - World and Weekend World - and a church journal, Pro Veritate, along with 18 black consciousness organisations. A number of journalists were also detained.**

One purpose of commemorating the day is to keep the memory alive so that people are more sensitive to contemporary trends that may again lead the country down the path of repression.

What does the picture look like today?

First some optimism: South African citizens would not have known the extent of the mess the country is in had it not been for the tireless efforts of investigative journalists that uncovered widespread corruption, brought the #Guptaleaks and exposed Bell Pottinger's complicity in stirring up racial tensions.

But that's where the good news ends.

## Cause for concern

Media freedom continues to face external threats in the form of legislation, intimidation, harassment and surveillance.

Another major area of concern is that the South African media is not diverse enough: not in terms of ownership nor diversity of perspectives. This lack of diversity makes it harder for the media to claim to represent the public.

Even worse, the only significant "change" to media ownership this year turned out to be a cynical ploy to buy influence. This was the "purchase" of the Gupta-owned television station ANN7 and The New Age newspaper by their staunch defender and erstwhile government spokesperson Mzwanele Jimmy Manyi.

All it achieved was to give media transformation a bad name.

The country is also on the back foot when it comes to the public broadcaster. South Africans are supposed to have one that works in the public interest and acts as a countervailing force to big commercial interests in the media. But, the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) has been a mess for several years, hobbled by financial woes and mismanagement.

Political interference in the running of public broadcaster runs all the way to President Jacob Zuma. After sitting on the recommendations for the new SABC board for weeks, the board he finally appointed included a controversial chairperson and deputy. He also appointed yet another minister of communications, the seventh in so many years, suggesting that communications just isn't a priority for government.

But threats to media freedom don't always come from the outside, from security agencies or politicians.

*...Media freedom continues to face external threats in the form of legislation, intimidation, harassment and surveillance.*



**MOBBED: Springbok coach Allister Coetzee surrounded by media in Cape Town. (Gallo).**

Media freedom also gets hollowed out in more subtle ways. Even if all the usual threats were to be solved, the questions remain: what does the South African media do with its freedom? How well does the media serve the interests of all the country's citizens?

## Media as monitor

One of the consequences of having had to fight so hard to protect the space for a free media in post-apartheid South Africa has been that the media has defined its primary role in relation to government, often in a highly antagonistic way. But being a watchdog is only one possible role for the media.

It could also play others: a facilitative role that fosters dialogue with civil society, a radical role that opposes authority or a collaborative role that creates partnerships between media and the state around shared interests.

The problem with the media's watchdog work is that it's tended to foreground issues that are main-

ly of interest to an elite. This is partly because of increased commercial pressures on legacy media (newspapers, radio and television). As elsewhere in the world, South African

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the suburbs".

## Disconnect

Research shows that the South African media often doesn't succeed in gaining the trust of audiences outside of the mainstream elite, such as the poor or the youth.

The disconnect between mainstream media and audiences on the margins of society is perhaps best illustrated by the way media report on community protests: routinely

covered only insofar as they present an inconvenience for the middle classes.

Attempts to engage with protesters, find out why they were protesting, why they don't opt for other forms of engagement and what has led to the breakdown in trust, are rare - partly as a result of constraints on journalists.

By adding to the marginalisation of these citizens, the media is in danger of being associated with narrow or sectarian interests.

Importantly, it needs to be borne in mind that media freedom exists not only for the media but to serve all citizens.

The South African media have done exemplary work on many fronts in recent years. Yet, for media freedom to become deeply entrenched in the country's democracy, it should strive to listen even more widely and more intently to the voices of those that are still not within earshot of the mainstream news.

In doing so - especially in a communications landscape awash with propaganda, fake news and spin - the media would gain the trust of citizens and find more allies in their much-needed resistance to the creeping authoritarianism in South African society.

*- Herman Wasserman is Professor of Media Studies and Director of the Centre for Film and Media Studies at the University of Cape Town. News24*

## your HEAL+H section

**WHY** taking a two-week break from your diet might be the key to shifting those last few kilos

Most people who are trying to lose weight know how pesky those final couple of kilos can be, with some choosing to heavily monitor everything they consume.

Luckily, new research from the University of Tasmania's School of Health Sciences suggests that taking breaks from your diet can help you to reach your goal faster.

"When we reduce our energy [food] intake during dieting, resting metabolism decreases to a greater extent than expected; a phenomenon termed 'adaptive thermogenesis' - making weight loss harder to achieve," Professor Nuala Byrne, who led the study, told Body+Soul.

The research looked at two different groups - one dieted continuously for 16 weeks and the other group dieted intermittently.

The group of intermittent dieters would diet for two weeks and then would take two weeks off, which was a pattern they followed for the whole study.

## Research

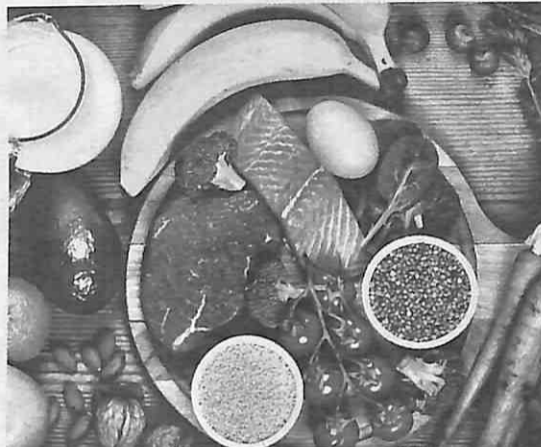
Once the research was completed, the study leaders found that the group that was more successful in weight loss was the one who took two-week breaks.

The positive results don't stop there, as six months after the study finished the intermittent dieters maintained an average weight loss of eight kilos.

This was more than those who dieted continuously and monitored their food. This being said, Professor Byrne explained that diets that include cycles of several days of fasting and feasting aren't more effective than continually dieting.

"It seems that the 'breaks' from dieting we have used in this study

# ARE YOU SICK OF NOT LOSING WEIGHT?



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[for a two week" duration] may be critical to the success of this approach" he said.

Once the research was completed they found that the group that was more successful in weight loss was those who took breaks from their diet.

Although the results of this trial may have some people jumping for joy, dietitian Kathryn Hawkins doesn't necessarily agree.

She believes that people should adopt a more intuitive and healthier

approach to eating and thinks that restricting food doesn't help long-term.

"There is enough evidence to show that learning to enjoy healthy food, listening to your hunger [and] fullness cues, and moving every day is the best way to help your body to settle on a healthy weight"

She stated that long-term restriction slows down your metabolism and suggests listening to your body's hunger cues.

"By ignoring [your] body cues, the body ends up feeling unsupported and therefore ends up deciding to slow down its metabolism to preserve energy" Ms Hawkins said.

Hawkins said that the best approach is to be consistent with when you consume your food.

She also believes we should follow the basic rules and eat fresh food, lots of fruit and vegetables, wholegrains, lean meats, legumes, nuts, eggs and dairy. *Daily Mail*

## Butchers, farm shops under the spotlight over chicken containing food poisoning bug

...after watchdog sees fall in contaminated supermarket chicken

Butchers and farm shops are under the spotlight amid allegations they are selling dirty chicken.

At the same time, the Food Standards Agency (FSA) is scaling back the policing of supermarkets, despite evidence of hygiene failures at their processing plants.

New figures from the FSA show more than half of chickens sold across the High Street - 54 per cent - carry the food poisoning bug campylobacter.

And more than one in 20 - 6.5 per cent - carry high levels on the skin, which means they are especially dangerous.

Campylobacter is the leading cause of food poisoning in the UK and makes 280 000 people ill each year.

Most people suffer sickness and diarrhoea, but complications can lead to temporary paralysis and even death with some 100 fatalities a year. The year-long results, from August 2016



**POISONING:** New figures from the FSA show that more than half of chickens sold across the High Street - 54 per cent - carry the food poisoning bug campylobacter.

to July 2017, based on 3 980 whole fresh chickens, show Marks and Spencer's chickens had the highest overall presence of campylobacter at 62.7 per cent, followed by Asda (57.1 per cent) and Aldi (56.7 per cent).

The FSA figures show the proportion of fresh roasting chicken that carry any contamination has come down

from 74 per cent to a still high 54 per cent over the past three years.

Over the same period, the number carrying the highest level of contamination has dropped from 22 per cent to 6.5 per cent. Contamination levels are highest in chickens sold by small butchers, farmers markets and farm shops. Some 71.6 per cent carry

Retailer	No. of samples	% skin samples over 1,000 cfu/campylobacter	% skin samples positive for campylobacter
Aldi	409	6.0 (3.7 - 8.4)	56.7 (51.9 - 61.6)
Asda	387	7.6 (5.1 - 10.3)	57.1 (52.1 - 62.0)
Co-op	406	4.4 (2.5 - 6.6)	53.0 (48.1 - 57.9)
Lidl	408	7.1 (4.7 - 9.6)	55.7 (50.9 - 60.5)
M&S	407	6.4 (4.2 - 8.9)	62.7 (58.1 - 67.3)
Morrisons	392	2.9 (1.4 - 4.6)	51.1 (46.2 - 56.1)
Sainsbury's	395	5.5 (3.4 - 7.8)	52.8 (47.9 - 57.7)
Tesco	404	4.2 (2.4 - 6.2)	46.7 (41.9 - 51.5)
Waitrose	400	2.7 (1.1 - 4.4)	38.6 (33.9 - 43.3)
Others	363	17.1 (13.1 - 21.3)	71.6 (66.9 - 76.2)
All	3,980	6.5 (5.6 - 7.3)	54.0 (52.3 - 55.8)

the bug and 17.1 per cent have the highest levels of contamination. Waitrose is selling the safest chickens but even then it is selling 38.6 per cent of chickens that carry campylobacter [and 2.7 per cent have high levels].

Tesco was selling 46.7 per cent of chickens with campylobacter and Sainsbury's with 52.8 per cent. Despite that the FSA announced last month that it is to stop naming individual supermarkets and the proportion of chickens they sell that are contaminated with campylobacter.

The watchdog has regu-

larly reported the percentage of chickens sold with campylobacter by the nine biggest supermarkets - Aldi, Asda, Co-op, Lidl, Marks and Spencer, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Tesco and Waitrose - since 2014.

Some 73 per cent of chickens sold in the High Street in 2014-15 were carrying campylobacter, according to the Food Standards Agency (FSA). The FSA said it had reached an agreement with the industry for supermarkets to publish their own figures while it focused on smaller establishments 'where we feel further improvements could be made'.

## Wit and Wisdom

● "Don't stop there. I suppose there are also, what, vampires and werewolves and zombies?"

"Of course there are. Although you mostly find zombies farther south, where the voodoo priests are."

"What about mummies? Do they only hang around Egypt?"

"Don't be ridiculous. No one believes in mummies." — *Cassandra Clare, City of Bones*

● "To see a World in a Grain of Sand And a Heaven in a Wild Flower, Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand And Eternity in an hour." — *William Blake, Auguries of Innocence*

● "Oh well... I'd just been thinking, if you had died, you'd have been welcome to share my toilet." — *J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

● "I never change, I simply become more myself." — *Joyce Carol Oates, Solstice*

● "It's not the face, but the expressions on it. It's not the voice, but what you say. It's not how you look in that body, but the thing you do with it. You are beautiful." — *Stephenie Meyer, The Host*

● "Walk as if you are kissing the Earth with your feet." — *Thich Nhat Hanh, Peace Is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life*

● "Well, now  
If little by little you stop loving me  
I shall stop loving you  
Little by little  
If suddenly you forget me  
Do not look for me  
For I shall already have forgotten you

● If you think it long and mad the wind of banners that passes through my life And you decide to leave me at the shore of the heart where I have roots Remember

● That on that day, at that hour, I shall lift my arms

● And my roots will set off to seek another land" — *Pablo Neruda, Selected Poems*

● "Is 'fat' really the worst thing a human being can be? Is 'fat' worse than 'vindictive', 'jealous', 'shallow', 'vain', 'boring' or 'cruel'? Not to me." — *J.K. Rowling*

● "It has been said, 'time heals all wounds.' I do not agree. The wounds remain. In time, the mind, protecting its sanity, covers them with scar tissue and the pain lessens. But it is never gone." — *Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy*

● "History will be kind to me for I intend to write it." — *Winston S. Churchill*

● "This is your life and its ending one moment at a time." — *Chuck Palahniuk, Fight Club*

● "Isabelle drifted over, Jace a pace behind her. She was wearing a long black dress with boots and an even longer cutaway coat of soft green velvet, the color of moss. "I can't believe you did it!" she exclaimed. "How did you get Magnus to let Jace leave?" "Traded him for Alec," Clary said. Isabelle looked mildly alarmed. "Not permanently?" — *Chuck Palahniuk, Fight Club*

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## SMEs INCORPORATED IN KEY SUPPLY CHAINS

By Majaha Nkonyane

**GOVERNMENT is currently working hard to incorporate small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in key supply chains.**

Speaking during the Shiselweni Entrepreneur of the Regional Awards held at Nhlalanga Casino, Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade Minister Jabulani Mabuza said government, through some ministries such as the ministry of agriculture, ministry of natural resources and energy and the ministry of com-

merce, industry and trade, has prioritised participation of the SMME sector in key supply chains through value addition.

"We believe this will enhance access to better markets for our products," he said.

He noted that though the Shiselweni region recorded the lowest number of entrants for the competition, it added diversity in the competition, since most businesses from the region were dominated by forestry and timber production.

"This therefore places a challenge on SMEs to play a more prominent

role in the supply chain of this industry," he said. Mabuza said the Shiselweni region accounted for about 16 per cent of the 59 000 SMME owners in the country.

"These figures show that there is still a lot that the country needs to do to promote entrepreneurship in the region," he said.

However, the minister said the region has the second highest number of self-employed entrepreneurs at 79 per cent, after Lubombo at 86 per cent.

He said about 15 per cent of the businesses in the region were at

micro level and employed at least up to three people.

Mabuza thanked the organisations that sponsored this year's awards.

"Your contribution to this noble venture is commendable. This year the EYA competition is bigger and better. The introduction of the regional awards has resulted in a 45 per cent increase in the number of entrants. This validates our proposition that taking EYA beyond the urban corridor of Manzini-Mbabane is necessary to advance the agenda of entrepreneurship development," he said.

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### VITALS

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<b>First National Bank</b>	
Inflation Rate	5.9%
<b>Central Statistical Office</b>	
Mortgage Rate	10.75%
<b>Swaziland Building Society</b>	
Bank Rate	7.25%
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Petrol (u)	E11.80 per litre
Replacement	E11.85 per litre
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## E20BN RAIL LINK PROJECT TO USE SPV MODEL TO RAISE FUNDS

By Majaha Nkonyane

**THE E20 billion Rail Link project between the country and South Africa is working on a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) model to raise funds for the project.**

This is according to Swaziland Railway CEO Stephenson Ngubane.

"The model we are working on now is the SPV. This means that we are looking to attract project financing and that the revenue generated will be used to pay back investors and meet operating costs. After maybe 20 or 25 years, or when the loans have been repaid, the SPV would dissolve. The model is continually being refined," he reportedly told Engineering News.

The SPV model was also preferred in light of the fact that the project, which would be seamless, despite traversing country borders, already involved two rail operators, covered a relatively short distance, and would integrate with existing infrastructure.

### Mountainous

The infrastructure would also need to traverse challenging, at times mountainous, terrain and its construction is expected to comprise no less than 300 separate civil engineering works, including bridges and culverts.

"We are confident that the project will attract private investors, owing to the fact that there are immediate volumes that could be diverted to the line. Yearly volumes are expected to ramp up to 22 million tons over time," said Transnet Freight Rail (TRF) CEO Ravi Nair.

"We are not being prescriptive



**GIANTS:** Swazi Rail CEO Stephenson Ngubane in a meeting with Transnet Freight Rail CEO Ravi Nair. (Courtesy Pic)

about the type of model, but in our view it is unlikely to be a concession. Where TFR needs to operate, we will operate.

"Where Swazi Rail needs to operate, they will operate," Nair explained, adding that they were, nevertheless, looking for the private funders to take direct equity in the project," he further stated.

The logistics and efficiency spinoffs associated with having dedicated 150-wagon general-freight trains would also be significant, as would the socio-economic and employment benefits.

During construction it is estimated that 3 000 direct construction jobs would be created in South Africa and a further 6 500 in the country,

where 100 km of the 150 km line would be laid.

The 150 km Greenfield railway line from Lothair, in South Africa, to Sidvokodvo, is designed to open up a dedicated general-freight corridor, firstly to the Port of Richards Bay, in KwaZulu-Natal, but later also to the Port of Maputo, in Mozambique.

Swaziland Railway (SR) earlier said the line, which would integrate with TFR's network on either side of the country's border, would also release

capacity on the coal export corridor, which currently handles between 15 and 17 million tons of general freight yearly.

"By relieving the corridor of almost all its general freight, TFR would

align the rail network with the coal-handling capacity that exists at Richards Bay in a bid to facilitate an increase in exports, initially from the country's Mpumalanga coal mines, but progressively from the Waterberg, in Limpopo, and eventually also from neighbouring Botswana," said SR.

Transnet is in the process of acquiring the 506 hectares of land required for the project on the South African side of the border and was in discussions with communities on the relocation of several households.

Meanwhile, it has been reported that SR in the country is in talks with 15 chiefdoms regarding the relocation of 235 homesteads to make way for the project.

About 500 graves have already been exhumed and the bodies reburied, while Transnet was in talks regarding the exhumation of 120 graves.

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**Yearly volumes are expected to ramp up to 22 million tons over time**

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 19 OCT 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.5550	13.6050
British Pound/SZL	17.8960	17.9620
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.3102	8.3401
Swiss France/SZL	13.8260	13.8756
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3067	1.3224
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.6515	10.6935
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.8727	10.9093
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	15.9956	15.0546
Gold	1,279.1000	
Oil	58.3400	

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# PPPs GUARANTEE AGRIC SECTOR SUSTAINABILITY

By Manqoba Makhubu

**GOVERNMENT's collaboration with development partners, the private sector and local authorities has played a significant role to strengthen food production and the creation of more high-productivity employment.**

Going forward, Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati said the sector would focus on strengthening water harvesting and irrigation programmes to safeguard small-holder farmers' linkages to market and to continue attracting investments to rural areas.

"Government in partnership with the private sector, development partners and local authorities has continued to lead to ensure success of rural development projects aimed at poverty eradication and strengthening livelihoods for food and nutrition security," he said.

He said more than 2 000 direct jobs have been created under these programmes, with a turnover of E1.4 billion over the past five years.

Therefore, he said it was critical for the sector to continuously work on improving sustainability of these programmes, while scaling up to other regions of the country and facilitating strengthening of associated commodity value chains.

He said other interventions included supporting household nutrition gardens, food preparation and processing, access to affordable inputs for crops and livestock, small stock enterprises development and mechanisation.



**MAKING STRIDES: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati.**

The minister also noted that resulting from food security programmes interventions, where farmers were supported with access to inputs and efficient agricultural services; there has been a significant decline in levels of malnutrition with stunting in particular declining from 31 per cent in 2014 to 22 per cent in 2016.

Also, he said the establishment and capacitating of the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) has played a critical role to support communities severely affected by the 2015-2016 drought.

"The enforcement of environmental policies has ensured that all our environmental programme issues are mainstreamed," he said.

However, he said the rolling out of these programmes was not without challenges.

"Resources are barely adequate, climate change effects are devastating, population and food demand is rising, while our institutions remain static," he said.

Therefore, he said there was a need to mobilise and harness all the support required to arrest the deterrent challenges in implementation of these programmes.

Vilakati said the country had been recently assessed and found to be one of the member states that were on track towards achieving the Malabo targets by 2025.

This was during the recently held ministerial session of the second meeting of the Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on agriculture, rural development, water and environment organ of the African Union (AU).

He said 43 indicators were used to access the country's progress towards achieving the Malabo targets.

These included the recommitment to the principles and values of the CAADP process; recommitment to enhance investment finance in agriculture, a commitment to end hunger by 2025 including doubling productivity, reducing stunting to 10 per cent, commitment to boost intra-African trade in agricultural commodities and services and enhancing resilience in livelihoods and production systems to climate variability and other shocks.

He said some of the areas that the country needs to improve on included reducing the poverty headcount rate ratio and employment creation for youth in agriculture value chains, improving public budget allocation to the sector and social protection to meet the needs of vulnerable groups and strengthening agriculture data collection and management systems to ensure that missing data would be captured in the next biennial review reporting in 2019.

## Graduate responds to King's call of addressing SACU dependency

By Simon Shabangu

**UNIVERSITY of Swaziland (UNISWA) graduate Nelson Dlodlu says the country needs to further diversify its exports and explore other markets as part of the strategies to relieve its over reliance on the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) revenue.**

The Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management graduate was responding to His Majesty's recent call for graduates and scholars to come up with solutions to help the country reduce its reliance on SACU revenues which he said was not healthy for the economy. Dlodlu said he was profoundly moved by His Majesty's challenge to academia, mainly to the recent graduates and scholars to come up with solutions on how to reduce the over reliance on SACU. He said scholars possess the skill and knowledge needed to relieve the country from the uncertainty due to the fluctuation of the country's share from SACU and trigger the era of overreliance by other countries on the country.

Dlodlu said the country needs to also prioritise the European Union (EU) and the United States of America (USA) markets and take advantage of foreign exchange gains.

"More exports means more tax for the government to boost the running of the budget meaning more can be allocated to boost the tourism industry thus attract foreign investors in the process. The path



**DIVERSITY: Nelson Dlodlu graduated in Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management.**

of increasing exports literally means the countries manufacturing has to take priority. A small increase in manufacturing has a potential to boost revenue for the country.

### Importance

It is of great importance to export finished value added products rather than raw commodities which fetch low market prices as finished products attract higher prices thus more gains for the exporting country," he noted. Dlodlu said the prioritisation of local private sector investments should also not be left out as this could help improve infrastructure and mobilisation of domestic resources, rapid output growth, exports and employment, thus ensuring the country moves from reliance to being maestros of trade and investment thus moving closer to our tar-

get of becoming a first world country by 2022.

"We need to specialise, understand that trade is a chain, you can only be part of the chain not be the whole chain, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and other countries in the world are part of the chain and cohesively we are strong. We are left with a few years before 2022, thus the need to focus more on sheer brilliance than hard work not to say ignore hard work but try to think out of the box and identifying breath taking development projects and back it up with a good team of experts," he said.

Dlodlu said the country's strong points were in the agro industry and technology transformation, which he said could be used as basis for the economy to build on.

"Germany has Mercedes, VW and BMW as their golden products to mention a few. Swaziland has mainly sugar, thus the need to tap into promoting multibillion dollar agricultural products like hemp which has a thousand uses, these should be eyed speculatively as catalysts in gaining more revenue to boost the budget. The internet can be used for unprecedented opportunity to reach out to the world for ease of trade.

"On behalf of the class of 2017, I would like to extend our appreciation as a token of gratitude to HMK for gracing our graduation ceremony, the wise words from the throne and blessing our induction into the group of graduates by the highest title on earth. Bayethe,"

## Govt, local companies get invite for ATIGS 2018 in the US

By Manqoba Makhubu

**GOVERNMENT officials, potential exhibitors and sponsors have been invited to register for early bird discounts for the upcoming 2018 edition of the Africa Trade and Investment Global Summit (ATIGS) by January 15, 2018.**

The high level prestigious, biennial conference and trade show will be held from June 24-26 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel - Convention Hotel in Washington DC in the United States of America.

The conference is organised by Global Attain Advancement (GAA), LLC, an investment and trade event organiser that formulate a portfolio of high-level business-to-business and business-to-government summits, forums, meetings, exhibitions and exploratory trade missions.

GAA has appointed a Swazi, Duma Ndumiso Mnisi who participated in the 2016 Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders to facilitate participation of the Kingdom in the upcoming summit.

The ATIGS 2018 was designed to contribute to the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA), Trade Africa, World Trade Organisation's (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Agenda 2030 and the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063 by playing an important contribution in enabling companies all around the world and global investors to access African markets at a one-stop shop facilitating international trade and investment partners.

"Unlike most talk-shop conferences focused on Africa, ATIGS moves beyond that and instead focuses on bringing together investment promotion agencies (IPAs) and trade promotional organisations (TPOs) from across Africa all under one roof to showcase the wide range of trade and investment opportunities that are available in their respective countries in an inter-

national pavilion and country pavilion formats offering global investors, companies from all over the world, and government bodies with first hand face-to-face experiences to explore, and identify those opportunities in an ultimate business platform ideal for conducting government-to-business, government-to-government and business-to-business meeting," said GAA.

The summit will feature conferences, country presentations, exhibitions, technical visits, investor's hub, networking functions, luncheon sessions, capacity building workshops, trade and investment awards, online and onsite business match-making and country closed roundtable discussions.

The summit will focus on top fourteen sectors; trade and industry, energy and mining, manufacturing, services, agriculture, finance and banking, real estate and property, tourism and hospitality, investment, textile, infrastructure and logistic, education, healthcare and pharmacy and information technology and telecommunications.

"The ATIGS is scheduled between two large events Select USA Investment Summit 2018 and the 27th World Gas Conference 2018 in Washington, D.C. With ATIGS happening between those two events, major press will already be in Washington, D.C., as well many other businesses, and we are confident we will be able to retain several number of the target audience from those events to participate at ATIGS 2018," said the summit organisers.

The summit is projected to attract over 350 qualified investors and over 800 companies looking to expand or establish operations in Africa with an outstanding opportunity to reach and meet over 130 trade promotional organisations (TPOs) and investment promotion agencies (IPAs) from 41 African countries, including over 300 companies from Africa aiming to source international partners.



**INVITE OUT: The high level prestigious, biennial conference and trade show will be held from June 24-26 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel - Convention Hotel in Washington DC in the United States of America.**

## Rand slumps to one-week low, JSE up

**JOHANNESBURG** - The rand slipped to a one-week low against the dollar yesterday, hurt by a combination of a firmer dollar, higher-than-expected inflation print and negative sentiment spurred by recent cabinet changes.

Stocks posted modest gains with rand-hedged companies benefiting from the weaker currency.

At 5pm, the rand bid at R13.5566 to the dollar, 10.32c softer than at the same

time on Tuesday, trading at its weakest levels since October 11.

"The stronger dollar is hurting most emerging market currencies," Rand Merchant Bank currency trader, Jan Sluis-Cremer, said. "Inflation also printed marginally higher than forecasts, and yesterday's (Tuesday's) Cabinet changes have added to the weaker rand."

Domestic headline consumer inflation quickened to 5.1 per cent year-on-year in September.

In a list of 16 emerging market currencies tracked by Reuters, the rand was by far the worst performer, followed by the Mexican peso and Brazil's real.

President Jacob Zuma on Tuesday reshuffled his Cabinet for a second time in seven months, rattling the rand and government bonds.

In fixed income, the yield for the benchmark government bond rose three basis points to 8.77 per cent.

On the stock market, the benchmark



JSE Top40 index was up 0.46 per cent at 51747.21 points, while the broader all share index climbed 0.47 per cent to 58152.41 points.

Rand hedges lifted the bourse. Britain-based property company

Capital & Counties was up 4.35 per cent to R48.48, while luxury goods maker Richemont gained 1.8 per cent to R123.20. Steinhoff gained 1.25 per cent to R60.75.

- Reuters

## ANGOLA NOT NEXT VENEZUELA AS STATE OIL FIRM CUTS DEBT

**LONDON** - Angola is not the next Venezuela, the head of state oil firm Sonangol said on Wednesday while pledging to further cut debt, even if both oil-rich nations have relied heavily on loans from China.

Venezuela, the Latin American oil behemoth, has found itself struggling to repay debts to China and Russia that total at least \$50 billion. But Sonangol chair Isabel dos Santos said her company was not on a similar track.

"There is really pretty much nothing in common," dos Santos said. "Maybe just the weather."

Dos Santos told a Reuters newsmaker event that Sonangol has already slashed \$3 billion in debt, and that she has the backing of the new president for an ambitious reform plans that aims to further cut debts.

"Our relations are in full alignment," dos Santos said, adding that João Lourenço, who took office last month, was "fully aware" of her plans for Sonangol's transformation.

Dos Santos took the helm of the state oil company in June 2016, when her father Jose Eduardo dos Santos was still in office. He stepped down as president this year after 38 years in power. But she said the new administration was on board with the "huge task" of her five-year turnaround plan for Sonangol.

"We are engaged with the government



**IN DENIAL:** Isabel dos Santos, Chairwoman of Sonangol, speaks during a Reuters Newsmaker event in London, Britain.

and the government's mission to overcome the difficulties in the Angolan economy."

Sonangol was hit hard by the slump in oil prices that began in 2014. She said the company was "debt ridden" when she took the helm, but that there was no concern over outstanding loans from China, a key buyer of its oil and source of financing for Sonangol itself as well as Angola.

"There is no taboo (about) being financed by Chinese banks," she said, adding that they had cut total company

debts to \$10 billion this year from \$13 billion.

She declined to give a figure for the total amount Sonangol owed to Chinese lenders, citing only \$3 billion from mainland Chinese banks.

But years of borrowing, particularly from China, left the nation with a dwindling amount of crude to sell for fresh revenue during the depths of the oil price crash, and others estimate its oil-backed debts to Chinese entities at at least \$25 billion.

Reuters

## New minister's first words on nuclear vision for SA

**CAPE TOWN** - Incoming Energy Minister David Mahlobo yesterday highlighted his vision for South Africa's nuclear energy future, following the approval for Eskom to develop 4GW of new power stations near Koeberg last week.

Mahlobo is the third energy minister this year. Tina Joemat-Pettersson was axed in March after the nuclear programme was halted following a court ruling. Her successor, Mmamoloko Kubayi, was this week redeployed to the communications ministry, with speculation that President Jacob Zuma was not happy with her progress in restarting the nuclear procurement programme.

Critics and opposition parties have warned that Mahlobo's appointment could be an attempt by Zuma to push through the nuclear deal,



**UPBEAT:** Energy Minister David Mahlobo (left) and Deputy Director General for nuclear energy Zizamele Mbambo.

as the president's leadership position hangs in the balance, ahead of the ANC's elective conference in December.

His appointment comes as the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) last week authorised its Final Environmental Impact Report for the power station at Duvynfontein, giving Eskom permission to develop a new

nuclear plant next to the existing Koeberg power station.

Koeberg, based outside Cape Town, is Africa's only nuclear power station and contributes 6%, or 1.8GW, to South Africa's power grid.

Citing the outdated 2010 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which states that South Africa requires 9.6GW of nuclear energy before 2030,

Mahlobo said the latest development forms part of a "policy decision to pursue nuclear energy as a baseload energy form to mitigate our carbon footprint".

"South Africa recognises the role of nuclear power in ensuring security of energy supply and meeting the challenge of climate change," he said. "South Africa has made a policy decision to pursue nuclear energy as part of the energy mix and recognise the role of nuclear as a base-load source of energy in ensuring security of supply and climate change mitigation."

A new IRP has been promised by the end of 2017 or the beginning of 2018. The draft IRP delayed developing any nuclear energy until 2037, but there is speculation the final policy could bring nuclear back in as a requirement.

AFP



## Lewis buys cash furniture retailer for R320m

**CAPE TOWN** - Lewis Stores advised shareholders yesterday that it has acquired the entire issued ordinary share capital and all shareholders' claims against United Furniture Outlets Proprietary Limited (UFO) for a cash amount of R320m, plus any applicable interest.

Of this amount, R16m will be deferred subject to confirmation of the net asset value of UFO at the effective date, said Lewis.

UFO is an independent, local cash furniture retailer and has 30 stores. It sells furniture such as lounge, bedroom and dining room products. The company is recognised as a luxury brand with a value offering to the upper LSM 9 - 10+ consumer spectrum, according to Lewis.

Lewis Stores said the deal will enable it to improve economies of

scale and provide it with a "platform to penetrate new market sectors through a wider, more exclusive product range".

"Importantly, Lewis Stores is of the view that the acquisition will diversify its offering by increasing its cash-to-credit sales ratio and facilitate access to a higher income customer market segment."

"The UFO brand and business model is scalable and offers an opportunity to extend the UFO store footprint across South Africa and into neighbouring Southern African countries," said Lewis Stores.

The company said it will utilise its current cash resources to pay the purchase price due in terms of the deal, which is subject to conditions.

Lewis Group [JSE:LEW] shares were trading at R26.61 just after 10:30 on the JSE. **FIN24**

# Focus on SA scene

## BLADE'S AXING PUTS STRAIN ON ALLIANCE

**DURBAN** - President Jacob Zuma had to fire Higher Education Minister Blade Nzimande because of the hostile relationship that had developed between them, said political analyst Dr Bheki Mngomezulu.

Mngomezulu was responding to Zuma's decision to remove Nzimande, the SACP general secretary, from the Cabinet on Tuesday.

Nzimande has been replaced by Hlengiwe Mkhize, the former minister of home affairs. Outraged SACP members described the reshuffle as nothing more than the targeting of Nzimande in an attempt to embarrass the SACP.

Nzimande had joined his colleagues within the SACP and COSATU in the call for Zuma to step down amid allegations of state capture and links to the Gupta family. "It means that there was no element of trust between the two. Therefore it would have been difficult for them to continue working together," said Mngomezulu.

He said the fact that the SACP had endorsed Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa to be elected ANC president instead of Zuma's favoured candidate, Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, had also contributed to Nzimande's removal. Ramaphosa and Dlamini-Zuma are



**STRAIN:** President Jacob Zuma and SACP General Secretary Blade Nzimande during COSATU's May Day rally.

the front runners in the presidential race to be decided at the December conference. "Zuma knows that the SACP had taken a formal position on Cyril Ramaphosa," he said.

He said the removal of Nzimande would further divide the relationship within the alliance and within the ANC, as there are members of the ruling party's national executive committee who are angry with Zuma's decision.

ANC Secretary-General Gwede Mantashe tweeted on Tuesday: "Alliance relations are at their lowest."

Mngomezulu said the national conference might restore the relationship. "If people are disgruntled after the conference then there will be more divisions," said Mngomezulu.

Daniel Silke, Director of the Cape Town-based Political Futures Consultancy, said Zuma, by firing Nzimande, was taking "incremental action against those who have differed with him". He said the Cabinet included ministers who were deadwood in terms of their performance but they hadn't been removed because of their loyalty to Zuma. *Daily News*

## Minister Bongo to focus on protecting national security

**CAPE TOWN** - Bongani Bongo, a former ANC backbencher, was promoted to Cabinet as Minister of State Security after Tuesday's reshuffle by President Jacob Zuma.

Bongo, from Mpumalanga, has served in various positions within the security clusters since 2014.

Bongo said he would like to assure all South Africans that he would provide the required leadership to make sure there was stability in the country and "we do what we are expected to do to protect national security."

He said that "when we protect President Zuma, we protect the head of state" as required by national legislation.

*eNCA*



**FOCUSED:** Newly appointed State Security Minister Bongani Bongo.

## Dudu is out! Finance Ministry confirms Myeni is leaving SAA

**JOHANNESBURG** - Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba yesterday announced changes to the SAA board, which confirms reports that Dudu Myeni is no longer the chairperson.

BusinessLIVE reported on Wednesday that a boardroom shake-up was on the cards at the national carrier.

A consortium of lenders, owed billions by SAA, has been breathing down the airline's neck, demanding that Myeni go but insisting that the composition of the current board remain the same.

Earlier yesterday, the Democratic Alliance welcomed the news.

"She has done untold damage to SAA and should not have been reappointed to the board, and certainly not as board chair, in September 2016," said Alf Lees, the DA's deputy shadow minister of finance.

The Minister of Finance, Malusi Gigaba, is pleased to officially announce the appointment of six new members to the Board of South African Airways (SAA), as well as the full slate of non-executive board members at the airline, which have been approved by the Cabinet.

Joining the Board is; Johannes Bhekumuzi Magwaza as the new Chairperson, and Nolitha Fakude as the Deputy Chairperson and non-executive director.

New board members who will serve as non-executive directors are: Geoff Rothschild, Ahmed Bassa, Tinyiko Mhlari, and Martin Kingston. Current non-executive directors who will continue to serve on the Board are: Bajabulile Swazi Tshabalala, Peter Tshisevhe, Thandeka Nozipho Mogoduso, Peter Holmes Maluleka and Akhter Hoosen Moosa.

Board members who will no longer serve are: Dudu Myeni, Tryphosa Ramano, Mzimkulu



**OUT:** Dudu Myeni.

Malunga, Siphile Buthelezi, Nazmeera Moola, and Gugu Sepamla.

The changes will be with effect from November 3, 2017, when the minister will have a special meeting with the new board. The new board brings talent, expertise and energy to the airline, and they are all highly regarded individuals with a vast and in-depth knowledge of business in both the private and public sectors.

The minister would like to thank all outgoing board members for their work at the airline, wish incoming members well with their tenure at the airline. The minister hopes that the new board, together with the incoming Chief Executive Officer, Vuyani Jarana, will implement the airline's structural strategy and bring it to financial stability, as set out in his 14 confidence boosting measures.

The new board is well experienced and diverse, and the minister encourages them to ignore the political noise, and focus on the business of strengthening SAA. At the heart of these appointments, is a commitment from the South African Government to strengthen the airline, and create conditions to see the transformation of all our state-owned companies.

*Times Live*

## Two South Africans held in Tanzania for homosexuality

**NAIROBI** - Two South Africans are among 12 men arrested for presumed homosexuality in Tanzania as part of an ongoing crackdown against gays, police said on Wednesday.

"We arrested the criminals at (the hotel) Peacock - they were promoting homosexuality. Two are South Africans, one Ugandan and nine Tanzanians," Dar es Salaam police head Lazaro Mambosasa said at a weekly press conference.

### Questioned

He said the 12 were being questioned ahead of being sent to a court and did not say when they had been arrested.

"Tanzania law forbids this act between people of the same sex, it is a violation of our country's laws," said Mambosasa. He added the hotel manager was among those arrested for "providing a room" for the others.

Mambosasa urged citizens to notify authorities if they caught wind of such activities "so we can act in time".

*News24*

## 'Zuma shouldn't be forced to step down after ANC conference'

**CAPE TOWN** - "I don't think there's a need for us to hustle people out of their offices. Why is it necessary?"

African National Congress presidential candidate and Speaker of Parliament Baleka Mbete says she does not believe that the incumbent ANC President, Jacob Zuma, or his administration should be asked to leave office after the governing party's national congress in December.

"I believe in stability. I believe in us creating a stable environment for the things that need to be attended to, but done in an atmosphere that does not make any one grouping of people nervous," Mbete told *The New Age* on Wednesday.

According to Mbete, it would not be necessary for the newly elected leadership of the ANC to rush "to say, get out".

"I don't think there's a need for us to hustle people out of their offices. Why is it necessary? However, it would be ideal if the one who was in office was the one who said, 'you know what I think? maybe let's take three months for us to clear our offices because 10 years is a long time'."

"Let's take that time to pack up, look at issues and talk about things," she



**LEAVE HIM:** ANC National Chairperson Baleka Mbete.

said.

Mbete also told the paper it was important to instill "fresh blood" in the new administration.

"Let's get some fresh blood in, particularly young blood. We must infuse hope. We must infuse a forward-looking attitude that says there are changes in society."

The ANC is expected to hold its national conference in Gauteng, where it is expected to elect its new leadership from December 16 to 20.

*Citizen*

## LONLA INVESTMENTS

## REED DANCE PROMOTIONS

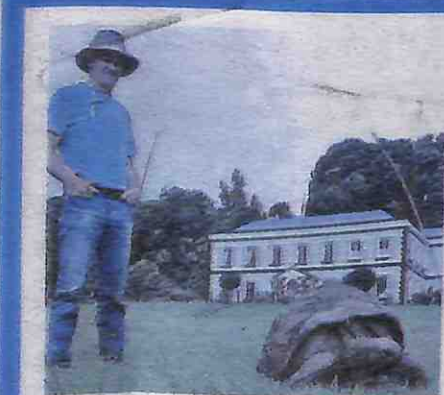
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**SURPRISE:** The world's oldest tortoise, Jonathan, and his mate Frederica have enjoyed regular mating sessions since 1991, but it's only recently that vets discovered the elderly creature's sweetheart is male as well. (Daily Mail)

KEEPERS DISCOVER THE 'GIRLFRIEND' WOODED FOR 26 YEARS BY JONATHAN, 186, IS FREDERIC NOT FREDERICA

# IS WORLD'S OLDEST TORTOISE GAY?

**LONDON** - Many people who have been in long-term relationships will tell you they slowly uncovered secrets about their partner over the years.

But none of them are likely to have been as surprised as Jonathan, the world's oldest tortoise, when he discovered something ground-breaking about his lover of 26 years.

After almost three decades of his keepers thinking he was enjoying a physical relationship with fellow tortoise Frederica, it was revealed she was actually... Frederic.

At 186 years old, Jonathan is the most senior resident of St Helena, a British Overseas Territory 1 200 miles off the coast of southern Africa. He arrived on St Helena in his thirties, as a gift to the governor.

## Captive

He also famously once posed with prisoners held captive on the island during the Boer war.

But late into his eighties, Jonathan became irritable and began knocking over benches and interrupting cricket games between residents on the lawn in front of the governor's Georgian mansion.

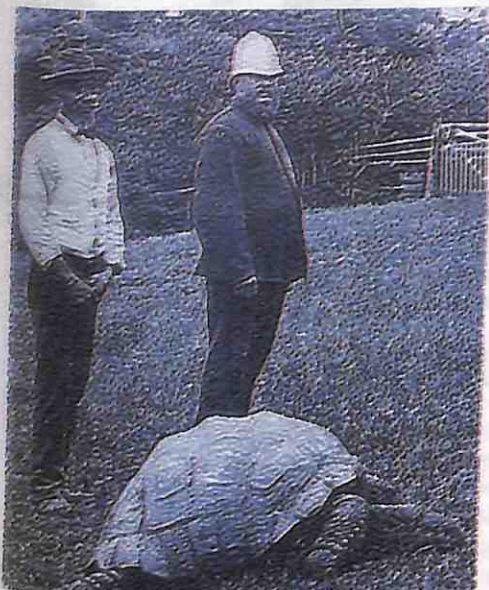
Vets decided he needed a girlfriend and in 1991 he was given a mate.

Romance blossomed with Frederica and it wasn't long before the couple began enjoying regular mating sessions every Sunday morning. The Times reported.

But despite their amorous antics, the pair never had any young. Now, almost three decades after the romance began, the reason has been revealed.

When vets went to repair a lesion on the tortoise's shell it was discovered that Frederica was actually a Frederic, putting a whole new spin on the relationship.

Daily Mail



**NEVER AGING:** Jonathan seen in 1900 after his arrival on St Helena in his 30s as a gift to the governor.



## GENERAL NOTICE NO. 12, 2017

### PROPOSED DECISION IN TERMS OF SECTION 32 OF THE SWAZILAND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ACT, 2013: RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM PRICING MODEL FOR CONSULTATION

#### INVITATION FOR WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS.

The Swaziland Communications Commission, herein after referred to as the Commission, has developed a Spectrum Pricing Model in accordance with Section 34 of the Electronic Communications Act, 2013 and Regulation 16 of the Electronic Communications (Radio Communications and Frequency Spectrum) Regulations, 2016.

The Spectrum Pricing Model was developed according to the parameters stipulated in Regulation 17 of the Electronic Communications (Radio Communications and Frequency Spectrum) Regulations, 2016 which states that the Commission shall adopt a pricing formula that reflects the economic value of frequency spectrum in order to encourage efficient use of frequency spectrum and stimulate growth.

A copy of the proposed Decision document is available on the Commission's website at [www.sccom.org.sz](http://www.sccom.org.sz) and at the Commission's offices at Mbabane Office Park 4<sup>th</sup> floor, North Wing Mhlambanyatsi Road.

The provisions of Section 32 of the SCCOM Act, 2013, allow for stakeholders and interested persons to make comments on proposed decisions of the Commission. The public is hereby invited to submit their written representations on the proposed Decision to publish a Radio Frequency Spectrum pricing model published herewith by the Commission.

Written representations with regard to the proposed Decision must be submitted to the Commission no later than 17h00 on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 by post to Swaziland Communications Commission, P.O.Box 7811 Mbabane, hand delivered or electronically to [legal@sccom.org.sz](mailto:legal@sccom.org.sz)

**Mvilawemphi Dlamini**  
Chief Executive

## BRIEFS

## US man shoots, kills 3

**CECIL COUNTY** - An employee at a Maryland countertop business opened fire on five co-workers Wednesday morning, killing three of them, and then drove to Delaware and shot a former colleague at a car dealership, authorities said. Police departments along Interstate 95 from Maryland to New Jersey conducted a widespread manhunt for the gunman, identified by the authorities as Radee Labeeb Prince, 37, who escaped officers during a brief chase after the second shooting, in Wilmington, Delaware. About 10 hours after the first shooting, authorities in Cecil County, Maryland, announced in a Facebook post around 7:30 pm that Prince had been captured.

*The New York Times*

## N. Ireland talks deadline set

**LONDON** - Britain on Wednesday set a new deadline of October 30 for Northern Ireland's deadlocked political parties to reach a power-sharing deal, warning it would otherwise have to impose direct rule. Northern Ireland Secretary James Brokenshire told a parliamentary committee in London of the new date. Brokenshire warned that without any signs of a deal by the end of the month, the government in Westminster would have to pass a budget for Northern Ireland, adding that "the prospects do not look positive at this time."

AFP

## Ministry job in coalition talks

**VIENNA** - Austria's far-right Freedom Party said on Wednesday it wants the top job in the interior ministry in exchange for entering a coalition with election winner Sebastian Kurz. Kurz's conservative OeVP party won 31.5 per cent of the vote in Sunday's election, near-complete results show and the populist Freedom Party (FPÖ), came in third on 26 per cent. The Social Democrats (SPÖ) of incumbent Chancellor Christian Kern came second with 26.9 per cent. "We have several red lines," FPÖ Chairperson Heinz-Christian Strache said in his first media conference since the vote.

AFP

## Dogs test positive for drugs

**ANCHORAGE** - For the first time in the history of the world's most famous sled dog race, several of the high-performance animals have tested positive for a prohibited drug. But race officials have refused to name the musher involved. Several dogs tested positive for the opioid pain reliever Tramadol, the governing board of the nearly 1 600 km Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race said in a statement. The team was tested six hours after finishing the race in Nome in March, officials said. They estimate the drug could have been administered between 15 hours before the test and right before it. Officials say they likely could not legally prove intent on the affected musher's part.

AP

## Ardern is New Zealand's PM

**WELLINGTON** - New Zealand's centre-left opposition leader Jacinda Ardern was poised to become prime minister yesterday in a stunning rise to power after maverick populist Winston Peters backed the charismatic 37-year-old to form a government. Peters' decision, which came after the September 23 election ended deadlocked, gives her Labour Party the numbers to form a government with his New Zealand First and the Greens. "This is an exciting day," Ardern said in a brief statement. "We aspire to be a government for all New Zealanders and one that will seize the opportunity to build a fairer, better New Zealand."

AFP



## CARNAGE AS HEIRESS, 20, 'JUMPS A RED LIGHT', KILLS SIX

**KHARKIV** - A glamorous 20-year-old heiress has been detained after claims that she 'jumped a red light and rammed into a crowd killing

six.'

There was carnage on the streets of Kharkiv, in Ukraine, after her Lexus struck a VW Touareg before com-

pletely overturning and landing on its wheels and then mowing down people waiting on the pavement at a pedestrian crossing.

Alyona Zaitseva's armed bodyguards drove up in two jeeps immediately after the crash and protected her from a furious crowd who witnessed the crash. The dead included a 15-year-old schoolgirl.

A shocking video of the aftermath of the crash showed bodies strewn on the pavement.

Among the seriously wounded is a woman who is seven months pregnant, described as being in a grave condition in hospital.

Three of the dead were named as Elena Berchenko, 25, Yury Neudachin, 24, Oksana Nesterenko, 36.

Student Zaitseva was detained initially for three days. Police said she was found not to have been drinking before the crash.

If convicted, she faces up to ten years in jail.

Local bloggers expressed fears that because of her powerful father she will be exonerated despite claims that she sped through the red light.

The driver of the Touareg, Gennady Dronov, 49, was at a green light when the vehicles collided, according to witnesses. *Daily Mail*

## US, N Korea war threats 'dangerous and short-sighted' - Clinton

**SEOUL** - Former US presidential candidate Hillary Clinton said on Wednesday that "cavalier" threats to start war on the Korean peninsula were "dangerous and short-sighted," urging the United States to get all parties to the negotiating table.

Clinton was speaking at the the World Knowledge Forum in the South Korean capital of Seoul. She stressed the need for more pressure on North Korea and diplomacy to bring Pyongyang to talks.

Clinton also called on China to take a "more outfront role" in enforcing sanctions against North Korea aimed

at curbing its missile and nuclear development.

"There is no need for us to be bellicose and aggressive (over North Korea), picking fights with Kim Jong Un, puts a smile on his face," Clinton said, without mentioning Trump by name.

### Tension

Tension between Pyongyang and Washington has soared following a series of weapons tests by North Korea and a string of increasingly bellicose exchanges between US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

*Reuters*

## TRUMP DENIES 'HURTFUL' REMARK

**WASHINGTON** - President Donald Trump has denied a congresswoman's account that he told a grieving soldier's widow in a phone call that the soldier "knew what he signed up for," saying on Wednesday that the Democratic representative's description was "totally fabricated."

Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Fla., recounted details of Trump's call

with Sgt. La David T Johnson's widow.

On Tuesday, Wilson was in the car with the widow, Myeshia Johnson, and said she overheard the phone call from the president, who was on speakerphone. Sgt. Johnson, a Green Beret, was killed in an ambush in Niger earlier this month that killed three other soldiers and injured two.

*The New York Times*

## Portuguese minister quits over 106 wildfire deaths

**LISBON** - The Portuguese minister in charge of emergency services resigned after 106 people were killed in unprecedented wildfires this year in the Iberian nation.

The European Union's Emergency Management Service, meanwhile, says the area burned by wildfires this year in Portugal is the largest on record for the nation, more than six times the annual average for the last eight years.

Interior Minister Constanca Urbano de Sousa tendered her resignation and Prime Minister Antonio Costa accepted it, the government announced.

In a resignation letter published on the government website, Urbano de Sousa said she wanted to quit after 64 people were killed in a June wildfire, but Costa asked her to stay. She repeated her request after 42 people died last week.

end in another spate of wildfires.

"Although the tragedy (last weekend) was caused by multiple factors, I came to the conclusion that I could not continue for political and personal reasons," she wrote.

The wildfire deaths are by far Portugal's highest annual toll ever and have stunned the country. Silent protests are slated for next weekend in an effort to press the Portuguese government into taking more decisive action against wildfires.

Authorities say arsonists are to blame for starting most wildfires in the country.

Urbano de Sousa had been under severe political pressure to quit. Investigations into the June wildfire deaths, which occurred in one night, found numerous shortcomings in the official response.

Urbano de Sousa wrote that she has prepared policy changes on fighting fires expected to be adopted by the government on tomorrow.

*Associated Press*

**RESIGNS: Minister Constanca Urbano De Sousa. (AFP)**



## MAY TO URGE EU LEADERS TO SPEED UP BREXIT TALKS

**BRUSSELS** - British Prime Minister Theresa May will appeal to European Union leaders at a crunch summit in Brussels yesterday to push forward the deadlocked Brexit negotiations.

At a meeting moved to a new venue at the last minute due to an eruption of toxic gas, May will urge her colleagues to start looking now at a future trade deal and a transition period after

Britain leaves in 2019.

The EU says that there is insufficient progress on divorce issues to move on to the next phase dealing with future relations at this summit, but that it will start internal preparations to do so in December.

May will "encourage them to move the conversation on to consider the future partnership and the implementation period, so that they are

ready to engage in that discussion as soon as possible", a senior British government official said.

May also published a letter on her Facebook page promising to make it as easy as possible for EU citizens to stay in the UK after Brexit. The British official said a deal on citizens' rights was "within touching distance."

AFP



## SOMALI PRESIDENT VOWS WAR ON SHABAAB

**MOGADISHU** - Somali President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed vowed on Wednesday to step up the war against al-Shabaab, as he addressed thousands at a rally in Mogadishu for the victims of the city's worst-ever bombing.

Protesters wearing red bands around their heads marched through the scene of the truck bombing, a once bustling district, before gathering at a sta-

dium where they chanted: "We are ready to fight".

Residents of the Somali capital, while wearily accustomed to regular bombs and attacks by the Islamist militants, have been outraged by the strike on Saturday which left at least 276 dead and 300 wounded.

There has been no immediate claim of responsibility, but the Shabaab, a militant group aligned with Al-Qaeda, carries out regular suicide bombings in Mogadishu in its bid to overthrow Somalia's internationally-backed government.

The president, better known by

his nickname Farmajo, said the attack "shows that we have not done enough to stop Shabaab".

"If we don't respond to this now, the time will surely come when pieces of flesh from all of us are being picked up off the ground. We need to stand up together and fight al-Shabaab who continue massacring our people," he said.

However it was unclear what Farmajo - who came into office eight months ago also vowing to eliminate Shabaab - planned to do to stop the militants from carrying out such attacks. **AFP**

## UN chief pushes for extra peacekeepers in Central Africa

**UNITED NATIONS** - Amid a US push to cut costs for United Nations peacekeeping, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Wednesday he hoped the UN Security Council would agree to send an extra 900 troops to protect civilians in Central African Republic (CAR).

Guterres, who will visit CAR next week, told reporters that while peacekeepers had "helped avert the worst" when mass atrocities were being committed in the country five years ago, the situation remained "very troubling."

"Across the country, communal tensions are growing. Violence is spreading, the humanitarian situation is deteriorating, there is a need to increase the capacity of our troops in Central African Republic to protect civilians," Guterres said.

"I am convinced there will be a very positive understanding of all the members of the Security Council, including the United States of America, in relation to this," he said.

Thousands died and a fifth of Central Africans fled a conflict that broke out after mainly Muslim Seleka rebels ousted President Francois Bozize in 2013, provoking a backlash from Christian anti-balaka militias.

Although unrest has since subsided, fighting spiked this year and the United Nations warned that ethnic fighting could descend again into a much larger conflict.

UN peacekeepers were deployed in 2014 and the Security Council is due to renew the mandate for the mission of more than 12 000 troops and police by mid-November. In a report to the council on Tuesday, Guterres recommended an extra 900 troops.

US Ambassador Nikki Haley led a push to cut peacekeeping costs and is reviewing each operation as annual mandates come up for renewal by the Security Council. President Donald Trump wants to cap the US share of the peacekeeping bill at 25 per cent, down from 28.5 per cent, a level he said is "unfair."

**Reuters**

## Paris, Boston, Manchester ... Mogadishu

**MOGADISHU** - Allies sent planes to Somalia carrying medical supplies and doctors on Tuesday, while the diaspora rallied to donate blood to help cope with the crushing aftermath of the country's worst bombing.

Medical sources suggest the death toll could be over 300, although the government's official total is 276 people killed and 300 injured after a truck blew up in a busy commercial district of the capital on Saturday.

It was said to be carrying 500kg of explosives,

making it the worst attack in a country that has experienced more than three decades of civil war and where, according to the Nairobi-based Sahan thinktank, at least 723 people were killed in 2016 alone.

There has been widespread criticism on social media that the disaster has not been more extensively covered by media and that people have not reached out to the Somalis with as much sympathy and solidarity as after terrorist attacks in other cities, particularly in the West. **AFP**

## 'Champion of land redistribution' Mugabe honoured by youths in Russia

**SOCHI** - Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, 93, is reportedly set to be honoured by African youths and students attending the 19th youth festival held in Sochi, Russia for "championing the fight against imperialism".

According to the state-owned Herald newspaper, African youths at the festival had set aside a day to celebrate Mugabe "for his determined stand against imperialism".

The event, said the report, would run under the theme: "President Robert Mugabe: The champion of land redistribution and total restoration of natural resources from imperialists to the African masses".

ZANU-PF youth leader, Kudzanai Chipanga, who was also attending the festival, described



**CHAMPION: Zim President Robert Mugabe.**

the nonagenarian as a "revolutionary leader" who was in the forefront in fighting for "economic emancipation of both Zimbabweans and Africans".

This, Chipanga said had been manifested through the country's often chaotic land reform programme, which according to him "has made Zimbabwe one of the only countries on the continent to restore land to its

rightful owners, the indigenes".

ANC Youth League General Secretary, Njabulo Nzuza concurred, and praised the Zimbabwean leader whom he described as a "living example of leadership that Africa needs to move forward".

Nzuza challenged the African youth to be proactive in discussing the continent's politics and economics. According to reports last week, Mugabe was expected to speak at the festival alongside his Russian counterpart President Vladimir Putin.

However, reports emerged over the weekend that Mugabe was instead set to attend a World Health Organisation (WHO) conference in Uruguay, while his wife Grace Mugabe was heading to Russia for the youth festival. **News24**

## Liberian rebel commander guilty of immigration fraud

**PHILADELPHIA** - A Liberian accused of war crimes has been convicted of lying about his past as a rebel commander so he could enter the US.

51-year-old Mohammed Jabbateh was found guilty in a federal court in Philadelphia of immigration fraud and perjury

for deceiving US officials about his role during the Liberian civil war in the 1990s.

His trial involved testimony from several witnesses who said he or his soldiers killed civilians, raped women and engaged in cannibalism. He was known during the war as Jungle Jabbah.

Jabbateh has maintained his innocence. His attorney says that prosecutors were "hoodwinked" by the witnesses' "tall tales."

He has been living in the US for about two decades and was arrested last year outside Philadelphia. **AP**

## BRIEFS

### Malaria cases go up

**NAIROBI** - More than 1 000 people have tested positive for Malaria in Marsabit, northern Kenya, weeks after the deadly disease killed more than 26 people in the expansive region. A report handed to the country's Health Cabinet Secretary Cleopa Mailu also showed that the 1 000 were from a sample of 2 500 people who sought treatment from hospitals in the area. While presenting the report to Dr Mailu on Tuesday evening, Director of Clinical and Referral Services Boru Okutu said the number of malaria cases were rising in the Illeret ward. He said more rains were expected in the region and, therefore, the outbreak might not end soon.

**All Africa**

### Mutual benefits with Ethiopia

**ETHIOPIA** - Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Ethiopia Abdullah Faleh Alarjani says Ethiopia is one of the potential beneficiaries of his country's economic restructuring plan, Vision 2030. The ambassador also appreciates Ethiopia's success in registering remarkable economic growth in a short period of time. In 2016, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman announced Vision 2030 that reduces country's reliance on oil revenue thereby transforming the economy to one of the top investing countries in the world eyeing agriculture as a priority.

**All Africa**

### Seychelles schools re-open

**VICTORIA** - Two suspected cases of plague in the Seychelles have tested negative, the government said on Wednesday, as children returned to schools which had closed as panic swept the island nation last week. The health ministry said tests on two people with suspicious symptoms after visiting Madagascar, where 74 people have died from the plague over the past two months, had returned negative from a French laboratory. Initial tests had shown the patients might have the plague, and 12 other people were admitted to hospital and 320 placed under surveillance.

**AFP**

### Teachers meet over low cash

**HARARE** - The Amalgamated Rural Teachers Union of Zimbabwe (ARTUZ) has met Central Bank Governor John Mangudya, demanding that he addresses cash shortages that have left Zimbabweans, including teachers, losing productive hours in bank queues. Demands made by the union at the meeting include, making a full salary withdrawal, reduction of transfer fees, preferential treatment in banks and creating an economic framework which addresses the liquidity challenges affecting depositors. RTUZ accused the central bank boss of lying to Zimbabweans that bond notes would ease the cash shortages without eroding the value of deposits.

**New Zimbabwe**

### Lissu set for post-ICU treatment

**DAR ES SALAAM** - Singida East Member of Parliament Tundu Lissu, who was admitted to the Nairobi Hospital after unknown assassins made an attempt on his life by shooting at him multiple times over a month ago, is out of Intensive Care Unit (ICU). This was revealed by Chadema national Chairman Freeman Mbowe yesterday at a press conference held at the party's headquarters. Mbowe said Lissu, who is also the President of the Tanganyika Law Society, came out of the ICU last week. Mbowe said that the fire brand lawmaker and a great critic of the government was no longer on life supporting machines, but was now temporarily bound to a wheel chair.

**All Africa**



# GET ON THE 'SMOOTH GROOVE' WITH THE 'SMOOTHFEST'

By Nomfundo Sifundza

## THE wait was worth it, right?

The wait for the SmoothFest, is definitely worth it when in its return SA's amazing kid on the block Amanda Black will share the stage with Swaziland's very own award winning Nomalungelo Dladla. The SmoothFest is finally here, get your dancing shoes on and get ready for 'Zajikizinto' dance.

## TONIGHT

### IS POETRY THE NEW COMEDY?

Where: Molly's House of Grills (Riverside)

Time: 7pm

Poets Zwelonke Maseko, Majaha Nkonyane and Njabu K are ready to prove that poetry might just be the new comedy.

Comedians Mdura, Ndosh and Dr Shakes, on the other hand, want to maintain comedy as what it is, laughter is the best medicine. Do not miss this free entrance show.

## PINK FRIDAY

Where: Pub n Grill

Time: 6pm

Pub n Grill presents a breast cancer awareness event. Performing artists will be Newiki Flex, Tee and CNX.

On the decks will be DJ Speech Umlangeni. Entrance is E100 VIP, E50 general and E40 for revellers in pink.

## DA SOLID GROOVE

Where: Solani's Shisanyama

Time: 6pm

Catch upcoming DJs ACE4NIC and Dexter supported by Supa CDQ, Meugie, Le Kronik, Ayacity and Drum Rhythm.

Entry is E40.

## TOMORROW

Where: Riders Ranch

Time: 2pm

The time to see Zonke, Amanda Black, Jimmy Dladla, Nomalungelo Dladla, Floewe is finally here.

ly here.

Entrance is E325 general since VIP and VVIP are sold out already.

## SUNDAY

### MTN RHYMES AND LAUGHTER

Where: The George Hotel (Yoruba Lounge)

Time: 3pm

You do not want to miss the always 'lit' MTN Rhymes and Laughter final episode.

On the forefront are comedian Mdura and rapper KrTC and supporting acts are Dr Shakes, Solly and the biggest rapper King Terry.

Entrance is E50.

## \*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*

### DJ TIRA AT YORUBA LOUNGE

Where: TGH, Yoruba Lounge

Date: October 28

### TOTAL GOLD SEREIS

Where: House on Fire

Date: October 28

### MEGASOUND PICNIC WITH MGARIMBE

Where: Luphohlo Dam

Date: October 28

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FEATURING BUSISWA

Where: Nhlanguano, Jukes on Fire

Date: October 28

### REASON 'LOVE GIRLS' TOUR

Where:

Emfuleni

Lifestyle

Date:

October

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HERE: Amanada Black at SmoothFest.

## 1 399 votes for Miss Cultural Heritage

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

WITHIN three days after voting lines opened, a total of 1 399 votes have been received for the Miss Cultural Heritage finalists.

This was revealed by the Miss Cultural Heritage Vice Chairperson Mhlonishwa Motsa yesterday. According to the statement sent to the Entertainment Desk, Siphesihle Dube from Ntfontjeni is leading with 340 votes followed by Zethu Gama from Nhlanguano with 332 votes.

Swazi Mobile's Brand and Communications Manager Macford Sibandze urged the public to continue voting for their favourite contestant.

"We are encouraged by the response we get from the public in using our voting lines.

We urge them to continue so that they encourage the girls because they will also be judged according to their

...Siphesihle Dube leading with 340 votes



LEADING: Siphesihle Dube is leading with votes so far.

popularity with the public.

"As a company we support this initiative because it speaks to retaining our cultural heritage.

And there's no better way than promoting it through a pageant," Sibandze

## ...Finalists bring Malindza to a stand still

THE Miss Cultural Heritage pageant seems to be gaining popularity as this past weekend it recorded a huge turnout at Malindza for their cultural community work project with one of the sponsors Corban Build.

The event was held at Malindza Royal Kraal on Saturday.

The event saw young girls from the community coming in their numbers to go through cultural activities with the Top-12. Also present were members of the Lutsango regiment who were teaching the contestants and the girls values and ethics of a young girl.

After going through their paces the contestants then did some charity work and painted the community hall.

Corban Build, one of the country's leading hardware shops, sponsored the pageant with paint

to do a community project. Corban Build Marketing Manager Reggie Kunene said this is one of their drives to influence the lives of the Swazi people.

"We are very much passionate about culture and the community, hence this was a great initiative to link the two areas of substance in our company.

We remain the best because we care for our community as even our prices are reflective of that," said Kunene.

Miss Cultural Heritage also brought all other sponsors as part of their Cultural Corporate Concept, which was launched two months ago. Companies such as Swazi Mobile, Namaga Consultancy, Sigeja Curious, Corban Build and many others got a chance to market their products to the community.

Miss Cultural Heritage Vice Chairperson Mhlonishwa Motsa

applauded Corban Build for such a sponsorship. "We are more than grateful that above all, they allowed us to tag along our other sponsors for exhibitions and presentations as part of our Cultural Corporate Concept.

"Our aim is to ensure that the community realises the power that is our cultural brand and how our culture and heritage can influence positive living in young girls," said Motsa.

—Below is the voting process thus far;

Rank	Contestant	Votes
1	Siphesihle Dube	340
2	Tanele Mbingo	46
3	Nelisiwe Shongwe	6
4	Nkosingiphile Malindzisa	5
5	Bekisa Medi	269
6	Tengetile Nkambule	15
7	Celiwe Masango	169
8	Nonjabuliso Mahlalela	1
9	Lindelwa Mabuza	105
10	Zethu Gama	332
11	Phedulile Mlapha	80
12	Nqcebo Dlamini	31

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# SNCAC SCRAPS OFF BEAUTY PAGEANTS COMMITTEES

By Ayanda Dlamini

**FOLLOWING** the resignation of Miss Swaziland 2017/18 Director Nosisa Maziya, SNCAC has taken matters into their own hands.

The Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC), through its pageant Director Catherine Potgieter, confirmed yesterday that indeed SNCAC would run pageants without the assistance of an outsourced committee.

Potgieter also mentioned that Miss Swaziland entrants can contact her since the appointed committee has resigned.

"Those who had already filled their entry forms for Miss Swaziland 2017/18 can contact me and we will take it from there," she said.

It is worth noting that Mr Swaziland will make a comeback after two years without the pageant. Potgieter revealed that both beauty pageants will be hosted in March next year.

"We will launch Mr Swaziland in



**RESIGNED:** Catherine Potgieter with the resigned Miss Swaziland organising team.

November and more details will be revealed there, in terms of how individuals can join, etc. Both beauty pageants; Mr and Miss Swaziland will be hosted in March next year, not the same day though," Potgieter stated.

"The reason we are having the two beauty pageants early next year is because we want to be ready for the international competition by year end," she

added. The committee that was supposed to run the project was formally introduced to the public early this year; in May to be precise and they had promised to revive the beauty pageant but they failed due to unforeseen circumstances. The PRO of the pageant Thembekile Magongo was the first one to resign and a month later she was followed by the Director Nosisa Maziya.

## ALL SET FOR 'IS POETRY THE NEW COMEDY' SHOW

By Lusito Tsela

**ALL** roads lead to Molly's House of Grills and Bar in Manzini tonight for the 'Is poetry the new comedy' show.

The performers for the night are reportedly all ready and set to deliver soul soothing poetry and rib-cracking comedy for the enjoyment of fun lovers.

The show has also received a push in the back as Swaziland Trusses and Timber Products (STTP) has come on board as a sponsor.

STTP saw the need to contribute to the development of comedy and poetry by sponsoring with the logistics costs in this intriguing show titled 'Is Poetry the new Comedy.'

STTP General Manager Mehluli Ndlovu said, "We take pride in supporting local talents as we have done it before with buying tickets in events and supporting sports, such as cycling. We believe young people are the future and the arts industry is growing in the kingdom and as businesses, we have to play a pivotal role in supporting such great initiatives."

STTP offers services in trusses, upholstery, joinery, couch manufacturers, and



repairs, from bedroom to kitchen fittings and cutting edging services.

Over and above, Molly's House of Grills and Bar Director Xolile Magagula said, "hammer and tongue will be the order of the day, contrary to the stereotyped view of poetry recitals, pale romantics reading to an enraptured silent audience. These are dynamic two way events filled with noise.

The evening's event is called a slam; poets will perform their set to the audience and snap which is a way of applauding poetry, while the screams and rib cracking laughter will be acceptable too."

"We are so excited with STTP coming on board and we hope to see more partners and sponsors supporting us," she added. The comedy line-up will feature Dr Shakes 'King of Hammer', Mdura 'The Witty evergreen one' and Ndosh 'a Natural Funny Manzinihood boy' while the poets line-up will be the 'Romantic Story teller' Majaha, Zwelonke 'Eloquent and Tongue Twister' introducing the brilliant Enjay.

The soul searing show will be hosted by 'Elfoe', a comic who proved himself worthy of the title during the recent 'Three Kings of Comedy' show. Organiser of the event Larry Mhlanga said, "The superb line-up will answer the question we are asking if poetry is indeed the new comedy. We all know from experience how hard it can be for a poet to face a loud audience, as we know how hard it is for a comedian to perform for a quite audience.

This will be an experimental show and undeniably, an unforgettable experience." The show will start at 7pm but guests are advised to come as early as 6:00pm. Dj Nkam V will be playing some soulful music in preparation for the show which starts at 7pm.

## ACASWA amending law to protect gospel artists

By Simon Shabangu

**THE** Association of Christian Artists in Swaziland (ACASWA) is not taking lightly the issue of South African artists allegedly 'stealing' musical compositions and presenting them as their own.

The custodians of gospel music in the country are currently in a mission to amend their constitution to include a section that will allow the association to take action on behalf of the artists.

Vice President Terrence Matse said they were very concerned about the growing trend where by foreign artists take songs from local artists and record them for commercial purposes, without even the consent of the composers.

### Great

He said this is of great concern to them as an association, but noted that currently the constitution does not empower them to protect the artists in this regard.

"We do not have a problem if an artist loves the song and performs it or even a church choir performs the song during services but when they go to the extent of recording the composition and get financial gain out someone's intellectual property, it is very disturbing.

The sad part is that a number of songs have been recorded by a number of reputable artists and groups and do not even attribute to the owner of the work," he said.

"We will have a meeting on Sunday where we will discuss this issue further and adopt a few amendments in our constitution, which will allow the association to take action on behalf of the artists because it is illegal.

Artists have copyright to their work and need to be protected," said Matse.

A number of local compositions have been reproduced by South African artists, songs like 'Udekitafula' composed by Frans Dlamini, compositions by

Reverend Elias Shongwe of Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved Group 'Amazulu avumile and 'Kub'Inkosi Moya Ongcwele,' a composition by Phetsile Masilela and recently that of Gcina Masuku were all reproduced and recorded by South African groups.

He said this is one of the many challenges the incoming executive will have to deal with when they assume office as the current term of office for them has expired.

Matse also invited all their members to the annual general meeting slated for next Sunday.

He said during the meeting, members are expected to finalise the amendment of the constitution and also elect a new committee, among other things on the agenda.

Matse said the meeting, which is expected to start at 2 pm, will also give members a financial report by the treasurer and the remarks by the outgoing President Zakhele Ginindza.

He said the Ginindza-led outgoing committee has achieved a lot during their term of office, citing the two Gospel Music Awards events of 2014 and 2016 they hosted through which the biggest prizes were vehicles in both events.

He also noted that they also hosted a successful crossover in Shiselweni cross over event dubbed 'Uvukile Festival', Amadodana Competition and the ACASWA national prayers 2016 and 2017, among other events.

### Finalising

"We are currently finalising the Constitutional Review which we hope the incoming executive will take over and implement the amendments.

We also pushed the Copyright Bill, which has eventually been passed in both chambers of the Parliament, we also maintained good working relations with the Swaziland International Trade Fair and also hosted two artists workshops as well as put in place regional committees which makes work easy for the main committee," he added.

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## International Celebrity News

### Rob, Blac Chyna fight triggered by coke

LOS ANGELES - Blac Chyna didn't get beaten up by Rob Kardashian as she claims she was the aggressor in a cocaine-fueled rage ... so say sources connected to the Kardashians.

TMZ broke the story ...

Chyna is suing Rob, Kris, Khloe, Kourtney, Kim, Kylie and Kendall, claiming they conspired to torpedo her reality show and also caused her great pain over an alleged domestic violence incident in April. She says Rob knocked her to the ground and hit her in a rage. Our Kardashian sources say the



**COKE FIGHT: Rob and Blac Chyna.**

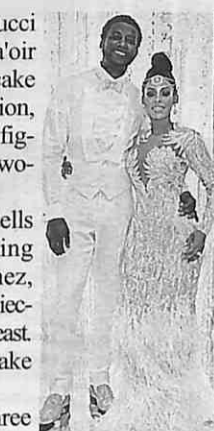
real story is this ... they claim the day before the incident, Chyna was using coke and drinking alcohol from morning till night. They say later that night Chyna and Rob went to a strip club and Chyna got a stripper to come home with them. We're told Chyna partied with the stripper all night long, doing more coke and continuing her drinking binge while Rob watched Dream and King Cairo.

MTO

### Gucci Mane, Keyshia cake cost US\$75k

LOS ANGELES - Gucci Mane and Keyshia Ka'oir did more than cut the cake at their wedding reception, they sliced into a five-figure work of art, with a sword!!! Edda's Cake Designs tells us their team, including designer Edda Martinez, logged a tonne of hours piecing together the 10-foot beast. Yes, that's the tallest cake they've ever baked.

We're told it required three months of planning, three days of baking, 8 000 handmade sugar flow-



**US\$75k WEDDING: Gucci Mane and Keyshia Ka'oir.**

ers and 2 500 Swarovski crystals ... for decoration only. No shortage of flavour -- it had layers of red velvet, amaretto, carrot, banana nut and Jamaican rum cake. Total cost US\$75k, but BET picked up the tab as part of the US\$1 million 'Mane Event' wedding special. Edda's threw in the sword Gucci and Keyshia used to cut the cake. Looks like they could've used a ladder too.

TMZ

### Bobby Norris' nose job likened to Kris Jenner's

TURKEY - Bobby Norris jetted to Turkey to undergo a nose job, as a corrective measure due to breathing problems.

And while the 'Towie' star is undoubtedly overjoyed with the results, fans were divided after Wednesday night's episode of the show as Twitter was swarmed with comments regarding the surgery.

As one of the show's longest-running cast members, the 31-year-old naturally has a legion of fans, some of whom were concerned



**LIKENED: Bobby Norris.**

about his work as they claimed it was unnecessary while other likened him to The Human Ken Doll and Kris Jenner. Bobby underwent the rhinoplasty during a trip to Turkey with cosmetic surgery enthusiasts Jemma Lucy and Big Brother's Charlie Doherty.

Before the surgery, the 'Towie' star spoke about his lack of body confidence as he attempted to find love on Celebs Go Dating.

Daily Mail

### Sandra Bullock, Bryan Randall's 'solid' romance

HOLLYWOOD - With more than two years of dating under their belts, Sandra Bullock and Bryan Randall's romance is holding strong. Primarily, the proof is in the pictures. The Oscar winner and her photographer beau were recently spotted by shutterflies in a moment of sweet PDA outside of Il Piccolino Restaurant in West Hollywood.

There was clearly no shortage of amore as Bullock wrapped



**SOLID: Bryan and Sandra.**

Eonline

her arms around her man's neck and the two shared a kiss while waiting for the valet. As an eyewitness described, "She seemed like jelly in his arms when he was kissing her. They seem to just fit together."

While the pictures are already worth a thousand words, a source had a few more to add about these low-key lovebirds. According to the insider, the actress and her beau are "doing perfect." "They have a relationship that's really solid."

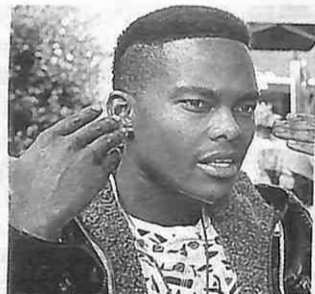
## SA Celebrity News

### Rhythm City's final goodbye to Dumi Masilela

JOHANNESBURG - Fans of Rhythm City were left in tears on Wednesday when the show paid a final tribute to actor Dumi Masilela with a touching memorial service featuring his real life mother and brother.

Dumi, who played the role of Sifiso on Rhythm City, died in hospital after being shot during an attempted hijacking in Tembisa on August 2.

The on-screen memorial service came a week after Dumi's charac-



**FINAL GOODBYE: Dumi Masilela.**

ter made his last appearance on the show and featured touching tributes from several of the soapies most popular characters. Fans of the soapie added their voices to the tributes and mourn-

ing seen on screen, flooding social media with messages about Dumi.

It was heartbreaking. Times Live

### Dr Tumi slams 'recycled' gospel music industry

JOHANNESBURG - Award-winning musician Dr Tumi may be one of the biggest gospel artists in the country, but he believes the genre has some way to go in matching the originality found in other music. Dr Tumi told Power FM's Tumelo Mothoane that he dreamt of a day where he could walk into a music store and every gospel album was unique.

"I think that South African gospel music has come a long way, but one thing



that is my personal dream is when you can go into a store to buy music. When you can go to the gospel music shelf and every album you pick up is new content, not recycled. I believe that there is still a lot of recycling that happens," he said. Times Live

**SLAMS: Dr Tumi.**

### We must trust the law - Tumisho Masha

JOHANNESBURG - Actor Tumisho Masha is headed to court next month on charges of assault, which have been reinstated by his estranged wife Zozibini Mtongana, almost a year after the charges were officially laid.

"Tumisho Masha will appear in court on November 7 at the Randburg Magistrates Court. He's been charged with assault and malicious intent to property (MIP)," said spokesperson Phindile Louw. Charges of assault were initially laid against Tumisho in September last year, after an altercation between the couple allegedly turned violent in July. The charges were then withdrawn. Tumisho told TshisaLIVE he trusts the legal system and is prepared to see the law take its course.

Sowetan



**TRUST THE LAW: Tumisho Masha.**

### Zahara sang her way into my heart - Kirk Whalum

JOHANNESBURG - You know you've got chops when legendary US saxophonist Kirk Whalum is enamoured with your voice. Kirk stepped into the studio with our very own songbird, Zahara, while in the country.

"Man, I'm still buzzing from the Zahara experience," Kirk says. "She hit me like a giant hug and a tonne of bricks at the same time. She just sang her way right into my heart. She opened her mouth and this thing came out that I've never heard before. Maybe I'm sheltered but



**ENAMOURSED BY ZAHARA: Kirk Whalum.**

I've never heard that before. "It's her simple roots and ability to tell stories. I'm a big India.Arie fan. She reminds me of India in that sense, not so much musically."

The collaboration was organised by Kirk's business partner, Ajani Sandridge, and it resulted in two songs, Umfazi and Ina Mvula. Both songs are on Zahara's latest album, Mgodi, which dropped last week and received gold status within hours of its release.

Drum

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Lt. Mkhize makes another discovery that throws into question Zanele and Beauty's testimonies. The community comes together to uplift S'bu and Thandeka. Duma has questions about Gloria and Ngwebedla's new found friendship.



**UPLIFTED: Thandeka.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Ofentse digs an even bigger hole for himself and no one can help him. Kgothalo's heart is torn to shreds when Rajesh expresses his feelings about the past. Georgie is desperate to reunite with his children.



**IN TROUBLE: Ofentse.**

Muvhango

TODAY

KK has renewed disdain for the Vhakwevho but finally reconnects with Mudi. Gizara returns from hospital fit as a fiddle and his wives lock horns. James and Thandaza get stuck in a lift and sparks fly.



**STUCK IN A LIFT: Thandaza.**

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Sifiso faces a tough choice. Genesis ups the pressure on Puleng, causing her to doubt. Lungile tries to escape, and Bongile turns to Mawewe for help.



**DOUBTING: Puleng.**

You fall in love with someone else and you forget to tell your partner, then kuthiwe you're cheating... 😞😞😞



Ukukhohlwa sekuyicala vele? 🐰🐶

## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

### CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

Travel plans could be disrupted. It might also be difficult to maintain contact with 'mission control'. Dealing with the unexpected could test your ability to stay cool and calm under pressure. What information you do receive could change rapidly. There might even come a point where you feel it's better to say as little as possible until you know more.



Capricorn

### AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

The political animal in you could emerge. You might not be fighting for your rights but for those of someone close. It's possible that the 'other side' don't have a problem with your request but do need time to set up a system. You may need to take care that you don't stir up a needless sand-storm and so create a problem by demanding something that can't be delivered today. On a positive note, you could come to the attention of someone who'd never realised the breadth of your knowledge on a specialised subject.



Aquarius

### PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

A partnership may have reached a critical point. You might not be sure if you can - or should - continue. At dispute could be more than a point of principle. It may be that you simply don't like - and can't work - under the confines of a particular administration. It's possible too that you've become something of a 'wild card' and that others aren't sure how to work with you. All that said, even in these apparently fraught conditions, you could come up with an idea that's electrifyingly 'state of the art'.



Pisces

### ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

A colleague could create massive confusion by making an apparent u-turn. Dealing with a change of policy - including amending a website or advertising campaign is likely. Whilst not normally your style, it could fall to you to suggest caution - and more thought.



Aries

### TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

You could be put under considerable peer pressure to effect change. On the one hand you might be quite happy to join a group who seem to share your interests. On the other hand you could be maddened by a decision that's been taken without consultation and which will have direct effect on some of the projects you enjoy.



Taurus

### GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

Unwittingly you may have thrown a spanner in the works. You might know exactly what you want to do (and to learn). Your news could come as a surprise to some people though. They might enjoy your enthusiasm but be less than thrilled



Gemini

with the disruption it would bring to their administration.

### CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

A close colleague or partner's news could have direct impact on your plans. Travel arrangements may require adjustment. It's possible too that a health-related issue will bring disruption to the day. Good - or helpful - news could reach you from someone living a long way away. This person might also encourage you not to be afraid to do things differently and to seize an opportunity that's come your way.



Cancer

### LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

You might well be amazed. You might not have thought someone had it in them. An announcement could take your breath away. Negotiations could go particularly well though - and mainly because the other party is now firm about where they're coming from. All you need do is check the small print - or have an expert check it for you.



Leo

### VIRGO AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

Relationships - of all kinds - are high profile. A 'marriage' proposal could be considered. Whether this is business or personal, what's agreed now could tie you into a deal even if it's not yet a contract. Quite separately you may be taken aback by the antics of someone to whom you were once very close. You might have thought there was nothing further they could do to shake you.



Virgo

### LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

It's probable that you'll need technical support. Another possibility is that you'll have reason to curse your own administration. Taking time to make this more efficient (buying a new notebook, applying a new database) might be time consuming but could be so, so worth the effort. Be prepared too for someone to waltz into your life with grounded ideas that might work but which aren't yours.



Libra

### SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

Though enjoying the comradeship that being part of a new 'team' brings, you could still be knocked off your emotional axis. The rug could be 'pulled from under you' by a Pisces who takes unilateral action. Their reasoning could escape you. Yet trying to pin them down and asking them to explain themselves might not work - yet.



Scorpio

### SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

Both at home and at work you could be shaken by developments - few of which you might have seen coming. This could affect your financial position. It's as likely that you'll have to measure choices against your code of ethics and scrutinise these for the first time in a long time.



Sagittarius

## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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## LOL Laughing Out Loud

## DIFFICULT WIFE

**S**arah, a sales associate at Walmart, notices a man in the card section. When she walks by an hour later and sees him still there she walks over to see if

she can help. "Can I help you?" she asks. "Well I don't know" the man responds "I'm having a problem, I can't find anything that my wife would believe!"

## USELESS FACTS

1. If you find dirty socks and underwear near-to or semi-near the hamper, there is a man nearby.
2. If it's attention that you want, don't get in a relationship with a man during playoff season.
3. Men do things that make us go aaaackkkkkk and

make us go ahhhhhhhhh all at once. How weird.

4. The front lawn is the Holy Land. It's not to be messed with.
5. Men like gadgets with lots of fancy shiny black buttons. It makes them feel dang important.

## BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Yesterday's brainteasers

1. What can eat a lot of iron without getting sick?

**Answer:** Rust.

2. What did the angry electron say when it was repelled?

**Answer:** Let me atom.

### Today's brainteasers

1. Which is heavier, a pound of bricks or a pound of feathers?
2. What is the centre of gravity?



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# CATCH 'BECOMING MRS JONES'

**NEWS** of the wedding special that fans around the country have been eagerly waiting for, is finally here.

From October 13, VUZU AMP broadcasted a three-part special, documenting Minnie Dlamini's much-anticipated prenuptial journey and marriage to Quinton Jones in Minnie Dlamini: 'Becoming Mrs Jones'.

The candid series documents the ins-and-outs of the wedding planning process, the elaborate wardrobes, traditional and western cuisine, as the couple traverse South Africa in putting together their special occasion.

Touching on the traditional wedding and finally culminating in the white wedding, fans will see the absolute beauty of the couple's love and commitment to each other. Viewers will also be treated to snippets of Quinton's proposal to Minnie.

Minnie commented on starring in and producing the show, "Minnie Dlamini: 'Becoming Mrs Jones' is not a reality show, but more a three-part docu-series. It's my journey, told through my eyes, my way.

Producing the show helped me maintain control of the creative process throughout. The production is deeply personal and I can't wait to share it with the country, as I step into my new



role of being Mrs Jones."

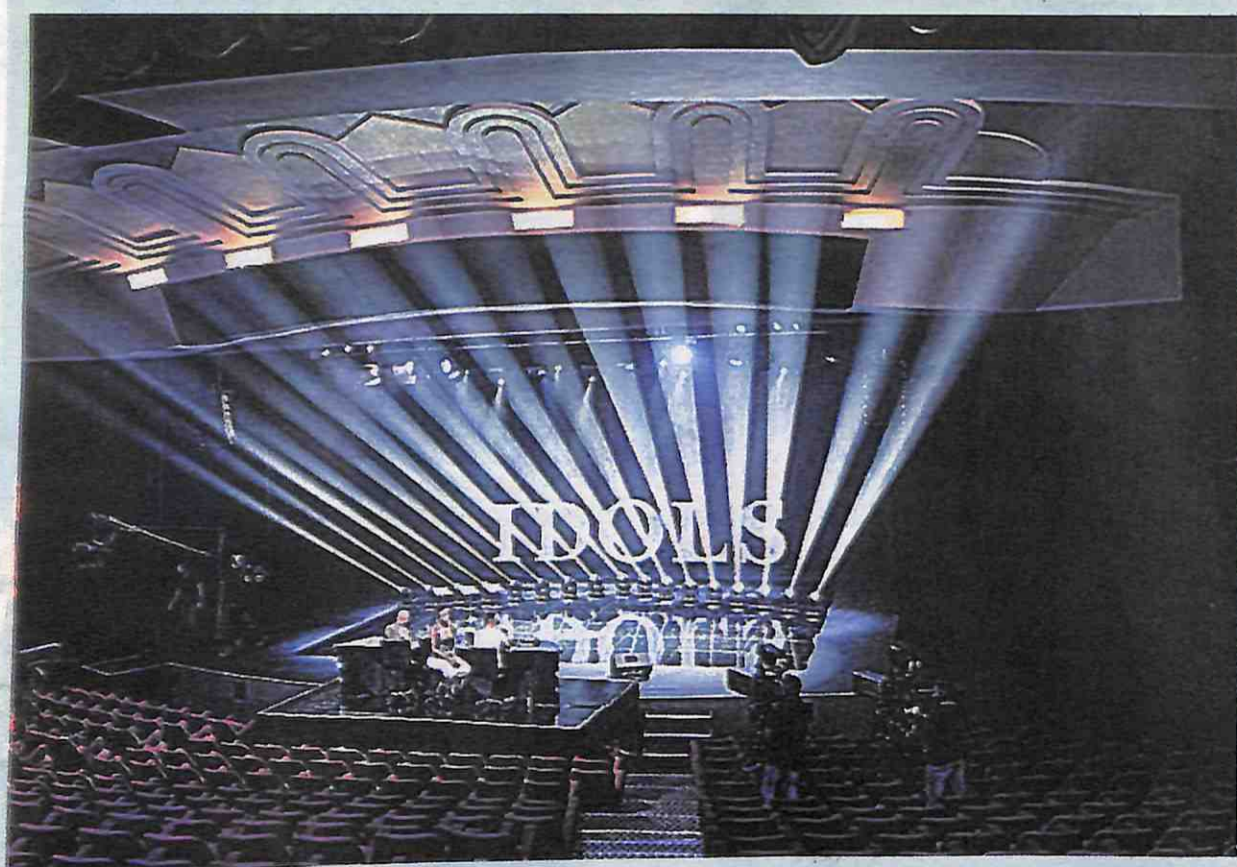
Reneilwe Sema, M-Net's Director for Local Entertainment Channels commented on the show, "The Minnie Dlamini special does two great things

for our viewers: it takes them on an intimate journey with one of the country's biggest superstars, in the most personal of situations; shows viewers that even the biggest stars face ordi-

nary life challenges, conflicts, and celebrations, just like the rest of us. They share our motivations, aspirations and fears. Seeing Minnie in these sometimes-vulnerable, sometimes-celebra-

tory situations, will surely make for great viewing."

Catch Minnie Dlamini: Becoming Mrs Jones on VUZU AMP (DStv channel 103), from tonight at 7:30pm.



## IDOLS HEATING UP ON SUNDAY

The class of Idols 13 were put through their vocal paces when they performed two songs for the first time this season.

With elimination hovering over them in the contestant lounge, host Proverb finally announced the safe six at the half way mark – and the name called

was Christo.

It heats up again this Sunday. 'Idols SA season 13' is on Mzansi Magic, DStv channel 161 on Sundays at 17:00.

## There's a new Powerpuff Girl in town, and she's got the POWER!

TOYA de Lazy will voice Bliss, the fourth Powerpuff Girl for Cartoon Network Africa in the five-part special 'The Powerpuff Girls: Power of Four'.

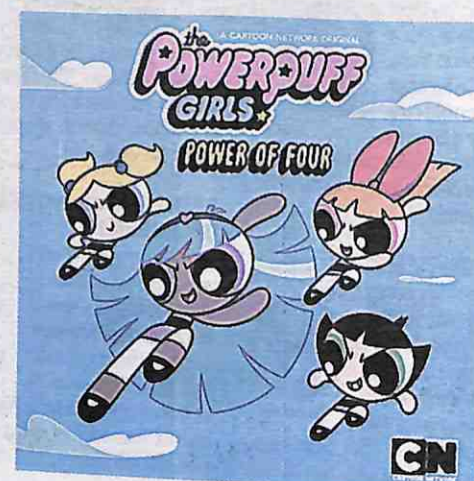
Bliss is the long-lost teenage sister to Blossom, Bubbles, and Buttercup, who has returned to Townsville to learn the true strength of her incredible powers. 'The Powerpuff Girls: Power of Four' premieres on Saturday, at 08:00.

Long before he created Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup, Professor Utonium created a little girl named Bliss who embodied all of the same traits: she was smart, sweet and incredibly powerful.

After a mysterious disappearance, she hasn't been seen by anyone for years. Now, as a teenager, Bliss has returned to discover she has three incredible superhero sisters!

Stronger, together and reunited as a family at last, the four Powerpuff Girls work together and use their powers to save the day—before bedtime. Missed 'The Powerpuff Girls: Power of Four'? Don't worry—you can still meet Bliss anytime on the Cartoon Network app!

The 'Five Specials' premiered at the Delicious Festival on October 7, in the Cartoon Network screening zone located in the 'Delicious Kids zone'.



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Shayingane  
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VIGIL: SATURDAY  
21/10/2017

FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
22/10/2017

PLACE: KUBULUNGA

Kwatiswa tihlobo  
nebangani ba Shayingane  
Samuel Gamedze kutsi  
akasekho emhlabeni.  
Ufihlwa ngelisonfho  
mhlaka 22 October 2017  
ekhaya lakhe kuBulunga.  
Kulindzelwa ngemcibelo  
mhlaka 21 October 2017.  
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bantfwabakhe egameni  
lemndeni.

Lomaladi  
Maria Fakudze  
(Dlamini)



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
20/10/2017

FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
21/10/2017

PLACE: KHALANGILILE

Relatives and friends of  
Lomaladi Maria Fakudze  
(Dlamini) are notified of  
her sudden death. She  
will be laid to rest on  
Saturday 21 October  
2017, at Khalangilile  
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Announcement by Menzi  
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Blantana Ginindza  
ulaMavuso



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
20/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**PLACE: TIMBUTINI**

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Mantana Blantana Ginindza ulaMavuso lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu Mantana kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eTimbutini ngase Vulamehlo ngemgibelo mhlaka 21 October 2017. Umlindzelo utakuba ngalesihlanu mhlaka 20 October 2017. Kwatiswa baka Mavuso eMoneni, baka Ginindza Ekukhanyeni, kaShoba, Malindza, Mbabane nase Lundzi. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Mbalandlati Ginindza umkhulawakhe. Contact 76131512

**Maria Constance**  
Dlamini  
nee Thwala



**VIGIL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SUNDAY**  
22/10/2017  
**PLACE: MHLANGATANE**

Friends and relatives of Mrs. Maria Constance Dlamini nee Thwala, who was also known as "MC" are notified of her demise. Funeral on Sunday 22 October 2017 4am a Mhlangatane after a night vigil. Memorial service will be held at the Dups Chapel on Saturday 21 October 2017 at 11am. Announcement by family.

**Siphiwe Ncamsile**  
Sibanyoni  
ulaNkhosi



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
20/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**PLACE: KAZOMBODZE**

Kwatiswa tihlobo, umndeni nebangani ba Siphiwe Ncamsile Sibanyoni ulaNkhosi kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bantfwabenhosi Bonkhe beMbelebeleni eNsuka, bekhabonina kaHlatjwako, bakaSibanyoni Bonkhe nelibandla lakhe iJericho Matsapha phansi kwemfundisi Lukhele litochuba umsebenzi. Ufihlwa ekhakhakhe kaZombodze phase mdzimba ngemgibelo mhlaka 21 October 2017. Kulindzela ngalesihlanu esontfweni eNkanaweni. Inkono icala nga 9:00 kusihlwa. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Babe Sibanyoni egameni lemndeni.

**Mfundisi**  
Thomas Bhekimp  
Mlahleki



**VIGIL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SUNDAY**  
22/10/2017  
**PLACE: SIHHOYE**

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni weMfundisi Thomas Bhekimp Mlahleki kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Inkono yesikhumbuto itawuba sesontfweni eSiHHoye ngemgibelo mhlaka 21 October 2017 nga 1530hrs. Ubekwa endlini yakhe yekugcina ngelisonfo mhlaka 22 October 2017 emva kwemlindzelo. Kwatiswa libandla lakhe le Church of God of Prophecy in Southern Africa.

**Greenah Popi**  
Simelane  
ulaMakhanya



**VIGIL: KUTE**  
**FUNERAL: SUNDAY**  
22/10/2017  
**PLACE: NYAMANE**

Kwatiswa tihlobo, umndeni, bangani nabofakazi bakaJehova kutsi Greenah Popi Simelane ulaMakhanya kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eNyamane ngelisonfo mhlaka 22 October 2017. Umlindzelo kute. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantfwabakhe egameni lemndeni. Lala ngekuthula Nabongwane Makhanya wabonkhosi.

**Emmy**  
Duduzile  
Shongwe



**MEMORIAL: FRIDAY**  
20/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**PLACE: LONHUPHEKO**

Friends and family are informed of the passing on of Mrs. Emmy Duduzile Shongwe. A memorial service will be held at the Church of the Nazarene-Siteki on the 20th of October 2017 from 1400hrs. The funeral will be held kaShongwe next to Lonhupheko Primary School at 5:30am.

**Mark**  
Roy  
Mhlanga



**VIGIL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SUNDAY**  
22/10/2017  
**PLACE: EQINISWENI**

Relatives and friends of Mark Roy Mhlanga are notified of his untimely demise after a short illness on Saturday 21 October 2017. There will be a memorial service at 10:00am at Bethesda FECF in Nhlango. Funeral Service will start at 5:00am after a night vigil at his home eQinisweni in Nhlango. Announcement by his wife Cynthia Busisiwe Mhlanga on behalf of the family.

**Nomvula**  
(Makhasane)  
Matsebula



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
20/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**PLACE: TIMBUTINI**

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baNomvula (Makhasane) Matsebula kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngemgibelo mhlaka 21 October 2017, umlindzelo ungalesihlanu eTimbutini. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Quinton Gerrestsin.

**Makhosi**  
Siphehle Mncina  
(la Nxumalo)



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
20/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**PLACE: EPHUZUMOYA**

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Makhosi Siphehle Mncina (la Nxumalo) kutsi sewusishiyile emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhakhakhe ePhuzumoya ngeMgibelo mhlaka 21 October 2017 emva kwemlindzelo. Siteshi kuse damu (Salon). Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

**REST IN PEACE**



**Ngulube**  
Philemon  
Sifundza



**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**PLACE: KASHEWULA**

OAC Members, Relatives and Friends of Ngulube Philemon Sifundza are notified of his demise. Funeral will be held on Saturday morning 21 October 2017 kaShewula. Announcement by family.

**Philemon**  
Mkhulunyelwa  
Hlanze



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
20/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**PLACE: MCATHUVANE**

Friends and relatives are notified of the demise of Philemon Mkhulunyelwa Hlanze. Memorial service at 2pm on Friday at Ikhezi Mission. Funeral on Saturday 21 October 2017 at his home kaMcathuvane after a night vigil. Announcement by wife laGama on behalf of the Hlanze family.

**Ethel**  
Ntfombinjani  
Mavuso



**VIGIL: FRIDAY**  
20/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**PLACE: EMACETJENI**

Kwatiswa tihlobo, nemndeni waEthel Ntfombinjani Mavuso nebelisonfo le TWC kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kulindzela ngelesihlanu, ufihlwa ngemgibelo emacetjeni mhlaka 21 October 2017. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Vukani umntfwanake.

**Mpholi**  
Paul  
Gwebu



**VIGIL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SUNDAY**  
22/10/2017  
**PLACE: TIKHUBA**

Kwatiswa bakaGwebu netihlobo kutsi Mpholi Paul Gwebu akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakagogo wakhe eMacetjeni, bakaFakudze nebekhakhakhe kaMavubetse. Umlindzelo ungemgibelo mhlaka 21 October 2017 afihlwe ngelisonfo ekhaya kubo eTikhuba. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Stephen Gwebu umnakabo egameni lemndeni.

**Dumile**  
Lubhedze



**VIGIL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SUNDAY**  
22/10/2017  
**PLACE: DVOKOLWAKO**

Friends and relatives of Dumile Lubhedze who was employed at Emkhuzweni Health Centre are notified that she is no more. Funeral will be at home Dvokolwako (Jabulani) on Sunday 22 October 2017 after a night vigil. Announcement by family.

**Jimson**  
Mshini  
Dlamini



**VIGIL: SATURDAY**  
21/10/2017  
**FUNERAL: SUNDAY**  
22/10/2017  
**PLACE: EMGAMUDZE**

Kwatiswa baka Dlamini ne baka Tsabedze nebazalwane bonkhe, tihlobo kanya nebangani beMfundisi Jimson Mshini Dlamini wase Mgamudze kalavumisa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya kubo eMgamudze ngelisonfo mhlaka 22 October 2017 ekuseni emva kwemlindzelo ngeMgibelo mhlaka 21 October 2017. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngusisi wakhe Jwana

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Completed tender bids must be delivered to the offices of Swaziland Government Tender Board, Treasury Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Swaziland, by 0900 hours on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and deposited in the Treasury Tender Box.

There will be a pre bid meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the MOA Conference Room.

Tender bids received in time by the latest date and time for submission will be opened at the Treasury Building at by 0900 hours on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Tenders not deposited in the Treasury Tender Box, as well as late, telegraphic, electronic and faxed tenders will not be considered. Tenderers may attend the opening procedure.

The documents specified in "Instructions to Tenderers" - Tender Data Sheet, including a completed set of Tender documents; Tender Bond in the form of a Bank Guarantee, an Insurance Company Bond or a Banker's Guaranteed Cheque for the equivalent E10 000 (Ten Thousand Emalangeni); current Tax Clearance Certificate for Government Tender, Certificate of VAT Registration, Valid Trading Licence, Form C & J, Labour Compliance Certificate, SNPF Certificate and Original General Receipt must be enclosed in the tender envelope.

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For further information contact the following: The Chief Animal Health Inspector (CAHI) Mr Samson Manana, alternatively, Mr Kingsley M. Dlamini at the Ministry of Agriculture, Corner Sozisa and Mlilo Road, Mbabane. Email: sam.m.manana@gmail.com; kingsleyddlamini@gmail.com;

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - FOR DESIGN IMPROVEMENT, CONSTRUCTION, FINANCE AND MAINTENANCE OF JUDICIARY INFRASTRUCTURE AT BUHLENI (MAGISTRATE COURT AND HOUSING, PACKAGE A) SUPREME COURT (PACKAGE B), INDUSTRIAL COURT OF APPEAL AND INDUSTRIAL COURT (PACKAGE C) AT MBABANE IN THE HHOHHO REGION

The Judiciary of Swaziland seeks to engage the services of suitably qualified Professional Consultants, Firms/Joint-Ventures, Construction firms registered under Category B1 with the Construction Industry Council and Financers, for Tender No. 143 of 2017/2018: for the Improvement of Designs, Construction, Finance and Maintenance, of Judiciary of Swaziland Infrastructure (Buhleni Magistrate Court and Housing (Package A), Supreme Court (Package B), Industrial Court of Appeal and Industrial Court (Package C) in the Hhohho Region, Swaziland through a Public Private Partnership Contract. Sealed expressions of interest proposals are now invited for the provision of these Services.

Expression of Interest Proposals will be evaluated on a Quality basis with emphasis on the credibility of the financier, the composition of the professional team and the proposed contractor as detailed in the expression of interest document. Bidders will then be shortlisted and the qualifying bidders will be invited to submit Request for Proposal. The expression of interest will be available with effect from 19 October, 2017 at the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Office No. 28 (Buildings Accounts) after payment of cash or bank guaranteed cheque of Five Thousand Emalangeni (E5, 000.00) non-refundable paid at the Swaziland Government Revenue Office, (Account No. 531/4201/21132).

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The Envelope must be clearly marked with the following words;  
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Expression of interest proposals must be delivered to the offices of the Swaziland Government Tender Board, Treasury Building, P. O. Box 38, Mbabane, Swaziland, and deposited in the Treasury Tender Box on or before 0900 Hours on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

Completed expression of interest documents, copy of current Tax Clearance Certificates, Trading License, Professional Indemnity Insurance, C.I.C. Registration Certificates for Contractors and consultancy firms entering into consortiums and Original General Receipts must be enclosed in the application envelope.

Note  
Compulsory project briefing will be on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at 11:30 Hours (Buhleni) and Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at 10:00 Hours (Mbabane, High Court Parking Area).

Late, telegraphic, electronic and faxed tenders will not be considered. Applicants may attend the tender opening process.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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- MB, ChB or MD degree plus
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Further correspondence will be limited to shortlisted candidates.

CLOSING DATE 31 October 2017

## Conte hits back at Mou over injury jibe

**LONDON - Antonio Conte warned Jose Mourinho to stop talking about Chelsea after the Manchester United boss criticised managers who complain about injuries.**

Defending United's cautious tactics in last weekend's draw at Liverpool and Wednesday's 1-0 win over Benfica, Mourinho made it clear he had opted for a conservative approach because his side are missing key players.

But Mourinho insisted that wasn't making excuses, a charge he believes others are guilty of in the Premier League. Chelsea boss Conte has repeat-

edly mentioned his team's injury problems during their current winless run, which extended to three matches after they were held to a 3-3 draw by Roma on Wednesday. Conte is without N'Golo Kante, Victor Moses and Danny Drinkwater, while Alvaro Morata has just returned to fitness.

"I never speak about injuries. Other managers, they cry, they cry, they cry when a player is injured," Mourinho said after the win in Benfica.

"If I wanted to moan and others I could cry like the others for five minutes; Ibrahimovic, Fellaini, Pogba,

Rojo."

Told of Mourinho's comments by a journalist, Conte asked if they were aimed at him.

When the response was yes, Conte visibly bristled before angrily telling former Chelsea boss Mourinho to mind his own business.

"If this is for me my answer is this — he has to think of his team and look at himself not the others," Conte said.

"A lot of times Mourinho has to see what happened in Chelsea. Also last season. He has to look at his team."

AFP

## 'Leicester need to go with British boss'

**LONDON - Leicester caretaker manager Michael Appleton has urged the club's Thai owners to hire a British manager to replace Craig Shakespeare.**

Appleton is in charge of first-team affairs at the King Power Stadium while the Srivaddhanaprabha family search for the team's third manager in just eight months.

Shakespeare was sacked on Tuesday with Leicester languishing in the Premier League relegation zone just two seasons after Claudio Ranieri masterminded their fairytale title triumph.

Dutchman Guus Hiddink and

Italian coach Carlo Ancelotti have been linked with the job, but despite Ranieri's incredible title success, Appleton hopes another home-grown manager gets the job.

Wales manager Chris Coleman, Burnley boss Sean Dyche and former England chief Sam Allardyce are reportedly among the British candidates.

Manchester-born Appleton, brought in by Shakespeare as assistant manager in June, said: "I'll be an absolute hypocrite if I said any differently. That was one of the reasons why I came here, although the biggest was Craig.

AFP

# CITY OUT TO MAKE IT 11 IN A ROW

**MANCHESTER - It would appear to be difficult for any team to find a more daunting examination in European football at present than a visit to the Etihad Stadium where Pep Guardiola's Manchester City have come into full bloom.**

City's kaleidoscopic movement and rare skill executed at breakneck speed have made Guardiola's latest creation a familiar delight to behold but a nightmare to play against as Burnley may become the latest Premier League side to discover this weekend.

City's 7-2 demolition of Stoke City last Saturday to move them two points clear of neighbours Manchester United was followed by Guardiola's delight at seeing off "one of Europe's best teams" Napoli in the Champions League in midweek.

That was City's 10th successive win in all competitions and now to complete their perfect week at the Etihad on Saturday, they are out to add to the 22 goals they have scored there in six matches in all competitions this term.

Burnley themselves have progressed admirably under Manager Sean Dyche, having gone six league matches unbeaten, but he recognises that visiting a stadium where City have won their last three league games by five-goal margins is the acid test.

Guardiola was lavished with praise for his side's brilliance last weekend as his old rival Jose Mourinho, in contrast, suffered some equally familiar criticism for his safety-first approach in Manchester United's goalless draw at Liverpool.

Not that Mourinho ever appears to worry about such barbs but on Saturday he will expect his men to get back to being flat-track bullies against a struggling Huddersfield Town who are without a win in six matches. AFP



**OUT FOR GOOD GAME: Man City manager Pep Guardiola.**

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16:00 Newcastle United v Crystal Palace  
16:00 Stoke City v AFC Bournemouth  
16:00 Manchester City v Burnley  
16:00 Swansea City v Leicester City  
18:30 Southampton v West Bromwich  
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22 October 2017

14:30 Everton v Arsenal  
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21 October 2017

15:30 Golden Arrows v Polokwane City  
20:15 Free State Stars v Platinum Stars  
20:15 Ajax Cape Town v Bloemfontein Celtic  
20:15 Mamelodi Sundowns v AmaZulu FC  
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## Komphela compares his team to Russians at war

**JOHANNESBURG -** Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela has likened his team to Russia at the back of his side's 2-1 win over Mamelodi Sundowns.

Amakhosi were plagued by injuries ahead of their clash against Sundowns earlier this week, but Komphela's tactical nous was key in mustering a win over their league rivals.

Komphela said he has previously found himself in a situation where his side was plagued by injuries ahead of a crucial game.

"I remember we were playing Santos, I was at Free State Stars, we had nobody and that Santos team was on song and we went on to win the match 2-0," said Komphela.

### Because

"You can't have that at Chiefs, Sundowns and Pirates because there are certain environments and expectations are set. In a smaller environment, you can take that risk.

"The Russians will tell you that when they go to war, they don't want everything to be perfect because if everything is perfect, there is a feeling that they might not win that war. They want to go with a mishap and maybe it heightens the level of concentration when you have some setbacks."

*Citizen*

# 'PIRATES DESERVE MORE'

**JOHANNESBURG -** Orlando Pirates coach Micho Sredojevic believes his side should have accumulated more points than they have thus far this season.

The Buccaneers coach is content with the performance from his players but wants them to be more clinical in front of goals.

Pirates were held to a 1-1 draw by Platinum Stars at the FNB Stadium on Wednesday night.

This was Pirates' fourth draw of the season.

"I am satisfied with the effort of the players, it just didn't go our way. We created moments which led to us hitting the crossbar," said the

Bucs coach.

"I believe with the eight games we have played so far and the performance we gave, we deserve much more points than we have. I want to say that the players are doing their best stretching all human sports limits to give their best."

Micho will be hoping his players are in the mood to score when they face rivals Kaizer Chiefs in the Soweto derby at FNB Stadium tomorrow.

*Citizen*

**WANTS MORE:** Orlando Pirates coach Micho Sredojevic.



## Vilakazi wants domestic silverware with Sundowns

**JOHANNESBURG -** The fuel that will drive Mamelodi Sundowns in the Telkom Knockout is the desire to bring a domestic trophy to the club's cabinet, something that hasn't happened in over a year.

The last two trophies that entered the Brazilians' cabinet were continental titles, the CAF Champions League last year and the CAF Super Cup earlier this year.

The last title Sundowns won in the country was the 2015/16 Absa Premiership while also claiming the Telkom Knockout in 2015.

Sibusiso Vilakazi hadn't joined

the team then which is why he is looking forward to lift his first domestic trophy with the Brazilians.

### Visit

The African champions will visit Chippa United in the last 16 of the Telkom Knockout to be played on the weekend of 26-29 October.

"It's been a while since we tasted glory, in the form of a trophy on the domestic league," Vilakazi said on the club's official website.

"We will try by all means to get this one for the team, for ourselves and for the supporters. But with that said, we aren't looking for-

ward too much.

"We will take it one game at a time. First there is Chippa that we have to get past and then we will see from there.

"Things didn't go our way in the MTN8. This is an opportunity to make up for that by dusting ourselves.

"It won't be easy because Chippa United are also looking at this as an opportunity for silverware. It was disappointing not to get something last season." *Sport24*

**HUNGRY:** Sibusiso Vilakazi.



## We have to build on our performances - De Sa

**JOHANNESBURG -** Platinum Stars head coach Roger De Sa wants his men to build on their performance against Orlando Pirates in order to overcome Free State Stars tomorrow.

On the night that Dikwena held Pirates to a 1-1 draw and De Sa couldn't fault his men for effort, commitment or fighting spirit.

Dikwena were quick to equalise as Bongani Ntuli cancelled Thabo Matlaba's opener two minutes after Dikwena went a goal down.

Though Dikwena are yet to register their first win, De Sa is confident that his charges are going in the right direction.

"We showed glimpses of improvement in certain areas. Hopefully we can carry on building from this," said De Sa, who was heartened by his men's showings on Wednesday night.



**SATISFIED:** Platinum Stars head coach Roger De Sa.

"It was always going to be a tough one. We knew that. Coming here was never going to be easy.

Pirates are a team in construction. "You

can see that they are a new side, a lot of new players and new coach. We have been watching and we could see that it was going to be difficult with a lot of pace, mobility.

We have been struggling.

"If you had told me before the game that I would get a point, I would have taken it. As the game went on I felt we had a little sniff at maybe a winner.

"In saying that we could have gotten nothing so we got to be happy with a point away from home against Pirates. It's a good point for us even though a win would have been better."

De Sa was delighted to see Ntuli get on the score sheet. He is of the view that the goal will inspire the marksman and his team-mates to score on regular basis.

"Ntuli's goal is a massive plus for us. He hasn't scored in months," said De Sa. *Sport24*

## Businessmen rally behind Masuluke

**JOHANNESBURG -** FIFA Puskas finalist Oscarine Masuluke will still benefit financially even if he misses out on the award.

Sowetan has learnt that businessmen in his home province of Limpopo are going all out to ensure his trip to the United Kingdom is one to remember for him.

This will be the first time he's out of the country.

Masuluke, 24, will be in London on Monday for the FIFA awards. His spectacular goal for Baroka against Orlando Pirates late last year is among the three

goals nominated to contend for the world's Goal of the Year Award.

He will have a big send off tonight at a lodge in Ngove village, just outside Giyani, during a function organised by the Mopani District Municipality.

"We are expecting between 200 and 250 people to attend the event," said Pat Twala, the acting Director in the office of the executive mayor, Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale.

Twala declined to comment on our source's claims that businessmen who will be attending the event have already donated over R50 000, which is expect-



**BACKED:** Oscarine Masuluke.

ed to reach R100 000 by the end of the event. FIFA's Puskas award is worth \$20 000 (about R275 000), but that was two years ago and it could be more now. *Sowetan Live*



**BUDDIES:** Pitso Mosimane with Steve Komphela during the Absa Premiership match between Kaizer Chiefs and Mamelodi Sundowns. (*Citizen*)

## Pitso backs Chiefs in Soweto derby

**PRETORIA -** Mamelodi Sundowns coach has wished his 'brother' Steve Komphela and Kaizer well, ahead of their league encounter with Orlando Pirates.

Amakhosi will face their age-old rivals in the first installment of the Soweto derby this season tomorrow at the FNB Stadium.

The African Coach-of-the-Year reckons it will be much better if Komphela - a son of the soil - gets the victory ahead of the Buccaneers' Serbian-born coach Milutin Sredojevic.

"I hope he wins again on Saturday, he is a brother, why

not," said Mosimane at the back of his side's 2-1 loss against Chiefs on Tuesday.

"It is not the first time I speak about Steve, I want him to stay on the job. He deserves a break and a reliever. He is my brother. Black coaches are very few in the PSL. There could be an overseas coach coming in this year and we are short," said Mosimane.

He added: "Last year we lost to Serame Letsoaka at Bloemfontein Celtic. So I am trying to protect, it is not the first time I speak about Steve, I want him to stay on the job." *Citizen*

# Weekend Sports Fixtures

...compiled by Sibusiso Dlamini

## MTN Premier League

Sunday at the Mavuso Sports Centre

Mweni Pirates vs Green Mamba 3pm

Sunday at King Sobhuza II Stadium

Young Buffaloes vs Tambuti 1pm

Royal Leopards vs Midas City 3pm

Sunday at the Prince of Wales Stadium

Vovovo vs Malanti Chiefs 1:30pm

Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium

Mbabane Swallows vs Red Lions 11:30am

Mbabane Highlanders vs Matsapha United 1:30pm

Manzini Wanderers vs Manzini Sundowns 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium

Sea Birds vs Tycoons 1:30pm

Tinyosi vs Amalanda 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Manzini Club Stadium

Miling Hotspurs vs Hub Sundowns 3pm

Tomorrow at Tambankulu Stadium

Callies vs Mbabane Citizens 1:30pm

Sikhalo vs Bad Boys 3:30pm

Tomorrow at King Sobhuza II Stadium

Mahlali FC vs Madlenya FC 3pm

Esibayeni Lodge Under - 17

Tomorrow at Manzini Club Stadium

Matsapha United vs Green Mamba 11am

Manzini Wanderers vs Young Buffaloes 1pm

Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium

Mbabane Swallows vs Manzini Sundowns 9am

Mbabane Highlanders vs Tambuti 11am

Sunday at Manzini Club Stadium

Mweni Pirates vs Royal Leopards 11:30am

Malanti Chiefs vs Red Lions 1:30pm

Vovovo FC vs Midas City 3:30pm

Swazi Trac Hhohho League

Southern - Replay

Sunday at Veni Sports Ground

Umbelebele vs Imbumbi 3pm

Ingwenyama Cup Hhohho Super League

Southern zone

Tomorrow at Prince of Wales Stadium

PMT vs Sibovini 1:30pm

Billy Ocean vs Wizards 3:30pm

Sunday at Prince of Wales Stadium

Swazi Sun vs Kupheleni 3:30pm

Sunday at Veni Sports Ground

Sibuyeni vs Vusweni 1pm

Northern Zone

Sunday at Killarney Sports Ground

Kappa Kappa vs M. Arsenal 9am

19 Celtics vs Manchester 11am

Khanjara Rovers vs Ntb. Swallows 1pm

Mhuma vs Bk. Swallows 3pm

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League

Promotion

Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground

Real Tec vs Amawele 3:30pm

Sunday at Sidwashini Sports Ground

Pine valley vs Double Action 9am

Interstars vs Mb. Celtics 11am

Sandia vs Gordon Stars 1pm

Sidwashini vs Mb. Arsenal 3pm

Sunday at Msunduzi Sports Ground

Supersport vs Pot O Gold 11am

White City vs Veni Cosmos 1pm

Corporation vs FC Vaal 3pm

B. Division

Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground

Classic vs Thembelihle 1:30pm

Sunday at Msunduzi Sports Ground

The Walters vs Movers 9am

Pots Construction Sigangeni League

Tomorrow at Sibovini Sports Ground

Villa sport vs Men Unlimited 2:30pm

Tomorrow at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground

Golden Stars vs Community 2:30pm

Tomorrow at Sigangeni Sports Ground

U. Eagles vs Ntsetse 1:30pm

Real Touch vs Real United 3:30pm

Sunday at Sigangeni Sports Ground

Young Fighters vs M. Celtics 9am

Chiefs vs Cannibals 11am

Sigangeni vs Young Heroes 1pm

Kangaroo vs L. Nationals 3pm

Futis Nkhaba League

Tomorrow at Majotini Sports Ground

Super Stars vs Majotini 1:30pm

M. Celtics vs Athletic 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Motshane Sports Ground

Manyisa vs Barcelona 2:30pm

Sunday at Ngwenya Sports Ground

Ngwenya Utd vs Real Rovers 1pm

Mantaburg vs Crocodiles 3pm

Sunday at Majotini Sports Ground

Dribbling Stars vs Brothers United 1pm

Shooting Stars vs Bafana 3pm

Sikhumbuto Timpisini League

Tomorrow at LFTC Sports Ground

Y. Bombers vs Superstrikes 9am

Mv. Sundowns vs Ndialambi 11am

Kudweleni vs Star Wanderers 1pm

Mashweni vs Blue Birds 3pm

Tomorrow at Ngonini Sports Ground

Besuthwini vs Mb. Y Swallows 1pm

H. Pirates vs Soccer Rose 3pm

Sunday at LFTC Sports Ground

Elengence vs Red Lions 9am

All Stars vs Jb Arsenal 11am

Stone breakers vs Njakeni 1pm

Sikheleni vs Matsamo 3pm

Sunday at Ndialambi Sports Ground

Young Tigers vs Mv. All United 9am

Golden Stars vs Young Savilla 11am

Ak 47 vs Choppers 1pm

Gunners vs Mb. Swallows 3pm

Sunday at Ngonini Sports Ground

Vusweni vs Zamalek 1pm

Juventus vs Combustion 3pm

South Star Mzimba League

Promotion



Tomorrow at Hhukwini Sports Ground

Arsenal vs Swallows 1:30pm

Green Sea vs Bush Bucks 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Nsukumbili Sports Ground

Kasiko vs Timbunungulu 1:30pm

Rebels vs Sundowns 3:30pm

Sunday at Nsukumbili Sports Ground

All Stars vs Highlanders 11am

Cosmos vs Rhumba 1pm

Chiefs vs Rhinos 3pm

Sunday at Hhukwini Sports Ground

Black Mashuba vs Amacabane 11am

Top Centre vs Rangers 1pm

Monaco vs Rhumba 3pm

Bakthanyisele Mabulala &amp; MP Menzi Dlamini Maphaleni League

Eastern stream

Tomorrow at Ararati Sports Ground

Happy Fighters vs Love &amp; Peace 11am

Lunkanka vs Early Sunset 1pm

Tomorrow at Jubukweni Sports Ground

L. Pirates vs Academy 11am

Rollers vs H. Fighters 1pm

Mighty Birds vs Hill Stars 3pm

Sunday at Ararati Sports Ground

Sunrise vs Jubukweni 1pm

Siphambanweni vs Top Classic 3pm

Western stream

Tomorrow at Maphaleni Sports Ground

Khulungwane vs Blue Birds 1pm

Tomorrow at Bizza Sports Ground

Young Stars vs Young Lovers 11am

Liselesele vs Rangers 1pm

Luvunjelo vs Manchester 3pm

Sunday at Maphaleni Sports Ground

Barcelona vs Killers 9am

Hotspurs vs Junior Stars 11am

Professionals vs Xi Experience 1pm

Thuluzobona vs Umkhokha 3pm

Buy Cash Piggs Peak League

Sunday at Lazwane Sports Ground

Supersport vs Darkies United 11am

Magaga Cosmos vs Phophonyane 1pm

Mpolonjeni vs Rise &amp; Shine 3pm

Sunday at Malanda Sports Ground

Mhlalane vs Citizens 11am

W. Killers vs Thuluzobona 1pm

Mangwaneni vs Hotspurs 3pm

Malindza Zonal League

Saturday at Mpaka Stadium

Siweni United vs Dvokodweni 9am

Umsheshi vs Black Mamba 11am

Gabi Gabi vs Malindza Utd 1pm

Super League Fixture

Sunday

Zamalek vs Home Sweepers 10am

Malindza Lubombo F A Cup E20 000 00 Fixture (Finals)

Bhelebane vs Seven Stars noon (3rd Place)

Promising Stars vs Young Aces 2pm (Finals)

Tomorrow at Embo

L. Dynamos vs M. Invaders 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Elangeni

E. Vultures vs Fast Reaction 1:30pm

E. United vs L. Sunrise 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Enkalakatha

Ezulwini Aces vs City Stars a 1330 hrs

E. Rangers vs EmaseleseleE 3:30pm

Sunday at Elangeni

Lusito Lions vs L. Cosmos 3:30pm

Sunday at Enkalakatha

Prime Spurs vs Vutha 3:30pm

Sunday at Lobamba

Liwakawaka vs Real Masters 1:30pm

L. Sunrise vs L. Dynamos (Replay) 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Enkalakatha

Stoke City vs Masters United 11:30pm

Tomorrow at Embo

Silomo vs Smuza-muza 1:30pm

Sunday at Enkalakatha

Majitamajita vs Ezulwini F.C 9:30am

X - Eleven vs Scorpion 11:30am

S. Classic vs Luveve Stars 1:30pm

Sunday at Elangeni

Power Stars vs Servest 1:30pm

Sunday at Lobamba

L. Wanderers vs Zabenii All Stars 1:30pm

FA RAINBOW STATIONERY MANZINI SUPER LEAGUE

Saturday at Malyaduma Sports Ground

Malyaduma United vs Ludzeludze Brothers 3:15pm

Saturday at Golden Sports Ground

Stumbo's XI vs Young Warriors 3:15pm

Sunday at Nsuka Sports Ground

Nsuka United vs Seven Dreams 3pm

Sunday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground

Boyane Young Aces vs Moyeni United 3pm

Sunday at Luyengo Sports Ground

Luyengo Foxes vs Ludzeludze Killers 3pm

Sunday at Golden Sports Ground

Malkems vs Cutter Cosmos 3pm

Sunday at Nkhundleni Sports Ground

Luvu Cosmos vs Sisonkhe 3pm

Sunday at Zakhele Sports Ground

Mhlaleni United vs Kwaluseni Rebels 3pm

MANZINI PROMOTION LEAGUE

Saturday at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground

Lwandle Classic vs Superstars 1:30pm

African Chiefs vs Home Sparrows 3:15pm

Saturday at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground

Villa Stars vs The Bones 1:30pm

SibonisoSelwandle vs Young Tigers 3:15pm

Sunday at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground

New Generations vs FC North 1pm

Combine Stars vs Two Sticks Comrades 3pm

Sunday at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground

Big XI vs Fairview Chiefs 11am

Wonderfu Touch vs Kholwane Flying Birds 1pm

MANZINI FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE

Saturday at Salesian Sports Ground

Skom Boys vs City Eagles 1:30pm

Bremer United vs God's Property 3:15pm

Sunday at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground

SibonisoSelwandle vs Young Tigers 3:15pm

Sunday at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground

Manzini United vs Mvulane FC 9am

Green Way vs Manzini Bullets 11am

Sunday at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground

Nhlambeni United vs Healing Boys 9am

Sunday at Salesian Sports Ground

Ngwane Park vs Hot Beans 2pm

OK FOODS KWALUSENI PROMOTION LEAGUE

Saturday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground

Ntunja Arsenal vs Royal Swallows 1:30pm

Real Professionals vs Sacramento 3:15pm

Saturday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground

Swazi Wire vs FC Logoba 1:30pm

Mhlaleni United vs Dark City 3:15pm

Sunday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground

Nsenga Comrades vs Fashion International 1pm

Sunday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground

NhlambeniR. Heroes vs Zama United 1pm

Kwaluseni United vs Gocweni Trompies 3pm

Sunday at Zombodze Sports Ground

Zombodze United vs Amajita 3pm

OK FOODS KWALUSENI FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE

Saturday at Zombodze Sports Ground

Lozitha Spurs vs Umfuntuli 1:30pm

NsengaShagari XI vs Mahashulane 3:15pm

Saturday at TB Centre 2 Sports Ground

Fletcher United vs Ngonini United 1:30pm

Shali United vs Mhlaleni Superstars 3:15pm

Sunday at LudzeludzeSports Ground

Nkamazi AK47 vs Ludzeludze Kicks 9am

Manila Stars vs Ludzeludze Celtics 11am

Sunday at ZombodzeSports Ground

Ludizizi vs Gum Valley 1pm

S &amp; S MALKERNS PROMOTION LEAGUE

Saturday at Ka-Ndinda Sports Ground

Makhungutsha vs NdindaVolcanoe 1:30pm

Home Talent vs Mahlanya United 3:15pm

Saturday at Golden Sports Ground

Home Boys vs Swazi Can 1:30pm

Sunday at Dwaleni Sports Ground

Dynamite Hotspurs vs Ngodini 11am

Star Point vs Vikery Nomads 1pm

Gebenii vs Power Sparks 3am

Sunday at Mahlanya Sports Ground

Don Don vs Phondo 3pm

Sunday at Khalang'ile Sports Ground

Troublemakers vs Current Toasters 3pm

MALKERNS FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE

Saturday at Khalang'ile Sports Ground

United Brothers vs Vuka Aces 1:30pm

Usuthu Rangers vs FC Navara 3:15pm

Sunday at Luyengo Sports Ground

Mdonjane Arsenal vs Survivor 1pm

Sunday at Golden Sports Ground

Golden Arrows vs Red Swallows 1pm

Sunday at Mahlanya Sports Ground

Thunderbolt vs Skom Boys 1pm

KUKHANYENI INKHUNDLA PROMOTION LEAGUE

Saturday at Bhinkhosi Sports Ground

Bhekinkhosi vs Londlovu 1:30 p.m.

Louis XIV vs Kukhanyeni 3:15 pm

Saturday at MvongotsiniSportsground

Mphola Celtics vs 1995 Mbuluzana 1:30p.m.

Lion Heart vs Nyakeni Heroes 3:15 pm

Sunday at Bhinkhosi Sports Ground

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# MESSI JOINS 100 GOAL CLUB IN EUROPE

BARCELONA – Lionel Messi scored his 100th goal in European competition as Barcelona moved close to qualifying for the Champions League knockout stages by outclassing Olympiakos 3-1 on Wednesday despite playing the entire second half with 10 men.

Gerard Pique was sent off two minutes before halftime for two bookings, one for tugging an opponent's shirt and the other for slapping the ball into the net, but Barca were barely threatened by a hapless Olympiakos side who are badly underperforming in their Greek title defence.

The Athens club, who won three league titles and two domestic Cups under current Barca coach Ernesto Valverde, are

fifth in the standings in the Greek top flight and have lost all their games in the Champions League.

Barca took the lead in the 18th minute on a rainswept evening at a sparsely attended Nou Camp when visiting defender Dimitrios Nikolaou turned Gerard Deulofeu's cross into his own net.

It was the fifth own goal Barca have benefited from this season in all competitions. Messi struck his landmark goal in Europe from a free kick in the 61st minute to double Barca's lead. It was his 97th goal in the Champions League,

while his other three strikes in Europe came in the UEFA Super Cup.

The Argentine then carved his way through the hapless visiting defence moments later to tee up France left back Lucas Digne to score his first goal in the Champions League for Barca. Greek defender Nikolaou put the ball in the net for the second time in the game by heading home from a corner at the other end to give Olympiakos a scanty-deserved consolation goal in the 89th minute. Barca top Champions League Group D with nine points after winning their first three games and are six ahead of Juventus. A win at Olympiakos in two weeks will seal their place in the last 16. "We are feeling very good in the league and Champions League and we have to keep going like this," Barca's Sergi Roberto told reporters after his side recorded a 10th victory in 11 games.

"We are frustrated to have conceded a goal although by then the game was almost over."

WORLDS GREATEST: Lionel Messi.

AFP



## Juve snatch late win v Sporting

MILAN - Juventus rallied from a bizarre Alex Sandro own goal to battle past Sporting Lisbon 2-1 on Wednesday and move second behind Barcelona in Champions League Group D.

The Portuguese visitors surged ahead after 12 minutes in the Allianz Stadium when the ball accidentally bounced off the Brazilian left-back and into his own net after Gianluigi Buffon had saved from Gelson Martins.

But Bosnian midfielder Miralem Pjanic hauled the hosts back into the game after 29 minutes before Croatian forward Mario Mandzukic headed in the winner six minutes from time.

Juventus – who lost their opening game 3-0 to Barcelona but beat Olympiakos 2-0 with late goals – are second in Group D behind the Spaniards with six points from three games. Sporting are now third.

"It was a tough game, and an important win," said Juventus defender Giorgio Chiellini.

"The important thing was not to concede goals but we didn't dwell on it (the own goal), we showed personality."

It was a first win for the Turin club since their victory over Olympiakos as they have been frustrated in Serie A recently.

Italian title-winners in the last six seasons, Juventus lost to Lazio on Saturday – a first home defeat in over two years – after being held by Atalanta the previous week.

But they looked to be struggling for form again as they were pushed hard in Turin by a Portuguese side chasing a first win in Italy.

Pjanic – returning after almost a month out with a thigh problem – partnered Sami Khedira in midfield with Blaise Matuidi rested.

After the unfortunate own goal, Gonzalo Higuain's close-range shot five minutes later was blocked before Rui Patricio dived to keep out a Khedira effort.

Daily Mail



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# UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## Mbappe highest scoring teenager in Champions League history

PARIS - Kylian Mbappe continues to smash records.

On Wednesday night, the Paris Saint-Germain forward became the highest scoring teenager in Champions League history, notching his eighth goal in just 12 games in the competition against Anderlecht.

It was his second goal in the Champions League this season, adding to the six he scored in Monaco's unlikely run to the semi-finals last season.

The goal sees him surpass Patrick Kluivert's 21-year-old record.

The Dutch striker scored seven Champions League goals in two full seasons for Ajax before his 20th birthday, including a famous late winner over AC Milan in the 1995 final.

Frenchman Mbappe is in no immediate danger of being caught either. No teenager currently playing has scored more than the two goals which Marcus Rashford has.

And the Manchester United forward, who scored the winner against Benfica on Wednesday night, turns 20 on the day of his side's next European game so has no chance to add to his tally of two in three. Mbappe's PSG team-mate Goncalo Guedes - currently on loan at Valencia - makes the top 10 with three goals but is approaching his 21st birthday.

Daily Mail

### UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RESULTS

Chelsea	3-3	Roma
Bayern München	3-0	Celtic
Benfica	0-1	Manchester United
Anderlecht	0-4	PSG
CSKA Moskva	0-2	Basel
Barcelona	3-1	Olympiakos Piraeus
Juventus	2-1	Sporting CP
Qarabag	0-0	Atlético Madrid
Feyenoord	1-2	Shakhtar Donetsk
Manchester City	2-1	Napoli
Spartak Moskva	5-1	Sevilla
APOEL	1-1	Borussia Dortmund
RB Leipzig	3-2	Porto
Monaco	1-2	Besiktas
Maribor	0-7	Liverpool
Real Madrid	1-1	Tottenham Hotspur

### LOGS

Group A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Manchester United	3	3	0	0	8	1	7	9
2 Basel	3	2	0	1	7	3	4	6
3 CSKA Moskva	3	1	0	2	3	7	-4	3
4 Benfica	3	0	0	3	1	8	-7	0
Group B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 PSG	3	3	0	0	12	0	12	9
2 Bayern München	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
3 Celtic	3	1	0	2	3	8	-5	3
4 Anderlecht	3	0	0	3	0	10	-10	0
Group C	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Chelsea	3	2	1	0	11	4	7	7
2 Roma	3	1	2	0	5	4	1	5
3 Atlético Madrid	3	0	2	1	1	2	-1	2
4 Qarabag	3	0	1	2	1	8	-7	1
Group D	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Barcelona	3	3	0	0	7	1	6	9
2 Juventus	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	6
3 Sporting CP	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
4 Olympiakos Piraeus	3	0	0	3	3	8	-5	0
Group E	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Liverpool	3	1	2	0	10	3	7	5
2 Spartak Moskva	3	1	1	1	7	3	4	4
3 Sevilla	3	1	1	1	6	7	-1	4
4 Maribor	3	0	1	2	1	11	-10	1
Group F	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Manchester City	3	3	0	0	8	1	7	9
2 Shakhtar Donetsk	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	6
3 Napoli	3	1	0	2	5	5	0	3
4 Feyenoord	3	0	0	3	2	9	-7	0
Group G	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Besiktas	3	3	0	0	7	2	5	9
2 RB Leipzig	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	4
3 Porto	3	1	0	2	6	6	0	3
4 Monaco	3	0	1	2	2	6	-4	1
Group H	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Tottenham Hotspur	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
2 Real Madrid	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
3 Borussia Dortmund	3	0	1	2	3	7	-4	1
4 APOEL	3	0	1	2	1	7	-6	1



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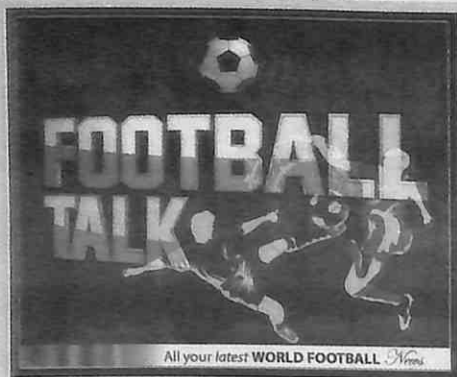
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● Tottenham striker Harry Kane, 24, and playmaker Christian Eriksen, 25, were being watched by Barcelona during Spurs' Champions League match against Real Madrid. (*Mundo Deportivo via TalkSport*)



● Manager Jose Mourinho has held talks with Manchester United about a new contract but is in no rush to sign a new deal. (*ESPN*)

● Leicester City will not rush to appoint a new manager as they seek a big name to succeed Craig Shakespeare who was sacked on Tuesday. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Southampton were the first club to bid for Naples defender Kalidou Koulibaly, 26, this summer despite interest from other Premier League and Serie A clubs. (*Calcio Mercato - Italian*)

● Juventus have joined Barcelona and Manchester City in the race for 22-year-old Borussia Dortmund midfielder Julian Weigl. (*CalcioNews24 via TalkSport*)



● Reading Manager Jaap Stam has confirmed the club are interested in signing 21-year-old Manchester United striker James Wilson in the summer. (*Reading Chronicle*)

● Arsenal and Liverpool have been boosted in their pursuit of Monaco forward Thomas Lemar, 21, after Bayern Munich ended their interest. (*football.london via Kicker*)

● Midfielder Rafinha, 24, a target of Arsenal and Chelsea, has no interest in leaving Barcelona. (*TalkSport*)

● Aston Villa offered to pay Paris St-Germain defender Thomas Meunier, 26, more money than the French champions when he switched clubs in 2016. (*Birmingham Mail via SportFoot*)

● Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe has dismissed rumours that West Brom and Wolves target Benik Afobe, 24, may be allowed to leave the club in January by insisting that the striker remains part of his plans. (*Birmingham Mail*)

● West Ham goalkeeper Adrian San Miguel, 30, is looking for a move away from the club in January having lost his place to Joe Hart. (*Marc - English*)

● Manchester United have opened contract talks with defender Phil Jones, 25. (*ESPN*)

● Crystal Palace have increased their interest in Besiktas striker Cenk Tosun, 23, after he impressed in the Champions League. (*Daily Mirror*)



## DU'S CORNER

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# Y'ELLO SUNDAY TRIPLE-HEADER NOT TO BE MISSED!

SOMHLOLO National Stadium will be the place to be on Sunday as football followers will be treated to great football action in what promises to be an exciting MTN Premier League triple-header featuring the country's traditional three big three teams in the form of Mbabane Swallows, Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers.

This is a huge and massive day for local football as sparks are expected to fly, especially with the top clubs involved. Indications are that this year's league will be fiercely contested as all teams seem geared for competition and this pleases the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) in a very big way. One of the organisation's primary objectives is to provide competitive matches for people at stadiums and we are already seeing that despite the small number of games played so far.

Not so long ago, we applauded the great attendance witnessed at the Mavuso Sports Centre during a mid-week double-header and this is what we want to see again on Sunday.

Local football followers have already proven that if the football is good in the field of play, they will attend in big numbers. Entertaining football breeds good attendance in games and we hope all our 24 Premier League games are fully aware of that. People will only come to stadiums to watch



**BLOCKING:** Mbabane Swallows' Ndumiso Ndaba being blocked by Manzini Wanderers' Sihle Mkhonta during the MTN Premier League match at Mavuso Sports Centre in the recent game. Swallows won 1-0.

competitive games and so far, I can say so good. We are seeing brilliant performances complimented by individual brilliance from some players and this has really raised the stakes in this year's competition.

We really must applaud the PLS, along with the league sponsors MTN Swaziland for being innovative when it comes to such games. The triple-header idea is what football followers want and we look forward to a full crowd at the stadium. Most importantly, we request the football fans present to be at

their best behaviour because we will be having so many big guests in attendance.

It usually does not paint a good image of Premier League football when football fans start behaving like hooligans and this is what we would hate to see on Sunday. Football is a game of sport that was created to build relationships, not enemies.

As Swazi football loving people, we need to understand that for the local game to make any strides there must be a unifying factor behind all that. If the attendance

...we expect the Somhlolo National Stadium to be abuzz with football excitement on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium

continues to be good as we have seen already this season, then we have already the reasons to be optimistic of Premier League football prospects.

There is no doubt that the MTN Premier League brand is huge and we hope football fans will fill up the Somhlolo Stadium and create an atmosphere that will rub off the players in the field of play.

Nothing motivates players more than hearing their names being shouted on the stands or hearing vuvuzelas blown because that gives them the energy to put in extra effort.

Let us not forget that there is a huge incentive of E350 000 for the club that will finish the league's first round on top of the log standings and that is more reason to be at Somhlolo on Sunday because there is a lot to play for in these games for the teams.

The E350 000 incentive makes for a big carrot and we anticipate good performances from all the teams. This column can only wish all the teams the best of luck as they prepare for the weekend games.

## Entrance fees

In MTN Premier League triple-headers and double-headers, the entrance fee is E40 while in a single header, it costs only E30.

If there could be any change

of such, it is always advisable to consult the PLS office for verification. In MTN First Division League games, it is E10 to watch single header while you pay only E20 for a

double-header. Football fans should, however, not expect to pay anything to watch our development competitions like the Esibayeni Lodge Under-17 League, along with the Under-20 Reserve League. We hope this will help our football lovers' budget well for the games.

## PLS officials (stadium representatives)

We thank them for the effort they put in making sure that all our games start well and on time.

These are people who make sure that all is fine in stadiums and

we appeal to football people to work with them in making their job easy.

They sacrifice a lot for the game as they sometimes are forced to travel long distances just to ensure

that all games progress well without hassles. They are very important stakeholders of this game and we must appreciate the input they put every weekend.

## Esibayeni Lodge Under-17 League update

Games will continue as usual in this league at different venues as revealed in the local media.

We thank coaches and football fans, who make time to support this young talent by attending the games and we urge them not to drop such

spirit.

### Future

We are grooming future national football heroes in this league and we want all football people to appreciate what it really does for the development of the local game.

In no time, Sihlangu will be

benefiting massively through this league as we are already seeing players from this league graduating to play for their senior teams.

This is the whole objective behind this league and we hope the participating teams are ready for the weekend fixtures.



COME ONE COME ALL: Pat Vilakati.

## From the PLS COO

Mr Pat Vilakati is reminding football followers that there will also be action in the MTN First Division League where the competition is as fierce as in the senior league.

He announced that all games in this division will be played on Saturday and advised football fans to refer to local media for full fixtures. He also confirmed that Sunday's triple-header at Somhlolo Stadium will cost E40 per head at the gates and invited all fans to come in big numbers.

# WE HAVE TO KEEP WINNING - 'KOKI'

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati says they want to continue winning in order to reach the best possible podium.**

He said this soon after watching his side beat Green Mamba 2-0 on Wednesday night at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

"We need to keep on winning and see where it takes us at the end of the season. I am happy with our performance tonight as my players worked hard throughout the match. The opposition did not give us enough room but we managed to capitalise on their mistakes. I am

happy we got the goals."

The coach said they had to make forced changes, pulling out Sandile and Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko due to injuries.

"This cost us but I am happy the other players came to the party. It was a good game and we got the three points."

## Behind

'Koki' said they had put the win behind them and were now focusing on the next MTN Premier League match against Red Lions.

"There is never an easy match for us and we will prepare well for this encounter because we know how dangerous Red Lions can be."

Meanwhile, his Green Mamba

counterpart Harries 'Madze' Bulunga said they were killed off by the early goal.

"I think we were let down by the early goal, which was a result of miscommunication at the back as it killed our momentum."

We also did not make use of the scoring opportunities we created which is something that has been letting us down in recent matches. My players need to have self-belief and try to be consistent and express their talent in helping the team get the desired results," he said.

## WIN EASED PRESSURE ON US

**SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders coach Alou Badara said the 2-0 win over Red Lions has eased pressure on him and his players.**

This was during an MTN Premier League match played at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Wednesday night.

"The win will help ease the pressure on the team as you may all have observed emotions were a bit high when we started the match. However, we thank God for the win which brought back self-belief in my players."

They showed hunger and zeal throughout the match and you could tell that they wanted the three points. It was a great performance," he said. Badara



**RELIEVED: Mbabane Highlanders coach Alou Badara.**

further said they were now focusing on their next game Matsapha United

on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium.

"We will be ready for the match against Matsapha and I am confident we will deliver on the day and get the three points," he said.

## Failed

On the other hand, his Red Lions counterpart Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane said they had a bad day in office.

"We failed to come to the party and my players were psychologically down. I do not know what went wrong and we really have to lift up the spirit of the players. I have to try and rectify the problem and prepare for the next match," he said.

## SUNDOWNS MATCH WILL BE MUCH EASIER - 'CROOKS'

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER - MANZINI Wanderers mentor Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe says he expects this weekend's crunch hub derby against Manzini Sundowns to be much easier than their goalless stalemate against Royal Leopard.**

The mentor shared these sentiments during his post-match interview after his side played to a 0-0 all draw against police side Royal Leopard on Wednesday night at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

"I think our next match will be much easier. I will not say how or why but I have a feeling it might be much easier than this game against Leopard."

Coming to the match, Hlophe said he was happy with the team's performance, stating that the only con-

cern was that they could not convert the chances they created.

"Our only fault is that we did not convert the chances we created in this match. In all honesty, we should have led way early in the match when Alie (Matse) failed to score from close range."

Otherwise, the boys played very well and a point against Leopard is not a bad result at all."

Meanwhile, his Leopard counterpart Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntubane was also optimistic despite not getting all three maxi-

mum points.

"The truth is that we worked hard but it was just not to be. I feel like this was one of the games where we could have played for four hours and we still wouldn't have scored. We will continue working hard so that we return to our respectable position."



## ERNEST HAPPY WITH A POINT

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER - MANZINI Sundowns head coach Ernest Mavuso says he is content with the point his side got against Young Buffaloes.**

Making his remarks during his post-match interview, the soft-spoken mentor said he was pleased with his side's performance and further stated that albeit the fact that he would have loved to get all three points, the point wasn't a train smash.

"I am happy we did not lose but unhappy that we did not win. I am also happy about our performance. We have been working hard and these are the types of games we should have easily won."

Buffaloes are a good side but I feel we should have won this match. The point is very much valuable to us, and our aim is to finish at least in the top six at the end of the first round. A top four will be a bonus to us."

Meanwhile, his Young Buffaloes mentor Dominic Kunene said he was happy his team didn't succumb to a loss.

He said a point was all but an addition to the bag as the league was a marathon. "This was one very tough match. I am happy we did not end up on the losing side and a point is an advantage to us because its one valuable addition to the bag. It's still a long way to go and we have to accumulate as many points as possible."

## SA athletes for Simunye Friendship Run

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - TOMORROW will mark the third edition of the annual Simunye Friendship Run initiated by Zithande Athletics Club.**

The event will see South African runners taking part.

Zithande Athletics Club coach Nsizwa Thwala said they hosted SA's Limpopo based Comrades Marathon prominent runner Mary Walker over a week ago in their training programme as she also participated in the Imbube Marathon.

## Pleased

"Walker was pleased with our ambition and our training routine as a club. She will be bringing four other runners with her to the event tomorrow."

Our objective is to use road running as a mechanism to drive social coalition and promote a healthy lifestyle," he said. The event, comprising a 42km, 21km and the 10km race, will be held at Mavuso Sports Centre.

Registration for the 42km is E150,

E100 for 21km and the 10km.

The race was launched in 2015 by the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini, who is also a patron of the club.

Thwala said they saw the need to grow, develop and promote the culture of running in the country with the aid of experienced international runners as the event has been graced by a number of prominent Comrades Marathon runners.

Registration at Manzini is at the Fitness Zone, Matsapha at Body Health and Fitness Gym while in Mbabane it is at the Sports Council offices.

**HOST: Zithande Athletics Club coach Nsizwa Thwala.**



## Swazi Mobile making waves in SRIC Golf

By Sabelo Majola

**GOLF - THEY joined the competition over three months ago but new comers Swazi Mobile are already making a mark in the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) Golf Business League.**

The mobile phone giants team is jointly occupying the sixth position with Galp and Inyatsi in the Consolation League and they triumphed 6-0 against BPMC on Wednesday.

Champions league leaders Manyatsi Nhleko extended their lead with a 6-0 win over Royal Swazi.

## The full results:

SRIC "B"	0 African Alliance	6
Ladies	0 Swd Beverages	6
Inyatsi	0 Royal Swd Police	6
Standard Bank	4 Swd Railway	1
Galp	6 Asakhiwe	0
Ecsponent	4 Africa Chicks	1
Liberty	3 Civics	3
SRIC	1 Pots Construction	4
Royal Swazi	0 Manyatsi Nhleko Q S	6
ERG	3 Easigas	3
SEC	6 Previc	0
Sekusile Insurance Brokers	3 Go Big	3
BPMC	0 Swazi Mobile	6

## CONSOLATION LEAGUE LOG

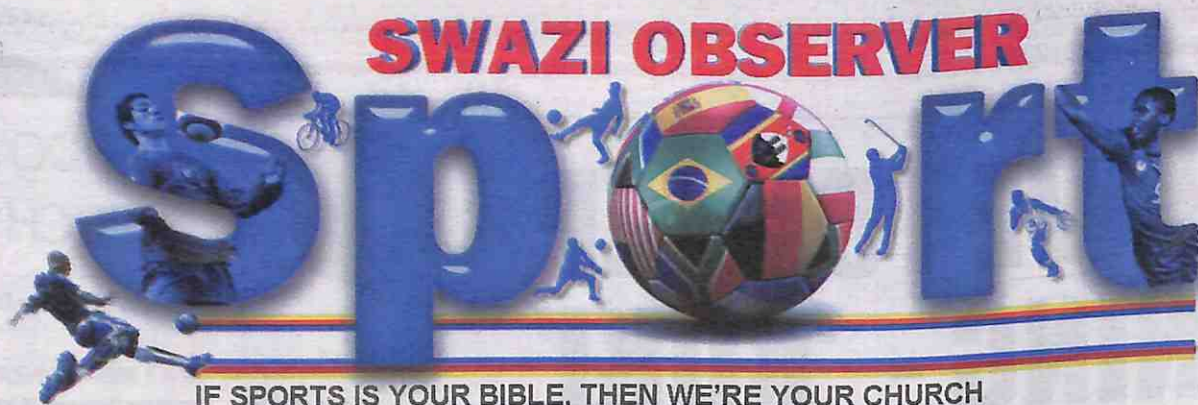
1. Royal Swd Police	- 21pts	9 Ecsponent	- 10pts
1 Swd Beverages	- 21pts	9 Swaziland Railways	- 10pts
3 Africa Chicks	- 17pts	11 SRIC "B"	- 9pts
4 Standard Bank	- 16pts	11 Asakhiwe	- 9pts
5 African Alliance	- 15pts	13 BPMC	- 1pt
6 Inyatsi	- 12pts	14 Ladies	- 0pts
6 Galp	- 12pts	Kind Regards	
6 Swazi Mobile	- 12pts	Banele Mletwa	

## CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE LOG

1 Manyatsi Nhleko Q S	- 24pts	6 Easigas	- 12pts
2 Pots Construction	- 19pts	6 Go Big	- 12pts
3 SEC	- 18pts	6 Liberty	- 12pts
4 SRIC	- 17pts	9 Sekusile Insurance Brokers	- 9pts
5 Previc	- 13pts	10 Civics	- 3pts
		10 Royal Swazi	- 3pts
		12 ERG	- 0pts

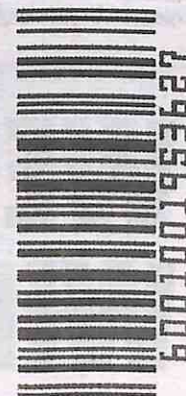
## EUROPA LEAGUE RESULTS

Hapoel Beer Sheva	1-2	FC FCSB
Lugano	3-2	Viktoria Plzen
BATE Borisov	1-0	FC Cologne
FK Crvena Zvezda	0-1	Arsenal
Konyaspor	0-2	Salzburg
Marseille	2-1	Vitoria de Guimaraes
Oestersunds FK	2-2	Athletic Bilbao
Zorya	2-1	Hertha Berlin
FTNice	1-3	Lazio
Zulte-Waregem	1-1	Vitesse
FK Vardar Skopje	0-6	Real Sociedad
Zenit St. Petersburg	3-1	Rosenborg



IF SPORTS IS YOUR BIBLE, THEN WE'RE YOUR CHURCH

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## Tambuti brush aside Vovovo

By Sabelo Majola

Vovovo..... (0)0  
Tambuti..... (2)3

**SOCCER - IF** creating chances could earn teams maximum points, Vovovo could have easily claimed victory over Tambuti but it was the latter who won 3-0 at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

While Vovovo were enjoying massive ball possession, Tambuti were scoring the goals that earned them their second victory of the season even though they remain in the same position on the log.

A fifth minute goal by Fabrice Mopina and another effortless strike by Neliso Myeni three minutes later handed Tambuti an early lead in the game and frustration kicked in for the hosts.

Vovovo looked disjointed as some stages of the match as they would lose the ball cheaply, allowing Tambuti to come hard at them.

They did create scoring chances but failed to score.

This saw the players increasingly frustrated with Tambuti scoring the goals.

Vovovo's Sabella Mohammed should have pulled one back for Vovovo in the seventh minute but was denied by the woodwork after a nice turn inside the box.

Sabella's clinical pass found well positioned Vusumuzi Kunene in the box but his strike was too easy for Thokozani Mkhulisi to deal with.

Vovovo's 'how not to score' dilemma continued in the 29th minute as they missed a free header from a corner kick.

The match went to break with Tambuti leading 2-0.

The misery went from bad to worse for the capital city side five minutes into the second half when Tambuti were handed a penalty after Siphelele Ngwane brought down Roy Mamba in the box. Keeper Mkhulisi took responsibility and scored from the spot to make the score 3-0.

Mkhulisi was the busier of the two goalkeepers in the second half as he made sure to keep a clean sheet, denying Khethokuhle Mkhontfo's header in the 58th minute and Sabella's shot a minute later in spectacular fashion.

Tambuti's 1-2 defeat to Matsapha United over the past weekend became a thing of the past as they claimed a comfortable 3-0 victory.

# MATSAPHA UNITED STAY UNBEATEN, JUMP TO 2ND SPOT

By Sibusiso Dlamini

Matsapha United..... (2)2  
Midas City..... (0)0

**SOCCER - ROOKIES** Matsapha United are proving to be a great addition to local top flight football as they have gone for eight games without a loss in their maiden campaign in the elite league.

The 'Deep Blue Ocean' have joined early season leaders and defending champions Mbabane Swallows and Young Buffaloes as teams yet to taste defeat following their 2-0 win over visiting Midas City during an MTN Premier league match played at Mavuso Sports Centre last night.

### Attack

They have now jumped to second spot with 18 points. The Saul Chamunikwa-led side started the match like a house on fire as they ran riot over Midas City.

Their efforts paid off as they broke the deadlock in the 11th minute through Mthobisi Mdluli, who finished off a great cross from

*...Matsapha are the same team that surprised friend and foe when they outplayed some of the top flight teams in the elite league and advanced in the SwaziBank Cup where they eventually lost to Young Buffaloes while they were still campaigning in the NFD*

Nkosinamandla Nkhambule.

The 'Deep Blue Ocean' continued to pile pressure on the opposition and again added the second goal three minutes later through Sifiso 'Tjovitjo' Maseko.

The defender fired home as he blasted the ball after a scramble for the ball following a Mthobisi Mdluli corner kick.

### Passes

The match went to recess with Matsapha leading 1-0.

After the break, City seemed to soak up the pressure as they started stringing a few decent passes, but they failed to create any real chances to trouble the holidaying Mxolisi Dlamini, who was manning the Matsapha poles.

Instead, it was Matsapha United, who threatened to add another one despite losing some steam and not being the dominant side that scored the two goals in the first stanza.

Mthobisi Magagula was unlucky and seemed to have forgotten his scoring boots at home as he missed number of opportunities.

He missed two sitters from the tricky Mkhalele, who gave gifted City youngster Simphiwe Makhanya a horrid time on the right flank.

Mngometulu did everything right, turning and dribbling everyone, but his strike hit the legs of the oncoming Bheka Christie.

Lanky midfielder Xolani 'Papi' Sikhondze forced an acrobat-

ic save from Christie as he fired a stinging shot from 45 yards out, but the goalie was up to task.

The match eventually finished 2-0 in favor of Matsapha.

The results means Matsapha jump to the second spot as they have a superior goal difference over Young Buffaloes, who they are tied with at 18 points. City, on the other hand, are further condemned as they're still lie as the basement side with 0 points out of a possible 24.

Matsapha are the same team that surprised friend and foe when they outplayed some of the top flight teams in the elite league and advanced in the SwaziBank Cup where they eventually lost to Young Buffaloes while they were still campaigning in the NFD. It would seem they are now in the Premier League to stay.

### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE MID-WEEK RESULTS

Green Mamba	0-2	Mbabane Swallows
Manzini Sundowns	1-1	Young Buffaloes
Manzini Wanderers	0-0	Royal Leopards
Red Lions	0-2	Mbabane Highlanders
Matsapha United	2-0	Midas City
Vovovo	0-3	Tambuti
Moneni Pirates	1-1	Malanti Chiefs

### THE LOG

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
1. Mbabane Swallows	8	6	2	0	14	4	10	20
2. Matsapha United	8	5	3	0	11	4	7	18
3. Young Buffaloes	8	5	3	0	11	6	5	18
4. Malanti Chiefs	8	4	2	2	14	13	1	14
5. Mbabane Highlanders	7	4	0	3	11	8	3	12
6. Vovovo	8	4	0	3	8	10	-2	12
7. Moneni Pirates	8	3	2	3	8	10	-2	11
8. Manzini Wanderers	8	3	2	3	11	14	-3	11
9. Royal Leopards	8	2	4	2	11	7	4	10
10. Manzini Sundowns	8	2	4	2	11	8	3	10
11. Green Mamba	8	3	1	4	10	8	2	10
12. Tambuti	7	2	0	5	9	13	-4	6
13. Red Lions	8	0	1	7	4	16	-12	1
14. Midas City	8	0	0	8	7	19	-12	0

### WEEKEND FIXTURES:

Sunday at the Mavuso Sports Centre		
Moneni Pirates vs Green Mamba		3pm
Sunday at King Sobhuza II Stadium		
Young Buffaloes vs Tambuti		1pm
Royal Leopards vs Midas City		3pm
Sunday at the Prince of Wales Sports Ground		
Vovovo vs Malanti Chiefs		1:30pm
Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium		
Mbabane Swallows vs Red Lions		11:30am
Mbabane Highlanders vs Matsapha United		1:30pm
Manzini Wanderers vs Manzini Sundowns		3:30pm