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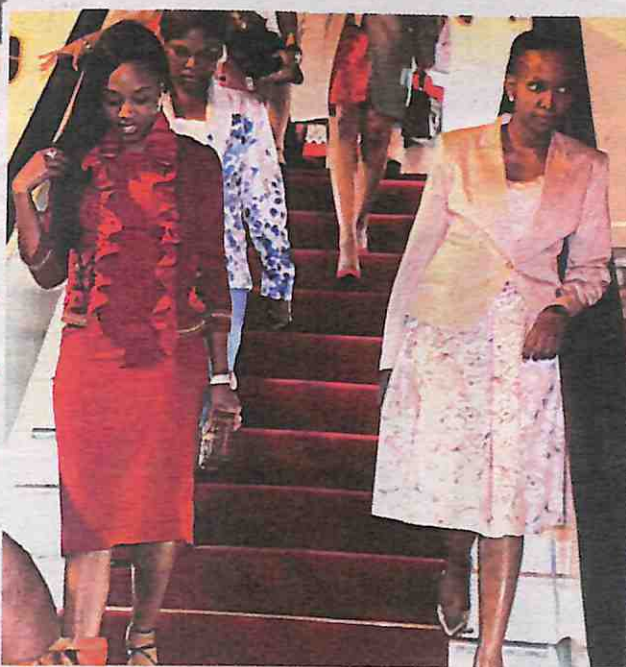
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**WELCOME BACK HOME YOUR MAJESTY:** Arrival of His Majesty King Mswati III with Liphovela LaMashwama at Matsapha International Airport yesterday. The King was from the 72nd United Nations General Assembly in New York. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



## BUSINESSMAN ARRESTED FOR KILLING COUSIN

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## WALK FOR HUNGER DATE SET

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I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE...

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# MY WIFE ABUSES ME - EDITOR

● Newsman tells court he has been suffering in silence



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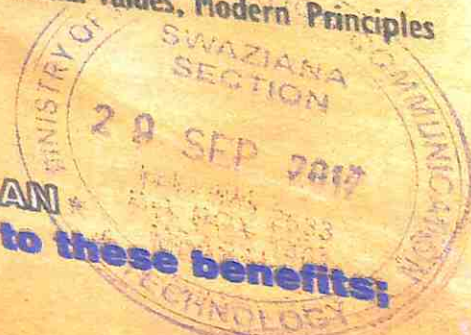
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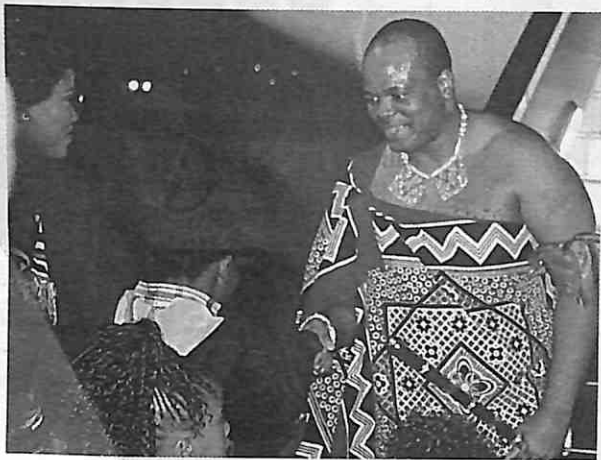


## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

## KING BACK FROM NEW YORK



**WENA WAPHAKATHI:** Well-wishers welcoming His Majesty upon arrival at the Matsapha International Airport yesterday. The King was from the 72nd United Nation General Assembly in New York. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III shaking hands with Emazinyane. **RIGHT - FOR YOU:** Liphovela LaMashwama welcomed with followers.



# PROPHET MAGAYA TELLS PM HE WANTS TO INVEST IN SD

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**PRIME Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini has officially welcomed Prophet Walter Magaya and his wife Prophetess Tendai Magaya into the country.**

This happened yesterday during a short event that took place at the Cabinet offices at Hospital Hill, Mbabane. Magaya, who hails from Zimbabwe, was in Dvokolwako on Wednesday to donate E1 million and 10 houses to Philani Maswati, a charity organisation whose patron is Her Majesty the Indlovukazi.

Magaya was introduced to the PM by Swaziland National Provident Fund Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Prince Lonkhokhela.

He was in the company of Ministry of Tnkhundla Principal Secretary (PS) Princess Gcebile, and Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini. Magaya is involved in many projects back in Zimbabwe and the projects include mining, construction, and other business initiatives.

The prime minister said what was done by Magaya was a great job because the Queen Mother was at the forefront of human development in the country.

He told Magaya that Indlovukazi had a charity organisation (Philani Maswati) that wanted to make life easier for the elderly people in the country.

"Your coming to Swaziland is a bless-

● Magaya is involved in many projects back in Zimbabwe and the projects include mining, construction, and other business initiatives



**POSE:** Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini (3rd l) posing for a group photo with Prophet Walter Magaya (2nd l) and Prophetess Tendai Magaya's (3rd r) delegation. This was yesterday at Cabinet offices in Mbabane. (Pic: Mbono Mdluli)

ing to us because the country is in need of the prayers and blessings you bring here. We are happy that you are blending your spiritual work with business because it is a fact that for religious activities to be implemented, finances are needed," the prime minister said.

The premier told the prophet that Swaziland was a Christian country, even though the Constitution allowed for other religions to be practiced.

He said they looked forward to having a healthy working relationship with Magaya, especially because the Magaya family received a Royal status last year, which made Her Majesty to be an adoptive mother to the prophetess.

Dlamini said he looked forward to the

day when Magaya would pay lobola to the Queen Mother, as his adoptive mother-in-law.

Responding to the prime minister, Prophet Magaya said he was also happy to be part of the Swazi people and he looked forward to a healthy working relationship.

He told the prime minister that they were ready to be directed and advised by him (prime minister) as they implement their projects in the country.

Magaya presented a book about himself to the premier. The book was about the projects done by Magaya back in Zimbabwe and other neighbouring countries. These projects are worth millions of dollars.

## Nedbank's non-interest revenue slump by 14% to E69.4million

By Manqoba Makhubu  
Mbabane

**NEDBANK Swaziland's non-interest revenue has decreased by 14 per cent from E88.8 million in the previous year to E69.4 million for the half year ended June 2017.**

This is according to the bank's half year results for the period between January and June 2017.

Non-interest revenue could be understood as creditor income derived primarily from fees including deposit and transaction fees, insufficient funds fees, annual fees, monthly account service charges; inactivity fees, check and deposit slip fees, and so on.

Conversely to the decrease of non-interest revenue, deposits reportedly increased by 15 per cent from E3 407 million to E3 928 million mostly twisted by wholesale banking.

The bank noted that it released its results at a time when the economy continued to take a hiding from global uncertainties as well as from domestic developments that has impacted growth.

The bank reported that its net interest income increased by 18 per cent to E131.6 million, mainly due to loans in the personal banking sector.

The bank also saw its headline earnings plunge by 16 per cent from just about E60.9 million to E50.9 million compared to the same period last year.

In a statement issued by the bank, Nedbank Managing Director Fikile Nkosi disclosed that they had anticipated a decline in headline earn-

ings in their focus and budget. But, she said they remain upbeat that they will achieve growth going forward.

"We, therefore, looked at enhancing channels such as the digital platform. Overall growth is there, not in the traditional instruments which is depicted by usage picking up in our ATMs, point of sale devices, internet banking and the Mobile Banking App. The nature of the product cycle is that it tends to pick up slowly, but we are optimistic that by end of the year, uptake will be higher and we look forward to continued efforts to proliferate these channels," she said.

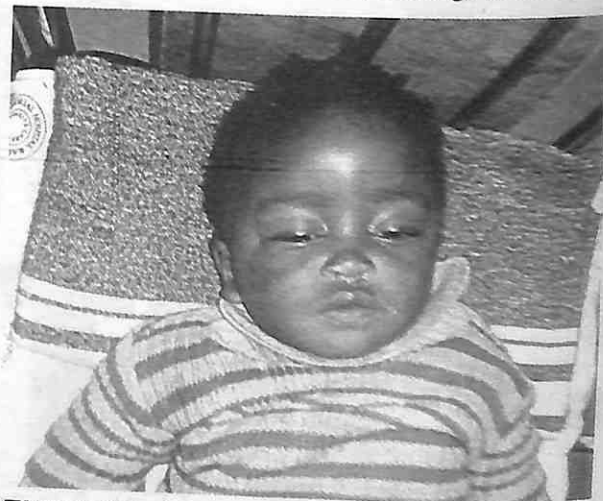
The company's profit after tax decreased from about E60.3 million to about E51 million.

"Impairment of loans and advances charge for the period has increased by 36 per cent to E14.2 million (2016: E10.4 million). Growth in impairments is attributed to unfavorable economic conditions," said the bank.

As at June 30, the bank's capital and reserves amounted to E670.8 million providing a capital adequacy ratio of 23.1 per cent against the eight per cent statutory requirement.

In its outlook, the bank projects growth opportunities in the construction and agriculture sectors and therefore seeks to look into processes and policies to align itself with the requirements of these sectors.

"Moreover, Nedbank is poised to leverage on the new brand, which positions the bank as money experts who do good, through the emphasis on client experience and product offering," said the bank.



**INNOCENT SOUL:** The baby girl who was found dumped along the road at Madonsa yesterday at noon. (Courtesy pic)

## Baby dumped at Madonsa

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**A six-month-old baby girl was found abandoned in Madonsa.**

According to sources, the baby was found roadside at Madonsa at about noon yesterday.

The baby was discovered by a passer-by who was using the Madonsa street to town.

"She took the baby to the Manzini Police Station after which the baby was taken to RFM Hospital," said

the source. She is currently being kept at the childrens ward. Chief Police Information and Communication Officer, Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the matter.

"The baby was found next to the road at Madonsa Extension 6 by a passer-by," he said.

He requested anyone who might have information that may lead to the parents or relative of the child to come forth.

They can call 999 or contact PICO office directly at 7606 2312.



# Temperatures to drop tomorrow

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**THE public must expect a cold front tomorrow and drizzles.**

According to information sourced from Swaziland Meteorology Services,

today it will be hot but tomorrow temperatures are expected to drop to 18 Degrees Celsius in the Highveld while in the Lowveld they will reach a maximum of 24 Degrees Celsius.

On Sunday temperatures are expected to pick up again.

"There will be morning fog patches,

otherwise partly cloudy and mild but warm in the Lowveld," said the forecaster.

"There will be occasional drizzles and fog at places, otherwise partly cloudy and warm but hot in the Lowveld with isolated thunderstorms," said the forecaster.

TODAY there will be morning fog otherwise cloudy and warm to hot in the lowveld with isolated thunderstorms later.

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## MY WIFE ABUSES ME - TV EDITOR

● Dlamini revealed to the court that he suffered abuse from his wife and remained silent about it because it was not easy as a man to report about such an issue to the police

### COVER STORY

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini



ONCE BITTEN TWICE SHY: Nkosinatsi Dlamini.

suffered abuse from his wife and remained silent about it because it was not easy as a man to report about such an issue to the police.

Dlamini stated that he has old and fresh scars all over his body which are inflicted by his wife.

He stated that even on the day of the incident, when he went to the police station, officers were puzzled that he was there to open a case against his wife.

He said it took some time for him to receive help and when he finally did he was helped by a female police officer who identified herself as detective Ndlangamandla.

The accused stated that, however, what saddens him is that the cases which he reported against his wife never saw the light of the day. Dlamini said he suspects that his wife's relatives, who are police officers, used their influence to make sure that the matters did not make it to court.

It also surfaced in court that since the accused opened a case against his wife for assault the same case is being handled by the same investigator and the same prosecutor, which is something that puzzled the magistrate as to how such happened.

The court has since postponed the matter and asked the attorney for the accused to furnish him with statements recorded by the accused for his previous cases which he opened with the police.

which she had must have been self-inflicted by the complainant when she grabbed the steering wheel of the vehicle when he tried to drive to the police station to report assault.

Explaining his side of the story, Dlamini informed the court that he came back from work after five in the afternoon and found his wife not home. He said he proceeded to watch television until he fell asleep.

He said after 8pm his children woke him up complaining of hunger and he went to buy food for them.

#### Fond

Dlamini said he was told that someone was sitting at the doorsteps and found out it was his wife.

The accused told the court that his wife had started engaging in wayward behaviour such as turning their matrimonial homestead into a shebeen while he, on the other hand, doesn't drink or smoke.

He said he decided to request that she leaves and give him the house keys. The accused stated he did not get a response from his wife, hence he reached for her handbag trying to get the house keys and that is when a scuffle ensued.

Dlamini stated that at that moment his wife bit him on his back, leaving him seriously scarred.

He stated that he then decided to go to the police station and the reason for doing so was because it was not the first time such happened and he was always labelled the aggressor.

Dlamini revealed to the court that he

SWAZI TV News Editor Nkosinatsi Dlamini has denied ever assaulting his wife Lungile Makhanya.

Instead, the well-travelled Dlamini claimed that he is the one who has suffered endless abuse in silence in the hands of his wife and has scars all over his body to show for it.

Dlamini stated that the charges levelled against him are a result of fabricated lies by his wife, who is allegedly in cohorts with some of the investigating officers in the matter.

The newsman made his court appearance before Magistrate Lucia Lukhele at the Matsapha Circuit Court.

He was charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm late last year.

First to take the witness stand was public witness number three, officer Msimisi Matsebula.

He informed the court that it was not the first time he attended to the complainant (Makhanya) as she once reported an abuse incident before. The police officer stated that they offered counselling for the couple but were surprised when they saw them back at the police station for the same problem.

The accused, however, denied ever assaulting his wife and informed the court that he suspects that the bruises

## Govt owes Manzini City E17m in rates

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

GOVERNMENT'S arrears in rates at the Manzini Municipal Council has shot up from E4 million in 2016 to E17 million in 2017.

This shocking figure was revealed by Manzini Acting City Treasurer Mfanafuthi Mamba yesterday during a stakeholders meeting at The George Hotel.

Mamba said this when presenting the financials of the 2016/17 annual report for the municipality.

Stakeholders who attended the meeting raised concerns about such

a huge debt by government.

They wanted to know what council is doing about the non-payment of rates by government.

In response, Chief Executive Officer Lungile Dlamini said they are working on the issue.

She said they engaged government who promised to raise the owed funds.

During the meeting, the stakeholders said it was about time the Council considered having their own police officers (Metro police) just like in other countries and the money collected from fines would go to the Municipality instead of going to government's coffers.

## Liquor outlets pose serious challenge to Municipality

THE liquor outlets which are all over the city are a serious challenge not only for the residents of Manzini but also for the municipality.

During yesterday's meeting, ratepayers registered their concerns about the liquor outlets that are all over the place. The ratepayers said they hardly sleep owing to the noise from the outlets. In response, Manzini City Planner Simphiwe Malaza said liquor outlets pose a serious challenge. He stated that when they issue outlets with permits, they do it with a special consent and they reach an agreement with that person who is getting the licence that she/he abides by the conditions given. Malaza said, however, the problem is that once people get the



MONEY MAN: Mnz Acting City Treasurer Mfanafuthi Mamba explaining the finances to the stakeholders.

permits and start operating they violate the conditions given to them.

Malaza stated that as Council they have set up a special committee that will investigate the matter.

He said there are people who go around these bars and taverns in disguise and collect information about what happens.

## Walk For Hunger on October 29

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

THIS year's Walk for Hunger is scheduled for October 29 at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The Walk For Hunger event was announced by Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Paul Dlamini yesterday in his offices in Mbabane.

Present during the launch and announcement of the dates was Swazi MTN Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini, who is also Chairman of the Esicojeni Foundation.

He urged the nation to attend the event without fail. He said this would go a long way in helping the needy to get

assistance of any kind. The DPM also urged the media to cover the event so that people could be aware of what the Swazis would be doing to help the needy.

"The event is organised by Esicojeni Foundation, which was established by

His Majesty King Mswati III, of which he is also a Patron. It is important that Swazis attend such an event without fail," Dlamini said.

Esicojeni is a private sector driven initiative, whose activities are coordinated by a Steering Committee.

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Last year, the Foundation celebrated 10 years of existence.

The Foundation has established a number of projects to fulfil its objective. The establishment of school gardens and small irrigation projects is funded by Esicojeni Foundation and implemented by Save the Children as an initiative aimed at enhancing access to nutritious food.

## DEATH NOTICE



Friends and relatives of Bhekimpilo Engis Mamba are notified of his demise. Funeral to be held at his parental home, Lubulini on 30 September, 2017 after a night vigil on Friday, the 29th September, 2017.

Announcement by his wife Lucia Nomvuselelo Thwala on behalf of the family.



## 4 PICTURES

## HER MAJESTY THE INDLOVUKAZI VISITS OLD



**IT'S A HAPPY DAY:** Patron of Philani Maswati Chariry Organisation Her Majesty the Indlovukazi with special guest Prophet Walter Magaya and his wife from Zimbabwe during her visit of the Old Age Centre at Dvokolwako on Wednesday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**FOR PHILANI:** Minister of Education Dr. Phineas Magagula presenting E5 000 to Her Majesty.



**NDLOVUKAZI:** Mbabane Alliance Church's Chairman Phiwayinkhosi Ginindza presenting E20 000 to Her Majesty.



**ARRIVAL:** Prophet Walter Magaya and his wife with Philani Maswati Charity Organisation Chairman Lutfo Dlamini and Prince Lonkhokhela upon arrival.



**PRESENT:** Emakhosikati LaMotsa, LaNgangaza, LaMahlangu, LaNtentesa and LaFogiyane among the guests.



**NGIYO LENDLELA:** Prophet Magaya's wife joined Her Majesty in dancing.



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**GOODIES:** Some of the old people displaying items donated to them by Philani Maswati Charity Organisation.

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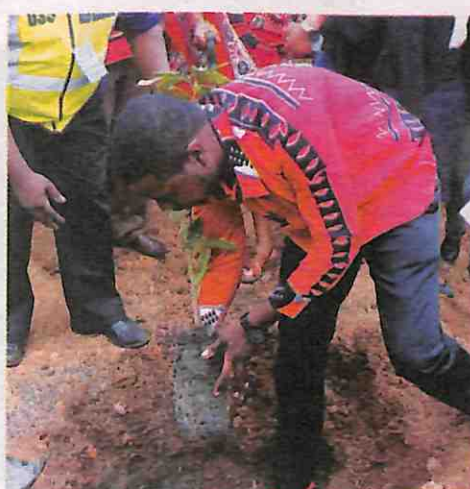
**YOU WILL BE WARM:** Magaya dresses up some of the elderly people.



# AGE CENTRE AT DVOKOLWAKO



**GOOD TO SEE YOU:** Prophet Magaya and his wife meet local artist Sands at the event.



**GOING GREEN:** Prophet Magaya planting a tree.



**JOY:** The elderly were ecstatic upon seeing the Indlovukazi.



**WE CAN DANCE:** The elderly women responding to MP Frans Dlamini's rendition.



**FROM MY HEART:** John Masilela presented one chicken.



**BEAUTIFUL:** Some of the houses constructed for the old age people of Dvokolwako.

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## 6 NATIONAL NEWS

# OVER 2 000 PUPILS BENEFIT FROM JA PROGRAMMES

By Majaha Nkonyane  
Mbabane

**OVER 2 000 pupils including those from rural areas have benefited in this year's Junior Achievement programmes.**

This was commended by Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini during the JA annual National Expo held yesterday.

He lauded JA for continuing to champion entrepreneurship countrywide, especially in the rural parts of the kingdom.

He noted that the competition had 50 per cent participation from the top ten schools which were from the rural areas and that they participated by

merit and not by design.

"It is very impressive that in the programme we have seen an increase in participation from rural schools, there are 2 000 pupils from 40 schools in this year's three programmes which include financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and the Job Shadow programmes," he said.

## Came

Of these, he said at least about 63 per cent came from the rural parts of the country.

Dlamini said this development was critical as the country has been encouraged to focus on the welfare and employment of the youth as they were the future leaders of the country.

"If the country neglects the youth there are consequences that come with

it which include, mass unemployment, weak economy and a miserable population," he said.

He said the unemployment rate among the youth needs to be resolved.

"It is not surprising therefore that one of the prominent themes of the African Union (AU) is 'Harnessing the demographic dividend through investing in the youth'. It is what, in morden vernacular, is called "a no-brainer," he said.

Dlamini said Cabinet takes a very serious view of the importance of schemes such as JA, ENACTUS and Kick-Start, saying these entities hold potential to contribute towards sustainable growth.

"The quality of the JA programme and mentoring inputs are to be high-



**FORMAL: JA Executive Director Siboniso Madlopha with Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini, MC for the day Nomcebo Dlamini JA Executive Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze and Gcinile Fakudze.**

ly recommended, the success achieved would not have happened without the enthusiasm, energy and commitment of the pupils themselves," he said.

He further encouraged the pupils to pay more attention to the ICT sector, saying there were more opportunities that come from the sector.



**BIG WINNERS: Mjinggo High School pose for a group picture with the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, JA Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze and the school facilitator Precious Kunene. This was at the UNISWA Sports Emporium during the national Expo Awards. (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)**



**THRILLED: Mjinggo High School pupils express their excitement after being announced as the champions during the national expo.**

## Mjinggo wins second consecutive JA national competition

By Majaha Nkonyane  
Mbabane

**MJINGGO High School has been crowned Junior Achievement National Expo champions once again.**

The school has made it two times in a row now since they also won the contest last year.

This has earned them a ticket to now represent the country in the upcoming Company of the Year Competition to be held in Gold Reef City, Johannesburg in South African from December 6-8.

The competition was held yesterday at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Sports Emporium.

They were crowned by Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini.

The team defeated nine other high schools and took home nine others E10 000 cash prize, a laptop, a glittering trophy and an entrepreneurship course to be offered by JA.

They will also have an opportunity to tour both the country's and the South African innovation park.

"It is very humbling to be crowned winners even in this year's competition. This is a very exciting moment for us. The competition was very

tight, but we managed to make it through.

We would like to thank our facilitator Precious Kunene who held our hand and made sure that we are fully prepared for the contest. Also, we would like to thank our parents for their support, we would have not done it without them, our school mates and the whole team," said the team's Chief Executive Officer Tebenguni Ndwandwe.

## Excellent

The rest of the team members were; Production Nkosiyezi Dlamini, Sales and Marketing Manager Nomphilo Dlamini and Finance Manager Siphesihle Nxumalo.

They rendered an excellent presentation that kept the audience glued to their stage.

Their winning project was artistic wall clocks.

Etimphisini High School came second and they took home E5 000, an entrepreneurship course from JA and they would also tour both the country's and the South African innovation parks. The third prize went to Manzini Nazarene High School and they also pocketed E3 000, an entrepreneurship course and a tour of the country's innovation park.

Addressing the prime minister, JA Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze said though there could be only one national champion; all schools that participated in the JA programme were winners.

"They have gained valuable knowledge and experience while participating in the programme.

We are certain that this knowledge and experience will come in very handy in the near future as they pursue their entrepreneurship dreams," she said.

The prime minister thanked the schools that have been actively involved in JA's programmes and further encouraged those that were less committed to make a greater effort in the next phase of the programme.

"We must do all in our power to make the JA programme better and its reach across our high schools even bigger!" he concluded.

JA sponsors included in no order of significance; SwaziBank, Nedbank Swaziland, FNB, Swazi MTN, Sincempetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVA), the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS), Macmillan Swaziland, Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC), Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC),

Swaziland Building Society (SBS), Real Image, Municipal Council of Mbabane, Total Swaziland, Sdudla Engineering and Patula Risk.

## Additional awards;

1. Facilitator of the Year- Sibusiso Dlamini (E2 000)
2. Green Award sponsored by Nedbank Swaziland worth E6 000
  - Vulamasango High School (E3 000)
  - Etimphisini High School (E2 000)
  - Mhlume High School (E1 000).
3. Most Innovative Award sponsored by FNB- Mjinggo High School (E3 000) and Entfonjeni High School (E2 000).
4. Best CEO Award sponsored by Swazi MTN- Mlindelwa Matsenjwa from Vulamasango High School.
5. Excellence in Marketing Award- Manzini Nazarene High School.
6. Excellence in Teamwork- Mjinggo High School.
7. Social Entrepreneurship Award- Etimphisini High School.
8. Best Newcomer Award- St Mark's High School.
9. Highest Profits Award- Vulamasango High School.
10. Best Kept Records- Manzini Nazarene High School.

## Galp supervisor arrested for E80 000 theft

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**A supervisor for Big Tree Filling Station (Galp) at Matsapha has been accused of stealing E80 322 while working for the company.**

Sphelele Ellen Ndlela made her court appearance yesterday at the Matsapha Circuit Court before Magistrate Lucia Lukhele.

She faced a charge of theft in that while she was working as a supervisor for Big Tree Filling Station also known as Galp, she allegedly stole money amounting to E80 322.

A court record noted that the accused was an agent of Matsapha branch and entrusted with the care and custody of the said money which belonged to Galp.

It is alleged that the money stolen by the accused was in the possession of Sicelo Mkhabela. During her court appearance yesterday, the accused was remanded back to police custody.

She was further advised to get the services of an attorney the next time she comes to court.

The accused requested for bail from the magistrate, however, she was advised that due to the amount involved in the case, it would be wise that she request for bail during her next appearance which is October 4. Lukhele informed the accused that this was because if she as a magistrate was to give the accused bail, she would fix it at half the amount of the money which has been reported to have been stolen which would be around E40 000. The magistrate said she doubted that the accused would have that money. The accused was then remanded back into police custody.



# Ex-convicts' fingerprints to be valid for a specific period

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**FORMER convicts are expected to breathe a sigh of relief as fingerprints and records of previous convictions will be valid for a certain period of time.**

Currently, former-offenders' records are used against them such that they are sometimes not given opportunities of being employed, regardless of

when they committed the crime.

In short, the records, as things stand, are valid for an unlimited period of time.

This resulted in the overwhelming outcry of members of the public on the negative impact of the use of fingerprints or previous conviction records of ex-offenders. What made matters worse for the public was that the fingerprints were used without considering the time when the crime was committed.

Even if the ex-offenders had served their sentences, they were victimised, based on their fingerprints.

The August House is now in the process of passing the Criminal Procedure and Evidence (Amendment) Bill No. 08 of 2015. The House portfolio committee of the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs has finished deliberating on the Bill. On Wednesday, the committee was tabling a report on how it deliberated on the amendments.

Minister for Justice and Constitutional

Affairs Edgar Hillary told the members of the portfolio committee that the aim of the bill was to control the accessibility and regulate the use by providing a time frame within which the record of previous convictions could be used.

"The status quo resulted in the ex-offenders being disadvantaged or punished for their offences for the rest of their lives. This has been, more often than not, the case in the eligibility for scholarships and securing of jobs in certain fields or disciplines," Hillary said. He went on to say no matter how petty the crimes were, the circumstances that prevailed at the time and the time that had lapsed, the record would sometimes prove to be detrimental to the livelihood of an ex-offender. The minister believed that the amendment

would address the discrepancy and the record of previous convictions would only be used in the regulated circumstances.

This is how the fingerprint records are to be regulated:

- The records of a previous conviction of a child offender will be valid for a period of three years, beginning from the last day of serving the sentence.

- After the expiry date of three years, the records of a previous conviction of a child offender can only be disclosed and used for purposes of crime detection, investigation of an offence or for the use in prosecution.

- The validity of a previous conviction, except for a child, shall be determined by the length of the sentence.

## Man arrested for killing cousin in dagga fields

Stories by Sandile  
Nkambule  
High Court

**A Bulandzeni based businessman has been arrested and charged with the murder of his cousin while in dagga fields in the northern Hhohho region.**

Vusi Mduduzi Dlamini is alleged to have used his illegal firearm in the murder of his cousin Theminkosi Magagula who was, after the killing left in the dagga fields for three weeks before his body was found after being reported missing. According to the charge sheet, Dlamini of Bulandzeni under Chief Ndululaza allegedly committed the offence at a farm where dagga growers use for their illegal herb trade.

The accused aged 36, was in the company of the deceased when the incident happened. Yesterday, Dlamini filed an urgent bail application at the High Court where he appeared before Judge Ticheme Dlamini.

In his bail application, he claimed that he did not kill the deceased person, but was in his company together with his

brother Nkosingphile and another cousin, Njabulo Nhlabatsi and were in search of his heard of cattle that had gone missing. He claimed that his cousin advised him that the cattle had strayed to a government cattle ranch at Ebulandzeni, hence he sought the company of the three in search of the cattle.

He said the place where the cattle had been seen was known for dagga growing, thus he decided to carry with him his illegal firearm for their own protection and that they searched until the night when they decided to abandon the search. However, on their way back the accused person claimed they decided to take a short cut since they were exhausted and found themselves trespassing on dagga fields and whilst in the middle of the dagga fields, they heard three gunshots fired at close range. "Trying to scare whosoever was shooting at us I, in turn fired my firearm in the air and at that time everyone ran helter skelter and without taking due consideration of who was missing I took cover in hiding," the accused stated in his affidavit.

It later transpired they were

being shot at by Mozambican nationals who had been manning the dagga fields, and following the shooting incident, he was subsequently arrested and charged for illegal possession of a firearm and was admitted to bail fixed at E2 000 by the Piggs Peak Magistrate's Court. He said he was granted bail while the crown was awaiting a ballistic report taken from the scene of crime and while out on bail, it transpired that one person was missing and that was the deceased and as a result a search team was commissioned and he was found in the dagga fields.

It was not until on Tuesday September 26, 2017 that he was called by the investigating officer Inspector DuPont who informed him at Buhleni Police Post that the ballistic report was back from South Africa and advised him that its results were positive to his illegal firearm. To that end, he was subsequently charged with the murder of the deceased hence he has filed the urgent bail application pending his date with the court for the charge of murder which he stated would plead not guilty to.

## Man barred at Bulandzeni, admitted to E50 000 bail

**ALTHOUGH the businessman was granted bail fixed at E50 000 after filing his urgent application, the Court was however left with questions on why he failed to report his cousin as missing after the incident.**

He was ordered to pay E8 000 in cash and E42 000 in a form of a surety and his relatives placed a car as surety to that amount. High Court Judge Ticheme Dlamini before admitting the murder suspect to bail, however, questioned his Lawyer Nhlanhla Ginindza on why the accused person despite the deceased being missing for three weeks, failed to report him since he was the last one to see him.

The Crown represented by counsel Sizwe Matsebula shared

the same sentiment, hence he submitted that the accused who had been initially charged under the fourth schedule offences, had to be charged under the fifth schedule, hence he applied that the bail amount be fixed at an amount as per the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act (CPE). The accused's lawyer Ginindza, however, submitted that such a question was subject to trial as he felt that it was now a situation of a trial within a trial. However, in his submission when making the bail application, the accused person said the news of his cousin's death came as shock to him adding that there was no way he could have taken the life of his own cousin.

He said he was desirous of

being admitted to bail pending hearing of his trial as he has dependents (six) and an elderly mother who need his care and support, if admitted on bail he stated that he would abide by all conditions. When admitting him to bail Judge Dlamini ordered that the accused person should not in anyway set foot at Bulandzeni until such a time that situation has calmed down as deemed fit by the court. He was ordered to stay with his other relatives in Matsapha and report to the Sigodweni Police station and abide by the normal bail conditions. By the time this report his bail had already been paid by his relatives and was expected to have been released by late afternoon at the Piggs Peak Correctional facility.



**TOUCH MY BLOOD: Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Dr A.T Dlamini shaking hands with PM after making his presentation. Looking on is Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza during SSA's 50 years celebrations at the Convention Centre on Wednesday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)**

### Employment Opportunity Manager Human Resources Swaziland Building Society

On behalf of our client the Swaziland Building Society (SBS), we invite applications from well-rounded and experienced people leaders for the position of Manager Human Resources.

Reporting to the General Manager this is a true generalist role with responsibilities covering all areas of human resources. As Manager Human Resources you shall be responsible for talent acquisition, learning and development, talent management, performance management, employee welfare, industrial relations, and remuneration and rewards. You will also play a leadership role in improving capabilities across SBS through coaching management on HR related matters. The position also offers the opportunity to contribute to significant change across SBS.

#### Key performance areas

- Address business needs and improve results by providing and delivering solutions relating to human capital, through systems, products and projects
- Deliver required HR people results by managing the adherence to all HR policies, procedures and legislation regarding the full HR Value Chain
- Actively develop and apply strategies that seek to obtain acceptance and buy in from stakeholders for proposed projects, systems, products and services through stakeholder engagement
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- Deliver value, long term efficiency, productivity and sustainability to the business by managing delivery of projects
- Provide consultation to line business on HR policies, processes and procedures
- Participate in the development of the HR business plan by aligning business human resource strategy with the overall business strategy
- Continuously improve business work methods, processes and systems through research, analysis and value adding solutions to the Society
- Provide regular HR metrics to measure progress, improvements, extent of achievement of business objectives to ensure effective implementation of strategy
- Support and assist with the facilitation and implementation of change and transformation processes and activities
- Continuously develop professional and HR knowledge through identifying training and courses for development and generally lead all learning and development activities of the Society
- Act as Principal Officer for the Staff Pension and Provident Funds
- Be the performance management champion for the Society
- Develop, obtain approval for and manage the budget for the HR department

#### Professional background & experience

- Bachelor's degree in Human Resources or related field (relevant post-graduate degree would serve as an advantage)
- Minimum 8 years' relevant experience, 5 of which should have been in a management position preferably in the financial sector
- Microsoft knowledge and skills in Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Proven project management experience

The below knowledge and competencies are vital for success in the position:

#### Technical/ Professional Knowledge

- Developing HR business plans in consultation with business partners/ stakeholders
- Analysing HR data for relevant trends
- Communicating job requirements and performance standards
- Leveraging HR processes and systems to improve business results
- Job evaluation, analysis and profiling approaches

#### Behavioural Competencies

- Building Partnerships
- Building Trust
- Decision Making
- Facilitating Change
- Mediation and Managing Conflict
- Business Acumen
- Sales Ability/ Persuasiveness

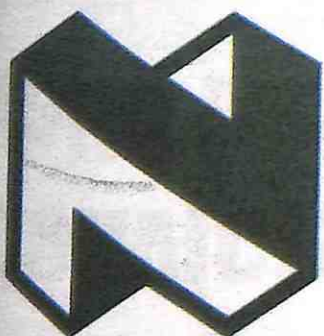
**Closing date for receipt of applications is 4 October 2017.** Should you not receive further correspondence within one month of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful. Preference will be given to Swazi citizens. All applications received will be acknowledged. No late applications will be accepted.

**Written applications clearly stating the position applied for, and accompanied by a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae should be submitted to:**

The Recruitment Manager  
KPMG Advisory Swaziland (Pty) Ltd  
Umkhwa House, Lot 195  
Kal Grant Street, Mbabane  
Email: [recruitment@kpmg.co.sz](mailto:recruitment@kpmg.co.sz)

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## INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

HEADLINE EARNINGS	▲ 16%	E50.9M
OPERATING INCOME	▲ 5%	E201.0M
NET INTEREST INCOME	▲ 18%	E131.6M
NON-INTEREST REVENUE GROWTH	▲ 14%	E69.4M

COMMON-EQUITY TIER 1 RATIO AT 21.7%

## NEDBANK (SWAZILAND) LIMITED

for the half year ended 30 June 2017

### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Half year ended 30 June 2017	Half year ended 30 June 2016
Interest income	200,256,851
Interest expense	(68,639,220)
Net interest income	131,617,631
Non-interest revenue	80,773,208
Total income	201,025,518
Impairment of advances	(14,200,855)
Net income	186,824,663
Expenses	(116,670,966)
Net income before tax	70,153,697
Taxation	(19,292,267)
Net income after taxation	50,861,430
Earnings per share (cents)	245
Headline earnings per share (cents)	245
ROE (%)	15.6

### ABRIDGED CASHFLOW STATEMENT

30 June 2017	30 June 2016
Cash generated by operating activities	422,185,883
Taxation paid	(271,987,136)
Cash utilized by investment activities	(271,987,136)
Cash utilized by financing activities	(271,987,136)
Net cash generated	(271,987,136)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	618,959,816
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	346,972,750

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ASSETS

30 June 2017	30 June 2016
Cash and short-term funds	958,226,018
Loans and advances to customers	570,881,785
Amounts due from other banks	3,133,588,018
Other receivables	347,294,515
Taxation Prepayment	26,198,200
Deferred taxation asset	5,568,969
Derivative financial instrument	26,718,794
Investments	2,593,986
Property and equipment	44,203,379
Share capital	12,305,277
Reserves	664,445,999
Shareholders' equity	676,751,276
Deposits from banks	3,927,522,572
Trade and other payables	49,795,499
Deferred taxation liability	475,171,424
Derivative financial instruments	2,876,653
Funding from other banks	3,499,217
Total equity and liabilities	5,135,892,851
Guarantees, letters of credit, unused facilities and contingent liabilities	4,234,900,356

### ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Shareholders' equity - at beginning of period	Shareholders' equity - at end of period
Share capital and Share premium adjustments	1,007,691,763
Shareholders' equity - at beginning of period	174,610,655
Shareholders' equity - at end of period	676,751,276

The Swaziland economy continues to be impacted by the global economic uncertainties and the possibility of introduction of protectionist policies that are likely to impact on Swaziland and trade volumes with Europe. The interest rates, inflation and exchange rates remained high thus impacting on economic growth. In light of the current trading conditions, the bank's headline earnings have decreased by 16% to E50.9 million (2016: E60.5 million). Loans and advances increased by 8% to E313.6 million (2016: E290.1 million), as a result of increased credit extension in line with demand. Deposits have increased by 15% to E392.8 million (2016: E340.7 million), and they continue to be skewed towards wholesale banking.

**Net Interest Income (NII)**  
NII has increased by 18% to E131.6 million (2016: E111.5 million), in line with the assets growth and the endowment effect as lending rates increased by 25 basis points during the period under review.

**Impairments of Loans and Advances**  
Impairment of loans and advances charge for the period has increased by 36% to E14.2 million (2016: E10.4 million). Growth in impairments is attributed to unfavourable economic conditions. The impairments raised are in line with the regulatory requirements and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

**Non-Interest Revenue (NIR)**  
NIR decreased by 14% to E69.4 million (2016: E80.8 million). The decline in NIR is attributed to the decrease in transactional volumes. NIR to expenses ratio declined from 82.0% to 59.5% in the current period.

**Expenses**  
Expenditure increased to E116.7 million (2016: E98.4 million), reflecting a growth of 19%, due to an inflationary increase and initiatives undertaken in a bid to drive revenue growth. The cost to income ratio regressed to 58.0% from 51.2% in prior year.

**Capital Adequacy**  
Capital and Reserves as at 30 June 2017 totaled E676.8 million (2016: E599.8 million) providing a capital adequacy ratio for the Bank of 23.1% against a statutory requirement of 8%.

The Board of Directors is satisfied that the Bank's capital meets regulatory requirements. The Bank is working closely with the Central Bank of Swaziland in readiness to adopt the Basel II requirements for local regulatory reporting, with a targeted implementation date of January 2018.

**Corporate Governance Statement**  
The Directors and Management of Nedbank (Swaziland) Limited confirm their commitment to the principles of good Corporate Governance as articulated in the King III report and currently transitioning to King IV.

**Directors**  
The composition of the Board currently is as follows: Mr. B C F Mhlongo (Chairman), Ms. F Nkosi (Managing Director), Mr. S Beyers (Independent non-executive), Mr. M Maziyah (Independent non-executive), Mr. A Sulton-Pryce (non-executive) and Mr. P Sakylamach (executive), Mr. M.N Mthembu (non-executive) and Ms. V.N Nkambule (Independent non-executive).

**Independent Audit Report**  
The results have not been audited but reviewed by KPMG Swaziland Chartered Accountants.

Overview

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## TIPS FOR TRAVELLERS

### Preparing Yourself For A Flight

**Hand luggage:** This is a small bag to which you will have access throughout your journey as it is the only one that will be allowed inside the cabin with you. In here must be all your comfort items such as hand lotion, perfume and lip balm. Their important consideration to make is that all airports are under a security regulation not to allow liquid and gel containers of over 100ml to go through in this bag. Keep all such items in the smallest possible quantity. Anything that is above the maximum volume will be forfeited and destroyed by airport security. Your hand luggage is the safest bag as it is guaranteed to be with you all the time. It is advisable to keep your treasured valuables such as laptops and cameras in the hand luggage.

**Main luggage:** Pack like a minimalist. Most airlines restrict your baggage to a maximum of 23 kilograms in Economy class and 30 kilograms in Business. When packing, be careful not to exceed all this. All luggage goes through the security scan so do not pack things whose legality you are not sure of. There is a heavy price to pay if caught on the wrong side of the law and the responsibility is yours.

**Possible loss luggage:** A painful consideration to make when packing is that there is a widespread loss of bags and valuable items at airports in many parts of the world, especially in our region. This can be through baggage theft or accidental loss due to the processing of thousands of bags at busy airports. When travelling do not pack your best items. We all have that suit, that dress or that pair of shoes which no money can replace. Don't take these

with you. It is also common to temporarily lose your main luggage and have it arrive at your destination a day or two after your arrival. It is advisable to make sure that you pack emergency clothing on your hand luggage to mitigate this risk. Imagine two days without

never less than that. With all the customs, bags and security processes that must take place every passenger passing through the airport, it is not exaggerated to say that you will need all this time ahead of departure. Many people who have ignored the time factor have painful

tales to tell.

Do not be one of them. Stick to the principle that your primary school teacher tried very hard to instil. **"Be on time"**.

Consider the following tips and make it through airport security faster and easier the next time you fly:

- Have your ticket & passport out before you approach the security agent
- Get your laptop out before it is your turn to load on your conveyor belt
- Do not leave items of baggage



Passengers boarding an airplane.

your main luggage.

**Your Physical Body:** if you can dress for the journey in comfortable, simple and casual clothes. Remember it can get cold in the aircraft so do allow for this. There are intense body searches through airport security involving hand and electronic metal screening. If you can avoid wearing something with metal including heavy shoes, watches and belts you will experience less inconvenience. Wear sneakers or shoes that are easy to take on & off. Wear track suits or jeans without a belt. You will find that you pass through the metal detectors more easily without being asked to remove items in your body.

**Be on time.** Check in two or three hours ahead of flight schedule. It can only be one hour but

unattended

- Do not place dangerous goods in your baggage
- Do not accept baggage for carriage from other persons
- If you already have, declare it to the airline (you may be carrying dangerous goods, devices or other items exposing you to danger and/or criminal prosecution as an unwitting accomplice)
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## 10 NATIONAL NEWS

# ADDITIONAL CHARGES WORRY JUDGE NKOSI

Stories by Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**HIGH Court Judge Sipho Nkosi has expressed concern over the additional charges of murder instituted by the crown in its amended charge sheet for the four suspect rhino poachers.**

Judge Nkosi, who was supposed to hear the urgent bail application filed by three of the suspects, wondered from the crown as to how the four suspects; Stanley Nhlakalufu, Isaac Mkhabela, Muzi Dlamini and Sipho Mhlanga have now been charged with the murder of two suspected poachers they were with in the alleged poaching.

This, after he noted that the shooting that resulted in the death of two Mozambican nationals who were allegedly part of the team of poachers, was directly made by the rangers and the police officers.

He ordered the crown represented by Crown Counsel Patrick Mkhathshwa to assist the court in giving evidence that



**WORRIED: Judge Sipho Nkosi.**

the suspect poachers were directly involved in the murder of their colleagues as seemingly none such has

been brought before court.

Judge Nkosi ordered that Mkhathshwa files his heads of argument together with a bundle of authorities that would have cases that indicates that the suspects are directly and not indirectly linked with the killing of their colleagues.

This was after Mkhathshwa had submitted that he has authorities to support the link of the suspects with murder in a *dolus eventualis* scenario.

For purposes of the bail application, the court stated that it is not convinced that the ranger Fana Mbatha was not part of the alleged poaching as he could not have conducted a one-man sting operation.

Judge Nkosi further stated that the charge of murder is more confusing to the court as the deceased persons were shot and killed by the rangers and the police at Hlane.

The crown argued that the two Mozambican nationals would not have been killed had the four suspects not been part of the rhino poaching deal and were present at the scene.

## I have too many loans – defaulting father

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A defaulting father approached the court in anger as he said a garnishee order was issued without his knowledge.**

He told the court that he wanted it removed since he was in debts and would then arrange on how to contribute on monthly basis.

Ntokozi Zwane said he was going through a rough phase due to the loans he put himself into.

"A lot of money is being taken from my salary and the order is making things worse," he said.

He pleaded with the court given a second chance as it was complicating things.

He said he would be able to pay out E400 instead of the E800 deducted. This is because of other children he was supporting.

The court postponed the matter and asked him to come back with birth certificates of the other children.



**The Mbabane Magistrate's Court.**

## 'Frustrating my clients leaves a lot to be desired'

**DEFENCE attorney Machawe Sithole says the manner in which the crown is frustrating his clients by adding more charges leaves a lot to be desired.**

Sithole is representing the four suspect rhino poachers.

He made this submission on Wednesday before Judge Nkosi as he said the charges that amount to 14 preferred against his clients did not form part of the initial charge of Contravening the Game Act.

Sithole said the inclusion of the other charges were not in any way relevant to the charge of Contravening the Game Act, as such should not have been added by the crown. He said the first accused person Stanley Nhlakalufu stated clearly in his affidavit when making his bail application at the Magistrate Court's as to what transpired in the whole attempted poaching deal.

Sithole said his clients were not at the scene of crime when the shooting happened and further that one of his clients who was shot at the scene cheated death himself as he was shot by the rangers

and police, only to be now charged together with the three for the murder of their colleagues.

"My Lord the manner in which the crown is frustrating my clients by adding more charges leaves a lot to be desired as the charges added are not at all relevant to the charge of the alleged poaching," Sithole submitted.

### Bail

The three suspect rhino poachers, who have filed an urgent application for bail at the High Court, have had more charges added by the crown as they are now facing serious charges of Contravening the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

To add on that, the crown has also added another of Contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act 2006, in that they allegedly colluded with Fana Mbatha, the ranger, in gaining access to the game park in order to poach a rhino.

They are also charged with the murder of the two Mozambican nationals who were killed during the alleged

poaching. According to the amended charged sheet, the four suspects are guilty of the crime of Contravening the Prevention of Terrorism Act and that of Contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act 2006, amongst eight more counts added by the crown.

### Shooting

Although the four suspects were not the ones who killed their two counterparts during the alleged shooting, the crown submitted that in a *dolus eventualis* case, the four are guilty of the charge of murder since the two would not have been killed had they (accused persons) not be the ones orchestrating the poaching.

Meanwhile, the three will know their fate today as Judge Nkosi postponed the matter for final arguments. He said this was the last and final postponement given to allow the crown to file its papers and ordered that by yesterday at 1630 hours, the crown should have filed same and the defence ready to finalise the matter.

## Child rejects mother in court

**AFTER all has been said and done, Nokuphila Nkonyane went back home dejected following her child's refusal to go with her.**

The social welfare team had accompanied her to Herefords where the child is being looked after by the family of the father. However, she came back empty handed as it is said the child failed to recognise her and cried hysterically when she attempted to go with her.

Therefore, the social workers advised her to leave the child behind as forcefully going with her would negatively affect the child. She was advised to give the child time to bond with her and get used to her before taking her to be under her custody.

The matter could not proceed last week due to Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati being engaged with a litany of peace binding matters.

The failure to meet the magistrate resulted in Nkonyane crying and later collapsed at the court premises. When she woke up, she continued complaining that the court was failing her as she wanted the child to be under her custody.

She alleged that the child was staying with the girlfriend of her ex-lover, which happens to be the father of the child.

Nkonyane caused a scene that lasted for at least twenty minutes as she was later joined by her mother who also complained that the court was not helping her daughter.

However, the actions of the child in question hindered her wishes of having the child under her custody as the social workers said they could not allow her to take the child since it was clear she was not comfortable around her.

## SADAT HAPPY WITH LANTENTESA'S ACHIEVEMENT

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**THE academic achievements of Inkhosikati LaNtentesa are applauded by the Association of Students Against Drug Abuse and Trafficking (SADAT).**

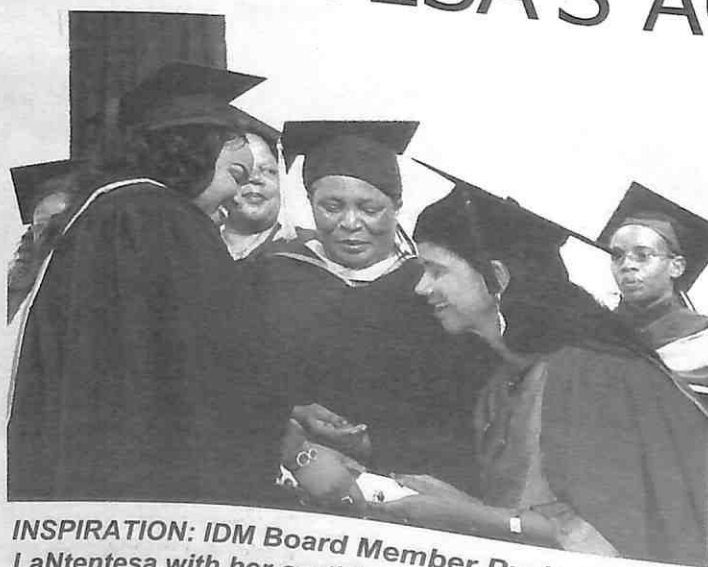
Inkhosikati LaNtentesa is a Patron of SADAT, hence the organisation congratulates her on her graduation with a Diploma in Human Resources Management. She graduated at the Institute of Development Management (IDM) in Matsapha last Wednesday.

SADAT Coordinator Peter Ssemwogerere said the graduation of the inkhosikati was an inspiration to

them.

"Her Royal Highness' graduation with a Diploma in Human Resources Management, her pursuit of further studies towards a BA and MBA, and her words during the graduation ceremony are an inspiration to our members and other school children regarding the value of education," Ssemwogerere said.

The coordinator called upon all SADAT members and other pupils in the country to follow the example of the patron in her academic excellence and aspirations. "This will enable them to be useful to themselves, their studies and the realisation of His Majesty the King's vision of 2022," he said. He said they wished the inkhosikati all the best in her academic pursuits.



**INSPIRATION: IDM Board Member Professor Patricia Joubert presenting Inkhosikati LaNtentesa with her certificate while the Director Nonhlanhla Dlamini looks on.**





# SWAZI MED ADAMANT THAT DR LUKOJI REMAINS SUSPENDED

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**FOLLOWING** an urgent application filed by Manzini based private medical practitioner Dr Tshibungu Jean Lukoji against his suspension as direct payee at Swazi Med, the latter insists that the doctor is still suspended.

Last week, High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi advised both parties to have a meeting where they would discuss a proposal offered by Swazi Med.

The Medical Aid Scheme had proposed that Dr Lukoji could provide service to its members, but payment could not be made to him directly, instead the members would in turn file claims for same.

However, when both parties appeared in court on Wednesday, it transpired that they had not reached a consensus as Swazi Med, through its lawyers senior attorney Mangaliso Magagula and Nolwazi Kunene from Magagula/Hlophe Attorneys, insisted that the doctor remained suspended.

They submitted that there has been a long standing rule within the scheme which is used in working with service providers and such entails its members being treated by doctors of their own choice and later lodge claims with the scheme personally as members.



**SUSPENDED: Dr Tshibungu Jean Lukoji.**

They stated that Swazi Med bent backwards for members and owed its existence to them since it was not a profit driven scheme, and even when it makes profits, same are ploughed back to the fund and could not act contrary to the interest of its members.

They submitted that Swazi Med took the decision to suspend Dr Lukoji to protect its members and the scheme, and has no intention whatsoever to cause harm as indicated that the rules allow that members could make a direct claim without having to pay cash.

In any event, according to Swazi Med, a service provider was not paid cash when rendering service to Swazi Med members but submits a bill payable at the end of the month.

They argued that it is in the best interest of the members of the scheme to have their monies protected and as managers of the scheme, Swazi Med could not allow a situation where the alleged fraudulent claims occur.

Seeing that both parties were not in agreement, Judge Nkosi allowed them to again meet outside Court

D and find a lasting solution that would be in the interest of both the members and the doctor.

However, when they returned to court, lawyer Magagula submitted that Dr Lukoji remained suspended.

He said from what they discussed with the other party, it was evident that Dr Lukoji still wants to be a direct payee, a thing which Swazi Med could not allow.

Lawyer Jose Rodrigues for Dr Lukoji then submitted that they were not in agreement with Swazi Med and applied that the matter be postponed to a later date for full-blown arguments in the application filed by Dr Lukoji.

Dr Lukoji had submitted that he now fears that his private practice might shut down following his suspension. This, he said, might result to his children who are in university being forced to drop out due to financial constraints, following his continued suspension.

Swazi Med has proposed that same should apply with Dr Lukoji and its members as there is nothing preventing him from providing service to its members, save for the fact that he would no longer be a direct payee as it was the case before. The previous status quo would allow Dr Lukoji to provide service to Swazi Med's members and directly file claims in respect of the treatment administered.

## Man threatens baby mama with lawyer

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane

**A parent defaulting in child maintenance threatened his baby mama with a lawyer following allegation of mismanagement of funds.**

Madoda Ndlovu made allegations that Nomphumelelo Dlamini, together with her grandmother, was constantly collecting money from him on different occasions for his child.

He said this confused him as the mother of his child was now married to another man and the child was under the custody of her grandmother. "She is taking my money for her own use Your Worship, the right person who should be collecting the money is her grandmother not her," he said. However, it seemed Ndlovu met his match as a livid Dlamini told the court that Ndlovu was good for nothing as he has failed to look after his own child, thus allowing another man to raise his child.

While speaking at the top of her voice, Dlamini further alleged that Ndlovu has always been shying away from responsibility since the birth of their child.

"He told me that his lawyer would deal with me and that angered me very much because I do not want his lawyer but him to look after his child. He is relaxed while another man is looking after his child. I tried reaching out to him but he kept ignoring me and I was forced to come here," she said. When Ndlovu produced his proof of earnings, Magistrate Sifiso Vilak was left shocked that the man earned less than E1 000 after deductions yet he is expected to contribute E800 towards the upbringing of the child. He ordered him to contribute E600 while telling him that he would be left with nothing because he had been dodging the law.

## Man attacks woman at Yemfo Bar, steals her E100

Stories by Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A 37-year-old man made yet another appearance in court in less than a year for assaulting and robbing a woman of her items.**

Jabulani Dlamini of Jubukweni was disappointed when Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati recognised his face and indeed, he confirmed that he once appeared before him for a different charge. This time around, Dlamini is facing three criminal charges said to have been committed on Monday.

It is alleged that he attacked one Nomsa Mtsetfwa, who was enjoying her alcoholic drinks at Yemfo Bar, and stole her money amounting to E100. Dlamini allegedly assaulted her with open hands several times on the face and body before hitting her with a fist on her stomach, thus causing her injuries. The assault is said to have come after he was confronted about the missing money. It is alleged Dlamini continued with his violent behavior when the police were called to the scene of crime as he refused to be arrested. He was charged with theft, assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and resisting arrest. When he appeared in court, he was granted bail fixed at E1 000.

## Robbery suspects granted E10 000 bail

**TWO men who are facing charges of armed robbery have each been granted bail fixed at E5 000.**

Lucky Thulani Dube (25) of Gege and Mongi Dlamini (29) of Mbekelweni appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati after being arrested in connection with the armed robbery that took place at Thembelihle on September 15.

It is alleged they acted jointly and in a furtherance of a common purpose wherein they wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent to induce submission to the taking of items valued at E16 450, threatened Bheki Shabangu that unless he consented to the taking of the items and refrain from any resistance, they would shoot him with the gun they were allegedly carrying.

The stolen items included a laptop valued at E6 000, a J2 Samsung cellphone valued at E3 000, sneakers valued at E2 500, a flash drive, a gold wedding ring valued at E4 500 and money in cash amounting to E300.



When they made their appearance in court, they were represented by Noncedo Ndlangamandla of Mabila Attorneys in association with N. Ndlangamandla and S. Jele. She told the court that the suspects were innocent until proven guilty.

She further asked the court not to apply Section 102 of the Criminal and Procedure which states that accused persons should be granted bail that is half the amount of the stolen items. She assured the court that the suspects will not evade trial as they were innocent, and further suggested to the court to hand out strict bail conditions to monitor their movements. The court granted them E5 000 bail each and further warned them to appear before court today.

## Wife desperately wants marriage nullified

By Sandile Nkambule  
Supreme Court

**A woman desperately wants to divorce her first love and has since approached the Supreme Court to expedite such.**

Phindile Masuku (appellant) has approached the Supreme Court following an order issued by the High Court to the effect that her civil rights marriage still subsists.

The appellant and her husband, Masiko Dlamini, are already in separation and it transpired at the Supreme Court yesterday that the two, after getting married through the Swazi Custom, proceeded to marrying through civil rights and they had both *teka* and civil marriage certificates. Represented by senior attorney Ben J Simelane, the appellant (Masuku) submitted that already their marriage through Swazi custom has been nullified at the Royal Kraal (*umphakatsi*) confirmed it.

Simelane told the court that both parties were no longer in love, and had already separated. All the appel-

lant wants, according to Simelane, was for the formal and final decree of divorce, arguing that the fact that the marriage has been nullified under Swazi Custom meant it no longer exists. However, when the appellant approached the High Court to have a declaratory order that the marriage had been nullified in accordance with Swazi Custom, the court *a quo* (High Court) discovered that the two in fact proceeded to marry through civil rights and that such was never annulled and confirmed by any court, hence their marriage still subsists. It was for that reason that the appellant has now approached the Supreme Court appealing against the decision made by the High Court to that effect. Representing the respondent in the matter was lawyer Thulani Mamba from Mkhwananzi Attorneys.

The Supreme Court comprising Justices Dr Odoki, Majahenkhaba Dlamini and Robert Cloete heard submissions which mostly came from the appellant and after the submissions reserved judgment for a later date to be communicated to both counsel.



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## 14 NATIONAL NEWS

# School bids farewell to 'one of a kind' teacher

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

OFFICIALS and teachers took turns to commend retiring Agriculture teacher Thulie Masuku-Mdluli for displaying the true qualities of a passionate teacher over the past 30 years.

The speech and prize giving day at Mphundle High School was doubled with the farewell function of Masuku-Mdluli who has been with the school since the early 1980s.

Masuku-Mdluli, wife to Lubombo Regional Education Officer Wellington Mdluli was described as a true reflection of a teacher who undertook the profession for the love of it.

When making her remarks, Principal of the school, Phumzile Nkumane-Dlamini



**SUPPORTED:** Retiring teacher Thuli Masuku-Mdluli flanked by husband, REO Wellington Mdluli and Matsanjeni North MP Phila Buthelezi.

said the retiring teacher has been an inspiration to other teachers as she always displayed professionalism in her work. She said despite having been with the same school for many years, she remained committed to her work and put her pupils first. Meanwhile, Schools Inspector Gugu Dlamini who represented the regional

education office said the ministry was happy with the conduct displayed by the retiring teacher. Dlamini pointed out that Masuku-Mdluli has never been reported for any disciplinary issues.

She then urged younger teachers to follow the same path and remain committed to their work.

## Stop child brutality now, teachers warned

**WHILE reports of pupils getting injured and sometimes paralysed at the hands of teachers continue to dominate local media, the ministry of education and training maintains that corporal punishment remains banned.**

A recent incident occurred at Ekuphakameni Community Primary School where a boy lost his eye after a splinter from a stick got into his eye and damaged it. During the speech and prize giving day at Mphundle High School, Schools Inspector Gugu

Dlamini warned teachers against going against the ministry's orders which banned corporal punishment. Dlamini was representing the regional education office.

Dlamini said the ministry was worried by reports of pupils getting injured at school, a place where they are expected to be kept safe. She emphasised that the ministry decided to ban corporal punishment as a way to prevent such incidents where a pupil would be injured. Dlamini said it appeared that some teachers were frustrated by

personal issues, and would vent their frustrations on the children, injuring them in the process. "Teachers must just stop this brutality at once and avoid incidents where the ministry will then be dragged to court after a pupil has been injured," said Dlamini.

However, Dlamini said pupils also have a responsibility to behave accordingly. She said in this regard, teachers had a duty to create a friendly environment for the pupils so that they may voice out their problems without fear or intimidation.



**FAREWELL:** Schools Inspector Gugu Dlamini making her remarks.

## Ill-disciplined pupils a serious problem at Mphundle High

**TEACHERS at Mphundle High School have complained of ill-discipline amongst pupils at the school, saying that it was one of the numerous challenges they face.**

Principal Phumzile Nkumane-Dlamini said teachers were finding it difficult to execute their duties, especially with pupils who have no respect for them.

She said the situation was further aggravated by some parents who would side with the pupils whenever they are informed of their behaviour.

Some pupils were said to have taken advantage of the fact that corporal punishment was abolished, and would conduct themselves as they please.

Meanwhile, the principal further reported that the school was faced with a serious challenge of

a shortage of teachers' houses.

She said the few available houses at the quarters were now dilapidated, and were a health hazard to the teachers. Apparently, this is one complaint which was once raised by the teachers who are accommodated at the quarters. They disclosed that some of the houses had become bee hives. This was reportedly the same situation for some classes at the school.

Nonetheless, the principal commended teachers at the school for remaining committed to their work despite the challenges. She further thanked Matsanjeni North MP Phila Buthelezi for supporting the school and providing incentives to excelling pupils. She pointed out that this has improved the performance of the pupils, especially in external classes.

## Police Bill might be amended by senators

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**THE Police Service Bill might be amended by senators to provide for the existence of an independent police investigating organisation.**

This comes after Mangcongco MP Patrick 'Pha' Motsa approached the senators with an intention to include the independent police investigating body.

The organisation would probe the work of the police, especially during incidents whereby members of the public would find themselves at the receiving end of police brutality.

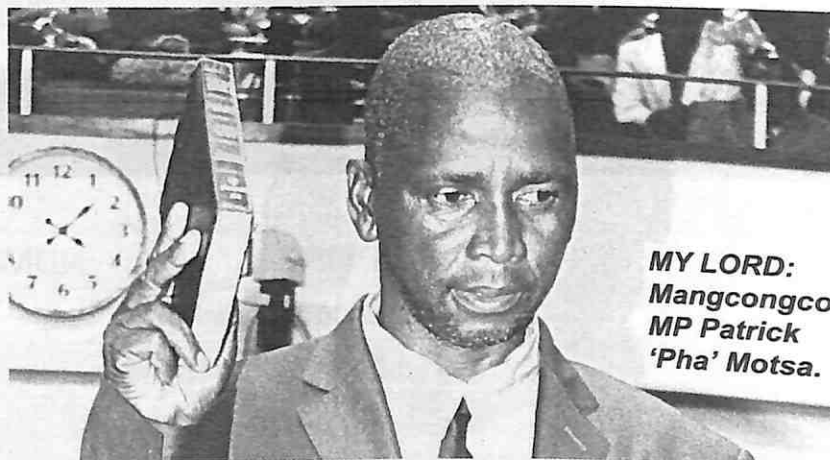
The Police Service Bill is currently in Parliament, where it awaits to be passed by senators to become the Police Service Act.

The Bill was passed by the House of Assembly in April this year. It was passed without the inclusion of the independent body to investigate police.

When asked if he was successful in lobbying senators to amend the Bill on Tuesday, Motsa said he raised the matter with senators.

He said senators promised to help in raising the matter during the debate at Senate.

However, he did not want to divulge names of those he spoke with. This was not well received by MP Motsa. He



**MY LORD:** Mangcongco MP Patrick 'Pha' Motsa.

raised the matter in the House of Assembly.

### Provision

Unfortunately for him, the provision for the investigating organisation was not granted. Motsa, during that submission in Parliament, argued that there were many cases where people died at the hands of the police. It was unfortunate that there was no independent organisation set up to investigate such incidents, hence the need for an independent body to perform such tasks. Motsa then made an example of an accident where Reginaldo Luciano Zavale, a Mozambican national, reportedly died at the hands of the police. Other cases included that of Sipho Jele and 'MaThousand' Ngubane.

They were also reported to have died at the hands of the police.

Speaking to this publication after the sitting, Motsa said the time had come for the country to set up such a body for the citizens of the country to get justice if they found themselves at the receiving end of police brutality.

What was unfortunate, according to Motsa, was that the investigations of most, if not all, of these cases did not see the light of day.

He made an example of South Africa, where he said police were not allowed to investigate themselves, but an independent body would investigate police during such incidents.

The MP promised that he would lobby his colleagues in the upper chamber to amend the bill so that the independent body could also be included.

## Emotional abuse on the rise-SWAGAA

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) says emotional abuse continued to be a major form of abuse in the month of August.**

A report from SWAGAA stated that when compared to other forms of abuse, emotional abuse cases reported were high. The statistics were drawn from psychosocial services rendered by the SWAGAA to survivors in Manzini, One Stop Centre in Mbabane and Mbabane GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL. This also includes clients attended through the *Umliba Loya Embili* Project. SWAGAA Monitoring and Evaluation Officer Mcolisi Dlamini said emotional and verbal abuse cases were followed by sexual, physical and neglect was the least. "There were 28 recorded cases of emotional abuse, 13 cases of physical abuse, seven of financial abuse, 15 cases of sexual abuse and nine cases of neglect", he said. There were 46 survivors in the Manzini region who reported abuse related cases, 10 in Hhohho, Lubombo 12 and four in Shiselweni. "There were 53 female and 19 male clients who

reported abuse and post abuse services this month. In relation to perpetrator profile, there were 55 male perpetrators and 17 female perpetrators reported," he said. Dlamini further disclosed that relatives remain the main perpetrators of violence. These include parents, children, cousins, in-laws, uncles, aunts and step-parents. "Home continues to be the predominant place where most of the reported abuse cases took place. This could be the survivor's or perpetrator's home that shows most of the abuse is brought by people who stay with and are known to the survivor," he said. Dlamini said in August alone, there were 16 abuse cases inflicted on children by either the father or the mother. He said violence cases between boyfriend and girlfriend relations when compared to husband and wife and ex-partners relations were almost the same. "Our statistics show that there were 17 husband and wife abuse cases, 16 parent abuse cases, 16 relative abuse cases, five (ex) boyfriend and girlfriend cases," he said. Dlamini said with the relatives being the main perpetrators of abuse the home is the place where most cases of abuse occur.



# SILILO ROAD 90% COMPLETE

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlanguano

**THE refurbishment of the road along the Sililo Avenue in Nhlanguano is almost complete, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Apollo Maphalala has said.**

Maphalala said 90 per cent of the work was complete and in a few weeks time, the project would be done.

Pots Construction was awarded the tender. Initially it was planned that the project would cost around E7.4 million, but because of an additional stretch of the road between (new) Shoprite and Boxer Stores, that has been tarred it now cost more.

"The refurbishment of this road is not yet finished as the company is still on site. The road has been opened for use by motorists but it does not mean that it is finished. The company is working on the walkways and pavement as well

markings of the lines and a few other things. It's just a matter of weeks to have everything completed," said Maphalala.

Maphalala said the other reason they decided to open the road for use, was because today (Friday), the town would be busy.

"We have decided to have the road

opened for use because of the Umhlanga event to take place this week. Again, we have been reliably informed that it's likely that the country's authorities might officiate in some of the projects around this town during their stay in the region. We resolved that we should have the road opened for use while

the company is still doing the last touchups," said Maphalala.

Maphalala said so far his office was impressed with the work done by the company.

"We are still monitoring the progress but for the work done so far, I must say we are impressed," said Maphalala.

The CEO, who it is believed has achieved more than any of those who once served in that position, thanked all road users for their cooperation while work was taking place.

"We still request road users to be patient with us as the company is about to wind up its work. Occupants of the residential places next to the road also demonstrated patience and for that we are grateful. We are also thankful to all the businesses that were somehow affected by this project. Things like this happen when development takes place and may the spirit shown by everyone prevail even in future projects to be carried in our town," said Maphalala.



## Fuel attendants forced to buy new uniforms

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**ABOUT 13 fuel attendants at a fuel station in Pigg's Peak are crying foul after being made to buy their own new uniforms.**

This is because the fuel station is rebranding, thus the new uniforms would be purchased by the attendants themselves.

The aggrieved attendants approached this publication on Wednesday.

They said they were shocked to hear that they would be paying for their new uniforms on a monthly basis.

"As the fuel station is now rebranding, we will have to pay for our own uniforms, that is according to our administrator who spoke to us last month. We are aggrieved by this situation.

We will not be able to pay for the uniforms as we get paid only E1 300 as a basic salary," one of the fuel attendants who preferred anonymity said.

They said the administration notified them that they would first buy safety boots at a cost of E300 a pair.

The administration also informed the fuel attendants that E60 would be deducted from their wages monthly for 10 months.

Meanwhile, Assistant Manager at the fuel station Zanele Dlamini confirmed that the staff would pay for the boots but not the new uniforms. "It is not true that the fuel stations staff will be charged for the new uniforms. We will charge them for the boots only, because the staff often use their boots anywhere not just at work.

The station cannot repossess the boots when an employee leaves, these technically belong to the staff," she said.

# New education APP enhances learning

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlanguano

**THERE is a new education online programme which will make learning for pupils as well as teachers' work much easier and convenient, whether in class or at home.**

The programme is a smart academic application (app) known as SZ4ME (formerly known as Swazishield4me).

It encourages pupil-teacher, parent-pupil and parent-pupil-teacher interactions.

One of the founders of the programme, which has been rolled out in some of the schools in the Shiselweni region, Lungelo Dlamini, said this was new technology which was in line with vision 2022.

The advantages and benefits of the programme included that a learner who was absent from school or



missed classes for whatever reason, could still catch up. It would benefit even struggling learners, especially slow-learners. It would be accessed anywhere in the country, as long as he or she is logged in, there would be no hassles to seek help from teachers or colleagues.

"Learners can access all class activities, wherever they are and at anytime. Even in the event a learner misses school or any lesson because of other reasons, he or she can still catch up.

Even if one misses classes for a week or more, he or she can still access what was discussed or learnt on that day or period. "The needed information or anything discussed

is loaded or stored in the gadget to go through it at his convenience at home or anywhere," said Dlamini, one of the experts in the programme.

Dlamini said all users would have no problem of accessing anything they want to know in class even when they were not in school.

"You just click the search zone and you get whatever you are looking for pertaining to your subjects.

It is also a programme which assists learners to gauge themselves before exams.

It also helps learners to attend class with their colleagues from other schools to share ideas, thus passing knowledge to one another," he said.

Dlamini said teachers as well stand to benefit from the programme and as they could also teach while they are at home or away from the school.

### Feature

"The application has a 'post ahead feature' and it's when the teacher

can give the learners background of that lesson before it's covered in class," said Dlamini.

The programme would also help parents to know how their child are performing in class and also identify areas the child has to improve on. "Parents will get analysis of teachers on the child's performance and also progress in tests or exams or when a school can be engaged for any information should there be need," said Dlamini.

The launch of the programme, according to Dlamini is planned to be anytime this week at Engudzeni High School. "We expect the official launch to take place tomorrow (Wednesday). Otherwise, this programme started in 2013 at Engudzeni FEA High School," said Dlamini.

The ministry of information and communications technology (ICT) was expected to be represented during the launch.

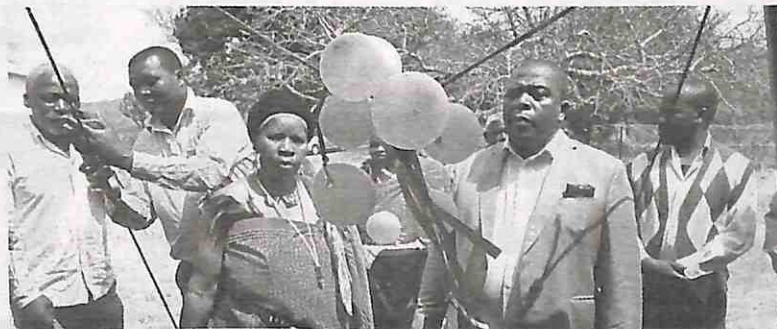
## Dvokodvweni inkhundla donates tent to youth

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**DVOKODVWENI Constituency has donated a tent worth E21 000 to the youth of Macetjeni in the Lubombo region.**

The committee, under the leadership of MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini, donated the tent over the past weekend at Mhlabatsini in Macetjeni, a place under his constituency.

Dlamini said they donated to the youth because it was committed in developing people under the constituency. The tent was meant for the youth to rent it out so that it could generate income for the youngsters. "The tent can accommodate up to 400 people, and the constituency bought it together with cooking pots and a gas stove. They will use these equipment



**DONATION: Dvokodvweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini with his Inkhundla committee members during the handing over of business material to Macetjeni youth over the past weekend. (Courtesy pics)**

to generate money for themselves in events like weddings, funerals and other gatherings," Dlamini said. The MP said his committee supported developmental initiatives that would generate income to the residents of the constituency. They supported such

initiatives because they helped the residents, especially the youth, in creating the jobs for themselves because these were scarce nowadays. This would, in turn, help the youth stay away from engaging in criminal activities because they would be pre-occu-



**CHILLING: The tent that was donated by the Dvokodvweni Inkhundla committee.**

piated with the work before them.

The committee was also involved in feeding of 50 orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) at Malindza Soup Kitchen. The MP said they did so because they wanted to alleviate the terrible situation faced by the children on an almost daily basis. Sometimes the children would get food maybe

once or twice a day. Some would go for a whole day without food.

Earlier this month, the committee also came to the rescue of gogo Tsabedze (80). The senior citizen was given a new house in which she would live. The house was opened by Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Paul Dlamini.





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## SPTC INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE:

# SPTC, UNISWA JOIN HANDS TO LAUNCH ICT TRAINING ACADEMY

The Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation through its Human Resources Training Department has partnered with the University of Swaziland Computer Science Department for the establishment of a Cisco training academy at the university campus. The training academy will cater for the learning and development of skills for SPTC employees, as part of the Corporation's vision to empower its work force with knowledge and practical skills.

At a high level, this will help SPTC build an employee talent-development roadmap aligned to business and technology strategies.

Technical and business employees of SPTC will be able to design, simulate, and test network models in a risk-free environment while also obtaining the relevant certification at specific levels of their training.

The training academy is not only a sound investment for SPTC, but also for education in general and economic growth for the whole country and the global village.



irrespective of their departments and jobs.

● **Employees from other companies** – Since this is both a business and a skills development partnership, the training will in future be open to employees of other companies locally and abroad.

● **The general public** – Since SPTC has a social responsibility towards Vision 2020, this programme will in future be open to the general public.

## WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROGRAMS OFFERED UNDER THE CISCO CERTIFICATION?

- a) Routing and Switching
- b) Wireless and Mobility
- c) Cyber Security Operations
- d) Cloud
- e) Data Centre
- f) Design
- g) Architect

Training of seven lecturers who comprise of three SPTC employees was launched in September 2017.

The first groups of SPTC technicians will start training in October 2017.

## THE CISCO BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY MODEL

Cisco equipment is currently operating in millions of active systems, ranging from the small home office router to the core systems of the world's largest telecommunication service provider networks. Cisco technology is one of the most widely leveraged network infrastructure and software in the world.

The network though, is changing from a hardware-centric model to a virtualised software-centric one that supports digital innovation.

For IT, telecoms and business professionals, the ability to deploy and support a digital-ready network requires adopting rapidly evolving technologies that enhance mobility, security, flexible access, and virtualisation, while taking full advantage of cloud services.

This evolution has led to a demand for new skills and it requires IT, telecoms and business talents that understand the relationship between technology and business.

This is therefore a call for new skills frame-

work which means certified experts must evolve. The training academy was established to better prepare for this evolution.

In order to innovate, it is very important for corporations such as SPTC to form cooperative partnerships with institutions of higher learning to ensure that they invest in skills development for the most critical asset of any work force, the employee.

The partnership between SPTC and UNISWA will serve as one of the programmes that will motivate and retain our key competitive staff, while also adding great value to the vision of the company.

Beyond that, great value will be added into the national skills development initiatives in the ICT space, as this academy will be opened to the public and will therefore go a long way in affording Swazi citizens with new knowledge and practical skills.

It will help in creating career pathways that include network technicians, support engineers, network administrators, network designers and many more.

The scope of the training academy will include, but not limited to, teaching, learning, research, development, and innovation in areas of mutual interest including software engineering, data structure, database network and coding, industrial instrumentation, mechatronics, programming and process control.

All training will be provided by the University of Swaziland Computer Science Department and will be held at the university premises at Kwaluseni campus.

## WHO WILL BE TRAINED UNDER THIS PARTNERSHIP?

● **SPTC employees** – The first groups under this training will be composed of SPTC employees. This training will be open to all employees who will meet the minimum requirements

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# FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...

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Kenneth's  
*Tit-Bits!*

SO, police are on record saying they do not want the cost of living adjustment being negotiated for by union leaders.

That's quite laughable. The police, through Senior Deputy National Commissioner Lydia Dlamini, has come out to condemn a statement attributed to police officers who claimed they were hoping for successful negotiations of the cost of living adjustments, so they could benefit as well.

That seemed to have irked the Isaac Magagula led police leadership which responded by damning such allegations.

Dlamini in the statement even labelled the police officers who issued such a statement as misfits in the police service. One thing I picked from the senior deputy national commissioner's statement, to be fair to her, is that she did not out-rightly deny that they want the money.

Instead, she concentrated on bashing those officers who dared to cross the line by airing their views about bread and butter issues. You don't talk bread and butter issues when you are a police officer. Finish and Klaar!

I would have been happier if in her damning statement Dlamini had said as police officers they do not need the cost of living.

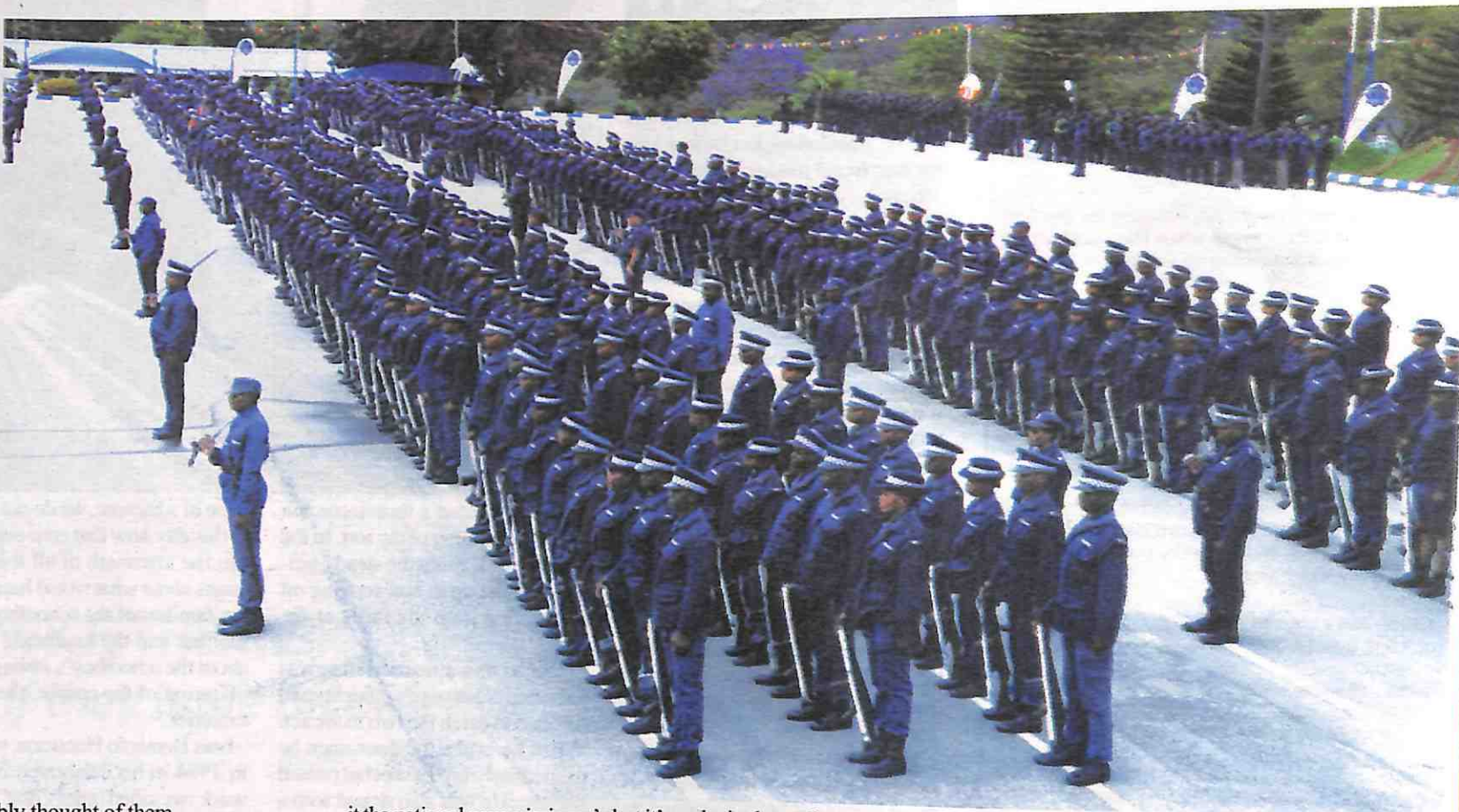
She should have been more forthright and told the world that as police officers they do not need the 9.15% being negotiated between the public sector unions and the Government Negotiation Team (GNT).

Instead, she chose her words carefully while distancing her organisation from claims of police officers demanding money.

It's a fact Madam, we all need money. You can be diplomatic and play politics all you want but the bottom line is; you are in that position because you need money. Everybody does anyway, including the national commissioner himself.

But for the record Madam, those police officers who were interviewed in that story are as real, honest and sincere as they come. They are probably more realistic than you proba-

## COPS' MONEY ISSUE MAY HAVE SOME TRUTHS!



bly thought of them.

I know you still subscribe to the old school of thought that policing is a calling. I agree, back then, during your time it was a calling...but not anymore.

### Advice

That's free advice from me and I don't need to justify this. Police officers come from lots of different backgrounds and may not be as innocent as you thought. These officers are more streetwise than the bosses think.

Just to allay any fears, if any at all...the police are very loyal to the system but as it is always loyalty goes with reward.

If you don't believe what I'm telling you, just go around and conduct a small survey, you will be amazed. It's not your problem Madam, nor is

it the national commissioner's but it's far wider than that.

The problem speaks to a lot of impacts in society, the state of the economy and to a large extent the recruitment process.

None of those factors are the making of the police. For instance, the recruitment system, we know often the police hierarchy have nothing to do with a number of people who find themselves at Police College.

We know that the present system has allowed undeserving people to

be in the police service...undesirable elements for that matter.

National Commissioner Isaac Magagula has often been at pains try-

ing to explain how the police service had been infiltrated by unwanted elements. He called them rotten apples within the force. He was very right.

So, instead of getting hot under the collar about officers wanting the cost of living police adjustment police

chiefs should be finding solutions about how to deal with such a problem which is likely to blow up in their

face.

My advice would be not to ignore the sentiments of the police officers under the pretense that they are being disloyal.

It's better they know how the officers feel than leading a service thinking they are being followed yet they are alone.

### Leading

They say if you're leading and no one is following you, then you're only taking a walk.

The police bigwigs must know that a hungry man is an angry man. And angry man is a dangerous man. Just saying.

Perhaps this would explain the number of spine-chilling criminal activities involving police officers in the country.

**That's free advice from me and I don't need to justify this. They come from lots of different backgrounds and may not be as innocent as you thought. These are officers who are more streetwise than the bosses think.**

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## ON THIS DAY

...September 29

1957 - The New York Giants played their last game at the Polo Grounds. The next year the Giants were in San Francisco, CA.

1960 - "My Three Sons" debuted on ABC-TV.

1962 - US President John F. Kennedy nationalised the Mississippi National guard in response to city officials defying federal court orders. The orders had been to enroll James Meredith at the University of Mississippi.

1963 - "My Favorite Martian" premiered on CBS-TV.

1963 - "The Judy Garland Show" premiered on CBS-TV.

1967 - The International Monetary Fund reformed monetary systems around the world.

1977 - Eva Shain became the first woman to officiate a heavyweight title boxing match. About 70 million people watched Muhammad Ali defeat Ernie Shavers on NBC-TV.

1982 - In Chicago, IL, seven people died after taking capsules of Extra-Strength Tylenol that had been laced with cyanide. 264 000 bottles were recalled.

1983 - The War Powers Act was used for the first time by the US Congress when they authorized President Reagan to keep US Marines in Lebanon for 18 more months.

1983 - "A Chorus Line" with performance number 3 389 became the longest running show on Broadway.

1984 - Irish officials announced that they had intercepted the Marita Anne carrying seven tons of US-purchased weapons. The weapons were intended for the Irish Republican Army.

1984 - Elizabeth Taylor was voted to be the world's most beautiful woman in a Louis Harris poll. Taylor was at the time in the Betty Ford Clinic overcoming a weight problem.

1986 - Mary Lou Retton announced that she was quitting gymnastics.

1988 - The space shuttle Discovery took off from Cape Canaveral in Florida. It was the first manned space flight since the Challenger disaster.

1990 - "Millie's Book" by First Lady Barbara Bush was the best-selling non-fiction book in the US.

1992 - Magic Johnson announced that he was returning to professional basketball. The comeback ended the following November.

1992 - Brazilian lawmakers overwhelmingly voted to impeach President Fernando Collor de Mello.

1993 - Bosnia's Parliament voted overwhelmingly to reject an international peace plan unless Bosnian Serbs returned land that had been taken by force.

1994 - The US House voted to end the practice of lobbyist buying meals and entertainment for members of Congress.

1998 - Hasbro announced plans to introduce an action figure of retired US General Colin Powell.

2008 - The Dow Industrial Average lost 777 points. It was the largest one-day decline to date. The drop came after the US House of Representatives had voted down a \$700 billion bank bailout plan.

2010 - In China, Canton Tower became operational.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

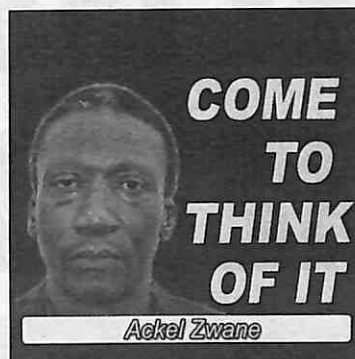


Stephen Twitch Boss (Dancer) - September 29, 1982 - 35 years old.



Kevin Durant (basketball player) - September 29, 1988 - 29 years old.

# HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH YOUR CHEATING PARTNER?



COME TO THINK OF IT

Ackel Zwane

**WITHIN a space of two weeks one man gruesomely killed his wife by beheading her before hiding her head under rocks.**

Now it is an irate husband who killed a schoolboy after finding him naked apparently having strayed into the sacred and forbidden territories of his marital sanctuary, the conjugal fittings.

In both instances these are nothing but crimes of passion or could we simply side with the perpetrators by concluding, albeit this early, that enough is enough with the cheats, it is time to kill the mangy dog?

A crime of passion (French: crime passionnel), in popular usage, refers to a violent crime, especially homicide, in which the perpetrator commits the act against someone because of sudden strong impulse such as sudden rage rather than as a premeditated crime.

The courts have the monopoly to determine the circumstance in which these heinous killings happened and also to make the relevant conclusions whether these are irrational, rational or legal, who cares? The bottom line is that two young lives have been taken by other human beings in a fit of anger.

Those accused of the killings are male adults. Having asked around I discovered that women, on average, claim that they would have acted differently under the circumstances, such as screaming or carrying both arms on top of their head.

## Temperatures

But that would not be long before the temperatures of anger rise to beyond boiling point, hell hath no fury like a woman scorned!

There have been similar stories in the Swazi media, others have not been told. Back in the 90s at Murray Camps a young Romeo took in his other lover after her steady girlfriend decided to visit her family. However she missed the bus and returned to find her boyfriend in the loving arms of another woman.

The Romeo reasoned with her lover that she should allow the stranger woman to spend the night since it was already late and it being a high crime area she would simply leave in the morning. He decided to sleep in the middle while his lovers took the sides, one would

● *In the aftermath of all this who thinks about what would happen to the families of the schoolboy, the woman and the husband? What about the schoolboy's siblings; the offspring of the couple, the communities?*



have anticipated a threesome but there was nothing of the sort. In the middle of the night the steady girlfriend woke up to boil cooking oil and spilled it on the faces of the two.

Prior to that a married man was informed of his wife's infidelity and decided to catch the two in the act. When he broke the door open he immediately fired a shot but missed the two. He was also armed with a very sharp knife, decided that he was ending the drama once and for ever. He ordered his wife to cut off his lover's manhood or the bullet would go right through her head, she settled for the former!

The other case was the (in) famous 'stuck-on-you' that involved a Manzini man who worked for the sugar plantations in the Lubombo region whereby the husband used black magic so that his member got stuck as he committed adultery and therefore he could not withdraw the manhood.

The pair was taken before a national court president where it was ruled that the husband be called to free them especially because such magic spells had been banned in Swaziland. The husband on arrival simply said 'ayisuke' this being a shout to send a straying dog away; that is how the two were freed.

Then at Nhlambeni a cop killed in cold blood his wife after finding her with a businessman on his bed but surprisingly this cop walked.

About half a decade ago at Hlane marula festival a Form Five pupil was caught by warriors with a woman old enough to be his mother. He had made her cling to a tree trunk as he came from behind oblivious of all that happened around them, the pair got a hiding and a humili-

ation of a lifetime, we do not know to this day how that case ended.

In the aftermath of all this who thinks about what would happen to the families of the schoolboy, the woman and the husband? What about the schoolboy's siblings; the offspring of the couple, the communities?

Luis Bernardo Honwana, writing in 1964 in his celebrated literary work 'we killed mangy dog' could have been writing about an imaginary stray dog: Mangy-Dog looked at me when I turned to him.

His eyes had no shine in them at all but they were enormous and full of tears that trickled down his muzzle.

They frightened me, those eyes, so big, looking at me like someone asking for something without wanting to say it.

## Looked

When I looked at them I felt a weight much heavier than when I had the rope all trembling from being so stretched with the creaking of bones trying to escape from my hands, and with the whines that came out in squeaks, smothered in his closed mouth.

Lovemore Ranga Mataire wrote three years ago that the mangy dog story was centred on a stray dog afflicted by disease, helpless, and almost dying. He begins to identify with the dog, which like him is also an outcast among other dogs, and he develops compassion and sympathy for the mutt.

Ginho and his group are manipulated by Senhor Duarte into killing the dog and liken the act as a kind of hunting game. Ginho is chosen to shoot the dog.

Even though he is emotionally attached to the dog, the pressure

from other boys forces him to eliminate the dog for the sake of being accepted.

After many pleas with the other children, he is unsuccessful in trying to save the dog. The story ends with a guilty confession despite his reluctance to participate in the crime.

The "Mangy Dog" may be likened to a sick decadent colonial system that must be destroyed in order to make way for a new reality of existence, free of discrimination and racism.

"Mangy Dog" is shot to death with firearms in a symbolically pointing to the way Mozambique was to gain its independence through the use of military force.

Come to think of it, could this be 2 000 years after the Christian civilisation, the ideal way to deal with infidelity? To what extent must we be expected to exercise self-restraint or what is expected of us if we lose it? What happens when we let loose of our morals especially where inexperienced minors are involved?

No doubt something has gone terribly wrong, where are our institutions of culture, the church in particular?

## Happened

What has happened to the family fibre and the up bringing of the girl and boy child in the African setting?

Are we so busy in pursuit of material satisfaction such as illicit sex we can no longer protect our own through decent life education. I know why, our institutions, with the church at the core, are more particular about amassing other forms of wealth, material acquisitions, disregarding the worth of the human being which is mental stability translating to moral correctness.





## your HEAL+H section

# COFFEE DOES NOT TREAT PARKINSON

**COFFEE** may not relieve the symptoms of Parkinson's disease after all, a new study suggests.

Research published in the journal *Neurology* in 2012 suggested that caffeine may help reduce movement symptoms for people with Parkinson's disease.

However, a more in-depth investigation has shown that the beverage did nothing to alleviate sufferers' crippling symptoms.

Study author Dr Ronald Postuma, of McGill University in Canada, said, "Caffeine, which is so safe and inexpensive, has been linked to a reduced risk of developing Parkinson's."

"So it was exciting to think that it could possibly help people who already have the disease."

The new study involved 121 people with an average age of 62 who had been diagnosed with Parkinson's for an average of four years.

Of those, half were given a 200-milligram capsule of caffeine twice daily, once in the morning and once after lunch, the equivalent of three cups of coffee per day, while the other half were given placebo capsules. To help them adjust to the caffeine, the dose was increased slowly, starting with placebo and

**...Study refutes myth that a jolt of caffeine can relieve debilitating symptoms**



reaching 200 milligrams at week nine. The study participants were followed for six to 18 months.

The researchers found there was no improvement in movement symptoms for people who had taken the caffeine capsules compared to those who took the placebo capsules. There was also no difference in quality of life. Because of the findings showing no bene-

fit from taking caffeine, the study was stopped.

Dr Postuma added: "While our previous study showed possible improvement in symptoms, that study was shorter, so it's possible that caffeine may have a short-term benefit that quickly dissipates."

"Regardless, our core finding is that caffeine cannot be recommended as therapy for movement

symptoms of Parkinson's disease."

Dr Charles Hall, of Albert Einstein College of Medicine who wrote a commentary on the study for *Neurology*, said: "It is important that promising leads be studied."

"It is also important that the disappointing findings like these be shared so new research can focus on other possible treatments instead."

*Daily Mail*

## BABIES ARE AT TWICE THE RISK OF HAVING SEVERE FLU

**... if they have an older sibling, study finds**

● **Children can easily pass viruses onto their younger siblings, researchers said**

● **Flu can be life-threatening in youngsters because it can cause lung infections**

● **Almost half of all cases of severe flu in babies are caught from older siblings**

● **Experts said the findings showed the importance of getting children vaccinated**

**BABIES** are at twice the risk of suffering severe flu if they have an older brother or sister, a study found.

Children are 'effective spreaders' and can easily pass viruses onto their vulnerable younger siblings, researchers said.

Flu can be life-threatening in young children because it can cause lung infections, breathing difficulties and high fever, which can lead to fits.

Between three per cent and 11 per cent of babies and toddlers in developed countries acquire flu-associated illnesses each year, placing a heavy burden on health services.

Almost half of all cases of severe flu in babies under six months old are caught from older siblings, according to a study by University College London's Great Ormond Institute of Child Health. Children are 'effective spreaders' and can easily pass viruses onto their vulnerable younger sib-

lings, University College London researchers said.

Experts warned parents the findings showed the importance of getting older children vaccinated to protect babies in the family - who usually are not given a flu vaccine before the age of two.

Lead researcher Dr Pia Hardelid said, "Flu can be a serious infection in very young children but at the moment there is no vaccine approved for babies under six months. This means we need to look at other ways to minimise the risk of infection."

For those with two or more older siblings, the risk tripled.

There was around one extra hospital admission for every thousand children who had one older sibling. In those with two older siblings, there were two extra admissions per 1 000 children.

Babies born between July and December - who would be young and vulnerable at the start of the flu season - were also at higher risk.

### Nasal spray vaccines

Since 2013, nasal spray flu vaccines have been given to children aged between two and nine on the NHS. Some areas are rolling out the vaccine to all primary school-age children.

It is also offered to those aged up to 17 and from six months to two years who are considered high risk because of existing chronic health problems.



The researchers said vaccinating older children could have a protective effect on babies and toddlers. Pregnant women could also have the vaccine to help build up their baby's immunity.

### The importance of the flu jab

Dr Hardelid added: "Our study suggests that older siblings pose a risk of serious infection for their baby sisters and brothers."

"The nasal spray vaccine, which is now being offered in GP surgeries and primary schools in the UK, provides a good opportunity to protect the children who receive it, as well as their younger siblings."

"There is not much parents can do about the time of year their baby is born, but women can also help reduce

the risk of serious flu for their newborns by taking up the invitation to have a vaccine when they are still pregnant."

"There is some evidence that maternal vaccination during pregnancy can protect young babies from flu infection."

Rates of hospital admission were also higher for children aged six to 23 months with older siblings, but the association for this age group was much weaker.

Further research will test whether the introduction of the vaccine for children aged two and older can help reduce cases of flu among under-tuos.

The study was published in the *European Respiratory Journal*.  
*Daily Mail*

## With Wisdom

● "You said you were going for a walk! What kind of walk takes six hours?"

"A long one?"

— *Cassandra Clare, City of Glass*

● "For the two of us, home isn't a place. It is a person. And we are finally home."

— *Stephanie Perkins, Anna and the French Kiss*

● "People aren't either wicked or noble. They're like chef's salads, with good things and bad things chopped and mixed together in a vinaigrette of confusion and conflict."

— *Lemony Snicket, The Grim Grotto*

● "And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

— *Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince*

● "Fantasy is hardly an escape from reality. It's a way of understanding it."

— *Lloyd Alexander*

● "They didn't agree on much. In fact, they didn't agree on anything. They fought all the time and challenged each other every day. But despite their differences, they had one important thing in common. They were crazy about each other."

— *Nicholas Sparks, The Notebook*

● "I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it."

(Popular misquote of "You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.")

— *Maya Angelou, Letter to My Daughter*

● "You could have had anything else in the world, and you asked for me."

She smiled up at him. Filthy as he was, covered in blood and dirt, he was the most beautiful thing she'd ever seen. "But I don't want anything else in the world."

— *Cassandra Clare, City of Glass*

● "And by the way, everything in life is writable about if you have the outgoing guts to do it, and the imagination to improvise. The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt."

— *Sylvia Plath, The Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath*

● "Don't ever tell anybody anything. If you do, you start missing everybody."

— *J.D. Salinger*

● "In a time of deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

— *George Orwell*

● "I took a deep breath and listened to the old brag of my heart. I am, I am, I am."

— *Sylvia Plath, The Bell Jar*

● "I don't go looking for trouble. Trouble usually finds me."

— *Katie McGarry, Take Me On*

● "Experience is merely the name men gave to their mistakes."

— *Oscar Wilde, The Picture of Dorian Gray*

● "Happiness is a warm puppy."

— *Charles M. Schulz*

● "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

● "Without pain, how could we know joy? This is an old argument in the field of thinking about suffering and its stupidity and lack of sophistication could be plumbed for centuries but suffice it to say that the existence of broccoli does not, in any way, affect the taste of chocolate."

— *John Green, The Fault in Our Stars*

● "What matters most is how well you walk through the fire"

— *Charles Bukowski*

● "I think if I've learned anything about friendship, it's to hang in, stay connected, fight for them, and let them fight for you. Don't walk away, don't be distracted, don't be too busy or tired, don't take them for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together. Powerful stuff."

— *Jon Katz*





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Loan book growth of  
**8% ▲**

Revenue growth of  
**7% ▲**

Headline earnings  
maintained

Progress on the Malkerns  
property development initiative

Figures in Emalangeni	Reviewed 6 months ended 30 June 2017	Audited 12 months ended 31 December 2016
<b>STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		
Revenue	119,938,595	224,003,740
Operating expenses	(55,503,273)	(103,302,880)
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	<b>64,435,322</b>	<b>120,700,860</b>
Other income	17,806,216	30,636,148
Finance costs	(51,726,391)	(78,591,468)
<b>PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION</b>	<b>30,515,147</b>	<b>72,745,540</b>
Taxation	(8,405,236)	(20,793,093)
<b>PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>22,109,911</b>	<b>51,952,447</b>
Other comprehensive income	0	0
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>	<b>22,109,911</b>	<b>51,952,447</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO:</b>		
Owners of the parent	21,579,211	51,039,149
Non-controlling interest	530,700	913,298
	<b>21,109,911</b>	<b>51,952,447</b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Investment property	61,280,000	61,280,000
Property, plant and equipment	1,003,363	1,121,551
Goodwill	209,448,253	209,448,253
Deferred tax asset	9,979,983	6,804,131
Loans and advances	539,399,780	493,852,624
	<b>821,111,379</b>	<b>772,506,559</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Amounts owing by related parties	276,026,990	140,477,723
Current tax receivable	3,123	4,831,271
Loans and advances	214,170,500	205,926,051
Trade and other receivables	14,542,582	8,972,092
Cash and cash equivalents	138,206,775	115,768,817
	<b>642,949,970</b>	<b>475,975,954</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,464,061,349</b>	<b>1,248,482,513</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Share capital	348,329,629	348,329,629
Retained earnings	60,759,425	39,180,214
	<b>409,089,054</b>	<b>387,509,843</b>
Non-controlling interest	4,414,262	3,883,562
	<b>413,503,316</b>	<b>391,393,405</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Amounts owing to related parties	32,634,930	30,912,500
Other financial liabilities	626,324,194	328,445,675
Deferred tax liability	11,352,000	11,352,000
	<b>670,311,124</b>	<b>370,710,175</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Amounts owing to related parties	5,668,709	6,985,489
Other financial liabilities	362,382,361	461,603,337
Current tax payable	3,461,343	1,813,053
Trade and other payables	8,734,496	15,977,054
	<b>380,246,909</b>	<b>486,378,933</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,050,558,033</b>	<b>857,089,108</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,464,061,349</b>	<b>1,248,482,513</b>

<b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY</b>		
<b>SHARE CAPITAL</b>	<b>9,649</b>	<b>9,649</b>
Balance at the beginning of the period	9,649	9,649
<b>SHARE PREMIUM</b>	<b>348,319,980</b>	<b>348,319,980</b>
Balance at the beginning of the period	348,319,980	348,319,980
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b>60,759,425</b>	<b>39,180,214</b>
Balance at the beginning of the period	39,180,214	13,421,965
Dividends declared	-	(25,087,400)
Profit for the period	21,579,211	51,039,149
Movement on acquisition of NCI	-	(193,500)
<b>NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST</b>	<b>4,414,262</b>	<b>3,883,562</b>
Balance at the beginning of the period	3,883,562	3,213,380
Movement for the period	530,700	670,182
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>413,503,316</b>	<b>391,393,405</b>

<b>STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash used in operations	(137,034,938)	(59,760,340)
Interest income	17,806,216	19,552,318
Finance costs	(51,726,391)	(78,591,468)
Tax paid	(5,104,650)	(19,776,179)
<b>NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(176,059,763)</b>	<b>(138,575,669)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(159,822)	(543,354)
Purchase of investment property	-	(300,000)
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	-	(193,501)
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(159,822)</b>	<b>(1,036,855)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from other financial liabilities	339,656,524	373,071,650
Repayment of other financial liabilities	(140,998,981)	(146,555,764)
Dividends paid	-	(25,330,516)
<b>NET CASH GENERATED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>198,657,543</b>	<b>201,185,370</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH MOVEMENT FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>22,437,958</b>	<b>61,572,846</b>
Cash at the beginning of the period	115,768,817	54,195,971
<b>TOTAL CASH AT END OF THE PERIOD</b>	<b>138,206,775</b>	<b>115,768,817</b>

#### Figures in Emalangeni

#### 1. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial results have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), IAS 34, in the manner required by the Companies Act of Swaziland. The accounting policies and methods of compilation applied in these financial results are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016. The financial results have been prepared under the supervision of the Group Chief Financial Officer, Mr R Zoio.

#### 2. HEADLINE EARNINGS

##### 2.1 EARNINGS PER SHARE (CENTS)

	Reviewed 6 months ended 30 June 2017	Audited 12 months ended 31 December 2016
Basic	0.22	0.53
Headline	0.22	0.45
Diluted basic	0.22	0.53
Diluted headline	0.22	0.45

##### 2.2. RECONCILIATION BETWEEN BASIC AND HEADLINE EARNINGS

Basic earnings	21,595,869	51,039,149
Fair value gain on investment property	-	(8,035,777)
Headline earnings	<b>21,595,869</b>	<b>43,003,372</b>

##### 2.3. NUMBER OF ORDINARY SHARES OF E0.0001 EACH IN ISSUE

Actual	96,490,000	96,490,000
Weighted average	96,490,000	96,490,000
Diluted	96,490,000	96,490,000

#### 3. LOANS AND ADVANCES

Advances	785,059,515	725,297,376
Impairment for credit losses of loans and advances	(31,489,235)	(25,518,701)
	<b>753,570,280</b>	<b>699,778,675</b>

#### 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Select Limited, a subsidiary of SBC Limited, provided surety for an overdraft and short term loan facility from CIC Stanbic Bank Kenya to Select Management Services Limited (Kenya) ("SMSK") of KES175.0 million (2016 - KES 175.0 million) by placing E34.4 million (2016 - E33.2 million) on call with Standard Bank South Africa. In exchange for this security Select Limited received a 12.5% equity share in SMSK.

A guarantee was issued by Select Africa Finance Limited, the holding company of SBC Limited, to Select Limited for R20.0 million.

#### 5. OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

##### 5.1 HELD AT AMORTISED COST

Medium term notes	494,638,506	380,660,958
Term loan	62,786,640	33,741,544
Promissory notes	431,281,409	375,646,510
	<b>988,706,555</b>	<b>790,049,012</b>

##### 5.2 MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

The Group raises funds through Promissory Notes and Medium Term Note Programmes (MTNs). The MTNs are listed on the Swaziland Stock Exchange in the name of Select Limited, a subsidiary of SBC Limited, and had an available facility of E24,640,800 as at 30 June 2017.

#### 6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Administration and advisory fees	(19,217,083)	(36,787,247)
Group life and funeral cover	(6,351,119)	(11,894,922)
IT infrastructure	(1,742,162)	(3,512,469)
Net interest income	11,890,630	8,325,872

All Group transactions are made on terms equivalent to those prevailing in arm's length transactions. There have been no guarantees provided or received for any related party receivables or payables. The Group has not recorded any impairment of receivables relating to amounts owed by related parties during the period.

#### 7. CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

Profit before tax	30,515,147	72,745,540
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	278,010	483,524
Bad debts written off	1,540,300	6,024,230
(Profit)/Loss on exchange differences - unrealised	(134,102)	(1,630,915)
Fair value gain on investment property	-	(11,083,830)
Interest received	(17,806,216)	(19,552,318)
Finance costs	51,726,391	78,591,468
Impairment for credit losses of loans and advances	5,970,534	4,497,818
Changes in working capital:		
Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables	(5,570,490)	4,086,407
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables	(7,242,558)	11,248,927
Increase in loans and advances	(61,302,439)	(149,403,351)
Amounts received from related parties	1,856,532	27,872,750
Amounts paid to related parties	(136,866,047)	(83,640,590)
	<b>(137,034,938)</b>	<b>(59,760,340)</b>

#### 8. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

	30 June 2017	31 Dec 2016	30 June 2017	31 Dec 2016
Operating profit	52,168,283	100,396,276	12,267,039	20,304,584
Profit before tax	24,621,586	64,301,178	5,893,561	8,444,362
Taxation consolidated	(6,931,837)	(18,681,985)	(1,473,399)	(2,111,108)
Profit for the year	17,689,749	45,619,193	4,420,162	6,333,254
Gross advances to customers	655,799,931	610,411,241	129,259,584	114,886,134
Impairment provisions	(24,000,000)	(20,463,454)	(17,489,235)	(5,055,247)
Net advances	631,799,931	589,947,788	121,770,349	109,830,887
Total segment assets	1,359,652,026	1,221,377,123	151,851,706	113,201,973
Borrowings	977,301,492	825,881,569	97,151,085	89,272,706
Total segment liabilities	993,887,179	848,302,025	104,113,237	94,883,666

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#### INTRODUCTION

The SBC Limited Financial services retail group ("the Group", "SBC") continues to remain its offering of financial solutions and products to its identified markets to ensure it remains relevant. These fall primarily within the retail sector in both the Kingdoms of Swaziland and Lesotho and trade under the "Select" and "Lesana" brands respectively. These financial solutions focus more towards housing loans offered on an incremental basis based on affordability. The additional loan products include education and consumer loans that have school fees and the purchase of white goods. The target market of the Group, focuses on jurisdictions with low barriers to entry and a high demand for financial services, with a primary focus on influencing the livelihood of our client base where housing and related spend is a core need and a social status enhancer.

The attention to organic growth and continuous improvement in the Group, which has been a key focus area, is finding some realignment whilst the Group continues to seek and identify further investment opportunities within the region. The need to provide an alternative for ownership of affordable quality housing to the wide sector in the markets we operate in indeed target remains our prime mandate.

Malkerns Square is evidence that the Group remains resolute in its desire to contribute to fulfill this social need, whilst creating a firm platform to re-align its business profile to ensure sustainability into the future. The development, is structured such that it incorporates first world living through its offerings to meet all the modern demands of a homeowner. The development will include an accompanying commercial component to encompass the demands of a modern society. This commercial centre will include provision for a retail service station, bringing with it value for the development, the municipality and to Malkerns community at large.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

SBC eased its level of disbursements slightly to E135m (2016 - E300m full year) for the period under review. This is attributed to an element of caution around the Lesotho business with the implementation of the ILS platform as well as an election during the period. In Swaziland, disbursements also came off a little as the business decided to not drive the growth elements of its loan book which are considered to be of a higher risk.

The result was that the gross loan book only grew at an annualised rate of 16% during the period to E785m compared to 25% growth in the prior year. Disbursements (net of rollovers) in Swaziland amounted to E105m which was reasonably consistently spread over the period. With the medium term note programme in Lesotho only having launched in early June, the timing coincided with the implementation of the ILS loan management platform as well as elections in this country. All of these factors contributed to a rather muted disbursement level of M30m over the period. With funding in place, elections having concluded relatively peacefully and the ILS loan management system having been successfully implemented, the Lesotho business is now in a position to increase its sale force and drive its volumes.

The impact of the continued loan book growth achieved by the Group on revenues has been offset by a slightly lower yield. This is attributed to the decision to reduce the extent to which the Group is dependent on high yielding but also relatively higher risk loans giving rise to a revenue of E120m, an annualised increase of 7% over the prior year period.

In this business environment SBC has done well to hold its annualised escalation in operating costs to be in line with the revenue increase of 7%. Within this, the Group saw a significant escalation of bad debt write off and provision for bad debts, which cumulatively amounted to E7.5m, an annualised increase of 43% over the prior year comparative. This is mainly attributed to the collection performance of the debit order book, which relates more to debit order strike administration issues rather than an increased level of financial distress on the part of the customer. Accordingly operating profit is also up by an annualised 7% over the prior year.

Other income at E18m is up by an annualised 82% over the prior year comparative after excluding the fair value adjustment on investment property from that comparative and is attributed to a 103% increase in interest bearing loans to related parties.

Finance costs at E52m predominately arose from interest on notes issued under the Lesotho medium term note program and other promissory notes issued by subsidiary Swaziland Select Limited. This represents an annualised increase of 32% over the prior year and is attributed to a 27% increase in the average level of borrowings. The Group is also experiencing an increase in the average borrowing cost in an environment where the prime lending rate operates as a base for much of the cost of funding negotiations.

Excluding the impact of the fair value gain in the prior year comparative, profit was flat on an annualised basis. With an effective tax rate of 27.5%, the Group was able to achieve a headline earnings of E22m for the six months under review.

#### OPERATIONAL REVIEW

The Group continues to drive expansion, which is taking effect in both the Select and Lesana jurisdictions. In the case of Swaziland, the Siteki point of representation has started to yield a notable performance, which is encouraging from a footprint and distribution perspective. It improves access and the consequent value proposition to our client base through reduced costs that previously occasioned travel by the various civil servants in that region. As management develops capacity in that region the access to the significant number of corporate employees, whom are located within a 20km radius of this office will be unlocked.

There is continued focus on the strategically important call centre, where activation in both in-bound and out-bound sales are processed, together with support for collections through periodic campaigns to address bulk arrears occasioned by defective collection platforms.

The group has also expanded its footprint and distribution capabilities in Lesotho by adding further staff in the satellite branches on a permanent basis. This is to tap the opportunity in these areas on a consistent basis as opposed to the select days previously offered. These points of representation include Maseru branch and the new satellite offices in Maseru, Hlotse and Qacha's Nek. This widening of the distribution network brings with it increased market penetration and visibility for Lesana.

Speed to market and an appropriate product offering are key to customer onboarding and retention. The recently introduced loan management system (ILS system) with its mobile capability continue to facilitate sales by increasing the distribution channels available to the Group, which can now remotely deliver on site sales. The ILS system also provides the capability to segment our book to portfolio interrogation and facilitate the improved risk management and collection capabilities of the Group.

#### PROSPECTS

The future growth strategy of the Group remains intact and is underpinned by both organic growth and through acquisitions. Robust funding activities continue to support this growth strategy along with the Group's internally generated cash flows. The launch of a medium term note programme in Lesotho has resulted in the raising of M43m for Lesana and now the Group has appropriate funding mechanisms in both countries to raise funding required to optimise opportunities that become available.

The trading environment continues to see increased competitive pressure where stakeholders through their offering are upscaling to our client base influencing our sales performance. Management consequently continues to seek measures to absorb and counter this challenge. The Group continuously re-evaluates its offerings in the identified risk parameters suitably tailoring its product suite to meet its customer's ever-changing needs. In addition, the impending Malkerns Square development is expected to provide new and alternate avenues to attract clientele and fresh revenue streams.

The launch of the Malkerns Square development is due shortly having systematically stepped through the regulatory requirements to ensure full compliance for the development and perfection of ownership for the intended target market. The Group continues to be encouraged by the prospects that Malkerns Square brings to the table despite the lag effect occasioned by the need for conformity to the regulatory requirements. The Select franchise is positioning itself to provide mortgage funding to qualifying clients for the purchase and ultimate ownership of a part of an aspirational lifestyle housing estate.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2017 have been reviewed by KPMG, who have expressed an unmodified review conclusion. A copy of the auditor's review report is available for inspection at the company's registered office together with the condensed financial statements identified in the auditor's report.

The auditor's review report does not necessarily report on all of the information contained in this announcement. Shareholders are therefore advised that in order to obtain a full understanding of the nature of the auditor's engagement they should obtain a copy of the auditor's report together with the accompanying financial information from the issuer's registered office.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The directors and management of SBC Limited confirm their continued commitment to the principles of openness, integrity and accountability as advocated by sound principles of Corporate Governance contained in the King Reports.

By order of the Board

T Dladla, Chairperson

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# BUSINESS UPDATE

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## SSA CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

# SUGAR PRODUCTION STARTED AT ONLY 5 600 TONS PER ANNUM

By Manqoba Makhubu

THOUGH the sugarcane sector now produces over 700 000 metric tons (MT) of sugar, over 230 000 MT of molasses and generates revenues in excess of E4 billion, it only started with a single irrigated scheme and mill, with output only amounting to 5 600 tons.

On Wednesday evening, hundreds of stakeholders including growers, millers, financiers, investors and government gathered to reflect on the growth of the industry in the past 50 years during the commemoration of the Swaziland Sugar Association (SSA) golden jubilee.

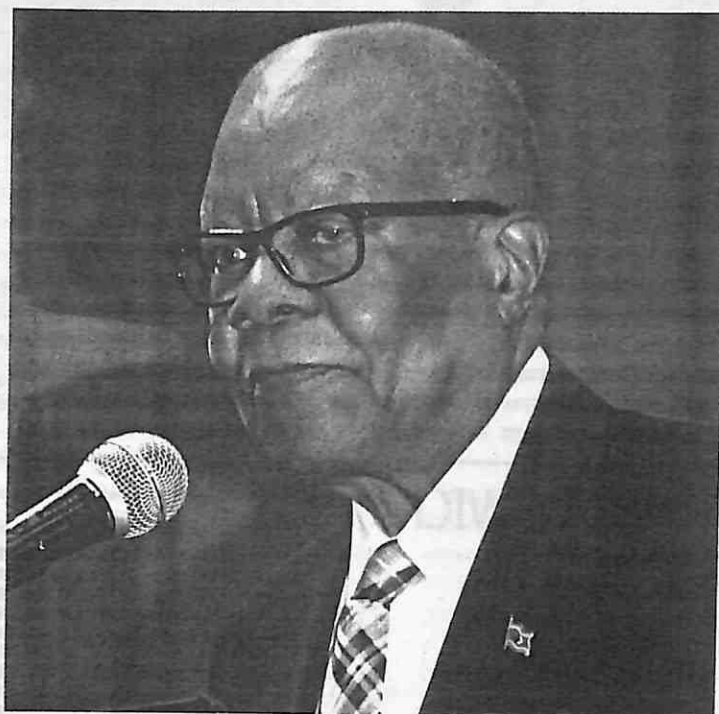
The commemoration was also graced by representatives of the SSA long standing customers Czarnikow from the United Kingdom, the South African Sugar Association (SASA), ACP/LDC London Sugar Industries and the Association of Mozambique Sugar Producers (APAMO) amongst others.

Speaking during the function, Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini applauded the SSA for playing a significant role in shaping the industry for five decades.

SSA sells sugar produced in the country. It is also responsible for establishing policy, general development and the regulation of the industry.

Dlamini said not only has the sector created substantial employment opportunities, especially at small-holder level, but it has also been ranked as high as third in international assessment of cost competitiveness.

"This undoubtedly reflects the strong partnership between growers and millers, that has been essential to the success of the sector, sup-



**KEY NOTE:** Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini delivering his speech during the Swaziland Sugar Association (SSA) 50 years Celebrations at the Convention Centre on Wednesday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

ported by the regulation work of SSA and complemented by the Sugar Industry Agreement which is the mechanism that guides the relationship between millers and growers," he said.

Dlamini said the success of this model 50 years on was illustrated by the continued growth of the sector despite recurring challenges.

In the duration of the past 50 years, the industry survived serious challenges such as the 1984 tropical storm Domonia, the droughts of 1991 to 1994 and 2015 to 2016 and the changing international market landscape.

Currently, sugarcane growing makes up nearly 70 per cent of the country's total agricultural output. One third of agricultural workers

are in sugarcane growing and sugar milling output makes up 25 per cent of total manufacturing output and contributes 10 per cent to gross domestic product (GDP).

SSA Chief Executive Officer Phil Mnisi said 50 years was indeed a milestone that was monumental not to just SSA and the sugar industry, but to the Kingdom as a whole, especially on the eve of its own golden jubilee celebration next year.

"We are already looking ahead at ensuring that the sugar sector's legacy remains for generations to come. We are considering short, medium and long-term sustainability solutions, particularly around drought recovery which impacted immensely in our industry in the past three years," he said.

He thanked the relentless support of government towards growing the sector.

Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Dr. Absalom Dlamini commended the roles played by different stakeholders within and outside the sector to keep the industry going over these years.

"SSA has been and continues to be a pivotal partner and industry maker, ensuring that the sector remains professional, profitable and that Swaziland remains an attractive investment partner," he said.

SSA President Oswald Magwenzi attributed the success of SSA to the good leadership of the organisation and the enabling environment created by government.

"SSA has also thrived due to the strong partnership of millers and growers and cooperative partners, especially the European Union (EU)," he said.

### Summary of sugarcane sector early developments

In 1957 Ubombo Ranches (PTY) LTD planted the first commercial sugarcane crop which was processed in a small second hand mill at Big Bend.

In 1960 Ubombo completed a large new mill at the present site and early production in the Big Bend mill amounted to 5 600 tons.

In 1960, a second mill was built at Mhlume and sugar production increased to 100 000 tons per annum.

SSA was established through the Sugar Act of 1967

In 1980, a third sugar mill was commissioned at Simunye and production increased to 471 000 tons per annum.



**FIRST TABLE:** PM and other invited guests in full concentration.



**GOOD LEADERSHIP:** SSA President Oswald Magwenzi making his remarks.

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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	5.9%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.75%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.25%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.80 per litre
Replacement	E11.85 per litre
Diesel	E11.70 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.95 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 28 SEPT 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.5935	13.6435
British Pound/SZL	18.1874	18.3128
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.2846	8.3128
Swiss France/SZL	13.9563	14.0019
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2982	1.3152
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.6287	10.6746
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.8800	10.9191
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	15.9546	16.0133
Gold	1,280.0000	
Oil	59.8300	

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# Sugar sector directly employs over 16 000

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

TO date, the sugar sector has directly employed over 16 000 people.

Speaking during the commemoration of the Swaziland Sugar Association (SSA) golden jubilee held on Wednesday, Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Dr. Absalom Dlamini said this was one of the most remarkable accomplishments in the sector in the past 50 years.

He said the benefits have spilled over to indirect beneficiaries including spouses, children, parents and relatives of the people employed in the value chain.

Also, Dlamini said the sugar industry has made inroads in building capacity for many Swazis to take up highly specialised positions in the sector, including at leadership and other decision making levels.

"Current estimates suggest that less than two per cent expatriates constitute the total workforce," he said.

Following the introduction of small-holder sugarcane growers on Swazi Nation Land in the 1990s, Dlamini



**TO THE SUCCESS OF SSA: Hhohho Regional Administrator representative Sylvia Mthethwa, Tibiyo TakaNgwane MD Dr. Absalom Dlamini, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza and Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini toasting to the success of SSA.**

said there has been a notable increase in Swazis earning sustained livelihoods through participation in different areas.

"To date, we speak of 450 indigenous Swazi cane growers in the

Kingdom. Of these, 122 are organised into active farmer associations or companies," he said.

He said one of the outstanding achievements was the fact that now all sugar destined for the Southern African

## PM applauds over E3bn sugar sector expansion investments

PRIME Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini has applauded the resourceful investments made by the sugar industry to date.

Speaking during the commemoration of the Swaziland Sugar Association (SSA) golden jubilee, Dlamini said innovation in the sector has led to a degree of value addition.

He noted the E1 billion Ubombo factory expansions and the E2 billion invested to improve milling

and cane growing efficiencies. "Innovation in the sugar industry has led to increased value addition," he said.

The prime minister also commended the production of electricity from bagasse and further urged the industry stakeholders to consider the aspect of benefit sharing.

"There is also further potential to increase production of additional products such as ethanol," he said.

Customs Union (SACU) market was done through locally based companies.

"For that, we thank the Swazi Empowerment Policy, which empowers growers and processors of Swazi sugar including pre-packers," he said.

Dlamini also noted that the sector's contribution to gross domestic product (GDP) has supported the coun-

try's economy even during tough times.

To date, the country's sugar industry produces an annual average of over 600 000 tons of sugar and contributes more than 10 per cent to the country's GDP.

It also accounts to 35 per cent of employment in the agriculture sector.

## IT'S HIGH TIME WE ADDRESS TAX ISSUES - MP MARWICK

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

FOLLOWING the cluster of challenges faced by businesses, amongst which tax and regulatory frameworks were said to be the thorniest issues, Lobamba Lomdzala Member of Parliament Marwick Khumalo says it's high time legislators address these challenges.

Khumalo was responding following the presentation of the company survey 2017 findings on Wednesday by the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) and the ministry of economic planning and development.

During the presentation of the findings, CBS Senior Economist, Balance of Payments Sipho Sikhosana said most companies cited regulatory, tax issues and utility costs as their main challenges.

Khumalo said they have been hammering on tax issues for years.

"Now, the survey has confirmed the concerns of the general populace of the country. The challenge comes back to us as legislators and show that there are some amendments that need to be done," said Khumalo.

### Unpack

He further invited the presenters to engage with legislators to unpack the specific areas of concerns for businesses.

"The Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) also has to be mindful of the fact that there are serious concerns on taxes," he said.

During his presentation, Sikhosana said the manufacturing sector, which is the most contributing sector to gross domestic product (GDP) took 24 per cent share of the challenges recorded in 2016.

The survey findings reflect that companies in the manufacturing sector were highly concerned with the high costs of utilities, especially the escalating electricity prices and the unreliable supply.

"Problems around taxes and border issues have, in 2016, been prevalent in the discussions as companies complained around issues related to late payments



**IT IS TIME: Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo making a comment.**

of refunds and a delay at the border that often times affect their turnaround time," said the report.

Poor communications infrastructure was seen as a barrier to the growth of the manufacturing sector with slow internet connectivity reportedly being a great concern for businesses as paper work for border clearances is now submitted online.

The report states that about 43 per cent of the challenges reported regulatory frameworks were linked to the financial services sector.

### Unfair competition

"Non-banking financial institutions are said to pose unfair competition to the banking industry as they compete for the same pie but have a different set of regulations," said the report.

Manufacturing companies reported being burdened with data requests by regulators.

On the other hand, the report said other sectors such as the wholesale and retail sector complained about the lack of regulation in the industry which also brings unfair competition.

On issues related with tax, the report stated that businesses felt that taxes have increased the cost of doing business.

As a consequence, the report said one company even had to reallocate one of

its shops to South Africa as it has become very difficult and time consuming to export without having a sister company in SA.

The prevalent challenge recorded by the manufacturing and tourism sectors was high costs.

The report said accommodation establishments raised the issue of huge increases in other deposit charges following the scrapping of bank charges raising the cost of doing business in the country. "Costs are also exacerbated by the increasing number of regulatory authorities or institutions as they also impose levies from companies to finance their operations," said the report.

Whereas, increases in interest rates during the past year were also said to have negatively affected the banking sector.

"It has affected the affordability of debt, particularly mortgage and it is evident by the sudden increase in the sale of houses as the mortgage becomes unaffordable," said the report.

About 21 per cent of the challenges reported by companies, representing all sectors of the economy, were related to government inefficiencies.

Interestingly, about 28 per cent of these challenges were raised by marketing boards.

Box 1: Evolution of Challenges reported by Companies in the past 3 years



## Opportunities for business growth

MANY businesses are geared towards product diversification, the company survey 2017 has established.

The survey results show that 35 per cent of the opportunities are focused towards expansion of businesses.

The report said companies in the manufacturing sector, mainly the textile and food and beverages sub-sectors have realised opportunities for expansion of their businesses.

"The Lower Usuthu Irrigation Project II is one of the projects likely to benefit the sugar sector in the medium term.

"The survey also shows that different sectors of the economy stand to benefit from specific projects that are mostly government driven like the Rail Link project which is a joint venture between Swaziland and South Africa" said the report.

The survey states that some compa-

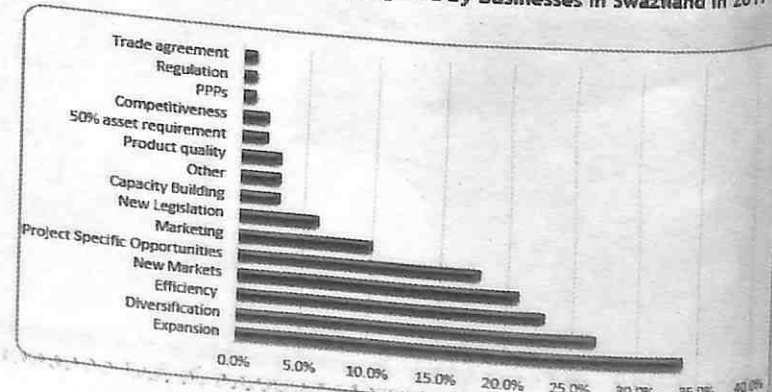
nies in the agricultural sector were already venturing in new products like goat rearing, milk processing, fisheries and working towards prepacking.

It noted that tertiary education institutions were expanding into new fields that were in demand and also diversifying their mandate towards self-sustenance through commercialising some of its assets for income generation.

"On promoting efficiency for the achievement of economies of scale, marketing boards are in favour of bulk buying of fertilizers and other agricultural amenities with the hope of reducing costs for farmers.

"Other sectors are confident that the entry into the market of a new mobile network will introduce cheaper communication tariffs. The graph below shows the list of opportunities according to their order of importance," reads the report in part.

Figure 2: Major Opportunities highlighted by Businesses in Swaziland in 2017





# STANDARD BANK GIVES OUT OVER E480 000 TO ELEVEN ORGANISATIONS

By Manqoba Makhubu

STANDARD Bank has given out total sponsorships worth about E483 040 to 11 organisations under its 2017 corporate social responsibility programme.

The cheques were handed over to beneficiaries by Chief Executive Mvuselelo Fakudze at the bank's headquarters in Mbabane yesterday.

The organisations that benefited were; Mahamba Gorge Hiking, Swaziland Choral Music Association, ENACTUS Swaziland, Junior Achievement Swaziland, Imbube King's Marathon, Rocking Horse Project, Maloma School Shoes Project, Swaziland Sugar Association Cane Growers Competition, Swaziland Animal Welfare Society and Swaziland Shokotan Karate.

Fakudze said their corporate social responsibility programme allows them to share their passions with their customers and to live up to their values, in particular that of serving the communities in which they operate in.

"Through supporting your various initiatives, our bank is able to change lives positively and make a sustainable impact in the development of our nation," he said.

He encouraged the organisations to ensure diligence in the use of these funds.

In this way, he said the bank will be assured that it was not only growing as a business, but that it was also growing the lives of the people that make it to continue to thrive as a leading brand in the country and in Africa.

The local bank's dictum conceived from the groups cliché 'Africa is our home, we drive her growth' is



**GRATEFUL:** Rocking Horse Project's Nomcebo Mdlalose and Denise Mortlock accepting the organisation's cheque from Standard Bank Chief Executive Mvuselelo Fakudze at the bank's headquarters yesterday. (Pic: Manqoba Makhubu).

"Swaziland is our home, we drive her growth."

Fakudze said the bank's approach to CSI was more than an intervention in communities; but an integral part of how they do business.

"We proactively identify opportunities arising from key social, developmental and business issues when formulating our CSI programme rather than just reacting to requests from charitable causes. We focus on creating long term partnerships with the most appropriate set of partners; be they with government, local and/or non-government organisations, or international / pan-African agencies, so that solutions can be co-created and the capabilities of these partners leveraged in implementing the development projects," he said.

Standard Bank's strategic corporate social responsibility pillars are; education, health and wellness, entrepreneurship development, arts and culture and sports.

"In 2018, we have taken the deci-

sion to give priority to projects in the health and entrepreneurship development space in line with growing a thriving nation that will achieve the national vision for 2022," he said.

Rocking Horse Project Director Denise Mortlock said they really appreciated the kind gesture of the bank. The organisation offers palliative care to children.

"We have received sponsorship from the bank before and are happy to be amongst the beneficiaries even this year. This shows that the bank

has confidence in the work that we do and this contribution will go a long way to assist us in our operations," she said.

She said they would use the money for training of medical practitioners and home based care officers on early detection of cancer on children. She said they will host the training next week.

"We really wish the bank well in its business and further thank its contribution towards ensuring a better life for children," she said.

## Breakdown of the sponsorship

1. Mahamba Gorge Hiking	- E30 000
2. Swaziland Choral Music Association	- E100 000
3. ENACTUS (formerly SIFE Swaziland)	- E50 000
4. Rocking Horse Project	- E50 000
5. Junior Achievement	- E15 000
6. Imbube King's Marathon	- E200 000
7. Maloma School Shoes Project	- E25 000
8. SSA Cane Growers Competition	- E5 000
9. Swaziland Animal Welfare Society	- E3 040
10. Swaziland Shokotan Karate	- E5 000

## ENACTUS Swaziland advances to World Cup semi-finals

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE ENACTUS Swaziland team, Gwamile VOCTIM, has advanced to the World Cup finals.

To qualify for the next round, the local team beat Russia and France during the opening round of the ongoing competition in London in the United Kingdom.

This means that the local team has made it to the top 16 teams out of 35 countries who are participating in the competition.

ENACTUS VOCTIM advanced to the next round with Krygyzstan.

Yesterday, the country faced Krygyzstan, Guatemala and Tunisia in the semi-final round.

There are four leagues in this round with four teams each and only one team will advance to the final round.

"We are ecstatic as Swaziland at the milestone that the students have made. Student development is one of the core objectives of ENACTUS and as sponsors such developments make is proud. We appreciate all our sponsors who made this possible," said ENACTUS Board Chairperson Fikile Nkosi.

"Right now we so excited and we thank God who has brought us this far. We look forward to the semi-final round we will present our project to the judges. We are confident we will advance to the next round," said ENACTUS VOCTIM Chief Executive Officer Phinda Dube.

ENACTUS Swaziland is sponsored by government, Coca Cola Swaziland, Harmony Gold Mining Company, Nedbank Swaziland, Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC), Swazi Bank, Standard Bank, DD Williamson and Swazi Observer, Letshego, Ngwenya Glass, Destiny Music, Swaziland Tourism Authority, Strengths Inc. and Trans Magnific.



## Tourism sector sets target to attain SDGs

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

THE tourism sector has set a target to attain Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as the industry continues to grow and improves.

Speaking during the commemoration of the World Tourism Day held at the Malolotja Nature Reserve on Wednesday, Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze said it was critical for the sector to support the inclusive sustainable growth agenda for the country.

"As we move towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) post 2015, we echo the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) commitment to demonstrate the value of the sector while promoting tourism development that is responsible, sustainable, and universally accessible, in support of the inclusive and sustainable agenda in the country," he said.

Gamedze said the tourism sector has

a great contribution to growth.

He said this was one of the reasons that the sector continually works on such goals, which include better taking care of the environment and social development. The minister said the benefits that come from tourism have been placed as an opportunity that could help the sector to better achieve the sustainable goals.

He said tourism has created jobs, alleviated poverty, promoted gender equality and has also protected natural and cultural heritage.

"In order for us to achieve the equitable balance, to accomplish both tourism and development agendas, policy makers and businesses need to commit to sustainable development policies and approaches that protect the environment as a vital tool in the growth of tourism," he said.

He said apart from contributing locally, tourism also plays a part in the growth of the global economy, which is an important contributor to achievement of the SDGs and an integral, positive

element in society.

He said there were also multiplier effects on related sectors that the sector also contributes to.

These include trade, agriculture, manufacturing and construction.

Gamedze said the sector also contributes to the transition towards a green economy through investments in energy and water efficiency.

Other benefits that come from the growth of tourism include climate change mitigation through reduction in green house gas emissions, waste reduction, biodiversity, and cultural heritage conservation, and the strengthening of linkages with local communities.

"Instead of viewing the sustainability effort purely as monetary costs, a sustainable tourism business will actually foster the industry's growth, create more and better jobs, consolidate higher investment returns, benefit local development, and contribute to poverty reduction, while raising awareness and support for the suitable use of natural resources," he said.

## STA gives out E5 000 prizes

THE Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) gave away E5 000 worth of prizes during the commemoration of the World Tourism Day on Wednesday.

The prizes were announced by STA Board Chairperson Nomsa Mabila.

The winners participated in a competition which was intended to establish how much were people aware of sustainable tourism.

The event was themed 'Sustainable tourism, a tool for development.'

### Winners of the different prizes

1st prize: Activity for four worth E6 000 sponsored by Swazi Trails (Ayanda Nhlabatsi)  
 2nd prize: Weekend getaway for two at mountain Inn (Qhakaza Makhanya)  
 3rd prize: Weekend getaway for two at Pigg's Peak Hotel and Casino (Mangaliso Nkambule)  
 • One night stay at Happy Valley hotel and casino for one (Manqoba Kunene)  
 • One return trip to Johannesburg for one from Sky world Travel and tours (Sizakele Dlamini)

4th prize: Dinner for two at Royal Swazi hotel (Lindokuhle Dlamini)  
 • Sunday Lunch for two at Lugogo Sun (Nkosingiphile)  
 • Two pizza voucher at happy valley (Ayanda Nhlabatsi)  
 • Sunday Lunch for two at happy valley (Bongiwe Shiba)  
 • Dinner for two at Mountain Inn (Qhakaza Makhanya)  
 • Lunch for two at Mountain Inn Hotel (Nokwanda Lukhele)



# Focus on SA scene

## Create a 'special jail' for the corrupt, - Makhura

JOHANNESBURG - Gauteng Premier David Makhura says those implicated in state capture should be thrown into a "special jail".

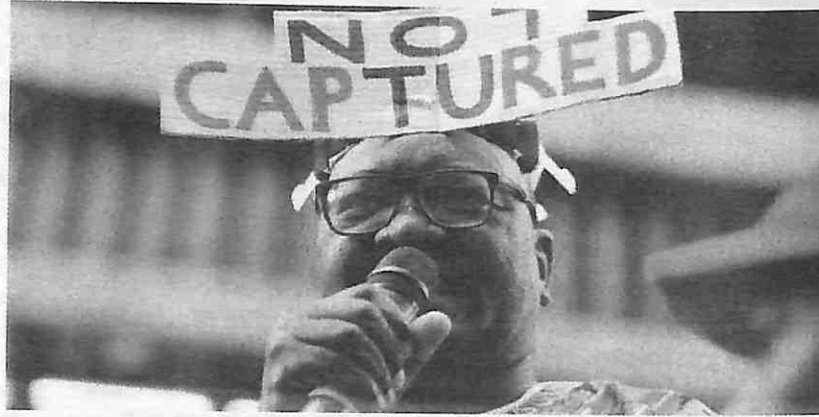
"Two weeks ago, I visited Brazil. It has a special prison for all those who are corrupt. We must build one similar prison."

Makhura was addressing thousands of COSATU and SACP members who marched on his office on Wednesday against state capture.

But while the address by Makhura, who is also Deputy Chairperson of the ANC in Gauteng, resonated with the crowd, he omitted to reveal the possible candidates for that prison.

"I am not captured. They tried and I refused to be captured."

Without mentioning the Gupta family by name, Makhura told the cheering crowd that a failed attempt had been made on him and members of his government.



**ARREST THEM:** Gauteng Premier David Makhura addresses thousands of COSATU followers who marched, along with SACP members, in protest against corruption.

In an apparent endorsement of the COSATU and SACP campaign, Makhura said "state capture warranted the attention of us as leadership of government and alliance partners". He said everyone in government had to deal with cor-

ruption and overcome it. While Makhura was given 14 days to respond to the demands, he assured the marchers that their copy of demands was going to reach the office of President Jacob Zuma before noon on Wednesday. *The Star*

## DA wants Zuma to appoint SABC board immediately

CAPE TOWN - The DA has called on President Jacob Zuma to appoint the SABC board immediately.

This after the interim board's term expired on Tuesday, without Zuma bothering to appoint the board recommended to him by Parliament three weeks ago.

In a statement from the presidency on Tuesday, it said Zuma was "still applying his mind".

DA MP Phumzile van Damme said in a statement released on Wednesday the work of the permanent board is especially important in the wake of the SABC's annual report for the 2016/17 financial year. "The report paints a grim picture about the state of the SABC's financial affairs," said Van Damme.

"The SABC's contingent liabilities currently stand at R956.7m, which the report flags as a major risk to the broadcaster. This is due to the corporation currently being embroiled in a number of lawsuits.

This exorbitant amount could potentially cripple the already ailing SABC," she said. Van Damme is also concerned about: - Recorded losses of R997m after taxes;

- Fruitless and wasteful expenditure of R145.99m;

- Irregular expenditure of R4.4bn, of which R514.95m was due to procurement policies not being followed;

- Hlaudi Motsoeneng's bonus - R11.5m for 2016/17 financial year; and total director and key personnel's compensation - R79.71m.

"Thus, there cannot be any delays. President Zuma must appoint the board immediately to ensure that they get to work on restoring the SABC back to the world-class broadcaster it once was," said Van Damme. Van Damme also wants the SABC and Communications Minister Ayanda Dlodlo to engage Parliament on the SABC's financial recovery.

*News24*

## Heavy jail term for convicted baby sellers

DURBAN - They sold a six-month-old baby boy for R2 500 and an air conditioner which they pawned for R600.

But now two women - who posed as a caring "teacher" and "social worker" - will spend an effective 20 years and 10 years respectively behind bars after being convicted of human trafficking laws, kidnapping, corruption and money-laundering. In spite of their pleas of innocence, Tazley Msweli and Sibongile Ndimande, who both live in the Pinetown area, were convicted of all charges by Pinetown Regional Court Magistrate KQ

Hadebe and were sentenced this week.

The biological mother of the child, who lives in Durban's Point area, testified that she had met Msweli at hospital where she had taken her baby because he was sick.

She said she had "poured out her heart" to Msweli about her dire financial situation. While Msweli claimed the mother contacted her some time later and asked for her help in finding a home for the child, the mother denied this, telling the court: "Even though I was poor I would not give up my child."

Evidence was that Msweli was

the mastermind and charmed Ndimande into getting involved in the money-making scam.

They went round to the mother's house, posing as a teacher and social worker and made promises that they could assist in getting groceries for her. They persuaded her to go to town to do shopping. When she went inside to buy the groceries, they offered to hold the baby.

When she came out five minutes later they had disappeared with the child. The "adoptive" mother, who cared for the baby for six months before being caught, managed to raise R2 500 as an "administration

fee" and offered them the air conditioning unit to make up the balance. She said she presumed the baby had been abandoned but conceded that proper adoption procedures had not been followed.

She too was arrested and pleaded guilty in 2016 before another magistrate. She received a sentence of correctional supervision and a fine. When she testified at Msweli and Ndimande's trial, she spoke of how she could not have her own child, was desperate for one, and how she got to love the baby. It was devastating when he was taken away. *News24*

## 'Whites only' job ad removed after 20 days

CAPE TOWN - An advert specifying that "only white candidates" should apply for a digital design position in the Western Cape was removed from a local recruitment website on Wednesday afternoon - more than 20 days after it was posted. People Solved, based in Cape Town, posted the advert on September 5 at the behest of one of its clients.

No deadline for applications was provided in the advertisement which called for applicants for an intermediate to senior user experience (UX) design post.

The package was estimated at R420 000 per annum. "Please note. Only white candidates," the advert read. It did not specify the name of the company seeking to fill the position.

It was also not known how many applications the advert had since garnered.

People Solved Director Simon Hill said the advert was removed as soon as News24 had alerted them to the "mistake".

"We are investigating the incident and as you've seen, immediately removed the advert when we noticed it," Hill said.

"I can tell you this is the first of its kind that something like this happens."

Hill said a junior employee posted the advert without checking the content.

Companies send the information about vacancies to administrative officers who then process it and post it onto the website, Hill said.

"I can assure you that we do not accept anything like this."

Hill did not want to disclose the name of the relevant company.

"We will be talking to the company and possibly reviewing if we still want to work with them [in future]," he said. *AFP*

## Deputy speaker among thousands protesting state capture

CAPE TOWN - Deputy National Assembly Speaker Lechesa Tsenoli's presence loomed large during Wednesday's nationwide marches against state capture, as the senior alliance leader vowed that he could no longer remain silent on the matter.

Parliament is investigating allegations of state capture against the controversial Gupta family, who have been accused of using their friendship with President Jacob Zuma to loot the state coffers.

Thousands of workers aligned to COSATU on Wednesday took the fight against state capture to the streets, where they also showed they wanted Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa to replace Zuma.



The protest also became a platform to once again intensify calls made by COSATU and the SACP for Zuma to step down as President.

Tsenoli, who marched in Nelspruit, Mpumalanga, said his participation would not affect the investigations of Parliament into state capture.

"I am not part of those commit-

tees who investigate state capture and I do not participate in their investigations," he said.

Tsenoli, a central committee member of the SACP, said his participation in the march was to deal with the inappropriateness of state capture. "I am a member of the SACP and the ANC and cannot remain

silent on these matters," he said.

SACP boss Blade Nzimande urged all public sector unions to set aside their differences and focus on stopping "parasites" from stealing their pension funds.

Nzimande, who is also the minister of Higher Education, made the call to labour unions despite Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba's assurances that government employees' pension funds were safe.

He said the call for the ANC to "self correct" was just like a mirage, saying "it would never happen".

Despite some anticipating looting and mayhem in Cape Town's CBD, the march went off without incident on Wednesday.

*Cape Times*



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## BRIEFS

## NGO migrant rescue boats threat

**TRIPOLI** - Libya's navy warned it will seize activists' boats on migrant rescue missions that enter its waters unauthorised, after a run-in on Wednesday with a German vessel during which a warning shot was fired. "This time we avoided an escalation. In future, we will seize the boats of NGOs that do not respect Libya's sovereignty," said navy spokesman General Ayub Kacem. The Libyan coastguard earlier boarded a boat operated by Germany's "Mission Lifeline" which had picked up 52 migrants at sea. *Reuters*

## More than 10 dead in floods

**KAMPALA** - Rainstorms in western Uganda caused flooding that swamped houses, killing at least 13 people including two babies, police said. Rubanda district police commander Ramathan Tai said officers in the rural town of Nfasha recovered seven bodies during a heavy rainstorm on Tuesday night and found six more the following day. "There are reports of some people missing, but we are yet to establish the number as some homes were washed away during the rainstorm," Tai said. *AFP*

## Options to ease migrant pressure

**ROME** - Italy has turned to its homegrown African entrepreneurs for help in easing the economic pressures driving hundreds of thousands of migrants onto the country's southern shores. In a small initiative billed as symbolically significant, Rome's foreign ministry this week unveiled a programme under which business people with African roots are offered financing to pursue job-creating projects in their countries of origin. *AFP*

## Hundreds seek sanctuary

**ACCRA** - Hundreds of Togolese nationals have fled to neighbouring Ghana to escape reprisals after a wave of anti-government protests, a Ghanaian official said. Paddy Tetteh, from the Ghana Refugee Board, said the first batch arrived last Wednesday and although numbers had since fallen, more were still trying to come in. "They are close to 300," he told *AFP*. Most were in the northern district of Chereponi, close to Ghana's eastern border, he added. Chereponi chief executive Abdul Razak Tahiru told reporters that food, mats, bedding and mosquito nets had been distributed to the refugees. *AFP*

## AU laments US travel ban

**ADDIS ABABA** - The African Union on Wednesday expressed its "bewilderment" at US President Donald Trump's inclusion of Chad on an updated and open-ended travel ban list issued at the weekend. In a statement the AU said it had been "perplexed" by the presence of three African countries - Libya, Somalia and Sudan - on Trump's original travel ban, and welcomed the removal of Sudan from the new list, issued on Sunday. But it criticised the "unjust" inclusion of Chad, a country with a long history of cooperation with the United States on counter-terrorism. *AFP*



# Algeria plans to introduce wealth tax

**ALGIERS** - Algeria will implement a wealth tax for the first time next year as part of measures aimed at securing new sources of finance after a sharp fall in energy earnings, Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia said on Wednesday.

State finances of the OPEC member North African nation have been significantly hit after a more than 50 per cent drop in oil and gas revenue.

Oil and gas account for 60 per cent of the state budget and 95 per cent of total exports.

That has forced the government to consider long-delayed reforms, including turning to Islamic financial services and developing the country's stock market, which now has a low level of liquidity.

Authorities have also started



**PLANNING:** Algerian Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia.

reducing public spending and have set import restrictions in a bid to cut the value of goods shipped from abroad.

Ouyahia said the implementation of the wealth tax from

early 2018 would affect about 10 per cent of the country's 41 million people.

"This tax will not concern 90 per cent of Algerians," he told Parliament. *Reuters*



**SUPERSTAR:** Haven Shepherd, 14, was born in Vietnam but after losing both legs (inset) she was adopted by the Shepherd family from Missouri when she was 20-months-old. She learned to use prosthetics and is now an aspiring Paralympic swimmer (right) after taking up the sport four years ago. She's also signed up to a modelling agency (left) to inspire others with disabilities.

## Genocide talk 'not justified'

**GENEVA** - The president of the Central African Republic pushed back on Wednesday against the UN warnings of looming genocide in his country, saying the complex crisis could not be reduced to religious and ethnic strife.

"We think that to talk about genocide at this stage is going too far... it is not justified," President Faustin-Archange Touadera told reporters in Geneva after addressing the Human Rights Council.

He was asked about comments from the recently depart-

ed United Nations humanitarian chief, Stephen O'Brien, who said renewed clashes in the country had "the early warnings signs of genocide".

Touadera countered that the factors fuelling the violence varied significantly in different places, with cases where people were fighting members of their own ethnic group or even their own family.

The conflict is partly driven by competition for land and resources like diamonds and timber, among other factors, the president said.

*AFP*



**PUSHED BACK:** Central African Republic President Faustin-Archange Touadera.

## Mugabe government 'behaving irresponsibly'

**HARARE** - President Robert Mugabe's government has behaved in an "irresponsible" way in the face of a growing economic crisis, and the fears of Zimbabwe's citizens are "legitimate", a leading association of churches said Wednesday.

In a strongly-worded statement, the Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC) said the government had lost the trust of citizens and should urgently try to regain it.

"Zimbabweans have lost trust that the government is sincere in addressing national problems when they see the government officials choosing to send their children to foreign schools and being treated in foreign hospitals," it said.

The latest crisis in Zimbabwe emerged over the weekend, when fuel queues resurfaced and panic buying of basic commodities gripped some stores.

It came as fears abound that the country is facing a repeat of the 2007-2008 crisis that saw empty store shelves and fuel stations on the back of foreign currency shortages.

The ZCC, which groups 26 different denominations, said the fears of citizens were legitimate.

"In a situation where there are winding queues at the fuel stations, it is irresponsible for any government official to insinuate that all is well in our nation," the statement says. *News24*

## UGANDA TO SCRAP PRESIDENTIAL AGE LIMIT

**KAMPALA** - Uganda's Parliament on Wednesday took the first step towards scrapping the presidential age limit that would allow long-standing ruler Yoweri Museveni to stay in power.

Tempers flared for a second day over a plan, backed by members of President Museveni's National Resistance Movement (NRM) party, to table a constitutional amendment doing away with age limits, allowing the 73-year-old to run for a sixth consecutive term in 2021.

MPs brandished microphone stands, threw punches and clambered over benches as security officers sought to remove 25 lawmakers barred by Speaker Rebecca Kadaga after engaging in another brawl on the same issue the day before.

Despite the disruption, Raphael Magyezi's motion seeking to introduce a private member's Bill proposing the removal of age limits was passed with an overwhelming cry of "Aye!" from government MPs after leader of the parliamentary opposition, Winnie Kiiza of the Forum for Democratic Change (FDC), led a walk-out.

"We are not going to be part of Museveni's life presidency project," Kiiza said.

Supporters of the motion argued that age limits discriminate against the elderly.

"Age should not be a factor that hinders the rights and freedom of any Ugandan to vie for the post of a president," said Moses Balyeku.

*AFP*



# World News



## Three-year-old takes reign as new 'living goddess' in Nepal

**KATHMANDU** - A three-year-old girl has been named the new Kumari of Nepal's capital Kathmandu after her predecessor retired when she reached puberty, continuing an ancient tradition that sees young girls worshipped as "living goddesses".

Trishna Shakya was anointed as the new Kumari in a ceremony yesterday, when she will be taken from her family home to live in a palace in Kathmandu's ancient Durbar Square where she will be cared for by specially appointed caretakers. She was selected from among four candidates, Uddhav Man Karmacharya, a Hindu priest who attends to the Kumari, told AFP on Tuesday.

"She will take her place on the Kumari's throne after we perform prayers and tantric rituals," Karmacharya said.

Once she is anointed a living goddess, Shakya, who, like her predecessors, belongs to the Newar community indigenous to the Kathmandu valley, will only be allowed to leave her new home 13 times a year on special feast days.

She will be paraded through Kathmandu in ceremonial dress and elaborate makeup to be worshipped. **AFP**

## Zuckerberg fires back at Trump over Facebook barb

**SAN FRANCISCO** - Facebook chief Mark Zuckerberg fired back at US President Donald Trump on Wednesday after he accused the leading social network of being "always anti-Trump".

Zuckerberg rejected the notion, countering that Facebook is working to ensure "free and fair elections" with an online platform that does not favour one side over another.

Zuckerberg's post at Facebook came after Trump accused the social network of bias in a morning tweet that read:

"Facebook was always anti-Trump. The Networks were always anti-Trump hence, Fake News, @nytimes(apologised) & @WaPo were anti-Trump. Collusion?"

Early morning Twitter tizzies have become a hallmark of Trump's presidency.

"Trump says Facebook is against him. Liberals say we helped Trump," Zuckerberg said in his post.

"Both sides are upset about ideas and content they don't like. That's what running a platform for all ideas looks like." **AFP**

**LOST HIS COOL:**  
Facebook chief  
Mark Zuckerberg.



## Putin in Turkey for talks on weapons, Syria

**ISTANBUL** - Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday met his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan for talks on Syria and a key weapons deal, hoping to strengthen an increasingly active relationship that has troubled the West.

Despite a regional rivalry that goes back to the Ottoman Empire and the Romanov dynasty, Russia and Turkey have been working closely since a 2016 reconciliation ended a crisis caused by the shooting down of a Russian war plane over Syria.

"Russia and Turkey are co-operating very tightly," Putin's spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said ahead of the one-day working visit by Putin to Ankara.



**IN TALKS:** Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Both Moscow and Ankara are pushing for the creation of four "de-escalation zones" in Syria to end the civil war that has raged since 2011.

Meanwhile, Turkey, a NATO

member, has signed a deal reportedly worth \$2bn to buy S-400 air defence systems from Russia, a move that has shocked its allies in the alliance.

But while Putin and Erdogan are at pains to project an increasingly productive relationship, a shadow could be cast by Monday's independence referendum in Iraqi Kurdistan, which enraged Ankara, but which Moscow stopped short of condemning.

Turkey and Russia have been on opposing sides during the more than six years of war in Syria, with Russia the key backer of President Bashar Assad and Turkey supporting rebels seeking his ouster.

**AFP.**



**ABSOLUTE CREATIVITY:** London-based designer James Whitaker has produced photo-realistic renderings of the property, which is due to be built in the Californian desert next year. The house will be 2150 square feet with three ensuite bedrooms, a kitchen, living room and an exoskeleton formed out of shipping containers. According to Whitaker, the so-called Joshua Tree Residence has been commissioned by a film producer 'with a background in nurturing creative projects into fruition'. (Daily Mail)

## Trump's business tax cut seen as major boon for top 1%

**WASHINGTON** - Despite President Donald Trump's statement this month that "the rich will not be gaining at all," the tax plan that the White House and Republican leaders rolled out may contain more than \$1 trillion in breaks for the highest earners and the wealthy - at least without revenue offsets that remain largely unspecified.

"This is a huge tax cut for the top one per cent," Leonard Burman, Director of the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Centre, said on Wednesday after details of the plan emerged. "Impossible to square with the president's

rhetoric."

The tax framework sets up some suspense over where Congress will set the top individual income-tax rate - giving lawmakers flexibility to set it higher than the 35% mentioned in the document.

But another provision, which would slash the rate paid by owners of partnerships and limited-liability companies, is seen as a potential bonanza for people at the top of the income scale. The framework calls for capping the tax rate on such pass-through businesses at 25%. Businesses organised that way don't pay income tax them-

selves, instead passing earnings to their owners, who pay at their individual rates. Owners with high business incomes, who currently face a top rate of 39.6%, are in for major tax relief, policy analysts said.

In describing the newly proposed tax rate, the framework cites its impact on "small and family-owned businesses," but pass-through entities range from mom-and-pop grocers to major, closely held businesses, including Trump's companies.

The tax plan is "not good for me," Trump said on Wednesday during a speech in Indianapolis to rally support. **news24**

## BRIEFS

### Abe dissolves lower house

**TOKYO** - Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe dissolved the lower house of Parliament yesterday, paving the way for a snap election that is expected to be held on October 22. The speaker of the house, Tadamori Oshima, read the statement of dissolution. Abe is widely seen as trying to reconsolidate his grip on power within the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party, so he can extend the term of his premiership next year. The dissolution of the more powerful of Japan's two-chamber Parliament comes more than a year before required by law. **AP**

### Island evacuation order

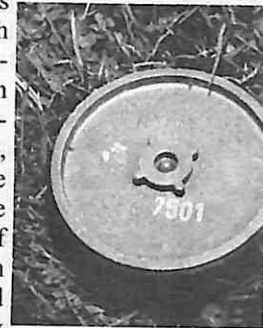
**WELLINGTON** - Vanuatu officials yesterday ordered the complete evacuation of an island in the Pacific archipelago where a rumbling, belching volcano is threatening to blow.

Government spokesperson Hilaire Bule said ministers decided they couldn't risk people's lives and so ordered the compulsory evacuation of Ambae island, which is home to about 11 000 people. Island resident Lilian Garae said she could see "smoke coming out from the hills" and hear regular booming noises from the Manaro volcano.

**AP**

### 80% landmines dismantled

**LA PAZ, BOLIVIA** - Chile has dug up and dismantled 80 per cent of the landmines planted along its border with Bolivia, belatedly complying with a landmark international treaty, Bolivia's defence minister said. The mines, a relic of the 1970s when Chile planted landmines along



its borders under the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet, have long been a source of tension with Bolivia. "The report is that (the Chilean military) have already dismantled 80 per cent of the mines."

**AFP**

### Fishy rain falls over Mexico

**Mexico City** - Civil defence officials in northeast Mexico say a light rain was accompanied by small fish that fell from the sky. Tamaulipas civil defence said in a brief statement that rain in the coastal city of Tampico included fish. Photos posted on the agency's Facebook page show four small fish in a bag and another on a sidewalk. According to the US Library of Congress, it's a phenomenon that has been reported since ancient times. **AP**

### Child shoots himself

**ST LOUIS** - A four-year-old boy is in critical condition in a hospital in the American state of Missouri after shooting himself in the mouth. The shooting happened in north St Louis. The child was also struck in the hand by the same bullet. The child's name has not been released and police have not disclosed whose gun he had or how he got it. The shooting was the second in four days involving a young child in St Louis. A two-year-old accidentally shot and killed his father.

**AP**





# IT'S A BE-YOU-TIFUL WEEKEND

By Nomfundo Sifundza

IT is the weekend we have all been waiting for, the weekend to fill up Mogambo.

However, the weekend will be started with laughter if not on a worship note tonight.

Have a great read as you choose your dose of fun this weekend;

## TONIGHT THREE KINGS OF FUNNY

Where: Happy Valley Hotel  
Time: 7pm

Laughter is indeed the best medicine. Go to the Happy Valley Hotel for some rib-cracking jokes from the country's three top comedians.

Dr Shakes, Mdura and Smallz are just the rightful comedians to usher you into a blissful weekend.

General tickets cost E150 whilst VIP E300.

## SEASON OF WORSHIP

Where: Sibane Hotel  
Time: 6pm

For the broken hearted or the hungry for Jesus people, this one is for you. Youth Effect and Harmony Trinity are ready to usher all into deeper levels of worship, come 6pm.

Tickets are selling at E100.

## TOMORROW GCWALISA MOGAMBO

Where: Esibayeni Lodge (Mogambo)  
Time: 7pm

Tomorrow it's going down. Illa Pen Boy hopes to achieve his dream of filling up a venue with fun lovers.

The likes of Crax, Magaya, the man himself Illa and a string of artists are lined up to perform at the Mogambo stage.

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not miss it.  
Tickets cost E80.

## TEA CUPS WITH CHARACTER

Where: Emfuleni Lifestyle  
Time: 2pm

Ladies here's one eye candy and ear candy, all in one.

Uzalo actor 'Mastermind' will be delivering motivational talk at Emfuleni Lifestyle at the ladies high tea.

Soul food will be rendered by the sultry Velemseni, Lyrikal Busta and Ncwiki Flex.

Entry is through a visit to the Matsapha Mobile Clinic first.

Dress code is of course summer dresses and fascinators.

## ISSA SUMMER SHOW

Where: Disco (Opp Alcapone)  
Time: 10pm

Pretty please get ready to

bend a little as Bhizer, yes 'Gobisiqolo' hitmaker will be in the country alongside DJs MBO, Karly B and Afrofan.

Entry fee is E60 presale, goes up to E80 at the gate.

## SHOTS AND SHADES POOL PARTY

Where: Coronation Park

Time: Noon

Are you in the mood for some 'at the beach feeling' Well the shorts and shades party is meant for you.

Dress up in your skimpy shorts and wear your classic shades, prepare entrance fee of E50.

Music will be from DJs Lunatic, Kats, and Bobotical.

Live performances will be from rappers

Marcus SD, Broken C'fer, Homeboys and many more.

## THE SPRING WARDROBE CLEAN

Where: Thashiano Spa (Cooper Centre)  
Time: 1pm

Where the ladies at?

The spring wardrobe cleaning is meant for all the fashion lovers out there.

There will also be inspirational storytelling and fashion exchange. Speakers will be Busi Ntsele and Nicola Theunissen.

## QONDILE DLAMINI'S RECORDING

Where: Lobamba Christian Revival Church  
Time: 6:30 pm

Gospel devotees, Qondile Dlamini will be recording her album. Come and get blessed by the gospel star.

Tickets: E 150 general and E 200 VIP.

## SPRING BLING 2017

Where: Malkerns Liquor Store  
Time: Noon

Malkerns Liquor Store presents the Spring Bling 2017,

launching a new android application. Entry is free; bring your camp chair and meat.

Music will be from DJs 711, Dukedee and many more.

## DURBAN SWAZI PARTY

Where: Eyadini Lounge (Durban)  
Time: 2pm till late

It's about that time of the year when Durbanites are treated to Swazi music, undiluted version.

Trust Nomalungelo Dladla, Adrienne Foo, Master P, KfTC, Lo and LomaSoul to represent the country well in the land of the Zulus as they spit Siswati music in fluent Siswati language.

The guest of honour will be TV star Dineo Ranaka and other South Africans featured include Big Nuz.

Entry fee is E100 general whilst VIP is E250.

## DJ M-ANDI'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Where: Hambanathi Sports Bar  
Time: 6pm

Ngwane hop master, Diba Diba is back on stage doing what he does best.

The rapper will be performing at DJ M-andi's birthday party featuring the birthday boy, The Scientists, NR, Mazwelany and many more.

Dresscode is black and white.

Entry fee is E30 before 10pm and E50 after.

## FUNTOWN SESSION

Where: Fonteyn, Funtown  
Time: Noon

Celebrating rapper Crax and Mavava's birthdays.

Performances will be from Crax, Clow Dee and J Era featuring Louis Lane.

DJs include Ziyawa kaZitha, MBO, Supa CDQ, Yugo and Deenox.

## FUNDRAISING GOSPEL SHOW

Where: Siteki Nazarene  
Time: 6:30pm

Siteki Nazarene Alumni Organisation presents the fundraising gospel show featuring Thabile Myeni, Police Gospel Messengers, Frans Dlamini and Amandla Egazi.

# Tendaness Live on YFM today

By Lusito Tsela

SWAZI music is definitely taking our neighbouring country South Africa by storm.

Just a week ago, Bholoja rocked Kaya FM and today it is DJ Tendaness' chance to shine on YFM.

Tendaness Manager Sibusiso Simelane revealed that the live interview will

see Tendaness opening up about his music, especially his single called 'Jika' where he features Bholoja.

## Production

"This is his biggest single and most importantly one of the most loved songs in the country at the moment.

The song is also the very reason he got an interview with YFM as they called right after being impressed with its mixing and production," he said.

Simelane said after the station played the song on air they started looking for 'this' DJ Tendaness and luckily enough the managing director of the station got hold of him on Instagram and left a message inviting him for an interview.

"As his manager, I contacted them and they confessed to loving the song and they requested for more of his music singles; 'Love me', 'Call on

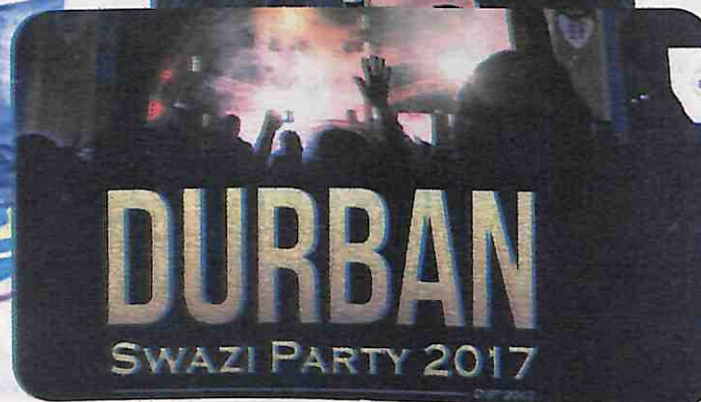
me' and the latest one called 'Solo' which will be played during the interview.

## Goals

However, Simelane said they are not expecting to gain much other than exposure for the Tendaness brand and the music as YFM is one of the most listened radio stations in South Africa, especially in Gauteng which is where the music industry is big. The single track 'Jika' is currently being played in a number of SA radio stations.

Simelane later encouraged aspiring

artists to believe in themselves and what they do, take advices, learn, work hard to improve their craft everyday and pray everyday as music and prayer go together. Over and above, he thanked the DJ's fans for the love and support that they have for the artist and his team. He expressed sincere gratitude to the fans for downloading, listening and sharing the music and also urged to continue sharing the music as it is their goal to reach a wider population as with their endless love and support, Swazi music can be known in all parts of the world.





# FNB SMOOTHFEST VIP, WVIP TICKETS FLYING OFF THE SHELF

By Ayanda Dlamini

**TICKETS to the third edition of the FNB SmoothFest are selling fast as WVIP tickets are almost sold out, with a few VIP tickets left.**

According to FNB's Communications Specialist Sibusile Sigwane, the demand

for the tickets to the event set to take place on October 21 at Riders Ranch is high. She said this is the evidence that the public was yearning for the comeback of the event.

Sigwane said the tickets to the event are limited as they intend to keep the event intimate, hence she urged all interested in being a part of this year's event

to purchase their tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

This year's event will feature renowned jazz and Afro soul legends such as Jimmy Dladla, Zonke Dikana, Amanda Black, Nomalungelo Dladla, Floewe Dladla, Apple Gule, DJ Mixmash and Ntombz on the decks and will be hosted by SA Idols Judge Somizi Mhlongo.

"This year's fest promises to be a cut above the rest as it is scheduled to commence with a lifestyle event in the afternoon where there will be various exhibitions on site at Riders Ranch. We urge locals not to miss out on a show that promises to leave a lasting impression and memorable experience to all music revellers," Sigwane said.

Tickets to the FNB SmoothFest, which was highly praised by the acting Minister of Public Service Owen Nxumalo, are available at Computickets and Shoprite.

VVIP Tickets cost E725, E485.



**GIFTED:** Twins of a Kind.

## Twins Of A Kind for Vaal Monateng

By Ayanda Dlamini

**TALENTED house music duo 'Twins of a Kind' has just scored their first international gig.**

The DJs hailing from the Lubombo region will be headlining at Vaal Monateng Cafe on Monday and sharing the turntables with South African heavy weights such as Vinny Da Vinci, DJ Claude, Banger Boys Goddard and Vaal resident spinners.

According to their Manager DJ Kish, the duo will also have interviews and live mix on Thatha FM and VUT FM on Monday before their show.

Twins Of A Kind are two young boys; Thabiso Ndwandwe (23) from Buhleni and Mukelo Magongo (21).

### Duo

The duo has travelled around the kingdom, dishing out their much

loved mixing skills and they are also known for their energetic performances on stage.

Twins Of A Kind has been privileged to share the stage with both international and local acts.

They have shared the stage with Black Motion, Miss P, Vinny Da Vinci, Shota, DJ Sdunkero, locally the Scientists and MBO, just to name a few.

### Events

Twins Of A Kind has performed at big events such as The Big 5 Crossover, Spirit of Motion Invades Swaziland and many other big events locally.

Twins of a Kind is among the artists to perform tomorrow at Fill Up Mogambo.

The local duo dreams of taking their mixing skills to the outside world.

They promise to lift the Swazi flag on their international gig.

## SNCAC summons models

By Ayanda Dlamini

**SWAZILAND National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC) is calling all models and directors in the country for a meeting where they will be discussing rules and regulations of modelling.**

This was confirmed in a statement by Swaziland Beauty Pageant committee member

Catherine Potgieter yesterday. The meeting will be held at SNCAC offices in Manzini next week Thursday.

### Discuss

"We will discuss the rules and regulations for modelling in Swaziland and we invited all modelling houses, directors and owners to come through.

"The meeting will commence from 9 am," said Potgieter.

## Sands, Msandi, Nonhle spoil Indlovukazi

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**HER Majesty the Indlovukazi was spoiled for choice when three of the newest albums were presented to her on Wednesday at Dvokolwako.**

This was during Her Majesty's visit to the Dvokolwako Old Age Centre as Philani Maswati Charity Organisation Patron.

Her Majesty smiled throughout the day after award winning Afro soul musician Sands presented his gold status selling CD 'Sands of Time' to her.

Nonhle Mthethwa also presented her new album titled 'Lo Jehova Wayizolo' which contains tracks like 'Ungijwayela kabi Sathane.'

Poet and praise singer Msandi Kababa also presented his 'Ngcwele Ngcwele' album to her Majesty.

The poet's CD is his first attempt as a gospel poet and contains mostly prayers and backing sounds in which he features Nothando Hlophe, Phiwokwakhe and Linda Dlamini.

The three artists were thrilled to have had the opportunity to present their material to Her Majesty.

The three also presented their albums to Prophetic Healing and Deliverance Ministries Prophet Walter Magaya who was the dig donor of the day.

Magaya splashed E1 million to the old age home.



**FOR YOU:** Sands presenting the 'Sands of Time' album to Her Majesty the Indlovukazi at the Dvokolwako Old Age Centre on Wednesday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**JEHOVAH WAYIZOLO:** Nonhle Mthethwa smiles as she hands over her new album to the Indlovukazi.



**WITH PLEASURE:** Indlovukazi receiving Msandi Kababa's 'Ngcwele Ngcwele' album.



International  
Celebrity News

## Azealia Banks spills tea

**LOS ANGELES-** Azealia Banks is outchea spilling tea on Cardi B – on how she came up with her song 'Bodak yellow.' Allegedly Cardi had relations with her boyfriend's friend – in exchange for the no. 1 hit song. Now Azealia is known for being a real hater – so we're not sure we believe her. *MTO*



SPILLS TEA: Azealia Banks.

## Rob Kardashian sues Blac Chyna

**LOS ANGELES-** In paperwork obtained by the Daily News, the reclusive reality star says the mother of his 10-month-old daughter Dream "consumed a significant amount of drugs and alcohol" then tried to choke him with a phone cable last December. "Chyna lunged towards Rob with an iPhone charging cable and attempted to strangle Rob," the lawsuit states. "Chyna was purposely trying to hurt Rob and struggled with him as she tightened the iPhone cord around Rob's neck." Kardashian says he managed to



SUING: Rob Kardashian with Blac Chyna.

escape Chyna's grasp, but she continued to chase him. She "repeatedly struck him in the head and face," and ripped the collar of his shirt, he claims. *Daily Mail*

## Playboy founder dies

**HOLLYWOOD -** Sex sells and Hugh Hefner found a way to sell it perhaps better than anybody in the 20th century.

The founder of Playboy and the publishing house built up around the pioneering men's magazine, which combined sex and intellectual stimulation, has died. He was 91. "Hugh M. Hefner, the American icon who in 1953 introduced the world to Playboy magazine and built the company into one of the most recognisable American global brands in history, peacefully passed away today from natural causes at his home, The Playboy



NO MORE: Hugh Hefner.

Mansion, surrounded by loved ones," Playboy confirmed in a statement to E! News. *Eonline*

## Kim reveals moment she fell for Kanye West

**HOLLYWOOD-** Kim Kardashian revealed during a milestone special Sunday that she fell in love with Kanye West after he invited her to Paris following her split from Kris Humphries.

The 36-year-old reality star said she fell 'madly in love' with the rapper as soon as she landed and wondered why they had not started dating



HOW IT STARTED: Kim Kardashian.

remember hanging out with him." *Daily Mail*

sooner.

She shared the romantic backstory during a 'Keeping Up With The Kardashians: 10th Anniversary Special' hosted by the show's executive producer Ryan Seacrest, 42.

"I met him in 2002 or 2003. He was recording a song with Brandy and I was her friend and vividly

## SA Celebrity News

## Babes Wodumo gets people talking

**JOHANNESBURG -** Gqom Queen Babes Wodumo is no stranger to short shorts and showing some skin. However in a recent post on her Instagram, Babes may have just attempted to 'broken the internet'.

The ganda ganda singer captioned the picture "When it's 'only U'?" and people went crazy for the picture which shows her butt cheeks out of her shorts.

The gqom queen got mixed reactions for the picture but we are pretty sure she wasn't bothered in the least. *Drum*



MIXED REACTIONS: Babes Wodumo.

## You destroyed my life - Brickz rape survivor

**JOHANNESBURG -** A statement from the young woman who was raped by kwaito artist, Sipho Charles Ndlovu, better known as Brickz, was read out in court yesterday morning by the state prosecutor.

Sentencing proceedings are currently underway at the Roodepoort Magistrate's Court where Brickz was found guilty of raping a 17-year-old girl in 2013. Through a signed statement that was read out in court, the survivor said she was "bleeding with anger". "It is heart-breaking that I will never be able



SLAMMED: Sipho 'Brickz' Ndlovu.

to be proud of myself. You took away my happiness. Every night I cry and ask myself what did I ever do to you?" read part of the statement. *Sunday World*

## Nasty C offers R100k reward to find 'priceless' laptop

**JOHANNESBURG-**Nasty C has pleaded with fans and has offered a R100 000 reward to anyone who can help him find a laptop, which was stolen by thieves during a house robbery at his home in Johannesburg last week.

The rapper took to social media on Wednesday evening to make the request, explaining that the laptop contained music he was working on for over a year.

Nasty C's record label, Mabala Noise told TshisaLIVE that they decided to issue a public plea because the laptop was very important to the rapper.

"Police have been trying to locate



DESPERATE: Nasty C.

all of the items lost in the robbery but the laptop is very important to Nasty C and so we decided to appeal to his fans for help".

*Sowetan*

## Thuso Mbedu scores Emmy nomination

**JOHANNESBURG -** Television starlet Thuso Mbedu has just scored an International Emmy Awards nomination.

The 23-year-old actress is nodded for her role as young heroine Winnie in Mzansi Magic drama 'Isithunzi'. Thuso will compete against Brazilian actress Adriana Esteves, English goddess Anna Friel and German star Sonja Gerhardt

"It's still surreal. I think it keeps processing as the day goes by. I have moments where I cry, just thanking God. I have moments where I remember everything I had to go through to get to where I am," Thuso said.



FLYING HIGH: Thuso Mbedu

"Isithunzi was a project that I got after not working for six months". *TMZ*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Iris finds herself on the wrong side of the law. Thandi's happiness with Bhekumuzi is derailed by the arrival of an old acquaintance. A call from Thandeka to S'bu leads to devastating consequences.



PHONE CALL: Thandeka.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Eddie is close to cracking the Duncan shootout case. Nina makes a shocking discovery about who is behind her recent robbery. Presence of an ex rocks Rajesh and Gqothalo's relationship.



SHOCKING DISCOVERY: Nina.

Muvhango

TODAY

Livhuwani is at the end of her wits with her husband. Matshidiso cries on Rashaka's shoulder. Vusi shows an interest in another girl.



IN PAIN: Matshidiso.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Bongi can't get through to the outside world. David and Andiswa strengthen their union. Sifiso and Rene start trying to make the relationship take wings. Nomalanga makes a startling proposal to Lerato.



RECEIVES PROPOSAL: Lerato.



PICTURE OF THE DAY

When you see her first time



When you're in a relationship with her



When she becomes your Ex



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

### Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Today, material things have a great deal of importance for you—perhaps a dedicated search is in order for a very special item. You may feel that now is the time to create a place for family and home, not necessarily to own possessions. Your love of family and home and lack of interest in external affairs, be they friend or work-related, needs to be noted and kept in balance.



time could be some kind of high-water mark for your career. You will have recognition for your works. At the same time, a change of direction may be in order—perhaps toward more inwardness. There is a surge of independence, a need for freedom and an interest in trying new and different things.



### Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You learn things that may shake your confidence and alter your world view. While such experiences can be unsettling, they are ultimately beneficial. Travel and education play a part in this—they tend not to turn out as expected—but that's not necessarily all bad. It may be hard to organise today. The secret to getting through the questionable times is to go-with-the-flow of events—do not force things.



### Leo July 23 – August 22

Your career may be at a rather delicate point. It could be hard to find solutions or make the right decisions about how to proceed. The whole process could be a bit sluggish. You may have to be patient. This is not a hard task for you, but while you are biding your time you might consider getting rid of what does not serve your purpose—clear away or give away the old.



### Virgo August 23 – September 22

Fate sends opportunity your way if you listen to your instincts and give your natural sense of curiosity a free rein. Travel and education can help uncover some of the answers that will give you the power or advantage you seek. Mass communications can be financially rewarding in some way—think about advertising, broadcasting and publishing. Decisive action is the main order of business now.



### Libra September 23 – October 23

High-level differences of opinion represent an important area of change in your life now. A whole new perspective is available to you at this time.

You know just how to apply new changes to your way of living and may even look forward to the variety and challenges that come now. You are called on to make use of your natural abilities and common sense.



### Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Legal controversy is best avoided now, if possible. It is far better to settle out of court than to fight to the end. Educational plans need changing as well: you may want to further your education so as to move higher in your profession. Anything connected with publishing, advertising or broadcasting requires reexamination; a change of plans or perspective gives you the upper hand.



### Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

You are at your best with regard to practical matters and work-related affairs. Events may line up in your favor and push you over the top to new heights. A promotion or recognition for past accomplishments is in the near future. Now is a time during which you could accomplish a lot through sheer discipline—control of your energy and drive. You may find yourself working through any emotional pockets and working with your feelings—a very strong time.



### Cancer June 22 – July 22

You make your way now by using practical vision and common sense. This



## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## BOND . . JAMES BOND

### PUZZLE CHOICE

Can you find the James Bond movie titles, characters and actors listed below? They may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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ADZNOCIOIALLDZWMIV  
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BENVRJTCBEHIGRINS  
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LADIEANOTHERDAYTG

A VIEW TO A KILL, DIE ANOTHER DAY, DR NO, GEORGE LAZENBY, GOLDENEYE, GOLDFINGER, HONEY RYDER, JAMES BOND, JAWS, LIVE AND LET DIE, MAGDA, MONEYPENNY,

MOONRAKER, NAOMI, NICKNACK, ODDJOB, PIERCE BROSNAN, ROGER MOORE, SEAN CONNERY, TEEHEE, THUNDERBALL, TIFFANY CASE, VARGAS, WHISPER.

## LOL

Laughing at Loud

### Dumb Brian

Brian, one of the world's greatest hypochondriacs, bumped into his doctor one day at the supermarket. "Doc!" Brian exclaimed, "I've been meaning to tell you, remember those voices I kept on hearing in my head? I haven't

heard them in over a week!" "Wow! What wonderful news Brian! I'm so happy for you!" his doctor exclaimed. "Wonderful?" asked a dismal looking Brian. "There's nothing wonderful about it. I'm afraid my hearing is starting to go now!"

## USELESS FACTS

- Humans are born craving sugar.
- Radishes are members of the same family as cabbages.
- The red food-coloring carmine—used in Skittles and other candies—is made from boiled cochineal bugs, a type of beetle.
- Casu Marzu is a cheese found in Sardinia that is purposely infested with maggots.
- The softening agent L-cysteine—used in some bread—is made from human hair and duck feathers.

## BRAINTEASERS

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### Yesterday's brainteasers

- If a red-house is made of red bricks, has a red wooden door, and a red roof, and a yellow-house is made of yellow bricks, has a yellow wooden door, and a yellow roof, then what is a green-house made of?

Answer: Glass.

- What can run, but never walks? Has a mouth, but never talks? Has a head, but never weeps? Has a bed, but never

sleeps?

Answer: A river.

#### Today's brainteasers

- The man who made it doesn't want it. The man who bought it doesn't need it. The man who needs it doesn't know it. What am I talking about?
- This word I know? Six letters it contains. Take away the last .... and only 12 remains. What is the word?





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### Idols

**Sunday 17:00 Mzansi Magic (161)**

After such a strenuous results evening last Sunday, things will only get more difficult for the contestants as more of them are shed every week. Vote to make sure your favourite doesn't fall foul to the axe.



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## 'Tis the season for new shows

*In the spirit of lightness and being the ears on the ground for viewers, All Access Mzansi season four returns with the front row pass to all hot and trendy events at 21:30.*

M-Net's local entertainment channel, Mzansi Magic brings back all new season of its hit shows to level the play field in October.

Heartbreaking truths will be revealed on Tuesday, October 10 at 20:00 on 'Utatakho' season five when Nimrod Nkosi takes the journey less travelled in a quest to help those on their path to find their biological fathers and dealing with the joy and pain that comes with learning their genetic background using DNA testing. More heart wrenching, gripping and dramatic endings will unravel as they come to learn truth about their parentage. Joining the team to offer psychological counselling and life coaching is Tshepiso Matentjie, who will guide families

to deal with the revelation the best way they know how.

In the spirit of lightness and being the ears on the ground for viewers, All Access Mzansi season four returns with the front row pass to all hot and trendy events at 21:30. Tune in to find out which presenters hold the keys to the world of entertainment.

Come Wednesday, October 11 at 20:00 'Papa Penny Ahee' season two hit the small screens. If you think you have seen it all, prepare to walk a mile in his shoes as he shares the reality of being a disco king.

From creating a palace; trying to connect with long-lost family to his wife claiming her independency

and trying to lead a healthier lifestyle. We don't know what he'll say or do next - It is never a dull moment Ahee! Make a date with Papa Penny and you might just be in on the secret.

In the wake of Thursday, October 12 at 20:00 Mzansi's favourite family, 'The Ranakas' will gather around for a feast of drama when season two makes its debut with massive preparations underway for a wedding. Sibling rivalry reaches boiling point between the three sisters. Mama Siba sees a gap to pursuing her passion for cooking.

Dig in on season two of the popular cooking reality series, 'Let's Eat With Siphokazi' returning on Friday, October 13 at 19:30. The

hit among culinary fans which promises a fresh tantalising menus as this season's guests visit Siphokazi at a location of her choice. We also get a glimpse of her famous guests' homes to give viewers a taste of the celebrity life. "At Mzansi Magic we believe in creating content that resonates with the viewers and that is on the forefront of entertainment trends. We aim to create content that is captivating and entertaining.

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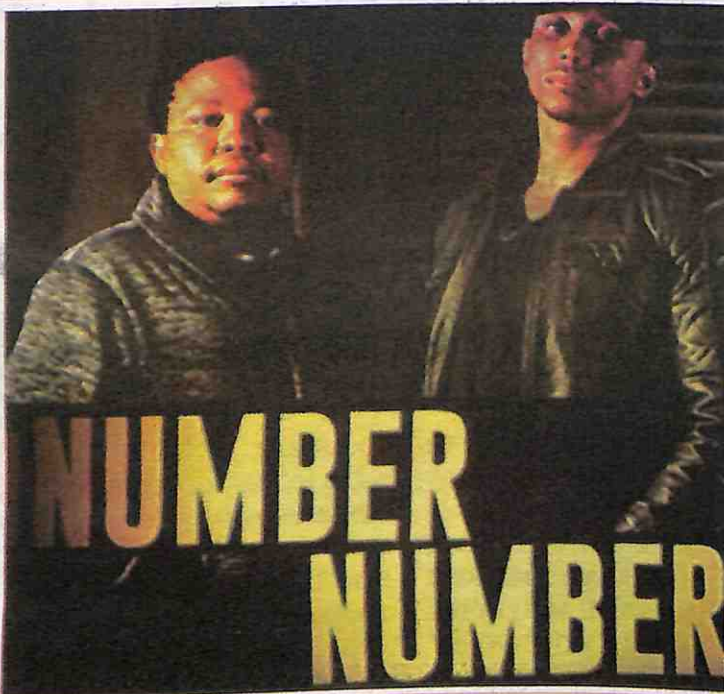
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13 DEATHS

Andrias Lomakhiza Matisa



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
01/10/2017

PLACE: ZOMBODZE

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni kutsi Andrias Lomakhiza Matisa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngelintfo 01/10/2017 emva kwemlindzelo lotaba ngemgcibelo 30/09/2017 ekhaya lakhe ka Zombodze. Inkonzo yesikhumbuto itoba seSibetsamoya ka Zombodze nga 2 pm. Kwatiswa baka Mkhabela ekhabonina eNgculwini, baka Dlamini kala Mgabhi, baka Ndwanwa eLwandle, baka Dlamini ka Hhohho nelibandla lakhe esi Betsamoya ka Zombodze. Inkonzo yakusihlwa icala nga 9 PM, yemngcwabo nga 4 AM. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Make Ndwanwa umkakhe egameni lemndeni.

Sisana Malta Msibi



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
01/10/2017  
PLACE: MANZANA ENKAMBENI

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni Ta Sisana Malta Msibi kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Inkonzo yakhe yekumfihla itaba sekhaya kibo ku Manzana Enkambeni ngelintfo 1/10/2017 ngemuva kwemlindzelo ngemgcibelo. Kwatiswa baka Msibi ku Malakatsa, Baka Dlamini e ENgcayisi, Baka Mabuza ekhaya kubo, baka Dvuba Enkoyoyo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Bhuti wakhe lomkhulu Enock Msibi.

Bongani Makoya Matsebula



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
29/09/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
PLACE: ESIDWASHINI

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Bongani Makoya Matsebula kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, lobekahlala eSidwashini e Dark city. Kulindzwelewa ngaleSihlanu, utofihlwa ngemgcibelo nga 06:00AM 30 September 2017. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe Velaphi Clement Matsebula.

Spycose Zweli Mandla Mlota



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
29/09/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
PLACE: KWALUSENI

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Spycose Zweli Mandla Mlota kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, kwatiswa baka Mlota eBhunya nase Mbabane, baka Dlamini eKhabonina, bantfwa bakhe kanye nelicembu lakhe lebhola. Kulindzwelewa ngalesihlanu 29/09/2017 afihlwe ngemgcibelo ekuseni 30/09/2017 ekhaya kubo e Kwaluseni eMzamo etitolo. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise Richard Mabhafane Mlota egameni lemndeni.

Sthembile Florence Dlamini



FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
PLACE: LOBAMBA

Relatives and friends of Sthembile Florence Dlamini are notified of her sudden death. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 30th September 2017 at Lobamba. Announcement by Sandile Simelane Grandson



Sidzandzane Norah Vilakati



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
29/09/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
PLACE: MADVUMA

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Sidzandzane Norah Vilakati wase Nsengalotalwa ngu Magwayane Vilakati na Lomancusa Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Vilakati eNsenga nebaka Nkhosi e Nsingweni, nebe lisontfo lakhe e New-Mbuluzi, nebaka Job skop. Ufihlwa ngemgcibelo 30/09/2017 (05:00) hrs emva kwemlindzelo ngelweSihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

Phindile Renlee "Mphonyane" Magongo



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
01/10/2017  
PLACE: ENKHANINI

Relatives and friends of Phindile Renlee "Mphonyane" Magongo are notified of her sudden demise. There will be a memorial service at Job Church in Zion at Lobamba starting at 3:00 PM ON Saturday. Night vigil at here parental home Lobamba enkanini. Funeral on Sunday 1/10/2017. Announcement by her parents Musa J Magongo

Samkeliso Patric Mamba



VIGIL: FRIDAY  
29/09/2017  
FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
PLACE: MADVUMA

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni nebangani ba Samkeliso Patric Mamba kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Usishiye emhlabeni 20 September 2017 emvakwekugula. Utawufihlwa endweni yakhe yekugcina 30 September 2017 emvakwemlindzelo lotaba ngalesihlanu 29 September 2017 ekhaya ka Mamba ku Madvuma. Kwatiswa baka Mamba, baka Gamedze ekhabonina, bekhakhakhe nelibandla laka God is Able labekashumayela khona batochuba umsebenzi longasekho ngu Pastor Samkeliso Mamba. Lokhipha simemetelo ngu Babe wakhe Gideon Mamba.

Linah Thembi Ntombela



FUNERAL: SATURDAY  
01/10/2017  
PLACE: LUDZIDZINI ZOMBODZE

Tihlobo nebangani ba Linah Thembi Ntombela tatiswa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni ufihlwa Saturday 30/09/2017- Parental home at Old Ludzidzini Zombodze. Announcement by Jabu Ntombela.

Dr David Mkhumbuzi Manyatsi



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
01/10/2017  
PLACE: SIGCINENI

Relatives and friends of Dr David Mkhumbuzi Manyatsi are notified of his demise. A mass service will be held on Saturday 30/09/2017 at Manzini Cathedral starting at 1300 hrs. Funeral service will be on Sunday 01/10/2017 after a night vigil at his home in Sigcineni. Funeral will start at 05:30 am. Rest in peace Scandza. Announcement by his wife on behalf of the family.

Lomabhunu Joana Magagula Mnsi



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
01/10/2017  
PLACE: KALOMAHASHA

Friends and Relatives of Lomabhunu Joana Magagula Mnsi are advised of her passing away, funeral plans are for this Sunday after a night vigil from Saturday night at her home Kalomahasha RIP Mvulane. Announcement by Gideon Mthembu.



Ntombikayise Gadlela



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
01/10/2017  
PLACE: SHEWULA

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Ntombikayise Gadlela lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu Kayise, lobekatalwa ngu Phyllis Ntfombi Dlamini na Dan Gadlela, kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utofihlwa ka Shewula, ku Hhwahhwalala nge Lisontfo Mhla ka 1 October 2017 emva kwemlindzelo. Kubikelwa bekhobonina ka Dlamini ka Shewula, ku Hhwahhwalala, nebakubo ka Gadlela e Phonjwane, kanye nalabekasebenta nabo e TruWorths ka Manzini.

Tryphinah Lokutsela Mkhathshwa



VIGIL: SATURDAY  
30/09/2017  
FUNERAL: SUNDAY  
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PLACE: EDLANGENI

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Make Tryphinah Lokutsela Mkhathshwa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Mkhathshwa ka Velezizweni, nase Nkili, ne bekhaya kubo ka Makama e Ncabaneni. Utawufihlwa ngelintfo mhla 1 October 2017 ekhaya kakhe eDlangeni kakhoneka, ngemuva kwemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo. Kutawuba neMemorial service eJohn Wesley (kaGogo) ngeMgcibelo nga 2pm ntsambama. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Johannes Mhlabathi Mkhathshwa egameni lemndeni.

# JOB 13:15

Though He slay me,  
yet will I hope in him;  
I will surely  
defend my ways to  
his face.

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the broken-hearted; he  
rescues those whose  
spirits are crushed.

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when so much hope  
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## 'COMPLETE' MBAPPE PRAISED AFTER PSG THRASH BAYERN

PARIS - Kylian Mbappe was singled out for praise despite being the only member of Paris Saint-Germain's superstar attack who didn't score in Wednesday's big Champions League win over German giants Bayern Munich.

Dani Alves, Edinson Cavani and Neymar netted as PSG eased to a 3-0 victory at Parc des Princes to make it two wins from two games in Group B and take a huge step towards progressing to the last 16.

But Mbappe, with his frightening pace and skill, set up Cavani's magnificent strike that made it 2-0 and left David Alaba for dead as he created Neymar's goal in the second half.

"Kylian is progressing well. He has great talent and great desire to help the team grow," said coach Unai Emery of the 18-year-old, who got the biggest roar of the night from the 45 000 home fans in the French capital when he made way for Angel di Maria late on.

"The idea when we signed him was that he would help the team grow and the team would help him grow too. His was a complete performance."

The French teenager was making just his second appearance at Parc des Princes since arriving from Monaco on an initial loan deal that will become permanent next year, for a fee rising to €180 million with bonuses.

### Potentially

Only Neymar, at €222 million, will have cost more in the history of football and along with Cavani, PSG look to have a potentially Champions League-winning strike force.

But they will need to remain in this form and avoid the kind of tensions that marred the recent win over Lyon, when Cavani and Neymar argued over who should take a penalty.

"The expectations on us were big, which is normal after the transfer window," Mbappe told Canal Plus. "It's just the beginning. We wanted to put in a big performance against a great team and we did it."

The 'MCN' attack have now scored 18 goals between them this season and they have also made PSG more adaptable, able to transform into a side that soaks up pressure before destroying opponents on the break.

"Normally we control games with possession against deep-lying defences. Today they defended higher and had the ball but we controlled the game without it," said Emery, whose side have scored eight goals and conceded none in two European outings.

"In the Champions League we must never think we are the best because we are not. There are lots of strong sides, and Bayern came here to impose themselves," said midfielder Marco Verratti.

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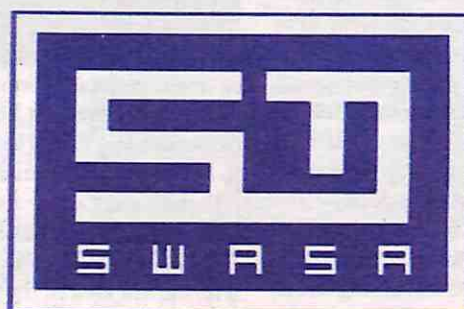
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# ANTONIO CONTE LAMENTS TIGHT TURNAROUND FOR CITY CLASH

**LONDON** - Chelsea boss Antonio Conte blasted Premier League schedulers over his side's short turnaround from Champions League action before facing high-flying Manchester City in a top-of-the-table clash tomorrow.

Conte's men put in a brilliant performance to inflict only Atletico Madrid's second Champions League defeat on home soil in 24 games on Wednesday, when Michy Batshuayi's 93rd-minute winner sealed a 2-1 victory.

However, the Italian lamented the advantage handed to City, who played their Champions League fixture at home to Shakhtar Donetsk 24 hours earlier on Tuesday.

"I think we are a bit penalised and in this case, it is very important to analyse, before taking these decisions, the different situations of the team," said Conte.

"City played yesterday at home. We played tonight away and we

will return to London around four o'clock (in the morning)."

City lead the Premier League from Manchester United on goal difference, with Chelsea three points back in third.

"Man City is a really strong team. They are scoring a lot of goals, they are in a good moment of form and we have to prepare well (for) this game because it is very important. "Before taking this decision someone must analyse very well this situation.

"There is the international break (after this weekend). My surprise is for this because there is the time (to play the game later)."

Conte was far more content with Chelsea's display as they battled back to claim a well-deserved three points despite falling behind to Antoine Griezmann's penalty five minutes before halftime.

Former Real Madrid striker Alvaro Morata stretched his scoring streak



**ANGRY:**  
Chelsea boss Antonio Conte.

to seven goals in as many games with a deft near-post header from the outstanding Eden Hazard's cross to level on the hour mark.

Morata and Cesc Fabregas then passed up huge chances before Batshuayi struck the decisive blow with the last kick of the game after

a patient team move tore a tiring Atletico to shreds.

"It is very difficult when Atletico Madrid score to come back, but despite this we deserved to win because we continued to play with good personality," added Conte.

AFP

## FA charges West Ham, Spurs after ugly melee

**LONDON** - The Football Association on Wednesday charged West Ham and Tottenham Hotspur for failing to control their players during their Premier League clash at the weekend.

Spurs won Saturday's derby at the London Stadium 3-2 but almost squandered a three-goal lead.

The Hammers were pressing for an equaliser in stoppage time when tempers frayed.

"West Ham United and Tottenham Hotspur have been charged by the FA following their fixture on Saturday," a statement from the FA said.

"It is alleged that in or around the 95th minute of the game, both clubs failed to ensure their players conducted themselves in an orderly fashion. They have until 6:00 pm on September 28, 2017 to respond to the charge."

Five players were cautioned by referee Michael Oliver in stoppage time.

West Ham's Andy Carroll, Winston Reid and Andre Ayew were shown yellow cards, while Eric Dier and Fernando Llorente were booked for Spurs.

The incident that prompted the charge came after a foul by Carroll, which drew angry reactions from both sides and saw four players booked. Ayew's caution for a foul came earlier in stoppage time.

Spurs were under pressure after being reduced to 10 men with 20 minutes remaining when Serge Aurier received a second yellow card.

AFP

## Kane is Tottenham's answer to Ronaldo, Messi

**LONDON** - Hugo Lloris believes Tottenham now boast their own superstar in Harry Kane just as Real Madrid have Cristiano Ronaldo and Barcelona have Lionel Messi.

Kane's first Champions League hat-trick against Apoel Nicosia on Tuesday secured Spurs a 3-0 victory and underlined the 24-year-old's status as one of the deadliest strikers in the world.

This year, Kane has 34 goals in 30 club appearances, including six hat-tricks. That is more trebles than Messi and Ronaldo combined, with the La Liga pair owning two each.

The England forward is also the top scorer in this season's Champions League, his earlier double against Borussia Dortmund

giving him five goals overall, ahead of Ronaldo's four and Messi's two.

Lloris said: "In every big team you have a big goalscorer. In Tottenham it is Harry Kane.

"I think for him he has got a lot of things to prove in the Champions League. He shows his quality and skills at the moment.

"Five goals in two games is fantastic and hopefully he will carry on in the same way for him and the team. We are not surprised about Harry, we know his talent, his skills, his aptitude to score goals and important goals.

"He is our main player, like in top teams, in Real Madrid you have Ronaldo, in Barca you have Messi." Kane is unlikely ever to get close to either Ronaldo or

Messi's glittering career records but excitement is growing around his potential for both Spurs and England, with a World Cup in Russia approaching next summer.

Lloris, who captained France for their home tournament at Euro 2016, insists Kane can handle the pressure. "Give him time. The most important thing is he is exigent towards himself. Then, for sure, he will lead the national team, he will lead Tottenham," Lloris said. "Ronaldo and Messi - they are from another galaxy but Harry has got so much potential to become one of the best. I am not worried, he is connected with the world, he is very calm, he is a hard worker and he is very ambitious". *Daily Mail*

## Vardy omitted from England squad

**LONDON** - Gareth Southgate has left Jamie Vardy out of the England squad to face Slovenia and Lithuania in the final two World Cup qualifiers.

It is reported that the Foxes hitman, who has scored five times in six Premier League outings this season, may have been omitted due to a hip injury.

Southgate has entrusted both Daniel Sturridge and Jermain Defoe, who have two goals between them this season, to vie for places with the in-form Harry Kane and Marcus Rashford up top.

Meanwhile there is a recall to the national squad for Manchester City midfielder Fabian Delph.

The City star, who has just 223 minutes of football under his belt this term, last played for the Three Lions in the 2-0 defeat by Spain in November 2015.

However, his wonder-strike against Crystal Palace last weekend will have done his chances of selection no harm at all.

*Daily Mail*

**OUT: Jamie Vardy.**

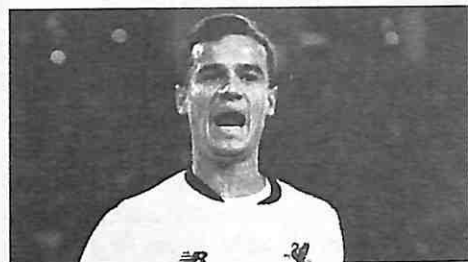


## Man City confirm Mendy's injury

**LONDON** - Manchester City have confirmed that new £52million signing Benjamin Mendy has ruptured the cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Mendy will have surgery in Barcelona today and faces a battle to play again this season, delivering a serious blow to City's plans. The France left-back suffered the injury against Crystal Palace last weekend in what was only his fifth appearance for City since moving from Monaco in the summer.

Mendy was sent to Spain to be assessed by specialist surgeon Dr Ramon Cugat and scans yesterday confirmed the serious ligament damage. A statement from the club read: "Manchester City can confirm that Benjamin Mendy has ruptured the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. "After initial tests in Manchester at the start of the week, Benjamin travelled to Barcelona to see a specialist doctor, where further examinations of the knee today confirmed the extent of the injury. "Benjamin will undergo surgery tomorrow in Barcelona, and everyone at the club wishes him a speedy recovery." Guardiola hinted at the severity of the injury after Tuesday's win over Shakhtar Donetsk when he compared Mendy's injury to that of Ilkay Gundogan who did not play for nine months after rupturing his ACL last season. The City boss also did not rule out buying a new left-back in the January transfer window after being linked with Southampton's Ryan Bertrand over the summer. The player himself tweeted after the news was confirmed, saying he was joining 'Injury FC' on loan but vowed to come back stronger. *Daily Mail*



**100%: Philippe Coutinho.**

## Coutinho insists he will give club his 'maximum'

**LIVERPOOL** - Philippe Coutinho insists the Barcelona transfer episode is over and he remains committed to the Liverpool cause this season.

Liverpool held their ground when Barcelona came calling for Coutinho this summer and the saga dragged on all the way to deadline day and beyond. The Premier League club were even forced to deny offering Coutinho to the Catalans on the last day of the window. After an extended spell on the sidelines at the start of the season, Coutinho has returned to the Liverpool starting XI, scoring in their last two games. In the wake of the Reds' 1-1 draw at Spartak Moscow in their Champions League group game clash, Coutinho has re-affirmed his commitment to the club. "I'm calm. It's all passed by," he said. "I'm here to defend the colours, to give my maximum." On the result at the Otkrytiye Arena, which leaves the Reds still winless in Group E, Coutinho was keen to stress the positives. *Daily Mail*



# CARLO ANCELOTTI 'SACKED' AS BAYERN MUNICH MANAGER

**MUNICH** - Carlo Ancelotti has left Bayern Munich after just over a year in charge following their 3-0 Champions League defeat at the hands of Paris St Germain, according to reports in Germany.

Bayern, German champions last season under Ancelotti and for each of the

last five seasons, have had a mixed start to the campaign. They suffered a 2-0 defeat to Hoffenheim before drawing 2-2 at home to Wolfsburg in the league, having been two goals ahead. Ancelotti's assistant Willy Sagnol will take over on a temporary basis, with former Borussia Dortmund boss Thomas Tuchel

likely to be at the head of the queue to replace the Italian full-time.

Chief Executive Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has previously discussed the mutual admiration between himself and Tuchel, while there is a desire to see a German manager take control at Bayern again for the first time since

Jupp Heynckes' reign, which ended in 2013. At a team dinner following the PSG loss, Rummenigge blasted the squad, saying: "What we saw today was not Bayern Munich. I think we can all agree on that. Looking at your faces, I don't think there's anyone who has not understood that." Former Real Madrid

and Chelsea manager Ancelotti took charge of Bayern in July 2016 following Pep Guardiola's departure to Manchester City. He continued Bayern's domination of the Bundesliga, winning the league by 15 points from second placed RB Leipzig.

*Daily Mail*

## Weekend Sports Fixtures

...Compiled by Sibusiso Dlamini

### MTN Premier League

Saturday at the Somkholo National Stadium  
Tambuti vs Royal Leopards 3:30pm

Saturday at the Mavuso Sports Centre  
Matsapha United vs Vovovo 2pm  
Red Lions vs Young Buffaloes 4pm

Saturday at the Killarney Stadium  
Malanti Chiefs vs Manzini Sundowns 3pm

Sunday at the Somkholo National Stadium  
Midas City vs Moneni Pirates 11am  
Green Mamba vs Manzini Wanderers 2pm  
Mbabane Highlanders vs Mbabane Swallows 3pm

MTN National First Division  
Friday at the Mavuso Sports Centre  
Hub Sundowns vs Tabankulu Callies 7pm

Saturday at the Manzini Club  
Bad Boys vs Madlenya 3pm

Saturday at the Tabankulu Stadium  
Sikhalo se-Africa vs Manzini Sea Birds 3pm

Sunday at the King Sobhuza Stadium  
Amalanda vs Milling Hotspurs 1:30pm  
Hlathikhulu Tycoons vs Tinyosi 3:30pm

Sunday at the Killarney Stadium  
Mbabane Citizens vs Mahlalini 3pm

Swazi Trac Hhohho League  
Southern

Tomorrow at Casino Sports Ground  
Swazi Sun vs Wizards 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Ntsetse Sports Ground  
Burning Spear vs Emajukujuku 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Maphalaleni Sports Ground  
Billy Ocean vs Kupheleni 3:30pm

Sunday at Hhukwini Sports Ground  
Sibuyeni vs Vusweni 3pm

Sunday at Veni Sports Ground  
PMT vs Sibovini 3pm

Northern Zone  
Tomorrow at Ntfontjeni Sports Ground

Vultures vs N. Swallows 1:30pm  
M. Arsenal vs Kappa Kappa 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Prison Sports Ground  
Mvuma vs Ndeva Galaxy 1:30pm  
19 Celts vs B. Swallows 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Buhleni Sports Ground  
Horo Spinners vs Pachanga 3:30pm

Sunday at Prison Sports Ground  
Manchester vs Khanjane Rover 3pm

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League  
Promotion

Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground  
Real tec vs Double action 1:30pm  
White City vs Mb. Celtics 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground  
Veni Cosmos vs Mb. Arsenal 3:30pm

Sunday at Sidwashini Sports Ground  
Intersats vs Pinevalley 1pm  
Sidwashini vs Sandla 3pm

Sunday at Msunduzi Sports Ground  
Pot O Gold vs FC Vaal 11am  
Supersport vs Amawele 1pm  
Corporation vs Gordon Stars 3pm

B. Division  
Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground

Thembelile vs Mantsholo 1:30pm  
Mangwaneni vs Movers 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground  
Lusoti vs Mphalati 1:30pm

Sunday at Police Sports Ground  
The Wallers vs Junction stars 11am  
R. Dynamos vs Free Style 1pm  
Classic vs N. Rangers 3pm

Sunday at Sidwashini Sports Ground  
Mpolonjeni vs Mbabane Utd 11am

Pots Construction Sigangeni League  
Tomorrow at Sigangeni Sports Ground

Real Touch vs Men Unlimited 1:30pm  
Kangaroo vs Young Heroes 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Ntsetse Sports Ground  
Total vs Celtics 1:30pm  
Burning Spear vs Majukujuku 3:30pm

Sunday at Sigangeni Sports Ground  
Sigangeni vs Cannibals 11am  
Chiefs vs Eagles 1pm  
Fighters vs Villa Sport 3pm



Sunday at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground  
Golden Stars vs Real United 1pm  
Community vs Ntsetse 3pm

Futis Nkhaba League  
Tomorrow at Majotini Sports Ground

Majotini vs Nkoyoyo 1:30pm  
Super Stars vs Marisburg 3:30pm

Sunday at Majotini Sports Ground  
M. Celtics vs Dribbling Stars 11am  
Atletico vs Barcelona 1pm  
Brothers United vs Bafana 3pm

Sikhumbuto Timpisini League  
Tomorrow at LFTC Sports Ground

Juventus vs Besutswini 9am  
Ellengence vs Y. Savilla 11am  
Mb.Y. Swallows vs Mv. All United 1pm  
Young Bombers vs Vusweni 3pm

Tomorrow at Ndlalambi Sports Ground  
Gunners vs Msahweni 1pm  
Young Stars vs Stone breakers 3pm

Tomorrow at Ngonini Sports Ground  
H. Pirates vs Kudwaweni 3pm

B. Division  
Sunday at Ndlalambi Sports Ground

Golden Arrows vs All Stars 9am  
Young Tigers vs Njakeni United 11am  
Star Wanderers vs Choppers 1pm  
Blue Birds vs Sikheleni 3pm

Sunday at LFTC Sports Ground  
Superstrokes vs JB Arsenal 9am  
Mb. Swallows vs Matsamo 11am  
Soccer rose vs Njakeni 1pm  
Mv. Sundowns vs AK 47 3pm

Shark Mhlangatane League  
Eastern Stream

Tomorrow at Machibini Sports Ground  
Real Aces vs Ximen 1pm  
Tigers vs Rovers 3pm

Tomorrow at Makweya Sports Ground  
H'defenders vs Cosmos 1pm  
New Castle vs Seven Stars 3pm

Sunday at Manjengeni Sports Ground  
M. Bombers vs Manjengeni 3pm

Sunday at Makweya Sports Ground  
T. Wizards vs Liverpool 1pm  
Makweya vs swallows 3pm

Buy Cash Pigg's Peak League  
Sunday at Malanda Sports Ground

Citizens vs Rise & Shine 11am  
Bush Bucks vs Maguga 1pm  
Darkies United vs Phophonyane 3pm

Sunday at Lazwane Sports Ground  
Mpolonjeni vs White Killers 11am  
Supersport vs Mangwaneni 1pm  
Thuluzobona vs Hotspurs 3pm

South Star Mzimba League  
Promotion

Tomorrow at Hhukwini Sports Ground  
Bush Bucks vs Rangers 1:30pm

Barcelona vs Kasiko 3:30pm

Tomorrow at Nsukumbili Sports Ground  
Chiefs vs Monaco 1:30pm  
Cosmos vs Rebels 3:30pm

Sunday at Nsukumbili Sports Ground  
Swallows vs Sundowns 2pm

Sunday at Hhukwini Sports Ground  
Rhinos vs Timbungulu 9am  
Top centre vs Arsenal 11am  
Rhumba Stars vs Green Sea 1pm  
Sibuyeni vs Killers 3pm

Bakhanyisele Mabulala & MP Menzi Dlamini Maphalaleni League  
Eastern stream

Tomorrow at jubukweni Sports Ground  
Jubukweni vs Happy Tigers 1pm  
Early Sunset vs Love & Peace 3pm

Sunday at Jubukweni Sports Ground  
Rollers vs Sunrise 11am  
Academy vs Top Classic 1pm  
Happy Fighters vs Hill Stars 3pm

Sunday at Ararati Sports Ground  
Lunkanka vs Sphambanwen 3pm

Western stream  
Tomorrow at Maphalaleni Sports Ground

Hotspurs vs Thuluzobona 1pm

Tomorrow at Bizza Sports Ground  
Young Stars vs Liselesele 11am  
Junior Stars vs XI Experience 1pm  
Luvunjelo vs Barcelona 3pm

Sunday at Maphalaleni Sports Ground  
Manchester vs Professionals 1pm  
Young lovers vs Blue Birds 3pm

Sunday at Bizza Sports Ground  
Umkhokha vs Killers 1pm  
Rangers vs Khulungwane 3pm

FA rainbow stationery Manzini Super League  
Tomorrow at Golden Sports Ground

Malkerns vs Maliyaduma United 1:30pm  
Stumbo's XI vs Sisonkhe 3:15pm

Tomorrow at Mankayane Sports Ground  
Seven Dreams vs Moyeni United 3:15pm

Tomorrow at Ntandozi Sports Ground  
Cutter Cosmos vs Luyengo Foxes 3:15pm

Saturday at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground  
Mhlaleni United vs Young Warriors 3:15pm

Saturday at TB Centre Sports Ground  
Kwaluseni Rebels vs Luvu Cosmos 3:15pm

Tomorrow at Ludzeldudze Sports Ground  
Boyane Young Aces vs Nsuka United 1:30pm  
Ludzeldudze Killers vs Ludzeldudze Brothers 3:15pm

Sunday at Ludzeldudze Sports Ground  
Ludzeldudze Brothers vs Seven Dreams 3pm

Sunday at Zakhele Sports Ground  
Sisonkhe vs Ludzeldudze Killers 3pm

Sunday at Nsuka Sports Ground  
Nsuka United vs Stumbo's XI 3pm

Sunday at Mkhuzweni United  
Moyeni United vs Luyengo Foxes 3pm

Sunday at Mankayane Sports Ground

Young Warriors vs Cutter Cosmos 3pm

Sunday at Nkhundleni Sports Ground  
Luvu Cosmos vs Mhlaleni United 3pm

Sunday at Golden Sports Ground  
Malkerns vs Boyane Young Aces 3pm

Sunday at Maliyaduma Sports Ground  
Maliyaduma United vs Kwaluseni Rebels 3pm

Manzini Promotion League  
Tomorrow at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground

Kholwane F. Birds vs New Generations 1:30pm  
Siboniso Selwandle vs Combine Stars 3:15pm

Saturday at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground  
Wonderful Touch vs The Bones 1:30pm

Sunday at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground  
FC North vs Home Sparrows 11am  
Fairview Chiefs vs Young Tigers 1pm  
Superstars vs Africna Chiefs 3pm

Sunday at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground  
Two Sticks Com. vs Big XI 11am  
Villa Stars vs Lwandle Classic 1pm

OK Foods Kwaluseni Promotion League  
Saturday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground

Royal Swallows vs Mhlane United 1:30pm

Sunday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground  
Fashion International vs Nhlambeni Real Heroes 11am  
FC Logoba vs Nsenga Comrades 1pm  
Kwaluseni United vs Ntunja Arsenal 3pm

Sunday at Ludzeldudze Sports Ground  
Real Professionals vs Amajita 11am  
Sacrament vs Gocweni Trompies 1pm

Sunday at Zombodze Sports Ground  
Zama United vs Swazi Wire 12pm  
Zombodze United vs Dark City 2pm

S & S Malkerns Promotion league  
Saturday at Ka-Ndinda Sports Ground

Ndinda Volcanoe vs Troublemakers 1:30pm  
Home Talent vs Makhungutsha 3:15pm

Tomorrow at Mahlanya Sports Ground  
Don Don vs Star Point 1:30pm  
Mahlanya United vs Current Toasters 3:15pm

Tomorrow at Dwaleni Sports Ground  
Dynamite Hotspurs vs Home Boys 1:30pm  
Gebenli vs Ngodini 3:15pm

Sunday at Golden Sports Ground  
Swazi Can vs Phondo 1pm

Sunday at Dwaleni Sports Ground  
Power Sparks vs Vickery Nomads 2pm

Malinda Lubombo FA cup E20 000 knock-out competition  
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Tomorrow at Mpaka Stadium  
Promising stars vs Seven stars 1pm  
Young aces vs Bhelebane 1pm

Super league  
Liverpool vs cpl 3pm

Sunday  
Bhelebane vs Young aces 1:30pm  
Seven stars vs Promising stars 1:30pm

E85 000 Tee and Jay Lobamba Regional Football League  
Promotion

Tomorrow at Enkalakatha  
Ezulwini Aces vs L. Cosmos 1:30pm  
City Stars vs L. Sunrise 3:30pm

Elangeni  
Vutha vs L. Dynamos 1:30pm  
E. United vs Fast Reaction 3:30pm

Lobamba  
Liwakawaka vs M. Invaders 3:30pm

Sunday at Elangeni  
E. Vultures vs Real Masters 1:30pm  
Lusito Lions vs Emaselesele 3:30pm

Enkalakatha  
Prime Spurs vs E. Rangers 3:30pm

B. Division  
Tomorrow at Elangeni

Luvu Killers vs Zabenli All Stars 11:30am

Enkalakatha  
Servest vs Silomo 11:30am

Lobamba  
M. United vs Smuza-muza 1:30pm

Sunday at Enkalakatha  
Ezulwini FC vs Power Stars 9:30am  
Scorpion vs Stoke City 11:30am  
X-Eleven vs S. Classic 1:30pm



# RSSC GOES BEYOND SUGAR WITH FITNESS CHALLENGE



**WATCHFUL:** Overall winner in the female category Khetsiwe (standing) looks on as other participants execute the challenge known as overs and unders.

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SPORTS - FITNESS** supplies the best things in life: health, happiness and harmony.

In its 'Beyond Sugar' drive, which seeks to express social responsibility and great opportunities, RSSC hosted a fitness bootcamp challenge, a gruesome circuit where participants sweated it out to win the challenge.

RSSC Group Public Affairs Manager Sifiso Nyembe said as a company they were intent to go beyond making sugar, and support the social activities to ensure that our people are healthy. After all, they are the bedrock of our sustainability.

The company partnered with Fitness Zone to ensure the success of the challenge as part of RSSC's wellness initiatives.

The circuit started off with a 45-minute warm-up session which was followed by a two-lap run of about 800m around the Simunye Country Club soccer field. Fifty jack-knives, push-ups and suicide stations were conducted thereafter.

"Without much time to recover, contestants had to perform the low sled push which a majority of executed with perfection and dedication. They crossed the line with ease to get to the next station which was a twist to the traditional tyre flip as an explosive jump was introduced after every flip."

The only time participants got a breather was not to rest and drink water but to wait for their chance on the next challenge.

"What made this even harder was that each contestant had to do the course three times to complete the bootcamp."

The overall winner in the male category was Wenzokuhle Tfofo from Manzini while in the female category Khetsiwe Hlophe was the winner. Each of them received a cash incentive of E500 from Fitness Zone because the challenge was not an actual competition but a fitness initiative as RSSC continues to go beyond sugar through contributing to communities.

The company has a state-of-the-art gym at Mhlume, which is open to members of the community as well.

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## football talk

all your latest world football news

● Crystal Palace are keen to sign free agent Carlton Cole, 33, as none of their senior strikers are fit. (*Mirror*)

● Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho has sent scouts to watch 29-year-old Roma midfielder Radja Nainggolan. (*Sun*)

● Manchester United, Arsenal and Everton had scouts watching England Under-20 forward Keinan Davis' latest impressive display for Aston Villa. The 19-year-old scored his second Championship goal in Villa's 4-0 win at Burton. (*Mirror*)

● Gareth Southgate was expected to include Dele Alli in his next England squad yesterday - despite the 21-year-old Tottenham midfielder potentially facing a suspension. (*Mirror*)

● Former Manchester United defender Gabriel Heinze, 39, is in line to become Argentine club San Lorenzo's new manager. (*El Grafico - in Spanish*)

● Watford forward Richarlison, 20, decided to turn down an offer from Ajax and join the Hornets following a phone call from Manager Marco Silva. (*Watford Observer*)

● Liverpool playmaker Philippe Coutinho, 25, says he will give his 'maximum' for the club despite angling for a move to Barcelona during the summer. (*Daily Star*)

● Everton boss Ronald Koeman has warned 26-year-old midfielder James McCarthy not to take 'risks' with his fitness after being called up by the Republic of Ireland. (*Liverpool Echo*)

● Bayern Munich goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, 31, says he has been playing with a metal plate in his foot for the past nine years. (*Bild - in German*)

● Arsenal and Liverpool could play their Premier League match at Emirates Stadium at 16:00 GMT on Christmas Eve. (*Daily Telegraph*)

● But Liverpool will oppose any plan to switch their trip to Arsenal to Christmas Eve afternoon - with Reds' supporters having expressed concerns over the proposal. (*Liverpool Echo*)

● Thousands of migrant workers in Qatar, including those building stadiums for the 2022 World Cup, are being subjected to potentially life-threatening heat and humidity, according to new research from Human Rights Watch. (*Guardian*)

● Tottenham striker Harry Kane, 24, has revealed he is planning an extension at his home to display his hat-trick and man of the match balls. (*Daily Star*)



## DU'S CORNER

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# Y'ELLO SUNDAY: IT'S THE MBABANE DERBY TIME AGAIN!

IT is a game that not only divides families but it also literally divides the capital city into two spheres, one with red and white colours while the other is dominated by black and white colours.

It's the biggest game in the local football calendar without a doubt and not ideal for the faint-hearted ones. Somhlolo National Stadium will host this biggest fixture in the local league and sports writers usually run out of words to describe this game.

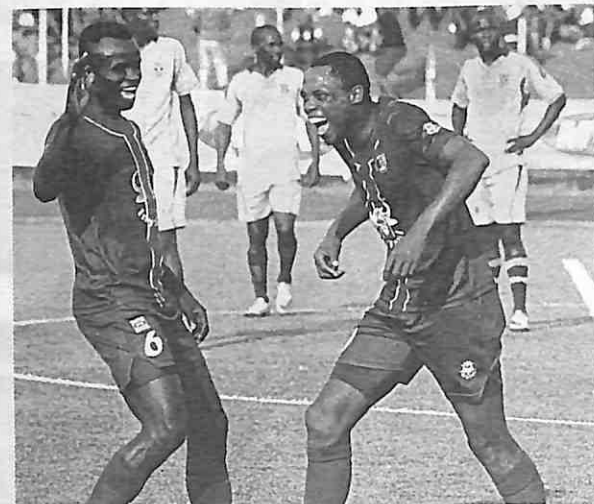
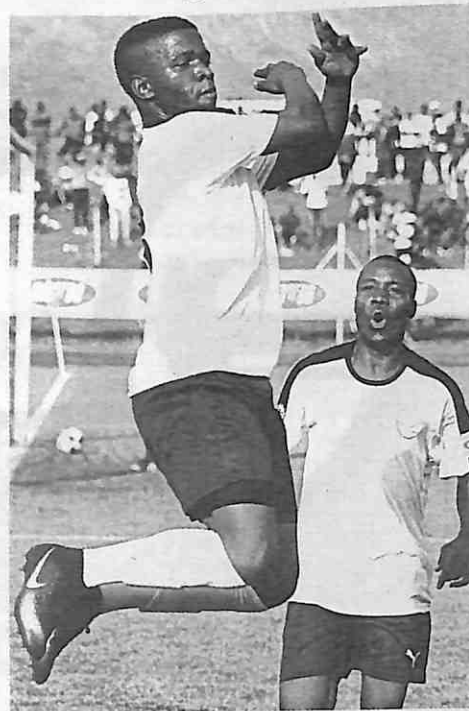
Whenever Mbabane Swallows and Mbabane Highlanders clash, you are guaranteed nothing but good football display. The same can be expected on Sunday at the country's only MECCA because no one can dispute that no game is bigger than this one, unless you are living in denial.

These are two great clubs in Swazi football with crowd-pulling capacity that could fill up the whole Somhlolo Stadium on any day. These clubs have a long-standing rich history and the first game between them was played in December 1952 at Velose Stadium, that has now become to be known as Swazi Plaza.

They have won and lost to each other over these years, sharing lots of trophies in the process.

The good thing about this game is that it attracts not just locals but

...triple-header at Somhlolo Stadium on Sunday promises nothing but football entertainment at its best



**VICTORY:** Mandla Palma and Sandile Hlatshwako celebrating their team's goal.

**ON AIR:** Mphucuko Dlamini joined by Michael Musonda in celebrating their goal in a recent match.

even people from outside the borders of this country make time to watch this game because it is huge. It must be known that both clubs have supporters outside the country, especially in areas around Mpumalanga and you can expect those to be part of the fun on Sunday.

### Important

We will also be having very impor-

tant guests from ministers to respected business people who will never miss this game for anything.

Above all, this is a game that attracts the two principal football leaders in local football, being Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze and National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS)

President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa. These two will be amongst the thousands expected at the stadium.

We feel blessed that these two will attend these games because we know how busy they are.

As you know, they are your Danny Jordaan or Irvin Khoza in South African football and we need to accord them that respect on Sunday.

### Marshals and supporters

The role of the marshals during such special games is very critical because they are entrusted with the responsibility to bring peace amongst the set of supporters.

This column wishes to encourage the marshals to stick to their task and ensure that we finish all the games without being exposed to any form of wayward behaviour. We have seen in the past marshals forgetting their duties and inciting fans to riot, something we do not want to see on Sunday.

The supporters also play an important role in ensuring that we watch violence-free games all the time by respecting the rules of the game and accepting results in the true spirit of sportsmanship.

We need to understand that football has three results, which is a draw, loss or win.

The supporters must avoid allowing emotions to override their reasoning on Sunday because we want to see peace. We are also expecting good behaviour from the players in the field of play because when they start exchanging unpalatable

words, it tends to incite the fans on the stands to join in, thus creating unnecessary chaos and disorder.

Let us all show maturity on Sunday and not behave like hooligans. After all, we will be having special guests and our sponsors, hence we need to create good advert for our football in those people's eyes.

### E10 000 hat-trick innovation most welcome

Premier league sponsors MTN Swaziland are never short of coming up with brilliant ideas during such games and Sunday is not different.

The mobile company announced that players that will score a hat-trick (three goals) in the three games to be played on the day, will pocket E10 000.

This means in 90 minutes, a player can be E10 000 richer if he scores the hat-trick and this is a huge incentive from the sponsors.

This should encourage the players to put more effort and provide fans with lots of goals. We really must thank MTN for such kind gesture because it shows that they want

to create excitement in the games. The onus is now on the players to deliver on Sunday and provide us with fun.

### Thank you Swazi Mobile

More and more companies are invited to sponsor other Premier League teams.

This column wishes to thank new local mobile company Swazi Mobile for joining in as partners of local football through their E10.5 million sponsorship for Premier League clubs. The benefiting clubs are Mbabane Highlanders, Manzini Wanderers, Madlenya FC and Tinyosi FC who will all benefit immensely through the generosity of Swazi Mobile this season.

The reality is that all clubs need sponsorships and we are thrilled that Swazi Mobile, despite being relatively a new company, has heeded to those pleas.

This is actually in line with His Majesty King Mswati III's 2022 vision and Swazi Mobile must be applauded for that. We actually need more companies like Swazi Mobile who will realise that sponsoring football is the way to go.

We hope to see more companies taking a leaf from Swazi Mobile and supporting clubs through such sponsorships which will in the long run help turn local football professional. The reality is that most local clubs have no such sponsors and find it difficult to handle the financial demands of playing in the Premier League.

Swazi Mobile are like a breath of fresh air and we are also happy that they did not waste time to be part of football. We can only appeal to all Swazis to embrace this company and support it by buying its products so that the teams can continue to benefit through the sponsorship. *Siyabonga Swazi Mobile!*

### From the PLS COO

Our Chief Operations Officer (COO) Mr Pat Vilakati is confirming that the entrance fee for Sunday's triple-header will be E40 at the gates.

He said the games will open at 8am and appealed to all football followers in the country to be part of the fun. He promised that transport will be made available to ferry supporters to their respective homes after the games.



# BUFFALOES' 'RIO' LIKELY TO BE OUT FOR FOUR MONTHS

...Army outfit express disappointment in referees for failing to protect their players not once but twice

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCKER – YOUNG Buffaloes have been dealt a blow following the injury of their defender Samkelo 'Rio' Lushaba, who is likely to be out of action for the next four months.**

The former Umbelelele Jomo Cosmos defender picked up an injury during the army side's MTN League tie against Manzini Wanderers at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Wednesday.

The player was transported to hospital after clashing with Wanderers' Kola Oladeon



in the dying minutes of the clash which ended in a 2-all draw.

The defender is the second player in the team to pick up a serious injury after captain Mphile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze, who was injured during their first

MTN League encounter against Mbabane Swallows.

Young Buffaloes PRO Sandile Gwebu said the player was hospitalised where he would spend the next two to three weeks.

"The player's injury is very serious. The doctors found out that he broke two bones in his the leg. If everything

goes according to plan, he will be on plaster for the next eight

weeks. But from the look of things he will be out for not less than four months," he said.

Gwebu said they were disappointed by the conduct of the referee on the night Thembinkosi Dlamini, whom he said failed to protect the player after the injury.

He said what was more disconcerting was the fact that two of their players have had their careers threatened due to injuries that occur under the referee's watch.

"As Buffaloes we are asking for protection from especially from referees. As it stands we have two of our players whose careers are hanging by the thread. The referee didn't even rule a foul on the glaring incident and we are really not happy," he said.

## We are grinding results- 'Birds' coach

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCKER – MBABANE Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati is happy to see his charges grinding positive results.**

Interviewed after his charges recorded a 2-1 victory against Manzini Sundowns at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Wednesday night, the coach said he was happy to have bagged maximum points at the end of the

encounter.

"The good thing is we are grinding results and that is what is needed at the end of the day. We started off well but Sundowns had a plan as well, which we realised a bit late. The team has energetic youngsters and our defenders failed to deal with the crosses, which resulted in us conceding the goal.

"I must also note that our goalkeeper Sanda frustrated us on the day and I am sure our players are also not happy. Nonetheless, we got the three points and I am happy," he said. The coach further said his charges did not get enough rest in the pre-season and that this had an impact on their performance.

"Yes the fluidity of our players is not the same as last season at this stage but I still believe it is because they did not get enough rest in the pre-season but we will regroup with time and get back to our best," he said. Manzini Sundowns coach Ernest Mavuso attributed their loss to lapses in concentration.

"Losing is always tough. Just when we thought we were on the right footing, we lost the pedal. I believe we could have done better during the game but were unfortunate to lose the match where we were the better side," he said. The coach stated that their target was to finish the league in a respectable position on the log. "We have a youthful squad which needs individual help. At the end of it all we need to fight and win games so we can end the season on a high note," he said.

The Mbabane giants scored through left back Sanele Mkhweli, who finished off a well floated Tony 'TT' Tsabedze corner kick 13 minutes into the game.

The Swallows' skipper added to their tally with an extraordinary stunner in the 63rd minute, leaving young Sundowns goalkeeper Lwethu Simelane mesmerised.

Meanwhile, attacking midfielder Justice Figuareto netted for the 'Kappa Boys' in the 36th minute when he connected a well played cross from Piatto Dube to beat his former goalkeeper Sandanezwe Mathabela.



**GRINDING:** Mbabane Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

## Golfers ready for RSSC Charity Golf tournament

By Sports Reporter

**GOLF – ALL roads lead to Mananga Golf Club this weekend as golfers will be on the course for charity.**

The tournament will be held at Mananga Golf Club tomorrow and approximately 22 companies are expected to compete in the tournament. The tournament is RSSC MD Nick Jackson's brain child it started as a small idea, aimed at creating another platform to enable corporate social engagement and investment, not only for RSSC but also the companies that also share in the value created in northern Lubombo.

This event is an excellent blend of business and pleasure.

"While we have fun on the course,

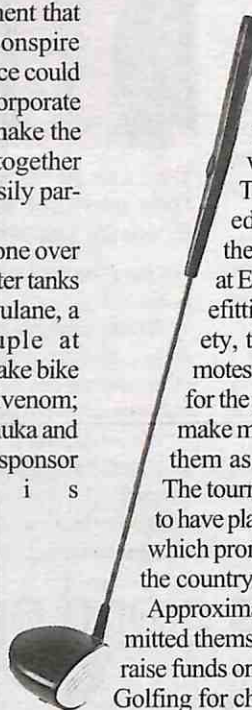
communities stand to benefit down the line. A few hundred citizens from various communities have benefitted from this activity," said Jackson. He added that the tournament was testament that if the nation could properly conspire against poverty, a huge difference could be made. "If we all use our corporate power and creativity, we can make the world a better place. Getting together helps all our stakeholders to easily participate in social investment."

Among the charity projects done over the past three years include; Water tanks for an OVC Care Point at Vuvulane, a house for an elderly couple at Madlangempisi, E100 000 to snake bike organisation for purchasing antivenom; and two boreholes, one at Khuphuka and the other at Hlane. The major sponsor

Augusta Enterprises (PTY) LTD also known as Castrol, noteworthy is that this is the second year the company sponsors the tournament.

Fantastic prizes will be won during the tournament and there will also be a raffle draw where players stand a chance to win one of four Mecer Tablets which were donated by Bizhub. Tickets for the raffle draw will be sold at E100 each. Apart from benefiting the needy in the society, the tournament also promotes the sport and opens doors for the youth within Tshaneni to make money through employing them as caddies for the golfers. The tournament also allows teams to have players as young as 10 years, which promotes the golfing sport in the country.

Approximately 29 teams have committed themselves in joining RSSC to raise funds on the golf course this year. Golfing for charity!



## We could have done better – Nyanga

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCKER – MANZINI Wanderers coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe believes his charges could have done better during their MTN Premier League encounter against Young Buffaloes.**

Interviewed after their 2-2 draw against the army side at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Wednesday evening, the veteran coach said they could have easily won the game but were let down by lapses in concentration. "We played well during the first half but failed to make use of our scoring chances. Coming to the second half, we dosed off in the opening minutes and were punished as Buffaloes managed to score their two goals.

"I am, however, happy we managed to make a comeback and scored the two goals to get a point from this game. I must say that

we cannot work like this going forward because these lapses in concentration will cost us dearly," he said. The coach said he was happy with his youthful squad but noted that he would have to balance it up with more experienced players. "I am happy 'Taribo' is now training because we need someone with experience in the finishing department especially because Kola is more of a workaholic in the midfield. We also have 'Shana' so I think we will do well. Wanderers are known for carpet football so we need to ensure we maintain this style and also strive for positive results. We need to start winning now," he said. Meanwhile, Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene said he was okay with the result. "I think we played well but just failed to convert our numerous scoring chances, but a point earned against a team like Manzini Wanderers is something else," he said.

## SNBL takes break for wheelchair basketball

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**BASKETBALL – THE Swaziland National Basketball League (SNBL) will this weekend take a break as attention shifts to the introduction of wheelchair basketball in the country.**

This was revealed by the association's Secretary Mandla Shongwe yesterday. "As the SNBA, we have embarked on a wheelchair basketball programme for individuals living with disabilities. We are at the initiation phase of the tournament but with time we are optimistic more people will join the sport," he said.

The programme is led by Jo Leung



from Cheshire Homes, and it is scheduled for this Saturday, starting at 9am. "We are working with Cheshire Homes on this and although we are still at the initiation phase, we are optimistic we will have more people joining the sport. I would also like to make special mention to Jo Leung from Cheshire Homes, who has been instrumental in putting

out a plan to have this type of basketball exist in the country."

Shongwe then pleaded with the all stakeholders in the sport to hold hands as they take a stride in the development of the sport. "As SNBA we plead that all basketball stakeholders be part of this wheelchair basketball practice session," he said.



# MTN PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS:

Malanti Chiefs 3 - 1 Red Lions

## Midas City play, loses against Vovovo

By Sibusiso Dlamini

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Vovovo.....(2)3

**SOCCER** - MIDAS City started this week with a bold demand for clarification from the Premier League of Swaziland and a threat not to play against Vovovo but guess what, they were on the field of play last night at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The Mbabane based side decided to play against Vovovo, reversing a threat to boycott the game because of PLS' failure to respond to an urgent letter they filed on Tuesday.

In the letter, Midas City asked for clarification on why Vovovo and Mbabane Highlanders were playing games in the elite league.

"We have received correspondence featuring us with a team, Vovovo FC to be played at Somhlolo National Stadium, on September 28 (yesterday). Our understanding and in terms of the 2016/17 MTN National First Division rules and regulations, the first two teams with the most number of points were to be automatically promoted to the MTN Premier League whilst all the remaining teams continue to compete at the First Division League" reads part of the letter.

### Bagging

They feel the presence of the aforesaid two teams (Vovovo FC and Mbabane Highlanders FC) renders the ongoing soccer league null and void and is open to putting the sport into never-ending disarray, disrepute and it opens all doors for protects to be lodged against these teams.

The match started with both sides serious about bagging maximum points.

City eventually broke the deadlock through Mangaliso Magagula, who scored a goal that will surely go down as one of the strong contenders for goal of the season.

Dlamini scored a beautiful screamer from about 40 yards out with Vovovo shot stopper Machawe Dlamini well beaten.

Their joy was, however, short-lived as former Mbabane Highlanders striker Mohamed Sabela levelled matters a minute later with an easy header after good transitional play against the run of play.

### Scramble

The match continued with both sides pressing to take the lead and Sabela eventually got his brace, finishing-off after a goal-mouth scramble. With 10 minutes before the second stanza, City were back into the match through Machawe Dlamini's strike.

He finished off from close range, after some good interchange of passes from the red and white ensemble. The match then went to break with the team locked at 2-2.

The second half saw both teams opting for a cautious approach but it was Vovovo, who scored the winning goal through Blessing Sande.

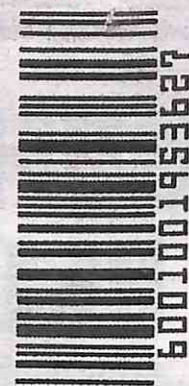
### LOG

Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1. Mbabane Swallows	4	3	1	0	7	4	3	10
2. Vovovo	4	3	0	1	6	2	2	9
3. Matsapha United	4	2	2	0	6	3	3	8
4. Young Buffaloes	4	2	2	0	7	5	2	8
5. Malanti Chiefs	4	2	1	1	9	9	0	7
6. Mbabane Highlanders	3	2	0	1	8	5	3	6
7. Manzini Sundowns	4	1	2	1	8	5	3	5
8. Royal Leopard	4	1	2	1	6	5	1	5
9. Manzini Wanderers	4	1	1	2	7	8	-1	4
10. Green Mamba	4	1	1	2	3	4	-1	4
11. Moneni Pirates	4	1	1	2	4	7	-3	4
12. Tambuti	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
13. Red Lions	4	0	1	3	3	10	-7	1
14. Midas City	4	0	0	4	7	11	-4	0



IF SPORTS IS YOUR BIBLE, THEN WE'RE YOUR CHURCH

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# SCORE A HATTRICK, GET E10 000

The first players to score a hatrick in each of the grand opening games will strike it rich, thanks to new promotion by sponsors MTN Swaziland

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER** - IT will be raining money in the MTN Premier League grand opening on Sunday as the sponsors will splash E30 000 to players who will score a hatrick during the triple header games.

This is part of the 'Score a Hatrick' campaign launched at the MTN Headquarters at Ezulwini yesterday.

The campaign will see the first player to score three goals in each of the three games to be played on the day walking away with E10 000.

The campaign will, however, be applicable only to the official grand opening and grand closing games of the league.

Addressing the gathering, MTN Chief Consumer Officer Sam Shongwe said this was part of the company's innovations to make the game more exciting, not only to the supporters but the players as well.

"As sponsors we want to see goals being scored during league games and that is why we have come up with an exciting offer for the players as well as supporters.

"The first player to score three goals in each of the games will take home E10 000 and they will not have to wait for the prize presentation to get this money.

"This will only be applicable to the first player to do that, which means others to do so after will not get the incentive," he said.

He said the initiative was meant to encourage



**Y'ELLO:** MTN staff members, PLS officials, team representatives and fans pose for a group photo during the launch at MTN Headquarters, Ezulwini yesterday. (Pic: Sibusiso Dlamini)

age the Premier League players to score more goals.

"We are working towards extending this promotion to other games in future. There will be other promotions on the day and we invite supporters to come in great numbers for the games.

"We would also like to wish the teams as well as the players the best of luck on the day," he said.

Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati expressed

gratitude to the mobile communications company for their efforts to improve the game.

"As PLS we are grateful for these innovations. First it was the Y'ello Sunday activations which packed supporters at the stadium and now you are financially empowering our players. I would like to urge the teams to go and prepare their strikers for this promotion.

"Teams need to make sure they grab the opportunity by both hands by taking this money. So let us not disappoint the sponsor," he said.

## PLS announces grand opening sitting arrangement

**SOCCER** - MEANWHILE, the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) has announced the sitting arrangement to apply during the MTN League grand opening on Sunday.

The triple-header delight is slated for the country's MECCA, Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

PLS Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati said that Mbabane Swallows would use the stand on the right hand side of the royal box while Highlanders supporters would occupy the left hand side of the box.

"Wanderers know how they alternate the stand with Swallows, which means they will use the stand facing Mbabane on Sunday. We would also like to appeal to the teams' spokespersons to communicate with their supporters the sitting arrangement to avoid unnecessary violence on the stands. Supporters also need to be informed that teams can charge up to E40 for some double headers and it is the responsibility of the teams to



educate the supporters," he said.

Vilakati said another issue was that of cars entering the stadium on the day.

"Teams are allowed only six cars, including

the one transporting the players. We appeal for respect even when it comes to the sitting arrangement at the stadium, including the royal box," he said.