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RIOT ACT: His Majesty King Mswati III addressing legislators at Mandvulo Grand Hall yesterday evening. The newly-elected and appointed legislators had an opportunity to introduce themselves to the King and further present their ideas on how the ailing economy of the country can be revived. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

**MP ROBERT:
CALL ME
YOUR
MAJESTY
WHEN THEY
GOSSIP**

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THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW...

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...Effectively he will spend 36 years in prison since the sentences will run concurrently

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KAKONA SENTENCED TO 72 YEARS IN JAIL

...However, Dlamini will spend about 36 years of the 72 years as some of the sentences are to run concurrently

Stories by Sandile Nkambule
High Court

COVER STORY

ONE could hear a needle drop in Court C at the High Court when Judge Nkululeko Hlophe delivered a sentence against businessman Johannes Mfanukhona Kakona Dlamini yesterday.

Dlamini was sentenced to 72 years in prison for 57 car theft related offences. There was total silence as Judge Hlophe read his more than one hour sentence following a marathon trial for Dlamini and his co-accused Siza Sibeko, who were arrested in January 2013.

However, Dlamini will spend about 36 years of the 72 years as some of the sentences are to run concurrently.

Justice Hlophe yesterday passed the sentence at a packed Court C after handing down judgment where he found the two guilty of 57 car theft related offences last week.

Report

Seated calmly in the accused's dock with his co-accused, Dlamini followed the proceedings closely as Justice Hlophe read the sentence.

When passing sentence, Justice Hlophe stated that on counts 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 18 and 33 where Dlamini was found guilty of having stolen cars from various people, he was sentenced to three years in prison on each particular count, which tallied to 24 years in jail and the sentences are to run consecutively.

On the other counts where Dlamini was convicted for failure to report some of the car parts that were stolen from cars in South Africa, the court sentenced him to 20 years imprisonment or E20 000 fine. On the counts in which Dlamini failed to declare stolen parts which were found in his possession, the court sentenced him to 20 years imprisonment with an option to pay E27 000.

Meanwhile, on the other counts, the businessman was sentenced to 10 years and five years in prison, respectively, while he was sentenced to six months



TAKING COVER: Businessman Kakona Dlamini and his co-accused shy away from the camera during their sentencing at the High Court yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

in prison with a fine option to pay E500 on count 71, which was that of contravening the Immigration Act.

When passing sentence, Justice Hlophe stated that he tried all he could to reach a fair sentence which, however, would serve as a deterrent to would-be offenders. "I have also considered the personal circumstances of the accused person and that he cooperated with the police during investigations, did not violate his bail conditions while out on bail before it was revoked and further he is a married person who has children, however, I can not lose sight of the seriousness of the offences and that some of the victims could have been killed when the offences were committed," Justice Hlophe said.

Investors

Justice Hlophe mentioned that as much as the defence counsel had submitted that the sentences should run concurrently, some of the sentences could not as it is impossible according to the offences that fall under Sections 3(1) and 6(2) of the Theft of Motor Vehicle Act of 1991.

Diplomatic relations and investor confidence, according to Justice Hlophe, affects both the Kingdom of Eswatini and the Republic of South Africa, hence these offences are viewed as of a serious nature.

"I have tried to approach sentencing with leniency as possibly as I could but could not avoid harshness, I have however considered the health of the accused

person who suffers from a chronic illness hence the sentence I am now passing," Justice Hlophe said with the packed people in Court C listening in silence.

Justice Hlophe then backdated the sentence to Dlamini's day of arrest, and the period he has been in custody after his bail was revoked. Dlamini has already spent more than a year in jail as he has been kept at the Sidwashini Correctional facility. Witnesses paraded by the Crown were about 48, who gave damning evidence against Dlamini and his co-accused with some of the witnesses being car theft experts from the South African Police Service (SAPS).

In the other count of contravening the Immigration Act, Justice Hlophe found Dlamini guilty of illegally harbouring Vincente Muambo from Mozambique whom he had employed in his business.

The businessman and his co-accused were found to be specialising in stealing Toyota Hilux brands as they were convicted to have stolen nine Toyota Hilux cars and a Toyota Quantum in the Republic of South Africa.

The court stated that from the evidence brought before it, the cars were stolen in Durban, Rustenburg, Lalucia, Pongola, Marikana, Badplass and Sulphursprings Plaas in the Republic of South Africa.

Most of the cars were stolen while parked outside malls or parking areas.

They were then smuggled into the country and conveyed to Ngwane Park in Manzini where they were altered, tampered and their engines repaired.

THE SENTENCES IN A NUTSHELL

THE SENTENCE PASSED IS AS FOLLOWS;

● On counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 18 and 33 the first accused (Dlamini) is sentenced to three years imprisonment on each count shall run consecutively (24 years)

● On counts 2 and 5 Dlamini is sentenced to 5 years imprisonment on each count (10 years)

● On count 7 the first accused is sentenced to 5 years imprisonment this count shall run concurrently with count 5 above

● On counts 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 the first accused is sentenced to a year imprisonment or a fine of E2000 on each count (20 years or E20 000 fine) these sentences shall run consecutively.

● On count 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 70 the first accused is sentenced to six months imprisonment of E1000 fine on each count (13.5 years or E27 000 fine) and shall run concurrently with those from count 10-31 above

● On count 71 the first accused person is sentenced to a fine of E500 or 6 months imprisonment which is wholly suspended for a period of three years on condition he is not convicted of a similar offence

SIBEKO'S SENTENCE IS AS FOLLOWS;

● On counts 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 18, 33 the second accused is sentenced to two years imprisonment on each count (16 years)

● On counts 2 and 5 the second accused is sentenced to 5 years imprisonment on each count (10 years)

● On count 7 the second accused is sentenced to 5 years imprisonment

● On counts 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27 to 31 the second accused is sentenced to six months imprisonment with E1000 fine on each count

● The second accused on counts 36-70 he is sentenced to six months imprisonment with E500 on each count (13.5 years (E13,500 fine)

PM calls MP Fanourakis to order for addressing king with hand in pocket

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Lozitha

MTFONGWANENI MP Roy Fanourakis was rebuked for putting his hand in the pocket while addressing the King on Tuesday.

Fanourakis was rebuked by Prime Minister Ambrose

Dlamini during the session where the legislators introduced themselves to the King at Mandvulo Grand Hall. Fanourakis held a microphone with his right hand

while the left one was tucked in his left pocket.

This did not go unnoticed by the vigilant eye of the prime minister, who quickly rebuked the Mtfongwaneni legislator and ordered him to stop doing that. Fanourakis's reaction seemed to insinuate that he had even forgotten that he had put his hand in the pocket.

He hastily removed it after he was alerted of this anomaly.

KUYAHLONI SHWA:
Mtfongwane ni MP Roy Fanourakis.

Nayi le walk – MP Macford tells His Majesty

MANZINI North MP Macford Sibandze drew giggles from many on Tuesday when he said "Nayi le walk (Here is the way to go)" when he addressed the King.

Sibandze was actually praising the King for showing the way to go to Emaswati during the recently-concluded Sibaya.

As a renowned art fanatic, Sibandze used a phrase made popular by South African *qom* singer Moonchild to make his

submission more amusing.

"Nayi le walk" is a phrase used by Moonchild in her *qom* song titled 'Nayi le walk'.

The song is a hit among the youth and its fame has even caught the attention of the elderly as some of them are usually heard using the phrase during their conversations.

That was probably the reason why Sibandze used that phrase when thanking the King for giving a direction to the nation.



FOCUSED: Manzini North MP Macford Sibandze (far-right) in full concentration as other MPs made their contributions.

QUOTES FROM LAWMAKERS

Ntethelelo...

(Lugongolweni MP): I commend the idea of scholarship recovery. Decentralisation should also be prioritised.

Dumisani Mbhamali (Somntongo MP): There is no water in Lavumisa. Let us also work on bringing employment opportunities for our people. Mining should be made active.

Lutfo Dlamini (Ndzingeni MP): I like the *skelem* of the King of calling Sibaya to appoint PM (King smiles after hearing the word *skelem*).

The people who doubt our system should now see that we are actually the ones that choose our PM. The people of Ndzingeni rectified their mistake and elected me again

Magongo

to represent them.

Roy Fanourakis (Mtfongwaneni MP): Let us strengthen agriculture sector by building dams.

Mike Temple (Elected Senator): Eswatini should become a financial service centre to develop. Mauritius has done it and it is one of the developed nations in Africa.

Prince Hlangabeza (Appointed Senator): I ask to be always under the Tinkhundla system of governance no matter what. Let us fight corruption. No person should think they can do anything with state resources and get away with it. PM should be given a licence to strangle people and tell the King afterwards.

Mduduzi Mabuza (Hosea MP): Let us interrogate the committees

Kakona's E160 000 bail frozen

THE bail money that had been deposited by businessman Dlamini with the government treasury has been frozen following an order issued by the court yesterday.

This, after an application filed by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) that the bail be frozen following an application they have filed to have Dlamini's assets investigated for possible forfeiture to the state. Deputy Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) Israel Magagula filed the application yesterday and defence counsel Linda Dlamini from Mabila Attorneys in Association with N. Ndlangamandla and S. Jele did not oppose the application by the DPP. The DPP has also applied that one of the victims, whose car was stolen from South Africa, be compensated by Dlamini after conviction and sentence.

MP Magongo warns King of gossipers

OUTSPOKEN Motshane MP Robert Magongo warned His Majesty King Mswati III about gossipers who are hell-bent on crippling the economy of the country.

Magongo was speaking yesterday as he introduced himself to the King at the Mandvulo Grand Hall.

Magongo decided to be different from the rest of his colleagues and went straight to the three important topics he talked about.

Even before Magongo he could start his address, people in the hall began laughing, an indication that they expected fireworks. He too, had something to say about the laughter of his colleagues.

"Your Majesty, these people are reacting this way because they know that I am about to speak nothing but the truth," Magongo said.

He said the act of gossiping was also detrimental to the country's economy. MP Magongo said the King should not open any room for people to gossip in front of him.

Magongo said it was better for the King to hear two sides of a story whenever someone decided to gossip. He stressed that hearing only one side of the story and acting on it was very dangerous.

"If someone decides to gossip about Robert Magongo, I urge you, Your Majesty, to call me so that you can hear my side of the story," he said. Magongo further asked the King to ensure there was a judicial commission of enquiry set up for the looting of state funds to be investigated.

"Now we are complaining about money that is not there. The truth is that the money was there but mysteriously got lost due to corruption. We should set up the commission of enquiry to find out how the money got lost," he said.

Magongo further advised the King to make it easy for MPs and senators to pass a vote of no confidence against ministers. He said the vote of no confidence was a very important catalyst in ensuring efficient service delivery among Cabinet ministers.

Magongo said there should be an ad hoc committee that should be set up to ensure that it gave good advice to MPs as they implemented the vote of no confidence. He said after they had moved the vote of no confidence, the King should then sign it.

The Motshane MP further asked the King to solve the chieftaincy disputes that were becoming prevalent in the country.

This could be solved by hastily replacing chiefs who had passed away. The chieftaincy disputes were a hindrance to economic development and should be discouraged.



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III addressing the legislators at Mandvulo Grand Hall yesterday evening. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

KING CALLS FOR BUDGETING WORKSHOP FOR LAWMAKERS

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Lozitha

IT is imperative that legislators should be trained on budgeting so that their decisions are informed when coming up with the national budget.

This was said by His Majesty King Mswati III yesterday when addressing legislators at the close of the two-day introductory session by the lawmakers at the Mandvulo Grand Hall.

Reality

The King said it was important for legislators to have a workshop before they embarked on the exercise of forming a national budget.

His Majesty said the legislators should come up with a budget that could not end up being wishful thinking, but a reality.

He was of the view that the workshop should also be aimed at inform-

...The King said it was important for legislators to have a workshop before they embarked on the exercise of forming a national budget

ing the parliamentarians on the revenue base of the country.

The knowledge on how the country generated money would help government not to speculate when budgeting, but formulate the budget based on money that was already generated.

Responsibility

The King said MPs should know exactly how the country generated money. This would help them in coming up with other solutions that would boost the country's income.

He said that was when the MPs would be able to come up with sensible budgets.

He further informed the legislators that it was not only the responsibility of the Executive to ensure

the sensibility of the budget, but Parliament should equally share the responsibility with the Executive.

Taxes

The King said failure to come up with a proper budget would mean that Parliament failed as well.

Ingwenyama expressed concern on the non-payment of government suppliers, saying this hugely affected the growth of the country's economy. "This causes a situation where government and suppliers engage in what is known as a tug-of-war. Suppliers fail to pay taxes and blame government for not paying, while government, on the other hand, shifts the blame to suppliers for not paying taxes, hence they fail to pay for services," the King said.

The King said the country should align itself with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of 2030. This called for the MPs to work hard and turn the economy around to ensure that the nation had a better life.

Difficulties

The King concluded by telling the legislators he wanted to see the country becoming a financial hub.

That should be doable because other countries were able to do it. He made an example of countries like Singapore, saying it was able to do it, despite the difficulties.

The King said the country was lucky because it was small and Emaswati were a group of people that spoke the same language and belonged to one tribe.

His Majesty talks on challenging laws in court

THE spirit of challenging laws of the country in courts is not a strategy that will take the country to the first world status by 2022.

This was said by His Majesty King Mswati III yesterday when giving advice to parliamentarians yesterday at Mandvulo Grand Hall.

The King said he did not understand why people would challenge the laws that were already in place.

The King said the process of enacting legislations gave opportunities to people to make their own contributions.

He wondered why people would not go there and make their submissions so that their opinions could be considered

before being enacted.

Laws

He said the spirit of challenging laws just because they did not conform to other laws was not the right attitude to take the country to the first world status by 2022.

The King further told the MPs to ensure that the country had peace because that was the necessary ingredient for the country to develop.

He further urged the legislators to know the constitution because they had the task of defending it and abide by it at all times.

He said the legislators could not be able to defend the constitution without reading and knowing it.

tasked with the disbursement of development funds. Members of such committees have a tendency of establishing their own companies to access the money using them.

Michael Masuku (Mkhiweni MP): Business should also be open to be done freely on Swazi Nation Land, just like it is done on Title Deed and Concession Lands.

Sompisi Magagula (Ntfontjeni MP): Heritage sites should be protected because they have a potential of making money like the Jesus foot in Ntfontjeni and a waterfall in Mvembili.

Musa Ngcobo (Mahlangatsha MP): I commend government for making it possible for us to receive agricultural input subsidies, they are important in fighting hunger.

Strydom Mpanza (Shiselweni II MP): Suggests that government should also invest in ensuring that people are healthy because the country cannot develop without a healthy nation.

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KING READS RIOT ACT TO LAWMAKERS



ROYAL ADDRESS: His Majesty King Mswati III addressing legislators during the meet and greet at Mandvulo Grand Hall yesterday evening. The newly-elected and appointed legislators had an opportunity to introduce themselves to the King. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



MY IDEA: Hhukwini MP Nkanyeti Ngwenya sharing his ideas on how the country can revive the economy.



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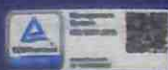


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We also thank His Majesty King Mswati III for the leadership that he continues to display.

Bayethe Wena Waphakathi



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2 SANDLENI PRIMARY PUPILS DEAD AFTER BEING STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

TWO pupils from Sandleni Primary School died after being struck by lightning on their way home from school on Tuesday afternoon.

The pupils have been identified as Sibulelo Zwane (13) and Bongeka Simelane (14).

They were struck by the lightning on Tuesday just after 1600 hours. Both pupils were in Grade Seven. They were pronounced dead on arrival at hospital, where they were ferried for treatment after sustaining serious



RIP: The deceased pupils identified as Bongeka Simelane (14) and Sibulelo Zwane (13).

injuries. According to a Simelane senior family member, the two pupils

were from school when they were struck by the lightning.

She alleged that she found both of the pupils lying unconscious on the

ground with their clothes burnt.

Simelane said the two were friends and also neighbours. "They had bruises on the face and were rushed to hospital by police officers from Sandleni Police Post," she said. She said both families were traumatised by what befell their daughters. "We are still going to meet as a family and discuss the funeral logistics," she said further adding that teachers from Sandleni Primary School came to comfort the families of the deceased pupils. On that note, Chief Police Information and Communication Officer, Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter.

She said two pupils from Sandleni Primary who were in Grade Seven were struck by lightning and were certified dead by a medical doctor.

"On Tuesday around 1615 hours, a 55-year-old man of Sandleni reported he had discovered that his daughter (15) and 14-year-old niece were struck by lightning while at Sandleni area," she said.

Heroin, dagga exhibits worth E14.3m destroyed by furnace

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

MEMBERS of the Royal Eswatini Police (REP) Anti-Narcotics Unit (ANU) destroyed heroin as well as dagga exhibits which were collectively worth E14.3 million.

The dagga exhibits were worth E2.3million, while the heroin amounted to E12 million.

The drugs were destroyed by furnace yesterday at an undisclosed location around Pigg's Peak.

Heroin which weighed 30kg was confiscated at the Ngwenya border post late last year. To date, the heroin exhibit is recorded as the highest (heroin) exhibit ever con-

fiscated and destroyed by REP.

The dagga exhibits collectively weighed over three (3) tones (3 880 kg), and were sourced from different courts and police stations around Eswatini.

The last time dagga exhibits were destroyed by furnace was on June 24. Present at the drug exhibit destruction exercise was Pigg's Peak Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini, Public Prosecutor Dolly Shongwe and Superintendent Ephraim Mshiyeni Maphalala of ANU.

Dlamini said the new parliamentarians should explore ways to reduce dagga dependency in Eswatini as dagga cases were rife in courts.

"Dagga cases continue to be heard

in the courts on a daily basis, and that is unfortunate.

This means that criminals are heavily dependent on the selling and cultivation of dagga. The new parliamentarians should find innovative ways of reducing the dagga dependency in Eswatini by creating more employment opportunities for the people. It is important to mention that dagga is a gateway drug, meaning a person usually starts by smoking cigarettes then that individual moves on to smoking dagga. After sometime, that person then tries hard drugs like heroin. Eswatini has already spent large amounts of money treating people who have been adversely affected by dagga abuse at the psychiatric centre," he said.

On that note, prosecutor Shongwe

said the current anti-drug laws in the Kingdom were out dated as they were originally passed in 1920 and 1922. "Public prosecutors are asking that our new parliamentarians update all the laws pertaining to drug possession in Eswatini. Currently, every person apprehended with drugs is charged with breaking two main drug laws.

The problem with these laws is that they are out-dated as they were originally introduced in 1920 and 1922. These laws need to be updated to suit the current landscape. Also we are happy that Parliament has passed the new Prevention of Crime Act that will require people to explain how they got their wealth, this is important to further discourage people from selling and cultivating dagga," she said.



OUT WITH THE OLD: Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.



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The meeting will be held on 07th November 2018 at the Gogo Centre, at 10am.

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Below is the dagga designation

Region	Dagga weight(KG)	Dagga street value
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Manzini	547.39	E 328 434
Shiselweni	1346.594	E 807 956.4
Lubombo	529.427	E 317 656.2
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SOURCED: Dagga is a gateway drug and the new parliamentarians have been urged to end dagga dependency.

VICTORY FOR LAWYER THULANI MASEKO:

COURT ORDERS BOARD TO GRANT HIM PERMIT

Stories by Sandile Nkambule
High Court

HUMAN Rights Lawyer Thulani Rudolf Maseko who was seeking an order of Court to have the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) and its chairman sent to jail for contempt, yesterday became victorious as the court ordered that the board should grant him a liquor licence.

Maseko had filed an urgent application at the High Court where he was seeking an order amongst others, directing the chairman and his board to issue to him a trading licence in accordance with an order by Justice Titus Mlangeni and committing the chairman and his board to prison for contempt of the judgment of Justice Mlangeni delivered on October 6, 2017 where the honourable Judge ordered that the board should grant Maseko a permit to operate the liquor store.

When the matter was supposed to be heard before Justice Nkululeko Hlophe yesterday, lawyer Xaba from the Attorney General's office who was representing the board, informed the court

that by consent, the applicant (Maseko) would now be granted the licence to operate the liquor store. She submitted that the board would meet on Monday and Maseko would be issued with the licence to operate the liquor store as per prayer two of Maseko's notice of motion.

Lawyer Sifiso Magnificent Nhlabatsi of TR Maseko Attorneys who was representing the applicant confirmed that by consent the respondents (board) have agreed to issue the permit.

Judge Hlophe then issued the order that the respondents are hereby directed to issue the trading licence to the applicant.

In his application, Maseko had also sought an order directing the Sheriff of the High Court to apprehend the respondents (chairman and his board) on sight and keep them in custody at His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) facility at Sidvashini forthwith.

Maseko had further sought an order of court directing the gaoler at HMCS to accept into his custody the respondents and keep them there for a period of 30 days until further orders by the court.

'I WAS WRONGFULLY DENIED LICENCE'

MASEKO in his affidavit submitted that the Court as per Justice Mlangeni delivered a judgment in the matter where he (Maseko) had complained of being unlawfully and wrongfully denied a liquor trading licence by the respondents.

He had submitted that the court in the initial matter heard that he had complied with all the provisions of the Liquor Licensing Act, hence the respondents should have issued the permit in his favour forthwith.

However, Maseko submitted that following the judgment by Justice Mlangeni, the respondents noted an appeal and had to wait for it to proceed and that he moved an application to execute the court order pending the appeal, but the High Court dismissed it. "The matter was called before the Supreme Court on October 10, wherein the court struck the matter off the roll and ordered that it cannot be reinstated without leave of court as the respondents did not file their papers on time," Maseko submitted.

He stated in his affidavit that despite that the appeal had been struck off the Supreme Court's roll, the respondents have wilfully, deliberately

and intentionally refused to abide by the order of court issued by Justice Mlangeni in spite letters written by his attorneys to them to that effect.

He submitted that he had been advised and verily believed that in order to succeed in an application to have the respondents committed to prison for contempt, he only had to show three elements which were in their order.

These were that the order was issued, that the respondents were either served with the order or were informed of the grant of the order against them and that they had no reasonable grounds to disbelieve the information and lastly that the respondents had either disobeyed the order or have neglected to comply with it.

As alluded to the above, all three elements according to Maseko were established in this matter and at all material times thereto, both in relation to the court order of Justice Mlangeni as well as the order of the Supreme Court, the respondents were fully aware and represented.

He stated that the respondents were fully aware of the orders but they deliberately and with malice neglected to obey same hence the honourable court should grant the prayer sought.

Man arrested for assaulting minor using electric cable

By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

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For further information kindly contact the office of the Town Clerk

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KING MEETS PARLIAMENTARIANS



LOOK: Some of the parliamentarians during their meeting with the King held at the Mandvulo Hall on Tuesday. In the picture are Senators Manqoba Khumalo, Tony Sibandze, Themba Masuku as well as Bheki Dlamini who were with former Prime Minister Prince Mabandla. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



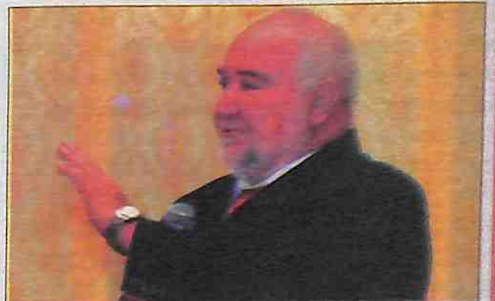
FIRST ASSIGNMENT: Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini was the first to address His Majesty King Mswati III



MADAM: Senator Leckinah Magagula also had a few ideas for growing the economy.



MY OPINION: Siphofaneni MP Mduduzi Simelane makes a contribution.



STRESSES: Mtfongwaneni MP Roy Fanourakis stresses his point.



WITH DUE RESPECT: Siphocosini MP Mduduzi Matsebula presents his ideas.



IRON LADY: Senator Thuli Dladla shares her ideas for the country's development.



BREAK: Speaker Petros Mavimbela leads some of the MPs as they depart after the King adjourned the meeting on Tuesday

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TRAFFIC COPS ADVISED AGAINST CORRUPTION, DAGGA DEALINGS

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Matsapha

POLICE officers have been advised to continue upholding the virtue of being trustworthy and abstain from criminal activities and corrupt acts.

Director of Traffic and Transport in the Royal Eswatini Police (REP) Service Deputy National Commissioner Mandla Mdluli pleaded with police officers to be trustworthy and preserve the notion of being honest to their job.

Mdluli was speaking at the Matsapha Police Academy during the official closing of the basic traffic course 1/2018.

He said as traffic personnel, the participants were entrusted with collecting public funds as fines and admission of guilt.

Mdluli said the organisation expected legitimacy and sincerity.



TOOK PART: The traffic police officers who took part in the workshop posing for a group photo.

He urged the officers to do away with the human wicked glitches of misappropriation of government funds. He also implored officers to desist from engaging in criminal and corrupt practices as well as anti-social

conduct and behaviour, such as being aggressive, stereotyped and behaving disorderly to motorists, as well as being entangled in drink-driving incidents. Mdluli said the organisation believed in morality, not corruption, justice not lawlessness.

"Please circumvent the elements of ambiguity and uncertainty in executing your duties, cultivate personal discipline with humility, passion and professional practices," he said. He further advised the officers to desist from dagga dealings, saying that some REP members are involved in dagga dealings with syndicates. Speaking about the course in general, Mdluli said he had been reliably informed that the course work integrated modern traffic management philosophies, computer literacy and accident prevention.

The deputy national commissioner thanked the bilateral relations they enjoy with the South African Police Services (SAPS) for their contribution towards transforming and uplifting traffic management competencies in REP over the years.

"We actually appreciate the cutting edge learned abilities on traffic flow manning machineries systems, such as mobile testing stations on motor vehicles used for roadworthiness," he said.

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OVER 1 000 STREET VENDORS IN MANZINI

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

STREET vendors operating in the busy town of Manzini have been hailed for their great contribution in the country's economy.

This was during the national street vendors week media launch held at the Manzini Municipal Council Chambers yesterday.

Manzini city is known for being home to thousands of street vendors who are littered all over the town.

During the media launch, Manzini Municipal Council Chief Executive Officer Lungile Dlamini said the contribution that the informal business sector of Manzini was making to the economy of Eswatini was great. She said as council, they were excited to have partnered with the Coalition of Informal Economy Associations of Swaziland (CIEAS) and Women and Law for purposes of celebrating the good work that informal traders do in the city.

She said council has enjoyed a good working relationship with the informal sector of Manzini since way back in 1999 when it was formalised.

The CEO said as a result, the sector has

over the years grown in leaps and bounds to about 1 500 participants presently.

She added that the informal sector formed part of the key stakeholders of council, hence their continued effort towards ensuring that they give it all the technical support they need so they could continue to grow their businesses.

The CEO said the ultimate goal as council was for small businesses not to remain small forever, but to grow and compete in the formal business space.

Business

"We are also cognisant of the great contribution that the informal business sector of Manzini contributes to the economy of Eswatini, hence there is no way we can wish them away," she said.

The CEO said as a municipality, they believe that the challenges that confront this sector would eventually be overcome as long as they continue to work together in harmony.

Meanwhile, Manzini Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza echoed the CEO's words that the informal sector was a key stakeholder for council and indeed a contributor to the country's economy.

He said council has in the past partnered with various stakeholders to aid in

the capacitating and empowering of the women and men who trade in the city.

Mabuza said council's drive to see the sector develop was evident in the seeking of partnerships both with the public and private sectors.

He said there were about 1 000 street vendors trading in the streets of the city daily, providing for their families and serving the general public.

Mabuza said as council, they believed in strengthening the relationship that had existed for over 20 years.

"Our good relations have led to the formation of the informal trade management systems, developed in partnership with the informal traders. Our permits were the first of their kind in the country," the mayor said. He added that in the past, council had partnered with stakeholders like Dups and Nedbank for shelters and for training (Techno-serve SEDCO and ministry of commerce); equipment (Swaziland Beverages).

The mayor said these partnerships had been fruitful.

"Therefore, we believe that even this partnership with the Coalition of Informal Economy Associations of Swaziland will also be rewarding for the sector," he added.

SANULAASA not happy with vice chancellor's salary remarks

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE Southern Africa Nazarene University Lecturers, Academic Administrative Staff (SANULAASA) is not happy with the vice-chancellor Professor Winnie Nhlengethwa's remarks made at a graduation ceremony recently.

The association feels Nhlengethwa was offside to comment on the issue of the salary review, particularly at a public gathering.

They viewed her comments as deliberately misleading and misinforming the unsuspecting public on the salary review issue.

The association, which claims to represent the institution's employees, said it is not true that SANU lecturers are content with the salary review as alleged by the vice chancellor in her speech.

The association said it is dis-

heartening that Nhlengethwa decided to go public about such a sensitive issue.

"The salary review talks were halted due to serious issues submitted to management by the association. So the graduation ceremony was not the right platform to address salary matters," the association said in a statement.

Members of the association revealed that it is not easy to tackle issues of salary reviews or increments at the institution because they are an association not a union. They say this makes it easy for their members to be victimised.

Some of those who were interviewed clearly stated that they would prefer their identities be concealed for fear of being victimised for speaking to the media about problems they are facing at their workplace. However, the members said they were working on forming a union which would be recognised by the institution.

Mangwaneni man arrested for assaulting minor (6) with electric cable

By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

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his conduct was unlawful.

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Shabangu further informed the court that he swiftly conveyed the minor to hospital following the incident.

The court president informed the accused person that the court does not condone his unlawful conduct. He was advised to handle matters in a civil manner next time. He was cautioned and discharged.

'Mental health services isolated in Africa'

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza
Gaborone, Botswana

IN Africa, mental health services have been isolated and not integrated into health services.

Countries have struggled with placement of mental health in the systems, leaving mainly families to carry the burden, care often with little or no support from the system. This is the view of World Health Organisation Health and Promotions Officer Moagi Gaborone.

"Unless countries embed and expand mental health into general health services in hospitals, clinics, health centres and ensure universal coverage, therefore, the growing and understated mental health crisis is set to escalate dramatically," Gaborone said. Gaborone was speaking on Tuesday during the first African Mental Health Symposium for civil society held at Blue Tree in Gaborone, Botswana.

However, he said some countries are beginning to experience a growing mental health crisis, especially among young people who abuse substances out of frustration from unemployment and unful-



TEAM SWAZI: IMERSE's Senelisiwe Mdlovu, Dumisani Mamba and Lomvuselelo Ginindza with Nigerian and Angolan Embassy secretaries and WHO health officer.

filled destinies.

"It is important, therefore, for countries to ensure that mental health policies and laws are comprehensive, sensitive and responsive to emerging trends as well as mainline mental health issues.

These instruments should ensure that systems are empowered and resourced enough to deal with all these different facets of mental health including addictions, disorders and simple stress and depression," he added.

Gaborone said to assist countries address mental health needs, WHO has come up with tools and guidelines for non-spe-

cialist health workers to provide basic services. He said they also have lay persons to provide some level of service under supervision and with health care workers in community settings.

Gaborone elaborated that promotion and protection of mental health as well as prevention of mental illness could only be achieved in concert with other sectors and society. WHO is committed to help countries strengthen effective leadership and governance for mental health that as is to provide comprehensive, integrated and responsive mental health and social care services in community-based settings.

African countries challenged

She was speaking during the first African Mental Health Symposium on Tuesday at Blue Tree in Gaborone. The symposium included participants from African countries such as Eswatini, Angola, Zambia, Mozambique, South Africa, Nigeria and Botswana. "Once one develops a mental illness, the society tends to turn their back and label that individual as mad, who is good for nothing," Kennedy

said. The founder pleaded with African countries to invest in mental health and outdated legislations be reviewed. "We are living in a changing world, we cannot have policies that dates as far back as 1972," she said. She said as mental health organisations, they are in great need of the state and other health stakeholders so that the society mental health needs could be met.

BOTSWANA Network for Mental Health (BONMEH) founder Charity Kennedy has challenged African countries to introduce mental health policies.

Kennedy said African countries should work tirelessly in bridging the existing gap between mental health and other health care services. She said mental health remained the existing gap that hinders most young people in African countries from fully unleashing their potentials.



IN LOVING MEMORY: The Swazi Mobile building now bears a new name, Madlenya House in honour of the late businessman Victor Gamedze who died tragically earlier this year. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

SUGAR CANE COMPANY LEADERSHIP BATTLE GROUNDS PROJECT

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

IT is not so sweet for a newly elected board of director and employees to a sugarcane farming company based at Ngcamphalala area in the Lubombo region as salaries for employees have not been paid and farming chemicals cannot be purchased as its bank account has been frozen.

Factionalism within Tikane Investments (Pty) Ltd, a sugar cane farming company run by residents within Ngcamphalala area under Chief Ngcamphalala is grounded due to an on-going leadership battle following two factions both claiming to be the rightful directors of the company.

The newly elected directors have taken the former board members to court where they are seeking an order decalring an alleged forged registrar of companies document set aside as it was submitted by the other former board.

This is the second urgent application filed within a space of three months. In the initial application, the other board (now applicants) sought an order that the new one submit keys to the company offices and all relevant company documents including books of accounts.

Initially, Chairperson Sabelo Dlamini (now part of the respondents) in their application had stated that on September 12, and in accordance with the company's constitution, the members of the company conducted elections to replace the previous board of directors (now applicants) who had been in office since September, 2017.

Dlamini had submitted that Fakudze and the other applicants, who were the executive members of the replaced board, boycotted the elections and did not participate and a new board is now in office having duly filed all the requisite documents with the registrar of companies and relevant financial institutions.

He said the new board thereafter requested the outgoing one to do the official handover of company documents and the other members agreed save for the



respondents. They refused to hand over the documents.

On Tuesday, the applicants Sisana Fakudze (first), Catherine Dlamini (second), Dumsile Sikhondze (third) Sikelela Ngcamphalala (fourth) and Simo Dlamini (fifth respondent) filed yet another urgent application at the High Court where they are seeking other orders amongst others, directing Eswatini Development and Savings Bank (EDSB) cited as the ninth respondent, to unfreeze or allow access to them to continue transacting on the bank's Siphofaneni branch.

Order

They are also seeking an order of court that a rule nisi operating with immediate effect in terms of the prayers sought be issued and returnable and calling upon the respondents to show cause why the prayers should not be made final.

According to Sisana Fakudze in her founding affidavit, owing to some misunderstandings amongst other members of the company (Tikane Investments), there now exists two factions within its members. She submitted that the second respondent (Sabelo Oscar Dlamini) has decided to boycott his duties as chairperson as per the results of elections held on September 29, 2017. She alleged that Dlamini has been causing all sorts of chaos in as far as the administration of the company is concerned and allegedly holding meetings that take decisions without following the provi-

sions of the company constitution.

"On September 2, the second respondent and his faction held a meeting at Engeveni Royal Kraal and held elections where they purported to elect new members of the board of directors whilst the sitting and current board (applicants) were still in office.

On October 22, myself and the treasurer went to the bank to withdraw money to purchase needed farming utensils and prepare salaries for employees, but were shocked when we were informed that the account had been frozen owing to the fact that the second respondent and his faction lodged in Form J," Fakudze submitted.

She said she was advised that in terms of J, there was now a new board of directors for the company who were introduced to the bank and was advised that the bank was informed that all the applicants had resigned as directors thus giving room to the new directors.

She submitted that the matter was of urgency since employees of the company need to be paid their month end salaries, hence they have been seriously prejudiced unduly arguing that was good reason to access the funds since they also have to purchase fertilisers and other pharm chemicals for the treatment of the sugar cane within the fields. The matter was before Judge Maxine Langwenya on Tuesday and representing the applicants is Lawyer Manda Mdluli and the matter is yet to be argued.

Warder involved in a car crash at Makholokholo identified

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE officer of His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) who died after his car collided with another on Saturday around Makholokholo has been identified.

He was identified as Jabulani Harry Masimula (49), who was stationed at Mankayane Correctional Services. Masimula was driving his car when it lost control, he was travelling with his friend who works at the sugar belt.

He was certified dead upon arrival at the hospital while his friend is still recovering at the Mbabane Government Hospital. Masimula was born at Emkhwakhweni in the Shiselweni region.

This was disclosed by his brother

er Vusi on behalf of the family. "He is survived by his mother, father, wife and three children," he said.

The accident that claimed Masimula's life happened along Makholokholo/Nkoyoyo road. His car, a Madza Demio collided head on with a VW Polo sedan which was driven by a 36-year-old woman of Mpolonjeni area.

His went on to knock a Hyundai being driven by a 29-year-old man of KaNcesi area.

According to another family member, the officer met his death while fetching charcoal, which he had been requested by his in-law.

"He never even attended the party as he was requested by his brother-in-law to fetch charcoal at the nearest filling station and little did we know that he would meet his death," said the relative.



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

Mahlabatsini resident knocked down, killed by Toyota Tazz

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

A pedestrian was killed by a car along MR9 public road in Njosipidi on Monday evening. Njosipidi is an area in Nhlanguano near Mahlabatsini.

The victim was pronounced dead while undergoing treatment in hospital. Police have not released the identity of the victim pending notification of the next of kin.

The accident occurred at around 2205 hours on Monday.

According to sources, the car, a Toyota Tazz driven by a man of Sigcineni knocked down the pedestrian of Mahlabatsini area. The pedestrian is said to have sustained serious head injuries.

"He was rushed to Nhlanguano Health Centre and the owner of the car remained at the scene. He is fully cooperating with the investigators," alleged the source.

The source said traffic was detoured most of the night as police officers conducted an investigation.

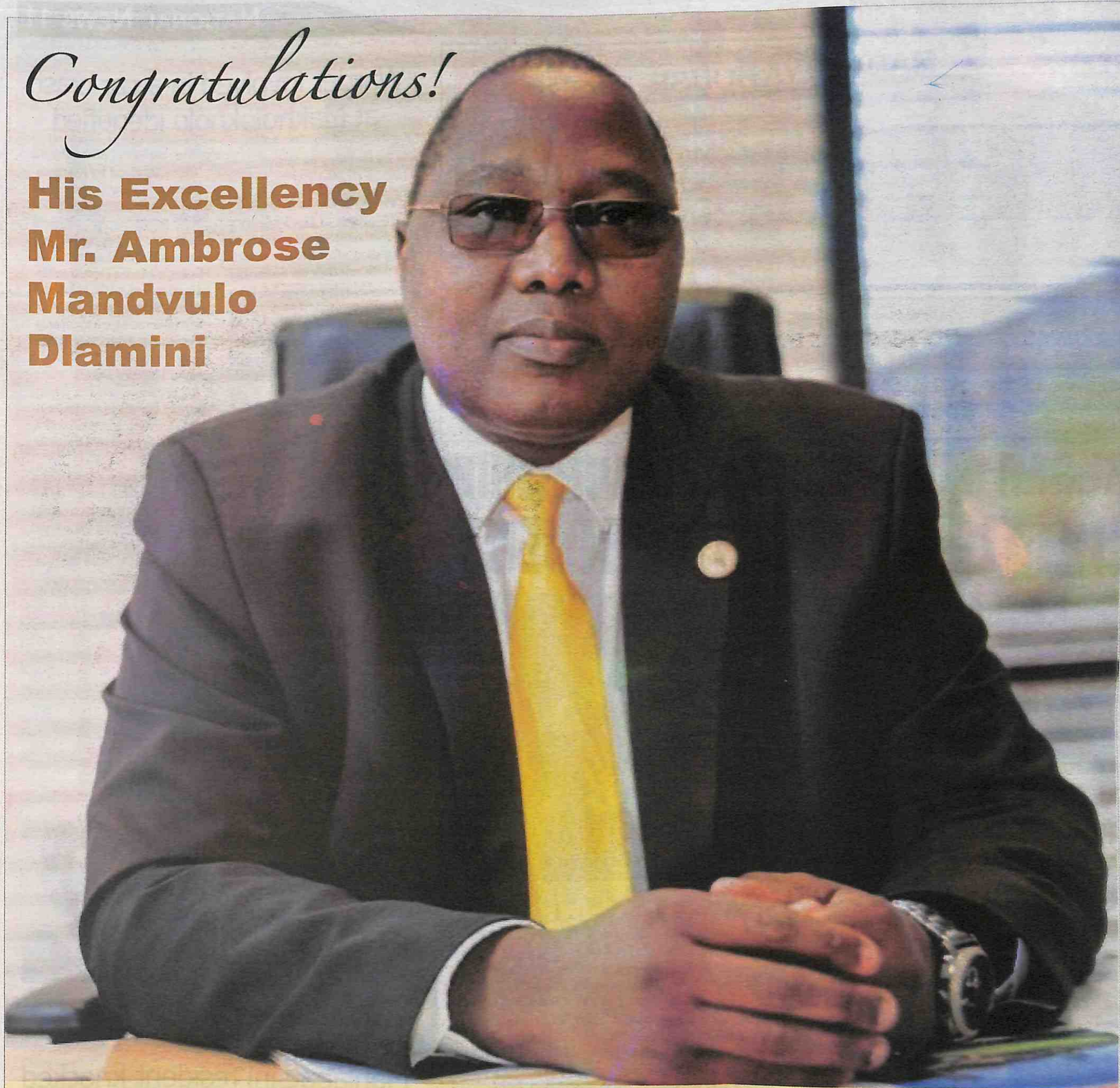
Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the accident.

"A 30-year-old man of Sigcineni knocked down a pedestrian a man aged 28 of Mahlabatsini," she said.

She said the pedestrian sustained serious injuries on the head; he was rushed to Nhlanguano Health Centre where he died whilst undergoing treatment.

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EKUKHANYENI HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS BACK IN CLASS

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

PUPILS at Ekukhanyeni High have been called back to class after they were banned from setting foot at the school following a violent class boycott which saw the learners burning property.

The decision to call the pupils back to school was communicated on Tuesday after the school committee and Manzini

Regional Education Officer Mlimi Mamba called an urgent parents' meeting. During the meeting who was held at the school, parents resolved that their children should be called back so that they continue with their tests. Learners who were banned from setting foot at the school were those in Forms One, Two and Four.

The learners ran riot following allegations that there was a child from the same school who had hanged herself. This being the fourth reported incident

of a learner who died under mysterious circumstances, the pupils lost their tempers and ran amok.

Despite that the rumours of the fifth child who was alleged to have committed suicide were not true, most of the learners believed the rumour and out of anger, they started vandalising and burning property. School committee Chairman Elliot Shabangu confirmed that they have since decided to allow learners back to class immediately.

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Nkwene

THE Eswatini National Youth Council (ENYC) and the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) have commenced a site monitoring exercise for the farming projects initiated to capacitate various youth groups across the country. This is after 25 youth groups across the kingdom received farming inputs through a programme funded to the tune of E3 million by the FAO. The ENYC now visits the various communities where the projects are located and started off this exercise at Nkwene on Tuesday where the group by the name of Youth Wings of Change has made commendable progress in their agricultural project.

Farmers

This youth group comprises of 22 young people who are a mixture of in-school and out of school youth.

The young farmers have since expanded their field having identified opportunities in agri-business markets. Through the smart climate agricultural techniques programme, the first group to be visited received farming inputs in the form of watering cans, garden forks, hoes, fertilisers, green pepper seedlings, lettuce seedlings, spinach seedlings, fencing and a gate to go with, just to mention a few.

"The programme by ENYC and FAO has helped us a lot since most of us finished school but are unemployed. Through this initiative, we have managed to secure markets for our produce with Nhlanguano Spa and Hlatikulu Shoprite. Our produce is sufficient enough for the mentioned markets and also to feed ourselves. We are very grateful to ENYC for facilitating everything for us with their partner FAO," Thobile Simelane, who is one of the beneficiaries, stated during an interview. ENYC Senior Communications Officer Tanele Hlophe emphasised that this programme aims at capacitating the youth on sustainable agricultural techniques while making an effort towards wooing the youth into agri-business through

ENYC commences monitoring of E3.7 million agricultural projects



IT'S YOURS: Some of the beneficiaries of the project next to some of the equipment they received. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



POSE: The youth members posing for a group photo in one of their fields.

the smart climate agricultural techniques.

"As you may be aware, the 25 youth groups that have been capacitated on SCA have received their farming inputs and their projects are making commendable progress," Hlophe said. She went on to emphasise that this initiative also aims at eradicating unemployment and poverty

amongst the youth and further achieving the Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2 & 3 which speak to zero hunger, no poverty, health and well-being. She said according to the current state of the youth report, poverty levels are also high, with 63 per cent of the country living below the poverty line.

Govt employees staying at William Pitcher College at expense of lecturers

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

WILLIAM Pitcher Principal Philemon Gumedze has complained about government employees who are working for different ministries and departments but staying at the residential houses at the college premises at the expense of lecturers who are without accommodation.

The principal has reported this anomaly to the ministry of education and training. He said there are 20 houses which are not occupied by William Pitcher College staff but civil servants from different government departments and ministries. Gumedze was speaking during the graduation ceremony held at William Pitcher College on Monday. Speaking about the challenges faced by the institution, Gumedze said the college faces an acute shortage of staff accommodation. He said this has been a persistent problem over the years, and every year the problem keeps compounding as new lecturers join the college. Gumedze said, unfortunately, there are residential houses within the college residential compound which are occupied by other government employees from other departments and ministries at the expense of William Pitcher College lecturers who reside as far as Nhlanguano, Big Bend and other far-flung places. "You may wish

to note that these lecturers have to start work at 7.00am and there are people who are occupying these houses and start work at 8.00am. I don't think that this is fair," said Gumedze. He further added that some claim that these are pool houses and not institutional houses. Gumedze said if these houses, which were originally used by William Pitcher College staff and are within the institution premises, are now open to every civil servant even if there is a William Pitcher College employee who needs to use it, when did they become pool houses?

"Perhaps we need to revisit the definition of a 'pool house' and an institutional house? Can a civil servant who is not a teacher be housed in a teachers' quarters within a defined boundary in any school around the country. I do not think that can happen," Gumedze stated. He said they were looking forward to the ministry of education and training rescuing them in the area of staff accommodation. He said an assessment made indicated that more than 20 houses are occupied by the NCC and INSET who are known to them as they fall under the ministry of education. Gumedze said another issue which needs to be addressed was that of lecture rooms which must be used to accommodate all the students. The principal also said due to the shortage of staff offices, they had to turn two classrooms into a staffroom.

Mahlabatsini resident knocked dead by Toyota Tazz

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

A pedestrian was killed by a car along MR9 public road in Njosiipidi on Monday evening.

Njosiipidi is an area in Nhlanguano near Mahlabatsini area.

The victim was pronounced dead while undergoing treatment in hospital. Police have not released the identity of the victim, pending notification of the next of kin. The accident occurred at around 2205 hours on Monday. According to sources, the car, a Toyota Tazz driven by a man of Sigcineni, knocked down the pedestrian of Mahlabatsini area. The pedestrian is said to have sustained serious head injuries.

"He was rushed to Nhlanguano Health Centre and the owner of the car remained at the scene. He is fully cooperating with the investigators," alleged the source. The source said traffic was detoured most of the night as police officers conducted an investigation. Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the accident.

"A 30-year-old man of Sigcineni knocked down a male pedestrian aged 28 of Mahlabatsini," she said. She said the pedestrian sustained serious injuries on the head and was rushed to Nhlanguano Health Centre where he died while undergoing treatment.

Cop hospitalised after DD suspect pushes him into ditch

By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

A member of the Royal Eswatini Police (REP) Service under the traffic department is fighting for his life in hospital after being allegedly pushed into a 20 metre ditch by a drink-driving suspect who was evading arrest.

Sthembiso Mncina (39) of Nkwalini area has been arrested and charged in

relation to the incident.

Appearing at the Magistrate's Court, the accused person pleaded guilty to only one of the charges preferred against him whilst pleading not guilty to the three others. Initially, Mncina was facing a total of four counts.

It is said last Thursday, at about 0853 hours near the Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) in Mbabane, Mncina, being a driver of a vehicle registered DSD 465 DM Toyota Noah, allegedly

drove the said car whilst under the influence of alcohol or drug having narcotic effect. Content dictated by a breathalysing specimen on the accused read 0.47 ml/g, which is above the legal limit.

He is also said to have tried resisting arrest effected by Constable Mabuza by fighting and pushing him, as a result, he fell into a ditch which was more than 20 metres deep.

The officer was admitted at the Mbabane Government Hospital as he was appar-

ently seriously injured during the scuffle. Mncina was also accused of attempting to escape from lawful custody by jumping out of a police vehicle and running away.

The accused is said to have been later apprehended by another police officer.

He is also said to have failed to adhere to police instructions by failing to furnish them with his driver's licence.

The crown said it would parade witnesses to solidify its case in the matter.

It, therefore, applied for a trial date which would be suitable to the court. The crown further submitted before court that the accused person be remanded back into police custody pending trial, but bail was not opposed.

The accused person swiftly made a bail application after being advised to do so. He informed the court that he is also making visits to the hospital as he was also injured during the scuffle with the police. Bail was eventually granted and fixed at E2 000. The accused person is expected back in court November 6 for trial.

WILLIAM PITCHER COLLEGE GRADUATION



NEW TEACHERS: Some of the 133 teachers who graduated on Monday at William Pitcher College pictured with their parents during their graduation ceremony on Monday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



I THANK YOU: One of the outstanding students Sizolwethu Irvin Msibi accepting his award.



MY TAKE: William Pitcher College Principal Philemon Gumedze delivering his speech.



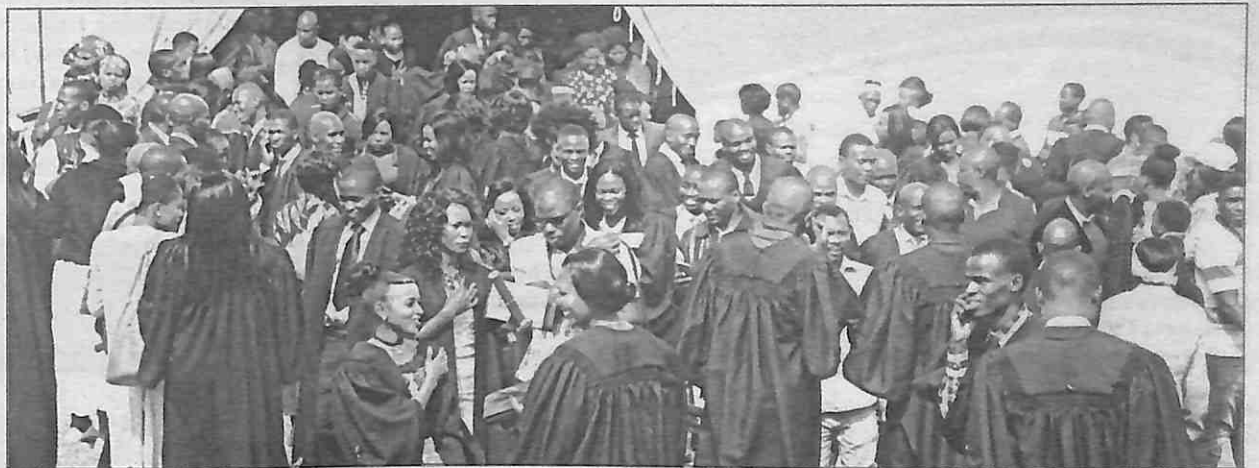
ME AND MY FAMILY: Graduate Siphosethu Thwala posing with his family members.



PASS WITH DISTINCTION: Graduate Ncamiso Dlamini receiving his Secondary Teacher's Diploma from Vice Chancellor Justice Thwala.



MOTIVATING: University of Eswatini (UNESWA) Vice Chancellor Justice Thwala addressing the graduands.



IN NUMBERS: Graduands with their relatives outside the college's marquee where the ceremony was held.



SPECIAL DAY: Phumlile Dlamini accepting her Secondary Teacher's Diploma from Vice Chancellor Justice Thwala.



WELL DONE: Nkosinathi Mamba graduated with a Primary Teacher's Diploma.



FOLLOW US: William Pitcher College Principal Philemon Gumedze and Ministry of Education Principal Secretary Sibongile Mtshali-Dlamini leading other invited guests to the arena.



POTHOLES: 1. A giant pothole developing into a trench along the Lukhula-Big Bend road. 2. A motor vehicle taking the wrong lane as it avoids potholes along the Lukhula-Big Bend road. 3 This is how the Lukhula-Big Bend road looks like at present.

RECONSTRUCTION OF LUKHULA - BIG BEND ROAD TO FINALLY KICK OFF

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

FINALLY, re-construction of the potholed riddled Lukhula-Big Bend road which has, for many years, been giving motorists a hard time, will commence early next year, it has been confirmed.

The approximately 55-kilometre road has been a nightmare to motorists for over a decade now. Motorists, especially public transport operators have been complaining about its state, while government also made promises to attend to it as a matter of urgency.

At least on three occasions, former minister of public works and transport, Lindiwe Dlamini conducted a tour along the road during the tenth Parliament, and promised that it would be reconstructed before the end of her term in office. This did not happen. Dlamini was last week elected the

President of Senate, replacing the long-serving Gelane Zwane.

Motorists will heave a sigh of relief after learning that the reconstruction of the road will be kicking off in less than three months from now. This was disclosed during a preliminary meeting at Mpolonjeni Inkhundla on Tuesday where the construction companies met with stakeholders who included the regional administration office, traditional authorities and residents of the constituency.

The road will be reconstructed by well-established construction companies, AG Thomas Construction and WBHO. The companies were represented by Simon Queen during the preliminary meeting. Queen disclosed that they had already set base in the area in preparation for the road works and the companies involved had booked some of their expert staff members at Lituba Lodge as reconstruction plans were underway.

He disclosed that by year end, they would be working on clearing the roadsides from the Big-Bend direction towards Lukhula. Upon completion of the clearing exercise, reconstruction of the road will then commence from the Lukhula direction towards Big-Bend. Queen said they were hoping to have the reconstruction of the road completed by the end of next year. Apparently, talks between government and the construction companies are said to have been finalised, hence the start of the reconstruction of the road.

Meanwhile, Lubombo Regional Secretary Nhlanhla Nxumalo commended government for finally financing the project. Nxumalo noted that the state of the road was now a crisis and had also contributed to a number of fatal accidents. A recent accident which occurred about five months ago claimed four lives on the spot when two Quantums collided head-on while trying to negotiate potholes. Moreover, Nxumalo said the road had the potential to promote tourism as it connected three countries being Eswatini, South Africa and Mozambique. The road is also greatly used for exporting sugarcane products as it is situated along the sugar belt. "We are very happy to see this project finally taking place as it will contribute immensely in the country's economic development," said Nxumalo.

Hundreds queuing for employment at AG Thomas offices

HUNDREDS of job seekers from around Mpolonjeni and other places are reportedly cramming AG Thomas Construction's offices at Lituba Lodge as they hope to be employed for the reconstruction of Lukhula-Big Bend road.

The construction company have set base at the said lodge. Speaking during a preliminary meeting at Mpolonjeni yesterday, Simon Queen who represented the construction companies disclosed that hundreds of people were already flooding their offices to seek employment. Queen said however, the companies had not yet started employing people for the project as the reconstruction of the road would only start next year.

Queen said for now, they were receiving applications from qualified individuals under the engineering and construction departments. He said the companies will then hire labourers next year when the project takes to the ground. Queen explained this after he was asked whether the companies would prioritise locals for employment during the exercise. He further invited local companies which would like to be subcontracted to submit their paperwork at the company offices set at Lituba Lodge.

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- Declaration of Eligibility

The 'Expression of Interest' document can be obtained at the reception of the Sincephetelo MVA Fund, as from 5th November 2018 for a non-refundable fee of E500.00 per category.

The closing date for the submission is **Friday, 30th November 2018 at 10:00hrs** at the SMVAF Head Office in Mbabane, Sincephetelo MVA Fund Building, Mhilibhi Street. No documents will be accepted after the closing time. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked and addressed to:

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HIV testing: The first step to ending AIDS

MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

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"MASWATI you are encouraged to know your HIV status as one of the basic requirements of healthy living. Likewise, no Liswati should be denied access to healthcare, including HIV treatment."

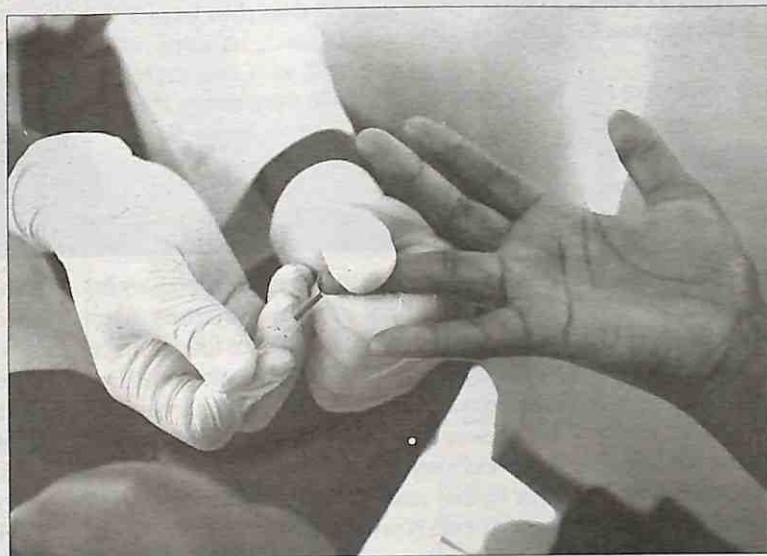
These are the wise words of His Majesty King Mswati III, Ingwenyama of the Kingdom of Eswatini, shared February 12, 2016, during the official opening of the 3rd Session of the 10th Parliament.

In his speech, the King addressed key issues that the country had to grapple with that year, noting that 2016 set the pace for implementing initiatives aimed at ending AIDS through strategies that are inclusive of all individuals and deeply rooted in community ownership.

The previous year, in opening the second session of the 10th Parliament, the King had categorically denounced all HIV stigma and discrimination, emphasising that 'Lokukhombana akuphele kutsinya!'

This was said in recognition of the negative effect of denial, silence, rejection and discrimination of people living with and/or suspected to be living with HIV and AIDS, on the country's HIV programmatic responses.

HIV-related stigma affects those living with HIV and by extension, those that they are associated with – including their partner or spouse, children, and other members of their household. His Majesty's call for all Emaswati



to make HIV testing a life-style, bodes well with the country's 95.95.95 initiative that is meant to be the national ladder to ending AIDS.

The initiative is building on the current narrative on HIV treatment with the following targets for 2020: 95 per cent of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status; 95 per cent of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy; and 95 per cent of all people receiving ART will have viral suppression.

THE PREVAILING HIV SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY

The Extended National Strategic Framework (2014-2018) saw new HIV infections decline from by 44 per cent; 84 per cent of people living with HIV put on ART, an effort accelerated to reduce vulnerabilities to HIV infection among key and priority populations.

To reach the last mile however, more needs to be done to reduce new infections and ensure no one is left behind. As it is, about 6 500 new infection occurred in 2017; 15 per cent of PLHIV are not on care, TB/HIV co-infection rate is at 70 per cent and other co-morbidities are emerging as a threat to the life of PLHIV.

Annual incidence of HIV among

adults ages 15 years and older in Eswatini is 1.36 per cent – 1.70 per cent among females and 1.02 per cent among males. This corresponds to approximately 7 000 new cases of HIV annually among adults 15 years and older. HIV prevalence among people 15 years and older was 27.2 per cent in 2017, with women at 32.5 per cent being more affected than men at 21.3 per cent.

In the same year, prevalence among adolescents and young people was estimated at 9.6 per cent (16.2 per cent for females and 3.0 per cent for males). This is particularly worrying because HIV prevalence among adolescents and young people is an indicator of new infections acquired rather than a survival effect of the treatment programme.

IMPORTANCE OF TESTING FOR HIV

In the country, HIV testing and counselling (HTC) is a critical entry point for HIV prevention and treatment, care and support services. It also enables individuals to access other services such as male circumcision (MC), post exposure prophylaxis (PEP), prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT), treatment (ART, TB/HIV) and control and management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs). For service providers, HTC also provides a unique opportunity to offer health

information and education, create awareness of HIV and AIDS, and create demand for other services.

HIV Testing Services (HTS) are offered through facility and community-based service points. At health facilities, Provider Initiated Testing and Counselling (PITC) is offered to all clients across several service points while at community level, HTS is offered through mobile clinics, outreach campaigns, VMMC platform and wellness programmes.

HTS is offered to key populations - Female Sex Workers (FSWs) and Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) - at hotspots and through referral to health facilities. Index case testing and self-testing have also been adopted to scale up HTS. The SHIMS 2 results indicate that 84.7 per cent of people living with HIV ages 15 and older report knowing their HIV status.

There are 88.6 per cent of HIV positive females and 77.5 per cent of HIV-positive males that know their status. It further indicates that among these PLHIV ages 15 and older who know their HIV status, 87.4 per cent self-report use of antiretroviral treatment – 86.9 per cent of HIV-positive females and 88.6 per cent of HIV-positive males. Of these self-reporting 15 and older PLHIV, 91.9 per cent self-report viral load suppression: 92.2 per cent females and 91.3 males.

In the quest to end AIDS by 2022, it is important therefore, for all Emaswati to know their HIV status because:

- Many new HIV infections are caused by people unaware of their HIV positive status;

- HIV medicines are much more effective when started early;

- Starting treatment late, limits treatment options so it is best to find out an HIV positive status before the disease reaches advanced stages.

The 15.3 per cent that are unaware of their HIV status pose a real challenge to the national effort to end AIDS.

In both men and women, being unaware of a partner's HIV status confers almost four and threefold increase in risk respectively, compared to knowing

one's partner to be HIV-negative. Knowledge of HIV status enables HIV-negative individuals to make specific decisions that can reduce the risk of contracting HIV.

For those that are HIV-positive, knowledge of their HIV status allows them to take action to protect their sexual partners, access treatment, and to plan for their future. For HIV positive pregnant and lactating mothers, they can take action to receive a course of ARV to reduce mother-to-child transmission in accordance with nationally approved protocols.

Knowledge of an HIV positive status will also have a profound impact on the quality of care that pregnant women receive at facility level, especially during labour and delivery.

THE WORK AHEAD

Over 73 per cent of the population in the Kingdom of Eswatini is HIV negative. This means that the primary focus of the country's HIV response (as outlined in the NSF 2018-23) is to ensure those who are negative remain so, with special attention on those populations most vulnerable to HIV infections. The proportion of men tested for HIV ranges from 33 per cent to 60.9 per cent while coverage for women ranges between 45.5 per cent and 74.2 per cent. There is also lower coverage among males 15-19 (33 per cent) than females of the same age (47.9 per cent). About 66 per cent of adolescents and young people (AYP) living with HIV and 77.5 per cent of males 15 years and older have been diagnosed.

Sharply increasing the proportion of people living with HIV (especially men and young people) that know their HIV status requires moving beyond a passive approach to testing – one that relies on the individual to recognise his/her risk and come forward without coercion, to learn his/her status.

As His Majesty long proclaimed, "I-HIV Yindzaba Yetfu Sonkhe". Let us do away with the practices that perpetuate stigma and discrimination, to allow all to embrace and access HIV testing.

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...NOVEMBER 1

1950 - Two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to assassinate US President Harry Truman. One of the men was killed when they tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington, DC.

1952 - The United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb on Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

1954 - Algeria began to rebel against French rule.

1959 - Jacques Plante, of the Montreal Canadiens, became the first goalie in the NHL to wear a mask.

1963 - The USSR launched Polyot I. It was the first satellite capable of maneuvering in all directions and able to change its orbit.

1968 - The movie rating system of G, M, R, X, followed by PG-13 and NC-17 went into effect.

1973 - Leon Jaworski was appointed the new Watergate special prosecutor in the Watergate case.

1979 - Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini urged all Iranians to demonstrate on November 4 and to expand their attacks against the US and Israel. On November 4, Iranian militants seized the US embassy in Tehran and took 63 Americans hostage.

1981 - The US Postal Service raised the first-class letter rate to 20 cents.

1985 - In the village of Ignacio Aldama, 22 members of a Mexican anti-narcotics squad were killed by alleged drug traffickers.

1987 - Deng Xiaoping retired from China's Communist Party's Central Committee.

1989 - Tens of thousands of refugees fled to the West when East Germany reopened its border with Czechoslovakia.

1989 - Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega announced the end of a cease-fire with the Contra rebels.

1993 - The European Community's treaty on European unity took effect.

1994 - The Amazon.com domain name was registered.

1995 - In Dayton, OH, the Bosnian peace talks opened with the leaders of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia present.

1998 - Nicaraguan Vice President Enrique Bolanos announced that between 1 000 and 1 500 people were buried in a 32-square mile area below the slopes of the Casita volcano in northern Nicaragua by a mudslide caused by Hurricane Mitch.

1998 - Iridium inaugurated the first handheld, global satellite phone and paging system.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Tim Cook (Business executive) - November 1, 1960, (58 years)



Jayden Bartels (Movie actress) - November 1, 2004 (14 years old)

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IT was my father who first opened the door for me to look at the world events as connected with God's Word and His purposes unfolding on planet earth.

It has been a joy, an exciting adventure to watch the News on TV, on social media or read a newspaper and see it as something more than a depiction of events that are of my control. Instead, the very things taking place around us are an indication that God is indeed in control. Why are we seeing a revival of Old and New heresies and strange doctrine in our days? It is time for us to intercede against curses, spell, and lying spirits attacking the church and our government.

All often, we feel powerless and at the mercy of a very big world. Watching or reading of news events can feel like an exercise in futility and even worse, bring a sense of anxiety and worry into our lives. One way to deal with that is to shut yourself off from the world. You could turn off the television news and stop reading the news.

It may provide temporary relief, but certainly does not change the situation.

There is a better way. It involves a commitment to change your world through prayer. It happens as you see God's commitment to prayer as a change agent.

You begin to see yourself as a player on the world stage. Rather than passively watching and worrying, or ignoring and hiding, you begin to take significant action to bring God's power to bear on situations going on in the world: You pray!

Throughout church history, the prayers of believers have been used by God to change the flow of events and alter what might have been. One of the more dramatic instances of this occurred during World War II and involved the small group of intercessors that gathered in Great Britain under the leadership of Ress Howells. Again, and again, God led them to pray over battles and situations, many which they could not have even known about through their natural senses. In numerous situations, the Lord used their prayers to ensure victory and to change human history.

PRAYING THE NEWS



Obviously, in a case like this, the prayers by themselves did not bring about victory. Men and women in dangerous places fought fierce battles and some paid the ultimate price. But the prayers of Ress Howells and his band of intercessors brought the power of God into the battle and altered history.

For further reading on this amazing story, I recommend Norman Grubb's book, 'Ress Howells: Intercessor.'

Most of us don't feel like world changers. We're just trying to get through day by day. But God has provided an amazing opportunity for us to join with Him in intercession and see His power bring transformation on all the nations. It will just take a change of attitude and different way of responding to the news.

The attitude is probably the most difficult. If we believe God, then our attitude will begin to shift from being passive to being proactive. Rather than sitting and complaining about things we see or read in the news, we will begin to pray to bring about change.

A changed attitude...agreeing with God that someone ought to do something and that He (God) is probably the best someone...will bring us into serious prayer.

That changed attitude will cause us to redeem the time we are using for frivolous things to become aware of the world and national events. We begin to approach the news as serious times of prayer. Instead of passively in the news, we move into aggressive intervention. I call it prayer! This is very intentional praying. It does not happen accidentally. Make a decision to consider the news as a prayer event.

Ask the Lord to guide you as you pray. There are so many times we respond to events by

telling God what He should do, but He is not looking for our advice. He is, however, looking for our cooperation with Him releasing His power into situations. So many times, the best question we can ask is: "God, what are you doing in this situation?"

Ask Him to allow you to see things from His perspective.

Things that did not formerly upset you may cause you to weep in sorrow. Other things that used to make you mad, now becomes side issues. His ways are so far beyond ours! Pray God's heart into what you are seeing.

Ask the Lord if there are any actions-steps for you to take as a result of what you saw and prayed. Prayer is always the first step, but rarely the last. You may need to write a letter to someone involved in a news story.

You might be called to give money to someone or something. There might be action-steps for your family, especially as it relates to preparation for difficult days ahead. Prayerful-watching can help prepare you to be a more effective servant in the Lord's hands.

Of course, consider the news through the lens of the Bible. As you are paying closer attention to the prophetic Word of God, you will often be reminded of a passage of scripture as you are watching or reading the news.

Join us for 'The Nations Pray' monthly Revival prayer this month we will be with Zoe Christian Family Centre in Matsapha on Saturday 24th November past the Eteteni Engen starting from 2:15pm to 3:30pm.

Please also visit our Facebook page The Pentecost Ministries International Trust and your feedback is also welcome to the revolutionarymandate@gmail.com.

Apartheid, guns, money: book lifts the lid on Cold War secrets

IT'S not very often that a book really reshapes our perception of an issue, but Hennie van Vuuren's 'Apartheid, Guns and Money: a tale of profit' is one.

It is a massive work: over 600 pages and the result of a decade of meticulous, painstaking work.

From a modest office in a rundown suburb of Cape Town, Van Vuuren has been beaver away to probe into the stories that could never be told during the apartheid years. Formerly director at the Institute for Security Studies, he now runs Open Secrets, which peers into economic and human rights violations. This volume, first published in South Africa in 2017, is the result.

The extraordinary tale that Van

Vuuren tells is how – as the South African state gradually became an international pariah and as the truth about apartheid became internationally known – it moved from a normal member of the world community to a covert operator. It began working in shady ways, through even more shady operators.

To ensure that it had access to arms and oil, Pretoria moved from legitimate to illegitimate trade; from overt to covert deals and from legal to illegal transactions. This was supported (or at least connived at) by many western powers. That the US, Britain and France did this has been known, or at least suspected, for many years. Van Vuuren fills in the blanks and gives us plenty of new information

on this. Although shocking, this is less than astonishing.

What is really novel is that he uncovers a completely new set of actors: the Chinese and the Soviet Union. In the past it has been assumed that, for the most part, they were completely wedded to the liberation movements. The support from Moscow and Beijing for the African National Congress and – to a lesser extent – the Pan Africanist Congress, was so widely reported that few suspected there might be less than total solidarity between the communist powers and the liberation movements.

Yes, there were the odd stories about the South African diamond giant – De Beers – being spotted at the ballet in Moscow doing deals

with Russian diamond companies, but this was seen as a small aberration. After all, both countries wanted to keep up the prices of diamonds on international markets, so some kind of arrangement was perhaps inevitable.

But – if Van Vuuren is right – these relationships went far, far beyond the odd contact.

Mind-boggling complexity

Take one example: the voyage of the Pia Vesta, now a rusting hulk, lying off the coast of Venezuela. This vessel was, says Van Vuuren, once at the centre of one of the greatest arms heists of the 1980s involving socialist East Germany, South Africa, Peru, Panama, prob-

How Nigerian women are using WhatsApp to chat, learn and earn

MOBILE phones have become widespread all over the world, including in rural and low-income communities.

As research shows, these devices have the potential to bring about significant societal change – a fact acknowledged in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

But while the promising role that mobile phones and other information and communication technologies could play in empowering women – particularly in Africa – has long been discussed, relatively little is known about how, when, and why this happens.

We conducted a study with women from the Nigerian city of Kano to see how they were using the mobile messaging service WhatsApp. We wanted to know whether the app had opened up opportunities and freedoms that contributed to empowering them.

Many women said that WhatsApp had allowed them to communicate better, particularly with local politicians. They felt empowered to talk about their concerns openly in WhatsApp discussion groups. And they had more access to information. Others joined religious study groups on WhatsApp, sharing questions and knowledge with other women.

Some women converted their access into opportunity. For instance, they advertised small businesses or services on WhatsApp groups, and earned money as a result.

The women in our study were able to use WhatsApp groups to push the barriers of societal norms that typecast them in gendered roles of mothers and housewives. Using this technology, they were able to become agents of their own change as well as make and exercise choices.

WhatsApp and the Women in Kano

Kano is a predominantly Muslim community. It is in Kano state, which has one of Nigeria's highest smartphone densities – about 7.81 million of the country's 60 million smartphone users live there. First, we identified two women leaders in community groups to help us find participants for the study. These were selected based on how actively they were engaged in community groups. They also needed to own a smart mobile phone. We did interviews and focus groups with a diverse group of women, asking how they used WhatsApp and what benefits they felt this had. Some had become more politically empowered. Murja'atu*, a 34-year-old housewife, said: "Initially I always wondered on how to communicate with elected officers, especially those of them located in Abuja."

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ably the CIA and a crafty French arms dealer by the name of Georges Starckmann.

The tale begins with a top secret minute of a meeting between the head of the South African Defence Force, Jannie Geldenhuys, and his senior officials in connection with operation 'Daisy'. This was an attempt to recover \$20 million that Starckmann had allegedly swindled out of the South Africans.

The story is of mind-boggling complexity, but involves Starckmann doing a deal with an East German firm called IMES, run by the East German deputy foreign minister with Stasi employees – members of the East German secret service. The result was an arrangement which involved 60 shipments of weapons to South Africa via a Danish shipping company. The shipments were



to be trailed half way around the world to disguise their final destination.

These shipments were for vital military equipment, including 1 400 anti-tank missiles. The weapons, which had Peruvian end-user cer-

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CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS INDEED

WE read with keen interest the article penned by Ambassador Lisa Petersen titled 'Constitution a Matters'.

For years now, we have been decrying the lack of political will on the part of our leaders with regard to women's emancipation in general, and conformity with the constitution in particular.

Not only have we failed as a nation to comply with the provisions of the constitution on the issue of women participation and representation in Parliament, but the august House itself has failed to comply with its constitutional mandate; Section 86 specifically provides that at the first meeting after any general election and if it appears that women do not constitute 30 per cent of Parliament, the House must form an electoral college for the purposes of electing a minimum of four women on a regional basis into the House.

The Elections and Boundaries Commission failed to discharge its duties in terms of S. 95 (3) (a), which states clearly that the chairman of the EBC is responsible for ensuring that the election of the four women is carried out. What a dereliction of duty!!

In the jostling and shenanigans surrounding the appointment of senators by the House, this provision was not complied with. But why should we bother about that? After all, "women failed to vote for each other" and therefore there is no reason why anyone should put in any extra effort to redress



US Ambassador to Eswatini Lisa Petersen.

the situation. WRONG!! Women in the country face decades of systematic exclusion that has been built into every institution in the country, in the guise of culture, which relegates women to third class citizens at best.

Appointment

With allegations of corruption rife during the election and appointment stages, it is no wonder that women were left behind.

Access to financial resources seems to have become the critical criteria upon which a person may be elected into office; without finances, many candidates (a majority of which are women) have failed to sway the voters because votes have become a "hot off the shelves, for sale commodity". As correctly articulated by the ambassador, women will continue to be under-represented due to lack of finances for campaigns.

However, not only women are bearing the brunt of lack of political will from our leaders. People from 'marginalised

groups' were not appointed into Parliament as per Section 95 (2) (b).

People living with disabilities have no representation and face worse challenges than those faced during the previous Parliament, as they have no voice. Women normally speak on behalf of other marginalised groups, but with such low numbers of representation currently, they have a steep hill to climb with regard to any changes that they may want to bring.

All said and done, as long as the constitution is selectively complied with, women will always remain on the sidelines and this has negative ramifications for the socio-economic development of the country because it is trite that no country can develop if it leaves its women behind. This under-representation will continue to breed a legislative framework full of discriminatory laws that will further perpetuate the stereotypes and assumptions around women and other marginalised groups.



"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."
— Confucius

"Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but of playing a poor hand well."
— Robert Louis Stevenson

"There is only one sin, and that is theft... when you tell a lie, you steal someone's right to the truth."
— Khaled Hosseini, *The Kite Runner*

"No matter how careful you are, there's going to be the sense you missed something, the collapsed feeling under your skin that you didn't experience it all. There's that fallen heart feeling that you rushed right through the moments where you should've been paying attention. Well, get used to that feeling. That's how your whole life will feel some day. This is all practice."
— Chuck Palahniuk, *Invisible Monsters*

"Do not fall in love with people like me. I will take you to museums, and parks, and monuments, and kiss you in every beautiful place, so that you can never go back to them without tasting me like blood in your mouth. I will destroy you in the most beautiful way possible. And when I leave you will finally understand, why storms are named after people."
— Caitlyn Siehl, *Literary Sexes: A Collection of Short & Sexy Love Poems*

"Appear weak when you are strong, and strong when you are weak."
— Sun Tzu, *The Art of War*

"To choose doubt as a philosophy of life is akin to choosing immobility as a means of transportation."
— Yann Martel, *Life of Pi*

"If the real world were a book, it would never find a publisher. Overlong, detailed to the point of distraction-and ultimately, without a major resolution."
— Jasper Fforde, *Something Rotten*

"There are two means of refuge from the misery of life – music and cats."
— Albert Schweitzer

"Time was passing like a hand waving from a train I wanted to be on. I hope you never have to think about anything as much as I think about you."
— Jonathan Safran Foer

"Please believe that things are good with me, and even when they're not, they will be soon enough. And I will always believe the same about you."
— Stephen Chbosky, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

ed and the vessel impounded. In 1989, General Noriega was ousted by the Americans. How the ship ended up sunk off Venezuela is a bit of a mystery, but then, as Van Vuuren points out, so is much of this story. He concludes that South Africa's state arms dealer, Armscor, was involved:

But for all the smoke and mirrors, one thing is as clear as day. There is more than sufficient evidence that Armscor bought arms from IMES, a Stasi-run East German company operating behind the Iron Curtain. During the Cold War, much was not as it seemed.

Nor was this an isolated incident. Van Vuuren says he has evidence that Armscor had a team of military experts working inside the Soviet Union with an office in Leningrad.
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tificates, ended up off the coast of Panama where the ruler, General Noriega, had apparently given the green light for the operation. In the end, the dictator reneged on the deal. When the Pia Vesta arrived in Panama on 14 June 1986, its crew was arrest-

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	4.9%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E13.30 per litre
Replacement	E13.35 per litre
Diesel	E13.30 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.65 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 31 OCT 2018

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.6177	14.6677
British Pound/SZL	18.5878	18.6514
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.7204	7.7454
Swiss France/SZL	14.5420	14.5903
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3434	1.3597
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.3639	10.4008
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.1381	11.1728
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.5771	16.6338
Gold	1,217.4000	
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RETIREEES CAUTIONED AGAINST INVESTING IN BITCOIN

...Also strongly advised against scammers who promise high returns on investments

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

WHILE many are allured by prospects of exponentially hiking their investments through cryptocurrencies, especially Bitcoin, retirees have been warned against taking their hard earned money and investing in such platforms.

This was discussed at the Liberty Life retirement seminar held at Royal Villas yesterday.

Senior Associate at Fiduciary Trusteeship Services (FTS) South Africa Zethu Shongwe advised those who will be retiring against investing their hard-earned money in cryptocurrencies.

"Please contact the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) to check their authenticity. Be careful of Bitcoin investments as they pose a threat especially to retirees who are unaware about investments," she said.

The seminar was hosted by Liberty



SPEAKERS: Phil Minisi who is the Chairperon of Liberty Life and Zethu Shongwe making their presentations at Royal Villas yesterday during the Liberty Life retirement seminar. (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)

Life Eswatini and attended by retirees from different organisations.

Shongwe further advised attendees to never get into retirement with debt as retirement is the most expensive holiday one gets into.

She also strongly advised against



scammers who promise high returns on investments.

She said planning for retirement was very important and should be done at an early age in order to retire with enough money to keep going.

According to Shongwe, 26 per cent of fund members will retire financially secure and only 65 per cent retire comfortably.

This will be achieved by a contribution of 13 per cent of earnings from members who do so from as early as 25 years.

The savings, according to Shongwe, are sourced from both the employer and the employee, employees according to Shongwe are faced with challenges of not planning, not saving, starting too late to save, inflation costs investing and disinvesting, not understanding the type of fund one is in or withdrawing from retirement funds when changing employers.

Planning for retirement was also highlighted as an important aspect than for one to just jump into it.

This was noted as a trend that affects a lot of people who eventually decide to get into retirement savings a few years before they retire.



ALL EARS: Liberty Life Managing Director Dumisani Dlamini listening to one of the speakers at the seminar.



CAUTION: FNB's Mpumalanga Dlamini cautioning MPs on lavish living.

MPs ADVISED TO AVOID FLAMBOYANT LIFESTYLES

MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) have been advised against adopting flashy lifestyles whilst occupying public office.

Instead, they were encouraged to make meaningful investments and be wary of showing-off their new-found money.

This was during the Liberty Life retirement seminar that was held at Royal Villas yesterday.

"Financial literacy is very important amongst parliamentarians and ministers occupying office. Some live lavish lives when in office and fail to keep up after their term of office is over.

"Liberty Life and other players have a role to play in educating about investing and lifestyle audits,"



SUBMISSION: Former Hhukwini Member of Parliament Saladin Magagula stressing a point.

First National Bank's Mpumalanga Dlamini said.

This came after former Manzini North Member of Parliament Jan

Sithole said he had invited former Hhukwini Member of Parliament Saladin Magagula and former Zombodze Emuva Member of

Parliament Dr. Titus Thwala to the seminar. Dlamini said there was a lot of ground to be covered by the players together with the regulator. Liberty Life Managing Director Dumisani Dlamini said they were happy to host this seminar which he assured would now be an annual event going forward.

Swaziland Sugar Association's Gogo TV Dlamini, who is awaiting her retirement package lamented the lack of proper financial education in the country.

Dlamini said she wished such information on retirement was relayed to her early in life because she would have made informed decisions on how to invest her money.



STRATEGIC: The ATAF and Pan African Parliament team posing after the MoU was signed on Monday. (Courtesy pics)

ATAF, PAP SIGN HISTORIC MoU

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

THE African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) on Monday signed a historical Memorandum of Understanding with the Pan African Parliament (PAP) in a bid to strengthen tax legislations in Africa and combat illicit financial flows (IFF).

The MoU was signed in the first ordinary session of the fifth Parliament which took place on Monday at the Kigali Convention Centre in Rwanda. ATAF Executive Secretary Logan Wort and Speaker of the Parliament Nkodo Dang, signed the five-year MoU to formalise cooperation between their respective institutions on tax policy and tax administration reforms on the continent. ATAF said in a statement that prior to the signing, Wort was invited by the Speaker to make a presentation on the correlation between IFFs and taxation and the collaborative role that both institutions can play in addressing such in the continent. These included capacity building and tax education for Members of Parliament through ATAF, a stronger advocacy role for legislators on tax issues and domestic resource mobilisation in national, regional and continental fora, in line with the African Union's Agenda 2063, and the role of Parliamentarians in enacting sound national tax legislations, as well as collaborative tax research initiatives between PAP and ATAF. ATAF, which has been endorsed by the African Union as the African voice on tax matters, consid-

...Both entities exploring ways to strengthen tax legislations in Africa



NEW BEGINNINGS: ATAF Secretary General Logan Wort and Pan African Parliament Speaker Nkodo Dang signing the MoU.

ers sound domestic tax legislations and the development of expertise on tax treaties key conditions for the implementation of effective tax reforms on the continent.

The tax administration forum, said in a statement, it views the PAP as a critical strategic partner given the oversight and advocacy roles of the Parliament. The MoU comes just days after the 5th Ordinary General Assembly of ATAF in Gaborone, Botswana, where participants explored ways to move Africa beyond aid and is viewed by both signatories as a significant step towards stemming Illicit Financial Flows, improving Domestic Resource Mobilisation and funding Africa's development.

About ATAF:

The African Tax Administration Forum

(ATAF) is an organisation which was established by African revenue authorities in 2009, in order to improve the performance of tax administrations in Africa.

ATAF believes that better tax administration will enhance economic growth, increase accountability of the state to its citizens, and more effectively mobilise domestic resources. Now in its ninth year of operation and headquartered in Pretoria, ATAF seeks to improve the capacity of African tax administrations to achieve their revenue objectives, advance the role of taxation in African governance and state building, provide a voice for African tax administrations and develop and support partnerships between African countries and development partners

SWADE to urgently review financial policies

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

SWADE has embarked on a mission to review its financial policies so they conform to current changes in the country's socio-political landscape.

SWADE is the Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Agency and was established in 1999 to facilitate socio-economic development for communities downstream the Maguga Dam along the Komati River using water from the dam. The parastatal is now seeking for a consultant to help formulate its financial policies which were recently revisited. Invitation to tender documents first published in the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) website indicate that a draft of financial policies is now in place. "This has been necessitated by the fact that there are many changes that have already occurred and thus a need for review the policies to be in line with new legislation," the documents state. Cited legislations which the new SWADE financial policies must comply with include the Procurement Act of 2011 which is being implemented by SPPRA, IPFAS, IFRS, IPSAS, and current SWADE computerised financial

systems. Meanwhile, the review process is expected to be interactive and done in consultation with government—mainly the ministry of finance, Public Enterprises Unit and SCOPE, who are ultimately responsible for the operation and maintenance of the organisation.

Specifically, the consultant team will be required to review and update the following poli-



cies and procedures:

- Introductory note for financial authority;
- General ledger policy and procedures;
- Revenue policy and procedures;
- Procurement procedures manual;
- Fixed assets policies and procedures manual;
- Cash and bank policies and procedures manual;
- Contractors engagement for capital projects (in line with Procurement Act of 2011);
- Consultancies engagement for any services rendered to SWADE;
- Payroll policies and procedures;
- Financial information system management (IT); Page 9 of 41
- Any other policy that the consultant may propose. The consultant will be expected to consult project teams who have been appointed to assist in this assignment.

National Quality awards slated for next Friday

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE much awaited National Quality awards will be held next week Friday, the ministry of commerce, industry and trade has announced.

The awards ceremony will take place at the Royal Swazi Sun Hotel starting from 1830hrs.

This follows the successful completion of the adjudication process which took place two weeks ago. The ministry said, in a statement that small micro and medium enterprises had shown tremendous interest in these awards.

"We are excited as a ministry that quite a number of SMMEs entered the competition this year even though we have noted with concern that there is still a lot to be done in terms of equipping them to better understand issues of quality and standardisation as well as diversity. We are going to use this to strategise however best we can to develop the sector and industry as a whole," said Communications Officer Thabile Mdluli. This is the second edition of the awards ceremony and they

follow the successful inaugural event held at The George Hotel in Manzini last year.

A total of 41 organisations including private sector companies, government parastatals, laboratories, individuals, and SMMEs entered the competition this year under the six categories. Mdluli also said the overall objective of the Eswatini National Quality Awards is to improve the quality culture of the Swati people.

While implementing effective private sector and industry engagement, through the promotion of integration of national and international quality requirements into production of products and services by local businesses. Attendance is strictly by invitation.

This year's categories are as follows:

- Eswatini Company or Organisation of the Year
- Eswatini Product of the Year
- Eswatini Service of the Year
- Eswatini Exporter of the Year
- Eswatini Quality Champion of the Year
- Eswatini Conformity Assessment Body of the Year

US ambassador encourages women to venture in agribusiness

By Majaha Nkonyane

AMBASSADOR of the United States of America Lisa Peterson on Tuesday encouraged women farmers to pursue strategies to achieve their goals.

"Achieving success is about setting goals and vigorously pursuing strategies to achieve them. It is about taking calculated risks, which can open up unforeseen opportunities. It is sometimes about failing, and always about learning from failures. And it is about grabbing every opportunity that moves you a step closer to your goal," she said.

Peterson was speaking at the Agri Business Training for Women and Girls

organised by Isibuko Serenity Foundation in partnership with the University of Eswatini's Centre for Community Services and NAMBOARD. The event was held on Tuesday at the University of Eswatini, Kwaluseni campus.

There were about 45 women and girls from two different communities; Ekudzeni, Nshakabili and girls from the University of Eswatini. Also present were UNESWA Vice-Chancellor Professor Justice Thwala, NAMBOARD Chief Executive Officer Siphephiso Dlamini, Isibuko Serenity Foundation Founder and President Dudu Dube, Isibuko Governing Council members Welile Tsela and Musa Nhleko board members Lindokuhle Mthupha and Sibusiso Mkhwanazi. UNESWA

Centre for Community Services Director Clement Dlamini and Khabonina Dlamini were also present. The US Ambassador said that starting a business was hard work for anyone hence there is no magic bullet and no such thing as overnight success.

"I am honoured that they invited me to speak to this gathering on Agri Business Training for women and girls. I commend the Isibuko Serenity Foundation for organising this opportunity to reflect on such an important subject, aimed at transforming the lives of women and girls through economic empowerment," she said. There were also representatives from Mbulazi Nursery who donated 2 000 seedlings to the foundation.

ENACTUS HOSTS ANNUAL EXECUTIVE PROJECT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP



ENACTUS Eswatini strives to build capacity within the youth of the country.

Last weekend, they held their annual executive team project management workshop at Thokoza Church Centre in Mbabane.

Each ENACTUS university team is structured like a corporation to give members relevant real world experience managing a company. Executive level positions, for example, are human resources, finance, communications, marketing, operations, and of course, chief executive officer. The workshop began with

ENACTUS members learning about their role and responsibilities of their various executive positions.

Based on feedback from judges at this year's ENACTUS World Cup in Silicon Valley, California, ENACTUS Eswatini has adopted a revised approach to project development. Moving forward, ENACTUS projects will use an impact business model to plan and implement projects.

The focus will shift to how a project will directly improve the lives of beneficiaries. Zanele Mazibuko, ENACTUS Programme Manager,

covered topics about how to properly draft a problem statement and mission statement, also how to create value in a product. Great emphasis was put on involving target beneficiaries throughout the planning process to ensure project sustainability.

Roadmap

Country Director Wonderboy Khumalo, presented the ENACTUS roadmap for students and beneficiaries, which is a long term plan to groom their ENACTUS team members into thriving social entrepreneurs. Khumalo spoke about the

importance of action, innovation, and social responsibility as key pillars of the ENACTUS mandate. The workshop concluded with each team presenting their potential project ideas for the upcoming year.

This provided a platform for the ENACTUS family to give constructive feedback to each team. ENACTUS Eswatini aims to promote a support network within the teams, whereby teams will work together and gain from each other's strengths.

Their motto #WeAllWin is sure to push the kingdom to a brighter economic future.

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AFRICA'S NEW DEBT CRISIS

ACCRA - Ghana is usually seen in a positive light abroad. It's associated with a peaceful change of government, functioning democracy and a government that wants to move away from development aid.

Yet Ghana is still relatively dependent on foreign countries because the seemingly model country is in big trouble.

At the end of 2017, national debt was equivalent to 70 per cent of the West African country's gross domestic product. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) considers 40 per cent feasible for developing countries.

The IMF and the World Bank are particularly concerned that Ghana represents a dangerous trend in Africa. "It's not looking so good at the moment," Jürgen Zattler, Executive Director for Germany at the World Bank, said. "After the debt relief and rather positive economic developments over the last 15 years, debt has been rising again." Last year, Africa's foreign debt reached the highest level since 2001, according to the British lobby group Jubilee Debt Campaign. Eighteen countries are experiencing an acute debt crisis or are on the brink thereof, according to the World Bank.

Streets, railways, ports as sources of debt

"I think the fall in commodity prices or the fluctuations in commodity prices in the last two, three years has really affected the revenue inflows of a number of African countries.

This has led to huge budget deficits, so governments have tried to plug the gaps. They've resorted to borrowing, especially from commercial sectors," said Tirivangani Mutazu, an analyst at the African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD).

The other reason is that Africa urgently needs roads, railways or ports. Without infrastructure, there would be no development and not enough jobs for millions of young people.

There is an infrastructure development shortfall of \$93-billion, accord-



IN SMILES: German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo at a meeting in Accra in August. (AFP)

ing to the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA). As a result, many governments are going into debt. Kenya, for instance: Last year the new rail link between the port of Mombasa and the capital, Nairobi, became operational. The \$4-billion project, Kenya's biggest since independence, was financed through Chinese credit.

Appetite for easy money

Money has been easy to come by for many countries in recent years. Aside from regular donors such as western governments or the IMF, new possibilities have emerged. Times of historically low interest rates in Europe have seen private investors eagerly eyeing fresh opportunities, and discovering African countries in the process. "Some countries saw positive development and could turn to the capital markets. They took out credit, partly with very high interest rates," said Zattler.

China has also played a role: 14 per cent of Africa's overall debt is to Beijing, which has secured influence and access to Africa's natural resources through easy credit. All this makes it harder to counter the current crisis.

"Previously, it was only the so-called Paris Club creditors that gathered at the table," said Zattler. The group negotiated relief for states in debt with

its members.

"That is no longer the case because neither the private creditors nor the new players such as China or Saudi Arabia are sitting at that table."

IMF comeback in Africa

In the current crisis, classic lenders such as the IMF are being asked to help once more. Ghana is among the countries that are receiving financial support from the fund. When Africa's debt peaked in the 1990s, the IMF and World Bank imposed structural reform programmes. State-run companies were swiftly privatised and public spending reined in. Because social programmes, in the training or health sectors, were also subject to cost cutting, it was the poor who were most affected.

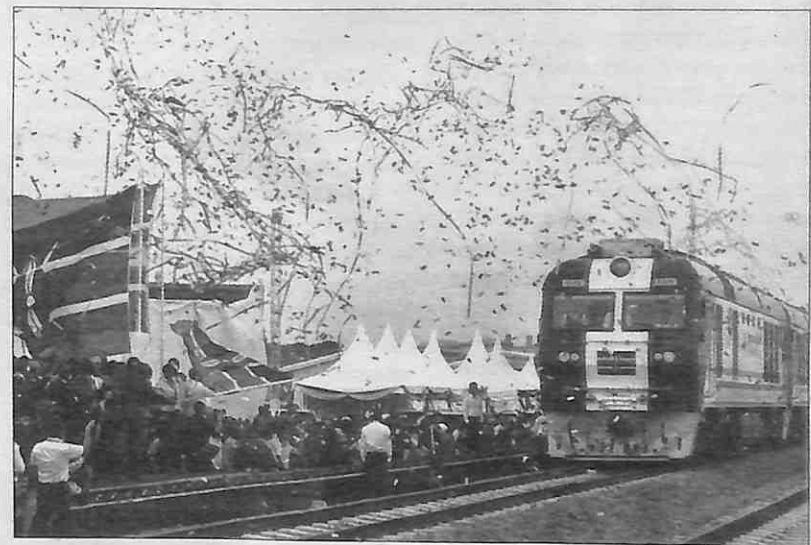
The IMF stresses it wants to take a different approach this time around. Experts such as Tirivangani Mutazu are nevertheless concerned.

"There are a number of countries already that are going to the IMF for bailouts so to speak.

The IMF will of course demand they implement austerity measures," Mutazu said. "Quite a number of those measures we saw in the 1980s are still the same and once these countries go to the IMF, they don't seem to escape some of those conditionalities," he added. *Deutsche Welle*



BIG GUNS: Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, IMF chief Christine Lagarde and Central Bank Governor Godwin Emefiele.



HAPPY: The Madaraka Express links Mombasa to Nairobi in Kenya.



World News

11 DIE IN VIOLENT STORMS

MILAN - Heavy rains and high winds buffeting much of Italy have killed 11 people over two days, officials said on Tuesday.

Many of the deaths were due to falling trees crashing down on cars or passers-by, but they also included a woman who was buried by mud when a landslide invaded her home near Trento in northern Italy, and a man who was slammed against rocks while windsurfing in Emilia-Romagna.

The other fatalities occurred in Naples, Liguria, Lazio and Veneto, where authorities found a 61-year-old man whose body had been swept more than a kilometre (half a mile) from his running car.

High winds created an exceptional tide in Venice on Monday, covering three-quarters of the city for the first time in a decade. Water levels were forecast Tuesday at 105 centimetres (41.3 inches), flooding 8 per cent of the famed lagoon city.

"It was the perfect storm during which adverse meteorological conditions contributed to the situation



SCARY: The damage caused by the heavy rains and high winds buffeting much of Italy which killed 11 people over two days. (AP)

in the sea and winds," civil protection chief Angelo Borrelli said.

News agency ANSA reported damage to the mosaic floors inside Venice's famed St. Mark's Basilica, where waters reached 90 centime-

tres (35 inches). The bronze metal doors and columns also sustained damage. The wooden floors in the nearly 300-year-old Florian cafe nearby were also seriously damaged.

"Venice is an amphibious civilisation, we need to get used to this," Art Director Stefano Stipitovich said, while laying out his hope to reopen as quickly as possible.

AP

India inaugurates world's tallest statue to honour independence hero

KEVADIA - India yesterday inaugurated the world's tallest statue, a \$400-million effigy of independence hero Vallabhbhai Patel that towers nearly twice the height of New York's Statue of Liberty.

The 182-metre (597-ft) steel and bronze 'Statue of Unity', in the prime minister's western home state of Gujarat, is part of his Hindu nationalist party's efforts to re-brand what it calls "forgotten" leaders. "Patel wanted India to be a forceful, strong, sensitive, vigilant and accommodative nation, and we're working towards that," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at yesterday's ceremony.

Modi, who ordered the statue built on the Narmada River when he was Gujarat chief minister, said last year there had been efforts to "belittle" or "remove from history" the contributions of Patel, who helped unite India's 562 princely states as the first home, or interior, minister. Funds for the statue came from the federal government, state-run companies and other institutions, and it was built in 33 months by construction and engineering company Larsen & Toubro Ltd.

Depicting the bald Patel in traditional attire, with a shawl over the shoulders, the statue used 210 000 cubic metres of cement, 25 000 tonnes of steel and 1 700 tonnes of bronze.

Some of the leaders Modi has branded as "forgotten" came from the opposition Congress party, and fought for independence from colonial ruler Britain in 1947.

Reuters

Crashed Lion Air jet's previous flight left passengers terrified

JAKARTA - Relatives numbed by grief provided samples for DNA tests to help identify victims of the Lion Air plane crash that killed 189 people in Indonesia, as accounts emerged on Tuesday of problems on the jet's previous flight, including rapid descents that terrified passengers.

Hundreds of rescue personnel searched seas where the plane crashed, sending more than three dozen body bags to identification experts, while the airline flew dozens of grieving

relatives to the country's capital, Jakarta. The two-month-old Boeing 737 MAX 8 jet plunged into the Java Sea early on Monday, just 13 minutes after taking off from Jakarta for an island off Sumatra. Its pilot requested clearance to return to the airport two to three minutes after takeoff, indicating a problem, though the cause is still uncertain. Aircraft debris and personal belongings, including ID cards, clothing and bags found scattered in the sea, were spread out on tarps at a port in north Jakarta and sorted into

evidence bags. The chief of the police's medical unit, Arthur Tampi, said it has received dozens of body parts for identification and is awaiting results of DNA tests, expected to take four to eight days.

The disaster has reignited concerns about safety in Indonesia's fast-growing aviation industry, which was recently removed from European Union and US blacklists. Two passengers on the plane's previous flight from Bali to Jakarta on Sunday described issues that caused annoyance and alarm. AP

Kanye West quits politics, attacks Donald Trump over immigration

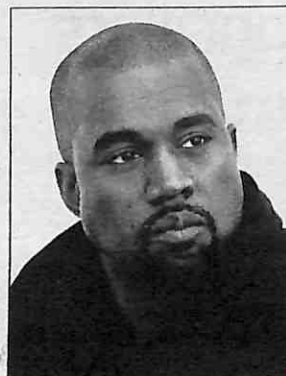
WASHINGTON - Kanye West, an ardent supporter of President Donald Trump, announced he is quitting politics after being 'used to spread messages I don't believe in' and denounced the president over his immigration policy.

The singer made the surprising declaration on Twitter on Tuesday. "My eyes are now wide open and now realise I've been used to spread messages

I don't believe in. I am distancing myself from politics and completely focusing on being creative !!!," he wrote.

In an extended Twitter rant, he criticised Trump's immigration policy, denounced the 'blexit' movement, and thanked his family. "I introduced Candace to the person who made the logo and they didn't want their name on it so she used mine."

Daily Mail



QUITS: Kanye West.

BRIEFS

25 killed in army helicopter crash

ANAR DARA - An Afghan army helicopter carrying 25 people crashed in western Afghanistan yesterday, killing all those on board, officials said. The aircraft crashed due to "bad weather" in Anar Dara district, which borders Iran, Farah provincial governor spokesperson Nasir Mehri said. The Taliban claimed its militants brought it down. Both pilots and 23 passengers were killed. Among the dead were the deputy army corps commander for western Afghanistan and the head of the Farah provincial council, Mehri said. AFP

Typhoon leaves 6 dead

ILAGAN - A strong typhoon blew across the northern Philippines on Tuesday, setting off landslides that left at least six people dead and forcing thousands to flee from villages that were still recovering from a deadly storm last month, officials said. Regional police Chief Superintendent Rolando Nana said authorities were attempting to verify a report that a landslide buried a government building under construction in Natonin in Mountain province, trapping more than 20 people. Several landslides blocked roads and prevented policemen from reaching the area, he said. AP

Couple dies while taking selfie

LOS ANGELES - An Indian couple who fell to their deaths in California's Yosemite National Park were apparently taking a selfie, according to a family member and media reports. Vishnu Viswanath, 29 and Meenakshi Moorthy, 30, died last week after falling from Taft Point - a popular overlook at the park



that does not have a railing - and their bodies were recovered by park rangers last Thursday. Viswanath's brother told local media in India that he believes the couple were taking a selfie when the tragedy happened.

AFP

'Sanctions against Arabia possible'

PARIS - France doesn't rule out any sanction against Saudi Arabia if its authorities are found to have been involved in the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said yesterday. France has called on Saudi Arabia to establish the truth about the case - having already changed its story several times - identify those behind the killing and punish them. "So long as those who are responsible and the circumstances around the killing are not made public, released and evaluated, we will go on demanding the truth," Le Drian told RTL radio. "So far we don't have it."

Reuters

Law to guard against fake news

HANOI - A Vietnamese cybersecurity law that global technology companies and rights groups have warned could undermine development and stifle innovation, will protect the country from increasing cyber threats, the security ministry has said. Legislators approved the law in June, overriding strong objections from companies like Facebook and Alphabet Inc's Google, rights groups and Western governments including the United States. But the ministry of public security, which administers the police, said the Communist nation was threatened by tens of thousands of large-scale cyber attacks that directly cause serious economic losses and threaten security and social order. Reuters

FOCUS ON SA SCENE

Slain advocate Mihalik's wounded son out of danger

CAPE TOWN - The young son of murdered lawyer Pete Mihalik is out of danger after he was wounded in an apparent hit on his father during the school run in Cape Town on Tuesday.

"They are all fine," Mihalik's colleague, Bruce Hendricks, said yesterday.

He said that was all he was prepared to disclose about the grieving family, which has suffered severe losses over the years.

Mihalik was shot dead outside Reddam House Atlantic Seaboard school in Green Point as he drove up to the school on Tuesday morning.

His daughter was not injured, but his young son was taken to a hospital for initial treatment before he was transferred to a different medical facility.

It is understood that the bullet became lodged in his jaw, according to Netwerk24.

Detained

Police are questioning two people in connection with the shooting after their anti-gang unit detained one person hours after the attack and a second person later.

"Two men have been taken in for questioning," said police spokesperson Sergeant Noloyiso Rwxana. Their questioning had not been escalated to arrest at the time of writing but Netwerk24 also reported that a Khayelitsha resident, who is one of those in custody, may be a senior figure in the taxi industry running a route between Delft on the Cape Flats to Cape Town.

Shocked Cape Bar Association Chairperson Advocate Ismail Jamie SC said after the shooting that no specific threats had been reported and that lawyers accepted that sometimes they would be unpopular and take the necessary precautions.

News24

ZWELI MKHIZE SLAMS 'DEFAMATORY' CLAIMS

JOHANNESBURG - Former ANC Treasurer General Zweli Mkhize has denied reports that he solicited R2 million in funding for the ANC from VBS Mutual Bank.

Mkhize has labelled the reports as "defamatory and a fabrication devoid of any truth and as such should not be believed".

His denials follow a Sunday Times story which reported on text messages exchanged between former VBS executives who claimed they had paid R2 million to Mkhize while he was the treasurer general of the ANC back 2016.

The funds were allegedly used to pay a service provider during the party's elections drive in 2016. The VBS executives had paid the money while under the impression that Mkhize would assist the bank in attaining funding from municipalities.

Mkhize, who is now the minister of cooperative governance and traditional affairs, has poured cold water on these claims and said he knows nothing about text messages.

"I wish to emphasise

once again that I, in my capacity as the treasurer general of the ANC, I have never assisted VBS in securing any funding from municipalities or any other state institution," said Mkhize in a statement issued yesterday.

"I have no direct knowledge or personal recollection of the R2million donation by VBS during my tenure as TG as reported. It needs to be made explicitly clear that the SMS messages exchanged by VBS directors as reported in the media article were not a conversation with me," he said.

He said he had met with VBS directors before, but that he had not promised to help them in their quest to draw funds from municipalities.

"I have confirmed before that I met with VBS management

and directors. This was a formally-arranged meeting with the TG's office. This meeting was meant to introduce the bank to the organisation and to make one understand its business model. This was nothing uncommon as I constantly met and interacted with representatives of various institutions, including other financial institutions.

Expectation

"It is also important to clarify that there was never, at any time, any expectation created by me that I would assist them in securing state funding including that of municipalities. Not only is this

suggestion untrue and laughable, but it's also a clear illustration of the arrogance, bad faith and destructive intentions that the implicated VBS representatives had about the bank," said Mkhize.

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DENIES: Ex-ANC Treasurer General Zweli Mkhize.

Gigaba invited to give his side at fireblade party briefing

JOHANNESBURG - A letter has been sent to Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba requesting that he be present at a sitting next week Tuesday to brief the committee on the agreement between the Fireblade Aviation and government.

Gigaba's character has once again been called into question in Parliament, where business tycoon Nicky Oppenheimer has openly accused him of lying to the House.

Oppenheimer and his son Jonathan were before the home affairs committee on Tuesday to explain their operations at their privately-owned Fireblade Aviation terminal at OR Tambo International Airport that has led to a court battle with Gigaba.

Chairperson of Parliament's portfolio committee on home affairs Hlomani Chauke spoke on the Karima Brown Show on Tuesday night.

"The letter has been sent off today to his office. The normal operations of Parliament are going to be on Tuesday when the committee of Parliament is sitting. We expect the Department of Home Affairs, who's a leader in the port of entry, to come and brief the committee now on the agreement between Fireblade and government."

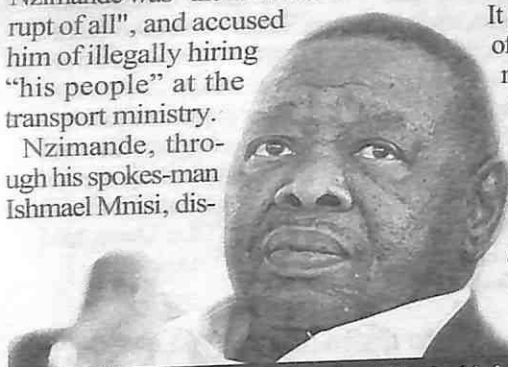
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'BLADE NZIMANDE IS THE MOST CORRUPT OF ALL'

JOHANNESBURG - Some department of transport employees have written to President Cyril Ramaphosa asking for an investigation into their boss, Minister Blade Nzimande.

In a letter, the group alleged that Nzimande was "the most corrupt of all", and accused him of illegally hiring "his people" at the transport ministry.

Nzimande, through his spokesman Ishmael Mnisi, dis-



ACCUSED: Boss, Minister Blade Nzimande.

missed the letter as "yet another attempt by his detractors" to "defocus" him.

The letter addressed to Ramaphosa was copied to Public Service and Administration Minister Ayanda Dlodlo and Police Minister Bheki Cele.

Tore

It tore into Nzimande, accusing him of hiring staff from his previous deployment as minister of higher education and training. It claimed that Nzimande had appointed several of those people in his office on a permanent basis, in contravention of the Ministerial Handbook and public service regulations.

It claimed that officials he had appointed were unskilled, clue-

less and not qualified for the task - particularly to be employed on a permanent basis.

"This guy (Nzimande) is the most corrupt of all. He came with all his ministry staff from his previous deployment as minister of higher education. All the staff have now been appointed on a permanent basis. This is against the Ministerial Handbook and public service regulations," read part of the letter.

"Please assist us in your various capacities and functions to either investigate, prosecute or dismiss all the characters involved in this situation."

Mnisi said Nzimande was not going to entertain the group and dismissed their allegations "with the contempt it deserves".

Timeslive

Maimane slams councillors

JOHANNESBURG - DA leader Mmusi Maimane used the memorial service for late Joburg ward councillor Jerry Mabe to launch a blistering attack on the City of Cape Town councillors who resigned last week after a heated council meeting.

Maimane, while praising Mabe for his selfless service as a councillor on Tuesday, singled out those who used

"racial victimhood" to cover up corruption and maladministration.

Mabe's memorial service was held in Dobsonville, Soweto.

Compromise

"The DA's core values of non-racialism, clean governance, and zero tolerance for corruption are never up for compromise. They stand, no matter who you are.

"I say, if you want to serve the people of South Africa, in any form, you must be above reproach. But there are some in the DA who do not share this view. For them, public service has quickly become personal service. This has no place in the DA I lead.

"You see, for some, when they are caught out undermining clean governance for the people, and zero tolerance for corruption, move towards racial victimhood."

IOL

De Lille's resignation letter to Maimane is official

CAPE TOWN - City of Cape Town speaker Dirk Smit will continue to use a letter sent to Democratic Alliance leader Mmusi Maimane in August as Patricia de Lille's official resignation letter.

Smit said he had received the letter from Maimane's office and was told to "process and proceed".

His remarks come after De Lille posted on her Twitter account that she had not resigned as the mayor and accused Smit of lying about the resignation.

Yesterday, Smit said as a result of the letter, which was directed to Maimane on August 4, the mayoral office will be vacant as of November 1.

"There is an official letter, I have been provided with a letter signed by Alderman De Lille in which she states that she has made a decision to resign as the mayor of the City of Cape Town, effective from yesterday," said Smit.

He said he has processed the



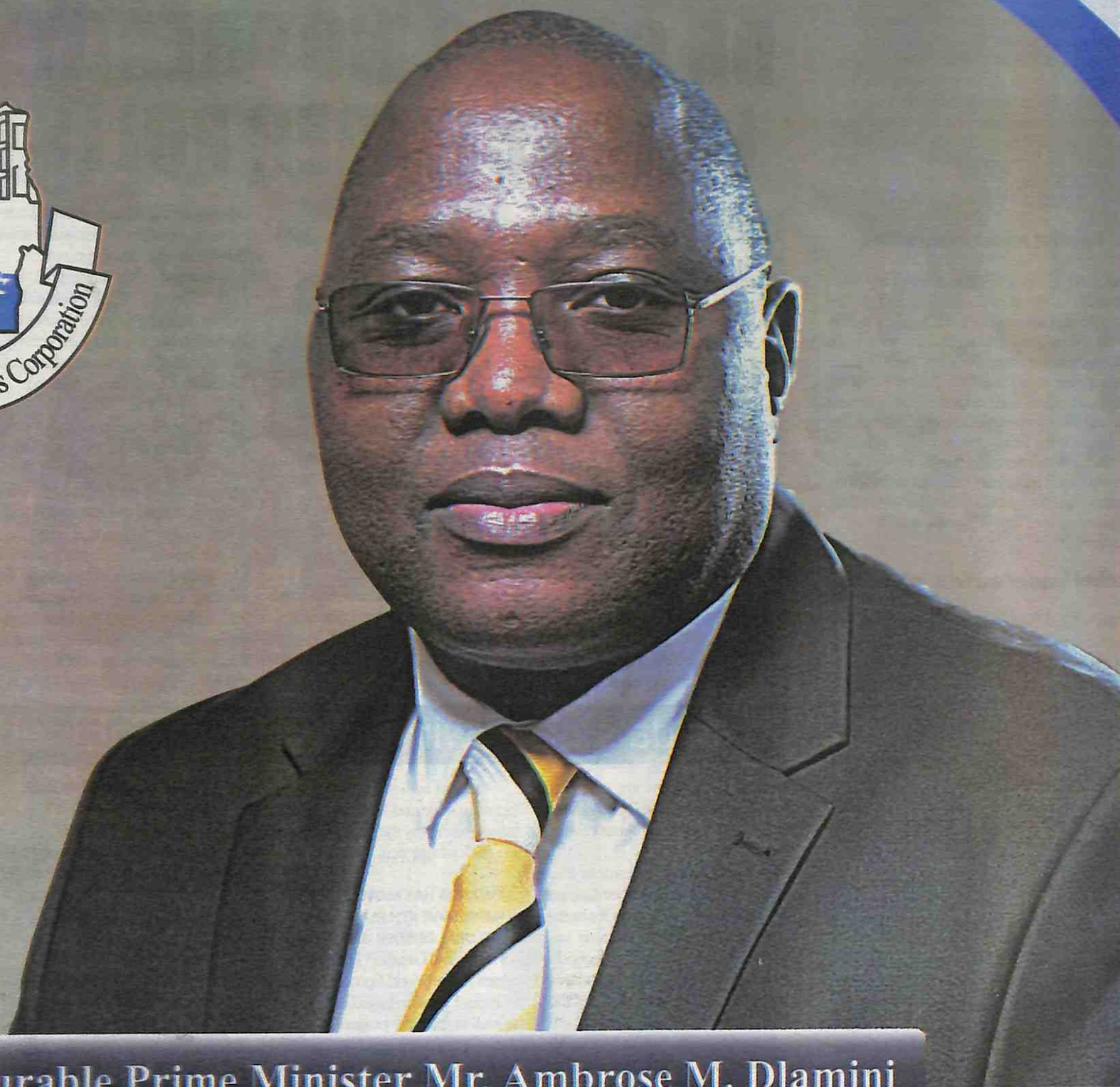
RESIGNS: Cape Town Mayor Patricia De Lille.

letter and in consultation with the city manager, he will call a special council meeting to elect a new executive mayor.

"It doesn't matter who it's directed to, it is a resignation of the mayor and I must process and proceed with the letter, which was sent to me by Maimane's office and it was said 'this is the letter, please process and proceed'," said Smit.

Times Live

Congratulations!



Honourable Prime Minister Mr. Ambrose M. Dlamini

The Board of Directors, Management and staff of the Eswatini Water Services Corporation would like to Congratulate Mr. Ambrose Dlamini on being appointed Prime Minister of Eswatini by his Majesty King Mswati III.

“When the righteous are in Authority, the people rejoice (Proverbs 29:2)”

Bayethe! wena wa Phakathi!!

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BRIEFS

Nigerian troops shoot, kill 27

NIGERIA - Nigeria's main Shiite Muslim movement says Nigerian troops shot and killed at least 27 of its members during a procession to the capital of Abuja. Islamic Movement of Nigeria spokesperson Ibrahim Musa said six people were killed on Saturday and another 21 on Monday. Nigeria's military said it killed six people and that the Shiite protesters fired first at soldiers. Musa said on Tuesday that many members were taking part in a religious procession, which coincided with a protest calling for the release of their movement's pro-Iran leader, Ibrahim Zakzaky.

AP

Baptist missionary killed

YAOUNDÉ - A Christian missionary from Indiana was killed in Cameroon on Tuesday when he was shot while travelling in a region where the military and separatists have been fighting, a family member said. The US State Department confirmed on Tuesday that an American citizen had been killed in Cameroon and said it was offering all appropriate consular assistance to the family, but provided no further details about the person. Charles Wesco, a 44-year-old Baptist missionary, had been in Cameroon for less than two weeks when he was killed, his sister-in-law, Joy Williams, said.

Reuters

Rebel leader arrives in capital

JUBA - South Sudan rebel leader Riek Machar returned to the capital Juba yesterday, according to a Reuters witness, more than two years after he fled the country after the collapse of a 2016 peace deal. Machar, the former vice president, fled to neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo in 2016 after fierce fighting broke out in Juba, killing hundreds of people. He later travelled to South Africa, where he was held under house arrest until earlier this year. Last month, he and President Salva Kiir signed a new peace deal in the latest attempt to end the five-year war.

Reuters

Book arrested economist freed

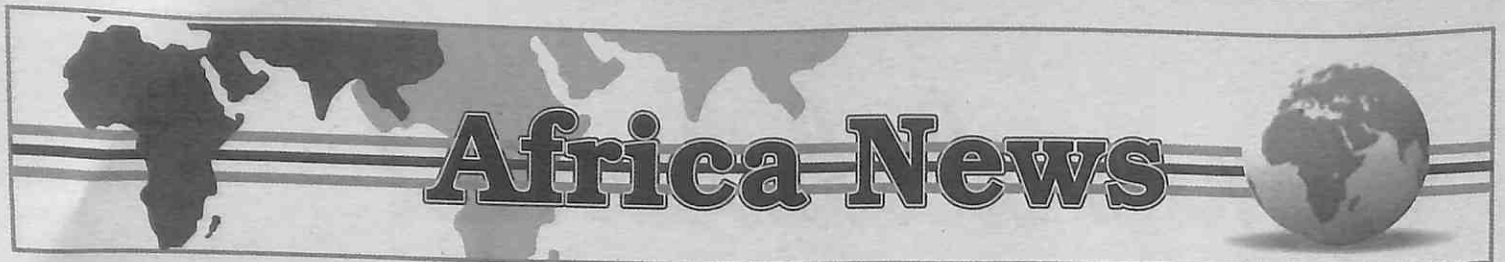
CAIRO - Egyptian economist Abdel Khalek Farouk said he has been released from jail after being arrested over his new book, which takes a critical look at the country's finances. "I got out last night," he told AFP, cautioning that the public prosecutor had yet to decide whether to dismiss the case or to put him before a judge. Farouk, a well-known economist, was arrested on October 21 and accused of spreading "false information". His detention followed the publication of his book 'Is Egypt Really a Poor Country?', which argues the state suffers from bad management of public funds rather than a lack of resources.

AFP

Focus off Asia to Africa

BERLIN - Chancellor Angela Merkel urged companies to take a closer look at Africa's "huge" economic opportunities, as Germany hopes that development of the continent will help curb illegal migration to Europe. "For many years, we have been very focused on Asia. I think that in future we should turn our sights more on Africa," Merkel said at an investment forum in Berlin, stressing Africa's "huge potential for growth". The gathering, attended by leaders from around a dozen African countries, is part of Merkel's so-called 'Compact with Africa' initiative launched last year during Germany's stint as G20 president.

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DR CONGO 'NOT READY' FOR DECEMBER POLLS

KINSHASA - The Democratic Republic of Congo is 'not ready' to hold long-delayed elections in December, the main opposition party said the day after the army handed over 150 trucks and a dozen aircraft for use by the electoral commission.

"One hundred fifty trucks can't cover our vast national territory which doesn't even have the road infrastructure," said Augustin Kabuya, spokesman of the main opposition Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS).

An opinion poll released on Tuesday showed that, regardless of any logistical problems, two opposition candidates are leading voting intentions in the lead-up to the presidential election.

UDPS leader Felix Tshisekedi led the poll with 36 per cent support,



NOT READY: A polling station in Kinshasa. (AP)

followed by Vital Kamerhe, Head of the Union for the Congolese Nation who came third in the 2011 election, with 17 per cent.

Emmanuel Ramazani Shadary, the hardline former interior minister backed by President Joseph Kabila, was in third place on 16 per cent.

Kabila himself has bowed to international pressure to step aside after nearly two decades in power.

According to the same poll, carried out by the BERCI consulting group and the Congo Research Group at New York University, two-thirds of voters backed the call for the elections to be delayed.

Credibility

UDPS spokesman Kabuya said the handover of the trucks, planes and helicopters, conducted with great fanfare on Monday, was "staged" to lend international credibility to the elections.

"We know (however) that... Corneille Nangaa is not ready to organise the elections on December 23," Kabuya told AFP, referring to the head of the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI).

AFP

Rwanda's new 'win for women' Cabinet

KIGALI - Africans are celebrating the gender-balance of Rwanda's Cabinet following a recent reshuffle.

Half of Rwandan President Paul Kagame's new 26 member Cabinet are women. According to a Rwandan government website, Kagame said that including women in decision-making positions would help address the socio-economic challenges facing the central African nation.

According to the Gender Monitoring Office, the president added: "This does not mean that men should feel that this does not concern them because this works better if both men and women work together."

Besides the fact that the Rwandan

Cabinet has achieved a 50-50 split between male and female representatives, here's why the Cabinet changes are such a huge deal:

RWANDA HAS MOVED UP TO AN IMPRESSIVE 4TH PLACE ON THE GLOBAL GENDER GAP INDEX

The Global Gender Gap Index is a means for the World Economic Forum to record gender-based disparities, as well as track the progress of countries as they work towards a gender-balanced society. Rwanda deserves a pat on the back considering that just 15 years ago, the country was ranked 37. Currently in first place is Iceland, followed by Norway in the second spot and Finland in third.

RWANDA JOINS ETHIOPIA AS AFRICA'S LEADERS IN GENDER-PARITY

Earlier this month, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed trimmed his Cabinet down from 28 ministers to 20, 10 of whom are women.

THE COUNTRY TAPS INTO THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

According to Rwandan newspaper, The New Times, the average age of ministers in the new Cabinet is 47.5 years, with the youngest being 31-year-old Jean de Dieu Uwihanganye. Only one minister is over the age of 60 and five are older than 55.

Times Live

'EU TO RENEW SANCTIONS ON CONGOLESE OFFICIALS'

BRUSSELS - The European Union is set to renew sanctions in December on senior officials in Democratic Republic of Congo, including presidential candidate Emmanuel Ramazani Shadary, four Western diplomats told Reuters.

The EU imposed sanctions last year on Shadary, who served as interior minister, and 15 other Congolese after a crackdown on protesters who opposed a delay in holding elections. The delay has let President Joseph Kabila stay in office two years past his legal mandate, although an election is now set for December 23.

Congo's government has said the sanctions, which include travel bans and asset freezes, are illegal, and renewing them is pointless because Kabila plans to step down after the election.



FREEDOM: Ex-Congolese interior minister Emmanuel Ramazani Shadary. (AP)

Renewal requires a unanimous vote from the EU's 28 member states, with a decision expected just 11 days before the election in Congo. Two diplomats said the EU had agreed

on renewal despite initial opposition from Spain, which proposed to take Shadary off the list.

A Spanish-led consortium two weeks ago signed a joint deal with Congo to develop a US\$14 billion hydroelectric project. Two diplomats said the project influenced Spain's position. A Spanish spokesperson was not immediately available to comment.

As interior minister, Shadary oversaw the police during the crackdown, in which demonstrators protesting against Kabila's extended rule were killed. He is now running for president and has been hand-picked by Kabila.

He faces some popular opposition candidates hoping to take advantage of Kabila's decision to step aside after 18 years in power.

Farmer to sue Namibian government

...for leasing four farms to Russian billionaire

WINDHOEK - A Namibian farmer, who claims he has been applying for resettlement in the southern African country for 15 years without success, has reportedly threatened to sue the government for leasing four farms to a Russian billionaire.

Reports last week indicated that the Namibian government recently agreed to lease four farms valued at N\$43 million and measuring a combined 17 000 hectares to a Russian billionaire, Rashid Sardarov, for 99 years.

According to The Namibian, the aggrieved farmer, Asser Katjinaani, who owned at least 300 livestock, said the government's deal with the Russian billionaire was "in violation of various provisions of several laws of Namibia".

"Our further instructions are to make an application to the High Court of Namibia to set aside the lease agreement as violating various provisions of several laws of Namibia," Katjinaani's lawyer, Norman Tjombe was quoted as saying.

The four farms were paid for by the Russian and registered as state property by the land reform ministry.

Sardarov's company Comsar Properties SA will be paying rent annually to the government, which would be equivalent to the land tax paid by commercial farmers, the report said.

News24



WITH: Simon Shabangu

CHURCH NEWS



END OF YEAR SERVICE AT MANDVULO GRAND HALL

HIS Majesty King Mswati III will host the nation in the end of year church service to be held at Mandvulo Grand Hall on Saturday.

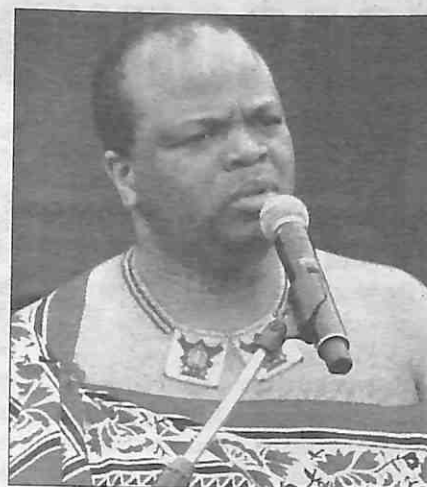
Reverend Dr Nicholas Nyawo, who is one of the organisers, said the service would start at 10am until late in the afternoon. He said they expect His Majesty to share the Word of God with the nation and further pass his message for the year.

Dr Nyawo said the theme of the year is 'Thus Far The Lord Has Helped Us' derived from 1 Samuel 7 verse 12. "Through this theme, as a nation, we want to thank God for all the good things He has done for Emaswati. We hosted a number of events which were a success, including the Golden Jubilee celebrations. For all this, as a nation we want to give praise to God because we could have not achieved all this without Him. That is why we say He has led us this far," Dr Nyawo said. He said the service is open to everyone no matter their denomination. Reverend Nyawo urged all those wishing to be part

of the service to be settled at Mandvulo Grand Hall by 11am and await the arrival of His Majesty. He stated that there would be a number of preachers who will share scriptures focused on this theme.

On another note, Dr. Nyawo congratulated His Majesty King Mswati III for the appointment of a new prime minister. He said it is upon the church to now pray for royalty and the new prime minister as he assumes this important responsibility. "The King has made the appointment and we are happy that he has chosen a humble and God-fearing PM. It is upon us as the body of Christ to pray for the King and the prime minister. We have been praying for the King to appoint God-fearing people who will lead the nation with godly principles. The King has just given us that and we can only pray that God would be upon them as they lead the government," he said.

The end of year service marks the close of royal activities for the year, preceding the start of cultural events.



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III.

ALL SET FOR DIVINE HEALING MINISTRIES DINNER

DIVINE Healing Ministries dinner promises to be a night not to be missed as powerful ministers of the Word of God, royalty, chiefs, legislators, business people and the general public will gather under one roof to help the church raise funds for their projects.

Bishop Nash Shongwe said the event to be held at the church in Manzini tomorrow evening, would be a night to remember with Prince Masitsela and Bishop ND Nhlapho of God Never Fails as the main speakers.

He said there were limited tickets available, stressing that those willing to be part if the event can still get tickets, especially the general ones. Bishop Nash said they were now ready to host the many people expected tomorrow. He said a number of business people have shown interest in being part of the event. He said other companies like Tee & Jay have already partnered with the church in this event.

"I want to say that its all systems go this Friday as preparations for the event are at an advanced stage. The two main speakers of the night have also confirmed their participation and we are looking forward to an amazing night. Bishop Nhlapho will minister to the gathering. He is an anointed man of God who will not leave the gathering the same through his speech and sermon," he said.

The bishop said they also have Ndawonywe Christ Worshippers, Sambulo Khumalo and Linda Dlamini who will also minister in song. He said they also have Divine Healing Ministries youth choir from Matsiema which will also perform for the gathering.

He said the youth choir is so talented that gospel music lovers would love their performance. The bishop stressed that people can still contact them to be a part of this special event which they host annually. Proceeds from the event are used for building new places of worship and also towards charity work that the church does around the country.

Pentecostal Holiness Church hosts all night service

The Pentecostal Holiness Church will host an all night service at Mayaluka Hall in Big Bend on Saturday. The hosts are Bishop XC Ngema and the first lady of the church Lady T. The bishop said a number of speakers would share the Word of God at the event. Among the speakers are Apostle Msibi, Pastor Masuku, Pastor Mabuza, Pastor Simelane, evangelist ML Mbatha and Pastor Z Shelembe. He said Lungelo Mathe and Shiwo Ndlangamanda would minister in song while Pamela Zwane from VOC would be directing proceedings. He invited people to come in their numbers to be part of the service. He said this is a night not to be missed as people would witness God at work as the preachers are anointed men and women who will not leave the congregation the same.

MBABANE ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Mondays: Prayer 6:00pm-7:30pm
Thursdays: Bible Exposition 6:00pm-7:30pm
Sundays: Youth 6:00pm-7:30pm
Sundays: Women 2:00pm-3:30pm
Sundays: English Service 8:30am-10:30am
Sundays: Swazi Service 12:00pm-1:00pm

Children's Ministry 8:30am-10:30am, 11:00am-12:00pm

Men: Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:00pm-7:30pm

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Manzini Branch:
Wednesdays- Prayer 6:00-7:30pm
Thursdays- Mid-week Service 6:30-8:00pm
Sundays- Teachings 9:30-10:30am

Main Service
10:30am-1pm

Mbabane Branch:
Tuesdays- Prayer 6:00pm-8:00pm
Sundays- Service 10am-1pm

DIVINE

EVANGELICAL Church - Nhlanguano

"Distinctively Christian"

Every Sunday
English Service at 08:30hrs - 09:55hrs

Bible Study - 10:00hrs - 10:55hrs
Siswati Service - 11:00hrs - 13:00hrs

Every Monday
Prayer: 18:00hrs - 20:00hrs

Last Tuesdays of the Month
Family Fellowship: 18:00hrs - 20:00hrs

Every Friday
Youth Services: 18:00hrs - 20:00hrs

Venue: Evangelical Church Nhlanguano Church Hall, Opposite Nhlanguano Central Primary School

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FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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Venue: Ngwame Park Manzini, Faith Premises

Sundays 11:30am. In spite of your past, you shall smile again.

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MBABANE FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES

Rev. Dr. A. M. B & Pastor T. Matsebula

Sunday English service 9:00 am - 10:30am

Main Service 10:45am - 1:00pm

Wednesday Prayer 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Monday, Tuesday 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Mbabane FEA below Mbabane clinic, Contacts 24045807/76413201 Email: mbabanefea@swazilink.net

GOD IS ABLE

CHURCH SERVICE Times

SUNDAY SERVICES
MBABANE THEATRE CLUB 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

MANZINI SATELITE
2:30 PM-5:00 PM

CONTACT 7605 3160

GOD'S GLORY ABAZE CHURCH (NHLANGANO MATHEDELE)

Services

Mondays: 6pm-7pm, 8pm-9pm
Wednesdays: 6pm-7:30pm
Sundays: Morning 8am-9:30am
Evening 5:45pm-6:30pm
Main service 10:00am-11:00pm

Contact
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Host: Pastor N.T Dlamini

GROWING FAITH Ministries International

Mondays:
Prayer & Transformation 6-8pm

Tuesdays:
Transformation Class at Syney Williams in Manzini 6:30-8pm

Fridays:
Breakthrough Service 6-8pm

Sundays:
Prayer 9am

Main Service
10am-1pm

(Lobamba, Esitjenti on you way to Mhlwani)

TRUST REFORMATION CHURCH

WORSHIP WITH US Every Sunday

English Main Service 10:30am-12:00pm

MANZINI BRANCH
Join us Fridays 8:30am-9:00am
Deliverance Service 10:30am-11:00pm
Deliverance & Prophetic Service 11:00am-12:00pm
Manzini to Hlambani road to Topya Leka Moya Warehouse No.1

SUNDAYS:
10:00am-11:00am & 11:00am-12:00pm
Manzini to Hlambani road to Topya Leka Moya Warehouse No.1

JUBILEE WORSHIP HOUSE INTERNATIONAL

THEME:
A Place Where We Celebrate God's Intervention

Church services:

Fridays:
Youth service 6pm-8pm

SATURDAYS:
Prayer 6pm-8pm

Sundays:
Main Service 10:00am-11:00pm
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with Apostle Babbe and Mrs. Nokwanda Dlamini

Sundays:
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Venue:
Woodlands, Ezulwini

ZAKHELE FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY English service @9:00am - 10:45am

Siswati Service @11:00am - 1:00pm

Venue:
Zakhele, Nkambule street, Manzini

BY: Rev Msibi

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MLINDO APOLOGISES FOR 'NO SHOW' AT MEGASOUND PICNIC

By Nokwanda Sibandze and Ayanda Dlamini

SOUTH AFRICAN singer Mlindo The Vocalist yesterday apologised on social media for not showing up at the MegaSound Picnic last Saturday. The singer was supposed to perform at the festival but he was AWOL.

Even though fans were unfazed by his 'no show', the artist took the initiative to apologise and promised a make-up show to his fans in the country. In the video he posted on social media, he explained why he could not make it to the show.

He said he couldn't cross the border because of administrative issues. "We are really sorry; we know the people were really looking forward to the performance. I wanted to come to Eswatini to perform. To the team that booked me, please, let's do another show and make-up for the gig I missed," he says in the video. However, the musician did not alert the organisers of the show about this issue but simply AWOL the whole night.

It was reported that the artist did call and said

I AM SORRY: Mlindo.

he was on his way but he was not found by the MegaSound team when they went to fetch him at the border.

MegaSound's Zulu D had said he does not know what happened because the artist was paid for his performance. "Our crew went to look for him but he wasn't there, they even crossed the border but he was not there. We do not know what happened and we are hoping he will refund us," said Zulu D at the picnic when the *Bamthathile* hitmaker went AWOL.

Worth noting is that it was not Mlindo's first time coming to Eswatini as he was here a month ago, performing at The George Hotel in Manzini.

MegaSound PRO Zanele Magongo yesterday said they were currently working on the issue and they would reveal the dates of the make-up show once they have reached a decision.

The second edition of MegaSound Picnic last Saturday did not only see thousands of fun lovers gathered together to dance the night away but a number of artists were lined up. The aim of the event was to celebrate Eswatini's very own, hence the tagline **#kumnandziEswatini.**

Babes Wodumo for Déjà Vu month end

By Ayanda Dlamini

WOLOLO hit maker Babes Wodumo is coming to Eswatini.

South African *gqom* queen Babes Wodumo will be performing live at Déjà Vu Cocktail Lounge, Esibayeni Lodge on November 30. The *Wololo* hit maker will be performing at a show dubbed 'Babes Wodumo Live in Eswatini'. This was revealed by SwaziBoy Entertainment PRO Nozipho 'Ur Gal Zee' Masuku yesterday. Masuku urged fan lovers to save the date and not miss the show as it would be a night to remember. "We are yet to release tickets to the show. For now, people must just save the date."

She is coming. It will be one of our best shows. Strictly no caps, vests or sandals allowed at the show. "We are all about class," said Masuku. Babes Wodumo has costantly made headlines over the past few months, mainly as a result of the abuse allegations that came out on Metro FM. With that seemingly being a thing of the past now, Babes appears to be in a much better place.

The singer and dancer rose to fame as a featured artist on tracks like Big Nuz's *Tsege Tsege*. She became a solo artist in 2016 with the release of her hit single *Wololo*. Worth mentioning is that she was featured on the soundtrack for the major marvel movie: 'Black Panther' where she teamed up with Zacari on a track titled 'Redemption'. Other artists who were on the Black Panther soundtrack were Kendrick Lamar, The Weeknd and SZA.

WOLOLO: Babes Wodumo.

TICKETS TO VUSI NOVA'S SHOW OUT

By Nokwanda Sibandze

TICKETS to Vusi Nova's show at Emfuleni Lifestyle are out.

The show is slated for November 18 and music fanatics can now purchase tickets to the show, vying for E200 general and E300 for VIP. The tickets are available at Computicket, Shoprite outlets. "Fans can also contact us for deliveries or check our office at Portuguese Club first floor or call 2404 7215," said New Life Entertainment's DJ Cup.

The 'As'phelelanga' singer will be sharing the stage with local musicians such as Floewe, Velemseni, Khole, Msizi and Tribe New. On the decks will be DJ Czar, DJ Cup and DJ Cybos.

Female MC Nicky Mamba will be directing proceedings alongside rapper Illa Penboy.

Vusi Nova has done numerous collaborations with a number of musicians and opened for a number of international artists that have both shaped and inspired him throughout his career.

The award winning musician is currently a hot property and performing

almost every weekend in South Africa. This happened after the release of his new album titled 'Manyan Nyan' which has collaborations with the likes of Kelly Khumalo, Ntando Bangani, 047 and poet Jessica Mbangeni whom he collaborated with on his popular song these days 'As'phelelanga.' 'Asphelelanga' is a song where he pays tribute to fallen stars that have shaken South Africa and the entire African continent with their music. The likes of Hugh Masekela, Robbie Malinga, Sifiso Ncwane, Nana Coyote, Brenda Fassie and Mandoza, to mention only a few.





UYAVUMA: Abathandwa took time to take pictures with fans outside Riverstone Mall yesterday.



MALE VOICE: The group Abathandwa captured after the launch at Molly's House of Grills.

AYANDA NCWANE'S ABATHANDWA TO BE HERE IN DECEMBER

Stories by Nokwanda Sibandze

WELL-KNOWN for their hit song 'Umoya wami uyavuma', Abathandwa gospel group will be performing in the country on December 8.

The gospel sensation group managed by the late Sifiso Ncwane's wife Ayanda, yesterday at Molly's House of Grills launched their upcoming show dubbed 'Abathandwa Live Experience' which will be held at a venue that is yet to be announced.

The show is set to celebrate music and fashion since the group is always up to standard fashion wise whenever they perform.

The group came in their numbers for the launch accompanied by their Manager Ayanda Ncwane. The event was also graced by Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture (ENCAC) CEO Stanley Dlamini,

... Show successfully launched yesterday



LEADER'S VOICE: Abathandwa Manager Ayanda Ncwane saying her part during the launch at Molly's House of Grills yesterday. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)

Reverend Johannes Mazibuko and other ENCAC members.

Speaking at the launch, the group's Manager Ayanda Ncwane said she was more than excited to bring the group to Eswatini for the first time.

"Eswatini is my second home literally. Not only did my late hus-

band and I work with Emaswati, but we also love the nation as a whole," said Ncwane.

Ncwane mentioned that her record label; Ncwane Communications is not just in the country to host a show but they are also here to serve the community.

"Through the very long lasting relationship that we have with the country since hosting our very first show back in 2014, we have decided to come back and bring this beautiful event to the kingdom," she added.

The group lead singer, Percy Nyoka said as a group they were grateful for the opportunity to perform here in Eswatini for the first time.

"We all come from Christian families and gospel is in our hearts. We are happy that will be sharing this gift with the people of Eswatini and we have seen with our own eyes that the people of Eswatini love and support us.

We are looking forward to delivering," said Nyoka.

He also promised not only to give the best performance but to also make sure that they are dressed the part as they will be celebrating both aspects.

'The country needs such partnership'

APPRECIATING the group and their manager, ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini said the council was proud of being part of such event.

"We are proud as a council to be part of such partnership, we have seen many gospel shows in the country but a few are able to invest in communities of the country, this is why we are fully behind this event because we see how this is going to benefit both parties," said Dlamini.

Dlamini also said the ENCAC board recently had a meeting and was proud to say that the event would put to sleep many of the issues that were raised by the board.

"The gospel music industry has been the country's pride for a really long time but recently it has been struggling due to the leadership we have had over the past years but we are happy that this event came at the right time where we are also trying to awaken the gospel music industry," he added.

Echoing his words was Reverend Johannes Mazibuko of Mbabane Alliance Church who said that as a man of God, he would like to congratulate Ncwane for the bravery of continuing with her late husband's vision. "We are happy as the gospel fraternity to be part of such greatness and I hope the team chooses the right venue for this show," he said.



WELCOME: Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture Stanley Dlamini saying his part as Rev. Johannes Mazibuko and Ayanda Ncwane look on.



WHAT'S NEXT?: Mhlonishwa Motsa leading proceedings for the day.



EXPLAIN: Abathandwa singer Percy Nyoka explaining how the group was formed and what the show is about.

International
Celebrity News

Cardi B was only approached by Little Mix

NEW YORK - Cardi B was Little Mix's backup option for their song because Nicki Minaj took her damn sweet time and had them panicking, TMZ has learned. Here's the rub. Sources connected to the all-girl group tell us they had indeed reached out to Nicki first to get her on their hit single 'Woman Like Me', but they needed a plan B when the 'Queen' MC dragged her feet in submitting her verse, and then kept rewriting it.



PANICKED:
Cardi B.

That plan B was Cardi, as Little Mix had also expressed interest in working with her since she was the hottest female rapper in the game. We're told LM's record label was breathing down their necks to meet the deadline, so they hit up Cardi's camp with the request.

During her instant classic social media rant on Monday, Cardi insisted she'd been offered the Little Mix collab first, and Nicki only got it because she punted.

TMZ

Khloe Kardashian cheers on Tristan Thompson

HOLLYWOOD - Khloe Kardashian might just be the good luck charm 'The Cleveland Cavaliers' need, she was in the crowd to cheer on baby daddy Tristan Thompson as his team got its first W of the year.

Khloe was spotted at Quicken Loans arena on Tuesday in the same section we saw her seated in so many times last year. It's been a rough season for Tristan and the LeBron-



CHEERS ON: Khloe Kardashian.

less squad, they came into the game winless (0-6), and fired their head coach Tyrone Lue just a couple days ago.

The team's luck changed with Kardashian in the crowd, locking down a 136-114 victory over 'The Atlanta Hawks'.

Tristan had a good game too, with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

News 24

Katy Perry closing on second Beverly Hills mansion

BEVERLY HILLS - Katy Perry's family and friends just scored huge, thanks to her scooping up a quaint little guest house. Kidding, she bought 'em a freakin' mansion! Katy's second home in Beverly Hills, is four bedrooms and five bathrooms spread over 4 400 square feet. It's got French doors opening out to an outdoor area for entertaining, and a pool area for 90210 lounging.

The crib is in a gated community which has also been home to Ellen DeGeneres, Ashton Kutcher and Mila

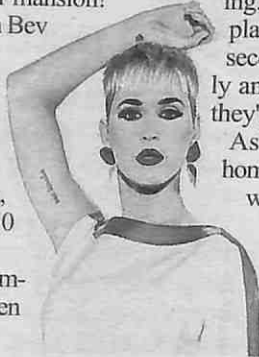
Kunis, Jennifer Lawrence, Adele, and also Katy. Yeah, she bought a US\$19 million, five bedroom spread last year in this hood.

Don't worry, Katy's not downsizing. She's keeping the OG place, deciding to add the second as a place for family and friends to stay when they're in town.

Asking price on the new home is US\$7.5 million, and we're told she's paying close to that. All the contingencies have cleared, and we're told the deal will close next month.

People Magazine

NEW HOUSE: Katy Perry.



Kelly signs confidentiality agreement for US\$10 million

NEW YORK - Megyn Kelly has told NBC she will not spill whatever beans

she has on the network and the people who work there, but at a hefty price. Sources familiar with the negotiations tell TMZ, NBC offered Kelly US\$38 million, which the network says represents the balance owed on her contract. As we reported, Megyn was pulling in around US\$25



TO SIGN: Megyn Kelly.

million a year and she was one year and some change into the three-year deal.

We're told NBC attached a pretty standard string, a confidentiality agreement. Her lawyer said his client would sign on the dotted line, for an additional US\$10 million. We're told NBC told the attorney to pound sand.

NBC definitely has cause for concern, Kelly wrote a book, 'Settle for More', in which she targeted Fox News Channel, and she has been critical of the network since her exit.

TMZ

SA Celebrity News

Zoleka Mandela pregnant with her fifth child

MIDRAND - In what can be described as a great mid-week surprise, Zoleka Mandela revealed she's pregnant again. The social activist and author announced her fifth pregnancy on Instagram with a collage of pictures on Tuesday. "Darling, you're pulling a caravan! That is what my day one (my grandmother) used to say about my big booty! This was me yesterday. I was sporting my new 'push and pull' look. I'm pushing and pulling serious caravan loads these days!!!" Zoleka's husband Thierry Bashala also confirmed the news on his



EXPECTANT:
Zoleka Mandela.

Instagram page. In January, Zoleka poured her heart out about the risks that come with falling pregnant as a two-time cancer survivor. Zoleka said her oncologist advised her that falling pregnant could cause the cancer to return, spread or even be incurable. "I am 37 years old and have been pushed into early/medical menopause twice in my life. Pregnancy and weight gain increases estrogen in my body which only accelerates the growth of cancer cells." She was devastated by the advice because all she wanted was another baby.

Sowetan

Kenny Kunene, Nonkululeko are expecting again

SANDTON - One and a half years after welcoming Baby Billionaire into the world, Kenny Kunene and Nonkululeko have confirmed that they're set to add to their brood.

According to Sunday Sun glowing mama-to-be, Nonkululeko flaunted her growing baby bump at Kenny's birthday bash last weekend.

"Yes, we're pregnant and happy with our baby number two," they told the paper.

Even though they confirmed the news, the parents-to-be declined to reveal their unborn baby's gender.

The paper states that according to



EXPECTING: Nonkululeko and Kenny Kunene

sources, they plan to nickname their unborn child 'Baby Gucci'.

The lovebirds tied the knot in a lavish traditional ceremony at Nonkululeko's home in Kimberly in March last year.

Times Live

Jali faces expulsion over drinking problem

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder dynamo Andile

Jali is facing possible expulsion from the club if he doesn't go to rehab to red card alcohol. Sunday World can reveal that Jali's football career at the Brazilians is hanging by a thin thread after he allegedly failed three pre-training breathalyzer tests at the club's headquarters in Chloorkop since he joined

the team this season.

A highly placed source said he was also allegedly involved in a bust up with the club's head coach Pitso Mosimane recently in front of several members of the team's management. This after the coach allegedly reprimanded the footie for drinking his career away.

Times Live

FACES EXPULSION: Andile Jali with an unidentified woman.



Penny Penny shares his views on leaked sex tape

SOWETO - Music veteran Penny Penny has slammed culprits responsible for leaking a sex tape of Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba, claiming it is another example of "embarrassing our culture as black people".

As social media users reacted to the video, Penny Penny called for action to be taken against those who had leaked the video and encouraged other men not to get caught with their



pants down. "What I see on social media about publishing leadership is not good because they (leadership) are human beings. Private is private. To me, it is totally wrong. What about his children to see their father's private part? I would like to appeal to everyone who saw this not to blame him, the one who published this is insulting to all men and something must be done to control the publishing of human private parts."

The Citizen

EE: Penny Penny.

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



MOVES MADE ON HER: Mabuyi.

Saddam is concerned about the secret they are keeping from the family. Meanwhile, Zembe is making moves on Mabuyi.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



RECEIVES A PARCEL: Nina.

Nina gets a parcel in the mail about Obakeng that sends chills down her spine. Lalage and Wendy square up for a head-on collision. Someone has his eyes on Lungi.

Muvhango

TODAY

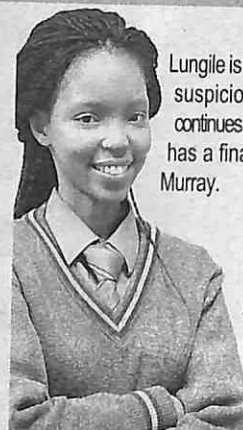


CHALLENGED: Rendani.

A big fight ensues between the Vendashians. Mulalo takes a strong stand against Rendani. Vhangani confronts Vho-Mukondeleli.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



Lungile is let off the hook but his suspicions are up. Blossom continues to act strangely. Mapula has a final encounter with Mr Murray.

FINAL ENCOUNTER: Mapula.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

LOADING AFRO



It's taking forever...

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Try not to get tangled in other people's words, Capricorn. It could be that you're accidentally misconstruing their statements because you aren't listening closely. Rather, your mind is focused on your own thoughts, even though you snap to attention when something hits you wrong. Show respect by turning down the volume in your head when someone else has the floor, even if you don't agree with what they're saying.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

There's a terrific expansive feeling to the day, Aquarius, which you will appreciate more than anyone. For other people, this energy might expand into a headache. For you, it's apt to expand your feeling of success. It also might expand your stomach, so be careful that you don't overindulge. Other than that, don't hold back on your activities. Whatever you do will be very productive.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

There might be some unexpected communication coming from a long-lost friend or old roommate today, Pisces. You never know whom you might run into when you leave the house, so stay alert. An old teacher could be just around the corner. Perhaps a bizarre news story in the paper catches your attention, because there on the page is a photo of the kid who lived next door to your childhood home.



Aries March 21 – April 19

This is one of those days when you just can't wait for someone to stop talking so you can say something, Aries. It's likely you won't even wait. Don't be surprised if friction results from such strongly held opposing views. People could blow things out of proportion, since everyone is convinced that they are right. The interesting thing about this situation is that it could result in a productive time.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Your mind could be going in many directions, Taurus. Direct your energy toward small projects that require intellect. Your energy is likely to come in waves, so use it wisely when you have it, and feel free to take a break when you don't. Tell your boss that you will be much more productive if you have a 20-minute break in the afternoon in order to recharge.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

People will listen to you much more than usual, Gemini. Sometimes when you say something, people hear you but minutes later forget what you said. Today is different. Your words will penetrate more deeply and end up being disseminated much more widely than ever before. Don't be stingy with what you have to say. Give people your full opinion on the situation. Your impact will be significant.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

You're apt to disagree sharply with information you receive, Cancer. Perhaps your attitude is a bit selfish, so you aren't able to appreciate ideas that are more humanitarian in nature. Expand your way of thinking to include the people around you. You will find that the more you offer yourself to others, the more respected and happy you will be overall.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Climactic events are apt to occur in your life, Leo. It's time to condense and solidify your grand schemes and bright ideas in such a way that makes them more practical. Things may be spinning so quickly that you aren't quite sure where to jump on. Worry about that later. For now, what you need to do is express your ideas forcefully and succinctly. Doors will open as a result.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

It's time to take your communication to the next level, Virgo. Expand outward and upward. For the last three weeks you've gone through a serious mental process that has helped you define what you stand for and believe in. Now you're in a phase that urges you to put these ideas into motion. The expansive quality of the day is profound, so take advantage of it and get moving.



Libra September 23 – October 23

A new cycle is beginning for you in which you may find yourself throwing away old beliefs and mental processes, Libra. Out with the old and in with the new. This time of housecleaning is extremely important, for you will find that the same tired old speech that you've been working on is suddenly defunct. Pull your resources together and construct a new platform that makes you proud.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

You may feel like you're on a cliff with your legs dangling over the edge, Scorpio. You're searching for handholds while your feet struggle to support you on a tiny ledge. You may be swearing that when you get out of this predicament, you will never come this way again. Take heart. This is all part of the cycle. These necessary challenges only make you stronger and more appreciative of the easy stretches.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Someone has suddenly put the fan on high, Sagittarius, and papers are blowing everywhere. Neat piles whisked into large swirls of chaos. Everyone is shouting opinions about what should be done about it. Meanwhile, there are people making demands on you that you just can't handle. Slow down and communicate your situation to others. They will understand and support your predicament. The wind will die down soon.



BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

WORLD CUP 2018

Can you find the hidden FIFA 2018 World Cup teams? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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JAPAN, MEXICO, MOROCCO,

NIGERIA, PANAMA, PERU,
POLAND, PORTUGAL,
RUSSIA, SAUDI ARABIA,
SENEGAL, SERBIA,
SOUTH KOREA, SPAIN,
SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND,
TUNISIA, URUGUAY.

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Laughing out Loud

THE INEBRIATED DRIVER

There was an inebriated driver who was pulled up by the police.
When the cop opened the door, the driver fell out.

"You're drunk!" exclaimed the police officer.
"Thank God for that!" said the drunk, "I thought the steering had gone."

USELESS FACTS

1. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
2. Honey is the only natural food that is made without destroying any kind of life. What about milk? A cow has to eat grass to produce milk, grass is living.
3. Mosquitoes have contributed to more deaths than any animals on earth.
4. Your cell phone carries up to ten times more bacteria than a toilet seat.
5. Hot water turns to ice faster than cool water. This is known as the Mpemba effect.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

YESTERDAY'S BRAINTEASER

Answer: Grapes

1. It's the name of a type of fish that's packed in a can so tight. It sounds like the name of someone who makes a piano sound right.

Answer: Tuna

2. I can be red or green. I get grown on a vine. I'm dried to make raisins or squeezed to help make wine

TODAY'S BRAINTEASER

1. In a bowl you use a spoon. On a cone you give a lick. This frozen dairy dessert with many flavours you can pick.

2. I'm red and have seeds. I am also round and sometimes sliced up in salads.



DStv
Feel every moment

NEWS



BRINETTE'S MOST UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS ON RHOJ

BRINETTE is loved by many viewers of the *Real Housewives of Johannesburg* for her refreshing authenticity.

She's beautiful, down to earth and always ready to come with the tea! Here are five moments we will remember.

■ Both Brinnette's weddings were some of the season's most talked about highlights!

■ The first ever *Real Housewives*

of Johannesburg episode premiered with the beauty entrepreneur's traditional wedding, in which she wowed in a yellow and floral traditional look.

■ She also managed to do something that would become quite rare on the show – she impressed the other housewives! The now happily married again Brinnette closed the season with a spectacular white wedding to her husband, Themba.

■ In between the sparkles, there

were some not so smooth moments on the show.

■ On one of the episodes, Mercy dug out allegations that Brinnette might have borrowed Athania's Porsche SUV to stage a whole



entrance to one of Christall's dramatic get-togethers. Brinnette's most dramatic moment this past season, however, has to be when she invited her friend – Olwethu –

to Evodia's tea party. She did all of that without the host's attention and permission, which led to a heated argument between her and Evodia.

Things weren't being helped that Olwethu brought to her baby to the lunch, and tried getting all the ladies to sanitise.

Her complicated relationship with Evodia continued to take a plunge when Brinnette questioned the nature of Evodia and her daughter- Mercy's relationship.

Evodia and Mercy are often applauded by viewers for how close and playful they are. Brinnette, however, found their relationship tricky to understand. There was quite some drama throughout the season involving invitations to her wedding.

The ladies were all assembled to do some pre-wedding shopping when they all realised they hadn't even been invited to her wedding. Brinnette later clarified that invitations are handled by a third party, and that some of the ladies hadn't actually RSVP'd.

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He is a platinum award-winning singer and songwriter and an acclaimed food enthusiast.

You might have tuned into his home cooking show 'Something's Cooking' where he showed the glamorous side of home cooking.

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When asked why he became a judge on 'My Kitchen Rules SA' he said, "After being approached to appear on a variety of different television shows as a host, I have finally found a series that speaks to my heart and who I am: a show about home cooks.

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DAVID HIGGS.

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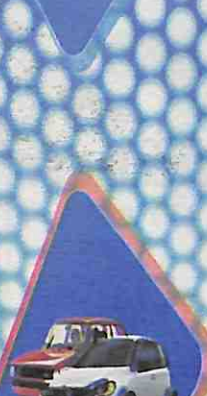
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15. DEATHS

Masindi Ruth Nxumalo



Funeral: 03/11/2018
Vigil: 02/11/2018
Place: Molihoek

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeneni wakaNxumalo newakaShabangu kutsi Masindi Ruth Nxumalo akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa 03/11/2018 emva kwemlindzelo eMolihoek area. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguDalton Nhlanhla Nxumalo egameni lemndeneni.

Dr 01/11/2018 Rn 201870

Freedom kwete Mincube



Funeral: 03/11/2018
Vigil: 02/11/2018
Place: eKwaluseni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baFreedom kwete Mincube lobekasebenta ePalfridge kuMatsapha kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa nebasekhabonina bakaMatsebula eNhlangu. Utofihlwa ekhaya kubo eKwaluseni ngeMgcibelo 03 November 2018, emvakwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeneni.



Nombuso Fortunate Mavuso



Funeral: 03/11/2018
Vigil: 02/11/2018
Place: Endzingeni

Friends and Relatives of Nombuso Fortunate Mavuso of ENdzingeni who was a teacher at Ntfontjeni High School are notified that she has passed on. The Mazibuko's of eMbebebeni, Dlamini of KaLogoba and Lamgabhi are also notified. She will be buried at her parental home Endzingeni on Saturday 03/11/18 after a night vigil. There will be a memorial service at on Friday @ 12 noon at Ntfontjeni High School.

Announcement by Father Mkhethwa Mavuso

Michael Sonny Nxumalo



Funeral: 03/11/2018
Vigil: 02/11/2018
Place: eBethany

Friends and relatives of Michael Sonny Nxumalo of eMbekebeni are notified of his demise. Funeral services will be held at his home, eBethany after a night vigil. The night vigil will be on 02 November 2018. Announcement is made by his wife on behalf of the Nxumalo family.

James Magenarwe Manyatsi



Funeral: 03/11/2018
Vigil: 02/11/2018
Place: eMkhulamini

Kwatiswa umndeneni wondhe waka Manyatsi nethlobo nebangani ta babe James Magenarwe Manyatsi kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhabinina, bantfwabekhosi, base Ngayini bekhakhakhe kaDvuba eMbothoma, nase siGombeni kaDlamini. Kwatiswa lebeke sebenta nabo eCorrectional Services. Kutaba ne Sikhumbuto ekuKhanya Okusha Church in Zion ngalesihlanu mhlaka 02 November 2018. Icala nga 1pm. Umlindzelo ungalesihlanu ekhaya lakhe eMkhulamini. Kungcwatjwa ngeMgcibelo ekuseni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Thomas Manyatsi umnakabo egameni lemndeneni.

Our Deepest Condolences

Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with God. Certainly Heaven is rejoicing for another soul has finally reached his true home.



Jabulani Harry Masimula



Funeral: 04/11/2018
Vigil: 03/11/2018
Place: eMkhwakhweni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baJabulani Harry Masimula kutsi akasekho emhlabeni kwatisa bakaNxumalo ekhakhakhe baka Kunene ekhobo nina, basemebentini wakhe eCorrectional Services. Kutaba nenkonzo yesikhumbuto esontfweni iRest in Christ (Mhlaleni) ngalesihlanu mhlaka 02 November 2018 nga 1pm. Umgcwabo ungelisontfo mhlaka 04 November 2018 ngemuva kwemlindzelo ekhaya kubo eSihlute eMkhwakhweni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumkakhe egameni lemndeneni.

Gabsile Mtsetfwa uShongwe



Funeral: 04/11/2018
Vigil: 03/11/2018
Place: kaNdinda

Kwatiswa tihlobo, umndeneni nebangani baGabsile Mtsetfwa uShongwe kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakubo kaShongwe eMatsamo, bekhakhakhe kaMtsetfwa kaNdinda. Ufihlwa mhlaka 04 November 2018 ngelisonfo ekhaya lakhe kaNdinda. Kulindzela ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 03 November 2018

Nonsikelelo Shongwe



Funeral: 03/11/2018
Vigil: 02/11/2018
Place: eKudzeni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baNonsikelelo Shongwe wase kudzeni kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa umndeneni wakubo kaShongwe nebekhabonina kaMabuza eKudzeni. Ufihlwa ngemgcibelo 03 November 2018. Kulindzela ngalesihlanu 02 November 2018 eKudzeni kaMabuza. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise Mfaniseni Shongwe.

Samson Nonduduma Ginindza



Funeral: 03/11/2018
Vigil: 02/11/2018
Place: Mahlanga

Friends and relatives of Samson Nonduduma Ginindza of Mahlanga, are notified of his demise. We would like to notify the Ginindza family from Mahlanga his inlaws from Godloza a n d (nebantfwabekhosi baseNdushulweni naseSigombeni) there will be a night vigil on Friday 02 November 2018 at his parental home Mahlanga. Announcement by Mfaniselwa Ginindza on behalf of family.

Njabulo Polar Zwane kaNkabinde



Funeral: 04/11/2018
Vigil: 03/11/2018
Place: Matseni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Njabulo Polar Zwane kaNkabinde lobekasebenta eHerefords Clinic kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhabinina baka Mazibuko Ndlovu eSiteki, eJozi nebakaNkabinde kuMaphungwane nase Tonga. Ufihlwa ekhakhakhe eMatseni Mpuluzi. Kutaba nenkonzo yakhe yekumkhumbula eHerefords high school mhlaka 02 November 2018 nga 11am. Ufihlwa mhlaka 04 November 2018 emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguSibusiso Zwane umnyeni wakhe.

JOB 13:15

Though He slay me,
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I will surely
defend my ways to
his face.

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MAN UNITED IGNORED BY RIVALS CITY OVER PLEA FOR EXTRA DERBY TICKETS

MANCHESTER - Manchester United's plea for extra tickets for the derby game has been largely ignored by hosts City.

United complained about a reduced allocation for last season's fixture but have been given only 70 more for the game at the Etihad on November 11.

United were hoping that last year's allocation of 2 792 would be upped to the 3 000 given to other Premier League visitors. However, in a move which may stoke cross-city fires, the Old Trafford

club have been given 2 862 tickets, an increase of only 70. United declined to comment and are not expected to write another letter of complaint to their rivals, as they did last season. However, privately there is some disappointment at the club, especially after similar talks with Liverpool in recent seasons have led to improved behaviour and increased allocations for clashes at Anfield. A source close to the issue said: "The extra 70 is seen as a bit of a mickey-take, and it hasn't gone down well. United aren't

happy with it, but they don't want to get involved in a slanging match.' Sources at City say that the decision is based on the police's categorisation of the match, which deems it an 'increased risk' fixture, and that the allocation reflects safety concerns for all involved. Ahead of last April's derby, which United won 3-2 to delay City's title celebrations temporarily, rival fans clashed on the outskirts of Manchester city centre, hurling road signs at each other and using planks of wood as weapons. *Daily Mail*

Rooney urges Man United flops to show respect

LONDON - Wayne Rooney has urged Manchester United's under-achieving stars to show more respect for their troubled club.

United are languishing in eighth place in the Premier League and have made a slow start to their Champions League campaign.

Sunday's 2-1 win over Everton did little to lift the gloom around

Old Trafford, with United manager Jose Mourinho under scrutiny following a spluttering run which has seen key players fail to produce consistent performances.

Mourinho has clashed with United stars including Paul Pogba, Luke Shaw, Alexis Sanchez and Anthony Martial. And Rooney, who became United's record goalscorer before leaving in 2017, believes it is down to the team's highly-paid stars to play with more pride and passion regardless of their issues with Mourinho.

In an interview with Football Focus, published on the BBC Sport website, DC United striker

Rooney said: "Obviously they are going through a difficult period at the minute, but Jose Mourinho is very experienced and I think some

players have to do a little bit better. *AFP*



MORE RESPECT: Wayne Rooney.

Winning title will be harder than last year - Silva

LONDON - Manchester City's Bernardo Silva claims winning the title this season would be an even better achievement than their record-breaking triumph last term.

Pep Guardiola's side smashed a host of Premier League milestones as they finished 19 points clear of second-placed Manchester United.

And, while they haven't hit those heights so far this season, City are firm-

ly in the hunt to win the title again.

A 1-0 win at Tottenham on Monday lifted them back to the top of the table, above Liverpool on goal difference.

Successive


It was their eighth win from 10 games and their sixth successive clean sheet, but Silva has the feeling it will be much tougher for City to remain on top this season.

"I think it will be harder because last

season nobody was expecting us to win as many games and to reach that level of points, so this season the teams know they have to do better to beat us," Silva said.

"Of course it will be very hard, but we will work every game to get the three points and at the end of it try and celebrate winning one more Premier League.

AFP



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Tender Reference: NO.128 of 2018/2019.

The Ministry of Agriculture now invites sealed Tenders from establishments compliant to the provisions of the Animal Disease (Regulation and Control of Veterinary Drugs and Medicinal Substances No. 1) Regulations, 2012; for the **Supply and Delivery of Approved Dipping Chemicals and Backup technical Services.**

Tender documents are obtainable from the Department of Veterinary and Livestock Services at the Ministry of Agriculture, Corner Sozisa and Mlilo Road, Mbabane, Eswatini; for the price of E300 (three hundred Emalangeni), which against receipt should be paid at the Revenue Office (payment is non refundable) to **Account 201/1101/21990**. General receipt to accompany tender proposals.

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, the Outer envelope clearly marked as follows:
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The envelope must be clearly marked with in the following manner: **Ministry of Agriculture, Tender No. 128 of 2018/2019, Supply and Delivery of Approved Dipping Chemicals and Backup Technical Support Services; Do not open before 0900 hours on the 30th November 2018.**

Completed tender bids must be delivered to the offices of Swaziland Government Tender Board, Treasury Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Eswatini, by 0900 hours on the 30th November 2018 and deposited in the Treasury Tender Box.

Tender bids received in time by the latest date and time for submission will be opened at the Treasury Building at by 0900 hours on the 30th November 2018. Tenders not deposited in the Treasury Tender Box, as well as late, telegraphic, electronic and faxed tenders will not be considered. Tenderers may attend the opening procedure.

The documents specified in "Instructions to Tenderers" - Tender Data Sheet, including a completed set of Tender documents; Tender Bond in the form of a Bank Guarantee, an Insurance Company Bond or a Banker's Guaranteed Cheque for the equivalent E10 000 (Ten Thousand Emalangeni); current Tax Clearance Certificate for Government Tender, Certificate of VAT Registration, Valid Trading Licence, Form C & J, Labour Compliance Certificate, SNPF Certificate and Original General Receipt must be enclosed in the tender envelope.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

For further information contact the following: The Chief Animal Health Inspector (CAHI) Mr Samson Manana, alternatively, Mr Kingsley M. Dlamini at the Ministry of Agriculture, Corner Sozisa and Mlilo Road, Mbabane. Email: sam.m.manana@gmail.com; kingsleyddlamini@gmail.com

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SWAZILAND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

GENERAL NOTICE NO. 11, 2018

CONSULTATION PAPER IN TERMS OF SECTION 32 OF THE SWAZILAND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ACT, 2013: NUMBER PORTABILITY CONSULTATION - INVITATION FOR WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS

The Eswatini Communications Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, has drafted a consultation paper on Number Portability in accordance with Section 39 of the Electronic Communications Act, 2013 and authorized by the Electronic Communications (Numbering) Regulations, 2016 accompanied by the National Numbering and Addressing Plan and Numbering Management Rules and Guidelines.

The provisions of Section 32 of the SCCOM Act, 2013, allow for stakeholders and interested persons to make comments on proposed consultations of the Commission. The public is hereby invited to submit their written presentations on the Consultation Paper on Number Portability published herewith by the Commission.

A copy of the Consultation Paper on Number Portability is available on the Commission's website at www.sccom.org.sz and at the Commission's offices at Mbabane Office Park 4th floor, North Wing Mhlambanyatsi Road.

Written representations with regard to the paper must be submitted to the Commission no later than 17h00 on 17th November 2018 by post to Swaziland Communications Commission, P.O. Box 7811 Mbabane, hand delivered or electronically to info@sccom.org.sz

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'Ritchie can't play left-back to save his life,'

JOHANNESBURG - "Keegan Ritchie could not play left-back to save his life," Gavin Hunt has said of a Bidvest Wits player who actually has played left-back for most of his adult life.

Hunt has switched Ritchie from left-back to central midfield, where the former Moroka Swallows, Kaizer Chiefs, Bloemfontein Celtic and SuperSport United player has impressed so far partnering Thabang Monare.

Wits' straight-talking coach Hunt said Ritchie should have been Wits' man-of-the-match in their 1-0 win against Highlands Park at Bidvest Stadium last Friday night that kept the Clever Boys top of the ABSA Premiership log standings.

"He can't play left-back to save his life. So when I get told that I don't know what I'm doing - 'What are you doing, are all the other coaches wrong?' I say, 'Well, maybe they are. Maybe I'm right', Hunt said.

"He's been magnificent in midfield. He can't play left-back to save his life. And that's maybe why he's had more clubs than Gary Player. 'But he's a midfield player. He's got delivery. He was our best player against Highlands - he should have won man-of-the-match. 'He was calm, he passed the ball. Besides the goal he passed the ball, he kept the shape well. And he played simple, and he was good against Highlands.'" *Sport24*

PSL LEGAL HEAD DENIES PERCEIVED CHIEFS BIAS

JOHANNESBURG - Premier Soccer League (PSL) legal head Michael Murphy has said the decision for Kaizer Chiefs to not play their Telkom Knockout match against SuperSport United in Durban on Saturday behind closed doors is completely in line with a sentence Amakhosi received.

Chiefs have decided to play their TKO quarter-final against SuperSport at Moses Mabhida Stadium. This has sparked questions and speculation over bending the rules and favouritism for Amakhosi, because the club have a PSL disciplinary committee (DC) sentence saying they have to play two games in KwaZulu-Natal behind closed doors.

This relates to the violent pitch invasion by Amakhosi supporters following their team's 2-0 Nedbank Cup semifinal defeat against Free State Stars at Moses Mabhida last season in April. Chiefs have already played one ABSA Premiership game in front of an empty Moses Mabhida Stadium, losing 1-0 against Polokwane City on October 6.

They have a second league game scheduled to be played behind closed doors there on

November 10 against Chippa United.

Chiefs moved their TKO game against SuperSport to Durban, prompting a storm of questions from the public and media as to why it should not be played behind closed doors instead of the Chippa league game.

Murphy fiercely denied accusations of the PSL bending the rules for Chiefs, and said the league was acting on the letter of the law of Amakhosi's sentencing. The DC ruling states: "Chiefs shall play (three) League matches without spectators."

One of those three matches was suspended in the DC ruling. Murphy said any public or media perception of favouritism was incorrect. "Despite what people like to portray, we've got these independent tribunals," he said.

"No-one ever says, 'Hey look, in the Tendai Ndoro matter [the eligibility case involving Ajax Cape Town last season] the tribunal [the dispute resolution chamber] crucified the league and it shows how independent that is. 'What actually happens is it's portrayed as if it is some sort of boardroom decision.' Chiefs will aim to bounce back from their 2-1 PSL Soweto derby defeat against Orlando Pirates at FNB Stadium on Saturday when they meet SuperSport in Durban.

Kick Off



POTENTIAL: Brazilian defender Marcelo.

'MARCELO CAN BE BETTER THAN NASCIMENTO'

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates assistant coach Rhulani Mokwena believes their Brazilian defender Marcelo has "a hell of a lot more potential" than Mamelodi Sundowns' Ricardo Nascimento.

Marcelo was signed by The Buccaneers on the penultimate day of the pre-season transfer window and has slowly made inroads in his short stay thus far, having started in three consecutive fixtures prior to the recent Soweto Derby.

The 20-year-old centre-back, alongside skipper Happy Jele, has let through just one goal in those 180 minutes, and even looked a seasoned fit at times, prompting perhaps comparisons to his countryman Nascimento.

While Mokwena, who worked with the 31-year-old at Chloorkop before leaving for Pirates, has agreed that they do share traits, but feels Marcelo can go much further in his blossoming career.

"We knew that we needed a centre-back that allowed us to play from the back and that was left-footed and had the Brazilian element with regards to the technical comfort and ability to read and gauge situations," said Mokwena.

"I think from that perspective you could possibly do a comparison with Nascimento. [Marcelo] is slightly younger, with a little bit more potential to be a hell of a lot better, and possibly even be exported to Europe, because of the Brazilian tag attached to him. "So, we know what we've brought in; we know the work he still needs to do, we are not oblivious to that. There's still a lot of hard work that needs to be invested into his game. "We do a lot of work with him individually to try and assist so that he's at his best for the club, and that's the most important thing."

Kick Off

SAFA head of referees praises Soweto derby officials

JOHANNESBURG - The South African Football Association's (SAFA) head of referees Tenda Masikhwa has praised the standard of officiating in Saturday's Soweto derby between Orlando Pirates and Kaizer Chiefs.

Referees have come under fire from ABSA Premiership coaches for poor decisions, with Masikhwa having recently admitted that the

standard of officiating across the country needs to improve. However, he revealed that he has received positive feedback on the Soweto derby, which was refereed by Eketsang Setloboko.

Setloboko declined to award Amakhosi an early penalty for a challenge from Happy Jele on Khama Billiat, but otherwise, there were few controversial moments, if any, in terms of his afternoon - although there were some tight

offside calls for his assistants to make.

"We have received massive positive feedback from all corners of the country including outside people who watched this Derby across the world," Masikhwa told SAFA's website.

"It was refreshing to see even the spectators applauding the good work of our match officials. It is rare to see referees getting such positive feedback from the public." *Sport24*

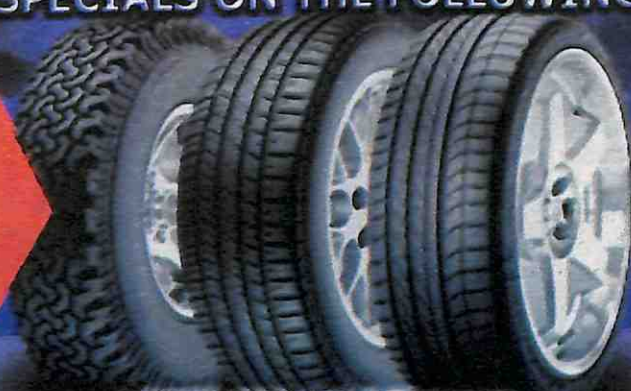
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NEYMAR RISKS PRISON OVER BARCA MOVE - SPANISH MAGISTRATE

PARIS - A Spanish magistrate leading an investigation into alleged irregularities in Neymar's move to Barcelona in 2013 said yesterday the Brazilian superstar could face up to six years in prison.

"The term imposed, in principle, could be between four and six years," said a decree issued by judge Jose Maria Vazquez Honrubia, a copy of which was seen by AFP.

Neymar, his parents, Barcelona President Josep Maria Bartomeu and his predecessor Sandro Rosell are all awaiting trial over alleged corruption concerning Neymar's move to the Spanish La Liga giants in 2013.

The Brazilian international forward is now with Paris Saint-Germain in France's Ligue 1. The case, which follows a complaint by DIS, a Brazilian group which part-owned the rights to Neymar, surrounds allegations of "corruption" and "fraud" in the player's move to Barcelona.

Neymar moved to the Spanish La Liga giants in May 2013 for a reported fee of 57.1m euros. Although no financial details of the deal were revealed by either Barcelona or his Brazilian club FC Santos, Neymar's parents were said to have received 40m euros and FC Santos 17.1m. In January 2014, prosecutors in Madrid began investigating the transfer because documents request-



IN TROUBLE: Neymar moved to the Spanish La Liga giants in 2013.

ed by the authorities contained contradictory information.

Rosell resigned from his post as president a week later and Barcelona subsequently revealed they had actually paid 86.2m euros for the Brazilian star.

DIS, who received 6m euros of the 17.1m given to FC Santos, alleges that Barcelona and the Brazilian club colluded to mask the true cost of the deal.

Bartomeu, Rosell, Barcelona, FC Santos and its former president, Odilio Rodrigues Filho, are now expected to answer charges of fraud, according to

the decree. Because the prison term involved exceeds five years, three judges are set to preside over Neymar's trial which is expected to be heard at the Audiencia Nacional, a High Court with jurisdiction over Spanish territory as well as over international crimes which come under the jurisdiction of Spanish courts. Whether Neymar faces a prison term remains to be seen, however. In May 2017 the Spanish authorities said Neymar should stand trial but no date has yet been set.

AFP

FIFA boss says 48 teams 'feasible' for Qatar World Cup

ZURICH - FIFA President Gianni Infantino said yesterday that expanding the 2022 World Cup to 48 teams was "feasible", as hosts Qatar pledged to come to a decision in the early part of next year.

Infantino said "Why not?" bring forward the expansion from 32 teams to 48, which is currently due at the 2026 tournament in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"We have decided... to increase the number of teams participating in the World Cup final tournaments from 32 to 48," Infantino told the Asian Football Confederation's annual congress in Kuala Lumpur.

"It will happen in 2026. Will it happen in 2022? You know me. It is possible. It is possible. Why not?" he added.

Infantino said an expanded tournament would see Asia's allocation rise from 4.5 places to 8.5, raising cheers from the delegates assembled at a luxury hotel in the Malaysian capital.

"You will have (a bigger) chance. It is possible. It is feasible. We are discussing with our Qatari friends. We are discussing with many other friends in the region. We hope we have it happen. We always have to try," he said.

Accommodating another 16 teams would vastly complicate Qatar's task in preparing for the World Cup, which was awarded to the tiny desert state in 2010.

Qatar has also been involved in a stand-off with neighbours Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and



IT'S POSSIBLE: FIFA President Gianni Infantino.

Egypt, who have cut off diplomatic relations and imposed a blockade on the resource-rich country, accusing it of endorsing terror activities.

Hassan al-Thawadi, head of the 2022 organising body, told AFP that Qatar was studying the 48 teams proposal and would make a decision before qualifying gets under way.

"We are still looking at the feasibility studies and we will be in a better position to provide feedback in the future," he said.

"But it will be decided before the qualifications... sometime in the first quarter of next year."

He added that preparations remained on track despite the blockade, and that the budget of \$200 billion for the entire infrastructure, including metro and expressway, has not been affected.

"We are very happy and excited with the progress. It is on track. By 2020-

2021 all our (eight) stadiums will be ready," Al-Thawadi said.

"This is the first World Cup in the Middle East and is a perfect opportunity to bring people together and contribute to the process of healing," he added.

Ahead of FIFA's presidential election next year, Infantino said 180 out of the 211 federations had given him their support.

"You know there is an election coming. I have announced I will be a (presidential) candidate. I have received over 180 letters of support," he said.

"And when it comes to Asia, only a couple are missing."

AFP

Police looking for Andile Jali's wife

PRETORIA - Boschkop Police Station officers are looking for Andile Jali's wife Nonhle Ndala after it emerged on Tuesday afternoon that the Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder has opened a case of assault against her.

Jali spent Monday night at the Pretoria East Police Station and was released on bail on Tuesday morning after making a brief appearance in court on a charge of domestic violence.

But insiders told TimesLIVE that the soccer star did not return home to his wife and children and is staying with a family friend.

Boschkop Police Station spokesperson Yeroboam Mbatsane said Jali alleged that his reality TV star and celebrity fitness trainer wife assaulted him during the altercation at their home and he opened a case of his own against her.

"He reported assault and now I am looking for her. We will arrest her when we find her," said Mbatsane. Mbatsane also added that Jali was not charged for assault and his arrest was related to domes-

tic violence and malicious damage to property after he allegedly damaged Ndala's car.

Jali's case has been remanded to December 6.

The insider said Jali missed training on Tuesday after spending the night in jail but was expected back at Sundowns' Chloorkop headquarters yesterday. He could be considered for selection in Sundowns' away Telkom Knockout quarterfinal match against Baroka FC in Polokwane on Saturday.

Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane was raving about Jali a few days ago after he played a starring role in the 1-0 league win over Chippa United in East London on Saturday.

Mosimane even suggested that Jali's performance was further proof that he deserved to win his place back in Bafana Bafana after missing the last few games.

It remains to be seen if Bafana coach Stuart Baxter will name the player in the team to face Nigeria in a crunch 2019 African Nations Cup qualifier next month after his arrest this week.

Timeslive



WANTED: A picture of Andile Jali and his wife Nonhle Ndala, the Mamelodi Sundowns player posted on his Instagram account on April 11 this year.

Bayern sweating on Alcantara injury

MUNICH - Bayern Munich will discover the extent of Thiago Alcantara's ankle injury after the Spain midfielder had to be helped off in their narrow German Cup win.

Despite starting with 11 internationals, Bayern scraped past fourth-tier Roedinghausen 2-1 in Tuesday's second round tie as Thiago was carried off late on.

"I hope it's nothing bad, but it didn't look good and he was in a lot of pain," said Bayern coach Niko Kovac. "We must wait on the exact diagnosis, but it looks like he has an ankle injury."

Kovac is already without long-term injured French

pair Kingsley Coman, who tore ankle ligaments in

August, and Corentin Tolisso, who damaged knee ligaments in September. Thiago is one of the few Bayern stars to hit good form recently. He scored the winning goal in Saturday's 2-1 win at Mainz and Bayern, currently second in the Bundesliga, can ill-afford to lose him for the clash at league leaders Borussia Dortmund in 10 days' time.

"It doesn't look good. It would be bad if he has to drop out as he really matters to the team," admitted Bayern's Sports Director Hasan Salihamidzic. Bayern have won their last four games but have looked jaded in recent weeks and laboured in Osnabrueck against Roedinghausen's part-timers.

Bayern were 2-0 up inside 13 minutes as Sandro Wagner scored an early goal and Thomas Mueller converted a penalty, but lost their way after Renato Sanches fired a spot-kick off the woodwork after 23 minutes.

"We are through, but as we all saw, every (Bayern) player has to give it some thought - this isn't just our right (to reach the third round)," fumed Mueller.

Daily Mail



Griezmann dreams of Ballon d'Or

MADRID - Antoine Griezmann has revealed that he has his sights set on ending the dominance of Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi by winning the Ballon d'Or.

The Atletico Madrid forward has been in fine form for club and country over the past year, helping France lift the World Cup in Russia last summer. Diego Simeone has talked up Griezmann's chances of winning the game's biggest individual honour - and the former Real Sociedad man admits that being named the best player on the planet

remains one of his dreams. "I actually do [dream of winning it]," Griezmann told ESPN FC. "I'm not afraid of saying it. I dream of the Ballon d'Or, of the Champions League, of winning the World Cup. I dream of a lot of things."

"I dream of having three children. Those dreams motivate you when you wake up each morning and you have goals to achieve." Griezmann has only managed four goals in 13 games for Atletico this season, but Simeone's men remain just two points behind La Liga leaders Barcelona. He insists that

he is focused on winning trophies with his club, although the chance to be recognised on his own is still a goal.

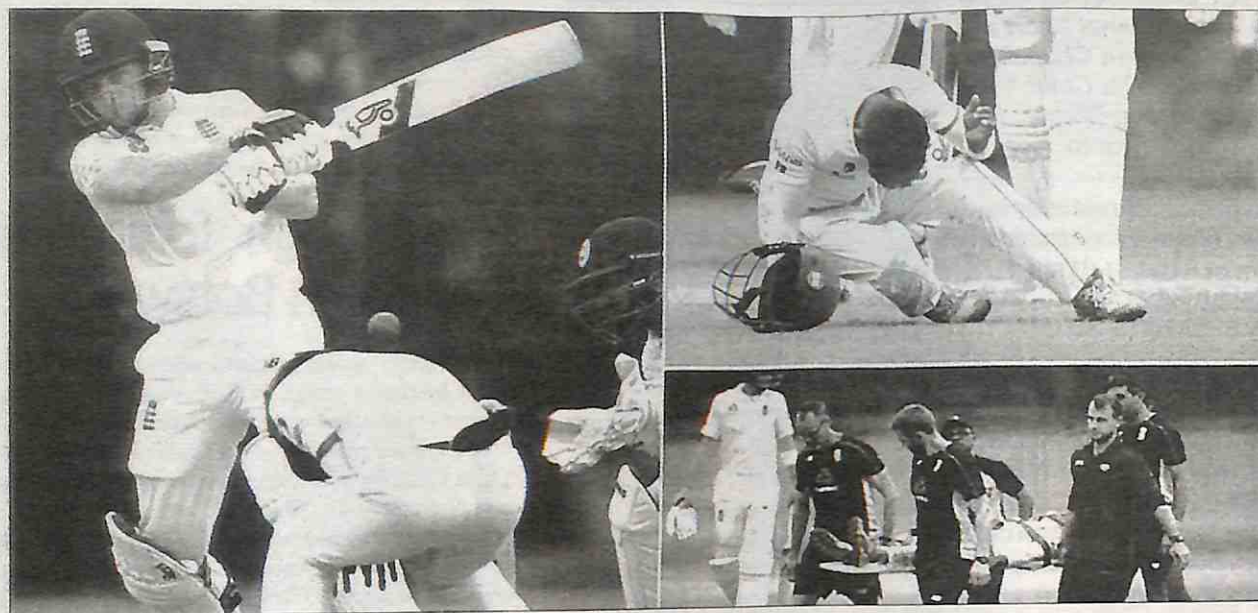
"On a personal level, that's the highest you can get," Griezmann added.

"It's the most historic award, the most prestigious one. However, I also am a player who thinks collectively over individually, but it would be nice [to win it] for myself, because of everything I've gone through, especially after having to separate myself from my family at three years old."

Daily Mail



A DREAMER: Antoine Griezmann.



HORROR AS YOUNGSTER STRUCK BY CRICKET BALL

SRI LANKA - The risks inherent in modern cricket were demonstrated in disturbing fashion yesterday when Sri Lankan fielder Pathum Nissanka was taken to hospital after suffering a sickening blow to the head.

The incident came just before tea on the second day of England's low-key warm-up ahead of next week's first Test at the sleepy Nondescripts Cricket Club as Joe Root and Jos Buttler gained valuable batting

practice. It was then that the peace was shattered when Buttler, one of the hardest hitters in the game, pulled a long hop from off-spinner Nishan Peiris fiercely into the top of the helmet of Nissanka taking evasive action at short leg.

Nissanka, a Sri Lankan Under 19 international batsman, collapsed to the floor as anxious players from both sides quickly realised the seriousness of the situation and urgently called for medical help.

Three members of the England staff - doctor Moiz Moghal, physio Craig de Weymarn and massage therapist Mark Saxby - quickly rushed onto the outfield to assist the local doctor assigned to the Sri Lankan Board XI. The sight of the England staff carrying oxygen packs onto the field was both a concern and a sobering reminder in the wake of the Phil Hughes tragedy of how dangerous cricket can be in the brutal power-hitting era. *Daily Mail*

Ramos 'likes' Instagram post criticising teammates

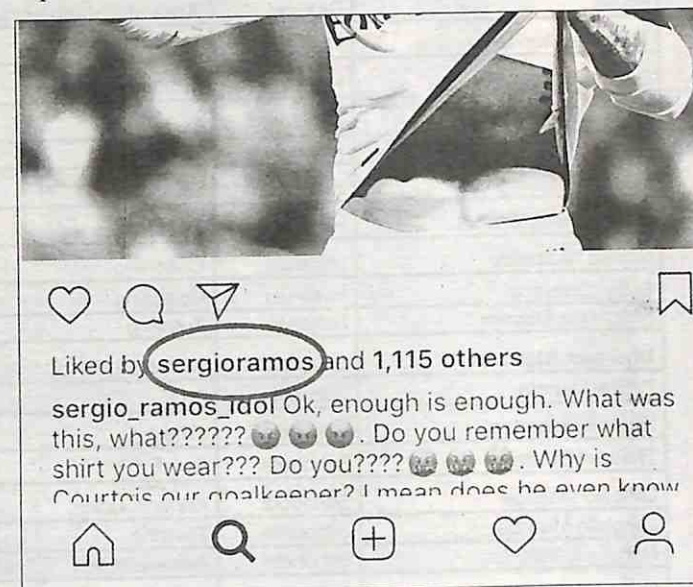
MADRID - Real were thrashed by Barcelona on Sunday as Julen Lopetegui paid the price and was axed.

Sergio Ramos has liked a social media post criticising his Real Madrid teammates. Real have endured a nightmare start to the season and were thumped 5-1 by Barcelona in Sunday's El Clasico.

Julen Lopetegui paid the price and was axed this week after just over four months in charge at the Bernabeu. And the Real crisis has hit a new low after skipper Ramos liked an Instagram post criticising teammates Thibaut Courtois, Raphael Varane and Nacho.

The post was uploaded on Monday by a fan account alongside a picture of the Spain and Real defender - and was subsequently liked by the man himself. Referencing the Clasico humiliation, it read: "Ok, enough is enough. What was this? 'Why is Courtois our goalkeeper? Nacho's worst ever performance, Varane just didn't know what to do after becoming world champion.' This whole situation is because the players play without motivation, without desire to win." Ramos also hit out at teammate Casemiro over his comments in the aftermath of Sunday's defeat.

Mirror



REPRIMANDED: Memphis Depay.

Depay reprimanded by Lyon boss in front of entire squad

PARIS - The former Manchester United winger has scored three goals in his

past three games Memphis Depay has been given a very public dressing down by Lyon coach Bruno Genesio.

The former Manchester United winger was reprimanded in front of all of his team-mates after comments he made following Lyon's 2-1 win over Angers.

Despite scoring two in two games prior to the Ligue 1 clash, Depay found himself on the bench.

The 24-year-old came on in the 55th

minute to assist one goal and score Lyon's second, sealing the win for the visitors.

But despite his heroics the Dutch star was unhappy at full-time, and voiced his concern.

"I'm sick of hearing every time that I changed the match," Depay said. "I still don't feel like a respected player. I get the job done every time, I'm mentally strong. I have to accept the coach's decisions. I'm a little disappointed, I think I deserve more respect. I deserve better than that and I should play every game."

His comments didn't sit well with Genesio, who proceeded to sarcastically apologise to the winger in front of the entire squad.

Mirror

'I don't know if Messi will be on the podium this time'

TURIN - Cristiano Ronaldo admits he has plenty of contenders capable of taking his Ballon D'Or crown this year, but doesn't believe Lionel Messi is one of them.

The Juventus striker is looking to claim his third title in a row, and what would be a record-breaking sixth for an individual.

He is currently tied on five with the Barcelona striker, who has been overshadowed by some World Cup stars, including the likes of Croatia's Luka Modric and France's Antoine Griezmann.

Ronaldo admits that he is desperate to lift the golden trophy for a sixth time, but is more concerned about

French stars than Messi when it comes to who is standing in his way. "Of course I want to win, this sixth Ballon d'Or," Ronaldo told France Football. "It would be a lie to tell you the opposite." Asked who he thought would challenge, he added: "The same as usual, even if I don't know if Messi will be on the podium this time."

"So, let's say Salah, Modric, Griezmann, Varane, Mbappe - the French in general because they are world champions. But I will wait and see if all these players are still at the top in 10 years, like Messi and I have done, and like we continue to do."

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...SNSRC CEO Darius Dlomo unveils bigger and better 2019 National Sports Awards

SHU.....Shu.....Shukuma Eswatini! Greetings and welcome to yet another edition of your favourite column.

Sekunjalo! The kingdom's ultimate reward programme, the National Sports Awards are here. On Monday morning at the Mountain Inn Hotel, the National Sport and Recreation Council through its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Darius Dlomo unveiled what will surely be bigger and better National Sports Awards.

The second edition after the tremendous success of the inaugural awards in 2017, will be staged early next year. The awards

are scheduled for 30 March 2019, to be precise.

Of course, such an event presents the perfect opportunity for all of us to celebrate sportsmen and sportswomen, whose unrelenting tenacity and profound attitude inspires unprecedented levels of raw trust, loyalty and adventure to admirers and devoted followers in the kingdom.

The awards are the ultimate reward programme of sport in the country. They seek to recognise and motivate excellence in sport participation by all sport practitioners;

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important national event in conjunction with our partners, the Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA);

Volunteer training/orientation

THE organisation will be hosting a volunteer training/orientation at Sithobela Multi-Sport Centre. The training will run for five days.

It is scheduled to start on 12

November to 17th. Even though the organisation would have loved to train more people, limited resources have ensured that we pick only a few.

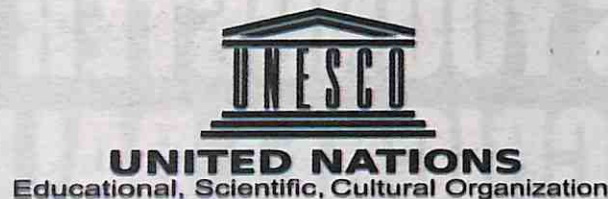
Volunteers

We are grateful to the many individuals that showed interest in being trained as volunteers.

The training presents an exciting value addition to the potential volunteers' resume, as the organisation has partnered with

the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in delivering this activity.

The following individuals were successful in their applications and are now required to attend the training:



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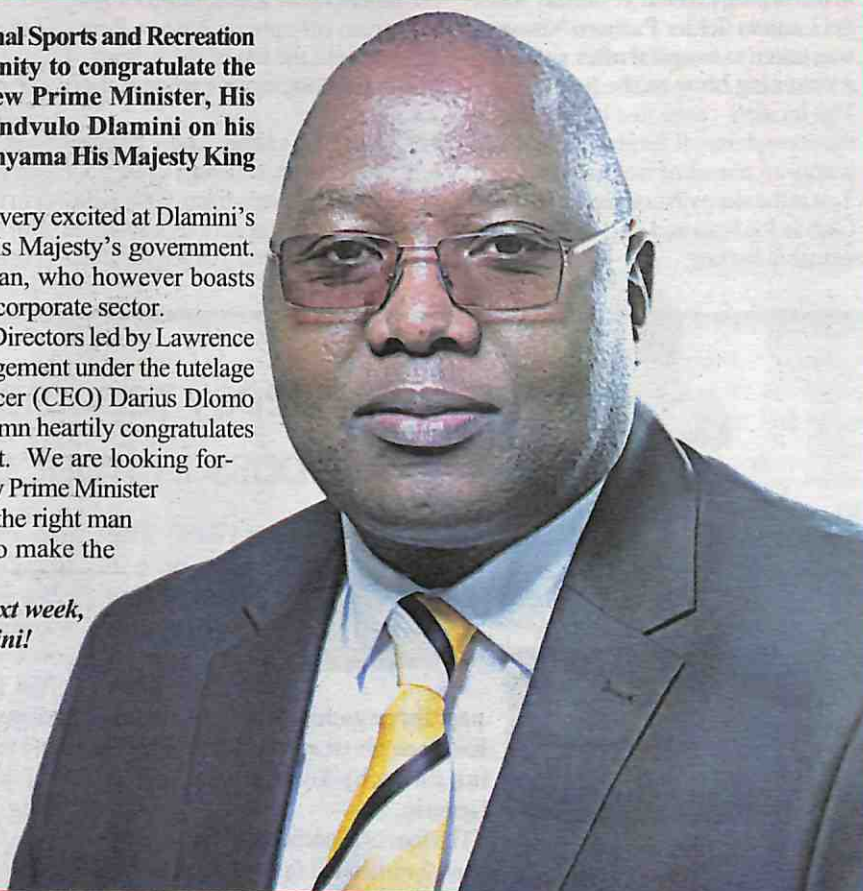
WE at the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council take this opportunity to congratulate the kingdom of Eswatini's new Prime Minister, His Excellency Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini on his appointment by the Ingwenyama His Majesty King Mswati III.

As an organisation we are very excited at Dlamini's appointment as leader of His Majesty's government. He is a relatively young man, who however boasts wealth of experience in the corporate sector.

On behalf of the Board of Directors led by Lawrence 'Lolo' Mthethwa, the management under the tutelage of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Darius Dlomo and the entire staff, this column heartily congratulates Dlamini on his appointment. We are looking forward to working with the new Prime Minister and we firmly believe he is the right man to lead us, as we all seek to make the king's 2022 vision a reality.

I will talk to you again next week, until then Shukuma Eswatini!

CONGRATS: Prime Minister Mr Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini.



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MANDLA MAHEWU U-17 LEAGUE TITLE



NEW CHAMPS: Sidwashini celebrate with their trophy and gold medals after winning the Mandla Mahewu U-17 League title. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)



BATTLE: A Hurricane player heads the ball whilst a Supersport player closes in.



YOUNG LEADER: Hurricane captain Siphephiso Khumalo receiving his team's trophy.



BRAVING THE WEATHER: Former Hurricane FC U-15 player Suarez Mabuza came to support his former teammates.



MINUS TWO: A Hurricane FC player dribbles past two Supersport defenders during their match last Saturday.

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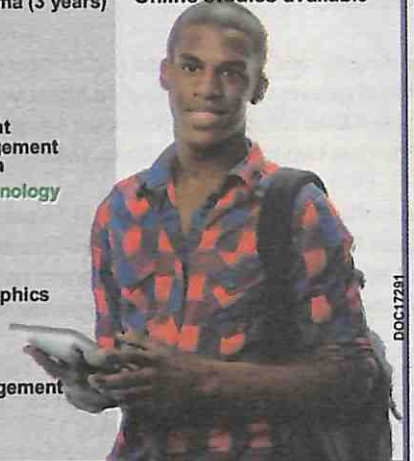
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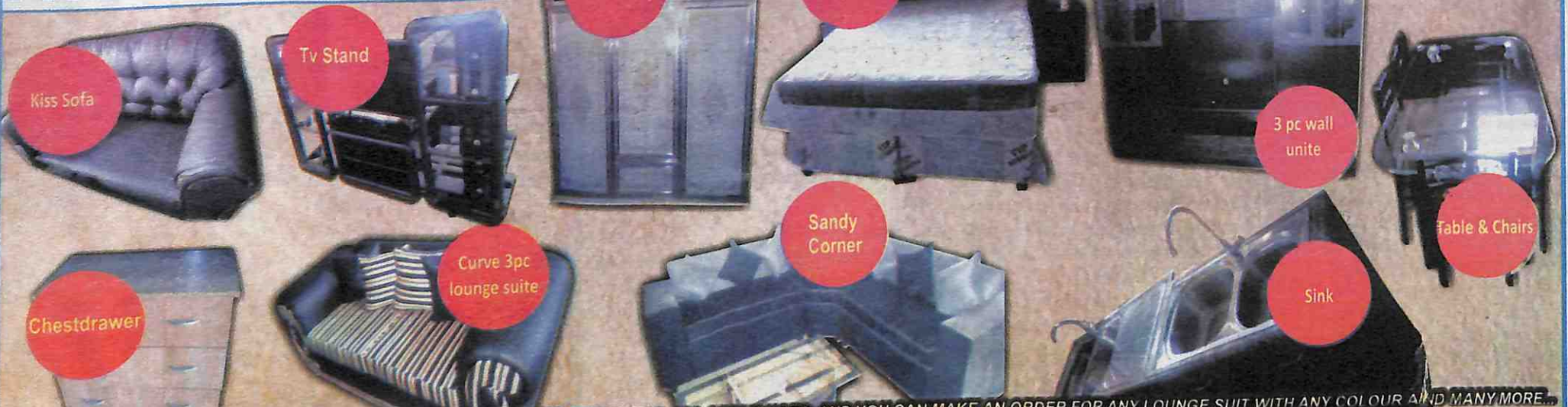
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● Paris St-Germain are interested in signing Manchester United and Chile forward Alexis Sanchez, 29, next summer. *(Sun)*



● Belgium Manager and former Everton boss Roberto Martinez is the favourite to become the next Real Madrid manager. *(Mail)*

● Tottenham players fear Manager Mauricio Pochettino, who has been linked with Real Madrid and Manchester United, could leave the club next summer. *(Telegraph)*

● Wales winger Gareth Bale, 29, came top of a poll of Real Madrid fans asked who the team's worst performing player has been this season. *(Marca)*

● Chelsea are interested in signing AC Milan's 24-year-old Spanish forward Suso in January. *(Tutto Mercato Web via Express)*

● Newcastle United could face a struggle to keep English defender Jamaal Lascelles in January with Tottenham and Chelsea continuing to monitor the 24-year-old. *(Newcastle Chronicle)*

● Arsenal are being priced out of signing British players and will have to look overseas if they are to strengthen their squad in the next two transfer windows. *(Mail)*

● Hoffenheim's on-loan Arsenal forward Reiss Nelson, 18, has played down the chances of leaving the Gunners on a permanent basis to move to the Bundesliga. *(Independent)*

● Liverpool goalkeeper Loris Karius' two-year loan move to Besiktas will not be cut short in January. *(Liverpool Echo)*

● Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho expects the club to sign a central defender in the January transfer window. *(Manchester Evening News)*

● Juventus would be keen to sign Colombia playmaker James Rodriguez in January if Bayern Munich are willing to cut short the 27-year-old's loan deal from Real Madrid. *(Mail)*

● Arsenal striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, 29, 'skipped team meetings before games or refused to run during the final training' to force through a move from Borussia Dortmund to the Gunners, according to the German club's former manager Peter Stoger. *(Bulnews via Mirror)*

● Neymar, 26, says Paris St-Germain boss Thomas Tuchel was right to drop striker Kylian Mbappe, 19, and Adrien Rabiot, 23, for the win against Marseille after they were late for a team meeting. *(Mail)*

● RB Leipzig head of recruitment and development Paul Mitchell says there has been no contact with Manchester United about a possible director of football role at Old Trafford. *(Manchester Evening News)*

AD ENTERPRISE BOOST FOR GOLF SQUAD

By Sibusiso Masilela

GOLF – THE Malawi-bound local golf squad has received a E5 000 boost from AD Enterprise ahead of the upcoming 'The Warm Heart PRO Tour' set to take place next month (November 22-25) in Lilongwe.

AD Enterprise Director Arthur Horne presented the cheque to the

squad Manager Moses Magagula during a presentation held at the company's offices yesterday morning in Matsapha.

When making his remarks, Horne said the donation was aimed to help improve the standard of the sport in the country.

"Our main wish is to see the country doing well at the international competition and we believe this

contribution will help the team prepare for the upcoming tournament. We are also appealing to other companies to offer their assistance to the team," he said.

Squad Manager Moses Magagula thanked the company for the kind gesture after receiving the cheque.

"We would like to thank AD Enterprise for this contribution as it will go a long way in assisting

the team travel to Malawi. We are further appealing for further assistance from other local companies," he said.

The four golfers, who will be travelling to Malawi are James Pennington, Meshack Zwane Moses Shongwe and Peter Dlamini and they need close to E100 000 to honour the international invitational tournament.

EGF TO PARTICIPATE IN REGION 5 GAMES

By Jongile Xuba

GYMNASTICS – ESWATINI Gymnastics Federation (EGF) duo of Michelle Shen and Donatella Falcomer have been invited to the Region 5 Championships.

EGF Secretary General Muriel Hoffer said the two gymnasts had qualified to compete at the Gymnastics Confederation

Championships.

"The hosts, South African Gymnastics Federation organised the competition to be held at Federika Stadium in Pretoria.

Two of our athletes Michelle Shen and Donatella Falcomer qualify to compete and will be representing the country," said Hoffer.

The competition will be held on Saturday in the Gauteng Province.

Shen will be competing in the senior category while Falcomer will take part in the junior competition.

Hoffer said there would be other disciplines on show during the competition.

"Artistic trampoline, rhythmic gymnastics, aerobics and for the first time the 'Gym for life Challenge' are some of the disciplines to be on show during the competition."

Hockey Federation to join PSI Franchise

By Jongile Xuba

HOCKEY – THE Swaziland Hockey Federation is planning to join the Pro Series Indoor (PSI) Hockey Franchise based in South Africa.

This was revealed by Swaziland Hockey Federation Secretary Prosper Sithole after the recent schools hockey tournaments held at Enjabulweni and Big Bend over the weekend.

The PSI Hockey League is played in South Africa and has various clubs competing.

Sithole said the ultimate goal

of the federation was to be part of the elite league.

"We are hoping to compete in the PSI Hockey League after the recent indoor games played over the past weekend. This is a highly competitive league and has schools from other countries participating."

Teams from Zimbabwe and Namibia form part of the league and this represents a great chance for Eswatini to gain experience from competing with them.

The league has multiple age groups starting from junior level all the way up to senior level.

Sithole said based on the participation and talent during the recent tournaments, joining the franchise would occur sooner than later.

"It is clear there is a lot of enthusiasm for hockey in Eswatini. The future looks bright and joining the PSI league should happen sooner than we anticipated."

PSI was founded in 2005 and expanded its first franchise to Namibia in 2007. It currently consists of 18 Franchises across Southern Africa, with over 3 000 registered players.

Inyatsi Swazi Frontier MTB race registration open next month

By Jongile Xuba

CYCLING – REGISTRATION for the 13th edition of the Inyatsi Swazi Frontier will be open for interested participants next month.

This year's installment of the three-day stage was held successfully last month from October 10 to 12. Race organisers Leslie Foss said the recent race was a huge success.

"The 2019 edition race registration will be open from December 1 and can be done on the official website."

This comes after a number of riders registered for this year's competition with 63 teams showing up.

That represented what was a slight improvement from 2017 where about 59 teams took part.

Foss said they had not released the entry fees yet and that they would be communicated in



REGISTER: Some of the cyclists during one of the Inyatsi Swazi Frontier MTB races. Cyclists are expected to register for the 13th edition next month.

due course.

Team Mormond Faka Fire comprising of Martin Kelly and Thulani Gule were this year's men division winners and they managed to do it in record time. They were joined by Umbuluzi Ladies team made up of the defending champs Retha Harding and Nadine

Stein.

The Swazi Frontier MTB race is rated amongst one of Africa's must attend races, managing to attract foreign riders from all over Southern Africa. The route follows a logical progression from one overnight venue to the next and covers a total of 180km.

SRIC Darts League resume this weekend

By Jongile Xuba

DARTS – THE Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) E100 000 Dart League will resume this weekend after the games were suspended last week.

Games were suspended after the King summoned the nation to Sibaya.

This was revealed by the Eswatini National Darts Association (ENVA) Public Relations Officer (PRO) Bafana Nkambule.

He said the league would be in full swing this weekend.

"We have interesting fixtures this weekend and I am sure teams have been preparing themselves," said Nkambule.

He said the games would go ahead as planned in the various venues.

"Mine is just to invite darts fans to come in their numbers to support their respective teams."

SRIC Dart League fixtures:

Mbabane City Council

3pm

Mbabane City Council	vs	SRIC
ECO Water	vs	LUSWEBHU

5pm

Mbabane City Council	vs	SRIC
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At EEC Matsapha

4pm

Kilowats A	vs	Umlilo
Kilowats B	vs	REPS

6pm

Kilowats A	vs	REPS
Kilowats B	vs	Umlilo

At Matsapha Correctional Canteen

3pm

Correctional 2	vs	Umjovo
Correctional	vs	Remnants

5pm

Correctional	vs	Umjovo
Correctional 2	vs	Remnants

At Giant Clothing

3pm

Malkerns	vs	RSSC
Ubombo Sugar	vs	Scaras

5pm

Ubombo Sugar	vs	RSSC
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YET ANOTHER MTN LEAGUE FIXTURE AMENDMENT

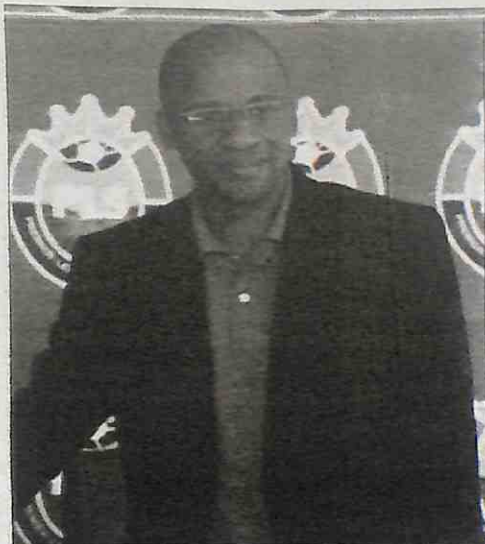
By Sabelo Gwebu

BARELY 24 hours after amending their initial fixture on Tuesday which took Sunday's double header from Somhlolo National Stadium to Nsukuwansuku Stadium, more changes were made yesterday by the PLE.

In the latest changes, Vovovo's home game against Tambuti that was scheduled for Somhlolo in a double header involving a clash between Mbabane Swallows and Royal Leopard has since been moved to the Prince of Wales Ground.

This time, it is not only the MTN Premier League that is affected by its feeder but the MTN First Division League. Newcomers Seven Dreams match against Madlenya that was to be played on Saturday at the Prince of Wales Ground moves to Somhlolo on Sunday according to a fixture released by PLE Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Simanga Nhleko.

Also affected is the Red Lions home game against Mbabane City that was billed for Mayaluka Stadium on Saturday, now moving to Somhlolo on Sunday among other changes.



CONFIRMED: PLE Chief Executive Officer Simanga Nhleko.

**AMENDED MTN PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURE
SATURDAY
Prince of Wales Ground**

Vovovo	vs	Tambuti	2.30pm
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Mbabane Swallows	vs	Royal Leopard	3.30pm
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Manzini Wanderers	vs	Moneni Pirates	4pm
Nsukuwansuku Stadium			
Young Buffaloes	vs	Green Mamba	3pm

SUNDAY			
Nsukuwansuku Stadium			
Mbabane Citizens	vs	Manzini Sundowns	1.30pm
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Matsapha United	3.30pm

AMENDED MTN FIRST DIVISION FIXTURE

SATURDAY			
Killamey Stadium			
Black Swallows	vs	Hub Sundowns	3pm
Mayaluka Stadium			
City Warriors	vs	Tambankulu Callies	3pm

SUNDAY			
King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium			
Hlatikhulu Tycoons	vs	Milingi Hotspurs	1.30pm
Rangers	vs	Tinyosi	3.30pm
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Red Lions	vs	Mbabane City	1.30pm
Seven Dreams	vs	Madlenya	3.30pm

Birds likely to welcome Mabila in Leopard clash

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER – MTN defending champions Mbabane Swallows are likely to welcome defenders Sifiso Mabila and Siboniso Ndzabandzaba when they meet Royal Leopard this weekend.

The two sides have a date at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday afternoon, starting at 3.30pm. Mabila, who missed the team's encounter against hub giants Manzini Wanderers over the past weekend, resumed training on Tuesday afternoon alongside Ndzabandzaba, who played the last game on injury after resting Ndumiso 'Tower' Ndaba.

Mbabane Swallows PRO Jackson Dlamini confirmed the developments yesterday, saying they were looking forward to having the players available on game day.

"They have started training and hopefully will be available for selection on Saturday. Besides the injuries in our defence, the team is well and the others are training hard in preparation for this game. "They are looking forward to winning this game and we are all hoping for nothing but positive results," he said.

Dlamini then urged the team's supporters to continue rallying behind the boys as their support motivated them to do better inside the field of play. "The support has been tremendous and we do urge the supporters to continue with what they are doing for the team and the players," he said.

Black Swallows to charge E20 for all home games

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – THE recently hiked tariffs of Pigg's Peak Black Swallows home ground, Killarney Stadium has forced the club to reach a decision to charge E20 for all their games.

It has become the norm in recent seasons that MTN First Division games are E10. Killarney Stadium, a property of the Pigg's Peak Town Council recently hiked fees by over three fold, a decision that has hit hard on the First Division returnees. In a statement, Black Swallows Chairman Charles Matsebula said they had to hike entry fees to cover costs. The MTN First Division rules and regulations allow teams to charge between E10 and E30 while it can go up to E50 for Premier League. "From this coming weekend onwards, we are now charging E20 to watch our home games. We acknowledge that it is a first of its kind as it has been a norm that First Division teams charge E10. This change has been caused by the over 300 per cent increase of the Killarney Stadium rent," Matsebula said. To use the Killarney facility cost E300 before but it is now E1 100.

Matsebula highlighted that as a team they had pleaded with the council to reduce the fees on the grounds that they were a community team and did not have much resources but no common ground was reached. He added that in future, he foresaw a challenge where the Malandahle-based outfit would be forced to host their games away from Pigg's Peak. "We are seriously considering dropping the Killarney Stadium for another venue and we are yet to meet as a team and discuss the matter further. In the mean time we will be monitoring the situation and see if the E20 entrance fee does make a difference." Matsebula encouraged the club supporters to come in their numbers wherever the team is playing and also by available merchandise at games.

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER – THE country's U-20 squad has been handed a rather tough draw in the 2018 Mopani Copper Mines COSAFA Under-20 Championships.

The draw conducted at the Nkana Stadium in Zambia yesterday saw the Kingdom of Eswatini being drawn in Group B alongside defending champions South Africa, Namibia and Mauritius.

The games will be staged in Kitwe from December 2-14.

Information sourced from COSAFA is that the host team Zambia has been drawn in a tough Group A and will battle it out against Malawi, Mozambique and newcomers Réunion, who will bring an extra dimension and something of the unknown as an associate member of COSAFA.

Group C contains last year's runners-up Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Angola and Botswana, who return to the regional championship after skipping last year.

Zimbabwe are six-time winners of the COSAFA Under-20 Championships but have exited in the first round in each of the last two years.

Only the top team in each pool and the best-placed runner-up advance to the semi-finals,

Eswatini gets tough draw in COSAFA U-20 Championships

where the competition switches to a knockout format.

"It is an exciting draw and one that will produce plenty of thrilling football during the competition, but also a chance for these boys to test their skill against their peers from around the region," says COSAFA President Dr Phillip Chiyangwa.

Towards

"The Mopani Copper Mines COSAFA Under-20 Championships is another step towards us fulfilling our mandate to provide development opportunities to players, coaches, match officials and administrators and will be the fifth tournament that we as COSAFA will manage in 2018.

"We are proud to continue to play our part in developing Southern African football and are grateful to our sponsors Mopani copper Mines and our gracious hosts, the Football Association of Zambia, for their continued support."

The tournament returns to the copper belt after a successful staging in Kitwe last year and will be broadcast live on Kwesé TV.

THE DRAW

Group A

- A1 – Zambia
- A2 – Malawi
- A3 – Réunion
- A4 – Mozambique

GROUP B

- B1 – South Africa
- B2 – Namibia
- B3 – Mauritius
- B4 – Eswatini

GROUP C

- C1 – Lesotho
- C2 – Zimbabwe
- C3 – Angola
- C4 – Botswana



We may just be the COSAFA Cup surprise package - coach 'DU'

SOCCER – NATIONAL under-20 team coach Dumisani Makhanya believes his charges may just be the surprise package in the 2018 Mopani Copper mines COSAFA U-20 Championships.

Recreating to draw conducted at the Nkana Stadium in Zambia yesterday morning, the coach admitted that it was a tough draw but noted that anything was possible in football.

Defending

Eswatini has been drawn in Group B alongside Mauritius, Namibia and defending champions South Africa.

"There is nothing much we can do now as the draw has already been made. But anything can happen in this game of football. They should make sure not to undermine us

because there surprise packages in these tournament may just be us," he said.

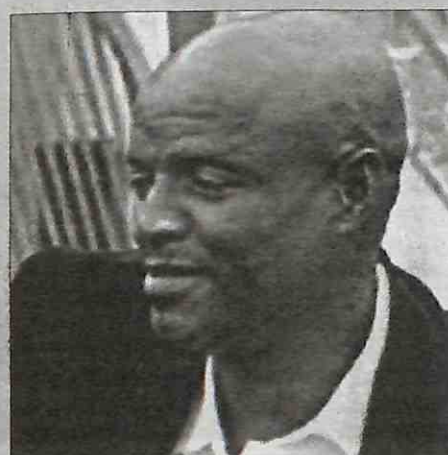
The former Green Mamba and Matsapha United coach said they would be going into full time camp in preparation for the games.

"At the moment we are training on selected days but we will be going into camp soon," he said.

Preparations

Asked on possible international preparatory games ahead of the COSAFA Championships, the coach said the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) was working around the clock to secure one for them.

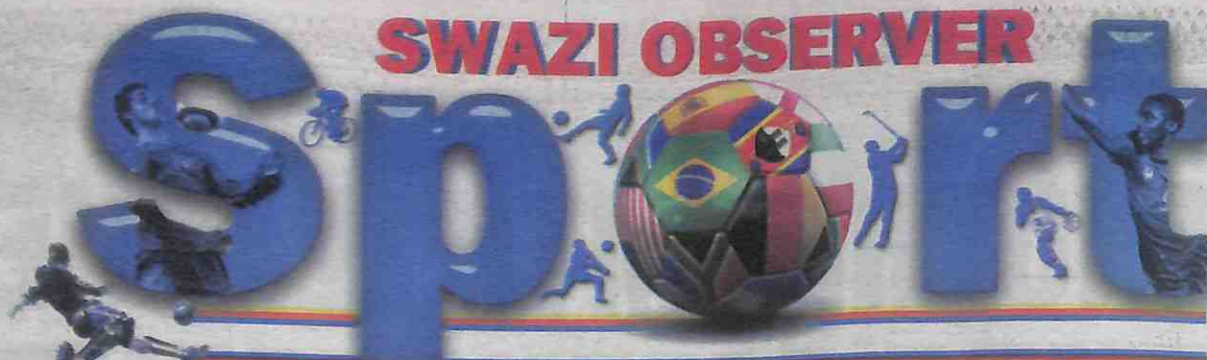
"The football association is handling those logistics but it's a must that we have friendly games," he said.



HIGH HOPES: National under-20 team coach Dumisani Makhanya.

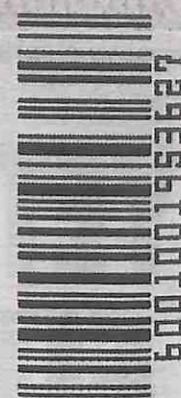
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Police side says...

'IT'S TIME TO GO ALL GUNS BLAZING'

● Leopard feel enough is enough and that dominance will end come Saturday

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER – AFTER failing to record a victory against Mbabane Swallows in the past two seasons, Royal Leopard have a score to settle with them.

The police outfit has lost about eight games to Swallows in all local competitions played in the past two seasons, with their last victory being in the 2014/2015 season league decider where they recorded a 3-1 victory against Swallows and also snatched the converted MTN Premier League title.

The stage is again set for the clash, which had in the past few seasons become one of the biggest matches in the football calendar as the two sides dominated every cup final in the land. The teams will meet at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday and kick-off time is 3.30pm.

Interviewed yesterday, Royal Leopard PRO Frank Hurube said it was time to put

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AMENDED MTN FIRST DIVISION FIXTURE SATURDAY

Killarney Stadium		
Black Swallows	vs	Hub Sundowns 3pm

an end to Swallows' dominance over them.

"We don't want to talk much this season but will do most of the talking inside the field of play. We are playing Mbabane



FULL STOP: Royal Leopard PRO Frank Hurube.

Swallows this weekend and the football fraternity knows we have a history with this team. "What I can say is enough is enough. Whatever happened in the past ends this time around," he said.

The PRO said their players were determined to win this clash at all costs.

"We have talked to our players and they really want to win it. They are working hard at training and everyone is committed to getting positive results," he said.

Hurube added that they would be at full strength with the exception of midfielder Mathokoza 'Tokyo' Thwala.

Menzi Sithole set to rejoin Leopard

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – MBABANE Highlanders player Menzi Sithole is set to rejoin Royal Leopard during the upcoming December / January transfer window.

The central midfielder is said to have already informed top Highlanders officials about his next move following his fallout with the Management Committee about two weeks ago.

"The player is heading back to Leopard in January and will soon start serving his notice at the 'Black Bull'. He has already concluded personal terms with Leopard and is expected to start training with new his suitors in December," the source said. Efforts to get the player proved futile after his cellphone rang unanswered before it was switched off when tried several times yesterday afternoon. Royal Leopard Public Relations Officer (PRO) Frank Hurube said he was yet to be briefed about the matter when contacted.

Commit

"I haven't heard anything regarding the matter you are talking about and, therefore, it would be folly for me to commit myself until I get a formal update," he said. Highlanders Public Relations Officer Paul 'Magidza eludzakeni' Masilela could not be reached for a comment as his cellphone was out of the network for the better part of yesterday.

Sithole joined Highlanders during the 2016/2017 in a swap deal that saw twin brothers Lungelo and Fanelo Tsabedze join the police service side.

The player previously played for Leopard during the era of former coach and current Technical Director Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntiban. He was one of the regular players for the capital city side under the mentorship of former coach Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane last season.

He was used as a substitute during the team's last league match against Vovovo where the team eventually settled for a 1-1 draw.



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