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MZUTHINI PROMOTES 172 OFFICERS AT CORRECTIONAL

By Sisho Magagula
Mbabane

COMMISSIONER General of His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has promoted a total of 172 officers to different positions within the ranks of the department.

Some of the prominent officers who have been promoted include popular gospel artist Nhlanhla Mbingo who has been promoted from the rank of superintendent to senior superintendent.

Former correctional services Public Relations Officer Nomkhosi Maseko scooped the post of Chief Assistant Commissioner.

Current deputy PRO Mandla Sibiya, who was occupying the rank of superintendent, has now been promoted to senior superintendent.

Charles Ndzimandze, an admitted attorney of the High Court of Eswatini,

...Four officers were elevated from the rank of Senior Assistant Commissioner to the rank of Chief Assistant Commissioner, namely; Davies Zwane, Phindile Sibandze, Lilly Motaung and Nomkhosi Maseko

who was senior superintendent, has been elevated to the top post of Assistant Commissioner. In a statement released yesterday, Commissioner General Ntshangase said the promotions were with effect from the August 1 (yesterday). Ntshangase highlighted that some of the promotions were as a result of officers who had reached the mandatory retirement age, deaths and departure of those who sought greener pastures.

He mentioned that elevating officers to higher ranks was part of the department's objective; which includes attracting and retaining officers who possess the knowledge, values and necessary expertise to execute its mandate holistically. Ntshangase applauded the newly-

promoted officers and urged them to carry out their new duties in a competent manner.

Four officers were elevated from the rank of Senior Assistant Commissioner to the rank of Chief Assistant Commissioner, namely; Davies Zwane, Phindile Sibandze, Lilly Motaung and Nomkhosi Maseko. Ntshangase also promoted nine officers from the rank of Assistant Commissioner to the rank of Senior Assistant Commissioner while 14 officers have been promoted to the rank of Senior Superintendent.

Also among the promoted officers were 16 assistant superintendents to superintendents while the were 20 promoted from chief officer to assistant superintendent.

The list of officers who were promoted:

OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF CHIEF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

1. Davies Zwane - Correctional Management & Operations
2. Phindile Sibandze - Healthcare Services
3. Lilly Motaung - RCPU
4. Nomkhosi Maseko - Deputy Commandant - Correctional Services Staff College

OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

1. Alexious Nkonyane - Hhohho Regional Commissioner
2. Makhosonke Simelane - Lubombo Regional Commissioner
3. Andreas Dlamini - Shiselweni Regional Commissioner
4. Norma Dlamini - Manzini Regional Commissioner
5. Sanele Mngomelule - Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Community Corrections
6. Kenneth Nhlengetfwa - Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Community Corrections
7. Zebon Dlamini - Finance and Budgetary Affairs
8. Patrick Mavuso - Building & Maintenance
9. Zodwa Maseko - Correctional Industries

OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

1. Trevor Mabuza - Transport, Equipment and Logistics
2. Sabelo Dlamini - Bhalekane Correctional Centre
3. Musawenkosi Shongwe - Matsapha Correctional Centre
4. Jethro Ndingane - Correctional Services Staff College
5. Mkhosi Maseko - Crop Production Division
6. Annie T. Dlamini - Healthcare Services
7. Charles Ndzimandze - Matsapha Maximum Facility
8. Mamoshoehe Ntsane - Human Resources Management & Development
9. Kenneth Dlamini - Director - Manzini Remand Centre
10. Futhi Mhlanga - Chief Drill Instructor - Correctional Services Staff College

OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT

1. Mndeni Simelane - Pigg's Peak Correctional Centre
2. Nhlanhla Mbingo - Matsapha Correctional Centre
3. Thuli Shiba - RCPU
4. Dumsani Kunene - RCPU
5. Mandla Sibiya - Correctional Services Stores
6. Mr. Petros Dlamini - Rapid Response Unit
7. Phathisizwe Mkhonta - Finance and Budgetary Affairs
8. Richard Mkhonta - Legal Affairs
9. Mandla Zikalala - Manzini Remand Centre
10. Vincent V. Simelane - Matsapha Correctional Centre
11. Calvin Ndzibandzaba - RCPU
12. Lombukiso Shabangu - Human Resources Management and Development
13. Robert Nhlengetfwa - Mbabane Correctional Centre
14. Nompumelelo Ntuli - Human Resources Management and Development

OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SUPERINTENDENT

1. Alfred Mncina - Healthcare Services (Mbabane Correctional Centre)
2. Robert Gama - Rapid Response Unit
3. Lindokuhle Sithole - Healthcare Services (Pigg's Peak)
4. Sandzile Simelane - Legal Affairs
5. King Maseko - Manzini Remand Centre
6. Sifiso Mohale - Bhalekane Correctional Centre
7. Lemye Zwane - RCPU
8. Thulani Ndwandwe - Research, Development and Planning
9. Nosimilo Ntshangase - Deputy Principal (Vulamasango School)
10. Thembi Zikalala - Healthcare Services (Mawelawela)
11. Zenzele Mkhwanazi - Healthcare Services (Nhlango)
12. Nomasa Mlangeni - Healthcare Services (Mawelawela)
13. Nokuthula Maseko - Healthcare Services (Malkerns Young Persons Centre)
14. Jabulani Nkambule - Mbabane Correctional Centre
15. Nokuthula Zwane - Mankayane Correctional Centre
16. Fundiswe Mavuso - Royal Guard Unit

OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

1. William Methula - Matsapha Correctional Centre
2. Johannes Dlamini - Pigg's Peak Correctional Centre
3. Emmanuel Shongwe - RCPU
4. Pretty Magwaza - RCPU

5. Philemon Ntshangase - Manzini Remand Centre
6. Phineas Sigudla - Matsapha Correctional Centre
7. Samkeliso Matse - Research, Development and Planning
8. Joyce Maphosa - RCPU
9. Nomvula Nxumalo - Malkerns Young Persons Centre
10. Calvin Khumalo - Correctional Services Staff College
11. Jabu Tumbatsi - Mawelawela
12. Melusi Dlamini - RCPU
13. Cosmo Dlamini - Correctional Services Staff College
14. Thandazile Khumalo - Mawelawela Correctional Centre
15. John Mavuso - Human Resource Management & Development
16. Phumzile Dlamini - RCPU
17. Clifford Ngomane - Human Resource Management & Development
18. Sandile Mazibuko - Finance and Budgetary Affairs
19. Dumsani Sikhosana - RCPU
20. Khetsiwe Shabangu - Vulamasango School

OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF CHIEF OFFICER

1. A/C/O Phumile Matse - Mawelawela
2. A/C/O Monday Mathunja - Mbabane
3. A/C/O Joe Mordant - RCPU
4. A/C/O Welcome Hlopho - Nhlango
5. A/C/O Themba Simelane - Matsapha
6. A/C/O Justice Dlodlu - Big Bend
7. A/C/O Donald Sihlongonyane - Rapid Response Unit
8. A/C/O Sanelisiwe Zondo - Pigg's Peak
9. A/C/O Rudolph Zwane - Manzini Remand Centre
10. A/C/O Nkosinathi Magagula - Vulamasango
11. A/C/O Tivelele Magongo - Nhlango
12. A/C/O Nikiwe Ndzimandze - Mbabane
13. A/C/O Ntombifuthi Dlamini - Big Bend
14. A/C/O Zandile Zikalala - Pigg's Peak
15. A/C/O Fisiwe Mabuza - Mawelawela
16. A/C/O Sakhlile Khoza - Legal Affairs
17. A/C/O Mpuemelelo Nhlako - Big Bend
18. A/C/O Fezile Mabuza - Vulamasango High
19. A/C/O Majahonke Lukhele - Manzini Remand
20. A/C/O Sikhumbuzo Dlamini - Monitoring & Evaluation Unit
21. A/C/O Zandile Ntentesa - Research, Development and Planning

OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OFFICER

1. S/No. 2476 Sgt. Instructor Sebentile Dlamini - Human Resource Management & Dev.
2. S/No. 2399 Sgt. Dennis Nkomo - Human Resource Management & Development
3. S/No. 2768 Sgt. Majah Kunene - Research, Development and Planning
4. S/No. 1748 Sgt. Cedric Dlamini - Registry
5. S/No. 2749 Sgt. Setsabile Simelane - Finance and Budgetary Affairs
6. S/No. 2860 Sgt. Instructor Allen Mathonsi - Building & Maintenance
7. S/No. 2587 Sgt. Instructor Sithembile Dlamini - Human Resource Management
8. S/No. 1570 Sgt. Sikelela Maseko - Bhalekane
9. S/No. 1856 Sgt. Vusi Zulu - RCPU
10. S/No. 2613 Sgt. Instructor Ncamile Vilakati - Mawelawela Correctional Centre
11. S/No. 2040 Sgt. Phindile Dlamini - Mawelawela Correctional Centre
12. S/No. 1669 Sgt. Madvodzeni Dlamini - Mbabane Correctional Centre
13. S/No. 1699 Sgt. Sicelo Dlamini - Mbabane Correctional Centre
14. S/No. 2033 Sgt. Sifiso Tfwala - RCPU
15. S/No. 2750 Sgt. Jabu Zulu - RCPU
16. S/No. 1659 Sgt. Peter Mamba - Royal Guard Unit
17. S/No. 1782 Sgt. Sizwe Methula - Royal Guard Unit
18. S/No. 2398 Sgt. Siboniso Khoza - Building & Maintenance Section
19. S/No. 1736 Sgt. Sandile Kunene - Mankayane
20. S/No. 1979 Sgt. Mbuso Dlamini - Mbabane Correctional Centre
21. S/No. 2383 Sgt. Sabelisiwe Dlamini - Mbabane
22. S/No. 1881 Sgt. Nhlanhla Masuku - Big Bend Correctional Centre
23. S/No. 2958 Sgt. Instructor Ntsiki Tsele - Human Resource Management & Dev.
24. S/No. 2525 Sgt. Justice Simelane - Correctional Services Staff College

25. S/No. 2656 Sgt. Nkosinathi Mdluli - Correctional Services Staff College
26. S/No. 1975 Sgt. Elizabeth Simelane - Correctional Services Staff College
27. P/F 18555 Sgt. Phindile Khumalo - Manzini Remand Centre
28. S/No. 1726 Sgt. Eric Shongwe - Matsapha Correctional Centre
29. S/No. 3295 Sgt. Tengetile Ngwenya - Mbabane
30. S/No. 2806 Sgt. Luhlelo Dlamini - Rapid Response Unit

OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT INSTRUCTOR

1. S/No. 1771 Sgt. Clifford Magongo - Bhalekane
2. S/No. 2071 Sgt. Comfort Mhamali - Big Bend Correctional Centre
3. S/No. 2850 Sgt. Bongane Nkambule - Industries Section
4. S/No. 2060 Sgt. Fufu Dlamini - Bhalekane Correctional Centre
5. S/No. 2062 Sgt. Mondli Mkhathwa - Mawelawela Correctional

OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT

1. S/No. 3804 Wdrss. Hlumile Magagula - Manzini Remand Centre
2. S/No. 1811 Wdr. Philemon Shongwe - RCPU
3. S/No. 2170 Wdr. Nkululeko Mabuza - RCPU
4. S/No. 2660 Wdr. Maphikelela Dlamini - RCPU
5. S/No. 2377 Wdrss. Sjabulile Shabangu - RCPU
6. S/No. 2556 Wdr. Khanyakweze Malaza - RCPU
7. S/No. 2786 Wdrss. Futhi Dlamini - RCPU
8. S/No. 3294 Wdr. Nhlanhla Vilakati - RCPU
9. S/No. 3591 Wdr. Vusi Matsenjwa - RCPU
10. S/No. 2403 Wdrss. Thobile Masimula - Mawelawela
11. S/No. 2755 Wdr. Instructor Bongiswa Simelane - Mbabane
12. S/No. 2072 Wdr. Mphikeleli Matsebula - RCPU
13. S/No. 2333 Wdrss. Sisana Mthethwa - RCPU
14. S/No. 1936 Wdr. Themba Dube - RCPU
15. S/No. 2684 Wdr. Sibusiso Dlamini - Mankayane Correctional
16. S/No. 2600 Wdrss. Delisile Khumalo - Nhlango
17. S/No. 3675 Wdrss. Abigail Simelane - Mawelawela Correctional Centre
18. S/No. 1801 Wdr. Mbuyazwe Gina - Big Bend Correctional
19. S/No. 2733 Wdr. Buhle Nhlabatsi - Manzini Remand Centre
20. S/No. 2515 Wdrss. Jabulani Matsebula - Pigg's Peak
21. S/No. 2524 Wdr. Instructor Njabulo Motsa - Building & Maintenance Section
22. S/No. 2565 Wdr. Instructor Mbhekwa Matsebula - Correctional Industries
23. S/No. 3263 Wdr. Instructor Mfuyo Dlamini - Correctional Industries
24. S/No. 3235 Wdrss. Instructor Londiwe Dlamini - Correctional Industries
25. S/No. 2612 Wdrss. Instr. Nompumelelo Mbatha - Transport, Equipment & Logistics
26. S/No. 2725 Wdrss. Instructor Velaphi Nhlabatsi - Nhlango Correctional Centre
27. S/No. 2886 Wdr. Instructor John Mnisi - Matsapha Correctional Centre
28. S/No. 3231 Wdr. Khuzulwandle Mkhathwa - Nhlango Correctional Centre
29. S/No. 2769 Wdr. Mehleswe Dlamini - Manzini Remand Centre
30. S/No. 2504 Wdr. Bheki Nkambule - Correctional Services Staff College
31. S/No. 2876 Wdr. Simanga Gamedze - Healthcare Services (Vulamasango School)
32. S/No. 2893 Wdr. Wandile Ndzimandze - Healthcare Services (Matsapha Corr. Centre)
33. S/No. 2920 Wdr. Mndeni Dlamini - Healthcare Services (Bhalekane Corr. Centre)
34. S/No. 2942 Wdr. Sithembiso Dlodlu - Healthcare Services (Nhlango Corr. Centre)
35. S/No. 2054 Wdr. Zachariah Dlamini - Mental Health Centre

OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF CORRECTIONAL INSTRUCTOR

1. S/No. 3029 Wdr. Sanele Mamba - RCPU
2. S/No. 3284 Wdrss. Delisile Khumalo - RCPU
3. S/No. 3433 Wdr. Sizwe Tfwala - RCPU
4. S/No. 2800 Wdr. Jimmy Kunene - Building & Maintenance Section
5. S/No. 3642 Wdr. Celumusa Mavuso - Building & Maintenance Section
6. S/No. 3652 Wdr. Themba Langwenya - Industries Section
7. S/No. 2882 Wdr. Sabelo Ngwenya - Pigg's Peak Correctional Centre
8. S/No. 3785 Wdr. Sthembile Mpanza - Livestock Section

GOVT SHELVES EMPTY: Dying young woman fails to get travel document

Stories by Lungelo
Nkambule
Mbabane

A life of a gravely sick young woman depends on government restocking the run out travel documents.

Relatives have been trying in vain to get a travel document for the sick young woman to get medical attention in South Africa.

Yesterday they opted to come to the home affairs offices with the sick girl to drive their point home. However, it did not work as the officers maintained that they had no stock thus could not help.

Dejected, the relatives returned home empty handed with little

chance of their relative travelling to South Africa for medical attention. A week ago government promised that travel documents would be available by this time.

This has not happened. The sickly young lady was one of many people that were turned back yesterday at the ministry of home affairs where they had gone to apply or collect their travel documents. Government has three classes of travel documents and has run out of all of them once again.

The running out of travel documents has been a continuous occurrence in the past year.

Efforts to get a comment from the ministry were futile as Principal Secretary Anthony Masilela's mobile phone rang unanswered.

NANA WADADDY...



IN THOSE ARMS: A responsible parent carefully holding his baby with both hands as he walks along Bethusile Street in Mbabane recently. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Road shows for dvuladvula miners start next Monday

THE ministry of labour and social security in collaboration with the mine workers provident fund will next week visit the different regions in a quest to reach out to the ex-mineworkers who stand to benefit from the unclaimed E91 million.

The mine workers provident fund released a list of ex-mineworkers a few weeks ago who stand to benefit from the E91 million unclaimed funds in the care of the provident fund.

According to the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Labour Thulani Mkhaphi the road shows will begin Monday and would happen simultaneously in the different regions.

"The road shows will begin next week, they will happen in the different regions simultaneously because we have enough people to service all the ex-miners in the different regions.

"On Monday, we will be in Pigg's Peak under the Hhohho region at the DC offices and on the same day we will be out in Nhlango under the Shiselweni region at Health Regional Offices. On Tuesday,

we will be at Mayiwane DC offices and Hlatikulu DC offices. Wednesday we will be in Mbabane, Siteki and Siphofaneni, while on Thursday we will be in Mankayane. We will be in Manzini for three days between August 10 and 13," he said.

Mkhaphi encouraged ex-miners to go to the venues closest to them and further reminded them that at no point would they be required to pay any amount of money to anyone for whatever reason.

"No one will be required to pay any amount of money to either find out whether they qualify for unclaimed benefits or to receive benefits due to them," he said.

Beneficiaries should have worked in a South African mine from 1989 and should have claimed or received their benefits.

They should be retired, retrenched or deceased just as long as they were no longer in service.

They should bring their identity cards (ID), industry number (makhu-lu shop), payslip and in the event they are deceased, relatives must bring a death certificate of the member.

ELECTIONS: OVER 1 500 WOMEN NOMINATED

COVER STORY

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

...This represents 24 per cent of the total number of nominees who will stand for the elections and a reflection that 730 women were nominated under Bucophu, 420 under Member of Parliament and 418 under the Indvuna yenkhundla positions. According to the statistics, the Manzini region had the most women nominated at 482 while Lubombo region had the least number of female nominees standing at 273



NOMINATED: Hlobisile Ndlovu and Trusty Gina.



region will have the most female MP candidates as 136 were nominated under the different chiefdoms in that region, followed by Hhohho that had 127 women nominated under the same post, Shiselweni had 92 and Lubombo trailed behind with 65. Despite that the number of women that registered to participate in the election far surpassed the number of men it was men that were mainly nominated as

4 976 in total were nominated under the three posts in the four regions.

Going into these elections, the country had a vote for women campaign, which encouraged the electorate to vote women into power.

His Majesty King Mswati III during the Sibaya in June said it was important that women are voted into key positions in the country because they had a lot to offer.

TABLES SHOWING WOMEN NOMINATION

	Manzini	Hhohho	Shiselweni	Lubombo
TOTAL	482	435	379	273
MPs	136	127	92	65
Indvuna	128	119	97	75
Bucophu	218	189	190	133
Hhohho Region: 435				
MPs		127		
INDVUNA		119		
BUCOPHO		189		
Manzini Region: 482				
MPs	136			
INDVUNA	128			
BUCOPHO	218			
Shiselweni Region: 379				
MPs			92	
INDVUNA			97	
BUCOPHO			190	
Lubombo Region: 273				
MPs				133
INDVUNA				75
BUCOPHO				65

...About 70 teachers join elections race

By Sisho Magagula
Mbabane

ABOUT 70 teachers have joined the elections race and applied for leave of absence from their employer.

The teachers are from various schools across the four regions of the country.

The country's electoral laws provide that individuals wishing to join the elections must apply and be granted leave of absence, which is unpaid.

Chairman of the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) Simanga Mamba confirmed that about 70 teachers had approached the TSC and applied for leave of absence.

Already, a tentative list of the teachers who have applied for leave has been prepared.

According to the list, 16 headteachers have applied for leave of absence to join the national elections.

Five of the headteachers are from the Hhohho region and three are from Manzini. Three more are from Lubombo while four headteachers from the Shiselweni region have applied for the leave.

Only two deputy headteachers have, so far, shown interest in joining the race to parliament and they are Flora Dlamini from Lundzi High School and Thulasizwe Zwane from

Lavundlamanti High School.

A whopping 53 teachers have applied for leave of absence. Notable names in this category include former Matsanjeni North MP Phila Buthelezi, who is a teacher at Tikhuba High, former national team Sihlangu head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga from MDS High and Zanele Masilela, who is a lecturer at William Pitcher College in Manzini.

Four temporary teachers who are on contract have also registered their intention to try their luck in the elections by applying for leave of absence.

Interviewed yesterday, TSC Chairman Simanga Mamba said the leave of absence filed by the teachers would run according to how far they fare in the elections race.

"For instance, a teacher who will crash out of the primary elections is free to come back and resume duties. It will be the case in the secondary elections. However for those who will get lucky and win the secondary elections, their leave will last for duration of the years. In such instances, we will have no alternative but make means to fill those vacancies," he said. He explained that the current list was not comprehensive as more teachers were still coming to apply for leave.

"They are still coming even today to request for the letters, so this is not the final one," he said.

Is Gideon Mhlongo the last man standing?

Stories by Sisho Magagula
Mbabane



STILL IN THE MIX: Gideon Mhlongo's vehicle pictured at the council car park yesterday. (Pic Lucky Simelane)

Friday, correspondence which was a response to the council's letter which had been written to him two weeks ago.

Council wrote to the minister and registered its stance that it would not be renewing Mhlongo's contract as per an earlier advice by the minister.

The minister had advised council to engage Mhlongo on contractual negotiations and submit the contract for ministerial consideration by close of business on Friday July 21, 2018.

Minister Mabuza warned that failure to submit the contract would result in Mhlongo's current contract extension for another five years, effective August 1, 2018. Council defied this instruction.

It is not too clear what council discussed

in relation to the minister's communiqué and Mhlongo's contract.

However, Mhlongo was spotted in the CEO's office for the better part of yesterday. According to insiders, Mhlongo was performing his usual duties yesterday. His vehicle was also spotted at the council parking lot for the better part of the day.

When reached for comment, Public Information and Communications Officer Lucky Tsabedze again declined to give clarity on Mhlongo's issue. He said the matter was beyond his scope and referred questions to Mayor Zephaniah Nkambule.

Nkambule, as usual, neglected to answer his mobile phone each time he was called yesterday.

...Human Resources Manager resigns

Dlamini's resignation and none of the councilors present bothered to ask why Dlamini had resigned.

Dlamini's resignation comes at the height of a cloud of controversy surrounding the contract of employment of the CEO.

On another matter, councilors received good news during the same meeting when they were informed that surveying and pegging of plots would continue within the boundaries of the city.

This issue, popularly known as *kusikwa kwemhlaba* in local language, has been a thorny issue within the capital city. In fact, it is this very issue that has had ratepayers and the municipality up in arms.

The council's director of community services delivered the good news. She said by the end of October 2018, council plans to have surveyed and pegged many plots in Manzana, Fonteyn, Mahwalala Zone 6, Sitibeni and Sidwashini.

HUMAN Resources Manager of the Mbabane municipal council Sicelo Dlamini has resigned with immediate effect.

Dlamini's resignation was announced by controversial CEO Gideon Mhlongo to councilors during a general council meeting on Tuesday evening.

Mhlongo was making announcements at the start of the meeting. Notable was that Mhlongo did not state the reasons for

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HIPPO MAULS, KILLS MAN

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Malkerns

A man died tragically after being mauled and killed by a Hippopotamus at Malkerns.

Vusi Dlamini (35), who was employed by Swazican, a division of Rhodes Food Group, was mauled by the wild animal at around 10pm on Monday night while at work in a pineapples farm known as 'Ekoteni' belonging to the company.

The animal is said to have attacked Dlamini and one of his colleagues while they were near a dam situated inside the farm.

They had gone there to turn on sprinklers that are used to irrigate pineapples grown by Swazican on the farm. While they were busy with the sprinklers near the dam, the hippo suddenly emerged from the dam and pounced on them. They tried to run away but unfortunately for Dlamini, he was tripped by the pineapple plants and fell. That was when the hippo mauled him on the back waist and right thigh, killing him on the spot.

When reporters from this publication visited Dlamini's rented flat yesterday at Sithomo area in Malkerns, a number of female family members had gathered inside the house to mourn with his wife who was covered in a blanket. Speaking through one of the female family members, his wife said they were still shocked by the incident.

"He left the house on Monday afternoon like any other normal day and went to work to take the night shift. At around midnight, we received a call from the police who informed us that he had been mauled and killed by a hippopotamus. According to some of his workmates, the animal attacked them at around 10pm when they had gone to the dam to turn on some sprinklers to irrigate pineapples. The rest of the details are not very clear," she said.

She said on Tuesday morning, some members of the management of Swazican visited the family to officially report the incident and send their condolences. The management members are also said to have transported Dlamini's wife to the deceased's parental home in Mgazini, near Mankayane where the incident was again formally reported to his parents.

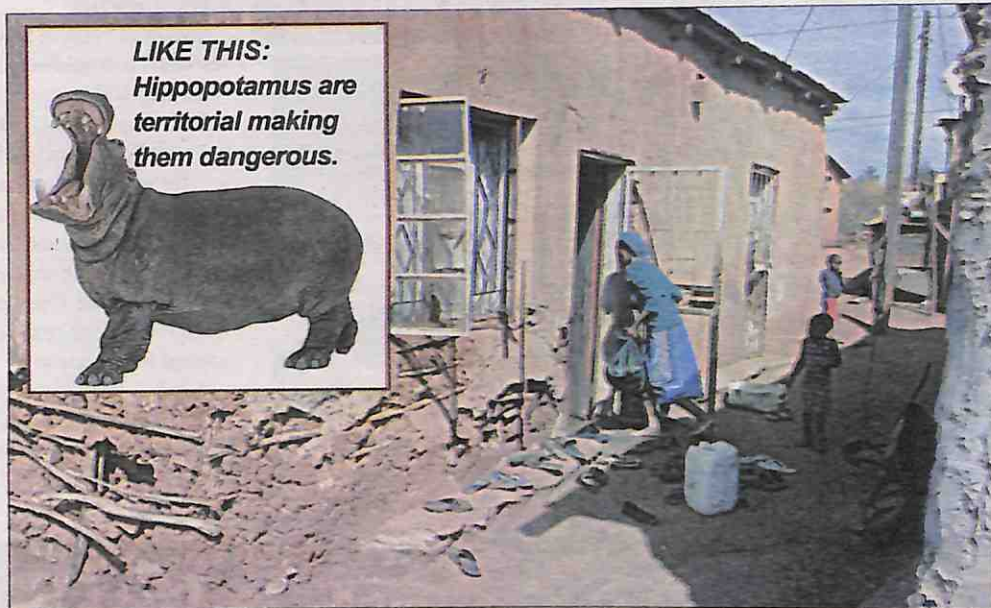
According to his family, Dlamini had been employed by Swazican for 15 years and is survived by four children who are all below 10 years.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter yesterday.

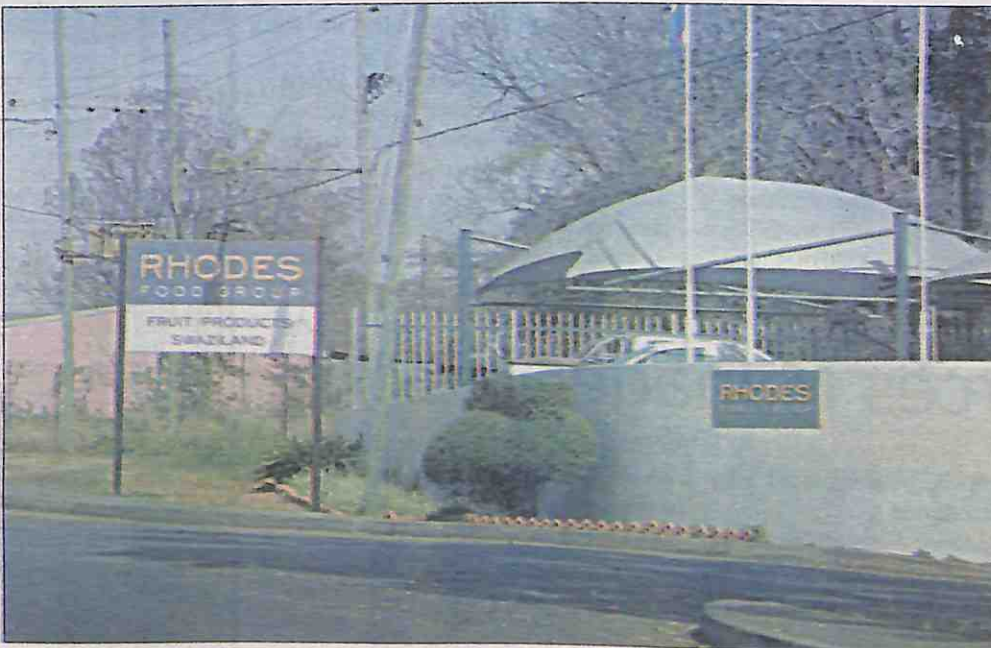
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BEREAVED: The late Vusi Dlamini's widow covered in a blanket and some family members inside their house in Malkerns yesterday. Dlamini was killed by a Hippo whilst on duty on Tuesday night. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



CONDOLENCES: A mourner arrives to pass condolences to the Dlamini family.



WORKPLACE: The company where Dlamini was employed when he met his tragic death.

...family blames company

THE family of the late Vusi Dlamini who was mauled to death by a hippopotamus on Monday night has blamed Swazican for his death.

The family believes Dlamini's death could have been avoided if the company had taken precautionary measures and provided Dlamini and his colleagues with protective clothing and a torch.

His wife, speaking through one of the family members, said for 15 years, Dlamini worked for Swazican without convincing protective clothing and a torch.

"Vusi would probably not have died if he had been wearing protective clothing and carrying a torch. How can you deploy someone to work in the fields at night without a torch? This animal chased at them in the dark and Vusi tripped and fell. If he had been carrying a torch, he would not have tripped. Also, the animal would probably have not chased at them because of the torchlight. It gained strength in chasing them because it was dark," she said.

The family also believes the company was negligent by sending employees to work near a dam which is known to harbour dangerous animals.

"Everybody knows there are dangerous animals in that dam, such as hippos. How then do you deploy people to work there at night when you know there are dangerous animals?" wondered the family.

The company's Human Resources Manager Nompulelo Kunene was sent a questionnaire on the matter yesterday.

In her response late last night, Kunene acknowledged that Dlamini was their employee and said the company, in conjunction with local authorities, was currently investigating the matter.

"Rhodes Food Group can confirm that an employee passed away following a tragic incident involving a hippo at its Swazican factory pineapple farm. We are working with the local authorities to investigate the incident. We take the safety of our employees very seriously and go above our regulatory obligations to ensure a safe working environment at all of our facilities.

"Our pineapple farm shares a border with Big Game Parks. Once an animal is spotted near our farm, our protocol dictates that we notify Big Game Parks immediately and they are requested to remove the animal. The border fence that keeps the animal within the Park area is maintained by Big Game Parks," she said.

Kunene offered the company's full support to Dlamini's family during this time.

"We wish to express our deepest condolences to the family concerned and offer our full support during this difficult time. We are engaging with the family directly on the matter," she said.

ABOUT THE HIPPOPOTAMUS

Despite being vegetarian, hippos are considered the most dangerous terrestrial animal on the African continent.

On average, they are responsible for the deaths of almost 3 000 humans every year. Male hippos are exceptionally territorial and will actively defend their section of river or lake from perceived intruders. Females will attack any animal that comes between them and their offspring. Hippos can run at speeds of over 30 km/ph on land, and may weigh over 3 300 lb/ 1 500 kg. A male hippo's canine teeth can exceed 20"/ 50 cm.

NB: Additional reporting by <https://www.tripsavvy.com>

Death Notice



THULANI PERCY THWALA

Relatives and friends of Thulani Percy Thwala are notified of his sudden death. He will be laid to rest on Saturday of August 2018, at Ngwane Park Cemetery. A memorial service will be held on Friday 3 August 2018 at Metropolitan Evangelical church Fairview starting 1300hrs. There will be no night vigil. Announcement by family. Funeral service starts at 0530hrs at his home in Fairview North.

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FOCUS ON ZIMBABWE ELECTIONS 2018

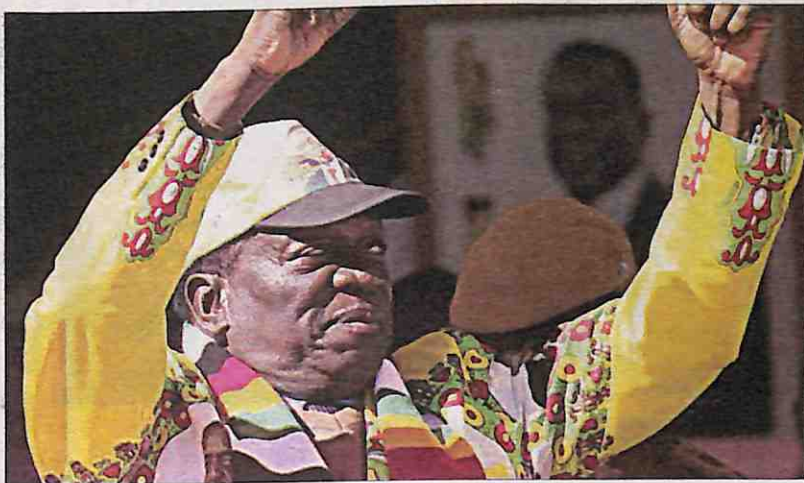
ZANU-PF HAS TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN - OFFICIAL RESULTS

HARARE - Zimbabwe's ruling Zanu-PF has attained two-thirds majority in the National Assembly of Parliament, which allows the party to change the Constitution at will, official results showed.

President Emmerson Mnangagwa's Zanu-PF swept most rural constituencies by large margins while the main opposition Movement for Democratic Change won in urban centres.

European Union observers yesterday said Zimbabwe's elections had several problems, including media bias, voter intimidation and mistrust in the electoral commission and questioned delays in releasing the presidential results.

The vote assessment by the EU, which is observing the results for the first time since 2002, is critical in determining whether Zimbabwe can shed its pariah status and return into the international fold, which could help trigger an economic revival. Earlier yesterday, a



PROMISING: President Emmerson Mnangagwa's Zanu-PF swept most rural constituencies by large margin.

crowd of around 100 Zimbabwe opposition MDC supporters gathered outside a Harare hotel yesterday where election results were being announced but police blocked the entrance to the

building, a Reuters witness said. "You can't rig our election ... this is a military government", the crowd shouted. The situation was under control as police secured the area. *Reuters*

Police use teargas to disperse Zimbabwe protesters

JOHANNESBURG - Police in Harare have fired teargas at protesters following the announcement of the preliminary election results in Zimbabwe.

Members of the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) party are claiming that the elections have been rigged.

MDC supporters took to the streets yesterday to protest against the outcome of the elections.

The Zimbabwean Electoral Commission (ZEC) is announcing results of the poll.

The party had claimed victory and called the ZEC to announce the results immediately.

The presidential results are yet to be announced. *eNCA*



NOT HAPPY: Police in Zimbabwe monitor a protest by members of the Movement for Democratic Change party following the announcement of the election results.

Mnangagwa appeals for calm as MDC supporters run amok in Harare

HARARE - Automatic gunfire crackled in the streets of Harare yesterday as soldiers stepped in to disperse protesters who had clashed with police after the main opposition leader accused the ruling party of trying to rig the result of Zimbabwe's election.

European Union observers also questioned the conduct of the presidential and parliamentary poll, Zimbabwe's first since Robert Mugabe was forced to resign following a de facto coup in November after nearly 40 years in power.

The observers expressed concern about delays in releasing the results of the presidential contest.

The leader of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change, Nelson Chamisa, said on Twitter he had won the "popular vote" in Monday's election, in which he challenged Mugabe's successor, Emmerson Mnangagwa from the ruling Zanu-PF party.

Mnangagwa also took to Twitter, calling for calm and urging patience before the results were announced.

Opposition supporters burnt tyres in the centre of the capital Harare, blocking some streets and engaging in running battles with police who fired water cannon to disperse the protesters.

Reuters

Zim's president will only be named tomorrow as protests turn deadly

HARARE - Tanks have rolled on to Zimbabwe's streets as protests against a Zanu-PF-dominated election outcome escalate.

AFP is reporting that there has been a fatality amid protests from MDC-Alliance supporters against news that Zanu-PF is likely to win the election by a landslide. They achieved a two-thirds majority in Parliament earlier yesterday.

AFP witnessed the Zimbabwean army opening fire in central Harare yesterday as protests erupted over alleged fraud in the country's election.

The man died after being shot in the stomach, an AFP photographer said, confirming that he died at the scene.

Military tanks have also rolled on to Harare's streets as protests rocked the

Zimbabwean capital over disputed election results, reports ANA.

Tanks were seen rushing to the election command centre at Rainbow Towers Hotel in Harare, where presidential results are expected to be announced.

President Emmerson Mnangagwa yesterday called for peace as police had earlier fired water cannon and teargas at opposition supporters in Harare over alleged fraud in Zimbabwe's elections.

"At this crucial time, I call on everyone to desist from provocative declarations and statements," he said on Twitter. "Now is the time for responsibility and above all, peace."

The results of the Zimbabwe presidential election were longer announced yesterday as planned.

It was reported that the Zimbabwean

SADC, AU, Comesa endorse Zim elections

HARARE - SADC, the African Union and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) have endorsed Zimbabwe's election, saying they opened new opportunities and marked new opportunities for the country.

Addressing journalists and other election stakeholders yesterday morning, the Sadc Election Observer Mission (EOM) said despite findings such as delays in release of the voters' roll, lack of transparency in the printing and procurement of election material as well as having a ballot paper layout which favoured one candidate over others, the election "represented a political watershed in the history of the country", saying this opened a new chapter.

The mission encouraged aggrieved candidates to channel their grievances through set up structures.

African Union EOM head, former Ethiopian prime minister,

Hailemariam Desalegn, said the 2018 election "marked an important moment in the democratic transition" in the country.

Comesa EOM head Ashraf Gamal Rashed noted unbalanced media coverage in the build-up to the July 30 election, saying the State media only favoured one party.

He said the election was an "epic moment" and "important opportunity" for Zimbabwe to "build on a new foundation".

But Nordic African Centre for Local Democracy and Electoral Support press contact Charlie Inggs said it was "too early" to make substantive comments on the outcome of the election.

"The mission is hopeful that the queues, voter enthusiasm and commitment exhibited by polling staff, as observed on Monday 30 July, will be matched by the compilation of results and a commitment to honouring the choice of the Zimbabwean electorate," he said. *African News Agency*

EU mission notes flaws in Zimbabwe election

EUROPEAN UNION - The European Union observer mission says "a truly level playing field was not achieved" in Zimbabwe's election as the country awaits the results of the presidential vote.

The EU mission points out the "misuse of state resources, instances of coercion and intimidation, partisan behaviour by traditional leaders and overt bias in state media" but says Monday's election was largely peaceful in a break from the past.

The assessments of Western and other observers, many who returned to Zimbabwe after being barred for nearly two decades, are cru-



cial in the possible lifting of international sanctions on this southern African nation.

The EU mission says this is a preliminary statement and more is expected on how the election results are handled and announced. This is the first vote in Zimbabwe since the fall of longtime leader Robert Mugabe. *News24*

Electoral Commission (ZEC) said this was due to the fact that candidates had to be afforded an opportunity to verify the outcomes and follow certain processes.

The country's commission said today could be the day the results are announced and that a majority of the presidential results are at its national centre.

The commission's chair, Priscilla Chigumba, was quoted as saying: "You actually have to go through a verification process. So you know the V11 forms we've been talking about on social media? You've got to sift through them and decide whether or not we actually agree with the tally that's been done."

"We're going to leave you with the anticipation sometime tomorrow."

The polls - the first since autocratic president Robert Mugabe was forced out by a brief military takeover in November - had offered Zimbabwe the chance of turning the page on a brutal chapter of its past. *Citizen*

NEW IMPROVED HIV DRUG COMING IN OCTOBER

Stories by Bahle Gama
Mbabane

ESWATINI is set to introduce a new and improved HIV drug that is relatively cheaper, taken once a day and contains a "best-in-class" combination of three antiretroviral (ARV) drugs.

Ministry of Health's Dr Nomthandazo Lukhele disclosed that according to the plan the drug should be in circulation in the country's pharmacies by October, this year.

The new pill is called Dolutegravir, a remarkably powerful and safe ARV that inhibits HIV's integrase enzyme and has been too expensive for most poor and middle-income countries to afford in recent years. Dr Lukhele said the pill is the least expensive similar triple-ARV combo pill on the market.

"This is a major breakthrough,"



IMPROVEMENT: Ministry of Health's Dr Nomthandazo Lukhele and Minister Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane.

says Dr Lukhele, one of the scientists who attended the international conference on HIV/AIDS in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Dr Lukhele further said the pill will help speed up efforts to offer treatment to a number of HIV-

infected people in the country.

The pill will be offered as a first-line treatment, and the hope is that its excellent "profile"—powerful suppression of HIV, low toxicity, and ease of use—will make it simpler for people to stay on treatment

for their lifetimes and reduce the chances of ARV resistance emerging.

Dr Lukhele further said the other two ARVs in the cocktail are lamivudine and tenofovir, both of which are already in widespread use.



MEN PREFER HIV SELF-TESTING KIT – STUDY

WITH males being the ones reluctant to go for HIV testing when asked by their partners, it has been discovered that with the availability of HIV self-testing kits, men have shown so much zeal over the new invention.

This was disclosed yesterday at the ministry of health offices during a press conference. The HIV self-testing was being implemented through a study/survey that started in 2017.

Lenhle Dube said the nation was very welcoming to the programme especially the males and the youth.

The self-testing kit has been hailed by the nations of the world for its success because the ministry is using qualified counsellors who also give much information on the kit.

She further said the kit has information inside that helps the user on how to use it and what to do.

Dube further disclosed that the kit has some positives as they have recorded 90 per cent retention from the one-month and three-month intervals.

The kit also has a hot line where the user can enquire about any issue related to the kit and HIV and AIDS.

STOP IT



PILING UP: Dirt is already starting to pile-up in some of the manholes along the highway.

Funeral Notice



Relatives and friends of **Fikile Makhanya** are notified of her sudden death. Her Memorial service starts at 1030 – 1330hrs on Saturday 04 August 2018 at Siteki FEA and then laid to rest at Moyeni burial site at 1400hrs.

Announcement by her father.

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BILL CLINTON WANTS TO MEET KING

FORMER United States of American President Bill Clinton is said to have expressed a keen interest in visiting the country and ultimately meeting with His Majesty King Mswati III.

This was said by Health Minister Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane during a press conference held at the ministry's offices yesterday.

The minister and a team of local doctors and officials recently travelled to Amsterdam in Holland for the International Conference on HIV.

The minister disclosed that the eagerness by the former president to meet His Majesty transpired during the conference's side meeting that involved Clinton, the minister and Deputy Director of Health Services Dr Velelephi Okello.

She said Clinton has been so

intrigued by Eswatini's fight against the HIV scourge that he wants to visit the country and ultimately meet the King.

"The United States of America's former president Bill Clinton was present at the conference and got to address over 7 000 participants and in his speech he mentioned the great work that the Kingdom of Eswatini has done.

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After that he met up with me and the director and declared his interest in coming to Eswatini more especially to meet up with Their Majesties," said Ndlela-Simelane.

The minister also stated that the former president mentioned that during his time as president he had spoken with the heads of state and said the Kingdom of Eswatini was capable of fighting and winning



KEEN: Former United States of America President Bill Clinton.

the HIV war. He said seeing the fight being a success over the years is what sparked the interest to visit the kingdom and to see Their Majesties.

"I would also like to thank Their Majesties for giving us an initia-

tive as servants and a nation to acknowledge the issue of HIV as it is all our problem and to ensure that this HIV issue is not just coordinated under the health ministry alone but even in the PM's office with a higher fund," she continued.

Eswatini flag hoisted high in Europe

THE Kingdom of Eswatini's flag is said to have been hoisted high in Europe with many having all good things to say about it.

This was disclosed by Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane during a press conference yesterday, where she said short video clips were showed in all the conference halls displaying the amazing work done by the country.

"Eswatini is leading by 44 per cent in terms on decreasing infections. As much as our flag is high we must maintain that and continue taking care of ourselves and use condoms and make use of all these," adds the minister. The country has

been hailed for the results of the Swaziland HIV Incidence Measurement Survey, or SHIMS 2, and has continued to be a reference in the fight against HIV.

About the Clinton Foundation:

- The Clinton Foundation (founded in 1997 as the William J. Clinton Foundation, and from 2013 to 2015, briefly renamed the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation) is a non-profit organisation under Section 501(c)(3) of the US tax code.

- It was established by former President of the United States Bill Clinton with the stated mission to

- "strengthen the capacity of people in the United States and throughout the world to meet the challenges of global interdependence." [4] Its offices are located in New York City and Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Through 2016 the foundation had raised an estimated US\$2 billion from US corporations, foreign governments and corporations, political donors, and various other groups and individuals.
- The acceptance of funds from wealthy donors has been a source of controversy.
- The foundation "has won accolades from philanthropy experts and has drawn bipartisan sup-

port" Charitable grants are not a major focus of the Clinton Foundation, which instead uses most of its money to carry out its own humanitarian programmes.

- This foundation is a public organisation to which anyone may donate and is distinct from the Clinton Family Foundation, a private organisation for personal Clinton family philanthropy.

- According to the Clinton Foundation's website, neither Bill Clinton nor his daughter, Chelsea Clinton (both are members of the governing board), draws any salary or receives any income from the Foundation.

- When Hillary Clinton was a board member she reportedly also received no income from the Foundation.

EBC not extending deadline of tax clearances for election nominees

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

WITH the deadline for tax clearances for nominees in the ongoing elections having elapsed yesterday, Elections and Boundaries Communications Officer Mbonisi Bhembe has stated that they will not be extending the deadline.

Bhembe said yesterday was the final day as the EBC Chairperson Chief Gija had pronounced on Monday.

When asked as to what is going to happen to those who had failed to meet the deadline, Bhembe said those nominees shall liaise with their presiding officers who will assist them on the next step to take. On Monday, Chief Gija had informed all nominees making tax clearances that the date had been extended until Wednesday (yesterday) due to the high volume of nominees who required tax clearances.

On Wednesday, people flocked to numerous Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) offices countrywide from as early as 6am with the hope of being first in line to get the tax clearances so that they could meet the deadline.

This is after most of the nominees had



GIVE CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR: Aspiring politicians continues to get TAX clearances at SRA in all the regions around the Kingdom. This was at Mahhala Complex in Matsapha yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

queued up until around 8pm on Tuesday afternoon upon learning about the deadline. Some nominees in other SRA offices preferred to sleep in their cars outside the SRA offices' premises.

The SRA Offices had to extend their operating hours in order to accommodate the aspirant politicians. Even yesterday around 7:00pm there were still people in long queues at the SRA offices in Manzini. However, the Mbabane SRA offices had closed around 6:30pm

yesterday, with reports that a number of people were left stranded. These queues were also witnessed in other SRA offices around the country.

The SRA service centres which assist in the tax clearance for the nominees are Manzini, Matsapha Tax Office, Mbabane Service Centre, Nhlangu Tax Office, Pigg's Peak Service Centre, Siteki Service Centre and Lavumisa Customs Border Post which was included for this exercise only.

SRA works overtime to accommodate nominees

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

THE hustle by national elections nominees to have tax clearances has resulted to the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) extending working hours since Monday.

Long queues were witnessed at the different SRA offices in the country as the nominees rushed for tax clearances as per the requirement by the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC). From Tuesday, the SRA officers were working till 9pm yet the stipulated operating hours are between 8am to 5pm.

This was confirmed by SRA Director Communications Vusi Dlamini when

contacted yesterday.

"We have been opting to close as late as 8pm to 9pm to accommodate the nominees who have been given a deadline," he said briefly.

The nominees had until yesterday to submit their tax clearance to the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) and scores of people, including those that had come for their personal documentations, queued at the SRA offices around the country which were tasked to assist the nominees with tax clearances prior to the Primary elections which are scheduled for August 25.

People expressed discomfort over the long queues whose primary cause was the nominated candidates and at some centres they complained that operations

were moving at a snail pace resulting to them waiting multiple hours at the queue to get assistance.

EBC Chairman Chief Gija said they noticed that the lines were still long at almost all the SRA centres assisting the nominees with tax clearances.

He said they were considering extending the deadline as some nominees had failed to get their tax clearances before the deadline yesterday but they had to consult particularly with the attorney general's office on the validity of extending.

However, it later transpired that the decision was that the EBC would not be extending the deadline as the nominees were told to liaise with their presiding officers for guidance.

Two Emaswati arrested for E70 000 dagga in SA

By Nozipho Sibiyi
Mbabane

TWO Emaswati were arrested for dagga possession at Mankola in South Africa.

Mankola is an area next to Mananga Border in Mpumalanga.

According to Mpumalanga News, the two were found with dagga weighing 70kg with a street value E56 000 at Mthatha-Mankola public road on Tuesday evening.

"The two were travelling in a Madza 3 Hatchback with Eswatini registration number," reads the newspaper.

The police asked to check the car and when they opened the boot they found dagga blocks.

"When interrogated by the police, the two said they used the informal crossing to smuggle the Swazi dagga into South Africa. We have our boys who cross with the dagga so that we receive it as soon as they cross," it was said.

The two were taken to custody in a police van while their car was driven and escorted by the police to the police station.

"The two who are aged 30 and 37 males of Buhleni are expected to appear in court tomorrow (today) for the possession of dagga without a license or permit in South Africa."

In April, three Emaswati were arrested in separate incidents for possession of 68 dagga bags at Ermelo.

The suspects, including a couple which was on its way to celebrate the lady's birthday, were arrested during Operation Fiela in Ermelo. They were found in possession of 30kg dagga worth an estimated value of E45 000.

The male suspect confessed he had more dagga stashed in the tyre. He further volunteered to cut the wheel open.

"A further 48 dagga bags were found stashed inside the spare wheel," explained Sergeant Peace Mbokane.

BEND AND DRINK...



WATER FOR LIFE: The idea of bringing a water bottle came a bit too late for this toddler as he had better plans to drink direct from the tap. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Liswati nabbed with 62kg of dagga at Ngwenya

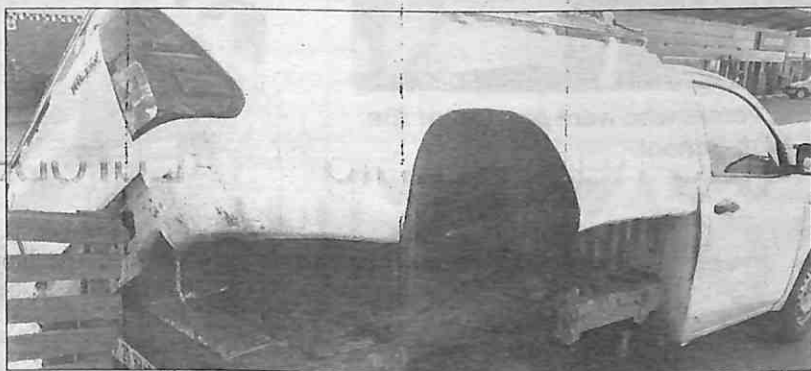
By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

LISWATI was nabbed with dagga weighing over 62 kilogrammes at Ngwenya Border Post at around 7am yesterday.

The suspect was nabbed while attempting to cross to the Republic of South Africa, through Ngwenya Border Gate in the early hours of yesterday while driving a white Toyota Hilux D4D. He was arrested by members of the Eswatini Royal Police in the morning and he was taken to the Mbabane Police Station. After a routine search, police found 83 packets of dagga with a street value of over E93 000 stashed at the basement of the bakkie. Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer (DPICO) Phindile Vilakati confirmed the arrest yesterday.

She said the man was alone in the car when he was busted with dagga.

"Police did bust Liswati with multiple packets of dagga at Oshoek and he is set for a court appearance today," she said.



KWASHA: A Toyota Hilux with foreign registration driven by Liswati was nabbed with 83 packets of dagga weighing 62 kilogrammes with a street value of E93 000 stashed at the basement of its bakkie at Ngwenya Border Gate while trying to cross to the Republic of South Africa in the early hours of yesterday.

The bust comes at a time when Oshoek Border Gate is under a lot of scrutiny for long queues that are caused by the biometrics process launched recently and the border has been labelled the 'worst run border' by its regular users through a Facebook campaign. This comes after numerous drug busts at Ngwenya includ-

ing a E17 million cocaine consignment in January. This came to the fore hardly a month after cocaine worth E24 million was busted at the same border gate last year in December. A truck driver was arrested with 67 bags of dagga which had names and surnames of people inscribed on them in 2016.

Gawuzela's change of mind explained

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

GOSPEL Singer Mduduzi 'Gawuzela' Simelane has explained why he changed his mind when people nominated him for Member of Parliament (MP) position under Siphofaneni Inkhundla.

Simelane was nominated over the past weekend to compete with the likes of long-serving former MP Gundwane Gamedze.

Simelane declined nomination in the 2013 elections, stating that he wanted to focus on other duties that would allow him to help people around the country.

When asked why he changed his mind this time around, he stated that he had since realised that going to Parliament would enable him to help the unfortunate people.

He saw being in Parliament as a step that would make him reach out to the people and help them defeat the obstacles they encountered in their lives.

Simelane said since 2013, some of the people whom he had helped through his popular television pro-

gramme, 'Makhelwane Simbona Ngetento', were of the view that he should represent them in Parliament because he had been able to help many people while he was still not in Parliament.

He said that was when he realised that being in Parliament was going to make it even easier for him to reach out to the people and give them help. After all, being an MP included being a champion of development, hence it would be easier for him to help people.

Simelane was once a presenter of the programme which was aired on Eswatini TV, which was aimed at helping people who were suffering.

The programme was controversially closed in 2013 when the national elections were approaching at that time. Simelane, when quizzed on that programme, did not want to go into detail, saying this was not the right time to talk about the programme.

He did highlight though that helping people had been part of his life, even before he started the programme.

8 PICTURES



ELECTION NOMINATIONS 2018



I ACCEPT: Ncamsile Bhembe for Indvuna Yenkundla under Manzini South.



IN THE RACE: Themba Dlamini nominated for MP at ST Pauls under Manzini North.



AGAIN: Lutfo Dlamini nominated at Nkamanzi for Ndzingeni Inkhundla.



ME TOO: Jennifer Du Pont nominated for MP at Ludzibini for Timpisini Inkhundla.



POPULAR: Mandla Dlamini nominated for MP at Kantunja for the new Nkomiyahlaba Inkhundla.



BUSY DAY: It was a busy day for the Logoba chiefdom as people came in their numbers.



IN: Themba Hlophe who is living with albinism nominated for Bucopho of KaDlovunga under Maseyisini Inkhundla.



WE AGREE: Some of the voters who were present at the nominations at Mjinggo High School.



ALSO THERE: Businessman and former Mbabane Highlanders Player Thulani Maumau Dlamini among residents at the nominations at Nduma chiefdom.



OUR VERY OWN: Observer On Saturday Editor Alec Lushaba was nominated for MP at LaMgabhi



NOMINATED: Former Journalist Sabantha Dlamini is vying for the position of Bucopho.



ON DUTY: EBC Officials assisting some of the voters present on the day.



TO COMPETE: Edward Masilela nominated for MP at Sidwashini for Mbabane East Inkhundla.

VOTERS WANT TOP REFEREE 'MAKALAKALANE' OUT OF KWALUSENI UMPHAKATSI

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

TOP referee Lucky 'Makalakalane' Ndlangamandla, who has been nominated for Member of Parliament (MP) under Kwaluseni Umphakatsi, is wanted out by the electorate who claim he does not belong there.

Some concerned parties have since written a letter directed to the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) seeking the commission to intervene in the matter. According to the complaints from the residents one of the nominated candidates, Ndlangamandla was nominated for Member of Parliament position under Kwaluseni Umphakatsi yet he does not belong there. The concerned parties stated that the candidate's homestead is located along Phocweni corridor, which is under Logoba Umphakatsi or Mhlane Umphakatsi. The concerned parties said because of the above reason they therefore seek for the intervention of the Chairman of the Elections and Boundaries Commission Chief Gija. The residents said this anomaly must be corrected as they want free and fair elections for the Kwaluseni Inkhundla. The residents said they have raised the issue with the Presiding Officer Nokuthula Shongwe.

They said they were advised to take the matter up and report it to the relevant



WANTED OUT: Top referee Lucky 'Makalakalane' Ndlangamandla.

authorities. The residents said this is the reason they decided to move a formal complaint in writing.

The residents said they had since written to EBC Chairman Chief Gija, National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula, Manzini Regional Administrator Chief Gcokoma and Kwaluseni King's Council about the matter.

The concerned parties said even if Ndlangamandla was a tenant, staying at Kwaluseni, his voting rights were limited

to voting only and he cannot be voted for, since he is not a permanent resident.

"The rule or the law is clear about this issue, people of the area are taking advantage of the vulnerability of textile workers in Matsapha Industrial site," stated the residents. The concerned parties said Ndlangamandla was nominated by non-residents of Kwaluseni. Elections and Boundaries Commission Communications Officer Mbonisi Bhembe confirmed of having received a letter of complaint coming from Kwaluseni residents concerning the matter and said the EBC would work on the matter.

Contacted

Meanwhile, when contacted to find his side of the story Ndlangamandla said so far there is nothing official which has been communicated to him.

He said the only person he heard complaining was aspiring MP Sibusiso Mabhanisi Dlamini who told him that he does not belong to Kwaluseni Umphakatsi.

Ndlangamandla said he arrived way back in 1999 at Kwaluseni Inkhundla while he was still attending school at Nazarene.

He said even his Voter Card reflects Kwaluseni Umphakatsi. He said there is nothing that been communicated to him by anyone except for what was said by 'Mabhanisi' when they were going to take fingerprints after they were nominated together with him at the same Umphakatsi.

One arrested for Siteki Market robbery, house breaking

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

POLICE have made a breakthrough on the incident which saw five shops which are housed by the Siteki Market being broken into by unknown men in one night.

One suspect has been arrested and charged with six counts which include robbery and house breaking with intent to steal. Makhosatsini Shongwe (42) appeared at the Magistrate's Court after his arrest last week. On the first count, the accused person faces a charge of robbery. He is alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully robbed one Bheki Masuku of his cellphone after threatening to shoot him with a pistol. Masuku was the security guard manning the market on the night of June 2.

According to the charge sheet, the accused person further tied the complainant with a wire on his hands and legs before proceeding to commit other crimes in the market. The accused person faces a charge of house breaking and theft on the second count. He is alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully broken into a shop trading as Z.D Supermarket, where he stole various items and money in cash totalling to E8 050. The shop is operated by an Asian national, Rafik Patel. The accused person is said to have further broken into another shop trading as The Mall Grocery and stole money amounting to E6 130 and other items valued at E2 236. On the fourth count, the accused is said to have broken into a game room shop and stole money amounting to E1 500. He is further said to have broken into two more separate restaurants where he stole items totalling to E1 100. The accused person appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso, where he was represented by Lawyer Mzobanzi Dlamini.

The accused told the court that he would be pleading not guilty to all the charges.

Meanwhile, the matter was set to commence trial on September 25.

Consent order granted in SWADEPA, EBC appeal

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

A consent order has been granted by the High Court that the Swaziland Democratic Party (SWADEPA) and Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) urgent appeal application shall proceed at the Supreme Court.

This comes after both counsels Leo Ndvuna Dlamini and the attorney general's office met the chief justice in chambers on Monday and both parties consented that the matter be enrolled for appeal at the Supreme Court, hence the consent order made yesterday.

SWADEPA wants to express their political views as a party during elections campaign hence they have approached the Supreme Court where they have filed an urgent application.

The appeal is expected to be heard on or before August 9, 2018 following a consent both parties have reached as they agreed that it be enrolled for hearing on an urgent basis.

The court comprising Judges Muncy Dlamini, Mzwandile Fakudze and Ticheme Dlamini dismissed SWADEPA's application with costs last week. Representing SWADEPA in the urgent application were two South African Advocates Peter Richard Hathorn and Jonathan Berger, both based in Johannesburg, as instructed by lawyer Leo Ndvuna Dlamini from SA Nkosi Attorneys.

In its founding affidavit, SWADEPA had submitted that there was nothing preventing political parties to campaign for particular candidates during the

primary and secondary elections.

According to SWADEPA, they wanted the party members to be allowed to canvass for and receive the endorsement of any political party during the election.

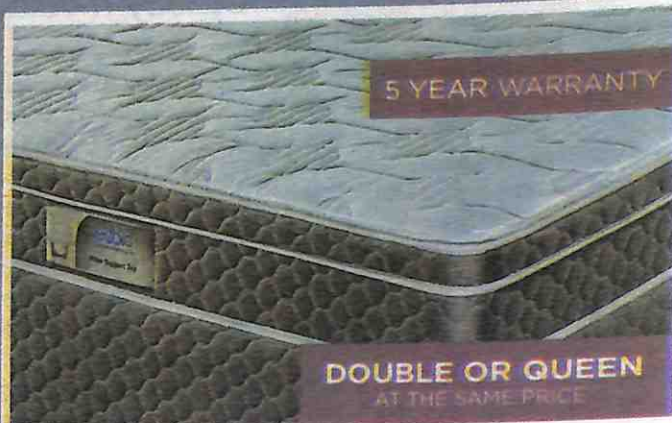
Furthermore, the party was also seeking an order interdicting the EBC, prime minister, minister for justice and other respondents from allowing its members and other political parties who have registered for the elections and publicly associated from wearing, displaying its colours, symbols or slogans.

Cited in the application as applicants is the Secretary General Mbongiseni Cyprian Shabangu as the first, SWADEPA as the second and Sanelisiwe Tababe Dlamini as the third. The EBC had been cited as the first respondent, the prime minister as the second, justice minister as the third, minister for home affairs as the fourth, minister for administration and development the fifth, national commissioner of police sixth, Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) commander seventh, the principal secretary in the ministry of defence the eighth and the attorney general as the last respondent.

They also sought an order interdicting the respondents from preventing the third applicant (Sanelisiwe) who has already registered for the elections and any other member who chooses to run as a candidate for election to the House of Assembly in canvassing for votes from stating publicly and motivating their social, economic, political and cultural beliefs, union and convictions.

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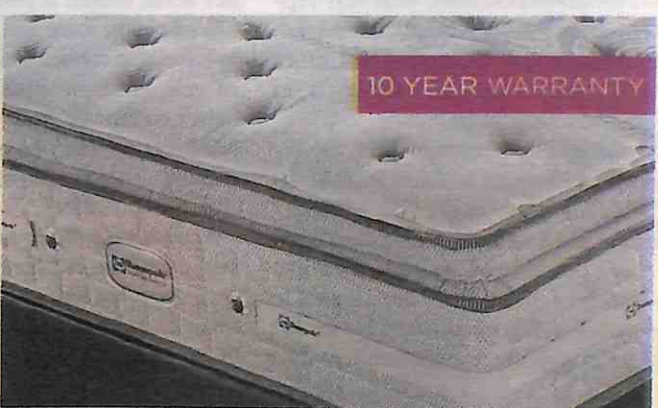


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10 NATIONAL NEWS

DIVORCING COUPLE FIGHTS OVER FAMILY BUSINESS

Stories by Sandile Nkambule
High Court

A woman has taken her husband to court as she wants to be reinstated as director for a family company and further be remunerated for her position.

Yasmin Banu Suleman (nee Khan) has hauled her husband Cassim Suleman and the company Cassay Investments to court where she is seeking orders granting her full access to all financial statements, management accounts, business records and other information relating to the affairs of the company, granting her full access to the premises of the company and the right to obtain information required by her concerning the business activities of the company.

She is also seeking an order of court interdicting and restraining her husband, who is also a director, from taking or implementing any actions to exclude the applicant from the business of the company and dissipating any of the company's assets, transferring funds or making any payments without her prior written consent.

Further, she is also seeking an order of court reinstating her as director and shareholder of the company and recognising her as director of the company and that she shall continue receiving the basic director's remuneration in the sum of E13 000 per month from the company as long as she remains direc-

...Wife wants to retain her position as director together with E13 000 remuneration at Cassay Investments (Pty)Ltd

tor.

According to the applicant, Yasmin, who has filed an urgent application before Judge Maxine Langwenya at the High Court, during the period that the company was incorporated and at Mbabane, she together with her husband as shareholders entered into an agreement that the business would be operated on the basis that both parties shall equally receive the same financial benefits from the company.

Agreement

The underlying understanding of the agreement according to the applicant was for them to equally benefit from the business as they were equal shareholders and the only two directors of the company.

She submitted that in the first ten years, they both played an active role as managing directors and as such had custody, control and access to all records of the company as it was agreed between them that she would receive monthly remuneration of E13 000.

However, during the year 2014, Yasmin submitted that she found a document purporting that during a meeting of shareholders held in September 2010, she had resigned as director and shareholder arguing that she was not aware of such hence she approached her husband about the discovery.

"The first respondent (husband) just brushed it off and stated that he will address a letter to the auditors to reinstate me and brought me a letter appointing me as director and 50 per cent shareholder," she submitted.

Subsequent to that, she submitted that her husband suddenly decided on his own accord to reduce the director's salary as she was paid E7 000 instead of the agreed E13 000.

Settlement

She submitted that upon receipt of the proposed divorce settlement agreement, she instructed her attorneys Boxshall – Smith Attorneys to verify her status as director and shareholder in the company to which all was negative as she was removed as director.

Yasmin stated that the present application is a dire necessity occasioned by the first respondent's conduct and is predicated on two main legal grounds being enforcement of her re-instatement as director and shareholder in the company.

Secondly, that it is unfair and prejudicial conduct by the first respondent towards her pending finalisation of the final decree of divorce. She stated that her husband is bound by the agreement as regards the duty of good faith to her, the company and enjoyment of equal benefits from the company.

6 siblings challenge late father's last will

SIBLINGS to the late Julius Bhekumuzi Kokosi Hlophe have taken the Executrix and Master of the High Court to court as they are challenging the last will and testament of their late father.

The six children want the High Court to declare that the last will and testament of their late father under estate number EN29/18 be and is hereby invalid and void and his assets be distributed in terms of the law governing intestate succession.

They are also seeking an order of court that the Executrix who has been cited as the first respondent in the matter be interdicted and restrained from distributing the assets of the late Julius Hlophe pending finalisation of the matter before court.

Furthermore, the siblings are also seeking an order of court that the Master of the High Court, who has been cited as the second respondent, is hereby ordered and directed to give effect to the order by taking all the necessary steps to withhold distribution of the estate assets in abeyance pending finalisation of the matter and subsequently ensuring that distribution of same is done in accordance with interstate succession laws.

Cited

Represented by Nhlengani based lawyer Jabulani Maphalala, the six siblings Sifiso, Tiphetshe, Bheki, Banele, Bongiwe and Lwazi Hlophe who have been cited as the applicants in the matter, yesterday filed an urgent application at the High court before Judge Maxine LaNgwenya.

According to Sifiso Hlophe in his founding affidavit, he together with his siblings are biological children of the late Julius Hlophe who passed away on April 20 and the deceased and their mother were married in terms of civil rights in 1975.

Sifiso submitted that he is the only child born out of that union before her mother passed on in 1979 and after the demise of his mother, his father then wedded the second applicant Tiphetshe Hlophe (nee Motsa) in terms of Siswati customary law and they had three children together which is the third, fourth and fifth applicants being Bheki, Banele and Bongiwe.

Sifiso stated that their deceased's

father built a home at Joppa area under Vusweni Royal Kraal, which was next to his parental home and further bought another immovable property in Mbabane where he resided with his mother and acquired another property at Lavumisa.

On or around the year 2014, Sifiso submitted that his father suffered a stroke and was hospitalised, during that time he had wedded the second respondent and she used to stay at Thembelinhle Township in Mbabane which was my biological mother and father's matrimonial home.

Sifiso submitted that during that time, he had already built his own homestead at Mbangweni in Nhlengani, where he is currently residing with his wife and two of his children since September 2011 and is self employed as a businessman involved in the public transport industry.

Sifiso submitted that after their father's death, it transpired that he had written his last will and testament which he signed, but argued that since he had suffered a stroke, this rendered him incapable of having signed the will hence he stated that there was no free and voluntary action on his part, but he executed same under duress and undue influence from the first respondent (Executrix) who took advantage of his condition.

"It is my humble submission that I am a biological son of the deceased and there has never been any dispute as to paternity since day one up to the day he took his last breath and as such, I am advised and verily believe that I am entitled to inherit from his property as the rest of his children and spouses," Sifiso submitted.

He submitted that he is advised and verily believes that the will that was purportedly signed by the deceased is invalid and void due to the fact that the deceased (Julius Hlophe) was incapable of executing same during the time of the alleged execution coupled with the fact that it seeks to unfairly discriminate some of the deceased person's children and spouse in favour of others, much against the dictates of the laws pertaining to administration of estates.

The matter is yet to be argued before court.

Robbery suspect's urgent bail application opposed

A robbery suspect who has filed an urgent application for bail at the High Court had his bail opposed by the crown as he is facing a string of robbery offences.

Mfanukhona Ndlovu, who was represented by lawyer Khumbulani Msibi, was arrested by the Police Serious Crimes Unit (Lukhozi) on April 4 and has been in custody since then.

According to the charge sheet, the 37-year-old Ndlovu of Mhlaleni area together with his brothers in crime Mlungisi Mamba and Sandile Shongwe, are alleged to have committed the offences in the Lubombo region. They are alleged to have while at Madubeni area in November 2017 wrongfully and unlawfully while

acting in furtherance of a common purpose with intent of inducing submission by Grace Von Zersen Sikhondze to taking her items after threatening to hack her with a bush knife and robbing her items valued at E68 499.

While in the same area they are alleged to have also robbed Gcinile Sikhondze of cellphones worth E5 000 and the other offences were committed at Madubeni area where they allegedly robbed seven people of their items on different occasions.

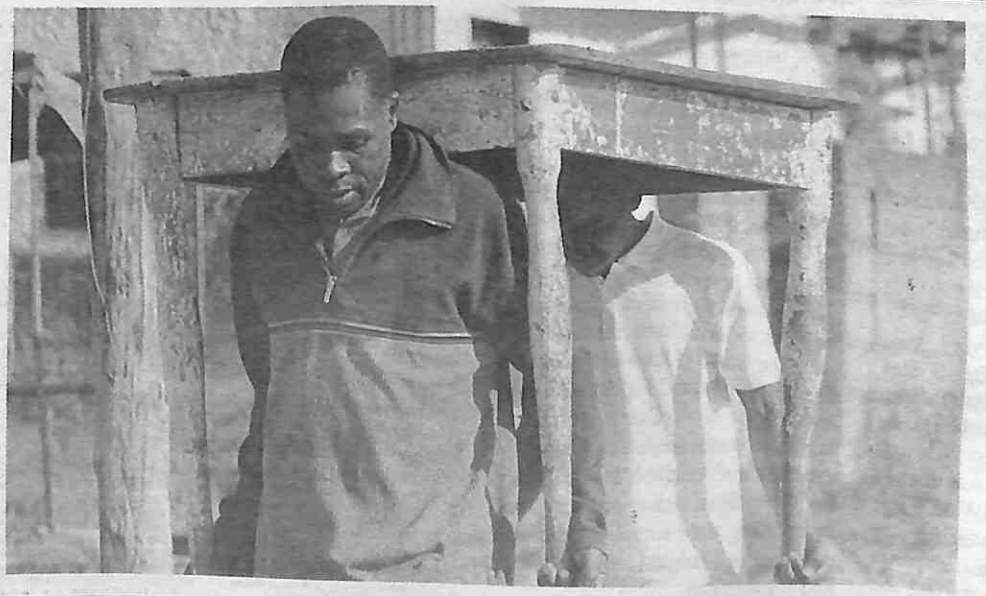
According to Ndlovu in his application, he never gave the police any problem upon his arrest as he co-operated with them at all material times during the investigation leading to his subse-

quent charges.

He submitted that he did not commit the offences he is charged with, but admitted that he was found with some of the exhibits in his possession and that he was not aware that they were stolen. He claimed the items in question were brought to him by one Mdavu Simelane and Gudla who have since disappeared. He stated in his papers that he did not even bother to run away, as he never thought the items brought to him were stolen during robberies by his friends adding that he has good prospects of success on the criminal trial claiming he never committed the offences and was never identified in any identification parade.

MOVING HOUSE...

TABLING:
Two men carrying a table in an unusual fashion at Zakhele over the weekend.
(Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



CASE PROFILE

Judge – Maxine Langwenya
For applicants – Jabulani Maphalala
For respondents – AG's Office

• Banele Hlophe
• Bongiwe Hlophe
• Lwazi Hlophe

APPLICANTS

• Sifiso Hlophe
• Tiphetshe Hlophe (nee Motsa)
• Bheki Hlophe

RESPONDENTS

• The Executrix
• Master of the High Court
• Attorney General

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR MULTIPLE FRAUD AT MBABANE MOTORS

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A 24-year-old woman from Buka is facing a charge of multiple fraud at Mbabane Motors.

Philswe Shoba appeared at the Manzini Magistrate's Courts yesterday, where she faced three counts of fraud which occurred early last year at Mbabane Motors.

The accused is charged with fraud after misrepresenting three withdrawals made from SwaziBank to Mbabane Motors, amounting to E536 444, E523 808 and E45 000, respectively.

On the first count, the accused is facing a charge of fraud in that it is alleged that in the month of February 2017 at Mbabane Motors, she unlawfully and with intent to defraud and misrepresent to Delisile Gama that a SwaziBank withdrawal slip amounting to E536 444 paying Mbabane Motors was a good and available with-

drawal slip and would be met on presentation at Mbabane Motors.

It is alleged that her actions resulted into the loss of E536 444 to Delisile Gama. The accused was charged with fraud because according to the charge sheet when she carried out the transaction she knew very well that the SwaziBank withdrawal slip transferring money to the said Mbabane Motors was not good at all and would not be met on presentation at the said Mbabane Motors.

Charged

The accused was also charged with the offence of theft by false pretences in that she obtained a sum of E3 000 from Delisile Gama, through dubious means by presenting the same SwaziBank slip.

On the second count, the accused is charged with the offence of fraud as it is alleged that on the same month while at Mbabane Motors the accused person did unlawfully and with intent to defraud, misrepresent to Brian Bhembe that

a SwaziBank withdrawal slip amounting to E523 808 paying Mbabane Motors was a good and available withdrawal slip and would be met on presentation at Mbabane Motors.

It is alleged that her actions resulted into the loss of E523 808 to Bhembe.

The accused was charged with fraud because according to the charge sheet when she carried out the transaction she knew very well that the SwaziBank withdrawal slip transferring money to the said Mbabane Motors was not good at all and would not be met on presentation at the said Mbabane Motors.

On the last count of fraud, which is the third, the accused is alleged to have misrepresented to Delisile Gama that a SwaziBank withdrawal receipt of E45 000 paying Hlalawati Co-operative Society was genuine while knowing very well that the receipt was not genuine.

The accused appeared at the Manzini Magistrate's Court yesterday and was warned to return to court for setting of trial on October 4.



IT'S A NO: EBC Spokesperson Mbonisi Bhembe.

BUCOPHO NOT ALLOWED TO CAMPAIGN

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

CANDIDATES who have been nominated for Bucopho position are not allowed by law to campaign to be elected.

Bucopho is a constituency development committee, which is made up of representatives from each of the chiefdoms that make up a constituency.

Members of Bucopho are nominated and elected in the chiefdoms and their fate is decided during the primary elections. Each chiefdom around the country elects its Bucopho member during the primary elections, not the secondary elections.

This means the Bucopho hopefuls have no chance to campaign or canvass for votes. Section 39 (1) of the Elections Act of 2013 says: "Canvassing for votes during primary elections is prohibited." The Act only allows for candidates to campaign during the period between primary and secondary elections.

The only candidates allowed to campaign at that time are those who want to be Indvuna Yenkundla or Member of Parliament (MP). They are allowed to campaign in all the chiefdoms that make up the Inkhundla they want to represent.

When asked why the Bucopho nominees are not allowed to campaign, Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Spokesperson Mbonisi Bhembe said there was no need for them to campaign. He quoted Section 79 of the Constitution to substantiate his response.

Section 79 of the Constitution says: "The system of government for Swaziland is a democratic, participatory, tinkhundla-based system which emphasises devolution of state power from central government to tinkhundla areas and individual merit as a basis for election or appointment to public office."

Bhembe said the spirit of this Section was that Bucopho nominees do not need to campaign for elections because they were known in their communities.

He said MP and Indvuna yeNkhundla nominees needed to campaign because there were other chiefdoms involved where they were not known by residents from those chiefdoms. The case was different for Bucopho nominees because they only needed to be elected by their chiefdoms. "Bucopho nominees have no need to campaign because their way of life within their communities is what matters," Bhembe said.

He went on to say the spirit of the electoral system was that no one should be given an opportunity to canvass for votes and influence people to vote for them. However, MP and Indvuna yeNkhundla candidates would be allowed to do that because they had to market themselves in other chiefdoms making up the constituencies they represented.

SHOW US INSOLVENT CANDIDATES – VOTERS

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

VOTERS want to know the extent of debts of their nominees in the upcoming elections so as to avoid wasting their time.

The electorate said they did not want to waste time voting for people who owed financial institutions and were not honouring their debts as this could lead to candidates being disqualified from the elections.

Voters voiced this out at Gundvini when they were nominating candidates for bucopho, indvunayenkundla, and MP, respectively over the past weekend.

Some of the voters said this after they were informed on the requirements for nominees so that they could consider it nominations.

Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Presiding Officer Thando Ndzabukelwako said the people who should be nominated were not supposed to be found to be defaulting from repaying debts. In short, they should not be insolvent.

Ndzabukelwako said such was not expected of a person who would do such an important work of contributing to the country's political



and economic policies.

"This could be dangerous for the country as such a person could inculcate a bad culture (of not honouring debts) at national level," explained the presiding officer.

The people of Gundvini, upon hearing this,

wanted to know how they would know if their chosen candidates were insolvent or not.

The residents were heard saying they wanted EBC to bring technological gadgets that would determine if a certain person had a clean record or not.

In response to that, the presiding officer said the chosen candidate was the one who knew if he or she had a good standing in terms of the election qualifications.

The candidate would decline if he knew that he did not meet the qualifications to be nominated and subsequently be voted for.

Ndzabukelwako said after being nominated the candidates would be vetted at various police stations around the country. This would be done to ensure that they were not in trouble with the law and also to ensure that they were not insolvent.

A person who wants to be nominated should also be 18 years of age and above, should not have a pending court case, should not be a civil servant (unless there is a letter of consent from employer), should not be mentally disturbed, and should not be one of the observers of the elections.

Former MPs Thulani, Mduduzi back in the race

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

FORMER Hosea MPs Thulani Masuku and Mduduzi Mabuza have been nominated to represent Hosea in the upcoming elections.

Masuku was nominated over the past weekend by residents of Nsingizini.

He will be competing with eight other candidates who were also nominated for the same position. Mabuza, on the other hand, was nominated by residents from Lushini, which is another chiefdom from Hosea Inkhundla.

Masuku will have to battle with seven other MP hopefuls in his chiefdom during the primary elections



FACE-OFF: Ex-Hosea MPs Thulani Masuku and Mduduzi Mabuza.

on August 25. He will then compete with Mabuza on September 19 during the secondary elections. Masuku will have to compete with the likes of DaphneyXaba, Bongani Hlongwane, Ellen Simelane among others.

Most of the candidates to compete with Masuku are new in the race for the MP position.

The only person who is not new to the MP race is Bongani Hlongwane, who competed with Masuku back in 2013 and lost during the prima-

ry elections.

Masuku, who is a teacher by profession, went on to win the race during the 2013 secondary elections, which were held on September 20.

Mabuza, on the other hand, was nominated at Lushini chiefdom over the past weekend.

He is brother to Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza and he owns a chain of hardware outlets, which are known as Baceth Hardware.

Mabuza represented Hosea Inkhundla in the House of Assembly between 2008 and 2013. He was succeeded by former MP Masuku.

Hosea Inkhundla is divided into seven chiefdoms. They include Nsingizini, Lushini, Ondiyani, Hhohho Emuva, Manyiseni, Liba and Bufaneni.

12 NATIONAL NEWS

EDGARS DONATES E95 000 WORTH OF CLOTHING TO RED CROSS

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

EDGARS Store Mbabane yesterday, donated E95 857 worth of clothing to the Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society.

Cosmetic Manager Patricia Dlamini said the donated material included adult and children clothing, bedding and shoes.

She added that Edgars has been in partnership with Red Cross since 2013 and had been donating twice a year where over 120 households across Eswatini have benefited from the partnership.

Dlamini said their donation to Red Cross was a way of giving back to the society as the store is unable to visit community by community and offer a helping hand to the needy.

She said Red Cross make it possible to reach out to families and individuals across the country.

The manager highlighted that every day when the store's doors open, they look forward to Emaswati entering and purchasing clothing.

"This is a way for us to say thank you to the nation for always supporting us," she said.

She added that Red Cross will now go back to their list of communities that require assistance and decide which one they handover the clothing to, just like they did with Hhukwini Inkhundla in May where E102 000 worth of clothing materials was handed over to some residents.

She added that Red Cross's transparency and commitment to help Eswatini minimise poverty is what initiated the



HELPING HAND: Edgars Store (Mbabane) Cosmetic Manager Patricia Dlamini (2nd from right) presenting clothes worth E95 000 which included bedding and shoes to Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross President Happy Dlamini. Displaying the shoes are Thembeke Dlamini (l) and Khosi Sangweni. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

partnership between the store and the society. Meanwhile, Red Cross President Happy Dlamini said they were grateful to Edgars for the hand over and that she wishes for their partnership to last longer. She said as a society they help every Liswati that requires their assistance and Edgars has helped them reach out to a lot of deprived communities across the country which they could not have if it was not for their partnership with Edgars.

Dlamini explained that this winter season was very windy and they received quite a number of burned down home-stead cases which required their assistance.

She added that the upcoming season will also be hard as there will be a lot of rain which will also keep them at the edge of their sits with families having their houses destroyed by the rain.

She further urged Emaswati and organisations to help the society reach out to all Emaswati that require assistance and help lessen poverty in the country.

She then requested organisations to lend a helping hand to the society so they can create a toll free number in order for the deprived families to reach the BSRCS instantly.

She explained that would help a great deal regards quick response to the reported cases.

Nominees clash with police at SRA offices

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A mad rush for tax compliance clearances at the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) saw about 1 000 nominees almost clash with the police on Tuesday at Siteki.

Nominees from across the Lubombo region were on Tuesday gathered at the Siteki SRA offices to get their tax clearances as part of the requirements to participate in the ongoing national elections. The nominees were already on the queue as early as 0700 hours with the hope of getting the service as early as possible. However, the process was reportedly slow as over 500 nominees were still on the queue at around 1600 hours.

The slow pace was said to be a result of insufficient staff as only three officials were available on the day. This prompted confusion amongst the nominees as they were unsure whether or not they were still to get service after 1630 hours. At about 1630

hours, a senior staff member announced that only MP nominees would be allowed into the office as it was already late. An explanation for that development was that the MP nominees were expected to submit their tax clearance to the EBC offices in Nkhanini before the end of the day. In the meantime, bucofho and indvuna yenkhundla nominees were asked to return the following day for the services. The announcement was however unwelcomed by the now over 400 nominees who were still on the queue. They argued that they had been on the queue for over nine hours while hoping to get service. Police who were at the entrance point of the offices tried to reason with the nominees but in vain.

The nominees flatly refused to accept the announcement. After a brief altercation with the police, the nominees were then allowed to continue queueing. At the time of compiling this report at around 1800 hours, about two hundred nominees were still queueing.



Some of the nominees who were pictured at around 5:30 pm at the SRA offices.

Woman arrested for misleading immigration officer

By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

A 41-year-old woman was arrested and fined for unlawfully making declaration and false statement relating to the particulars of her birth to an immigration officer.

Gugu Ndzima (41) of Mncitsini area was arrested for the offence of contravening Section 31 as read together with 34 (2) of the Birth Marriage and Death Registration Act 1983.

In the month of June 27 at the ministry of home affairs in Mbabane, Ndzima is said to have made false statements to an immigration officer identified as Phumzile Fortune Zwane that she was born on the 33/01/1982 when she knew that it was not true.

She wanted to obtain a birth certificate which she later obtained. Initially, she was born 23/01/1977.

The accused's second count was that of contravening Section 16 (1) (a) (d) as read together with Section 2 of the identification order 1998, in that she made a false statement to Phumzile

Zwane that her birth day is 23/01/1982 for the purpose of obtaining an Eswatini identification number 8201231100518 which she obtained and thus contravened the said act.

Her matter was presided over by Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

When Ndzima's rights to legal representation were explained to her, she opted to conduct her own defence in the matter.

The accused was found guilty by the court as per her own plea.

During mitigation on her sentencing Ndzima apologised in court.

She told the court that she had been offered a job, but unfortunately could not qualify because of her age hence she felt obliged to commit the said offence as she was unemployed at the time.

The magistrate told Ndzima that there are no short cuts in life, and further advised her to deal with matters the right way next time.

Ndzima was then sentenced to 12 months imprisonment or optionally pay E1 000 as fine to attain her liberty.

The counts will run concurrently.

CLASSICAL CASE OF SINYEFU...



NAUGHTY BY NATURE: Passengers had to wait for a while as the conductor was pressed and had to answer to the call of nature next to the road at KaShali over the weekend. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

NOMINEES QUEUE AT SRA UNTIL LATE

Stories by Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

DETERMINED election nominees from the northern Hhohho were in a mini vigil as they continued to queue outside the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) Pigg's Peak offices until late on Tuesday.

They wanted the tax compliance certificates as it is a requirement in this year's elections process.

The nominees were armed with small blankets, cotton head warmers and coats.

Some of them said they were prepared to wait long into the night just to get their tax clearance.

"We are from various places around Northern Hhohho, many of us are employed in stable employment, we go to work at 0800 hours and leave work at 1700 hours. Unfortunately, we had to report to our various employers that today we will be queuing outside the SRA so that we can participate as candidates in the upcoming elections.

We are prepared to wait the entire night for assistance," they said. It is said some of them had travelled from far away areas like Nkamazi, Bulandzeni, Timphisini and Buhleni, to be at the SRA offices in Pigg's Peak. "It was impossible to arrive here early, some of us arrived at 0600 hours and by that time, the line was already

SRA sends more staff

SWAZILAND Revenue Authority (SRA) deployed more officials to assist in dispatching tax compliance certificates to hundreds of election nominees.

On Tuesday, the SRA offices in Pigg's Peak closed late.

The SRA staff had been sent from Mbabane to speed up the tax clearance application process in Pigg's Peak.

"On Monday, there were too many nominees waiting to receive assistance, at the time we could not help all of

them, hence we asked some to go back homes so as to assist them on Tuesday.

Decided

We decided to alert our head office in Mbabane and they sent over more staff to help us speed up the process on Tuesday," a source within the SRA in Pigg's Peak said.

On that note, SRA Communications Director Vusi Dlamini confirmed that extra staff was sent to Pigg's Peak to aid in the processing of tax clearance certificates.



QUEUEING: Elections nominees awaiting service at the SRA offices on Monday.

long. All we can do now is wait and hope for the best, it is amazing how many hurdles one has to jump just to be included on the voter candidate sheet," they

added. Meanwhile, the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) had extended the deadline to submit tax compliance certificates to yesterday.

Cop nominated for MP position at Sigwe

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlango

PHILA Dlamini, a police officer has been nominated for the position of Member of Parliament under Sigwe constituency.

He was also a runner up in the 2013 elections for the same position.

Dlamini was nominated at his chiefdom at Lulakeni on Saturday to stand for the elections as MP once again.

He was found at the umphakatsi clad in Swazi regalia alongside his supporters.

It is said having lost the elections in 2013, Dlamini has been working tirelessly to correct what led to him losing to David 'Cruizer' Ngcamphalala.

Before joining politics or before winning the seat to Parliament under Sigwe, Ngcamphalala who himself is a police officer was the station commander at the Mafutseni Police Station. He was on Saturday, nominat-

ed again at his chiefdom, Ndunayithini.

It is likely that the two will face each other again in the secondary elections.

They are both popular in their respective communities as evidenced by their supporters piercing screams in excitement.

When approached at the nominations point at Sigwe Inkhundla on Saturday, Dlamini did not want to say much other than that he had unfinished business dating back 2013.

Leave

Dlamini said he would leave the rest to the people of Sigwe to decide what they wanted.

"It's not yet time to go around talking about the dreams one has and let's just wait until the EBC announces that we can start campaigning," said Dlamini.

On the other hand, Ngcamphalala also emphasised on the importance of waiting for EBC to announce when nominees could start sharing with the electorate his or her



NOMINATED: Phila Dlamini under Sigwe constituency.

plans and dreams.

"Let's just wait until after August 25. What I can only say is that I am not taking this year's elections lightly. I feel it's going to be a fierce contest than that of 2013.

I have to be more prepared than I was before," said Ngcamphalala.



PUBLIC NOTICE

LAUNCH OF GOVERNMENT BONDS TO THE SUM OF E150,000,000;
SG033-REOPENING, MATURING 29 JUNE 2023 - COUPON 9.25%, E40,000,000
SG034-REOPENING, MATURING 29 JUNE 2025 - COUPON 9.75%, E40,000,000
SG035-REOPENING, MATURING 29 JUNE 2028 - COUPON 10.25%, E40,000,000
SG036-IPO, MATURING 31 AUGUST 2021- COUPON 9.00%, E30,000,000

On behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Central Bank of Eswatini is announcing the reopening of 5 year, 7 year and 10 year existing Government Bonds and the launch of a 3 year Government Bond. The coupon rate for these bonds will be fixed at 9.25%, 9.75%, 10.25% and 9.00% respectively. The Auction Date will be on 28 August 2018 for the sum SZL 150,000,000 (One Hundred and fifty Million Emalangeni).

The Bonds will be issued using the competitive multiple bid auction model and is open to the public including individuals, corporate and institutional investors. All investors should apply through the Primary Dealers who are the four local Commercial Banks.

The purpose of the issuance is to develop the secondary market, establish a fair market price which will compensate both the borrower and investors for interest rate risks and to facilitate financial intermediation, whilst also meeting Government budgetary requirements.

The applicable Pricing Supplement and other relevant documents pertaining to the issuance is available for viewing at the Financial Markets Department of the Central Bank of Eswatini situated in the 3rd Floor, Umntsholi Building in Mbabane, as well on the Central Bank website www.centralbank.org.sz

The Central Bank of Eswatini invites interested parties to contact their commercial banks or collect application forms and further details at the Financial Markets Department, Central Bank of Eswatini, Mahlokohla Street, P.O. Box 546, Mbabane. Telephone: (+268) 2408 2144/2100/2294/2210
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Specific details for these Government Bonds are contained in the following "Call to Tender" table:-

CALL TO TENDER

LAUNCH OF FIXED COUPON GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI BONDS AUCTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2018

The Central Bank of Eswatini as agent for the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini invites bids for the above Government Bonds whose terms and conditions are summarised as follows:

1. Issuer	Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini
2. Amount	SZL 150,000,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Million Emalangeni)
3. Greenshoe / Over-allotment option	The Issuer reserves the right to allocate an additional amount of up to 50% of the amount on offer on each bond.
4. Procedure for bidding	Investors to submit application forms for bids through their Primary Dealers. Investors should ensure that applications are submitted timely in order that all bids are captured on the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) before 10:00am on the auction date.
5. Auction date	August 28, 2018
6. Settlement date	August 31, 2018
7. Form of issuance	Paperless (Central Securities Depository)
8. Auction results	Auction results shall be made available on the Bank's Website immediately after the auction.
9. Yield	Yield to Maturity to be quoted in multiples of 0.005%
10. Minimum bid size	SZL 10,000 for individual (non-competitive) bidders SZL 1,000,000 for Institutional direct bidders
11. Interest payment date	29 December and 29 June in each year for SG033, SG034 and SG035; 28 February and 31 August in each year for SG036
12. Coupon	SG033 Fixed at 9.25%, SG034 Fixed at 9.75%, SG035 Fixed at 10.25%, SG036 Fixed at 9.00%
13. Day count convention	Actual/365
14. Tax	Interest income is not subject to any withholding tax
15. Currency	Eswatini Lilangeni (SZL)
16. Redemption date	SG033; 29 June 2023, SG034; 29 June 2025, SG035; 29 June 2028, SG036; 31 August 2021
17. Listing	Issued under the E2,000,000,000 Note Programme, 2017, listed on the Swaziland Stock Exchange
18. Trading	Secondary market trading in multiples of SZL 10,000 to commence on Tuesday, 11 September, 2018
19. Defaulters	Successful bidders who fail to honor their obligations on time will be disqualified from participating in one subsequent bond auction.

Separate Pricing Supplements will be available for each of these bonds. The Central Bank of Eswatini reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

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PUBLIC SERVICE WORKS OVERTIME

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE ministry of public service has been working overtime lately as it has been constantly flooded with letters from public officers who want to stand for elections.

Some teachers, police officers and nurses have taken leave of absence with the hope that they will win elections and become members of parliament (MPs).

Section 97 of the constitution clearly states that if a nominee is a member of the armed forces or is holding or acting in any public office and has not been granted leave of absence for the duration of parliament, that individual could not stand for elections.

This has led to most public servants including teachers and police officers submitting letters of leave of absence to the ministry of public service.

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Public Service Evert Madlopha during an interview, revealed that his office had been working around the clock to ensure that standard letters of leave of absence were timeously made available for public officers who intended to stand for elec-

...as public officers scramble for parly seats



OVERTIME: Ministry of Public Service's Evert Madlopha.

tions.

Madlopha said all those who made requests for leave of absence received their letters on time.

He said they received requests even late on Friday and Monday and they had a

tough time working on them, but eventually they were processed.

Madlopha said the ministry of public service advised everyone to liaise with their principal secretaries in the different departments to get a go ahead from the right officers who will in turn see who they put in place in the vacant positions.

The PS said this time around, as a ministry they did not encounter any problems with people who did not receive their leave of absence letters, as everyone received their letters. Worth noting is that according to Section 96 of the Constitution, in order for one to qualify for being a nominee that person must have attained the age of eighteen years.

The constitution further states that the person must have registered in the chiefdom where he/she is ordinarily resident and where he/she is being nominated (that is he/she should produce a valid voters card). It is further stated that the nominee should be a Swazi citizen. It also states that if that person is a member of the armed forces or is holding any public office that person must be granted leave of absence for the duration of parliament.

Residents of Ezikhotheni's plea to police bosses

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlengano

RESIDENTS of Ezikhotheni have made a special appeal to the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) leadership.

They have said they want police post commander of Jericho Police Post, president Nhlengetfwa not to be transferred to nay post as they claim they work with him.

Ernest Msane, on behalf of the community police forum during a Crime Prevention Campaign at the Umphakatsi said inspector Nhlengetfwa meant a lot to the community. Guest of honour during the event was the Deputy National Commissioner of Police Sikiza Vilakati who represented the National Commissioner Isaac Magagula. Also present included Paul Zishwili who is former senior body guard of the Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini. National Crime Prevention boss Elvis Mashwama Shabangu was also present. Ezikhotheni's leader chief Zwile Nxumalo was also in attendance.

Msane said Inspector Nhlengetfwa was always there for the community and he never enjoyed the comfort of his office as he was always busy.

"You would find him all over the community, he has made a difference in the community and has even made the work of the community police easy. He cooperates with us as community police and we feel motivated in our work. We will not mind seeing him promoted but we would not be happy if he was transferred to another post," said Msane. Msane said through Nhlengetfwa's humility and being receptive to everyone, residents now feel welcomed at the police post whenever they need help of any kind.

"Each time you go to the police post, Nhlengetfwa and his colleagues make sure you get the assistance you require," said Msane.

Msane also thanked the crime prevention department for organising the three-day training course for the community police. He said all the participants would make use of what they learned during the training.

Eswatini TV assures nation of new programmes, channels

By Bahle Gama
Mbabane

ESWATINI TV has assured the nation of a change in programming and channels that will be provided through sgujana.

"We encourage TV set owners to pay for their TV licenses as with the money, we intend on implementing new and better programmes and ensure that all Emaswati are happy with our programming," said Bongani 'Sgcoko' Dlamini, chief executive officer of Eswatini TV during the competition launch for TV license payers.

Dlamini said people should know that they are obligated to pay for their TV licenses especially if they want the station to produce better programmes. He also asked that the ministry of ICT should make ways that would enable only TV license payers to be the ones who have access to the programmes and channels that will soon be provided on sgujana.

By so doing many people will then see the need to pay for their licences. On another note, the ministry of ICT also encouraged the nation to work hand-in-hand with the TV licence office and pay for their TV licenses with the purpose of benefiting too.



PROMISES: Eswatini Television CEO Bongani 'Sgcoko' Dlamini giving his remarks during the competition launch.

"The ministry therefore urges every one of our people to pay their television licences.

By so doing, you are funding your public broadcaster, you are participating in nation building and you stand a chance to win one of many different prizes, sgujana being one of those prizes", said Andreas Dlamini, the Communications Director who had attended the event on behalf of the ministry's principal secretary.

"To all our television owning households we say, treat yourself, pay your television license and stand a chance to win", Dlamini concluded.

DD accused escapes from police custody

By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

A warrant of arrest had to be issued for a drink-driving offender who disappeared at the magistrate's court premises.

The court had to pause briefly as Wandile Zulu's (20) of Mpolonjeni was repeatedly called but there was no response.

The investigating officer in the matter stated in disbelief before the court that Zulu had somehow managed to escape after he had requested to go to the bathroom to freshen as he claimed he had a hectic hangover.

Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati who was supposed to preside with the matter was quick to issue a warrant of arrest. The crown was represented by Chris Sibandze. Zulu is now facing four counts includ-



PRESIDING: Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

ing that of evading trial. His other count is that of contravening section 91 (2) as read with 122 (2) of the Road Traffic

Act 6 of 2007. On July 31, 2018 at Mpolonjeni area in the Hhohho region, the said accused being a driver of motor vehicle OSD282BHVW Golf sedan, occupied the driver's seat of the said car along Mpolonjeni public road whilst under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug.

Dictated

The alcohol content dictated by a breathalyser read 1.07mg which is above the legal limit.

On count two, Zulu is said to have failed to be in possession of a driver's licence whilst driving the said motor vehicle. His last count is that of stopping the vehicle on the road way.

Some police officers at the magistrate's court were seen dispersed around the court in a pursuit to apprehend Zulu. The police effort's were in vain as he was nowhere to be found.

...THE BEETLE

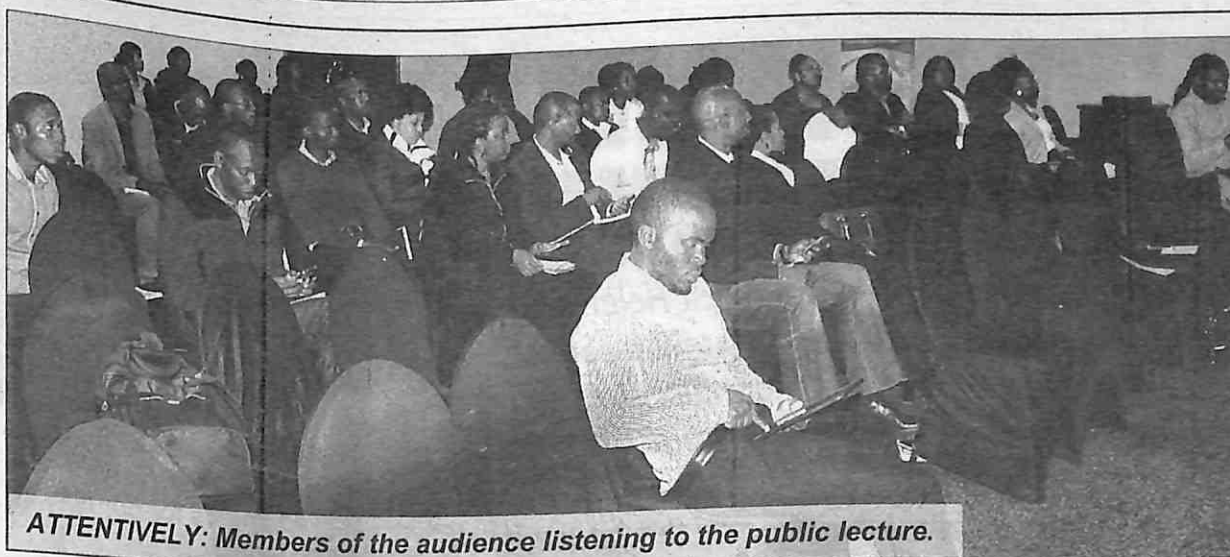


PIMP MY RIDE: A customised VW Beetle from the early 1970's parked at one of the nomination centres while its owner took part of the nominations at Pigg's Peak over the weekend. Despite being an old model it still has the looks.

(Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



PRESENT: Eswatini TV's Setsabile Sibisi with Buy and Save's Tayren Roets and Johan Lues watching the proceedings.



ATTENTIVELY: Members of the audience listening to the public lecture.



REMARKS: Joy Ndwandwe presenting on knocking on moral values to integrate indigenous knowledge with development.

'MODERNITY HAS DESTROYED SOCIETY, HARMONIOUS HUMAN EXISTENCE'

By Zwelethu Dlamini
Ezulwini

AFRICAN renaissance activist Joy Ndwandwe says modernity has disintegrated society, thus there is need to integrate indigenous knowledge with development.

Ndwandwe is also a heritage and development consultant.

Ndwandwe said this while lecturing the public during a discussion on 'Knocking on Moral Values to Integrate Indigenous Knowledge with

Development' hosted by the Swaziland Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre (SERPAC) held at Happy Valley Hotel.

Even though Ndwandwe alluded to the social ills that existed in the primitive society, she feels the state has lost its identity while societies have lost moral values at the expense of modernity.

She said colonialism effects were still visible and were out there to dominate the African heritage.

"The cultural heritage of Africa was systematically fragmented so that we

can become so insecure such that modernity becomes the dominate culture," she said. She further quoted Lord Macaulay of the 1835 British Parliament when he said: "I have travelled across the length and breadth of Africa and I have not seen one person who is a beggar, who is a thief. Such wealth I have seen in this country, such high moral values, people of calibre, which I do not think would ever conquer this country, unless we break the very back bone of this nation. Which is her spiritual and cultural heritage, and therefore, I propose that

were place herold and ancient education system and her culture. For if the Africans think that all that is foreign and English is good and greater than her own they will lose their self-esteem, their native self-culture, and they will become what we want them, a truly dominated nation."

Ndwandwe said it was sad to note that Eswatini was also one of the African countries who had abandoned their own and the spirit of Ubuntu and adopted modernity instead of integrating the two.

She said there were toxic elements

in human thoughts and actions that come from colonialism that Africans have accepted. "Unblock knowledge blockages, release the knots, and clear the 'Nasal Passage'. This is not politics but knowledge politics.

We have so much knowledge, there is knowledge explosion, have you realised that the problems are all over. Knowledge explosion is not decreasing intractable problems of modernity," she said. She then advocated for the restoration of the dignity of Ubuntu which she said was characterised with three societies which are interconnected. These are the society of the unborn, living and the departed which she said encouraged consciousness. She said moral decay was as a result of the abandonment of the indigenous dignity and cultural aspects such as family structures and architecture.

Sales guru brings life to Eswatini companies

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

SOUTH Africa-based sensational and revolutionary marketing and sales guru Eddie Kasapo, of the viral and trending #EdysMotivation, was in the country, where he brought his A-game in a sales and merchandising training for a local corporate.

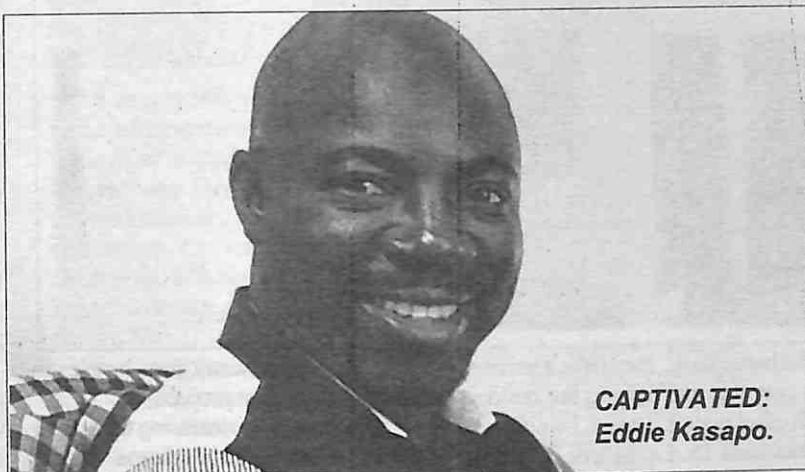
In an interview, Eddie said he was enthralled to be in Eswatini, a country which he described as full of potential for tremendous business growth.

"I can safely declare that Eswatini is a goldmine in terms of human talent across various economic sectors, and I am excited about how willing and ready the business world is with being assisted to unearth this talent using some of the revolutionary and game-changing approaches that I devised," stated Eddie.

Eddie, who is founder and director of Obright Consulting, said he specialises in customised in-house training in sales.

"I use two approaches: the motivational approach and the technical approach. While the former ignites the verve among sales teams to reach their optimal performance, the latter is literally gratifying as it entails handholding in achieving and beating sales targets," said Eddie.

He mentioned 'motivation' and 'the power of your thoughts' as the two major motivational products that he has been offering to various organisations in South Africa, while the technical sales lessons include sales strategy, tele-sales, customer service and service



CAPTIVATED: Eddie Kasapo.

excellence, as well as digital sales.

Eddie's major clients in South Africa have been Legalwise and Lifewise, whose sales teams have been lauded by industry experts as 'totally hyped-up and fierce'.

"Unlocking one's mind and tapping into their unexplored talents is always amazing. Many sales teams that I have trained have discovered how exhilarating selling and winning are, and they attest to how fulfilling the experience has been given that they make personal gains as well in the form of previously unimagined huge commissions, among other incentives," said Eddie.

A career sales leader and mentor, Eddie first worked for the African Bank before joining Pick n Pay GoBanking. He proceeded to work for Nedbank South Africa, ABSA, and FNB banks. He has also worked on a full-time and consultancy basis for Life On Insurance, Lombart Life, and Liberty Life in South Africa.

Meanwhile, Eddie's motivational

effect has encroached the social media space, giving rise to the now famous #EdysMotivation tags. From time-to-time, Eddie shares thought-provoking sales and life-skills tips, with followers sharing and/or re-tweeting these using the hashtag #EdysMotivation.

"The idea is to challenge fellow African brothers and sisters to appreciate that all there is to success starts from the mind. Taking the first step to building an empire is a mental decision that can be triggered by right and informed inspiration; and we don't need a rocket scientist to provide that inspiration. We should be there to lift and enhance each other for our sakes' growth in turn," reasoned Eddie.

Eddie is expected back in the country soon for several sales development training sessions for various organisations, courtesy of Sales123 – a local business solutions company that specialises in sales, marketing, and business project management, among other services.

Dr Sibanda snubs Zim elections, calls party leaders 'crooks'

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

ZIMBABWEAN medical doctor based in the Kingdom of Eswatini, Dr Cleopas Sibanda snubbed his native country's national elections due to his stand on political parties' and government.

Sibanda said participating in the elections was a waste of time as political parties did not serve the people, but they served the interests of the people who formed them.

"Political parties are formed by individuals who make their interests a priority over the people. In my own view, participating in the elections is a waste of time hence my decision not to be part of the national elections back in Zimbabwe. These political party leaders are nothing but 'crooks'," he said.

In his book titled 'No Democracy At All in Government by Political Party Representatives', Sibanda, who is no stranger to politics as he was once part of Zanu-PF back in his native country, said political party based governments are indeed government of a person, by a person, for a person, and not governments of the people, by the people, for the people and they are not democra-

tic governments at all.

"To start with, political parties are usually not composed of or made up of people who eventually end up representing or governing in public government institutions, instead political parties are usually made up of very small groups of people, these being their registered numbers only. Registered political party members are usually proportionately very, very small groups of people compared to both the general and the voting populations of any given country anywhere in the world," reads part of the book.

In a long Facebook text posted by the author on Tuesday, he said everything which happened in Zimbabwe ever since 1963 when ousted president and leader of Zanu-PF Robert Mugabe formed his political party to date, and everything which is going to happen in Zimbabwe from now onwards is all pin-pointedly foretold in his book. "Unfortunately, everything which happened in South Africa at the ANC Elective Conference in December, 2017, and also everything thing which is happening and is going to happen in that country from now onwards, is also foretold in that book. The same applies to all other African countries as well," he said.

16 NATIONAL NEWS

SENSE AFRICA HELPS COMPLETE ELDERLY HOME AT TAMBANKHULU

By Sabelo Majola
Tambankhulu

SENSE Africa, an international tour operator from the United Kingdom (UK) which works with the Eswatini Tourism Authority (STA) has officially launched the first phase of the Section 19, Tambankhulu Home for the Elderly following the completion of a E120 000 structure, which was partly funded by pupils from the UK's St Helen and St Katherine High Schools.

In partnership with the Christian Family Church International - Swaziland, Sense Africa has brought pupils from St Helen and St Katherine School in Abingdon, UK to land a helping hand to Eswatini's elderly folk.

According to Jenny Bowen, Sense Africa's Director, not only has the tour operator brought the Abingdon group for such charitable initiatives, but also three other international pupil groups for similar initiatives in Mhlumeni, Hlatikhulu/Madacaze as well as Mbowane. Addressing the gathering at the launch, Jenny Bowen, Sense Africa's Director, passed her sincerest gratitude both to the pupils and the Christian Family Church International-Swaziland for their selfless contribution towards such an initiative.

Bowen said that as a tour operator, Sense Africa is committed to showcasing the Kingdom of Eswatini as a prime tourist destination to the world at large, and has as such endeavoured to incorporate tourism with charity as they not only bring groups of international tourists to witness the scenery of the country, but also urge them to land a helping hand to Eswatini's destitute populace.

"May I take this opportunity to thank the St Helen and St Katherine School' pupils for having made it possible for us to celebrate together the launch of this project; thank

...*"We are a group of fifteen pupils doing our A-Levels at St Helen and St Katharine School in Abingdon, UK and we have been brought by Sense Africa to the Kingdom of Eswatini to be part of this magnificent endeavour. We have raised part of the money, which amounts to E52 000 of the total cost towards the construction of the house. Not only have we contributed the money, but have also been hands-on in the building of the house itself"*



UNITED IN LOVE: Donning Sense Africa's T-shirts, the pupils pose for a group photo with Dr. La'Sa'lette in front of the first completed Section 19, Tambankulu Home for the Elderly. (Courtesy pics)

COMPLETE: Section 19, Tambankulu Home for the Elderly' first house near completion.



you so much. Not only have the pupils contributed financial resources towards the construction of the house, but have also done an incredible job assisting with the building

of the house itself. They have been mixing concrete and helping the builders with other pertinent tasks. I would also like to thank Dr. La' Sa'lette Duarte for her selfless efforts towards the betterment of the Swati nation's livelihood. I just want to assure you that we love you all and that Eswatini has become more like a second home to us," Bowen said.

Addressing the press during the launch of the Section 19, Tambankulu Home for the Elderly, Christian Family Church International - Swaziland' Senior Pastor, Dr. La' Sa'lette Duarte said the church

will construct twenty four houses in total for the entire project.

"Today you are witnessing the launch of the Tambankulu Home for the Elderly, which is in its initial phase that will be twelve houses; hence, upon the completion of the entire project, with the aid of generous donors as Sense Africa's tourists, we are hoping to have built twenty four houses in total.

As you may well have already noticed, the home for the elderly has been positioned next to the Section 19 Care Point; thus, our objective is not only to house the elderly, but also afford them the nec-



REASON TO SMILE: Sense Africa's Director Jenny Bowen smiles for our lenses at the launch.

essary company where both they and the children may coexist," Duarte said.

Duarte, whose church's headquarters is in Johannesburg has also endeavoured to provide socio-educational support to Emaswati children. The church spearheads the construction of care-points around the country for less privileged children. Currently, according to Duarte, the church runs nine care-points in the country, and the Section 19 Care Point is one example of these.

Speaking at the launch of the first phase of the Section 19, Tambankulu Home for the Elderly, St Helen and St Katherine School's pupils Bea Nutbrown, who was the pupil's leader for the day, revealed that they have fundraised the E52 000 of the total E120 000 cost, but have also been hands-on in the construction of the first structure of the initial phase of the Tambankulu Home for the Elderly.

"We are a group of fifteen pupils doing our A-Levels at St Helen and St Katherine School in Abingdon, UK and we have been brought by Sense Africa to the Kingdom of Eswatini to be part of this magnificent endeavour.

We have raised part of the money, which amounts to E52 000 of the total cost towards the construction of the house. Not only have we contributed the money, but have also been hands-on in the building of the house itself; mixing the mortar and also helping the builders with other related duties," said Nutbrown.

Meanwhile, STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini, who has been nominated for Member of Parliament at Ngwempisi Inkhundla, lauded the UK pupils for their generosity, and said it goes a long way in correcting misconceptions about volunteerism.

"Volunteer tourism in Africa has been seen elsewhere as not impactful as it should be, but we in Eswatini are very privileged to host committed volunteer tourists brought by Sense Africa and other organisations.

"Their work will surely have a long-lasting social impact to various communities, including Tambankhulu," said Dlamini.



LIKE THIS: Led by their teacher, Section 19 Care Point children give a thumbs-up whilst performing.

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MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



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THE Bible in Hosea 4: 6 reads "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me: seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children."

Here, God's message to the priests is that there is darkness in the land due to the darkness in priests, as whenever they (priests) reject the knowledge of God, the people will lack knowledge and ultimately will be destroyed.

In short, this means that the destruction of the land is the fault of the priest that has rejected God. In Eswatini's HIV response, the burden of seeking the truth and providing knowledge on how to combat HIV and AIDS, rests with the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA). Ever since the Council was established through an act of Parliament in 2003, it has been at the forefront of the response to the HIV and AIDS epidemic that has negatively impacted Eswatini since its first case was discovered in 1986 - eighteen years after independence from British rule.

From the biblical passage, inference can be drawn NERCHA's leadership role and that if NERCHA were to sit on her laurels and not continuously seek and provide information to the people of Eswatini, their destruction would be blamed on the response leadership - NERCHA.

In **Luke 12:48**, the Bible further says, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked". This basically means that we are held responsible for what we have - talents, wealth, knowledge, etc.

It is therefore expected that we use these well to glorify God and benefit others. In the context of the HIV response, NERCHA continues to seek to fully utilise all available resources (including human resource from different stakehold-

INSIDE STORY RETURNS AS TERTIARY ORIENTATIONS PROGRAMME RESUME

ers) to benefit the people of Eswatini - especially the young people that are the future leaders of the country.

In this regard, NERCHA through the National HIV/AIDS Information and Training Centre (Info Centre) and her strategic partners (AHF, FLAS, HC3, PSI, SNAP, UNFPA's Condomize Project, Matsapha Town Council, SWANNEPHA, and UNICEF) will once again roll out the "Taking HIV and AIDS Information to Institutions of Higher Learning" programme, country-wide.

The programme is aimed at giving new students information on HIV and AIDS and related health issues through a schedule of activities developed for and targeting freshmen and rolled out during the orientation week of each of the institutions.

The main catalyst

The largely HIV prevention-oriented information will be delivered through an interactive programme that includes facilitated presentations, edutainment, videos and panel discussions. The very popular, fascinating and informative "The Inside Story" will once again be the main feature film.

The protagonist of the Inside Story is a young Kenyan (Kalu, played by Kevin Ndege Mambole) an aggressive striker of the "Malindi Sharks", who dreams of playing professional soccer. He is a selfish player and a clear stand out in his team and knows he is destined for glory.

Then one day, his life dramatically changes. Kalu gets an offer to play soccer for a second-tier team in South Africa, on the same day his father is killed in a work-related accident, and on which he (Kalu) is unknowingly exposed to HIV.

He makes the decision to go play soccer and send part of his salary back home to his mother and sister. He moves from rural Kenya to the glitz and glamour of Johannesburg, to discover that he is no-longer the local hero.

From day one, he meets resistance from his "Black Stars" teammates, especially from Spikiri, the usual starting striker (Sdumo Mntshali of Isibaya fame) who stakes out his turf and greets Kalu with aggression. All the while, inside Kalu's

body, a battle for his T-cells rages as the HIV spreads.

Back on the soccer field, Kalu's new coach, Valentine (Hakeem Kae-Kazim) must convince his players to forget their differences and play as a team. As Kalu struggles to find his way in a strange place, he begins a tepid friendship with the coach's daughter, Ify, who offers him sound advice.

Kalu's light-hearted Black Stars teammate, Jabu befriends him and helps Kalu turn rivals into teammates. Meanwhile, Kalu and Ify's friendship grows as Ify seeks out advice about how to thwart the unwanted advances of Goodwill (team owner played by Fana Mokeona) - who makes it clear that if she will not be intimate with him, her father's job will be in jeopardy.

The battles on and off the field are the backdrop for a remarkable journey that unfolds the mysteries and reveals the facts of the HIV within Kalu. Together, the audience will race past skin, bone and muscle to reveal the high stakes game going on inside Kalu's body - as the HIV relentlessly attacks and transfigures the body's previously normal T-cells, and how the body tries to fight back.

Kalu struggles and triumphs as a soccer player and in his relationships. As he confronts the challenges of HIV, he ultimately realises that knowledge is power.

Toxic tertiary environment

The Info Centre and partners continue to roll out this tertiary initiative since the tertiary environment remains highly toxic, with only the resilient surviving. First, the tertiary environment has high personal freedom and social interaction, which for many of the new students is uncharted waters.

This new freedom is quickly squashed by that the environment is also as academically demanding as it intellectually challenging. The result is that for those that do not meet the academic demand (for one reason or another) may then try to obtain "sexually transmitted" marks, while for those that are ill prepared to engage and be engaged, they often withdraw into self.

For many students, financial chal-

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Hosea 4:6

lenges as regards living quarters, travelling expenses and meals, leads to rising trends of transactional relationships with partners older than them (some as much as 10 years or more).

This situation entails for both the female and the male students who find themselves falling prey to those with financial means.

Also, the high levels of sexual networking and cultural and/or spiritual challenges that mean that there is silence around one's sexual orientation, add to ensuring that the tertiary environment offers great opportunities for HIV high-risk behaviour.

Need to persuade new students

The tertiary initiative stems from the need to persuade the new students to recognise that their lives matter enough for them to empower and protect themselves by accessing preventative care; to realise that caring for self is key and takes many forms, one of which is to adopt "appropriate" behaviour so as not to contract HIV and not to spread it - in the event is already living with it.

The programme line-up will also include a testimonial by an ex-student who will talk about the negative impact that drugs and alcohol had on his academic pursuits, and how he managed to turn his life around.

Edutainment will be provided by the FLAS Youth Action Movement, through theatre performances and

dance that will educate students about HIV and AIDS, in an entertaining manner.

Through the panel discussions, the students will be given an opportunity to pose questions and offered answers promptly. At the end of all orientation programmes the frequently asked questions will be posted with answers on the Info Centre Website and Ziyakhupha facebook page for reference.

HIV testing and counseling (HTC) services will be provided by AIDS Healthcare Foundation and the Matsapha Town Council's mobile unit (for the tertiaries around the Matsapha area, and PSI Swaziland (who will offer the oral self-testing kits).

Participating institutions

The programme will kick off next week at the University of Swaziland (UNESWA) where all three campuses will converge at the Sports Emporium on 06 August; followed by the Southern African Nazarene University (SANU) on August 7; visit the Good Shepherd Nursing College in Siteki on August 8; be in Nhlanguano to cover Ngwane Teacher Training College on August 9; and close the week at William Pitcher Teacher Training College August 10.

Gwamile VOCTIM, the Eswatini College of Technology, the Eswatini Christian Medical University, and Limkokwing University of Creative Technology are yet to advise on their dates.

ON THIS DAY

...August 2

1858 - In Boston and New York City the first mailboxes were installed along streets.

1861 - The United States Congress passed the first income tax. The revenues were intended for the war effort against the South. The tax was never enacted.

1887 - Rowell Hodge patented barbed wire.

1892 - Charles A. Wheeler patented the first escalator.

1921 - Eight White Sox players were acquitted of throwing the 1919 World Series.

1926 - John Barrymore and Mary Astor starred in the first showing of the Vitaphone System. The system was the combining of picture and sound for movies.

1938 - Bright yellow baseballs were used in a major league baseball game between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the St. Louis Cardinals. It was hoped that the balls would be easier to see.

1939 - Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Roosevelt urging the US to have an atomic weapons research program.

1939 - US President Roosevelt signed the Hatch Act. The act prohibited civil service employees from taking an active part in political campaigns.

1943 - The US Navy patrol torpedo boat, PT-109, sank after being attacked by a Japanese destroyer. The boat was under the command of Lt. John F. Kennedy.

1945 - The Allied conference at Potsdam was concluded.

1964 - The Pentagon reported the first of two North Vietnamese attacks on US destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin.

1983 - US House of Representatives approved a law that designated the third Monday of January would be a federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The law was signed by President Reagan on November 2.

1987 - "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was re-released. The film was 50 years old at the time of its re-release.

1990 - Iraq invaded the oil-rich country of Kuwait. Iraq claimed that Kuwait had driven down oil prices by exceeding production quotas set by OPEC.

1995 - China ordered the expulsion of two US Air Force officers. The two were said to have been caught spying on military sights.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Dingdong Dantes
(tv actor) - August 2,
1980, (38 years)



Charli XCX
(pop singer) - August
2, 1992 (26 years old)

THE NATIONS PRAY

A NATIONAL CALL TO PRAY



TRUE APOSTLES WORK THROUGH TEAM; FALSE APOSTLES WORK ALONE

Anytime a so-called apostle desires to function as a lone ranger without working through teams for maximum effect is either insecure, immature or at times even worse -they are functioning as a false apostle.

(I am not at all questioning the good intentions or motive of a leader who is not good at delegation and runs a "Mom and shop", However, I am here pointing out their lack of true apostolic protocol or ability to fully walk in the apostolic function). To be a true apostle, one must have a propensity to raise up and work through a community of leaders that collectively bear much fruit that can be described as apostolic.

One may actually have the apostolic calling and gift, but (because of insecurity, immaturity or lack of training) the fruit they bear is greatly limited because they refuse to delegate and build teams. True apostles utilise teams and have apostolic fruit, false apostles lack fruit that maximises team effort.

TRUE APOSTLES POINT THE CHURCH TO THE ORIGINAL 12 APOSTLES OF CHRIST; FALSE APOSTLES MAKE THEMSELVES EQUAL TO THE NEW TESTAMENT APOSTLES.

Anytime a person puts themselves or their teaching on the same level as any of the original 12 apostles is dangerous and is a false apostle. What the original apostles of the lamb laid out through their lives and ministries became the plumb line as well as the foundation for the rest of us.

All the saints throughout Church history are called to point back to them as their primary reference point for ministry.

Leaders who equate themselves as equal to and or lift themselves above the original apostles of Jesus are false and not to be followed.

TRUE APOSTLES BASE THEIR TEACHINGS ON THE SCRIPTURES; FALSE APOSTLES BASE THEIR TEACHINGS ON SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE.

Whenever a leader consistently bases their teachings solely on extra biblical experiences (personal visions, dreams, writings, and prophecies) instead

15 CONTRASTS BETWEEN TRUE APOSTLE AND FALSE APOSTOLIC LEADERS Part 2



IN WORSHIP: Congregants pictured during a service.

of on the sacred writings of both the Old and New Testament, they are in dangerous territory and are setting themselves up to be a false apostle who can potentially deceive many. (At the end of the day, only the scriptures can be fully trusted as fully inspired by God).

This is especially problematic when a so-called apostle gets "revelation" from God that they claim is an extra Chapter or book of the Bible or they received instruction directly from one of the saints in heaven rather than from God.

Such leaders are to be avoided in my opinion because eventually these so-called extra biblical revelations may contradict or be in competition with the Bible.

TRUE APOSTLES RAISE UP SONS; FALSE APOSTLES PRODUCE ORPHANS

False apostles leave a path of destruction behind their ministry as they use, abuse and orphan their sons, whom they abandon after they get what they want from them.

TRUE APOSTLES LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY PEOPLE WANT TO REMEMBER; FALSE APOSTLES LEAVE A LEGACY PEOPLE WANT TO FORGET.

TRUE APOSTLES WALK WITH GOD; FALSE APOSTLES WALK IN THE FLESH

A so-called apostle who consistently walks in the flesh by losing their temper, cursing, slander, berating their staff and who lacks the fruit of Spirit disqualifies themselves.

Jesus said you will know people by their fruit. (Matt.7:20).

TRUE APOSTLES PROCLAIM BIBLICAL DOCTRINE; FALSE APOSTLES TEACH HERETICAL DOCTRINE.

Jude 3 speaks about the obligation we have as believers to earnestly contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

True apostles uphold this biblical faith, and false apostles promote that which contradicts such cardinal doctrines such as salvation by faith alone in the finished work of Christ; the deity and lordship of Jesus over all; the need for all people to go through Jesus for eternal salvation; the reality of heaven, hell and eternity; the triune Godhead of the father, son and the Holy Spirit and more.

An apostolic leader who deviates from any of the cardinal doctrines is a false apostle. Paul even said that if we or an angel preach any other gospel than the one they originally received, let them be eternally condemned. Gal.1.

May the church have the courage to test those who claim to be apostles so we can discern between the true and false and bless, build and protect the body of Christ.

Join us for "The Nations Pray" monthly revival prayer this month we will be with Zoe Christian Family Centre in Matsapha this Saturday 25th August 2018 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.

GNF MEN'S CONFERENCE IN SA



GUEST: Bishop ND Nhlapho of GNF Ministries leading a prayer during the men's conference in Johannesburg on Saturday. Thousands of people from all over South Africa including Eswatini attended the conference. (courtesy pics)



SPECIAL GUEST: Bishop Nash Shongwe was among the throngs of church leaders who attended.



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THE SILENT LEADERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD

THERE is a group of people that most homes cannot function without.

They seem to be the actual pillars of most homes. When we get home we hope for warm cooked meals up to our very own set standards, clean house, beautiful gardens, happy and clean children, fed pets and healthy livestock the list is endless. This people become the best security for our homes. One goes for work and is able to be focused and productive knowing the mess they left in the morning is being taken care of better yet when children come back from school they will be welcomed in a healthy, clean environment. Should they need anything, someone will be ready to take care of them.

The work that these individuals perform is very important in our lives, without them life becomes a bit complicated. We have become so dependent on them that a day off out of seven days is too much to handle.

Looking at how much content you had read so far, I hope you know the people I am talking about. Yes we are on the same page, I am talking about domestic workers. I know you know one. You and I are guilty for treating them with the least respect, drowning their dignity in mud pools.

The International Law Organisation (ILO) has defined Domestic workers as to comprise a significant part of the global workforce in informal employment and are among the most vulnerable groups of workers.

They work for private households, often without clear terms of employment, unregistered in any

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book, and excluded from the scope of labour legislation. Currently there are at least 67 million domestic workers worldwide, not including child domestic workers and this number is increasing steadily in developed and developing countries.

Their work may include tasks such as cleaning the house, cooking, washing and ironing clothes, taking care of children, or elderly or sick members of a family, gardening, guarding the house, driving for the family, and even taking care of household pets.

A domestic worker may work on full-time or part-time basis; may be employed by a single household or by multiple employers; may be residing in the household of the employer (live-in worker) or may be living in his or her own residence (live-out). A domestic

worker may be working in a country of which she/he is not a national, thus referred to as a migrant domestic worker.

At present, domestic workers often face very low wages, excessively long hours, have no guaranteed weekly day of rest and at times are vulnerable to physical, mental and sexual abuse or restrictions on freedom of movement. Exploitation of domestic workers can partly be attributed to gaps in national labour and employment legislation, and often reflects discrimination along the lines of sex and race.

Eswatini of late has attempted to better the lives of domestic workers. There is a Domestic Workers Union wherein workers can subscribe too. The Eswatini Government Gazette has included the basic minimum wage, hours of work, over-

time, annual leave, and sick leave, paid public holidays, maternity leave, uniforms, compassionate leave, rest day and accommodation of domestic workers.

There is a great need for domestic workers to be included in the National Provident Fund, in so doing providing them with the fundamental rights that they deserve. There is need for compensation should they get injured on duty.

The question on my mind is; why wait for government to enact laws governing how we should treat each other as human beings? We should be fair in our treatment to domestic workers, remunerate them fairly keeping in mind that they too have families to take care of; lives to enjoy, adventures to take on and at some point they need to retire and enjoy their retirement benefits.



● A desperate disease requires a dangerous remedy.
- Guy Fawkes, justifying his Gunpowder Plot.

● My business is to create.
- William Blake

● If you train hard, you'll not only be hard, you'll be hard to beat.
- Herschel Walker

● "I...share your wish that peace should be maintained. But...I cannot consider Austria's action against Serbia an 'ignoble' war. Austria knows by experience that Serbian promises on paper are wholly unreliable. I understand its action must be judged as tending to get full guarantee that the Serbian promises shall become real facts...I therefore suggest that it would be quite possible for Russia to remain a spectator of the Austro-Serbian conflict without involving Europe in the most horrible war she ever witnessed."
- Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany in a telegram to Czar Nicholas II of Russia on July 29, 1914

● "It's bad. It's damned bad."
- Abraham Lincoln's first reaction to the Union Army's rout at First Manassas

● "And God help Bruce Springsteen when they decide he's no longer God... They'll turn on him, and I hope he survives it."
- John Lennon predicting critics treatment of Bruce Springsteen on December 5, 1980.

● "Both of us needed to be adults very early, but when we were together, we were two little kids having fun... M.J.'s laugh was the sweetest and purest of anyone I've known."
- William Jennings Bryan

● "Whosoever the General Government assumes undelimited powers, its acts are unauthorized, void, and of no force."
- Thomas Jefferson

● He could have hit .300 with a fountain pen.
- Joe Garagiola, sportscaster, on Stan Musial

● "The world must be made safe for democracy."
- President Woodrow Wilson, April 2, 1917

● "I can make Georgia howl!"
- General William T. Sherman on the "March to the Sea" idea.

● "I think people who truly can live a life in music are telling the world, 'You can have my love, you can have my smiles. Forget the bad parts, you don't need them. Just take the music, the goodness, because it's the very best, and it's the part I give most willingly.'
- George Harrison

● You'll Never Make Me Stay
So Take Your Weight Off Of Me
- Michael Jackson, Dirty Diana

● When you have to kill a man, it costs nothing to be polite.
- Sir Winston Churchill

● Murphy's Law: "If there are two or more ways to do something, and one of those ways can result in a catastrophe, then someone will do it."
- Edward A. Murphy Jr

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Eswatini ranking 128th in WEF Global Competitiveness Index

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

AT position 128 out of 140 countries, the Kingdom of Eswatini is one of the worst ranking countries in the whole world in terms of innovation.

These rankings are reflected in the Global Competitiveness Index (GCI) released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in October last year for 2017/18. The GCI measures the competitiveness of countries in terms of their institutions, policies and other factors which determine the level of productivity of each economy.

Exposing the country's poor system of innovation was SEPARC Research Associate Tengetile Hlophe in a public lecture held last week at the Happy Valley Hotel.

SEPARC is the Swaziland Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre.

Making her presentation, Hlophe demonstrated how the country currently imports about 50 per cent of its innovations from elsewhere simply because of the lack of home-brewed inventions.

Referring to a study recently conducted by SEPARC, Hlophe demonstrated how most existing indigenous innovation knowledge comes from family members, with a paltry 10 per cent of innovation knowledge being gained from tertiary

...Country's system of innovation very poor, 50 per cent innovations imported



MY POINT IS: Tengetile Hlophe from SEPARC presenting her study titled 'A historical perspective of innovation in Eswatini.'

institutions. Families account for 40 per cent existing innovations.

The study highlights existing gaps in three areas which local businesses should be capitalising on to turn the country's innovation woes for the better. These are: Traditional foods, handicraft and traditional medicine.

"Our study on innovation found that most people now want traditional foods like *incwancwa*, *imbuya*, *inkhukhu yase makhaya* and other traditional foods because they are considered to be really healthy. So businesses can capitalise on these foods," she said.

Incwancwa is sour porridge, *imbuya* is an indigenous vegetable relish while *inkhukhu yase makhaya* is an indigenous chicken.

Hlophe also spoke on the factors currently deterring innovations in the country which include scarcity of raw materials, lack of infrastructure, low customer base, lack of quality standards and quality assurance.

To turn the situation around, the study strongly recommends for the adoption of e-commerce, proper product branding, enhancement of knowledge and skill, packaging and

equipment upgrade as well as an adoption of standards and quality. She made an example of how traditional medicine is in such demand in the country, yet traditional healers normally use old tins and bottles as packages for this product thus deterring consumers' confidence in the contents.

In the meantime, four of the five most competitive countries in the GCI are in Europe and North America (Switzerland ranked 1st, United States ranked 2nd, Netherlands ranked 4th and Germany ranked 5th). Singapore is ranked the third most competitive economy.

For African countries Kenya (ranked 37th) and South Africa (39th) outperforming the rest of Africa. Kenya shows the highest incidence of available scientists and engineers, while South Africa fares best in the areas of the application for patents, company spending on research and development and quality scientific research institutions.

However, Rwanda and Guinea are ranked as some of the top countries for government procurement of advanced technological products, ranked 7th and 13th overall. Guinea also outperformed all other African countries in the areas of capacity for innovation (ranked 13th) and university-industry research and development collaboration (ranked 14th).

SWAZIBANK'S 72-MONTH REPAYMENT PERIOD FOR KIA SPORTAGE

By Majaha Nkonyane

BUY a new Kia Sportage through SwaziBank and repay in 72 months (six years).

The deposit for the car has also been set at zero to five per cent, negotiable on assessment by the Bank.

The finance package is available for the three months from 01 August to 31 October 2018. SwaziBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele yesterday said buyers can get finance without a deposit.

The Bank is making it affordable for people to buy and drive the all new Kia Sportage.

"A 72-month repayment period will surely reduced monthly instalments," he said. Lukhele said the turnaround time for finance approval was very competitive.

"We approve finance within 24 hours after all the necessary documentation is made available," he said.



He was optimistic that customers will enjoy owning a new Kia Sportage within a few hours at affordable monthly instalments.

Kia Motors Dealer Principal Ebrahim Baker said the finance package was exciting and would definitely cushion the high costs

that come with purchasing a new vehicle.

He said, for instance, the monthly repayment will be around E7 900 "if you buy without a deposit and repay for 72 months."

Baker invited interested buyers to visit Kia Motors at the Mbabane

Industrial Area to view the vehicle.

He said they were open even on Saturdays. For more information on the finance package, call the SwaziBank Vehicle Finance Department - Swazi AutoEasy on 24095132.

SIX-YEAR PLAN:
Customers will enjoy owning a new Kia Sportage within a few hours at affordable monthly instalments.
(Courtesy pic)

Apple on verge of becoming first trillion dollar company

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

MODEL-C technology giant, Apple, is reportedly on the verge of becoming the world's first trillion dollar company with one of its specialty products, the i-Phone having beaten sales estimates, in part, by selling fewer but pricier i-Phones in the third quarter.

The selling of pricier i-Phones led to the technology giant's profits jumping by more than 30 per cent to \$11.5 billion in the recently ended quarter, beating market expectations, reported UK based publication, Daily Mail.

While there is no denying i-Phone's popularity and other Apple products, in the Kingdom of Eswatini, the i-Phone still remains more of a status product as its owners cannot access its full product range. This was the view shared by Sdeez Director Banele Zwane in an interview yesterday. Zwane is a cellphone repair entrepreneur whose sights are not set just

...In Eswatini, i-Phone remains a status gadget as users cannot access entire service package

on the business he established eight years ago but on diversifying to offering niche services in the market.

He said while in developed countries the i-Phone is such a technological marvel because its users are able to tap into the full package of its services, that is not necessarily what obtains in the local market. He made an example of i-Tunes, which most local users still do not enjoy in full benefit as compared to consumers based in developed countries.

Zwane also described the i-Phone as a specialty product as its special distribution store is based at Ezulwini. While commending Apple for growing to such incredible heights, he maintained that the i-Phone at Eswatini remains more of a status product than a technological solu-

tion in the telecommunications industry.

"Not everyone affords an i-Phone in the first place, unlike other smart phone brands which most of our people afford. Some people prefer to purchase i-Phones as second hand products," he said.

Apple reported revenue of 53.3 billion dollars (£40.6bn), up 17 per cent from the same period last year and above analyst expectations of 52.4 billion (£39.9bn). It also reported net income of 11.5 billion (£8.76bn).

To hit the trillion-dollar mark, Apple shares would have to climb about seven per cent from the \$189.91 price logged at the close of official trading Monday on the Nasdaq.

Daily Mail reported that many analysts believe Apple will release three new models - a 5.8-inch device that appears similar to the i-Phone X but with upgraded components, a 6.1-inch iPhone with an LCD screen, making it the cheapest in the lineup, as well as a 6.5-inch iPhone 'XL.'

Swazi MTN hosts third edition of Mobile Money month

By Majaha Nkonyane

Swazi MTN will be running the third edition of month-long activations on Mobile Money celebrating financial inclusion and a cashless economy.

This campaign also seeks to deepen awareness and educate EmaSwati about the boundless benefits of MTN Mobile Money to both individuals, and different sizes of businesses.

The official launch of the campaign will be held next week Monday at Jubilee Park in Manzini. Swazi MTN will subsequently roll out roadshows and provide Mobile Money delights to customers through various initiatives.

Swazi MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Luphondvo said the campaign will also focus on the registration of new users and promotions to reward existing and new Mobile Money customers.

"Mobile Money month aims to drive customer education programmes to help customers appreciate the various ways that MTN Mobile Money services could make their lives more convenient," he said.

The company will also use the existing 987 agents known as 'foot soldiers' who will be going door-to-door to activate customers on Mobile Money and to further assist them with any product or services offered by Swazi MTN.

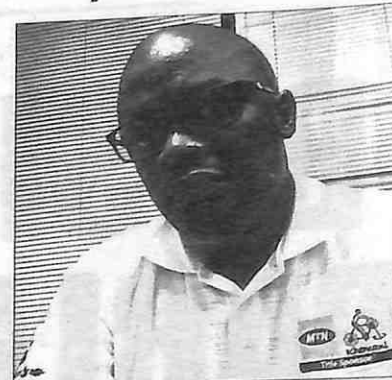
While this will be Mobile Money month, VELA registration will also be ongoing. So far, Swazi MTN has registered and verified slightly over 412 619 SIM Cards as of the end of last week. Subscribers using Swazi MTN SIM cards are encouraged to register them and remain connected to their network. Since the introduction of Mobile Money by Swazi MTN in 2011, the quality of life for the people of Eswatini on this platform has been improved through the creation of additional payment options.

It has further enhanced people's skills when it comes to the management and sending/transfer of money from one geographical space to the other.

On a national scale, Mobile Money is credited for contributing immensely to the improvement of Financial Inclusion, an aspiration pursued by the government of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Luphondvo said the vision for Mobile Money is to be a key payment solution in the Kingdom and thus far, Swazi MTN is pleased with its uptake, which can be described as nothing short of phenomenal.

"Over half of the country's population are registered Mobile Money users. Currently, there are over 3



CELEBRATION: Swazi MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Luphondvo.

493 agents and 100 kiosks. About 50 kiosks are being deployed this week in different places across the country.

By the close of this month, Swazi MTN will have deployed a total of 250 Mobile Money Kiosks, which will improve access to this valuable service by our valued customers," he said.

Over E100 million is in circulation on a monthly basis through Mobile Money.

And, the service allows people to deposit, transfer money, make purchases, pay school fees and pay utility bills, DStv subscriptions, and Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) monthly premiums to mention only but just a few uses.

The company has also integrated the service with banks like SwaziBank and Swaziland Building Society (SBS).

Luphondvo said this year's celebration of Mobile Money month is special in two ways.

"Firstly, because the company is celebrating 20 years of existence in the Kingdom of Eswatini. Secondly, because the company has recently launched Mobile Money Tap and Pay, popularly known as MoMoPay, which makes transacting on this platform even much more convenient."

MoMoPay enables Swazi MTN Mobile Money subscribers to tap and pay for goods and services instantly at a point-of-sale (POS) device located in several retail outlets.

Swazi MTN Mobile Money customers can now tap and pay at MTN Service Centres and dealers, food outlets, filling stations, pharmacies, caterers, hairdressing salons, bars, boutiques, groceries, and vendors who use the services nationwide.

In partnership with Old Mutual Swaziland, Swazi MTN also launched Likhandlela Insurance-a free funeral insurance for Mobile Money users.

The service is a funeral assistance pay-out aimed to help Mobile Money customers with preparations towards the funeral.

VAT mayhem as prices change on shelves

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE new VAT increase that was effected yesterday has been received with different reactions.

While consumers are not happy, retailers now have a responsibility to change their prices on shelves to reflect the change.

One of the country's supermarkets in the capital, Spar located at Gwamile Street had their shop littered with papers plugged on almost every isle of the shop. The supermarket's plugged up notice read: "Please note due to the one per cent price increase on VAT the shelf labels will not reflect the correct prices, and will be lower than the price at the till point. We will be working to update this. We thank you for your patience and apologise for any inconvenience caused."

The store till already reflects a 15 per cent VAT rate which escalates the price, and the supermarket is now a hive of activity as their staff members are caught up in their designated isles fixing the prices.

One of the supermarkets employees who was attending to the toiletry side



chose to remain anonymous and mentioned that they now have a lot of work to do as they have to manually change every section of the price.

According to the recent change, dairy cream buns that would cost, E9. 56 will now cost E10.99 after adding E1.43 VAT.

VAT increase negatively affecting businesses - FESBC

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Federation of the Swazi Business Community (FESBC) has expressed sheer frustration towards the recent one per cent hike of Value Added Tax (VAT) which now stands at 15 per cent from 14 per cent.

This was voiced out by FESBC President Henry "Tum" Du Pont who said the country's economy was already staggering hence the VAT increase could only cause more stress to both consumers and the business sector.

According to Du Pont, the increase translates to less money circulation which also decreases spending from

consumers.

The business community, according to Du Pont, is trying its best to thrive amid the country's economic woes hence the VAT hike poses a major setback.

In addition, Du Pont said the country's economy does not permit that we follow closely on neighbouring countries like South Africa as they have also effected a change in their VAT early this year.

"It is quite unfortunate that we are following closely from our neighbours who have also increased their VAT to 15 per cent and our economy does not allow that we do that," he said.

Du Pont said the increase will affect them greatly as some of the businesses in the country are still in SME cate-

gory and barely coping with the economic challenges.

One of FESBC's core mandates is providing a broadened representation to the business community through social dialogue with the Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE and CC), government, corporations, parastatal, unions, trade sectors, international development partners, the non-informal sector and all non-state actors to create linkages thus enhancing economic development, sustainable wealth creation and employment as well as providing services as envisaged by the Constitution and modern operational trends.





ELECTION NOMINATIONS 2018

BUSINESSMEN EYEING PARLIAMENTARY SEATS

By Mhlengi Magongo

IT is a known fact that business people tend to take keen interest in politics, either as participants themselves or as supporters of certain candidates.

In South Africa, for example, President Cyril Ramaphosa was one of the top business people before he ventured into politics on a full-time basis.

The recently held elections nominations at chiefdom level across all the country's constituencies saw a number of business people registering an interest in the country's politics as they were nominated.

Several of the nominees own and run the businesses by themselves.

These are some of the business-people who were nominated for the position of MP over the weekend):

● **1. Moshoeshoe Nkambule (Siphofaneni):** He is the owner of Maleshe Investments, a company based in Siphofaneni which specialises on various small business projects including restaurants, car repairs, general dealers, block yards, property and construction.

The company began in 1992 with one block yard and a general dealer. "I started the company on my own, I wanted to invest in various small business projects like shops, property, and repair centres because those are the places where people require services from," he said.

● **2. Mbongeni 'Stjifiri' Gule (Ndzingeni):** He is a young businessman from Ndzingeni and the owner of a company involved in drilling boreholes. Established three years ago, the company is involved in a variety of drilling projects. The company employs more than a hundred people in the country. Gule is a sole trader.

● **3. Boniface Mdluli (Hlutse):** He is an entrepreneur who has been involved in various businesses for more than a decade now. Mdluli owns stores situated along the Luyengo, Sicunusa corridor. Mdluli once worked at Matata Spar Group and at Moneni Spar before venturing into business. He also employs hundreds of Emaswati.

● **4. Bongani Dvuba (Siphocosini):** Bongani Dvuba is a small businessman from Siphofaneni who is involved in motor mechanics and car parts sales. Dvuba has been in the motor mechanic industry for more than a decade and the business has employed more than a hundred people.

● **5. Mduduzi Mabuza (Hosea):**

● **6. Jabulani Mabuza (Pigg's Peak):** He is the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade and a businessman from Pigg's Peak. Mabuza is the owner of Buy Cash Hardware, a company which specialises in selling building materials as well as household equipment. Buy Cash hardware is reported to be worth millions and has branches all over the country. The company has employed more than a 1 000 people and has expanded as far as South Africa.

Mabuza is the owner of a multi-million business trading as Baceth Hardware. Baceth Hardware specialises on building materials as well as household equipment. The company began operations almost two decades ago and has multiple branches around the country. The company is reported to have more than 50 branches all over the kingdom.



Mafutseni chiefdom nominates more women for MP than men

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu and Mhlengi Magongo

WHILE the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) has not concluded its overall compilation of statistics for the number of women nominated for this year's elections, the Commission's Communications Officer Mbonisi Bhembe indicated in an interview with this newspaper earlier in the week that the number of female candidates is generally low.

However, at Mafutseni constituency, women dominated the elections specifically in the position of Member of Parliament as two women, Khabonina Dlamini and Lady Mabuza were nominated as opposed to the one male, Elliot Mkhathshwa who is a former District commissioner.

Both women play significant roles towards the development of their constituency as Dlamini is a chiefdom secretary while Mabuza runs an electrical wiring business, popularly known as Lady Joe.

Mabuza is also the Principal of Malunge High School. Upon her nomination last Saturday, elections officers watched in utter disbelief while others tried to calm the situation as both young and old stood up to congratulate Mabuza when her name was called out. However, nothing could calm down the crowd

...Female candidate, Lady Mabuza, is a businesswoman providing job opportunities to dozens unemployed youth

as people eagerly hugged and shook hands with the calm-looking Mabuza. When Presiding Officer Philile Dlamini called upon the Malunge Principal's seconders to come upfront as per the norm, more than half the crowd skirrmishly rushed forward to have their names in the list of those approving her.

The elderly, men and women and the youth seemed to be in agreement of Mabuza's nomination as the crowd celebrating her was from a broad demographic background.

Interview

In a brief interview after her nomination, Mabuza confessed to being overwhelmed by the community's reaction. She added: "I was born and bred at Mafutseni, I know the people very well and they also know me."

I strongly believe I can serve and represent the people of Mafutseni very well in Parliament".

Her daughter and husband, Joel Mabuza, were also present when she stole the thunder. High profile figures present included Central Bank of Eswatini Governor Majosi Sithole, who is also a former Member of Parliament for Mafutseni, Former Police Deputy Commissioner Khisimusi Ndlovu and

other high ranking corporates and business people.

In an interview, Xolile Maseko, described Mabuza as being naturally kind-hearted and a people's person. "I first got to experience the kind of person Lady was in 1989 when my pregnant sister-in-law suddenly went into labour and there was no transport to take her to hospital. We approached Lady and her husband and she swiftly took my sister-in-law to hospital," said the visibly over-joyed Xolile.

Mafutseni nominees

- Bucophu**
1. Nkosinathi Mthembu
 2. Mduduzi Mndzebele
 3. Makhosazana Dlamini
 4. Lucky Cebe
 5. Norman Mtsetfwa
- Indvuna Yenkhundla**
1. Themba Mkoko
 2. Jabulile Maseko
 3. Zweli Mlota
 4. Samuel Mkhathshwa
- Member of Parliament**
1. Lady Mabuza
 2. Khabonina Dlamini
 3. Elliot Mkhathshwa

Ind the meantime, Carolinini Sibandze is a small business woman involved in sewing was also nominated at Nkilongo.



(Above and below) JOYFUL: Mafutseni residents congratulating businesswoman Lady Mabuza upon her nomination. (Pics: Hlengiwe Ndlovu)



She has been a tailor for almost two decades. Sibandze was nominated for the position of Member

of Parliament at Gamula Umphakatsi as the only women to stand for elections in that area.



World News

JAPAN ASKS RUSSIA TO REDUCE MILITARY ACTIVITY

MOSCOW - Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera said on Tuesday that Tokyo had asked Russia to reduce its military activity on a disputed island chain in the Pacific after Moscow beefed up its forces there in response to what it sees as a potential threat.

The territorial dispute over the islands, known as the Kuriles in Russia and the Northern Territories in Japan, is so acrimonious that Moscow and Tokyo have not yet signed a peace treaty to mark the end of World War Two.

Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev approved the deployment of Russian warplanes on one of the disputed islands in February, accelerating the area's militarisation at a time when Moscow's ties with Tokyo are strained over the roll-out of the Aegis US



REDUCE: Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

missile system.

Moscow has also deployed its newest missile defence systems to the islands and plans to build a naval base there

even as it continues talks about the territorial dispute.

"We have asked the Russian side to take particular measures because Russia

is building up its military potential on the four northern islands," Onodera said after meeting his Russian counterpart, Sergei Shoigu, in Moscow.

The Soviet Union seized the islands from Japan at the end of World War Two.

Onodera said that the ground-based Aegis ballistic missile defence stations were solely intended to defend Japan and did not pose any threat to Russia.

Russia is concerned that Japan is allowing Washington to use its territory as a base for a US military build-up in north Asia under the pretext of countering North Korea.

President Vladimir Putin is expected to meet Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in September in Vladivostok in Russia's Far East.

Reuters

Dozens injured in Mexican plane crash

DURANGO - Dozens of people were injured as an airliner crashed on takeoff during a heavy hailstorm in northern Mexico, engulfing the plane in flames, officials said Tuesday.

"It is confirmed that there have been no deaths from the flight #AM2431 accident," tweeted Jose Rosas, the governor of Durango, where the crash happened.

Passengers said there had been "a strange movement" on takeoff and "that was when the accident happened," Rosas told the Milenio television channel.

Dozens of lightly injured passengers left the plane, which was engulfed in grey smoke in a field.

"Approximately 85 people are injured," Durango's civil defence spokesman Alejandro Cardoza told Milenio.

The plane tried to take off in the hail storm but was forced into an emergency landing in a field around 10 kilometres (six miles) from the Durango airport.

"The fire started after the emergency landing" but "fortunately no one suffered burns," said Cardoza, who added that there had been "some serious injuries" but that most people sustained "very minor... knocks."

The plane carrying 97 passengers and four crew heading from Durango to the capital Mexico City, "crashed on takeoff" around 4:00 pm (2100 GMT), Transport Minister Gerardo Ruiz Esparza said.

Emergency services, the army and the Red Cross were on the scene.

AFP

Trump says 'collusion not a crime'

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump stepped up his onslaught on Federal Special Counsel Robert Mueller's probe into Russia and the 2016 US election on Tuesday, saying that his campaign did not collude with Moscow but that collusion is not a crime anyway.

Trump launched his new attack hours before his former campaign Chairman, Paul Manafort, was due to go on trial on tax and bank fraud charges in Virginia. As the first trial in the 14-month Russia probe, the case throws a fresh spotlight on an investigation that has dogged Trump's presidency.

Mueller is investigating whether Trump campaign officials worked with Moscow to try to sway the 2016 US presidential election, something commonly referred to as collusion by the media and public officials.



NOT A CRIME: US President Donald Trump.

"Collusion is not a crime, but that doesn't matter because there was No Collusion (except by Crooked Hillary and the Democrats!)" Trump wrote

on Twitter.

While collusion is not a technical legal charge, Mueller is probing any coordination between the Russian government and the Trump campaign and could bring conspiracy charges if he finds that any campaign member worked with Russia to break US law.

Trump has denied any collusion for months. On Tuesday, he echoed his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, who said in television interviews on Monday that collusion is not a crime. The strategy may be the latest in Trump's efforts to strip legitimacy from the Mueller probe, which he has long denounced as a "witch hunt."

Legal experts said that working with a foreign national with the intent of influencing a US election could violate multiple laws. *Reuters*

Kelly to remain White House chief of staff through 2020

WASHINGTON - Donald Trump's Chief of Staff John Kelly has tamped down speculation about his future, telling the president he will stay on through 2020, a White House official said Tuesday.

Kelly's commitment to remain in the critical post through the end of Trump's first term comes one year and a day after he took the job - and amid swirling rumours about his imminent departure.

The retired US Marine Corps general was picked as Trump's chief of staff in mid-2017 to bring a sense of order and discipline to a chaotic White House, and to wall Trump off from aides who

had felt increasingly free to approach the president with plans that had not been properly vetted.

But in recent months, Kelly's role as gatekeeper appears to have eroded, and his power in the White House marginalised.

Expectations about an impending Kelly exit built up last month to the point that a reporter asked Trump whether his chief of staff would soon be gone.

"That I don't know," the president said on June 29. "Look, at some point, things happen but I will tell you... we have a very good relationship."

Trump's ties with Kelly have been rocky. In June, The New York Times reported that Kelly was considering leaving, and told a group of visiting senators that the White House was "a miserable place to work."

But on Monday, the president tweeted his congratulations to Kelly for marking a full year as chief of staff. The tweet included a photograph of the two men smiling broadly.

Kelly, 68, was heading the Department of Homeland Security last year when Trump picked him to replace Reince Priebus as chief of staff.

AFP

BRIEFS

May to hold talks with Macron

LONDON - Theresa May is to hold crunch Brexit talks with Emmanuel Macron this week, at the French President's holiday retreat in the South of France. The French President will host the Prime Minister at Fort Bregancon, his island fortress near Toulon tomorrow. The meeting comes as Jeremy Hunt warned the chances of a no-deal Brexit 'increase by the day'. Ahead of talks with his opposite numbers in France and Austria on Tuesday and yesterday, the Foreign Secretary insisted that if Brussels fails to strike a withdrawal agreement with the UK it would cause job losses on both sides of the Channel "if Brexit goes wrong".

Mirror

US, China to restart talks over trade war

NEW YORK - The US and China are trying to restart talks aimed at averting a full-blown trade war between the world's two largest economies, two people familiar with the effort said. Representatives of US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Chinese Vice Premier Liu He are having private conversations as they look for ways to reengage in negotiations, according to the people who spoke about the deliberations on condition of anonymity. They cautioned that a specific timetable, the issues to be discussed and the format for talks aren't finalised, but added there was agreement among the principals that more discussions need to take place.

Fin24

Facebook... is evidence of US election

NEW YORK - Facebook has identified an ongoing effort to influence the US midterm elections, using inauthentic accounts and pages on the social network. "We're still in the very early stages of our investigation and don't have all the facts - including who may be behind this," Facebook said Tuesday in a blog post.

Bloom Berg

US blocks release of 3D gun blueprints

CHICAGO - A US judge on Tuesday temporarily blocked the online publication of blueprints for 3D-printed firearms, in a last-ditch effort to stop a settlement President Donald Trump's administration had reached with the company releasing the digital documents. Eight states and the District of Columbia, which houses the capital Washington, had filed a lawsuit against the federal government, calling its settlement with Texas-based Defense Distributed "arbitrary and capricious".

AFP

Corbyn apologises for hosting Holocaust

LONDON - Labour's anti-Semitism scandal deepened last night after it emerged Jeremy Corbyn had hosted an event comparing the Israeli government to the Nazis. On Holocaust Memorial Day in 2010, the Labour leader spoke at the meeting at the House of Commons. The disclosure that Mr Corbyn attended the event led him to issue an extraordinary apology last night - despite his refusal to comment on the storm over his friend Peter Willsman, secretly recording about 'Jewish Trump fanatics' last month.

Daily Mail



FOCUS ON SA SCENE



ANC WILL AMEND PROPERTY CLAUSE IN CONSTITUTION - RAMAPHOSA

CAPE TOWN - President Cyril Ramaphosa in a televised address on Tuesday night said the African National Congress, which he leads, had resolved to change the Constitution to make clear the conditions under which land in the country can be expropriated without compensation.

Speaking after a two-day meeting of the ANC national executive committee, Ramaphosa said ongoing public hearings by a joint constitutional review committee of Parliament had made it clear that South Africans want the Constitution to be more 'explicit' about the expropriation of land by the State in the public interest without compensation.

"The ANC lekgotla reaffirmed

its position that a comprehensive land reform programme, then enables equitable access to land will unlock economic growth by bringing more land in South Africa to full use and enable the productive participation of million more South Africans in the economy," he said.

"Accordingly, the ANC will, through the parliamentary process, finalise proposed amendments to the Constitution that outlines more clearly the conditions under which expropriation of land without compensation can be effected."

MPs have been crisscrossing the country holding public hearings into possibly amending section 25 of the Constitution, also known as the property clause.

African News Agency



TO AMEND: SA President Cyril Ramaphosa.



Commuters feel pinch as taxi fares increase

JOHANNESBURG - If you use a taxi to get around, you would have notice an increase in fares yesteryday.

Commuters are really starting to feel the pinch of recent fuel hikes.

Fares for both local and long-distance routes are going up.

The South African National Taxi Council says the increases generally range from R1one to R10.

But certain long distance routes will increase by as much as R20.

Santaco says it regrets the hikes, but it has no choice as many taxi operators are struggling to stay in business. *eNCA*

ANCYL wants Malema charged for firing gun

JOHANNESBURG - The African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) eThekweni Region wants the police to probe Economic Freedom Fighters' (EFF) leader Julius Malema, who is seen in a video clip firing a gun in the air at a rally.

In the video, which has gone viral, Malema who was dancing with other officials on a stage grabs a rifle that was leaning against the wall and fires it in the air.

"It is the considered view of the ANC Youth League that this behaviour was unsafe, irresponsible and was also in contravention of section 120(7) of the Firearms Control Act of 2000," said the youth league yesterday in a statement attributed to its eThekweni region spokesperson, Thulisa Ndlela.

"We, therefore, call upon law enforcement agencies to investigate this conduct. Even for a morally compromised fellow like Julius Malema, such conduct is unacceptable and must be condemned."

"The ANC Youth League is concerned that such a public display of reckless behaviour will undermine the efforts made in fighting violent crime in our society."

However, the EFF has dismissed such concerns saying it was not a real gun Malema used.

ANA

Malema appears to fire what looks like an assault rifle during EFF after party

JOHANNESBURG - Footage has emerged of EFF leader Julius Malema appearing to fire what looks like an assault rifle at an EFF after-party rally over the weekend.

However, EFF spokesperson Mbuyiseni Ndlozi denied that it was a real firearm.

The political party celebrated its 5th anniversary at the Sisa Dukashe Stadium in Mdantsane in the Eastern Cape on Saturday.

The video shows the EFF singing and dancing on stage. During the song, Malema goes to the side of the stage and appears to fire several rounds from the rifle.

He then hands it over to a man, who appears to be Bluff security company owner Adriaan Snyman, who then quickly ducks out of the camera's shot. Malema then gives a high five to EFF

chairperson Dali Mpofu.

When approached for comment, Ndlozi told News24: "It is not a firearm and no real bullets were shot. It was a simulation, part of our entire act of celebrating the 5th anniversary. It coincided with the singing of struggle songs and fireworks".

When asked if he was present and took the rifle from Malema, Snyman told News24 that he was not aware of anything. "Phone me back in the morning," he said.

Snyman has previously been identified as one of Malema's bodyguards. According to the Firearms Control Act, it is an offence to discharge a firearm, an antique firearm or an air gun in a built-up area or any public place, without good reason to do so.

News24



GUN SHOTS: EFF leader Julius Malema firing a gun during EFF after party rally.

Mazibuko concerned with DA's treatment of De Lille

CAPE TOWN - Former DA Parliamentary leader Lindiwe Mazibuko says while she still supports the DA, she is concerned with the way it's treating Cape Town mayor Patricia de Lille.

She was delivering the Barry Streek Memorial Lecture at the Cape Town Press Club.

The Apolitical Academy Director is also calling for a radical shake-up of the electoral system.

"If there was an election tomorrow I would still be a DA supporter, but my support for the DA is not forever," she said.

"My blood is not blue, well it's blue until it's exposed to oxygen and then its red you know."

Even though she would still give the DA her vote, Mazibuko said she 'smells a rat' in the DA's attempts at ousting De Lille.

"She's an uppity woman of colour, is that what the accusation is? There are allegations of corruption but they don't seem to have been followed through."

"There are allegations of mismanagement

but there's no real evidence. We're pointed to websites but they don't clarify anything," said Mazibuko.

Mazibuko believes the future lies in the hands of citizens and the judiciary.

"There are opportunities for civil society organisations, for courageous groups and people to actually prosecute the powers of political parties in the highest court, in order to make sure that we're not simply abdicating responsibility to one group of organisations, and as citizens simply hope and pray and cross our fingers that come election time, the right person will take over," said Mazibuko.

She believes there is a need for direct elections to vote for individuals and that South Africans need to take this fight to the Constitutional Court.

eNCA

CONCERNED:
Former DA
parliamentary
leader Lindiwe
Mazibuko.



SCHOOLGIRL, 14, LIVES WITH TWO EXTRA ARMS

ILIGAN CITY - A schoolgirl is finally getting surgery to remove the two extra arms and half-formed fingers from the parasitic twin dangling from her torso removed.

Veronica Cominguez, 14, who lives in Iligan City in the Philippines, was born with two limbs and an oblong-shaped growth on her chest and stomach.

The extra parts - belonging to a parasitic twin who did not develop properly - have grown with her. She even cleans her 'twin' and cuts its fingernails.

But Veronica is now set to live a normal life after locals raised money for her to fly to neighbouring Thailand for an operation.

"When I was little, I thought it was just a foot. But as I grew up, it became bigger," Veronica said.

She said the parts are heavy, limit her movement and sometimes leak.

'It keeps swinging. My dress often gets wet,' she added.

Veronica's mother Flora Cominguez said their family has a history of twins.

Although she was not able to properly see a doctor during her pregnancy, she knew she was expecting twins and had even picked out



MORE LIMBS: Veronica Cominguez was born with two limbs and an oblong-shaped growth on her torso.

names for both.

But unfortunately, Veronica's sibling did not fully develop and she has been forced to grow up with a parasitic twin.

Flora said Veronica's navel always gets wet because of the liquid that comes out of it and sometimes, the discharge has blood on it.

'The liquid that comes out of the

opening smells bad, like human excretion,' she said.

But according to Veronica's doctor, the extra limbs can be removed through a simple operation.

Dr. Beda Espineda, a pediatric surgeon at the Philippine Children's Medical Center, said: "Most of these cases can be removed because, usually, the body structures involved are not vital."

'Most of them are just attached to the skin or bones. For surgeons, it is easy to remove.'

Now, Veronica is waiting to have the surgery.

The local government office in her village, which has her under its welfare care system, said she is due to fly to Thailand in the coming weeks.

A spokesman from the Barangay council of Kabacsanan said: "It has been arranged for Veronica to have an operation and we hope that she will live a normal, healthy life after this."

"Life has not been easy for her but she's a very sensible, clever and mature."

"She's a wonderful pupil. Everyone is very pleased that she can soon have an operation."

Daily Mail



TO SCHOOL: The 14-year-old, who lives in the Philippines, is set to undergo surgery to have the limbs removed.



SUPPORT: Veronica is described as a 'sensible, clever and mature girl.' She is pictured with her teacher Analyn Bancat Quilab (second from right) who helped organise the procedure.

SMILES: Veronica will fly to neighbouring Thailand for an operation after locals raised money for the procedure.



● Half-formed fingers from her parasitic twin dangling from her stomach and she even cuts its nails

● She will undergo surgery soon



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WITH: Simon Shabangu

CHURCH NEWS



ESWATINI BLESSED TO HAVE A GOD FEARING KING - BISHOP NHLAPHO

THE country is blessed to have a God fearing King who always puts God first in all he does together with his people.

This was said by South African renowned minister of the Word Bishop ND Nhlapho the founder of the God Never Fails Ministries during a miracle and deliverance service in Matsapha. The Bishop who has a branch in the country said he preaches freely in the country because he received a warm welcome from His Majesty King Mswati III to preach the word of God. Bishop Nhlapho said on his arrival he had an audience with the King who warmly welcomed him and told him to freely preach the word of God.

"The King further allocated me



BISHOPS: Bishop ND Nhlapho and Bishop Nash Shongwe.

a piece of land to build a church a project which will begin soon. I must say that the people of Eswatini are blessed to have such a King. It is rare to have a leader who understands the importance of involving God in all that you do. The King

of Eswatini is a unique leader who puts God first before anything else something which is not the case in most countries. You are lucky to have such a king and I thank him for the warm welcome he extended to my ministry," he said.

The Bishop thanked Bishop Nash for playing an important role and ensuring that he settled down very well in the country.

He said despite his busy schedule he will make sure that he comes for the Thursday services almost every week and also come through on Sundays, if time permits. The miracle service continues to attract more people who come from all corners of the Kingdom to fellowship and also receive their miracles. The Bishop said he will also

come this Thursday as there is more demand for the prayers. He said a number of people are seeing the greatness of God and receiving their miracles.

"This time next week a number of people will have testimonies as God will do miracles in their lives. I invite everyone to come for this service and see God doing his miracle," he said.

On another note there is all night prayer service dubbed Night of Power to be held at GNF Building AT Aniva in Nkomazi, Mpumalanga. Pastor Mziyako who is the local pastor will host Pastor Tshabalala. The all night service will be free to all people from different denominations who want to witness the power of God at work.

Financial breakthrough services at Divine

DIVINE Healing Ministries will host a week-long services dubbed financial breakthrough where people will be spiritually armed for a financial breakthrough.

Bishop Nash Shongwe said the guest preacher will be Pastor SG Sibeko from God Never Fails Ministries. Bishop Shongwe said this is a service not to be missed as the anointed man of God will not only preach but also pray for the people to gain financial breakthrough. He said God has spoken to him on the issue of people having challenges with finances. He said he then planned this service and invited the man of God to come and join the church in this special service. He said the services start on Monday at Manzini Divine Healing Ministries and end on Sunday. He mentioned that on Sunday Pastor Sibeko will preach at the Divine Healing Ministries in Mbabane for the morning service which starts at 9:30 to 11:00. "This is an anointed man of God serving under the powerful Bishop. He will be in the country for almost a week where we will have daily evening services starting at 6:30 until 8:30. The service will go on until Sunday where we expect nothing but God's miracles, deliverance and release of finances. People are working very hard but the devil is stealing their finances in many different ways. This is what we will be dealing with during this service. I will also be ministering and praying for people to have their finances unleashed," he added. Giving feedback on past events Bishop Shongwe said they had a successful men's conference which was held in South Africa where thousands of men gathered for the conference. He said the conference hosted by Bishop Nhlapho was an eye opener to the thousands of men including church leaders and the general men folk who were in attendance. He said men travelled from all over South Africa and neighboring countries including Eswatini to be part of the annual conference.

...Similar event at Sibane Hotel

SIBANE Hotel in partnership with the Voice of the Church will host a Financial Breakthrough Seminar to be held at Sibane Hotel on Saturday.

The Seminar will have three speakers including VOC Director Pastor Zacharia Mthethwa, Reverend Titus Nzima who is an acclaimed

Real Estate Investor and TIM Group CEO Celumusa Dlamini. The seminar is themed 'Filling the Gap between Christians and Finances'. It seeks to enlighten participants especially Christians about the important of money and investments in the church. The hosts said they are expecting attendees from all backgrounds. The seminar starts at 10:00 am until 2:00 in the afternoon. Tickets to the seminar cost E120 per person or E1 150 for a table of 10 people.

MBABANE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Church Services

Mondays
Prayer 6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursdays
Bible Exposition 6:00pm-7:30pm

Fridays
Youth 6:00pm-7:30pm

Saturday
Women 2:00pm-3:30pm

Sundays
English Service 8:30am-10:30am
Siswati Service 11:00am-1:00pm

Children's Ministry 8:30am
10:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm

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

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Sundays- Teachings 9:30-10:30am

Main Service 10:30am - 1pm

Mbabane Branch:
Tuesdays - Prayer 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Sundays- Service 10am - 1pm

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Every Sunday
English Service at 0830hrs - 0955hrs

Bible Study -
1000hrs - 1055hrs
Siswati Service - 1100hrs - 1300hrs

Every Monday Prayer:
1800hrs - 2000hrs

Last Tuesdays of the Month
Family Fellowship: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

Every Friday
Youth Services: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

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

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Main Service
10.30am - 1.00pm

Wednesdays Prayer
6.00pm - 7.30pm

Mondays Couples
6.00pm - 7.30pm

Mbabane FEA Church next to Build It, Contacts
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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

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Services

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6pm-7pm home cells

Wednesdays 6pm-7:30pm

Fridays 6pm-7:30pm

Sundays
Morning prayer 5:45am-6:30am
Main service 10:00am-1:00pm

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

Venue:
Zakhele, Nkambule street, Manzini

BY: Rev Msibi
Contacts:
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Mondays Prayer
6.00pm-7.30pm

Wednesdays
6.00pm-7.30pm

Saturdays Youth
3.00pm

Sundays Women
9.00am-10.30am

Sunday School
9.30am-10.30am

Main Service
10.30am-1.00pm





HEAVY SECURITY AS DR CONGO EX-WARLORD HEADS HOME

KINSHASA - Former warlord Jean-Pierre Bemba of the Democratic Republic of Congo said he was headed for Kinshasa to throw his hat into the ring for a December presidential election after spending 11 years abroad — most of them behind bars.

"En route to the land of my ancestors, my homeland," Bemba said on Twitter during the night. A photo of the 55-year-old Bemba boarding a private jet in Belgium accompanied the tweet.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague in June overturned a 2016 conviction against Bemba for five counts of war crimes committed by his militia in the Central African Republic in 2002-03.

Bemba had vowed to return to Kinshasa



HOME SWEET HOME: Jean-Pierre Bemba, now a senator, had been in Belgium the DRC's former colonial power since the ICC acquittal.

to file his election bid as candidates must physically be in the country to lodge their applications.

On Monday, the governor of Kinshasa said he would ensure security and ordered 10 policemen to guard Bemba

after his arrival, an official in his MLC party said.

A hefty police contingent was deployed yesterday-a holiday in the DR Congo-Kinshasa's main arteries and around the headquarters of Bemba's party,

Movement for the Liberation of the Congo (MLC), an AFP journalist reported.

The ICC overturned on appeal an initial 18-year term for war crimes and crimes against humanity for Bemba, who has spent a decade behind bars. Bemba, now a senator, had been in Belgium - the DRC's former colonial power-since the ICC acquittal.

The DRC is in the grip of a crisis over the future of President Joseph Kabila, who has ruled the country since 2001 and has remained in office, despite a two-term constitutional limit that expired in December 2016.

He has remained in power under a constitutional clause that enables a president to stay in office until his or her successor is elected.

AFP

Burundi reversing school girls pregnancy ban

NAIROBI - Burundi's rollback on banning pregnant girls and expectant teen fathers from attending school is a victory for child rights, but steps must be taken to curb sexual exploitation and teen pregnancies, campaigners said on Tuesday.

Burundi's education ministry on Friday reversed a month-old policy under which pregnant teens and young mothers, as well as the boys who made them pregnant, no longer had the right to be part of the formal education system.

The ministry did not give a reason for lifting last month's ban, which had sparked widespread criticism from rights groups who said it was retrogressive.

"Burundi's u-turn on its recent ban against pregnant students and teenage mothers who are in school is welcome," said Elin Martinez, child rights researcher with Human Rights Watch, calling the ban "highly damaging" to thousands of students.

"The government should take this opportunity to develop a sound policy that fully supports teenage mothers to return to school, whilst ensuring it adequately tackles the root causes of teenage pregnancies."

Forty per cent of victims of physical or sexual violence are teenage girls in Burundi. About 11 per cent of girls aged 15-19 are sexually active, while seven per cent have had at least one child, says the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Campaigners say tens of thousands of girls in Africa are ostracised or shamed for becoming pregnant every year, despite most having no sex education. Many such cases involve rape. *Reuters*

Nigerian Senate president quits ruling party

LAGOS - Nigerian Senate president Bukola Saraki on Tuesday quit the ruling party and joined the opposition, dealing yet another blow to the country's leader Muhammadu Buhari's re-election bid.

"I wish to inform Nigerians that after extensive consultations, I have decided to take my leave of the All Progressives Congress (APC)," Saraki announced on Twitter.

Saraki, the nation's third-highest ranking politician, said he would return to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), the party he dumped for APC in 2014.

"Today... I return to the party where I began my political journey, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)," he said.

The opposition PDP has welcomed a raft of defections of APC lawmakers and other politicians into its fold in recent weeks.

Last week, 14 senators and 37 members of the lower chamber House of Representatives left the APC, on the

last day before parliament adjourned for a recess. There are 109 seats in the Senate and 360 in the House.

Most of the defectors were believed to have joined the PDP on the promptings of Saraki.

Earlier this month, more than 30 parties, including the PDP, said they were forming a new alliance, while a splinter group formed within the APC of disaffected party members.

They called Buhari's stewardship of Nigeria in the last three years 'a monumental disaster'.

Buhari and his APC party have until now been seen as in a stronger position to win presidential and parliamentary elections in February.

But his opponents are picking up momentum before party primaries in August, amid mounting discontent at his style of government and handling of widespread violence across the country.

Saraki, 55, despite being a member



I QUIT: Nigerian Senate President Bukola Saraki.

of the ruling party, has had a running battle with the government.

He believes he has been marked out as a critic and rival by the presidency. Many of those under investigation or on trial for corruption are PDP members. *AFP*

Zim election results may result in jail time

HARARE - Zimbabwe's opposition MDC party on Tuesday claimed victory in the country's historic elections while the government threatened to jail leaders announcing results as the wait for official tallies dragged on.

Electoral officials warned that gathering the results of the poll, which President Emmerson Mnangagwa said looked "extremely positive" for him, was "nowhere near" complete and no announcement would be made until as late as Saturday.

The candidates' competing claims following the first elections since former leader Robert Mugabe was ousted in November raise the prospect of fraud allegations and a possible run-off vote

on September 8.

That would be required if no candidate wins 50 per cent of ballots cast by Zimbabwe's 5.6 million voters in the first round.

Opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) official Tendai Biti said on Tuesday that the party was sure its candidate Nelson Chamisa had won and that if he was not declared victorious, it would "announce our own results".

That apparently prompted Home Affairs Minister Obert Mpofu to warn that anyone doing so would "provoke the wrath of the law and risk being sent to jail".

"We have noted with concern the actions and conduct of some political party leaders... who are openly declar-

ing that they will announce results irrespective of provisions of the law," Mpofu said at a media briefing in Harare. It is illegal to announce results before the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC).

The commission had earlier warned that the results of the presidential first round may not be known until Friday or even Saturday and would not be released until tallies were received from all 10 985 polling stations.

"We are nowhere near where we expected to be, so I can quite see us going into the fifth day which is allowed by law -- but we are working flat-out," ZEC Chairwoman Priscilla Chigumba told journalists in the capital.

AFP

BRIEFS

Dismiss lawsuit over Namibian genocide

NEW YORK - A lawyer for Germany on Tuesday urged a US judge to dismiss a lawsuit brought against the country on behalf of the Herero and Nama people of what is now Namibia over genocide and seizure of property carried out by German colonists more than 100 years ago. The lawyer, Jeffrey Harris, argued to US District Judge Laura Taylor Swain in Manhattan that the American court did not have jurisdiction over the dispute, citing Germany's status as a sovereign nation and a legal doctrine that courts should refrain from deciding purely political questions.

Reuters

Tunisian airport workers call off strike

TUNIS - Tunisian airport employees have called off a strike slated to take place this week after a deal was reached with the government to improve work conditions, their union said on Monday, averting a threatened disruption of tourist traffic. The government had met most of the aviation sector's demands, the union in charge of airport workers said in a statement. It gave no further details but added that the peak tourist and Muslim pilgrimage season were further reasons for calling off the strike, which had been announced by a union leader hours earlier.

Reuters

Four soldiers dead in Mali ambush

BAMAKO - At least four soldiers and eight suspected jihadists were killed Tuesday in Mali when a security patrol was ambushed in the centre of the country, military sources said. The death toll could yet rise as "two Malian army vehicles and their occupants are still not accounted for," a military source said.

The patrol, which was attacked in the central region of Segou, was attempting to secure procedures relating to Mali's general election, which on Sunday saw some voters prevented from participating by armed groups. *enCA*



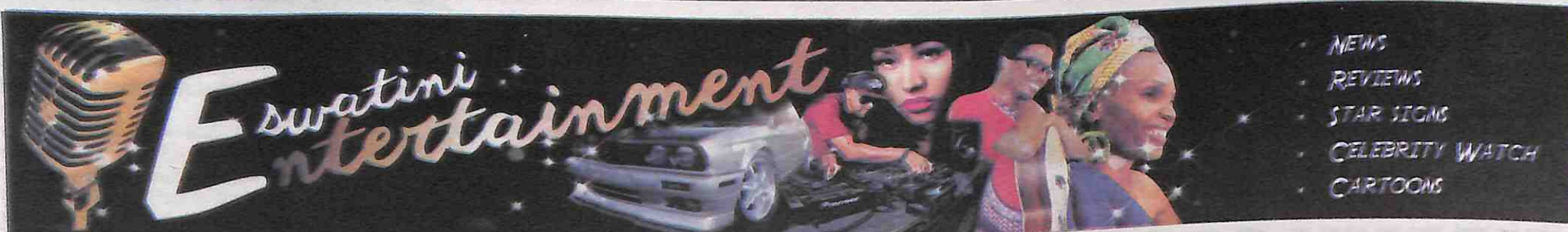
Kenya needs R6b for HIV treatment

NAIROBI - Kenya's National Aids Control Council requires Sh45 billion (almost R6 billion) annually to place HIV positive patients on treatment alone. The amount does not include other aspects of HIV control, including testing and counselling, awareness creation and prevention measures, the Daily Nation reported yesterday. Regina Ombam, the Aids council deputy director, said the council has only settled on key areas of treatment and were they to include everything, the amount will be higher.

ANA

Central Africa rebels rearm

BANGUI - Russia's supply of weapons to the Central African Republic's (CAR) military has sparked an arms race, with rebels turning to traffickers in Sudan for fresh gun shipments, according to a UN panel of experts. In a report released on Tuesday, the panel said the UN-approved deliveries of military equipment to CAR's defense forces had "led to waves of rearmament" by some factions of the former Muslim Seleka alliance. *AFP*



SYMPHONY, ILLA NEW MTN BRAND AMBASSADORS

By Nokwanda Sibandze

Songbird Symphony and hip-hop artist Illa Penboy are the new Swazi MTN Brand Ambassadors.

The two artists are joining the likes of Sands, Sandile Makhanya, Mdura the Comedian, and Ur Gal Zee, just to mention a few, as they have been the company's brand ambassadors for the past year.

This was confirmed by Swazi MTN Brand and Sponsorship Senior Manager Meshack Maseko yesterday. The two artists have been making waves in the entertainment industry in the past year. Whether it was gigs or awards these artists have been seen at their best.

Symphony's musical journey has been graced with the honour of sharing stages with the likes of Khaya Mthethwa and also opening for South African gospel choir, Joyous Celebration, when they came to perform in Eswatini for their Joyous 20 tour. She has also collaborated with gospel rapper Switch on his Walking in Faith album, where she featured in hit tracks like 'Titsatsele' and the lead track 'Walking in Faith'.

In addition to this, she also made it to the top 5 finalists of the Swaziland T55 talent search competition in 2015.

She has the belief that knowing who you are is the beginning of finding eternity.



BIG GIRL: Symphony.

The artist this year, also dropped an album.

Symphony said she is grateful for such an opportunity and hopes that she will play a commendable role for other artist who are hoping to grow their brand.

Dignified

"I am excited about this new venture in my career and I hope to make the best of it, I would also like to thank MTN Eswatini for choosing me, it is such an honour and I hope to make them proud and represent the company in a dignified manner," said the singer.

Symphony has also been nominated in three categories for this year's MTN Swaziland Music Awards which will be held on



BIG BOY: Illa Penboy.

December 1.

Illa Penboy has also been on the move, with his famous shows such as 'Gwcalisa Mgambo' and many others; the artist has also released a number of singles to make sure he stays on top of his game.

His music involves various elements from various musical backgrounds. It includes street-talk and highly influential messages in Siswati and English.

He brings a different flavour and sound, not only to this type of music but also to the hip-hop scene. One of his objectives is to encourage and inspire an international appeal into Eswatini music.

Illa is also nominated for the SWAMA awards in the Artist of

the year category.

Speaking to the artist he said he is humbled to have been chosen to be the face of one of the biggest companies in the country.

"It is a great pleasure and I would like to thank MTN for giving me and other artist the opportunity to be their brand ambassador, I will work hard to continue to be an example to other young artist in the country," said the rapper.

He also said he was grateful to the company for supporting the arts and for recognising talent from the youth of the country such as himself and he hopes that they would continue to do that as it is very encouraging to young people.



NOMINATED: Phinda Mkhonta.

Poet Black bremer for Member of Parliament

By Andile Dlamini

THE 2018 elections come with a lot of diversity and within that spectrum is the space for the youth to be elected and voted into parliament.

The nation's very own Poet Phinda Mkhonta known as 'Black Bremer' is a versifier from Manzini and has been nominated for the position of Member of Parliament under Manzini North Inkhundla. Mkhonta is currently a social entrepreneur and co-founder of Rethink Africa Foundation, an organisation that focuses on youth empowerment. With Mkhonta being a young entrepreneur, perhaps he is just the kind of change that the country needs. In addition to being an entrepreneur, the young man who is a lover of the arts is hoping to bring great change to the arts as well.

"As a person who is passionate about the arts it would be great to implement copyright acts in the country. As we hope to get to first world status by 2022, for the work produced by Eswatini artists. They must get royalties for their work used on media platforms as they work hard to master and create it while media houses make money with adverts and programmes, they must also pay the artist who brings the audience the advertisers need through their content," Mkhonta said. He went on to encourage citizens of the country to vote in the upcoming elections.

DJ TIRA'S BIRTHDAY FOR BIG BEND

By Ayanda Dlamini

AFTER the release of two different venues for South Africa's DJ Tira's birthday party celebration, Big Bend, Mayaluka Stadium has been confirmed as the final venue for the party.

DJ Tira who confirmed that we will be celebrating his birthday in the country in August, is said to bring in a number of artist from his own entertainment stable 'Afrointainment' and many other South African artists. DJ Tira Birthday Tour will see a number of artists including gqom kings Destruction Boys, Tipcee of 'malume' fame, 'Pakisha' hit

maker Dladla Mshunqisi, Duncan, NaakMusiq, the queen of 'vasho' Zodwa Wabantu, and our very own DJ Touch of Soul.

The kings of the weekend Spectacular and Naves are also going to be performing as they have been added to the lineup. Fans can look out for Prince Balo and Costah Dolla.

Megasound

The lineup is also filled with local artists; Lomasoul, DJ Dope Deep, DJ Khwanny, DJ Lady Zee, Njebza and Megasound Crew are going to rock the stage on the same day. The show will begin at 1pm.

Tickets are available at E200 pre-sale and E250 at the gate.

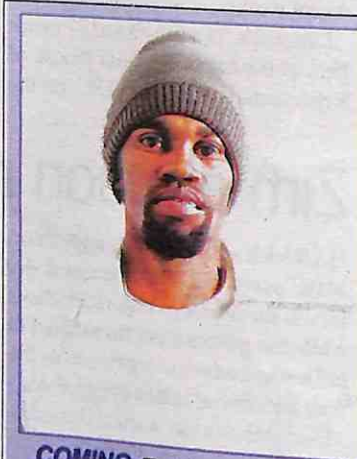
SUNDAY SOUL SESSION FOR SIBEBE

By Andile Dlamini

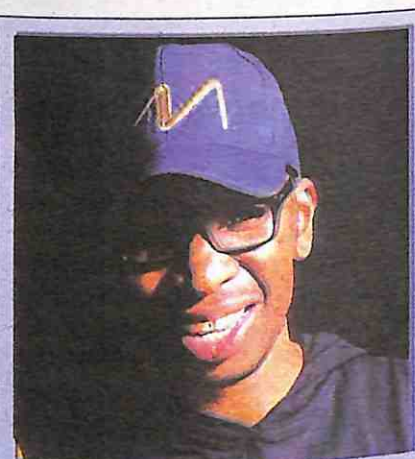
YOU can expect chilled Sunday vibes at this year's Sibebe Survivor, as Sibebe resort presents the 'Sibebe Survivor extravaganza'.

The event is slated for August 5 at the Sibebe Resort in Mbabane and will have family oriented activities, kid's games and quad bike riding.

To add a more chilled vibe to the event, will be TruSoundz crew bringing their 'Ultimate Soul Sunday Sessions' to the Sibebe Resort. On the decks will be DJ Mixmash, Zwide, DJ Knoxman and DJ 1D. The deejays have all promised to bring out their A-game for those who will attend. Photographer and DJ Zwide said the Sibebe Extravaganza is an extension of the Sibebe Survivor and should offer great fun for the entire family and relaxation for those aching muscles after the long walk. One can expect a warm



COMING: Zwide.



WILL BE THERE: DJ Mixmash.

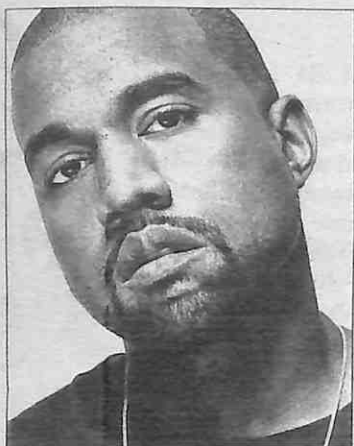
family friendly ambience complemented by a 90s type of soul and R'n'B set. "Fans will be delighted to know that fresh from hosting a successful Jazz Meets Ol Skool session at Emfuleni Lifestyle, the TEM (TruSoundz events management) crew continues to make a positive impact on the entertainment

and events field as this Sunday we will be taking the much acclaimed Ultimate Sunday Soul Sessions to Sibebe Resort. The TEM team promises the usual best on the day and fun lovers can brace themselves for a fun-filled day as all the Djs have promised to bring their A game," expressed DJ Mixmash.

International
Celebrity News

Kanye West bonding with his father

LAS VEGAS - Kanye West and his dad are making the best of a bad situation turning Ray's recent cancer diagnosis into a reason for some quality father and son time. Sources close to the family tell TMZ there's been a major silver lining to Kanye's father receiving treatment for prostate cancer in L.A. Ray has been able to spend time with him, Kim and his three grandkids. We're told while Ye and his Pops have never had a bad relationship, it's just been distant with Ray living in Chicago. So, they're taking advantage of the situation now, which has allowed them to bond. **TMZ**



BONDING: Kanye West.

Evans, Stevie J eyeing \$40m Yacht for wedding venue

HOLLYWOOD - Faith Evans and Stevie J's quickie Vegas wedding ain't gonna cut it which is why they're planning a lavish Miami ceremony on a massive luxury yacht.

Sources close to the situation tell TMZ Faith and Stevie are serious about locking down The Vessel, a 222-foot yacht that's really more like a cruise ship. They recently toured the \$40 million craft, and loved the fact that it's got tons of space for up to 600 guests.

We're told Faith asked about the ability to film on the yacht, which has us thinking VH1 cameras will capture the elaborate ceremony for Stevie's reality show,



SERIOUS: Faith Evans.

'Leave It to Stevie.'
TMZ

Rihanna ditches her eyebrows for British Vogue cover

HOLLYWOOD - The Grammy winner, make-up mogul and style savant is British Vogue's cover star for the highly coveted September issue. Once again, she's a style shapeshifter as she poses in bold textured a ruffled ensembles paired with a striking floral headpieces.

As the final touch for this avant-garde transformation, the songstress gazes into the camera with a glossy plum pout, ethereal eye makeup and barely there, pencil-thin brows - an impossible-to-miss departure from her typically thicker arches.

While it's unclear exactly what we should credit for bringing this brow makeover to fruition, the 30-year-



old superstar has once again proven she can pull anything off. Still, there are some things she's figuring out just like the rest of us. **E News**

DJ Khaled tries Goat Yoga for Rum Ad

HOLLYWOOD - DJ Khaled channeled his inner goat to push his favourite rum, and the result is this hilarious campaign.

The mega hit maker is featured in this new ad for Bumbu Rum, and we're told they hired Khaled to marry his positive vibes with an activity that promotes the same thing. Enter goat yoga. We're told Khaled enjoyed the little taste of yoga he got so much, he's thinking about hiring his own instructor. Khaled tells TMZ, 'I am always progressing, I am always becoming. There's always room for growth and development. Always strive to be the G.O.A.T. in everything you do. Be the G.O.A.T. friend,



CHANNELED: DJ Khaled.

the G.O.A.T. business partner, the G.O.A.T. team member, the G.O.A.T. to your significant other.' **TMZ**

SA Celebrity News

Sho Madjozi spills the details on her duet with Coldplay

JOHANNESBURG - That Sho Madjozi reign just won't let up.

The Tsonga rapper renowned for her *gqom* hits 'Dumi Hi Phone' and Huku has secured a hot duet with Coldplay front man Chris Martin for her upcoming debut album.

Although she didn't want to give too much away, Sho Madjozi confirmed that she had already recorded her vocals for the song, with Martin on instrumentals. According to Sho Madjozi the untitled song was recorded in April when Martin was in SA at her home studio. Produced by KwaZulu Natal artist Muzi, she fur-



CONFIRMED: Sho Madjozi.

ther revealed that the song is waiting for Muzi to put the finishing touches on it upon his return from his European tour. **Sowetan**

Rhythm City actress Petronella Tshuma is pregnant

JOHANNESBURG - Actress Petronella Tshuma is preparing to welcome her second child and says that after years of raising her son she feels much more mature and ready than the first time around.

Tshuma, who plays the role of Pearl on e.tv soapie Rhythm City, recently announced her pregnancy and told TshisaLIVE how things had changed since she last gave birth.

Tshuma has a 10-year-old son, who she gave birth to when she was 18, and said that this time she is in a better space. "This time I feel like I have it under control," he said **Tshisa Live**



BUN IN THE OVEN: Petronella Tshuma.

Kaybee escapes unharmed from Kimberley protests

KIMBERLEY - Prince Kaybee has been left shaken after his gig in Kimberley was halted over the weekend because of clashes between protestors and police in the area. The area has been rocked by protests over the last few days and the musician was caught in the middle of the action this past weekend when chaos erupted at his show at Motswako Car Wash and Chesa Nyama.

Speaking to TshisaLIVE, the venue's owner, Pogisho Mompoti, said a near-by clash between stone-throwing protestors and police led to chaos at the car wash and tear gas filling the air. "Protestors were running past the car



SHAKEN: Prince Kaybee

wash while Kaybee was performing. The police shot rubber bullets and tear gas in the air and were moving towards the venue. So there was chaos." **Times Live**

Shaka Sisulu wins defamation case against PR executive

JOHANNESBURG - Political activist and media entrepreneur Shaka Sisulu says he can now breathe a sigh of relief after he successfully sued PR businesswoman Sihle Bolani for R3-million.

The South Gauteng High Court ruled in favour of Sisulu and granted a default judgment in his favour. Bolani will also be liable for all costs.

Sisulu, the grandson of ANC stalwarts Walter and Albertina, had sued Bolani for R3-million over the ANC war room allegations that surfaced in 2016 ahead of the local government elections.

The R50-million war room allegations surfaced in January last year when



WINS: Shaka Sisulu.

Bolani sued the ANC for R2.2-million, which she alleges she was supposed to have been paid for her part in the election campaign. **Sowetan**

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Ngwebedla finally cracks as the truth is exposed. Thandeka leaves no stone unturned as her drive to finding her baby deepens. Sihle moves back to Emarondweni. S'khaleli and Ntandane are nervous as Detective Mocumi calls them in for questioning.



NERVOUS: S'khaleli.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Nina threatens to make trouble for Lincoln, should her name make it into his memoir. Rumours about SG installing new automated mining machinery has the miners on tenterhooks about their jobs. Seline sabotages Zandre's new client.



THREATENS: Nina.

Muvhango

TODAY

An angry Susan shuts down the Royal house. Hangwani washes her hands of Rendani. Vho-Mukondeleli tricks Vhangani into continuing with helping her. (She knows just what to say to get her way.)



ANGRY: Susan.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Suffo's uncle finally opens the way for a second wedding ceremony with Pule... and then Suffo realises who his newest customer is. Lerato is getting desperate.



REALISES: Suffo

PICTURE OF THE DAY



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

The work-play balance is all askew today, Cap, so forget about those perfectly choreographed plans. A dash between determined Mars and curvball-throwing Uranus makes it impossible for you—or anyone—to commit. And financial issues could take on a life of their own. If an unexpected bill or frighteningly low balance pops up, make that a priority. You may have to tighten your belt or talk to your partner about creating more parity in the relationship. If you've been picking up the check for anyone else, it's time for a declaration of independence.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Don't feel guilty if you need some time just for yourself, Aquarius. After all, how often do you do that? Under today's empowered stars, you won't worry what others think. With self-sovereign Mars in your sign aligned with rebellious Uranus, the one thing you're not in the mood for is sacrificing your precious time for other people—especially those with a track record of taking advantage of your generosity. And if a tiny bit of guilt wells up, remind yourself that you won't have anything to offer anyone until you've recharged your own batteries.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Raise your hand if you need a time-out. The floor recognizes Pisces! For all your hard work and dedication to the cause, you've more than earned your right to take some much-needed playtime. In fact, if you wait too much longer, you could dip below your limit, getting snippy with your nearest and dearest (and least deserving). The last thing your peace-loving sign wants to do is compromise your relationships. So take that breather—and consider it damage control!



Aries March 21 – April 19

Time to put your foot down, Aries—especially if your impulsive nature has led you into some debt-ridden waters. Today's no-nonsense square between assertive Mars in your community corner and transformative Uranus in your financial sector will force you to set some spending limits. Your "see it, need it" sign tends to spend until it hurts, but guess what? Even you have a threshold for discomfort. Starting now, save it to a Pinterest board and sleep on it for 24-hours (or longer) before reflexively hitting that "buy now" button.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Dial it down, Taurus! While stepping into a position of power doesn't normally intimidate you, you don't want to OVER-step any boundaries—especially ones you can't see. Furthermore, today's tangled angle between impulsive Mars and rebellious Uranus in your sign could lead you to resent all the responsibility that comes with being the boss. You need to manage your team members with tact so they don't wind up resenting YOU. If you don't have the right cohorts, have a serious talk with them—or find more appropriate ones.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Of course you want to take care of your work and duties, but be on guard for someone trying to manipulate you into doing their bidding. A tricky angle between firebrand Mars and disruptive Uranus in your unconscious zone could reveal the shady deeds of the someone you thought was on your team. The worst part is that you might not even realize what's going on until you've already been sucked in. The second you do notice this, stop and confront them. They will be disappointed to lose your sup-



port, but it's your job to set realistic limits.

Cancer June 22 – July 22

There's no need for a loyalty test to prove your devotion to a friend (or lover); yet today someone could throw a curvball your way and try to make you do just that. A clash between feisty Mars and disruptive Uranus could scramble signals with this person—and there's no way you're going to allay their doubts. Here's the real thing: It's not your problem. You know you'd never leave one of your good friends out to dry, but if someone is causing needless drama, do the BOTH of you a favor and stay out of it!



Leo July 23 – August 22

Just when you thought you were off the hook at work, an "urgent assignment" could drop into your lap. So much for uninterrupted playtime. You can blame it on today's clash of unpredictable Uranus in your career corner and passionate Mars in your partnership zone; but YOU still have to deal with this! Of course you're not going to drop the ball or leave anyone in the lurch—but if you take on more than your fair share, you're sending the message that this is okay by you.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

You'd rather "zoom out" on the big picture in search of grand creative solutions and let others execute the plan. Alas, today's tough-to-reconcile mashup of ambitious Mars in your systematic sixth house and free-thinking Uranus may force you to narrow your focus. Since you can't simply disappear to that cabin in the woods, plan to hunker down and map out a realistic plan to get from where you are now to where you want to be.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Don't be too quick to dismiss someone because of their outer packaging, Libra. While one's personal style reveals a lot about them, not everyone is blessed with your sartorial savvy. Today's clash of opinionated Mars and rebellious Uranus in your romantic houses makes it hard to lower your standards, but that's the best thing you can do. Why are you so concerned with other people's appearances anyway? If a prospective romantic interest could use a little tailoring (or a make-under!), you might offer to take them on a shopping mission; or, dig deeper to find out what really lies beneath.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

TMI alert! Safeguard your personal intel today, as a slippery sync-up between impulsive Mars and disruptive Uranus could loosen your lips. It's one thing to share confidences with your inner circle and quite another to pour your heart out to someone you barely know. Even if that person bares their soul to you, resist doing the same. You don't want to be paranoid, but until you've established a baseline of trust, keep your cards close to your vest. There will be plenty of time for heart-felt shares once you get to know them.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Hello, Psychic Hotline? You're especially tuned in, Sagittarius, thanks to today's metaphysical mashup of powerful Mars and innovative Uranus. You could be pulling in information that other people have barely acknowledged to themselves. This is your secret weapon for the day, so keep it to yourself and act on it when it can help you—and not hurt others. It's a gift, Sagittarius, and you need to treat it with the respect it deserves. Of course, if you sense someone is pulling your chain, it's fair game to call them on it.



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DENIED

A lady helps her husband install a new computer. Once it is completed, she tells him to select a password, selecting a word that he'll always remember. As the computer asks him to enter it, he looks at his wife and with a macho gesture and a wink

in his eye, he types: my penis. As he hits 'enter', to validate the selection, his wife collapses with laughter and rolls on the floor in hysteria!! The computer had replied: TOO SHORT- ACCESS DENIED!

USELESS FACTS

- The giant squid has the largest eyes than any other creature.
- The greyhound has the best eyesight of all breeds of dogs.
- The heaviest dog on record was a St. Bernard that weighed 310 pounds.
- The word "Checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat," which means "the king is dead."
- The first owner of the Marlboro company died of lung cancer.

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brainteasers

1. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?

Answer: River

2. What can fill a room but takes up no space?

Answer: Light.

Today's brainteasers

1. It is weightless, you can see it, and if you put it in a barrel it will make the barrel lighter?
2. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?



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NEWS



CHANGE OF POWER ON LOCKDOWN

A new male section has been added to the prison, governor Deborah Banda is out of a job and in comes Lindiwe Cebukhulu complete with the most ruthless social task force team you've ever witnessed.

Now, MaZet is no longer the boss-lady of the prison. Maki Magwaza is calling the shots!

In season two, Maki Magwaza really sent a chill up everybody's spines. She was quick to attack, ruthless and focused in her mission to take down MaZet and get her revenge on Deborah Banda.

However, Banda proved to be a difficult opponent for Magwaza and she lost an eye and her fear she instilled in people in the process.

At the start of the season, Maki Magwaza had fallen from ruthless grace and MaZet was rightfully in the seat of power.

But Magwaza is not that easy to get rid of. With a few cigarettes, she had MaZet addicted to drugs and falling asleep at work.

Next, the kitchen takeover! With

...The fall of MaZet and the rise of Maki Magwaza!



Maki Magwaza in cooking in the kitchen she is the drug kingpin and will rule the prison with an iron fist.

Out MaZet and in Maki Magwaza! Whose side are you on?

Stay tuned to #LockdownMzansi for more turf wars, drama and action!

You thought you'd seen it all, enter a father who openly belittles

his children in preference of another and a mother who moonlights as a witch to get control of the family's wealth! Pheew! Issa lot fam, but you're here for it!

The Queen's Sandra is headed to The River

YOU saw her represent The Queen's Harriet during her drug and murder case, and now, Sandra Stein will be making an appearance on The River.

Although details about who she'll be representing are yet to be revealed, you will remember that Sandra fought tooth and nail for Harriet's innocence after she was accused of killing Jerry Maake.

She ripped and shredded each witness who took to the witness stand, leaving them flabbergasted and at a loss for words:

A case in point is Vuyiswa's testimony; she dug up Vuyiswa's past and aired her dirty laundry, much to every attendees' surprise. And proceeded to destroy Boi on the witness stand as she held her drinking problem against her. She had a field day with Kwanele as she accused him of using his and Kea's relationship to target Harriet.

In the end, Sandra lost the case, she fought a good battle.

What Sandra's arrival will mean for The River remains to be seen. But we're excited and scared for the person who will receive her wrath. Don't miss her debut this week on The River, Thursday at 20:00, exclusive to iMagic, DSTV channel 103! Join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using #TheRiverIMagic!

THE GOOD DOCTOR IS IN THE BUILDING

DR Rebecca Malope wraps up the fourth and final Idols auditions in Johannesburg.

There are few honours as great as having the quintessential queen of song, the honourable Dr Rebecca Malope, as a guest judge for the final leg of the Idols Season 14 auditions. Widely respected and largely regarded as one of the greatest of her time, Dr Malope will be alongside judges Randall, Unathi and Somizi to see if she can assist them in unearthing the next diamond in the rough.

With over three decades in the industry and 21 awards to her name, it won't be easy impressing the legend. Thankfully though, we had a little sneak peek into what Mam' Rebs could be after in the city of gold.

First and foremost, talent is the thing that will make her sit up and take notice. Simply mastering the basics, displaying control and technique are key steps towards wowing the stalwart and securing that coveted YES!

When you have well over a century of songs to your name, there comes a point when you've heard it all before. So it should come as no surprise that



WRAPS UP: DR Rebecca Malope.

Doc will be on the lookout for something fresh, new and untapped in the talent.

An interesting tone or creative scales will go a long way in winning her over.

You know you've blown our guest judge away when she hollers her trademark "Hallelujah!". But it'll take more than just a good voice to pull that one out of her.

The Hallelujah Factor will probably be the hardest trick to pull out the bag as it's made of equal parts talent and magic.

Yet if the contestants can dig deep and lay their all out on the stage, there's no question that having Rebecca Malope in their corner will make their path to the Theatre Week smoother sailing! So even though it's Dr Malope's first time on Idols, it certainly isn't her first time at the rodeo.

The yeses won't come quick but with the right strategy and following the simply sets, a golden ticket could very well be in arms reach.

Join us this Sunday as we see who can leave their nerves at the door and make Johannesburg proud. Don't miss Idols at 17:30 on Mzansi Magic DSTV Ch161. Get exclusive updates as all the action unfolds by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Love tips: How to avoid being like Sne and Tiro on Isithembiso

SNE and Tiro have been through it all and just when things were looking up for them, things fell apart!

You should be with the person you love and because we want you to be #RelationshipGoals, here are tips on how to not end up like Sne and Tiro:

Handle your own love back

When the Tironiser was ready to proclaim his undying love to Sne, he should have told her himself. Sending a middle man is never the clever option! He should have put an end to the cat and mouse game by asking her out...face to face. Ain't no time to be scared when you believe the other person is a soul mate.

Don't play broken telephone

If you have to use a wingman - make sure they make it very clear that they are not up for grabs. Tiro failed to stress how important clarity was. This broken telephone meant that that Jameson sent the wrong signal to Sne - and she thought the white chocolate was after her!

Never rebound in close proximity

If Sne really wanted to rebound and try something new, she didn't have to rebound ex bae's coworker! She should have gone for some-

body that Tiro did not know! This is dangerous and signals to the love of your life that you are officially off the market! This means you are telling them to move on and that's exactly what Tiro did.

Never listen to your friends

What do your friends know about your love? Nothing! This all started because Candy convinced her that starting something with Jameson wouldn't be as bad. She convinced her friend to try something different when she knew that her friend was in love with someone else! After that talk, Sne made the killer move on Jameson. Okay maybe labelling Musa Ma psycho is a bit harsh but we only foresee problems for Tiro. His new hot babe is super jealous and doesn't want him to talk to his colleague, and ex bae, not realistic at all! But something tells us things are about to get really intense in his new relationship. We hope you take our advice and flourish! Tune in to Isithembiso weekdays at 7:30pm to see how things go down between these two star crossed lovers!



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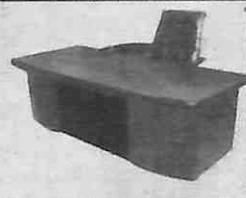
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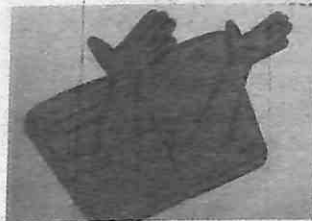
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15. DEATHS

Sihlangu Dlamini



Funeral: 04/08/2018
Vigil: 03/08/2018
Place: kaShoba

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Sihlangu Dlamini lolalwa ngu Julius Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Usishiye ngangoti ye moti utobekwa ekhaya kubo ka shoba stek..kulidzwa nga leshlanu abekwe nge mgcibelo..smemetelo khishwa ngbabe wakhe Julius Dlamini egameni lemndeni lofuna kuva kabanti shaya 76418887

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Julia Kholekile Ndzimandze nee Mdluli



Funeral: 05/08/2018
Memorial: 04/08/2018
Place: eMkhulamini

Kwatiswa tihlobo, bangani nebandla le church of God of Prophecy eMkhulamini kutsi Julia Kholekile Ndzimandze nee Mdluli lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu gogo Ndzimandze kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Usishiye emhlabeni mhlaka 28 July 2018. I Memorial ingemgibelo nga 1:30pm eMkhulamini Church of God of Prophecy. Umngcwabo ungelontfo mhlaka 05 August 2018 ekuseni nga 5:30am ekhaya lakhe eMkhulamini. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantfwabakhe.

Khetseto Sihlangu Kunene



Funeral: 05/08/2018
Vigil: 04/08/2018
Place: eMbuluzi

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baKhetseto Sihlangu Kunene kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Inkonzoyekumkhumbula ingalesihlanu nga 2pm eZakhele FEA kaManzini bese ufihlwa ngelontfo ekuseni ekhaya kubo eMbuluzi eMahebedla emva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe Dennis Jabulani Kunene egameni lemndeni.

John Nkwaleni Mlisi



Funeral: 04/08/2018
Vigil: 03/08/2018
Place: eSikhunyane

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baJohn Nkwaleni Mlisi kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kutawuba nenkonzo yesikhumbuto eRoman Catholic Church nga 13:00. Ufihlwa ngemgibelo ekuseni mhlaka 04 August 2018 emva kwemlindzelo mhlaka 03 August 2018 ekhaya lakhe eSikhunyane Township (Moray Camp). Utawubekwa endzaweni yakhe yekugcina eNgwane Park Cemetery. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Mlisi.

Minah fakudze LaSimelane



Funeral: 04/08/2018
Vigil: 03/08/2018
Place: Macetjeni

Friends and relatives of Minah fakudze LaSimelane are notified of her demise. Funeral on Saturday after a night vigil on Friday at her home in Macetjeni, Gilgal. Announcement by her husband Solomon fakudze.

Gugu P Zulu ula Shongwe



Funeral: 04/08/2018
Vigil: 03/08/2018
Place: eSibuyeni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Gugu P Zulu ula Shongwe kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Zulu ekhakhakhe, baka Shongwe ekhaya kubo, baka Mtsetfwa kuMaliyaduma ekhabonina, baka Masilela kanye nelibandla lakhe I FEA Mbabane. Kutawuba ne Memorial Service ngalesihlanu mhlaka 03 August 2018 e FEA eNkwaleni Zone 4 nga 1300hrs. Ufihlwa ngemgibelo mhlaka 04 August 2018 ekhakhakhe kaZulu eSibuyeni emva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Pius Majahodwa Tsabedze



Funeral: 05/08/2018
Vigil: 04/08/2018
Place: eGebeni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebantfwana ba Pius Majahodwa Tsabedze kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa basekhakhakhe baka Fakudze kaHhohho eMsahweni naka Dlamini eZibondeni nalabekasebenta nabo emasotjeni eMalkems. Utawufihlwa Egebeni ngelontfo mhlaka 05 August 2018 emva kwemlindzelo lotawuba ngemgibelo mhlaka 04 August 2018. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumkakhe egameni lemndeni.

Thulani Percy Thwala



Funeral: 04/08/2018
Memorial: 03/08/2018
Place: Fair View North

Relatives and friends of Thulani Percy Thwala are notified of his sudden death. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 04 August 2018 at Ngwane Park Cemetery. A memorial service will be held on Friday 03 August 2018 at metropolitan Evangelical Church starting at 1300hrs. There will be no night vigil. Funeral service starts at 05:30am at his home in Fairview North. Announcement by family.

Sicelo Dlamini



Funeral: 04/08/2018
Vigil: 03/08/2018
Place: eKudzeni

Kwatiswa tihlobo, umndeni nebasekhakhakhe baka Hlawe kutsi Sicelo Dlamini lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngababe Samuel kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa eKudzeni ekhaya kubo ngemgibelo mhlaka 04 August 2018 emva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe.

James Boso Dlamini



Funeral: 04/08/2018
Vigil: 03/08/2018
Place: kaLomshiyo

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba James Boso Dlamini lobekasebenta eCorrectional Services kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa basekhakhakhe ka Masangu nebaka Hleta, bantfwabankhosi baka Ndialudzaka kanye nalebekahlehla nabo eNyatsini yaseNtonjeni nelibandla lakhe le A.M.E kahhohho. Utawufihlwa ngemgibelo mhlaka 4 August 2018 emva kwemlindzelo ekhaya kakhe kaLomshiyo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu mduduzi indvodzana yakhe egameni lemndeni.

Phineas Bhoni Dlamini



Funeral: 04/08/2018
Vigil: 03/08/2018
Place: eSigwe

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Phineas Bhoni Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa mhlaka 04 August 2018 ekhaya kubo eSigwe emva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni wakhe.

Melusi Winsten Matsebula



Funeral: 05/08/2018
Vigil: 04/08/2018
Place: Ngudzeni

Kwatiswa tihlobo, umndeni nebangani ba Melusi Winsten Matsebula lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu Lungsta kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngelontfo mhlaka 05 August 2018 emva kwemlindzelo lotabe use Ngudzeni (Emawanti), sisheshi kuka Mavimbela. I memorial service isekhaya emahlabatsini kubo ngemgibelo nga 12:00noon. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumkakhe Temalangi Matsebula egameni lemndeni.



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Coshiwe Magagula laNkhosi



Funeral: 05/08/2018
Vigil: 04/08/2018
Place: eMbelebeleni

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Mduduzi Madolo



Funeral: 05/08/2018
Vigil: 04/08/2018
Place: kaShewula

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Mduduzi Madolo kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe kaShewula eTincumatsini ngelontfo mhlaka 4 August 2018 emva kwemlindzelo. Kwatiswa umengameli Jonah dlamini eNkambeni weKhariyokusha Church in Zion. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

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MANCHESTER - MANCHESTER UNITED want to **SELL Anthony Martial** before next week's transfer deadline and are set to slap the French forward with a £180 000 fine.

Martial is in hot water with Jose Mourinho after not jetting back to the club's pre-season tour following the birth of his second child.

His son was born a week ago but

the striker hasn't been seen on the training ground since.

And United are preparing to punish the player with a two-week fine - which totals almost £200 000.

Starsport understand Mourinho has now decided to cash-in on Martial after deciding he's not mentally strong enough to play for him.

The Manchester giants have slapped a £70m asking price on his head,

and want Inter Milan star Ivan Perisic on board as his replacement.

Perisic was a top target for Mourinho 12 months ago and after his impressive World Cup showing for finalists Croatia, he's now set to go in for him again.

United are in a race against time to get a deal done though.

The transfer window for incoming signings closes at 5pm on August

9. They can continue to sell players beyond that date to clubs on the continent though.

United ended their pre-season tour of the USA with a victory over Real Madrid in the early hours of this morning.

Alexis Sanchez and Ander Herrera were both on target, with Karim Benzema scoring for the European Champions.

"I didn't learn anything," said Mourinho. "I know what Ander Herrera, Juan Mata and Alexis Sanchez are, I know they are very young and need time to grow up. "I know that my players gave everything and in the last 15 minutes we were dead and they bring on Marco Asensio and Isco, and I thought we wouldn't resist it.

"But the boys tried everything, gave everything and we always have to try to fight for the best result.

"We tried, with the players we had available, to organise the best possible team to defend against them. We were just trying to survive and have the best possible results. "But, as I was saying to the players, some of my players will be in an amazing condition. Imagine Alexis Sanchez fresh, the way the man is running after playing four matches, 90 minutes.

Daily Star

Everton sign Digne from Barcelona

LONDON - France defender Lucas Digne says he is excited by the challenge of playing in the Premier League after he signed for Everton for a reported £19 million from Barcelona yesterday.

The 25-year-old left-back, capped 21 times and who was on standby for the World Cup squad, signed a five-year deal with the club, which outlayed £40 million on Brazilian forward Richarlison from Watford last week.

Digne, who failed to gain a regular first team place at Barcelona after moving from Paris Saint-Germain following an impressive loan period at AS Roma, will likely replace veteran Leighton Baines as the first choice left-back.

"I am not afraid, I am excited," he told Evertontv.

"For me, it is a new challenge to discover a country, a league, people and a great club such as Everton. It is fabulous." Digne, who amongst several winners medals has accrued two French league titles with PSG including a clean sweep of the domestic trophies in the 2014/15 campaign and the 2017/18 domestic double with Barcelona, said he brought to Everton the experience of playing with some of the best players in the world. "I played good football in Rome and I played well, too, in Barcelona," said Digne, who was a member of the France squad that won the World Under-20 title in 2013. "I progressed a lot as a player and as a person by playing with the best players in the world. *AFP*

SPURS TO RELEASE SON FOR FULL ASIAN GAMES

LONDON - Son Heung-min will miss South Korea's first two matches at the Asian Cup in January under a compromise agreed with Tottenham Hotspur to release him for this month's Asian Games, the Korea Football Association (KFA) said yesterday.

The South Korean striker will fly to Indonesia for the Asian Games - where a gold medal is likely to win him exemption from military service - after Spurs' Premier League season opener against Newcastle United on August 11, a KFA spokesman said.

Spurs had initially sought to keep Son back until August 18, when they have a Premier League match against Fulham.

That would have effectively kept the 26-year-old out of the group stage for Asia's mini-Olympics, where the football tournament runs from August 14 to September 2.

But Spurs later relented, striking a deal that rules Son out of South Korea's Asian Cup games on January 7 and 11 against the Philippines and Kyrgyzstan, as well as an international friendly in November.

There are precedents for footballers being granted exemptions from South Korea's 21-month military service, as happened in 2002, when the national team reached the World Cup semifinals, and in 2014, when they won gold at the Asian Games in Incheon.

However, Son missed South Korea's

triumph in 2014 when his former club, Bayer Leverkusen, refused to release him.

Son, who is on Spurs' pre-season tour of the United States, said he felt "sorry to be leaving my teammates" for the Asian Games at the start of the Premier League season.

"I am playing for my country and that's also important, but honestly I feel very sorry about that," he was quoted as saying by the Daily Mail.

Asian Games gold and a military service exemption would be a consolation for Son, who broke down in tears when South Korea were eliminated at the World Cup group stage despite stunning Germany 2-0 in their final game. *AFP*



FREE MAN:
Son Heung-min.

Managers to receive yellow, red cards for bad behaviour

LONDON - Managers and coaches will be issued with red and yellow cards for misconduct, according to new EFL rules brought in this season.

Chief Executive Shaun Harvey said the new initiative, which will apply to the English Football League, the EFL Cup, trophy and FA Cup, is intended to improve touchline behaviour.

Managers will be issued a yellow card for dissent, with a second card leading to a red

card. Straight reds may be awarded in the case of serious abuse towards match officials, rival coaches and players. Cards will also be issued for actions including kicking or throwing water bottles, sarcastic clapping and the waving of imaginary cards.

Bookings will accumulate and lead to staggered suspensions. Four yellow cards will result in a one-match ban, 12 will mean a three-match ban, while 16 will bring about a misconduct charge. Previously, match officials only had the power to warn offi-

cials before sending them to the stands for more serious incidents.

"This isn't about creating drama - this is about creating clarity, so everybody inside the stadium knows what is happening," said Harvey.

"You will be seeing it in the EFL as a first and it will be an interesting experience to see how it works."

The Premier League will not be involved in the scheme. Managers will continue to receive verbal warnings for any misbehaviour.

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Zidane 'top of Man United's managerial wishlist'

MANCHESTER - Manchester United have put Zinedine Zidane 'at the top of their managerial wishlist' should Jose Mourinho leave the club in the coming months.

Zidane ended his time at Real Madrid days after securing a third straight Champions League triumph, and is currently out of work heading into the new season.

As revealed by Sportsmail this week, Mourinho's

black mood is bringing down his players and unsettling staff on a troubled tour of the US - and he has moved into the bookies' favourite to be the first Premier League manager to leave his position.

According to a report in The Sun, should Mourinho leave, United want to bring in Zidane to replace him - and he wouldn't cost them a penny in compensation.

The fact he is currently out of work is a huge boost for the Old Trafford hierarchy, who would be able to skip club negotiations and go straight to the Frenchman. Mourinho has raised fears that he will not see out his contract at United following a disastrous pre-season tour, in which he has produced a number of astonishing outbursts. *Daily Mail*



MOST WANTED:
Zinedine Zidane.

BRIEFS

Motaung confirms Mabedi's role at Chiefs

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs football Manager Bobby Motaung says that Patrick Mabedi will resume his role as assistant coach to Giovanni Solinas. Solinas was granted his work permit on Tuesday and the Italian is now eligible to take charge as head coach for Amakhosi's first Premiership match against Mamelodi Sundowns on Saturday. In addition, Motaung added that Mabedi would continue to be in control of the MultiChoice Diski Challenge side for 2018/19. Last season the retired defender led the MDC outfit as they won the inaugural Diski Shield competition. **Kickoff**

Masehe uneasy at Luc Eymael to Chiefs

JOHANNESBURG - Free State Stars captain Paulus Masehe admits he was uneasy with the prospect of losing coach Luc Eymael to Kaizer Chiefs, but stresses that "no one is bigger than the club". Eymael had initially been touted amongst the candidates to take over the head coaching position at Amakhosi, following the departure of Steve Komphela last season. The Belgian tactician had initially been open to the switch as he gave the Soweto giants a deadline in May, but this reportedly deterred the club from pursuing his services. **Kickoff**

Chiefs' Solinas to keep Ekstein in his plans?

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs are believed to be keen on holding onto the services of one of their midfielders, despite the player recently been linked with an exit. It has been reported in the past that Hendrick 'Pule' Ekstein could be amongst the players who are set to exit Naturena, however, Siya sources have indicated that the player's circumstances may have changed. Ekstein will see his contract with Chiefs come to an end on June 30 of 2019 and according to sources close to the club, Chiefs are looking to hold on to the 27-year-old's services until the end of his deal. **Soccer Laduma**

Kutumela relieved to be training again

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates forward Thabiso Kutumela admits he has taken comfort from training with the rest of the squad again after his long injury lay-off. The 25-year-old had been sidelined since February after suffering a fractured ankle during a training session and had to undergo surgery. Kutumela was a regular feature in Milutin Sredojevic's side before the injury brought an untimely end to his season, having scored two goals in 16 Premiership appearances. **Sport24**

PIRATES ENLIST FINISHING EXPERT TO SOLVE GOALSCORING WOES

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates will be hoping for an increased goal return after confirming the arrival of Stephane Adam as a striking coach.

Adam last worked at French side Lille, and also spent time during his own playing career in his country of birth and in Scotland.

"Orlando Pirates Football Club is delighted to welcome yet another member to the technical team. Stephane Adam has been appointed to the Orlando Pirates first team where he will serve as a Specialist Coach for Finishing," the club confirmed yesterday.

"Adam is a former player himself with a career spanning over 14 years where he played for

clubs such as Lille and FC Metz in France before joining Scottish club, Hearts where made over 140 appearances for the club. The French-born coach joins the Buccaneers from French outfit, Lille."

The Buccaneers begin their 2018/19 league campaign against Highlands Park at the Orlando Stadium on Saturday evening. **Sport24**

Sea Robbers want 2nd star - Khuzwayo

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates goalkeeper Brilliant Khuzwayo says the club are hungry to win the CAF Champions League for just the second time since their maiden title in 1995.

Khuzwayo, who left Kaizer Chiefs to join the Sea Robbers ahead of the 2018/19 campaign, takes the view that the squad that has been assembled is ready to compete in all competitions.

Bucs last competed in Africa's most prestigious club competition in 2013 where they advanced to the final but lost out to Egyptian giants Al Ahly.

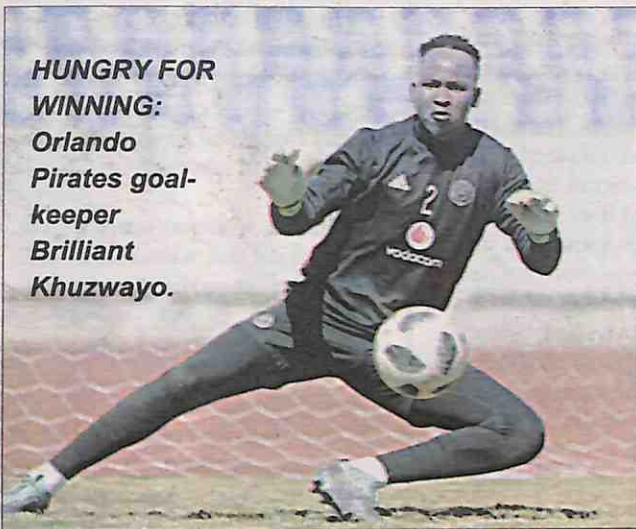
Speaking to Kickoff, the 28-year-old said: "I think this is the perfect time for me to be in this team. It's a big institution."

"We want to conquer Africa, we want to get the second star. That is the priority."

"We also want to win the league."

HUNGRY FOR WINNING:

Orlando Pirates goalkeeper Brilliant Khuzwayo.



I believe with the quality players we have we have that chance.

"I am excited for the new challenges."

I am here to learn and I believe it is the right time."

The Bafana Bafana interna-

tional added of the side's recent pre-season tour to Zambia: "I am familiar with travelling to Africa. It was more of a learning curve for players who have never been to Africa."

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KOMPHELA SIGNS 8 NEW PLAYERS FOR CELTIC

JOHANNESBURG - Bloemfontein Celtic have announced the arrival of eight new players to bolster Steve Komphela's squad ahead of the ABSA Premiership season.

Komphela returned to his home province this month to take charge of Siwelele, having previously Managed Free State Stars during two separate spells earlier in his career.

Veselin Jelusic resigned as coach shortly after the end of the 2017/18 campaign amid uncertainty over the club's future. The Serbian guided Celtic to the Telkom Knockout final and finished just one point outside the top-eight in 11 -place. **Sport24**



Former Pirates star signs for Urban Warriors

JOHANNESBURG - Former Orlando Pirates defensive midfielder Issa Sarr has reportedly signed a two-year deal to play for Ajax Cape Town in the National First Division in 2018/19.

Sarr, who spent four seasons with the Sea Robbers and made 83 Premiership appearances, was recently released by his former employers and was a free agent.

Nonetheless, Kickoff report that he has since been snapped up by Ajax with the Urban Warriors set to compete in South Africa's second tier following relegation.

According to the publication, the 31-year-old has already put pen to paper and is available to coach Muhsin Ertugral for the upcoming campaign. A source told the site: "Sarr is joining the Urban Warriors after recently parting ways with the Buccaneers."

"Competition for places in the middle of the park was tough and Sarr was seeing little game-time." "There was an offer for Sarr in Qatar, but he opted to stay in South Africa because of some other reasons. He has signed a two-year deal with Ajax."

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STRANDED: Caster Semenya and Luvo Manyonga.

Semenya, Manyonga left stranded at Nigeria airport

LAGOS - The start of the African track and field championships in Nigeria was delayed yesterday after hundreds of athletes were left stranded at an airport, some for three days as they were left to sleep on the floor waiting for a connecting flight to the host city.

The Confederation of African Athletics said only a small number of events scheduled for the first day of competition in Asaba in Nigeria's southern Delta state would go ahead - and they would be moved back from the morning to the afternoon.

The majority of the events scheduled for Day 1 will take place later in the week after the chaos at Lagos' international airport. The CAA said there had been 'organising problems' as angry and exhausted ath-

letes and team officials were stuck in Lagos amid flight cancellations and long delays. Some were still there yesterday.

Pictures posted on social media showed Africa's top athletes sleeping on the airport floor surrounded by their luggage. Some used suitcases for pillows as they slept next to airline check-in desks. Members of the Kenyan team spent 48 hours at the airport and threatened to quit the championships and go home before they all finally arrived in Asaba yesterday.

"It's not being rude ... it's being real. Nigeria is a poor, poor country," Nicholas Bett, Kenya's 400m hurdles world champion in 2015, wrote on his official Facebook page.

AP

WILLIAMS SUFFERS STUNNING FIRST-ROUND EXIT IN SAN JOSE

LOS ANGELES - Serena Williams was sent crashing out of the WTA San Jose tournament on Tuesday, losing 12 straight games in a shocking first-round defeat to unseeded Johanna Konta.

Williams, who was playing her first match since dropping the Wimbledon final, is trying to regain her top form after missing most of the 2017 season due to a pregnancy.

But the 23-time Grand Slam winner struggled mightily against the British No. 1 and former winner Konta, who crushed Williams 6-1, 6-0 in just 51 minutes on the main Stadium.

"She obviously wasn't playing her best level - nowhere near - so I tried to play the match on my terms and just do what I can out here," Konta said.

Williams, who was seeded sixth, managed just nine winners against 25 unforced errors and had her serve broken six times.

She looked nothing like the player that dominated the Tour for years, winning 72 singles titles.

Both women were playing their first match since Wimbledon, where Williams finished runner-up to Angelique Kerber and Konta lost in the second round to eventual quarter-finalist Dominika Cibulkova. The loss comes just over a month after Williams complained

CRASHED OUT: Serena Williams.



that she is being discriminated against by the sport's drug testers because of the number of samples she is being asked to provide.

"Out of all the players it's been proven I'm the one getting tested the most. Discrimination? I think so," Williams wrote in a tweet. Konta won her maiden WTA title at this event in 2016 when it was held in Stanford University, defeating Serena's older sister Venus in the final.

Konta next faces Sofia Kenin, who earned a dominating win over qualifier Veronica Cepede Royg on Monday.

Konta played a superb match with 17 winners, nine unforced errors and

won 83 per cent of her first serve points. This was one of the biggest wins of her career but Konta said she won't be celebrating too long because there is more work to be done.

"I don't believe in big bang moments, or magic moments where the fingers click and it all comes together," she said. "I believe in continuous hard work and every day perseverance, putting in the work and trusting the process."

"All this match has given me is the chance to play another one. I'm grateful for that opportunity and will work hard for another one."

AFP

Harit sentenced to a four-month suspended prison sentence

BERLIN - Morocco Amine Harit has been sentenced to a four-month suspended sentence after being involved in a fatal car crash.

News surfacing in local Moroccan media revealed the sentence after the Schalke midfielder fatally injured a pedestrian in an accident in Marrakech after the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

As well as probation, the

21-year-old will also have to pay a fine of the equivalent of €780 (R12,058).

Pending

Harit was initially released by police pending an investigation, although his passport was seized, and he was only allowed to return to Germany on July 6. According to Spiegel Online, the former Nantes player could face involuntary homicide charges.

Spiegel Online



Kenya's Mweresa fails dope test ahead of African showpiece

NAIROBI - Kenyan sprinter Boniface Mweresa has failed a doping test and been dropped from the team for the African Championships which started in Asaba, Nigeria yesterday, a senior official from the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK) has told Reuters.

Samples from Mweresa, who won silver in the 400m and gold in the 4x400m at the 2015 African Games in Brazzaville, were taken at the June 6-8 Kenya Defence Forces Championships in Nairobi and contained a banned substance, the official said on Tuesday.

The Kenyan delegation travelled to Asaba on Monday without Mweresa, who was a member of the team at the 2013 and 2017 World Championships in Moscow and London respectively and at the 2014 and 2018 Commonwealth

Games in Glasgow and the Gold Coast.

Mweresa, 24, could not immediately be reached for comment by Reuters but the athlete told local media he was innocent and had taken supplements which he had declared to ADAK.

"Declaring that he took supplements does not make him innocent if we find banned substances in his samples," the ADAK official, who did not wish to be identified, told Reuters.

Mweresa, who would have been a medal prospect at the African Championships in the Delta State city of Asaba, told local media he would challenge the decision at the Kenyan Sports Tribunal.

Senior officials from the country's governing body, Athletics Kenya, have travelled to Asaba for the African Championships and could not be reached

for comment. Kenya is renowned for its middle and long distance running prowess but the east African nation's athletes have suffered more than 50 failed doping tests in the past six years.

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU), an independent global body that manages all doping-related matters, said this month that Kenyan-born Olympic steeplechase champion and world record holder Ruth Jebet, who runs for Bahrain, is being investigated after returning a positive test for the blood booster EPO.

The AIU also confirmed in May that Kenya's former Olympic and three-time world 1,500m champion, Asbel Kiprop, had failed a test for EPO. Kiprop has denied wrongdoing and his case will be heard at an AIU tribunal being held in London next month.

Reuters

Barkley raring to go after nightmare Chelsea season

LONDON - Chelsea midfielder Ross Barkley is raring to go in the new Premier League campaign after working hard to overcome his injury problems in the off-season.

The 24-year-old signed for the Blues from Everton in January but made only two Premier League appearances under former Chelsea boss Antonio Conte.

Barkley had to undergo surgery on a torn hamstring last year and subsequently struggled with a series of problems that hampered his progress, but he says he is finally back to full fitness and ready for the new season. "I arrived here with a long-term injury," he told the media. "I didn't play many games

because of that and a few niggles, little grade ones (muscle tears) from recovering and getting used to working hard. But I didn't see it as a waste of time because, from the time that I joined in January, I have got my body feeling better than ever before."

"I have done everything I could perfectly. I felt strong towards the end of the season and then, in the off-season, worked hard with the strength and conditioning coach. I got myself really fit just to give myself a head start. I am really prepared and I feel at home with the team now."

"The new manager obviously has a different style to our previous manager, he said" Sport24



EAGER: Midfielder Ross Barkley.



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SIYASHUKUMA. Let us not allow the chilly weather nowadays to keep us in bed. It is often said that summer bodies are made in winter. Do the right thing and shake that body.

A morning jog/walk or even a stroll will keep the doctor away. A workout session of at least 30 minutes a day will go a long way in ensuring that we live longer and above all healthier.

Our National Women Sports Day, which we have been talking about in the past two weeks or so, is gaining momentum with each passing day.

As stated in the previous articles, this day is open to all and sundry. It is not intended just for our women, no but everyone is welcome to attend. Remember, the special event is slated for September 8 at the Prince of Wales.

Corporate entities are actually most welcome to attend and we are happy to announce that a number of them have already confirmed that they will be participating. Already, Real Image and Auto Zone based in Matsapha have led the way by registering their teams.

This column did mention last week that registration to this special event is unique.

..Real Image, AutoZone lead the way as only 40 packets of sanitary pads per seven people enables participation on September 8



LEADING THE WAY: Real Image Marketing Officer Sisekelo Dlamini hands over the donation of sanitary pads to SNSRC Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane on Tuesday at Real Image Offices. (Courtesy pic)

cial event is unique.

We expect a number of corporate and private entities to join the likes of Real Image and Auto Zone, who have led the way in this noble initiative.

This column also did mention that proceeds from this event will be handed over to 'Helping Hand Charity Foundation'.

From the feedback we receive,

many were not aware that only 40 packets of sanitary pads per seven people will enable corporates to register teams for the different sporting codes on offer namely; ladies seven aside football, volleyball, netball and basketball.

Of course, it will be the 'Girl Child' that will benefit from the proceeds in the form of these sanitary pads. In other words, registration to be part of this special day is absolutely free of charge.

For individual persons, both ladies and gentlemen, especially that might be interested in trying their luck in the first event of the day; a 21km fun run, only five packets of sanitary pads per person will be required.

Remember: the theme: Expanding Opportunities for women participation in sport.



Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Chief Executive Officer CEO Darius Dlomo

NOMINATED:
Zama Tsabedze.



Netball closing: not to be missed

THIS coming Saturday, will be a very big and special day for the netball fraternity in the land, as the curtains will finally fall on the E100 000 Swaziland Building Society Netball League.

The games and closing ceremony will be staged at the Mavuso Sports Centre starting at 9am. It is an event not to be missed surely, especially because the champions and third placed finishers will be decided on the

day.

The National Netball Association of Swaziland has already disclosed that the programme will kick off with mouth-watering games, which will include the decisive clash in the men's netball league.

Minister of Sport, Culture and Youth Affairs, David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala is expected to grace the function. It will surely be the biggest day in the netball calendar.

VOLLEYBALL REFEREES COURSE IN ESWATINI

IN what will surely sound like sweet melody to the ears of volleyball fanatics, the Swaziland National Volleyball Association (SNVA) will host a national referees' course next month.

It will run from August 21 to August 24.

This, worth noting is in the framework of the implementation of the CAVB Strategic Plan, which

is to develop, spread and activate the Volleyball and Beach Volleyball all over Africa.

The CAVB has instructed well known volleyball instructor Waleed Mohamed Abdelsamad Kabel, of Egypt and a resident in Qatar to facilitate the course. The SNSRC hopes the volleyball family in the kingdom will make use of this great opportunity.

PROGRAMME

09:00hrs – 0930hrs Enjabulweni Primary Under-14 vs Zakhele ACC Under-14
0930hrs – 11hrs Olympafrica vs Manzini Ladies
1100hrs- 12.30hrs Correctional Men vs Rep Men
1230hrs – 1400hrs Mbabane raisers vs UEDF
14 00hrs – 1530hrs REP vs Correctional

SPEECHES

15:30 hrs – 1540hrs NNAS President
15:40hrs – 15:50hrs SBS CEO
1600hrs – 1610hrs SOCGA CEO
16;10 – 16.20hrs SNSRC CEO
16:20HRS-16:30hrs Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs

SNSRC duo shines in elections

THE Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Chief Executive Officer CEO Darius Dlomo and the Business Development Manager, Zama Tsabedze have both put the SNSRC in the spotlight following their nominations in their respective chiefdoms as Members of Parliament) nominees.

This column risks the wrath of the CEO for discussing this in this platform but honestly, I could not resist the temptation to brag that two of our principal officers have been nominated in this important national exercise. Although the election exercise is still at its infancy stages, the fact that these two have been nominated clearly shows that their respective chiefdoms have faith in their capabilities. We will watch with bated breath to see what happens.

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I will talk to you again next week, until then Shukuma Eswatini!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK "If you want your dreams to come true, get out of bed". – Unknown

SWAZI OBSERVER JOURNALISTS' SEASON PREDICTIONS!

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCKER - WITH the 2018/19 season getting underway with the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup on Sunday, Swazi Observer journalists have filed their predictions for

- *Highlanders tipped to win Charity Cup*
- *Buffaloes backed for League glory*
- *Seven pick Vovovo for relegation*

the campaign.

For starters, a majority of our scribes have

picked Mbabane Highlanders to win the Charity Cup on Sunday.

Perhaps that has a lot to do with the nine players Highlanders have signed from Matsapha United.

A lot of our journoes have also backed Young Buffaloes to win the MTN Premier League

after ending up as runners up in the last campaign. In terms of players to watch, there were double mentions for currently clubless winger Siphamandla Dhlamini, Buffaloes' Fanelo 'Order' Mamba, striker Kola Aladeon and young Swallows midfielder Richard McCreesh. Let's get down to those predictions then:

Mbongeni Mbingo
(Managing Editor):



Charity Cup

Champions: Young Buffaloes

MTN Premier League

Champions: Mbabane Swallows

Ingwenyama Cup Champs:

Mbabane Swallows

SwaziBank Cup champs:

Royal Leopard

MTN Premier League top 4:

(1) Swallows

(2) Buffaloes

(3) Manzini Wanderers

(4) Mbabane Highlanders

Two teams for relegation:

Mbabane Citizens and Manzini Sea Birds

Player to watch:

Kola Aladeon (Swallows)

Thulani Thwala
(Editor):



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Two teams for relegation:

Mbabane Citizens and Tambuti

Player to watch:

Vusumuzi Zungu (Highlanders)

Kenneth Dlamini
(News Editor)



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Alec Lushaba
(Observer on Saturday Editor)



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Two teams for relegation:

Matsapha United and Manzini Sea Birds

Player to watch:

Mike Dombo (Wanderers)

Mphikeleli Msibi
(Sports Editor):



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Player to watch:

Fanelo 'Order' Mamba (Buffaloes), Junior Magagula (Leopard), Vusumuzi Zungu (Highlanders), Mike Dombo (Wanderers), Njabulo Tfwala (Green Mamba) and Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko (Swallows)

Qondile Ntiwane
(Weekend Sports Editor)



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Vovovo and Mbabane Citizens

Player to watch:

Siphamandla Dhlamini (clubless)

Sibusiso Dlamini
(Sports Reporter)



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Player to watch:

Richard McCreesh. I think this season McCreesh will finally prove his worth. Coming from the development ranks, the youngster has finally adapted to top flight football. If he keeps a cool, calm head and behaves he might just be what Mbabane Swallows need to tick.

Jongile Xuba
(Sports Reporter)



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Lucky Simelane
(Senior Photographer)



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Bodwa Mbingo
(Senior Observer on Saturday Reporter)



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Player to watch:

Khanyakwezwe Shabalala (Highlanders)

Lungelo Nkambule
(News reporter and FIFA World Cup columnist)



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Player to watch:

Thabiso Mokenkoane (if Highlanders hold on to him) and Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo (Green Mamba)



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MBABANE HIGHLANDERS FC
VS
MANZINI WANDERERS FC



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VS
YOUNG BUFFALOS FC



TIME: 11:00am

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● Manchester United want former Real Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane to replace Jose Mourinho as manager if he leaves. (Sun)

● Inter Milan are interested in Real Madrid's Croatia mid-fielder Luka Modric, 32, who is on holiday in Italy. (Gazzetta dello Sport, via Mail)



● Chelsea hope to beat Real Madrid to the signing of 29-year-old Bayern Munich and Poland forward Robert Lewandowski. (Star)

● Chelsea hope offering France mid-fielder N'Golo Kante, 27, a new £290,000-a-week deal helps persuade Belgium forward Eden Hazard, also 27, to stay. (Evening Standard)

● However, Paris St-Germain are not giving up on signing Kante. (Mirror)

● Tottenham want to sign Crystal Palace winger Wilfried Zaha for £45m. The Eagles have already turned down a bid from Chelsea for the 25-year-old Ivory Coast international. (Sun)

● Chelsea are not convinced Brazil winger Willian's late return to the club is because of passport issues. The 29-year-old, who interests Manchester United and Real Madrid is yet to report for pre-season training. (Times - subscription required)



● Liverpool's 30-year-old Belgium goalkeeper Simon Mignolet is a target for Barcelona. (Sky Sports)

● Defender Luke Shaw, 23, is happy to see out the final year of his contract at Manchester United, despite interest from German side Wolfsburg in the England international. (Mail)

● Belgium forward Michy Batshuayi, 24, has been told by Chelsea manager Maurizio Sarri that he has a future at Stamford Bridge, amid interest from Crystal Palace and Valencia. (RMC, via Sun)

● Juventus striker Gonzalo Higuain has agreed a season-long loan move to fellow Serie A side AC Milan, who will have the option to buy the 30-year-old Argentina international for £32m at the end of the season. (Guardian)

FORMER PIRATES PLAYER 'SGIDI' NOMINATED FOR INDVUNA YENKHUNDLA

By Starsky Mkhonta

SOCCKER - FORMER Moneni Pirates and Manzini Sundowns players Agrippa 'Sgidi' Dlamini has been nominated for IndvunaYenkundla position under Maseyisini.

Dlamini was nominated over the weekend at Evusweni Umphakatsi, his home area.

Sigidi played for Moneni Pirates for almost six years and also captained the team. He then joined Manzini Sundowns where he played for close to seven years and also captained the team before serving as the team's manager. Dlamini was on Tuesday seen queuing at the Swaziland Revenue Authority in Nhlanguano for tax clearance certificate.

In an interview, Dlamini said he was nominated on Saturday and could not decline as people of his area probably noticed something.

"I am here to get the tax clearance certificate as you can see. The people of Evusweni nominated me for the IndvunaYenkundla position. If people of my area have noticed something in me as someone they need for the task, there was no way I could have refused.

"I can't say anything right now as campaigning is still not yet allowed. Let's talk once the authorities allow us to do so. I know there will be time where we can publicly say our dreams," said Dlamini. Also found queuing at the SRA offices was retired popular Evelyn Baring High

School teacher Ntombi Dlamini, who has also been nominated for the IndvunaYenkundla position at Mathendele Township under Shiselweni II Inkhundla. Ward Four (Mathendele Township) Mandla Gift Sibandze was also nominated for the IndvunaYenkundla's position.

Sibandze, who is the longest serving councillor, is also the current Nhlanguano deputy mayor and a businessman operating liquor outlets around Nhlanguano. Anthony Maseko, who is part of the Mathendele Township's inner council, has also been nominated for the IndvunaYenkundla's position under Shiselweni II Inkhundla. The three were also queuing at the SRA offices to get their tax clearance certificates.

Rep, Correctional clash in title decider

Stories by Jongile Xuba

NETBALL - THE Swaziland Building Society (SBS) Elite Netball league will conclude this weekend with a title decider between Royal Eswatini Police (REP) and Correctional.

Matches will be played on Saturday at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

The league conclusion will see a host of games being played on the day with current log leaders REP playing against Correctional in a thrilling title decider.

Before that match, there will be an Under-14's match between Enjabulweni Primary and Zakhele

ACC. This will be followed by an elite league fixture with Olympafrica taking on Manzini Ladies.

Both teams will be aiming to end their seasons on a high note as they are sixth and fifth on the table, respectively. Correctional (men) will then face their forces counterparts REP.

Fourth placed Mbabane Raiders will square-up against UEDEF in another exciting encounter.

The last match of the day will see this season's best performers REP who are first, take on Correctional.

This match will be the title decider because a win or draw for REP will guarantee them the title. Matches will begin at 9am with the last one expected to start at 2pm.



POSE: Correctional Service netball team.

Awards presentation to be held afterwards

NETBALL - AFTER the last match of the league on Saturday, there will be awards presentation to honour the various accolades.

The ceremony will have the different leagues awarding their respective champions after remarks from the National Netball Association of Swaziland (NNAS) and the sponsor's MD Tim Nhleko.

The Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala is also expected to grace the event.

Awards that will be handed out on the day include

SBS ELITE NETBALL LEAGUE CLOSING FIXTURES:

Enjabulweni Primary U-14	vs	Zakhele ACC U-14	9am
Olympafrica	vs	Manzini Ladies	9:30am
Correctional Men	vs	REP Men	11am
Mbabane Raiders	vs	UEDEF	12:30pm
REP	vs	Correctional	2pm

the SBS Under-17 League winners, Regional League winners, Men's and Women's League winners.

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCKER - OVER 20 hopefuls attended trials at National First Division (NFD) side Red Lions last week.

The Manzini side, relegated from the Premier League down to the NFD last season, hosted trials at Salesian Sports Ground last Monday. Red Lions finished second bottom in the Premier League last season and were relegated alongside Midas City. In a bid to rebuild the team after a disappointing campaign, Red Lions

Over 20 attend Red Lions trials

hosted trials last Monday with over 20 players from across the country attending with the hopes of impressing Dumsani Mhlunga and his technical team.

"The trials went very well. We had over 20 players attend and it shows that people are eager to be part of this club. The technical team will make its final selection this coming week-end after our friendly matches. We will con-

firm our opponents in due course but one of the sides we will play against is Seven Dreams," Elvis Dube, the Red Lions Chairman, said in an interview on Monday.

Red Lions were previously relegated in 2013 alongside Mbabane Highlanders but were back in the top flight after one season. The Fairview side did well on their return to the Premier League in 2014/15, finishing seventh.

EFA urges teams to speed up FIFA connect registration

By Jongile Xuba

SOCCKER - THE Eswatini Football Association (EFA) has urged all teams to register their players with FIFA Connect before the deadline.

EFA Media Officer Muzi Radebe said the registration process was still ongoing and teams had until September 21 to ensure that all their players had been registered.

"We would like to remind teams that they need to register their players as the process is still continuing. It is imperative that teams get this done before the deadline to ensure they have eligible players to play in the various leagues.

"Failure to register before the deadline would mean teams would have to wait until January to make other signings."

Radebe said the response from teams is very good given that the process was introduced last year. "This is the second year of the registration and we have had mixed reactions. The only hiccup is that some teams are dragging their feet with the process as most register after the workshops we host around the country."

The EFA has been hosting workshops around the country on how teams can register on FIFA Connect.

"We won't be having the FIFA Connect workshops this weekend due to the Charity Cup. I would also like to urge the teams taking part in the Charity Cup to register all their players if there are those who haven't done so," said Radebe.

FIFA Connect is a worldwide football registration programme to help organise stakeholders around the world. This is through systematic registration of players and other stakeholders, the establishment of information systems standards for the exchange of data across national borders. Connect will also serve to further ensure the protection of minors and the execution of FIFA's solidarity mechanisms.

VUSUMANGO, MASTER, RUDOLF FOR PLS EXECUTIVE

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER – YOUNG Buffaloes and Royal Leopard Governors Vusumango Dlamini and Mxolisi Master Dlamini have been nominated for the position of Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) executive member.



NOMINATED: Mxolisi Master Dlamini.

The two have been nominated with Tambuti Governor Rudolf Matsenjwa and will contest for the position during the organisation's Annual General Meeting (AGM) slated for Sigwaca House tonight.

The nominees were released by PLS Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati yesterday. The three officials were the only ones qualifying for the

position as Midas City Governor Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli and Highlanders Managing Director Zweli Jele were said to be unqualified for the positions.

According to the PLS Constitution only members that have served in the board of governors qualify to serve in the Executive Committee hence their disqualification.



UNQUALIFIED: Highlanders Managing Director Zweli Jele.

...Governors want four-year clause removed

SOCCER – SOME Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Governors want the clause stating that to serve in the executive committee one must have served four years in the board removed.

Information gathered by this publication is that this is one of the proposals submitted ahead of the organisation's Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for Sigwaca House tonight.

A source close to the matter revealed that some of the governors were not

happy with the clause as it prohibited some members from contributing at executive level.

"Some of the governors are not happy with the clauses of having served four years as a governor before being elected into the executive committee. They feel this is unfair to members that don't qualify because some have what it takes to contribute positively towards the development of the sport at that level.

"But still that is something that is unlikely to be effected any time soon

because proposals, if accepted, are adopted in the next AGM," said the source.

Worth noting is that this is not the first time the issue has come up as the teams once questioned the clause behind PLS chairman serving four years in the executive committee before being elected into the position. The late PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze, however, informed the governors that this was the trend used at the highest level of football including FIFA.

'Swallows have dominated us for a long time'

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER – YOUNG Buffaloes captain Nkosingpile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze says it is about time they ended Mbabane Swallows domination of the local game.

Swallows won three of four domestic trophies on offer last season including the MTN Premier League title. The Birds have also gone two consecutive League campaigns unbeaten. Speaking

during the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup draw at Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) Headquarters on Tuesday, Tsabedze said they were eager to stop Swallows dominance.

Buffaloes will face defending champions Swallows in the second semifinal of the Charity Cup at 11am at Somhlolo National Stadium. "God always gives you your heart's desires and today we have got just that.

Swallows have dominated us for a long time so I'm happy that we have

been paired with them. I would like to urge our supporters to come in their numbers on Sunday. We want to conquer Swallows this year," Tsabedze said.

Buffaloes and Swallows drew both their meetings in the League last season. The army side did win the SwaziBank Cup, beating Manzini Wanderers in the final and also finished second in the League.

On top of the Charity Cup, Swallows, won the League title as well as the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup.

Zwane, Pennington in E800 000 Royal Swazi Challenge

By Qondile Ntiwane

GOLF – LOCAL professional golfers Meshack Zwane and Jamie Pennington are representing the country in the E800 000 purse Royal Swazi Challenge.

The Sunshine Tour sanctioned three round tournament started yesterday and will end tomorrow.

Both golfers, were at the end of business yesterday, placed in the top 50

bracket with Zwane on position 27 on a score of 70 points and five shots behind the leader Doug McGuigan from Scotland who was seven under par and on 65 points, Pennington on the other hand, was placed 46 on a score of 72 points.

Noted

Interviewed yesterday Zwane said he was happy with his performance on the day but noted that he was hoping to do better.

"It is a good score but I didn't start very well because of the winds in the

morning. I am hoping for an even better game in the next round but must admit that the competition is very tough. Only 40 players will make the cut and judging from the scores, you can tell that it won't be easy," he said.

A field of 108 golfers are battling it out in the tournament which is the newest event added to the Sunshine Tour schedule this season. After 36 holes, a cut will be made to the leading 40 players and ties. The format will be a Stableford alliance.

Thank you for VG Award - Birds

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows have thanked the Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) for introducing the Victor Gamedze award in honour of their late boss.

Gamedze, both Swallows and Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Chairman at the time of his death, was shot and killed at Galp Filling Station in Ezulwini on January 14. During the 2018 Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup draw at the organisation's Headquarters in Mbabane on Tuesday afternoon, EPTC announced the introduction of the Victor Gamedze award in honour of the slain Swallows boss.

The award, which carries a E10 000 cash prize, will be awarded to an individual who has contributed to identifying and development of football talent in the country. Interviewed on the introduction of the award yesterday, Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane thanked EPTC for honouring his late boss.

"It is such a lovely thing and we thank EPTC and the football family for doing this. It is recognition of the great work Gamedze did in developing football in this country. It also encourages us, the younger

ones in football, to continue working hard because it shows that people take note of what you do. It is painful that he is not around to see it for himself but wherever he is, I know he would be proud to hear this," Zwane said.

Much has been made about Swallows chances going into the Charity Cup on Sunday after losing three key players, among them, talisman Felix Badenhorst. Zwane though says they fear no one ahead of Sunday's meeting with Young Buffaloes in the second Charity Cup semifinal at Somhlolo National Stadium.

"As a club we know where we stand. We respect all the clubs but we don't fear anyone. We don't fear Buffaloes but we respect them. For us, this is the final between the final. Buffaloes have been a real challenge in recent seasons but we have faced similar challenges in CAF competitions. We have seen the signings made by the other clubs like (Mbabane) Highlanders but on Sunday it will all come down to who has prepared well. Every player registered by Mbabane Swallows will be available for selection," Zwane added.

Swallows and Buffaloes clash will kickoff at 11 am, just after the meeting between Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers at 9 am.

Entertain us, EPTC MD urges teams

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER – ESWATINI Post and Telecommunications (EPTC) Managing Director Petros Dlamini has urged the four teams to partake in Sunday's Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup to entertain spectators on the day.

The main draw of the Charity Cup was conducted on Tuesday at EPTC headquarters in Mbabane with rivals Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers set to face off in the early kickoff while defending champions Mbabane Swallows will take on play-offs winners Young Buffaloes in the other semifinal. Speaking after the draw had been conducted on Tuesday, EPTC MD Dlamini implored the four

teams to deliver memorable games on Sunday.

"We were entertained during the playoffs. The standard of football was very high and perhaps we can attribute this to the recently concluded FIFA World Cup. The Charity Cup is our mini World Cup. We expect good football. We hope there will be fun and we will be entertained. We even want to see own goals," Dlamini said, much to the amusement of everyone present. The EPTC MD then made his predictions for Sunday's games.

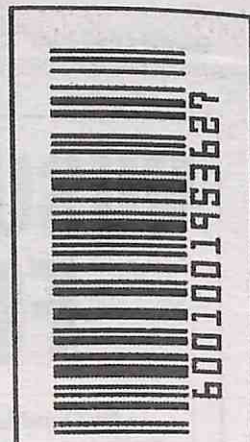
"My prediction is that the better prepared team will win. There is E1 million at stake here, this is serious. We are delighted to be football partners and to be part of this very important exercise," Dlamini added.



ENTERTAIN US: EPTC Managing Director Petros Dlamini.



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Mourinho ready to sell star for £70m
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We will cope without Kola - Dombo

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MANZINI Wanderers winger Mike Dombo says they will cope without their former top striker Kola Aladeon, who recently joined rivals Mbabane Swallows.

Aladeon has been in the middle of a protracted transfer saga involving Wanderers and Mbabane Swallows. The Nigerian striker eventually made his Swallows debut in the CAF Champions League last week Friday and is set to feature for the Birds during Sunday's Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup at Somhlolo National Stadium.

However, Wanderers winger Dombo believes the 'Weslians' still have what it takes to compete for honours despite the departure of the Nigerian trusted servant. "Kola was an important player in the team but we have to forget about him and focus on making our supporters happy by competing for all the trophies.

I believe we can do the job without Kola together with my teammates and I am appealing to the entire Wanderers family to work towards the transformation of the Wanderers brand," he said. The ex-Matsapha United further wished his former teammate (Kola) the best of luck during his stay at Swallows.

"He is one of the best players I have played with and I believe he can reach greater heights in his career. I wish him all the best in his football career," he further said. Dombo will be expected to lead the hub giants' striking force on Sunday when they take on rivals Mbabane Highlanders in the first semifinal of the Charity Cup.

If they win that match, Wanderers will face-off the winner between Mbabane Swallows and Young Buffaloes, who play in the second semifinal, in the final. Wanderers last won a trophy in 2005 when they lifted the same Charity Cup. The Weslians are yet to announce any new signing in the current transfer window.



WE CAN MAKE IT: Mike Dombo.

PLS CHAIRMANSHIP BATTLE CLARIFIED

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - THE 'Infamous Independent' clause in the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Constitution will be candidate Peter Touch Magagula's ticket to the position.

Magagula will contest for the hot seat with fellow executive committee member and Manzini Sea Birds Governor Sicelo Mkhonta during the PLS Annual General Meeting slated for Sigwaca House tonight.

According to the PLS Constitution, the Independence Clause is the only instrument that will allow Magagula to be part of the much anticipated elections. This is because he does not meet the other require-

- Acting chairman can only be voted into position through this clause as he no longer serves as a team governor after relinquishing position to Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli.
- Another option would be to have Mdluli step down and 'Touch' take over again

ments of the Constitution, which state that to become chairman of the PLS, one needs to have served four years in the executive committee and also as a governor to a team, a position he relinquished to now Midas City Governor Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli.

Information gathered by this publication is that Magagula, who is currently the acting PLS Chairman qualifies only by virtue of this clause, which states that an independent official can be elected for the position in the event he meets the requirements of the position

like having served in the board and executive committee before.

A source close to the matter revealed that, unless he assumes his position as Midas City Governor, Magagula would have to bank hope that the teams agree that such a clause be used tonight.

"Some governors have been questioning his qualification but he does qualify by virtue of this clause. This is the very same clause that allows most of the executive committee members to qualify for the elections except that they were not nominated. "It is also the same



CANDIDATE: Peter 'Touch' Magagula.

clause that saw Steve Horton remain in the executive committee despite his team being relegated a few seasons ago," said the source.

PLS Chief Operations also clarified the matter when sought for comment yesterday.

"Yes he does not meet the other requirements of the constitution but the Independence clause is there and through it he qualifies. The only challenge would be if the teams refuse to use this clause during the elections," he said.

BULL'S THABISO OUT OF CHARITY CUP

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders have been dealt a major blow with news that top striker Thabiso Mokenkoane will miss the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup on Sunday.

The South African born striker joined Highlanders in January earlier this year and became an instant hit, scoring eleven goals as the 'Black Bull' finished fifth in the MTN Premier League. His form attracted interest from Malta side

Zetjun Corinthians who invited the striker for trials earlier this month.

However, the forward could not crack it at the side and was due to return to Highlanders and play in Sunday's Charity Cup.

However, that won't be happening after another unidentified club from Malta invited the player for assessment. "He was coming back for the Charity Cup but he has been invited for trials by another side in Malta. Zetjun couldn't sign him because they had exhausted their foreign quota," a source who spoke

Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup fixture:

On Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium:			
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Manzini Wanderers	9am
Mbabane Swallows	vs	Young Buffaloes	11am
U-20 Final:			
Mbabane Swallows	vs	Mbabane Highlanders	2pm
Main final:			
			4pm

on condition of anonymity said.

Reached for comment yesterday, Highlanders CEO Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini referred questions to Secretary Mpumelele Mnsi. When contacted, Mnsi said he hadn't heard anything on the issue and

asked to be contacted at a later time.

Highlanders will face rivals Manzini Wanderers in the first semifinal of the Charity Cup at Somhlolo National Stadium. In the other semifinal, Young Buffaloes will take on Mbabane Swallows.



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