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**DPM VACATES GOVT HOUSE, GOES BACK TO MANZINI**



**HOUSE TO LET:** The empty house which was occupied by the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini and his family at the beginning of his tenure until a few days ago. Dlamini's tenure is expected to come to an end any day now when His Majesty dissolves the Tenth Parliament. (Pic: Simon Shabangu) **STORY ON PAGE 2**

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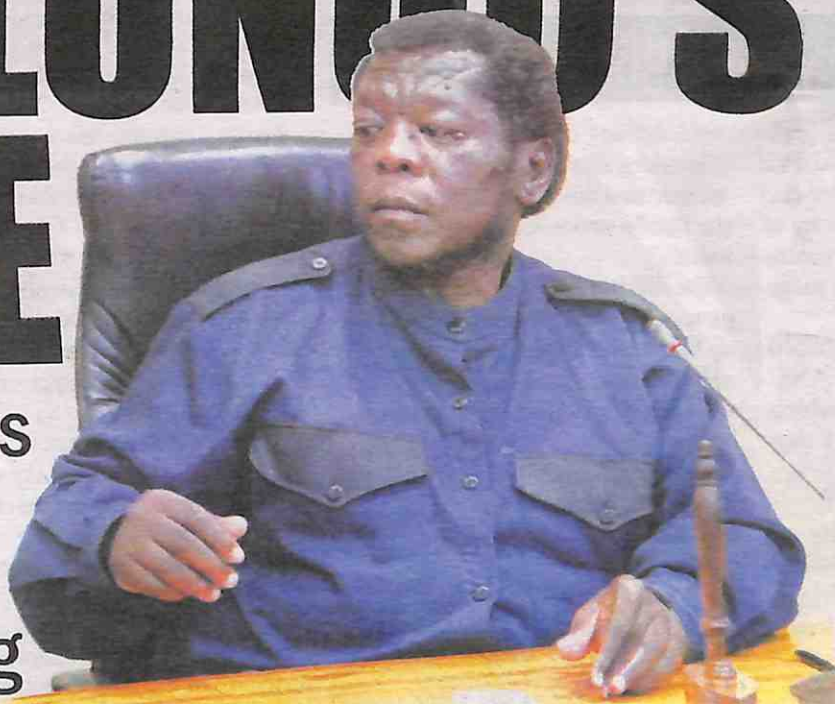
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**THERE IS A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN...**

# NEW MAYOR ZEPH TO 'DEAL' WITH MHLONGO'S FATE

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...Says CEO's  
matter on  
agenda of  
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# DPM packs all his bags, leaves state house empty

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**DEPUTY Prime Minister Paul Dlamini has moved out of the house government rented for him in the past five years.**

"My time in that house has elapsed. It was a temporary arrangement for a certain period of time and that period has come to an end," he said.

The DPM said he now lives in Manzini. He and all other parliamentarians are approaching the end of their five-year term and are currently waiting for His

Majesty King Mswati III to dissolve the 10th Parliament in preparation for the elections.

The DPM, for the duration of his soon to end political term, lived in a house rented by the state at Thembelihle.

## Move

This was after he refused to move into a house formerly occupied by his predecessor Themba Masuku at Waterford area.

The residence that Dlamini refused to move into was one designated by government for incumbent deputy prime ministers.

Interviewed in 2015 why he had refused

to live in the house at Waterford that was previously occupied by Masuku, Dlamini said it was because of water shortage and that it was built on swampy grounds which could all put his and family's lives in danger of contracting sicknesses.

The DPM refuted claims and the notion that his decline was politically motivated.

Interestingly, Masuku who was appointed regional administrator of the Shiselweni, a post that was held by Dlamini, also refused to move into the house that was previously occupied by his predecessor.



**NOBODY HOME:** The empty house which was occupied by Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

# QUANTUMS COLLISION: 5 TRANSFERRED TO MBABANE

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**A total of five victims of the quantum collision will be transferred to the Mbabane Government Hospital from Good Shepherd.**

Doctors noted that they needed special attention.

About 13 passengers who were aboard a Quantum along the Lukhula-Siteki road were admitted to Good Shepherd Hospital when the vehicles collided head-on on Monday.

Three died on the spot.

The condition of the admitted victims was by yesterday reported to be stable, except that five of them require further examination and special care.

Senior Medical Officer Dr Koshy disclosed that four of the victims will be transferred to the Mbabane Government Hospital today while the other one would be transferred tomorrow.

Koshy said the five victims sustained serious fractures on the body.

"They are expected to receive care from a bone specialist in that hospital since we do not have that kind of an expert and machinery here," he said.

Meanwhile, Koshy said the rest of the victims were responding well to medication as some have already been discharged.

It was reported that most of the victims sustained varying fractures on the lower part of the bodies.

In the meantime, one passenger was

*...They are expected to receive care from a bone specialist in that hospital since we do not have that kind of an expert and machinery here at Good Shepherd Hospital*



## Families to get E10 000 each for burial

**FAMILIES of the deceased persons who were passengers in the two Quantum vehicles which collided along Lukhula-Big Bend road deserve compensation from the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund (MVA).**

This is according to the policy of the fund.

The policy states that; "People who have lost relatives to a road traffic accident within the country have the

right to claim compensation for funeral costs".

It further states that, however, relatives are expected to provide proof of expenditure when making a claim.

## Coffin

Such proof could be receipts from a morgue, or an invoice for a purchased coffin.

The policy further states that the fund can only reimburse expenses up to a maximum figure of E10 000.

transferred to the government hospital on the same day of the accident.

The accident claimed the life of three passengers. Public transport operators

in Siteki have attributed the accident to the bad condition of the road which is littered with potholes which are developing into trenches.

# Sandile Mantsoe found guilty of killing Karabo

**JOHANNESBURG - Sandile Mantsoe has been found guilty of the gruesome murder of Karabo Mokoena in a scathing judgment handed down yesterday afternoon in the High Court in Johannesburg.**

The murder judgment sparked scenes of jubilation and tears from Karabo's family, who were seated in the front of the public gallery and included the deceased's mother Keabetswe Mokoena, older sister Bontle and paternal uncle Tshupo Mokoena.

Judge AJ Johnson tore Mantsoe to shreds, slamming the convicted murderer as "not an honest witness" when he said Karabo wanted to commit suicide.

Judge Johnson also slammed Mantsoe

for being "involved in a web of lies".

"The last thing a person would do if they found out that a loved one had committed suicide would be to try to exonerate himself of a crime he potentially may be convicted of," the judge rebuked.

The packed gallery also included activists and members of the ANC Women's League, members of which were present throughout the 11-day trial.

## Guilty

Mantsoe was also found guilty of attempting to defeat the ends of justice, after he disposed of Karabo's lifeless body by burning it with a petrol and acid-doused tyre, and discarding his 22-year-old former girlfriend in an open

veld ditch on Corlett Drive near Sandton.

Speaking after the judgment, Karabo's mother said this was a huge relief for the family, and would give closure to them.

She did, however, not want to speculate on the sentence, saying this was up to the court to decide.

He was also found guilty of assault with the intention to cause grievous bodily harm.

Dressed in a trendy blue leather jacket, with a fresh haircut trimmed around the sides, Mantsoe remained stoic and emotionless throughout the judgment.

He let out a smile and a peace sign with his fingers as he was taken down to the cells.

*the Star*

# E17m drugs were mine - Tanzanian

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**THE Tanzanian suspect in the E17 million heroin case admitted that he was indeed found in possession of the illegal drugs at the Ngwenya Border Gate.**

Katala Nasser Mohamed has also agreed that on November 16, 2017, he was conveying the illegal diamorphine known as heroin which is a poisonous drug to the Republic of South Africa.

According to a statement of agreed facts submitted before court yesterday, Mohamed, who is represented by lawyer Sabelo 'Chicken' Dlamini, further confessed that he was found unlawfully and without a written permit exporting the 30 kilograms to South Africa and that the motor vehicle he was using, a KIA Rio, was modified for purposes of hiding the drugs while being conveyed to South Africa.

The motor vehicle (KIA) was

modified in such a way that a secret compartment where the drugs were hidden was fitted in the vehicle.

According to the statement of agreed facts signed by both defence counsels Dlamini and Principal Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo, it is common cause that the accused was arrested at the Ngwenya border while driving the motor vehicle registered FW 03 GD GP on the said date and was subsequently charged with four counts.

He was initially slapped with three counts of contravening the Pharmacy Act and one count of contravening the Customs Act.

However, the last count of contravening the Customs Act was withdrawn by the crown at the close of its case yesterday morning.

It is also common cause that the indictment spells it loud and clear that in the event the accused is convicted, the Crown will apply for forfeiture of the motor vehicle in

terms of Section 12(3) (b) of the Pharmacy Act.

The Tanzanian national pleaded guilty to the three counts of contravening the Pharmacy Act, which are those of being found in possession and conveying the heroin to South Africa.

It was in November 16, 2017 at around 14:30 hours that Detective Constable Njabuliso Sibandze, who is stationed at Ngwenya Border Gate, searched the motor vehicle that was driven by the accused while executing his duties.

The police officer was in the company of Constable Nhlabatsi and a security guard.

Upon searching the vehicle, officer Sibandze noticed a foreign compartment underneath the boot and requested the accused person to park aside so he could conduct a

thorough search and when the spare wheel was lifted, there was a metal sheet covering the access to the compartment.

The officer then noticed some packets wrapped with black plastic bags inside the compartment and forcefully removed the metal sheet and retrieved the packets

where upon he suspected that the plastic bags contained cracked cocaine.

More officers were called to witness the discovery and the accused person was eventually taken to the Mbabane Police Station for questioning and the packets were taken for testing and it was discovered that the contents were diamorphine known as heroin.

The motor vehicle was also taken to KIA Motors for examination and they wrote a letter informing the police that their cars do not have such compartments and that same was modified.

The home affairs ministry also furnished the police with the movement of the accused in and out of the Ngwenya and Lomhasha borders while using the same car.

The crown yesterday closed its case and the matter was postponed to next week for submissions by both counsels.

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# NEW MAYOR ZEPHANIAH TO DECIDE MHLONGO'S FUTURE

COVER STORY

Stories by Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**WARD 1 Councillor Zephaniah Nkambule has replaced Sikhatsi Dlamini as the Mayor of Mbabane.**

Nkambule was elected into the mayoral position for the third time in his life as a councillor during elections that were held at Mbabane Municipal Council chambers yesterday.

His election comes at a time when the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the city Gideon Mhlongo is under suspension. A resolution to put him on ice was taken last Friday.

When pressed on the matter after his election, Nkambule said the future of Mhlongo would be decided in the first sitting he will convene although he did not give a specific date. Mhlongo was suspended by councillors under the mayorship of Sikhatsi Dlamini that ended on Monday due to what they termed irregularities in his soon to elapse contract. Having been elected new mayor in the midst of the issue, Nkambule said the matter would make an item in the next council's meeting which he said will be held soon.

"I cannot say much on that issue because we still have to discuss it and forge a way forward hence we will discuss it in our next meeting as a council," he said. Nkambule said among other issues to be discussed is that of the ratepayers where the council is yet to decide on the request by zone leaders in the capital city to have the less privileged, particularly the elderly, exempted from paying the rates because they can't afford them.

During the elections, Nkambule had been nominated with Simanga Gama for the top city post and on two occasions, the votes were equal at six. A random ballot, which is in accordance with council's constitution, was employed thereafter and Nkambule came out victorious.

The random ballot or single stochastic vote is an electoral system in which an election is decided on the basis of a single randomly selected ballot.

The results were announced by the council's Bongani Dlamini. Four names emerged in the deputy mayor nominations and these were Skhumbuzo Dube, Sithembiso Hlanze, Musa Dlamini and Simanga Gama. Dlamini and Hlanze were eliminated for

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## THE ELECTION RESULTS:

Mayor - Zephaniah Nkambule

Deputy Mayor - Simanga Gama

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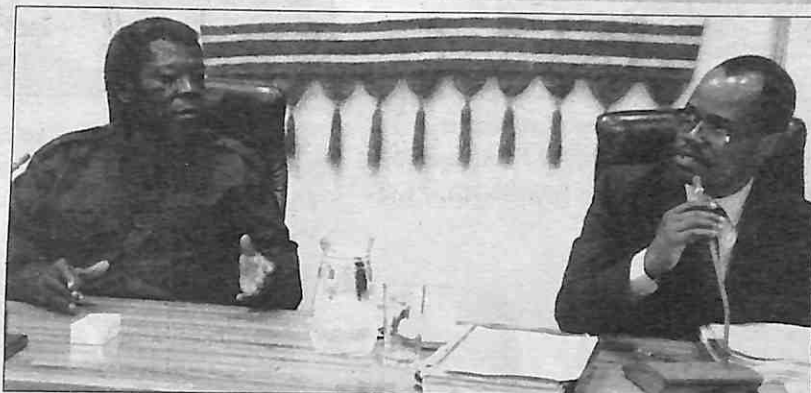
Chairperson - Sikhatsi Dlamini

Deputy Chairperson - Sabelo Magagula

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TV Dlamini



**IT'S MY TURN: New Mbabane Mayor Zephaniah Nkambule with acting Municipal Council of Mbabane CEO Bongani Dlamini. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)**

## Bongani appointed acting Mbabane CEO

**FOLLOWING the suspension of Mbabane Municipal Council Chief Executive Officer Gideon Mhlongo, long serving employee Bongani Dlamini has been appointed as acting CEO.**

Dlamini was the chairman of the elections that were held at council's chambers yesterday to designate the council's new mayor.

The former public relations officer of the council conducted the proceedings, particularly at the election of mayor, but he later handed over to Zephaniah Nkambule after the latter's election as having the least votes while Gama attained seven votes in the second round to be elected as the deputy to Nkambule. In other elections, outgoing mayor Sikhatsi Dlamini was elected as the Chairman of the Finance Committee while his deputy is Sabelo Magagula. Members of the committee are Mbutfo Nhlengetfwa and TV Dlamini.

Addressing the gathering after being elected mayor, Nkambule expressed gratefulness to the councillors for believing in him to once again take the position of mayor.

He asked for unity, transparency and

the new chairman of the council.

Before getting on with the elections, the acting CEO first read regulations under elections from the council's constitution before the main item of the meeting kicked off.

He had to explain the norms of elections, particularly on the random ballot to the councillors who wanted to know if the ballot papers had the names of both individuals following Nkambule's victory.

The elections were also witnessed by the Mbabane zone leaders.

trustworthiness from councillors so that they serve the purpose that the people elected them for.

"It is of significance that we work to serve the people not to attain our own objectives. We can achieve that by working as a team and maintain a high level of trust and transparency in our tasks. We have a huge task ahead, a lot of issues to address and I urge that we focus on the journey ahead," he said.

Nkambule gave assurance that he will do everything in his power to serve the people of the capital city well in his tenure as Mayor.

## MPs grill Cabinet over roads

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**CABINET ministers have once again been at the receiving end of MPs' tongue lashing over the bad state of roads.**

The Members of Parliament (MPs) bitterly complained that government was doing nothing to normalise the situation on the roads. The legislators stated that the situation was bad such that there was no road in this country that had no bad patches or potholes. The lawmakers were responding to a motion moved by Kubuta MP Njabulo Mabuza.

Mabuza moved a motion of privilege to order Minister for Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini to do something to improve the situation about the country's roads.

Mabuza said the nation was now asking if they were well represented in Parliament because MPs seemed not to care about the situation. It had been a long time since the roads had been re-gravelled, making it difficult for any vehicle to move in the country. The MP said the problem, according to workers in the works ministry, was fuel. When fuel was there, the operators of the necessary machinery would not be available because they were be locked

in workshops. The problem was becoming worse by the day because when one problem was solved, another would surface.

Some people, according to Mabuza, could not take part in the 50/50 party because they could not be transported to the areas where the festivities were taking place. He wondered if the people were still going to believe in the Tinkhundla system, especially at the time when elections were around the corner. The MP was disturbed by the fact that some roads were not car-worthy at all. He made an example of the Siphofaneni-Sithobela road, saying the drivers of vehicles had started driving on the side of the road because the road was no longer conducive.

## Ex-RSSC boss drowns in dam

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**RETIRED Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) Potable Water Resources Foreman Hendry Mkhwanazi drowned at Mvuleni Dam on Tuesday.**

Mkhwanazi is said to have gone to fetch water as usual from the dam which he used for watering his garden when he met his tragic death.

The incident happened at about 10am on May Day at Mliba in the Manzini region. The former foreman took an early retirement in 2016 through the voluntary exit plan which was famously known as 'Khukhulela Ngoco'.

According to the family spokesperson Busi, the car that was driven by Mkhwanazi plunged into the dam while his grandchildren were loading water containers on the bakkie.

"The car was parked in reverse parking style so it could be easier for the children to put back the water containers," she said.

It is said as they did that it gained motion and moved in reverse with the old man on board. It eventually plunged into the dam.

"We are not sure what really happened since we were not around and the ordeal was narrated to us by the children who witnessed the incident," she said. The children were able to rush and report back home what had befallen their grandfather.

Police from Mliba Police Station arrived at the scene and they found the car submerged in the dam. A search party was launched into the dam. Mkhwanazi, who is the grandson of Reverend Joseph Mzema Mkhwanazi of the Church of the Nazarene, was retrieved by the police scuba divers at about 12:30 noon.

"He was taken to the nearest hospital (Dvokolwako Health Centre) and after the doctors certified him



**RIP: The late Hendry Mkhwanazi.**

dead he was taken to Dups mortuary in Manzini," she added. The red GMV van which was fully submerged on the still water was retrieved by the Swaziland National Fire and Emergency Services in the afternoon. He is survived by his wife, eight children and nine grandchildren.

"We will greatly miss him for the fact that he was the pillar of the family and the community at large," she said.

Mkhwanazi worked for RSSC for 35 years. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the matter.

"On Tuesday at about 10:00 hours, a 61-year-old man of Mliba was discovered to have drowned while at Mvuleni Dam," he said. Mamba said his body was retrieved by police scuba divers from the dam. Meanwhile, RSSC Group Public Affairs Manager Sifiso Nyembe said they have learnt with shock and disbelief of the tragic death of their former colleague who served the company with diligence for more than three decades.

"We send our condolences to his family and pray that the Lord comforts them during this sad moment," he said.

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# ESWATINI DELEGATION LIGHTS



**THE WINNER IS:** Ligcabho LaMhlekezi-leader Sibongile Ndwandwe announcing the winners at the event.



**LAMNYAMA:** Lomshiyo Chief, Prince Tikhontele (2nd r) in song with other chiefs and tindvuna during Ummemo Ceremony that took place at Mekemeke Royal Residence in Mpumalanga, South Africa over the past weekend. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



**PRESENT:** King's Office's staff members with National Secretary Nhlanhla Dlamini (c). From l-r are Khabo Tfwala, Futhi Ginindza, Lombuso Mamba, and Chazile Mkhwanazi



**TINDVUNA:** On the left is Amos Lukhele (South African Indvuna) and July Mncina (Eswatini Indvuna).



**KODAK MOMENT:** Winners and the judges posing for a picture at the end of the competitions.

**IMBALI:** Some of Ligcabho LaMhlekezi members getting ready to render Ingadla dance. From l-r are Tenele Sihlongoyane, Nelile Tfwala, Andile Zwane, and Nomvuyo Gwebu.



**REPRESENTING ESWATINI:** Sagila SeMnikati members clad in their 50/50 kangas (emahiya). From l-r are Nikela Kunene, Zakhele Msweli, Linda Khoza, Wandile Matsebula, and Friday Dlamini.



**HERE TO WIN:** Buhle BeMjindi Cultural Group also took part in the competitions.



**JUDGES:** Judges hard at work during the cultural competitions.



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# UP MEKEMEKE ROYAL RESIDENCE IN SA



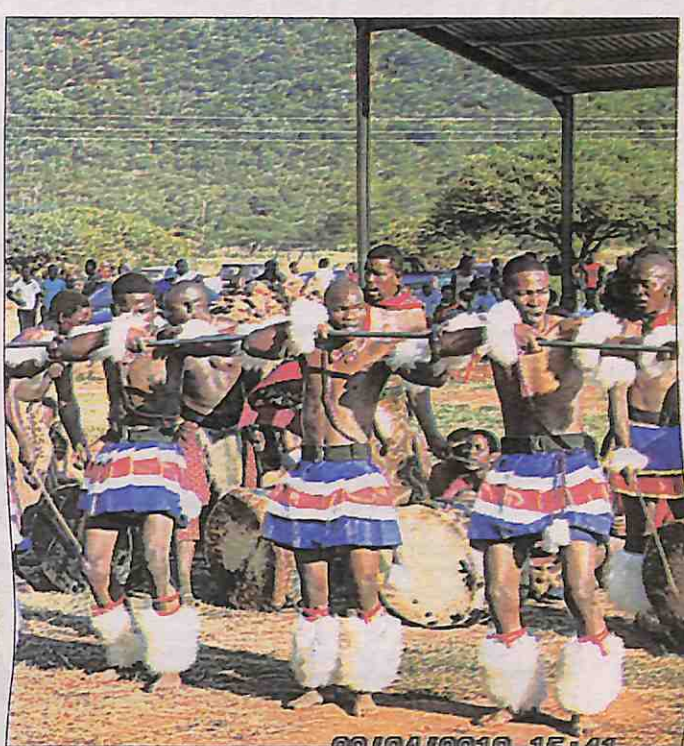
**SIBHACA:** Zingilita Cultural Group rendering Sibhaca dance.



**INGADLA:** Emathole Ezinyathi fighting for the price during the competitions.



**GLASSES:** Lomshiyo ladies in their unique regalia. From l-r are Tsandzile and Nelsiwe Dhlamini (Prince Tikhontele's daughters), Mantombi Mthembu, and Siphosethu Magagula. In the front are Kwenzinkosi Sandleni, Mbalenhle Dhlamini, and Kwazinkosi Sandleni.



**KUYO:** Silulu Semaswati sweating it out during the competitions.



**POSE:** Imbali from Lomshiyo. From l-r are Nosiphetho Mnisi, Phumla Mlotshwa, Neliwe Mnisi, and Nombuso Matsenjwa.



**WATCHING:** Bomake beLutsango following proceedings during the event.

**50/50:** Ligcabho LaMhlekezi members in their 50/50 T-Shirts. From l-r are Nokwanda Gwebu, Andile Zwane, Nolwazi Magagula, Nurse Ndzinisa, Tenele Sihlongonyane, Nelile Tfwala, Mthandi Gwebu, and Nomvuyo Gwebu.



**DANCING:** Sibuko Semaswati Group from Nhlazatje warming up before the competitions. From l-r are Buhle Masina, Silindile Jali, Fezile Mkhonto, Phumlile Matsebula, and Ausher Nhlabathi.





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### Financial Results for the year ended 31 December 2017

The group earnings for the years ended 31 December 2017 are as follows:

#### GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Year ended 31 December 2017 Audited E000's	Six months ended 31 December 2016 Audited E000's
Revenue	208 493	105 278
Casino	74 003	38 484
Rooms	60 581	30 861
Food, beverage and other	73 909	35 933
Direct costs	(111 328)	(56 761)
Gross profit	97 165	48 517
Indirect costs	(81 476)	(39 340)
EBITDA	15 689	9 177
Depreciation and rental	(7 408)	(2 981)
Profit from operations	8 281	6 196
Interest received	207	51
Interest paid	(1 707)	(756)
Profit before taxation	6 781	5 491
Taxation	(2 020)	(1 536)
Profit after taxation	4 761	3 955
Minority interests	-	-
Earnings attributable to equity holders of the parent	4 761	3 955
Number of shares in issue (000)	6 994	6 994
Basic earnings per share (cents)	68.1	56.5
Headline earnings per share (cents)	67.0	55.4
EBITDA as percentage of revenue	8%	9%

#### Determination of headline earnings:

Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders	4 761	3 955
Headline earnings adjustments - profit on disposal of property	(78)	(77)
Headline earnings	4 683	3 878

	31 December 2017 Audited E000's	31 December 2016 Audited E000's
<b>GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Operating assets and investments	60 505	54 455
Deferred tax asset	-	51
Current assets	28 481	24 730
Total assets	88 986	79 236
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Capital and reserves</b>		
Ordinary shareholders equity	35 789	31 028
Minority interests	-	-
Total shareholder's equity	35 789	31 028
Long term borrowings	237	-
Deferred taxation	1 969	-
Other non current liabilities	4 781	4 582
Short term borrowings and bank overdrafts	13 146	14 717
Current liabilities	33 064	28 909
Total liabilities	53 197	48 208
Total equity and liabilities	88 986	79 236

Net asset value per share (cents)	512	444
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	31 December 2017 Audited E000's	31 December 2016 Audited E000's
<b>GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW</b>		
Cash generated by operations	20 073	15 602
Investment income	207	51
Interest paid	(1 707)	(756)
Taxation paid	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-
Net cash generated by operating activities	18 573	14 897
Net cash utilised in investing activities	(15 259)	(6 563)
Net cash flow from financing activities	(1 334)	(5 675)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	1 980	2 659
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	11 302	8 643
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	13 282	11 302

#### GROUP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Ordinary shares and share premium E000's	Retained earnings E000's	Minority interest E000's	Total E000's
Balance at 31 December 2016	4 887	26 141	-	31 028
Profit for year	-	4 761	-	4 761
Balance at 31 December 2017	4 887	30 902	-	35 789

#### Commentary

Despite the fact that a weakening economy limits spending on leisure and entertainment, an overall revenue growth of 6.2% was achieved if compared to the 12 months ended 31 December 2016. The hospitality side of the business achieved a 7.8% growth compared to a 3.5% growth on the gaming side.

Tables business reflected a growth of 20.3% whilst slots business recorded a shortfall of 3.4% on the prior year. Although there is a general slowdown in gaming business in Southern Africa the situation was compounded by challenges faced with the Mozambique market.

The growth in hospitality revenue is attributed to an increase in international and non-campaign business which increased by 45% and 34.9% respectively, whilst overall the corporate business, group and convention business, sport and leisure business and local campaign business declined by 15.9%. The increase of 10.1% on the prior year in food and beverage revenues is the direct result of an increase in outside catering functions held during this financial year. The room occupancy increased by 0.6% points whilst the room rate was 4.1% up on the prior year.

Direct costs increased by 2.3% despite an increase in room nights sold and food covers served. Indirect costs were 9.3% up on last year mainly as a result of extraordinary maintenance cost compounded by increased utility costs. This resulted in an EBITDA of E15.7 million, an increase of 21.7% if compared to the same 12 month period for the prior year.

Headline earnings per share of 67 cents (six months ended 31 December 2016: 55.4 cents) were achieved.

#### Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure of E13.1 million was incurred during the period, which included slot machines, computer equipment, air conditioners and an electrical generator.

#### Funding

At 31 December 2017 the Company had bank borrowings of E13.4 million, E1.3 million down on the previous year. Given the high level of borrowings and the difficult trading conditions the directors are reviewing the Company's funding requirements on an ongoing basis.

#### Change in financial year end

The Group changed its financial year end from 30 June to 31 December. Although the commentary is based on a 12 month period for the previous year, the comparative disclosures are for a 6 month period.

#### Prospects

With the casino industry in South Africa and Swaziland under pressure as a result of the introduction of alternate forms of gambling, the weak local economy and pressure on disposable income, trading is expected to remain tough on the casino side of the business. The Company is exploring new gaming markets and will keep focusing on alternative gaming promotions, innovative equipment and offerings in order to boost revenues. With the expected increase in competition, only a marginal revenue growth is expected on the hospitality side of the business. The Company will continue to invest in new technology as it is inherent in the business of gaming and hospitality. In the year ahead, cost control will play a major role in achieving set margins. It is expected that the Company will generate positive operating cash flows in the year ahead.

#### Audit of results

The financial results for the year ended 31 December 2017 have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

#### Dividend

No dividend has been declared.

#### Annual general meeting

The annual general meeting of members of Swazisp Holdings Limited will be held at the Convention Centre, Royal Swazi Spa, Ezulwini Valley, Swaziland, on Thursday, 24th May 2018 at 10h00.

#### Corporate governance

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

For and on behalf of the board

D R Mokhobo  
Director  
22 February 2018

By order of the board

G J Richter  
Group Secretary  
22 February 2018

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Group Secretary  
G J Richter

## Tenant wins eviction appeal against The Gables

By Sandile Nkambule  
Supreme Court

A tenant at The Gables Shopping Centre has successfully appealed against the decision of the High Court which had ruled in favour of The Gables to the effect that he should pay arrear rentals and further be evicted from the shopping centre.

Siyakhokha Investments (appellant), which runs a Pharmacy, had filed the appeal against an applicant that was won by The Gables for cancellation of its lease agreement and eviction from the premises as well as payment of arrear rentals.

The court a quo (High Court) had found that the original contract of lease lapsed and that the current lease, which is the subject of litigation, was a month to month contract concluded by the parties pursuant to the lapse of the original one.

The court a quo held that the appellant was in arrear rentals which had accumulated to a total amount of E179 710.32 and the respondent (The Gables) lodged an application on *ex parte* basis to effect a landlords hypothec in respect of the arrear rentals and evict the appellant from the premises.

The respondent further lodged another application urgent application against the appellant for arrear rentals amounting to E122 158.61 in respect of the same premises.

Seating with Judges Dr Odoki and Phesheya Dlamini, the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala, in his judgment stated that there was no need for the respondent, to lodge a second application but what was required for the respondent was to execute the outstanding payment.

The chief justice stated that appellant had reduced the original debt by making periodic payments and consequently the appellant had vacated the premises pursuant to the High Court order issued in November 13, 2015.

The parties concluded a contract of lease on October 25, 2010 in terms of which the respondent leased premises to the appellant to conduct a pharmaceutical business with the leased premises described as shop No 40 at The Gables trading as Galleria Shopping Centre portion 119, a portion of portion 60 (21) of Farm 51 Ezulwini and the monthly rental was E80 per square metre.

The chief justice stated that it is trite law that a court lacks jurisdiction to determine and pronounce itself upon a matter that is *res judicata* and that the basis of the principle is that the court which pronounced on the matter becomes *functus officio*.

"Accordingly, the following order is made, the appeal is upheld, the respondent will pay cost of suit on the ordinary scale," the chief justice pronounced.

Representing the appellant in the matter was Manzini based lawyer Macilongo Ndlovu while the respondent was represented by Wandile Mavuso.





# MAN DASHES INTO HOMESTEAD, GRABS MINOR (5) AND DISAPPEARS

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**FEAR** has gripped Timphisini residents after an unknown man dashed into a homestead and kidnapped a female toddler (five), who he disappeared with into the nearby bushes.

The toddler is said to have been playing with two minors at the homestead when the incident happened on Saturday afternoon.

Speaking to this publication yesterday,

*...search enters Day 5 but child still not found*

police said what makes this incident scary is the fact that it happened in broad daylight.

"The people of Timphisini are understandably living in fear after a toddler was stolen from her own home while playing with other children.

It is very hard to explain what actually happened as there were only a few witnesses at the scene but what we do know is the children were playing around the homestead only for a man to sprint into the area and grab the child and run with

her into the nearby bushes.

What we also know is that while the man was sprinting with the child, the other children tried to give chase but they failed to catch up," a police source said.

"The man disappeared with the child into the bushes and a search party consisting locals and police has been combing the area to find the child to no avail. As the hours go by locals are starting to fear the worst as the child has now been missing for five days," he added.

Chief Police Information and



Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the kidnapping and said police were searching for the child and the suspect.

## Limkokwing SRC faces suspension

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**LIMKOKWING** University of Creative Technology (LUCT) Student Representative Council (SRC) could be suspended after the management accused them of acting in common interest in the class boycott in March.

The management first served the SRC with a letter on April 10, where they asked them to show cause why the university should not suspend them for the remainder of the semester in the event they did not give satisfactory reasons.

The management said their investigations suggested that the SRC allegedly violated the university's regulations by hosting unlawful meetings, activities and gatherings without prior permission from the management.

The SRC has been served with yet another letter which slapped them with five counts for the contravention of the High Flyers manual rule.

The counts include convening unlawful meetings and gatherings early March near sheltered students seating area without prior permission from management, unauthorised use of university logo without written permission from manage-

ment, failing to comply with all institutional rules as amended from time to time and engaging, leading, initiating and supporting an unlawful boycott.

"We are holding our breath that they reverse their decision because we can't afford to be suspended at this time of the year," said a member of the SRC.

The students have been summoned for hearing today and it has been reliably gathered that they might be suspended.

There was total pandemonium at Limkokwing University mid-March when armed police used rubber bullets, detained eight students after a class boycott turned ugly. The students boycotted classes and

### The Limkokwing SRC members:

Benele Simelane	President
Lucky Mkhumane	Vice President
Phila Nhlabatsi	General Secretary
Mngqobi Mkhumbuzi	Vice secretary
Wandile Myeni	Treasurer
Lucky Methula	Director of Academics
Ntokozi Nsimbini	Director of Social welfare
Bonginkosi Nhlabatsi	Director of sports
Badelisile Mdluli	Director of entertainment

took to the highway over an allegedly dysfunctional WIFI at the school, something that delayed them from submitting their assignments on time.

In their response on the matter, the university's communication office said it is not true that they want to suspend the Student Representative Council but instead the university is taking disciplinary action for actions of misconduct stated in a charge sheet served to them.

## High Court recess starts next week

● First session of the High Court ends tomorrow

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**THE High Court** first session is expected to end tomorrow and the court is expected to be in recess beginning next week.

The next session of the High Court will then resume at the beginning of June, it has been gathered.

When the court is in recess, normally urgent applications are brought before court and this week judges have been allocating dates for most cases in the next session of the High Court.

### Mentioned

Yesterday, Judge Doris Tshabalala mentioned that she no longer has dates for this session and allocated a matter involving sugarcane farmers a date in the next session of the High Court.

She indicated to lawyer Mayibongwe Mntungwa that she will not be available as the court will be in recess next week.



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All members are hereby cordially invited to this occasion which is scheduled as follows:

**Date : 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Venue : Swaziland Hospice at Home -Matsapha**

**Time : 1:30 PM**

Members are advised to keep time.

For more information, kindly contact 7605 2381.

**Statement issued by the Chairperson of the Board**



By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**THE case involving alleged serial killer and rapist, Vusi Phineas Dlamini will be affected by the death of Principal Crown Counsel Stanley Dlamini, who was prosecuting in the matter.**

The Principal Crown Counsel had been seized with the matter which was already part-heard before High Court Judge Mzwandile Fakudze.

Before his death, Dlamini had already paraded more than 10 witnesses including Magistrate Florence Msibi.

According to some of his colleagues, this is not the only case that will be affected by Dlamini's death as others he was prosecuting will now have to be allocated to other prosecutors.

Dlamini died tragically when he was allegedly stoned to death by a civil servant Nelisa Hlatjwako after an altercation at Msunduzi last Saturday.

The case involving the serial killer has been grounded as the suspect was admitted to the Mbabane Government Hospital

# SERIAL 'KILLER RAPIST' CASE TO BE AFFECTED BY PROSECUTOR'S DEATH

● Principal Crown counsel Stanley Dlamini has been seized with the part heard serial killer case of Vusi Phineas Dlamini

and Dlamini had indicated last week that the suspect has since been discharged from hospital and was hoping to have the case resume in the next session of the High Court.

## Accused

Vusi Dlamini is accused of raping and killing eight women at Elangeni area between 2008 and 2009, with some having their bodies mutilated.

According to the charge sheet where a list of the witnesses has been attached, the list of witnesses comprises spouses of the

deceased, their parents and police officers.

The list also includes people who had discovered the bodies of the deceased which had been dumped in different places, mostly along rivers at Elangeni, Somnjalose, Lozitha and along the Lusushwana River, to name a few.

The suspect allegedly raped and killed Xolile Sylvia Maphanga on June 3, 2008 near Elangeni.

It has not been established yet whether he first raped the

woman and killed her after or if he killed her first. The state has attached reports from a medical practitioner who examined the bodies of all the deceased.

## Killed

He is further accused of having killed Agnes Mthembu on May 29, 2008 at Elangeni.

On January 13, 2009, he allegedly killed and raped Lucia Magagula near Lozitha in the Hhohho region.

Sometimes in March 2009, the suspect had unlawful sexual intercourse with Sakhile

Manikela near the Lusushwana River and he has been charged with rape and murder.

The state has so far failed to identify a woman who was allegedly killed and raped by the accused near Mtilane River in the Manzini region.

He is further accused of having raped and killed Nolwazi Msibi on June 2, 2009 near LaMgabhi in the Hhohho region.

On count 11, he allegedly killed Nobahle Dlamini and dumped her body at Somnjalose area on April 7, 2009. He is further accused of raping and killing Dudu Mabaso on October 24, 2009 at Unitrans River in Pigg's Peak.

## Ex-Nedbank CFO demands E400 000 for unfair dismissal

By Sandile Nkambule  
Industrial Court

**FORMER Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Nedbank Swaziland Dumisani Kunene has taken the bank to court where he is demanding E400 000 for unfair dismissal.**

Kunene, who was employed as CFO between 1992 and 2002, is claiming a total of E126 515.48 in respect of terminal benefits and E251 356.56 in respect of compensation for unfair dismissal with interest at a rate of nine percent per annum.

Appearing before Judge President of the Industrial Court Sifiso Sibandze yesterday, Kunene stated that he was dismissed from the bank after being charged for

gross negligence after allegations by the management to the effect that he was responsible for the loss of E10 million incurred by the bank.

He stated that he was hauled before a disciplinary hearing which found him guilty as charged and later appealed the matter, an appeal which was however not successful.

## Documents

He told the court that there were no supporting documents on how the E10 million was lost under his care as CFO.

"As CFO I was responsible for financial control of bank's finances and during that time the bank was in a transition to change from Standard Chartered to Nedbank, I was dismissed after being

charged with gross negligence in the loss of E10 million which I appealed," Kunene said. He submitted that before the transition, the finance department was reporting to the Marketing and Strategy Department.

According to the claim breakdown, Kunene wants payment of E20 946.38 notice pay and additional notice pay four times. He is also claiming severance allowance calculated at E75 406.50 and E30 162.60 respectively all of which forms part of his terminal benefits while the E251 356.56 is in respect of unfair dismissal. However, the bank has submitted that the claims have not been certified unresolved as contemplated by Section 85 (1) of the Industrial Relations Act of 2000.

## Another man fined for dagga cultivation

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Sitekti

**THE cultivation of dagga is evidently on the rise in the Lubombo region as yet another man appeared before the Magistrate's Court on Monday after he was arrested for cultivating the illegal herb.**

Sabelo Matse (34) was nabbed while working on the fields situated at Sitsatsaweni near the border separating the country and neighbouring Mozambique. He appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso,

where he faced a charge of contravening the pharmacy Act. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully cultivate 250 plants of dagga.

When told of his rights to legal representation, the accused person elected to conduct his own defence. He further pleaded guilty to the charge, and his plea was accepted by the Crown.

The Crown however highlighted that the accused person had committed a serious crime which was quickly becoming a trend in the region. Apparently, the dagga plants were said to be at a stage of ripening when the accused person was arrested.

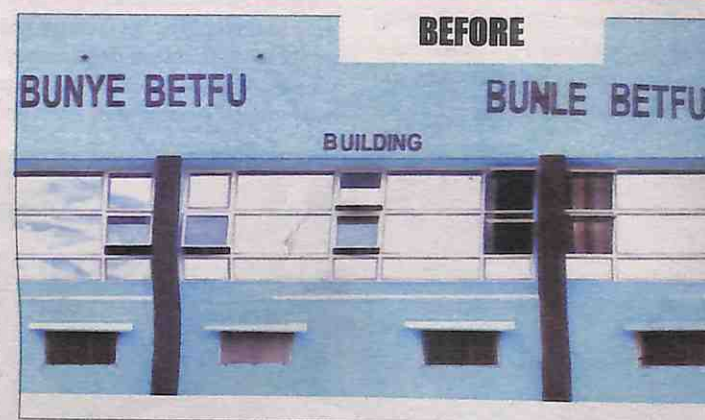
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During mitigation, the accused person asked the court to be lenient when passing the sentence. He stated that he intended to sell the dagga upon harvesting as a way to make money.

The accused person said he was unemployed, a situation which he said drove him to committing the crime. He was reportedly guarding the illegal herb when he was arrested.

The accused was accordingly found guilty of the crime and was sentenced to a year in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine.

## Buhle Betfu Indeed



**SORTED: Action has now been taken on the Bunye Bethu Buhle Betfu signage and it now bears the co-operative logo and its website. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)**

## MPs reject Hillary's Bill over ACC matter

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) on Monday made it clear that they would not debate bills from the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs.**

Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo said he was not going to be part of MPs who would work on

bills from the justice ministry. He said it was disturbing to know that there was a minister who was looking down upon them as MPs, yet the very same minister wanted MPs to work on his bills.

Without mentioning a name, it became clear that he was referring to Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Edgar Hillary. At the moment, Hillary does not see eye to eye with

MPs over the current probe of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

Hillary was reportedly against the move by the MPs, saying they were straying by so doing.

Khumalo was supported by Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe. He said he was also not going to take part in debating bills involving the justice ministry because he also felt disrespected by the minister.

The MPs said this after House of Assembly Speaker Themba Msibi had warned them on the habit of not forming a quorum.

Msibi said this negatively affected the work of the legislators as they had to enact some legislations that were tabled before the House on a certificate of urgency. One of them was the Election of Women in to the House of Assembly Bill of 2018.

By the time the elections were done later this year, the bill was supposed to have been passed so that it could be used to ensure that women rep-

resentation in the House of Assembly reached at least 30 percent. The bill was supposed to be debated on Monday.

However, the bill could not be debated as MPs did not form a quorum. The MPs who were in the House at the time debated on what to do if MPs did not form a quorum.

Ludzeludze MP Bambumuti Sithole said under such circumstances, MPs who were still in the House had to be recorded. It was not clear what was going to happen to those who moved out, causing the quorum not to be formed.



By Observer Reporter  
Simunye

ROYAL Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) has again proven that there is no exercise better for the heart than reaching and lifting communities as the company made a donation worth E97 370.

It was made by RSSC MD Nick Jackson and RSSC Group Public Affairs Manager Sifiso Nyembe. The active contributor to the socio-economic development of the country has again lived to its pledge of operating beyond the production of sugar but also uplifting local communities. Through the leadership of Jackson, the company has continued to give back to thousands of Swazis over the past years. "Education is the driving force behind the success and development of not only the company but the country at large. They are learners today but they are the leaders of tomorrow. Reading is essential for better education as it keeps the brain active, improves vocabulary and spelling.

"The teachers work tirelessly to ensure that these children pass and we have to thank and succour them with all we can for their job to be efficacious as they pave way for our future leaders," Jackson said.

The donation of books, worth E91 000 to the RSSC aided government schools, consisted of a good mix of textbooks, novels and reference books for learners to invest in enriching their minds with information. These schools are Mhlume Primary and High, Lusoti Primary and High, Ngomane Primary and

# RSSC DOLES OUT E97 000 FOR BOOKS, RE-USABLE SANITARY TOWELS



**GIVING BACK:** RSSC MD Nick Jackson, GPAM Sifiso Nyembe and RSSC aided government schools head teachers pose with their books after the presentation.

High; and Tshaneni Central Primary. Nyembe encouraged them to take care of the books because they are a treasure that never perishes with information.

The other donation made on the

day was to benefit at least 60 girls with re-usable sanitary towels which was given to an organisation known as Days For Girls. RSSC and employees made this donation a reality after they contributed E6 370.

Jackson said: "Employees worked tirelessly to make this donation a success. They made monetary contributions around the company and we ended up with E6 370. We believe that this will go a long way

in addressing the issues faced by school going girls." Days for Girls is an organisation that was formed upon realisation that some of the conditions underprivileged girls experience every month during their times of the month. Some use alternatives such as toilet paper and other unhygienic and unhealthy options whilst others prefer not to go to school during that time of the month. Days For Girls initiated the programme involving community women to sew beautiful re-usable or washable sanitary towels that are made from good quality fabric that is easy to wash and dry. Representing Days For Girls - Nelisiwe Mtshali said, "At least for the next two years, the girls who will benefit from the contribution will not have to engage in activities such as sexual favours in exchange for a packet of sanitary towels," and she further thanked the company for the much appreciated donation.



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# King praises SA Emaswati for embracing their nationality

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Mekemeke, South Africa

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III is pleased that Emaswati living in South Africa are still proud of being identified as Emaswati.**

This was said by Prince Guduza, who spoke on behalf of the King over the past weekend. He was speaking during an Ummemo Ceremony held at Mekemeke Royal Residence at Lomshiyo in Mpumalanga, South Africa.

Prince Guduza said the King had sent them on a mission to see if Emaswati living that side

were still proud of being identified as Emaswati. The prince, who is also the Chairperson of the Border Determination Special Committee, said they were happy with what they found and they would relay the good news to the King.

"This event is proof that Emaswati living this side are still happy with their indigenous nationality, despite being separated by the present territorial border line with the rest of Emaswati living in Eswatini," Prince Guduza said.

He said the numerous cultural groups that had been formed in the Lomshiyo chiefdom proved that even the youth is still interested in conserving their cultural heritage.

Many of the groups are said to have been taught on issues related to preserving SiSwati culture and tradition.

Mekemeke was King Mswati II's royal residence and it is one of his three main royal residences presently on the South African side. The other two included Mbhuleni (which is in present day Badplaas) and Mjindini (which is in present day Barberton).

Lomshiyo is not the only chiefdom that is frequented by Emaswati in South Africa on the King's instruction, as there are 12 others, and most of these have roots within the country.

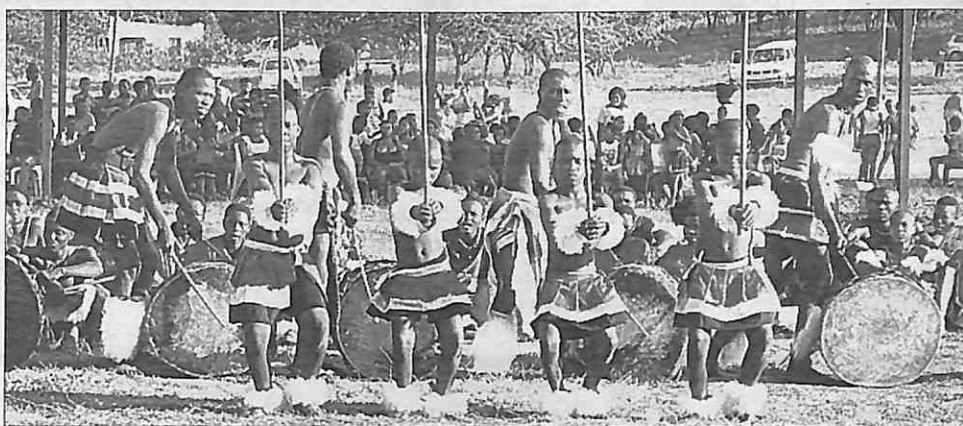
It is said Lomshiyo starts from Bulembu and



**LALELA: Ligcabho LaMhlekezi leader Sibongile Ndwandwe making an announcement at the event.**

stretches as far as Nelspruit.

Police and soldiers were spotted at the event, ensuring peace and security prevailed.



**CATCHING THEM YOUNG: Ligcabho la LaNdwandwe showing the audience how sibhaca dance is done.**



**WATCHFUL EYE: Lutsango following proceedings during the event.**



Swaziland Dairy Board

## DAIRY CATTLE FARMING COURSE

Dairy Cattle owners, keepers and aspiring individuals are kindly invited to attend a dairy farming training course to be held at the Board's Conference Room at Enguleni House, Manzini. The course will commence on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and run for eight (8) weeks. Selected days for training are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week starting at 5:30pm till 7:00pm.

The training is set out to cover the following topics:

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## Prince Tikhontele splashes E21 000 for cultural competition

**LOMSHIYO Chief Prince Tikhontele has splashed E21 000 for his community's cultural groups to sweat it out during cultural competitions.**

The event took place on Saturday at Mekemeke Royal Residence. The aim was to encourage the youth of that area to embrace their culture. It was also meant to do away with the belief that SiSwati culture and traditions were preserved by non-educated people.

The cultural groups that took part in the event were more than 10 and were divided into two.

There was one taking part in *sibhaca* (male cultural dance) and *ingadla* (cultural dance in which girls took part).

The competitions took place for the better part of the day.

Attendants of the event were impressed by the commitment displayed by the participants as it showed what they were, hence the great display of skills.

The best group in each category walked away with E5 000, while the second best got E3 000. The third won E2 500.

## Why people abandoned culture

**EUROPEANS have been blamed for Africans abandoning their own culture.**

Dr. Mafika Lubisi, who is the MEC for Sports, Culture and Recreation in Mpumalanga Province, South Africa, said Africans shot themselves on the foot by allowing Europeans to influence them to abandon their culture, which defined them as Africans.

He said there was Lord MacAulay, a British nationality, who in February 1835, wrote to the British Parliament, telling them about Africans and how they lived. He intended to give them tips on how Africa could be controlled by the British.

He told the British Parliament that Africans were united people, who were proud of the way they lived.

It would be difficult for anyone to divide them because of their unity, which was unprecedented, according to MacAulay.

He proposed to his native legislators at that time that Africans had to be passively divided.

They would do this by introducing the British culture to them and make it look like it was the best.

That way, they would win their minds into believing they had to abandon their culture and learn the British one. That was the only way they would win the rich land of the Africans to use it for their own selfish purposes.

Another culprit mentioned by Dr. Lubisi was King Leopold II of Belgium.

He told a group of missionaries who were headed to Congo in 1883 that their job was to interpret the Gospel in a way that would serve the interests of the industrialists and administrators.

That meant the missionaries would preach the Gospel in a way that would protect the interests of the Belgians in Congo. The king said it will not be wise to preach the Gospel to people who already knew it.

They already knew that to lie, kill, commit adultery, and steal was bad. They submitted to their own gods.



# Luhhwahhweni residents turn violent

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**POLICE** had to be called when a handful of Luhhwahhweni residents became violent and threatened officials when a delegation led by Lubombo Regional Administrator Sylvia Mthethwa visited the area to review boundaries.

Luhhwahhweni is a tiny community of Lonhlopheko, situated along a boundary separating the community and Hlane Game Reserve.

For the past years, the area has been embroiled in a land dispute as some homesteads were reportedly situated on land belonging to the game reserve. The dispute saw the Lubombo RA opening in the surveyor general's office, attorney general's office, KaLanga Chieftdom and other authorities in a bid to amicably resolve the issue.

Mthethwa and a delegation from the aforementioned offices made her first visit to the area in November last year, where the residents were engaged on the matter.

In a previous interview with this publication, Mthethwa disclosed that authorities of the game reserve were advised to revisit the boundary and erect a fence so that it could be clear to anyone.

Mthethwa's delegation was back in the area on Monday to oversee the exercise of reviewing the boundaries as directed by officials from the surveyor general's office.

Upon noticing a grader and the RA's convoy in the area, residents alerted each other and gathered near the boundaries.

The residents followed the tractor which was clearing a path as it marked the boundary separating the community and the game

...as regional administrator's office reviews boundaries



**HERE IT IS:** A path which indicates the boundary separating Luhhwahhweni area and Hlane Game Reserve.

reserve.

As the tractor cleared the path, it became evident that some homesteads, fields and grazing lands were now situated inside the game reserve. This situation is said to have sparked anger amongst the residents as they started hurling unpalatable words at some of the officials while watching the exercise from a distance.

It was at this moment that police officers who were present called for back-up from their colleagues. Moments later, a fully loaded police van arrived after the RA and her delegation had left.

When speaking randomly to our news crew, the residents alleged that they were not properly engaged on the matter. One elderly woman, Grace Gamedze (65) said she had lived her entire life in the area, but only to be told that her homestead was situated on the wrong side of the boundary.

"I was born here, and have always lived

here only to be told that my homestead is not supposed to be where it is," she said.

She was echoed by one John Maziya who pointed out that the review of the boundary has taken away some of their fields and grazing land.

The residents said they were still hoping to have the matter addressed, and an amicable resolution reached.

"We are willing to cooperate with the authorities but we are certainly not ready to allow the game reserve to take away our land," said Maziya.

Meanwhile, Mthethwa confirmed her visit and the undertaking of the exercise on Monday. The RA had contacted this publication while at the site together with the officials.

However, she could not be reached for further comments on the matter when she was called yesterday as her mobile phone rang unanswered.



**OUR LAND:** Furious residents of Luhhwahhweni inspecting the boundaries of the area.



**SECURITY:** Police officers being offloaded by a vehicle to maintain order at the area.



**INSIDE:** This homestead is said to be inside the Hlane Game Reserve after the demarcated boundary lines.



Our Ref: PM/30/2018

## Vacancy

**Position: TV Licence Inspector**

The TV Licence Project is a consortium mandated by STVA to collect outstanding and current TV licences.

## Job Opportunity

This challenging opportunity requires an energetic candidate who possesses strong people skills, persuasive and attentive to detail. The candidate's work shall be governed by the provisions of the Swaziland Television Authority Act of 1983.

## Main responsibilities

Reporting to the **Head of TV Licence Inspectors**, the candidate will be responsible for:

- Inspection of residential and business premises to verify that every person in possession of, and / or dealing with any gadget capable of transmitting, receiving and communicating television signal has a valid television licence.

## Tasks:

1. Conduct inspections in residential and business premises.
2. Prepare and submit inspection reports as per reporting structure.
3. Maintain accurate and up to date records of all TV licence inspections conducted.
4. Perform any other duties as assigned by management.

## Qualifications:

High School Certificate  
Computer literate  
Background in investigation  
Fluency in Siswati and English

Applications to be sent to the following postal address;  
P.O. Box 213 Eveni, Mbabane or emailed to: [tvlicence@dnet.co.sz](mailto:tvlicence@dnet.co.sz)

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. The closing date for applications: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

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## Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE)

### VACANCY - INTERNAL AUDITOR

SWADE is a government parastatal tasked with using water to stimulate economic development in rural areas through commercialization of agriculture. The position of Internal Auditor has become vacant in the organization and is tenable at Mbabane (Head Office).

#### Overview

The Internal Auditor is responsible for planning, executing and reporting on operational, financial, and regulatory and compliance related audits/reviews of the organization.

#### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Draft the Internal Audit Charter of the organization in line with the international standards.
- Develop risk-based annual audit plans detailing the scope, nature and timing of audit activities.
- Design internal audit procedures and work programs.
- Advise management on the resourcing requirements for the Internal Audit function, including any potential outsourcing arrangements.
- Conduct internal audits to assess the adequacy, effectiveness and efficiency of the established internal controls and procedures.
- Identify key areas of risk within the organization and propose appropriate controls to mitigate the risks.
- Review the accuracy, timeliness and relevance of financial information and other disclosures provided to management.
- Discuss audit findings and recommendations with line managers and report significant issues to senior management.
- Prepare audit reports in line with the approved audit plan.
- Monitor the timely implementation of the management actions recommended in the audit reports.
- Provide senior management and the Board of Auditors with an opinion on the adequacy, effectiveness and efficiency of the internal controls in the organization.
- Conduct ad-hoc investigations and reviews as requested by senior management or the Board of Auditors.
- Participate in the Audit Committee meetings.
- Liaise with the external auditor on internal control issues.
- Report on internal control issues and the implementation of the internal audit plan to senior management and the Audit Committee.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

#### REQUIRED QUALIFICATION, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

##### Minimum:

- B Com in Accounting or B Com Internal Auditing or equivalent
- Internal audit, COSO, internal controls, compliance and risk management knowledge
- Audit techniques (work programs, tests, sampling, documentation, reports)
- IT MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, advanced Excel)

##### Advantageous:

Internationally Recognized Professional Accounting or Auditing certification, such as CPA/CIA/ACCA/CIS etc. (desirable)  
Articles  
IIA membership

#### Professional Experience Required:

##### Minimum:

- At least 3 years Internal Audit or Internal Control function experience in an international financial institution, financial services sector or professional accounting firm with additional 2 years supervisory experience

##### Advantageous:

- 5+ years Internal auditing experience with additional 2 years supervisory experience
- Excellent understanding of the standards of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and ability to fully comply with IIA standards.

#### Applications:

Interested individuals should send their applications, including their CVs, references and certified copies of their certificates to [recruitment@swade.co.sz](mailto:recruitment@swade.co.sz) (Closing date: Friday 04 May 2018 before 1600hrs). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Should you not be contacted within 21 days after the deadline, please consider your application unsuccessful.



# GRADE ONE PUPIL BITTEN BY SNAKE

By Nozipho Sibiyi  
Mbabane

A Grade One pupil attending school at Black Mbuluzi Nazarene Primary in Dvokolwako is currently fighting for his life at Mbabane Government Hospital after he was bitten by an unidentified snake near Black Mbuluzi River.

The boy, aged six, had gone for his usual swimming expedition in the river at Tsakasile area with his friends when he was bitten by the reptile on the leg. According to his mother Samukelisiwe Thwala, the incident happened on April 19, which was the day of 50/50 celebrations. The mother said they spent a week at Dvokolwako Health Centre and were last Thursday transferred to Mbabane Government Hospital.

His friends told her mother that he started crying, saying something had bitten him while grabbing his leg. "At first they did not pay attention to him because they thought he was playing. He is of a playful nature," narrated the mother. However, the type of snake could not be identified



by the boys. She said one of his friends then saw a snake near where he had been seated. "They suspect the snake bit him and vanished into the nearby bush. They said everything happened so fast," she said. She said one of the boys rushed back home to report the incident while the others tried to rescue him. "We called the 977 Emergency Medical Services and they rushed him to Dvokolwako Health Centre," she said. She said a week later, the doctor told her that since the leg was not improving, they would transfer him to the Mbabane Government Hospital. "On Thursday last week, we were transferred to the Mbabane Government Hospital," she said. She has not seen any improve-

ment yet. However, she stated that at Dvokolwako Health Centre her son was changed bandages three times a day while at Mbabane Government they skip a day and then put a new bandage.

The mother did not allow the media to take a picture of his son as she said she was still to consult with the father and the family.

Thwala said it is not the first time a child in his family is bitten by a snake as he is reported to be the third one in the family to suffer such setback. "Last year, a nephew of mine was bitten by a snake also at Tsakasile," she said, thus mentioning that this is now worrying.

## PICK N PAY ALCOHOL THIEF WANTED TO SELL VODKA

Stories by Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

IN a quest to make ends meet, unemployed Sandziso Dlamini was charged with stealing a 750ml bottle of Smirnoff Vodka at Pick n Pay on Monday.

Dlamini appeared before Mbabane Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini and said he stole the alcohol with the intention of selling it.

"I urge the court to be lenient with me because I'm unemployed and I was trying to make ends meet. I usually get money from washing cars at a local car wash but that is not enough to sustain my family hence I resorted to stealing alcohol. I grew up with no parents and I hustle for a living," he said. Dlamini said he was staying with his disabled uncle and sister and he was the only one providing for them. He was also charged with being

found in possession of 3grams of dagga which he said was for his own consumption. He was sentenced to five months imprisonment or a fine option of E600 for the first count and four months imprisonment or a fine of E500 on the second count. Both counts ran consecutively, with the fines accumulating to E1 100.

In another case, 44-year-old Thulani Shongwe of Mdumezulu and Bonginkhosi Dlamini of Mnyokane were charged with acting jointly in assaulting Abednigo Nkambule with open hands, fists, kicks several times all over the body and further banged his head several times on the ground with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm. The incident occurred this past Sunday. Bail was opposed and they were remanded back to custody until May 11 pending the recovery of the complainant in hospital.

## Dagga dealer pays for siblings school fees

A dagga dealer who was found in possession of 0.5 kg marijuana told Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini that he was a breadwinner and paying for school fees for his two sisters.

Simanga Ngwenya of Lavundlamanti was nabbed with the illegal substance while at Nkoyoyo on Monday and he appeared before court yesterday.

The 27-year-old Ngwenya told the court that he was staying with his mother, grandmother and two of his sisters and they were all depending on him as he was the breadwinner.

"I promise not to be found in possession of dagga ever again because I can't afford to be away from my family.

They are all depending on me and I also pay for the school fees for my two sisters,"

he said.

Ngwenya was sentenced to two years imprisonment with a fine option of E2 000.

In a similar case, Sifiso Nkambule of Lobamba was nabbed with 0.3grams of dagga while driving a car at Ngwenya Border Gate and he was in the company of Gcina Dlamini.

Nkambule pleaded with the court to be lenient with him as he was not dealing with the drug but he was usually lending the car to his brother whom he thinks uses it for unlawful acts.

"I'm currently unemployed and if it pleases the court, I would prefer to have whatever fine imposed on me paid in instalments because I can't afford to pay for it all at once. I survive by selling clothes," he said.

Nkambule was sentenced to two years imprisonment with a fine option of E2 000.



### MADLANGEMPISI FARMERS COMPANY

#### TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified C4 and above contractors for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of irrigation system for conversion from dragline to semi-solid irrigation system at Madlangempisi Farmer Company (152.6 Ha) under the Komati project area. Contractors MUST be familiar with standards for construction of Small Holder Irrigation Projects used in Swaziland. ONLY contractors with experience in irrigation particularly SEMI-SOLID SPRINKLER SYSTEM will be considered.

Preference will be given to local contractors, with 60% Swazi shareholding, and registered with the Construction Industry Council of Swaziland. Tender documents may be obtained after payment of a non-refundable tender fee of E350.00 to the Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise. Documents will be on sale from Thursday, 03 rd May 2018 to Thursday, 10 May 2018, between 0830 hours and 1100 hours at the SWADE Tshaneni Site Office up to the day of a compulsory clarification meeting and site visit with representative of the Employer which will be held at the SWADE Tshaneni Site Office.

Tenderers attention is drawn to the table below which indicates the Contract No, Contract Title, Tender Bond, CIC category, Site Inspection date and the closing date for submission of tenders. Late, incomplete, telephoned or telegraphic tenders will not be considered.

Contract No.	Contract Title	Tender Bond	CIC Category	Site Inspection Date/Time	Closing of Tender
MH0357/IRR/2018	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of irrigation system for conversion from dragline to semi-solid irrigation system at Madlangempisi Farmer Company (152.6 Ha)	E50,000	C4 and above	10 May 2018, 9.00am	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2018, 11.00am

Completed tenders should be delivered in a sealed envelope to the SWADE, Tshaneni Site Office and the envelope should only show the Project Name, Project Number and Addressed to:

The KDDP Project Manager  
MADLANGEMPISI FARMERS COMPANY  
c/o Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise  
CONTRACT NO. MH0375/IRR/2018

Any actions or tendencies that will be interpreted as an attempt to interfere with or influence the tendering process will result in immediate disqualification of the Tenderer. Enquiries, administrative and technical, relating to the Tenders listed in the table above may be addressed to Mr Nkululeko Dlamini. Tel No. 232 32 270/2/3/4 or 232 322 68, Fax No. 232 322 71, E-mail: [nkululeko@swade.co.sz](mailto:nkululeko@swade.co.sz)

The Employer does not bind herself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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## CONFUSION



**NO HOPE:** Such road signs need argient attention as it gives people visiting the Nhlanguano town less hope of what to find once they are inside. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



# MINOR (12) RAPED 3 TIMES BY NEIGHBOUR AT VUSWENI

Stories by Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

## A man has been accused of raping a minor aged 12 at knife point.

Sihle Mthupha\* (35) appeared before Principal Magistrate Joe Gumede for raping the young girl who is also the accused's neighbour.

It is said Mthupha raped the minor three times on separate occasions in 2017 at knife point while fetching water at Vusweni. It is alleged that the second rape incident happened while Mthupha was watering his dagga plants at the back of his homestead.

According to domestic violence officer at the Pigg's Peak Police Station, Sifiso Simelane, who was speaking

after the arrest of Mthupha on Sunday, the first rape incident occurred while the survivor was returning home from school. "In one of the incidents, Mthupha who is a close friend of the survivor's father, called the minor who was unsuspecting and dragged her to a nearby bush.

He proceeded to rape her at knife point and to make the situation even worse, the accused did not use a condom. After the first incident, the accused then told his crying survivor that he will kill her if she spoke about her ordeal," the officer said.

He added that after the first rape, a few days later, as the minor was going to fetch water, he was called by Mthupha who was allegedly watering his dagga at the back of his homestead. Simelane

said the minor knew what Mthupha was up-to and tried to flee, but the accused managed to catch up with the survivor where he led her to the bushes and proceeded to rape her.

He said on the second instance, after the rape, the accused again supposedly told the minor that he would kill her with the knife if she mentioned her ordeal to anybody.

The accused allegedly raped the minor in

December in the same fashion.

In March, while at the Vusweni healthcare facility with a nurse under Young Heroes, the minor was finally able to relate her terrible ordeal. After the short interview between the

nurse and the survivor, the police were informed and Mthupha was arrested. After hearing the testimony, the magistrate said the trial would continue on July 16.

## Man accused of raping daughter (15)

### A man from Manzana area has been accused of raping his 15-year-old daughter.

It is said Nkosinathi Bulunga\* raped \*Fikile at his homestead in Manzana in late February.

It is claimed that when Bulunga was arrested by the police, he confessed to committing the crime, saying he did it only once.

The incident was reported

to the police by a concerned relative.

It is said the accused committed the evil act whilst drunk.

He walked into the bedroom where his daughter slept and forced himself onto her.

It is claimed that after the rape, the accused left his daughter asleep and the next morning, the daughter spoke about her ordeal to a relative who reported the matter to the

police. While compiling the story, it was yet to be determined by this publication as to where the child's mother was during the rape.

the arrest, the man appeared before Pigg's Peak Principal Magistrate Joe Gumede on Sunday, where he pleaded guilty to the crime of rape.

The accused was advised to reappear in court tomorrow, for his next remand.



## WE ARE HIRING

Dynamic Health Systems Initiative (DHSI) is a health systems research & consultancy organisation based in the Kingdom of eSwatini. We provide technical support on public health programming and health systems research and evaluation initiatives to government departments, private for-profit establishments and developmental organizations, tailoring our approaches to meet the clients' specific needs. Join us in carrying out our mission <http://www.dhsigroup.org/>.

### Continuous Quality Improvement Nurse (2 positions)

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**Location:** Mbabane  
**Salary:** Commensurate with required experience and qualifications

#### Qualifications and Experience:

- A degree in Nursing with training in Quality Assurance or Quality Improvement or Quality Management
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- Experience supervising and managing, training and mentoring staff, ideally in a clinical setting
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### Customer Services and Counselling Representative (2 positions)

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**Location:** Mbabane  
**Salary:** Commensurate with required experience and qualifications

#### Requirements

- Proven customer support experience or experience as a client service representative
- Familiarity with Customer Relations systems and practices
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- Excellent communication and presentation skills
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- Public Health knowledge/background desirable
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- Ability to use Office suite - Word, PowerPoint, Excel
- Fluent in SiSwati and English

Please send your CV/Résumé and your Cover Letter to [hr@dhsigroup.org](mailto:hr@dhsigroup.org). If you are not contacted within 2 weeks of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful. However, since we are active around the continent in the field of public health, we may wish to retain your CV in our database for other/future opportunities, unless you direct us otherwise. Closing Date: 3 May 2018

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## Terms of Reference

<b>Title:</b>	Medium Term Review of the Swaziland UNDP Country Office Country Programme Document 2016-2020
<b>Country of Assignment:</b>	Swaziland
<b>Type of Contract:</b>	Individual Contract
<b>Start Date:</b>	01 June 2018
<b>Duration:</b>	30 working days
<b>Expected Duration of Assignment:</b>	3 months
<b>Detailed TOR</b>	<a href="https://bit.ly/2HNItoU">https://bit.ly/2HNItoU</a>

### BACKGROUND

The UNDP Country Programme Document (CPD) is a five-year framework defining cooperation between the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini and UNDP covering the period 2016 to 2020. The programme is aligned to the National Development Strategy (NDS) 1997-2022, and the UNDAF 2016-2020. The UNDAF has three (3) pillars: (a) poverty and inequality reduction, inclusive growth and sustainable development; (b) equitable and efficient delivery and access to social services; and (c) good governance and accountability. UNDP contributes to the UNDAF priority areas through three (3) mutually reinforcing and supporting outcomes revolving around: (i) Inclusive Economic Growth and Sustainable Development (ii) Environmental Sustainability and Resilience Building (iii) and, Good Governance and Citizen Participation:

UNDP seeks the technical services of a consultant to conduct a mid-term review of the CPD 2016-2020 for the Swaziland country office (CO). The review will assess performance of the CPD 2016-2020 and also focus on key outcomes, research and knowledge management, and public services and citizen voice and participation across the three (3) portfolios of the CPD.

### OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the review is to establish the CPD 2016-2020 performance. The specific objectives are to: (i) determine the relevance of the programme under the three CPD pillars; (ii) assess the effectiveness in terms of progress made towards agreed results; (iii) assess the efficiency of programme/project management (including managerial arrangements, partnerships and co-ordination mechanisms); (iv) identify the unintended outcomes as well as sustainability of the results; and (v) identify best practices and lessons learned for UNDP and partners as well as provide actionable recommendations for future programme impact.

### TASKS

The outcome evaluation will cover the period 2016-2017 and will involve the following activities:

1. Assess the effectiveness of the CPD 2016-2020 programme strategy implementation along national priorities.
2. Analyse the alignment and linkage of results to the new SDG integration, International and regional instruments, UNDP Strategic Plan 2018-2021 and the UNDAF/CPD results framework including the relevance of the set indicators and impact.
3. Review the programme design, and assumptions made during programmes formulation and development process.
4. Assess whether the programmes implementation strategies have been optimum and recommend areas for improvement and learning.
5. Assess the synergy with other UN agencies and Development Partners programs implemented under the CPD period.
6. Assess the coordination, partnership arrangements, institutional strengthening, beneficiary participation.
7. Track achievement of programmes results track and make recommendation for improvements for sustainable outcomes.

### DELIVERABLES

The assignment will crystallize to the following deliverables: (i) Inception Report, (ii) Draft Review Report for presentation in a validation meeting (iii) Validation workshop report, (iv) and, Final endorsed report incorporating comments from stakeholders.

### QUALIFICATIONS and EXPERIENCE

#### Education:

Master's Degree or equivalent in Development studies, Monitoring and Evaluation, Social Sciences, Business Administration, Public Administration, Economics or related field.

#### Experience:

- Previous experience in conducting learning events at various levels.
- Demonstrated knowledge of, and successful experience with: programme evaluation; qualitative and quantitative research design and implementation; data analysis and synthesis of research results.
- Profound knowledge in evaluating development programmes and an understanding of similar assignments.
- At least 10 years extensive experience at the national or international level in providing management advisory services, hands-on experience in design, gender programming, monitoring and evaluation of humanitarian, development, recovery and resilience building programmes.
- Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to apply theoretical design, management and evaluation of complex multi-disciplinary programmes involving the national government, civil society organizations.
- Have a strong understanding of the development context in Swaziland and national development vision and strategies.
- Demonstrated experience of having worked or evaluated UN programmes will be an added advantage.
- Have excellent writing skills in English.

### SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Interested and qualified candidates may submit their application together with a letter of interest and pertinent documents on-line at <https://jobs.undp.org>, or to the [registry.sz@undp.org](mailto:registry.sz@undp.org) or physically handed to the UNDP offices (5th Floor, Lilunga Building, Somhlolo Street, Mbabane) on or before close of business, 15 May 2018 marked as follows:

**Medium Term Review of the UNDP Swaziland Country Office Country Programme Document 2016-2020.**

#### Additional Considerations

- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only those candidates that are short-listed for interviews will be notified.
- Qualified female candidates are encouraged to apply.

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**BLESSED:** A section of the workers wave their hands in appreciation as they were entertained during the Workers Day celebrations on Tuesday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

# MONTIGNY GROUP APPLAUDED FOR CREATING JOBS IN SD

By Lungele Nkambule  
Nhlangano

THE Swaziland Economic Improvement Workers Union (SEIWU) has advised its members who work for Montigny Group to guard against those whose motive is to destroy employment opportunities in the country in a quest to motivate their agenda for regime change.

Addressing workers at the FESWATU Workers Day celebrations at the King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium, SEIWU Secretary General Phenduliwe Zikalala first applauded Montigny Group for continued job creation in the country.

She then advised the workers against agents of destruction.

"SEIWU appreciates the effort of Montigny Group for providing a number of jobs in the country.

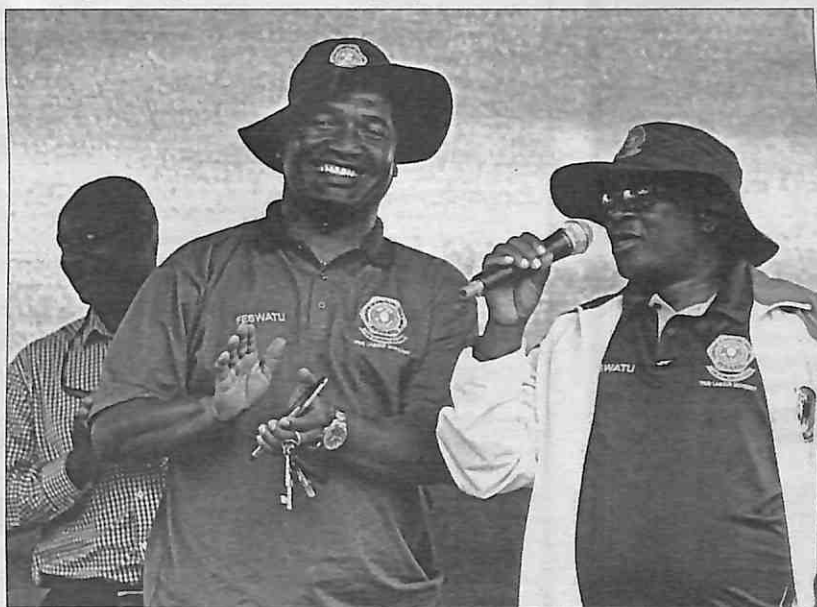
"We have seen a notable growth of the company that has ensured an immeasurable number of jobs created, skilled and non-skilled workers have benefitted from Montigny's initiative. SEIWU is sending a strong warning and advice to all workers who are benefiting from Montigny Group to be aware of those with ulterior motives to frustrate employment opportunities and crush the economy of the country as an agenda for regime change. Montigny shall be supported and use all the designed forums to negotiate and bargain for our workers," she said.

Zikalala said these agents were exposed at the International Labour Organisation (ILO) where they lied about the country.

"I went to Geneva with other workers, we were made aware of the reports by these agents and we told ILO the truth hence the country was removed from the special paragraph. We also have AGOA back. We will not rest until they are defeated," she said, when she was introduced to the masses.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Jabulani Nxumalo, when addressing the masses, said FESWATU was not a mob federation but a federation of realists. He said while it was a victory that

*...SEIWU appreciates the effort of Montigny group for providing a number of jobs in the country. We have seen a notable growth of the company that has ensure an immeasurable number of jobs created, skilled and non-skilled workers have benefitted from Montigny's initiative*



**INTRODUCTION:** FESWATU President Mashumi Shongwe introduces the Chairman of the Board of Trustees Jabulani Nxumalo.

the country had been removed from the ILO special paragraph and had regained the AGOA status, now it was time to work even harder.

"It is time to work, work very hard. Toil like it's our last day on earth; selflessly go extra miles to avoid the curse of regressing by taking the opportunities we have been presented with for granted.

"We are a great nation but we need to discern the ticking bomb of youth unemployment. Our youth people are on the streets, with nothing to show that their future is potent with unlimited opportunities of growth, development and self-determination, as our national constitution seeks to guarantee them.

"The informal sector is our biggest area of economic advantage, advancement, transformation and development that must leverage, to call for an upswing

of our quest for our national cohesion, peace, socio-economic dispensation, in order to reverse this unprecedented phenomenon of such high rate of unemployment in our kingdom," he said.

He said as a Federation, they supported the ongoing Southern African Development Community (SADC)/ILO employment and labour programme.

"We sit and actively participate in that forum, together with other social partners in the national social dialogue forum. We also stand and support the Eswatini/ILO process on the establishment of the national social security scheme. We are also participants therein.

"We call upon our government and employers to assist us, the workers, to continue the great work that is currently ongoing as the social partners hence call for the upholding and respect of ILO Convention 10, in this respect."

## There should be harmony in the workplace - MP Menzi

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**EMPLOYERS and employees should work in harmony and also respect one another.**

Nkhamba Member of Parliament (MP) Menzi Dlamini said conflict and misunderstanding should be avoided and this could only happen when all parties show respect and also understand one another.

He said the spirit of oneness in the workplace should be encouraged.

The MP was addressing members of the Federation of Swaziland Trade Unions (FESWATU) at King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium during the Workers Day celebrations on Tuesday.

"An employer needs the employee and vice-versa, so it's important that the two work in harmony in order for both parties to benefit. Differences are always there, but that should not lead to enmity where the other party ends up on the receiving end. Wielding an axe at each other should not happen, but we should sit down and thrash those differences harmoniously," said the

MP.

The MP said it was everyone's duty to assist in uplifting the country's economy, stating that this could only happen when there are no differences in the workplace.

The MP further thanked the role played by employees, especially the unions, for having contributed in seeing the Kingdom of Eswatini winning back AGOA.

He said it was not just a section of people or organisations which could claim victory in having the kingdom considered to benefit again from AGOA but this was a joint effort.

"Both employers and employees played their part. Government as well as parliamentarians and many other stakeholders also deserve to be thanked for the part they played in making sure the country is readmitted to AGOA. That means the Kingdom of Eswatini also stands a chance of seeing more jobs created," said MP Dlamini.

The MP also applauded the country's authorities for their tireless efforts in making sure that all Emaswati enjoy an improved life as shown by the way they woo investors to create jobs.



**TOYI-TOYI:** FESWATU Chairman of the Board of Trustees Jabulani Nxumalo flanked by the President Mashumi Shongwe and gospel singer Shongwe and Khuphuka doing the toyi-toyi dance.

## 'Make right choice during elections'

**NKHABA Member of Parliament (MP) Menzi Dlamini says Emaswati should make the right choice during the 2018 national elections.**

The MP said Emaswati should not be easily fooled by people enticing them to vote for them just because the citizens were desperate. He warned that such individuals will not make meaningful contribution in shaping the country's destiny.

The MP was a guest of honour during the Workers Day for workers affiliated to the Federation of Swaziland Trade Unions (FESWATU) which was celebrated at King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium.

The MP said it was up to the workers and the general public to vote wisely. He advised workers to elect representatives that would be able to address the plight faced by employees as well as assisting in promoting peace in the kingdom as a whole.

"My only advise to you is that make the right choice and don't just be fooled by what is being dangled by some of these people desperate to win your votes. Be careful of such people, if you don't want to regret, take my advise and vote for

people of integrity," said MP Dlamini.

He added that Emaswati should elect the youth so that they make meaningful contribution in shaping the country's future.

"Let me encourage you workers and Emaswati as a whole to participate fully in the coming elections and also elect the right people. Choose wisely," said MP Dlamini.

Meanwhile, FESWATU President Mashumi Shongwe said they were impressed with the manner the event progressed.

He said such events were not to lambast government or anyone, but were meant for reflecting on what has been achieved and what they need to improve on.

"We are passed that stage where such events are hijacked to dress down government or any individual.

"We have important issues to talk about, otherwise we were impressed as the event was not marred by problems and it was incident free.

"We are thankful even to the police as they made sure things were in order from the first minute to the last. Such cooperation is applauded and it's what Emaswati are known for," said the president.



# LUBANE HOSTS COOPERATIVE WORKSHOP FOR JA

Stories by Thando Dlamini  
Ezulwini

**LUBANE Savings and Credit Cooperative on Monday hosted a joint schools cooperative workshop at Ezulwini in collaboration with Junior Achievement (JA).**

The cooperative conducted the workshop in their offices to support a JA initiative of the youth called 'in school youth cooperative programme.'

Over 60 pupils from eight schools that are participants of the JA schools cooperative programme participated.

They were trained on how to save money, the operations of cooperatives; and were later awarded with certificates of attendance.

The pupils are to elect the cooperative management amongst themselves, which will then be assisted by Lubane to open and manage its account using the JA financial handling principles used in its (JA) company programme.

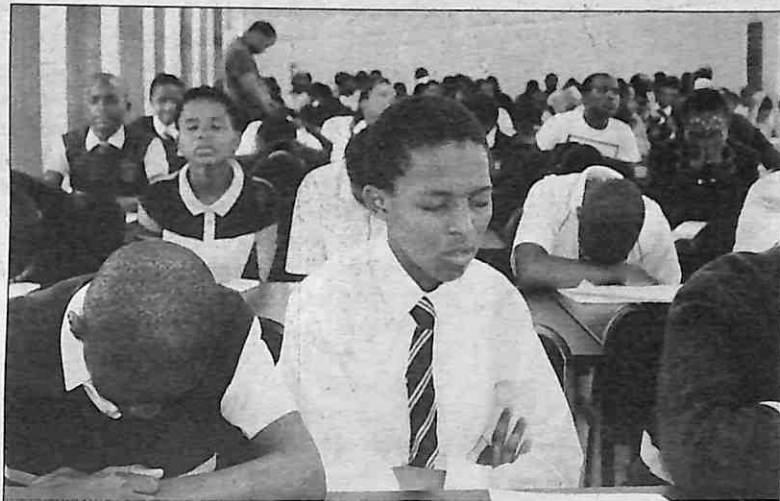
JA Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze said this was the first step towards creating a financially stable country.

She said the school's cooperative programme has kicked off with tremendous success recording over E17 000 savings from the school youth in just two months.

Gamedze said this is an amount that has been a collective effort of 1 433 members who are part of the in school cooperative programme so far.

"As we develop this generation of saving individuals, this shall become a culture and in the long run, the evidence will be visible in the lives of our people as they enjoy financial stability," she said.

On that note, JA Swaziland Executive



Director Siboniso Madlopha also shared his excitement for the positive start of the programme.

"The introduction of school going youth cooperatives seems to have positively influenced young people to view saving in a positive light," he said.

Currently the program has 13 active cooperatives that have been assembled in 13 schools.

Madlopha said they are aspiring to hit the targeted 40 schools as the programme progresses.

"It is a very proud moment to note that out of the 13 active cooperatives, 11 are from rural schools.

This is a positive change that young people in these schools are not lagging behind in mastering the art of saving as part of their financial literacy education," he added. Dvokolwako High School is currently leading with over E6 000 savings in just a period of two months.

"The funds that have been received are already with Lubane Savings Cooperatives who is responsible for

the safe guarding and also ensuring that they accrue interest on a monthly basis," he said.

JA Swaziland also works collaboratively with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade under the cooperatives department to implement this programme.

Lubane will be responsible for managing the in school cooperative account on behalf of JA Swaziland.

It will also invest the savings from pupils so as to ensure that they accrue interest that will benefit the learners.

Meanwhile, Lubane Marketing Officer Nhlakanipho Dlamini said "every pupil under the cooperative will have a Lubane membership number which they will use to check their monthly statements on the cooperative's website." He also said, Lubane is currently in the process of registering all forms submitted to their system.

He said they would also facilitate more workshops and visit schools to educate on financial literacy and the importance of creating a savings culture.

## Cooperative promotes saving at CIT

**LUBANE Savings and Credit Cooperative also engaged CIT students to save for a brighter financial future.**

Lubane has since taken the initiative to get tertiary institution students to consider saving their finances.

Lubane Marketing Officer Nhlakanipho Dlamini said the students only want three things from to a savings account.

"They don't want to pay any administration fees, they want easy access to their money and they want good interest rates," he said.

He said Lubane's secondary savings account provided a platform where students could save and withdraw their money anytime while considering the importance and value of saving.



## Business people sell to workers on May Day

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**CLOSE to 100 business people from Northern Hhohho crammed the Killarney sports ground to sell food to participants of the May Day celebrations on Tuesday.**

The business people who were predominantly selling roasted meat and cool drinks were selling to the throngs of workers who convened in the small town of Pigg's Peak at the Killarney sports ground.

Pigg's Peak Indvuna Muzi Phiri said he was happy with the crowd that came to Pigg's Peak town to support the local business people in the area.

"I am very happy to see so many people coming to this town and supporting our local business people. As you can see, businesses went to the town council to register to do busi-

ness at the event and they are around 55.

Also, there are non-registered business people working at the event, it would be wrong to call them illegal business practitioners so I will call them unregistered business people," he said.

Malanda (ward one) Councillor Sibongile Magagula said most of the business people at the event were selling similar items.

"Business at this event is a little slow because everybody is selling roasted meat and pap with salads.

Others are selling soft drinks, fruits, buns as well as snacks, I feel that the day would have been good if everybody tried to sell different items not just food as you can see there are rows and rows of roasted meat stands around," she said.



**DELIGHTED:** Pigg's Peak Indvuna Muzi Phiri.



**BUSINESS IS BOOMING:** Small business people selling food to workers on May day.





# Church leaders advised against immorality

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Ezikhotherni

**TIBIYO Taka Ngwane Managing Director Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini says church leaders must practice what they preach.**

Addressing a gathering at Ezikhotherni Royal Kraal during an annual prayer service, Dlamini said it was embarrassing to hear of church leaders involved in controversies, scandals and acts of immorality.

He said there was something church leaders were not doing right, and it was time they do an introspection as the reports that kept coming up about them were tainting them and the entire Christian faith.

He said other pastors or church leaders were now seemingly focusing on personal glorification and for-



**ANXIOUSLY: Dr A.T Dlamini with Chief Zwide and other guests waiting for the arrival of National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula.**

getting what they were mandated to do by God.

"Church leaders, there is something

you are not doing right. Know very well that what you do in secret will one day come out in the open. Some

of you are a disgrace as they are no longer doing God's work but are used by the devil. You should know that the devil likes to see prominent people brought down and we have read a number of stories in newspapers about people we know as God's servant involved in sinful acts. It disturbs one to read about church leaders accused of rape, murder and many other atrocities," said Dr Dlamini.

Dr Dlamini said no matter how one was successful, but if that success was through questionable means, then there would be a day where one would need to account for all he had done.

"Know that we are going to give an account as church leaders. He has commissioned you to do His will and expect to be harshly judged for not doing what is right in His eyes. Know again that success without Jesus is no success," said Dr Dlamini.

## MD advises children to seek God first

**"SCHOOL children who want to succeed must accept Jesus as their saviour."**

Dr Absalom Dlamini, who is the Managing Director of Tibiyo TaKaNgwane, advised children that in order for them to succeed in life, they should seek God's guidance.

He said parents were sending them to school because they wanted them become better citizens. He said the only way they could be successful in their studies was through believing in God.

"It's for your own benefit to go to school. Don't stress your parents and don't be misled. Seek God's guidance and know that education without Christ is nothing," he said.

Dr Dlamini said children should have self-

discipline so they make it in life.

He said children should know the consequences of wrong doing.

"Self-discipline is not something that could be imposed but one should have it within himself so you have to discipline yourself.

### Integrity

Be aware that integrity is also earned.

You should also know that your future is in your hands and it's up to you to decide what you want in life.

Don't mess up your future as that comes with a heavy price at the end.

Make your parents proud and do the right things to be a good citizen and earn respect for yourself," he said.



**PRAYER: Pastor Jerome Sangweni was the main preacher at the service.**

## A.T, NatCom present E4 000 to Ezikhotherni Royal Kraal

**AS attendants of the prayer service at Ezikhotherni Royal Kraal were requested to make offerings and present gifts, Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Dr Absalom Dlamini and NatCom each presented E2 000 to the umphakatsi.**

The two were main guests. Chief Zwide is a police officer based at Ngonini under Operational

Support Services Unit. His boss Magagula was attending the service for the second time in succession. Pastor Sam Shongwe, who led the offering part of the service, had called upon everyone present offer their gifts as well as *tet-fulo*.

He also suggested that even if there were those wishing to donate a cow, goat or even a chick-

en, they should come forward as that would be highly appreciated. Shongwe said pledging was also accepted, but it should be fulfilled at the end.

It was after the Tibiyo MD and the national commissioner of police were through with delivering their speeches that each announced a donation of E2 000.

## Royalty thanked for grooming Buseleni new chief

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Buseleni

**DAVID Nkambule, who a senior family member of the ruling clan at Buseleni, has thanked royalty for grooming his brother's son Celimpilo to take over as leader of the area.**

Nkambule, who recently retired as Principal of Lozitha Primary School, said he was also grateful to be part of the ceremony where his brother's son was being introduced as the one to take over the reins. Celimpilo will assume the name Chief Mphungandlu, his grandfather's name. "As a family, we are thankful to royalty for taking care of our son up to this stage. He is looking healthy and it's clear that he has been in good hands. We don't have a better way to thank the royalty for what they have done for this family. Our wish is to see him looking health and safe while we undertake the process of his installation. There is no doubt that through his leadership, we are destined for good things in this community and I see the area also developing under his leadership as he was groomed by royalty," said Nkambule.

## Umphakatsi headman feels more than relieved

**INDVUNA of Buseleni Chiefdom Sibukani Lukhele says he is relieved that the community now has a new leader.**

Lukhele said he was excited and had peace of mind knowing that the Nkambule ruling clan had identified a new chief.

He was speaking at the *umphakatsi* during the introduction of the 20-year-old man who is earmarked to succeed his late father who passed away 15 years ago.

Young Celimpilo Nkambule will succeed his father Chief Mtilankhatsa who died in 2003.

"As a gatekeeper, I am happy as I now know where to refer problems faced by people of this area to. It has not been easy as I was often confused where to take some of the issues brought to my attention. Now I know whom to consult. With what has happened today, I will have a peaceful sleep," said Lukhele.

## Vulimpompi believes installation of chief also means development

**BUSELENI businessman Vulimpompi Nhleko believes the installation of a leader in the area will also benefit the community in terms of development.**

Nhleko, who is also in the development committee of the area, said having a chief meant a lot for them as it would also give direction on which route to take in order to see development taking place in the area. "Decisions on how development should take place will be taken by the right authority. It's a blessing to us, especially the community development team, that we now have a chief. We are thankful to the ruling clan for showing us our leader and we have to get down to serious work regarding developing the area," said Nhleko.

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# FEATURES & OPINION

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## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

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IN their latest publication titled "Turning point for Africa", the joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) notes that a decade of progress has inspired the once unthinkable – that the AIDS epidemic can be ended as a public health threat.

The UNAIDS emphasises that the global community has embraced the bold idea to end AIDS epidemic as a target of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and that governments across the world have committed to a fast-track agenda and a set of ambitious but attainable milestones to be achieved in order to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030, as set out in the United Nations General Assembly Political Declaration on Ending AIDS.

The Kingdom of Eswatini, with the dubious honour of being the country with the highest HIV prevalence, has (as commanded by His Majesty King Mswati III) set out to achieve these global targets by 2022.

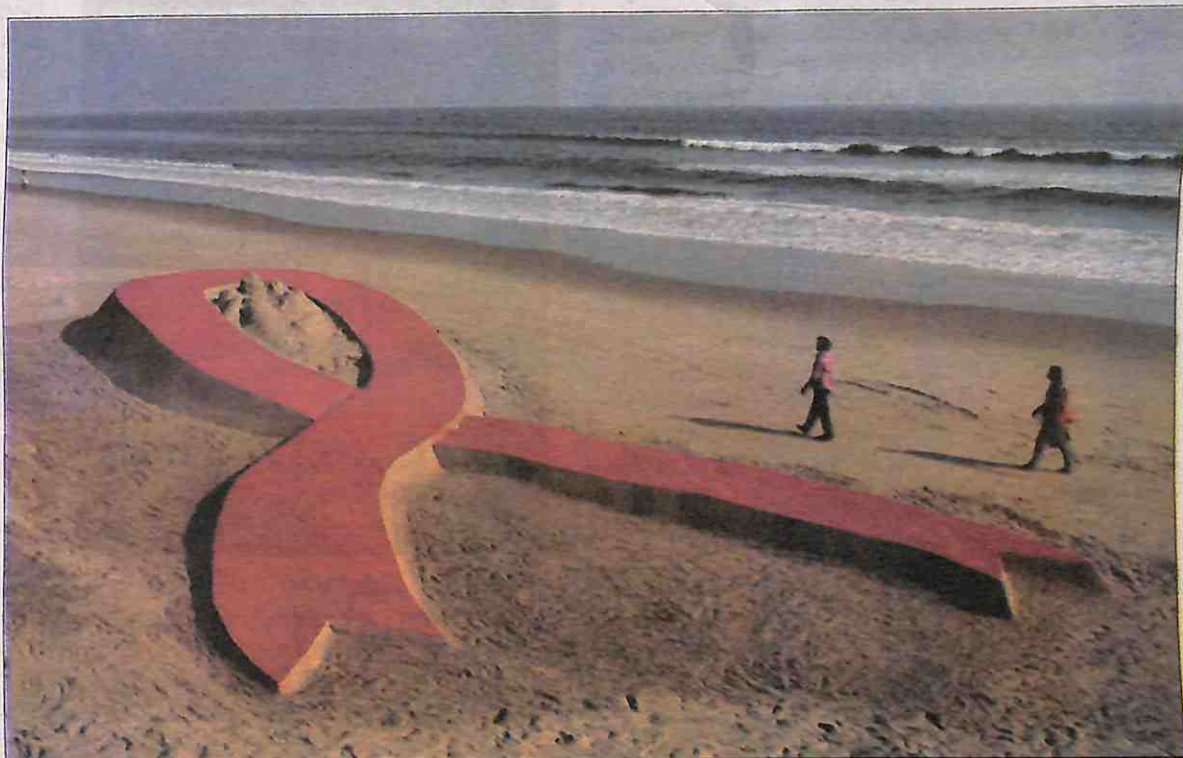
Buoyed by the results of the Swaziland HIV Incidence Measurement Survey (SHIMS) 2, the country's HIV response is optimistic that the target of "An AIDS-free Kingdom of Eswatini" is within reach. As it is, through the leadership of the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA) under the Prime Minister's Office, the HIV response has been working on a new National Multisectoral HIV and AIDS Strategic Framework (NSF) designed to propel the country towards Ending AIDS as a public health threat, in the period 2018 - 2022.

The new strategy will build on the huge successes of the extended National Strategic Framework (eNSF) 2014 - 2018, during whose time, the country saw new HIV infections decline by 44 per cent; 84 per cent of PLHIV put on ART; and effort accelerated to reduce vulnerabilities to HIV infection among key and priority populations.

### The recently ended eNSF

The eNSF's "combination prevention approach" combined biomed-

## ESWATINI HIV RESPONSE'S CALL TO ACTION



ical, behavioural, social, and structural interventions based on the country context and effectiveness, was further supported by an investment approach to prioritise 5 specific interventions using limited resources.

These interventions included: accelerated scale-up of antiretroviral therapy (ART) for PLHIV; scaling up voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC); innovative HIV prevention approaches for girls and young women; elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (EMTCT) and intensifying tuberculosis (TB)/HIV co-infection diagnosis and treatment.

Through guidance from the eNSF, the country's HIV response prioritise reducing the number of new infections and keep PLHIV alive and on treatment for the country's entire fiscal sustainability.

The country, through its multi-sectoral response to HIV and AIDS, has, obtained positive results in areas such as: reduction of new infections, EMTCT, reduction of HIV prevalence amongst young people, reduction of AIDS-related deaths, scaling up of VMMC among young people, strengthening interventions for key populations, and the promotion and distribution of condoms.

### Clear vision to end AIDS

From 1999 when His Majesty King Mswati III declared HIV and AIDS a national disaster, and government introduced a multi-sectoral approach to responding to the epidemic - through launching a Cabinet Committee on HIV and AIDS and a Crisis Management and Technical Committee (CMTC) The Kingdom of Eswatini has always had a clear vision in respond-

ing to the HIV epidemic, to further strengthen the country effort to achieve a positive and fruitful national response, in 2003, NERCHA was established through an Act of Parliament, to replace the CMTC and fast-track a relevant multi-sectoral HIV and AIDS that placed HIV and AIDS at the centre of the country's development agenda.

Currently, the country has a clear vision for ending AIDS by 2022. It has introduced several interventions to eliminate new infections especially among young girls whom according to both the SHIMS one and two, show peak incidences.

Through the collective contribution of multi-sectoral partners in government, civil society organisations, people living with HIV, communities and development partners, the country has stabilised the HIV pandemic.

The aim remains to end AIDS by 2022 and the country has adopted the concept of reaching zero new infections, zero AIDS related deaths and zero HIV stigma and discrimination.

Through its combined efforts the country has been able to scale up its treatment, care and support interventions to achieve the third 90 where in 91 per cent of PLHIV on treatment are virally suppressed, while getting very close to the first and second.

Given the complexity of the response, the country continues to intensify advocacy for strengthening HIV synergies within the development sector. This includes interventions which promote a shift from social welfare to social development, through multi-sectoral coordination with joint planning and budgets.

The key priority is to prevent new

HIV infections by strengthening interventions for vulnerable groups: orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), women and girls and other groups. There is need for continued and enhanced support for critical synergies, including social protection, systems (health, education and community) strengthening, food security and nutrition.

The use of traditional community-based safety nets to care for vulnerable populations in communities has yielded good results.

The establishment of Kagogo centres to coordinate the provision of social services for OVC in communities, has helped mitigate the impacts of the epidemic. The country also built community neighbour care points (NCPs) to support OVC with basic human needs.

Living with HIV has been transformed to chronic disease management by the successful national ART, treatment and care programme, and this has contributed to increased viral load suppression in PLHIV in the country.

The 2015 estimates and projections show that the country will experience a further decline in incidence by 2020. The HIV incidence among young people aged 15-24 years has also been reduced for both males and females even though they remain high at 1.9% for females and 0.9% for males. This indicates that adolescents and young people still need to be at the centre of the response.

### Call to action

This week, the US Embassy hosted Phill Wilson (President and Chief Executive Officer of the Black AIDS

Institute – a training and mobilization centre focused exclusively on black people) who had scheduled sessions with various stakeholders in the country's HIV response. During one of the sessions, Wilson who was diagnosed with HIV at 24 years and told to go home and get his affairs in order as he would die within 6 months, told participants that fear is people's worst enemy in the HIV response.

"The biggest threat in the HIV response and the target to end AIDS is not the PLHIV on treatment but those that do not know their HIV status" he said. He stated that the biggest fear after taking the HIV test is that of disclosure, and people are more afraid of the stigma than the disease. In a call to action, he reflected on the words of Martin Luther King Jr who said, 'Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter' and "Courage faces fear and thereby masters it."

Wilson noted that courage is not the absence of fear but what you do while you are afraid.

He said that even though there is still no vaccine or cure for HIV, the world now has available the tools, that are necessary to end AIDS. There are now available surveillance tools; new diagnostic tools, free simple tests, better treatment tools; and bio-medical prevention tools. To reach the end of AIDS however, he said there is need for all to step up and play their role. "If you won't do it, no one can" he emphasised.

Despite the many achievements that the country has realised in the 50 years of independence, the HIV response needs to do more to reach the last mile, by reducing new infections and ensuring no one is left behind.

About 6 500 new infection occurred in 2017, while 15 per cent of PLHIV are presently not in care; and TB/HIV co-infection rate is at 70 per cent, with other co-morbidities emerging as a threat to the lives of PLHIV. The challenge is for us (individually and collectively) to become the leaders that the country has been waiting for, cast our fears aside and take up the available tools to end AIDS.

II Timothy 1:7 says "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind", while Isaiah 41: 10 states "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

In 2018, there is no reason not to know your HIV status and access free treatment. Play your part in taking the Kingdom of Eswatini to an "AIDS-free 2022" and beyond!



## ON THIS DAY

...MAY 3

1945 - Indian forces captured Rangoon, Burma, from the Japanese.

1948 - The US Supreme Court ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to blacks and other minorities were legally unenforceable.

1952 - The first airplane landed at the geographic North Pole.

1966 - The game "Twister" was featured on the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson.

1968 - After three days of battle, the US Marines retook Dai Do complex in Vietnam. They found that the North Vietnamese had evacuated the area.

1971 - Anti-war protesters began four days of demonstrations in Washington, DC.

1971 - National Public Radio broadcast for the first time.

1971 - James Earl Ray, Martin Luther King's assassin, was caught in a jailbreak attempt.

1986 - In NASA's first post-Challenger launch, an unmanned Delta rocket lost power in its main engine shortly after liftoff. Safety officers destroyed it by remote control.

1988 - The White House acknowledged that first lady Nancy Reagan had used astrological advice to help schedule her husband's activities.

1992 - Five days of rioting and looting ended in Los Angeles, CA. The riots, that killed 53 people, began after the acquittal of police officers in the beating of Rodney King.

1997 - The "Republic of Texas" surrendered to authorities ending an armed standoff where two people were held hostage. The group asserts the independence of Texas from the US.

1998 - "The Sevres Road," by 18-century landscape painter Camille Corot, stolen from the Louvre in France.

1999 - Mark Manes, at age 22, was arrested for supplying a gun to Eric Harris and Dylan Kleibold, who later killed 13 people at Columbine High School in Colorado.

1999 - Hasbro released the first collection of toys for the Star Wars movie "Episode I: The Phantom Menace."

1999 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 11 000 for the first time.

2000 - The trial of two Libyans accused of killing 270 people in the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 (over Lockerbie) opened.

2006 - In Alexandria, VA, Al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui was given a sentence of life in prison for his role in the terrorist attack on the US on September 11, 2001.

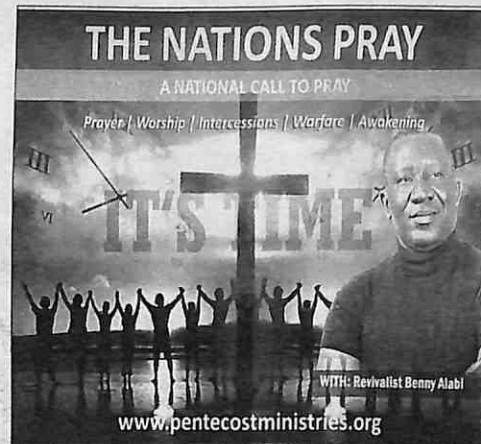
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Designer (Rapper) - May 3, 1997, (21 years)



Christina Hendricks (TV Actress) - May 3, 1975 (43 years old)



Scripture Reading: Daniel 9 vs 1-23

**THE wreckage of civilisation is around us. Disobedience in the homes, Godlessness in schools, crime on the streets, immorality in society, corruption in the government, even apathy and hypocrisy in the churches.**

The world is in a crisis.

The fact that now iniquity does abound and that the love of many shall wax cold, does not mean that you and I must be among "that many" whose love has grown cold towards our blessed Lord - **Matthew 24 vs 12.**

No! It is a direct challenge and waring to us to stir up ourselves to take hold of God and press towards the mark as never before and to continue to have faith in God regardless of how dark things look.

## A Call to advance

Thank God for the privilege of living in a time of such peril and danger as we face today. It is a day of opportunity. The darker the night, the more need of the light.

Might we live such radiant lives, with our lights blazing for God that when other Christians see us they will thank God and take courage - **Acts 28 vs 14.**

We are not called to shut our eyes to the hideous facts all around us or bury our heads in the sand, ostrich like and hope for the best or to get panicky and seek to run away from the whole terrible situation. The Lord calls us to be witnesses unto Him right out among the people **Acts 1 vs 8.** God is not asking His people to hide away from the earth's trouble in some mountain stronghold. Let's get our lights out from under the bushels of fear, unbelief and unconcern for the perishing multitudes all around us - **Matthew 5 vs 14-15.**

Let the light of God's love, and the assurance of the great salvation wherewith He has saved us, and the light of unswerving devotion to the Lord we love and trust - so shine before a frightened and frustrated people that they too may turn to God.

**JOHANNESBURG** - Over the past 40 years, the workforce has transcended from doing labour with its hands to working with its brains.

We haven't got the slightest clue what knowledge work is and that's an enormous problem.

The majority of today's workforce is knowledge workers and for the past 25 years, they have been using computers to do their work. Today, it has extended to tablets and smartphones.

Unfortunately, in most cases, they are just fooling around, trying to make sense of all the possibilities of these devices and the software and incorporate it into their workflows. As a matter of fact, most of these people are using their computers as a modern typewriter, using only a small portion of the true power of what these powerful devices can offer.

It's really bizarre that training and developing digital skills is nowhere on the strategic agenda of HP management teams and board members.

## Neglecting the era of knowledge workers



**NOT EIGHT: Knowledge workers should not be working eight hours a day.**

If the biggest cost in any organisation is salaries, it's strange that they don't get how much time, money and talent they're wasting every day.

I actually think there's a bigger issue than just neglecting digital skills. It's my belief that all organisational models and insights were developed in a time when people worked with their hands. In that case, working nine - five makes sense, also changing time for money, still the dominant payment system

worldwide. But if you work with your head most of the time, it doesn't make sense. We just never really considered that working with your brain is something totally different and needs a different approach. Research shows that one-third of the people are sharper, keener and more awake at 8pm than at 8am.

What a total waste of human energy and talent to force them to join the traffic jams, deploying your most

darkness come upon us. I do not want to fail God. Do you? The very fact that we in this very dark day have had such great light makes us all the more guilty before God because we have failed to walk faithfully and wholeheartedly in all the light God has given us.

## See the rainbow on the storm clouds

God is the God of miraculous. His ways are not our ways. God's promise to Abraham was indeed to be fulfilled that he should have a son and an heir, but Isaac was born when Abraham was "as good as dead".

When the miracle working son of God, the glorious Lord was crucified and the disciples were scattered, was that not an hour of midnight gloom and unutterable defeat to all appearances for the follower of Jesus? Yet in about 50 days thereafter, the Great Revival burst forth on the day of Pentecost.

But since God is no respecter of persons (**Acts 10 vs 34**), let all sincerely believe Him to send a great "Last Day Revival" - The Earthshaking Spiritual Awakening for the Last day church to save multitudes from among the nations.

Although we today live in one of the earth's darkest hours since Calvary, let us believe God. Let us believe God to send yet another mighty Pentecost and save multitudes from the gentiles just as He saved thousands from among the sinning Jewish nation. Will you, will I, set our faces - **Isaiah 50 vs 7** and stir up ourselves to take hold of God and pray through until God comes and rains righteousness upon us.

And as He has promised, He will pour out His spirit upon all flesh and save multitudes for His Glory - **Isaiah 43 vs 19.**

Join us for 'The Nations Pray' monthly revival prayer this month we will be with Zoe Christian Family Centre in Matsapha on 26th May 2018 past the Eteteni Engen starting from 2:15pm to 3:30pm.

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valuable assets - your people - at a time at which they are the least productive. Roughly 25 per cent of our energy is being consumed by our brains. So from a biochemical point of view, it would be wise to figure out how to deal with it smartly.

The mind is supposed to juggle snippets of knowledge, information and ideas, processing that data mentally to solve problems, create opportunities and go after challenges.

A lot of people have burn-out problems. Burn-out means that the brain can't function anymore and that the willpower muscle is depleted by wrongfully using the energy reserves of the brain.

Most of the time it is because superiors have no idea that forcing employees to do their jobs in a specific way, instead of trusting them to find their own approach, literally costs a lot of brainpower. What about the impact of interruptions? *enCA*





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## AN ACCIDENTAL POLITICIAN

**FORMER Kwaluseni Member of Parliament Stella Lukhele had undoubtedly entered politics by accident as it is widely considered as a men's territory in a patriarchal society.**

After Kwaluseni community failed to get a candidate of their first choice; her husband, Leonard Lukhele to stand for the national elections, she then became the second best candidate. This community was looking for an educated person to represent them in Parliament. Leonard could not stand because he was employed by the Examinations Council of Swaziland. He then recommended his wife to the four men requesting him to stand for elections.

### Purpose

Without knowing the purpose of the first visit, Stella received the four-man delegation to their home in the absence of her husband. She was surprised by their request to stand for the 1998 elections. This came as a shock to her because she did not harbour any political ambitions. Worse still, she loathed doing something she was not trained to do. As a qualified teacher, she would have been happier if it was just teaching.

However, she could neither grant nor reject their request without prior consultation with her husband. Culturally, it was beyond her to take such a crucial decision just on her own without the head of the family.

"I didn't object because I saw it as an opportunity to serve my community. But I first needed babe's consent. But I had already started working with women in the community involved in income-generating projects. In their motivation, they recognised me for all the community projects that I was involved, including a bridge that was swept away by heavy floods in the area."

Leonard did not object to the community's request because he was the one who had referred the men to her. With his blessings, she accepted her nomination by the Kwaluseni community.

She had already served as *bucophu* in the 6th Parliament under Kwaluseni MP William Msibi, a neighbour in Mbikwakhe area.

"I used to work closely with the late MP William Msibi, who used to share with me his parliamentary papers."

It came as no surprise during the 1998 national elections when the Kwaluseni people voted for her, which saw her winning with a landslide. When Prime Minister Barnabas Sibusiso appointed his Cabinet, Stella was first appointed as Minister of Housing and Urban Development. She was shunted later to the ministries of tourism, environment and communication as well as agriculture and cooperatives within the turbulent times of her five-year term in the 8th Parliament.

Asked how she was able to cope with juggling her demanding two jobs, she said nothing beats time management. She created time to perform her ministerial and *inkhundla* responsibilities. She would take off Thursdays, known as the Women Prayer Day, to meet and consult with her electorate at Kwaluseni Inkhundla. As a result, at no time

her electorate had complained about being neglected and abandoned by their MP. She worked hand-in-hand with the *indvuna yenkhundla*, whose main task is to receive the people's requests for projects.

In her capacity as Kwaluseni Inkhundla MP, Stella addressed community needs like roads, bridges and collection of solid waste. She was behind the construction of two roads, bridges and a foot-bridge and solid waste collection points around Kwaluseni Inkhundla. She laid the foundation of the collection of solid waste by the tractors.

Concerning women challenges on the road to Parliament, she attributes everything to social, economic and cultural constraints. Culturally, a woman is regarded as minor. Some men, who are family heads, discourage their wives to stand for elections.

Likewise, the community is obligated to seek their husband's permission should a constituency decide to nominate a married woman.

Socially, women are their own worst enemies because they have a bad tendency of not supporting each other.

Once elected to Parliament, they say, a woman turns her back on the other women. She becomes proud and arrogant because she is now rubbing shoulders with the high and mighty in society. Such women think that they are a better thing to happen in their communities. Men tend to fear powerful women because they tend to bully them.

Stella's message to the aspiring women candidates in 2018 elections is that: "Women must develop their self-esteem to conquer the cut-throat world of politics."

They must stop despising other women which make them prefer men to women candidates.

Education and reading is very important to know the issues and procedures in the august House."

*NB: This is a repeat article.*



**ACCIDENTAL POLITICIAN: Former Kwaluseni Member of Parliament Stella Lukhele.**



● "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on."  
— Anonymous

● "It's not because I want to make out with her." Hold on." He grabbed a pencil and scrawled excitedly at the paper as if he'd just made a mathematical breakthrough and then looked back up at me: "I just did some calculations, and I've been able to determine that you're full of shit"  
— John Green, *Looking for Alaska*

● "If a book about failures doesn't sell, is it a success?"  
— Jerry Seinfeld

● "I came from a real tough neighborhood. Once a guy pulled a knife on me. I knew he wasn't a professional, the knife had butter on it."  
— Rodney Dangerfield

● "That's why they call it the American Dream, because you have to be asleep to believe it."  
— George Carlin

● "Don't be so humble - you are not that great."  
— Golda Meir

● "I thought I'd lie on the floor and writhe in pain for a while," he grunted, "It relaxes me." "It does? Oh - you're being sarcastic. That's a good sign probably."  
— Cassandra Clare, *City of Ashes*

● "Leo," Hazel gasped, "I can't—my arms—"  
"Hazel," he said. "Do you trust me?"  
"No!"  
"Me neither," Leo admitted."  
— Rick Riordan, *The Mark of Athena*

● "Daemon!" Dee called from the kitchen. "I need your help!"  
"We should go see what she's doing before she destroys your kitchen." He rubbed his hands down his face. "It's possible."  
— Jennifer L. Armentrout, *Obsidian*

● "You know you have ADD when Look A chicken - T-shirt"  
— Darynda Jones, *First Grave on the Right*

● "[Thou] mad mustachio purple-hued maltworms!"  
— William Shakespeare, *Henry IV: Part 1*

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Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	4.7%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.40 per litre
Replacement	E12.45 per litre
Diesel	E11.60 per litre
Paraffin	E 8.85 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

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CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	12.2813	12.3313
British Pound/SZL	16.9242	16.9931
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.8563	8.8899
Swiss France/SZL	12.4342	12.4798
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2515	1.2677
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.2871	9.3274
Canadian Dollar/SZL	9.5612	9.5971
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## Savings and Credit Cooperatives unhappy with proposed SACCO Bill

Stories by Hlengiwe Ndlovu

EVEN before the Savings and Credit Cooperatives Bill (2018) makes its way to Cabinet for approval, several cracks emanating from the lack of a proper stakeholder consultative process in this legislation's formulation have emerged.

One of the key groups affected by the proposed legislation is the Savings and Credit Cooperative (SACCO) movement which has registered downright discontent with the proposed Bill which will soon be taken to Hospital Hill for Cabinet approval.

Such reservations were voiced out by SASCCO President Cambridge Mdlalose yesterday in an interview on the sidelines of the third SACCO Indaba held at Esibayeni Lodge attended by hundreds of delegates. SASCCO is the Swaziland Association of Savings and Credit Co-operatives.

Mdlalose said they were not happy with the Bill because SACCOs and their mother body SASCCO were not given an opportunity to make an input towards it.



MR PRESIDENT: SASCCO President Cambridge Mdlalose addressing members during the SACCO Indaba at Esibayeni Lodge yesterday morning. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

"One would naturally expect for cooperatives to be involved in the drafting stages of the SACCO Bill as this law directly affects them.

"Every SACCO should have had an input in the formulation of this piece of legislation, but that was not the case," said Mdlalose, emphasising that the SACCO movement feels robbed of a proper consultative process.

He explained that SASCCO was engaged in a veiled consultative process officially termed as vali-

dation of this Bill.

"What we know in our country is that no law goes through without a proper consultative process. Unfortunately, the key stakeholders in the SACCO Bill were not afforded a consultative forum," he complained.

Whilst being openly dissatisfied with the proposed Bill, the SACCO movement is in agreement with certain provisions of this new law such as its proposed extension of the term of office for savings and credit coop-

erative society board members.

Mdlalose described the current two-year period for board members as being too little and detrimental to the growth of cooperatives.

"While many SACCOs are performing well, a few others are riddled with challenges emanating from the mere two-year term," Mdlalose said. He explained that the two-year term of office for SACCO boards is way too minimal and negatively affects cooperatives sustainability.



UNITED: A section of the SACCO members who attended the Indaba following proceedings of the meeting.

## Registration dilemma for proposed Cooperatives Insurance Company

APPARENT clashes between the Financial Services Regulatory Authority Act and the Cooperatives Act No.5 of 2003 have resulted in a registration dilemma for the proposed Cooperatives Insurance Company whose pioneer is the Swaziland Association of Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SASCCO).

SASCCO claims to have done its homework with regard to establishing a Cooperatives Insurance

Company as they have gone to as far as Kenya to see how other countries implemented this.

The cooperatives mother body has also done extensive local consultation on the proposed insurance company which, however, has not come into being. SASCCO President Cambridge Mdlalose said in an interview yesterday that the Financial Services Regulatory Authority strongly advised against registering a Cooperatives Insurance

Company whilst the Cooperatives Act allows for this.

SASCCO is now proposing that the Cooperatives Insurance Company be registered as a public company instead.

However, this move could result in negative consequences, one of which is the exposure to taxation because public companies pay tax while a Cooperative Insurance Company would not be taxed.

In the meantime, Mdlalose

informed delegates attending the third SACCO Indaba that all cooperatives are expected to comply with the Anti-Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism Act (2009) and the Consumer Credit Act of 2016.

The Anti-Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism Act makes it mandatory for all cooperatives to know the sources of income from all investments received from their members.



# Eswatini-born tech entrepreneur develops FinTech platform

By Majaha Nkonyane

**KR8IV Capital, an online start-up lending platform, will - according to inventor Phiwa Nkambule - accelerate transformation in the country.**

A study conducted by Finmark Trust on financial inclusion in the country shows that the overall small business sector in Eswatini consisted of about 59 283 business owners in 2017.

About 60 per cent of business owners reported limited access to finance as the leading obstacle in starting a business, 49 per cent of

owners reported limited access to finance limiting operations while 25 per cent attributed it to inhibiting growth. Further, analysis showed that only five per cent of businesses access credit from the commercial banking sector.

This suggested that Eswatini, although having suppliers with products channelled at the small businesses, does not have enough supply. Said Nkambule:

"The platform provides a holistic approach to start-up and small business finance. It will groom the start-ups and small businesses to a point where they are bankable through micro-loans and creating credit history. Kr8iv Capital aims to mostly

increase Swazi youth participation in global tech ecosystem by providing access to the resources and infrastructure needed to establish digital-first businesses."

The 26-year-old born Nkambule, who was born and raised in Manzini, founded award-winning technology company Cybatar in 2014 and globally recognised South Africa-based FinTech company Rivio in 2015.

He is recognised as one of the top technology innovators in Africa through his work and was invited to deliver a keynote address on 'Digital Technologies in Insurance' at the 13th International Microinsurance Conference in Peru

in 2017.

"In the traditional banking system, start-ups and small businesses are denied finance due to lack of credit history, finance origination and disbursement takes lots of time. There are high interest rates and other charges, there are lengthy processes and time-consuming paperwork and finance applications are rejected at a later stage.

We've built a credit scoring and predictive analytics scorecard underwriting platform to help start-ups and small businesses in Eswatini without credit history obtain loans," Nkambule says.

He plans to have an official launch event in the country in June 2018.

## InGINUS talks motivating young people

By Majaha Nkonyane

**THE InGINUS talks event, a bi-monthly gathering of young people who believe in sharing ideas to inspire human development, excellence, creativity and innovation as pillars of personal development, continues to positively impact young people.**

The most recent 'talk' was held last week Friday at Liberty Community Centre in Manzini where different speakers, including Pastor Emmanuel Dlamini, bio-scientist Nosimilo Khumalo and life coach Wandile 'Warawara' Hlatshwayo, gave presentations on different topics.

The host, Pastor Dlamini, highlighted the importance of promoting networking and idea sharing among citizens at community and national level.

Khumalo's presentation was based on the six values of 'being a doer', where she related her personal story of how she has always been a doer since her school days at Waterford KaMhlaba and throughout her stay in the United States of America.

Khumalo encouraged anyone who wants to achieve their life goals to never think being a doer as an event.

She advised that to be successful in this regard, being a doer must be treated as a continuous process that should inevitably lead an individual to achieve their dreams.

Attendees were encouraged to never let anything stop them from receiving lessons which will make them winners in the end.

Hlatshwayo who is also the founder of Young Climbers founder, presented on the topic: 'Embracing the challenges of being a dreamer,' where he advised the audience to never let being misunderstood or misrepresented stop them from pursuing their dreams.

**character**

He told participants that dreamers must develop a strong character so that like water, they can be able to make a way even if there are obstacles along the way to their destiny.

Former Deputy and Interim Mayor of Manzini, Ayanda Sigudla, was the last speaker on the night. Her topic was: 'Rethinking and promoting civic participation among youth'.

Sigudla encouraged young people to be self-confident about their abilities if they want to have an impact on how their communities are led.

"Civic participation is a simple but as powerful as donating blood or clothes to those in need.

Women and young people in general must not be intimidated but grab the bull by its horns and avail themselves for leadership roles in government or at community level," she said.

## BUSINESS LINKING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

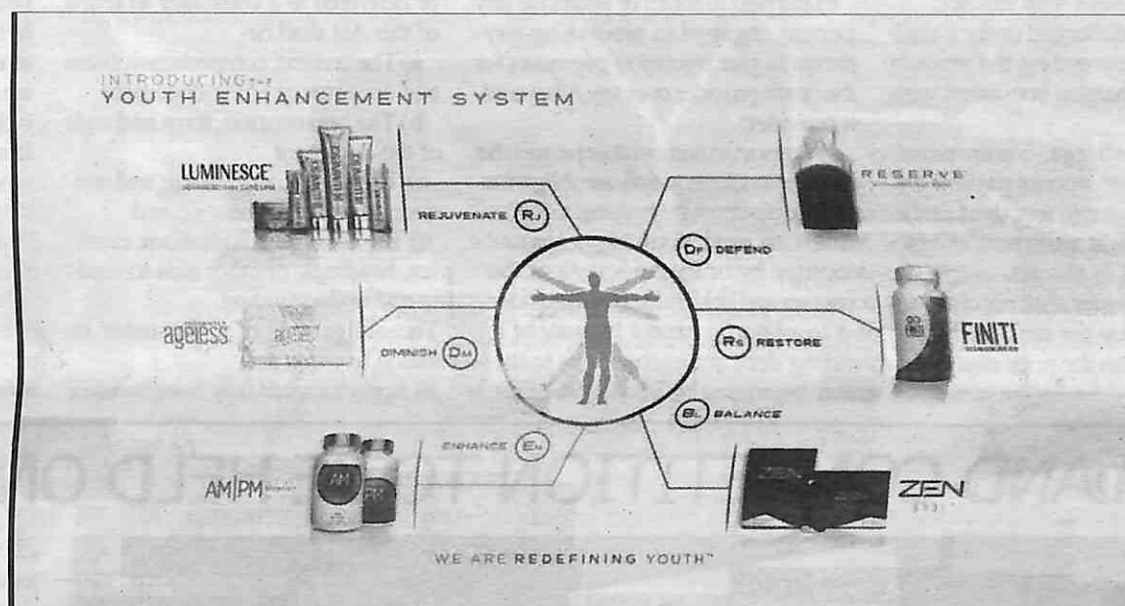
By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

**TOP direct selling company, Jeunesse, has merged science and business, through pioneering medical technology, product philosophy, and direct selling technology worldwide.**

Beauticians and health freaks have been invited to invest, join or support the network on their exciting, innovative and exclusive products where they can obtain health, beauty and financial benefits whilst enriching an entrepreneurial mindset, amidst the daily economic challenges many people face. The multi-billion worth company headquartered in Florida was established in the country in the past few years.

It is one of the leading global direct selling companies operating in more than 200 countries worldwide. Inaugurated by experts, Randy Ray and Wendy Lewis in their respective industries formed alliances with specialists to create advanced technologies on their products of natural extracts.

Jeunesse works with experts in anti-ageing research and focuses on technologies such as holistic wellness, cell and telomere restoration. The duo, collaborating with Dr Nathan Newman, a pioneer in stem cell technology, formulated products like Luminesce, among others. Jeunesse has been improving its technological advance-



ments ever since.

The brand's products include: (Body Cell Regeneration), Mind for (memory enhancement), Zen body (weight and fat management) and Luminesce with stem cell technology (skin rejuvenation and anti-aging) within their product lines. Their latest product called Finiti focuses on longevity through telomere restoration.

RESERVE™ is the most popular in the Kingdom of Eswatini, according to some local distributors. RESERVE is a fruit blend made from grape seeds and skin [resveratrol], pomegranate, blue berries and other natural antioxidants. It has the benefits of gene regeneration, protection of live cells from

oxidation and inflammation and bacterial damage through the extract of resveratrol and is one of the natural components in Jeunesse products.

A majority of Jeunesse clients consider RESERVE™ the most beneficial with numerous testimonials on how it has aided them better life. "Andrew had a few weeks left from a scheduled amputation of his right foot.

He was introduced to take RESERVE™ to see if it can help reverse the bad medical condition while waiting for the date to come. He had now declined the amputation after the swelling subsided and the infection is gradually recovering. No

one can believe it," said one client.

Jeunesse global international has offered 50 shares in the Kingdom of Eswatini and more than 50 per cent of the shares have been taken by local businesspeople within six months. In March, they held a conference at The George Hotel inviting power packed presentations by scientists, medical practitioners and business gurus to explain benefits of the product in health and in wealth.

The products and compensation plans were so lucrative they attracted an impressive influx of prospect clients and distributors. Jeunesse has won numerous awards, including 19 in the AVA digital awards in 2018.

## GMOS FOR FOOD SECURITY

By Majaha Nkonyane

**THE ever recurring challenge of food insecurity in the country and in the African society could be a thing of the past through genetically modified food.**

The study was supported by Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics and Agri-business at the Dale Bumpers

College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences at the University of Arkansas in the United States, Professor Lawton Lanier Nalley.

"Genetically modified food is a tool which producers can use to increase their yields, to reduce their input costs, and thus potentially increase profits, while also reducing the environmental impact of agricultural production. I can-

not disprove that, and it does not mean there are no longer people that still think they are not safe, but science says GMOs are safe.

What they are not is a magic bullet. Yes, they are associated with high upfront costs and even if they do increase yields, if consumers will not accept them there is no market and profits could decrease, which could lead to input resistance," he said.

Professor Nalley noted that South Africa has realised a net cumulative

income gain of approximately E780.71 million (\$65.6 million) since 2003 when that country introduced the commercial growing of herbicide tolerant maize.

He said this amount does not take into consideration any labour cost saving that may arise from the reduced need for hand weeding.

On the other hand, he said genetically modified maize, which has been grown commercially in South Africa since 2000, has resulted in yield gains of five per cent and 32 per cent between

2000 and 2004, and 10.6 per cent in 2008 to 2009, with 90 per cent of the country's total maize crop being planted to GM varieties in 2015.

On another note, earlier this year, Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati reaffirmed government's stance that the importation of genetically modified crops into the kingdom remains banned, and that there currently is no legal instrument providing for the production of genetically modified crops in Swaziland.





# PROHIBITED PRACTISES UNDER THE CONSUMER CREDIT ACT, 2016

**THE Consumer Credit Act, 2016 forbids certain practises in the industry that have been prevalent before the enactment of the Act which is aimed at protecting the interests of consumers.**

Consumers and credit providers alike need to be aware of what is allowed or not allowed in the industry to avoid disputes that may arise as a result of unfair practises.

## Prohibited practises

Section 10 of the Consumer Credit Act, 2016 states that a credit provider shall not-

a) Request or demand a consumer to-

i. Give the credit provider temporary or permanent possession of an instrument referred to in Section 27 (1)(b)(i) other than for the purpose of identification, or to make a copy of the instrument.

ii. Reveal any personal identification code or number contemplated in Section 27 (1)(b)(ii);

b) Obtain in advance from a consumer a grant of power of attorney to the credit provider in respect of any matter related to the granting of credit in terms of this act;

c) Require a consumer to sign in advance any documentation relating to enforcement of the agreement, irrespective of whether such documentation is complete or incomplete at the time of signing;

d) Require a consumer to consent to

a pre-determined value of costs relating to enforcement of the agreement except to the extent that is consistent with the act;

e) Require, direct or authorise any person engaged in processing payments to give priority to payments for the credit provider over any other credit provider;

f) Direct, or knowingly permit, any other person to do anything referred to in this section on behalf or for the benefit of the credit provider.

## Prohibited charges

Section 38 of the Consumer Credit Act, 2016 states that-

(1) A credit provider shall not charge an amount to, or impose a monetary liability on, the consumer in respect of-

a) A credit fee or charge prohibited by this act;

b) An amount of a fee or charge exceeding the amount that may be charged consistent with this act;

c) An interest charged under a credit agreement exceeding the amount that may be charged consistent with this act; or

d) Any fee, charge, commission, expense or other amount payable by the credit provider to any third party in respect of a credit agreement, except as contemplated in this act.

(2) A credit provider shall not charge a consumer a price for any goods or services higher than the price charged by that credit provider for the same or

substantially similar goods or services in the ordinary course of business on the basis of a cash transaction.

## Unlawful provisions in credit agreements

Much against previous practises in the market, the Consumer Credit Act, 2016 makes it unlawful a provision in a credit agreement if its general purpose or effect is to-

a) Deceive the consumer or subject the consumer to fraudulent conduct;

b) Express an agreement by the consumer to-

i. Deposit with the credit provider, or with any other person at the direction of the credit provider, an identity document, credit or debit card, bank account or automatic teller machine access card, or any similar identifying document or device; or

ii. Provide a personal identification code or number to be used to access an account;

c) Purport to direct or authorise any person engaged in processing payments to give priority to payments for the credit provider over any other credit provider;

d) Purport to authorise or permit the credit provider to satisfy an obligation of the consumer by making a charge against an asset, account, or amount deposited by or for the benefit of the consumer and held by the credit provider or a third party, except by way of a standing debt arrangement, or to the extent permitted by Section 96 of the

Consumer Credit Act, 2016.

## Consumer Rights and obligations- Information and Language

Language and fine print where consumers are supposed to sign has been a very contentious issue for consumers who claim they do not understand what they signed up for or they are rushed into signing. The Authority as per the provisions of the Act encourages consumers to take their time read through the document and ask where they do not understand before signing anything.

Section 29 (1) of the Consumer Credit Act, 2016 states that a credit provider shall offer a consumer an opportunity to choose in which of the two official languages the consumer wishes to exchange that information or provide that document to the consumer accordingly;

(2) The information or document that is required to be exchanged with or delivered to a consumer in terms of this Act shall be-

a) The context, comprehensiveness and consistency of the document

b) The organisation, form and style of the document

c) The vocabulary, usage and sentence structure of the text; and

d) The use of any illustrations, examples, headings, or other aids to reading and understanding.

The obligations of a consumer in relation to credit are;

a) Apply for credit only from licensed

credit providers (who have a valid credit provision licence for the year in question)

In order to enable credit providers to conduct proper credit assessments, screening and evaluations;

b) The consumer should be honest and answer all questions and requests for information truthfully.

c) Fill in the credit application form in full and in a truthful manner and provide all required information.

Be a responsible credit consumer:

a) Do not apply for credit when you know you cannot pay for it.

b) Read the credit agreement with understanding before signing it and keep the copy safe at all times.

c) Make sure you receive a receipt every time you repay your loan and keep it safe as you may need it as proof of payment should there be a need.

d) Pay all your debt when it falls due.

e) Approach your credit provider and/or write in case you are unable to honour the terms of your repayment so as to reschedule your loan. Consumers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Consumer Credit Act of 2016 in order to be aware of their rights and what is expected of them with regard to credit. The Act can be downloaded from the FSRA website that can be accessed through [www.fsra.co.sz](http://www.fsra.co.sz)

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## ENACTUS SWAZILAND COMPETITION TO BE HELD ON 7TH JULY

**enactus**

**THIS year, 12 ENACTUS teams from around Swaziland will battle for the 2018 National Champion Title.**

There will be two rounds of competition with all 12 teams competing in the first round.

The judges will select the top six teams to advance to the second and final round at the National Competition on the 7th July at Esibayeni Lodge.

Each year, the teams of university and college students come together to showcase their social impact efforts and compete based on the quality of their entrepreneurial projects that provide an innovative, sustainable impact in their community.

One team will be awarded the title of ENACTUS Swaziland National Champion, and will advance to ENACTUS World Cup 2018 in Silicon Valley, San Jose, California, USA on 9-11 October. "For the first time this year, we will be launching the National Competition on 23 June at Alcon Business Centre where all teams will compete in a Preliminary Round. Only the top six teams will advance on to compete in our annual



al National Competition," said ENACTUS Swaziland Country Director Wonderboy Khumalo.

According to Khumalo, last year there were eight teams that competed for the title of National Champion, while four new teams competed for the first time in a separate 'Rookie League' as a learning opportunity to prepare them for the 2018 competition.

This year, all 12 teams will compete for the top award, making it one of the fiercest competitions yet. Last year, Gwamile Vocational and Training Institute (VOCTIM) won the National Championship for the third year in a row, giving them the honour of keep-

ing the National Champion Revolving Trophy. VOCTIM then represented Swaziland at the World Cup in London UK, where they were in the top 16 out of the 36 competing teams.

Khumalo said this year at the National Competition, ENACTUS alumni will be exhibiting various businesses that they have started after completing the ENACTUS programme. "Our alumni benefit immensely from the ENACTUS programme and are given the skills to become entrepreneurs.

ENACTUS alumni have started businesses in Swaziland that contribute positively to the economy while creating jobs in the country." From April to July, ENACTUS Global

will host National Competitions in 36 countries.

These dynamic, energetic events bring together student, academic and business leaders from the ENACTUS network for an opportunity to engage, collaborate and learn from one another.

Last year, ENACTUS students around the world volunteered more than 7.3 million service hours creating and implementing over 3 800 projects that directly impacted more than 1.3 million lives.

These experiences not only transform the lives of the people the projects serve, but also help the students develop the kind of talent and per-

spective essential to leadership that sees challenges facing people and planet as opportunities to improve the world. ENACTUS believes investing in students who take entrepreneurial action for others creates a better world for us all.

The ENACTUS experience transforms both the lives of the people the students' projects serve, and in turn, the lives of ENACTUS students themselves as they develop into more effective, values-driven leaders.

Founded in 1975, today ENACTUS has more than 72 000 student participants on over 1 730 campuses in 36 countries.

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## Morocco severs ties with Iran

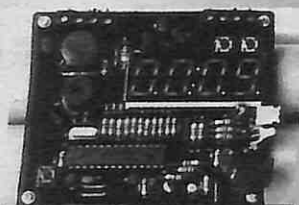
RABAT - Morocco has severed diplomatic ties with Iran over Tehran's support for the Polisario Front, a Western Sahara independence movement, the Moroccan foreign minister said. Morocco has claimed Western Sahara since colonial power Spain left in 1975. But Polisario fought a guerrilla war for independence for the Sahrawi people until a United Nations-backed ceasefire in 1991, monitored by UN peacekeepers. Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita accused Iran and its Lebanese Shi'ite ally, Hezbollah, of training and arming Polisario fighters via the Iranian embassy in Algeria. *Reuters*

## ZANU-PF fall in primary elections

HARARE - A number of Zimbabwe's ruling ZANU-PF heavyweights have reportedly fallen by the wayside in the party's primary elections. According to New Zimbabwe.com, President Emmerson Mnangagwa's top adviser Christopher Mutsvanga and ZANU-PF's National Chairperson Oppah Muchinguri were some of those who lost in their constituencies. The report said that unconfirmed results showed that Mutsvanga was humbled by Langton Mutendreyia in Norton while Muchinguri lost to an unknown Joyce Bukuta in her bid to represent Nyanga in the ruling party's women quota. *News24*

## More than 60 killed in Nigeria blasts

NIGERIA - Suicide bombers killed more than 60 people at a mosque and a market in northeast



Nigeria on Tuesday, in a twin attack bearing the hallmarks of Boko Haram and a day after US President Donald Trump pledged greater support to fight the Islamist militants. The blasts, said to have been carried out by young boys, happened shortly after 13:00 (1200 GMT) in Mubi, some 200km from the Adamawa state capital, Yola. Imam Garki, from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), said a joint assessment with the police and Red Cross found that 26 people were killed and 56 were injured, 11 of them critically. *AFP*

## Cyprus hands Egypt ancient artefacts

CYPRUS - Cyprus has handed back to Egypt 14 ancient artefacts stolen and smuggled abroad in the late 1980s after authorities on the Mediterranean island seized them, Egypt's government said. The artefacts include an alabaster base "decorated with the name of King Ramses II in addition to 13 ushabti figurines and amulets of different shapes," the antiquities ministry said, citing an official. Interpol had informed Egypt of the objects' seizure in 2017, the ministry said. *AFP*

## Chad approves new constitution

N'DJAMENA - Chad's Parliament on Monday overwhelmingly approved a new constitution that expands President Idriss Deby's powers and could allow him to stay in office until 2033, in a vote boycotted by most opposition lawmakers. The new constitution reimposes a two-term limit scrapped in a 2005 referendum. But it will not be applied retroactively, meaning Deby could serve two terms after the next election in 2021. The constitution now heads to Deby for his signature. *Reuters*



## 'ROBERT MUGABE DID NOTHING WRONG'

HARARE - A party linked to allies of former President Robert Mugabe has threatened to "frustrate" new President Emmerson Mnangagwa's bid to win elections this year, independent reports say.

The National Patriotic Front (NPF) has held well-attended provincial meetings in Midlands, Masvingo and Bulawayo in recent days.

"We will spoil the meal for ZANU-PF. We know how to frustrate Mnangagwa," top NPF official Jeppy Jaboon told a meeting in Masvingo on Friday.

"This time, Mnangagwa will not make it to the presidency," he was quoted as saying by the private Standard newspaper.

"What we want is to remove the coup government and replace it with a civilian government," he added.

Former Cabinet minister Ambrose Mutinhiri left ZANU-PF earlier this year to head the



INNOCENT: former president Robert Mugabe.

new party, which allegedly has links to a former ruling party faction loyal to Grace Mugabe.

Jaboon said an alliance with the Movement for Democratic Change and other opposition parties might be on the cards because "they are no longer our enemies".

He said Mugabe, who was forced to step down after a military takeover in November, had done nothing wrong. "What

did Mugabe do wrong? He gave us land, and look what Mnangagwa is doing. He is giving back that land to the whites," Jaboon said.

Mnangagwa has ruled out reversing the 18-year-old land reform programme, but his government has ordered an end to illegal land occupations and offered longer leases to the few white farmers still on the land.

*News24*

## Gabon's government steps down after election delays

LIBREVILLE - Gabon's government resigned on Tuesday, the day after the Constitutional Court dissolved the national Parliament and also called for the country's leadership to step down over election delays.

Prime Minister Emmanuel Issoze Ngondet "submitted the resignation letter of his government following the decision of the Constitutional Court to put an end to the powers of the current Legislature, resulting in the resignation of the current government," a statement

said.

According to the court, the government should have organised twice-delayed elections by April 30 at the latest.

The powers of the disbanded National Assembly will be transferred to the upper house Senate until elections are held, the court added. A date for the ballot is yet to be announced.

President Ali Bongo's re-election in 2016 led to opposition accusations of electoral fraud.

Violence broke out days after the vote, and opposition figures say more than 50 people

were killed in clashes. The official toll was only three dead.

Bongo took over power from his father Omar Bongo, who had ruled for 41 years until his death in 2009.

Gabon has large oil, mineral and tropical timber resources, and its per-capita national income is four times greater than that of most sub-Saharan nations.

But about a third of its population of 1.8 million still live below the poverty line -- the result, say experts, of inequality, poor governance and corruption. *AFP*

## ICC prosecutor in DRC to probe alleged crimes against humanity

KINSHASA - The International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor arrived in Kinshasa, the ICC said, following requests to investigate deadly violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda is due to meet with government officials and judicial institutions and hold a press conference today, the court said.

In January, a European Parliament resolution urged "the ICC and the UN to investigate allegations of crimes against humanity in Kasai in the centre of the Democratic Republic of Congo."

On March 1, the Congolese citizen movement Debout (Arise) also asked the ICC to investigate the



crackdown on peaceful protests.

16 people have been killed since December 31 as three marches, organised by the Catholic Church, were met with deadly force.

The marchers called on President Joseph Kabila to declare publicly that he would step down.

Kabila, in power since 2001, refused to leave office when his term expired

## Angola looks beyond crude oil to fish oil

BENGUELA - Angolan President Joao Lourenco has named diversifying the oil-dependent economy as his top priority after he became the country's first new leader in 38 years.

And one natural and readily available resource that has been identified is fish -- but a lack of equipment and know-how has meant the industry has struggled.

Lourenco, part of the MPLA party that has ruled Angola since 1975, took office in September promising to deliver an "economic miracle" that would transform the southern African nation, where the UN says more than half of the population lives on less than \$2 a day.

The collapse in 2014 of the price of crude oil, which provides 70 per cent of all revenues and nearly all hard currency, put immense pressure on the country to diversify.

Even though global oil prices have since recovered somewhat, Lourenco still plans to push forward.

He is betting the 1 600 kilometres (1 000 miles) of Atlantic coast could provide a fishing bonanza.

## Relaunch

"The diversification of the economy is our priority," Lourenco said recently. "We're going to relaunch fishing and agriculture and we will open the country to foreign investment."

To demonstrate his commitment, Lourenco visited fish factories in Tombwa on the southwest coast.

One of the sites is equipped to freeze the catch, while the other processes fish into oil and fishmeal.

Fish oil is highly sought after by the cosmetics and pharmaceutical industries, while fishmeal is used by farmers as animal feed.

Lourenco vowed to "improve the infrastructure to support fishing and the transformation of processing", according to the government's latest six-year plan.

Fishing Minister Victoria de Barros previously announced plans to build a new port with refrigerated storage in Tombwa at a cost of \$23.5 million. *AFP*

in December 2016.

Elections, twice delayed, are due to be held on December 23, but opposition groups say they have little hope that the vote will be fair and credible.

## Banned

Public rallies have been banned since September 2016, when dozens of demonstrators were killed.

Last year, at least 47 people were killed, according to a UN report seen by AFP last month.

Set up in 2002 in The Hague, the ICC is the world's only permanent war crimes court and acts to prosecute the worst abuses, including genocide in places where national tribunals are unwilling or unable to act. *AFP*





# FOCUS ON SA SCENE



## ANC 'very concerned' over salary disparities between workers, executives

**PRETORIA** - Deputy President David Mabuza on Tuesday said South Africa's governing African National Congress (ANC) was deeply concerned about the major imbalances between the incomes of workers in South Africa in comparison with those who occupy executive positions.

"The ANC is very concerned about the disparity between incomes of executives and incomes of workers. We are adamant that this issue must be addressed as soon as possible as we must not perpetuate a situation where those at the top continue to live in utmost luxury whilst the working class continues to languish in poverty," Mabuza said at a Workers Day commemoration in the KwaZulu-Natal province. "On this May Day, we are also here to tell the bosses of our vast land to sit back, see, feel and care for the plight of their workers; to call for a sense of shared humanity, to tame our relentless pursuit of wealth and obscene profits in a sea of poverty." He called on employers to treasure their employees and to realise that they are men and women seeking an honest living through hard work. "These are



**CONCERNED:** Deputy President David Mabuza.

people who work hard but struggle to see real progress. They are South Africans who wish to wake up every morning with the pride and dignity of pulling themselves up by their boot straps. They are compatriots who want to do an honest day's work," said Mabuza. "These are men and women of immense faith. They want to have something to show for their daily toil. And so they pray to leave a proud legacy for their children." The deputy president also appealed to employ-

ers and companies to heighten safety within the workplaces.

"South African workers deserve employers who will guarantee their safety in the workplace, employers that will assure families that workers will return home well and wholesome. We yearn for more caring and ethical employers who are invested in their workers returning home tall with their bodily integrity and not cold in a coffin," he said.

*African News Agency*

## COSATU is not independent from the ANC - Zwelinzima

**JOHANNESBURG** - The South African Federation of Trade Union's (SAFTU) general secretary Zwelinzima Vavi has said that COSATU was not independent of the ANC.

He was speaking to eNCA after addressing a May Day rally in Port Elizabeth on Tuesday.

"Independence is the name. Can they claim to be independent of the ANC? No, they can't," he said.

He said COSATU must not allow itself "to be pulled by the nose" by any political party.

"Unions must be truly democratic. Unions must be fighting and must not be sweethearts. They must be campaigning, must be based on the militant unity of workers. They mustn't agree to hand over the working people to be further exploited by their class enemies. If COSATU was to embrace those principles, we will unite tomorrow," he said.

He said unity was the way to go "but principled unity".

"Unity on the basis that the trade union movement must be independent. Unions must speak politics of the country. They must speak about issues that affect workers in the workplaces and in the com-

munities," Vavi said.

During his address, Vavi said they were not going to "back down" in their fight against the newly announce R20 minimum wage.

"A new struggle has begun. Maqabane, (Comrades) a new revolution is underway. If you don't understand the nature of that revolution you're going to be caught up in the confusion," he said.

He said SAFTU was in the struggle to liberate black people that continue to be trapped in poverty and inequality. "And that continues to be the public face of inequality in our society, and we are not going to back down because we understand that that struggle is not just a struggle to the total emancipation of our black people but the struggle for the total emancipation of the working class in our country," he said. Speaking at another May Day rally at the Vaal in Gauteng, ANC's secretary general Ace Magashule said the collective leadership of the ANC, under the leadership of President Cyril Ramaphosa, was committed towards the unity and cohesion of "our revolutionary alliance". *News24*

## Leader Mmusi places a muzzle on his 'amateurs'

**CAPE TOWN** - DA leader Mmusi Maimane has read his councilors in Cape Town the riot act and effectively gagged them from speaking to the media or posting on social media - especially about mayor Patricia de Lille.

In a letter dated April 26, Maimane wrote that he has become increasingly concerned and frustrated at the "frankly amateurish" way in which the members of the City of Cape Town caucus are conducting themselves.

"While the developments surrounding the mayor are understandably unsettling and provoke emotional responses, this cannot

stand in the way of your duty to run the City effectively and to deliver proper services to the people of Cape Town.

"Some members of the caucus seem to think that they are entitled to ventilate their opinion openly - to the media and/or via social media - on matters that relate to caucus discussions or on how the City is being administered," states Maimane in his letter.

"There is now a bizarre situation where the party's political authority for Cape Town (the metro region) has openly rejected the City's budget.

*Cape Argus*

## Nationwide bus strike drags on

**JOHANNESBURG** - There will be no buses again for thousands of South Africans across the country on Wednesday as a nationwide strike drags on.

A deal between striking drivers and employers has yet to be reached. The strike has entered its third week. This is despite calls from government for unions and employers to find a solution.

Bus companies are offering an

eight percent salary increase for the first year and 8.5 percent for the second year.

Workers are demanding a 9.5 percent hike. They also want night shift allowances and medical aid.

Trade union federation, Saftu, is calling for an end to the strike, saying the public should put pressure on employers.

It said the situation must be resolved by Thursday. *eNCA*

## Workers dump Sdumo Dlamini during his May Day address

**PORT ELIZABETH** - Several hundred workers walked out on Cosatu president Sdumo Dlamini as he delivered his Workers' Day speech on the national minimum wage.

According to a Business Day report, workers left the Isaac Wolfson Stadium in KwaZakhele, near Port Elizabeth, as Dlamini delivered his keynote address.

The report said Dlamini was unfazed by the walkout. According to a report by the African News Agency, carried in The Citizen, Dlamini told the crowd that those who were leaving could do so since the issues he wanted to discuss had already been raised by previous speakers. Dlamini has been mired in controversy after allegations emerged

that he received a R300 000 bribe.

According to City Press, the Hawks are investigating whether convicted child molester Deon Larry paid Dlamini the bribe, as well as whether former president Jacob Zuma was paid R1m to keep Senzeni Zokwana in his Cabinet.

Cosatu was vociferous in its call to remove Zuma as president. *News24*

## Stand up and defend national sovereignty - Blade Nzimande

**PORT ELIZABETH** - South African Communist Party (SACP) General Secretary Blade Nzimande raised concerns at a Congress of the South African Trade Unions (COSATU) May Day rally held in Nelson Mandela Bay saying that "fight backs" in KwaZulu-Natal against those seeking to end state capture were unfortunate.

Nzimande addressed a packed rally at the Isaac Wolfson Stadium in KwaZakhele on Tuesday.

He called for workers to stand up against state capture and called for the KwaZulu-Natal province not to be regressive. Nzimande said that state capture made a fool of South Africa's sovereignty.

"We are saying to the workers stand up and defend the national sovereignty. Our country is not for sale," he said.



**STAND UP:** South African Communist Party General Secretary Blade Nzimande.

"The doors point to money flowing through a spiders web of private bank accounts in South Africa and finding their way to Dubai and also held by Indian public bank called Baroda."

Nzimande said that there would be no

victory for socialism if state institutions were stolen.

He said that with African National Congress (ANC) President Cyril Ramaphosa's "new dawn" changes were starting to take effect.

Touching on issues of unrest in KwaZulu-Natal, Nzimande said that there seemed to be some unfortunate fight backs in parts of the province.

"Unfortunately part of the KZN province is positioning itself to fight back against things that need to be done. We want to say don't allow that province to be a basis of regression and actually going back," said Nzimande to cheers from the crowds. Nzimande said that the looters of the country should be the ones paying for programmes. He called for the super rich to be taxed and to take the lead in subsidising programmes.

*African News Agency*



# TEENAGER CRUELLY DUBBED 'SNAKE GIRL'

**LONDON** - A teenager, cruelly known as 'Snake Girl,' is forced to live as a recluse due to a condition that causes her skin to bleed when exposed to sunlight.

Vedika Gupta, 13, from Indore, India, suffers from the genetic disorder ichthyosis, which has confined her to her bedroom.

She said: "All I can do is watch children my age play and enjoy their life."

"I often ask myself as to why I have been subjected to this kind of punishment by God. What sin have I committed to suffer like this?"

After seeing multiple doctors who have been unable to ease Vedika's suf-

● *Vedika Gupta suffers from ichthyosis that makes her confined to her bedroom*

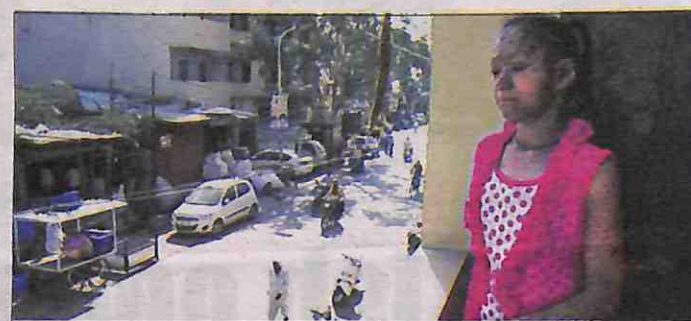
● *She spends her time watching other children play and 'enjoy their life'*

● *Vedika asks herself why God has punished her with this agonising condition*

fering, the teenager relies on just generic body lotion to help prevent her skin drying out. Yet, after hearing about a treatment that cured another ichthyosis sufferer, Vedika's family are speaking

out to help raise money towards the same therapy.

There are 20 different types of ichthyosis, which can affect as few as three children born a year in the UK.



**SNAKE GIRL:** Vedika Gupta, cruelly known as Snake Girl, is forced to live as a recluse due to a condition that causes her skin to crack, flake off and even bleed when it is exposed to sunlight.



**'All I want is that my daughters don't suffer'**

**THE** family had given up hope until they heard about Shalini Yadav, from Madhya Pradesh, India, who suffered from the same condition.

Madhuri said: "She was taken to Spain and treated by doctors there."

"We have been told the doctors have shared the formula of the medicines with an Indian Pharma company and the medicine will be available in India, too."

"All I want is that my daughters don't suffer in the future."

"At home, I keep my daughters in comfort, but outside the struggle that they face, I cannot do anything about it."

**'If I get help, I can lead a life of dignity'**

**VEDIKA** said: "If I get help like Shalini got, I can lead a life of dignity."

"If there is any treatment that helps improve my skin condition by 50 per cent, it will give my confidence a boost."

Shalini was treated for free at Regional University Hospital and Virgen de la Victoria of Malaga after she was helped by the India-based press agency Newslions, when its owner Sanjay Pandey heard about her plight.

Vedika's father said: "I have spoken with the father of Shalini Yadav."

"I am now hopeful that finally there will be a proper treatment of my daughters. I will do whatever I can. "I am told that Shalini's treatment was an expensive affair and I am afraid I don't have that much money to fund the treatment."

"Hence, I request all the kind souls out there to come forward and pitch in for the treatment of my daughters."



**LIKE A SNAKE:** Vedika's skin itches constantly and bleeds between the cracks due to extreme dryness.



## WHAT IS ICHTHYOSIS?

**ICHTHYOSIS** describes a group of conditions that cause dry, scaly skin.

It occurs when skin cells are formed faster than is required, causing them to accumulate on the skin, resulting in thickening. Unlike eczema, ichthyosis occurs continuously and usually affects the entire body.

In most cases, it is inherited

and present at birth.

There is no cure.

Treatment focuses on improving the skin's condition and reducing discomfort.

This is achieved via moisturising at least twice a day.

Medication may also be required to reduce scaling.

**Source:** Ichthyosis Support Group



**IMPROVEMENT:** Shalini's skin drastically improved after undergoing treatment.

## 'When I go outside my skin peels off'

**SPEAKING** of her condition, Vedika said: "I cannot go out in the sun."

"Whenever I go outside, I get a burning sensation in my skin. My skin peels off and, at times, there is bleeding."

Vedika is, therefore, forced to spend her time studying, painting and watching television alone.

The teenager's sister Sunidhi, 20, suf-

fers from the same disorder and has also become a recluse, turning down parties and events out of the fear of what other people may say.

Their mother Madhuri Gupta, 45, said: "My elder daughter, who also has the same skin disorder, keeps herself confined in her room."

"She is now a grown woman con-

scious about her looks and appearance. Hence, she avoids socialising, interacting with people or even coming in front of the camera."

After conventional treatment failed to ease the sisters' symptoms, they turned to homeopathic remedies, which only made their disorder worse.

Madhuri said: "It aggravated the condition. "It became so bad that the girls would have constant itching and occasional bleeding from the skin cracks."

**Daily Mail**



# World News

## 4 Turkish opposition parties agree election alliance deal

**ANKARA** - Turkey's main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) and three other opposition parties have reached a deal on an alliance for snap parliamentary elections on 24 June, a CHP official said yesterday.

The official, who declined to be identified, told Reuters the deal between the CHP, the fledgling İyi (Good) Party, the Islamist Saadet Party and the Democrat Party would be formally announced at a news conference today.

It will enable the smaller parties in the alliance to skirt a regulation that mandates parties must receive at least 10 per cent of the vote to enter Parliament. The deal creates a broad coalition against President

Tayyip Erdogan's ruling alliance. Erdogan's ruling AK Party has established an alliance with the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP).

Broadcaster NTV said the opposition alliance deal would be signed at 3 pm (1200 GMT) today. A deadline of May 6 was set for election alliances to be filed with the High Election Board.

Erdogan has won nearly a dozen elections and dominated Turkish politics since his Islamist-rooted AK party first swept to power in 2002. The elections will mark Turkey's transition to a presidency with new sweeping executive powers, agreed under a narrowly approved referendum last year.

Reuters



**WE AGREE:** Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan and Prime Minister Binali Yildirim greet their supporters during a meeting of the ruling AK Party in Istanbul, Turkey. (Reuters)

## Duterte order disappoints protesters

**MANILA** - Philippine labour groups expressed disappointment yesterday over a long-awaited executive order by President Rodrigo Duterte to crack down on short-term hiring, saying it offered nothing new and left millions of workers without benefits.

Halting use of short contracts commonly referred to as 'endo', or 'end of contract,' because they offer few or no benefits, was one of the populist campaign promises that put Duterte in office, but workers' groups say he has dragged his heels on the issue.

Thousands marched on Labour Day on Tuesday to demand that Duterte issue an executive order, but the one he announced fell short of expectations. It promised to enforce an existing ban on illegal contracting and subcontracting, and tasked lawmakers to come up with a new labour code.

### Entitled

"There is nothing new in favour of the workers," said Elmer Labog, Head of the Kilusang Mayo Uno (1 May Movement), a leftwing workers group.

"With this signal from the president, we are left without hope that the new legislation on labour will be favourable for us."

Employers who practice 'endo' offer tenures shorter than six months, the threshold at which a worker must be made permanent, and entitled to benefits.

Carlos Isagani Zarate, a representative of the Bayan Muna or 'Country First' congressional party, said it was likely that big labour federations would outright reject Duterte's order.

Reuters

## Death toll up to 7 after Swiss Alps storm

**SWEDEN** - A fifth person has died after a group of 14 skiers were caught up in a storm, police said on Tuesday, after the bodies of two climbers were also found elsewhere in the Swiss Alps.

"Late in the evening on April 30, a fifth victim died," police in Valais canton said in a statement.

Bad weather in the Pigne d'Arolla area of the Swiss Alps on Sunday had caught the group of skiers by surprise.

The group had set out from the Dix rest-stop and had intended to make it to Vignettes to

sleep, trekking along a route called The Serpentine.

The manager of a rest-stop in the remote mountain region sent out a call for help at dawn on Monday, triggering a major relief operation that involved seven helicopters, police said.

One person was found dead on the scene, and was believed to have died in a fall.

Three others died soon after they reached hospital, followed by the fifth death late on Monday.

That person was likely among the five initially listed in critical condition by police.

Others in the group were mere-

ly suffering from "mild hypothermia".

The victims were Italian, French and German nationals, police said, adding that efforts were underway to formally identify them.

All the families had been informed of the tragedy, police said.

Police said separately that the bodies of two climbers, aged 21 and 22, were found further east on Monday, in the Alps in Bern canton, after the alert was sounded but the bad weather foiled rescue efforts.

AFP

## Macron reiterates need to keep Iran nuclear deal

**SYDNEY** - French leader Emmanuel Macron yesterday reiterated his commitment to the Iran nuclear deal, saying no one wants an escalation of tensions in the region while admitting the accord needed strengthening.

US President Donald Trump is threatening to pull out of the agreement - negotiated in 2015 between Tehran and six world powers, by the May 12 deadline - for Washington to renew its support for the deal.

The agreement imposes strict restrictions on Iran's nuclear programme in return for the loosening of economic sanctions. Macron, who met Trump in Washington last week to try to convince him to not walk away, admitted he still did not know what decision the US leader



**COMMITTED:** France President Emmanuel Macron.

would take. "I don't know what the US president will decide on May 12," he said during a two-day visit to Sydney, speaking alongside Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. "I just want to say whatever the

decision will be, we will have to prepare such a broader negotiation and a broader deal, because I think nobody wants a war in the region, and nobody wants an escalation in terms of tension in the region."

Trump has pilloried the agreement designed to curb Iran's nuclear programme as "insane" and "ridiculous" and called for fresh measures to counter Iran's ballistic missile programme and support for militant groups across the Middle East.

Macron, who admitted in Sydney that the existing deal was "not sufficient," is pushing for international talks on a potential wider accord.

Speaking in English, he said there needed to be three additional "pillars" in the agreement.

AFP

## BRIEFS

### France to step up security

**PARIS** - French police said 109 people were in custody yesterday after violent May Day protests in Paris, correcting an earlier figure of 209 given by Interior Minister Gerard Collomb.

Hooded youths had torched a McDonald's restaurant and several vehicles after joining the traditional 1 May union-led demonstration for workers' rights. Collomb, who gave the wrong figure in a television interview, promised to boost policing at future protests after facing accusations that the government had been caught unaware by 1 200 trouble-makers.

AFP

### Mueller gives Trump lawyers questions

**NEW YORK** - The New York Times is reporting that the special counsel investigating Russian election meddling and obstruction of justice has given US President Donald Trump's lawyers a list of almost four dozen questions.

The Times reports that the questions from Robert Mueller's team cover Trump's motivations for firing FBI Director James Comey and contacts Trump's campaign had with Russians as well as other matters. The Times reports that it obtained a list of the questions. AP

### Abuse scandal haunts Catholic cleric

**AUSTRALIA** - From country priest to trusted top Vatican aide, Australia's most senior Catholic cleric George Pell has seen his reputation plagued in the twilight of his

career by controversy swirling around a 1970s paedophile scandal in the former gold rush town of Ballarat.

To his admirers, the 76-year-old cardinal embodies the orthodox traditions of Australian Catholicism, but to his critics he represents an institution that has failed to properly deal with sex abuse allegations. AFP



### Iran calls Netanyahu infamous liar

**IRAN** - Iran branded Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu an "infamous liar" over his allegations of a secret Iranian nuclear weapons programme.

Netanyahu's comments came from a "broke and infamous liar who has had nothing to offer except lies and deceits," foreign ministry spokesperson Bahram Ghasemi said in a statement.

AFP

### Troop withdrawal not linked to peace treaty

**SEOUL** - South Korean President Moon Jae-in yesterday dismissed claims that US troops stationed in the country would have to leave if a peace treaty was signed with the North.

Seoul and Pyongyang have remained technically at war since the 1950s but Moon and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un agreed at a landmark summit last week to work towards a permanent treaty to replace a 65-year-old armistice agreement. "US Forces Korea (USFK) is a matter of the South Korea-US alliance."

"It has nothing to do with signing a peace treaty," Moon said, referring to the agreement that sees 28 500 US forces based in the South.

AFP





WITH: Simon Shabangu

# CHURCH NEWS



## DIVINE HEALING MINISTRY TO HOST ALL NIGHT PRAYER

**DIVINE Healing Ministry International will host an all night prayer on Friday announced Bishop Nash.**

The founder of the Manzini based church which has spread across the country and beyond said the all night prayer service will be held at their main branch in Manzini next week Friday.

He said the theme of the night is great restoration. He quoted Joel 2 verse 25 as a supporting verse for the theme. "I am excited to say that people can come expecting their miracles and restoration of all their things that the devil has stolen. This will be an amaz-



**ALL NIGHT: Bishop Nash Shongwe to host all night prayer.**

ing night where all the pastors under the ministry will preach. We will also pray for the sick and all those that are

under the bondage of sin," he said. Bishop Shongwe also mentioned that they had special guests who will also join them on the night. We will have music ministry from our praise teams as well as guest artist which I will not mention now because this will be a surprise on the night," Bishop Shongwe added.

The bishop encouraged people not to miss this night stating that they decided to make it an all night prayer to avoid transport frustrations at night. He said the night will be no ordinary night as people will be regaining all that the devil has devoured.

## IYF engages USDF Senior Officers on Mind Education

**THE International Youth Fellowship (IYF) which is a NGO under the Good News Mission engaged senior officer from the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force as part of their mind education lecture.**

The lecture is circulating in all the sector of Eswatini. Mind Education Lecturer was done at several government ministries, Royal Swaziland Police Service, His Majesty's Correctional Service and several national schools with TSC chairman. This was confirmed by Pastor David T. Gang who is the National Director of the International Youth Fellowship- Swaziland.

IYF was established as a worldwide youth organisation and international NGO based on Christian mindset in 2001, to raise leaders with a global insight through youth education, activities, and provide realistic solutions to problems in the global village.

"When we met the army commander introducing Mind Education he warmly welcomed this program and arranged one session of Mind Lecture for senior officers which we held yesterday at the conference room, USDF Headquarter. Before the lecture volunteers from South Korea, China and Peru performed IYF performed a Siswati accapella song, a rendition which was marveled by the senior officers," shared Pastor Gang.

The Pastor Gang was a main lecturer in the topic of 'Importance and necessity of mind Education' and 'Changing the Viewpoint'. He lectured that South Korea was one of the poorest countries in the world 60 to 70 years ago, but now has become one of the most developed countries through changing Mindset of nation and reform the consciousness. And he shared that strong mindset can overcome all kinds of challenge and problems with several example of Hyundai Founder late Jung Joo Yeong. If we change our view point everything looks different. If we possess positive viewpoint, it can change our lives and benefit the society as well.



**MORE SERVICES: Bishop ND Nhlapho.**

## Bishop Nhlapho to have frequent Wednesday services

**BISHOP ND Nhlapho of God Never Fails Ministry will now be frequenting the country for the Wednesday night services.**

The Bishop who recently established a branch in Swaziland which is based in Matsapha said the prayers of the people who wanted him to frequent the Wednesday services have been answered as he has rearranged his schedule to try to be available for the Wednesday night services.

He told congregants at the service recently that he has heard their requests and prayers from the people and decided to change his schedule and come to Eswatini regularly.



**SUNDAY**  
English service  
@9:00am - 10:45am  
Siswati Service  
@11:00am - 1:00pm  
Venue:  
Zakhele, Nkambule  
street, Manzini  
BY: Rev Msibi  
Contacts:  
2505 6419 /  
7650 3140



**GOD'S GLORY ABLAZE CHURCH**  
(NHLANGANO MATHEDELE)

**Services**  
Mondays  
6pm - 7pm home cells  
Wednesdays 6pm - 7:30pm  
Fridays 6pm - 7:30pm  
Sundays  
Morning prayer  
5:45am - 6:30am  
Main service  
10:00am - 1:00pm

Contact  
76638622/76471717  
Host:  
Pastor N.T Dlamini



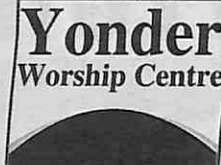
**GROWING FAITH**  
Ministries International  
Mondays:  
Prayer &  
Transformation 6-  
8pm  
Tuesdays:  
Transformation Class  
at Syney Williams in  
Manzini 6:30-8pm  
Fridays:  
Breakthrough Service  
6-8pm  
Sundays:  
Prayer 9am  
Main Service  
10am - 1pm  
( Lobamba, Esitjeni on  
you way to Mlilwane )



**JUBILEE WORSHIP**  
HOUSE  
INTERNATIONAL  
THEME:  
A Place Where We  
Celebrate God's  
Intervention  
Church services:  
Fridays  
Youth summit 6pm - 8pm  
Saturdays  
Prayer 6pm - 8pm  
Sundays  
Main Service  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
KaShaliethendeni next  
to Mtn tower (Emkhiweni)  
God is changing changes  
to change the world  
Contact: 76158475



**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 -10:30 am  
Siswati Service 11:00am  
1:00pm  
Children's Ministry 8:30am  
10:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm  
Men-Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of  
the month 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Single Parents -Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
of the month 2:00pm -3:30pm  
Contacts 2404 0979



**Yonder**  
Worship Centre  
with  
Apostle Bakhe  
and  
Mrs. Nokwanda Dlamini  
Sundays:  
09:00am-11:00am  
Venue:  
Woodlands,  
Ezulwini



**DIVINE**  
Healing Ministries International  
Manzini Branch:  
Wednesdays- Prayer  
6:00-7:30pm  
Thursdays- Mid-week  
Service 6:30-8:00pm  
Sundays- Teachings  
9:30-10:30am  
Main Service  
10:30am - 1pm  
Mbabane Branch:  
Tuesdays - Prayer  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Sundays- Service  
10am - 1pm  
DIVINE  
Healing  
Ministries



**FREE EVANGELICAL**  
ASSEMBLIES SITEKI  
Pastor C.S. Fikwalo  
Free Siteki  
Mondays Prayer  
6:00pm-7:30pm  
Wednesdays  
6:00pm-7:30pm  
Saturdays Youth  
3:00pm  
Sundays Women  
9:00am -10:30am  
Sunday School  
9:30am -10:30am  
Main Service  
10:30am - 1:00pm



**FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
CHURCH  
God Can Still Do  
It Again with  
Apostle Jeremiah  
Venue  
Ngwane Park Manzini,  
Faith Premises  
Sundays 11:30am.  
In spite of your past,  
you shall smile again.  
Place of miracles where the blind see,  
lame walk, sick healed, jobless find job,  
deliverance happens  
its your moment to grasp it.  
CONTACTS  
7671 0029/7631 4007.  
Come one come all



**MBABANE FREE**  
EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES  
Pastor Matsapha  
Sunday Bible study  
9:30 am - 10:30am  
Main Service  
10:30am - 1:00pm  
Wednesdays Prayer  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Mondays Couples  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Mbabane FEA Church  
next to Build It,  
Contacts  
24045807/76572977  
Email: mbabanefea@swazi.net



**EVANGELICAL**  
Church - Nhlangu  
"Distinctively Christian"  
Every Sunday  
English Service at  
0830hrs - 0955hrs  
Bible Study -  
1000hrs - 1055hrs  
Siswati Service -  
1100hrs - 1300hrs  
Every Monday  
Prayer:  
1800hrs - 2000hrs  
Last Tuesdays of the  
Month  
Family Fellowship:  
1800hrs - 2000hrs  
Every Friday  
Youth Services: 1800hrs  
- 2000hrs  
Venue:  
Evangelical Church  
Nhlangu Church Hall,  
Opposite Nhlangu  
Central Primary School  
Contacts  
22075 020/7603 6628



**GOD**  
IS ABLE  
CHURCH  
SERVICE  
Times  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
MBABANE THEATRE CLUB  
10:00 AM-1:00 PM  
MANZINI SATELITE  
2:30 PM-5:00 PM  
CONTACT 7605 3160



**CHOSEN GENERATION OF**  
JESUS CHRIST  
JOIN US  
ON OUR  
THURSDAY  
SERVICES  
17:30 HRS - 19:30 HRS  
CONTACT:  
7659 1921 / 7825 8913  
CAMPUS CRUSADE BUILDING  
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**HAVING FUN:** The Castle Lite winners from Eswatini begun with breakfast before attending the concert.

## 'CASTLE LITE UNLOCKS' CONCERT EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

By Nomfundo Sifundza  
Johannesburg

SIX Eswatini born hip hop music lovers were treated to the best hip hop concert the past weekend.

Not only were the winners treated to top SA hip hop stars, the liquor was also free from arrival at the Sandton Sun Hotel on Sunday until their departure on Tuesday afternoon.

The winners joined other winners from Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Mozambique. Altogether they were transferred from the hotel to the pre-party which was held in Soweto, Icon on Sunday evening.

Affirming the level of fun they had was Bongiwe Mandoza who after the actual concert said; "I was blown away by how Chance the Rapper acknowledges God in his songs, he is a very great rapper."

Anchored by a fully integrated production the 'Castle Lite Unlocks' experience saw the brand unlocking surprise acts in the likes of Youngsta CPT, Emtee, Moozlie and Rouge at The Ticketpro Dome in Johannesburg on Monday.

South Africa's very own hip-hop visionaries completely stole the show with their extraordinary performances.

Shane Eagle started with a home town inspired performance and made way for Nadia Nakai, who sent a wave of 'extra cold' with her sultry set, which put the spotlight on Frank Casino! As if that was the end of it, Castle Lite alumni's Nasty C and Cassper Nyovest further rocked the stage with surprise performances - leaving the crowd chanting for more.

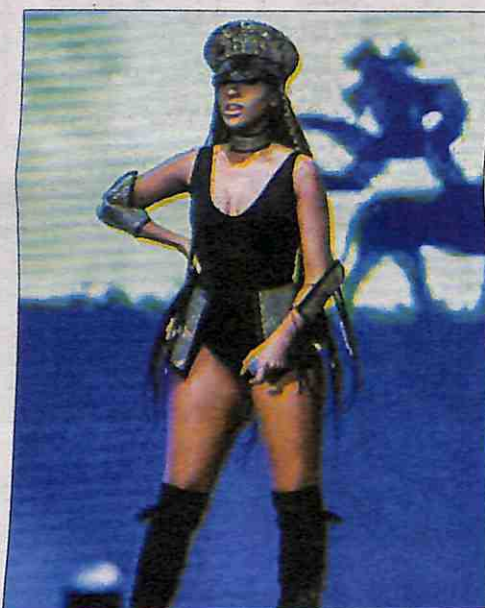
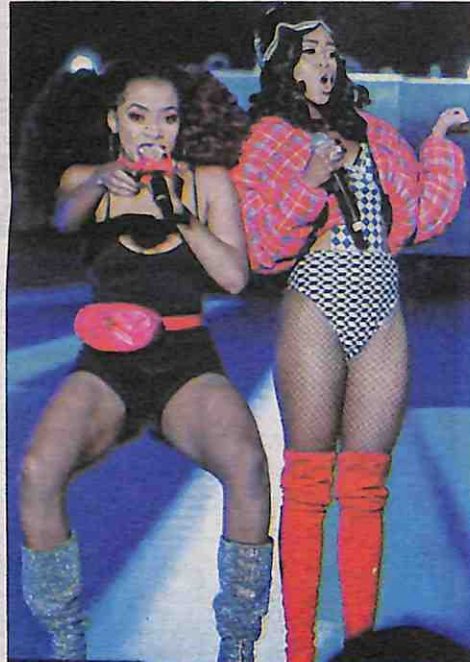
The night was still young when Castle Lite unlocked the man of the moment - Chance The Rapper and the whole venue went abuzz with the most exhilarating blizzard of hip-hop!

Spotted at the concert were South African stars; Dineo Moeketsi, Ayanda Thabethe, Slikour and Khanyi Mbau to name a few that were part of this much anticipated event.

The concert was also live-streamed for the first time ever with host and show stopper, Bontle Nodiselle, dancing the night away with consumers and industry top players. PH, Major



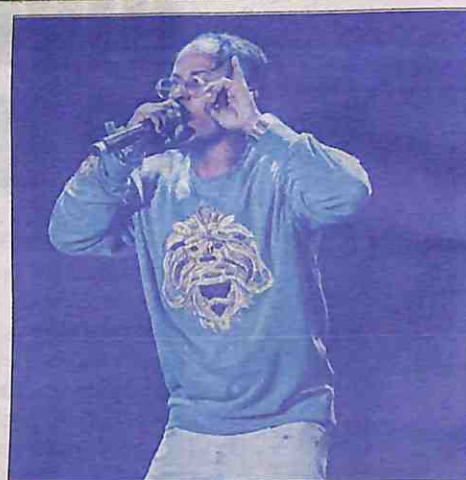
**MAIN ACT:** USA's Chance the Rapper unlocked happiness at the Castle Lite Unlocks show held in Johannesburg. **RIGHT - PERFECT:** DJ Ms Cosmo's rappers breaking it down on stage. (Courtesy pics)



**RAP QUEEN:** Rapper Nadia Nakai gestures during her set. **RIGHT - FREESTYLE:** Shane Eagle dropping some freestyle.



League, Ms Cosmo & Ayanda MVP kept the crowd 'extra cold' with hip-hop sets.



**SPITTING RHYMES:** Priddy Ugly spitting some rhymes.



**HIT MAKER:** Anatti performing his hit song Thixo Onofefe.



**LADY SPINNER:** Ms Cosmo behind the decks.

As soon as the lights went out, the crowd stood still and waited for more - only to be surprised by yet another spectacular performance by Grammy-Award winning Soweto Gospel Choir which had fans walking out chanting "Are you ready for your blessings?"

"Tonight was nothing short of amazing. We thank the South African consumer for always supporting Castle Lite in delivering yet another extraordinary Unlocks concert. We're about giving Citizens of Extra Cold a once in a lifetime experiences and from Shane Eagle's epic performance to Chance the Rapper's shut down, the Unlocks concert delivered just that. We really look forward to making more history in the upcoming years, together with our loyal supporters," said Becky Opdyke, Castle Lite Brand Director.

### The names of the winners:

Nomsa Khumalo  
Bongiwe Mandoza  
Nkosephayo Zwane  
Nkosingathi Makama  
Mpendulo  
Lindiwe Dlamini



# ARTISTS LASH OUT AT SNCAC OVER NACAS

By Ayanda Dlamini

SOME artists have questioned the criteria used in awarding excelling colleagues in last Saturday's 50/50 National Arts and Culture Awards held at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

The artists and sympathisers feel the criteria was not clear as deserving personalities were not recognised for their efforts; blaming the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC) for this.

Venting their anger on social media, Facebook, the artists said some of the awards recipients were not deserving of the honours.

Some of them were more concerned with the Best Composer category won by Mathokoza Sibiya, though he had only one vote.

In this category, Nondumiso Nhleko was leading with 3 023 votes followed by Symphony with 1 621, Sands with nine and Siyabonga Sukati with four.

Facebookers went into a frenzy as more subscribers mentioned that they did not even know who Mathokoza is.

Mathokoza Sibiya is one of the co-founders of 'Ntjilo Ntjilo' Choral Competition.

He has composed numerous choral songs, some which have been used in regional competitions.

One artist, Honest Mhlana who was also nominated in the Best Painting

I'd comment but People will say I'm bitter. I lost while leading with 48 votes to a guy with 5 votes. I had and still have the most decorated CV which was requested we submit. In the past 3 years, none of the people I was up against have had exhibited and I have had 3 successful solo shows. I'm the busiest and most visible, that anyone can agree with me. If the CV, plus votes, plus work and all were considered, then it makes no sense how I didn't take that one home.

I was personally told we are looking at CVs, work quality, votes and person's visibility. But Kz...

Like Reply 21h

Same disappointments from 2 years ago... We are not getting better, asiyekeleni

**ANGER: Some of the Facebook comments that were posted by the artists.**

category which was won by Armstrong Mndzebele commented, "I'd like to comment but people will say I'm bitter. I lost while leading with 48 votes to a guy with five votes. I had and still have the most decorated Curriculum Vitae which I submitted to the organising team.

In the past three years, none of the people I was up against have hosted exhibitions, yet I have hosted three successful solo shows.

"I'm the busiest and most visible, anyone can agree with me. If the CV, plus votes, plus work and all were considered, then it makes no sense how I didn't take that award home.

I was personally told we are looking at CVs, work quality, votes and person's visibility.

The previous year for me was different; all I needed was to see my name as part of the nominees, it was important for me to be recognised as a nominee and it meant a lot. Winning would have been a bonus," read his comment.

During the launch of the awards last year, SNCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini had mentioned that the voting process only contributes 40 per cent of winning and 60 per cent will come from the artist's work over the years which would be discussed by judges who are said to be well versed with local artistry.

This means that an artist can have over 5 000 votes, for instance, and still not obtain an award if his or her work is unnoticeable in the country.

Dlamini mentioned that the work done by the artists should speak as not only

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kepha nizi le-best composer inactive ngubani le? 50/50 National Arts and Culture Awards. Nkz, kepha bathele angubani... congratulations to the winner...

1. Nondumiso Nhleko	3023
2. Symphony	1621
3. Sands	9
4. Siyabonga Sukati	4
5. Mathokoza Sibiya	1
6. Honest Mhlana	0
7. Mthunzi	0

Like Comment Share



**LIGABAZI: Mabeshu receiving her Sigeja Best Ligabazi Award during the National Arts and Culture Awards held at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre last Saturday.**

votes would count but they would be a cherry on top of the cake.

Worth noting, Sands scooped the Best Album award for 'Sands of Time' yet he had the least number of votes. Leading this category was Linda Dlamini with 1 022 whilst Sands had only seven votes. Speaking to one of the organisers Mhlonishwa Motsa, who later referred the Entertainment Desk to the SNCAC CEO, said every awards have negative reviews from the public; hence everyone would point out something which they believe would have been done better.

"I'm not the right person to talk to; if you could contact the CEO, you can get what you need.

However, I believe all awards have negative reviews at the end. Some will say Jay-Z was supposed to win not Kanye West. It's always the case. Coming to the Best Composer category, Mathokoza Sibiya's 'Bayethe' song was composed by him and it won best composed song in one of the SADC competitions to a point where it was used in choral competitions whilst Nondumiso Nhleko's song was debatable as it was reported that she re-arranged her song.

But you can get an official comment from the CEO," Motsa said.

Meanwhile, means to get the SNCAC CEO to comment proved futile as his mobile phone rang unanswered.

## Doctors clear Gawuzela's son for Saturday

By Lusito Tsela

SON to award winning artist Mduduzi 'Gawuzela' Simelane, Zweli, has been cleared by his doctors for his thanksgiving all night prayer on Saturday at the newly built Metropolitan Evangelical Church in Manzini.

According to his father, Zweli has been in and out of hospital in recent days.

"We were not sure if he was going to attend the thanksgiving event because lately he has been in and out of hospital.

Doctors have been monitoring his situation because there were fears of complications in the manner that the wound was infected; however, doctors have since discharged him and he will be at the event with us.

We are very grateful that Zweli is alive and we thank the Almighty God; thus we are hosting the all night prayer to thank God for the life of Zweli," he said. Simelane continued, "God is at work and we are grateful to all the people who have prayed with us for the speedy recovery of Zweli."

Zweli, who is also a member of his father's gospel group, was involved in a life threatening train accident at Phuzumoya which claimed his right leg in April.

The thanksgiving all night prayer will see a number of South African gospel



**FREE TO GO: Zweli Simelane will be attending the all night prayer on Saturday.**

artists performing in the likes of Khanyisa, Sphumelele Mbambo and Tshwane Gospel Choir.

The all night prayer will also see local artists like Frans Dlamini, Shiba and the Travellers and Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved Group, to name a few, performing.

Simelane urged the nation and road accident survivors from all corners of the kingdom to come and celebrate with them the hand of God that prevailed.

Simelane further emphasised that there will be no pre-sale tickets for the event; but gospel music lovers are only urged to bring with them an offering of E20 or more.

Zweli's last outstanding performance

with the group was during the crossover held at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Manzini on December 31, 2017 where his face beamed with a smile as he joined his father in song and dance.

It remains a mystery how the gospel singer's son got involved in the accident that almost took away his life.

There will also be preaching and teachings at the thanksgiving event as about five men of God have been booked.

The likes of Apostle Justice Dlamini of Worship Centre, Apostle Negros Manana of Ligwalagwala FM, Bishop Dr Nash Shongwe of Divine Healing Ministries and many more will grace the event.

## DJ Mbo drops single featuring Floewe

By Ayanda Dlamini

**RIGHT** after DJ Mbo released a smashing hit titled 'Without you' with LomaSoul and Slotta last year, he has proved it is business unusual by releasing another track titled 'Monsters' featuring Floewe.

The recently released song is produced by Mbo himself, together with Subjamz, who happens to be the spinner's brother.

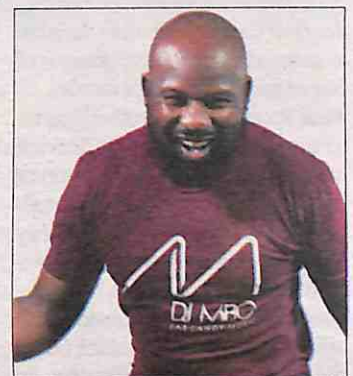
Speaking to Floewe, she said; "the song is basically about monsters, as I was bullied at school.

The song talks about being bullied and how one can overcome it.

Everybody has their monsters under their beds; hence I have been bullied at school and it was so sad, so I decided to talk about it through the song and help others who are facing the same situation."

According to Floewe, she was approached by the spinner last year October where he asked her if they could do a song together. She did not hesitate but simply agreed. "So I came up with the idea of this song; 'Monster'.

We hooked up and did the magic,"



**NEW RELEASE: DJ Mbo.**

she said. The song is available in all online streaming services.

DJ Mbo is one of the country's most sought after DJs whose ability to keep a crowd captivated has earned him the 'European DJ' moniker from peers in the industry and fans alike.

His focus is not only on house music but different music genres as well.

In 2014, he won the Miller Sound Clash in Botswana followed by the launch of his 'Ear Candy' mixes on Friday. That same year, he received some cash to spend courtesy of Swaziland Beverages and FNB towards his Las Vegas, US trip for the Miller Sound Clash.



International  
Celebrity News

## Ariana surprises deserving fans during Tonight Show

LOS ANGELES - Ariana Grande just might have a future as a TV host.

The pop star dominated late on Tuesday night when she took over 'The Tonight Show' Starring Jimmy Fallon to discuss her new album, perform some hilarious sketches and, of course, make the broadcast debut of her new single, 'No Tears Left To Cry'.

Jimmy Fallon surprised his followers with the news of her takeover when he shared a video taken by the singer to his Instagram.

So what happened on Tuesday night's show? It all began when Jimmy poked fun at Ariana's signature



**SURPRISES: Ariana Grande.**

nature ponytail in the opening number. Soon after, the duo teamed up to surprise deserving fans who simply thought they were covering one of the singer's biggest hits.

*Eonline*

## Kim, Ivanka and Jared working together

LOS ANGELES - Kim Kardashian West is in heavy talks with Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner to pardon imprisoned grandmother Alice Marie Johnson, TMZ has confirmed.

Their sources said KKW has been working with Jared and Ivanka for several months on Johnson's freedom and has got her attorney Shawn Holley involved as well.

TMZ is told Johnson's file is now on President Trump's desk for review. Johnson was sentenced to life in prison without parole in 1997 on money laundering and drug conspiracy charges, her first offence.



**DETERMINED: Kim Kardashian.**

The 62-year-old gained national attention last year when Kim tweeted out a story about her case.

*TMZ*

## Bernback gets rape charges dropped

LOS ANGELES - 'Millionaire Matchmaker' client Michael Bernback, the guy accused of raping three women, had all charges against him dismissed.

Law enforcement sources told TMZ prosecutors from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office started on Tuesday in court; hence they were unable to proceed with the case and filed a motion in the interest of justice to drop the case. The judge then dismissed all eight felony and three misdemeanour charges. TMZ broke the story, Bernback claimed in legal documents he met all three women on sexual hookup websites and at least two of those women knew they



**FREE: Michael Bernback.**

would engage in bondage. The documents also revealed during one sexual encounter, Bernback tied a woman up with several bondage devices and she allowed him to urinate in her mouth in the shower.

*TMZ*

## A Spice Girl hookup?

LOS ANGELES - Ellen DeGeneres had the beloved members of 'N Sync on her daytime talk show on Tuesday and found the perfect way to get them to spill some '90s tea with the classic game. With Justin Timberlake, JC Chasez, Chris Kirkpatrick, Joey Fatone and Lance Bass all together again on one couch, it was time to let the fun begin.

The comedian wasted no time getting to their decades-old dirt. She kicked off the questionnaire with "Never have I ever hooked up with someone twice my age," to which



**UNIFIER: Ellen DeGeneres.**

Chris and Joey admitted they had. Perhaps the greatest revelation to come out of the game came when DeGeneres gave them this: "Never have I ever hooked up with a Spice Girl." *Eonline*

## SA Celebrity News

## Ayanda Dlodlo saves three suspended bigwigs

JOHANNESBURG - Public Service and Administration Minister Ayanda Dlodlo has allegedly overturned her predecessor Faith Muthambi's decision to suspend an executive director of one of the department's entities. Thuli Radebe, the Executive Director of the Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI), was due to appear before a disciplinary hearing allegedly for using the entity's funds to pay for her boyfriend's travel and accommodation in Cape Town. Muthambi had also suspended other officials, including the chief financial officer and a chief director, on



**SAVIOUR: Ayanda Dlodlo.**

allegations that they used CPSI money to throw a 60th birthday party for Radebe.

*Sowetan Live*

## SAMAs dump two house music stars

JOHANNESBURG - House music DJ Mobi Dixon's hit song 'Lake by the Ocean' has been disqualified from contesting for the coveted SAMAs' best remix of the year gong. Another house music stellar cut, 'Tigi' by Sands, has also been disqualified from competing for the record of the year trophy. 'Tigi' has been replaced by 'Love Me in the Dark' by Sketchy Bongo featuring Kaizen Cruz while 'Lake by the Ocean' was replaced with 'Mwanagu' by Jackie Queens and Venei Grette remixed by Enoo Napa. This was announced by the SAMAs' public relations agency HM Entertainment in a press statement



**DISQUALIFIED: Mobi Dixon.**

on Sunday. "Sands is a citizen of eSwatini [formerly Swaziland] and as such is excluded from being considered for a SAMAs in the record of the year category". *Sunday World*

## God will forgive you but I won't

JOHANNESBURG - Twitter was in all kinds of shambles on Tuesday evening after a convicted murderer took to reality show *Yobe* to ask forgiveness for hitting a pensioner with a hammer. Nate spent three years of a six-year sentence in prison and went on to the show to try to make things right. He said that he expected them to forgive him because they were Christian but when he asked the wife of his victim to forgive him,



she hit him with a lightning blow of "God will forgive you but not me." While the masses were still getting over that, Nate's mother was getting dragged for explaining that she did not visit *ugogo* because she was too busy with washing. The Twitter courts cancelled her excuse and delivered their verdict in memes and stinging messages.

The drama took its toll on people, who made their feelings towards the episode known online.

*Tshisa Live*

## Siyasanga Kobese's dad says her wallet, watch are missing

JOHANNESBURG - Pastor Kobese says nobody can tell him where his daughter's belongings are and he is making another trip to the morgue to try and get answers. Besides having to go the scene of the accident where his daughter died and later identifying her body, Siyasanga Kobese's father, Pastor Norman Kobese, says her wallet, watch and clothes are missing. Pastor Kobese told Tshisa LIVE that he was surprised to find his daughter in only her underwear when he had to identify her body. "She was naked. I couldn't under-



**ROBBED: Siyasanga Kobese.**

stand why. She was wearing a panty. Nothing else. We asked what happened to her clothes but police could not say.

*Tshisa Live*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Qaphela tries to get himself out of trouble, but finds the dealers uncooperative. With help from the Zungus, Shadrack takes a bold step towards a new life. S'bu and Thandeka finally get time to be alone.



**QUALITY TIME: S'bu.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Eddie is hell-bent on planning Lincoln's downfall and goes to Benjamin wanting to team up with him. Gabriel and Nina decide to honour Lincoln's invite. Sibiya makes a decision about his future in the mine.



**TO THE RESCUE: Benjamin.**

Muvhango

TODAY

Azwindini cuts Rendani down to size. Brother Max fails to let Gugu in on his love life secrets. Ranthomeng is down on his knees begging Imani not to give up on their marriage.



**FIRM: Azwindini.**

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Hilgard has one final surprise in store for Cuba. Nomalanga has a plan to divide Bongi and Lungile. Robert circles Rene and Rene has a revelation about David.



**FULL OF SURPRISES: Rene.**



## PICTURE OF THE DAY



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Issues regarding control of a situation are probably going to be your focus, Capricorn. More than likely, you adhere to a solidly planned routine. You have a set way of doing things and you want to stick to it. Other people are moving into the picture, however, and they may want to take a leadership role. People will be adamant and strong willed when it comes to their facts. You should be, too.



## Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

You're apt to speak and act with a great deal of power, Aquarius, but be careful that you don't get swept away by emotion. There's a surrealistic quality to the day. It could lead you to believe a mirage is real. You might get so caught up in the drama of your feelings that your power of reason gets watered down to the point where you lose track of your objectivity altogether.



## Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Your concept of reality could be based more on your emotions than facts, Pisces. This is one of those days when this could get you into trouble. Whatever comes up, you're likely to feel very passionate about it and tend to lose any rational perspective whatsoever. Integrity, inner strength, and self-confidence will be the glue that holds your mind and heart together.



## Aries

March 21 - April 19

This is your day to shine, Aries. Just make sure you don't do so at someone else's expense. You're feeling more self-confident than usual, which may be hard for you to believe. Nevertheless, you could be so focused on your agenda that you fail to see subtle signals put out by those around you. Other people cry out for attention, too. Make sure you shine some of your glorious light on them.



## Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You may feel like you're being left out of the equation, Taurus. Perhaps you feel like the oddball, the fifth wheel who simply doesn't have a place. Don't worry. Just because you feel that way today doesn't mean it's your destiny. If you don't like your course, change your position. If you don't like the people you're with, move in a different social circle. Don't blame your circumstances on others. Take responsibility.



## Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Take your creativity to a new level, Gemini. There are many ways to express yourself creatively, so pick one and follow through. You may have a desire to be on stage, and you want to share your dreams and inner passion with the world. Your strong emotions and dreamy perspective are assets.



## Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Your feelings may deceive you, Cancer, so be careful of getting too wrapped up in your own drama. Perhaps you feel you're getting pushed and pulled in uncomfortable directions. You might tolerate this tension for a while without expressing your feelings about it. This is a dangerous policy because it could give others the impression that it's OK to continue treating you the way they do.



## Leo

July 23 - August 22

In some ways, you may feel like a lost soul who isn't quite in touch with your dreams, Leo. Although you feel energetic and boisterous, you might also get the sense that your energy is misdirected and you're being led in the wrong direction.



## Virgo

August 23 - September 22

The best way to create harmony among others is to first establish harmony in yourself, Virgo. Don't expect others to take care of you and attend to all your desires. At the same time, it isn't your responsibility to dote on others.



## Libra

September 23 - October 23

You might feel as if your powerful emotions are getting in the way of your dreams, Libra. Or perhaps you're finding that you're so wrapped up in a particular vision of the future that you're getting lost in your own brain. You're losing touch with the present simply because you're so focused on a nebulous idea that doesn't even exist yet.



## Scorpio

October 24 - November 21

Perhaps you're stuck in a mindset you can't seem to escape, Scorpio. Be careful about taking action based on ideas rooted more in past fantasy than present reality. Your emotions could be playing tricks on you. You could be attached to a dream that has more to do with feeding your ego than fulfilling your destiny. Question your motives.



## Sagittarius

When you talk, you want other people to listen, Sagittarius. More than likely, your thoughts will drift toward humanitarian ideas and philosophies. You're eager to share your ideas with others, and you may have a utopian dream that, if everyone just followed, would make the world a much better place. People may make fun of you for having such a perspective, but this definitely doesn't mean that you should stop dreaming.



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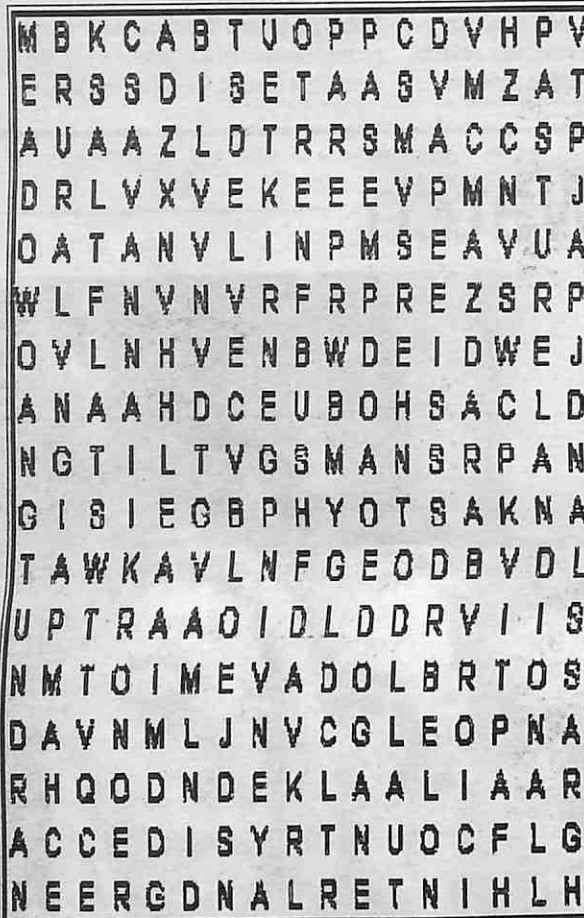


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## USELESS FACTS

1. The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.
2. An eighteenth-century German named Matthew Birching, known as "the little man of Nuremberg," played four musical instruments including the bagpipes, was an expert calligrapher, and was the most famous stage magician of his day. He performed tricks with the cup and balls that have never been explained. Yet Birching had no hands, legs, or thighs, and was less than 29 inches tall.
3. The average lead pencil

will draw a line 35 miles long or write approximately 50 000 English words.

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4. It's against the law to doze off under a hair dryer in Florida/against the law to slap an old friend on the back in Georgia/against the law to play hopscotch on a Sunday in Missouri.

5. Barbie's measurements, if she were life-size, would be 39-29-33.

BRAINTEASERS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Yesterday's brain-teasers

1. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?

**Answer:** An ear of corn

for breakfast?  
**Answer:** Snowflakes

## Today's brainteasers

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## Meghan: The First 100 Days

Thursday May 10 at 20:00

On November 27, 2017, Prince Harry announced his engagement to the American actress Meghan Markle and the world was introduced to a new superstar. Not since Princess Diana, has a public figure gripped the public's imagination so com-



pletely. Markle is besieged by fans wherever she goes. Each outfit she wears sells out within minutes. She makes the tabloid front pages every day. She is the most 'searched for' celebrity name on the internet. Meghan: The First 100 Days, charts her movements and appearances since the engagement whilst revealing the impact she's had on the British people.

## Harry & Meghan: In Their Own Words

Friday, May 11 at 20:00

Never in the history of Royal weddings have the bride and groom put so much of their lives on the record. Childhoods, family breakdowns, emotional traumas, personal struggles, pressures of fame, the search for meaning, and a longing for love....

Whatever Harry and Meghan have experienced, they've documented it all in interviews, letters, speeches and social media posts. The programme looks through these personal accounts, picking out the quotes that illuminate the key moments and stages in their lives to build a picture of two people who were born worlds apart, but who have since encountered and overcome similar challenges. These common experiences led to a shared outlook on life and a romance that was bound to blossom.

## Countdown to the Royal Wedding

Thursday May 17 at 20:00

Royal weddings used to be private, family occasions that took place completely outside of the public eye. But ever since Queen Victoria, the Royal

Family has increasingly opened its doors to the public to share in these special days. The royal weddings from then on have marked crucial moments for Britain when the world's perceptions of the monarchy and of the country are formed. The programme will reveal the stories behind the meticulous planning of some of the biggest events of the last century. Told by the people who have been at the heart of preparing for these momentous occasions, these stories invite us behind the scenes and give us insights into what we can look forward to from Prince Harry and Meghan's big day.

## Harry and Meghan: A Very Modern Romance

Friday, May 18 at 20:00

Meghan Markle and Prince Harry

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## The Royal Wives of Windsor

Thursday, May 24 and Friday, 25 May at 20:00

In this two-part documentary we examine what it's like to be and what it takes to succeed as a Royal wife based on the lived experience of 100 years of Windsor women.

We will focus on the key wives of Windsor – the Queen Mother, Wallis Simpson, the Queen, Princess Margaret, Princess Anne, Diana, Fergie, Sophie, Camilla, Kate and throw forward to Meghan. Viewers will learn how Royal-born women were often constrained in matters of the heart and how the commoners flourished and floundered under innumerable pressures. As part of a lead-in to the Royal Season, A Right Royal Quiz, will be broadcast today at 20:00. This is Britain's first ever panel show about the Royal Family and a celebratory and affectionate look at the Royals and the country's obsession with them. Competing over a series of funny and entertaining rounds testing their knowledge of Royal facts and regal moments, the teams are helped along the way by Royal expert Jennie Bond.

## New shows to watch

IT'S been quite some time since we've been served up a home-brewed dose of strategy and bug eating, so make sure you catch **Survivor SA: Champions** today at 19:00 on M-Net.

Join a celebratory and affectionate look at the Royal Family and the world's obsession with them on **A Right Royal Quiz** today at 20:00 on ITV Choice.

**A Night with My Ex: US** gives couples a chance to reconnect. But will they find love or are broken relationships better left in the past? Watch it today at 21:00 on Discovery TLC.

**Bubble Wrap Boy** sheds light on the life of a 16-year-old whose debilitating genetic disease has dictated his every move, until now. Doctors may be able to give him a new lease on life - watch it on today at 22:00 on Discovery TLC.

As the royal wedding edges closer and closer, ITV Choice takes time to explore one of Britain's most iconic moments- the wedding of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in **A Very Royal Wedding** tomorrow at 20:00.

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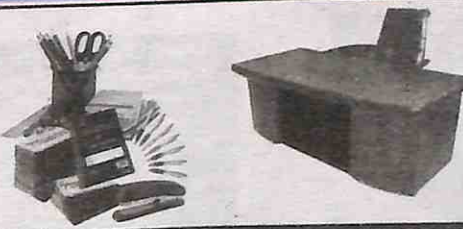
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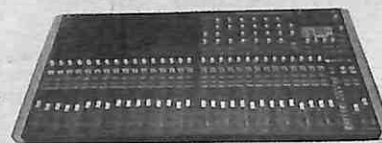


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**Mesta Simelane**  
nee Shabangu



**Funeral: 05/05/2018**  
**Vigil: Friday**  
**Place: Nhlanguano**

Relatives and Friends of Mesta Simelane nee Shabangu are notified of her demise. She will be laid to rest at Nhlanguano cemetery on Saturday 5th May 2018 after a night vigil which will be held at her home in Nhlanguano below Spar next to Telecommunications (Eposini) building on the 4th May 2018. Rest in peace Mnguni. Announcement by her daughter Mrs Virginia Shabangu.

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

**Cebile Mdluli**



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# FIFA TO WEIGH UP STAGING NEW MINI-WORLD CUP

**ZURICH, Switzerland** - FIFA president Gianni Infantino has proposed staging what would effectively be a mini-World Cup, featuring eight international teams, every two years in addition to the traditional event.

The tournament, known as the "Final 8", would be the climax of a proposed global Nations League competition, part of an ambitious plan to reform international football which FIFA believes could be worth \$25 billion in a 12-year cycle.

In a letter seen by Reuters, Infantino, who has already overseen the enlargement of the existing World Cup from 32 to 48 teams starting in 2026, suggested that the new tournament would take place every October and/or November of every odd year starting from 2021.



He said that a "solid and serious" group of investors were willing to spend \$25 billion on the competi-

tion and a revamped version of the Club World Cup, which would also start in 2021 with 24 teams.

The Confederations Cup, currently staged every four years before the World Cup, would be abolished.

The letter did not clearly indicate how many slots would be allocated to each region.

The plans were sent by Infantino to the members of FIFA's decision-making Council which still has to approve them.

The new competition would run parallel to existing international tournaments such as the European Championship, Copa America, and African Nations Cup, plus the World Cup qualifying stages.

It could lead to criticism that FIFA is over-complicating international football and devaluing its flagship World Cup.

FIFA could not immediately be reached for comment. *Reuters*

## Makaab names PSL teams interested in signing Jali

**JOHANNESBURG** - Andile Jali's agent Mike Makaab says he is talking to three big Absa Premiership teams that are looking to sign the midfielder.

Makaab confirmed that he is in the preliminary stages of discussing a possible move for Jali with "three big teams" in the PSL.

It is believed that Kaizer Chiefs, Orlando Pirates and Mamelodi Sundowns have shown an interest in signing the player.

Makaab previously confirmed that Chiefs had shown interest in signing Jali for next season.

"We are in talks with the three top clubs in South Africa, but nothing has been taken to a level where we are dotting the i's and crossing the t's.

We're still in the preliminary stages of our discussions," Makaab told EWN Sport.

"Andile just felt that it's time for him to make a change and honestly he just wanted to be back home, close to his family.

He's married now and has young children and it was important to be close to them, provided we can find a suitable deal for him."

*Citizen*

## Ndoro eligibility issue: League organisers heave sigh of relief

**SOCCER EXPLOSION:**  
**Tendai Ndoro.**



**CAPE TOWN** - They should secretly heave a sigh of relief and thank Mamelodi Sundowns for clinching the Absa Premiership title with little fuss and bother over the weekend by beating Ajax Cape Town 3-1 and in the process defusing the time bomb the PSL had themselves created.

The League, by its curious and misguided handling of what has become known as the Tendai Ndoro "bombshell", precipitated what could have created an almighty soccer explosion had the playing of the Zimbabwean international striker in seven games for Ajax Cape Town ultimately affected either the Premier League or relegation issues.

Sundowns have buried the possibility of this happening as far as the title race is concerned by cementing a record league championship success in the PSL era with a seven-point advantage over Pirates, who went down 1-0 to Cape Town City last Saturday, even before the final round of fixtures.

Relegation-threatened Ajax staged an impressive revival during Ndoro's seven appearances with a number of invaluable victories, including one over erstwhile title challengers Pirates.

But after issuing Ndoro with a player's ticket and the League's Dispute Resolution Committee confirming his registration and right to play for Ajax, the PSL itself remarkably over-turned the decision in mid-stream and ruled Ndoro could not represent the Cape

Town club this season in accordance with a FIFA rule that stipulates a player cannot feature in the colours of three different clubs in a season.

The decision of the PSL executive was akin to the organisation deciding a winning goal in a game was converted from the penalty spot the referee should not have awarded - and thereby over-turning the result of the game.

And, what has come into question, is whether self-interest had been an over-riding factor in the executive's somersault verdict.

What has happened since is a series of appeals to SAFA, an arbitration ruling, an appeal to FIFA for guidance and court actions that have left the outcome of what has been labelled an administrative debacle still undecided - and now apparently back in the hands of another arbitration decision after relegation-threatened Ajax's appeal to field Ndoro in the fateful run-in to the Absa Premiership championship was turned down last week by a Johannesburg court judge.

"I believe it would be totally incomprehensible and an injustice if we are deprived of any of the hard-earned points we gained in the games in which Ndoro played," says seasoned Ajax coach Muhsin Ertugral, "but we have, in any case, already been damaged by the PSL's decision to reverse their original ruling regarding the player."

Fortunately, however, the Ndoro case, no matter how it is concluded, cannot now decide the destination of the League title.

*Sports24*

## Three in court over stadium violence granted bail

**DURBAN** - Three people appeared in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Wednesday in connection with the violence that erupted after a soccer match at the Moses Mabhida Stadium on April 21. They were granted bail of R1 000.

The three suspects include a truck driver (35), a taxi rank manager (29) and a taxi owner (35), police said. Acting provincial police commissioner in KwaZulu-Natal Bheki Langa warned more arrests will follow. "It is only a matter of time before others are arrested," said Langa. "I would advise those who were part of the mob that went on a rampage on that unfortunate day to hand themselves over to police as one of these three

who were arrested did. If not you will have to be continuously looking over your shoulders. We will not tolerate such hooliganism in this province."

The arrests follow that of Phelelani Jofisa (34) who appeared in court last week.

The four suspects were allegedly part of a group of fans who stormed the pitch, destroyed infrastructure and assaulted security guards after Kaizer Chiefs lost to Free State Stars in a Nedbank Cup semi-final match.

One of the accused is implicated in the attack on a security guard that was captured on video.

another of the accused is said to be responsible for damaging television cameras. *African News Agency*

## Marcelo admits handball after Real Madrid thwart Bayern again

**MADRID** - Real Madrid left back Marcelo admitted he was fortunate not to concede a penalty during their 2-2 draw with Bayern Munich at the Bernabeu, a let-off that helped the holders reach the Champions League final 4-3 on aggregate on Tuesday.

The Brazilian defender blocked a shot from Joshua Kimmich in the penalty area at the end of the first half with the score at 1-1 but Turkish referee Cüneyt Çakır gave a corner.

Kimmich had given Bayern the lead but Karim Benzema soon cancelled the goal out and the Frenchman put Madrid 2-1 up just after the break following a clang from keeper Sven Ulreich.

The goal meant Bayern had to score two more goals to knock Real out and they only managed one, from James Rodriguez.

"It's a handball, it hit me on the hand

and I think it's a penalty," Marcelo told reporters. "If I say it didn't hit me I'd be lying, but football is like that."

"I don't talk about referees, but it's clear that sometimes they go in your favour and other times against you, but whatever happens, you have to play football."

Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes was not asked about the incident in the post-game news conference and nor was Real manager Zinedine Zidane, though Bayern's injured defender Jerome Boateng expressed his disbelief at the decision on social media.

The Bundesliga champions also had a penalty appeal waved away when their Polish striker Robert Lewandowski went down under a challenge from Real captain Sergio Ramos.

*Reuters*



**CONFESSES: Marcelo.**





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## BRIEFS

Leicester's Albrighton charged by FA

**LEICESTER** - Leicester City midfielder Marc Albrighton has been charged by the Football Association (FA) for his conduct towards the referee after being sent off in last Saturday's 5-0 Premier League defeat by Crystal Palace. Albrighton was shown a straight red card in the second half at Selhurst Park after a poor challenge on Palace winger Wilfried Zaha. Following his dismissal, the 28-year-old appeared to direct abusive language towards referee Mike Dean. The FA said that Albrighton had until 1700 GMT on Thursday to respond to the charge.

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Rob Holding extends Gunners stay

**LONDON** - Arsenal have started planning for the post-Arsene Wenger era by announcing that Rob Holding has committed his long-term future to the club. The 22-year-old defender was quickly blooded into the first team after joining from Bolton in 2016, making his debut in the 4-3 defeat to Liverpool on the opening day of the Premier League campaign. Holding went on to feature 18 times for Wenger's side in his debut season at the Emirates Stadium, which he capped off in style with a start in the 2-1 FA Cup final win over Chelsea. The former England Under-21 international has been given more game time this term, but remained firmly behind Laurent Koscielny and Shkodran Mustafi in the pecking order at the back. However, the Gunners clearly expect the Trotters youth product to have a bright future and have tied him down beyond 2020, when his previous deal would have expired. *Sport24*

Chelsea set to meet £31m release clause for Henrichs

**LONDON** - Chelsea are ready to meet a £31million release clause to sign Bayer Leverkusen defender Benjamin Henrichs. The Germany international, 21, is one of the most highly-rated young full-backs in the Bundesliga and has a contract at Leverkusen stretching until 2022. But in that deal, there is a £31m exit clause and according to The Sun, Chelsea are willing to stump up the cash to bring him to Stamford Bridge this summer. While there is uncertainty surrounding the future of manager Antonio Conte, Chelsea are still pressing on with a list of transfer targets ahead of next season. Sportsmail reported last year that Manchester City had Henrichs on a shortlist of full backs that Pep Guardiola was considering as he plotted his summer spending spree. *Daily Mail*

Man U 'leading race for Milinkovic-Savic' signature

**LONDON** - Manchester United have moved into pole position to sign Sergej Milinkovic-Savic after Barcelona pulled out of the race over Lazio's valuation of the midfielder, according to reports in Spain. United sent scouts to watch Milinkovic-Savic in Europa League action last month as Jose Mourinho plots to add two new midfielders to his squad for next season. And Mundo Deportivo report that United are now front-runners to sign Milinkovic-Savic with Barcelona baulking at the Serbian's £80million-plus asking price. *Daily Mail*

# CHELSEA, NAPOLI MANAGERS' JOB SWAP ON THE CARDS

**LONDON** - Serie A chief tops the Blues' wish-list, while man he'd replace looks like missing out on the Italy and PSG vacancies.

Antonio Conte and Maurizio Sarri could trade places this summer.

Chelsea boss Conte is set to leave Stamford Bridge at the end of the season after an unhappy defence of the Premier League title they won 12 months ago in his debut year.

Meanwhile, Napoli counterpart Sarri has yet to agree a new contract and this week voiced his frustration with the predictability of Italian football as Juventus close in on their SEVENTH straight Serie A title.

Chelsea are believed to have the 59-year-old at the top of their list of targets — and Napoli are already



WHAT'S NEXT?: Maurizio Sarri and Antonio Conte.

looking at replacements, with former Italy national team boss Conte

the leading candidate.

He would need to accept a big wage cut to return to Serie A but his options are diminishing for another job.

## Job

Zenit St Petersburg's ex-Man City boss Roberto Mancini is now set to take over his old job with the Azzurri after their failure to qualify for the World Cup, and former Borussia Dortmund coach Thomas Tuchel has been lined up for Paris Saint-Germain.

Departing PSG boss Unai Emery and Newcastle's Rafa Benitez, who was Sarri's predecessor at the Stadio San Paolo until he left for Real Madrid in 2015, are also on Napoli's wish-list.

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## Rooney calls for Everton stability, backs Allardyce

**LONDON** - Everton striker Wayne Rooney hopes the club can restore stability at Goodison Park and has backed manager Sam Allardyce to extend his stay beyond the current campaign.

Following the dismissal of Ronald Koeman and a short spell for David Unsworth as caretaker early on in the season, Allardyce took charge of Everton in November and led them away from the relegation

zone and up to eighth in the Premier League.

"Obviously it's tough having three managers in one season, that's not the normal situation you face," Rooney told British media. "I think the club, we all want stability, and I'm sure the owners will do that."

Everton have picked up 33 points from 22 games under Allardyce but there has been growing discontent among some fans over the quality of foot-

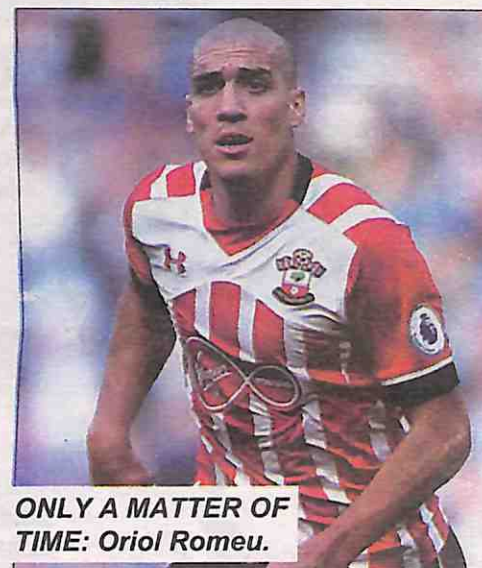
ball on display.

Rooney said Allardyce had the strength of character not to be unsettled by the complaints.

"Obviously he's thick-skinned," Rooney added. "I'm sure he'll keep doing what he does and whatever happens, happens."

"We're moving in the right direction. Obviously that takes time. We've had a bit of time under Sam and we're improving every game."

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ONLY A MATTER OF TIME: Oriol Romeu.

## Saints two wins away from safety - Oriol Romeu

**LONDON** - Southampton's win over Bournemouth on Saturday has given the dressing room a lift ahead of their final three matches of the Premier League season, midfielder Oriol Romeu has said.

After a run of four straight defeats plunged Southampton deep into relegation trouble, Mark Hughes' side have taken four points from their last two games following a 0-0 draw at Leicester City and a 2-1 win over Bournemouth.

Southampton are a point from safety with games against Everton, Swansea City and Manchester City rounding out the season.

"You were going home after losing or drawing a game and thinking, 'What do we have to do and when will we win a game?' It was never our day," Romeu told Daily Echo.

"We are going to feel relaxed but we need to prepare for the next game because it does not give you too long to rest. The next one will be as important as this one so we have to go again." Romeu said six points might be enough to guarantee survival.

"It is difficult to tell. Hopefully two wins will do," the 26-year-old Spaniard added. "The other opponents have difficult games coming and it is not going to be easy for them."

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FOUR TIMES LUCKY: De Gea took the crown for a fourth time.

## Jose irked by goalies winning awards

**MANCHESTER** - The Spaniard claimed the award for a fourth time, but it's something of which Mourinho has previously been critical.

In Jose Mourinho's first season at Manchester United, he revealed he was not a fan of goalkeepers winning player of the year awards.

David De Gea had picked up the award for the third consecutive year when Mourinho arrived at Old Trafford, and the new manager said that sent out an alarming message about where United were at.

"I think when a goalkeeper is a player of the season, it's because something is wrong," said Mourinho.

"Season after season, if the goalkeeper is player of the season, it means that something is wrong."

So it was tempting to wonder what Mourinho was thinking at Old Trafford on Tuesday night when De Gea was presented with the Sir Matt Busby trophy for the fourth time in five years, as well as the players' player of the year accolade. De Gea, in fairness, has

been outstanding this season, maintaining the extraordinary standard that has seen him become arguably the best goalkeeper in world football, certainly the most consistent in terms of performance level.

The Spain No.1 is leading the race for a first Golden Glove award, handed to the keeper with the most Premier League clean sheets, and has produced a succession of breathtaking saves this season to underline his status as one of United's most important players.

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# UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## Cristiano breaks yet another Champions League record

**MADRID** - Cristiano Ronaldo broke yet another Champions League record on Tuesday night by making his 152nd appearance in the competition.

Ronaldo started Real Madrid's semi-final second-leg clash with Bayern Munich at the Bernabeu as the defending champions edged through 4-3 on aggregate.

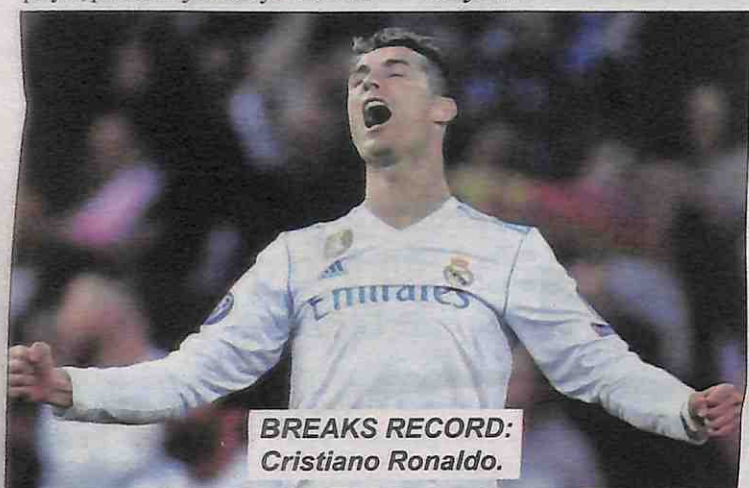
And in the process Ronaldo set a new record for the most Champions League appearances by an outfield player, previously held by Barcelona

legend Xavi.

His former Madrid team-mate Iker Casillas holds the outright record for most Champions League appearances with 167 but Ronaldo is now second, just 15 behind the goalkeeper.

Another ex-Real Madrid star Raul is fourth behind Casillas, Ronaldo and Xavi with 142 appearances while former Manchester United winger Ryan Giggs (141) is in fifth place.

*Daily Mail*



**BREAKS RECORD:**  
Cristiano Ronaldo.

## Vidal puts poop emoji over Ronaldo's face

**MADRID** - After Tuesday night's thrilling UEFA Champions League semi-final, Cristiano Ronaldo and his Real Madrid team-mates couldn't be happier.

They're through to the finals despite a second-minute goal from Bayern Munich leaving Los Blancos fans worried. But although Joshua Kimmich's right foot put the Real home crowd on tenterhooks, a devastating mistake by goalkeeper Sven Ulreich allowed Karim Benzema to score a brace. But according to Sports Bible, the rivalry between players started long before they'd even walked on to the pitch. Bayern's Arturo Vidal took to Instagram before the game to share an edited poster of the Avengers: Infinity

War blockbuster. On it, Ronaldo's pic is covered with a poop emoji.

Vidal, who missed the game due to injury, might have been trying to rile up the star who's won five Ballon d'Ors.

After Bayern's elimination, Vidal erupted again on social media. The German giants felt they should've been awarded a spot kick in the final moments when the ball hit Real's Marcelo Vieira's hand.

What added to the fire was Vieira admitting the ball touched his hand. Vieira spoke to Fox Sports after the game, saying, "Yes, it hit my hand."

Vidal, who is known for his bullish attitude, then took to social media to call Real's players "criminals".

*AFP*

## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE IS 'IN REAL'S DNA' - ZIDANE

**MADRID** - Zinedine Zidane said the Champions League is "in Real Madrid's DNA" after his side hung on to deny Bayern Munich and move into their fourth final in five years.

Real earned the chance to win their third Champions League in a row after Karim Benzema's double strike and desperate last-minute defending gave them a 2-2 draw on the night and a 4-3 victory over the two legs of the semi-final.

Real have already seen bitter rivals Barcelona win the Spanish league this season, but Zidane said Europe's premier competition always brings the best out of his club, who have won it 12 times.

"It's in the DNA of the club. We never stop fighting up to the very last minute, just as the Bayern players did tonight."

Zidane said Benzema had more than earned his chance to start the match after the French striker was only a substitute in the first leg in Munich.

"He deserved to score, he has worked hard and he has never given anything



**IT'S FOR REAL:** Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane.

less than his all.

"His game is always the same and he is always important for us. It was impor-

tant for him that he scored tonight as well."

*AFP*

## Bayern are very disappointed - Heynckes

**MADRID** - Coach Jupp Heynckes said Bayern Munich played their best match for years but were undone by a mistake from goalkeeper Sven Ulreich to allow Real Madrid to reach the Champions League final.

"We are very disappointed," Heynckes said. "My team played an outstanding game. I haven't seen Bayern play as well as that for years."

"At this high level, you can't make the sort of mistakes we made after half-time." The unfortunate Ulreich gifted Karim Benzema his second goal of the match one minute after the break at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, completely misjudging a back-pass from Corentin Tolisso to allow the French striker to slot the ball into an empty net.

James Rodriguez equalised for Bayern

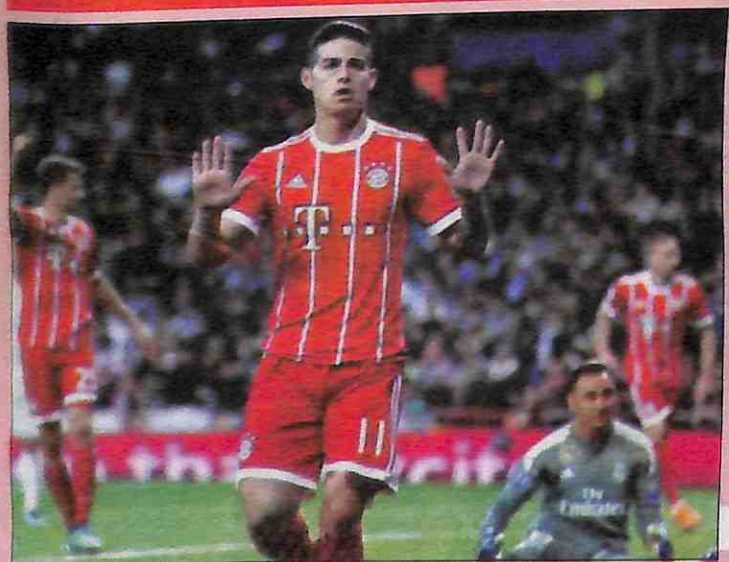


in the 63rd minute, setting up a desperate last half-hour in which the Germans pinned Real back but despite a handful of chances, failed to score the goal that would have given them an away-goals

victory on aggregate. Real won 4-3 over the two legs and will play either Roma or Liverpool in the final in Kiev on May 26.

*AFP*

## Fans identify moment 'traitor' Rodriguez gifted Madrid win over Munich



**MADRID** - Bayern Munich were knocked out of the semi-finals of the Champions League on Tuesday night after they drew 2-2 with Real Madrid - and fans think they know the exact moment the visitors lost the tie.

After James Rodriguez - who is on loan from Los Blancos - scored to overcome Sven Ulreich's second half blunder, the Bundesliga giants began to pile on the pressure.

The Colombian did score at the Santiago Bernabeu but it wasn't enough to stop the visitors crashing out of the Champions League.

Bayern Munich went agonisingly

close several times with Keylor Navas' brilliant goalkeeping proving to be the difference.

But just as Bayern looked to be sniffing out a winner, Marco Asensio slipped and stayed down.

While it was a fair challenge from Bayern, the Spaniard staying down led to boos and whistles ringing around the Santiago Bernabeu.

The ball came to Rodriguez who then put it out for a Real Madrid throw-in. His team-mates didn't seem pleased, and neither did those watching.

One viewer tweeted: "If I was a #Bayern fan, I'd be raging with James

Rodriguez, who cared more about not being booed than winning the game. Him kicking the ball out on 82 mins took two minutes off the clock and all the momentum out of Bayern."

Another fan posted: "Bayern Munich have absolutely b\*\*\*\*\* it up against Madrid, who have fluked their way into yet another final."

"Apart from Kimmich, they were awful. And if anyone playing for my club did what James Rodriguez did, I would want them binned."

Whether it was by coincidence or not, Jupp Heynckes substituted the Colombian a minute later.

*Mirror*

**'TRAITOR':** Bayern Munich's James Rodriguez.



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## BRIEFS

## Mashaba hails Da Gama

**JOHANNESBURG** - Former Bafana Bafana coach Shakes Mashaba has congratulated Highlands Park coach Owen da Gama on his successful campaign with Highlands Park. Mashaba worked hand-in-hand with Da Gama in the Nedbank 'Ke Yona' team search initiative for the last five years travelling the country while searching for raw talent alongside Mike Mangena and Khabo Zondo. Da Gama was roped in to take over the head coach role at Highlands Park last year and he went to steer the Lions of the North back to the ABSA Premiership after being relegated to the National First Division in the 2016/2017 season. "I would like to congratulate one of our former coaches Owen da Gama on his achievement," said Mashaba.

Citizen

## Chiefs to embark on player overhaul

**JOHANNESBURG** - A source in the Kaizer Chiefs camp has revealed to this paper that big-name players with huge salaries will be shipped out in order to create space and cut the huge wage bill at the club. According to the source, the management is looking at rebuilding the team with youngsters and quality players that will help the club get back to being a championship-winning side. "People are going to be shocked, we know that Tsepo Masilela is one of the guys leaving the club. I heard Bernard Parker might also be leaving. These are some of the players that earn a huge salary at Chiefs but now age is not on their side and they cost the club way too much money," said the source.

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## Laffor to leave Sundowns?

**PRETORIA** - Phakaaathi has it on good authority that Mamelodi Sundowns winger Anthony Laffor wants to leave the Chloorkop-based side. This comes after his relationship with coach Pitso Mosimane allegedly turned sour in recent years. Laffor, a fan favourite for the recently crowned ABSA Premiership champions, is earmarked for a move to Gavin Hunt's Bidvest Wits or Kaizer Chiefs.

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## Final fixture is a 'massive game' for Ubuntu

**JOHANNESBURG** - Ubuntu Cape Town have it all to do in their final fixture of the NFD season on Sunday afternoon. The rookie Cape club are currently second-last on the NFD standings and face relegation to the regional Second Division if things don't go their way. Ubuntu host Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila at Parow Park on Sunday afternoon (3pm kick-off), where they not only have to win, they also have to hope that results involving teams around them on the NFD table go their way. *The Star*

# WE HAVE TO BELIEVE WE CAN BEAT CHIEFS - ERTUGRAL

**CAPE TOWN** - Ajax Cape Town coach Muhsin Ertugral says the Urban Warriors have to believe they can beat Kaizer Chiefs in order to avoid a relegation/promotion play-off with teams from the National First Division.

Currently, Ajax are in second last position in the ABSA Premiership although they are just two points behind SuperSport United and Polokwane City, as well as having a three-point deficit to make up on Baroka.

Interestingly, SuperSport face Baroka on the final day of the season on May 12 whereas Polokwane meet Chippa United. With that said, if the Mother City side were to defeat the Glamour Boys while other results

go in their favour - they could survive.

Ertugral told reporters: "We have to believe in that, that we will beat Chiefs."

"I mean, we have beaten so many good teams this season, including Orlando Pirates at home 3-0. So this team can win at home."

On the Tendai Ndoro situation regarding the possible deduction of points based on the fact he has represented three clubs in one campaign, which is seemingly against FIFA rules, the Turkish mentor remained defiant. He added: "It's very clear. Look, if you get the driver's licence, you are entitled to drive. 'So what does the DRC (dispute resolution chamber) ruling



**JUST BELIEVE:** Ajax Cape Town coach Muhsin Ertugral.

stand for? If the DRC gives you a driver's licence, that means you can drive. "And it hurts us - because he's a quality player and he's not playing." Kick-off is at 15:00. *Sport24*

## Mabedi explains Khuzwayo snub

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs caretaker coach Patrick Mabedi believes the club have a rich pool of talent, including young goalkeeping prospect Bruce Bvuma.

The 22-year-old keeper made his debut for the Glamour Boys in 2016/17 in the absence of the more established Itumeleng Khune and Brilliant Khuzwayo, although he is yet to feature in the current campaign.

Nonetheless, Bvuma, who is already a Bafana Bafana international having played at the COSAFA Cup in 2017, has been on the bench for Chiefs' last two matches against Golden Arrows and Maritzburg United, respectively.

The player was selected to act as understudy to undisputed number one Khune, and may have an outside chance of featuring in the final game of the ABSA Premiership season against Ajax Cape Town on May 12.



**TO LEAVE:** Kaizer Chiefs goalkeeper Brilliant Khuzwayo.

Mabedi told reporters: "At Kaizer Chiefs you have amazing players, unbelievable players that you can even pick up anyone and go and play."

"We wanted to rotate a little bit and refresh the team as we knew we would be playing back-to-back. And for Khuzwayo, we needed to give the youngster a little bit of the feeling to be in the team."

"There is nothing wrong with

Brilliant and coming to Sibusiso Khumalo and Edmore Chirambadare (who also featured against Arrows and the Team of Choice), they have been working so hard at training. "We played two matches back-to-back and we thought we could give some players a rest and give others an opportunity as well. That's exactly what we did and I'm happy they did well." *Sport24*

## Sundowns target FIFA Club World Cup

**PRETORIA** - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane says he wants the club to take part once again in the FIFA Club World Cup although he thinks the chances of winning the competition are slim.

Sundowns played in the 2016 instalment of the tournament which features the winners of AFC Champions League (Asia), CAF Champions League (Africa), CONCACAF Champions League (North America), Copa Libertadores (South America), OFC Champions League (Oceania) and UEFA Champions League (Europe), along with the domestic champions of the host nation. The Brazilians earned the right to compete having won the

Champions League in '16 following a 3-1 aggregate victory over Zamalek in the final. However, their CWC campaign didn't go as well with two defeats to Japanese and South Korean opposition. Nonetheless, Mosimane takes the view that playing in the event is beneficial, although taking the trophy would be a challenge. He told the Sowetan: "Ja, but the Club World Cup, can you win it? It's very difficult, hey."

"I don't think an African team can win the Club World Cup within the next four or five years. It's not possible. But just to be there is very good. So we're trying to strengthen the team, just to be there". *Sport24*



**EAGER:** Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane.

## Relegated Platinum Stars to go out in a blaze of glory

**JOHANNESBURG** - Platinum Stars striker Letsie Koapeng says relegated Dikwena will go all out in their last match of the season.

Dikwena is at the bottom of the ABSA Premiership table with 21 points but Koapeng says there's no need for players to drop their heads when they host Bidvest Wits at the Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace on May 12.

"There's a lot to salvage. There's pride to play for. It will be very good for us to close off the season on a winning note. We just need to focus on winning our next game and not really focus on what's happening off the field. Getting a win in our last game will mean a lot to us. It will be good for the team and everyone's confidence," said Koapeng. Koapeng, who joined Dikwena during the January transfer season, recently found his scoring form, netting two in the last two matches. He is cursing the fact that he found his scoring boots so late. *African News Agency*

## Phiri relishing return to Arrows' ranks

**JOHANNESBURG** - Golden Arrows central midfielder Danny Phiri says he is happy to be back from a serious Achilles injury and is working hard on his match fitness.

The Zimbabwe international started the 2017/18 season on a rocky note after he was sent off in the MTN8 quarter-finals against Bidvest Wits in August 2017.

He then was unfortunate as he ruptured his Achilles at training in September last year, and was ruled out of action for at least seven months.

As such, coach Clinton Larsen decided to bring in free agent Sandile Zuke as cover for Phiri in January. The 29-year-old has missed a substantial 29 matches in all competitions in the current campaign, but did make a return to the fold recently.

The Warriors star came off the bench in the 3-1 win over Kaizer Chiefs on April 24, as he replaced Zuke at the Princess Magogo Stadium in Durban.

*Sport24*





# SHUKUMA



# SWAZILAND



## Shukuma like no other

By Dumisani Ntiwane  
(SNSCRC Media Officer)

*...like every dynamic programme  
Shukuma changes with the times*

**Greetings! Welcome to yet another edition of your favourite column Shukuma Swaziland!**

We are fresh from hosting a very successful Shukuma programme in Ntandozi. This is an area in the Manzini region, which is next to Luyengo, past Malkems.

To say our Shukuma in Ntandozi was a tremendous success would surely be an understatement. It was more than that. It was overwhelming, awe-inspiring and simply awesome. It was nothing Shukuma had seen before, as the people of Ntandozi did not only come out 'to play' in their numbers but were well behaved throughout the event, which started as early as 8am.

The impressive turnout of the residents actually made a mockery of the numbers witnessed in the LaMgabhi Inkhundla, which until last weekend

held the proud record of the most attendees. More or less 2 000 people attended the Shukuma programme at Ntandozi and the dynamic Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) team, which delivers this noble profession was left astounded.

Indeed, like every dynamic programme, our Shukuma is not rigid. It changes with the times and the environment. It changes to accommodate everyone.

Last Saturday, for instance, it was more of a fun day at Ntandozi as the old, young, able and disabled gathered for a variety of fun games.

The day erupted into a fully blown family day when gospel sensation Phathwakahle made a surprise appearance on stage. She thrilled the masses with her hit songs.

Our Shukuma programmes have in

recent times turned into the perfect platform for unknown up and coming artists to showcase their God given talent. We are positive that Phathwakahle's performance did go a long way in inspiring the youth.

Our day, as usual, started with a walk before our instructor, one of the country's top aerobics instructors Khanya Mavuso took to the podium to deliver an energy-sapping session, which left everyone exhausted.

As per our promise at the beginning of the year, we want to cover the country's four regions.

We will be delivering another programme shortly.

We are also grateful to the communities we have visited in the past for the cooperation and support we always receive.

## MTN Swaziland, Shukuma match made in heaven

**WE would like the recent partnership with giant mobile network company MTN Swaziland as a marriage made in heaven.**

For the second time now, the mobile phone company has partnered with the SNSRC in delivering our flagship programme, Shukuma.

Many will recall that during our visit to the Sigwe Inkhundla in early March, we had also partnered with MTN Swaziland. It marked

the start of good things.

Both organisations have a lot in common. Both are trying to reach out to the masses of the kingdom. We are overtly proud if not glad that MTN would partner with us for such a noble exercise.

We hope this unique relationship will grow from strength to strength as both organisations seek to empower the ordinary Swazis in different fields.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Be brave. Even if you are not, pretend to be. No one can tell the difference."* – Jackson Brown.

## Minister 'Cruiser' continues to lead by example



**WE could not help but marvel at the fitness levels of the Minister of Sport, Culture and Youth Affairs, David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala.**

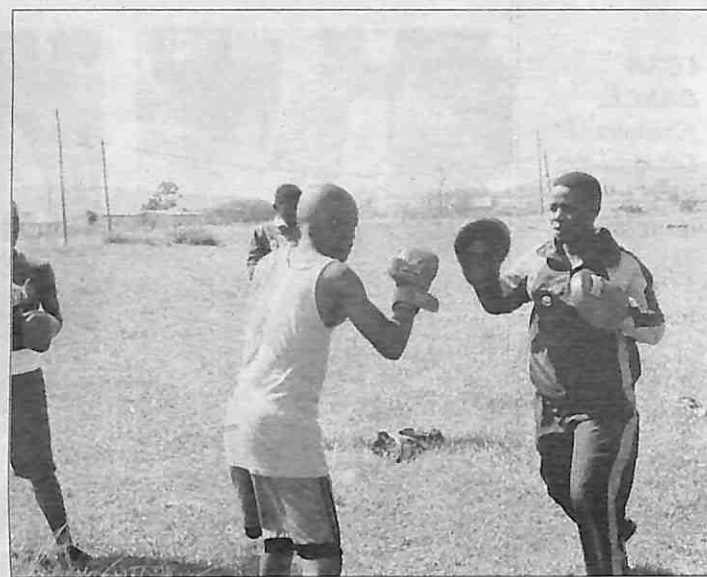
The minister can obviously shame a number of much younger people.

He is in excellent shape, as he easily braved the 6km walk, which marked

the start of the activities during our Shukuma in Ntandozi last week Saturday.

He led the walk from the front and easily dictated the tempo of the walk. He would occasionally break into a jog and left a number of residents bemused at his fitness levels. Alongside the Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati,

who is also Ntandozi MP, the ministers were clearly inspired, as they took part in almost all the activities of the day. Another MP who was present was Sicelo Jele of LaMgabhi. He too sweat-ed it out with the masses. Our politicians would have done well to emulate what our sports minister does.



## Tough lessons for national Handball team

**Our national handball team is fresh from Zambia where they had gone to participate in the IHF World Cup Qualifiers.**

It was not an easy outing. Out of the four games the locals played, they could only manage one win against Lesotho.

The local side were given free lessons on the sport by well-established countries in the game in

the likes of the hosts Zambia, South Africa and Malawi.

There is, however, no need to panic as the local team is still trying to find its feet in this relatively new sport in the country.

Our team should not feel bad.

It was a learning curve for them and we do hope that in future they will strive for a podium finish.



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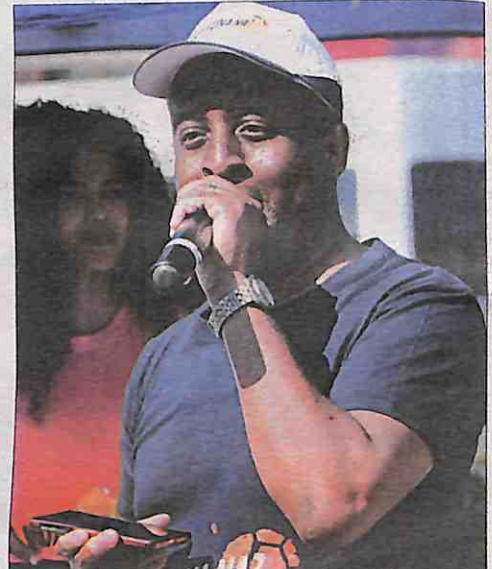
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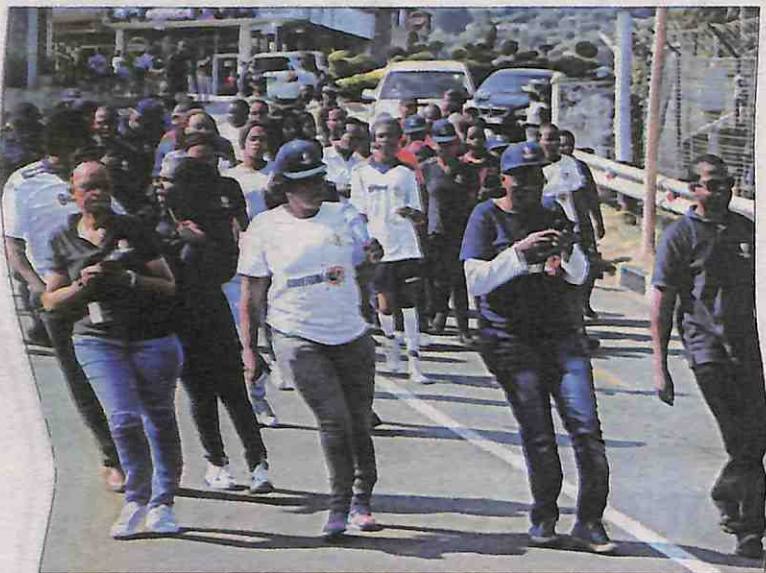
**UYAYIFUNA NA?:** Miss Teen 2017 top five finalist Mbali Fonseca waving to members of the public during the SwaziBank Cup trophy parade in Mbabane yesterday. The finals will be between Manzini Wanderers and Young Buffaloes at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)



**IN YOUR NUMBERS:** Manzini Wanderers representative Sicelo 'Macocoma' Simelane encouraging the soccer fans to fill the stadium.



**COME ONE COME ALL:** SwaziBank PRO Phesheya Vilakati speaking at the event.



**UNITED:** SwaziBank staff, PLS officials, team PROs and players at the trophy parade.

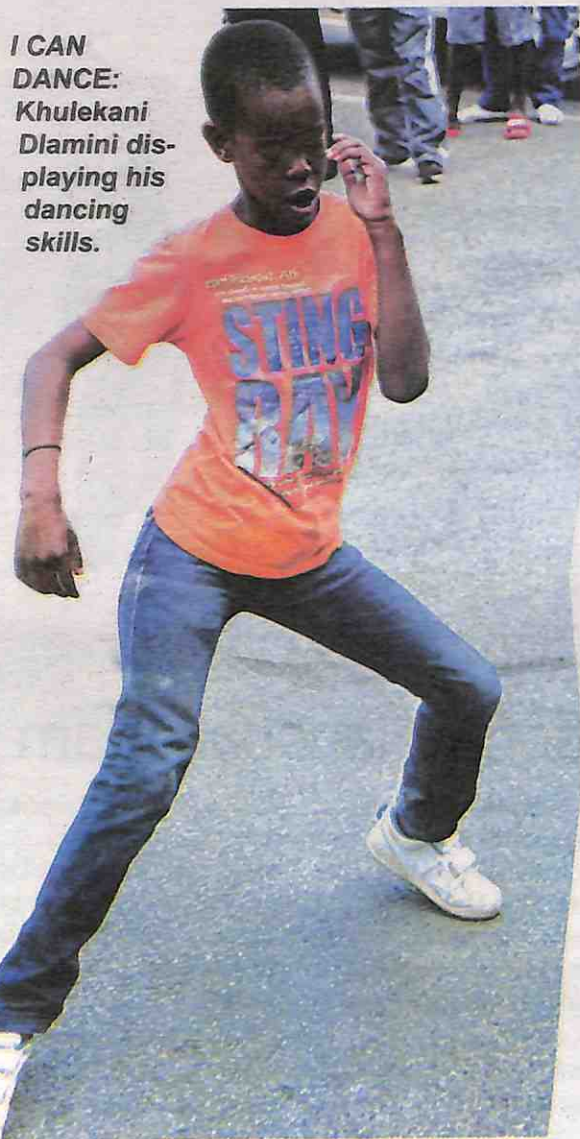


**DULA WESELI:** Manzini Wanderers supporter Sidumo Ngwenya (facing camera) also attended.



**QUIZ TIME:** Wanderers fan Gugu Dlamini answering a question posed by Moses 'Mthetho' Matsebula at the New Mall.

**I CAN DANCE:** Khulekani Dlamini displaying his dancing skills.



**POLICE BAND:** Royal Swaziland Police brass band leading the trophy parade.



**SWAZIBANK BABES:** Deli Simelane, Zethu Manana and Nosipho Manyatsi displaying the trophy.



**FINALIST CORNER:** Moses 'Mthetho' Matsebula with Young Buffaloes CEO Sandile Gwebu and Manzini Wanderers representative Sicelo 'Macocoma' Simelane.



## FA, ministry bid farewell to the Birds



WARRIORS: Some of the Mbabane Swallows players ready to leave after training yesterday.

# WE HAVE NO WORRIES, FEARS WHEN IT COMES TO SWALLOWS - MINISTRY

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – MINISTRY** of sports, culture and youth affairs has no worries travelling to Zambia with Mbabane Swallows and is confident of a good showing against Zesco.

The local giants left the country yesterday to honour the first leg



**GOOD LUCK:** FA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa bidding farewell to the players. Next to him is the Under Secretary to the Ministry of Sports Nhlanhla Motsa, the delegation leader Sonnyboy Mabuza and FA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

of their CAF Champions League Group stages match against Zesco United at the Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in Ndola on Saturday afternoon.

Representing Minister David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala during the team's farewell event at the Prince of Wales Ground yesterday, Under Secretary Nhlanhla Motsa said Swallows always represented the country well, hence had no reason to worry even

this time around.

"Swallows are a team that long established itself in the country, SADC and am sure even outside the SADC region. As they travel to Zambia, we are not worried about how they will do. We have no fear whatsoever.

"The minister believes they have already conquered Zesco and confident they will go far in the tournament. We wish them the best during the game," he said.

## Sonnyboy Mabuza leads Birds delegation to Zambia

**SOCCER - NATIONAL Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Head of Development Sonnyboy Mabuza will lead the Mbabane Swallows delegation to Zambia.**

This was announced by NFAS President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa during the team's farewell function held at the Prince of Wales Ground yesterday.

"The association has appointed Mabuza to accompany Swallows to Zambia. I think Mabuza is very fortunate because

even the late Swallows Chairman Gamedze would request from me as president to ensure I delegate him for their trip.

### Requests

"I always wondered what it is they did together while away but to my surprise, even Sandile now has the same request and this I could not stop because it is my call as president," he said. The red and white glamour side left the country by road to Johannesburg, South Africa, and will connect to Zambia at the Oliver Tambo International Airport this morning.



**THIS WAY:** Coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati welcomes FA CEO Fredrick Mngomezulu at the Prince of Wales Ground yesterday.



**READY FOR WAR:** Mbabane Swallows during one of their training sessions.



**WE WILL WIN:** Mbabane Swallows captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze speaks on behalf of the players.





## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

### Liverpool to play Madrid in Champions League final

AS Roma.....4  
Liverpool.....2

**ROME** - Liverpool have advanced to the UEFA Champions League final to face Real Madrid, despite losing 4-2 to AS Roma in the second leg of their semi-final tie.

The Reds held a commanding lead heading into the second leg after romping to a 5-2 win at Anfield last week.

Despite the hosts' lively start, the Reds took the lead after just nine minutes thanks to a strike from Sadio Mane, who is the first player to score at the Stadio Olimpico in the Champions League this season.

Five minutes later, Roma were level on the night as Trent Alexander-Arnold's clearance hit James Milner and sailed into the back of the net.

It was an evenly contested affair, but the Reds restored their lead on 25 minutes as unmarked Georginio Wijnaldum headed past Alisson after a poor headed clearance from Edin Dzeko.

Roma did go close to levelling matters with 10 minutes remaining in the half when Stephan El Shaarawy's shot took a deflection and crashed against the upright.

That proved to be the final piece of goal-mouth action in the half as the visitors went into the break leading 2-1 on the night and 7-3 on aggregate.

Edin Dzeko levelled matters for Roma eight minutes into the second stanza with a close range finish after Karius parried El Shaarawy's strike into his path.

The hosts enjoyed a good spell after the hour-mark, with Dzeko the danger man in the middle of their attack forcing the Reds to defend in numbers.

Dzeko almost got the third goal for Roma 20 minutes from time, but his half-volley sailed over the bar while he was denied by a fine save by Karius a few minutes later.

Radja Nainggolan made it 3-2 for Roma four minutes before time with a cracking strike that crashed into the inside post and into the back of the net to set up a nervy few final minutes.

In time added on, Roma were awarded a penalty, which Nainggolan converted, however it was the final kick of the game as the Reds held on to advance to the final, winning 7-6 on aggregate. *DailyMail*

## RSP dominate in Nedbank VB League

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**VOLLEYBALL** - THE Royal Swaziland Police teams dominated in both the males and females categories in the E50 000 Nedbank Volleyball League over the past weekend.

The week four games were hosted at the Pigg's Peak club with Mshinande Pure Magic as the hosts.

RSP won all three of their matches, two of them in the males category and one in the females category.

The males beat RSSC 3-0 in their first match

and then beat Mahlanya by the same scoreline in their second match.

The ladies meanwhile beat rivals USDF 3-0 to complete a clean sweep for the police side.

This coming weekend the action will continue with the Swaziland National Volleyball Association (SNVA) still to finalise a venue according to Secretary Eric Zwane.

Mahlanya will be the hosts this time.

# NFD LEAGUE DECIDER: CITIZEN FACE SEA BIRDS

By Jongile Xuba

**SOCCER** - DESPITE getting promotion to play in the MTN Premier League next season, Mbabane Citizen and Manzini Sea Birds have one less score to settle in the MTN National First Division.

Two points separate the two adversaries in the NFD league table with Citizen sitting at the top of the log with 46 points while Sea Birds have 44 points.

Citizen are favoured to win the title as they boast a two-point lead and goal difference advantage while Sea Birds need to get all maximum points to win the league title.

The game will be played at Somhlolo National Stadium next Sunday (May 13). This is according to the fixture released by the Premier League of Swaziland.

The teams settled for a 1-1 draw in their first round meeting and this time around there must be a winner as both clubs have already gained promotion to the elite league.

The battle for survival is still on at the bottom of the log as two teams are not spared from the relegation strain.

These are Amalanda and Bad Boys, who are separated by one point.

Amalanda have 20 points while Bad Boys have 19 points with only one match to go.

Mathematically, Amalanda are not spared from the relegation dilemma as a loss could put them in an awkward position but fortunately they are enjoying a healthy goal difference than Bad Boys.

Mahlalini have officially been relegated from the NFD to the Super League.



## Netball clubs not happy with progress of the sport

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

**NETBALL** - LOCAL netball clubs are crying foul over the lack of progress in the sport over the last four years.

Mbabane Raiders Manager Nkabindze Shabalala asked the outgoing National Netball Association of Swaziland executive what they had done to promote the sport.

Shabalala was making his submissions during the Association Annual General Meeting held at the Olymp Africa Centre.

Shabalala said they were not at all happy with the progress of the sport in the past three years.

"Honestly one wonders why there has been no development programme over the past years. This has hindered progress of the sport as they were no players groomed for the future. This is just a clear case of killing the sport." He said the expected the executive to have done a lot as far as the development of the sport was concerned.

"This is not the way to go if we are to see progress and groom future stars, who would take the baton and move on. Nothing has been

## NETBALL TEAM IMPROVES IN RANKINGS

**NETBALL** - THE senior national side is now ranked 23rd in the world.

The national side has also taken some strides in the continent where they are now ranked seventh.

This is according to latest rankings released by International Netball Federation (INF).

NNAS outgoing President Mandisa Sigudla thanked the mother bodies for their continued support to the national team.

done in the past three years."

Sharing the same sentiments was Olymp Africa Manager / Coach Themba Dlamini, who questioned lack of domestic competitions in the sport.

"There are no competitions in the sport and this has resulted in players getting rusty.

Players have been inactive since the league ended and something needs to be done," he said. When responding to the concerns, outgoing President Mandisa Sigudla said the association was encountering financial problems due to the staggering economy in the country.

"We are quite pleased with the progress of the national team. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to government and SOGCA for the support they have shown over the years.

The national side recently clinched a bronze medal during the Singapore international competition held in December last year."

Sigudla said their aim was to continue rise in the rankings.

"We did approach companies to come on board and assist us but they cited limited resources hence they were unable to help.

We further tried to implement regional development programmes which were, however, hindered by lack of funds," she said.

The outgoing executive further announced that they were on the verge of signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Swaziland Schools Sports Association (SSSA) that would see the smooth running of the Under-17 schools tournament.





# Swallows' potential history match next Wednesday

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCKER- MBABANE Swallows will make history next Wednesday if they avoid defeat to Tambuti in their last MTN Premier League match of the season.**

Swallows were crowned League champions for the second successive season after beating Vovovo 5-1 on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The 'Birds' will make further history next week if they avoid defeat to Tambuti, a feat that will mean they will have completed two full seasons without tasting defeat in the League.

Swallows' last defeat in the League was a 1-3 loss to Royal Leopard back on May 15, 2016. Since then, the team has managed an incredible 47 matches without losing in the league and they will make it 48 if they avoid defeat against Tambuti in their match to be played at Somhlolo on Wednesday.

The rest of the Premier League sides will complete their League fixtures next weekend, with Swallows' match brought forward to give them much more time to recuperate ahead of their CAF champions League clash against Angolan side Primeiro de Agosto on May 15, it is understood. The League's grand closing ceremony will be on Sunday, May 13 at Somhlolo where Mbabane Highlanders will take on Vovovo before Manzini Wanderers face Malanti Chiefs in what will be the last League match of the season.

On Wednesday at Somhlolo:			
Swallows	vs	Tambuti	6:30pm
On Saturday at Mavuso (May 12):			
Red Lions	vs	Matsapha U	1:30pm
Pirates	vs	Sundowns	3:30pm
On Saturday at Somhlolo (May 12):			
Leopard	vs	Green Mamba	1:30pm
Buffaloes	vs	Midas City	3:30pm
On Sunday at Somhlolo (May 13):			
Highlanders	vs	Vovovo	1:30pm
Wanderers	vs	Malanti	3:30pm



**READY: MBABANE Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.**

## 'Nunu' back for Birds

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCKER- MBABANE Swallows have been boosted by the return to fitness of young midfielder Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala ahead of their clash with Zesco United in the CAF Champions League on Saturday.**

Shabalala has been struggling with a knee injury since March and missed the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup final between his side and Royal Leopard at the end of that month. However, Swallows have been handed a major boost ahead of their first ever Champions League group stage match with Shabalala part of the squad that departed the country for Zambia yesterday.

The attacking midfielder was on the bench as Swallows beat Vovovo 5-1 on Sunday to be crowned MTN Premier League champions.

Interviewed before their departure yesterday afternoon, Swallows GM Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane said Shabalala was still not fully fit.



**CONFIRMS: Swallows GM Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane.**

"Yes, he is back from injury but we are still assessing him. He has trained for the past four days and he is going with us to Zambia but we will be cautious with him. We will keep in contact with our doctors so that we are able to bring him back at the right time," Zwane said.

## SwaziBank Cup trophy parade brings CBD to standstill

Stories by Jongile Xuba

**SOCCKER- MBABANE city centre came to a halt yesterday when the 'bank with a heart' paraded the SwaziBank Cup trophy along the streets.**

The parade started at SwaziBank headquarters along Gwamile Street and ended up at The New Mall parking lot.

The parade was led by the beautiful Mbali Fonseca, who was in the lead car displaying this year's trophy followed by the RSP Brass Band, the announcer of the day Moses Matsebula, who is well known as 'Mthetho kaMosi,' team representatives, SwaziBank employees and members of the public as well joined in the fun.

In marking the end of this year's competition, all eyes were on the



**JUST LOOK: Mbali Fonseca goes past the members of the public next to Corporate Place.**

trophy parade as it made its way through the busy city around lunch. A lot of heads turned and people peered from their office windows with some even stopping to watch as Matsebula did what he does best on his gramophone and announced that the public should join them at The New Mall park-

ing lot to stand a chance of winning cash prizes on the day from the sponsor SwaziBank.

Kicking off the programme once the parade had reached its destination was the bank's Public Relations Officer (PRO) Phefheya Vilakati, who thanked all those who were part of the trophy parade.

Vilakati also announced that although the competition for pre-paid cards was over, members of the public should still register as it was still the best way to help one manage their finances and support their local teams. The PRO also made the public aware of the fact that the 'Predict and Win' competitions for the winners of the Under-20 and senior teams finals was still open and would be closing by end of day yesterday. Worth noting is that it will also be the first time in the tournament's 14-year history that a women's final will be hosted, so fans must come to Somhlolo and be part of yet another historic moment. Vilakati said there would be prizes on the day for fans, who would get to the stadium early which include vuvuzelas, water bottles and branded bags.

## Prizes galore during parade

**SOCCKER- THE fun did not end after the SwaziBank PRO's comments as after that, spectators were given the opportunity to win prizes by answering questions posed by the MC for the day Moses Matsebula.**

Prizes included branded caps, bags, water bottles and vuvuzelas.

Some lucky fans only had to pull off some dance moves to walk away with prizes with both young and old taking part.

In yet another strong showing of their fan base, most winners said that they were Manzini Wanderers supporters, which makes one wonder if this is a pre-cursor for this Sunday's game or will Young Buffaloes prove their pedigree and defend the cup?

One thing for sure is that if Sunday's games are as entertaining as yesterday's parade, then the nation is in for a treat.



**MARCH: Mbabane Highlanders CEO Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini, SwaziBank's Sifiso Mdluli, Young Buffaloes CEO Sandile Gwebu, Lwazi Simelane and Manzini Wanderers representative Sicelo 'Macocoma' Simelane at the trophy parade.**



**WE WILL LIFT THE TROPHY: Young Buffaloes CEO Sandile Gwebu making his remarks during the trophy parade.**

**PRESENT: Manzini Wanderers supporter Sidumo Ngwenya (facing camera) also attended.**

## Physical Fitness Performance Device for FA

● *Device will ensure improved performance of players, reduce injuries, decrease sudden cardiac arrest cases and reduce fatalities*

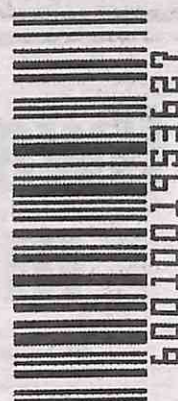
By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCKER- THE National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) is amongst some member countries to receive Physical Fitness Performance devices used to monitor the performance of athletes.**

Information gathered from the CAF website is that the objective of the donation is to protect African football players and will lead to improved performance of players, reduce injuries, decrease sudden cardiac arrest cases and reduce fatalities, amongst other things, towards the development of football across the continent. Following a decision of the CAF executive committee on 10 January in Casablanca, Morocco, each of the member associations will receive the devices from this month.

"A milestone gesture in the history of football development in the African continent, CAF thus becomes the first continental confederation to sponsor their members with the best and latest technology to develop and protect their talents. "The device is a strategy and physical performance measuring tool for outdoor team sports players. It is a stand-alone tool worn by players on the chest (vest) to collect data, which are synchronised at the end of a game or training on a laptop or mobile device, reads part of the statement. NFAS Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe said they were aware of the developments, adding that this device would go a long way in the development of local football. "This is a good initiative by CAF and we are positive that it will greatly improve the performance of our players," he said. Each member association will receive 50 kits consisting of 25 physical fitness devices, 25 heart rate monitors, three charging hubs, 50 vests, one carry bag, antenna for live data and a specific laptop, which can be used by more than one national team at the same time.





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### Ex- Liverpool star for Bible Society Cup

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCER - FORMER Liverpool forward Howard Gayle will be in the country later this month for the unveiling of the Bible Society Cup trophy.**

Gayle played for Liverpool in the 1970s and 1980s and was the first black player to line-up for the Anfield side. The Englishman, who also played for the likes of Newcastle United and Blackburn Rovers, is set to arrive in the country on May 21 where he will help unveil the trophy for this year's edition of the Bible Society Cup featuring Manzini Wanderers and Manzini Sundowns.

"Mr Gayle is coming for the trophy unveiling which will be at Royal Swazi on May 21. He won't be here for the game itself but we are happy to have him come over for the trophy unveiling. He will go back on May 24 so he will also be involved in some activities with us between his arrival and departure. We will visit some schools with him under our career guidance wing and he will also have a session with the youth as well as pastors," Ngcebo Mbuli, the CEO of the Bible Society said in an interview yesterday.

Mbuli added that the reason to invite Gayle over for the trophy unveiling was to give the tournament a much better profile. "We want to profile the tournament well. Sometimes Christian things are thought to be sub-standard and we don't want that. We want to start well. Yes, we are still learning but we want to start well," Mbuli added.

The second edition of the Bible Society Cup will be played at the Mavuso Sports Centre on June 9. Sundowns won the inaugural edition last year, beating rivals Wanderers 3-1 on penalties after a goalless draw in 90 minutes.

The event will start at 11am and will feature Manzini pastors against Mbabane pastors while World Vision will clash with ACAT with Bible Society having a date with VOC.

Gospel artist Gawuzela will be entertaining the audience. Entrance to the Mavuso Sports Centre on June 9 is a Siswati Bible (old or new).



# SOMHLOLO STADIUM DECLARED A DANGER

By Qondile Ntiwane and Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCER - THE Somhlolo National Stadium has been deemed a danger to human life and cannot host the CAF Champions' League group stages games.**

As a result, the country's envoys Mbabane Swallows will now use the Mavuso Sports Centre for their games in this tournament.

Information gathered is that the dressing rooms at the stadium were not fit to house any team because of its current state hence CAF's decision not to approve the stadium as the home ground for Swallows.

Mbabane Swallows will host their first game in this stage of the tournament against Premiero De Agosto of Angola on May 15.

The team's General Manager Sandile 'Beyond' Zwane confirmed the matter yesterday during the team's farewell at the Prince of Wales Ground.

"As we travel to Zambia we would like to appeal to the ministry to give us hope in that this matter would be sorted before we host our first game in this tournament," he said.

Interviewed more on the matter, Zwane said playing at Mavuso would be more like playing away from home.

"Our home ground is Somhlolo. That is our slaughter house and we would like to host our games there. We believe there is a still a chance for us to play at Somhlolo should this anomaly be fixed on time," he said.

- CAF declares country's Mecca not fit to host CAF Champions League games
- Dressing rooms said to be a danger to human life
- An estimated E9million needed to fix dressing rooms
- Birds to host games at Mavuso Sports Centre



**A DANGER: The Somhlolo National Stadium dressing rooms have been declared a danger to human life.**

Meanwhile, National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa said the matter was being handled by NFAS and not the ministry. "This one is under the football association and we are working on it," he said. Worth noting is that an estimated budget of E9 million was set aside for the rehabilitation of the dressing rooms and toilets at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

This was contained in the report of the ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs portfolio committee on the debate of the ministry's 2017/18 annual performance report and budget estimates for the current financial year.

The reports states that the stadium was now a sore sight because of the dilapidate state it is currently in.

"The pride of the national stadium is undermined by its status. Security is also a major issue and hence a wall fence can be a long terms solution to address a number of security issues which have remained a headache during games including theft of valuable items.

"The dressing rooms are also a risk to players with no roof and hanging electricity cables. The stadium needs serious attention before hosting international games.

The ministry needs an extra budget to start the rehabilitation in time," reads part of the report.

The budget is exclusive to the E4 million allocated towards the upgrading of the flood lights at the stadium.



### McCreesh dropped!

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows youngster Richard McCreesh has been dropped from the squad that will face Zambian side Zesco United in the CAF Champions League on Saturday.**

Swallows and Zesco will clash in what will be a both sides' opening match of the 2018 Champions League group stages at the Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in Ndola on Saturday afternoon. As such, McCreesh was not part of the Swallows team that departed the country for Johannesburg yesterday afternoon.

Interviewed on the reasons of the player's absence before they departed yesterday, Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati was coy in his response.

"McCreesh is not going with us. There are a few issues

that need resolving involving him so he has stayed behind," Vilakati said. McCreesh was conspicuous by his absence at Swallows training sessions on Monday and Tuesday.

The midfielder was however in the Swallows squad on Sunday as they beat Vovovo 5-1 to be crowned MTN Premier League champions. He was on the bench for the entire 90 minutes as his side ran out comfortable winners.

The youngster scored the winning goal in Swallows' famous 2-1 victory over another Zambian side Zanaco in the first leg of a first round tie in the Champions League back in March.



#### Traveling squad:

1. Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza
2. Sandanezwe Mathabela
3. Sifiso Mabila
4. Mandla Palma
5. Sanele Mkhweni
6. Stanley Umukoro
7. Ndimiso Ndaba
8. Siphamandla Mathenjwa
9. Richard Sewu
10. Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu
11. Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze
12. Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala
13. Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko
14. Tony 'TT' Tsabedze
15. Felix Badenhorst
16. Daniel Alakorah
17. Simanga Shongwe