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His Majesty King Mswati III with Emakhosikati LaMotsa, LaNgangaza, LaGija, LaMagongo, LaMahlangu, LaFogiyane, Liphovela LaMashwama and Princess Sikhanyiso dressed up for the special night where Swazi MTN celebrated its 20-year anniversary. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

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"For Africa to me, is more than a glamorous fact. It is a historical truth. No man can know where he is going unless he knows exactly where he has been and exactly how he arrived at his present place." Maya Angelou

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## CLARIFICATION

# KING CHALLENGES MTN TO INTRODUCE 5G TECHNOLOGY

STORIES BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

**H**is Majesty King Mswati III has challenged Swazi MTN to fast track the introduction of the 5th Generation (5G) Technology to improve communication facilities in order to match first world countries come 2022.

The King made these remarks during the Swazi MTN 20 Years' Celebration held at Mahlekhukhuni House at Ezulwini on Friday night. His Majesty spoke at length about the importance of fast and advanced technologies in a country like Eswatini. "We would like to encourage Eswatini MTN to fast-track rapid development of the network infrastructure.

You should consider working towards introducing the latest mobile telecommunication system such as the 5G, 6G and 7G technology in the country in order to improve our communication facilities," he said, to a massive round of applause from the gathering.

The King said enhancing communication platforms was necessary to keep the country at par with the rest of the world.

"It is pleasing to note that the company has invested to date E1.5 billion in infrastructure. We are told that network coverage statistics are as follow: 2G network stands at 98 per cent. 3G at 98 per cent while 4G network coverage stands at 19 per cent," he said.

The 5G mobile cellular communications system provides a far higher level of performance than the previous generations of mobile communications systems.

The new 5G technology is not just the next version of mobile communications, evolving from 1G to 4G, but instead, it is very different.

The United States of America, South Korea, Sweden, Turkey, Japan and China are among the leaders in countries that are using the 5G mobile communication system.

The King said such technologies were going to usher in other technological advancements and innovations in the education and health



His Majesty King Mswati III addressing the nation.

sector. "In hospitals, cases which may be complicated and require specialist who are abroad, video conferencing or Skype can assist in surgeries.

Harnessing technology brings growth to a country. I am particularly concerned with eHealth and eLearning," he added. He then commended MTN for supporting, sports, education, health and

the needy through its corporate responsibility programme. "All the success had been possible through cooperation between ministries previous and present board of directors, management and staff who have done a great job. We cannot forget that not many were equipped and skills in technology hence they had to be trained outside our borders," he said.

## MTN Group pledges continued support to govt

**M**TN Group Vice President Ebenezer Twum Asante has pledged support to government.

Asante was making his remarks during the Eswatini MTN 20 years' celebration held at Mahlekhukhuni House at Ezulwini on Friday night.

Asante said going forward, MTN Eswatini remains committed to supporting government in accelerating financial inclusion through Mobile Money and supporting innovation in the information communication technology space.

"MTN Group remains committed to provide all kinds of support so that MTN Eswatini continues to be customer-centric and brighten customers' lives in the process. From the first call on its network on 6 September 1998, to the launch of Mobile Money in 2011, earning the

title of MTN Group's overall Yello Care winner in 2017, and the myriad of other significant achievements in between, MTN Eswatini's colorful history is one filled with noteworthy milestones.

A trend I have no doubt will continue," he said.

The vice president said over the past two decades, MTN Eswatini has not only connected the nation, but also acted as an enabler for economic growth, making the lives of those in communities a whole lot brighter and such was done with unmatched skill and excellence.

"It is a feat without precedence, and one which reinforces our commitment to being a responsible company. MTN Eswatini continues to evolve, find new and better ways to deliver to our customers and touch the lives of those across the country," he added.

## CEO showcases MTN's two decade achievements

**M**TN Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini exhibited a documentary video showing milestones of the past 20 years since the company was established in the country.

In his brief speech, Dlamini said words could not express how thrilled he was with the company's achievements over the years of connecting the nation and advancing information communication and technology in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

"Thankfully, I don't have to make a full speech today. My role is a simple one. I will introduce a video that out-

lines a great part of what MTN Eswatini has done over the past twenty years.

And, because the company has done so much, part of the work is obviously not captured.

If we had captured everything, we would need to be here the whole night," he said.

Dlamini said the video captured carefully selected milestones that have been accomplished through the wisdom, blessings and support of Their Majesties, citing that they have additionally been supported by His Majesty's Government, MTN Group, partners, and customers.

## Govt created an enabling environment - MTN

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

**S**wazi MTN Board Chairman David Dlamini has expressed his gratitude to the government of Eswatini for creating an enabling environment which has made it possible for MTN to be successful.

Worth noting, Eswatini MTN has been the country's sole mobile network provider from 1998 until 2017, when Swazi Mobile was awarded a licence to provide same service.

The board chairman was speaking during MTN's 20th anniversary dinner held at Mahlekhukhuni House.

"To His Majesty's government, we are grateful that it has, without fail, created an enabling environment which has made it possible for MTN to be successful in the delivery of its mandate which is to lead the delivery of new bold digital world," Dlamini said.

Dlamini went on to state that MTN was grateful for the confidence His Majesty's

government has consistently demonstrated towards the company.

He said the company has had rare opportunities to partner with different government ministries, which include the ministry of education and training, ministry of economic planning and development, ministry of home affairs, Prime Minister's (PM) Office, ministry of health, to mention but a few.

"Our partnership with all these ministries was underpinned by one critical aspiration to improve quality of life for the people of Eswatini," Dlamini said.

He also expressed his gratefulness to all MTN's stakeholders for the confidence they continue to demonstrate in working and partnering with MTN.

He therefore had no doubt that MTN would continue to lead the delivery of a bold new digital world to its customers, and simultaneously make its customers' lives a whole lot brighter.



Swazi MTN Chairman David Dlamini making his address.

He opened his remarks by saying this year marks MTN's 20 years of walking with the nation in telecommunications and information communication technology in general.

He said the two decades have been nothing short of a fulfilling journey of continuous learning and growth for MTN. "On behalf of Eswatini

MTN Board of Directors, Management and Staff, I would like to thank their Majesties for the wisdom to allow MTN to introduce mobile telecommunications in the Kingdom of Eswatini in 1998," Dlamini stated.

He went on to mention that in the past two decades, MTN has experienced phenomenal growth much against initial fears that uptake of mobile phones was going to be painfully slow.

He added that in fact the introduction of mobile telecommunications in the Kingdom of Eswatini has worked well in stimulating communication, economic growth and capacity building within the country.

Dlamini noted that innovation, which is at the heart of telecommunications, has also been accelerated amongst Eswatini who have acquired, and continue to acquire skills essential for contributing towards the national vision of attaining First World status by 2022.

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# SECURITY FIRM IN E1.3M SWADE TENDER MESS

STORIES BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

...Awesome Security Company loses tender for allegedly forging compliance certificate

Citadel Investments, trading as Awesome Security Services, stands to lose E1.3 million tenders after allegedly presenting a fraudulent labour compliance certificate. Awesome Security Services is the same company that had been providing its services to Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications (EPTC) last year, where they had an impasse over payments which resulted in the company failing to pay its employees on time.

The company had recently been listed for an intention to award contract tender worth E1.3 million for provision of security services at SWADE's Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP 1). SWADE is the Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise.

The ministry of labour and social security has since disowned the labour compliance certificate dubbed Citadel Investments, trading as Awesome Security Services, as the company is accused of forging it to obtain the ten-



der at the parastatal. Commissioner of Labour Sipho Tsabedze said the document that was shown to this publication did not exist

in the ministry's system. "This is a forged document, Awesome does not have a labour compliance certificate as there is none like this in

our files and system.

They have already lost the tender," he said, after scrutinising the document, satisfying himself and thoroughly searching from both his files and computer.

The commissioner then took out the original document with the purported certificate identity number, which belonged to another company and was issued on a different date.

The document that was shown to this publication by the company was registered on December 21, 2017 and valid until December 20, 2018 and had its certificate identity 643/17 which was granted to CITADEL INVESTMENT (PTY) LTD T/A AWESOME SECURITY SERVICES.

The commissioner said this would have meant that the company would have required two certificates, one for the mother company and another for the security company which would be a subsidiary of the former.

He said the above had been forged as their inspectors only inspected the parent company which had fewer

employees than the subsidiary which had been added in the document. The commissioner of labour then searched for Citadel Investment's compliance certificate which was found in the system registered as CITADEL INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD with the certificate no: 415/18, the document was issued on May this year and is valid until May 30, 2019. He clarified that this certificate should not be mistaken as that of the subsidiary company (Awesome Security Services) as it is only for the parent company.

He then advised employers to cross-check documents with the relevant offices within government which are tasked with issuing them to ensure that only companies with valid documents are granted tenders.

"This crime is now common as almost every document is now being forged, such as licences, these labour compliance certificates and tax clearances. There are so many cases like this one which have been reported to the police. One would request the nation to assist us by verifying all documents to ascertain if they are authentic or not," he pleaded.

Awsome Security manager, who refused to be quoted, said they were not aware that the copy that was presented to this publication was forged even though he did not show the Sunday team the authentic document for CITADEL INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD.

## Nine other security companies disqualified

Citadel Investments, trading as Awesome Security Services, had beaten nine other companies to win the E1.3 million tender for provision of security services at SWADE's Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP 1).

These other companies had submitted bids for this tender but were unfortunately disqualified for reasons which were not clearly stated by SWADE Chief Executive Officer Samson Sithole in documents published in the Swaziland

Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA).

The companies which had registered an interest for this tender include:

Black Mamba Security Services, Nkulu Investments trading as Top Two, Maximum Security Services, Bhandile Investments, Mzalsi Investments, Reaction Force Security, Mphohlo Investment and Guns and Batons Cuffs Security Services. All these companies which participated in the bidding process are locally based.

| DETAILS OF BEST EVALUATED RESPONSIVE TENDERER       |             |   |                 |                   |
|---|-------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| NAME  |             | Citadel Investments t/a Awesome Security Services |                 |                   |
| NATIONALITY   |             | Swati   |                 |                   |
| PROPOSED CONTRACT PRICE                             |             | E1 374 480.00                                     |                 |                   |
| DETAILS OF ALL OTHER EVALUATED RESPONSIVE TENDERERS |             |   |                 |                   |
| NAME  | NATIONALITY | BID PRICE AS READ OUT                             | EVALUATED PRICE | EVALUATION STATUS |
| Black Mamba Security                                | Swati       | E152 133.50                                       | E152 133.50     | Disqualified      |
| Nkulu Investments t/a Top Two                       | Swati       | E113 137.00                                       | E113 137.00     | Disqualified      |
| Maximum Security Services                           | Swati       | E139 159. 03                                      | E139 159. 03    | Disqualified      |
| Bhandile Investments                                | Swati       | E1 317 992.00                                     | E1 317 992.00   | Disqualified      |
| Mzalsi Investments                                  | Swati       | E350.00   | E350.00         | Disqualified      |
| Reaction Force Security                             | Swati       | E2 222 820.00                                     | E2 222 820.00   | Disqualified      |
| Mphohlo Investment                                  | Swati       | E3 446 551.56                                     | E3 446 551.56   | Disqualified      |
| Guns and Batons Cuffs Security                      | Swati       | E1 920 000.00                                     | E1 920 000.00   | Disqualified      |

## Fears as six Biggest Braai cattle delivered at volunteer's home

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

...Mobile kitchen worth E200 000, wheel-chairs also kept at the same home

Concerned citizens have questioned the safety of the Philani Maswati Charity Organisation's assets after it transpired that six cattle donated for the recent Biggest Braai were delivered at a volunteer's home.

Apart from the cattle, the volunteer is said to have also offered to safeguard one of the mobile kitchen trailers donated by Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) last year, as well as used wheel-chairs that are yet to be refurbished and donated to the needy.

Sources close to the matter confided to this publication that six cattle donated by the chiefdoms in support of the recent Philani Maswati Biggest Braai event hosted on July 22 were delivered at their neighbour's homestead.

"In September 2017, SNPF donated a mobile kitchen worth E200 000 that will be used by Philani Maswati Charity Organisation whenever they have an event for the elderly people but it (mobile



The volunteer's home where six cattle and a mobile kitchen trailer belonging to Philani Maswati Charity Organisation are kept.

kitchen) is parked under a tree at the homestead in Mzimphofu," said a source who elected to remain anonymous.

When the Sunday Observer team visited the said homestead, the mobile kitchen was found as well as the wheel-chairs kept in a shed.

The volunteer, when called, referred questions to the chairman of the organisation, stating that he was not allowed

to address the media.

Information gathered suggests that the volunteer offered to keep the organisation's assets because of space and safety in his homestead as it is secured and not easily accessible.

Furthermore, it was gathered that his location being central made it efficient for the organisation to access the assets whenever they are needed, either for

use or donation. "The cattle were kept at the volunteer's home because that place is central and most of the buyers are near that place. The trailer and the wheel-chairs are also kept there for safeguarding.

The organisation is the owner of the assets, thereby reserved a right of storing them and does not owe anyone an explanation on where the assets are kept. Do you know where we keep the other assets, no," said the source.

Another source said the cattle were temporarily kept at the homestead as they would soon be taken to a farm in Malkerns where other donated cattle are kept.

Philani Maswati Charity Organisation Chairman Lutfu Dlamini, responding to a questionnaire sent by this publication, said he was aware that the assets and the donations were kept at Mzimphofu as the volunteer and himself were tasked with being care-takers of the all dona-

tions. He said as a result, they kept some of the assets at their homes and places they deemed safe.

Dlamini was speaking through Mfundo Xaba, who he had tasked to respond to the questionnaire. Xaba is also a volunteer in the organisation. He clarified that the cattle were taken to the farm because it was chosen as a selection point.

"Thirty chiefdoms donated cows, although some paid them as cash. Not all the cattle were slaughtered as after scrutiny, some were left and transported to Malkerns. Only four were slaughtered while the rest are at the farm.

Even those that had been kept at the volunteer's home have since been taken there as we speak," he added.

"We can account for all the donations made to the organisation but for now we are preparing a report that is where further details will be available and if there are objections and comments let them be brought forward once the report is out," said Xaba.





His Majesty King Mswati III joined by Emakhosikati and Emazinyane during the singing of the National Anthem at the 20th anniversary celebrations of Swazi MTN at Ezulwini on Friday night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

## SWAZI MTN



His Majesty King Mswati III addressing the gathering.



MTN Group Vice President for Southern and East Africa and Ghana (SEAGHA) Ebenezer Asante in a conversation with His Majesty.



Swazi MTN Chairman David Dlamini making brief remarks.



Heads of security forces Sobantu Dlamini, Richard Mngometulu and Mzuthini Ntshangase on guard as they await the King's departure.



Sharon Maziya, African Alliance Partner S'thofeni Ginindza and Build It Director Sam Essa also attended the celebrations.



MTN Board members ICT Ministry PS Bhekithemba Gama, TSC Board Chairman Simanga Mamba and Ngwane College Principal Dr Amos Mahlalela were among the special guests at the ceremony.



DPM Paul Dlamini making his introductory remarks.



Captains of industry also came through to be part of the celebrations.



MTN Vice President for Southern and East Africa and Ghana (SEAGHA) Ebenezer Asante presenting his speech.



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# CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



Dignitaries following proceedings of the event.



Swazi MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini, Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala and Prince Lonkhokhela at the top table.



Swazi Observer ME Mbongeni Mbingo and African Alliance CEO Nelsiwe Mabuza in a conversation with Hlelisile Luhlanga.



SA gospel icon Benjamin Dube performing at the ceremony.



Swazi MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini delivering his speech.



Some of the Swazi MTN staff members who were clad in the company's corporate colours.



Swaziland Epilepsy Organization



## Condolences

### Umntfwanenkosi Joyina

The Patron HRH Prince Bandzile and Board of the Swaziland Epilepsy Organization, offer their heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family, Inkanyeti Regiment and friends of our member, Umntfwanenkosi Joyina on his sudden demise.

As an organization, along with people living with epilepsy in the country, we are deeply saddened by his passing on. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal family at this time and may the Lord comfort and strengthen you.

You will be dearly missed Hlubi lomuhle Umlangeni!



# DRUNK VOTERS AT NOMINATION CENTRES

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

*...Concerned citizens call for breathalysers at polling stations*

Some voters feel there is need to introduce breathalysers at polling stations after a number of voters were suspected to have turned up intoxicated at nomination centres last weekend.

This comes as the law clearly prohibits registration to vote and voting of people who are certified to be insane or otherwise adjudged to be of unsound mind.

The voters feel the breathalysers would help to ascertain the state of sobriety of the voters so that those who are highly intoxicated are declared unsound, especially during the nomination and voting process.

This view was voiced by concerned voters as elections officers had a torrid time controlling the situation where intoxicated voters needed to be reprimanded for interrupting the nomination process. Concerned citizens from different constituencies voiced out their concern on drunk voters as they argued the phrase 'unsound mind' in the Constitution could also be referring to people who are intoxicated and won-



**Some voters feel there is need to introduce breathalysers at polling stations after a number of voters were suspected to have turned up intoxicated at nomination centres last weekend.**

dered why the voters' state of sobriety was not tested.

They argued that since drunk people were not allowed to drive or appear before a court of law because their judgement, decisions and whatever they would say would not hold water; by the same token, drunk voters should not be con-

sidered. Under the law, a person with an unsound mind is considered incompetent to go to trial.

According to lawteacher.net, excessive drinking or smoking of dagga or other drug can cause insanity and such insanity will also amount to unsoundness of mind, if it makes a person inca-

pable of understanding what he is doing or that he is doing is something wrong or illegal. Human rights lawyer Thulani Maseko, when sought for comment, said this kind of unsoundness of the mind is temporal and the fact that one was capable to leave his own residence and bring the documents needed to vote to the polling station indicated some degree of sanity on the person, thus in his view, such a person should be allowed to vote.

EBC, on the other hand, said the current laws were not specific on drunk voters and thus there was no need to have breathalysers at polling stations. However, that said, the commission encourages people to go to the polling stations in their sober minds.

EBC Communications Officer, Mbonisi Bhembé, condemned an unbecoming behaviour from people who participate in elections due to group behaviour. The commission stressed that nominations are a very important exercise in shaping the future of the country, thus they should be respected.

"We request that when people go to such an important exercise, they must

**SECTION 87 OF THE CONSTITUTION STATES THAT A PERSON MAY BE DISQUALIFIED IF:**

(a) is certified to be insane or otherwise adjudged to be of unsound mind under any law for the time being in force in Eswatini;

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(c) is disqualified for registration as a voter under any law for the time being in force in Eswatini relating to offences connected with elections.

be in their sober senses. We can't enforce banning of people who are drunk without proper legislation.

Another factor is how the international community will react as we would need to know if such has been practiced anywhere," he said.

He said until there is a law that prohibits those who would be seen to be drunk and specifying the limit and gadgets to test them, the commission will always welcome everybody.

"Unless he/she disturbs the meeting, that is where the problem arises then the discretion lies with the presiding or the returning officer. Upon realising that this particular individual is now disrupting the meeting, the officials can simply arrest that person without any warrant for the meeting to continue in an orderly manner," he added.

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## Emaswati under threat as SA mine cuts 13 000 jobs

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There are fears that Emaswati in neighbouring South Africa will lose jobs after reports that the world's second largest platinum miner, Impala Platinum, will slash 13 000 jobs in the next two years.

This has brought uncertainty not only among Emaswati but the Swaziland Migrant Mineworkers Association (SWAMMIWA) as well, which as predicted, saw the likelihood of the unemployment rate shooting up in the country.

On Thursday, eNCA reported that Impala Platinum will slash the 13 000 jobs and cut the number of mines from 11 to six as it restructures its business to manage costs. The media outlet further reported that this move will see future production drop by just over 30 per cent. Restructuring costs will set Impala Platinum back by E2.7 billion, which it says will come from internal cash reserves and sales of revenue.

SWAMMIWA Secretary General (SG)

Vama Jele, confirmed that a number of Emaswati are employed by the Anglo Platinum. He said most were employed through Teba recruitment.

"Beside those employed by Teba, we have some who took up South African citizen and those who reside close to the boundary line separating South Africa and Eswatini who are able to obtain SA national identity documents (IDs) as well as those who were recruited directly," Jele said.

He further stated that in Eswatini most people working at Anglo Platinum, were from the Hhohho and Lubombo regions, although there might be a few others from Manzini and Shiselweni.

At the time of compiling this article, Jele said he had no statistics of Eswatini miners employed by Impala Platinum.

"In 2014, we worked with the ministry of labour and social security to review bilateral cooperation with South Africa. It resulted to an MoU which was developed and validated by the ministry of labour and social security," Jele stated.

Jele said this agreement included the-

matic areas of migrant labour basic employment conditions, compensation and social security benefits issues and others. Recently, as government is drawing up the labour migration policy, SWAMMIWA was roped in as a member of the Technical Working Group (TWG) which ensures efficient handling of labour migration and its components. He stressed that SWAMMIWA's participation in TWG is to ensure the policy addresses labour migration issues and opportunities in SADC and at the international level.

He said a major issue at the table is working permits for Emaswati granting them opportunities to work abroad, including in South Africa and the rest of the globe. Jele continued to state that currently, South Africa does not recruit anymore Emaswati to work in the mines.

He added that the recent development demands governments to meet and discuss bilateral agreements or treaties between South Africa and Eswatini. He said SWAMMIWA would influence policies and ensure labour migration was a priority for the Eswatini government.



The Impala Platinum Mine in Rustenburg, South Africa.



# FLAS LOSES E10.7M IN 2017

STORIES BY FORTUNE  
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...cuts down 56 jobs due to USAID Fund loss

Family Life Association Swaziland (FLAS) Resource Mobilisation and Communications Officer Maxwell Dlamini has revealed that the organisation was forced to cut down on 56 jobs after it suffered a staggering E10.7 million loss in 2017 due to the loss of the USAID funding.

FLAS lost the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funding in September 2017 after the United States President Donald Trump's 'Mexico City Policy' or 'Global Gag Rule'.

Due to the fund loss, over 26 staff members and 30 community workers lost their jobs. The 'Global Gag Rule' is a separate rule that goes further, and requires foreign non-governmental organisations receiving US global health assistance to certify that they do not use their own non-US funds to provide abortion services, counsel patients about the option of abortion or refer them for abortion, or advocate for the liberalisation of abortion laws.

On January 23, 2017, Donald Trump released a Presidential Memorandum regarding the 'Global Gag Rule'.

"I further direct the Secretary of State to take all necessary actions, to the extent permitted by law, to ensure that US taxpayer dollars do not fund organisations or programmes that support or participate in the management of a programme of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilisation," President Trump stated in the memorandum.

Dlamini confirmed that FLAS was no longer receiving funds from USAID/PEPFAR since September 2017. He said this was because the restrictions on the funds were not in line with FLAS' principles. "FLAS believes that people should be allowed to receive all services that they require without restriction of any kind. The loss of funding was indeed related to the Mexico City Policy," Dlamini explained.

Analysing the damage caused by the loss of the funding, Dlamini said the organisation had four projects that were supported by USAID or PEPFAR and, these related to providing integrated sexual and reproductive health and HIV services to vulnerable hard to reach populations. He added that these projects targeted young men; key populations such as men having sex with men,

sex workers and adolescents living with HIV, among others. Dlamini mentioned that with these funds, in a year, FLAS circumcised over 2 800 men, reached over 600 key populations with HIV and SRH services per month, just to make an example of how important the funds were.

"The loss of the projects resulted in the loss of income and means to reach and provide services and information to young people and the populations above. Just for 2017 alone, these projects would have brought E10.7 million," Dlamini stated.

He went on to mention that FLAS also received technical support from PEPFAR partners to provide the best quality of care. "As a result of the loss of the projects, over 26 staff members and 30 community workers lost their jobs," Dlamini said. Furthermore, FLAS currently has infrastructure that was used by the projects and it is now lying idle (such as mobile clinics). Dlamini said the association was, therefore, desperately looking for funding from other sources so that it can continue to provide the much-needed services in the country, nationwide.

## CANGO URGES US GOVT TO REVIEW POLICY

The Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) has urged the United States government to review the policy that resulted in FLAS losing the USAID funding.

CANGO Communications Officer Nkosingiphile Myeni said many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services believe that the policy does not reduce abortions but increases more unsafe and unhealthy ones, leading to more women's deaths which could be averted.

"Therefore, we urge the United States government to set aside the Global Gag Rule," Myeni said.

Myeni added, "CANGO is aware about the extended Mexico City Policy/Global Gag Rule as a United States government policy aimed at blocking US federal funding for non-US NGOs providing SRH services such as abortion counselling or referrals, advocating to decriminalise abortion or expand abortion services which is discriminatory to women's access to SRH rights."

Myeni went on to state that the policy has negatively impacted NGOs globally and in the Kingdom of Eswatini, setting conditions for some that to continue receiving US funding, they must choose

between one of two options.

The first option being to accept US family planning funds and be prohibited from providing abortion counselling, referrals, or even advocacy efforts and from providing abortions outside of the three exceptions.

The second option was to either refuse US family planning funds and attempt to secure alternative sources of funding to keep health clinics open, continue providing a range of SRH services to clients, and advocate for law reforms to reduce unsafe abortion.

### Efficiently

"These are hard conditions to comply with as NGOs and harsh to women's health rights. NGOs are forced to stop providing comprehensive SRH services and loyalty to clients in their clinics as they fail to run SRH programmes efficiently.

This does not only reverse helping people in need but also erodes established trust with clients if they are to cease providing services to them," Myeni explained.

The mouthpiece went on to add that the impacts had shown that the policy restricts fundamental rights including; the basic right to free speech; the right to make informed decisions and to right to access family planning which increases harm to women.

## Does FLAS support abortion?

Does the Family Life Association Swaziland (FLAS) support abortion?

This is the question that has since arose because the 'Mexico City Policy' or 'Global Gag Rule' strongly frowns upon organisations that support abortion.

Clarifying FLAS' stance on abortion in the country was its Resource Mobilisation and Communications Officer Maxwell Dlamini, who said the organisation realises that unsafe abortion was a major killer of women in Eswatini. He added that its recognition as a health problem was essential as well as designing preventive measures for it. He mentioned that at the clinics, FLAS comes across several women each day with unwanted pregnancies.

"There is need to promote the use of contraceptives or family planning as well as addressing the high levels of gender-based violence, which also contribute to the reasons for not wanting a pregnancy," Dlamini elaborated.

He went on to assure that the Family Life Association of Eswatini operates within the ambits of the laws in the country.

The spokesperson said all their conduct and activities were done within the prevailing legal framework and requirements of the law.

He stressed that clinical services provided were in accordance with guidelines provided by the ministry of health. He defined abortion as the expulsion or removal of an embryo or foetus from the uterus before it has developed sufficiently to survive outside the mother (before viability). He said abortion may refer to induced and spontaneous abortion (referred to as miscarriage). Dlamini stated that unsafe abortion is a procedure for terminating an unwanted pregnancy either by persons lacking the necessary skills or performed in an environment lacking the minimal medical standards or both. He added that unsafe abortion also includes the inappropriate management of spontaneous abortion.



### IN THE MAGISTRATES COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF LUBOMBO

HOLDEN AT SITEKI ON THIS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2018 BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MAGISTRATE D. MAZIBUKO

In the matter between:

MAVELA MNDZEBELE

And

BEKEZELE VIERA MNDZEBELE

### INTERIM COURT ORDER

Having heard Counsel for plaintiff and there being no appearance for defendant;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Defendant restores conjugal rights within 7 days failing which a final decree of divorce.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL AT SITEKI ON THIS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2018

CLERK OF COURT  
MAGISTRATE COURT  
SITEKI



### APPLICATIONS FOR NEW REGISTRATIONS OF MEDICAL INTERNS/GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

1. The Swaziland Medical and Dental Council (SMDC) advises the public that due to the need to meet acceptable international professional standards in regulating the medical and dental cadre, there is now a requirement for verification of credentials by Education Commission of Foreign Medical graduates (ECFMG).
2. If you are applying to practice as a Medical Intern, a General Medical Practitioner or a Medical Specialist on or after 15 July 2018, your credentials must be verified by the Education Commission of Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) as a measure of adhering to proper vetting practices before registration.
3. ECFMG is a non profit international organization which verifies credentials of medical doctors across the globe and is being used by many international regulatory bodies, and is recommended by the Association of Medical Councils of Africa (AMCOA), International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) and the SADC regulatory authority.

Therefore The Swaziland Medical and Dental Council partners with the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) to have the credentials required for registration to practice Medicine in the Kingdom of Swaziland/Eswatini primary-source verified through ECFMG's Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials (EPIC) service.

**EPIC portfolio will also benefit all doctors for recognition of their credentials in any international forum**

Prior to application with SMDC, your credentials should be sent for verification through EPIC. The process will take seven working days.

For complete information on EPIC, visit [www.ecfmgepic.org](http://www.ecfmgepic.org) and follow the instructions for registration. For information on using EPIC in support of an application to the Council, visit [www.ecfmgepic.org/instructions-swaziland.html](http://www.ecfmgepic.org/instructions-swaziland.html).

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# TOP LAWYER MDLADLA PAYS LOBOLA

BY SIMON SHABANGU

Members of the Royal Family, Judges of the High Court, senior government officials, lawyers, and the who's who of the country gathered at Zombodze under Mdzimba Mountain as Lawyer S'dumo Mdladla paid Lobola for his sweetheart Lindelwa Mthimkhulu, well known as Titi.

It was a joyful day which could be mistaken for a traditional wedding (*umtsimba*). The ceremony also attracted members of royal family from different royal kraals around the country. The ceremony started with talks between the Mdladla delegation which hails from Mpolonjeni in Mbabane and the Mthimkhulu family.

The talks were led by traditionalist Prince Sigombeni on the side of the Mthimkhulu family who was supported by the brother of the bride, Sibusiso Mthimkhulu, who is also a well-known business person operating in the transport sector.

The Mdladla delegation on the other hand was led by Didumbutfo Matsebula who was the *Umyeni* on the day. The two families got to an agreement as the Mdladla family had brought a full lobola payment of 18 cattle as agreed during talks prior to the ceremony.

There were no questions asked as they ensured that they brought a complete herd of live cattle (*letihamba ngemasondvo*) as opposed to cash like it usually happens in other cases.

The Mthimkhulu family expressed joy at the manner in which the Mdladla family displayed their love and affection for their daughter, stating that such lobola was an indication of true love for your wife as a man.

The ceremony was spiced up by cultural displays of *Ingadla*, *sibhaca*, *indlamu* and *ummiso* from different local groups.

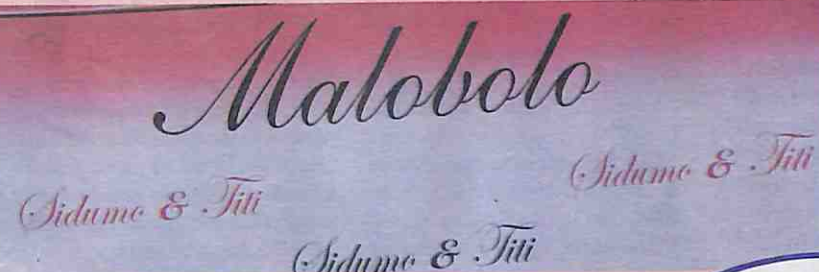
The bride and her delegation could not miss out on the fun as they also danced up a storm as though it was a special day of *umtsimba*.



Top Lawyer S'dumo Mdladla of SV Mdladla and Associates paid lobola for his wife Lindelwa Titi Mthimkhulu during a colourful ceremony held at the bride's home at Zombodze over the weekend. The ceremony was attended by the who's who of the Eswatini community among other guests. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



Mdladla and his wife joined by close family and friends together with Umyeni during the song and dance session.



Titi presenting gifts to her in-laws.



The bride's siblings Sibusiso Mthimkhulu and her elder sister on their sisters' happy day.



Some of the herd of cattle paid by the Mdladla family for the bride.



High Court Judges Phesheya Dlamini and Titus Mlangeni were among the special guests present at the ceremony.



Princesses Khululiwe and Gcebile appreciating the couple during the dance session.



The Mdladla delegation pictured during talks between the two families.



The Southern African Customs Union (SACU) has adopted a Vision and Mission statement and a new Work Programme for promoting sustainable development and deeper integration within the SACU region. The SACU Secretariat hereby invites suitably qualified and experienced citizens of the SACU Member States to submit their applications for the following positions.

## VACANCIES

### DEPUTY DIRECTOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH (REF: DD-PD)

#### Main Purpose of the Job:

To provide economic policy analysis, economic policy recommendations and research services that support Member States integration into the regional and global economy and their economic development, diversification, industrialization and competitiveness

#### Key Areas of Responsibilities:

- Coordinates the development of terms of reference for economic policy research work;
- Coordinate and facilitate SACU's Research Agenda as it relates to Economic Policy;
- Manages in-house and SACU Institutions' economic policy research projects;
- Undertakes specific studies and/or initiates specific research and makes recommendations on economic policy and strategy development and harmonisation for the enhancement of economic and regional integration;
- Plans and co-ordinates seminars and workshops on regional and global integration and economic policy research and development topics;
- Initiates networks with regional research institutions and promotes collaboration with the Secretariat;
- Assists in monitoring and coordinating the implementation of SACU Council decisions in areas related to economic policy development and regional integration. Provides technical advice on policy development and research matters to SACU Institutions;
- Manages all aspects of the Policy Development Unit in the SACU Secretariat; and
- To coordinate, facilitate and assist in the development of common and harmonised policies.

#### Educational Qualifications Required:

- A Masters Degree with a strong emphasis in any of the following; economics, industrial development, trade, finance agriculture or related fields or equivalent qualification
- Qualification in International Trade Law would be an added advantage
- International trade law and public international law will serve as an added advantage.
- Relevant Work Experience and competencies Required:
- Minimum 8 years relevant experience
- Proven capability or track record of defining research projects, planning required field work, carrying out research activities
- Policy formulation and implementation experience
- Experience in report writing
- Computer literate in MS Office
- Attention to detail
- High analytical ability and experience
- Excellent presentation skills

### POLICY RESEARCHER (REF: PR)

#### Main Purpose of the Job:

To research the current status quo, to develop policy proposals and to manage the implementation thereof in order to establish common policies that will achieve regional integration and coordination of activities between SACU institutions and member states and that will create effective, transparent and democratic institutions which will ensure equitable trade benefits to Member States.

#### Key Areas of Responsibilities:

- Coordinate the Secretariat research programme on economic and trade policy matters as far as they relate to SACU;
- Closely follow regional and global integration initiatives with a view to identify and implement research projects;
- Develop and submit annually proposals on the annual regional and global integration policy research programme of SACU for approval by the Directorate;
- Co-ordinate, process and administer tenders relevant for the Directorate's research activities in the areas of economic and trade policy according to SACU approved channels and procedures;
- Plans, co-ordinates and manages Seminars and Workshops on regional and global integration and related research areas of interest to support the implementation of the approved annual regional and global integration policy research programme;
- Monitor all facets of regional and international integration developments that has an impact on economic and trade policies in so far as it relates to SACU;
- Design, facilitate, undertake and coordinate substantive research on policies that support the regional and global integration policy research programme of SACU;
- Collaborate with regional and global research partners and networks for the effective implementation of the regional and global integration policy research programme;
- Facilitates and co-ordinates the review and assessment of research reports and policy proposals for the effective communication and sharing of research findings of the research projects within SACU Institutions and SACU Member States; and
- Build networks with research and other partner organisations with a view to source and facilitate the provision of technical assistance and capacity building initiatives and programmes for SACU in the areas of economic and trade policy research.

#### Educational Qualifications Required:

- Post graduate Degree (PhD/Masters Degree will serve as a definite advantage) with strong emphasis on any of the following; international trade, economics, policy analysis, development econometrics, regional integration and/or finance or equivalent post

graduate qualification

- Relevant Work Experience and Competencies Required:
- Minimum of 5 years relevant experience
- Excellent Computer literacy, esp. in the comprehensive use of MS Office
- Proven track record in the coordination and administration of the above job requirements in a governmental, NGO or private sector organisation
- Proven Research capability and experience, including a track record of publication of research, as well as comprehensive knowledge of appropriate research methodology
- Excellent writing skills and fluency in written and spoken English
- Good presentation skills
- Good analytical skills
- Attention to detail

### 3. POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (REF: PDC)

#### Main Purpose of the Job:

To assist SACU Member States with the achievement of the SACU Agreement objectives (enhanced economic development, diversification, industrialisation, competitiveness, trade, investment and global economy integration) by providing a professional service to SACU institutions, technical committees, internal and external parties, with regard to the coordination of activities and initiatives in the SACU work programme relating to the harmonization and development of common economic and trade policies and strategies

#### Key Areas of Responsibilities:

- Coordinate the annual SACU work programme on economic and trade policy development, harmonisation and cooperation;
- Develop and submit annually the SACU work programme on the development, harmonisation and cooperation of economic and trade policies as far as they relate to SACU to the Deputy Director: Policy Development & Research for approval;
- Provide analytical Support to the Directorate on macro-economic research and economic and trade policy development in so far as it relates to SACU;
- Contribute to the Research Programme of the Directorate by assisting in provision of timely economic data and analysis, to facilitate economic and trade policy decision making regarding the economic development of the SACU region;
- Coordinate and provide support to assigned economic and trade policy research projects by assisting in the formulation of terms of reference for these and ensure that research objectives, quality outputs and agreed time scales are adhered to and met;
- Establishes internal, external and regional research partnerships and networks that would assist the Directorate in coordination of the annual economic and trade policy development, harmonization and cooperation programme;
- Finalises and submit research reports outlining clear and well-articulated recommendations to SACU Secretariat Management as required for economic and trade policy formulation, harmonisation and cooperation; and
- Identifies and make recommendations proactively on areas for economic and trade policy cooperation, harmonisation and development and coordinate with the Policy
- Researcher in the Directorate on research activities in these areas.

#### Educational Qualifications Required:

- Post graduate Degree (Masters Degree will serve as a definite advantage) with strong emphasis on international trade, economics, policy analysis, development econometrics and/or finance or equivalent post graduate qualification

#### Relevant Work Experience and Competencies Required:

- Minimum of 5 years relevant experience
- Excellent Computer literacy, esp. in the comprehensive use of MS Office
- Proven track record in the coordination and administration of the above job requirements in a large governmental, NGO or private sector organisation
- Proven Research capability and experience
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Excellent communication skills
- Good analytical skills

Applications must be accompanied by a detailed CV, e-mail and telephone contact details, certified copies of ID, educational qualifications and at least 3 contactable references. Quote the reference number and job title. Applications must be submitted to Human Resources Manager, SACU Secretariat, Private Bag 13285, Windhoek Namibia Windhoek Namibia or send by e mail to: [Applications@sacu.int](mailto:Applications@sacu.int).

The closing date for applications is 17th August 2018.

For further information, please visit our website at [www.sacu.int](http://www.sacu.int).

Should you have received no response within 4 weeks of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful in this instance, as correspondence will be limited to shortlisted candidates only.



# MINISTER OWEN'S GUARD CRIES EXPLOITATION, DEMANDS E18 785

BY FORTUNE  
NDLANGAMANDLA

A night watchman who was employed by government and assigned to guard the homestead of outgoing Minister of Public Service Owen Nxumalo is demanding over E18 000 for unfair dismissal.

The exact amount is E18 785.

According to documents seen by this publication, Mandlenkosi Magic Dlamini was employed by government on October 12, 2016 and was dismissed on April 16, 2017. He claims his dismissal was verbal.

According to Finance Circular No. 1 of 2009, night watchmen are employed by ministers who opt not to employ the services of a security firm. The circular states that a night watchman will be appointed by the minister on a fixed term contract on Grade A2.

Other terms of such a contract are agreed between the parties and shall be governed by the Regulation of Wages (Security Services) Order issued from time to time under Wages Act, 1964.

## Terminated

The circular further states that the appointment of a night watchman would be for the duration of the term of office of the relevant minister unless terminated earlier by the night watchman or by the minister, and either party is compelled to give reasons for such termination.

"Upon such termination, a night watchman will receive gratuity payment of 25 per cent based on total basic salary earned over the period

of employment. A night watchman shall be entitled to annual leave of fifteen working days per annum, which will be taken with the approval of the Minister," reads Circular No. 1 of 2009.

Among other things the night watchman is entitled to uniform which includes two shirts, a jersey, hat/ cap, two pairs of stockings and a winter suit annually.

Initially, Dlamini wanted E54 183 65 as compensation. He calculated this as E46 740 being 12 months compensation. Unlawful deduction which was E2 500 (500\* 5 months), notice pay was calculated to be at E3 895 and leave pay (seven days) which amounted to E1 048.65.

However, the certificate of unresolved dispute issued by the Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) on October 26, 2017 reflects that Dlamini wanted E18 785. A sum of E17 340 was for compensation for unfair dismissal while E1 445 was for notice pay. The respondent in the certificate of unresolved dispute is the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and another part which was not identified by its name.

The appointed commissioner by the commission on October 16, 2017 under Section 80 of the Industrial Relations Act, 2000 (as amended) certified the dispute unresolved.

The commissioner stated that reasons to the verdict was that Dlamini claimed he was verbally dismissed by his immediate supervisor without any disciplinary procedures being taken, and that he did not commit any offence warranting his dismissal.

"The respondent on the other hand



Outgoing Minister of Public Service Owen Nxumalo.

argues that the applicant's immediate supervisor rightly exercised his powers in terms of the Finance Circular No. 1 of 2009," reads part of the certificate of unresolved dispute.

The commissioner noted that both parties maintained their positions and thus he declared the dispute unresolved.

## Attached

In his affidavit, Dlamini said he was getting a basic monthly salary of E3 895. He went on to add that at first he was attached to Minister Owen Nxumalo's residence as a night-watchman at Ngwane Park.

The veracity of Dlamini's allegations contained in his affidavit are yet to be tested in court.

"I was there after transferred by the minister to Emfabantu, which is his business area, where I was working as a general labourer on or about

the month of November 2017," Dlamini stated in his affidavit 2016.

He counted that while employed as the general labourer, he dug the foundation of beddies that were under construction at Mfabantu.

Dlamini further alleged that he was thereafter taken to Bulandzeni which is Minister Nxumalo's parental homestead to do some errands for approximately three days. "Thereafter, I resumed my position of a night watchman at Ngwane Park," Dlamini said.

Dlamini said towards the end of February 2017 he was taken back to Bulandzeni as general labourer during the day, whereas in the night he was guarding Minister Nxumalo's shop at Bulandzeni.

He further stated that all this time he was being paid by government for the position of a night watchman. "On or about March 25, 2017, the minister delegated his driver

(Malungelo Khumalo) to fetch me from Bulandzeni and he took me home. I thereafter received a call from Malungelo who instructed me to come to Manzini to be taken back," Dlamini alleged in his affidavit.

He went on to state that he stayed at Bulandzeni up until April 16, 2017, whereof he decided to go back home as the minister allegedly failed to pick him up on April 14, 2017.

Dlamini said on April 18, 2017 he did not receive his salary. "The minister ordered me to stay at home and not report for duty thereafter. This was on April 16, 2017 when he called me," Dlamini stated in the affidavit.

He continued to state that he would monthly give the minister E500, which Nxumalo said he was taking to the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA). He alleged to have paid the money for five months.

**CERTIFICATE OF UNRESOLVED DISPUTE**

DATE: 26/10/2017 CMAC REF: SWM2 516/17

CERTIFICATE NO: 562/17

In the matter between:-

APPLICANT: Name: **MANDLENKOSI M. DLAMINI**  
Address: **P.O. BOX 1236**  
**MANZINI**

AND

RESPONDENT: Name: **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND ANOTHER**  
Address: **P.O. BOX 178**  
**MBABANE**

1. NATURE OF DISPUTE:  
**UNFAIR DISMISSAL**

2. ISSUE(S) IN DISPUTE:  
**NOTICE PAY COMPENSATION FOR UNFAIR DISMISSAL**  
E1, 445-00  
E17, 340-00

3. The dispute between the parties for which I was appointed as a Commissioner by the Commission on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017 under Section 80 and 81 of the Industrial Relations Act, 2000 (as amended) is hereby certified as an unresolved dispute due to the following reasons:

3.1 The Applicant claims that he was verbally dismissed by his immediate Supervisor without any disciplinary procedures being taken, and that he did not commit any offence warranting his dismissal.

3.2 The Respondent on the other hand argues that the Applicant's immediate supervisor rightly exercised his powers in terms of the Finance Circular No. 1 of 2009.

3.3 Both parties maintained their positions and the dispute was declared unresolved after conciliation.

DATE: 26/10/2017

**FAMILY GIBLINER**  
CMAC COMMISSIONER

## Msunduzi neighbours quarrel over plot

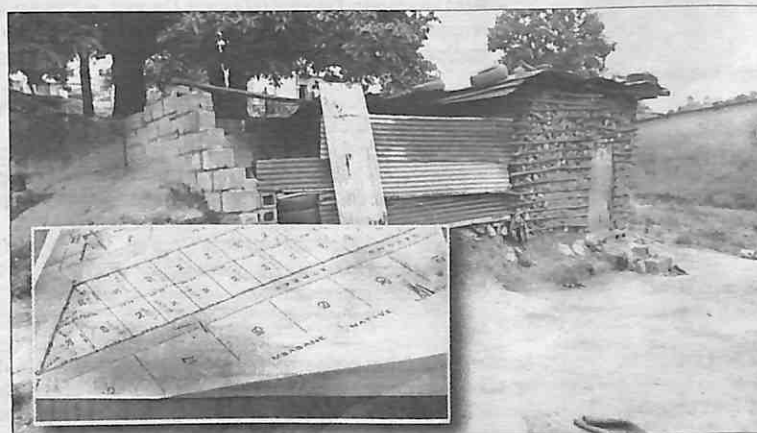
BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

Two neighbours at Msunduzi location in Mbabane are at loggerheads over the ownership of a plot, which they both claim as being the rightful owners.

The two are now relying on the High Court to assist them determine the right owner after the matter was reported to court by one of the quarrelling neighbours.

"The above honourable court is seized with the jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter because all parties to it are domiciled in the area of its jurisdiction and the cause of action equally arose in its area of jurisdiction," reads the third paragraph of the particulars of claim by Florence Bhembe, who is the plaintiff. Other residents who are also neighbours argue that the bone of contention is that the numbering of the plots is not chronological hence confusing the two.

They said plot 52 is currently, list-



The plot that Minah Simelane and Florence Bhembe are fighting for.

ed as plot 51. The same goes for other plots which are not named in chronological order in the location.

Instead of the plot numbers following in the sequence 50, 51, 52 they are numbered as 50, 52, and 51 which the residents claim was the source of the controversy between the two parties. Florence Bhembe and Minah

Simelane are neighbours who should be sharing the same fence and probably the same driveways as their plots are centimetres apart.

However, Simelane has since 2016 been uncertain of whether she will be a neighbour to Bhembe or she will remain homeless leaving a vacant plot when the matter concludes in

court.

This follows that in 2016 she received summons informing her that her new neighbour, who she believed had purchased the plot next to her homestead, turned up and claimed to have purchased the very plot she is occupying hence wanted her to vacate it.

## Encroachment

Furthermore, Bhembe wanted her to remove the "encroachment and make good land upon which it stands within two weeks" after being served with the court order.

In her particulars of claim filed in court, Bhembe accused Simelane of occupying her plot (lot 51 situated in the Msunduzi township in Mbabane as she produced a deed of sale to that effect dated January 1997.

Simelane on the other hand argues that she is not occupying the plot in question as she claims to be occupying plot number 52 and produced her father's title deed to that effect, dated September 1967.

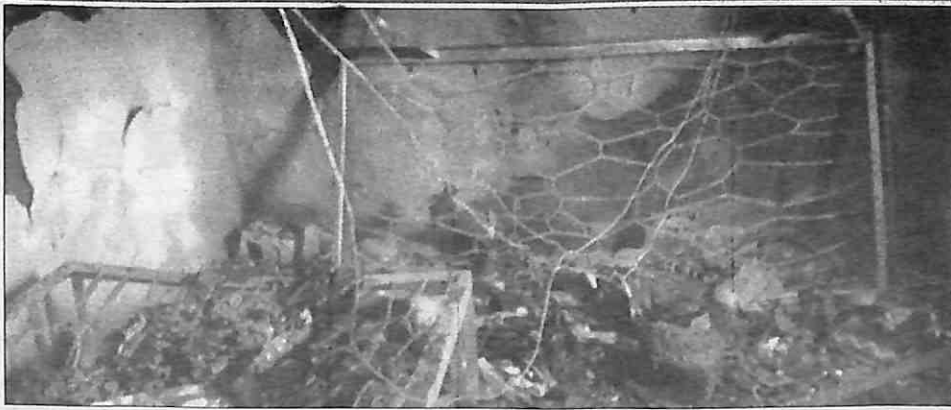
"The correct facts of this matter are that while I was growing up in occupation of the plot no 52 as set above

the said plot No 51 which is a neighbouring plot used to be owned by a certain Zeni Fakudze who transferred the same to Henry Mgcibelo Dlamini who eventually transferred same to the plaintiff, proof of the said facts are set out in annexure in the particulars of claim," reads part of the response.

Simelane further states that these facts prove that the plaintiff is a new and novice owner of plot No. 51 regarding the boundaries and the vicinity of the plots neighbouring her plot and should, in the circumstances have sought clarification from relevant professionals and from her neighbours.

"On 20 August 2016, the attorneys of record of plaintiff and defendant undertook an inspection in loco of the said properties in issue plot no 51 and 52 and made an attempt to interpret the professional aerial view diagram as well as locate the structures set out thereon and the defendant's truthfulness was confirmed when looking at the number of structures being three the layout and the shapes thereof," further reads the affidavit.





Some of the 46 homesteads that were destroyed by fires. (Courtesy pics)



## 10 PEOPLE KILLED BY FIRE IN 2018

Police have announced that over 10 deaths caused by fire disasters have been reported since the beginning of the year. Deputy Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the figures. She said these incidents were spread out in all four of the country's regions.

### The incidents are as follows:

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Mbabane (Checkers) | 1 |
| Mbabane (Msunduzi) | 1 |
| Ntandozi           | 1 |
| Mdulini            | 1 |
| Nsangwini          | 2 |
| Lomahasha          | 2 |
| Sithobelweni       | 2 |

# 46 HOMES DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 4 MONTHS

STORIES BY SAMKELISIWE KHOZA

## ...fire disasters claim 10 lives since January

The current year has been described as disastrous after 46 homesteads were destroyed by fire in four months, which claimed over 10 lives.

The number of homesteads reported to have been affected by the fire disaster was within four months of the winter season.

These figures are based on data collected by the Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society (BSRCS), the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) and Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS).

According to the statistics availed to this newspaper, over 46 homesteads were affected by fire in four months, from April 2018 to July 2018. NDMA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Russell Dlamini described 2018 as a rather disastrous year, saying what was shocking was that only 12 homesteads were reported to have been destroyed by fire during the same period in 2017.

"Only 12 homesteads were attended after being affected by fire in 2017 compared to the 46 cases reported within four months in 2018," he said. He added that the number might increase as the summer season is around the corner and most homesteads might be affected by lightning. Dlamini said out of the 59 Eswatini Tinkhundla 29 of them experienced and reported fire disasters to the NDMA, making up the 46 homesteads.

He explained that 24 of the burnt houses were beyond repair and the NDMA had the task of reconstructing them from the ground.

He said eight of the 46 were repairable and the agency was able to patch them where necessary. Dlamini further added that the cost of responding to all the fire disasters amounted

to over E990 000, which was spent by the agency. He urged Emaswati to always to be extra careful when they are around or in contact with fire.

He said the high number of reported fire disasters is an indicator that Emaswati need to be extra vigilant when it comes to fire.

Dlamini said in some of the reported fire incidents, it was not clear what really caused the fire whereas in some cases family feuds impacted. Meanwhile, Eswatini National Fire and Emergency Services Public Relations Officer, Hebert Shabangu said the reported fire cases were caused by a range of incidents including negligence amongst Emaswati.

He explained that some families would leave fire unwatched which resulted to the fire accidentally spreading to neighbouring compounds, causing damage.

He added that during the winter seasons they attended to a vast number of cases caused by exploded hand gas or *imbhawula* where some lost their lives because they left those things on. Shabangu highlighted that in some of the reported incidents, the Fire Services was unable to save the burning compounds as Eswatini has a limited number of fire stations and they were not able to reach some places in time to save the structures. He also said most Emaswati call for the fire services' assistance when they notice that the fire has become uncontrollable.

He urged Emaswati to report fire incidents the instant they occurred and avoid trying to put out the fire on their own first.

"In most cases, we always find fire incidents having already escalated because people try to put out the fire on their own.

Then when they see that the fire is spread out and uncontrollable that is when they call the Fire Services, which is wrong," he said.

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|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 17/04/2018 | Bathabile Selepe      | 1                       | Motjane     |
| 16/05/2018 | Zakhele Dlamini       | 1                       | Sgcumeni    |
| 11/06/2018 | Mandla Dlamini        | 4                       | Nkomazi     |
| 15/06/2018 | Mavi Dlamini          | 8                       | Mvutjini    |
| 18/06/2018 | Sonto Dlamini         | 2                       | Mnyamatsini |
| 22/07/2018 | Thembinkosi Mahlalela | 2                       | Lomahasha   |
| 22/07/2018 | Khetsani Kunene       | 3                       | Ekukhanyeni |

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24 July 2018

## RE: CALL FOR PPP WITH A PROPERTY DEVELOPER

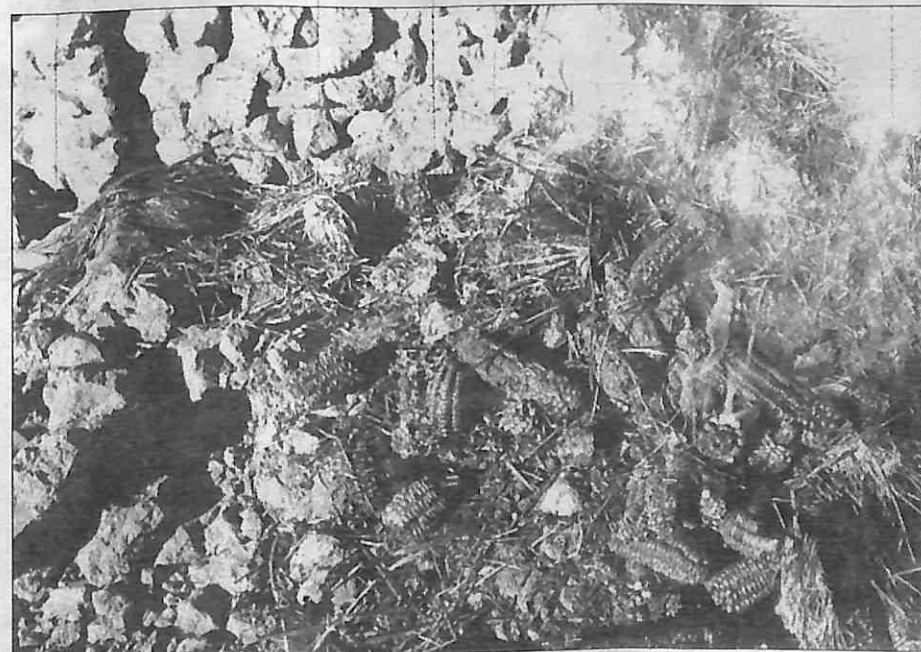
The Swaziland Association for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (SACRO) is a Government owned NGO, mandated to deal in Crime Prevention, Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Offenders. The organization also lobbies for full compliance by member states to the Mandela Rules on the treatment of people in conflict with the law.

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DIRECTOR SACRO



Some families were left without anything to eat.





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## NOTICE

In preparation for the commencement of the academic year 2018/2019, the University would like to advise students and the public of the following:

1. Admissions to Post-graduate Certificate in Education, and other Post-graduate programmes. Candidates who applied for admission to the Post-graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and other Post-Graduate programmes, and were not supplementing may, in the interest of time, collect responses to their applications from the Academic Office, Kwaluseni Campus, on **Monday 6th August 2018**.
2. Orientation of New Students.

The orientation of new students will begin on **Monday 6th August 2018**.

3. Payment of Tuition, and other Fees

The fees for any semester must be paid at registration in the following manner:

- (a) A student who is sponsored by Government and/or one or more reputable local and international organization(s) must provide written proof of sponsorship before he/she is allowed to proceed with the registration process. These sponsors will be required to pay the fees in full by **30th November 2018**.
- (b) A self-sponsored student will normally pay the tuition fees in full at registration. A student who is unable to pay full fees may be allowed to pay the tuition fees and pay the balance in tranches in the following manner:

- (i) An initial amount of the tuition fees for the first semester plus administration fees, should be paid at registration at the beginning of the first semester, as in the following schedule;

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|----------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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First semester fees must be settled before **November 30th** and second semester fees before **March 31st**

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- o Foreign fees include foreign levies as follows:
- o Foreign SADC - **E10,000.00** per annum
- o Foreign NON-SADC - **E15,000.00** per annum

Minimum registration fees include Tuition, SRC (where applicable) and Foreign Levy Fees

- (ii) The balance of the first semester fees should be settled by the **30th November 2018**.

- (iii) The first installment of the second semester fees (as in (i) above), should be settled by registration in January.

- (iv) The balance of the second semester fees should be paid by the **31st March 2019**.

- (c) Repeating students should pay the full amount for courses per semester at the beginning of the semester/registration.

### 4. Registration

- a) Registration of students will begin on **13th August, 2018** and end on **Friday, 17th August, 2018**. The schedule is available on the University website.

- b) Registration for MBA students is scheduled for **Monday 13th August 2018** to allow for their first Block-Release Session to start on **Tuesday 14th August 2018**.

### 5. Commencement of classes

Classes will commence on **Monday 20th August 2018**.

DR S.S. SIMELANE (REGISTRAR)

# SWAZI MTN 20 YEARS FASHION AND



**Inkhosikati LaNgangaza** spotting a classy dress while **Emakhosikati LaMahlangu** and **LaFogiyane** were also at their best. This was part of the class and fashion witnessed at the Swazi MTN 20th celebration at their headquarters at Mahlalekhukhwini House on Friday night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**Pelepele** delivered a splendid performance which they closed with a display of the number 20.



**Amanda Mo** belting it out.

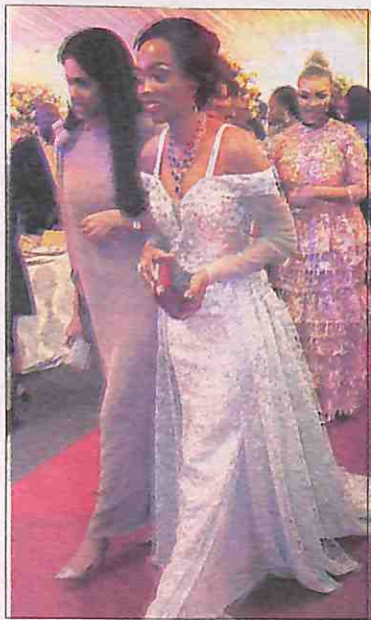


**KrTC** reciting a poem about Swazi MTN.

**Symphony** raving in a yellow outfit as she rendered her performance.



# CELEBRATION ENTERTAINMENT



Inkhosikati LaMagongo and Liphovela LaMashwama marching out in style.



Princess Sikhanyiso looking amazing.



Inkhosikati LaMotsa and Inkhosikati LaGija were also dressed up for the night.



Senani Khumalo posing for the lens.



Sharon Maziya looking stylish on the night.



Benjamin Dube made a surprise appearance at the event.



Bishop Stephen Masilela and Apostle Robert Kasaro dancing to Benjamin Dube's music.



Mdura and KrTC catching up at the event as they were among the invited artists.



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# LISWATI INVITED TO SERVE IN USA, SINGAPORE EDITORIAL BOARDS

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

Professor Zodwa Motsa-Madikane, a woman whose humble beginnings are deeply rooted in Mankayane, has been invited to serve as a member of the Editorial Board in two different countries: Singapore and the USA.

This is her latest milestone in many successful and notable undertakings in her professional career with in academia.

Motsa-Madikane currently serves as the University of South Africa (UNISA) Change Management Director and as explanation on how she was invited by the two countries says, "Both invitations have been inspired by the paper: 'When the lion tells the story' which was found in the journal: Higher Education Research & Development (2017)."

The first invitation was from PiscoMed Publishing Pte. Ltd. (Singapore), a highly reputable publishing company. She has been invited to work in the journal, titled 'Lifelong Education'. The second invitation from EnPress Publisher (USA) reads, 'We consider that this article is of high academic value. Therefore, we would like to invite you to join the Editorial Board of the Region - Educational Research and Reviews'. "From an ordinary African woman's perspective, these invitations are truly humbling. The significance of such a membership in the profile of an active scholar is prodigious," says the Manzini Nazarene High School product. She acknowledges that board mem-



Professor Zodwa Motsa-Madikane.

bership is hard-earned and that her involvement in these scholarly boards will grow her scholarship as it will expose her to the high level thinkers in diverse fields beyond her own; "I am certain that my family is very proud of this - my husband and sisters have been celebrating since I received the news. I hope my country is equally proud."

Recalling her rich curriculum vitae which steered her towards this latest success, she recalls how she previously served as the University of South Africa's Ethiopian Country Director for six years and was at

the forefront of the institution's only campus outside RSA.

"At the end of my term, the centre had graduated 166 PhDs and 325 Masters students. This project has become the prototype for teaching doctoral and masters students in the whole university. I am happy about this success." Prior to that, Motsa-Madikane cut her teeth in teaching as a junior lecturer at the University of Swaziland (English Department). She then taught at Hebron College in South Africa followed by a short stint at MEDUNSA and she has spent the longest

career time at UNISA.

She served as a senior lecturer, a head of department - she was the first African to head the English department (2006 -2011);

She currently works in the Vice Chancellor's office driving Change and Transformation; "I am responsible for the agenda of transformation of scholarship in the institution. Beyond being a full time academic, I have trained writers of siSwati both in South Africa and Eswatini, advised on language policies and I have served as the Deputy Chair of the Pan-South African Languages Board which is a Chapter 9 Institution that looks after linguistic justice."

She is also President of the Wole Soyinka Society and the founding member of the international body called Classrooms Beyond Borders where they teach students in Palestine, Nigeria, the USA and South Africa without expecting any pay.

The Fulbright scholar is an active researcher, writer, theorist, critic, interpreter, translator and teacher of English, isiZulu and siSwati; "My research interests are in Theatre of Relevance, Literature and Language in Africa, Decolonising Higher Education in Africa, siSwati Oral Lore, Leadership in Africa and teaching Masters and Doctoral students of English in the Humanities."

She was inaugurated into Full Professorship in 2010 and has more than 40 publications to her name and hundreds of books in siSwati for schools from Grade One to high school level used in the RSA; "Some of my books are prescribed locally."

## 'African Universities should impart indigenous knowledge'

Often times, the more educated one becomes, the more they tend to assimilate the perspective and beliefs of the western world.

Not so with Luhlendlweni's greatest export, Professor Zodwa Motsa-Madikane, who remains adamant that African principles need to be driven by her scholars in order to break away from the misnomers that remain as a result of the colonial agenda in education.

"It is of grave concern that our forefathers fought for independence and the preservation of our sovereignty as a people of Africa, but our universities still continue to import and perpetrate the colonial agenda in education."

She says African knowledges deserve a central location in post-colonial African universities.

The woman, who is passionate about education, calls for relevant education that hones in the skills of the people while it addresses the needs of the community as an enterprise that cannot be sustained by depending on external supply. She highlights that Africa is rich with human capital, diverse skills and many resources for everyone's upkeep.

"To correct the tendency of foreign epistemologies that perpetrate our dependency on systems which suppress Africa, universities as spaces of knowledge generation, should take the lead," she challenged, whilst calling for scholarly debates and publications to lead in the decolonising of thinking and practice to locate Africa in the centre, not in the margins of European in education.

She calls for Africans to be masters and crafters of their education system which is primarily about them. "We should make central our own languages, epistemologies and governance systems - tell our own story and grow our own timber for future generations. As they say, the story will always favour the hunter and not the prey."

## God and family keep me grounded

"My God is both my radar and anchor."

Despite all the worldly recognition, Professor Zodwa Motsa-Madikane says she believes in God who made heaven and earth.

She admits to have read all sorts of theories, even to the point of being "coerced" by her academic discipline, at times, to argue in support of theories which profess that God does not exist.

She is grounded in her faith as a believer in Jesus Christ; "It is an experience that impacted me at the age of 14 and has never waned."

She counts her different families as anchor to her success.

"I have a very close-knit Mvulane, Dlamini and Madikane nuclear family whose existence always makes me know I belong."

She recalls the attention which was accorded to her by her parents despite being part of a big family as her sounding board; "The family ethics we all lived by work in synergy to ensure that I

remain comfortable in my identity."

"Finally, I have had a solid education in my field. This ensures that I know what to conduct research on and what to teach. These are virtues which I am hopefully passing on to my children and to my students."

Professor Motsa-Madikane can recall several generations of her family on both sides and counts this knowledge as supportive in her identity and confidence.

"I am the daughter of Sokhoniwe Motsa, the son of Ndzaba Motsa, the son of the legendary Chief Mhlaba Motsa of Lushikishini. Born of the Mkhonta and Ndwadwe (LaZidze) matriarchs, my mother -- HRH Velephi Nkhosi Dlamini -- is the daughter of Mtikubola, the son of Mhuli, the son of Tfontfwane of Mbandzeni. She hails from uMphakatsi weLuhlendlweni."

She counts this genealogy as important as it grounds her and keeps her head up even if it may

not translate to anything of importance to the next person.

She was born in Mankayane and grew up in Manzini.

She completed her high school education at Manzini Nazarene, then attained her first degree at the University of Botswana and Swaziland, (majoring in English and African Languages).

She would later attain her second degree at Michigan State University (MA in English).

Thirst for more knowledge in siNtfu saw her enrol for another degree in African Languages (Linguistics and Literature) at the University of South Africa, a BA Honours, pursuing Linguistics and Literature. Her highest degree was conferred by the University of the Witwatersrand (PhD in English). Additionally, she has several certificates in management fields such as Financial Management, Project Management, Leadership in Higher Education, etc. because in the past 15 years or so she has had to work as a manager in the university domain.

## Synopsis of Professor Zodwa Motsa-Madikane's paper

"Starting with a little background to the genesis of this paper may help. I was invited by Prof Bruce Macfarlane of Southampton University in the UK to contribute the southern African perspective to the scholarly debates about the relevance of colonial education in the African universities today. My paper titled: 'When the lion tells the story: a response from South Africa' was published by Routledge: Taylor and Francis Groups.

The thesis of the paper is that the present Africa has colonial universities which are essentially universities in Africa, not African universities. The epistemologies, the curriculum, language and culture of universities in (southern) Africa are a continuation of the colonial legacy which requires urgent transformation. As I was responding to certain ideas presented with a largely "northern" lens, my paper argues that Africa had universities in the 11th century, which offered a curriculum that was good enough to attract thousands of scholars from the continent. The university in Egypt, for instance, attracted Aristotle and Pythagoras as students from Greece. But this legacy has been stolen, sub-

jugated, eradicated or overshadowed by the western colonial narrative of the origins of knowledge. It further points out that: ... what destabilised Africa's continuation of her own home-grown university curriculum was the bustle of Euro-universities across the colonies with near-zero concomitant research capacity in those institutions. These universities perpetuated an epistemological dependency on Europe and modelled the psychological reverence of Euro-American knowledge systems as the only admissible canon in Africa's universities. Because the curriculum and its protégés were focused on the Eurocentric mode, naturally, a wide chasm emerged between the African student and his/her pre-colonial knowledge system which has always been perceived as an unworthy entity, located in the 'zone of non-being', while its foreign competitor enjoyed the privileged location in the 'zone of being' (Motsa, 2017). The #FeesMustFall movement is therefore, inter alia, decrying the absence of the representation of the African epistemologies and practices within the higher education system of post-colonial African universities. This is epistemicide."



# ELDERLY GRANTS SLASHED BY E600

...DPM pleads ignorance, vows to investigate matter.

STORIES BY NOZIPHO SIBIYA AND FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

Elderly citizens are infuriated by government's inconsistency in the payment of elderly grants.

The elderly people of Eluvinkelweni alleged that they were given money short of E600 during their payday the past week.

Some of those interviewed said other senior citizens under the Hhohho region who were paid on Monday received E1 200.

However, to their shock, the elderly citizen of Eluvinkelweni only received E1 000 instead of the expected E1 600.

What angered some elderly citizens under the Hhohho region was that they had to wait for six hours in the scorching sun to collect their monthly grants of E400, only to be paid E1000 on Monday.

Not only that, they said what was more annoy-

ing was that there was not even anyone who cared to explain to them the disparities.

Apparently, the elderly people were expecting to receive E1 600, which money that covers four months.

"We only got E1 000 while we were expecting to receive E1 600," said an elderly woman of Eluvinkelweni in the Hhohho region.

## Dispersed

She said the officers only dispersed the E1 000 without even explaining anything to them.

Another senior citizen of Mpolonjeni shared the same sentiments as he said they were expecting E1 600 but were shocked to receive money that was E400 less.

"Nothing was explained to us. We just had to accept what was given to us and go home," he said. Last Monday, elderly people arrived at the designated areas to receive their monies as early as 0800 hours, only to be paid at 16:30 hours.

Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) started processing the

elderly grants for the Hhohho region at 16:30 hours.

Payments of elderly people who receive their money through the post office and manual pay were delayed due to unforeseen technical problems at the Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE).

According to an elderly, who receives her money through the post, they had to wait for hours in the scorching sun before they received their grants.

Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation Corporate Communications Manager Nqobile Magagula said unforeseen circumstances on their side caused glitches in the payment of grants and they ended up paying the elderly citizens late.

She apologised for the delay, saying they had no control of the situation, adding that they hoped such situations would be avoided in future.

She explained that the delay which occurred on Monday was caused by the shortage of money at the Central Bank of Eswatini.



DPM Paul Dlamini.

## DPM TO INVESTIGATE MATTER

Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Paul Dlamini says he was not aware that the elderly grants for the Hhohho region were slashed.

The DPM has promised to leave no stone unturned as he investigates reports that some elderly people's grants were short. He said he was not aware of the matter at the time he was contacted by this publication on Friday.

He sounded shocked when he was informed that some elderly people at Eluvinkelweni received their grants short by E600. "I haven't heard such reports, however I am going to investigate the matter," the DPM promised.

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

## Annadale Primary reported for corporal punishment

Some parents of pupils at Annadale Primary have reported the school to the ministry of education and training over meeting out of corporal punishment to pupils.

Hhohho Regional Education Officer (REO) Tamari Langwenya confirmed this in a telephonic interview with this publication on Thursday.

This was after the Annadale Primary administration had referred all questions on the matter to Langwenya.

The publication had gone to the school to inquire about reports of extreme corporal punishment practice.

However, the administration of the school said their findings on the issue were already with the REO.

Addressing the matter, Langwenya said some concerned parents had registered their complaint with her office three weeks ago.

She said after receiving the reports, she took it upon herself to summon the school administration to hear their side of the story.

"They told us that it was not true that the school was practising corporal punishment. They said they do not beat pupils," Langwenya said.

Langwenya went on to state that the initial reports of corporal punishment at Annadale did not suggest the issue was a concern.

She said the ministry had alerted the school that it was not expected to be still practising corporal punishment. She said this was because government was now endorsing positive discipline in schools in the country.

When asked if the ministry had conducted its own investigations on the reports, Langwenya said; "In terms of the investigations, it could have not



1. A billboard at the main entrance of Annadale Primary School. 2. Premises of Annadale Primary School. (Pics: Dennis Malinga).



been very intensive when the matter was reported somewhere else."

Langwenya said she summoned the school, Principal Elson Muponda, who told them that the school was not practising corporal punishment. Be that as it may, Langwenya said she emphasised to the principal that the ministry was not expecting them to be using corporal punishment.

## Issue

"We never thought it was going to be a big issue which would end up reaching the media. I am now surprised about the developments," Langwenya said.

However, Langwenya failed to come out clear on whether the ministry will initiate investigations on the matter or not.

She said this was because the ministry had addressed the issue with the school administration and said she expected them to refrain from corporal punishment if they were still

practising it.

She said the ministry does not take lightly reports of corporal punishment in private schools because they are also registered under government.

"We are saying the schools have Emaswati pupils so we won't expose them (pupils) to any harm. It is a mandate of the ministry of education and training to oversee pupils' education at any time and level," Langwenya explained.

She also did not rule out the possibility that the school administration might have given them false information on the matter.

Be that as it may, she was quick to clarify that honesty rests on an individual and they can't force someone to tell the truth.

She said the main intention of discussing the allegations of corporal punishment at the school was to warn them to stop it if they were still practising it. She promised to personally

visit the school to discuss the matter further.

Information which led to the pursuing of the matter was that there was a certain teacher in Grade Four B who was allegedly heavily beating pupils.

Concerned parents told this publication that the teacher would beat the young pupils with a stick all over the body.

## Teachers

This resulted in some of the pupils left with bruises. The name of the implicated teacher is known to this publication but will not be revealed for now.

Addressing these allegations, Langwenya said should such reports resurface even after she had warned the principal, she would not hesitate to tell parents to report the matter to the police. She said this was because the said teacher was now committing an offence of assault.

"If I were to advise the parents I would tell them to report the teacher to the

police; this is called assault," Langwenya said.

The REO promised to pursue the issue in order to ensure that such allegations are put to rest once and for all. Of note, is that the issue of corporal punishment has previously led to government being sued E2.5 million after a pupil from one of the Northern Hhohho schools was maimed by a teacher.

Organisations such as Save the Children have been at the forefront, advocating for the banning of corporal punishment in schools.

Those who exceeded the bounds of 'moderate chastisements' are arrested and charged according to the Children's Protection and Welfare Act No. 6 of 2012.

In fact, schools have been told to instil positive discipline, which some teachers still find too hard to comprehend.



## CULTURE

## SMILO AND



Nosmilo Mthethwa joined by sisters Queen, Khosi and Ndumi after a long day of dancing at the arena. This was during the second session of her wedding ceremony to Mpho Mkhanazi at Umlazi last weekend. The ceremony started with a church service at the area's Anglican church. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



Prince David appreciating the bride Smilo as she danced up a storm in front of the throngs of people present for the ceremony.



The bride starting off her duties as umakoti.



African Alliance Partner and Swazi Observer Board Chairman Sthofeni Ginindza also came through to congratulate the RA Sylvia Mthethwa and the bride.



The local delegation relaxing before refreshments were served.



The local delegation occupying the first table.



Gciniwe Fakudze and Queen Mthethwa who is the elder sister to the bride in a happy mood.



The groom appreciating his wife as she danced up a storm with the local delegation.



Prince David pictured with some members of the local delegation.



# MPHO WEDDING

**CIVIL**



**UNTIL DEATH DO US PART:** Nosmilo Mthethwa and Mpho Mkhwanazi exchanging rings during the second stage of their wedding ceremony at the groom's Anglican Church in Umlazi recently. Hundreds of locals travelled to KZN to support the Mthethwa family, the delegation included members of the Royal Family. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



The couple being united in Holy Matrimony.



The couple pictured with family and friends who attended the ceremony. Also present was former president Zuma's wife MaNgema (left).



The couple after they were declared husband and wife.



Part of the action as the couple was united by the church leadership.



A view point of the Mkhwanazi family home at Umlazi where the Mthethwa delegation presented the bride.



A section of the local delegation pictured during the service at the church. Some were affected by the incense used during services.



The local delegation following proceedings during the wedding ceremony at the Anglican Church.



Mpendulo 'Pepe' Mthethwa and his sister Ndumi in a happy mood during their sisters special day.





## 5 COMMON PROPERTY INVESTMENT MISTAKES

**W**hen it comes to property investment, there's no shortage of information available about what budding investors should do in order to ensure success.

But perhaps more important are the pitfalls to avoid so you don't become a statistic of the property game.

While many investors start out with the intention of making it big in real estate, only a handful will ever get past their first investment and even less will create real wealth by climbing to the top of the property ladder.

Here are some of the most common investment mistakes so you can avoid them.

### BEING OVERLY EMOTIONAL

When it comes to investing, letting your heart rule your buying decision is a common trap to be avoided at all costs. Allowing your emotions to cloud your judgement means you are more likely to over-capitalise on your purchase, rather than negotiating the best possible price and outcome for your investment goals.

Beginning property investors should always buy property based on analytical research. Will it provide the gains and returns you require? It is in the best location to attract quality tenants?

Will it appeal to the owner occu-



pier market that sustains property prices in the long term? By answering these questions, rather than buying a house because you loved the curtains or thought it would make a good holiday retreat, you're thinking based on financial gain rather than personal feelings. At the end of the day, investing is all about the economics, not the emotions.

### LACK OF PLANNING

The key aim of most beginning property investors is to build a lucrative property portfolio. However doing so without a plan of attack is like setting out on a road trip without a map: you'll inevitably

take a wrong turn and end up lost. Successful wealth creation through real estate requires you to set goals, determining where you want to end up, and then devising a cohesive plan to get there.

You need to focus on both the short and long term and ensure your investment decisions gel with your overall strategy. Work out what you want to achieve with regard to income – are you chasing short term yields or long term capital growth – and how you can best manage your cash-flow as a smart investor.

What type of property do you need to buy in order to meet your income goals? With a carefully

thought through outline of your investment journey, you will end up exactly where you want to be. So plan your action and then action your plan.

### BEING OVERLY CAUTIOUS

Two of the most common traits of budding real estate investors who never make it beyond their first property, are either acting too impulsively or being overly cautious and never acting at all.

While the former can sometimes learn from their mistakes and make a success of their investment endeavours, the latter will never overcome their fears. The best you can do is find a happy medium: learn as

much as possible to make you comfortable with your investment decisions, but don't think you can ever know it all before you begin. You will always have something else to learn and the best way to gain knowledge is to immerse yourself in the game itself.

### POOR CASH-FLOW MANAGEMENT

It's easy to fall into the trap of poor cash-flow management as a beginning property investor. Understanding all of the costs involved in acquiring and holding property can be difficult and you should always seek the advice of a professional accountant who knows about real estate investment to ensure you know exactly what you're getting into financially.

You also need to make sure that you can afford to hold onto any property you buy. In other words, how much income will your investment(s) generate and will it be enough to cover your outgoings? If not, can you manage any shortfall? Don't forget to account for any contingencies, such as extended vacancy periods or unexpected maintenance costs.

A good rule of thumb is to allow about 10 per cent of the property's value for costs such as rates, land taxes, insurance, maintenance and management fees.

It's great to dream about the riches you can make from real estate, but it's critical to enter into property investment with your eyes wide open when it comes to all the out of pocket expenses you'll incur along the way. Examine each potential investment analytically and ensure you make adequate allowances. By underestimating your income and overestimating your expenses you're more likely to avoid any nasty surprises.

### BEING LESS THAN THOROUGH

So you've found the right property and you're ready to make a move. Have you really done every little bit of research into the investment? Do you know why the vendor is selling?

Knowing the vendor's motivation can make a big difference when it comes to negotiating a good price. During the initial inspection, look for clues as to the vendor's personal situation; are they going through a divorce, is it an estate sale? While it might sound a little callous, this gives you an opportunity to buy a bargain, as well as giving the seller a chance to move on with their lives.

Have you had the relevant inspections done to uncover any structural defects or signs of pest infestations, like ants coming up through a cracked foundation?

While you won't be living here, someone else will, and they'll be paying you to do so, so you also need to look at the property from a tenant's perspective. Is it livable and convenient? Ask yourself, is the floor plan appealing and will the property provide a comfortable, practical home?

Always do a second and third inspection at different times of the day. Is it noisy during peak hour?

How does the light work at different times? Are the neighbours party animals or quiet? Is there violence in the streets during certain hours? How often does public transport pass by? Ticking all of the right boxes when you inspect a property will ensure you buy the best possible investment every time.



## MAKE A RUG FROM UPHOLSTERY FABRIC

A great way to decorate any room in your house, this is a simple projects that can be done in half a day.

You'll need:

- iron
- sewing machine
- scissors/rotary blade
- ironing board
- heavy-duty needle (18/110)
- coordinating thread

### Directions

**Step 1:** Lay the no-slip rug pad on the floor. Press it flat to remove all creases. Lay the cotton batting on top of the rug pad, also pressing out any creases or folds. Then lay the fabric right-side up on top of those two layers, making sure it is nice and flat as well. Cut off any excess



around all four sides so that all three layers are the exact same size.

**Step 2:** Pin the three layers in place in various spots around the rug. Make sure the three layers stick together and do not shift. You should now have a nice large three-layer rectangle or square, pinned all around the edges and center.

**Step 3:** From the outer edge fab-

ric, cut four 4" strips of fabric from selva to selva (width of fabric). You may need to cut more strips if your rug is larger than the width of your fabric and sew the strips together. Iron the strips as if you were making your own homemade bias tape. Fold each strip in half wrong-sides together, straight down the middle and iron to create a crease. Open

up the fold and then fold in the outer edges 1/4" towards the wrong side and press flat. Repeat for all four strips. Fold the strip in half again, enclosing the 1/4" edge folds in the center, and press. Repeat for all four strips. Now you're ready to bind your rug.

**Step 4:** Unfold one strip and place it right-side down (with the folds facing up) along the edge of one side of your rug. Keep the edge of your binding about 1-1/2" away from the edge of your rug, and pin along the 1/4" folded line. Do this for only ONE side of the rug.

**Step 5:** Sew the binding in place using a heavy-duty needle. Sew directly on the 1/4" fold line so you won't see the stitches when the binding is folded back over. Remove the pins as you sew. Fold the binding

over the raw edge of the rug, enclosing the side of the fabric. The center fold of the binding should be the outer edge of the rug. Pin in place. Sew directly on top of the binding to secure in place. You can also hand sew the bottom binding in place with a whipstitch if you do not want to see a stitched line along the top.

**Step 6:** To work on the adjacent edge, place the binding along the edge as you did the first time, but allow a few inches to hang off of each end.

Fold the excess fabric over the corner towards the back of the rug and pin in place. It should look something like this. Sew the binding onto the rug as you did for the previous sides. If your rug has some wrinkles in it, use an iron on a low-setting to carefully get them out. Just make sure to press gently, and not let the iron linger because you do not want to melt the no-slip rug pad underneath.

## QUESADILLA FILLINGS TO DIE FOR

Take your home made flour tortillas up a notch by turning them into delicious quesadillas. A quesadilla (pronounced "kay-sa-dee-ya") is a traditional Mexican meal of two tortillas stuffed with cheese and a meaty filling, then toasted.

You can make them sweet or savoury, it's really up to you and the extent of your imagination. Make a large batch of tortillas and freeze them in batches of 12 for a quick and easy weeknight dinner. To make the quesadillas, defrost the tortillas in the fridge overnight or during the day while you're at work. Prepare the fillings, lay one tortilla down and spoon the filling on top, cover with another tortilla and grill or toast for a few minutes on each side, until golden brown. You can dry toast the quesadilla or use butter to coat the pan for a little crunch.

### Pizza

Is there anything better than combining our two favorite cuisines: Italian and Mexican? We think not, and these quesadillas, which are stuffed with ground beef, tomato sauce, pizza sauce, pepperoni, and shredded cheese, prove it. This recipe serves four and is completely customizable; just choose the pizza toppings of your choice, pack them in fresh tortillas, heat up your skillet, and go. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, brown 500g mince until cooked and crumbly. Once cooked through, stir in 1 cup of pizza sauce and 1/2 cup tomato sauce. Heat through for about 3 or 4 minutes. Next, preheat your indoor griddle or a second big skillet to medium-high heat. Spray lightly with cooking spray and then lay out your six tortillas on the counter. Spread the mince down across the bottom half of each tortilla. Add sliced pepperoni, one and a half cups shredded cheese and basil to each one. Fold the top part down to cover the bottom portion. Place each quesadilla in your skillet one at a time and brown on both sides. Remove once browned up and slice in half. Repeat with your other tortillas.

### Three Cheese

Meat-free never tasted so good. This recipe for three cheese quesadillas with garlic butter calls for only six ingredients. Regardless of whether you serve these as an appetiser or a main meal, just make sure you make them and save one for yourself; they'll go fast. In a small pot, bring two cups water to a boil over high heat. Add the garlic cloves and cook until soft, about five minutes. Drain the garlic, let it cool slightly, peel, and put it in a small bowl. With a fork, mash the garlic to a coarse paste and then add the butter and mix well. In a medium bowl, combine 2 cups cheese of your choice. I like to use white cheddar, mozzarella and feta. Spread the garlic butter on one side of each tortilla and set the tortillas on a work surface, buttered side down. Distribute the cheese mixture among the tortillas, covering only half of each and leaving a 1-inch margin at the edge. Fold the tortillas in half to enclose the filling, creating a half-moon.

In a 10- or 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat, cook two of the quesadillas, covered, until golden brown, about four minutes. Uncover and flip the quesadillas. Cook until the second side is golden brown and the cheese has melted completely, about two minutes.



## RAVIOLI

Ravioli | Serves 6

Prep time: 2 hrs Cook time: 10 mins

### Ingredients

- 6 to 6-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 large eggs
- 3/4 cup water
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- For the sauce:
- 1 can crushed tomatoes
- 1-1/2 cups tomato puree
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/3 cup tomato paste
- 3 tbs sugar
- 2 tbs minced fresh basil
- 1 tbs minced fresh parsley
- 1 tbs minced fresh oregano
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper

### Tools

- Large, heavy bottomed pot
- Pasta machine or rolling pin
- Large, clean surface for kneading
- Large bowl

### Colander

### Directions

#### Step 1

In a medium sized bowl, combine the flour and salt. Make a well in the flour and add the egg, then mix to combine until it forms a stiff dough. If needed, stir in one to two tablespoons of cold water. Turn onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes, adding remaining flour if necessary to keep dough from sticking. Cover and let rest for 30 minutes.

#### Step 2

While your pasta rests, combine the sauce ingredients in your large pot. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to the lowest setting. Cover and simmer for one hour, stirring occasionally. In a large bowl, combine the filling ingredients. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

#### Step 3

Divide pasta dough into quarters. Roll one portion to 1/16-inch thickness and keep the rest of the pasta covered until ready to use.



Working quickly, place rounded teaspoonfuls of filling one inch apart over half of the first pasta sheet. Brush around each teaspoon of filling with water to moisten. Fold the sheet over and press down to seal.

Cut into squares with a pastry wheel or sharp knife, and then repeat with the remaining dough and filling.

#### Step 4

Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil, and then add the ravioli. Reduce heat to a gentle simmer and cook for two minutes or until the ravioli float to the top and are tender. Drain with a colander and spoon sauce over the ravioli before serving.

## HOMEMADE FLOUR TORTILLAS

This recipe has been a long time coming, years actually. I've been trying out recipes for homemade flour tortillas for what seems like forever, but I've never been thrilled with any of them.

Most have turned out too dry, too sticky, too crisp, too bland, too soggy, too complicated. I even started to think maybe the problem was with me.

Then I came across this recipe on a blog and wow, the results were amazing. I made a small test batch of these tortillas and immediately regretted having made so few. The next morning, I used the last two to make a delicious creamed spinach quesadilla for breakfast. These tortillas are tender, soft and flavorful. Because they keep well, they can be made in advance and warmed in the microwave or on the stovetop, just before serving. Store them in an airtight container or zippered

bag at room temperature for 24 hours or refrigerate for up to one week. To freeze, separate the tortillas with parchment or waxed paper and place in a zippered bag before placing in the freezer for up to three months.

Flour tortillas | Makes 12

Prep time: 20 mins Cook time: 40 mins

### Ingredients

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup warm water

### Tools

- Large bowl
- Clean cloth
- Large, clean surface for kneading

### Rolling pin

### Frying pan

### Directions

#### Step 1

Combine the flour, salt and bak-

ing powder in a large bowl. Using your wooden spoon, mix all the dry ingredients until well combined. Add oil and water while stirring and continue to mix until the dough is smooth.

#### Step 2

Transfer your dough to a well-floured work surface and divide into 16 equal portions. Turn each piece to coat with flour. Form each piece into a ball and flatten with the palm of your hand. Cover flattened balls of dough with a clean kitchen towel and allow to rest for at least 15 minutes (or as much as 2 hours) before proceeding.

#### Step 3

After the rest period, heat a large pan over medium heat. Roll each dough piece into a rough circle, about 6 to 7 inches in diameter, keeping your work surface and rolling pin lightly floured. Don't stack uncooked tortillas on top of each other or they will get soggy.



## BRIEFS

## Brazil's Lula launches presidential candidacy from behind bars

**BRAZIL** - Even behind bars, Brazil's Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva yesterday will secured his leftist party's nomination Saturday and continue to overshadow more likely candidates in the country's most unpredictable presidential election for decades. Yesterday saw three big party conventions, two months before the first round of voting on October 7 in Latin America's dominant economy. Center-left environmental campaigner Marina Silva will get the nomination of her Rede party in Brasilia. Also in the capital, former Sao Paulo governor and establishment heavyweight Geraldo Alckmin will secure the nod from the center-right Brazilian Social Democratic Party, or PSDB. But while both Silva and Alckmin are serious contenders in a battle against controversial right-winger Jair Bolsonaro, it's the third convention taking place in Sao Paulo that will suck up much of the attention. *Reuters*

## Trump hits back at LeBron James over racial division comments

**WASHINGTON** - US President Donald Trump sniped back at NBA great LeBron James late Friday, days after the basketball player and philanthropist accused him of fueling racial divides in the United States. "Lebron James was just interviewed by the dumbest man on television, (CNN presenter) Don Lemon. He made Lebron look smart, which isn't easy to do," the president tweeted of the Los Angeles Lakers player. In an interview on Tuesday - also broadcast late Friday - James told CNN he believed Trump "is kind of trying to divide us." "He's kind of used sport to... divide us and that's something I can't relate to because I know that sport was the first time I ever was around someone white. You know?" said James, who on Monday opened an elementary school for at-risk youth in his native Akron, Ohio. *AFP*

## Mali president urges big turnout in run-off vote

**BAMAKO** - President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita on Friday urged Malians who voted for him to turn out for a second round next week while his run-off opponent Soumaila Cisse called on parties to forge a 'broad democratic front' against the incumbent. Keita won 41.42 per cent of votes in the first round of voting in the sprawling, landlocked African nation, easily ahead of Cisse with 17.8 per cent. The second round will be held on August 12. The first round, held on July 29, was marred by sporadic violence and threats from armed groups that led to several hundred polling stations being closed, mainly in the lawless central region. "You proved all the naysayers wrong," Keita told crowds of rapturous supporters in Bamako. He urged followers to "up this momentum and confirm the choice of peace and progress". *AFP*

## Eleven found dead in Mexico border ahead of president-elect's visit

**CIUDAD JUAREZ** - Eleven bodies were discovered on Friday in a Mexican town close to the US border, days before president-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is due to visit for a series of forums seeking to stem the violence in the country. The bodies of eight men and three women were found in a home in Ciudad Juarez, the government of the northern state of Chihuahua said in a statement. It said the people were victims of homicide. The incident may be related to clashes between criminal groups, the government added. The prosecutor's office is investigating the killings and identities of the victims. Ciudad Juarez was for many years one of Mexico's most violent cities, drawing comparisons to a war zone. *Reuters*



## SUNDAYOBSERVER WORLD NEWS

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**P**YONGYANG - North Korea has pressed ahead with its nuclear and missile programmes and continues to evade UN sanctions through increased illegal ship-to-ship transfers of oil products at sea, a UN report said Friday. In a 62-page report sent to the Security Council, the UN panel of experts also listed violations of a ban on North Korean exports of coal, iron, seafood and other products that generate millions of dollars in revenue for Kim Jong Un's regime. Pyongyang "has not stopped its nuclear and missile programmes and continued to defy Security Council resolutions through a massive increase in illicit ship-to-ship transfers of petroleum products, as well as through transfers of

coal at sea during 2018," said the report, seen by AFP. The transfer of petroleum products to North Korean tankers at sea remains "a primary method of sanctions evasion" involving 40 vessels and 130 associated companies, it added.

The violations have rendered the latest batch of sanctions 'ineffective' by flouting the cap on oil, fuel and coal imposed in a raft of UN resolutions adopted last year, it added.

At a historic June summit with US President Donald Trump, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un signed up to a vague commitment of "denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula" in the hope of getting UN and US sanctions relief.

*Reuters*

## Zimbabwe President Mnangagwa calls for unity as opposition cries foul

**H**ARARE - Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa has called for unity in the wake of allegations his election victory was tainted by fraud, hailing the vote as a fresh start for the country after the repressive rule of Robert Mugabe.

As defeated opposition leader Nelson Chamisa decried the official results as a sham, Mnangagwa, a former Mugabe ally, defended the vote.

"With the eyes of the world on us we delivered a free, fair and credible election," Mnangagwa told reporters on Friday. He added that while "no democratic process is flawless", Zimbabwe's first post-Mugabe election was a far cry from the fraudulent polls seen during Mugabe's 37 years in power. His plea for unity came after allegations of foul play sparked a deadly crackdown on protesters in Harare on Wednesday when troops opened fire, killing six. Mnangagwa, who is seeking to end Zimbabwe's international isolation and attract badly needed foreign investment, said he would set up an independent commission to investigate the bloodshed. The United States on Friday said the election was marred by violence in the



Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

aftermath of the vote and called on the winner to show 'magnanimity' and the opposition to show 'graciousness in defeat'. Final results showed Mnangagwa won 50.8 per cent of Monday's vote against Chamisa's 44.3 per cent - a knife-edge 0.8 per cent above the threshold needed to avoid a run-off. *News24*

## Chamisa calls for SADC meeting over election result

**H**ARARE - Zimbabwe's opposition leader Nelson Chamisa has called on President Cyril Ramaphosa to intervene in the post-election situation.

He has also called an urgent meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) heads of state.

Chamisa announced on Friday that his party will follow all legal and constitutional routes to challenge the election results that confirmed Emmerson Mnangagwa as president.

"There is no way there can be a legitimate government in Zimbabwe."

The Zimbabwean Electoral Commission announced that Mnangagwa received 50.8 per cent while Chamisa scored 44.3 per cent.

Chamisa has made it clear his party and supporters don't recognise Mnangagwa as president. "We want to give him our perspective and request him to intervene. This situation is so serious. You know Zimbabwe has not known peace."

Chamisa insist Zimbabweans have voted for him overwhelmingly.

"To the people of Zimbabwe, wait for your moment. The celebration is coming."

*eNCA*

## Tariff threat against US justified - China

**S**INGAPORE - China's foreign minister said yesterday that his country's threat to impose retaliatory tariffs on \$60-billion (R800-billion) of American goods in an escalating trade spat was 'fully justified'.

Beijing threatened Friday to bring in the levies on products ranging from beef to condoms after US President Donald Trump's administration upped the ante in its plans for additional tariffs on Chinese goods worth \$200-billion.

Washington suggested the rate on the proposed extra tariffs could be increased from 10 to 25 per cent.

The two countries have been embroiled for months in a trade conflict that has threatened to hurt consumers in both countries.

Washington claims that China's export economy benefits from unfair policies and subsidies, as well as theft of American technological know-how. Speaking on the sidelines of a security forum in Singapore, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said China's threat of retaliatory tariffs was "fully justified and necessary".

"These are measures taken out of consideration for upholding the interests of the Chinese people," he said, speaking through a translator.

He said the move was also aimed at upholding the "global free trade regime" that was underpinned by the World Trade Organisation.

*Reuters*

## US calls for release of all Zim's poll data

**W**ASHINGTON - The chair of the subcommittee on African affairs wants full transparency.

United States Arizona Senator Jeff Flake on Friday night called on the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) to stand by its word on transparency and release all polling data.

Flake said in order to instill confidence in the July 30, election results, ZEC must make good on its commitment to release comprehensive polling data in a transparent manner that includes results from each polling station signed off by party agents who were present for the casting of ballots and the tabulation of results.

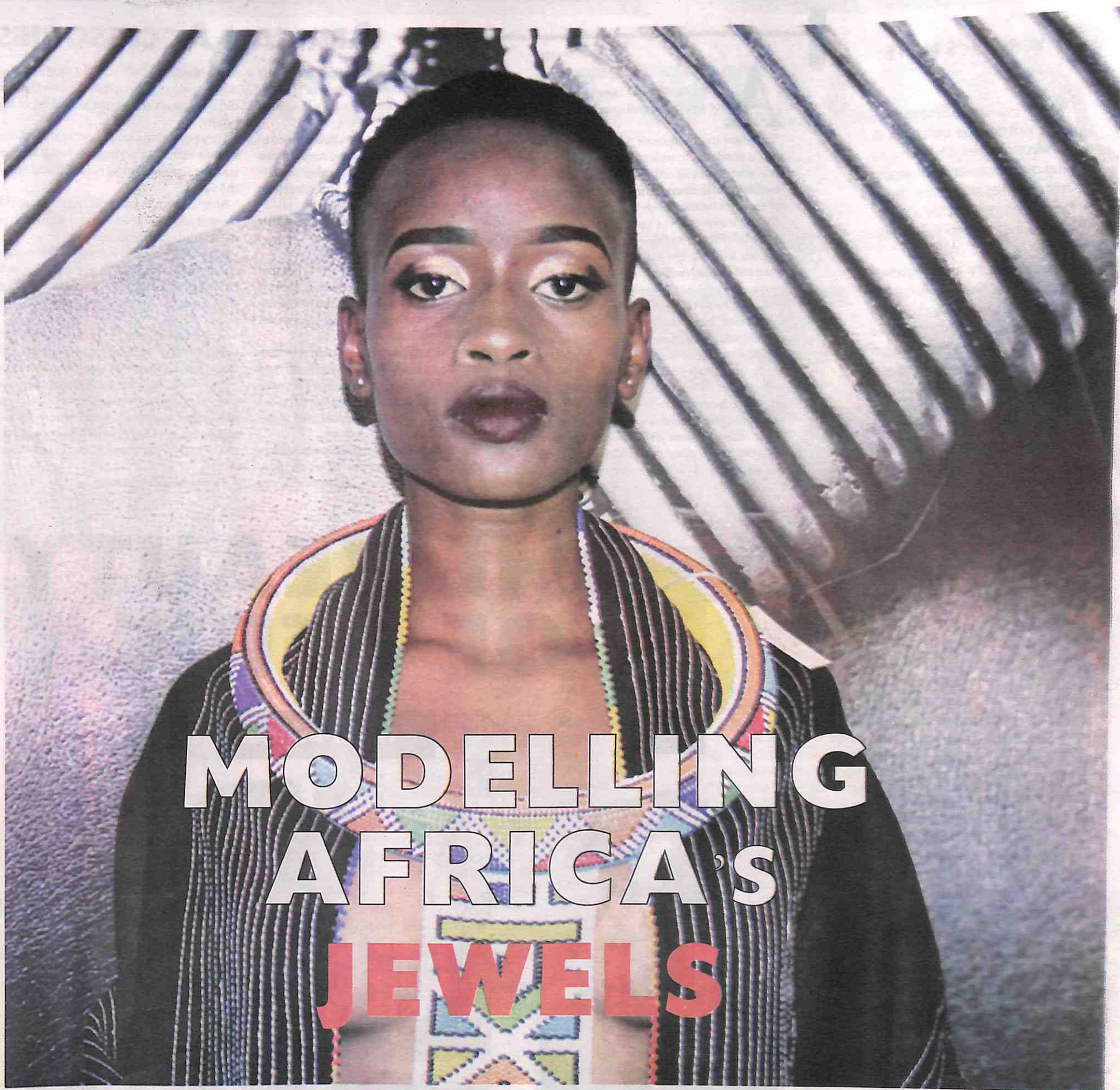
"Challenges to the results must be pursued through legal channels," he said.

Flake, who is also chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Sub-committee on African Affairs, also said the post-election violence in Zimbabwe rekindled the memories of the oppressive days of former president Robert Mugabe.

"The use of the Zimbabwean military to respond to political protests, or the use of the police force to disrupt press conferences, does not signal a new era. Rather, it echoes a dreadful past," he said. "After decades of misrule by Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe deserves to have a government worthy of its people." Flake was in Zimbabwe to observe the elections and said that on July 30, citizens walked for miles for the chance to cast a vote that mattered. "During my visit to nearly a dozen polling stations scattered throughout rural Zimbabwe... I saw representatives of Zanu-PF and MDC-Alliance sitting together, chatting amicably and helping each other keep proper tallies," he said.

He emphasised that the recently held elections presented Zimbabwe with an opportunity to break from the past. *African News Agency*





# MODELLING AFRICA'S JEWELS

"For Africa to me, is more than a glamorous fact. It is a historical truth. No man can know where he is going unless he knows exactly where he has been and exactly how he arrived at his present place." **Maya Angelou**

**S**undayObserver  
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THE ACCESSORIES ISSUE



## WRITER'S NOTE:

Africa is the home to numerous cultures & societies that have evolved over thousands of years: the accessories made by these women are inspired by almost every culture you can find in the continent.

African jewellery as it's known in most parts of the world is known for its brightness, colour and unique beauty. Various societies all over Africa bring their unique designs into the making of their necklaces, earrings, pendants, bracelets and much more.

This week SCENE celebrates Africa, and also women who work hard to uphold our original look. SCENE sets out to change the idea of wearing modern jewellery all the time. Don't get me wrong metallic accessories are beautiful, but it is time we start wearing our African accessories.

Most people think they are made for specific people but actually there are pieces for everyone.

This week we look at the origins of African accessories, we discuss the first ever accessory made and what they were made of.

We continue to discuss how accessories highlight the beauty of Africa. We continue to discuss some interesting facts about African jewellery.

On pages 4-5 we speak to two beautiful and talented women who make these accessories. Velaphi Mahlobo who started making these accessories for herself said it gives her joy making African inspired accessories. She was taught by Ngabi-Maphanga who we also spoke to.

Ngabi has been making these for the past 20 years; She says she is proud to have been making this for such a long time. She said she is making a living out of selling these products and has also taught a number of people how to make them.

Read through to learn how she started and how she keeps her accessories relevant. We also visited a store at Mbabane Mall called 'Creative Ideas'. The shop celebrates true African fashion. With a number of African inspired accessories; the shop sells beautiful pieces for both males and females. SCENE would also love to thank Nobuhle Maseko for the beautiful face-beat. I hope you read and enjoy this issue and more importantly I hope you get inspired to wear your African accessories and attires with pride.

Till next week

Enjoy

African jewellery is known for its quality and beauty all over the world.

There are many types of African jewellery's such as pendants, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, and other types of tribal African jewellery. Jewellery made from Africa can be great gifts for men, for women even for children.

We all know that the continent of Africa is the birth place of human and mankind civilization. It is also the place where people first wore and made jewellery.

Did you know that in Kenya more than 40,000 years prior, beads were produced using distinctive materials and more often than not wood and diverse stones were the principle materials. As time proceeded African skilled workers enhanced and built up their adornments making procedures and today those results to the most beautiful jewellery in the world.

The oldest African jewellery was discovered in 2004, in the place called Blombos cave on the southern tip of South Africa. Those jew-

ellery are estimated at being over 75 500 years old and most of them are pea-sized or mollusk shell beads that had been pierced a long time ago.

Throughout history Africans have tended to develop their work and they have started to use different organic materials and other materials that were readily available and suitable in their region to create their jewellery.

Africans use different materials to make their products.

### Nature

First they started with those materials that they used to find in nature and then as the time moved they started to make different combinations and today they use almost every material for their jewellery.

It is very interesting to know that jewellery may indicate an individual's power, wealth and of course their standing in the society. The materials that Africans use today range from sea shells, beads to gold and silver and even materials that is used to make clothing.

Some materials to make handmade African jewellery include amber, carved stone, glass, wood, paper, wood, ivory, animal hair, egg

shells, bone, sea shells and a lot of other things. A long time ago African people have cherished different beads and appreciated a lot of their beauty.

They have always made beautiful jewellery of various materials, perforated, beads are small and often rounded small objects found around the world.

African beads in particular have become element of African adornment and are widely used in African regalia and clothing.

Beads and handmade jewellery have played an important role in Africans lives and in the court life of African kingdoms, being valued sometimes as currency and sometimes as an artistic creation.

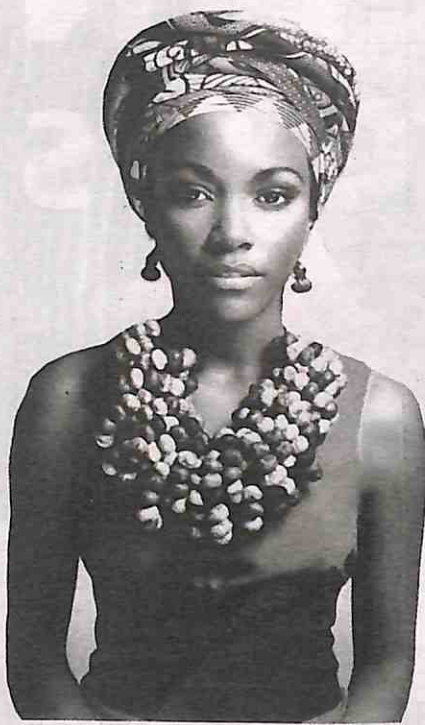
The materials used to make those African products have varied over time, and include stone, clay, paper, metal, wood, shells and glass.

Handmade African Beads have often been complemented and enhanced with other beads like, brilliantly white cowry. Those beads have also served as source of embellishment and currency and have been widely traded around Africa.

By Nokwanda Sibandze

# THE BEAUTY OF AFRICA

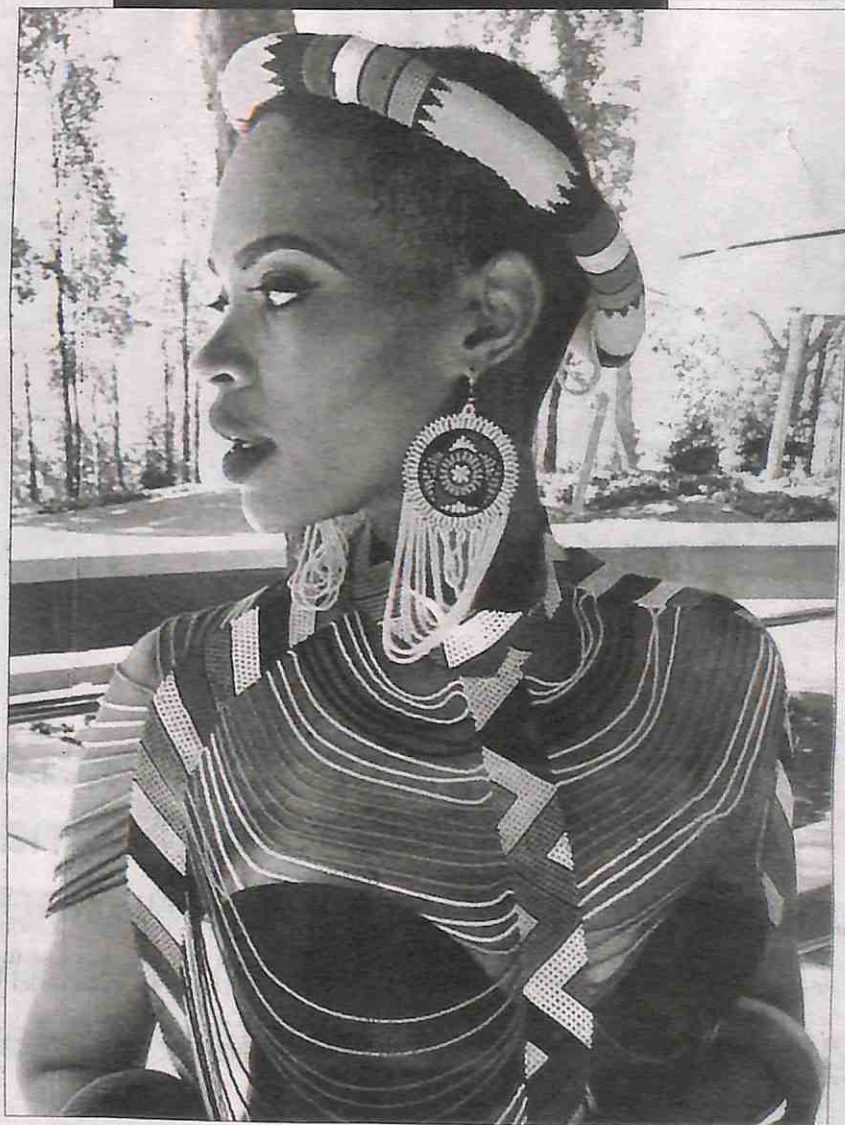
## TRIBAL AFRICAN JEWELRY



African Jewellery takes many forms and has a number of functions besides bodily adornment.

It can be storage of wealth; amassing gold or precious metals or stones in bracelets and amulets; or it can be a symbol of prestige and power reflecting status in society. It can also simply be a decorative item used to hold hair back.

African jewelry is seldom just ornamental; religion, rituals and ceremonies play a large part. Found objects are often included and can carry personal and symbolic meanings for the wearer.



Jewelry is worn by men, women and children, in some cases from a very early age and may be replaced at a certain age or status

event like puberty, reaching manhood or marriage.

African jewelry has customarily been cre-



# AFRICAN JEWELLERY



## INTERESTING FACT ABOUT AFRICAN JEWELRY

**A**rcheologists have found beaded necklaces and beads buried with chiefs and kings in ancient African graves.

Wearing and most important owning and old African jewellery or bead is believed to provide wisdom, hope, luck and well-being to its owner.

### ECONOMICAL AND TRADITIONAL AFRICAN JEWELLERY

You can see a huge selection of African necklaces, African earrings and African bracelets, for you to own and wear. You will be able to wear together an African jewellery set for every day style! Almost all of African products are handmade, so you're sure to get something special and unique. Today, it is so easy to find African products because almost every online shop has something from famous African culture.

Throughout African societies across history, the type and level of jewellery worn represent the wealth in the wearer. Rulers and chiefs using some parts of Africa wore different beads using their company subjects to distinguish themselves since the ruler or chief. In Africa art of jewellery making was encouraged to show that the rulers had a prosperous kingdom. Definitely jewellery is important part for Africans. In some elements of Africa, a person's wealth is measured by the number of livestock he owns. As soon as livestock is killed regarding food, every part in the animal is used. So the bones usually are crafted into jewellery for them to be used for a thing. They believe that if a person is wearing many bits of bone jewellery, he may be pretty wealthy and lucky.

### AFRICAN JEWELLERY MAY HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TYPE OF JEWELLERY

Historians have found the first signs of



jewellery ever being worn in Africa, almost 75,000 years ago. Shell jewellery found at Blombos Cave, Cape Town, was made from sea snails, whilst jewellery made from ostrich eggs has also been found, dating back around 40,000 years.

Many types of jewellery have meanings. Rather than just being a part of African fashion, jewellery has different meanings, especially African beads, which come in a wide variety of colors. Different colours mean different things, relating to things like social status and wealth.

Red beads are used for tribal festivals, celebrations and rites of passage; black beads symbolize age and knowledge; yellow beads are used to identify a person who is of a high rank; and gold is for a long life. Bone jewellery also identifies a person's social status, as each piece is created from an animal that has been killed for food. A person with a lot of bone jewellery can be considered wealthy.

### AFRICAN JEWELLERY CAN BE MADE FROM ALMOST ANYTHING

When it comes to creating jewellery, Africans will use everything they have access to. For this reason, African jewellery can be made out of a wide variety of materials, from bone and shells to animal teeth and hair. Some jewellery will be made out of just one material, whilst others will combine a number of them for a really interesting and eclectic look (LALIBELA).

Africa craftsman continue to produce beautiful traditional bead work unique to their region or tribe. Often this is for sale to tourist and through online websites. There is also a lot of African inspired jewellery produced that is often unique and stunning. Producing and selling beads has been a major source of income for many of the tribal people of Africa.

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ated from organic materials like hide, porcupine quill, bone, animal teeth, animal hair, seeds, nuts, husks, sea and land shells, egg shell, wood, ivory and carved stone.

Africans are very creative as they use also ostrich shells to make other types of jewels. Ostrich bone is one of the oldest forms of material used; and nowadays it is also used for making jewellery.

Cowrie shells have an ancient history in Africa and are prized for their durability and their shape symbolizing female fertility.

Tribal African jewelry is dependent upon three things: What is available locally, what has been traded and bartered for over the centuries and what the customs and traditions are in the different cultures.

Beaded African jewelry can give out as much information as is written or spoken, it has its own language and much can be derived about history, culture and status. In southern and eastern Africa, most inhabitants can wear beaded refinement but in Yoruba culture it is confined to rulers and in the Cameroon, beads are an expression of privilege.

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The Kenyan bride, at left, is in traditional beaded adornment including aluminium 'birds' to attract sunlight and therefore the attention of her groom.

Bead culture, hugely and enthusiastically adopted by many tribes, is a relatively new one in Africa. The earliest known Maasai and Samburu items are dated around 1850; large red beads that were taken back to Holland.

With the introduction of small, colourful glass beads from Italy and other parts of Europe, a whole mythology built up around the beads with colours and band or block patterns playing a significant role. Neckbands became the primary piece of African jewelry for men and women.

African gemstone jewellery is surprisingly

less popular for using its precious stones that its earth is so rich with, as it is for its semi-precious stones of which there are vast resources of. Stones used by African artisans include turquoise, lapis lazuli, sapphires, emeralds and rubies as well as topaz, amethyst, rose quartz and moonstone.

Diamonds are culturally seen as devoid of colour and were not traditionally favoured by the indigenous people of Africa.

African jewelry is interpreted in many ways in the contemporary fashion world. Black models are very in vogue and tribal adornment embellishes and enhances many necks and bodies of all races.

Today jewelry manufacture has become an art form and a way to express one's personal-

ity, a form of individual expression.

Since 'jewelry' is derived from a Latin word 'jocale' which means 'plaything' we can see that historically it has been used as a form of adornment that gives pleasure and status to its wearer.

With access to beautiful stones, precious metals and other unusual material source like fossils and ebonised wood, there has been an explosion of phenomenal design in the jewellery world.

Creativity is at an all time high.

Piece - this is a collection that pays tribute to the creative power of the African people and how the use and trade of beads has been so significant in Africa's history and culture. Designed in collaboration with Beauty Maswanganyi, master beader, the collection seeks to reflect the contribution of San bushmen with their ostrich shell beads, the African blacksmith who made cast bronze beads, the Mozambican precious natural resources with hand carved timber beads, West African communities who used cowrie shells as currency.

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# NOTHING COULD MAKE ME FEEL MORE AFRICAN - NOTSILE

After finding these beautifully crafted necklaces and earrings, we had to find someone who would model them in a way that would highlight their beauty.

We needed a young person, first to show their interest in the African culture and secondly, to motivate other young people that you can still look cool in your own culture.

SCENE found the perfect person Notsile Sibandze who is an aspiring model who loves culture and African inspired attires.

She said she also keeps her hair short because she still wants to highlight her natural African beauty. Notsile is also former Miss Teen Eswatini 2017 finalist.

While modelling these accessories, Notsile spoke to us about how she felt about the pieces.

According to Notsile, besides the fact that wearing those accessories made a huge impact in her life in terms of making her feel like an actual model, it's what she wants to do. She says these accessories represent what type of person that she is, a true African. "I want to show the true sense of African beauty, how women long ago wore their attires and how they changed them. I like using my culture in my everyday style and try to make it more modern as possible, and I feel that these accessories do just that".

Notsile says feeling natural is one of the most important things in her life and these accessories made her feel just that.

"I felt like I was in sync with my true african self, which is something that young people seem to be losing nowadays. Most people think that we young people are 21st century centric but I am proud to let them know that we still love and appreciate our roots."

The 17-year-old said the best part is that people get to see as well these pictures and hopefully they celebrate being African with her.

She also said that buying these accessories does not only celebrate Eswatini culture but it also helps support the women who wake up every day make

these earrings and neck pieces to feed their families.

"Knowing that when you buy this you are supporting a hard working black woman, should be enough motivation for everyone to buy these accessories, and make sure that we support our own."

"Africa is my home, it always will be and wearing those accessories couldn't make me feel more at home. I honestly felt my ancestors watching over me and screaming, saying we are proud, *hehe* but truthfully speaking, I hope people will see this and recognise that they can be able to look cool, beautiful in their natural self, and they can still look amazing while at the same time celebrating their culture."

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## HERE ARE FUN FACTS TO LEARN ABOUT AFRICAN JEWELLERY:

Historically, African jewellery has been made out of raw materials that can be found in the surrounding environments. The earlier jewellery pieces were made out of Ivory, carved stones, bones, sea shells, animal teeth & hair, egg shells, and wood. In later years materials like glass, amber and precious stones were also used. Simply put, African Jewellery can be made from almost anything. All you need is some creativity.

Many cultures in Africa historically used jewellery as a sign wealth, power, and their standing in the society. For example, Fulani

women in Northern Nigeria acquire their wealth through jewellery (often large gold earrings, and bangles) gotten as dowry and through trade. Also in the beginning of the fifteenth century, the people of equatorial Guinea used gold and ivory and traded it for glass beads, copper, brass and coral. In Benin, people of royalty wear hip ornaments made from brass that is worn for very special events.

The popular Zulu bead jewellery has plenty meanings beyond just fashion and style. For example, the design and colors on the bead jewelry send messages between men and women on marriage availability. A particular beaded necklace worn by women may let men know that she is unmarried. In other instances, if she's married a different design is worn. Some examples of colors and their meanings include blue for faithfulness, white for love, and yellow for wealth.

In the Maasai culture, Red stands for bravery, unity & blood, White stands for purity, peace & health, and Orange sends out a hospitality message.

Till date, most African jewelry is handcrafted.

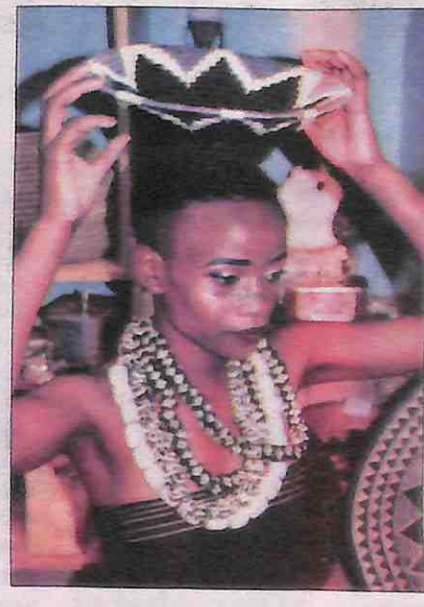
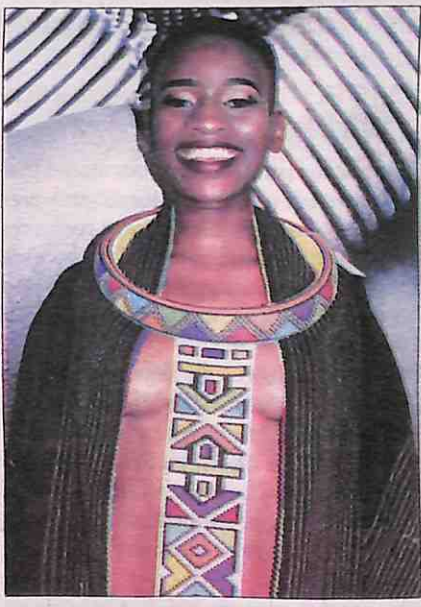
This gives every piece an authentic feel and the assurance that the due diligence was put into the detail.

It's a culture that has stood the test of time, and ever changing technology. Primarily crafted by women, the art is passed down from handcrafters down to their daughters who continue in that line of work.



Notsile Sibandze wearing a neckpiece from Creative Ideas.

## MODELLING AFRICA'S JEWELS





## ...JEWELLERY IN THE HEART OF AFRICA



*Notsile Sibandze wearing earrings by Ngabi Maphanga.*

**F**inding people that make these beautiful African accessories is still easy in Eswatini.

Our culture is still deep rooted in us; most of these ladies who make these accessories do it for a living and to support their families.

Africa is the home to numerous cultures & societies that have evolved over thousands of years: the accessories made by these women are inspired by almost every culture you can find in the continent.

African jewellery as it's known in most parts of the world for its brightness, colour, and unique beauty.

Various societies all over Africa bring their unique designs into the making of their necklaces, earrings, pendants, bracelets and much more.

This means that although similar materials are used to make these accessories, it's typically a bit easy to tell what region of Africa a particular style or design originated from.

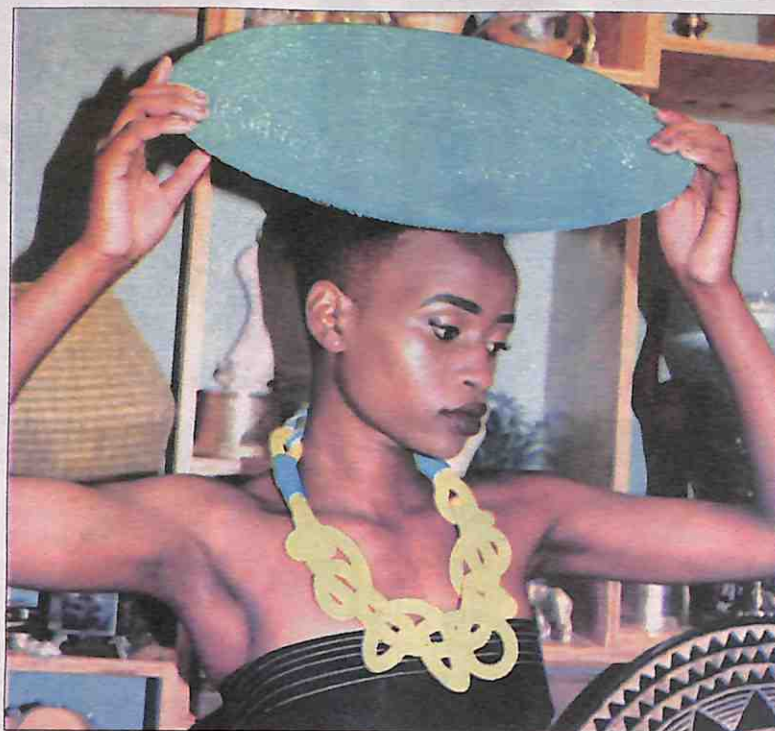
This week SCENE is doing something different, we went out to the streets to find these women who work day and night to keep the African culture alive.

I found Velephi Mahlobo who makes these amazing accessories from something as little as bottle-tops and just regular African printed materials.

She is a teacher by profession but she loves crafting and she decided to learn how to make these accessories.

She said she started a few years ago because of she loved a pair of earrings she saw on a lady and she asked where she could get them.

Velephi says she found a woman who taught people how to make them



and when she started she never stopped.

After a couple of years of practicing the art of making these accessories for herself, she started selling them to other people.

The African look is what attracted her to the design and when she found out how easy it was to make them she thought it would be stupid of her not learn how to make them.

"There are a number of women who make these around the country, we have different work stations and unlike me some of them do this full-time," she said. "We love doing this; personally, it makes me proud first to be

able to make something that I will also wear. And second being able to make something that represents the culture in such a way," she says

I found her during after school hours, making these accessories, and she shared how simple it is to make, she also said it can help a number of people gain extra money for their families.

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## 20 YEARS OF CREATIVITY

**I** also met a passionate woman, Ngabi Zikalala- Maphanga. She has been doing this for 20 years and she says nothing gives her more pleasure than making these accessories for people all over the country.

She said that her mother used to tell her that her success is in her hands, "I never understood what she meant, but as I grew older I started to see what she was trying to tell me"

Ngabi says she started with Jacaranda leaves and other materials but as the time revolved and as fashion changes every year she decided to be creative so she can cater for the younger market as well.

"I have taught a number of young people as well, I believe that lighting the next person's

candle will not dim your light. I have dedicated my time to teach young people how to make these so they can make a living out of it."

This woman is clearly passionate about her work as she talks about it with a smile on her face, she says nothing in the world can change her career and she is happy to be doing what she loves.

"I make sure I push my brand I am always at the Riverstone Mall every month end and I make sure to be at every flea market in the country."

Although Ngabi says it is not easy anymore because there are a number of people who have taken up this accessory making as a hobby, and that has a huge effect on their profits but

what keeps her moving forward is innovation and passion.

During the compilation of this issue I realised that Velephi was actually taught by Ngabi how to make these products.

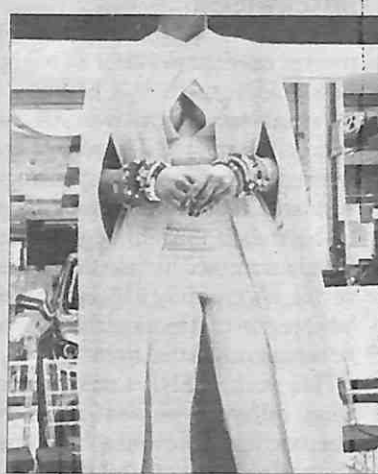
Not only did this prove just how small the country is but for me it highlighted the fact that Ngabi has the passion to teach people to love the work and not just make profit out of it.



*Notsile Sibandze wearing a black neckpiece by Creative Ideas.*



# QUEEN OF THE AFRICAN



## NOMZAMO MBATHA - QUEEN OF THE AFRICAN EVERYTHING

**W**hen a fan complained on Twitter recently that Nomzamo constantly wearing African print was becoming 'boring,' she made it clear that it was no mistake.

On the contrary, the rising starlet said she's quite proud to showcase South African designers at high profile events.

I know some people may say she goes overboard with it but I think she actually has the confidence to do it all the time and look good at it, a few people can do that.

She said in an interview she did with Essence "Why would I go to America and want to look like an American girl? I am an African girl and I am comfortable in being that girl," and I think she answered that beautifully.

Young people should look up to her and take what she does to consideration, I mean what is wrong with looking African all the time, after all we are African.

"I want to showcase African designers. I am all about cultivating and investing in the talent that we have in my country. My job is to change the narrative that Africa is only about HIV/Aids or poverty. I want the world to know that we are talented, we are 'fly', we are woke and informed, and we can hold an intelligent conversation."

Truly an inspiration, her words are just music to my ears.

Young people of this generation should aspire to be nothing short of African. We should be proud to be proud to be African.

I am not in any way trying to be a poet but think about this; there is not really any piece of the existence where you may not locate an African. We cherish travelling and searching for adventures which is

the reason we go to a place and change it to suit us. We can't be missed in swarms nor are we going to down with regards to emerging.

Individuals from various parts of the world come to us to tap from our diversion, way of life and popular societies. We have aggregated a rundown of why we are glad to be Africans.

Even when we find ourselves in slums, we make the best of it by living and becoming positive that tomorrow is going to be better. Little wonder why we live until we are very old.

We don't sit tight for chances to meet us. We truly stroll up to life's openings and grasp them. We are great at entrepreneurial ventures and nothing is held when we are prepared to contribute in light of the fact that we put our spirit and body in ensuring we succeed.

But there are rare sorts of people who venture out and never need to return home, we adore our roots. We generally need to get back home and blend with loved ones. When we discuss Africa, we stand up without fear in light of the fact that there is no place like Africa.

So why not look African all the time.

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Nomzamo Mbatha.



# BEAT ON BEATS WITH MDUBASA

## SONG REVIEW

### STORM IN MY HEART BY NARNO TARNE

#### VERSE ONE

How many blows do I have to take?  
For you to finally realise  
The one mistake that you make  
How many knives do I have to feel?  
Do I really have to bleed?  
For you to see that it is real  
Every wound every stitch every scar  
Tells the journey I've made till thus far  
I keep crashing and burning  
Forever yearning  
To fall gently land on my feet  
All of the games and the jokes they say  
I wonder when it is  
That you will top to play

#### CHORUS

There's a storm in my heart  
It's brewing with power  
My lightning and thunder  
Is out to destroy all the love left in me  
Is this what you wanted?  
Is this what you wanted to see?

#### VERSE TWO

When will I stop to clean the mess?  
For all the lessons that you've learned  
I wonder if you really learn  
If love is blind then I must be dead  
Cause only a fool would trust to be led by another fool  
All the strings that keep making me move  
To the beat of someone else's tune  
I can't keep them no longer  
I've got to look yonder  
For blessings that God will bestow  
No more love for what doesn't love me  
It's my time to just set myself free  
Make you happy I promise,  
to be my own solace  
And patience in times like this knowing..



The Eswatini house scene has grown beyond expectation over the past couple of years.

We can never be grateful enough to the pioneers of this beautiful genre. There is still a lot to be done and as the Beat On Beats team, we would love to thank everyone who has had a helping hand in the success of this platform. *Siyabonga*. This past week, saw the release of Pierre Johnson and !Sooks's - 'Miles Away' banger. What a baby! Featured on House Afrika's latest offering, this track right here has the potential to take over the dance floors!

This week on 'Beat On Beats' we profile Lubombo's finest DJ Kraaize G, real name Bongani Gumedze. The spinner started deejaying in the year 2012 under the mentorship of DJs Karly B, 711 and Flex whom he speaks highly of and is grateful for shaping up his career. His breakthrough began at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Bar where he would play alongside DJ Flex. He gained exposure in attending private parties like the MTN End Of Year events, playing alongside DJ Karly B.

In 2015, the spinner moved to Mhlume, where is currently employed.

This change proved to be a blessing as it gave him an opportunity to host his own events under a self-named company called 'Kraaize Events'. Beat on Beats had a chat with Kraaize to find out more about his love for music, events management and his recent nomination as *Bucopho*.

#### 1. Briefly introduce yourself

A. My name is Bongani 'Kraaize G' Gumedze. I am the founder of Kraaize Events, which is an events management company based in Mhlume.

#### 2. What role do you

## KRAAIZE G RESPECT YOUR CRAFT

#### play in the house music scene?

A. I organise events/shows whereby DJs and artists showcase their talent. I also give upcoming artists an opportunity to share the stage with well known local entertainers.

#### 3. What are your views on the local house music industry?

A. The house music industry is rapidly growing. Local producers are now getting recognition internationally. In the Lubombo region, we have our very own DJ Njebza who has featured South African artists such as Tira and Shota. To provide evidence to the great work he has done, Njebza was recently nominated in the SWAMA awards for Best House Artist.

#### 4. What would you love to see change or improve?

A. Personally I believe we are on the right track. Change comes with time and if as a unit we all work together, we can all achieve our objectives in the industry.

I'd love to see the introduction of rules and regulations that would guide us as artists. Introduction of a law that will enforce event organisers to pay DJs and artists.

#### 5. Who in the local house music industry has made an impact in your rise as a DJ?

A. Vusi Nkambule from the Arts and Culture office. He once attended one of my events and introduced himself to me which was humbling to be recognised by someone who has played a huge role in the industry. A month before His Majesty King Mswati III's 2017 birthday celebration, I received a call from the Arts and Culture office notifying me that I had been chosen to be the Lubombo regional DJ for the event alongside SBIS's Lindelwa Mafa.

#### 6. What inspires you to constantly support the industry?

A. The wide spread talent that's coming up these days. House music is not only a thing for the Manzini-Mbabane corridors now.

#### 7. What are the challenges you face as a DJ?

A. Competition amongst ourselves. We do not have rules and regulations or policies which prevent us from exploiting each other.

#### 8. Who do you look up to locally and internationally?

A. I grew up listening to DJ Cleo and Black Coffee. I love their taste in music. Locally, it has to be Mozaik. Yes I know he's not a house music producer but his work defines his personality, which for me is important. In that way, you are able to express yourself properly.

#### 9. Advice to upcoming DJs/artists and events organisers?

A. Keep your feet on the ground, trust your skill and have an identity. Interact with your fans and other DJ. When attending events, make sure you are always on time. Respect and be passionate about your craft.

#### 10. Your thoughts on being nominated for Bucopho of Mhlume Chiefdom?

A. From the successful events I have hosted at Mhlume and Tshaneni, the residents of Mhlume and surroundings have recognised my ability to bring together the residents of the community to have fun through music and sporting events.

I intend to bring together the youth of Mhlume and surroundings by engaging them into sports and arts activities. That will unveil their hidden talents and also keep them away from doing drugs and alcohol.

## PIERRE AND !SOOKS TAKE US MILES AWAY

After getting bit by the house bug two weeks ago I had to come back for more, and man oh man what a way to continue with my house expedition.

This week I had the pleasure to listen to 'Miles Away' by Pierre Johnson and !Sooks. The South African based house producer Pierre Johnson collaborated with Eswatini's own Titan !Sooks. The song was released on July 27 through House Afrika Records. Beats on Beats had a chance to catch up with !Sooks to get his take on the song.

Asked on how the collaboration came about, !Sooks said it was purely down to destiny. "I used to play Pierre's music during my sets, so one day I hit him up on social media to let him know I liked his music. I was pleasantly surprised when he replied and told me he also follows my music and

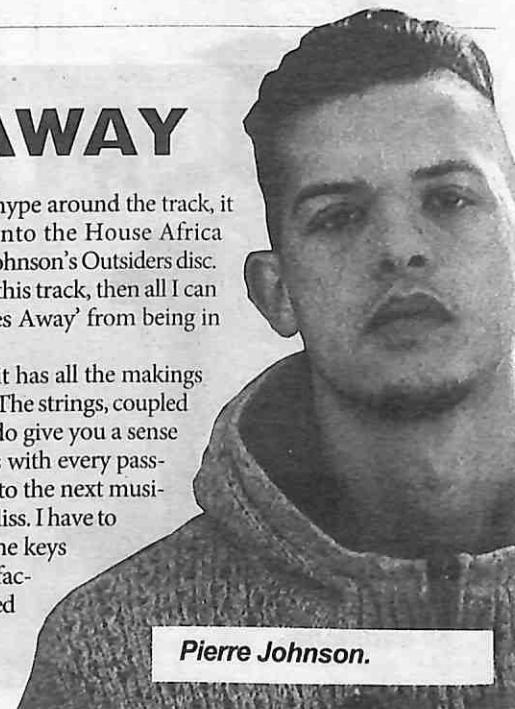


plays it during his sets. We kept in contact after that until we worked on the current release," said !Sooks. The producers managed to put together a master piece without having to travel back and forth during the making of the track. Reception of the track amongst the house fraternity has been overwhelmingly positive. !Sooks definitely deserves the accolade and his humility about the deserved hype is refreshing. "I honestly didn't expect it to be this big. I am humbled by the positive feedback I'm getting."

As if to validate all the hype around the track, it managed to make it onto the House Afrika Compilation on Pierre Johnson's Outsiders disc. So if you haven't heard this track, then all I can say is that you are 'Miles Away' from being in the know.

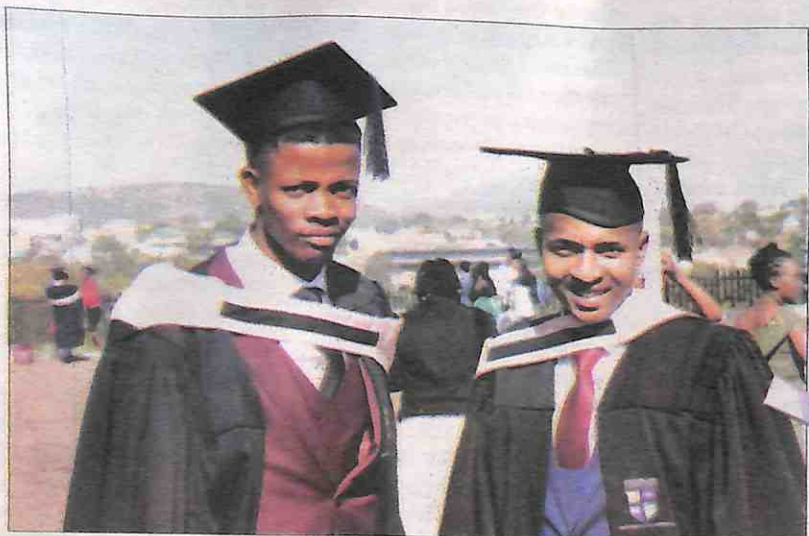
Coming to the track, it has all the makings for an international hit. The strings, coupled with the effects added, do give you a sense of being on a voyage, as with every passing minute it leads you to the next musical destination of pure bliss. I have to mention that some of the keys as well gave it that extra factor, making a well balanced jam.

Pierre Johnson.





# MORE FROM SCU GRAD



Vuma Mavimbela and Nkhos'khona Shongwe.



Ezele Sibandze in his matching grey suit.



Langwenya Nel'siwe in her yellow and blue outfit.



Elijah Magagula in his suit and gown after graduating



Temphilo Hlophe looking stunning in her khaki and green outfit.



Mkosephayo Khumalo looking beautiful in her floral outfit.



Kwandza Fakudze decided to go all traditional.



Nokusho Dlamini graduated in Pharmacy.



Ayanda Lukhele in her blue dress.





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# Analysis & opinion

## WHEN JUSTICE SERVES ONLY A FEW!

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**C**HARLES Myeza. I do not personally know the gentleman, yet it seems like I have known him as my next door neighbour.

In fact, just the mere mention of the name Charles Myeza brings memories of one desperate man who has hit against the brick wall wherever he has gone in search for justice.

Perhaps, that's what has won over my interest about the poor guy from Kubuta. A gentleman who has relentlessly and vigorously fought for justice. Shall I be hasten to add, even if unsuccessfully so.

I like the courage, vigour and determination he's shown in pursuit for justice, only if he lived in another country.

I will get to the latter part at a later stage. But for now, it's only fair that I tell you the brief I know about Myeza.

I know he was a police officer who travelled an uncharted territory of owning business while still employed.

I say uncharted because Myeza was a smart officer and he ran not just a business but a successful one. How he made it successful perhaps is catered in the part about being a smart officer.

Yet, perhaps, it was the very reason that won him over enemies, from within the police force and government. Yes, in Eswatini you sometimes pay dearly for being too smart for the liking of many people. It's true, but that's



Charles Myeza.

a subject for another day.

So, as Myeza's business flourished – thus the attraction of many unwanted enemies who did not like what they saw. Obviously, knowing the world of policing, Myeza was becoming too big for his boots and was obviously ruffling feathers.

However, to prove he's such a fearless police officer, Myeza went on to win the national elections and become a Member of Parliament for Kubuta. He served as MP during the 2008-2013 term for the 9th Parliament, toppling former Minister of Health Njabulo Mabuza. It was during this time that

Myeza as a legislator was charged with theft of over E600 000 from the police service. He was later to be found guilty of the offence, in which he is said to have siphoned money from the police service using his company.

The former legislator and his company, PPC Electrical were found guilty of fraud, forgery and uttering by High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe. That marked the beginning of his troubles with justice in the country. I have absolutely nothing wrong with Myeza being taken through the justice system and found guilty for his wrong-doings.

However, it has made me curious how

the guy has tried to fight and defend himself in court – unsuccessfully so.

Since his conviction and sentencing, Myeza has been to all courts in the country trying to fight his indiscretions.

It makes you wonder if the playing field in our justice system is entirely level for everyone concerned.

I'm not suggesting Myeza should be given what's undue to him but it's peculiar if the same individual goes to all courts in the land – even the highest of them all – yet find no justice.

It triggers a lot of thinking, if really Myeza is that dumb not to see that the matters he is pursuing in court are dead rubber or if he's so blinded by his pursuit for justice that he's even lost focus.

It has made me suspicious really, and I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one who's had this question in mind.

What's even more suspicious is that we are living in a country where a High Court judge recently threw a tantrum, cursing everything under the sun in the country's justice system and even threatening to spill beans.

As if that was not scary enough, the same judge comes back the following week and apologises for losing his mind.

However, what's even scarier is the fact that the matter as it appears is being tip-toed around by the echelons of the country's justice system, especially the Chief Justice. It makes you wonder if what the judge said really carries any

weight or he hit the nail on the head.

You would expect that the matter was pursued and the judge concerned taken to task – even if it means being sent home. But NO, I would not be surprised to find that he was coerced to make the apology in order to massage egos of certain people.

It's no small feat by any means, for a Judge of the High Court to make such a damning statement, yet it seems normal within the justice system and the matter is spoken of in hush tones.

Or is it because the things alleged by the Judge are best being swept under the carpet. If that's the case, then how many more rot is being swept under the carpet at the High Court.

It's a huge dent for the highest court of the land, hence we are inclined to question if the playing field is level for everyone – Myeza included. He deserves justice like all human beings.

The latest court ruling which saw his effort to change his participation in the ongoing elections thrown out must be seriously hurting for the man. Not to mention the financial effect that comes with approaching such a court for a reprieve, yet the outcome is an open secret.

That's why I salute Myeza, he's a brave man indeed. Give the man a break, he's already served his punishment – why must he be made to suffer twice for the same offence.

## The subtle art of saying everything, nothing at the same time

Theo Boshoff

**T**he title of this article may ruffle a few feathers, and perhaps it is a bit mischievous to do so, but it is exactly what is currently happening with statements related to amending the Constitution to allow for expropriation without compensation.

The recent statement by President Cyril Ramaphosa after the ANC *lekgotla* caused quite a reaction from commentators as well as from markets. However, if you dissect exactly what was said it becomes clear that the statement was carefully crafted so that it could mean multiple things to multiple people.

To say everything and nothing at the same time is far from an insult, quite the contrary. What the president attempted to do was to couch the language in such a manner that it could appeal to both sides of the debate on expropriation without compensation without straying too far from the party's original decision back in December (which in itself attempted to appease

both sides).

Without wanting to downplay the importance of the statements made, we must be cautious not to fall into the trap of only hearing what we want to hear.

Cast your mind back to the ANC's elective conference in December 2017.

### Stated

The chairperson of the economic transformation committee, Enoch Godongwana, stated that the meeting resolved to amend the Constitution to allow for expropriation without compensation subject to the proviso that it must not endanger food security or other sectors of the economy, and that the ANC will further deliberate on the detail of how this is to be done.

This announcement stimulated the debate which eventually led to the National Assembly's decision to mandate the Constitutional Review Committee but that was not the only level of debate taking place.

The public hearings led by the Constitutional Review Committee

Enoch Godongwana.



have been largely dominated by people's aspirations and desires as ordinary members of the public have been coming forward to have their say. While this is their good right to do so, many mem-

bers of the public are not constitutional law experts and therefore often conflated the notion of expropriation without compensation, and indeed land reform more generally, with an amendment to

Section 25 of the Constitution.

At the same time, intellectual debates have been taking place on less conspicuous platforms as to what the actual content of Section 25 means and how an amendment would affect the qualifications around food security and the economy. Because the extent of 'just and equitable' has never been tested, the debates are largely based on calculated estimates rather than clear cut legal facts.

It is therefore small wonder that prominent legal scholars cannot agree on whether or not the current provisions would allow for zero compensation, but a number of interesting arguments have surfaced. Some argued that it could be just and equitable to award zero compensation in terms of Section 25(3) when the right set of circumstances presented themselves.

Others argued that just and equitable compensation under Section 25(3) cannot be zero but concede that Section 25(8) read with Section 36 could allow an owner's right to compensation to be limited if it is reasonable and justifiable to do so in the circumstances. *News24*





By Comfort Mabuza

# SOMETHING DOES NOT ADD UP

## ESWATINI WOMEN AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATION

**N**ow that the nominations are done and dusted, reality check so far is that the Eswatini women have dismally failed to make inroads at this stage.

In all fairness, those advancing equal participation founded on gender equality and equity in political leadership positions must be feeling ashamed and embarrassed the obtaining state of affairs. Instead, the few aspiring women candidates that have shown keen interest are certainly going to have an uphill battle.

One is convinced that once again there will be less than 33 per cent women representatives elected in the August house come September National Elections results. Something is seriously wrong and must be addressed head on, where are we missing the plot? Why are women not recognised in these leadership roles and given a chance to take charge and help chart the maze? Why should the nation always wait for the King to save us from such embarrassment? Affirming women into political leadership roles should be our concern. Looking at the few that have since been nominated so far, with due respect, I am not seeing the cream of the crop, as most talented and empowered women are not showing any interest.

Not that I doubt the present aspiring women, but we have not been able to make inroads to ensure that the best women candidates are available in this national process. Where are the women captains in the industries, business community and the educated elites? Am I missing something?

### THE GENESIS OF THE PROBLEM

Women are actually their own worst enemies in that they are not supporting their very own. Instead they are still choosing men and can hardly stand together as a united front as prospective political leaders. There is still that inborn instinct within our minds that the ideal place for women is still in the domestic arena and not the public space.

The few that have made it are being subjected to pull-her-down (PhDs) syndrome that kills any women leadership potential.

Many still view aspiring women candidates with suspicion.

Women's motherly tasks and role are still viewed as more important than holding public office. This has tended to compromise any pursuit to advocate for women participation in decision making positions. There is still that bias that the few that has been recognised and arisen in such sectors have been elevated at the mercy and kindness of men. Quite a very small percentage of those who have made it are being recognised and respected.

A closer look at some of the rising women leaders, they are either single women who are suspected to be connected to the powerful elites and somehow are facing naming or shaming culture as not being there by merit but favour.

The political arena is still battlefield loaded with explosives and timely bombs. We are now only entirely depended on the Appointing authority (HMK) to come our rescue and help add the needed numbers as

Royal appointees. Reality is that we are doomed, as the odds are weighing heavily against us with the poor showing of women currently. One is discouraged, because in all fairness the cream of the crop and highly talented women are not being recognised and nominated already. Without undermining the few that have come forward, reality check is that the women movement and general activists have failed dismally to make it through. All we are seeing are men still dominating the process.

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It certainly points to the fact that women are not being assisted or helped at all and the sooner we admit something is not rite the better.

A special electoral Act needs to be considered to purposefully level the playing ground.

The present scene is very much unfavourable to

women winning against the formidable men who are already dominating the process. How long shall this go on really, and then we cry all the initiatives are not bearing any fruit?

### INDIVIDUAL MERIT IS JUST TOO COSTLY

In Zimbabwe when you look at the calibre of prospective candidates and their CVs, there is overwhelming evidence that they have nominated their very best to compete for such political positions.

Their electoral process seems to suggest that people are not there on their own personal mandate, but are chosen as party listed individual who ordinarily have their own interests to pursue.

So yes, the best candidates from different key role players are people who are respected and often the best in as far as political interests are concerned. Are we truthful to gender mainstreaming?

### WOMEN PARTICIPATION IS A STRUGGLE INDEED

The greater struggle Emaswati must face head on is that women partici-

pation need concerted efforts and strategic interventions. We are not alone in this as Hillary Clinton attempted to raise her hand in the USA Elections and the result is there for us all to learn that even in a matured democracy women leadership and participation at this top level continues to be a great struggle. Closer home in South Africa, Emzansi, Dr Nkosazana Zuma whom we thought would add value within the ANC hegemony, and the results were so disappointing to say the least. Women leadership is still a great struggle indeed.

In the Zimbabwe scene, your Joyce Mujuru attempted to take up the leadership political and represent women where are they now? Your Dr Kupe was tossed aside by the MDC and has been accused of being too simplistic where women are oppressing each other instead of supporting each other.

So many attempts like vote for women in Eswatini have not yielded any tangible results in giving us women to take up leadership roles. The attempts are still viewed as tokenism and are viewed negatively and hardly add any value to the bigger struggle of women participation.

The individual merit within the very Tinkhundla system is not adding any value to women participation by the way.

The few women who have attempted to raise a hand are seen as just trying their luck to enrich themselves and better their individual lives. We certainly are miles away to make any inroad to women taking charge and contributing to the bigger picture. The grassroots support for women leadership is not there.

Dear Sisters, you are facing an uphill struggle and unless we go back to the

drawing boards and re-strategize, you are doomed.

### WHERE ARE THE ENLIGHTENED AND EMPOWERED WOMEN?

Eswatini women participation in political leadership is compromised by the enlightened and empowered women lot who are not adding value by their continued boycotting and lack of interest in our context. I am thinking of the so many who have chosen to leave our country to go to South Africa instead and even taking regional and continental posts instead.

Talking to them one has a feeling that they have abandoned the women struggle locally.

They are well refined and empowered but feel Emaswati are not willing to trust them with political leadership role.

Instead of availing space for them to contribute Emaswati still see men as their best lot and in the process undermine such skills and competences.

What then happens is that the crop of the cream is not willing to give it a try and they feel it will be wasted energy and attempt.

With such attitudes then we are certainly losing a big deal. Unless we revisit the whole context and begin to draw strategic interventions women participation remains a far-fetched dream locally.

To say women are tired of trying and attempting is not too far away from the truth. Some have resigned that changing and transforming our system in Eswatini is merely just a pipe dream. They have resigned to watching and accepting the status quo.

We must seriously reflect for a better alternative aimed at ensuring we re-invigorate the drive to empower women to see value in participating and changing the obtaining prevailing reality of Bringing about any meaningful change as a long process. It's a marathon needing prepared and willing activists.

Such a long walk and struggle is definitely not a walk in the park but calls for well strategic intervention. Like building a high building, let us ensure that there is a firm foundation for the future.

As we reflect where are women in this elections, let us labour hard to ensure playing grounds are levelled for equal participation.

Sir,

**T**his is an open letter to the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) addressed to Prince Gija as chairman.

Greetings Mntfwanenkhozi, my name is Jabulani Mdluli. I am a resident of Ngwenya under Motshane Inkhundla in the Hhohho Region.

May I begin by congratulating you and the other commissioners for the trust bestowed upon you by the appointing authority to do the onerous task of overseeing the electoral process and conducting both the municipal and national elections in the country. As we all know that the importance of free and fair elections should remain paramount in the minds of those entrusted with such a mammoth duty of conducting elections, and ought to be based on "one man one vote".

# OPEN LETTER TO GIJA

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Question is; why is it that the EBC appears to be playing double standards in the elections? On one

hand it is the EBC conducting elections, and on the other hand it's the Ministry of Housing and Urban





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**T**he integration of indigenous knowledge with development is long overdue; unfortunately, thus far policy makers have dismissed the significance of this integration.

As they are preoccupied with defending their western education and religion, which has stripped them off their indigenous identity. They have been preoccupied with mimicking western knowledge and religion, eager to prove how sophisticated they are. However, they are proving to the western world, whilst leaving out the majority of the people they lead within their countries of origin. This mimicking, cut, and paste of western knowledges and religion, has resulted in the western leaders and policy makers, not taking Africa seriously. Evidently, when you are cutting and pasting, indicate a lack of originality, hence, the western world does not take this continent seriously. How can they take copycats seriously, who are negating their own indigenous context while failing dismally to implement these western policies and governance systems? The integration of indigenous knowledge and development is necessary; this requires restoring indigenous dignity, critically reviewing whether the state is indigenous. This requires public policy makers to accept that they have no monopoly of the state, and African problems require indigenous solutions for sustainable development towards the African we want Agenda 2063.

#### IS THE STATE INDIGENOUS?

In Eswatini it is intriguing considering that this country is celebrated in Africa for its preservation of culture, customs and traditions. Yet, the fundamental question on whether the state indigenous becomes imperative and critical for the integration of indigenous knowledge and development. A case in point was the religious education policy, without presentation at Sibaya, indigenous governance systems, implemented after a cabinet retreat. Thus begging on whether the state is indigenous, when it ignores constitutionally recognised governance systems, and imposed policy. A sensitive policy, which also left indigenous knowledge vulnerable, hence, there was no way I could have approached the government of religious education to consider integrating indigenous knowledge. I may be broke, but I

## INTEGRATING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOPMENT

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am not stupid to approach a state that only recognises Christianity as the sole religion, when it practices African religion embedded within culture and tradition. Which is the baseline required to argue for the integration of indigenous knowledge and development, as developmental education must be holistic and contextualise the reality of learners.

Nevertheless, this state has been probing my thoughts on whether it is indigenous, when it fails to implement the contributions of Sibaya system of governance. How can the state, ignore the highest policy making body, as per the constitution, maybe it is because the state is not indigenous. The state is disconnected from indigenous governance systems such that when we actively participate in these structures we are irrelevant to its objects and nothing but a big joke. These thoughts became profound in my mind, I asked when does the indigenous governance systems talk to the government, and it dawned to me this occurs in parliament.

As parliament is constituted through Tinkhundla indigenous governance system, which is the core anchor of public policy makers. However, when the state represented by cabinet, does not believe that they are responsible or answerable to parliament, then how can we say this state is indigenous.

Members of Parliament represent the indigenous people of this coun-

try, and when the cabinet does not report to parliament, it is certainly above the people. Therefore, we ask how members of parliament, represent the indigenous state, when it disconnected from the people. The indigenous state anchored through Tinkhundla and Sibaya indigenous systems of governance. The state becomes problematic when ignoring the people whom they are required to serve, thus creating intractable problems of modernity. As this state will pay allegiance to the head of state and his family, while creating a major disconnection between head of state and the people. This manifests in impossible intractable problems of development, eroding the indigenous dignity of the people, indicating the state is not indigenous.

#### INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS OF MODERNITY

When dealing with the state whose core is not rooted within the context of its people. Then intractable problems of modernity manifest and this becomes a vicious cycle, eroding indigenous dignity. Thus clearly indicating that the state is not indigenous, its core is rooted within the individualism of western knowledges.

Whenever the state is in trouble, its solutions will come from the 'motherland' as it does not believe there are local solutions to these intractable problems. These 'international best practices' are import-

ed and imposed on a state that is physically located within an indigenous context. Ignoring this indigenous context as the state does not believe in its own indigenous knowledge systems for solving intractable problems.

Communities continue to exist without the state, as they have indigenous knowledges on how to solve these intractable problems. They find solutions that are rooted within their context, such that they are able to solve their problems using their indigenous lens. However, when the state captures the communities through handouts and social grants, then communities disconnect themselves from their indigenous knowledge. They develop a dependency syndrome, indicating how they have lost their power and rendered themselves state captives, as recipients of handouts and social grants. This is how the intractable problems of modernity become dominate culture, when communities develop dependency syndrome. They cannot function without the state, which enjoys the power to manipulate and control communities when they are vulnerable.

Yes-global climate change is a contributing factor, to community dependency syndrome; however, communities have uprooted themselves from all their indigenous knowledges. Knowledges that enabled their ancestors to survive historical calamities, but present day communities are not willing to try. As

they are captives of the state and active participants in creating intractable problems of modernity. Hence, we required the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act, a significant indicator on how indigenous dignity is eroded. There are fundamental indigenous knowledges that communities have disconnected themselves from, which nurture the behaviour of males and females. The Tinkhundla governance system provides an excellent base for ensuring that communities take charge of their lives, at a chieftaincy and constituency levels. We have Gogo centres as existing infrastructure to provide children and youth with the knowledge of *eDladleni*, *eGumeni* and *eSangweni*, the indigenous dignity centres that must deal with the intractable problems of modernity.

#### CONCLUSION

In conclusion, as urban development specialist integrating indigenous knowledge and development is my passion. For, I am continuously preoccupied with the question on who are these people that will utilise these developments we are financing through loans. The roads, the buildings, water infrastructure, telecommunication and all developments that contribute to economic development and growth. If our indigenous dignity is eroded as all indicators reveal, and the state is not rooted within the indigenous chaos, then what chaos are we creating for the future generations.

As the *eMazimu* and *Chakijane* that were encountered by our ancestors are still active within our psyche, and they strive on intractable problems.

Our ancestors encounter was different from us, as they were rooted within their indigenous context, applied indigenous knowledge to solve intractable problems. My question is if we do not integrate indigenous knowledge and development, what future are we creating for our progeny. Alternatively, should I ask, do we wish our future progeny to have a future or do we wish to be the last emperors? Yet we are planning agenda 2063 the Africa we want, whilst we are excluding indigenous knowledge, eroding our own dignity and exacerbating intractable problems of modernity.

Development conducting municipal elections.

Coming back to the ongoing national elections, the EBC should be applauded for a successful nominations exercise. The EBC has also done a commendable job in making sure that the cancerous chieftaincy disputes caused by some greedy traditional authorities are never allowed to disrupt the national elections. *Siyabonga kakhulu Mntfwanenkhozi neLibandla* for not allowing ematsabelangoti to destroy some of the old and significant Chiefdoms in the Kingdom. However, I think that it would make a lot of sense for the EBC to be given even much more responsibility to work with the Ludzidzini Council in solving these disputes because the EBC is generally working very closely with communities in the country, and remain in good standing to know all the communities affected by disputes.



EBC Chairman Chief Gija flanked by Head of Secretariat Richard Phungwayo and Commissioner Ncumbi Maziya.

Talking of "free and fair election", Prince Gija has done the right thing by warning voters against the tendency of being carried away by emotions to the extent of lifting up their

favourite candidates after having successfully nominated them, and making a spectacular showoff. Of course, "kulichilo", and again, the EBC should consider allowing the people themselves to decide if they prefer start-

ing with Bucophu or MPs when doing the nominations because, logically, everyone would love to be an MP after all.

So, it becomes so frustrating for someone to be suddenly nominated

for Bucophu position during the nominations yet "kulichilo" to refuse the position and expect to be nominated for a bigger position.

Many people have found themselves at the crossroads and disadvantaged for the same reason in the last nominations, simply because our election seemed to be carried out on the basis of a "feel and fear" scenario! Feeling that starting with nominating Bucophu was good, and fearing that starting with MPs would make people leave the nomination exercise immediately after nominating their preferred candidates, yet akusinjalo! Wishing the people of Eswatini good health and a successful 2018 national election. May deserving men and women win! "I the Lord search the heart, I test the mind to give every man according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jeremiah 17: 10) Amen!



A very important area of influence in which Junior Achievement (JA) Swaziland strives to have impact on is assisting young people with work readiness skills.

This is provided through a five days' work placement where young people get to explore the world of work and be exposed to a variety of career options that they can explore. However, before young people are placed in a work environment, JA Swaziland takes time to capacitate young people with the much needed knowledge on what it takes for an individual to be a successful employee, thereby leaving a lasting impression with potential employers in the five days of attachment.

This week, JA Swaziland managed to host this training for young people and today we shall briefly discuss the course content, and share some testimonials from young people who attended the training on the kind of skills they were able to gain.

The first skills that young people were able to discuss through the training were listening and communication skills. In a working environment, communication is always key between colleagues to ensure understanding of tasks that each individual is responsible for. It is therefore important that young people are able to express themselves clearly in a manner that can be understood. Listening to instructions is just as crucial and asking for clarity where one does not understand is very important.

The second set of skills that were discussed with young people entailed planning and evaluating the plan after implementation. Being in a working environment entails executing different tasks on a daily basis to attain the overall organisational goals. This therefore means young people should be able, during their five days' attachment, to plan their activities according to priorities. The most important activities should be placed as a priority and executed first. At the end of the day, young people should be able to evaluate their progress. They should be able to go back to their plan and ascertain if planned activities were executed and how much progress was made.

During the training, young people were also capacitated with problem solving skills and also the use of information technology for research. Young people were encouraged that when there has been a difference of opinion in the work place which may result in a conflict, it was



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## THE WORK READINESS TRAINING: CAPACITATING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE MUCH NEEDED SKILLS TO STAND OUT IN THE WORK PLACE



Young people role playing an interview session during their training.

always best that they step back, and gather adequate information about the issue that will inform what may have caused the difference of opinion. Secondly, young people were also reminded that it was important to try and understand things from

the perspective of the next person. Finally, if unable to solve the issue, it is always encouraged that a third person is involved who would mediate in the situation.

Young people were able to share their excitement and appreciation

for the training as they shared on what they were able to grasp during this training. Here is what they had to say;

**Zandile Hlandze from Maphilingo High School:** "When I first heard the news that I have been one of the

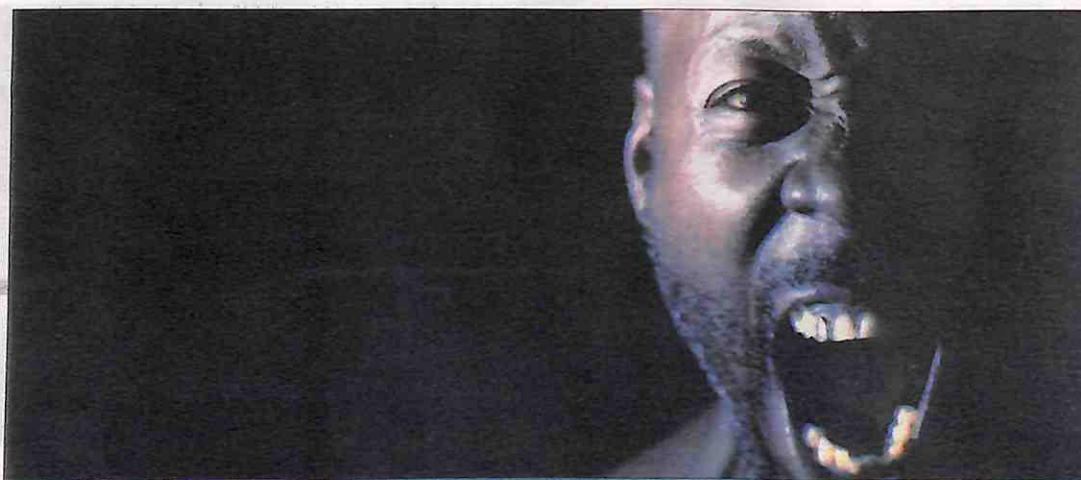
lucky students to be chosen for the work readiness programme, I was very excited.

As excited as I was, I still had my reservation in terms of how I was to conduct myself in the work place. I am therefore very grateful for the



By Lisa Mongelli

## REDIRECTING ANGER



Part of being human is occasionally becoming angry.

Expressing anger in a healthy way can be beneficial for mind, body, and soul. The ability to release pent up frustration in a constructive way such as with yoga, meditation, sport or even an engaging hobby enables us to positively redirect the stress which causes anger. With today's world running at such a fast pace it is not uncommon to have problems with temper, many of us have experienced losing it at the wrong time. I also include myself in this last statement. I remember going

to the phone company once, and freaking out because they had disconnected my phone when I had paid the bill. I felt like such an idiot afterwards.

The question here is how often do you lose your temper and how

severe are the episodes?

Transference and projection of anger is one of the most common problems. We transfer and project anger onto one another without really understanding the damage it causes. We distance those

we love, lose friends, and alienate family. Often we don't even know where the anger comes from, we just feel angry. The thing about becoming angry is no one is exempt from it, if you are human you can become angry. The issue here is,

are you in control of your temper or is your temper in control of you?

Acting out and blowing off steam because of a bad mood, is common, quite frankly in that moment when temper flares caring about how ones anger affects anyone else is usually less than a consideration! The unfortunate truth is that the person most privy to a temper tantrum such as this is someone close. No matter what variance anger takes whether it is passive aggressive or blatantly aggressive taking responsibility for that anger is crucial otherwise one runs the risk of projecting it on to some innocent party such as a partner, child, co-worker, or even a pet. How often has the family pet ended up the brunt of someone's anger? Projecting anger onto others causes misunderstanding, malcontent, and communication breakdown.

Divorce statistics are full of couples who were unable to interact with one another with nothing but anger and dissension. Many of these self same people came into the marriage with anger issues root-



opportunity to receive training that has painted a picture for me of what I am to do in a working environment. I am now aware that I should be able to plan my activities and execute all the planned activities for each day. I am ready to communicate well within the institution that I will be attached to and most importantly I am ready to accept feedback and grow from the entire process."

**Wanele Magagula from Nkili High School:** "I was not quite sure as to what I would gain from a training before my job shadow programme and having gone through the process, I realise that I really needed to go through the training. When we got the opportunity to role play an interview set up, I was taken aback, and I had no idea that a job interview is so extensive. It has opened my eyes into realising that it is very important for an individual to understand their skills and be able to convincingly share them with the next person with the hope of being dimmed a perfect match for the job. I have learned a lot and I am convinced that the skills I have will assist me in my adult life."

**Lindokuhle Mashaba from St Francis High School:** "I feel like a completely different person now that I have undergone this training. I am much more confident and self-assured as to how I am supposed to fit in the adult world of work. I am armed with my planning skills, I know that I have to apply my thoughts in my responses because they tell the next person the kind of person I am. I was also able to gain resume writing skills and I get to go home with my first ever resume. I feel like I am way ahead of my peers right now as I am armed with skills for success."

#### CONCLUSION

Investing in the lives of young people through training is always a worthwhile initiative.

Young people are the future hence they need all the skills that will ensure that they perform at their best. A motivated work force directly translates to improved production which in turn feeds into the development of the economy. It is therefore important that young people are guided through the process of choosing a career path that will take away the most active years of their lives.

ed in their past. These married couples point fingers at one another when in reality their partner merely reflects back to them an issue left long unresolved within their own history. It is common place to bring childhood anger issues into a marriage.

Many anger issues start in early childhood, but we are generally never schooled on how to deal with anger. We are taught as children that anger is a bad emotion, it is Dangerous to become Angry. Many parents deliberately teach their children to suppress their anger under threat. "Don't talk back to me or I'll slap you" "Do as I say or you've had it" "Children are to be seen not heard". Being subjected to this kind of parenting blunder often creates misunderstood naughty children, and later angry frustrated adults. In being denied the right to express anger in childhood we never learn how to rid ourselves of this angry feeling as adults. We project blame onto one another, scream and shout often not knowing why certain triggers, make us blow our top.

Anger issues gone unresolved can be dangerous. An individual with a violent unchecked temper puts themselves and others at risk daily. An unchecked violent temper can cause hypertension, depression and heart trouble. In a fit of extreme anger an individual with

**T**he Eswatini Tourism Authority (STA) and Sense Africa's fruitful partnership over the years has seen the latter being more than just a tour operator dedicated in showcasing the kingdom as a prime tourist destination to the global community.

This past month, July, Sense Africa brought four groups of volunteer tourists' students from the UK to the Kingdom of Eswatini for more than just sightseeing but charity work. According to Sense Africa's Director, Jenny Bowen, three of these have been from St Helen and St Katharine High school, in Abingdon, Oxford, UK. Remarkably, these are teenage girls between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, which means they have just completed their IGCSE's and doing their A-Levels, Bowen said.

Sense Africa's volunteer tourists' students builds playgrounds for eNhletjeni pre-schools.

Last Thursday, the latest of the four groups to be brought to Eswatini by Sense Africa partook in the building of playgrounds for the under-construction Madacaza and Mboweni pre-schools.

According to Jenny Bowen, Sense Africa's Director, this is the third group from St Helen and St Katharine School that visited the country this past July.

Worth noting is the fact that they are also an out-reach tourists' group that contributed cash amounting to E51 000 towards the building of the playgrounds that boasts jungle-jumps and swings for both pre-schools.

The pre-schools are being built by The Shamba Trust in conjunction with Hands-in-Hands. The former is an organization committed to initiating self-help projects in remote disadvantaged communities to mitigate the effects of the HIV/Aids pandemic through early child development.

The latter is also a local organization dedicated to the same cause as The Shamba Trust: building pre-schools and care-points to capacitate children with modern-day literacy skills at a tender age.

Sense Africa's involvement in the

a violent temper is capable of physical assault, property damage and far worse; some individuals even report black out and loss of memory after a fit of extreme temper.

Another form of anger with growing statistics is road rage. Have you ever had a fellow driver make you mad as hell? The incidence of road rage in our society is ever increasing.

There you are driving down the road on a Friday afternoon and suddenly you are confronted with mad max. In severe cases road rage causes serious accidents, property damage, bodily harm, and even death. These people are mad as hell at what or who they probably don't know themselves. The sad truth is anyone can suffer from road rage. It is not a condition exclusive to the ignorant. There are many intelli-

gent professional people who have succumbed to their temper in a car.

Living with someone who has a violent temper is difficult, and when that person has an episode it can be terrifying. One can never be sure where it really started or how it will end. When someone with a violent temper explodes anything can happen. Many a case of assault, wife beating, husband beating and child abuse are the result of a violent fit of temper. While one individual's temper runs unbridled through an entire household, the other unfortunate is held hostage by this person's fury. It is a dreadful way to live.

If you are someone suffering from a violent temper it is crucial that you take responsibility and seek help; taking responsibility is the first step to regaining control of your

project at eNhletjeni under Chief Fipha, according to Bowen, was instigated by her organisation's desire to bring impact communities in the country.

#### Initiatives

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the pre-schools, Bowen, who says she's been visiting Eswatini for the past twenty years, says that she

believes that such initiatives by her organization are worthwhile contributions to the society. Sense Africa has been involved in numerous charity projects in the monarchy, and the eNhletjeni project has been the tour operator's latest philanthropic aids to the Eswatini nation.

The tour operator is an interna-

life. Healing begins with you and your willingness to embrace all parts of yourself without judgement. Acting badly does not make you a bad person. Many good people do bad things when they lose their temper. The important questions here are simply; are you willing to take accountability for your life and source the pain that makes you aggressive?

Are you willing to set the victim/victimizer aside look at yourself differently and seek healing? If the answer is yes to these questions than please read further. The first step toward healing always begins with you, and the willingness to take responsibility for your temper. It is absolutely essential for healing to own your behaviour.

Anger management is never easy especially if one is very reactive, so

tional tour operator from the UK working with the Eswatini Tourism Authority (STA) to showcase Eswatini at the global stage as a prime tourists' destination.

Other projects by Sense Africa have been contributing to the building of the Section 19, Tambankulu Home for the Elderly, as well as a soup kitchen at Mhlumeni.

what is the solution for the person who is the victim of his or her own temper? What can you do to help yourself?

Firstly talk about it; seek a counsellor or psychologist you trust, and with whom you feel a connection. Secondly find a hobby or interest that helps you distress and thirdly Forgive Yourself. With a violent temper comes shame which compounds the feeling of defeat. Always remember healing comes with time, and the willingness to embrace your shadow work with it and bring it into light.

Enjoy your Sunday and God bless you.

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# SENSE AFRICA, STA PARTNERSHIP IN VOLUNTOURISM SOLIDIFIES





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Any woman who would ask a man to lie with her, even by today's base standards, would be considered very loose. Ruth, an idolatress – born and bred – stalked Boaz, and when he fell asleep she moved cosily close to him.

Boaz was startled to find her lying next to him; but what's worse, she asked him to cover her with his blanket. Her intentions could not be more obvious. But wait! This woman is an ancestress of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; she was the mother of Obed, the father of Jesse, who sired David, the King – after whose name Jesus is called Son of David.

But even worse, Ruth was a Moabitess. What? Does something ring a bell? Yes, you guessed it right – Ruth was a descendant of Moab, the son of Lot whom he sired from one of his own daughters. **Genesis 19:30-38** recounts the incestuous affair between Lot and his daughters, who were determined to preserve their father's bloodline;

Now Lot went up from Zoar, and lived in the mountain together with his two daughters, for he was afraid to stay (any longer) in Zoar; and he lived in a cave with his two daughters. The first born said to the younger, "Our father is aging, and there is not a man on earth (available) to be intimate with us in the customary way (so that we may have children).

Come let us make our father drunk with wine so that we may preserve our family through our father." After the encounter, the first born gave birth to a son – Moab, who later founded a nation called the Moabites. The Moabites were a nation of outcasts, who, while being descendants of Lot, Abraham's nephew, were banned from the 'congregation of the Lord' because of their hostility to Israel. King Eglon, who fought Israel for eighteen years, was killed by Ehud, the judge (**Judges 3:12-30**).

Saul fought the Moabites; David fought them; while Solomon, to the Lord's chagrin, married their women and built a shrine to their god, Chemosh.

The prophets of Israel spoke against the Moabites. But Ruth, through what appears to be very clandestine means to the human mind, still somehow became an ancestress of the Prince of Peace. Indeed God qualifies the unqualified.

# JESUS BLOODLINE OF SINNERS: LOOSE AS RUTH

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The story of Ruth, from the viewpoint of the canal observer, cannot get any worse; when Ruth made the pass on Boaz, she had been the widow of one Mahlon, the son of sojourners Elimelech and Naomi, who left Bethlehem and went to live in Moab at the height of the famine. When her mother-in-law, Naomi, decided to return to Bethlehem after the death of her sons and husband, Ruth insisted that she would go back with her, in spite of Naomi's entreaty that she should return to her people and god.

They arrived in Bethlehem just at the beginning of the barley harvest. Ruth went out to glean for the purpose of procuring support for herself and Naomi, and it was while she was gleaning upon Boaz's field, that she met this nobleman, a kinsman of Naomi, who later married her, according to the right of a nearer redeemer. In the process of time, Ruth became the mother of Obed, the father of Jesse and grandfather of David, a descendant of Christ.

## GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART

Even though she may not, at the time, have known the full import and outcome of her decision to remain loyal to Naomi, Ruth sowed kindness and reaped abundant blessing

as she became the great grandmother of King David and had a place in the genealogy of Jesus.

**Ruth 1:14** Then they wept aloud again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law (good bye), but Ruth clung to her. Then Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; turn back and follow your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people will be my people, and your God, my God."

Ruth's conviction brings to the fore very profound Godly principles. When we sacrifice our best for another's welfare, God rewards us.

Ruth's desire to stay with Naomi not only lightened Naomi's load, but it also brought Ruth into the Messiah's ancestral line. But most importantly, Ruth chose the God of Israel, the God of her mother-in-law over the idols of the Moabites, her people.

Another very important principle is brought to bear; when we love God's people, we are staking a claim with God Himself.

"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come you blessed of My Father (you favoured of God,

appointed to eternal salvation), inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me (with help and ministering care); I was in prison and you came to Me (ignoring personal danger)."

"Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and fed You, or thirsty and gave You something to drink? And when did we see You as a stranger, and invite You in, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?"

"The King will answer and say to them, 'I assure you and most solemnly say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it for Me (**Matthew 25:34-40**).'" God extended His protection to Ruth even though she was a foreigner and a member of a nation which had been the enemy of God and Israel (**Numbers 22-25**).

The story of Ruth demonstrates clearly that God will always raise

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His own people, irrespective of status, to bring his plan to fruition. He will arrange circumstances and cause events to happen in order to create just the right environment for His will to be done.

He will empower even the weakest, people without honour to drive His course for His glory. God will use just about anybody to achieve His will. But even so, the Jews, during the advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, were still disillusioned to presume that only they were the chosen ones of God. John the Baptist warned: "...and do not presume to say to yourselves (as a defence), 'We have Abraham for our father (so our inheritance assures us of salvation)'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children (descendants) for Abraham (**Matthew 3:9**)."

Ruth, a young Moabite woman, who was without honour and status, was chosen of the Father to play an integral role in the Lord's plan for the salvation of nations according to His covenant with Abraham.

"Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed is the Lord who has not left you without a redeemer (grandson, as heir) today, and may his name become famous in Israel. May he also be to you one who restores life and sustains your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.'" **Ruth 4:14 – 15.**

## PROTECT YOUR HEALTH WITH OUR HEALTH INSURANCE



They say summer bodies are made in winter, but unfortunately not everyone can soldier on in cold weather and faithfully stick to healthy eating habits and strict exercise regimens.

There is always a tendency to "take a break from things" in cold weather, even though that's probably when conditions are particularly conducive for working out. Excuses range from the weather being too cold for people to get out, winter niggles and shorter days that make it impossible to run or walk early in the morning or in the evening because of the darkness. We binge on comfort food and vegetate on our couches, and as the saying goes, a moment on the lips, a lifetime on the hips. It is easier to gain the kilos than it is to lose them, but all hope is not lost. There are opportunities to

mend our ways and get back into shape.

As it gets warmer, there are many events coming up that we should take advantage of in order to restore our health. Quite a few organisations have races, fun runs and walks lined up, and it won't harm to be a part of them. It is important to ensure that one is medically fit to participate in whatever sporting discipline one chooses. Regular medical check-ups are essential, yet they are usually neglected especially when people feel they are in great shape. It always seems like a total waste of money to just go and pay a doctor to examine you to see if there is something wrong with you even when you are not in any kind of pain. People usually prefer to only seek medical attention when something is gravely wrong, after self-medicating for a while. Sometimes that is actually not a preference but a matter of saving their hard-earned money. Saving money is an excellent habit, one that we encourage, but not at the expense of your health. You should not be looking after money; your money should



look after you.

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gives you access to services that would otherwise have been inaccessible because of the limiting cost. When it comes to our health, it is true that a stitch in time saves nine. You don't always have to be in pain for something to be wrong with you medically. Some illnesses creep up on us like a thief in the night. Examples are diabetes, high blood pressure, depression, high cholesterol, and others. The longer it takes for us to

get medical complications addressed, the harder it is to treat them and, usually, the more expensive it is as well. Do not procrastinate over your health. As Mahatma Gandhi said, health is the real wealth. Without good health, the joy of living goes out the window.

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**T**he Kingdom of Eswatini agrees with the rest of the world: discrimination against women is bad and something has to be done about - ultimately gender equality is good for everyone.

To demonstrate commitment, in 2004 we ratified the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); adopted a constitution recognising equality and women's rights in 2005 and a National Gender Policy in 2010. In 2012 we ratified the African Women's Rights Protocol; thereafter we committed to the post-2015 Development Goals and re-committed to the SADC Gender and Development (Revised) Protocol in 2016. Gender equality is also a central pillar in engagements with the EU, Commonwealth and other development bodies. When a country ratifies such agreements, it binds itself to take action to implement the provisions of the agreement by protecting, respecting and fulfilling the rights therein - through policy, law and other measures. The current electoral process is sharply exposing the lack of progress. But it is also providing an opportunity to craft actions for the next legislative term. Reports indicate that despite the monarchy's encouragement, EBC effort and NGO advocacy, numbers of women nominees are low. There are concerns that this might translate into low numbers of elected women in all three elective offices, and in turn portends difficulty in prioritising gender-equality. Regardless, parliament will still have a duty to play its part in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality. Some immediate former MPs acknowledge that the 10th parliament "failed." It is hard to disagree. Parliament contributed to notable achievements such as the amendment of the Public Order Act, Suppression of Terrorism Act; restoration of AGOA status; and recent enactment of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act.

Nonetheless, an objective account based of parliament's actual functions would find a severe deficit in the promotion of gender equality. This leaves a challenge to incoming legislators to do better. The 11th Parliament has the mammoth task of restoring socio-economic and political stability while pursuing the ambitious goal of first world status, and implementing development frameworks, visions and commitments that Eswatini is a part of. But parliament cannot succeed on its own - other stakeholders must also play their part.

#### ● Traditional leaders

A woman, under pressure from her in-laws and community to observe mourning rites, was forced to leave both her marital home and employment at local grocery shop, despite the family's agreement prior to her husband's death, that due to her religion, she would not. The case stands out for, amongst other things, the gap between law and practice and the need for political will. The chief and Indvuna of the community, were at the time of the case, both Cabinet ministers. The constitution's section 28(3) allows women choice in undergoing customary rites, yet she was told, "that is just a paper from Mbabane that has nothing to do with us." Dismissiveness towards the country's obligations violates rights and ultimately affects development of the very communities chiefs administer. Culture and tradition are the pride of the nation, and are central to the identity of eSwatini - we need a national conversation about what this means in the 21st century.

#### ● "Independent" justice-delivery structures/ institutions

Without getting into the judicial activism debates, it is inconceivable that a judiciary of the 21st century in a constitutional dispensation in which the courts, as "ultimate

Interpreters of the Constitution" and are enjoined to uphold and enforce the bill of rights, would issue regressive judgments. Yet, during the constitution's 12-year operational life, women have struggled to assert their rights through the courts. Nonetheless, decisions such as those in the Doo Aphane case on land and Sihlongonyane case on marital power that examined the import of the constitution's articulation of equality women's rights are encouraging because they suggest the potential of the judiciary to grow in this area.

The Commission on Human Rights is mandated to investigate and take appropriate action where violations of human rights are alleged. Discrimination is a violation and has also led to egregious violations against women and there is an expectation for the Commission to act.

But its effectiveness will be continue to be hampered so long as there is no legislation (that complies with the Paris Principles) governing its operations.

These structures are often confronted with difficult questions at the intersection of constitutional rights and culture and tradition. Nonetheless, their designation as

"independent" requires them to ensure non-discrimination in the delivery of justice, including enabling access, particularly for the poor, the majority of whom are women.

#### ● Civil society organisations

Civil society holds itself out as the "voice of the voiceless." However, it seems that in an effort to cultivate good relations with government, the "watchdog" aspect of civil society work is severely compromised.

It is said this approach emphasises collaboration over confrontation, as an adversarial approach alienates those that advocacy seeks to influence. There is nothing wrong in seeking constructive engagement with government, but when such initiatives suggest ingratiation and co-option, the cause suffers. CSOs now shy away from pointing out what is wrong and in calling for accountability. Successfully tackling discrimination needs strong, independent voices to call out political laxity, lip-service and delayed justice.

#### ● Faith-based organisations and religious leaders

The question of religion and gender equality remains enduringly

contentious. Religion has been used in women's subordination, with the justification male superiority and female inferiority is the "natural order" of things by the Creator. This view continues to be expressed, for example, by elements of the Christian faith while others assert that the creation narrative clearly teaches that both female and male are a creation of God (Genesis 1:27). It would appear that it is unacceptable to consider one sex better than the other, because by doing so discriminates yet both are made in His image. The influence of faith in people's lives makes it imperative that religious leaders understand gender equality and not perpetuate discrimination.

#### ● Corporate sector

Eswatini's business sector is rife with human rights abuses such as discrimination against women. The "Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations 'Protect, Respect and Remedy' Framework," comprehensively sets out the applicability of human rights obligations to the corporate sector. This responsibility "applies to all enterprises regardless of their size, sector, operational context, ownership and

structure."

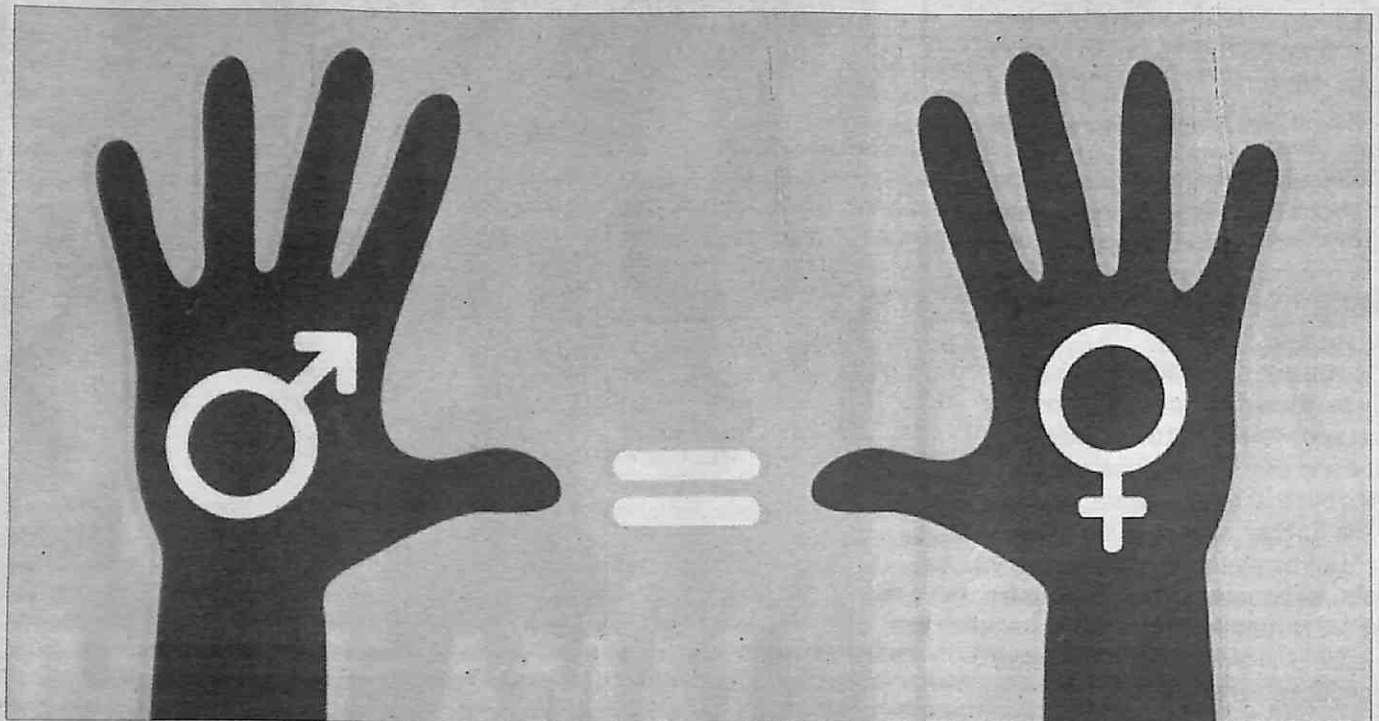
According to the Principles, "States must protect against human rights abuse within their territory and/or jurisdiction by third parties, including business enterprises;" and "all business enterprises domiciled in their territory and/or jurisdiction respect human rights throughout their operations." This means businesses "should avoid infringing on the human rights of others and should address adverse human rights impacts with which they are involved." Businesses are encouraged to operationalise the Principles by, amongst other things, making the requisite policy commitments and conducting human rights due diligence. Eswatini, business must examine its current condition and identify how it can contribute to ending discrimination.

#### ● Individuals

Promoting gender equality can also be done at the individual level. Everyone can play a part by themselves not being discriminatory nor being passive spectators when discrimination does occur. Eliminating discrimination against women requires active citizenship, which is willing to challenge wrongdoing and hold duty-bearers to account.

## SDG 5 - GENDER EQUALITY

# MAKING THE PROMISE THE REALITY: ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION



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## WRITER'S NOTE...

Greetings dear readers and its an honour to once again welcome you to your favourite youth section ASPIRE, whereby we aim to INSPIRE young people to be the best possible version of whatever they ASPIRE to be. In today's read, we have Toronto 905 head coach Jama Mahlalela as our cover star.

The Eswatini-born mentor talks to us about his childhood, his time at Waterford and further gives advice to young people on the sacrifices that one has to make on the road to attaining success.

"If you are not ready to make sacrifices, then there's no way you will succeed. You need to dedicate your time and give it your all because anything but that means failure," he says. Jama further talks about the standard of basketball in the country. "Well, of course, we are happy with the MTN sponsorship.

It will play a huge role in development because teams will get to play on a regular basis. But, the one thing that we still need to work on is development. From the Under 13-15s, level we need our youngsters to play basketball and get all the basics. We also need them to play international tournaments. I do not see us progressing if our national teams aren't competing at the highest level," he concludes. Read the whole interview on the next page. The Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini has availed E10 million to young entrepreneurs to start up their businesses.

I set down with Youth Fund's Bhekizwe Maziya to talk about some core issues of the fund and its distribution. On the very page, we also have our entertainment column, ISTAYELA SYALAHLELA and today I review Drake fifth's studio album titled 'Scorpion'.

This album was much anticipated, mainly for the drama surrounding his son, and how 'Dreezy' was being a deadbeat-father who was hiding his son from the world. Read my reviews on page 30. On the last page, we have our regular feature, the Sunday Podium, and today Philani Dlamini takes over from yours truly, and discusses how we have materialised the term 'Black Excellence'.

The Hearts Intentions brought to you by Mukelo 'Mookies' Tembe' takes a break this week, and will return next week. Let's continue the conversation at [sbusisodlamini@the@gmail.com](mailto:sbusisodlamini@the@gmail.com), or @penediction in Instagram. Till next week, have a good read and a blessed week.  
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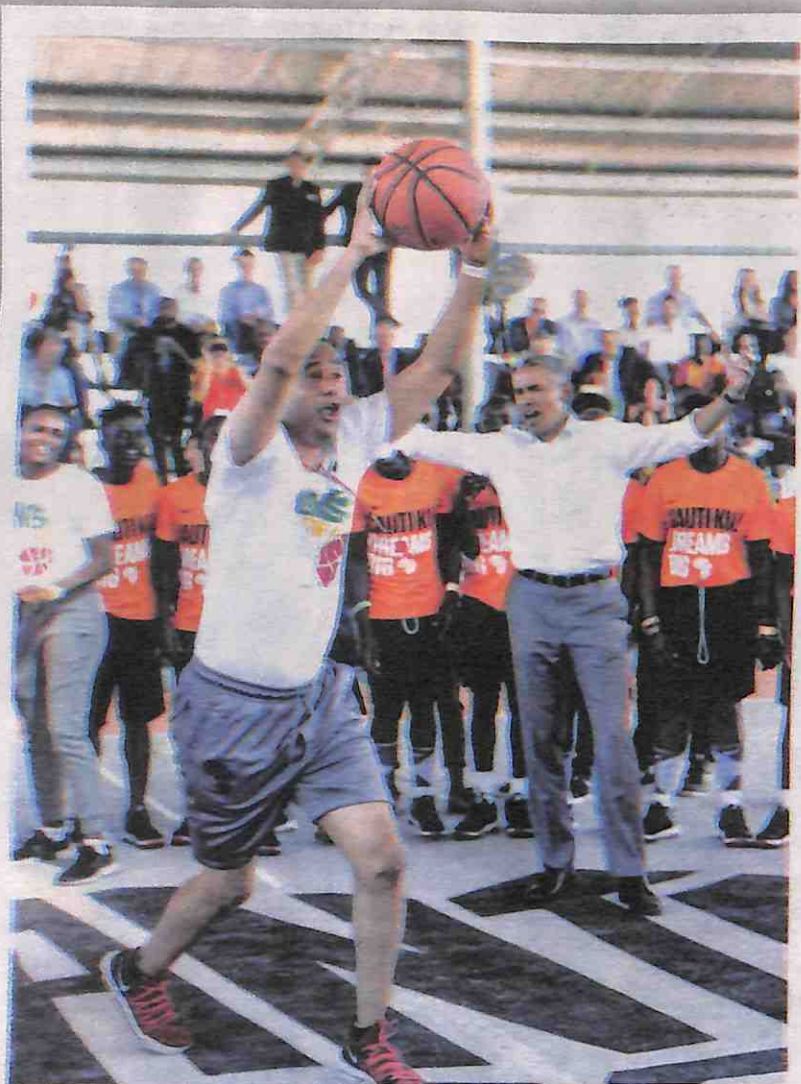


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## MAIN INTERVIEW

# 'YOUR PASSION SHOULD BE BACKED BY DEDICATION'



BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

**J**ama Mahlelela is a Swazi-Canadian basketball coach, who is currently the head coach for the Raptors 905 of the NBA G League.

The mentor, who has been hoisting our beautiful kingdom's flag, took time off his hectic schedule to talk to us on his childhood, the journey thus far and his advice to young people.

He begins the interview by seeking to know the topical issues in the kingdom and of course the standard of the game in the country, and after a few minutes of niceties, we get down to business. Enjoy.

"I was born in the capital city of the Kingdom of Eswatini, Mbabane, at the Mbabane Clinic to be precise. I moved to Mozambique when I was about three, spent about a year there and later on joined my mother in Canada. It was a very interesting childhood that I had if I may say, and of course I was exposed to basketball when I got to Canada and that's where I started with the basics," he states.

Jama then moved back into the country for his high school, and studied at Waterford Kamhlaba. Albeit basketball being his first



love, Mahlelela says he used to play nearly 'all' sorts of sports.

"I was quite active, hey. I was a good athlete because I played everything, not just bas-

ketball. Your swimming and cricket, I was also involved. Coming back to the Kingdom, Swaziland at the time - was a very exciting period for me.

I was re-uniting with my father and as well as with my roots. I was 13 at the time, and I played a lot of basketball games. I was a bit better than the other children mainly because of my basics in Canada, but I made a lot of friends whom I am still in contact with even today. Again, I was so in love with the school because of the many cultures that were infused there. The education was also open-minded and channelled me to my path," he says.

Upon completing his high school, Jama was awarded a basketball scholarship where he got to study and also play basketball. He then graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Kinesiology and the Jama Mahlelela Award was created in his honour.

During his time at tertiary, Mahlelela played basketball for the UBC Thunderbirds. He played for five years, served as a team captain, and helped the team win a Canada West title. Mahlelela graduated from UBC thereafter.

"I got a scholarship to study at the University of British Columbia and all this was through my burning passion and love for the sport. I noticed something whilst I was there and it was my strength as a leader. Like, I wasn't the best player in my team, but I was the captain. There are games where I would not feature, but I'd still be captain, and that's where I saw my strength."

Mahlelela then started with the Toronto Raptors in 2006 as a member of the community development staff, leading the Raptors Basketball Academy and various clinics throughout Canada. He was named director of basketball operations for NBA Asia three years later and oversaw the League's clinics, youth programmes and elite-level development from his base in Hong Kong, before returning to Canada for his tenure as an assistant coach in the 2013-14 NBA season.

"I didn't just jump up the ladder with Toronto. It doesn't work like that. You have to prove yourself. I started in community development and I cleaned the courts. I gave it my all and made sure that they were perfect and I worked with the same men-

tality and motto. It has been a wonderful journey and I would like to thank all the coaches I've been under for the mentorship and the kind words of advice.

I have learnt valuable lessons from each and every one of them and I promise to give it my all and deliver.

**MOTIVATION:** Your talent and passion alone will not guarantee you success. You need to be dedicated and that calls for sacrifices and all. From a young age, I haven't had much time to just laze around and spend on folly things; I am always on my toes. If you want to perfect yourself in any sport, it requires you to eat healthy and also take care of not just the body but the mind as well. That is, you have to spend time working on yourself and also be aware that there are certain things you should not do.

**INSPIRATION:** My family. The people that I call family are my all, they are very supportive and nothing gives me more pleasure than seeing a smile on their faces. They are the main reason I wake up every day and do what I do.

**ASPIRATIONS:** Firstly, it's to win the title this season. That is the mandate I have been tasked with and I have to deliver. No excuses.





## PHENOMENAL WOMAN

**P**retty women wonder where my secret lies.

I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size.

But when I start to tell them,  
They think I'm telling lies.

I say,  
It's in the reach of my arms,  
The span of my hips,  
The stride of my step,  
The curl of my lips.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

I walk into a room  
Just as cool as you please,  
And to a man,  
The fellows stand or  
Fall down on their knees.  
Then they swarm around me,  
A hive of honey bees.  
I say,  
It's the fire in my eyes,  
And the flash of my teeth,  
The swing in my waist,  
And the joy in my feet.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.

Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

Men themselves have wondered  
What they see in me.  
They try so much  
But they can't touch  
My inner mystery.  
When I try to show it,  
They say they still can't see.  
I say,  
It's in the arch of my back,  
The sun of my smile,  
The ride of my breasts,  
The grace of my style.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

Now you understand  
Just why my head's not bowed.  
I don't shout or jump about  
Or have to talk real loud.  
When you see me passing,  
It ought to make you proud.  
I say,  
It's in the click of my heels,  
The bend of my hair,  
The palm of my hand,  
The need for my care.  
'Cause I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

By Maya Angelou

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

**A**re you a Swazi aged 18-35 and really passionate about entrepreneurship? Well then this is your chance!

The Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini has availed E10 million for the Youth Fund, a fund set up to give loans to young people who prove their burning passion and willingness to start up businesses.

Well, upon breaking this news to you last year, your favourite youth section took some time to visit the Fund's current captain Bhekizwe Maziya this past week, and the soft-spoken Maziya simply availed himself and tried to break down the nitty-gritties of the fund.

The first thing Maziya wanted to point out was that they were looking for passion amongst young people.

"The most important thing that we will be looking out for is passion. We want to make sure that this young person really loves his business.

That will give us surety that he will do whatever it takes to see it succeed. For example, we have a young person who is passionate about music coming through and asking for a loan to start-up a knitting business. That's tricky because when things get a bit tough, he/she will be quick to jump ship because that project isn't in their hearts. So, we urge young people to start businesses that they truly love," he said.

## Business

Another thing that Maziya made mention of was the issue of a viable business plan with a proper marketing strategy.

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We have now decided that each person will provide at least three quotations of what they need and bring it to us, thereafter we will get in touch with the supplier and pay upon delivery of the item. It makes life easier for all of us," he said.

## ISTAYELA SYALAHLELA

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

**S**o Aubrey Graham, well known by his rap name Drake, finally dropped his much anticipated fifth studio album which we couldn't wait to hear, mainly because we wanted to know why he was hiding a child.

The album is out and he has succeeded in making everyone believe that he kept his son a secret to protect him from the slings and arrows of gossip blogs and internet commentators. On Pusha-T's venomous diss track 'The Story of Adidon,' he suggested Drake was buying his time until he could make his baby the centerpiece of a marketing campaign for his

## 'Scorpion' – should we forget that Dreezy was hiding baby?

● Scorpion isn't entirely focused on the significance of fatherhood. Many of the 25 tracks are built around standard-issue Drake themes—the audacity of rappers who dare speak his name, associated with dating multiple beautiful women at once, people who use Instagram weirdly—and the hyper-topical nature of the lines regarding paternity suggest they were added to the album at the last-minute, probably after the diss track.

new line of Adidas clothing. His motives may still be up for debate, but the heart of it is undeniable.

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But fatherhood hangs over 'Scorpion,' casting Drake's known emotions into sharp bars. He's never been more skilled as a technician or melodist, and it's remarkable how many of Scorpion's 90 min-



## THE SUNDAY PODIUM

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Sean Combs and Shawn Carter.

What is Black Excellence? What should one do to qualify under the phrase Black Excellence?

Searching through the internet, I discovered that there is no definite definition of the term, but the general consensus is that it is someone that is black and portrays great qualities and abilities that make the black community proud. What are these qualities and abilities—judging from all the posts with #BlackExcellence on social media? These qualities and abilities are opulence, extremely good looks, and success in sports, donning the latest brands, dream holidays and a number of expensive possessions—in simple terms a lavish lifestyle. As I scroll through my different social media pages, I realise that these things do really pile pressure on us (LOL). I see many things like black people strutting the streets in expensive designer clothing, with classy jewellery and accessories, a black person with an MBA or black person jetting off to the Bahamas, all with the hashtag #BlackExcellence. It seems like the term (I prefer using term/phrase because of the unclear definition of Black Excellence) is only exclusive to certain people in the black community.

Has the term become something that's used as a barometer to judge the worth of a person? Some blogs even go to the extent of mentioning the likes of Barack Obama, Serena Williams, Jay Z, P. Diddy, Beyoncé, Usain Bolt, Patrice Motsepe, Cassper Nyovest as dazzling/impeccable examples of Black Excellence. As a race that was previously disadvantaged (and to a certain extent still is) these people fit the benchmarks of this phrase but I think it is time to redefine Black Excellence.

Looking at the people mentioned above, it is evident that there is a certain trend among them i.e. they are black (obviously), they are role models to many (like which black child doesn't want to be reach as Diddy or Hova), they are extremely wealthy and by the standards set by the world they are considered to be successful (key words: standards of the world).

Notice how the phrase is generally exclusive to certain people? While that is beautiful and inspirational, shouldn't black excellence go to the single mom who is toiling tirelessly to ensure that her children have a bright and better future than hers? What about that black couple who has overcome all those challenges and stuck to the 'Till Death Do Us Apart' covenant? Shouldn't we give Black Excellence to all those who are giving back to the community, building a family, overcoming all those challenges the black community encounters?

Don't get me wrong, I'm not against the benchmarks set for Black Excellence— but I'm also here for all the single parents, that lower class family which is grateful for the little they have and still have a heart-warming smile, all those that acknowledge being black and haven't forgotten their roots.

**Brands**

One may think that I'm against that posh lifestyle or donning all those expensive brands, there's nothing wrong with that but referring to those things as symbols of excellence or success brings about a myriad of problems. The foremost matter presented here is that if I don't meet any of these benchmarks, I have failed and thus can't be considered to represent Black Excellence.

The unfortunate thing is that this is not utterly spot-on and this has sprung forth a number of issues like blessers (to finance that lavish

lifestyle), a number of mentally unstable people, an era of moral degeneration and a whole lot of issues (it pains me to keep typing them). There's nothing wrong with securing the bag, in fact we all should but be careful not to lose yourself in the process and neglect the important things in life like family. The world has become a cesspool and we live in an age of moral degeneration because we have been programmed to focus on living lavishly and forgetting the key components of a happy being.

Let's redefine black excellence—it's more than raking in those 'hunnids', it's more than 'baecations' from Milan to Dubai, more than sipping the finest cognac in that hip club in town or that huge mansion in a gated estate. Black excellence is about mental health, healthy and stable relationships, giving back to our community, being the

best you can be, self-love, knowing your worth, taking authority over who you are and countless number of things. Not everyone is born with a silver spoon in their mouth but don't let that deter you as a person but strive for more than a seven digit bank balance, strive for happiness and raising your children in a safe environment. Don't feel trapped in a matrix-like world where if you don't follow a certain mould, you're a reject. Society has set absurd standards, for us and while trying to meet those standards, we lose a number of things and realise that it isn't worth it.

Initially black excellence may have been used to grow confidence in black people but it has spiralled out of control as it focuses more on affluence rather than the basic building blocks of excellence—mental health, hard work, thick skin, integrity, etc. Let's incorporate attaining wealth, integrity, self-

love, honesty, mental health etc. into the definition of black excellence. We are under a lot of unnecessary pressure because of the targets set by society in order for one to be considered successful. We should encourage black excellence without undermining the key values of life.

**Ideas**

Create your own ideas of black excellence and strive for whatever is your heart and be excellent at whatever we wish to do. In as much as we want more black millionaires and billionaires, but we shouldn't forget the fundamental things in life.

Don't be so hard on yourself. Fully embrace yourself, flaws and all. Strive to do better, but don't beat yourself for every shortcoming that you may have. Let us redefine 'Black Excellence' but in the process, we should not settle for less and encourage mediocrity.

utes are musically engaging. Paternity has been a long-standing source of anxiety for Drake, one that's persisted as he's become exponentially more famous.

From the 'The Resistance', on 'Thank Me Later', he highlights a one-night stand who wishes she'd kept Drake's baby.

He bemoaned the paperwork that comes with superstardom on 2015's project with Future '30 for 30 Freestyle', talking about the paternity tests he's legally obligated to complete for women he's never slept with. And the issue resurfaced on this year's 'Diplomatic Immunity', a song released when his son was just a few months old "I got

the sauce and now shorties keep claimin' preggio."

The project invites you to pretend that becoming a dad hasn't been one of Drake's foremost concerns for the last decade.

He makes the disclosure for the first time on the stunning 'Emotionless', coasting on top of an instantly recognisable Mariah Carey sample "I wasn't hidin' my kid from the world, I was hidin' the world from my kid." He refutes Pusha's claim that he's a deadbeat dad on the opulent '8 out of 10' "The only deadbeats is whatever beats I been rappin' to."

'Scorpion' has a sumptuous sound. With glistening production from his

favourites and close friends in '40' and Boi-1da.

I love the fact that he revisits sounds from his earlier career, I mean the tough-talking, rap-centric emotional 'Dreezy'. This means that 'Scorpion' is the first Drake album to double back instead of chart a new course, and its conservatism is disappointing given the near-decade he's spent at pop music's front liner.

Splitting 'Scorpion' into two distinct sides—rap and R&B—detracts from his pioneering synthesis of those two genres, but the best songs here don't sound like retreads; they're the most refined possible expressions of familiar aesthetics. Soulful, sample-

centric cuts like 'Emotionless', '8 out of 10', and the long-awaited DJ Premier collaboration 'Sandra's Rose' are pure comfort food, a reminder that Drake idolised Kanye West long before they became each other's nemeses.

**Sweet**

It's on 'Scorpion's Side B that Drake comes closest to finding his sweet spot, that inimitable zone where aromatherapy candles never burn out. The Michael Jackson 'feature' on 'Don't Matter to Me' is a flex—consider how many artists have the funds to clear a sample like that, Jesus!

On the sublime 'After Dark', a personal favourite, he upgrades 'Thank Me Later'-era slow jams with filthy,

funny smooth-talking and assists from the late Static Major and Ty Dolla \$ign.

The album ends with 'March 14', an extended reckoning with fatherhood in place of Drake's usual state-of-OVO status report. He describes finding out about his paternity as "the first positive DNA we ever celebrated," which is both a remarkably unsentimental way to react to becoming a father and hard to believe given the content of songs like 'I'm Upset'.

And just like I had said before the album, I only love the songs where Drake gets emotional and pours his heart out—whether it's about the baby or rappers mentioning his name.



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Teamtalk

Mirallas completes €7.5m Fiorentina move

**LONDON** - Everton attacker Kevin Mirallas has completed his move to Fiorentina, both clubs have confirmed. The Serie A outfit will have the option to make a deal permanent for the Belgium international winger should he impress during his time in Florence. They will pay a reported €500 000 (£445 000, \$579 000) - subject to a medical - to take him on loan for the duration of the 2018-19 season, and should they wish to retain his services, he will cost a further €7 million (£6.2m/\$8m). "Fiorentina wish to announce that we have acquired, on a temporary basis with the right to retention, the rights to the sporting performances of footballer Kevin Mirallas from Everton," a statement from the Italian side read. **Goal**

'Warrior' Vidal will bring energy to Barcelona

**BARCELONA** - Ernesto Valverde expects 'warrior' Arturo Vidal to offer something different in Barcelona's midfield as the Chile international finalises a transfer from Bayern Munich. Vidal is expected to be confirmed as a Barça player upon the successful completion of a medical after a deal was agreed between the two clubs. At 31, the former Bayer Leverkusen and Juventus star is approaching the latter stages of his career. But Barça coach Valverde expects the Serie A, Bundesliga and Copa America winner to complement the less combative players in central positions. "He's a player who we hope will bring energy to the midfield," the boss said ahead of his team's International Champions Cup match against AC Milan in Santa Clara, California on Sunday. **AFP**

Jorginho would have been perfect for Pep's City

**LONDON** - Pep Guardiola is still putting a brave face on Manchester City's failed pursuit of Jorginho as he prepares to face the Italian midfielder and his new club today. "The blow would be to come here when he prefers Chelsea," Guardiola contested at his Friday press conference, yet the Premier League champions were so confident that they would get their man that they had not lined up any back-up options, and they are still scouring the market for potential alternatives. "Every player has his own abilities; Jorginho is a special player for the way we want to play," Guardiola said, the regret starting to creep through. "But we'll try to find one."

Goal

Tottenham are being unrealistic over Grealish

**LONDON** - Aston Villa boss Steve Bruce has warned Tottenham simply have no chance of signing Jack Grealish on the cheap. The manager confirmed for the first time the clubs are in talks over the midfielder but Spurs - who are yet to make a signing this summer - are nowhere near Villa's asking price. Bruce was resigned to losing Grealish on the cheap before Nassef Sawiris and Wes Edens' takeover last month which saved Villa from possible administration. The club must still comply with Financial Fair Play and selling Grealish would virtually solve the issue but Bruce has told Spurs they can no longer agree a knockdown price. "I don't want to lose Jack and neither do the owners."

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# MCGREGOR TO MAKE LONG AWAITED UFC RETURN AGAINST NURMAGOMEDOV

**LONDON** - Conor McGregor will return to the Octagon against Khabib Nurmagomedov in Las Vegas in October.

The UFC announced late on Friday night that McGregor and Nurmagomedov will headline UFC 229 on October 6 at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

Speaking at a press conference to mark the UFC's 25th anniversary, president Dana White fielded questions and then said: "We have one last thing we want to show you." A promotional video then played to promote the bout.

It drew rapturous applause from the watching media and fans, with White adding: "They're not here unfortunately. But the fight is done, October, Las Vegas, it's on ladies and gentlemen."

McGregor will return to the Octagon after avoiding prison on assault charges following his attack on a UFC fighter bus in Brooklyn earlier this year.

er this year.

The charismatic Irishman said the assault was in retaliation to a previous run-in between his team-mate Artem Lobov and Nurmagomedov, who was on the bus at the time of the attack.

The 29-year-old Russian Nurmagomedov later invited McGregor to settle things out in the Octagon and it has now become an exciting reality.

The fight is tipped to be the biggest in the history of the promotion due to the intense personal rivalry and the fascinating stylistic match-up.

McGregor hasn't fought within UFC since November 12, 2016 against Eddie Alvarez and he will be desperate to light up the sport once again.

Nurmagomedov captured the lightweight title that McGregor was stripped of when he failed to defend the belt. Meanwhile, the notorious stepped away from UFC for a sensational boxing match with American



Conor McGregor.

great Floyd Mayweather.

But with just over two months left until the huge fight, McGregor will

be working harder than ever before to reclaim his dominance within the sport. **Dailymail**

## MARTIAL DOOMED AT MAN UTD

**MANCHESTER** - Former Manchester United defender Wes Brown believes the writing is on the wall for Anthony Martial at Old Trafford.

The France forward has fallen out with Jose Mourinho this summer and appears determined to move on if the right opportunity comes along. Bayern Munich were again linked with his signature on Friday as part of an ambitious swap deal.

Whether he moves to the Bundesliga or not, Brown - speaking exclusively to 888sport - reckons the player is destined to leave Old Trafford in the coming days.

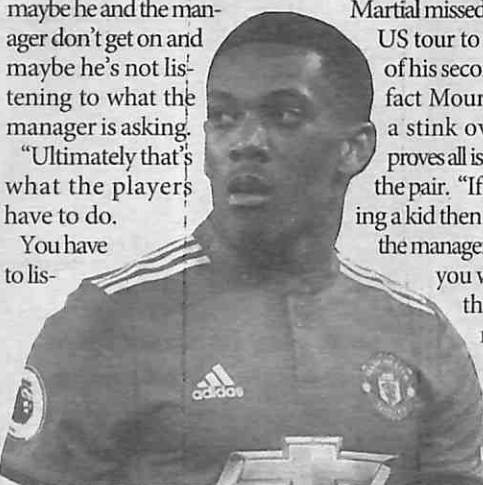
"I like Anthony Martial. I think he's a great talent and he's young," Brown said.

"But he's not been playing so maybe he and the manager don't get on and maybe he's not listening to what the manager is asking. "Ultimately that's what the players have to do.

You have to listen

ten to your manager. He didn't play many times last year so looking from the outside it doesn't look good. He might be off."

Martial missed part of the club's US tour to attend the birth of his second child and the fact Mourinho kicked up a stink over his actions, proves all is not right between the pair. "If someone is having a kid then you like to think the manager would say 'yeah, you would can go for that' and if it was me I'd want to go. **Teamtalk**



Anthony Martial.

## CASTER MAKES 'DREAM COME TRUE' IN NIGERIA

**CAPE TOWN** - South Africa produced another dominant performance on Day 3 of the 21st CAA African Senior Championships, raking in another 9 medals as they extended their lead at the top of the overall table in Asaba, Nigeria at the end of Friday.

Caster Semenya again showed her class by smashing the South African record in the 400m final, storming across the line in 49.96 to become the first SA woman

to dip under 50 seconds in the one-lap dash. She broke the previous mark held by Heide Seyerling, which had stood for nearly 18 years. "It's always been my dream to run under 50, and I think it was the right time."

The conditions suited me," said Semenya, who was nearly a full second ahead of her nearest opponent. "For me, it's always about having fun and waiting for the right time to execute." Semenya is set to compete again in the

800m and 4x400m relay events today.

The national squad relay took no prisoners in the 4x100m Relay, charging home in 38.25 seconds, with Akani Simbine, Simon Magakwe, Emile Erasmus and Henricho Bruinjies missing the SA record by just 0.01.

"The more we believe in each other the better we become," Bruinjies said.

"This is an individual sport but by coming together as a team there are more medals up for grabs, and I think we're all understanding that now and showing up for the relays." **Sport24**

## Guardiola warned me over Premier League move - Sarri

**LONDON** - New Chelsea boss Maurizio Sarri has admitted that he was cautioned by Pep Guardiola over the standard of football in the Premier League.

Sarri has replaced Antonio Conte at the helm of the Stamford Bridge club this summer and today will play his first competitive fixture with his new side as they tackle Manchester

City in the Community Shield. In the opposite dugout, meanwhile, will be the Catalan, who he consulted with before electing to make the move from Napoli.

The 59-year-old has admitted that the former Barcelona and Bayern Munich boss told him there would be difficulties but urged him to take the move. "Guardiola told me here in

England that it is very difficult, the level is very high," he said. "He had some problems in the first season, but he said that football is football everywhere."

"Sure, he said: 'Come to England' - every coach in this moment wants to work in England. The Premier League is the best league in the world. I am very lucky to be here."

Goal

## Sports minister to intervene in SABC's PSL radio blackout

**JOHANNESBURG** - Minister of Sport Tokozile Xasa will convene a meeting with the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) and the Premier Soccer League (PSL) next week in a bid to find a solution to an impasse for the league's matches to be broadcast on radio.

Also expected to be part of the high level discussions, with the aim of trying to find a solution to this issue that has created a massive public outcry, is Minister of Communications Nomvula Mokonyane.

The SABC announced to public dismay on Friday that they would not broadcast PSL matches on radio this season following unsuccessful negotiations with the league.

"The minister would meet all role players and try to get a solution to this matter," said spokesperson for the Department of Sport and Recreation Vuyo Mhaga.

"In the main it will affect people in rural areas, the working class who drive trucks and many others who depend on radio to follow the most popular sport, soccer."

In a statement, the SABC said they were only advised on Friday afternoon that they will not be allowed to broadcast league matches in this move that is going to starve millions of South Africans who rely on this platform for coverage of the country's biggest sport. **Sport24**



Minister of Sport Tokozile Xasa.



## PITSO TAKES ISSUE WITH BILLIAT'S AWARD

**P**RETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane took issue with Kaizer Chiefs forward Khama Billiat being awarded the Man of the Match award.

Sundowns began their Absa Premiership campaign with a 1-1 draw against Chiefs at the Loftus Versfeld Stadium.

Former Sundowns star Billiat was named Man of the Match after the game, something that left Mosimane puzzled.

"Can I ask who chooses the Man of the Match, is it the SMSs like in

the Shell Cup? who chooses the Man of the Match?" Mosimane asked SuperSport's Robert Marawa.

Marawa informed Mosimane that it was the SuperSport commentators before telling the Sundowns coach that Billiat won the accolade.

However, Mosimane seemed surprised by the choice, and then asked Marawa, "What did he do?" before walking off.

*SoccerLaduma*

**Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane.**



## Leopards stun Polokwane City in Limpopo derby

**P**LOKwane - Black Leopards marked their return to top flight football with a 1-0 win over neighbours Polokwane City in the Absa Premiership on Saturday evening at Peter Mokaba Stadium.

Walter Musona had a chance in the seventh minute to open the scoring for Rise and Shine after going through inside the box, but he shot straight at Leopards goalkeeper Rotshidzwa Mulekwa.

Karabo Tshepe grabbed the lead for Lidoda Duvha instead in the 12th minute through a free-kick. Musona was pre-

sented with another opportunity for City in the 23rd minute at close range but fluffed his chance.

Joel Masutha's charges were absorbing the pressure after half-an-hour, looking to spring forward on counter-attacks. Leopards were content with keeping their shape at the back and managed to go into the break having a 1-0 advantage over City.

The two sides were struggling for momentum early in the second stanza. However, Rise and Shine upped their tempo towards the hour although they were not as quick as they needed

to be. Musona had a chance once again inside the box in the 67th minute to level matters for Jozef Vukuzic's men but again he fired straight at Mulekwa.

Leopards did not commit much going forward and with a quarter of an hour remaining they were not troubling City goalkeeper George Chigova.

Goalscorer Tshepe was instrumental though for Lidoda Duvha, although they lacked numbers in attack.

Ivan Mahangwahaya had a good chance to wrap the game for Leopards ten minutes before time shortly after coming on for Joseph Mhlomo but he could not find the target.

Rise and Shine were probing in the closing minutes but they could not penetrate the hosts and rued early missed chances as they crashed to defeat.

*kickoff*

## Two debutants on target as Wits crush Stars

**J**OHANNESBURG - Two debutants were on target for Bidvest Wits as they began the Absa Premiership season with a 3-0 win over Free State Stars at the Bidvest Stadium.

The Clever Boys broke the deadlock as early as the 10th minute, with Thulani Hlatshwayo tapping home at the near post after some impressive build-up play.

Stars nearly hit back on the break after 13 minutes but Dlamini saw his curling effort crash against the upright with Darren Keet well left flat-footed.

Wits continued to dominate possession, although the tempo of the clash slowed down after the 20-minute mark as they looked to build up from the back.

However, the hosts doubled their lead on 29 minutes as Deon Hotto's free-kick found Macuphu, who sent a glancing header past Badra Ali Sangare.

Gavin Hunt's charges managed to see off any late push from the Free State outfit in the remaining stages of the first half.

Keet had to be at his best in the 57th minute as the Wits shot-stopper produced a superb save to keep out Sinethemba Jantjie's strike.

With 15 minutes remaining, the Clever Boys grabbed a third goal as Hotto marked his debut with a goal by finishing off a fine team move.

The home side managed to see out the closing stages with relative ease as they begin the season with an emphatic win.

*Soccerladuma*

## Neymar returns as PSG thrash Monaco in China

**B**EIJING - Brazilian superstar Neymar made his first club appearance since February as Paris Saint-Germain thrashed Monaco 4-0 in the French Champions Trophy in China yesterday.

Angel Di Maria's double fired PSG to their first silverware under new coach Thomas Tuchel as Neymar, long sidelined by a foot injury, came on as a late substitute.

Di Maria's thunderous free-kick opened the scoring on 33 minutes in searing heat and he grabbed PSG's fourth in injury time following strikes from youngsters Christopher Nkunku and Timothy Weah.

It was a comprehensive win for the reigning French champions in the season's curtain-raiser, even without

Kylian Mbappe and Edinson Cavani who are yet to return after the World Cup.

PSG start their Ligue 1 title defence on Sunday, August 12, with a home match against Caen.

Former Borussia Dortmund boss Tuchel was drenched in champagne by his players during his post-match press conference, like Didier Deschamps was after France's World Cup triumph last month.

"I'm very happy, because we won our first final. It's great, winning 4-0 is incredible," said the 44-year-old.

"I really like the fact that we played as a team. It was a very young team and the conditions were very hard, but we played with a lot of intensity." *Super Sport*

## Benni's City down SuperSport in Cape Town



**Cape Town City's Siphelele Mthembu and Supersport United's Morgan Gould.**

**C**APE TOWN - Cape Town got their Absa Premiership campaign off to a winning start as goals from Roland Putsche and Craig Martin secured a 2-0 win over SuperSport United.

Benni McCarthy handed starts to new signings Siphelele Mthembu, Riyaad Norodien and goalkeeper Peter Leeuwenbergh.

It was an evenly contested affair in the opening 15 minutes of the clash but both sides

## 'Downs, Chiefs opener ends in a stalemate

**P**RETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns and Kaizer Chiefs played to a 1-1 draw in an Absa Premiership clash at Loftus Versfeld Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Ramahlwe Mphahlele and Ricardo Nascimento scored for their respective teams in what was the opening game of the 2018-19 campaign.

The season got off to a delayed start as the match commissioner decided to shift the kick-off time by 15 minutes to allow much of the sold-out crowd, who were late to arrive, to enter the stadium.

When proceedings finally got under way, it was well worth the wait with both teams firing on all cylinders from the first whistle. Former Sundowns attackers Leonardo Castro and Khama Billiat proved why they were such a hit in the country's capital as they linked up for the first shot in anger of the season in the fifth minute.

The Colombia international, though, could only succeed in hitting his effort straight at a grateful Denis Onyango.

It would be a fellow former Brazilian to open the scoring three minutes later, Mphahlele with his first league goal since scoring against Sundowns at the same venue in November 2016.

The fullback robbed Gaston Sirino of the ball in a dangerous

area before guiding his resulting shot into the bottom left corner.

Sundowns surged forward in search of the equaliser and were gifted a chance to pull themselves back on level terms in the 25th minute.

Daniel Cardoso with a clumsy challenge on Jeremy Brockie, leaving the referee with little choice but to award a penalty.

Ricardo Nascimento duly stepped up and made no mistake from the spot.

Brockie was then denied by the crossbar in the 38th minute with a crisp effort from within the penalty area. The New Zealand international had Itumeleng Khune beaten as his volley bounced off the turf and lobbed over the goalkeeper, but the woodwork came to the rescue.

Sirino emerged from the tunnel a man on a mission following the break as he looked to make amends for his first-half error and went close to doing just that from the kick-off.

The Uruguayan unlocked the Amakhosi defence with a pinpoint pass, but Themba Zwane failed to convert with the goal at his mercy.

Onyango then had to be at his brilliant best in the 55th minute following another mistake by Sirino - the Uganda international with a great save to deny Khama Billiat and spare his teammates blushes. *Backpagepix*



**Chiefs' Ramahlwe Mphahlele challenged by Leandro Sirino.**

struggled to create chances in the final third.

Norodien looked lively in the first half for the hosts and went he went close to putting his side ahead after 20 minutes, but his long range effort was thwarted by Ronwen Williams.

Williams came to SuperSport's rescue in the 38th minute with a superb save to keep out Norodien's powerful strike from distance. That proved to be the final chance of the half from both sides as they went into the

break scoreless. Ten minutes into the second half, the Citizens broke the deadlock through Putsche, who sent a superb strike into the top corner from just inside the box. SuperSport coach Kaitano Tembo responded by introducing Thabo Mnyamane for Evans Rusike just before the hour-mark. However, it was the hosts who got the next goal as substitute Martin tapped into empty net after Matthew Rusike's initial shot was parried away by Williams. *soccerladuma*



# ESWATINI TELECOM CHARITY CUP PREVIEWS



## SPARKS TO FLY AS BULL, WANDERERS CLASH

### MBABANE HIGHLANDERS VS MANZINI WANDERERS

BY SIBONGISENI ZONDI

Somhlolo National Stadium, 9am

**S**OCCER- And so it begins, with a true clash of the titans, Mbabane Highlanders vs Manzini Wanderers in the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup semi-finals.

It's a match fit to kick-start any campaign, a-list cubs fighting it out in an a-list fixture that is sure not to disappoint. It's been a long wait for domestic football for local supporters. Apart from the Charity Cup play-offs two weeks ago, local supporters have had to wait for well over two months for the return of domestic football.

This clash between rivals Highlanders and Wanderers is the perfect way to get things restarted. These two sides finished two points apart in the MTN Premier League last season, with Wanderers fourth and Highlanders fifth. Their last meeting was a memorable one, Wanderers stunning the 'Black Bull' 2-0 in the SwaziBank semi-finals in April. They were matched in the league, however, as they shared one win apiece in their two meetings. Their off seasons have not been without drama. Highlanders though have done some strong business in the transfer window, signing nine players, most of whom are expected to start today, including Vusumuzi Zungu, the midfield powerhouse.

Wanderers had a slow start on the transfer front but have taken up the tempo in the past few days with the signings of Sifiso Maseko and Mthobisi 'Mkhelele' Mdluli, amongst others. The pressure is now on the two sides' coaches to deliver.

Nyangayezizwe 'Crooks' Hlophe's Wanderers came so close to ending their 13-year long trophy drought



in May, only to lose to Young Buffaloes in the final of the SwaziBank Cup.

For Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane, the period without a trophy is shorter compared to that of the 'Weslans' but it is still long by the club's own standards. Highlanders last lifted silverware in 2010. Eight years without a trophy is a long time for this club. But having brought in the likes of Zungu and Khanyakwezwe Shabalala, Highlanders will be expected to challenge strongly this season. In addition, the club's directors were able to convince long serving captain Xolani 'Chocco'

Sibandze to stay and his experience and leadership will be key today against Wanderers. For the 'Weslans', the departure of trusted striker Kola Aladeon has stung but there is enough talent left behind to trouble Highlanders today. Captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya is always a goal threat while livewire Mike Dombo is always hard to stop. Add that to a resolute defence led by Sihle Mkhonta and Menzi Gamedze, and Wanderers have all the chances of ending their trophy drought today.

#### KEY PLAYERS:

**Highlanders:** Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze, Vusumuzi Zungu, Khanyakwezwe Shabalala.

**Wanderers:** Mike Dombo, Sicelo 'Junior' Simelane, Sihle Mkhonta.

#### HIGHLANDERS VS WANDERERS LAST THREE MEETINGS

Highlanders 0-2 Wanderers (SwaziBank Cup semifinal, April 2018)

Highlanders 0-1 Wanderers (MTN Premier League, November 26, 2017)

Highlanders 4-1 Wanderers (MTN Premier League, September 10, 2017)



## Birds, Buffs in battle of the titans

### MBABANE SWALLOWS VS YOUNG BUFFALOES

Somhlolo National Stadium, 11am

**S**OCCER- The feeling going into today's Charity Cup is that whoever wins between Mbabane Swallows and Young Buffaloes, will go on to win the tournament. It's not difficult to see why so many people see it that way. These two sides won everything on offer domestically last season.

Swallows won this very competition as well as the S M A V F Ingwenyama Cup and the MTN Premier League while Buffaloes took home the SwaziBank Cup. They go into this new campaign as favourites to sweep the boards again. For defending champions Swallows, their aura of invincibility has evaporated some-



what with the departure of as many as three key players in this transfer window. Talisman Felix Badenhorst, playmaker Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze and number one goalkeeper Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza, are all gone. Swallows will feel the gap, especially that of Badenhorst, their serial match winner. But the 'Birds' have responded by bringing in six new players, including the talk of the town striker Kola Aladeon and the highly gifted Xolani 'Papi' Sikhondze.

These new signings join a team of experience and know-how, traits that will be very key today against an incredibly hard to beat Buffaloes. Captain Tony Tsabedze and the ever green Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko will carry much of Swallows' attacking threats while Njabulo

'D4D' Ndlovu will provide the much needed stability in midfield. For Buffaloes, it is a continuation from last season. The army side ended the campaign well by lifting the SwaziBank Cup propelled by playmaker Sandile Gamedze and striker Phiwayinkhosi Dlamini. Those two players will be the core of Buffaloes attack again today while captain and stalwart Nkosingpile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze will be the leader of Dominic Kunene's charges on the field. It promises to be a pulsating encounter.

#### KEY PLAYERS:

**Swallows:** Tony Tsabedze, Njabulo 'D4D', Ndlovu, Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko.

**Buffaloes:** Nkosingpile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze, Sandile Gamedze, Phiwayinkhosi Dlamini.

#### SWALLOWS VS BUFFALOES LAST THREE MEETINGS

Swallows 1-1

Swallows 1-1

Swallows 3-1

Buffaloes (MTN Premier League November 26, 2017)

Buffaloes (MTN Premier League, September 10, 2017)

Buffaloes (MTN Premier League, November 27, 2016)







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# DRAMA AS THULANI GULE WINS 2018 INYATSI G2G

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**C**YCLING—Seasoned cyclist Thulani Gule was named the champion of the drama filled Inyatsi G2G Challenge held at the Enkoyeni Estate yesterday.

The 38-years-old 4ever cycling club star was declared as the overall winner of the 65km route, main category after his rival Muzi Shabangu, got penalised for dodging the route towards the finishing point.

Despite being the first rider to cross the finish line, MTN Khemani cyclist Muzi Shabangu saw his time being cut down by 02.38seconds by the Cycling Association of Swaziland (CAS) as per regulations of the international motherbody (UCI)

This eventually led to Gule being named the winner of the sixth edition of the race on a time of 03:00:37 hours while Shabangu eventually settled for second place on 03:00:14 hours. Completing the top three bracket was veteran cyclists William Kelly who clocked 03:04:00 hours.

Interviewed after the race Gule said he was happy to be crowned the champion and that he was looking forward to winning other races.

"The route was exciting and I am happy to be part of local races and giving the youngsters competition as this will help them not to be complacent.

I would like to thank the Government, CAS, Inyatsi and other sponsors for organising such a great race," he said. Meanwhile second placed Shabangu accepted his fate and promised to do better



2018 Inyatsi G2G Champion Thulani Gule captured after winning the race held at Nkonyeni Estate yesterday (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela).



Winners in the 10km boys category Romeo Jele, Makepeace Bailey and Msika Manyatsi posing with the dignitaries.



Cycling Association of Swaziland (CAS) President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi stressing a point following the drama in the 65km route.

## Some Provisional results and overall results

### 65km

1. Thulani Gule 03: 00:37 hours
2. Muzi Shabangu 03:00:14 hours
3. William Kelly 03:04:00 hours

### 35km

#### Males

1. Ayanda Dlamini
2. Mduduzi Zwane

### 20km

#### Males

1. Matt Sprague
2. Cameroon Geldaro
3. Anthony Geldaro

#### Females

### 10km

#### Females

1. Lucinde Bride
2. Linda Loffler
3. Cordella Henwood

### 10km

#### Boys

1. Makepeace Bailey
2. Nsika Manyatsi
3. Romeo Jele

#### Girls

- Elisma Venter
- Yenzo Shiba
- Bernice Kimber

in the upcoming races.

"I am confident that I will do better in the next race, which will hope-

fully have no faults in the route like the ones I encountered today.

I have however accepted the deci-

sion taken by the association and am now focusing on the future," he said.

## Race results withheld by CAS

**C**YCLING—The close to 500 cyclists that took part in the 2018 Inyatsi G2G MTB went home without results as they were withheld by the Cycling Association of Swaziland (CAS).

This follows a blunder in the grouping of the cyclists in the three categories with some riders said to have completed in races which they were not supposed to take part in.

CAS President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi said they decided to withhold the results after discovering that some cyclists registered in wrong categories during the race.

"We are still to verify the ages of the cyclist and will release the full results within 72 hours," he said.

## 'Cruiser', Inyatsi impressed by massive growth of the sport

**C**YCLING—Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala has expressed excitement over the growth of cycling in the country.

Speaking during the 2018 Inyatsi G2G MTB held at Nkonyeni yesterday, Ngcamphalala said the sport had become the second biggest sporting code in the country after soccer.

"I am happy and pleased by the massive progress that has been made by cycling over the past years.

The sport has contributed to a healthy nation and we want to see more races taking place."

"I would like to thank all the sponsors that supported today's competition," he said.

Meanwhile, Inyatsi Construction Managing Director Derrick Shiba said they were happy with the proceedings of the competition.

"Cycling is part of our corporate social responsibility and a way of making our employees and the nation at large healthy. We promise to continue sponsoring this race as this will go a long way in helping the country produce healthy citizens," he said.

## Correctional emphatically defends SBS Championship

STORIES BY JONGILE XUBA

**N**ETBALL—Correctional emphatically defended their Swaziland Building Society (SBS) championship title after beating rivals Royal Eswatini Police in a grand finale yesterday.

The green and white outfit recorded a convincing 49-28 victory during the grandclosing held at the Mavuso Sports Centre in Manzini yesterday.

Both teams needed a win to secure the title but it was correctional which showed intention early in the game as they came out firing from all cylinders in the first quarter, which they won 12-5.

### Doubled

The second quarter saw REP try and to mount a comeback but the deficit from the first quarter proved too much to overturn as Correctional continued to give them a run for their money and doubled their lead with a 25-11 score.

A return from the break didn't do much to change the complexion of the game with the warders continuing their dominance.



Correctional netball team were all smiles after being presented their trophy. The team was crowned champions of the SBS Elite netball league after beating REP 49-28 at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

Correctional played the last quarter with comfort of the big lead but still managed to defend well and add more points until the final

whistle.

The grand finale also saw St Marys High School being crowned the champions in the Eswatini Schools

Sports Association (ESSA) U-17 ball games while St Theresa's were presented their silver medals as runners up of the competition.

## We were unlucky – REP Captain

**N**ETBALL—Royal Eswatini Police Captain Hlengiwe Bhembe says they did all their best on the day but were just unlucky. Interviewed after their 48-29 loss against Correctional in the closing games of the Swaziland Building Society (SBS) Netball league yesterday, Bhembe said she was happy with the overall performance of the team.]

"We were just unlucky on the day. We had a good season this time around. We went into the break on top of the league and played all our games well except for this one.

These things happen in netball where you play well but still don't win. I'm proud of the team and am confident we will bounce back next season, but for now its back to the drawing board for us," she said.

Meanwhile Correctional team captain Gcinile Fakudze said they were elated with the outcome of the game.

"First I would like to thank our coaches and superiors for giving us the platform to play. We had a lot of time to prepare for this game and that helped us achieve this victory.

The team did well to bounce back from our first round defeat at the hands of REP.

Lastly I would like to dedicate the win to one of my teammates Abigail Simelane for her exceptional dedication to the team," she added.



# FIGUAREDO CLEARED TO MARITZBURG UNITED

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**S**OCCER – Manzini Sundowns' much prized asset, Justice Figaredo, is likely to make his debut for ABSA Premiership side Maritzburg United today.

The player was cleared by the 'Kappa Boys' on Friday night and is likely to feature for his new side in their season opener against KwaZulu-Natal Province rivals Lamontville Golden Arrows at the Harry Gwala Stadium this afternoon.

A source close to the matter asserted that the 'Kappa Boys' submitted all the player's paperwork on Friday after the two parties agreed to a transfer fee reported at

E500 000.

"The player is likely to make his debut for Maritzburg tomorrow (today) after Sundowns cleared him. The two teams have agreed on the transfer fee of the player, including the personal terms which will see the player spend five seasons at Maritzburg," the source said.

The former National Under-17

player won the hearts of the 2018 Nedbank Cup runners-up technical bench during a 10-day assessment during pre-season.



son. Figaredo, the product of the Manzini Sundowns Academy, joins Mbabane Swallows players Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze, Felix Badenhorst, Sandile Ginindza and Sanele Mkhweli who have also

joined South African teams in the new season. Sundowns Managing Director Mark Carmichael could not be drawn for comment on the matter as he was said to be locked up in a meeting when contacted yesterday.

Justice Figaredo.

## Midas City trials on Tuesday

BY SIBONGISENI ZONDI

**S**OCCER – National First Division (NFD) side Midas City will host trials on Tuesday at St Mark's High School.

City were relegated to the NFD at the end of last season after winning just two Premier League matches all campaign. The Mbabane side, demoted alongside Red Lions, spent much of their time

last season fighting the legitimacy of the campaign which they said was not lawful due to the unconstitutional increment of teams from 12 to 14 in the top flight before the start of last season.

However, City have now set sights on building for the new campaign, with the trials set for Tuesday according to Manager Thami Dlamini.

"We will be hosting trials on Tuesday at St Mark's High School. We will start

at 4.30pm so we invite every interested individual to come. This is a chance that is open to all serious people. We also inform all our players to report for training on the same day at St Mark's as we start preparations for the new season," Dlamini said in an interview yesterday.

The City manager added that the side would most probably play friendly matches next weekend as part of preparations for the new season. Recently, Red Lions hosted trials which were attended by well over 20 hopefuls.

## Over E46 000 surplus in ENTA coffers

STORIES BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

**T**ENNIS – It seems like all is well in the Eswatini National Tennis Association (ENTA) as this body has recorded a surplus of over E46 000 in the past financial year.

This was revealed by the association's Treasurer Martin Gamedze when presenting the 2017/18 finances during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the OlympAfrica Centre yesterday afternoon. According to the report presented by Gamedze, the association received grants from Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC), the International Tennis Federation (ITF), sponsorships, the main sponsor being Swaziland Building Society, fundraising, the initiatives and affiliation from clubs, which all amounted to E239 926



**The Eswatini National Tennis Association executive team led by President Maxwell Jele presenting their reports during the Annual General Meeting held at the OlympAfrica Centre yesterday. (Pic: Sibusiso Dlamini)**

income. He said the association expenditure included affiliation, courts rental, international participation, salaries and wages, tournaments expenses and traveling expenses, which then left them with a E46 277 surplus.

report was applauded by the President Maxwell Jele, who said it was good for the association. "When you take a look at the reports, you will notice that in the previous year we only had a surplus of about

E11 000. This year, we sat down and tried to device cheaper ways of running the sport without compromising the standard of course.

This will allow us to grow going forward and be able to venture into avenues which we currently can't tap into. Again, we are looking to save more money upon completion of our centre because that simply means we won't be booking courts anymore," he said.

## '...National Tennis Centre to take sport to next level'

**T**ENNIS – The soon-to-be completed National Tennis Centre at the OlympAfrica Centre is set to take the standard of the sport to the next level.

Eswatini National Tennis Association (ENTA) President Maxwell Jele said during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the OlympAfrica Centre yesterday that the lack of adequate facilities

was working against development of the sport. He said they were looking forward to have the centre up and running as this would help counter a number of their challenges.

"The lack of proper facilities has been a major threat to tennis development in the country.

It is, therefore, pleasing to note that the development of the National Tennis

Centre has gained momentum. This project is also not an easy task and it requires total dedication and engagement of all concerned. We are optimistic that this significant milestone will be achieved in this area with the possibility of the centre being operational year. We would like to thank all our stakeholders who have played a role in making this dream of ours a reality," he said.

## Wanderers' Banele out of Charity Cup

BY SIBONGISENI ZONDI

**S**OCCER – Manzini Wanderers goalkeeper Banele Dlamini will not take any part in today's Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup after the club failed to register him in time for the spectacular.

Wanderers will face rivals Mbabane Highlanders in the first semi-final of the Charity Cup at 9am with Mbabane Swallows and Young Buffaloes facing off in the second match at 11am. However, the 'Weslians' will have to do today without second choice shot stopper Dlamini, who has not been registered in time for the tournament, according to a source close to the matter.

"Banele is hugely disappointed. He has spent the entire pre-season training with Wanderers and had huge hopes of making the Charity Cup squad. His contract with the club ended at the end of last season and the club only initiated renewal talks yesterday (Friday). Today (yesterday) he was supposed to meet the directors but then they told him that they were busy with preparations for the games so they postponed the meeting to Monday. He was then told that he had not been registered and won't be part of the squad for the Charity

Cup," the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said.

Reached for comment yesterday, Dlamini refused to commit himself on the matter but confirmed that he would not take part in the Charity Cup.

"I can't comment on the contract issue but it's true that I won't be playing in the Charity Cup," Dlamini briefly said.

Also contacted, Wanderers CEO Pat Mahlalela could similarly not commit himself on the matter.

### Team

"I don't know where that is coming from because the technical team will only announce the Charity Cup squad later today (yesterday). So we will all know later in the day who is in and who is out," Mahlalela said.

Dlamini is a known penalty expert and saved two penalties as the 'Weslians' beat Manzini Sundowns in a penalty shootout in the quarterfinals of the SwaziBank Cup last season. The former Red Lions 'keeper also saved three penalties as Wanderers beat Green Mamba in another shootout in the last 16 of the 2017 SwaziBank Cup.

Romanus Igidimba and Derrick Ndwandwe are two of the goalkeepers that have been registered by Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlopho's team.

## Birds relegated to North Stand

BY SIBONGISENI ZONDI

**S**OCCER – Mbabane Swallows supporters will have to make use of the Somhlolo National Stadium's North Stand for today's Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup.

Swallows will face army side Young Buffaloes in the second Charity Cup semi-final today with kick-off at 11am. Before that clash, Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers will clash in the first semi-final with kick-off at 9am.

Somhlolo's main grandstand is divided into the left and right sides. Swallows and Wanderers traditionally share the stand on the right side of the Royal Box and today it will be the 'Weslians' who will occupy that stand with Mbabane Highlanders sitting on the left side of the Royal Box.

Swallows, meanwhile, will sit in the North Stand while Buffaloes supporters will occupy the South Stand. Interviewed on the sitting arrangements yesterday, Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) COO Pat Vilakati urged supporters to respect the laid down order.

"We would like to invite supporters to come in their numbers tomorrow (today). Supporters should also remember that we will make use of an electronic ticketing system and it



PLE COO Pat Vilakati.

will require patience from everyone. There should be no pushing at the entrances. Also, this is about charity so everyone should come ready to contribute with at least E50 at the gates, it doesn't matter who you are. We also don't expect people to jump fences and gain illegal entry into the stadium because that would be tantamount to stealing from the less privileged. Supporters should accept results as they are and the winners should not invade the pitch. Let us respect the country's VVIP who will be in attendance tomorrow," Vilakati said.

### CHARITY CUP PROGRAMME:

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 6am:  | Gates open for vendors                                     |
| 7am:  | Gates open for public                                      |
| 8am:  | EPTC Social match  |
| 9am:  | First semi-final: Mbabane Highlanders vs Manzini Wanderers |
| 11am: | Second semi-final: Mbabane Swallows vs Young Buffaloes     |
| 2pm:  | U-20 final: Mbabane Swallows vs Mbabane Highlanders        |
| 3pm:  | Entertainment plus social match                            |
| 4pm:  | Main final.  |



## RESULTS

|                         |     |                  |
|-------------------------|-----|------------------|
| <b>ABSA Premiership</b> |     |                  |
| Mamelodi Sundowns       | 1-1 | Kaizer Chiefs    |
| Bidvest Wits            | 3-0 | Free State Stars |
| Black Leopards          | 1-0 | Polokwane        |
| Cape Town City          | 2-0 | SuperSport Utd   |
| Amazulu                 | 1-0 | Baroka           |
| Orlando Pirates         | 1-1 | Highlands Park   |

## FIXTURES

### Today

|                           |   |               |
|---------------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>ABSA Premiership</b>   |   |               |
| 15:00 Bloemfontein Celtic | v | Chippa United |
| 15:00 Maritzburg United   | v | Golden Arrows |

### Community Shield 2018

|               |   |                 |
|---------------|---|-----------------|
| 16:00 Chelsea | v | Manchester City |
|---------------|---|-----------------|

### Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup

|                           |   |                   |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 09:00 Mbabane Highlanders | v | Manzini Wanderers |
| 11:00 Mbabane Swallows    | v | Young Buffaloes   |

### Under-20 final

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| 14:00 Mb. Swallows | v | Mb. Highlanders |
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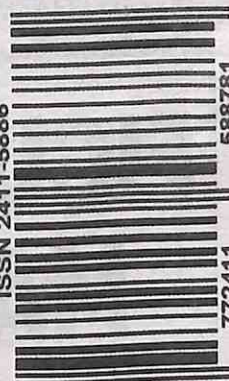
### Finals

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| 16:00 Team A | v | Team B |
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## YABANI?



**MBABANE HIGHLANDERS**

09:00

**VERSUS**

**MANZINI WANDERERS**

**MBABANE SWALLOWS**

11:00

**VERSUS**

**YOUNG BUFFALOES**

...AS ESWATINI TELECOM CHARITY CUP TAKES CENTRE STAGE

### Goalkeeper issues continue for Bucs after dropping points at Orlando

**J**OHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates did not get the start they wanted as they began the 2018-2019 ABSA Premiership season with a 1-1 draw against newly-promoted Highlands Park.

The pressure applied by Highlands saw the Bucs goalkeeper Wayne Sandilands make a horrible error in the 16th minute by trying to clear a back pass from Gladwin Shitolo but he mistimed it completely and it rolled into the back of the net, 0-1. Milutin Sredojevic's charges upped

their game towards the 25th minute and pushed for the equaliser but they were rushing their moves. Vincent Pule was unlucky not to have found the equaliser for the Soweto giants seven minutes before the break with a cracking free-kick from the edge of the box that came off the underside of the crossbar. Pule fashioned another beautiful strike for the Bucs from just outside the box four minutes before the break but his effort missed slightly wide.

The hosts could not get back into

the game as Owen Da Gama's troops took the 1-0 lead into the break. Innocent Maela should have done better for the Buccaneers four minutes into the second stanza after guiding a free-header over the bar following free-kick into the area.

Justin Shonga eventually equalised for the Soweto giants two minutes after the hour shortly after coming on as a second half substitute with a superb penalty after Augustine Mulenga was brought down inside the box. The hosts had the momen-



Orlando Pirates' Happy Jele clears the ball as goalkeeper Wayne Sandilands looks on.

tum with 20 minutes remaining, while Kudakwashe Mahachi was handed his debut, replacing Paseko Mako. **Soccer Laduma**