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INDLOVUKAZI PRESENTS KING WITH DINING SUITE MADE OF GOLD



**FIT FOR THE KING:** His Majesty King Mswati III admiring his dining room suite presented to him by Her Majesty the Indlovukazi at Lozitha Palace on Monday evening where throngs of people presented belated birthday gifts as part of the 50/50 celebrations. (Pic: Lucky Simelane) **MORE ON PAGES 2, 4, 5, 12, 13**

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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

By Sisho Magagula  
Industrial Court

THE Swaziland Nursing Association (SNA) won round one in its legal battle against the government where it is fighting the latter's decision to prevent Sibusiso Lushaba from representing the union in cost of living negotiations.

Lushaba is the Secretary General of the union and in a meeting between the union and the Government Negotiating Team (GNT) held on March 7, 2018, the GNT objected to Lushaba's presence and refused to proceed with the meeting.

Government argues that it cannot allow Lushaba to sit in the negotiations table because he is no longer employed by the Government of

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### Opposed

Government, through the ministry of public service, opposed the application and raised three points in limine (preliminary points).

The first point was based on urgency. Government argued that the matter was not urgent within the contemplation of Rule 15. It further argued that the Industrial Court has no jurisdiction to over the matter. It was further submitted by government that the union did not have *locus standi* (legal standing) to bring the application. It contended that the union did not possess the requisite substantial interest in the exclusion of Sibusiso Lushaba from the bargaining table as to chal-

lenge same. "It is Mr Lushaba himself who has such interest. The union has representatives more than Mr Lushaba. It is submitted that the recognition agreement allows the applicant (union) a number of representatives to adequately represent it," submitted government. In a ruling delivered yesterday, Industrial Court President Sifiso Nsibandze dismissed government's preliminary points. "It is trite that an applicant will have *locus standi* in *judicio* if the right on which he basis

his claim is on that he personally enjoys, or if he has a sufficient interest in the person or persons whose right he seeks to protect and it is improbable or impractical for those persons to approach the court themselves. In this matter, it is clear that the union seeks to protect its right to be represented by a person of its choice in the bargaining process. The union, it appears to us, is seeking to protect its own interests. The ruling given by the court will affect the union and not Mr Lushaba personally. He sits in the bargaining process not in his personally capacity looking for his personal interest but on behalf of the union looking after the interest of the union and by extension, its members," remarked the judge. The court further ordered that the matter proceeds to the merits.

## INDLOVUKAZI BUYS KING DINING ROOM SUITE MADE OF GOLD

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule  
and Bahle Gama  
Lozitha Royal Palace

HER Majesty the Indlovukazi and Emazinyane joined throngs of delighted Emaswati on Monday night at Lozitha Palace to present birthday gifts to His Majesty King Mswati III.

Emaswati heeded the call by Home Affairs Minister Princess Tsandzile to converge at the Royal palace to present birthday gifts to His Majesty. Companies that contributed towards the 50/50 celebrations were also given an opportunity to present replica cheques.

Leading by example, Her Majesty and Emazinyane gifted His Majesty top of the range gifts.

Making her remarks, Her Majesty said like the whole nation, they were pleased to have lived to see His Majesty turn 50 years and in turn give him a gift befitting his age.

"Like the whole nation, we want to celebrate with you and also honour you on your birthday. We also wish you a long life like other speakers who have presented gifts who said they wish you 50 more years without aging," she said.

She said the gift that she was presenting was fitting of His Majesty's age. The Indlovukazi presented the King with a dining room suite made of gold. Her Majesty said His Majesty

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**BIRTHDAY GIFT:** His Majesty King Mswati III, Her Majesty, Emakhosikati, Emazinyane and other members of the Royal family feeling the comfort of the new dining room suite presented by Her Majesty to the King. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

had come of age and, therefore, this gift was fitting.

"The dining room suite is made of gold. You have come of age and you deserve to sit at a table like this," she said.

### Presented

Her Majesty the Indlovukazi was followed by Emazinyane who presented His Majesty with a gold bird statue. Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso, presenting the gift on behalf of Emazinyane, said they had considered a lot of gifts before they got to the one they offered. She said they

had considered cattle but they realised that His Majesty's kraals were getting smaller, especially since he would soon be receiving more, much to the amusement of everyone present. "We considered quite a lot of things before we got to this one. We got you a statue of a bird which could easily be referred to as the lion of birds. The cattle option we dismissed because your kraals Your Majesty are becoming smaller and soon you will be receiving more," she said.

Cabinet also gifted His Majesty with a lounge suite.

The throngs of Emaswati gifted His Majesty with different gifts from top of the range furniture, appliances down to hand made *emagebesha*, vegetables and fruits.

### Gifts

Emaswati from all walks of life seized the opportunity and when receiving their gifts, the King said it was such a great honour for them to stand before him and wish him a happy birthday.

Some also used the opportunity to tell the King problems they were faced with back home.

His Majesty further stated that he was aware that Emaswati had wanted to come to present gifts for a while now but because of his other commitments, the original day was postponed.

"We are aware that you couldn't wait for this day but because of other duties this day had been postponed," he said.

His Majesty was in a jovial mood as he received his gifts and also took pictures with the different people who were giving him the gifts.

With each present he got, His Majesty would respond "Siyabonga Kwandze lanitsetse khona."

## 'I am HIV positive Your Majesty'

EMASWATI seized the opportunity on Tuesday when they came face-to-face with His Majesty King Mswati III during the gift presentation ceremony at Lozitha Palace.

One Sakhile Mhlongo had the whole auditorium in dead silence when she narrated her ordeal to the King.

Mhlongo, a widow of Mnikwa Mhlongo who spent his whole life serving Their Majesties from the late King Sobhuza II and King Mswati III before he met his death, said she was living a horrifying life and had been barred from seeing Their Majesties to present her case.

"Your Majesty I am happy to get this opportunity. First and foremost, I would like to wish you a happy birthday and a long life. I am also happy that I got this opportunity to address you. Your Majesty I am suffering. My son was fired from the army under controversial circumstances and I have no one to look after me," she said.

Mhlongo said because her son had been fired she was suffering and was subjected to poverty yet she is HIV positive.

"I am on Anti-Retroviral treatment (ARVs). There are nights I go to bed on porridge only because I have nothing," she said. She said because the King was her father, she had come to him with the hope that he would help her. The whole time Mhlongo addressed him, His Majesty listened with keen interest. Others also seized the moment and asked His Majesty to support their businesses.



**HUMBLED:** His Majesty King Mswati III.

## King humbled by nation's support

HIS Majesty King Mswati III was humbled by the overwhelming support from Emaswati during the 50/50 celebrations.

Making his remarks after the gifts presentation ceremony which started at 6pm on Monday until midnight, His Majesty said the 50/50 celebrations were successful because Emaswati had made contributions.

His Majesty, who was all smiles and stood through the six-hour event, said the turn-out was the first of its

kind and he was amazed that Emaswati had raised over E15 million on their own.

"These donations are a first of its kind, Emaswati were able to contribute over E15 million. This is pleasing and shows that very soon we will be to raise E100 million on our own for whatever project," he said.

He said the turn-out by the nation showed that the country was well on track to attaining the vision to be

a first world by 2022 and this spoke volumes to the current state of the economy.

"It is pleasing that without relying on any other people, Emaswati made contributions for this day to be a success. This is clear indication that if we take matters into our own hands, then the economy will be stronger and we will achieve our 2022 vision. Vision 2022 is about independence and being able to do things on our own," he said.



By Sisho Magagula  
High Court

## COVER STORY

**FOLLOWING** the sharp rise in the killing of women by their lovers in the country, the courts are also coming to the party by issuing severe sentences against offenders.

A teacher from Sigangeni High School was yesterday sentenced to 10 years without an option of a fine for the gruesome killing of his girlfriend and mother of his child.

Sifiso Mathambo Vilakati (42) killed his lover Nqobile Fakudze by stabbing her 13 times using a knife on January 28, 2006 at KaQobonga bar in Sidwashini in Mbabane. According to the statement of agreed facts that was prepared and filed in court yesterday, Mathambo and the deceased had been lovers since 2000 and were staying together in a rented flat in Ntabamhlophe. They later stayed at Sigangeni High School where Mathambo was a teacher and then moved to Vilakati's parental homestead in Mpolonjeni before the deceased left in December 2005 to live with her uncle at Ngwenya.

It is said that on the fateful day, the deceased approached Vilakati at around 10pm while he was standing outside the Qobonga bar. She told him to stop harassing her and further informed him that their nine-year-old boy was

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supposedly not his.

"In fact, the deceased had taken away the child to live with the deceased's mother in the Republic of South Africa but before then the child had lived with the accused since he was born. The deceased further informed the accused that she miscarried in 2003 and that even that child was not for the accused. After hearing all the stories about the two children, the accused got angry hence stabbing the deceased several times with a knife," reads the statement. The bar was about to close and most patrons were outside when the incident unfolded.

Vilakati then gave his cell phone

to one Sibhikibhiki to call the police and the deceased was taken into a van and transported to hospital.

"Indeed the deceased was taken to hospital where she died on January 29. After committing the offence, the accused spent the night at Thembelihle and proceeded the following day to his parental home at Mpolonjeni to tell his father about the incident. He then called his attorney who then surrendered him to the police. The police failed to find the knife which was used by the accused when commit-



ting the offence. The accused says he is very remorseful about what happened on the day as he had not intended to kill his girlfriend," reads the statement.

According to a post mortem report compiled by police pathologist Dr Koma Reddy, the cause of death was multiple stab wounds.

Twelve years later, Vilakati finally had his day in court yesterday and pleaded guilty to culpable homicide. Through his lawyer Mandla Mkhwanazi, he informed the court

that he regretted everything that happened. He said the deceased provoked him and he acted in the spur of the moment. He also asked the court to consider granting him an option of a fine in meting out the sentence. However, Senior Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo vehemently objected to the granting of the fine.

He submitted that Vilakati committed a barbaric act on a defenseless woman and further implored the court to pass a stiff sentence which would serve as a deterrence to would be offenders.

Justice Nkululeko Hlophe sentenced Vilakati to ten years imprisonment. However, three years of the sentence was suspended on condition he does not commit another offence in which violence is involved. Vilakati will effectively serve seven years behind bars.

## Rate payers want Gideon Mhlongo gone

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya  
and Bahle Gama  
Mbabane

**MBABANE residents want under fire City Council Chief Executive Office Gideon Mhlongo out of office by July 31.**

This transpired at a press conference held at the Mbabane *Inkhundla* yesterday. The residents were gathered to brief the media on a big meeting scheduled for this coming Saturday at the MDS High School hall.

The residents said they understood that Mhlongo had been cleared from the alleged move to dissolve council where he was to invoke a particular clause within the Urban Government Act.

### Suspended

Mhlongo was reportedly suspended while trying to allegedly invoke Section 27 of the Urban Government Act and suspend councillors.

Despite being cleared, the residents passed a vote of no confidence on Mhlongo and encouraged the council not to renew his contract when it expires at the end of

July.

Council had also indicated at a press briefing two Fridays ago that it would not renew the contract of the CEO that comes to an end in July. This was despite dropping all charges against him.

Mhlongo is blamed for introducing policies that the rate payers association deemed against development initiatives in the city.

They alleged that the residents have to seek permission from the municipality to construct or renovate houses. The residents said everything that was done by the council contradicted some of the clauses in the Constitution.

### Rates

"Mhlongo is running the Mbabane City Council as his farm. For example senior citizens are forced to vacate their homes after failure to pay rates," they alleged.

They stated that the council only develops the infrastructure in town rather than helping the destitute people of the city. They also complained about the high rates they pay in the city.

"In Mbabane we pay 15 per cent plus 1.25 per cent and this is higher than infla-

tion," they alleged.

They also alleged that the Urban Government Act is old and no longer corresponds with the country's Constitution.

The CEO was served with the letter of his suspension on May 1 by council.

However, the CEO said he did not understand why exactly he had been suspended.

Mhlongo was back at work on May 29 after his suspension was lifted by council. He is expected to be at the helm of the local authority until his contract expires on July 31 as it has been reported previously.

### Questions

When contacted for comment, City Council Public Relations Officer Lucky Tsabedze acknowledged receiving the set of questions from this publication. However, he said he was not given sufficient time to consult on these matters and allegations raised by the rate payers at the press conference.

"We received the questionnaire very late to allow us proper consultations," he said further stating that they would respond fully today.

## Ward committee policy clashes with traditional structures

**THE Local Community and Ward Committee policy which was approved by the council in 2015 is said to be interfering with the structures of the traditional leaders that were appointed by His Majesty King Mswati III in all communities of the country.**

The Local Community Committee (LCC) refers to the committees chosen within a ward in formal areas, where there is no Zonal leadership and *band-lancane*. This policy allows for the setting up of structures that would work with councillors in the different communities.

In the initial phase, the policy allowed community members to elect committee members to work with the councillors.

### Interfering

This happens in both the formal and informal areas. The residents have applauded Cabinet ministers and members of Parliament for making it clear that the LCC policy now interferes with the traditional leaders.

"The LCC policy is now giving powers to the councillors.

The elected councillors had powers to licence guns to local people, which is

something that is only done by a traditional leader," they alleged.

The allegations also implied that the LCC policy works in favour of Mhlongo whom residents accused of managing the city like his own farm.

"Sadly the LCC was introduced by him in 2015 after brainwashing the councillors of that time," they said.

They said the big meeting to be held this coming Saturday will address all these issues.

"We want our people to know what is currently going on and we want their views on the current issues," they said.

## ...Blame minister for interference

**Mbabane residents accuse Minister of Housing Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza of interfering with the running of the city.**

During the press conference yesterday, the residents voiced out that it was not Mabuza's duty to hire and suspend the CEO but the responsibility of the mayor and the council.

"Section 23 to 25 of the Constitution clearly states that it is the council's jurisdiction to hire and suspend a CEO of a municipality," they said. They therefore feel the minister was not suppose to interfere with the matter since the mayor who is suppose to be above the CEO will give him a report on what the councillors have resolved. "It seems the minister is supporting the CEO who is admin-

istering the city council as his own farm." They further insinuated that the minister might be gaining something from all this.

Residents complained of the conditions that the people of Mbabane have been living under all because of Mhlongo.

"We will complain until the ministry of housing hears us and the Constitution is observed," said the residents. When sought for comment on the matter, Minister Mabuza said these were mere accusations of which the residents have no tangible evidence to back.

"The residents have nothing tangible to back their accusations, I have nothing further to say," said the minister.

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# 4 PICTURES



**THE BANK WITH A HEART:** SwaziBank led by Chairperson of the Board Sibongile Mdluli presenting E300 000 to His Majesty King Mswati III. This was during the belated gifts for 50/50 celebrations at Lozitha Palace on Monday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**BAYETHE:** SP Market Directors Philisiwe and Sifiso Dlamini posing with His Majesty King Mswati III after presenting a bull worth E30 000.



**KHULA MLISA:** Tisuka TakaNgwane presenting E50 000 to His Majesty.



**UYIMBUBE:** Matsapha Municipal Council led by Mayor Sandlane Zwane posing with His Majesty King Mswati III. The council also contributed towards the 50/50 celebrations held last month.

## MORE FROM KING'S BIRTHDAY GIFTS



**MOVING FORWARD:** Standard Bank's Olive Simelane and Joe Shilubane presenting E500 000 to the King.



**SWEET SUGAR:** Swaziland Sugar Association Chief Executive Officer Phil Mnisi and Public Relations and CSI specialist Thabile Maripe presenting E250 000 to the King.



**HALF A MILLION:** SRIC General Manager Zama Ngcobo and Assistant Manager Mandla Dlamini presenting E500 000 to the King.



**SUPPORT:** Total Swaziland Territory Manager Sindi Horton and Managing Director Onward Tubela presenting E100 000.



**SEE MONEY DIFFERENTLY:** Nedbank MD Fikile Nkosi and Lomakhosi Dlamini presenting E250 000.



**SBS General Manager Mbali Sibanyoni, MD Timothy Shongwe and Chief Finance Officer Thabiso Nzuza presenting a cheque of E100 000.**



**UNITED:** Dups United Holdings presenting E100 000.



**MORE MONEY:** Inyatsi representatives presenting E500 000 to His Majesty.



**CAN'T MISS OUT:** OK Foods Directors Lincoln Motsa and Khanya Mabuza presenting E100 000.



## MORE FROM KING'S BIRTHDAY GIFTS



**FAT CHEQUE:** Swaziland National Provident Fund board handing over a E1 million cheque to His Majesty.



**WE CONNECT:** Swazi Mobile Chief Customer Executive Gciniwe Fakudze and Chief Executive Officer Jeff Penberton presenting E200 000.



**MBUBE:** Royal Eswatini Police Service assistant commissioners forked out E300 000 as their donation.



**HAND OVER:** Montigny representatives presented E250 000.



**LONG LIVE YOUR MAJESTY:** Vuka Lilanga Minerals handing over a E250 000 cheque.



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## 6 NATIONAL NEWS

# Mom murdered by son with pickaxe cried for help

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

QUESTIONS have been asked if Beauty Khumalo, the woman who was murdered by her son with a pickaxe, would still be alive if her text messages crying for help were taken seriously.

These are the questions which residents of Dvudvusini are asking themselves after Khumalo was murdered with a pick-axe by her own son over the weekend.

This is because the deceased had sent a text message last Friday night to a resident who is chairman of development projects in the area, Uriah Mabuza.

The deceased is said to have sent a text message telling Mabuza that her son, Musa Khumalo had gone crazy and had not received help for almost a week. The deceased informed Mabuza that Musa had vandalised windows to her house and police were nowhere to be seen.

Mabuza, who was visited yesterday, confirmed that the deceased had been calling him whenever she was in trouble as Musa kept harassing her from time to time. He said whenever they called the police, they would come around and take Musa away and later release him.

He said they would always be asked by the police what Musa had done wrong. He said the community was about to take the law into its own hands and he added that there were fears that should



**CRY FOR HELP: An SOS message sent by the late Beauty Madlopha-Khumalo to Uriah Mabuza on Friday night before her son Musa Khumalo murdered her using a pick-axe.**

the accused be released the worse might happen.

Mabuza said officers must make sure that the accused is kept where he belongs until he is fully rehabilitated. He said the community of Dvudvusini has lost a very productive member who was always at the forefront when it came to community development projects.

He said Khumalo (deceased) was the one who made sure that rural development projects were carried out in the area. To mention just a few, Mabuza said Khumalo had been responsible for the Dip Tank Project which has taken place in the area and the rehabilitation of Dvudvusini High. He said the deceased was also vocal even in church.

He said as a community they were really at a loss. Mabuza said they have even made means to ensure that they

get outside help by writing to the Human Rights Commission.

He said this was because there have been a lot of gruesome murders in Mankayane which have been taken lightly. He said, for example, in the same area in the past, it was reported that there was a man who killed another and ate him. He said in the recent murder incident, what was even more shocking was that the accused even listed a number of homesteads which he was going to attack.

Musa, who has since been arrested for the murder of his own mother, appeared at the Manzini Magistrate's Court yesterday. The accused, who was in shackles, made a brief court appearance in the company of police officers. After he appeared in court, the accused was taken back to police custody.

## Forbes listed Liswati rejected by own country

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**PHIWA Nkambule, the first Liswati to make it into Forbes list, was rejected by his own country before he crossed the borders to neighbouring South Africa.**

Nkambule was first rejected by Manzini Library, where he had gone to present a proposal for an idea of an online library system. He was later rejected by the Manzini branch of the Regional Education Office (REO), which also did not give a response to him.

In 2013, he approached Manzini Library to propose a digital library system and he never got a response.

He also proposed an online examination system to the Manzini Regional Education Office (REO). He also never got a response. These two occasions made him realise that young Emaswati innovators could not be taken seriously because the country did not have a success story. "I decided to be that story to be a reference and open up doors for other innovators," he said.

The technologist then went to South Africa to make use of his technological skills. Nkambule opened a company called Cybatar, a software development house now based in Kenya.

He founded this company in 2014. He then launched a tuition fee crowd funding platform through the Cybatar during the first #fees must fall protest in 2015.

The second company he founded was the Financial Technology (FinTech) known as Riovic, which is backed by Rand Merchant Bank's Alpha Code. This company was founded in 2015 and it has been making waves in the insurance industry.

The Sandton-based technologist now wants to bring all the skills, which earned him a place in the Forbes list, to the country. "I have plans to come and establish a technology company, with the goal of enabling a digital economy since there is no underlying infrastructure that allows Emaswati businesses to trade online," Nkambule said.

He revealed this yesterday, a few days after he was announced as the ninth person in the list of 30 young Africans to make it to the Forbes Under 30 list. He said he had planned to launch his technology business here in Eswatini this month.

Nkambule mentioned that he planned to start a small business that would employ at least 10 people. "I want to start with a small team of developers and marketers of just 10 in the first year of starting up. I will then scale up as the business grows," he said. He said he had been bringing together a team and would spend most of the month of June establishing the business on the ground.

He said he did not think he would have difficulty starting a business in the country because he had already made a name for himself. For him, it did not make sense not to do anything in this country yet there was so much opportunity.

## 12 days for Oliveira's murder case

By Sisho Magagula  
High Court

**THE trial of three suspects accused of the murder of businessman Almor Oliveira has been allocated a total of 12 days.**

The dates for the trial were fixed yesterday in the High Court by the legal representatives of both the state and the suspects.

Prominent South African Advocate Barry Roux made his first appearance for some of the suspects in the case yesterday.

The renowned advocate, who became very popular for his legal exploits in the marathon criminal case of South African Paralympian Oscar Pistorious, arrived at the High Court as early as 9am in the company of instructing attorney Noncedo Ndlangamandla.

Crown Counsel Thabo Dlamini from the chambers of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) appeared for the state and he has also since instructed a South African advocate. Attorney Leo Gama also made an appearance on behalf of one of the suspects. The legal representatives first met Judge John Magagula in chambers where the dates for the much-anticipated trial were fixed.

The parties then went to open court



**CONSULTATION: Advocate Barry Roux consulting with one of the suspects after the case was postponed yesterday (Pic: Sisho Magagula)**

where the Crown communicated that the parties, by consent, had identified the dates for the trial. The matter is expected to go for trial from October 1 to 4. It will also be heard from 22 to 25 October, 2018. Proceedings will thereafter resume on November 5 and end on November 8. All the legal representatives consented on the announced dates.

"It is further ordered that the representatives of the Crown and the defence should conduct a pre-trial conference at a date to be determined in order to

iron out any issues that they might have in relation to the matter," said Judge Magagula.

Two of the suspects, Dao Hue and Qing Ming are currently in custody while the other female accused is out on bail. They are all charged with the murder of Oliveira, even though the businessman's body was never found.

The Crown contends that it has a reasonable apprehension that the three did murder the businessman and will adduce evidence during the trial to prove this.

## Woman hides at Magistrate's Court to escape violent hubby

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**FEARING for her life, a woman ran to the Siteki Magistrate's Court to seek refuge after she was brutally assaulted by her husband who was recently handed a suspended sentence for a similar offence.**

The woman had bandages protruding from beneath her clothing, indicating that she had multiple fresh wounds. She had just been discharged from Good Shepherd Hospital when she decided that she could not go home as she feared that her abusive husband would finish her off upon arrival. This was the situation which court officials had to attend to yesterday. Zandile Gamedze (35) narrated that she was brutally assaulted by her husband, Ameiro Sithole on Sunday evening while at their marital homestead. Of note is that Sithole was in court last Friday, where he faced a charge of common assault.

He was said to have assaulted the same woman with open hands and fists all over the body. Sithole was found guilty of the charge and sentenced to two years in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine. However, half of the sentence was suspended.

He subsequently paid E1 000 fine and was freed. Hardly two days later,

Sithole pounced on the helpless woman again, this time intensifying the assault.

When narrating the incident to the court officials, Gamedze said her husband came home late in the evening and picked up an argument. He is alleged to have suddenly started assaulting and stabbing her several times with a sharp object on the body.

Gamedze said she could not see what the object was but she believed it was a knife. "He stabbed me several times while stating that he wanted to kill me for having reported him to the police on the recent incident," said the visibly traumatised woman.

Gamedze said she was lucky to have managed to escape and screamed for help from neighbours. Paramedics were called to the homestead and she was rushed to the hospital where she was admitted for a day before she was discharged yesterday.

She said her intention of going to the court was to find out if her husband had already been arrested so that she could go home knowing that she would be safe. "I will not be leaving from here if the whereabouts of my husband are unknown," she said.

Court orderlies had to escort the woman to the police station to verify whether or not her husband had been arrested. By the time of compiling this report, the woman was still at the police station.





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**EXCELLENT VISION MANZINI:** His Majesty admiring the Manzini Council gift which was a display of the New Manzini city that is envisioned for the near future. Councillors and CEO are seen giving details regarding it.



**TIKHULUPHELE MBANGAZITHA:** His Majesty King Mswati III posing for a photo with Manzini CEO Lungile Dlamini, employees Buhlebenkhosi Dlamini and Mabekisa Dlamini after presenting well fed cows as gifts for His Majesty.



**KHULA NGWENYAMA YEMASWATI:** Thursdays Market traders who conduct their trade at the Satellite Bus Rank also came through to present gifts to His Majesty the King.

## MANZINI COUNCIL, STAKEHOLDERS SAY; BAYETHE WENA WAPHAKATHI!

The Municipal Council of Manzini could not be left out on Monday as other organisations, individuals and companies gathered at Lozitha Palace to present gifts to His Majesty King Mswati III as part of the 50/50 double celebration, wherein the nation is celebrating 50 years of Eswatini's independence and His Majesty's 50th birthday.

The celebration was held, on April 19, in the city of Manzini's Mavuso Trade Centre and will continue to be celebrated until September, which marks independence month.

Council, and the citizens of Manzini, will forever be grateful to the leadership of the Kingdom of Eswatini for choosing the city of Manzini as the most ideal venue for such a historic national event.

Council believes that, indeed, she did not disappoint in terms of ensuring that the city was in a perfect state to host the country's Golden Jubilee.



**UYIMBUBE UYABALEKELWA:** Deputy Mayor Bongani Shongwe, councillors Siphos Masuku and Sandile Bhembe as well as CEO Lungile Dlamini posing for a picture with His Majesty after presenting Council's gift.

Noteworthy and most exciting is that not only the local government participated in Monday's event but Council's stakeholders, including the city's formal and informal sectors, joined in and presented beautiful gifts to His Majesty.

That spirit is commended and Council hopes it will continue to prevail in the vibrant Hub of Eswatini going forward.

The following are some of the photos that were taken during the presentation of gifts.



**50 BY 50 BY 50 MORE YEARS YOUR MAJESTY:** Manzini city informal traders could not miss out on the opportunity to present a gift to His Majesty.



**SETFULA TINKHOMO SILO SIKHULU:** Matsapha Mayor Sandlane Zwane, Matsapha councillors and CEO Lucky Sukati also had cows to present to His Majesty.

### Other municipalities, town clerks also had gifts for His Majesty

Other municipalities of the Kingdom of Eswatini also participated in Monday's gifts presentation ceremony as part of the 50/50 double celebration.

They took turns presenting their exciting gifts during a ceremony that was attended by throngs of citizens at Lozitha Palace. Most interesting is that, as an indication of unity and a demonstration of common purpose, the town clerks (chief executive officers) of the various municipalities pooled resources and presented an elegant gift to His Majesty; as a collective. Some of those in attendance were overheard mentioning that they had been inspired and were learning a thing or two from the municipal managers. The following photos are some of those that were taken during the ceremony.



**ALL THE WAY FROM MALKERNS MBANGAZITHA:** Malkerns Town Board councillors, CEO Melusi Hlanze and a member of management also presented cows to His Majesty.



**FROM EZULWINI VALLEY:** Ezulwini CEO Vusumutiwendvodza Matsebula and councillor Tony Sibandze posing for a photo with His Majesty after their presentation of cows as a gift.



# I'VE TURNED INTO A LAUGHING STOCK, QUEEN SHONGWE SAYS

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

AFTER being banned from the Swaziland Broadcasting Information Services (SBIS) call-in programmes, Queen Shongwe says she has become a laughing stock.

Shongwe's suspension stems from reports that she referred to MTN's Cooperate Affairs Manager, Mandla Luphondvo as a boy (*mfanawami*) during a live programme. Apologising, she pointed out that she never meant to disrespect him by it.

She is said to have also alleged that

● She has been to the SBIS several times to see the station's Director Martin Dlamini about her ban

the Swaziland Water Services Cooperation (SWSC) is corrupt during a live programme.

Since then, Shongwe when trying to call in on live programmes to voice out her opinions was cut off.

She has been to the SBIS several times to see the station's Director Martin Dlamini about her ban and was referred to Deputy Gcinangaye Tsabedze, who told her that her matter was still on the table. She was

demanding answers on why she was banned and when the ban would be lifted. "I want to participate in the programmes because we are building our nation with our views," she said.

Since her banishment, Shongwe says she has been a laughing stock around her community. She disclosed that she was summoned by Chief Petros Dube of Mpolonjeni on Saturday but could not attend due

to the ill state of her husband whom she was taking care of at the hospital. Furthermore, Shongwe added that her failure to attend to the chief's summons sparked more trouble for her.

She added that people now referred to her as a disrespectful individual. She said residents told her that during a community meeting residents talked about her and her disrespectful behaviour and that she deserved to be banned from the radio.

"I do not understand why the chief decided to make me a topic of the day," she said.

## 'Queen needs a lesson on respect'

CHIEF of Mpolonjeni Petros Dube said popular resident Queen Shongwe required a life lesson on respect hence the summon to the Mpolonjeni *Umphakatsi*.

"She embarrasses the community with her disrespectful manners and the fact that she does that on a national radio makes it worse," he said, referring to Shongwe who is his subject.

Dube added that Shongwe did not voice out her opinions in a courteous manner and that had humiliated the community. He highlighted that Shongwe will be summoned again, adding that they discussed her matter during the meeting because she requires discipline.

He explained that everyone had the right to voice out their opinions respectfully.

Furthermore, SBIS Director Martin Dlamini said the station as an organisation has its own policies and ways of dealing with encountered issues. He added that he would update the newspaper on any improvements regarding Shongwe's case.

# SEC ECO SCHOOL COMPETITION 2018

The Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) invites high school environment groups to present project proposals on the following topic;

## ENERGY SAVING AND ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION AT OUR SCHOOL

### Eligibility of the schools

- Be strictly made up of pupils from that particular school
- Have a patron, or administrator who is a teacher from your school
- There must be evidence of full support by your school administration in form of a letter
- The club members must form a steering committee for accountability of the project

### Specification, guidelines and project proposal requirements:

- o The proposed project must be submitted as a PDF document (not more than 5 pages) highlighting the following:

#### 1. Introduction:

##### 1.1 Brief background information (What Where and Why)

- o The school and environmental club, mission statement
- o Objectives of the club
- o Previous activities if any

##### 1.2 The proposed concept

- o Introduction of the concept
- o Benefits to school and surrounding communities
- o Indicate how you will mitigate and adapt

against identified environmental effects caused by climate change within your school's surroundings.

#### 2. Project details

- o Description of the project
- o Project Activities
- o Work plan
- o Budget
- o Anticipated challenges and proposed solutions

#### 3. Motivation for winning

#### 4. Conclusion

- o Focus on environmental education, sustainability and social responsibility.
- o Preferably, it must be a long-term project that SEC can monitor and support in 3yrs.
- o The competition is open to all high schools with or without environmental clubs
- o A carefully constituted panel of judges will adjudicate on the proposals
- o The top three schools will receive E15, 000, E10, 000.00 and E 5, 000 and many more, respectively towards the implementation of the project

- o The deadline for submission is 6 July 2018,
- o Submission is by email to: [eco.schoolscompetition@sec.co.sz](mailto:eco.schoolscompetition@sec.co.sz)

For more details kindly contact the SEC Environment Department at SEC 2409 4131 Or 2409 4343.

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## Police release list of 4 wanted criminals

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

POLICE have released a list of four suspects who are wanted for different crimes committed in the country.

The wanted list consists of Bongani Duncan Mthembu, aged 31, of Mantambe in the Shiselweni Region.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said Mthembu was wanted for theft by false pretences in Manzini. "He stole two motor vehicles through fraudulent means from a car rental," said Mamba.

On the second incident, Mabhoyane Mashaba of Siteki at Skom is wanted for armed robbery he committed whilst in Manzini.

Meanwhile, the third suspect is Khululiwe Thamsanqa Nhleko of Ndunayithini in the Shiselweni area. "She is wanted for theft by false pretences," said PICO. On the other hand, Richard S'gcezo Sibiya also from Ndunayithini is wanted for theft by false pretences. Mamba said Sibiya stole a motor vehicle through fraudulent means from a car rental agency.

"Anyone with information that can lead to the arrest of the four dangerous suspects can contact principal investigator detective Mchwagi Matsebula 7623 0627 or Inspector Mboneleleni Motsa at 7605 8445," he said.



Bongani Duncan Mthembu.



Khululiwe Thamsanqa Nhleko.



Mabhoyane Mashaba.



Richard Sgcezo Sibiya.





# MBABANE City NEWS



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## HIS MAJESTY RECEIVES BIRTHDAY GIFTS FROM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MBABANE



**BAYETHE WENA WAPHA-KATHI:** The Mayor Zephaniah Nkambule led the Council team during the prize presentation to His Majesty Mswati III at Lozitha palace on Monday evening. Nkambule is accompanied by Deputy Mayor Simangaliso Gama, Chief Executive Officer Gideon Mhlongo and Information and Public Relations Officer Lucky Tsabedze.

## "PLAY YOUR PART, BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION" TOWARDS A GREEN CITY OF MBABANE

The Municipal council of Mbabane will commemorate the 2018 World Environment Day themed 'Beat plastic pollution'.

Plastic waste is one of the problematic municipal waste streams. Because of its non-biodegradable components, it remains in the environment for years and tonnes of plastic waste are disposed of at the landfill site.

The accumulation of plastic in the environment has a number of adverse impacts that affect the health and socio-economic state of human beings. These impacts include:

### Impacts of plastic pollution

- Poor aesthetics: this is due to littered environments
- Water pollution: this results in aquatic life choking on

- the waste
- Resource consumption: the more plastic we use, the more resources are needed for production of more plastic
- Depletion of landfill space: since it takes years for plastic to decompose, more landfill space is used up
- Stray animals eat poorly disposed plastic products leading to death
- Air pollution: burning of the plastics also leads to air pollution due to the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere

### Council sustainable green initiatives towards reducing the impacts of plastic pollution

To attain our Vision of being the preferred destination in Southern Africa offering quality life, council has developed

environmental and waste policies including a waste management strategy to manage the environment including waste. The Waste Management Strategy guides the city on the implementation of best practicable practices for management of waste. Waste management hierarchy elements which include waste minimization ((Reduce, Re-use, Recycle and Composting) are highly encouraged. These initiatives are implemented at organizational level, communities, business sector and in schools.

### Earn money, beat plastic pollution and have a clean city

- Council promotes self-driven clean up campaigns where communities participate in cleaning their streets and surroundings and segregate

the waste into two categories; dry and wet recyclable waste and non-recyclables.

- Waste can be exchanged for money in the two Buy Back Centres and one community recycling centre located at Sdwasini next to SOS Primary, Mbabane Industrial Site (end of Sheffield road) and Msunduzi Community Recycling Centre that were established to provide market, promote and support recycling initiatives in the city.
- Waste material can also be re-used to make eco-friendly products such as jewellery, bags, mats, coffee tables and bowls. These can further be sold to improve one's livelihood.
- Own shopping bags can also be used instead of plastic bags to reduce waste streams to the landfill.

"We can all play a part towards a green city and beat plastic pollution."



Reuse products made from plastic waste



Reuse products made from plastic waste



Community members during self-driven clean-up campaigns



A picture of a shopping bag



Members of different communities showcasing reuse products



Community members during self-driven clean-up campaigns



Recyclable and non-recyclable waste collected in different bags after a clean-up campaign



## 10 NATIONAL NEWS

# MOTSHANE SPENDS E24.5m IN FIVE YRS

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**MOTSHANE** *Inkhundla* has spent a whopping E24 million in a space of five years across seven chiefdoms.

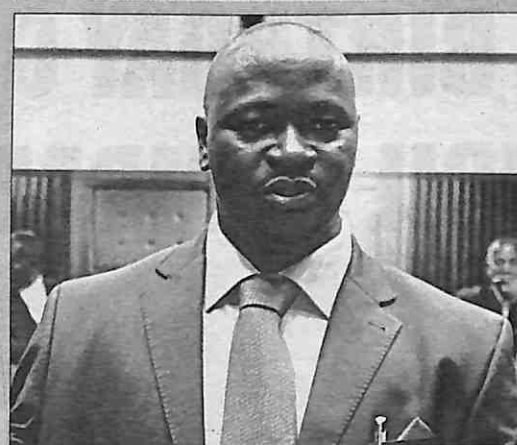
The *Inkhundla*, led by MP Phešheya Hlatshwayo, spent the money from 2013 when the current *Inkhundla* team was voted into office by the Motshane electorate.

Now that this term of office is ending, the committee has since published a report detailing how they worked during the five-year course.

The projects included electricity and water schemes, construction of Siphocosini High kitchen and Siphocosini market. Others included the construction of Bhekephi Primary Hall and the construction of a Neighbourhood Care Point (NCP) in Mhlane.

Motshane *Inkhundla* is divided into seven chiefdoms, namely, Motshane (Nduma), Kupheleni, Mpolonjeni (Mbabane), Sigangeni, Luhlelweni, Siphocosini, and Mantabeni.

It is worth noting that Motshane has been demarcated into two constituencies by the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC). The demarcation gave birth to Siphocosini *Inkhundla*, which is now made up of four chiefdoms. They include Siphocosini, Mantabeni, Sigangeni, and Luhlelweni. Motshane *Inkhundla* is among Motshane, Kupheleni and Mpolonjeni.



**TRANSPARENT:**  
MP Phešheya  
Hlatshwayo.

## SIPHOCOSINI PROJECT

PROJECT	AMOUNT
Ncabaneni Electricity scheme (96 homesteads)	E707 435.45
Embo Electricity scheme (83 homesteads)	E565 095.50
KaNyama Electricity scheme (47 homesteads)	E317 891.12
Ntsetse electricity scheme (34 homesteads)	E232 916.80
SicelaKukhanya electricity (65 homesteads)	E1 230 190.00
Akukhanye Siphocosini (41 homesteads)	E1 112 732.14
New Tabelweni electricity (19 homesteads)	E219 125.49
Ncabaneni Electricity scheme phase 2	In progress
Ntsetse electricity scheme phase 2	In progress
Masibekela electricity scheme	In progress
Embo water project	E4.5 million
Ncabaneni water project (work in Progress)	E834 300.57
Sthobela water scheme (45 x 100m pipe roles)	
Prince Simon water project (Assisted by USA)	
Back up Borehole for Embo water project drilled and working on installing Water pump.	
Siphocosini High School Kitchen (in progress)	E374 338.49
Siphocosini markets (in progress)	E353 155.00
Renovated Siphocosini Dip tank	

KUPHELENI PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Ncengcmane electricity scheme (54 homesteads)	E751 474.40
Mahangeni electricity scheme (137 homesteads)	E1 058 627.82
Mguleneni electricity scheme (114 homesteads)	E823 153.60
Hebron (Lubhaca) electricity scheme (19 homesteads)	E260 528.13
Okusha electricity scheme (106 homesteads)	E1 144 439.75
KaSwazi Bridge to Makhwane	By Government
Mguleneni - Ngwenya Bridge	E753 500.00
Completed a foot bridge to Ngwenya	E346 792.00
Re-graveled LoNdunduma	E346 792.00
Masuku Road re-gravelling	
Installed Two(2) boreholes at Ngwenya	
(Mahangeni area) for clean water	
Construction of Steel Footbridge next to LoNdunduma	
High school targeting the Students safety (in progress)	E829 490.98

MANTABENI PROJECT	AMOUNT
SicelaKukhanya electricity (177 homesteads)	E1 616 772.24
Mhlane electricity scheme (72 homesteads)	E558 226.11
Hlabazonkhe electricity scheme (54 homesteads)	E236 990.00
Mantabeni electricity scheme phase 2	
Mhlane electricity scheme	
Nkubela water scheme (completed)	
Mantabeni water scheme (Tingandze) Supplied them with over 80 x 100m roles of pipes	
Completed Bhekephi primary Hall (completed)	E408 644.80
Three classrooms at Bhekephi Primary (completed)	
Renovated Siphocosini Dip tank constructed over 60 years back	
Construction of two foot bridges	
Working on an NCP at Mhlane	E624 980.00

SIGANGENI PROJECT	AMOUNT
Mvambi electricity scheme (20 homesteads)	E224 762.00
Lisnamuva electricity (27 homesteads)	E468 625.80
Sigaledvu electricity scheme (16 homesteads)	E234 543.91
Imphumelelo group scheme (20 homesteads)	E262 057.63
Msungutane electricity scheme (19 homesteads)	E158 823.46
Mahhamangweni flight electricity scheme about to be implemented with funds available	
Tsantsane Electricity scheme (work in progress)	
Bikini electricity scheme (work in progress)	
SitaSive water project	Over E400 000.00
Sigaledvu water project. Supplied over 10 x 100 m roles of pipes	
Supplied a number of water pipes to various communities for supply of water including Mahhamangweni, KaShongwe and, Sigangeni	
Dip Tank at Sigangeni next to KaShongwe	E341 060.00
Steel Footbridge at Ekulambeni area.	E873 500.00
Regraveled Siphocosini to Sigangeni targeted areas	E500 000.00

## CDTC now operational after meeting SHEC's recommendations

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**CORPORATE Development and Training Centre (CDTC) which was among the four institutions that were closed by the Swaziland Higher Education Council (SHEC) is now fully operational.**

The institution was suspended last year in November after SHEC did their assessment, which proved that they were not meeting the required standards, some of which included inadequate toilets and operational space.

The institution's Chief Executive Officer Mainga Mainga said they did conform to the recommendations of SHEC and relocated from their previous setting to a bigger space that also accommodates handicapped students as they now have two sets of lifts to their offices.

"SHEC recommended that we relocate to a more convenient setting in terms of space and we are now situated at Dlanubeka Building and fully operational after they granted us provisional registration status on May 21. Also, we now fall within the list of approved institutions in the country," he said.

In a letter from SHEC approving the institution, it is stated that the institution is expected to improve its operations by addressing all the deficiencies that were identified during the assessment as contained in the Institutional Assessment Report within a period of six months.

"Following receipt of the institution's application for registration and the subsequent institutional assessment, the Swaziland Higher Education Council grants CDTC authority to establish and operate in accordance with Section 19 of the Higher Education Act of 2013, effective 21 May, 2018 to 31 May 2020," reads the letter. CDTC offers accredited academic and professional programmes from international Examination bodies based in the United Kingdom and they are the Cambridge International College (CIC), Institute of Commercial Management (ICM) Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) and Association of Certified Chartered Accounts (ACCA).

Other institutions that were closed down together with CDTC last year for not meeting the required standards are the African Prime Institute of Science and Technology (APIST), and the Providence International Training Centre (PITI). And Management Training and Development Institute (MTDI).

## GOGO (66) ACCUSED OF WITCHCRAFT VACATES MALKERNS

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**GOGO Thusi (66) and her acquaintance who were accused of witchcraft by the community of S'thomo in Malkerns vacated the area after their release from the police last week.**

According to a source, the old woman and his acquaintance, identified as Mahlalela (44), vacated the area last Friday morning.

"They have packed everything that belongs to them. Their houses are now empty," he alleged. He however said he was not sure where the two had moved to," he added.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba said the old woman and her acquaintance were freed without charges as the police did not find them on the wrong side of the law.

"These were only accusations," said Mamba.

He said the two felt threatened and vacated the area.

They feared for their lives after

they were attacked by over 200 residents of S'thomo Community for suspected witchcraft. The members of the public turned violent and bayed for their blood. The two had to seek refuge at Malkerns Police Station for safety. The angry mob stormed their house with a female prophet who is alleged to have had a vision.

In the vision, the prophet allegedly saw that something was not right within the compound they shared. It is said she woke up to inspect what she had seen from the vision.

Outside, it is said she allegedly found Mahlalela performing some ritual that involved sprinkling water (*kuchela*) in between the litany of stick and mud houses that complete the compound. This was around midnight.

The prophet then raised an alarm calling upon other residents of the densely populated and clustered location to come and witness what she had just seen.

A number of residents ran to the scene with some coming from the nearby Mangozeni location.

The mob confronted Thusi and

Mahlalela who refuted the allegations of witchcraft levelled against them. In the middle of the high-handed interrogation, some of the residents attempted to set alight a hut (*indumba*) that Thusi used to consult in as it is believed she doubled as a traditional healer.

The *indumba* was partly burned. However, the mob succeeded in destroying another hut where her clients would bath or steam as part of taking any prescribed medication.

According to a source close to the matter, the mob made it clear that they were going to hurt the old woman as they alleged this was not the first incident involving her.

Malkerns police who were armed to the teeth arrived in the nick of time to rescue the two who had been marked for death.

On that fateful night the police had to leave their cars a couple of metres away from the compound since the road had been blocked with big logs. The two were quickly taken to the police station for safety purposes while police investigated the matter.



# BAPHALALI CELEBRATES RED CROSS DAY BY DONATING TO GOGO (98)

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**BAPHALALI** Swaziland Red Cross Society (BSRCS) commemorated World Red Cross Day by putting a smile on 98-year old Zithombe Bulunga's face with a donation of a blanket, winter clothing and food.

The elderly woman is said to be currently living alone as her one and only grandchild deserted her. The memorable smile from around the world themed event was held over the weekend at Ndzindza under Hhukwini Inkhundla.

During the event, members and volunteers of the national society were commended for their free compassionate services they provide communities across the country with.

The elderly woman could not hold back tears during the hand-over as she recited how grateful she was to the Society for what they had done for her.

"I am not crying because I am sad but because I am very happy for the help from Red Cross. I feel very relieved that the cold will not get me this winter," she said.

Furthermore, BSRCS has about 4 000 volunteers across the country that provides relief during distress.

From January to last month, 93 312 people have benefited from the work of the Red Cross through disaster response, health services and first aid services.

Meanwhile, Chief Nsukumbili II Gama appreciated the national Society for choosing his community to celebrate their humanitarian work.

Making his remarks during the event, Chief Nsukumbili II also praised the Society for providing their humanitarian service to the needy, especially Gogo Bulunga. "We appreciate the work done



**YOURS:** Baphalali Red Cross President Happy Dlamini handing over a blanket to 98-year old Zithombe Bulunga which was among other things donated to her on Saturday at Hhukwini Inkhundla. (Courtesy pics)



**THANK YOU:** Chief Nsukumbili II Gama making his remarks during the World Red Cross Day commemoration at Ndzindza area under Hhukwini Inkhundla over the weekend.

by Red Cross in our community," he said.

He vowed that as a community, they would continue to support and work with the Society to help people in need around Hhukwini Inkundla.

BSRCS President Happy Dlamini thanked the volunteers of the society for the impressive work they do in the communities to alleviate human suffering.

She also expressed her gratitude towards all partners that work with the Society in making sure that the destitute are

assisted in every way possible. "Volunteers are the pillars of the national Society, we therefore encourage everyone to join and become volunteers so that the level of human suffering is decreased," said Dlamini.

The World Red Cross Day is annually celebrated on May 8 to commemorate the birth of Henri Dunant, who is the founder of the Red Cross.

This day is celebrated to show the role played by the Red Cross in life saving events as well as assisting the vulnerable people around the world.

## Women shoplifters back in court on Friday

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**THE** two women who were nabbed shoplifting in stores in Pigg's Peak are said to have stolen items totalling E2 093.

The duo, Nombuso Matse and Babazile Dlamini appeared before the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court to answer on the charges of theft.

Dlamini is said to have been carrying a baby on her back.

They were arrested on Friday at the Boxer Superstore after they managed to shoplift in six other shops that included PEP and Shoprite in the small town of Pigg's Peak.

Originally, it was believed that they were first timers but it soon came to light that the women were in fact hardened criminals who have both been convicted for shoplifting a few months ago.

In court, on Monday, Dlamini and her co-accused Matse said they were visiting Pigg's Peak to see their boyfriends and further stole the items to sell in Mbabane. Matse said she wanted to see her boyfriend, however, such a plan changed after she saw her friend Dlamini.



**SHAME:** Nombuso Matse and Babazile Dlamini, who was carrying a baby on her back, faced the Magistrate's Court after stealing items worth E2 093 from six shops in Pigg's Peak.

"I was not stealing but I saw my friend Dlamini and I went to Boxer with her. I did not steal anything, I am innocent," she said.

### Confess

Dlamini, on the other hand, said she too was in Pigg's Peak to see the father of her baby who lives there.

"I was in Pigg's Peak to see the father of my child.

This is my third child as I have two other children with two other men elsewhere. I steal in shops so that I can support my children and my boyfriend once paid bail for me set at E9 000 because I had shoplifted shops in Mbabane in 2016," she said. Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini advised both women to return to court on Friday for sentencing.

## Teenboy abducts girl (13) from church, sexually assaults her

By Mncedisi Dlamini  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A 17-year-old pupil did the unthinkable when he abducted a girl aged 13 from church with the intention to sexually assault her.**

The Form Four pupil appeared before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini to answer for the charges of abducting the minor. It is said he also proceeded to have sexual intercourse with her.

This traumatic incident caused outrage to the minor's mother, who is also a complainant in the matter, who swiftly called the police.

It happened during the Good Friday holidays at Lobamba.

The crown paraded a witness, police officer Sibusiso Ndlangamandla, who was the investigating officer in the matter.

He stated that around April, he received a call from the Lobamba Police Station assigning him to investigate a rape charge laid by the minor's mother who was at the police station together with the survivor.

The minor was taken to hospital

by detective Ndlangamandla for examination.

The police later headed back to the police station as the suspect was already in custody by that time. The officer introduced himself and further formally charged him with the charge of abduction.

The doctor's report confirmed that indeed penetration had occurred on the minor's private parts.

The accused acknowledged the charge and claimed that the minor had consented to it.

In mitigation, the teenage boy pleaded for leniency as tears soaked his face.

He told the court that he had already learnt a lesson and was about to finish school as he had big dreams.

For some time, Magistrate Lenhle Zulu was deep in thought before passing out the sentence.

The magistrate advised the accused to go back to school.

She added that she would be doing a routine follow-up on the accused. Sentencing has been scheduled for November 29, 2019 after writing his final Form Five examinations.



**MY LADY:** Magistrate Lenhle Zulu.

## Reckless driver knocks down pedestrian at Sidvashini

By Mncedisi Dlamini  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A pedestrian was left with serious injuries after being knocked down by a reckless driver at Sidvashini.**

Amandla Seluleko Dlamini (26) of Mangwaneni on Friday appeared before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu where he was slapped with two counts, one being reckless driving and the second was defying a court order.

Dlamini conducted his own defence and pleaded guilty to the charges laid against him.

It is said on May 15, Dlamini, being a driver of a Toyota Voxy at or around Sidvashini, Qobonga area, did wrongfully and negligently drove the said motor vehicle along Somhlolo road and knocked down a pedestrian identified as Hazel Mashaba Greenhead (49) of Mahwalala.

It is said Dlamini was driving at a high speed in a narrow road and failed to apply breaks timeously,

swerved to the left and knocked the pedestrian, who suffered serious concussion and was later whisked to the Mbabane Government Hospital for medical assistance.

On May 28, Dlamini failed to appear in court after being summoned, thus violated the dignity, reputation and authority of the court.

"You can't just knock down someone from behind in broad day light. It is evident to the court that you were reckless," said Magistrate Zulu. The magistrate further stated that young people often drive at a high speed and cause unnecessary accidents, which shows that they have no respect for pedestrians. In mitigation, the accused pleaded for leniency, stating that he stays with his sickly grandmother who solely depends on him. Zulu then sentenced the accused person to E700 fine or five months imprisonment for reckless driving and E500 or five months for disobeying a court order. However, the sentences would run concurrently.



# MORE FROM KING'S



**SWAZI GOLD:** Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation Managing Director Nick Jackson, Sifiso Nyembe and Patrick Myeni donated E1 million to His Majesty King Mswati III.



**AT YOUR SERVICE:** Lidwala Insurance representatives donated E250 000.



**MEDICAL COVER:** Swazi Med presented E100 000 as represented by Principal Officer Peter Simelane and Dudu Nyembe. Accompanying them was Minister of Health Sibongile Simelane.



**ALL SMILES:** AJ Electrical presented the King with E210 803.



**HUGE:** Public Service Pensions Fund gave the King a E1 million gift.



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty accepts a gift from Cabinet ministers during the presentation of gifts for the 50/50 celebrations held at Lozitha Palace on Monday night. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



**CONVERSING:** Nhlangano businessman Justice Nxumalo and Mbabane Municipal Council CEO Gideon Mhlongo having a nice time.



**THE LAW:** Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala upon arrival with some members of the JSC.



**LOMANGCEVEZA:** Her Majesty the Indlovukazi with Emakhosikati and princesses also attended the event.



**WATER FROM AIR:** His Majesty shares a light moment with former Miss Eswatini Nozipho Shabangu as she presents him with a machine for making water from air.



**TOWN CLERKS:** Clerks from the different towns and cities of the kingdom pose with the King after presenting him with a gift.



# BIRTHDAY GIFTS



**SWAZI BEER:** Businessman Roy Benedito also got the opportunity to pose with the King after making his presentation.



**LEGEND:** Chairperson of the African Alliance MP Thuli Dladla and African Alliance Partner Sthofeni Ginindza pose next to King Sobhuza's II sculpture they presented to the King.



**CORRECTIONAL:** Minister of Justice Edgar Hillary and senior Correctional Service officers presents the king with E300 000.



**THE CYCLISTS:** Minister David 'Cruiser' Nngcamphalala introduces members of the Swaziland Cycling Association to His Majesty.



**FOR THE KING:** Msutfu Masilela also had a gift for the King.



**ALL SMILES:** Royal Board of Trustees members pose with the King.



**IT'S AN HONOUR:** The Monsor family pose with His Majesty.



**UMBUTFO:** Makoti Hlatjwako presented the King with a crown.



**UMSEBENTI WETANDLA:** Businessman Themba Dlamini and his colleagues presented the King with handicraft items.



**UNDER CONTROL:** Bongani Mamba leaves after presenting the King with his portrait.



**RESPECT:** Princess Gcebile takes a picture with the King after presenting him with a portrait.



**FLYING HIGH:** Swaziland Railway presented the King with a drone.



**IMBONGI:** King's praise singer Qethuka Dlamini and his son also showered the King with gifts.



## NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS

...With  
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# MINISTER PRAISES TINKHUNDLA FORM OF GOVERNANCE

...calling it authentically Swazi just like culture days

MINISTER of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze has praised the Tinkhundla system of governance, calling it authentically Swazi just like culture days.

Gamedze was the guest speaker during the Buy Cash Hardware sponsored culture day held at the Gobolondlo Hall in Pigg's Peak on Saturday.

Present at the culture day was the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza.

Gamedze noted that few companies in the country sponsored culture days that are unique to the Swazi culture.

"First and foremost, I would like to congratulate all the residents of Northern Hhohho for coming out in numbers to show support of such events like this culture day. The truth of the matter is that such events need sponsorships to be successful, but few companies are providing these sponsorships.

As time goes on, we might lose the very essence that makes us unique. It is, therefore, important as a kingdom to keep our culture alive.

An important part of our culture



**CULTURE LOVE:** Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza and Pigg's Peak Ward One councillor Sibongile Magagula dancing up a storm.

is seen in all aspects of our lives, starting with the Tinkhundla system of governance," he said.

He added that he loved and respected the Tinkhundla system because he is also a product of it.

"This type of governance is a true Swazi system that upholds our identity as a people; it is the only system of governance that the Kingdom of Eswatini should uphold," he added.

Meanwhile, Pigg's Peak Indvuna Muzi Phiri said culture days were important as they reminded people of their national identities.

"Culture days are as important to the youth as education. This is because as a kingdom, we have not forgotten our heritage as we still acknowledge and respect our culture.

This alone makes the Kingdom of Eswatini unique, as we have not

abandoned our culture the way other African states have. We are grateful to our King for bringing in modern education and technology in schools, but not forgetting our culture," he said.

Speaking after the event was Ward One councillor from Malanda Sibongile Magagula who said culture days should be hosted regularly to promote the country's uniqueness at international level.



**AUTHENTIC:** Minister Gamedze addressing the gathering.

## Man (58) dies after taking his meal

A 58-year-old man from Nsangwini collapsed and died mysteriously while eating food at his homestead.

The man is said to have been asking for food minutes before his death.

He died on Sunday morning. The name of the deceased is known to the publication, but has been withheld due to the fact that his next of kin are yet to be informed about the sudden incident. Speaking to this publication after the incident, police said an autopsy was needed as the cause of death was not yet apparent.

"The information we have is that the deceased, who is unemployed, spent a lot of time enjoying alcohol near his homestead where he was being taken care of by his two sons who are working. On Saturday evening, the deceased went out to enjoy himself at a local drinking hall. After that, he returned home and asked for food which was then delivered by his granddaughter aged 10," he said.

It is said 30 minutes later, the grandchild went back to the old man's room, only to find that he had died. The grandchild sounded an alarm, while adults at the homestead called the Emergency Medical Services (EMS). He was rushed to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. It is said his relatives are desperate to know what caused his death.

Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident.

### DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON



1. Welcome Mkhalihi 2. Rosert Mngomezulu 3. Nhlaniha Mohale 4. Samuel Mthethwa



5. Hopewell Nhlabatsi 6. Kwanele Thwala 7. Ntokozo Vilakati

### SECRETARY



1. Bonginkhosi Dlamini

### MEMBER 1



2. Jerome Dlamini

## Bonginkhosi Dlamini retains his position uncontested

**BONGINKHOSI Dlamini has retained his position as the Secretary of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) burial scheme for the Hhohho region.**

Dlamini retained the position on Saturday during the Hhohho leg of the national SNAT burial scheme elections held at Buhleni.

The elections in Hhohho featured a low voter turnout as only 205 SNAT burial scheme members participated. Dlamini received 198 votes out of a possible 205.

He was elected alongside Jerome Dlamini, who became a member for the SNAT burial scheme for Hhohho region.

Jerome also ran uncontested for the position and received 194 votes out of a possible 205.

The only position at the elections to be hotly contested was that of deputy chairperson

This position had seven candidates but Kwanele Thwala won.

He received 94 votes and was followed by Nhlaniha Mohale with 47. Next was Samuel Mthethwa, who got 20 votes, followed by Rosert Mngomezulu, who received 12.

The other candidates were Hopewell Nhlabatsi who received 10 votes and Ntokozo Vilakati who received nine votes, Welcome Mkhalihi got seven.

Speaking to this publication after the voting was SNAT election facilitator Vusi Kunene, who said the results were for Hhohho only as other regions would be conducting their own elections that would later be consolidated at national level.

"The voting for today was for the Hhohho region only.

As SNAT burial scheme, we are still waiting to receive the results from the other regions around the country."



# PRINCIPAL, TEACHER RETIRE AT NHLANGANO CENTRAL

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

**RETIRING** Nhlango Central Primary Principal Vivian Kunene and Grade Two teacher Thandiwe Mkhwanazi, have been advised to join politics so that they continue contribute in uplifting the teaching profession.

Kunene has been in the profession for 36 years and 25 these were spent at Nhlango Central Primary School.

On the other hand, Mkhwanazi has been a teacher for 35 years and spent her last two at Nhlango Central Primary.

Guest of honour during the farewell function of the two teachers was Ngwane Teacher's Training College Principal Dr Amos Mahlalela.

He said the two must know that retiring did not mean they were no longer of no use, as they could contribute in developing the country through their skills acquired over the years.

Mahlalela said the two should consider joining politics since the country was going to the polls later this year. "As you retire, know that you are embarking on another journey. It's a



**ON THE MIC:** Representative of the ministry of education Zodwa Dlamini making remarks on behalf of the Regional Education Officer (REO) Thabile Nxumalo.

new chapter with new challenges, therefore, make meaningful contributions even back in your communities. You can still be *bucopho*, *indvuna yenkhundla* or even become Member of Parliament (MP). You should take part in the elections as you have the capabilities of being part of the nation building exercise. Also make use of the 'Campaign and Vote For Woman' slogan," said Dr Mahlalela. Dr Mahlalela said with the two having diligently served the teaching profession, they would better serve the country in political positions or even at their communities.

"Go and shine and continue making a mark. You have done it in the teaching profession and there is no way you can fail in shaping the country's destiny. You are still needed by Emaswati as you have made your impact felt in the teaching profession. In the 36 years Kunene spent in the profession, she has graduated a total of 1 800 locals who now are professionals in different fields, some who today are businesspeople. With the 35 years Mkhwanazi spent in the profession, there are 1 750 children who are now professionals in various fields," said Dr Mahlalela.

## PARENTS ADVISED TO PLAY THEIR PART

**PARENTS** are major players in the progress of any school.

Therefore, they should cooperate and support the administration for their children to succeed.

Dr Amos Mahlalela said schools relied on parents' support as they were expected to provide all the necessities for the learning process in schools.

He said parents also need to work hand-in-hand with school authorities and should show love through ownership of school programmes.

Parents should also show commitment. "To the pupils, the road to your destination is not an easy one as it is marked with challenges and if you are not careful, you may throw in the towel. You have to be focused and remain patient in order to reap the desired results," he said.

Dr Mahlalela said pupils should pay attention as even their destination was marked with sign posts which were meant to guide them to the final destination.

### Teachers

He said pupils should know that from their first year up to tertiary level, they would have teachers. "These teachers have something in common, which is giving you the necessary information, to equip as well as guide you in order to reach your destination.

Never allow anything to distract



**GRATEFUL:** Acting Nhlango Central Primary School Principal Nomsa Nkambule delivering her speech.

you on your way to success. Do not be detracted by things such as drug abuse, immorality, laziness, irresponsibility and the 'I don't care attitude'. Some of these may look fashionable in the eyes of many of you but your dream can be shattered by all of these," said Dr Mahlalela.

To the teachers, Dr Mahlalela said their role was to help pupils acquire knowledge, skills and shape them for the future.

The ministry of education was represented by Zodwa Dlamini from the Shiselweni Regional Education offices while Zanele Hlophe represented the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT).

## 'BOTH NAMED TEACHING VETERANS'

**NGWANE** Teacher's Training College Principal Dr Amos Mahlalela says retiring Nhlango Central Primary School Principal Vivian Kunene and Grade Two teacher Thandiwe Mkhwanazi are true veterans in the country's teaching

profession.

Dr Mahlalela said the number of years the two spent in the profession qualified them to be branded true veterans.

In his remarks, Dr Mahlalela stated that the teachers had left a legacy

which others should follow.

"The many years the two of you spent in the profession is proof enough that you qualify to be called stalwarts in this profession. You possess all the ingredients which make one to be known a stalwart which include

personality, discipline, commitment, proper work ethics and passion for hard work. You have remained faithful to your calling until the last minute of your long journey," said Dr Mahlalela.

Dr Mahlalela said the influence the two had, helped in shaping young men and women to become better people in society. "You have left a legacy through which those who had

the chance of knowing and meeting you will always remember you. Your work is there for all to see and as you retire, know that out there are so many possibilities. I encourage you to take this in a positive way and confront any challenge without fear and through that you will succeed," said Dr Mahlalela, who presented each retiree with a blanket.

## Teachers applaud retiring teacher

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

**RETIRING** Nhlango Central Primary Principal Vivian Kunene has a rare talent and an achiever, teachers at the school have said.

Acting Principal Nomsa Nkambule said Kunene was more than a teacher to them and the pupils.

She said the retiring principal's achievements were not easy to enumerate and match with anything.

Nkambule was speaking during the farewell function of Kunene and Grade Two teacher Thandiwe Mkhwanazi.

Nkambule said they were thankful to Kunene for all the contribution she made that also placed the school in the map when it comes to academic performance. For years, the school has been achieving good results in Grade Seven.

It is a school located in the heart of the notorious and densely populated Mathendele Township. The school is known to have one of the highest enrolments in the region as yearly it records not less than 1 300 learners.

"It's not an easy thing to bid someone

goodbye, especially an achiever such as Kunene. She has indeed transformed this school and we can't even compare her work with anything in this school. Like the Moses of the Bible who spent 40 years leading the Israelites to the Promised Land, Kunene has spent almost that long leading the pupils in her teaching career, which is work well accomplished. She touched many lives in all those years," said Nkambule.

Nkambule said Kunene was popular with almost everyone associated to the school, be it teaching or non-academic staff as well as the pupils who respected her as a true leader who was humble and committed to her work.

She never wished to see anybody troubled as she always wanted to see everyone wearing a smile, be it at work or off work.

"She has imparted the right skills and knowledge to learners in the 36 years she spent in the teaching profession. An achiever, open minded, generous, knowledgeable, modest, courageous, responsible, respected and you can go on and on describing this great woman we are bidding farewell to today," said Nkambule. Nkambule said the retiring Kunene, for

the duration of her stay in the school, she remained committed to her work and was an outstanding leader who always promoted excellence within the education sector.

She said Kunene had special teaching skills that enabled pupils to grasp easily and enjoy school work.

"That she was an inspiration was demonstrated by the excitement the pupils had when attending her class during holidays, weekends and in the morning. We thank her for teaching her subject with passion.

She has shown love for all of us and we found ourselves being a big and united family under her leadership and figuratively a mother to all of us.

Her retirement is not just a loss to this school but to the profession as whole," said Nkambule who was becoming emotional.

She further thanked Mkhwanazi, the Grade Two teacher who was also retiring, saying she was equally gifted and performed exceptionally in making the school a centre of care and support.

"You have made the children's lives in this school rounded and complete," said Nkambule.

## Ministry salutes retiring principal

**RETIRING** Nhlango Central Primary School Principal Vivian Kunene has been described by the ministry of education as someone who was committed to her work and never believed in failing.

Zodwa Dlamini, one of the inspectors based in the Shiselweni region who was representing the ministry of education, said the retiring principal was humble and did not associate with failure.

She said Kunene never wanted to see others struggle in life but always want what was best for everyone.

"I am the inspector and this school falls under those I am assigned to look after. I have never known someone as kind and humble as Kunene. I never experienced any hardship when dealing with Kunene while she was still the principal. Each time we came to inspect her school, we would find everything in order. She has united the teachers and promoted unity within the region," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said to prove that Kunene was a true leader and possessed all the skills, the school, despite being located in a township, saw its pupils well behaved.



**GIFTS:** The two retirees with their gifts presented to them by Ngwane Teacher's Training College Principal Dr Amos Mahlalela.



# 16 PICTURES



**FAREWELL:** Acting Nhlanguano Central Primary School Principal Nomsa Nkambule delivering her speech during the farewell function of Principal Vivian Kunene and teacher Thandiwe Mkhwanazi. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)



**WE THANK YOU:** Representative of the Ministry of Education Zodwa Dlamini thanking them for their service on behalf of the Regional Education Officer (REO) Thabile Nxumalo.

# VIVIAN, THANDIWE'S



**THANK YOU:** Retiring Principal Vivian Vangile Kunene making her remarks.



**JOYFUL:** Retiring Grade Two teacher Thandiwe Mkhwanazi was presented with a blanket.



**YOU WELCOME:** Programme director Zweli Msibi welcoming retiring Principal Vivian Kunene on stage.



**CELEBRATED:** The two seated at the centre waiting to be presented with their gifts.

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### 2. Requirements

Proposals are requested from suitably qualified and duly registered service providers for providing Asset Consulting services to the Fund.

### 3. Submissions

The proposals are to be submitted in sealed envelopes, clearly marked "Tender for providing Asset Consulting Services" and submitted to the office of the Fund; University Of Swaziland, 4A, Freshman Park, Kwaluseni Campus, Matsapha on or before 15 June 2018 and addressed to:

The Principal Officer  
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Enquiries about this tender must be directed to the office of the Fund at (+268) 2518 4032 or email to [www.mzibuko@uniswa.sz](mailto:www.mzibuko@uniswa.sz)

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# FAREWELL FUNCTION



**BITTER SWEET MOMENT:** Pupils came in their numbers to see off their favourite teachers.



**GUEST:** Ngwane Teacher's Training College Principal Dr Amos Mahlalela, who was a guest speaker delivering his speech.



**ENTERTAINMENT:** Nhlanguano Central High School choir performing during the function.



**World Health Organization**  
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR Africa

## VACANCY NOTIFICATION: NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL OFFICER HIV/ TUB and Viral Hepatitis

**VACANCY NOTICE NO:** SWZ/WHO/FT/01  
**TITLE:** HIV / TUB and Viral Hepatitis NPO  
**GRADE:** NO-C  
**CONTRACT TYPE:** Fixed Term / Longer Term

**DATE:** May 2018  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** 14 June 2018  
**DUTY STATION:** Mbabane, Swaziland  
**DURATION OF CONTRACT:** 2 years (renewable)

The World Health Organization Country Office in Swaziland wishes to announce the existence of a vacancy for the position of National Professional Officer HIV/AIDS / TUB / STI and Viral Hepatitis. The purpose of the post is to strengthen the capacity of WHO Country Office and Ministry of Health Technical Programmes in the areas of HIV/AIDS TUB / STI and Viral Hepatitis.

### Summary of Duties

Under the general guidance of the WHO Country Representative, and working in close cooperation with Ministry of Health, within the scope defined by country strategies, policy guidelines and programmes objectives, the incumbent:

1. Serves as WHO Focal Point for HIV/AIDS / TUB STIs and Viral Hepatitis prevention and control activities in the country, liaises and provides technical support to all relevant government departments and institutions.
2. Provides technical assistance to the Ministry of Health and other actors in the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of an effective health sector component of the national multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS
3. Organizes training of health personnel interventions to address the HIV/AIDS, TUB / STIs and Viral Hepatitis and contributes to the strengthening of health care management at central, intermediate, district and local levels
4. Provides technical support to the Ministry of Health in fostering partnerships for resource mobilization for the health system component of the national strategic plan for HIV/AIDS, TUB / STIs and Viral Hepatitis
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7. Provides technical support for the identification, documentation and dissemination of best practices in the health system response to HIV/AIDS, TUB, STIs and Viral Hepatitis
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9. Performs any other duties assigned by the WR.

### Competencies

Based on the WHO Competency Model, the incumbent should have the following competencies:

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### Education (Qualifications)

**Essential:** A University degree in medicine. A post graduate in public health or epidemiology would be an added advantage

**Desirable:** Knowledge or qualification in health or health-related discipline, ability to write well, implementation of multi-sectoral interventions, policy development skills.

### Experience

**Essential:** A minimum of 7 years in public health program management/practice, 5 years in HIV/AIDS / TUB and STIs programme. Broad, appropriate knowledge and skills in HIV/AIDS, TUB / STIs and Viral Hepatitis prevention, care and treatment.

**Desirable:** Experience working with United Nations or International NGOs

### Languages

Excellent knowledge of English. Knowledge of French would be an added advantage.

### Other Skills

Proven ability to use standard office software packages, conversant with common IT software

### Remuneration

Salary is paid at NO-C level of remuneration applicable to the UN System in Swaziland.

### Applications

Applications, accompanied by a detailed CV and academic qualifications should be addressed to:

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Mbabane  
Or e-mail to: [dlaminip@who.int](mailto:dlaminip@who.int) and [nkambuleg@who.int](mailto:nkambuleg@who.int)

The Address should be clearly marked "Reference: SWZ/WHO/FT/01". The closing date for receiving all applications is **Thursday 14 June 2018**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Please note that only Swazi Nationals are eligible to apply

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## PUBLIC NOTICE/ SATISO

## DEATH GRATUITY DISTRIBUTION BY PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS FUND

The Public Service Pensions Fund invites the following deceased members' families to meetings to be held at the following scheduled times and dates at the Pensions Building, along Mhlambanyatsi Road. Family members are requested to bring certified copies of the following: proof of identity, death certificate, birth certificates, marriage certificate(s) and any other relevant documents.

Lihhovisi letemhlala phansi (PSPF) licela tihlobo tanaba labalandzelako kutsi tivele enhloko hhovisi ngalamalanga netikhatsi letilandzelako.

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The following deceased members' families are invited to attend a meeting on the following dates:

### MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Dlamini Stanley Ndabenhle	Justice	9071111	28.04.2018	09h00
2. Malindisa Priscilla Zanele	Education	3939235	25.04.2018	09h45
3. Ndabandzaba Nelisiwe M.	Education	4909736	16.04.2018	10h30
4. Vilakati Mandla Nhlanhla	Defence	8711209	30.04.2018	11h15

### TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2018

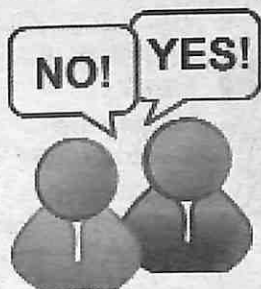
Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Hlophe Mcolisi Elvis	Agriculture	4961275	27.04.2018	09h00
2. Nyawo Nontobeko Thobile	Education	6873495	01.05.2018	09h45
3. Nkambule Ntokozo Masiko	Education	6808631	27.04.2018	10h30
4. Nxumalo Mzila Zwelibusu	Justice	2520126	17.04.2018	11h15

### WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2018

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Dlamini Sincumo	Defence	40169499	11.05.2018	09h00
2. Ngwane Ntombikayise T.	Education	2293262	06.05.2018	09h45
3. Dlamini Mbalekelwa Joseph	C.T.A.	2249816	02.05.2018	10h30

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## 1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

**PSYCHOLOGICAL abuse is a form of abuse that births all sorts of abuse.**

You might have heard of the saying that "it all starts from the head" or "it's all in your mind" well the mind is a powerful tool that makes way to our actions.

Our body experiences, should it be that which we hear or see and touch is a gateway to our actions. One can state that it creates our inner self.

Psychological experiences begin to develop as early as time of birth. All a child is exposed to and experiences forms his or her character that is, the way he/she would respond to aspects of life that he/she might come across. You should take note that the words psychological and emotional abuse will be used interchangeably.

Physical abuse, financial and sexual abuse are forms of abuse that are most spoken off and often emotional abuse is not treated as serious as the others. What is most important to acknowledge is that without psychological abuse, the chances of the other forms of abuse to occur are very limited. Domestic

violence and abuse can happen to anyone, yet the problem is often overlooked, excused, or denied. This is especially true when the abuse is psychological, rather than physical. Noticing and acknowledging the signs of an abusive relationship is the first step to ending it.

By definition psychological abuse (also referred to as psychological violence, emotional abuse, or mental abuse) is a form of abuse, characterised by a person subjecting, or exposing, another person to behaviour that may result in psychological trauma, including anxiety, chronic depression, or post-traumatic stress disorder.

A discussion paper was prepared by Deborah Doherty and Dorothy Berglund on Psychological Abuse, from which abstract a child's development into an adult has been discussed and also stating how emotional abuse may be disturbed by the Psychological Abuse. We will consider some of the findings of the 2015 paper. Individuals are pushed through life stages by biological and social demands. This is important because it infers that individuals cannot remain in a stage until they have properly confronted their crises, but may be forced to enter the next stage unprepared. Therefore, properly managing crises within each stage is important for the successful completion of the later stages in adulthood. Erikson describes one of the first stages leading to adulthood as



identity vs. role confusion (Logan, 1986). This stage is often experienced during the teenage years; in this stage adolescents experience an "identity crisis", which is described as an attempt to define who you are (e.g., career, religion, sexual identity, and so on), where you are heading and how you fit into society. As adolescents progress through this stage, they begin to focus in on developing an identity. This identity consolidation in adolescence provides the first real opportunity to develop continuity with the past, meaning in the present, and direction for the future. As such, identity consolidation forms

the cornerstone of the capacity to do well and the basis of self-acceptance and self-esteem. The successful resolution of identity issues provides the young person with a clear sense of self, well-defined personal beliefs and values, and a feeling of place within the community.

There are variables that take place throughout early developmental stages, which continue to affect individuals as they advance into adulthood. A variety of abuses such as verbal, mental, and sexual have been proven to negatively affect the course of children's life responses.

The most common form, which makes up 78.5 per cent of all child abuse cases is neglect. Neglect can be defined as a type of maltreatment that refers to the failure by the caregiver to provide needed, age appropriate care although financially able to do so or offered financial or other means to do so.

Abused children are also more likely to engage in sexual risk taking, causing them to be 25 per cent more likely to experience teenage pregnancy and putting them at a greater risk of contracting STD's.

Abuse has also been linked with criminal behaviour and an alarming number of inmates have been abused mentally as children even though the numbers may be higher as most people do not know when they might be mentally abused as children, however, it is through a background interview at a later stage in life that researchers find out that the particular person had suffered emotional abuse at an early age.

It is important that psychological abuse be noted and taken seriously.

The country is faced with alarming news every week. Murder cases in the most inhuman manner; people committing suicide; children being sexually abused; school going children falling pregnant in school; mothers beating their children to death and spouses abusing each other. In all of these there is one connecting factor and that is psychological abuse of children.

## 'Black brain drain' in Cape Town: Symptom of a far deeper problem

**THE Western Cape in general and Cape Town in particular is – as Tinyiko Ngwenya experienced – alienating to people of colour.**

The lack of representation, particularly in senior leadership in corporations, is striking. By contrast, this gives Johannesburg its allure. For Ngwenya, the desirability lay in the myriad positive representations of people of colour, mirroring a more inclusive society.

But this attraction can also mask the underlying and insidious psychological trauma caused by colonialism and later, apartheid.

Cape Town rips the plaster off the wound and allows people of colour to get in touch with – or, to phrase it differently, never escape – the lived reality of feeling less than white. No matter how distinguished one's accomplishments, this holds true. An eminent professor of colour at a leading

university in the Western Cape once said this of his experience. Or, as it was articulated by Ms. Ngwenya:

"No matter how hard I worked, I never really felt good enough, and that inferiority complex was as a result of being a minority."

It is an awareness continuously reinforced by corporate cultures that remain, largely, white and male.

The problem, therefore, is not Cape Town, but rather that this experience

reflects the oversight by political initiatives to address the psychological legacies of internalised oppression of people of colour, and internalised dominance by white people. Systematic methods of oppression, holistically designed and legislated to cast people of colour as inferior to the celebrated superiority of whites, have shaped our identities retrospectively. According to psychology, these internalised experiences often remain

in the unconscious. We rely on triggers to elicit the pain associated with those experiences, and corporate Cape Town is a trigger of such pain – not the cause. Since there has been no political effort to address this issue, at least not on the scale of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), we often remain largely unaware of our trauma. Furthermore, psychological pain, unlike economic inequality, is not immediately visible to the untrained eye. And even then, it is seen as an individual responsibility.

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# DONE RIGHT, LAND REDISTRIBUTION WILL BOOST ECONOMY

Max du preez

**JOHANNESBURG** - The expectations and fears around land redistribution are what bedevil the national conversation on this issue rather than the process of giving black people more access to land.

The EFF and some elements in the ANC are building up an anticipation that farms, businesses and urban properties are going to be expropriated on a large scale without any compensation and handed out to ordinary people, instantly making them wealthy.

AfriForum and other right wing whites are playing along for their own reasons, warning white people that 'the blacks' are going to throw them off their properties as happened in Zimbabwe and that would finally destroy the economy and the peace.

## Justice

Instead, it should be an ideal opportunity to settle an old and serious issue - indeed, the original sin of the colonial era.

If done properly, quickly and on a big enough scale, land redistribution could actually achieve more than just address the strong emotions around redress, justice, symbolism and historic evil. It could actually become a major injection to economic growth.

But nobody will become rich overnight, despite Julius Malema and Jacob Zuma's populist promises. Land itself is not as important as what one does with it. The people of, for instance, Mali and Mozambique have ample access to land, yet they remain among the poorest in the world.

Whites should start calming the hell down and know that they stand to benefit more than they could lose if the process really works.

From their point of view, even the worst possible scenario would not be such a catastrophic scenario.

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Founding Principles in Chapter One of the Constitution that cements the rule of law and the supremacy of the Constitution. If the rule of law is followed, property owners will always have recourse to the courts. Chapter One of the Constitution may only be amended with 75 per cent of Parliament and six out of the nine provinces agreeing to it.

It is clear from the national mood that if the status quo is allowed to remain unaltered for much longer, the emotions around land will get more and more inflamed and could eventually lead to so much instability that our democracy could be under threat. Even the hardest Afrikaner nationalist must know deep down that it cannot be normal that so few black South Africans own so little land and that so many black people still live in squalor where they have to bring up their children.

Urban land hunger is clearly the biggest and most urgent problem. I cannot remember more than one or two illegal occupations of farms over the last decades, but we have had hundreds of cases of urban land occupation just in the last year.

## Settlements

The reason? The massive movement of people from the communal black areas to the cities over the last two decades. Between 2000 and 2010, the population of Gauteng had grown by 31 per cent and of the Western Cape by 29 per cent - a movement of more than five million people in 10 short years. The governments since 1994 had not anticipated this and certainly didn't plan for it. Almost two-thirds of our nation are now urbanised, the highest in Africa by far.

About seven million people live in desperate conditions in vast informal settlements or squatter camps in the country. Seven million out of a population of 56 million. Moreover, many of the formal townships are hugely over-

populated and offer a very low quality of life.

The government is now planning an ambitious project to rapidly supply open tracts of land in and around cities with water and sewerage infrastructure and then transfer them to people with title deeds and permission to build their own houses.

Abandoned buildings in inner cities will be renovated into decent living units.

It is in this project that expropriation will be essential in terms of costs and time.

We are talking blandly about expropriation without compensation, but actually it means expropriation with no compensation, very little compensation, ample compensation or compensation equalling full market value.

## Constitution

It is worth reading Section 25 (3) of the Constitution in this regard. It states that regard should be paid to "all relevant circumstances" which it defines as "the current use of the property; the history of the acquisition and the use of the property; the market value of the property; the extent of direct state investment and subsidy and the acquisition and beneficial capital improvement of the property; and the purpose of expropriation."

The redistribution of agricultural land is also important, but not quite as urgent. Post-settlement support to new farmers is more difficult than acquiring the land - the vast majority of redistributed farms have become commercial failures because of the lack of support. The government has confirmed that it sits on more than 4 000 commercial farms that it hasn't been able to give to new farmers. Former president Kgalema Motlanthe's High Level Report commissioned by Parliament makes it clear that state capacity, an incompetent bureaucracy and corruption are more to blame for the slow pace of land reform than any other factor.

So why would the government embark on the large scale expropriation of farms now if it doesn't have the capability to establish successful new farmers on the land? AgriSA, representing most commercial farmers, has proved to be very pragmatic and this week again confirmed its acknowledgement of the untenability of having so few black farmers on the land.

It has spent some R330 million on supporting emerging farmers over the last year and is committed to step up those efforts even more.

But establishing new black commercial farmers is just one part of the solution. We urgently need to empower large numbers of small-holder farmers on the land in every province and assist them to be productive. This is done very successfully in Ethiopia where more than a million families were given small pockets of land and ample support from the state.

A recent opinion poll quoted by the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies indicated that about a third of black South Africans want land for the purpose of growing food and that the vast majority of them said they would be happy with five hectares or less. Most of these people are from the rural areas, probably farm workers and people in the former Bantustans, and some who had recently become urbanised and yearn for a piece of land for a patch of maize and a few cows and chickens. It is good to agitate against any reckless expropriation process and illegal land grabs, but it is as important for citizens and civil society to agitate for a speedy and ambitious redistribution of land.

It will benefit the landless as well as those fortunate citizens who already own land, urban and agricultural land, because it will lower the levels of anger and resentment and make South Africa a more just and stable country.

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● "If you read a lot of books, you're considered well-read. But if you watch a lot of TV, you're not considered well-viewed."  
*Lily Tomlin*

● "Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't."  
*Lily Tomlin*

● "Before you criticise someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticise them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes."  
*Jack Handey*

● "I know that there are people who do not love their fellow man, and I hate people like that!"  
*Tom Lehrer*

● "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society."  
*Mark Twain*

● "A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the word you first thought of."  
*Burt Bacharach*

● "A signature always reveals a man's character -- and sometimes even his name."  
*Evan Esar*

● "If you cannot answer a man's argument, all it not lost; you can still call him vile names."  
*Elbert Hubbard*

● "He who believes that the past cannot be changed has not yet written his memoirs."  
*Torvald Gahlin*

● "I guess a drag queen's like an oil painting: You gotta stand back from it to get the full effect."  
*Harvey Fierstein*

● "Jealousy is all the fun you think they had."  
*Erica Jong*

● "If we're not supposed to eat animals, how come they're made out of meat?"  
*Tom Snyder*

● "If you don't know where you are going, you will wind up somewhere else!"  
*Yogi Berra*

● "Instead of holding on to the Biblical view that we are made in the image of God, we come to realise that we are made in the image of the monkey."  
*Lin Yutang*

● "In spite of the cost of living, it's still popular."  
*Kathleen Norris*

● "I think of myself as an intelligent, sensitive human being with the soul of a clown, which always forces me to blow it at the most important moments."



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	4.8%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 04 JUNE 2018

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	12.6327	12.6827
British Pound/SZL	16.8861	16.9530
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.6480	8.6799
Swiss France/SZL	12.7874	12.8341
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2570	1.2721
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.6286	9.6680
Canadian Dollar/SZL	9.7655	9.8034
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	14.7600	14.8185
Gold	1,291.6899	
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## BUNDU BANKING:

# FNB to partner with rural shops to function as mini-branches

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

**MOST** rural areas in the country do not have bank branches, let alone ATMs which makes banking facilities very difficult to access.

To deal with this challenge, First National Bank will be the first bank in the country to partner with shops in far flung areas to provide 'banking' facilities including cash deposits, withdrawals, sending money and purchasing of other living necessities from stores in the villages.

The product will be known as Cashplus, FNB Chief Executive Officer Dennis Mbingo announced recently.

"It is very difficult for any bank to build branches everywhere, even where there are customers to be serviced. Running a branch is extreme-



**FNB**  
First National Bank

how can we help you?

ly expensive. So here's our plan - we shall be approaching a few hundred small businesses in rural areas and asking them to provide some of our 'low risk' services through their shops in the rural areas," he told participants attending an Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA) networking cocktail held at the Happy Valley Hotel.

He explained that instead of building branches, FNB would ask small businessmen to become the bank's associate branches for some bank-

ing services.

"We have always said it is not right for a customer to board two/three/four buses in order to access financial services. We think we finally have the answer and shall be processing a formal appli-

cation to our Regulator within days," he said, adding that this product still needs to be approved by the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA). Mbingo is always adamant that banking does not have to be a problem.

"We cannot solve every problem at once, but there is an obsession we are trying to cascade across all our businesses around obsessing over the customer experience. We need to make banking simpler and friendlier. Not just through alter-

native channels, but also through improving the service experience," he said, adding: "The latter is a massive culture change that will be painful to instil, but necessary in an era where customers have a growing range of options".

In another matter, Mbingo lamented the poor understanding of many of the bank's products. He made an example of the FNB with its hurdle free solutions for many things which customers do not need to approach their branch for.

In South Africa, FNB was recently hailed as being the first bank to introduce a mobile money platform for unbanked and under-banked South Africans. Known as eWalletExtra, the mobile bank account allows consumers to use a feature phone or a smartphone to open a bank account without ever walking into a branch.



LISTENING CLOSELY: Dr Wisdom Dlamini making a presentation during the event.

## PLASTIC INGESTION KILLING HUNDREDS OF CATTLE

By Majaha Nkonyane

**WHILST** there is a pollution problem, farmers are losing hundreds of cattle who ingest plastic bags.

This was revealed by the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze, who was a guest of honour at Sibane Hotel during the commemoration of World Environment Day.

The discussion on the use of plastic bags in the country, according to Gamedze, is not new as a draft control of plastic bag regulations were tabled in Parliament over two years back in

2015.

"The theme is nothing new to us as a nation, in 2015 during the same day we raised the issue of plastic pollution, which culminated on the tabling in Parliament of the draft control of plastic bags regulations," he said.

The country, according to Gamedze, is in the process of implementing the 17th Sustainable Development Goals, where 12 of the goals have targets linked directly or indirectly to environmental sustainability.

Gamedze said the country was facing a serious problem of littering which was threatening to destroy the country's unique scenic beauty.

The government is also spending money in damaged infrastructure due to clogging of drainage systems by plastics.

Gamedze also said the country has been able to survive without the use of plastic bags where in the past they used organic packaging material made out of leaves and grass to carry even the most perishable of their products such as meat.

"While the country is still considering all best available techniques, my ministry strongly believes that we should not rule out the possibility of going the route of a total ban on the production and use of single use consumer plastic bags," he said.



# Civil society fails to establish a local Publish What You Pay chapter

Stories by Hlengiwe Ndlovu

**MOVES** by civil society organisations which began in 2012 to establish Eswatini's own Publish What You Pay, a body with chapters in different African countries whose main purpose is to force governments to be transparent with the exact number of taxes received from mining companies have failed thus far.

Representatives from different mining communities in the country yesterday who had converged at Sibane Hotel in a CANGO Swaziland National Alternative Mining Indaba (SNAMI) expressed great disappointment on the failed bid by civil society to establish a Publish What You Pay chapter in the country. CANGO is the Coordinating Assembly of Civil Society Organisations.

The Indaba, which ends tomorrow, is attended by representatives from different organisations and communities affected by mining activities in the country.

Speakers from different countries such as South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique are also part of this Indaba. Questions emerged when Charles Mulila who is the Zambia Chairperson of Publish What You Pay made a presentation on the benefits that this movement had brought not only for communities living in mining areas in his country but also in forcing government and mining companies to openly declare the exact money made from mining as well as total taxes declared to government by these companies.

Mulila explained that in Zambia, Publish What You Pay's work had gone as far as determining the exact quantities of minerals in different jurisdictions and determining the quantities being mined.

In his presentation, he urged Eswatini to ensure that a local Publish What You Pay chapter is established to hold government accountable on the exact gains made from the mining



**INDABA:** The different stakeholders during the Alternative Mining Indaba held at the Sibane Hotel yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

industry.

It was then that CANGO Programme Officer Mphile Sihlongonyane told the gathering that efforts to establish a local Publish What You Pay Chapter had, in actual fact, started way back in 2012 when his organisation formulated an Economic Roadmap for the extractive industries, agriculture and other sectors.

He said in 2015, top representatives from the Zambia and South African chapters of Publish What You Pay attended a civil society conference in the country where the advantages of having this body were clearly presented to delegates.

Sihlongonyane explained that the Anti-Corruption Commission also made attempts to assist in the formulation of a local chapter with government having been roped in at some stage.

However, the whole idea simply collapsed as to date, there is no local Publish What You

Pay. The failed bid by civil society, however, did not go down well with participants attending the mining Indaba yesterday who unanimously agreed on the need for a strong civil society movement to hold government and mining companies accountable on the proceeds the country receives from extractive industries.

Nompumelelo Dlamini from the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) called for all those involved in efforts to establish an Eswatini chapter of Publish What You Pay to give a full account on how exactly efforts to establish such an important body had failed.

She said a detailed report would be of help going forward because the exact hindrances would have been established.

The country's mining sector is currently not so diverse as compared to other SADC countries as there are only two fully-fledged mining activities at Maloma Colliery and Lufafa Gold Mine.

## Disappointment as commissioner of mines fails to show up

**DESPITE** being lined up as one of the speakers on the first day of the Swaziland National Alternative Mining Indaba (SNAMI), the commissioner of mines in the ministry of natural resources and energy could not make his presentation yesterday.

The commissioner was largely expected to give an overview of the mining industry at Eswatini where participants were looking forward to gaining first-hand insight of the industry in the country.

Workshop organisers, however, informed participants that the commissioner would not make his presentation anymore because he was reportedly out of office.

Velaphi Ndzimandze from the Swaziland Ex-Mine Workers Association lamented the commissioner's absence from the Indaba.

### Platform

He voiced his concerns after Simon Vilakazi from the Economic Justice Network of South Africa asked the local participants whether Swazi communities are afforded a platform where they can discuss their expectations of the mining industry with government and how mining affects their communities.

In response, Ndzimandze said: "No ways, we don't have such a platform in the country. If that platform existed, the ministry of natural resources and energy would be here with us," he said.

Another participant from one of the mining communities said he had worked for several South African mines where management always reported back to its workers on the production levels attained each year.

He lamented the lack of such feedback in the country as he further wondered if Swati people were benefitting at all from the God-given natural resources exploited by mining companies.

# Alternative packaging material could boost country's economy

By Majaha Nkonyane

**WHILST** there is a continuous debate on which route to take on the plastic pollution challenge, United Nations Resident Coordinator Israel Dessalegne has suggested that the country explore the production of alternative packaging material for domestic use and exports to see growth of the economy.

This was during the commemoration of world environment day under the theme 'Beat the Plastic' which was held at Sibane Hotel.

"For the Kingdom of Eswatini, encouraging the use of sustainable packaging methods can create jobs, the production of alternative packaging material in the country will certainly contribute to the diversification and growth of the economy," he said.

### Decade

Dessalegne also said, every year the world uses 500 billion plastic bags, in the last decade there has been more plastic than in the last century.

A total of 1 million plastic bottles are bought every minute, 50 per cent of



**ALL EARS:** Some of the invited guests who attended the World Environmental Day Commemoration held at the Sibane Hotel yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

plastic is only used once and disposed.

Attendees to the event were encouraged to protect the environment; the 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development re-affirms the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources.

The single use of plastic has been said to cause severe environmental challenges.

Plastic bags more than polluting the environment and being not being able to be recycled are said to be polluting the ocean floor which also causes a lot of challenges including amongst other, ghost fishing which traps endangered species in the ocean, tangling fish and other ocean creatures thus creating a harbour for diseases.

On another note, the alternative packaging options according to Dessalegne could be explored as an opportunity for business for both the private sector and government as well.

The private sector could consider filling the gap while providing employment where the government could be supplied by the sector.

Furthermore, this could help farmers in the long run as they are able to have more fields which are fertile as paper bags as opposed to plastic bags are degradable.

This could also help in reducing livestock eating plastic bags and eventually causing diseases if the meat is consumed.







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# BMW'S EPIC M4 COMPETITION PACK



With a revised M Suspension, active differential and a snidgen more power, the M4 Competition Pack packs a punch on paper... Sean Parker tests it along two of the Western Cape's most demanding roads.

BY SEAN PARKER

CAPE TOWN - 20 years ago, only the very best road cars were fitted with carbon-ceramic brakes. The fade-free brakes were reserved for hypercar royalty such as the Ferrari Enzo and the Porsche Carrera GT.

Now think of a road car fitted with a carbon-fibre roof... and you'll find automakers such as McLaren, Mercedes (CLK-GTR) and others who used that technology in a road car.

Fast forward to the mid-2000s and BMW's first and only V8-powered M3; the E92 model used a heavy V8 and therefore weight-saving measures such as a carbon-fibre roof was brought into play.

And now in 2018, we've had the M4 Competition Pack on test and it's fitted with ceramic brakes and a carbon fibre roof, the former is used for face-changing stopping power and the second to save reduce weight.

Power, like other M4s, is still derived from a 3.0-litre straight six turbocharged engine, producing 331kW (19 more than the standard version) and 550Nm.

What makes the CP different? It wears spectacular 20" wheels, features an M Sport exhaust system swathed in black, the dark hue theme extends to the rear badge, mirrors, grille and window surrounds.

Lightweight bucket seats are the only change inside, thankfully they can be adjusted electronically.

What's it like to drive?

What better way to test the more powerful, meaner and edgier M4 on two of the Western Cape's most famous roads - Helshoogte and Franschhoek

Pass.

To get the best out of those roads, I rose early on a Sunday morning, hurriedly chugged down some coffee and fired up the M4. Apologies to the neighbours whom I disturbed.

Like other M models, the M4 CP has configurable settings for its dampers, engine and steering. EVERYTHING was tuned to comfort mode for the highway portion.

The journey along the dark N1 is treacherous (because of rogue hitchhikers), but the BMW's full LED adaptive headlights aided my quest towards the university town of Stellenbosch.

At the foot of Helshoogte Pass I prod the M1 button on the steering wheel that asks to confirm if I want to experience the 331kW and 550Nm in its most demanding setting. Remember all that power goes through the rear rubber. It's an exciting prospect as the manual mode of the seven-speed dual clutch gearbox is engaged.

EVERYTHING is in aggressive mode. The distinctive six-cylinder noise fills the cabin and I zone out to concentrate on what's in front of me: long, sweeping kilometres of asphalt and more importantly no traffic.

BMW claims a 0-100km/h dash, with the seven-speed dual-clutch transmission, in 4.0 seconds (0.1 seconds quicker than the standard model). Top speed is limited to 280km/h. It feels that quick. Maybe quicker. There's

so much torque going through the rear wheels that the M4 has no qualms about spinning its tyres in second gear.

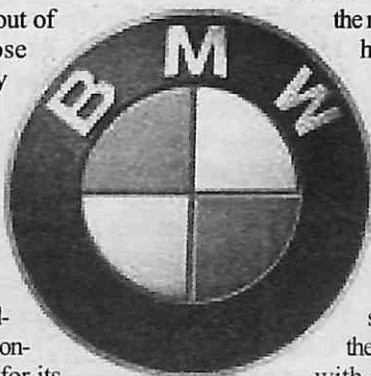
It's lively, visceral and consuming, like watching a Christopher Nolan film, it requires concentration. Are the stiffer anti-roll bars and the revised M Suspension with newer dampers and springs tangible when driving on demanding roads? Yes, the car feels sorted and more racer than grand tourer. The active differential also takes the experience to a different level. It's a step up. And yes, BMW has built more intense M4s (GTS, CS and the DTM), but those are all sold.

The drive on Franschhoek Pass requires less outright grunt and more driver input as the twisties have me climbing onto the anchors as late as possible, tugging the paddle shift to make sure I'm in the right gear to exploit the power. I haven't heard my photographer in the back for 10 minutes and I call to find out if he's fine. His thumbs up answer the affirmative.

Summary

For R1 448 636, the M4 CP offers you an exhilarating driving experience, a piercing exhaust note and looks special enough to stand out among regular M cars.

It's a top-notch package that has the intensity of a Pep Guardiola football team when you're driving it as close to the limit as your skill allows. It's a good package that's damn hard to fault.







# CAN THE MERCEDES-BENZ X-CLASS BAKKIE PERFORM AS A DAILY, FAMILY VEHICLE?

BY JANINE VANDER POST

**CAPE TOWN -** The Mercedes-Benz X-Class bakkie has finally landed in SA having been launched locally in George this week.

Wheels24 had the privilege of driving one of the vehicles prior to its local launch, an X250d.

The X-Class has been highly anticipated since news of its arrival was announced in 2016 at the Geneva auto show. The creation of the vehicle was met with interest by SA's local bakkie lovers and it was immediately thought to be a bakkie for the super-rich as its prices were expected to be exorbitant.

An entry-level X-Class costs the same price as a top-of-the-range Toyota Hilux bakkie.

It's still a premium vehicle and we'll have to wait and see if it will be a vehicle of status for city-slickers or if anyone will use it for bundu-bashing or a workhorse on a farm of sorts. I would use it for all of the above.

The biggest highlight about driving the new Mercedes-Benz X-Class bakkie, was the look on everyone's face when they realised what they were seeing.

The first couple days, wait, make that every day, I drove the X-Class, I was greeted with excited hoots from fellow drivers on the road, loads of "thumbs ups" and ecstatic waving. I also had curious crowds gathering in my driveway. But my best was of those doing double takes and asking: "What



is that!? A Mercedes bakkie?"

Its design is an acquired taste, and most people probably fell for the badge rather than its charming looks. Is it ugly? No, of course not, it's just that a Ford Ranger, Toyota Hilux and even an Isuzu KB are better looking - at least in my book.

The front end styling includes a huge Merc badge, and it surely states its presence on the road, but the X-Class was never built to win any beauty pageants. I'd like to believe that but then I'm still wondering: Who's going to buy this bakkie and what will they use it for?

For my little family, it served as a daily drive to work for a few days and it proved to do the task rather well. It has side steps and grab handles in the right places and it was comfortable for a long haul in traffic. Even easier enough

for my little one to haul herself into her car seat in the back.

The 2.3-litre diesel unit mated to a six-speed manual gearbox has smooth shifting, but in all honesty, it drives more like a Navara than any of its Merc stable-mates.

And that's no surprise because the two vehicles share the same DNA - yet Mercedes claims the bakkies are apples and oranges despite all X-Class derivatives sharing Nissan/Renault engines and transmissions, and it's even built at a Nissan factory.

It can work hard too, if given the task and even with a loaded bay, the torque makes driving effortless. Then again, it is still a Mercedes after all despite where it's made or regardless of its Japanese partnerships. Give it some foot, and it's happy to give some grunt on

the highway or off the beaten track.

The automaker claims that the X-class has a "stiffened chassis, wider body, retuned suspension, better-equipped interior and better cabin insulation compared to the Nissan".

The fact that it shares all of that Nissan DNA really is not a bad thing. I have always loved the Navara bakkie and the fact that the X-Class is based on that should really give it some street cred.

However, I will say that I was disappointed in the vehicle's interior.

Yes it has a Merc facia and for a minute at first entry, you'd think you're sitting in an entry-level C-Class sedan, but then

you notice the X-shaped air vents. But that's just it, I was expecting more flare and wanted to be blown away by the interior.

Instead it's a bit bland inside the cabin and I think the centre console could have been designed better to be more functional.

## Would I use it as a work-horse? Of course I would.

It has a large load bay that can hold anything be it furniture, water tanks or picking up the neighbourhood kids and taking them for a drive around the block. I actually wish I could drive it right now as I need a bakkie to purchase a large kennel for our new puppy.



## BIGGER, BETTER, NAMPO

BY CHARLEN RAYMOND

**NAMPO -** The biggest agricultural gathering in the Southern Hemisphere is hosted in the quaint town of Bothaville in the Free State in May 2018.

It's almost unbelievable to see the amount of attention this little town receives in the space of five days. For years, big agricultural role players have made their way to Bothaville for this epic event and buyers and show-goers alike assemble to see what there is to offer.

It's an event like no other and the 2018 edition is believed to have seen more than 100 000 visitors pass through its gates. That's pretty intense for the little town but it shows how valuable agriculture is to South Africa's economy. And it is for this very reason that automakers use Nampo as a vehicle (pun intended) to showcase their products to wandering eyes.

Bothaville not only plays host to Nampo but it's also home to the biggest Nissan/Datsun collection outside of Japan. That's right. Aficionado Freek de Kock has been collecting Datsuns for many years and has set about restoring these classics to a pristine condition.

It's a time-consuming job but De Kock and his men have been hard at work to make this museum amazing.



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# SA'S TOP SELLING VEHICLES IN 8 KEY SEGMENTS: MAY 2018

BY JASON WOOSEY

**JOHANNESBURG** - The South African motor industry experienced another month of modest growth in May, with overall vehicle sales increasing 2.4 percent over the same month last year, to 42 984.

The passenger car market saw the slowest growth, however, gaining just 0.7 percent year-on-year, while the light commercial vehicle, bakkie and minibus market grew by 3.2 percent.

The truck sector saw far greater gains in May, with medium and heavy commercial vehicle sales increasing by 17.6 and 21.1 percent respectively, which is certainly a good sign that the country's econ-

omy is turning the corner. Naamsa expects South Africa's vehicle market to continue growing modestly over the medium term, due to continued economic growth, moderate



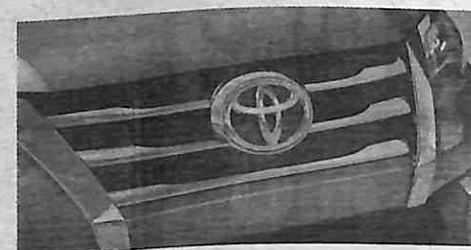
price inflation and favourable interest rates. Wesbank's sales and marketing head Ghana Msibi however cautioned that while the year-on-year recovery was encouraging, it

shouldn't be misinterpreted as growth. He pointed out that year-to-date, South Africa's car market is still down 1.6 percent, compared to the first five months of 2017.

Good news for the manufacturers is that exports grew by 13.9 percent in May, to total 32 731. Naamsa expects that robust global growth will continue to benefit the country's manufacturing operations, but warned that the current wave of protectionism could put a damper on the global economy and demand patterns.

## Hilux surges ahead

On the new vehicle sales charts,



Top companies	May	April
Toyota	10 688	8213
Volkswagen	6524	6261
Ford	4164	3570
Nissan	4100	3403
Hyundai	3190	2633
Mercedes-Benz	1921	1385
Renault	1781	1611
Isuzu	1665	1310
BMW	1475	1393
Kia	1276	1304

the Toyota Hilux and Ford Ranger saw some encouraging growth, the Hilux up from 2679 units to 3338, and the Ranger from 2372 to 2819. In third place, Volkswagen's Polo overtook its older-generation Vivo sibling with 1979 sales versus 1904, the latter also down by almost 250 units.

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Below we've listed the 10 best sellers in eight of the key segments. Keep in mind that Mercedes-Benz vehicles are excluded from the list as the company does not report individual sales figures.



BUDGET CAR	MAY	APRIL
VW Polo Vivo	1904	2143
Hyundai Grand i10	1081	1013
Toyota Etios	908	729
Kia Picanto	719	798
Renault Kwid	712	693
Renault Sandero	489	261
Datsun Go	364	447
Suzuki Swift	287	86
Volkswagen Up	177	136
Nissan Micra	123	162

COMPACT CAR	MAY	APRIL
VW Polo	1979	1907
Hyundai i20	424	43
Toyota Yaris	408	402
Toyota Avanza	390	389
Ford Fiesta	333	140
Hyundai Accent	307	154
Kia Rio	254	246
Mazda2	227	177
Renault Clio	223	220
Audi A1	133	79

COMPACT/MED CAR	MAY	APRIL
Toyota Corolla/Quest/Auris	1228	771
VW Golf	347	271
Mazda3	241	249
Audi A3	237	239
BMW 1 Series	183	96
VW Jetta	146	103
Ford Focus	107	168
BMW 2 Series	88	67
Hyundai Elantra	87	136
Hyundai Veloster	34	0

EXECUTIVE CAR	MAY	APRIL
BMW 3-Series	476	502
Audi A4	119	80
BMW 5 Series	65	50
Audi A5	64	47
Ford Mustang	56	63
BMW 4 Series	41	44
BMW 6 Series	13	5
Audi A6 sedan	12	4



SUV/CROSSOVER	MAY	APRIL
Hyundai Creta	700	611
Mazda CX-3	261	378
Renault Duster	185	313
Renault Captur	169	121
Ford Ecosport	163	213
Suzuki Ignis	147	212
Suzuki Jimny	117	91
Honda HR-V	68	83
GWM M4	55	40
Suzuki Vitara	51	50

Med SUV/Crossover	May	April
Toyota Rav4	705	337
VW Tiguan	532	538
Mazda CX-5	407	378
Nissan Qashqai	297	246
BMW X3	223	244
Nissan X-Trail	202	222
Toyota C-HR	188	187
Honda BR-V	163	93
Ford Kuga	140	98
Hyundai Tucson	137	227

Large SUV/Crossover	May	April
Toyota Fortuner	1102	879
Ford Everest	406	312
Range Rover Sport	109	62
Toyota Land Cruiser200	104	96
Toyota Prado	94	82
Porsche Cayenne	73	10
Land Rover Discovery	56	49
Range Rover Velar	56	49
BMW X5	50	65
Mitsubishi Pajero Sport	36	44

Bakkie (All)	May	April
Toyota Hilux	3338	2679
Ford Ranger	2819	2372
Nissan NP200	1825	1058
Isuzu KB	1298	1071
Nissan NP300 Hardbody	798	448
Hyundai H100 Bakkie	263	219
VW Amarok	324	208
Toyota Landcruiser PU	217	192
Mahindra Scorpio Pick-Up	188	130
GWM Steed	173	103





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# RANGE ROVER VELAR D300 R-DYNAMIC HSE

REVIEW



BY SEAN PARKER

**CAPE TOWN** - The latest SUV from the British/ Indian automaker is undoubtedly a looker. In fact, the new Range Rover Velar has more presence than 'The Rock' on a IMAX screen.

But what is Land Rover offering with this model? We spent a week with the D300 HSE model to find out.

## Firstly, where does it fit in?

It's slightly smaller than the Range Rover Sport, just 47mm shorter in length and 75mm shorter in width. It therefore slots in between the Sport and the Evoque. Well, that was easy. (It's also arguably the best looking of the three).

## Which engines does have it?

You can choose from a duo of four-cylinder Ingenium diesels; 132kW and 177kW variants, along with two petrol engines delivering 184kW/365Nm and 221kW/400Nm.

There's also a 280kW supercharged V6 petrol engine and a V6 diesel unit with 700Nm.

The engine powering our test unit was a 3.0-litre V6 twin-turbodiesel with 221kW and 700Nm. It has sufficient grunt to overtake lethargic hatchbacks in Long Street. It uses an 8-speed ZF automatic gearbox that's super smooth. For the record, it'll hit 100km/h from standstill in a claimed 6.5 seconds.

Our test car was fitted with optional satin chromed paddle-



shifts and the only time I used them was on a blast around Signal Hill. Leave it in 'drive' and potter around the city and climb the pavement in Green Point when ColdPlay are in town.

## But it looks so fancy, can it even off-road bru?

Totally. It's fitted with the firm's second-generation Terrain Response system as well as All Terrain Progress Control. Via the large touchscreen there are a myriad of modes that set up the vehicle to drive over sand, mud, gravel and road. I never took the Velar off the beaten track, mainly because it felt so at home in the city.

So, it's got air suspension as standard, which puts ground clearance at a lofty 251mm. You only drove it in the city? Isn't that wasting a car with 4x4 capabilities?

We're city people, well most

people are, because that's where we live, work and mostly play. So, all I'm saying is, you're more likely to see a Velar parked outside *Shimmy Beach* than trawling up an Atlantis sand dune.

## Cool, so it's packed with features because it's the HSE model, right?

Correct. Let's begin in the front: the seats can be manoeuvred electronically in 18 different directions, oh and they're heated and cooled. Let's not forget the massage function. Is this why affluent people always look so relaxed?

There's a long list of features on this model, including: a Wi-Fi Hotspot feature, adaptive cruise control that allows you to maintain the speed of the car in front, an electronic tailgate function that can be used handsfree, blindspot monitor, a navigation system and assistance via cam-

eras for parallel and perpendicular parking.

## Alright, so it's an impressive piece of kit, but it must have a hectic price tag?

Well, yeah. It's a premium product that is arguably all the car you need. Our test unit retails for R1.35-million, which is a chunk of change. That doesn't seem to halt South Africans from parking one in their security estate driveway.

337 Velars found new homes in 2017, bear in mind the SUV was launched in November. In January (the poorest year of the month), 99 Velars were sold and in February that figure dropped slightly to 88. Not bad, not bad at all.







# Focus on SA Scene



## 'RAMAPHORIA MUST NOT MISLEAD US'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Former Deputy Finance Minister and current MTN board member Mcebisi Jonas has warned against the "Ramaphoria", saying the ANC was still faced with a lot of challenges that have moved beyond just an "individual".

Jonas was speaking at a breakfast meeting at the East London Golf Course on Monday, where ANC Ward 18 by-election councillor candidate Andrew Sokolich was introduced to residents.

Jonas said the country was still faced with a lot of youth unemployment,

slow gross domestic product growth.

"The 'Ramaphoria' must not mislead us and cloud us from the huge challenges that the ANC is still faced with. Taking a look at the figures comparing our GDP we are far behind as a country compared to other economies that are developing," he said.

In the last quarter, the GDP grew at only 3.1 per cent. Speaking about the state capture, Jonas, who was among the first people to speak up against the notorious business family, the Gupta, he described it as a systematic structural challenge that was just

"raw".

He called on state security agencies to be effectively used to fight against corruption, instead of being used as political hit squads.

"The country has enough legislation to fight corruption. The state security entities must be effective and be used for the sole purpose of fighting corruption and not political battles. Political battles must be fought politically. We must dismantle corruption from the private and public sector," he said.

*SowetanLive*

## Blade Nzimande not keeping Dudu Myeni as his advisor

**JOHANNESBURG** - Transport Minister Blade Nzimande says he will not keep former SAA Board Chair, Dudu Myeni as his advisor.

Former transport minister Joe Maswanganyi appointed her to the post.

The process was however not concluded as she failed to submit her academic records.

The department says even if the process was completed, it would have lapsed with the removal of Maswanganyi.

*eNCA*



**CLEANING HOUSE:** Transport Minister Blade Nzimande.

## Police's new bosses crack down on 'criminal cops'

**JOHANNESBURG C** - No fewer than 10 police generals are accused of corruption amounting to billions, and at least 27 crime intelligence members are also facing charges.

The national police commissioner and his political head talked tough on crime yesterday, while admitting that they also faced some serious questions within their own ranks, as several senior members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) are under investigation for crimes.

National police commissioner General Khehla Sitole said their main focus in fighting serious crimes, such as cash-in-transit robberies, hijackings, house robberies and taxi and gang violence, was to disarm the criminals and respond to scenes in record time.

But, Sitole said, no police officer was above the law and all officers who were guilty of any crime would be flushed out of the service.

The Independent Police Investigative Directorate (Ipid) is making headway in its investigations into 10 police gen-

erals who are accused of corruption amounting to billions of rands.

Sitole said the SAPS was also initiating its own investigations and suspended two lieutenant-generals in recent weeks.

It also recently came to light that at least 27 members of the police's crime intelligence service are facing charges for infractions ranging from traffic violations to serious criminal offences.

Police Minister Bheki Cele said the days of police officials sitting behind desks had come to an end, as they would now be deployed to identified crime hot spots countrywide. Their focus would be on combating serious crimes such as cash-in-transit heists, car hijackings, murders, house robberies, and gang violence.

As part of the reaction plan, an aeroplane for the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (the Hawks) plus another plane, all police helicopters, and 122 high-powered vehicles would be on standby for operations.

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## Zuma's friends vow to pay for his corruption trial

**DURBAN** - Business friends of former president Jacob Zuma say they will foot his legal bill should he be unable to afford fees to fight his corruption charges.

Zuma will on Friday make his second appearance in the Durban High Court regarding his arms deal corruption charges.

It has been reported that the former statesman was struggling to pay his legal fees.

### Problems

National Funeral Practitioners Association of South Africa (Nafupa SA) secretary Nkosenhle Shezi said the forum would make means to finance Zuma if he declared that he had financial problems. "Since we love him, if we were to find out that he has financial problems, we would try our best to assist him. But right now he has not approached us for any kind of support," said Shezi.

President Cyril Ramaphosa early this year promised that the state

would pay for Zuma's legal costs, since the alleged crimes were committed while he was working for the state.

The DA in March approached court demanding that Zuma refund the state R15.3million he had spent in attempting to prevent the charges from being reinstated.

When Zuma appeared in court in April, scores of his supporters held a night vigil and marched to the court to support him dressed in ANC regalia, although the national leadership had instructed them not to associate party structures and colours with the case.

"The night vigil would be between 6pm tomorrow and 6am on Friday, and on Friday morning we will march from King Dinuzulu Park to the high court," Shezi said.

ANC Youth League provincial spokesperson Mandla Shange said the league would this week outline its programme for supporting Zuma.

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## 'ANC NEC 'was wrong' when it decided ANC members should not support Zuma'

**JOHANNESBURG** - The ANC National Executive Committee (NEC) was wrong when it previously decided that ANC members should not support former president Jacob Zuma when he appeared in the KwaZulu-Natal High Court in Durban for corruption.

This is the view of Umkhonto weSizwe Military Veterans Association (MKMVA) spokesperson Carl Niehaus.

"The former president of the ANC, OR Tambo once told me, you never take a decision that you cannot implement, and you never take a decision that would divide the organisation. Out of those scores, the NEC of the ANC failed," he added.

Niehaus was speaking at a press briefing in Durban on Monday, held to unveil plans ahead of Zuma's court appearance on Friday.

Zuma is facing 16 charges which related to 783 payments he allegedly received in connection with the controversial multibillion-rand arms deal.



**MSHOLOZI:** Former president Jacob Zuma.

A vigil is expected to be held ahead of Zuma's next court appearance the following day. "As MKMVA, we will participate in the events of tomorrow and Friday, not because we want to be rebels or disregard the decision of the ANC as our mother body, but because we believe that comradeship should extend all the way," said Niehaus.

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## CHURCHES TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING ZUMA 'SPIRITUALLY', BUT NOT FINANCIALLY

**DURBAN** - A KwaZulu-Natal-based bishop said on Monday that churches backing Jacob Zuma would continue their "spiritual support" for the former state president but were unable to assist with his legal expenses.

"We are not doing any fundraising, we don't have the capacity... we are not working on that at all. We are supporting the former president and his

family spiritually," said Bishop Vusi Dube, founder of the eThekweni Community Church International.

Dube was speaking to the African News Agency (ANA) shortly before a media briefing at the church, based in Durban's city centre.

His church, along with several others falling under the National Interfaith Churches of South Africa (NICSA), had gathered to announce activities

taking place before Zuma's second appearance at the Durban High Court last Friday, where he is facing corruption charges. Also at the press briefing were representatives of the Commission for Religious Affairs (CRA), Andile Mngxitama of Black First Land First (BLF), Umkhonto we Sizwe Military Veterans Association (MKMVA) spokesman Carl Niehaus and National Funeral Practitioners

Association of South Africa Secretary General, Nkosenhla Shezi. All of those present have pledged their support for Zuma in the past under the #HandsOffZuma campaign.

They believe Zuma is being "persecuted" for working against a Western capitalist agenda and for being poor. They further contend the charges Zuma faces are politically motivated, making it impossible for him to

have a fair trial. As they did for his first appearance, the group intends to hold night vigils for Zuma supporters. Tomorrow night, they will gather at King Dinuzulu Park from 7pm until 7am on Friday morning.

From there, they will march to Victoria Embankment "where we will gather outside the Durban High Court," said Bishop TB Ngcobo.

*African News Agency*



# World News

## MDC LEADER CHAMISA 'WRITES TO MNANGAGWA, ASKS FOR INCLUSION IN UNITY GOVT'

**HARARE** - Zimbabwean leader Emmerson Mnangagwa's spokesperson, George Charamba, has said that interaction between the president and opposition figures "will only be a fixture of post-election Zimbabwe and not before".

According to the state-owned Herald newspaper, Charamba said this as he revealed that Chamisa recently wrote to the president asking for an inclusion in a government of national unit similar to that of Kenya. In March, President Uhuru Kenyatta and former prime minister Raila Odinga said they had launched a new initiative to unify the country that was largely divided between tribes that supported the rival leaders, raising fears of violence. Said Charamba: "Indeed, he (Chamisa) wrote asking for inclusion in a government of national unity, which is why he has given



**IN TALKS:** Zimbabwean leader Emmerson Mnangagwa, and (L) George Charamba.

an example of Kenya — President Uhuru and Mr Odinga."

Charamba, however, said that Mnangagwa would only likely consider making such an offer after the

plebiscite.

He described Chamisa's proposal as an attempt to "violate the democratic will of Zimbabweans in honour of a bilateral arrangement, more

so when that arrangement stems from a fear of elections".

This came after Mnangagwa reportedly declared that his ruling Zanu-PF party would still be in power after the July elections.

According to New Zimbabwe.com, Mnangagwa also described the opposition parties as "barking puppies" who would not mount any significant challenge to Zanu-PF.

"Zanu-PF is in power. Let it be known that nothing will change in this country even if we go for elections because people will vote for our party. Elections on July 30 belong to Zanu-PF. We dictate what happens in this country. We already have an upper hand and the elections have been won already by us. Let those who want to argue do so, but just vote for Zanu-PF," Mnangagwa was quoted as saying.

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## Gunmen open fire at Nigerian prison, 182 inmates escape

**KANO** - More than 180 inmates in a medium-security prison in central Nigeria were at large after unidentified gunmen opened fire on the facility, the government said.

The attack happened late Sunday at the jail in the Tunga area of the Niger state capital, Minna. Guards were overpowered and inmates were able to escape.

"Out of the 210 inmates that escaped from prison custody, 28 have been re-arrested while 182 are still at large," Nigeria's interior minister Abdurrahman Dambazau told reporters.

"We have identified some lapses... part of it is that the prison personnel on duty yesterday were inadequate," he said after touring the prison. An investigation has begun but it was not immediately clear who or what was behind the incident.

Periodic jailbreaks occur in Nigeria's congested and poorly maintained prisons, mostly aided by criminal gangs to free their comrades. In November 2014 a group of gunmen armed with explosives blasted a prison in the town of Koton Karfe, in Kogi state, which neighbours Niger to the south: 132 inmates escaped.

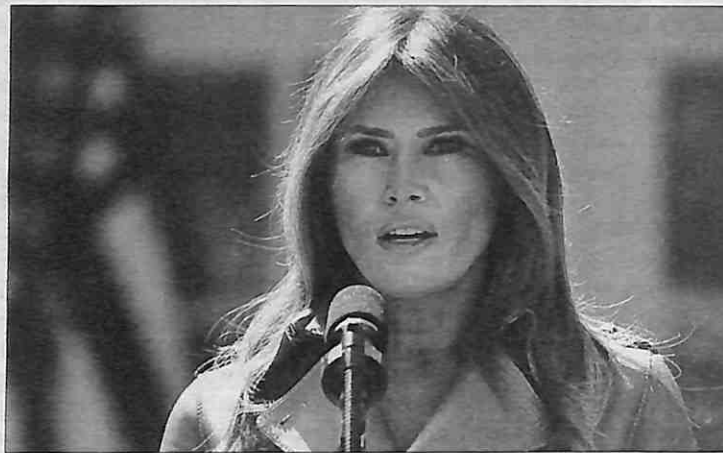
In 2012 the same prison was raided by gunmen who freed more than 100 inmates. Boko Haram Islamists claimed responsibility and said its fighters were being kept in the facility. *News24*

## Melania Trump makes first appearance after 24 days out of sight

**WASHINGTON** - First lady Melania Trump attended a White House event honouring Gold Star families on Monday in her first appearance in more than three weeks after a kidney procedure.

The first lady joined the president at a reception to honour families of those killed during military service. Out of respect for the families, the White House did not allow journalists to cover the event, meaning the first lady was seen in the flesh only by the families and administration officials who attended.

Others had to wait for photos and video to hit social media — and it didn't take long before that happened. Video posted on Twitter showed the first lady, who wore a black sleeveless dress, strolling into the East Room accompanied by President Donald Trump. The president showed her to a seat in the front row before he headed for the stage. It's the second year the Trumps have opened the White House to Gold Star families. The first lady said in a written statement after last



**BACK:** First lady Melania Trump makes her first appearance.

June's event that these families "are a unique and distinct category of individuals who should be cherished". Mrs Trump had not been seen in public since the overnight hours of May 10, when she and the president travelled to a Maryland military base to welcome home three Americans who had been released from captivity in North Korea. Four days later, the White

House announced that she had been hospitalised to treat a benign kidney condition. The closest first lady parallel to Mrs Trump's time out of the public spotlight is Bess Truman, who did few events as first lady because of discomfort around the media, said Anita McBride, a veteran of three Republican administrations who last served as chief of staff to first lady Laura Bush. *AFP*

## Mexican court orders new investigation into student massacre

**MEXICO CITY** - A court in Mexico has ordered a new probe into a crime that horrified the nation: the disappearance and suspected massacre of 43 pupils in 2014.

Relatives of the missing welcomed the ruling, but the government questioned it and said it was reviewing the decision, which came from a federal court in the state of Tamaulipas.

Mexico remains haunted by the unsolved mystery of the 43 pupils,

who vanished on 26 September 2014 in the southern city of Iguala after commandeering several buses to take them to a protest and then being attacked by local police.

Prosecutors initially said the officers delivered the teacher trainees to hitmen from the Guerreros Unidos drug cartel, who killed them, incinerated their bodies and dumped the remains in a river.

The remains of only one pupil were identified after a bone frag-

ment was found. But independent experts from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights have rejected the government's conclusion. The court on Monday said the initial investigation was not "timely, effective, independent or impartial on the part of the attorney general's office," said the Federal Judiciary Council.

It said the case should be turned over to an independent truth commission. *Daily Mail*

## BRIEFS

### Jordan PM resigns

**JORDAN** - Jordanian Prime Minister Hani Mulki resigned on Monday after he was summoned by King Abdullah II over growing protests against his government's austerity measures, a government source said. "Prime Minister Hani Mulki submitted his resignation to the king this afternoon during a meeting at the Husseinieh Palace and the king accepted the resignation," the source told AFP. The king asked Education Minister Omar al-Razzaz to form a new government, the source added. Demonstrations have rocked the capital Amman and several other cities since last Wednesday after the government adopted a draft income tax law and announced new price hikes based on recommendations by the International Monetary Fund.

*AFP*

### Finance minister to forfeit salary

**JAPAN** - Japan's Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso has volunteered to give up a year's salary in response to a cronyism scandal. The scandal involves the sale of state-owned land to a school operator that had ties to the wife of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at a discount of about one-seventh of its value. In March, an investigation by the finance ministry found documents related to the sale were modified to remove the names of Abe, his wife, and Aso. "I am voluntarily returning 12 months of my salary as a Cabinet minister, as this problem has hurt public confidence in the finance ministry and the administration as a whole," Aso announced this week.

*Business Insider*

### Three arrested for child trafficking

**UMUAHIA** - Abia police command arrested members of three suspected child trafficking syndicates, including 17-year-old Gift Daniel, who sold her two-day-old baby



boy for N670 000 (R23 000). The police commissioner Anthony Ogbizi revealed this, while briefing journalists in Umuahia. Ogbizi said the command arrested at least 22 other suspected criminals following raids by officers in the wake of renewed criminal acts in different parts of the state. Speaking in an interview, Daniel said she was compelled to sell the baby due to financial difficulties.

*African News Agency*

### New deal struck in Libya

**LIBYA** - A new accord has been struck for thousands of displaced Libyans to return home to a town that sided with former leader Muammar Gaddafi in the 2011 revolution, the country's unity government said. Faye al-Sarraj, Head of the Government of National Accord, welcomed the reconciliation deal signed late Sunday by representatives of the pro-Kadhafi town of Tawergha and nearby Misrata, 240km southeast of the Libyan capital Tripoli. *AFP*

### US airstrike kills 27

**JOHANNESBURG** - The US military said it has carried out an airstrike in northern Somalia that killed 27 al-Shabaab extremists, AP reported. The statement issued Monday by the US Africa command said it assessed that no civilians were killed in the attack on Sunday south-west of Bosasso, the commercial capital of the semi-autonomous Puntland state. The area has recently seen attacks on local forces by extremists aligned with the Islamic State group.

*African News Agency*





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## MTN SWAMA AWARDS COMMITTEE REFLECTS ON SAMA AWARDS 24

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

**GLITZ**, and all things musical is how one can describe the ambience at the South African Music Awards 24 held at Sun City this past weekend.

The CEO of the Recording Industry of South Africa (RiSA) Advocate Nhlanhla Sibisi had extended a special invite to the president of the Swatini Arts and Music Association (SWAMA) to attend the prestigious South African Music Awards (SAMA24) at Sun City this past weekend.

The annual South African Music Awards (SAMAs) are organised by RiSA in partnership with the North West Department of Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs while SABC was the official broadcast partner. President Cyril Ramaphosa and Nathi Mthethwa, Minister of Arts and Culture were among the dignitaries that graced the night.

SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini attended the glamorous event with MTN SWAMA Awards Project Manager Steven Mtetwa and the trip travel requirements were sponsored by Let's Go Zanzibar travelling agency. They got a rare chance of experiencing the full live feel of the production processes as VVIPs.



**SANIBONANI:** China Mpololo, President of South Africa Music Promoters Association, Eugene Mtetwa, President of South African Music Council, captured with SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, George Ngwenya and Steven Mtetwa at the SAMA 24 on Saturday held at Sun City. (Courtesy pics)

In an interview upon their return, Dlamini lauded Advocate Sibisi and his team for the excellent hospitality they were afforded and thanked the local entrepreneurs such as Let's Go Zanzibar and Galaxy Media for making travel flawless for them.

### Rubbing

"On arrival at Sun City, one could feel the buzz in the air. Mingling and rubbing shoulders with folks from all walks of the music industry; we had a wonderful opportunity to engage with them about their art, as well as create aware-

ness about the Kingdom of Eswatini and our music industry development. "From high rolling recording artists, music producers, stable owners, artist managers we exchanged valuable information and forged relationships which we believe will be greatly beneficial to our industry and the kingdom at large," articulated Dlamini.

Dlamini said the fact that they were dressed in Swazi regalia made them turn heads, especially because of the publicity that was created by the disqualification of a Swati artist Sands because he was proud

and loudly Swati making waves in South Africa. "Our uniqueness stood out and drew the attention of dignitaries like Mme O.R. Mochware, MEC for culture, arts and traditional affairs in North West and many media houses and artists who expected to see Sands.

"He couldn't travel with us because he was working as he had been booked for a couple of shows in KwaZulu-Natal the same evening. We spent a good deal of time with Sun-El Musician, who is a huge fan of local sounds and Samthing Soweto, who just recently performed at the MTN Bush Fire. "They were honoured with Sampra Highest Airplay of the Year, Samro Highest Airplay of the Year Composer's Award which we joked about belonging to Eswatini and they won Best Collaboration Award, taking their total to three. Other music industry players who were excited to meet us were Joyous Celebration executive team; Lindelani Mkhize, Mthunzi Namba and Jabu Hlongwane as they will be coming to our kingdom to celebrate their latest achievements," Dlamini said.

He said the SAMA24 lived up to his expectation as the performances were all well-choreographed and all speeches made were short and straight to the point, giving way for more music.

## MTN SWAMA awards entries now closed

SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini has announced that the entries for the prestigious MTN SWAMA 2018 have officially closed.

The entry period was one month only beginning on May 4, until Monday this week.

2 500 entries were recorded in this year's MTN SWAMA music awards.

This time frame will allow enough time for entries to be put through a strict verification process followed by a judging procedure that will identify top four nominees in every category before they are announced at a star-studded event which will be held on June 30. The eventual winners will be decided and granted their awards and prize money at a glittering yellow carpet ceremony to be held on December 1. "As the MTN SWAMA Music Awards approach, we look forward to an exciting progress for the music industry in Eswatini. We endeavour to give our best and deliver an awards ceremony like never seen before. We would like to thank Swazi MTN once again for their sponsorship and for believing in our industry. A huge thank you to all who have also sent in their nominations for this year's awards where we recorded 2 500 entries," said Dlamini.

## Let's Go Zanzibar injects E100 000 to MTN SWAMA Awards

LET'S GO Zanzibar under the directorship of Vusani Matsebula, also took the opportunity to announce a staggering E100 000 sponsorship to the MTN SWAMA Awards this year.

Last year, they contributed E60 000, which was a fully paid trip to Zanzibar and it was scooped by the Swati golden boy Sands for Song of the Year gong.

The sponsorship has increased by E40 000 from last year's. According to Matsebula, this year the lucky artist to visit Zanzibar will be the winner of the Best Comedy Award. Let's Go Zanzibar travelling agency prides itself in supporting local art as they have been involved in numerous activities in the arts in the kingdom. They sponsored Miss Cultural Heritage beauty pageant with a trip to Zanzibar where the former queen experienced different cultures.



**CELEBRITIES:** 'Zox' congratulating multiple SAMA award winners Samthing Soweto and Sun El Musician for their hit track Akanamali.



**HIGH ROLLERS:** Let's Go Zanzibar's George Ngwenya with MTN SWAMA 2018 Project Manager Steven Mtetwa and winner of the Best Hip Hop artist Shane Eagle, who has graced many stages in Eswatini, including the upcoming Hipnotik Festival.

## Hipnotik anticipating 15 000 festival goers

By Andile Dlamini  
(UNISWA Journalism student)

THE Hipnotik Festival, set for its seventh edition on 6 and 7 July, is expecting to have 15 000 fun fanat-

ics.

This was revealed by Swazi Jive Director Sakhile Nkambule yesterday.

The festival has gained momentum over the years considering that during last year's festival, it had an

attendance of about 10 000 people, a visible growth from the 5 000 that attended in 2016. The growth of the festival has been immense as for the first time this year, Sky Lounge was launched and hosted by Swazi Jive in the build-up for this year's festi-

val, which headlined South Africa's Anatti and Nadia Nakai in April.

Hipnotik has headlined South African artists such as Cassper Nyovest, Kwesha, Emtee and Reason, to name a few, and that could be the reason behind this growth. This year's line-up has not been revealed but Nkambule assured festival goers that they would be informed later this week. Considering

that the stable was able to successfully host six shows in the past headlining some of the biggest hip hop artists around, it is without doubt that this year's event would be bigger and better as it has been dubbed 'Hip Hop Heaven'. Tickets are already on sale online at Computicket outlets at Shoprite, as well as Swazi Jive office at Checkers in Mbabane.



# BUSHFIRE FIREFLY STAGE ACTS STILL NOT PAID

By Ayanda Dlamini

... since last week we have been processing all payments

It's been a week since the MTN Bushfire Festival was hosted yet some of the artists have not been paid especially the Firefly stage acts.

They set the stage on fire the whole Bushfire weekend as it was reported that the Firefly stage was lit this year compared to last year's edition which was the first instalment of the youthful stage.

Speaking, one of the acts of the Firefly stage who spoke on condition of anonymity said they were told that they would be paid last week but to date have not yet received any form of compensation or the E5 000 each including the Bushfire Firefly winners Ezamaswazi, Miss Trophy and Mzwaa.

Spinners who were also setting fireworks at the youthful stage included Zulu D, DJ Czar, Speech Umlangeni (who was one of the organisers of the



**STILL NOT PAID: Ezamaswazi at the firefly stage. (l) Miss Trophy rendering her performance at the Fire Fly Stage.**

Firefly campaign) DJ Master P, Swiss, Crooks to name a few. Speaking to House on Fire/MTN Bushfire Communications Officer Noncedo Dlamini, said they were processing all

payments. These include the artists; both locally and international, staff and all expenses.

"We are still meting out all festival payments from temporal staff to all the artists who were performing at the festival.

They will receive their money

hopefully this week. Some of the artists have not even brought their invoices to us.

We urged them to be in touch with their stage managers and submit the invoices," said Dlamini.

## VINNY BIRTHDAY TOUR COMING TO ESWATINI

By Nokwanda Sibandze

WITH just over two decades of deejaying under his belt, Vinny Da Vinci is one of the most important figures on the South African electronic dance music scene.

Vinny has helped galvanise deep underground club culture in his various guises: as a partner in the power

house House Afrika Records, compiler and executive producer of many of their top-selling compilations alongside his long time partner, DJ Christos in the groundbreaking DJs At Work; and as a deejay on the leading edge of the underground house scene. In celebration of youth day SwaziBoy Entertainment is bringing this international acclaimed spinner into the

country to celebrate with young people in the Kingdom.

The show dubbed Vinny Da Vinci's birthday tour; Eswatini edition, will also see South Africa's Nastee Nev, Swazi-born Sabz, John the Baptist, Wicked, Crooks, the renowned DJ Mbo and many more belting it out on the turn tables.

If you've been to one of Vinny's parties, then you know what it's all

about. An amazing vibe surrounded by good music and beautiful people.

The show will be held at Yoruba-The George Hotel in Manzini. Gates will open at 4pm and no tickets will be for sale as it will be payable at the gate with E100 before midnight, E150 after midnight and E300 for the VIP experience.

## ACASWA GIVES BIRTH TO GOSPEL FESTIVAL

By Nokwanda Sibandze

...The gospel festival to be held in all four regions of the Kingdom

ACASWA is taking gospel music to people around the country.

The association together with Ezomoya Communications will be hosting one of the biggest gospel festivals to ever happen in the Kingdom.

This was revealed by ACASWA President Mzwakhe Myeni.

According to the president, the festival will begin in the Shiselweni region; Nhlanguano and will then continue to Lubombo, Hhohho and lastly Manzini.

"It is going to be a six to six event that will see performances by the country's biggest gospel artists, such as Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu, Mzwakhe Myeni, Thabile Myeni, Phathwakahle, and Police Gospel Messengers just to

mention few," said the president during a brief interview with this publication.

The Nhlanguano show will feature guest speakers such as Shiselweni's Regional Administrator Themba Masuku, Minister of Tinkhundla Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini and Apostle Justice Dlamini to name a few. A praying session for the national elections to run smoothly will be included in the lineup.

ACASWA President Mzwakhe Myeni said they saw it necessary to pray for the nation so that all processes of the upcoming elections run smoothly without any hindrances or even horrible circumstances.

He also mentioned that the ritual killings should come to an end, which is something they will also be praying for. It will be a music packed show and as the weather is cold these days Mzwakhe said that they will provide hot beverages for everyone for the entire night. All gospel music lovers should make their way to Nhlanguano on June 29.

**REVEALS: ACASWA President Mzwakhe Myeni invited all to the biggest gospel festival to ever happen in Eswatini.**



## YET ANOTHER ENTERTAINMENT STABLE ON THE RISE

By Andile Dlamini  
UNISWA Journalism Student

WITH the entertainment industry on the rise in the country, it is without doubt that entertainment stables will also grow and Talent House Enterprises is one of those stables.

Founded in 2014 by Thando Ginindza and Thabani Dlamini, the stable offers a wide range of art and entertainment services such events management, sound system hire, music lessons, recording studio services, dance classes and modelling. Over the past four years Talent House Enterprises has worked with quite a number of organisations like Swazi Index, Lake Agriculture, Swazi Jive and Swaziland College of Technology but to name a few.

The stable provided sound equipment for events hosted by these organisations.

On the entertainment front the stable hosts a weekly event called 'The Sunday Come Up Sessions' which are designed to create an environment for relaxation and a platform for new talent to showcase their talent.

Talent House Enterprise also sets out to empower the youth of Swaziland by providing a platform for young people with aspirations to be in the entertainment industry ranging from artistry to modelling to showcase their talent and gain exposure in this rather competitive industry and what better way to grow the industry than recruit new talent.

Operations manager of the stable Sakhile Mkhumane said the stable has a number of projects in the pipeline but could not disclose any information as the projects are still in the planning stages. Talent House Enterprise seems to be one of the companies to be on the lookout for.



## New kid on the block drops 'Tifiso tagogo Shiba' featuring Diba Diba

By Nokwanda Sibandze

SNAPKING, a young rapper who just entered the hip-hop scene has just dropped his first single featuring Diba Diba. The song is titled *Tifiso Tagogo Shiba* because he wanted to show other young people that dreams can become a reality if you work hard enough to achieve them.

The track was recorded under the record label Life Time Music (LTM) and produced by Yung pro. The hip-hop track was inspired by another track which was released by Diba Diba titled 'Amandla' featuring Emsofly.

'Snapping', real name Vusumusi Sihlongonyane said he was excited because he had always wanted to collaborate with Diba Diba since 2016, when they finally met he knew it was the right time and that the song came out the way he envisioned it would be. The young rapper from Manzini says it was a dream come true for him to have worked with Diba Diba and that he has been great motivation to all young and upcoming artists in the country.



International  
Celebrity News

## Willow Smith, Jaden slam parents' parenting

**LAS ANGELES** - And Jada Smith defends allowing Jaden to move out of the house at just 15 years old on her Facebook talk show.

Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith's two children, Willow and Jaden, sat down with their mother for the latest episode of her Facebook show, 'Red Table Talk,' where they discussed what it was like growing up as the children of two incredibly famous stars.

The three were joined by Jada's mother Adrienne Banfield-Jones for the conversation, where they all acknowledged Jaden and Willow's



**SLAM PARENTS:** Willow and Jaden Smith.

upbringing was certainly "unconventional." *US Mag*

## Disick, Richie reunite for lunch date

**NEW YORK** - Days after sources said Sofia Richie broke things off with Scott Disick, the pair continue to keep fans guessing about their relationship status.

The model, 19, and reality TV star, 35, stepped out on Monday afternoon for lunch at celeb hotspot Nobu in Malibu, Calif. An eyewitness tells E! News Scott and Sofia were "smiling" and "looked happy" as they both arrived and left the upscale eatery together in a convertible Rolls Royce.

Disick, clad in a black graphic T-shirt, kept his eyes on Richie, who wore a simple black tank top and



**JUST LUNCH:** Scott Disick and Sofia Richie.

hid behind a pair of oversized sunglasses, as they waited in the valet area. *TMZ*

## Kim Kardashian addresses her critics

**LOS ANGELES** - Whether her former publicist likes it or not, Kim

Kardashian just made history at the 2018 CFDA Fashion Awards! The E! reality star and cosmetics mogul received the inaugural Influencer Award at Monday's star-studded gathering in New York City. Though it needs no explanation, Kardashian helped coin the term "influencer" thanks to her 200 million+ social media followers and wildly successful ventures in cosmetics, fragrance, apparel and technology. Need further proof? Kim can earn an estimated \$500,000 for a single sponsored Instagram post, and her KKW Beauty line is projected to turn over \$100 million



**CLARITY:** Kim Kardashian.

in revenue within the year. *US Weekly*

## Ariana Grande suffers PTSD after bombing

**NEW YORK** - As British Vogue has described it, the last year was the year that "changed everything" for Ariana Grande.

A little over 365 days ago, the songstress had finished her first of two shows in Manchester for her 'Dangerous Woman' third concert tour when a suicide bomber detonated an explosive as people were exiting, killing 22 people and himself and injuring hundreds.

After a few canceled shows, Grande co-organised the 'One Love' Manchester benefit concert a week later and returned to her tour in tribute to her late fans. *E News*



**AFFECTED:** Ariana Grande.

## SA Celebrity News

## P Kaybee on being an 'absent dad'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Prince Kaybee has decided to use his own experience with paggeld and being an 'absent father' to inspire other men to also take responsibility for their actions. The Club Controller DJ made headlines in February after Sunday World reported that he was accused of not paying adequate maintenance for a child he fathered with a Gauteng woman. The report also claimed that Prince Kaybee didn't make any effort to see his child.

While at the time Prince Kaybee's management said the matter would be resolved soon, the star finally



**I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY:** Prince Kaybee.

spoke out on the claims after his SAMA win this weekend, taking full responsibility for not handling it properly. *Times Live*

## Dr Malinga welcomes a baby boy

**JOHANNESBURG** - There is joy (and probably a whole lotta crying) over in the Malinga house this week, after Dr Malinga and his wife welcomed a baby boy. A proud Malinga took to Instagram on Monday to introduce the world to Linga, the couple's third child. Dr Malinga told Tshisa Live earlier this year that if it was a boy he would name him Lingas, and if it was a girl his wife would do the naming.

He also said he was excited to be a dad again. *Times Live*



**DADDY:** Dr Malinga with his son.

## Massive babelas convinced Msawawa to stop drinking

**DURBAN** - Former child star Msawawa was so babelas he "couldn't eat or drink anything for almost three days" after his birthday turn up last year, so he apparently gave up drinking fire water for good. The rapper has turned his life around and told Drum that the new Msawawa is God-fearing and always sober. He explained what brought about the change.

"On my birthday last year I went overboard with alcohol and became very sick - I couldn't eat or drink anything for almost three days. It was then that I decided to stay away from alcohol and I haven't looked back," he said. *Times Live*



**CLEAN:** Msawawa.

## Mafikizolo defends DJ Tira's wife

**DURBAN** - DJ Tira's wife Gugu Khati got major heat on social media for seemingly having a "bad attitude" at the SAMAs on Saturday night. Gugu, along with the rest of Mzansi's celebs, piled into Sun City for the swanky awards ceremony which celebrates the hard work of the country's musicians. During the awards ceremony, a video clip of Gugu giving hosts, Somizi Mhlongo, Dineo Ranaka and Mpho Poppa a thumbs down for a joke they made about Mabala Noise went viral. Nhlanhla said that Gugu was very kind to accept the award on their behalf at the last minute and that



**MAKOYA:** DJ Tira with wife Gugu.

her facial expressions were misunderstood. "Gugu is an amazing and beautiful woman. She is a dear friend of mine and has been a part of the Mafikizolo family for years and last night." *TimesLive*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



**VISITED:** Samson.

The Ndlovus gather to bury the baby's inkaba. Samson has a worrying little visitor. Iris is surprised by the identity of her new protector and Pam knows she has trouble on her hands.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Morongwa is conflicted when she finds the culprit. Zandre agrees to be Thabang's personal trainer.



**CONFLICTED:** Morongwa.

Muvhango

TODAY

Rendani has to decide between getting justice or hurting those she loves. An unexpected visitor rocks up at Meme's door, thanks to KK. A woman of faith feels tested when Gugu shows up unannounced.



**HAS A VISITOR:** Meme.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

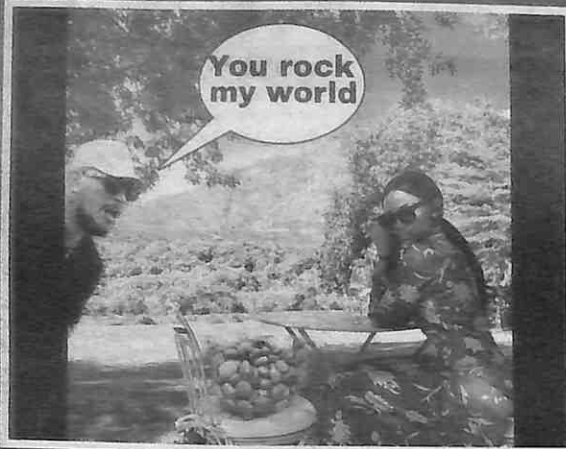
Mapula decides to take it all the way with Melusi. Bongani gets bad news for his album. David is furious when Suffo scuppers his plans for the club.



**FURIOUS:** David.



## PICTURE OF THE DAY



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

**Capricorn December 22 – January 19**  
Contact with others in your neighborhood brings good news your way, Capricorn. Phone calls, emails, or time spent in the car could result in some kind of financial advancement. You feel especially focused right now, and your intellect and emotions are in accord with what you need to do to accomplish your goals. Your physical energy and enthusiasm are strong, as is your determination. Go for the gold.



**Cancer June 22 – July 22**  
Social events could put you in touch with some interesting and exciting new people from distant places. You might discuss business, but not boring shoptalk. Rather, you may have some intriguing yet workable ideas for future projects that could make a difference to you and others. If you've been thinking about forming a new partnership, Cancer, this is an auspicious day for serious discussion.



**Aquarius January 20 – February 18**

Aquarius, today you might hear of opportunities coming from an unusual source and consider taking advantage of them. Values take a more spiritual turn as your material goals are reached. You might make plans to participate more in activities like yoga, meditation, church services, or other groups with a metaphysical focus, and you're looking forward to it.



**Leo July 23 – August 22**  
Today you're likely to be more focused than usual on whatever it is you have to do, Leo, whether chores around the house and yard or important projects of your own. Your mind is especially sharp and in tune with your feelings. Dreams and imaginings might prove to be valuable sources of inspiration. At some point, your mind might turn to travel, the acquisition of new knowledge, or both. Enjoy your day.



**Pisces February 19– March 20**

Group activities might prove especially intellectually and emotionally gratifying at this time, Pisces. Relationships with old friends grow stronger, and new friends may also come onto the scene. Among them might be people in your profession. Through them you might learn of new opportunities to advance your career.



**Virgo August 23 – September 22**  
Romance is center stage today as social events put you in touch with interesting people of both sexes, Virgo. If you're already involved, expect to grow closer to your partner. If you aren't, don't be surprised if someone new comes into your life. Stimulating discussions about various subjects set your imagination going and increase your desire to learn more. Enjoy your day.



**Aries March 21 – April 19**

Friends in creative fields might join forces with you today to start a new project that makes a difference to all of you, Aries. This could be something as mundane as a garden in a park or as exciting as a new rock band. If you've been thinking of moving in an artistic direction, this is the day to make plans. You're determined and focused and your inspiration and enthusiasm are high.



**Taurus April 20 – May 20**

The desire to acquire more knowledge is front and center today, Taurus. A lecture or workshop might lead to plans for a vacation of some kind with friends or other members of a group you're affiliated with. Family members might also show an interest. You could all review the possibilities together and jot ideas. The energy and enthusiasm of everyone around you is high, so make the most of their ideas.



**Gemini May 21 – June 21**

Enthusiasm for your own ideas as well as for those of others could catapult you into the spotlight today, Gemini. You might speak to a group, perhaps on scientific or occult subjects. You're on an emotional high and looking forward to the future. You've got a lot of plans that are not only exciting but also workable. Make the most of them, and don't be afraid to share them with others.



**Sagittarius November 22 – December 21**

An opportunity to do some extra work might come your way today, Sagittarius. Don't turn it down – it might do you a lot of good. You'll probably enjoy being at home, whether you're working or relaxing, as happiness seems to reign in the home at this time.



## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## PUZZLE CHOICE

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

M N B N D B D N D M M N W B E N M N B  
H J T R A G O B Y E R H P M U H V J L  
G N A M E L O C D L A N O R U R J L J  
P D B B R E W O P E N O R Y T V H A R  
N W I L L I A M P O W E L L L I H U E  
M T N A R G Y R A C Y D E D I R F R I  
G I H J E J O E N O D A R L E D R E V  
J A C E B Q I G B B J V R R D R E N I  
A U R T N C G S N O E I O A H O D C L  
M Q W Y Z R E P H A L D L Y H B A E O  
E D V Y C L Y N T N X N F M E E S H E  
S C H D R O W F V A A I L I D R T A C  
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S C D N H J L U E B D N N A I O R E R  
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T L P R O L Y A T T R E B O R D C N M

ALAN LADD,  
CARY GRANT,  
CHARLES BOYER,  
DAVID NIVEN,  
ERROL FLYNN,  
FRED ASTAIRE,  
GARY COOPER,

HENRY FONDA,  
HUMPHREY BOGART,  
JAMES MASON,  
JOHN WAYNE,  
LAURENCE HARVEY,  
LAURENCE OLIVIER,  
LESLIE HOWARD,

RAY MILLAND,  
ROBERT DONAT,  
ROBERT MITCHUM,  
ROBERT TAYLOR,  
RONALD COLEMAN,  
TYRONE POWER,  
WILLIAM POWELL.

LOL  
Laughing Out Loud

## Garbage man

Man to his wife: "Do you know what our six-year-old son wants to be once he's big?"  
Wife: "No."

Man: "A garbage man. And you know why?"  
Wife: "No, why?"  
Man: "Because he thinks they only work on Tuesdays."

## USELESS FACTS

- During your lifetime, you will produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools.
- The chance of you dying on the way to get lottery tickets is actually greater than your chance of winning.
- The word "gorilla" is derived from a Greek word meaning, "A tribe of hairy women."
- About 150 people per year are killed by falling coconuts.
- The Guinness Book of World Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from libraries.
- A sneeze travels about 100 miles per hour.

BRAINTEASERS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Yesterday's brainteasers**  
1. What do you throw out when you want to use it but take in when you don't want to use it?  
**Answer:** An anchor.

2. What goes up and never comes down?  
**Answer:** Your age.

**Today's Brainteasers**  
1. You answer me, although I never ask you questions. What am I?  
2. You can have me but cannot hold me; Gain me and quickly lose me. If treated with care I can be great. And if betrayed I will break. What am I?





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# ZIDANE WALKED AWAY AFTER 'DISPUTE OVER SIGNING DE GEA, HAZARD'

MADRID - Zinedine Zidane walked away from Real Madrid after a 'dispute with club President Florentino Perez' over their transfer targets.

Zidane sensationally quit Madrid after landing an historic Champions League hat-trick.

The Frenchman called an unexpected press conference last Thursday afternoon to reveal that he will be leaving after two-and-a-half years in charge.

The 45-year-old, a club legend as player and manager, said he felt it was the right time to go.

The Sun has reported that last Wednesday night Zidane and Perez did not see eye to eye over who the club should sign this summer. Zidane was keen to sign Chelsea star Eden Hazard while Perez wanted to pursue their interest in Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea. Perez did not agree with Zidane and the latter was also happy with his number one Keylor Navas.

Zidane is claimed to have said: "I am done. You take care of the team" following the exchange between the pair. Former Arsenal manager Arsene



**IT'S BEEN GOOD:** Zinedine Zidane departed Real Madrid after a 'dispute with club President Florentino Perez'. (Daily Mail)

Wenger, Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino and former Madrid midfielder Guti are the front-runners to take over at the Bernabeu. Appearing alongside President Perez at the press conference last week, Zidane said: "I have

taken the decision to not continue going into the next season. For me and for everybody, I think the moment to change has arrived. It was not an easy decision."

*Daily mail*

## Tunisia keeper fakes injury to help players break Ramadan fast

LONDON - Tunisia's national goalkeeper appeared to feign injuries during World Cup practice matches so his teammates could break their Ramadan fasts.

Mouez Hassen went down early in the second half of Tunisia's games against Portugal and Turkey coinciding with sunset, which is when Ramadan fasting ends.

On both occasions his 'injury' prompted his teammates to rush to the sidelines to eat dates and drink water before taking to the field again.

During their first match against Portugal, Nice keeper Hassen went down in the 58th-minute with an 'injury'.

Just six minutes later, Tunisia - who are in England's group at the World Cup - scored and the game finished 2-2.

On Saturday against Turkey, Hassen lay flat on his back after a corner in the 49th-minute, allowing his team-mates to leave the pitch for food and water. He stayed down for around a minute.

That match also finished 2-2.

Tunisian sports reporters were the first to point out that Hassen's injuries both



**FAKE:** Mouez Hassen.

coincided with sunset, which is when Ifar - or the breaking of the fast - begins.

Freelance reporter Souhail Khmira tweeted that there is 'an agreement' between the players and their goalkeeper to break their fast in this way.

It does not appear that Turkey, another mostly Muslim nation, had any such arrangement in place when they played

Tunisia.

Hassen has since been teased on Twitter, including by fellow footballer Chaker Alhadhur, who joked: "It's all right now, we know you were pretending."

In response, Hassen tweeted 'I was injured bruv' alongside laughing emojis.

Hassen was not punished during either game by the on-field officials, and is unlikely to face any subsequent punishment because proving the injury was not genuine is virtually impossible.

The Tunisian football federation has yet to comment on the timing of the two injury breaks.

Hundreds of millions of Muslims around the world are observing Ramadan at the moment. It is a month of self-discipline where Muslims refrain from eating, drinking, smoking and having sex from sunrise to sunset.

The Quran demands that 'whoever of you is present, let him fast the month' but makes exceptions, adding: "Whoever of you is sick or on a journey, a number of other days."

*Daily Mail*

## FIFA files criminal complaint against secondary ticket firm Viagogo

GENEVA - FIFA yesterday said it had filed a criminal complaint against the secondary ticketing firm Viagogo's sale of 2018 Soccer World Cup tickets, opening a new battle between sports organisations and websites seeking a share of their profits.

"As part of its efforts to protect the fans and prevent unauthorised ticket resales for the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia, FIFA filed a criminal complaint on June 4, based on a breach of the law on unfair competition against Viagogo AG with the public prosecutor's office in Geneva," world football's governing body said in a statement.



"Over the past months, FIFA has received numerous complaints from individuals, consumer protection bodies and other market players over the opaque and deceptive business conduct of Viagogo AG," it added.

FIFA noted that in seeking legal action it was joining other sports bodies, including European football confederation UEFA, which has previously taken Viagogo to court.

With the World Cup set to kick off in just nine days, FIFA also warned fans to stay clear of any "unauthorised transfer and/or resale of tickets."

It also said that anyone with a ticket that can be traced to an authorised resale

site may be refused entry to World Cup matches.

"FIFA reminds all fans that FIFA.com/tickets is the only official and legitimate website on which to buy 2018 FIFA World Cup tickets," the statement further said.

Viagogo describes itself as "a global online platform for live sport, music and entertainment tickets," that aims to "helps ticket sellers ranging from individuals with a spare ticket to large multinational event organisers reach a global audience."

According to the Guardian newspaper, it was set up by the people behind StubHub, the American secondary ticket online giant widely used by sports fans in North America.

*AFP*

## Springbok players need to be tested - Rassie

JOHANNESBURG - The Rugby World Cup is just over a year away and Springbok coach Rassie Erasmus is keeping a close eye on the progress of his players.

Erasmus believes the players, including the 17 uncapped ones, will improve before he assembles his World Cup squad.

It comes after the Boks lost to Wales 22-20 on Saturday.

"We have to make some big calls now (ahead of) the World Cup. We have to try guys, we have to see what guys have. We're gonna make a few mistakes while doing that or we can go the old route and just pick the same guys and try and coach them better and hope for a different result. Or, we can throw guys there in the deep end and hope they swim."

"There was 13 new guys that had their caps on Saturday. Some of

them swam and some of them struggled a little bit but now the next game they will be a little bit better," the coach said.

Erasmus singled out Makazole Mpimpi for some praise following the loss to Wales.

"If we're gonna play that way the whole year it's gonna be very frustrating, not just for you guys but for us. That's definitely not the way

we wanna do it. It was definitely a result of the weather - it was really tough to handle (the ball) you could see that they were kicking everything. We were kicking, they

(Wales) were kicking back. It was just who is going to make the first mistake on not handling the high ball. I was really surprised by the way Makazole handled the high ball, he really improved. He didn't miss one," said Erasmus.

*eNCA*



**EVERY REASON TO CELEBRATE:** Nathan Ake head home his first goal for Holland and his side's equaliser in a feisty game at the Allianz Stadium on Monday evening. Italy took the lead through super-sub Simone Zaza. (Daily Mail)

## Nathan Ake scores his first international goal

TURIN - Holland scored late to hold 10-man Italy to 1-1 in a friendly in Turin.

Nathan Ake headed in two minutes from time to cancel out Simone Zaza's opener.

Italy played the final 21 minutes a man down after defender Domenico Criscito was harshly sent off for a poor last-man tackle. Both teams, which used to be powerhouses of football, failed to qualify for the World Cup and it was not hard to see why.

Although Italy created the better of the chances it floundered in front of goal, while the Holland struggled to muster a shot on target until late in the match.

It was Roberto Mancini's third match in charge of Italy after a victory against Saudi Arabia last week and a defeat to France.

"It's too early at the moment to see something," Mancini said. "We have to begin playing the youngsters, the ones who have

less experience. "The guys put a lot of effort in, after a hard year. We have to sort out a lot of things, but I am optimistic." Mancini changed 10 of the 11 players who started Friday's friendly in Nice, keeping only Jorginho. Lorenzo Insigne became the first Napoli player to captain Italy. The Azzurri thought they scored within three minutes but Andrea Belotti's strike was ruled out for offside.

Italy had the better of the chances in a bright first half for the home side but wasted opportunities, notably when Belotti fired straight at Holland goalkeeper Jasper Cillessen from point-blank range.

Criscito's header was also cleared off the line by Ruud Vormer with Cillessen beaten. Holland upped the pressure in the second half but Italy took the lead in the 67th after Federico Chiesa crossed in from the right for fellow substitute Zaza to slide in and fire into the bottom left corner. *Daily Mail*





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## Silva aware of big expectations at Everton

**LONDON** - Newly appointed Everton Manager Marco Silva says he will need time to settle at the club but knows he must grind results immediately to win over the fans.

Silva replaced Sam Allardyce, who was sacked after six months in charge of the club despite being contracted to Everton until June 2019.

Allardyce was heavily criticised by fans for his management and Everton's style of play before he was sacked.

The young Portuguese manager is also aware of the demands of the supporters that want to see the club playing attractive football.

Silva told Sky Sports: "We know what the next step is, and it is something you cannot change in one month, you need time, but you need to start to get results from the first moment as well."

"Big project, huge club. I know what is behind me and what the fans expect from our team and we are ready to prove every day what we want."

"We need to build a strong connection between the team and the fans. When I played here the last two seasons there was a fantastic atmosphere."

"They are demanding, and the fans reflect how big the club is, so we need to give them some good feelings as well."

"I am sure if they feel we are doing everything every single match I am sure they will be proud of our team."

*Sport24*



**AWARE:** Everton Manager Marco Silva promises to grind results immediately.



**LIVERPOOL - LIVERPOOL** goalkeeper Loris Karius suffered concussion during the Champions League final defeat to Real Madrid.

Karius, who was at fault for two of Real Madrid's goals in the 3-1

defeat, underwent scans at the weekend amid fears he sustained head trauma.

Liverpool's concerns arose from the 24-year-old's collision with Sergio Ramos in the second half of

the game.

A matter of minutes later, his attempt to throw the ball out rebounded off Karim Benzema into the net to put Real Madrid ahead.

Karius blundered again late on

when he parried Gareth Bale's long-range shot into the net to make it 3-1.

Liverpool's medical team were concerned by Karius' welfare and arranged for him to visit Dr Ross Zafonte at the Massachusetts General Hospital during his holiday to the United States of America.

Zafonte assessed the results and has deemed that the German did suffer concussion as a result of Ramos' challenge.

The top doc released a statement, which read: "We have received numerous calls today regarding the health status of Liverpool goalkeeper Loris Karius."

"With Mr. Karius's permission, we are providing information about his medical situation in an effort to prevent, where possible, the dissemination of incomplete or erroneous information."

"On May 31, Mr. Karius underwent a comprehensive examination by Dr. Ross Zafonte and Dr. Lenore Herget in Boston at Massachusetts General Hospital and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital."

*Daily Star*

## 'Guardiola has problem with African players'

**PARIS** - Midfielder Yaya Toure accused Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola of having "problems with Africans" in an interview that was published yesterday by France Football magazine.

"He insists he has no problems with black players, because he is too intelligent to be caught out," Toure said. "But when you realise that he has problems with Africans, wherever he goes, I ask myself questions."

"I'm not the first to talk of these differences in treatment. At Barcelona I know that some also asked questions."

"Last summer, when Pep brutally got rid of (Wilfried) Bony, who had been signed a year earlier for a huge sum, I asked questions," Toure said.



**RACIST:** Yaya Toure in a tell all did not hold back and alleged Pep Guardiola was racist.

The 35-year-old Ivorian played just 17 matches this season for City, who romped to the Premier League title, and he confessed to wondering if his limited playing time "was not because of my colour."

"I think I was dealing with someone who just wanted to take revenge on me, who was jealous of me, who took me for his rival. I felt humiliated," said Toure, who is leaving City at the end of June. *AFP*

## Sokratis closing in on Arsenal move

**LONDON** - Borussia Dortmund centre-back Sokratis Papastathopoulos is in the process of completing a move to Arsenal, according to the player's father.

The 29-year-old Greece international was reportedly also a target of Manchester United but Arsenal appear to have snapped him up, which means he could be Manager Unai Emery's first addition at the Emirates Stadium.

Sokratis' father, Charalambos Papastathopoulos, told Greek radio station 24/7: "There was interest from United but he had to wait until July for them."

"United have a very good relationship with Dortmund, the teams talked but Sokratis chose to go to Arsenal."

"Arsenal had talked two years ago but I don't know why he didn't sign. He is going to a higher level, the world's most competitive league and I believe he will do very well. *Sport24*

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## Beckham backs North America SWC 2026 bid

LONDON - David Beckham has thrown his weight behind North America's bid to host the 2026 Soccer World Cup as the vote looms, saying the fans' passion for football would make the event "very special".

The US-Canada-Mexico joint bid is battling against Morocco for the right to stage the tournament, with FIFA members picking the winner at a vote in Moscow on June 13.

"A football competition as big as the World Cup deserves to be in great places and if the US, Canada and Mexico get that it will be very special," said former LA Galaxy star Beckham in a video released by Major League Soccer. The former England captain, who played for the Galaxy for six seasons and was awarded an MLS franchise in Miami earlier this year, said he had experienced the passion for the game in all three countries. *AFP*

# SANE TELLS GERMANY'S WORLD CUP SQUAD TO 'GO GET THAT TITLE'

GO GET IT:  
Leroy Sane.

BERLIN - Leroy Sane has demanded his Germany team-mates 'Go get that title!' in Russia following the Manchester City winger's shock omission from Joachim Low's World Cup squad.

The 22-year-old enjoyed an instrumental campaign as City romped to

the Premier League title and won the League Cup, scoring 14 goals and assisting 19 more.

He was the obvious choice to be named PFA Young Player of the Year, one of Pep Guardiola's most lethal attacking weapons, but Low deemed him surplus to requirements this summer. Despite admitting his 'disappointment' at the decision, Sane urged his national team colleagues to once again win the trophy they lifted in Brazil four years ago. "Thank you so much everyone for your encour-

aging messages yesterday and today," Sane wrote on Twitter. "I'm obviously disappointed I won't participate in the World Cup but I have to accept this decision and I'll give it my all to bounce back stronger! "Nothing but the best of success to the DFB Team in Russia. Go get that title!" Ultimately Bayer Leverkusen winger Julian Brandt was selected in Sane's place as Low cut his provisional squad by four and the German boss explained his decision considerably on Monday. *Daily Mail*

## Ramos struts back into Spain squad

MADRID - Sergio Ramos and his Real Madrid team-mates joined up with the rest of the Spain squad yesterday for the team photoshoot and training.

Players from the Champions League winners were given extra time off following their victory over Liverpool in Kiev on May 26.

It was revealed on Monday that Reds goalkeeper Loris Karius suffered a concussion after a clash with centre-back Ramos in the final.

It was reported in Germany he had suffered a blackout and that 26 of his 30 tests subsequently confirmed he had experienced a concussion, after medical tests and a scan in America.

The incident with Madrid's Ramos occurred two minutes before the first of his two monumental errors.

Liverpool fan groups were calling for a replay of the final following the revelations.

Ramos' eyes were firmly on

the World Cup yesterday as he joked around during the photoshoot and trained ahead of the tournament. Ramos let Atletico Madrid striker Diego Costa know who's in charge during a playful exchange as they lined up for the camera.

The defender was also pictured speaking to former Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina as well as Manager Julen Lopetegui as the 23-man squad lined up in their full kit.

*Daily Mail*

**JOKES: Sergio Ramos was not shy to let Costa know he was in charge.**



## Russia cherishing 2018 soccer World Cup cheer

VELIKY NOVGOROD - Halfway between Moscow and Saint Petersburg in a city abandoned by time, the ball pings across the slushy snow as boys emulate the stars who will shine at the 2018 World Cup.

More than a thousand years old, Veliky Novgorod has followed the fate of many other historic Russian cities, losing its lustre and burdened by the grim realities of provincial life.

But social problems seem that little bit less important as the world's most celebrated sports event approaches, filling abandoned corners of Russia with the thrill of the beautiful game.

Watchful parents are bundled up in parkas while their children zip around a fenced-in courtyard stripped down to their sweatshirts and woolly hats, elastic scarves around their necks. The fence is made of



steel beams covered in peeling rust, painful to bounce off of and emblematic of the life of hard knocks Veliky Novgorod has endured since the Soviet Union's fall.

Yet the focus here is squarely on football, which in the northern Russian springtime is played by children in conditions more suitable to skiing.

The boys come prepared. They split up into teams, dressed in

jerseys with numbers on their backs. Each has his own pair of football boots, some new and some worn, which surprisingly maintain a solid grip on the mix of snow and ice packed tightly into the ground.

A deep-blue sky above and decrepit apartment blocks around them, the boys hop, skip and dream - each conjuring up a fantasy of playing in a World Cup of their own. *AFP*

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## Presentation of 360° Diagnostic Analysis for the Development of the MSME Sector in Swaziland

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have been accepted worldwide as an instrument of economic growth and development. In many small economies, MSMEs are the major source of livelihoods and major employment creators. Many Governments, particularly in developing countries, have made tremendous efforts and established Policies & Legislations to enhance the capacity of MSMEs.

Despite the support given to MSMEs to enhance capacity and growth, the performance of the sector in quite a number of countries has fallen short of expectations. This could be attributed to the many significant challenges that compromise the ability of MSMEs to function and to contribute optimally to the economy.

The Centre for Financial Inclusion (CFI) in 2015 collaborated with several stakeholders to conduct the FinScope MSME Swaziland 2017 Study. This Study amongst other objectives sought to assess the size and scope of the Micro, Small and Medium enterprises in Swaziland; describe the levels of and landscape of access to financial products and services (both formal and informal), and to identify the most binding constraints to MSME development and growth with a focus on access to financial markets.

The findings of the FinScope MSME Swaziland 2017 Study were presented to stakeholders in August 2017. Stakeholders then requested that a Supply-side diagnostic study be conducted in order to match the needs of the MSMEs with the product offering of the suppliers of MSME services. The Centre for Financial Inclusion (CFI) collaborated with Finmark Trust (FMT) to undertake the MSME 360° Supply-side Study to establish the Roadmap for the country's MSME sector. The MSME 360° Diagnostic Study had the following broad objectives;

- Conduct a situational analysis and develop a toolkit for the MSME sector;
- Identify key areas of doing business in the country and sectors that have the highest potential for growth and industrialization;
- Develop a Roadmap and Action Plan for the MSME development;
- Develop a stakeholder process to manage the developed Action Plan; and,
- Determine the priorities for key stakeholders (donor agencies, private sector and public sector).

Interested stakeholders are kindly invited to participate in the presentation of the draft Report of this Study. Details of the presentation are as follows;

Date: 07<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Venue: Royal Villas Hotel - Ezulwini

Time: 08:30 am

Registers names of participants to partake at [info@mfu.org.sz](mailto:info@mfu.org.sz)

Closing date for registration is Wednesday 6 June 2018 at 1:00 PM

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## BRIEFS

## No enough go ils

**CAPE TOWN** - Cape Town City coach Benni McCarthy believes improving defensive standards in the ABSA Premiership is partly the reason why strikers struggle to score enough goals. In the previous campaign, Mamelodi Sundowns forward Percy Tau and Polokwane City striker Rodney Ramagalela tied for the Golden Boot with just 11 league strikes-a-piece.

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## Seedat, Ralani contract extended

**CAPE TOWN** - Cape Town City have reportedly extended the deals of Ebrahim Seedat and Surprise Ralani with both being key performers in 2017/18 for the Citizens. Seedat made 17 league appearances for the Benni McCarthy-coached outfit and has proved himself as a capable defender in the Premiership over the last two campaigns.

Meanwhile, Ralani joined City in January and quickly became an integral part of the set-up with some eye-catching displays for the outfit from the Mother City.



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## Nthethe to start a fresh chapter

**JOHANNESBURG** - Veteran defender Thabo Nthethe has closed an illustrious chapter at Mamelodi Sundowns after signing for Chippa United. The Bafana Bafana-capped defender has been with Sundowns for five years after joining from Bloemfontein Celtic and has won three league titles, the CAF Champions League, the Nedbank Cup and two Telkom Knockout winners' medals. But having appeared in 29 league games in the 2015/16 season, Nthethe played 14 games in 2016/17, and only a single league match last season as he fell behind Ricardo Nascimento, Bangaly Soumahoro and Motjeka Madisha in the pecking order.

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## Ramagalela silences Pirates talk

**POLOKWANE** - Polokwane City striker Rodney Ramagalela has assured the club's fans that he will not be tempted away from Limpopo next season. 'Rama G', who scored 11 league goals in 2017/18 to share the Golden Boot with Mamelodi Sundowns' Percy Tau, has been linked with several teams, including Soweto giants Orlando Pirates. However, the former Sundowns hitman aims to honour his contract with City, which expires in June 2019. *Kick-Off*



## KOMPHELA A WANTED MAN

**JOHANNESBURG** - Former Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela is a wanted man locally and abroad. Komphela resigned as Chiefs manager after succumbing 2-0 to Free State Stars in the semi-final of the Nedbank Cup at Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban.

He resigned with immediate effect after the match, bringing to an end three fruitless seasons at Amakhosi as he failed to deliver the silverware.

His agent, Tim Sukazi of Quality Talent, says Komphela is a wanted man.

"There's interest in Steve's services but we haven't opened up official talks with those teams that enquired about his services. At this stage, I can't reveal the

names of the clubs who have enquired about him. I have inquiries locally and there's one team overseas" Sukazi elaborated without mentioning names.

Other than Chiefs, SuperSport United and Polokwane City are currently the only teams in top flight football that don't have coaches. Matsatsantsa a Pitori parted ways with Eric Tinker in the middle of the season, while Bernard Molekwa has been an interim coach at City since the departure of Luc Eymael.

Baroka FC had a vacancy, but are reported to have hired former Kaizer Chiefs striker and Zambian international Wedson Nyirenda. Nyirenda vacated his post as the Zambia head coach in May.

Komphela has been around the coaching circle for a while having managed clubs like Dynamos, Manning Rangers, South Africa's Under-23 national team, Free State Stars, Platinum Stars and Maritzburg United.

The former Bafana Bafana captain is still searching for the first silverware of his coaching career. Komphela has also served at the senior national team as an assistant coach to Stuart Baxter and Pitso "Jingles" Mosimane.

SuperSport United did also enquire about Eymael but they have yet to open official talks with Free State Stars boss. The Belgian is still contracted at Stars and has a buyout clause on his current deal with the club.

IOL Sport

## Mom begs Cele to put Pirates star in jail

**JOHANNESBURG** - An Orlando Pirates striker is being accused of raping a 15-year-old schoolgirl while her mother was in the house and his girlfriend was asleep in the same bedroom.

But the police appear to be dragging their feet in effecting the arrest of the man who was also the mixologist at a family lunch before the alleged incident.

The victim's mother, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the girl, opened a case of statutory rape against

the soccer ace at the Olievenhoutbosch Police Station last Monday - after the child's school teacher informed her of the alleged incident.

In an interview with Sunday World, the girl's mother said: "They [police] took my child for medical tests but I was not happy with certain questions they asked her. I think I failed my daughter, I should have been there to protect her," she said in tears. The mother said the striker forcefully kissed her daughter last year and this traumatised her.

"I had to take her to a psychologist for counselling. I asked her to press a sexual harassment case against him but she was not willing to do so and the psychologist implored me to not force her to do so. According to the girl's affidavit, seen by Sunday World, the schoolgirl had gone to Centurion with her mother to have lunch at her grandmother's house. She said that the player, who is dating one of the daughters of an aunt, arrived and offered her alcohol which she rejected. *Sowetan Live*

## Pirates, Downs interested in Khuzwayo

**JOHANNESBURG** - Orlando Pirates have been heavily linked with former Kaizer Chiefs goal-minder, Brilliant Khuzwayo. IOL previously reported that Khuzwayo was on his way out of Amakhosi after notifying the club via a letter that he might not be coming back for pre-season.

His agent, Tim Sukazi of Quality Talent Sports has indicated that Pirates are keen on the Umlazi born goalie. "Pirates did get hold of us last week regarding their interest in Khuzwayo. Before that it was murmurs. Sundowns have also expressed interest in him," Sukazi explained.

Khuzwayo has played second fiddle to Itumeleng Khune for much of his tenure at the Chiefs. He hardly featured under the embattled Steve Komphela. In January, Khuzwayo and his agent made a proposal to Chiefs about the policy of the rotation.

They wanted to see Khune playing league matches and

**ON DEMAND:**  
Kaizer Chiefs  
goal-minder,  
Brilliant  
Khuzwayo.



Khuzwayo featuring in Cup games, but Amakhosi turned down that proposal. Pirates have struggled to solidify their goal-keeping department since Senzo Meyiwa passed away back in 2014. They have tried a lot of options without any success. Since the passing away of Meyiwa, Pirates have tried the likes of Jackson Mabokgwane, Brighton Mhlango, Felipe Ovono, Fatau Dauda, Siyabonga Mpontshane and Wayne Sandilands. None of these goal-minders have dominated the

number one jersey. Mpontshane finished as the club regular stopper last season. "Khuzwayo prefers to stay in Johannesburg. That's where he will love to find his new home," Sukazi added. Sundowns possess a very solid goalkeeping department. They have the trio of Denis Onyango, Kennedy Mweene and Razak Brimah, while Thela Ngobeni is currently on loan at Free State Stars. However, Onyango (33), Mweene (33) and Razak (30) are all ageing. *IOL Sport*



**OPTIMISTIC:** Former Bafana Bafana captain Lucas Radebe.

## Lucas Radebe still eyes SAFA top job

**JOHANNESBURG** - After being disqualified from contesting for presidency in the recent SA Football Association (SAFA) elections, former Bafana Bafana captain Lucas Radebe is optimistic that by the next elective conference - in five years time - he'll be well-equipped to challenge incumbent Danny Jordaan for the top position at SAFA House.

More than a week ago Jordaan was resoundingly re-elected for the second term by a 95.12 per cent margin. Radebe wanted to run this year but the retired skipper later pulled out after it emerged that in order to stand for the local football association's elections, you need to have served in the SAFA regions, the regional executive committees or in the federation's associate member structures. Radebe, 49, has now set his sights on the next elections in 2023. "At moment I am dealing with the matter of trying to get affiliated to SAFA structures. In the next few years, we must know how to get into that level [of being the president] but I am still trying to learn some things and get myself ready," said Radebe on the sidelines of Selati Cup in Mpumalanga's KwaMhlushwa Stadium, at the weekend. *Sowetan Live*



## REGIONAL LOGS

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## MTN National First Division log

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Sea Birds	21	14	6	1	41	19	22	46
Citizens	21	13	5	3	44	21	23	44
Madlenya	21	12	2	7	38	22	16	38
Milling	21	9	6	6	20	18	2	33
Tycoons	21	10	1	10	32	29	3	31
Sikhalo	21	8	6	7	22	24	-2	30
Callies	21	8	5	8	21	27	-6	29
Tinyosi	21	7	7	7	33	22	11	28
Hub Sundowns	21	7	4	10	19	22	-3	25
Amalanda	21	6	2	13	23	35	-11	20
Bad Boys	21	4	5	12	19	36	-20	17
Mahlalini	21	3	3	15	29	53	-24	12

## Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League - E77 000

## Southern zone

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 PMT	22	13	8	1	52	18	34	47
2 Imbembe	22	13	6	3	50	17	33	45
3 Burning Spear	22	12	5	5	38	22	16	41
4 Sibovini	22	11	4	7	43	37	6	37
5 Swazi Sun	22	8	7	7	37	29	8	31
6 Billy Ocean	22	9	4	9	33	31	2	31
7 Kupheleni	22	8	4	10	35	31	4	28
8 Wizards	21	8	2	11	33	39	-6	26
9 Emajukjuku	22	5	8	9	24	40	-16	23
10 Sibuyeni	22	5	6	11	19	33	-14	21
11 Umbelebele	22	6	3	13	23	43	-20	21
12 Vusweni Killers	21	3	3	15	16	62	-46	12

## Northern Zone

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Black Swallows	22	14	3	5	37	19	18	45
2 Vultures	22	13	6	3	45	13	32	45
3 Khanjane Rovers	22	11	5	6	50	36	14	38
4 Manchester	22	10	8	4	36	22	14	38
5 Horo	22	10	7	5	37	19	18	37
6 Kappa Kappa	22	9	4	8	36	35	1	31
7 N. Swallows	22	7	8	7	25	21	4	29
8 Ms. Arsenal	22	5	12	5	26	20	6	27
9 Pachanga	22	7	4	11	36	48	-12	25
10 Mvuma	22	5	7	10	19	33	-14	22
11 Ndeya Galaxy	22	6	2	14	26	48	-22	20
12 19 Celtics	22	0	4	18	20	79	-59	4

## Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League 70 000

## Promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Sidwashini	30	21	8	1	66	25	41	71
2 Amawele	30	20	7	3	60	27	33	67
3 Corporation	30	16	9	5	60	35	25	57
4 Interstars	30	16	7	7	60	44	16	55
5 Real Tec	30	16	5	9	65	39	26	53
6 Pot O Gold	0	14	7	9	48	36	12	49
7 Sandla	30	10	10	10	51	48	3	40
8 White City	30	9	9	12	43	42	1	36
9 Supersport	30	9	8	13	54	59	-5	35
10 Veni Cosmos	30	9	6	15	49	59	-10	33
11 Pine valley	30	8	8	14	42	48	-6	32
12 Double Action	30	7	11	12	48	65	-17	32
13 Mbabane Arsenal	30	7	9	14	32	43	-11	30
14 Mbabane Celtics	30	6	12	12	27	43	-16	30
15 FC Vaal Stars	30	5	8	17	35	71	-36	23
16 Gordon stars	30	2	6	22	40	96	-56	12

## B. Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Thembehle	26	18	7	1	65	25	40	61
2 Classic	26	19	4	3	104	39	65	61
3 Freestyle	26	17	4	5	64	27	37	55
4 Mpolonjeni	26	14	8	4	69	32	37	50

5 Royal Dynamos	26	13	3	10	70	53	17	42
6 Mangwaneni	26	10	10	6	68	46	22	40
7 Lusoti	26	10	7	9	52	50	2	37
8 National Rangers	26	10	3	13	50	62	-12	33
9 Mphalati	26	9	3	14	51	67	-16	30
10 The Wailers	26	7	6	13	41	59	-18	27
11 Junction stars	26	6	5	15	50	95	-45	23
12 Movers	26	4	6	16	39	103	-64	18
13 Mbabane United	26	3	8	15	42	57	-15	17
14 Mantsholo United	26	3	4	19	35	85	-50	13

## Futis Nkhaba Regional League - E15 000

## Promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Shooting Stars	26	23	1	2	102	15	87	70
2 Majotini	26	19	3	4	77	30	47	60
3 Ngwenya United	26	14	8	4	72	41	31	50
4 Barcelona F.C.	26	12	7	7	62	41	21	43
5 Super Stars	26	13	4	9	41	39	2	43
6 Nkoyoyo	26	12	6	8	46	44	2	42
7 Bafana	26	12	4	10	42	49	-7	40
8 Mhlosheni	26	12	3	11	40	49	-9	39
9 Dribbling Stars	26	9	4	13	41	54	-13	31
10 Crocodiles	26	9	3	18	37	45	-8	30
11 Brothers United	26	8	4	14	43	77	-34	28
12 Atletico	26	7	6	13	49	58	-9	27
13 Manyisa United	26	5	1	20	37	70	-33	16
14 Motshane Real Rovers	26	2	4	20	38	92	-54	10
15 Marisburg	26	3	0	23	17	75	-58	9

## Pots Construction Sigangeni League - E30 000

## Promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Community	29	23	3	3	81	19	62	72
2 Ntsetse	29	19	6	4	68	19	49	63
3 Real Touch	29	18	4	7	57	36	21	58
4 Young Heroes	29	16	5	8	50	36	14	53
5 Real United	29	13	10	6	47	27	20	49
6 Total Xi	29	14	4	11	50	46	4	46
7 Young Fighters	29	12	6	11	41	41	0	42
8 U. Eagles	29	11	6	12	38	54	-16	39
9 M. Celtics	29	10	7	12	34	43	-9	37
10 Villa Sport	29	9	7	14	39	53	-14	34
11 Nationals	29	6	11	12	31	51	-20	29
12 Mighty Chiefs	29	7	6	16	29	52	-23	27
13 Kangaroo	29	7	4	18	46	66	-20	25
14 Sigangeni	29	5	8	16	30	53	-23	23
15 Man Unlimited	29	7	2	20	17	60	-43	23
16 Golden Stars	29	3	0	26	18	89	-71	9
17 Cannibals	29	1	3	21	14	81	-67	6

## Bakhanyisele &amp; Menzi Dlamini Maphaleni League - E40 000

## Eastern Stream

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 XI Experience	30	23	3	4	79	25	54	72
2 Young Lovers	30	20	8	2	86	16	70	68
3 Hotspurs	30	21	5	4	57	27	30	68
4 Manchester	30	19	2	9	62	34	28	59
5 Blue Birds	30	17	7	7	56	40	16	58
6 Professionals	30	16	2	12	63	35	28	50
7 Junior Stars	30	14	7	9	67	36	31	49
8 Rangers	30	14	7	8	55	32	23	49
9 Thuluzubona	30	13	4	13	39	42	-3	43
10 Umkhokha	30	11	3	16	56	64	-8	36
11 Young Stars	30	9	7	14	39	43	-4	34
12 Khulawwane	30	8	6	16	31	65	-34	30
13 Luvinjelo	30	6	6	18	36	66	-30	24
14 Barcelona F.C.	30	4	4	22	30	106	-76	16
15 Killers	30	4	3	23	28	82	-54	15
16 Liselesele	30	2	7	21	26	85	-59	13

## Western Stream

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Early Sunset	26	16	8	2	60	22	38	56
2 Love & Peace	26	17	5	3	45	15	30	56
3 Happy Fighters	26	17	4	5	59	23	36	55
4 Lunkanka	26	15	9	2	49	26	23	54
5 Hill Stars	26	15	8	3	39	12	27	53
6 Mighty Birds	26	13	9	4	48	35	13	48
7 Jubukweni United	26	8	12	6	37	24	13	36
8 Top Classic	26	9	4	13	38	43	-5	31
9 Siphambanweni	26	6	9	12	34	40	-6	27
10 Rollers	26	6	6	14	38	47	-9	24
11 Happy Tigers	26	3	11	12	23	38	-15	20
12 Academy	26	5	3	18	21	43	-22	18
13 Sunrise	26	3	8	15	31	59	-28	17
14 Lubuyane Pirates	26	1	0	25	9	94	-85	3

## South Star Mdzimba Regional League - E50 000

## Promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Arsenal	30	19	7	4	47	25	22	64
2 Green Sea	30	18	3	9	57	32	27	57
3 Nhlakomeni Cosmos	30	15	5	10	56	36	20	50
4 Rebels	30	12	11	7	52	44	8	47
5 Rangers	30	12	8	10	45	32	13	44
6 Monaco	30	11	9	10	36	34	2	42
7 Sundowns	30	10	11	9	38	39	-1	41
8 Swallows	30	11	7	12	41	39	2	40
9 Bush Bucks	30	10	8	12	36	47	-11	38
10 Timbungulu	30	8	13	9	38	39	-1	37
11 Kasiko	30	8	11	11	41	44	-3	35
12 Top Centre	30	8	10	12	35	46	-11	34
13 Chiefs	30	10	4	16	32	45	-13	34
14 Rhinos	30	7	10	12	29	36	-7	31
15 Barcelona	30	7	9	14	33	51	-18	30
16 Rhumba	30	6	10	14	32	54	-22	28

## B. Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Black Mashuba	12	6	4	2	22	17	5	22
2 Amacabane	12	6	2	4	24	12	12	20
3 Drikopies	12	5	1	5	17	18	-1	16
4 All Stars	12	4	3	5	20	17	3	15
5 Highlanders	12	2	4	6	21	37	-16	10

## Mbabane Juniors

## Mbabane Midas U-20 Group A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Sivutsa	2	2	0	0	8	2	6	6





**ALL IN:** Teams and volunteers who offered to help on the community project at a Neighbourhood Care Point at Shewula.

## CLOSE TO 100 AT RSSC SIYAKHA COMMUNITY PROJECT

Stories by Observer Reporter

**SOCCER - TEAMS** campaigning in the RSSC Siyakha North East League put football aside to plough back to the community by engaging in a community project which saw the construction of a pit latrine and clearing of the surroundings of a Neighbourhood Care Point (NCP) at Shewula on Saturday.

The event which was attended by close to 100 people comprising of players, officials and community members of the surrounding areas began early in the morning hours until late in the afternoon. The structure is a home to 54 children from the community, who benefit from the services of the NCP. The project will also see the revival of the vegetable garden which has been lying idle for quite some time due to lack of support. According to LRFA Secretary General Sicelo Nene, who was also present during the event, phase two of the project



**FOR THE COMMUNITY:** Team officials at work during the community project.

will commence next week where the garden will be prepared and seedlings made available.

### Excitement

Interviewed during the event, some of the residents expressed their gratitude to the football fraternity for such a turnout. They couldn't hide their excitement about the support

rendered through the RSSC Siyakha programme, which has proven to be the right tonic not only for the development of football but even for the communities.

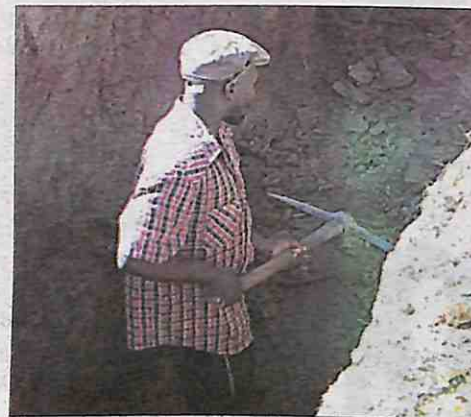
### Programme

The RSSC Siyakha North East League is part of the RSSC Siyakha programme which is played under

the auspices of Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) and it incorporates grassroots, juniors' league and seniors league. Apart from football, the programme has also taken community project initiatives such as the painting of an NCP at Hlane last year as well as cleaning campaigns.



**HARD AT WORK:** Players clearing the yard.



**DIG UP:** Coach Magagula and a player digging a pit latrine.



**SLASHING:** LRFA Secretary General Sicelo Nene cutting grass.

## Two-horse race in Southern Zone League championship battle

**SOCCER - THE** race for the championship in the Lubombo Southern Zone League is surely going down to the wire as former Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League side, Crookes United have claimed the top spot after beating Phafeni FC 2-0 in the past weekend fixture.

Usuthu Liverpool, who were held to a 2-all draw against Matata FC were pushed to second thus making the title race very interesting going to the last games. At 63 points, Crookes are leading the pack, separated by two points with unbeaten Liverpool, who have 61 points. Surely the football followers will be treated to razzmatazz in the last games as Crookes United will seek to consolidate their top spot and win the championship while Liverpool will also go for the maximum points and pray that their fellow title contenders crumbles. And of course, with the prospects of promotion to the Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League and further cashing out in the winner's prize at stake, both sides are undoubtedly geared for this eagerly anticipated photo finish. As the popular English adage goes 'it is not over until the fat lady sings', your guess is as good as mine if Crookes or Liverpool will gain promotion to the football third tie.

## Interesting title race in RSSC Siyakha North West League

**SOCCER - MHLUME** Peacemakers and Tabankhulu Celtic are surely giving football passionate fans a lot of suspense in the RSSC Siyakha North West League title race.

With two games to go, consistency seems to be the buzzword for both teams who are in the title chasing pack as they continue to record back-to-back victories that ensure the two-point gap opened by

Peacemakers is maintained. Free scoring Peacemakers, who continue to be a nightmare to their opponents, were able to record a 2-0 win against Equator over the weekend while their fellow title contenders

Celtic did the same by beating Tongaat Young Stars 2-0 to remain on course of challenging the championship.

### Low note

Peacemakers, the once revered brand of local football played in the elite league yesteryears, started the

season in a low note but mid-way through the first round they climbed to the top to catch up with Celtic, who were seemingly riding the crest of the wave. Eventually, 'bogandaganda' as the sugar belt side is nicknamed, leapfrogged the then long-time table toppers up to this far.



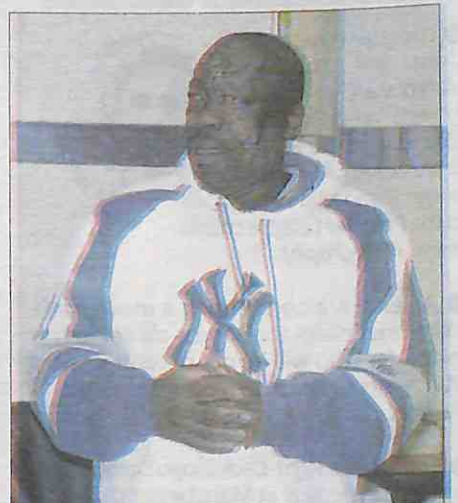


**BIG PRIZE:** The cup that was awarded to Shooting Stars during the Futis Nkhamba League prize presentation at Sigwaca House on Monday evening. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)

# FUTIS NKHABA LEAGUE PRIZE PRESENTATION



**HALALA:** Team representatives reacting to the news of double the sponsorship package for next season.



**THANK YOU:** Nkhamba Competitions Committee Chairman Vusi Dladla making a few remarks.



**ALSO THERE:** Team representatives following proceedings during the ceremony.



**VOTE OF THANKS:** Futis' Director Vusi Dlamini delivering his speech.

**(1) GO LEARN:** HRFA General Secretary Nigel Shongwe addressing the gathering.

**IT'S ALL THERE:** Nkhamba Competitions Committee members counting the prize money.



**KEEP IT UP:** NFAS CEO Frederick Mngomezulu shares a light moment during his remarks.

## Bafana advance to COSAFA Cup plate final

**POLOKWANE** - Bafana Bafana advanced to the COSAFA Cup plate final after thumping Namibia 4-1 at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium yesterday evening.

Stuart Baxter's men started brightly, with Lebogang Maboe forcing Mbaeva into a fine save inside opening the five minutes.

Bafana eventually broke the deadlock on 25 minutes when Aubrey Modiba converted a penalty following a hand-ball in the area.

Three minutes later, the lead was doubled as Maboe got beyond the Namibian defence before slotting past Mbaeva.

Namibia did pull a goal back in the 39th minute as Bloemfontein Celtic's Deon Hotto volleyed home into the bottom corner.

However, Maboe bagged his second and Bafana's third a minute later with a close-range finish that deflected home.

Siyanda Xulu got the fourth goal

for Bafana eight minutes into the second stanza with a simple tap-in at the far post, 4-1.

The Brave Warriors could not combine going forward and were often let down by their decision-making in the final third.

### Cracker

Gift Links almost netted a cracker for Bafana with a left-footed strike from range 20 minutes before time but his effort sailed slightly wide of the upright.



**THROUGH:** Bafana Bafana celebrating after scoring a goal.

Bafana had a couple half chances to get a fifth goal in the closing minutes but Mbaeva was alert and thwart-

ed the chances as the encounter ended 4-1.

**Soccer Laduma**





● Leicester have revived their bid to sign Manchester City's English forward Patrick Roberts, 21, as part of the £60m deal that will take Algeria winger Riyad Mahrez, 27, to the Premier League champions. **(Telegraph)**

● Arsenal are considering a move for Marouane Fellaini, the 30-year-old Belgium midfielder who will be out of contract at Manchester United at the end of this month. **(Mirror)**

● Portuguese right-back Diogo Dalot, 19, will have a medical at Manchester United this week before joining the club from Porto. **(Sky Sports)**

● Tottenham are not in talks with Manchester United over the sale of defender Toby Alderweireld, despite persistent rumours linking the 29-year-old Belgium international with a move to Old Trafford. **(Football.London)**

● Crystal Palace are willing to sell Christian Benteke this summer, leaving the 27-year-old striker with an uncertain future with club and country after he was left out of Belgium's World Cup squad. **(London Evening Standard)**

● Tottenham youngster Reo Griffiths is set to stay at the club. The 17-year-old scored more than 30 goals for the club's under-18s last season and had been tipped for a move to the Bundesliga. **(London Evening Standard)**

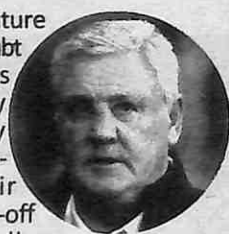
● A giant poster of Manchester City forward Leroy Sané was unceremoniously ripped down following the 22-year-old's exclusion from Germany's World Cup squad. **(Mail)**

● West Brom boss Darren Moore wants to keep James Morrison, who is out of contract at the end of this month, provided the 32-year-old Scotland midfielder can prove his fitness. **(Express and Star)**

● Brighton will make an improved offer of around £5m for Sunderland's Northern Ireland midfielder Paddy McNair, 23. **(Northern Echo)**

● Wolves target Felix Beijmo, a 20-year-old Swedish full-back, is set to leave Stockholm side Djurgårdens, and has attracted interest from the Premier League and the Bundesliga. **(Birmingham Mail)**

● Steve Bruce's future at Aston Villa is in doubt as the manager has still not been told by the club that they want him to continue following their Championship play-off final defeat by Fulham. **(Telegraph)**



Tomasz Kuszczak has been told he can leave Birmingham. The Blues rejected offers from Derby and Newcastle for the 36-year-old Polish goalkeeper during the January transfer window. **(Przegląd Sportowy via Birmingham Mail)**

# Pick n Pay impressed with Under-15 tourney

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER – PICK n Pay** have expressed their delight with the Under-15 soccer tournament they are bankrolling.

The company expressed its glee through Pick n Pay Buyer Swaziland Prakash Parsad during the tournament on Saturday.

When interviewed, Prakash said their main aim was to develop football in the country while also giving back to the community; hence they found no better way of doing that than through football.

"We are very excited with everything we have seen today (Saturday). The standard of football among the children is wonderful, and you can see they train hard and love what they do. We are very happy to play a role in developing the country's future soccer stars and hope we will also have a great time during

● lucky winner walks away with 65-inch TV



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Sebentile Dlamini receiving her prize from Pick n Pay Buyer Swaziland Prakash Parsad while Cedric, also from Pick n Pay looks on. **(Courtesy pic)**

the Manzini finals this weekend," he said.

Meanwhile, Premier Swaziland Bakeries Sales and Marketing Manager Mthunzi Mthethwa also shared the same sentiments, adding that football was now business worldwide, hence the need for

youngsters to compete from a tender age. The company sponsored the event with a sound system and also the individual prizes.

"Football is now a business and many players are making a living from their talent.

This is the message we are look-

ing to spread by supporting such initiatives. We are definitely looking forward to sponsoring more initiatives such as this one," he concluded.

On the other hand, Nokuphile Dlamini won herself a 65-inch television set, courtesy of Pick n Pay.

## MANZINI BRANCH TEAMS IN SSSA SEMIS

By Jongile Xuba

**SPORTS – MANZINI schools** are now in the semifinals phase of the Swaziland Schools Sports Association (SSSA) games and teams look to reach the finals and eventually be crowned champions.

First batch of games will have primary schools taking on each other in netball with Hillside clashing with Government Primary School at 9am while Luhlokohla have a date with Mbekweni at 10:15am in the second semi-final.

St. Theresa's and Mjingo will clash in the Under-17 semi-final at

Fixtures:			
Manzini branch semi-finals			
Today at Zakhele Sports Ground			
Primary schools			
Netball			
Hillside	vs Government	9am	
Luhlokohla	vs Mbekweni	10:15am	
U-17			
Masundwini	vs Mhubhe	11:30am	
St. Theresa's	vs Mjingo	12:30pm	
Open			
Sidlangatsin	vs Phumelele	1:30pm	
Mjingo	vs Mandulo	3pm	
Soccer			
Primary schools			
Hillside	vs Mbekweni	9am	
Njabulweni	vs Matsapa G	10:30am	
Today at Mavuso Stadium			
Gundwini	vs Mkhondvo	12pm	
Ngwane	vs Zamani	2pm	

12:30pm.



Soccer games will see Hillside Primary play against Mbekweni Primary while Njabulweni and Matsapa will face-off in the

other match.

All netball and soccer games will be played at Zakhele Sports Ground. The open age group, however, will play their games at Mavuso Stadium with Gundwini up against Mkhondvo High School at 12noon while Ngwane and Zamani High School will play the last semi-final at 2pm.

## Manzini face-off with UNISWA in Squash League

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SQUASH – SWAZILAND National Squash League** log leaders Manzini will take on UNISWA in a headliner of today's games.

The tournament is bankrolled by Branding design.

This is according to this week's fixture released by the tournament's Media Liaison Rueben 'Rhoo' Nxumalo yesterday.

The two teams will lock-horns at the University of Swaziland Sports Emporium in what is expected to be thriller since it is a battle of the top two teams in the log standings.

Manzini are currently in the

driving seat of the league following their emphatic win over Pigg's Peak last week which took them to 7.5 points in three matches.

It will be interesting to see how they will fare against the second-placed UNISWA side.

Both teams have the same number of points but UNISWA have one game in hand and will be looking to snatch the top spot with a win. The second match in the men's league will see Mbabane take on Pigg's Peak. This is the battle between the third and fourth placed sides and Mbabane will be looking to take advantage of Pigg's Peak's poor form as they have

### The full fixture

Manzini vs Uniswa  
Mbabane vs Pigg's Peak

### Ladies category

Bagcinile D vs NosmiloFakudze  
Deli Lukhele vs Bridget Farell

been languishing at the bottom of the log standings and are still yet to pick a single point. Meanwhile, in the ladies category, Bagcinile Dlamini will take on Nosmilo Fakudze while Deli Lukhele will play against the on-form Bridget Farell.

## SHOOTING STARS LOOKING TO PLAY SUPER LEAGUE FOOTBALL

By Jongile Xuba

**SOCCER – FUTIS Nkhaba League** champions Shooting Stars captain Phila Dlamini says they will fight until the end in the on-going play-off rounds of the Swazi Trac Super League.

Speaking to this publication, Dlamini said they were geared for this phase of the competition and with just three more games left to secure their spot, they were not about to fall before the finish line.

"It feels great to be champions of the Futs Nkhaba League but our main focus now is winning the three games to secure promotion to the Super League.

"So far we haven't lost a single play-off game and we want to make history by maintaining a 100 per cent record," said the captain.

He thanked all the supporters, who made it to the games and urged them to continue cheering the players on.

The team will be in action this Sunday and its fans will be expectant, placing their hopes on the players to do more than just compete, but fulfil their destiny and playing in the more competitive Super League.

The team looks ready to end the long wait for a team from the Nkhaba League to be amongst those competing in the Super League as they are currently doing well in the regional play-offs.

They have recorded a 100 per cent record so far after winning 4-0 to Sunset in their first game and 2-1 to Zulwini Aces on Sunday.



# 'WANDERERS DIRECTORS OKAYED KOLA'S SWALLOWS MOVE'

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCER - KOLA** Aledeon's agent Charles Matsebula has claimed that Manzini Wanderers directors agreed to the striker's three-month attachment with Mbabane Swallows.

Aledeon's future has been the subject of intense speculation ever since it emerged that he had signed a three-month deal with Swallows for the CAF Champions League. Aledeon was an integral member of the Wanderers side that finished fourth in the MTN Premier League last season but news of his move to Swallows has been met with resistance by the 'Weslians' management.

Wanderers have claimed that Matsebula never informed them of Swallows' interest in the player, whose initial contact with the Manzini club expired on Thursday.

## Claimed

The 'Weslians' also claim that Aledeon has extended his contract with them.

However, the player's representative Matsebula claimed that Wanderers directors knew about Kola's imminent move to Swallows.

"I personally discussed the matter verbally then I formally wrote a letter informing Manzini Wanderers about the interest of Mbabane Swallows to engage the player for CAF.

I further communicated with all the directors; Sandile Chief Dlamini, Peter Mathaba, Reverend Percy Mngomezulu and their

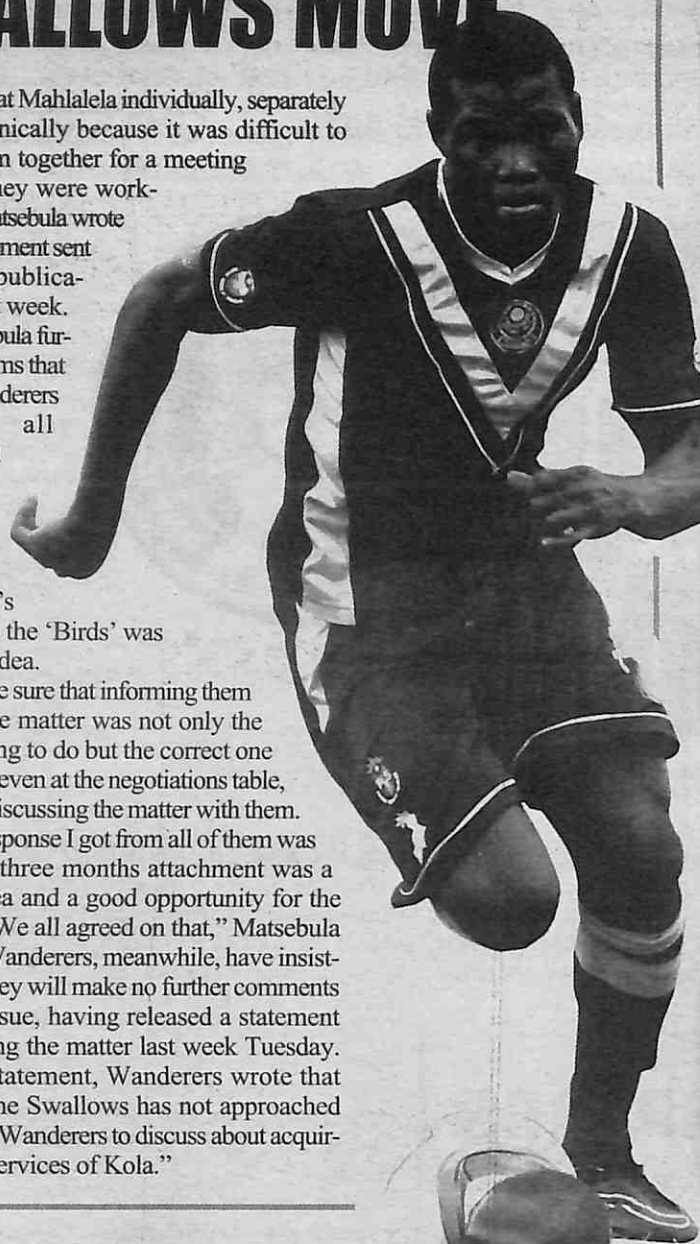
CEO, Pat Mahlalela individually, separately telephonically because it was difficult to get them together for a meeting since they were working." Matsebula wrote in a statement sent to this publication last week.

Matsebula further claims that the Wanderers bosses all agreed that

Aledeon's move to the 'Birds' was a good idea.

"I made sure that informing them about the matter was not only the right thing to do but the correct one because even at the negotiations table, we are discussing the matter with them.

The response I got from all of them was that the three months attachment was a good idea and a good opportunity for the player. We all agreed on that," Matsebula added. Wanderers, meanwhile, have insisted that they will make no further comments on the issue, having released a statement addressing the matter last week Tuesday. In that statement, Wanderers wrote that "Mbabane Swallows has not approached Manzini Wanderers to discuss about acquiring the services of Kola."



## Hawane Shooting Stars maintain 100% record in Hhohho play-offs

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCER - HAWANE** Shooting Stars have maintained their 100 per cent record in the Hhohho regional play-offs after beating Ezulwini Aces 2-1 on Sunday.

The 12 sides playing under the various Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) Promotion Leagues are currently contesting play-offs with a total of five places in the Super League up for grabs. The teams have been grouped into two; the Northern and Southern Zones and the top two sides at the end of the play-offs in each group are guaranteed places in the Super League.

The remaining solitary place will be determined by which of the two zones sends more representatives to the National First Division.

In the Southern Zone on Sunday

### NORTHERN ZONE RESULTS:

Darkies (PPK)	0-1	Mshweni
Nkonjaneni	2-4	Sigodlo
Rovers	5-1	Dangerous Darkies
Southern Zone results:		
Sidwashini	1-0	Sunset
Mhlambanyatsi	2-0	Mzimba Arsenal
Hawane Shooting Stars	2-1	Ezulwini Aces

at Prince of Wales Ground, Shooting Stars beat Aces 2-1 to make it two wins out of two so far. Sidwashini, meanwhile, beat Maphaleni side Sunset 1-0 while Mhlambanyatsi beat Mzimba Arsenal 2-0. Sunday's games were the second for each side in the Southern Zone.

The Northern Zone play-offs were only getting underway this past weekend with Rovers of Mhlambanyatsi recording the biggest win of the round, trashing Dangerous Darkies 5-1. Sigodlo of Ntabezimpisi also beat Nkonjaneni 4-2 while Mshweni beat Darkies 1-0.

### SOUTHERN ZONE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Shooting Stars	2	2	0	0	6	1	5	6
Community	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
Sidwashini United	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
Ezulwini Aces	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Mzimba Arsenal	2	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1
Early Sunset	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0

### NORTHERN ZONE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Rovers	1	1	0	0	5	1	4	3
Sigodlo	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Mshweni	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Darkies United	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Nkonjaneni	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
Dangerous Darkies	1	0	0	1	1	5	-4	0

## Five Matsapha United stars for SA trials

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCER - FIVE** Matsapha United players will go for trials at various South African clubs during the upcoming transfer window.

Several Matsapha players have been rumoured to be close to leaving the club, with reports claiming that captain Vusumuzi Zungu would be attending trials in South Africa.

The club, through CEO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini, has now come out to confirm that five of its stars would be going for

assessments in neighboring South Africa. According to Dlamini, the players will be going to Black Leopards, Royal Eagles and Highlands Park, amongst other clubs.

"A lot has been said about our players joining local teams but we want to set the record straight here.

If they have to leave, we will only take our players to South African clubs.

### Understands

That is why five of our players will be going for trials to various clubs including Black Leopards, Royal Eagles and Highlands Park, amongst others," Dlamini said in an interview yesterday.

While Dlamini did not reveal the names of the players, this publication understands that Zungu, as well as forward Mthobisi Mngomezulu, are two of the players leaving for the trials.

Mngomezulu has returned from his six month loan deal with Mbabane Highlanders.

"Mthobisi is back with us.

He, too, won't be joining any local team.

Instead, we will only consider offers from foreign clubs for him," Dlamini added.

**CONFIRMS: Matsapha United CEO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini.**

## Highlanders extra-ordinary meeting on Sunday

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCER - Mbabane** Highlanders supporters will on Sunday convene for an extra-ordinary meeting at Lobamba High School.

The Mbabane giants failed to win a single trophy in the recently completed 2017/18 campaign, extending their trophyless run to eight years. The club's National Supporters Committee (NSC) has since decided to call a meeting for the supporters, where the main focus will be reviewing the past season. "Mbabane Highlanders supporters countrywide are invited to an extra-ordinary meeting to be held at

Lobamba High School starting at 10am on Sunday, June 10. The main agenda item is to reflect on the recently ended season, looking at the pros and cons as well as what have been the shortfalls and positives from the past season," Kenneth Dlamini, the NSC Chairman, wrote in a statement sent to this publication yesterday.

### Solutions

Dlamini added that the meeting would help supporters come up with lasting solutions that would help the club finally secure silverware. "It is true that as a big team we have not won a trophy in years, including the past season, which seemed promising as it started well but we lost our momentum and ended the season trophyless. It is for that reason that this meeting is crucial for every stakeholder so that we collectively review our contributions and map a way forward to ensure we bring back those good days everyone has fond memories of," Dlamini added.



**LEADER: Matsapha United captain Vusumuzi Zungu.**



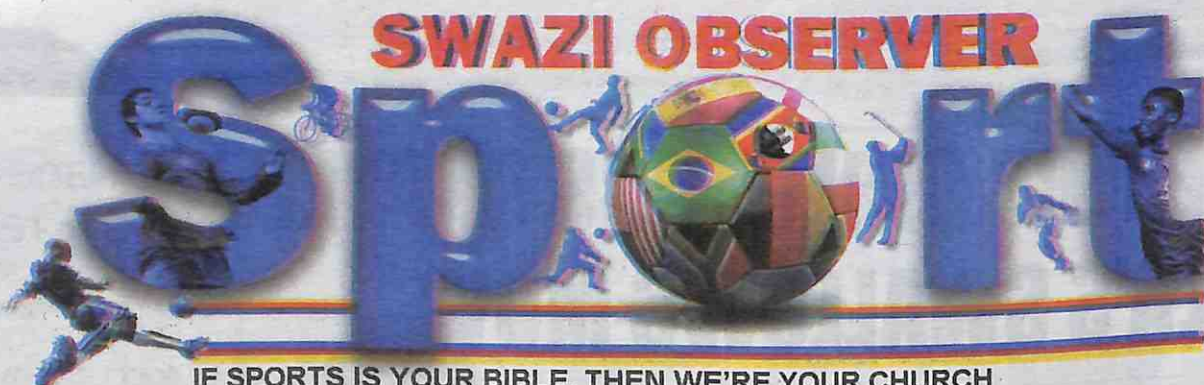


## RESULTS

Namibia 1-4 South Africa  
Swaziland 0-2 Botswana

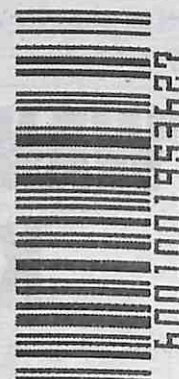
## FIXTURES

SEMI-FINALS  
17:00 Zambia vs Madagascar  
19:30 Lesotho vs Zimbabwe



IF SPORTS IS YOUR BIBLE, THEN WE'RE YOUR CHURCH

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# CONFUSED SIHLANGU LOSE AGAIN

...while Felix Badenhorst receives Man of the Match award



By Sibusiso Masilela

(In Polokwane, South Africa, courtesy of Eswatini Meat Wholesalers)

Sihlangu..... (0)0  
Botswana..... (1)2

**SOCCER** - "Sihlangu are a confused team, you are never



sure who is playing where."

These were the words of Botswana coach David Bright before the start of the match where the disappointing Sihlangu failed to advance to the COSAFA Cup plate final after again losing 0-2 against the Batswanas during a semi-final match played at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium yesterday evening.

Bright described Sihlangu as a 'confused lot' and indeed the team again looked confused on the night as they literally failed to come to the party, especially in the first half.

This turned out to be the end of Sihlangu Semnikati's

COSAFA Cup journey as they will return home empty handed.

The nation's pride were denied a chance to play against neighbours Bafana Bafana, who early on thrashed Namibia 4-1 in the semifinals.

With only nine minutes into the match watched by over 100 spectators, Botswana opened the scorers chart, much against the run of play. They scored via the boot of Orapa United striker Onkabetse Makgantai, who blasted home a Kabelo Seakanyang pass to beat the helpless Sandanezwe Mathabela at Sihlangu goals.

Sihlangu could not pose any form of threat to the opposition until the half hour mark when Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst, who was named Man of the Match, saw his header go over the crossbar from a Tony 'TT' Tsabedze cross.

## Goal

Botswana enjoyed a one goal cushion going into the breather.

Sihlangu interim coach Anthony Mdluli made four chances from his previous starting XI that lost to Lesotho 0-1 during the quarterfinals. The former Manzini Wanderers mentor gave a run to Sanele Mkheweli, Bonginkhosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo and Musa Dlamini but at the end, it counted for nothing.

The second half saw Sihlangu

returning an improved team but again they failed to make clear cut chances.

'Mlilo' was unfortunate not to level matters in the 71st minute when his effort went narrowly wide following a good interchange of passes with 'TT'.

Sihlangu gain did try to equalise deep into the second stanza but the Botswana defenders had 'shut the back door'. Sihlangu finished the match with 10 men following a forced change on substitute Barry Steenkamp, who came in for Musa Dlamini. Botswana put the final nail in the Sihlangu coffin deep into the stoppage time through a Gape Mohutsiwa beautiful header from a corner kick. The national team's poor showing in the regional showpiece continued for the second time running as they are yet to win a match in the competition since the 2016 edition.

## TEAMS

**Sihlangu** - Sanda, Linda, Mkheweli, Palma, Banele, Njabulo, Bonginkhosi (Wonder), Zweli (Xolani), Musa (Barry), Felix, Tony

**Botswana** - Mwapole, Kebue, Maikano, Keredilwe, Sosome, Ramokaka (Dithlokwe), Phiri, Seakanyang, K gamanyane (Orebonye), Modingwane, Makgantai (Mohutsiwa).



NEW MANAGEMENT: Matsapha United FC.

## TWO NEW DIRECTORS FOR MATSAPHA UNITED

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCER - MATSAPHA** United have announced the imminent arrival of two new directors from South Africa to help lead the club, starting from next season.

Matsapha had an underwhelming 2017/18 campaign, winning just eight of their 26 MTN Premier League matches and finishing ninth on the final log standings. To compound the club's problems, boss Siphon Shongwe was arrested in January in connection with the murder of Mbabane Swallows

boss Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze. With Shongwe still behind bars, running the club has been a challenge for Matsapha's management committee but CEO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini has now announced that those problems will soon be a thing of the past.

"The club boss (Shongwe) has instructed me to tell our supporters not to panic. The club is going nowhere. It will be there next season. We understand that things were a little bit challenging after the boss went away but to show our seriousness, the boss has spoken to two new directors from South

Africa and they will be coming to help in the running of the club, starting from next season," Dlamini said.

The Matsapha CEO added that the directors' names would be revealed at a later stage.

"Everything will be announced once every detail has been ironed out. We want to compete next season, so we will beef up our squad. We want to do better, so the arrival of the two directors will be a plus for us. Football is a business and we need people who are business minded in football. This will definitely add value to our club," Dlamini said

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